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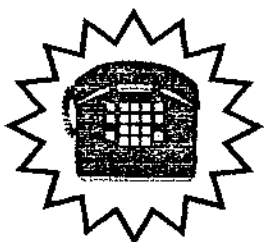
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JUNE RESULTS

SENIOR LEAGUES

1 June

Kitsons Cambridge Monarchs 7 Great Britain 11

2 June

Premier Division - North

Menwith Hill Pirates 10 Hull Royals 0

Nottingham Stealers 15 Hull Mets 7
Winning pitcher was Steve Smith, losing pitcher Frank Parker. Top batters for the day were Lee Evans for the Mets, batting .500 and Steve Smith for the Homets batting .750.

Liverpool Trojans 4 Hull Warriors 17

Winning pitcher was Rob Dixon, with Rus Mercer pitching the first four innings and only giving up one run.

Leeds Owls 8 Birmingham Bandits 12

National Premier League South

Hounslow Rangers 4 Cambridge Monarchs 14

Two massive home runs by Mark McCormack helped the Monarchs to their win.

London Warriors 14 Brighton Buccaneers 4
Winning pitcher Chris Ackley, losing pitcher Nick Carter

London Wolves 13 Essex Arrows 2
Martin Sawyer took the win in a 7 inning game, striking out five and walking one. Top batters for the day were Clare Butler going 2 for 4 with 2 rbis and Ian Pilcher going 4 for 5 with 3 runs and 1 rbi. Not one error was made by the Wolves during the game. Losing pitcher was Paul Raybould.

Hemel Red Sox 3 Enfield Spartans 16
Winning pitcher was Rob Whitehead with 8 strike outs against the 9 batters he faced. Sean Ozolins for the Red Sox hit a home run.

Northern Conference Division One

Cartmel Valley Lions 1 Liverpool Tigers 8
Winning pitcher Bobby Alger, with a no hitter and 16 strike outs
Cartmel Valley Lions 0 Liverpool Tigers 15
Winning pitcher Steve Surplice

Manchester Cougars 8 Stretford A's 7
Winning pitcher was James Hattersley

West Midlands Razorbacks 8 Preston Bobcats 19

Winning pitcher Howarth, losing pitcher Thompson
West Midlands Razorbacks 6 Preston Bobcats 23
Winning pitcher Mullen, Hurst hit a home run.

Hessle Apaches 17 Barnsley Strikers 16
Winning pitcher Scott Akester
Hessle Apaches 21 Barnsley Strikers 16
Winning pitcher Rob Fletcher

Scottish Conference

This weekend saw the Lowlanders (Glasgow Comets, Edinburgh Reviers) take on the Highlanders (Dundee Dodgers, Tayside Cobras) at Linwood Sports Centre in Glasgow. The result was 12-10 to the Lowlanders. MVP for the game was Keith Graham of the Reivers.

Southern Conference Division One

Milton Keynes Truckers 26 Tunbridge Wells Royals 14

Burgess Hill Red Hats 7 Hounslow Hawks 0
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Croydon Pirates 21 Bournemouth B's 7
Winning pitcher was Cesar Lozano, with Harvey Sakar hitting 2 doubles and 1 triple for the Pirates.

Southern Conference Division Two

Guildford Mavericks 1 London Wolverines 3

Caterham A's 10 Bracknell Blazers 24

Brighton Buccaneers 9 Gillingham Dodgers 24

Southern Conference Division Three

Cambridge Monarchs B 30 Guildford Mudcats 11
Winning pitcher Jonathan Gilbert

Bracknell Blazers 12 Waltham Abbey Arrows 32

9 June

Premier Division North

Menwith Hill Pirates 31 Hull Warriors 1
Winning pitcher Matt Arrildt

Hull Mets 6 Birmingham Bandits 12
Winning pitcher Martyn Dutton

Leeds Owls 15 Liverpool Trojans 3
Winning pitcher Pete Arthur, who also hit 3 home runs

Hull Royals 8 Nottingham Stealers 18

Premier Division South

Cambridge Monarchs 10 London Warriors 13
A close even game with Andy Gilbert scoring 4 runs

Brighton Buccaneers 4 London Wolves 20
Shane Bursae took the win striking out eight with Claire Butler and Adam Roberts going 3 for 4.

Hemel Red Sox 26 Essex Arrows 22
In a slug fest of a game Red Sox grabbed their second victory of the season. Sean Ozolins hit a single, a double, a triple and a home run. Henry Booy and Sam Shalovsky shared five doubles a triple and two singles between them.

Northern Conference Division One

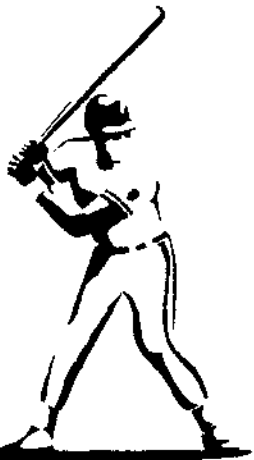
Sheffield Bladrunners 11 Hessle Apaches 25
Scott Akester took the win.

Liverpool Tigers 12 Birmingham Brewers 0
Bobby Alger took the win pitching five innings striking out eleven with Mark King pitching in relief striking out ten. Adam Neville took the loss.

Scottish Conference Division One

Glasgow Comets 29 Tayside Cobras 14
Laurant Lot took the win with Cobras Rick Harrison starting a triple play for the Cobras.

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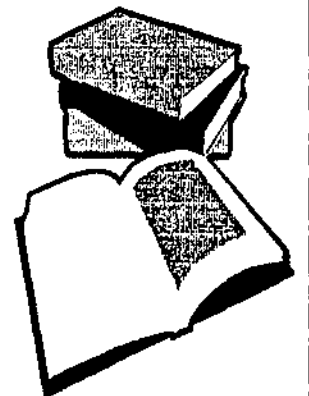
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Southern Conference Division One

Tunbridge Wells Royals 9 Milton Keynes Truckers 8

A close 10 inning game. Winning pitcher was Richard Gofton. Milton Keynes scores a home run.

Southern Conference Division Two

Caterham A's 22 Bracknell Blazers 19

London Wolverines 12 Guildford Mavericks 5
John Thomas took the win with Dan Mercer going 2 for 5 with a triple and 3 rbis. Losing pitcher Dave Wallace struck out thirteen.

Tiptree Rays 35 Brentwood Stags 15
Gareth Francis took the win with Tom Keegan taking the loss.

Southern Conference Division Three

Eastbourne Mariners 14 Bournemouth B2's 13
Winning pitch Richard Weller

Guildford Mudcats 3 Kitsons Cambridge Monarchs 18
Steve Gilbert took the win and also hit a home run whilst

Mudcats Chris Trickey completing an unassisted double play.

16 June

Premier Division North

Hull Royals 0 Hull Mets 20
Hull Royals 2 Hull Mets 13

Hull Warriors 3 Nottingham Steelers 6
Winning pitcher Steve Smith
Hull Warriors 1 Nottingham Steelers 11
Winning pitcher Steve Sewell

Leeds Owls 6 Menwith Hill Pirates 9
Winning pitcher Matt Arrildt
Leeds Owls 2 Menwith Hill Pirates 12
Winning pitcher Gary Abbott

Liverpool Trojans 0 Birmingham Bandits 23
Winning pitcher Ray Brownlie with a 2 hitter
Liverpool Trojans 1 Birmingham Bandits 13
Winning pitcher Martin Godsall with a 3 hitter

Premier Division South

Cambridge Monarchs 3 Hounslow Rangers 19
Cambridge Monarchs 6 Hounslow Rangers 7

London Wolves 1 Essex Arrows 3
London Wolves 4 Essex Arrows 15

Division One North

Barnsley Strykers 9 Newark Yankees 0

Birmingham Brewers 17 West Midlands Razorbacks 6
Birmingham Brewers 13 West Midlands Razorbacks 3

Manchester Cougars 0 Liverpool Tigers 6
Manchester Cougars 7 Liverpool Tigers 12

Preston Bobcats 4 Stretford A's 3
Winning pitcher Anthony Howarth
Preston Bobcats 12 Stretford A's 3
Winning pitcher Damian Mullen

Division One Scotland

Edinburgh Relvers 23 Glasgow Comets 18

Dundee Dodgers 21 Edinburgh Reviers 14

Division One South

Hounslow Hawks 0 City Slick Sidewiners 7
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Milton Keynes Truckers 12 Stevenage Knights 2
Winning pitcher Garth Werner
Milton Keynes Truckers 13 Stevenage Knights 7
Winning pitcher Garth Werner

Croydon Pirates 7 Arun Panthers 15
Croydon Pirates 11 Arun Panthers 6

Bournemouth B's 7 Burgess Hill Red Hats 6
Bournemouth B's 26 Burgess Hill Red Hats 9

Division Two South

Guildford Mavericks 15 Brentwood Stags 16

Brighton Buccaneers P London Wolverines P

Caterham A's 21 Gillingham Dodgers 23

Bracknell Blazers 20 Tiptree Rays 19
In a close 10 inning game, Bracknell eventually came out winners

Division Three South

Fulham Flames 9 Eastbourne Mariners 0

Waltham Abbey Arrows 9 Bournemouth B2's 0

23 June

Premier Division North

Hull Mets 18 Hull Warriors 0
Hull Mets 18 Hull Warriors 7

Birmingham Bandits 2 Hull Royals 1
Birmingham Bandits 19 Hull Royals 1

Nottingham Steelers 8 Leeds Owls 7
Nottingham Steelers 9 Leeds Owls 6

Menwith Hill Pirates 38 Liverpool Trojans 5

Premier Division South

Enfield Spartans 8 Brighton Buccaneers 13
Winning pitcher Nick Carter, losing pitcher Steve Hibbert who hit a grand slam home run in the first inning
Enfield Spartans 16 Brighton Buccaneers 15
Winning pitcher Steve Simmons
London Wolves 2 Cambridge Monarchs 8

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London Wolves 1 Cambridge Monarchs 7

London Warriors 17 Essex Arrows 3
London Warriors 8 Essex Arrows 1

Hounslow Rangers 9 Hemel Red Sox 8
Hounslow Rangers 7 Hemel Red Sox 11

Division One North

Newark Yankees 9 Hessele Apaches 0

Preston Bobcats 18 Birmingham Brewers 7
Winning pitcher Anthony Howarth
Preston Bobcats 13 Birmingham Brewers 3
Winning pitcher Damian Mullen

Stretford A's 12 Cartmel Valley Lions 2
Stretford A's 21 Cartmel Valley Lions 0

Liverpool Tigers 25 West Midlands Razorbacks 2
Winning pitcher Bobby Alger, losing pitcher K Thompson. Ged Bassey hit a 3 run home run.
Liverpool Tigers 9 West Midlands Razorbacks 12
Winning pitcher Dave Berry, losing pitcher Steve Surplus

Division One Scotland

Dundee Dodgers 10 Edinburgh Reivers 7
Winning pitcher Brian Farkas. Chris Outlaw and Ryan Smart both hit home runs for the Dodgers.

Division One South

Milton Keynes Truckers 22 Hounslow Hawks 8
Winning pitcher Garth Werner
Milton Keynes Truckers 20 Hounslow Hawks 0
Winning pitcher Dave Martin pitched a shut out

Arun Panthers 14 Bournemouth B's 4
Arun Panthers 15 Bournemouth B's 5

Tunbridge Wells Royals 3 Croydon Pirates 16
Winning pitcher Pedro Figuero. Best at bat was Mike Hines going 5 for 6
Tunbridge Wells Royals 8 Croydon Pirates 16
Winning pitcher Cesar Lozano

Burgess Hill Red Hats 3 City Slick Sidewinders 15
Burgess Hill Red Hats 1 City Slick Sidewinders 19

Division Two South

Brighton Buccaneers B 0 Brentwood Stags 9

Gillingham Dodgers 15 Bracknell Blazers 10

Caterham A's 13 London Wolverines 8

Tiptree Rays 6 Guildford Mavericks 20

Division Three South

Waltham Abbey Arrows 9 Fulham Flames 0

Bracknell Blazers II 1 Guildford Mudcats 18
Winning pitcher Henry Collins, Losing pitcher Jamie Cooney

Bournemouth B2's 14 Cambridge Monarchs B 26

30 June

Premier Division North

Liverpool Trojans 2 Nottingham Stealers 22
Winning pitcher Steve Smith
Liverpool Trojans 3 Nottingham Stealers 15
Winning pitcher Matt Gaunt. Trojans A Williams hit a home run

Menwith Hill Pirates 12 Birmingham Braves 2
Menwith Hill Pirates 4 Birmingham Braves 3



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Leeds Owls 1 Hull Mets 19

Winning pitcher Gavin Marshall
Leeds Owls 18 Hull Mets 14

Winning pitcher Pete Arthur, with Leeds players Barry Jones and Pete Arthur both hitting grand slams

Hull Warriors 12 Hull Royals 2
Hull Warriors 19 Hull Royals 9

Premier Division - South

Essex Arrows 6 Hounslow Rangers 2
Essex Arrows 2 Hounslow Rangers 12

Hemel Red Sox 11 London Wolves 26
Hemel Red Sox 9 London Wolves 20
Jimmy Johnson went 8 for 8 for the day with 2 walks - the guy was on fire. Simon Price had 6 stolen bases and Shane Bursae hit a grand slam home run.

Brighton Buccaneers 7 Cambridge Monarchs 2
Winning pitcher Nick Carter pitched a 2 hitter, striking out 7. Losing pitcher was Matt Gilbert.
Brighton Buccaneers 4 Cambridge Monarchs 3
Winning pitcher Mark Mills only gave up 5 hits over 7 innings and struck out 6. Losing pitcher was Andy Gilbert.

Enfield Spartans P London Warriors P
Enfield Spartans P London Warriors P

Division One - North

Preston Bobcats 12 Manchester Cougars 1

Preston Bobcats 2 Manchester Cougars 12
Winning pitcher James Hatherley

Barnsley Strikers 21 Newark Yankees 15

West Midlands Razorbacks 5 Cartmel Valley Lions 9
West Midlands Razorbacks 3 Cartmel Valley Lions 7

Division One - South

Stevenage Knights 7 Croydon Pirates 25
Oshimi hit a grand slam.

Milton Keynes Truckers 5 City Slick Sidewinders 8

Bournemouth B's P Tunbridge Wells Royals P

Arun Panthers 9 Burgess Hill Red Hats 0

Division Two - South

London Wolverines 13 Bracknell Blazers 35

Caterham A's 10 Brentwood Stags 30



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Gillingham Dodgers P Tiptree Rays P

Division Three - South

Cambridge Monarchs B 9 Fulham Flames 0

Guildford Mudcats 10 Bournemouth B2's 20
Winning pitcher was Phil Midgely, losing pitcher Henry Collins. Tim Askeil hit a home run for the B2's and Austin Dorset played superbly in centre field for the Mudcats with three excellent catches.

YOUTH LEAGUES

1 June

North West

Trafford Saints 12 Bolton Knights 14

Scotland

Dundee Dragons 9 Edinburgh Blue Jays 0
Glasgow All Stars 0 Alyth Adders 9

South

South Bucks Blue Jays 16 Milton Keynes Braves 15
Hemel Red Sox 41 Brentwood Bucks 3
Windsor Bears 13 Bracknell Blazers 6

8 June

North East

Hunslet Harriers 12 Leeds Lugnuts 27
Hull Mets 5 Hessele Apaches 14
Winning pitcher Lee Englestone.
Menwith Hill 13 Sheffield Pumas 2

North West

Trafford Saints 25 Cartmel Valley Lions 1
Winning pitcher Drew Latimers who along with Jason Cromes hit two home runs each. Jonathan Bennett also hit a home run.
Bolton Knights 22 Preston Panthers 3

Scotland

Edinburgh Blue Jays 17 Aberdeen Reds 20
D Haynes took the win and also homered.
Alyth Adders 4 Dundee Dragons 44
Wayne Harvey took the win.

15 June

North East

Leeds Lugnuts 0 Hull Mets 9
Hessele Apaches 7 Menwith Hill 21

Scotland

Aberdeen Reds 15 Alyth Adders 1

South

Cambridge Monarchs 27 Milton Keynes Braves 8
winning pitcher Oliver Sims
South Bucks Blue Jays 16 Hemel Red Sox 24
Brentwood Bucks 0 Bracknell Blazers 9

South East

Bournemouth B's 31 Tonbridge Bobcats 35

22 June

North East

Sheffield Pumas 30 Hunslet Harriers 13

North West

Cartmel Valley Lions 17 Kirkby Braves 16
Preston Panthers 6 Trafford Saints 15

South

Hemel Red Sox 28 Carmbridge Monarchs 7
Bracknell Blazers 26 South Bucks Blue Jays 29
In a fluctuating game South Bucks took an early lead. However Bracknell went head in the fifth inning. 11 runs were scored in the 7th inning by the Jays, including a single handed double play by second baseman James Ralph, which clinched the game. Winning pitcher was Tom King with Oliver Blower going 6 for 6 including a home run.

South East

Tonbridge Bobcats 26 Brighton Jaguars 10
George Austin scored a HR for Tonbridge
Jason scored a home run for Brighton

South West

The league standings after the first South West Tournament are as follows:

	Wins	Losses
Plymouth Bladerunners	2	0
Bristol Black Sox	1	1
Swindon Royals	0	2

29 June

North East

Hessele Apaches 9 Leeds Lugnuts 0
Menwith Hill 20 Hunslet Harriers 5
Hull Mets 23 Sheffield Bladerunners 24
On a blustery day the fortunes of the two teams went back and forth but by the sixth innings Mets had pulled eahed 20-15. They could only manage three more runs in the 7th, however in a nailbiting final innings Sheffield managed to gain the nine runs needed to win, including two home runs, and despite a last minute change of pitcher at two outs and 23-23.

North West

Kirkby Braves 2 Trafford Saints 36
Winning pitcher was Drew Latimer with Paul Kendal hitting two home runs and a triple.
Bolton Knights 14 Cartmel Valley Lions 13

South

Cambridge Monarchs 9 Bracknell Blazers 0
Milton Keynes Braves 8 Hemel Red Sox 32
South Buck Blue Jays 10 Windsor 29

South East

Brighton Jaguars 20 Bournemouth B's 19
Winning pitcher Shane Tugwell
Leyton Cardinals 9 Tonbridge Bobcats 0

BRITISH BASEBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS

1 July 1996

PREMIER DIVISION - NORTH

	WINS	LOSSES	GAMES BACK
Menwith Hill Pirates	12	1	
Birmingham Bandits	11	2	1
Nottingham Stealers	11	2	1
Hull Mets	8	5	4
Hull Warriors	5	8	7
Hull Royals	2	11	10
Leeds City Royals	2	11	10
Liverpool Trojans	1	12	11

PREMIER DIVISION - SOUTH

	WINS	LOSSES	GAMES BACK
London Warriors	9	0	
Hounslow Rangers	8	1	1
Enfield Spartans	6	1	2
Cambridge Monarchs	7	2	2
Brighton Buccanneers	4	2	3.5
Hemel Red Sox	3	4	5
London Wolves	4	4	4.5
Essex Arrows	3	5	5.5

NORTH - DIVISION ONE EAST

	WINS	LOSSES	GAMES BACK
Barnsley Strikers	6	3	
Hessele Apaches	4	3	1
Sheffield Bladerunners	3	3	1.5
Newark Yankees	1	5	3.5

NORTH - DIVISION ONE WEST

	WINS	LOSSES	GAMES BACK
Liverpool Tigers	8	1	
Preston Bobcats	11	4	0
Birmingham Brewers	6	3	2
Manchester Cougars	6	4	2.5
Stretford A's	3	7	5.5
Cartmel Valley Lions	4	9	6
West Midlands Razorbacks	2	11	8

SCOTLAND - DIVISION ONE

	WINS	LOSSES	GAMES BACK
Glasgow Comets	4	3	
Edinburgh Reivers	3	3	0.5
Tayside Cobras	3	3	0.5
Dundee Dodgers	3	4	1

SOUTH - DIVISION ONE

	WINS	LOSSES	GAMES BACK
Croydon Pirates	9	1	
Arun Panthers	8	1	0.5
Milton Keynes Truckers	8	3	1.5
City Slick Sidewinders	8	4	2
Bournemouth B's	7	4	2.5
Tunbridge Wells Royals	3	6	5.5
Burgess Hill Red Hats	2	9	7.5
Hounslow Hawks	1	9	8
Stevenage Knights	0	9	8.5

SOUTH - DIVISION TWO

	WINS	LOSSES	GAMES BACK
Gillingham Dodgers	7	1	
Bracknell Blazers	8	2	0
Caterham A's	4	4	3
Guildford Mavericks	5	5	3
Brentwood Stags	5	5	3
Brighton Buccanneers B	3	4	3.5
Tiptree Rays	2	6	5
London Wolverines	1	8	6.5

SOUTH - DIVISION THREE

	WINS	LOSSES	GAMES BACK
Cambridge Monarchs B	7	2	
Waltham Abbey Arrows	6	2	0.5
Fulham Flames	6	2	0.5
Bournemouth B2's	4	4	2.5
Guildford Mudcats	2	4	3.5
Eastbourne Mariners	1	5	4.5
Bracknell Blazers	0	7	6



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**NORTHERN ZONE
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HALIFAX - 22 JUNE 1996

The Northern Zone Tournament was held at South Halifax High School's new fully refurbished baseball diamond. The field was constructed by students from the school, including a shale infield, pitcher's mound, backstop and a scoreboard. This is probably the best youth diamond in the country.

The three qualifiers for the tournament were:

Bridlington
Calderdale (Halifax)
Leeds

In a three way tournament, both Leeds and Calderdale won comfortably over Bridlington, who are in their first year of playing baseball, and improved with every inning.

This created a final between Calderdale and Leeds, which was the best game I have seen at any level this season.

The game scheduled for five innings started with Leeds jumping to a 2-0 lead in the first inning. However, Calderdale struck back in the third levelling the scores. The scores remained at 2-2 through five innings, and going into extra innings. At the end of eight it was still tied at 2-2.

In the ninth Calderdale had to bring in a reliever, and Leeds immediately took advantage scoring four runs making the score 6-2. However in the bottom of the ninth, Calderdale struck back with three making the score 6-5, but the Leeds team hung on to win, by striking the last two Calderdale batters out.

It was a shame for either team to lose, however it will be Leeds who will meet Windsor in the National Final to be played in Birmingham on 13 July.

Ian Smyth

World Friendship Series



Friday 26 - Sunday 28 July 1996

Menwith Hill Station
Harrogate
North Yorkshire

Following the successful trip made by the Great Britain squad to Greensboro, North Carolina last year, two teams from Greensboro will this year visit the UK to compete with the following teams in the World Friendship Series:

Greensboro 1
Greensboro 2
Menwith Hill Pirates
Great Britain Seniors

The schedule for the weekend is as follows:

Friday 26 July

1400 Greensboro I v Greensboro II
1700 Menwith Hill Pirates v Great Britain

Saturday 27 July

1000 Great Britain v Greensboro I
1300 Menwith Hill Pirates v Greensboro II
1600 Great Britain v Greensboro II

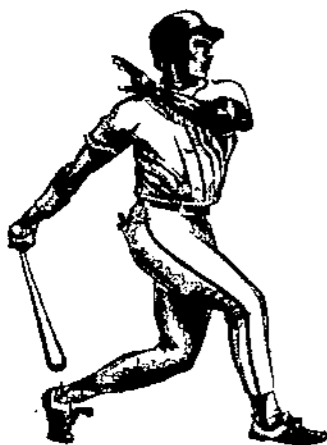
Sunday 28 July

1000 Menwith Hill Pirates v Greensboro I
1300 3rd place v 4th place
1500 1st place v 2nd place

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Yesteryears Baseball is a new feature, which will provide an opportunity for our players of the past to recount their playing days. The information will also prove valuable historical information on our sport.

players), where I stayed for the rest of the game, which WE WON and as Sutton said afterwards 'We beat Barnes with 7½ players.

Barry Mayfield
Old Timers Baseball Club

To 1964 when I was playing for the Sutton PearlyKings (forerunners of the Sutton Braves). A certain American named Tony Mooy and myself generally shared the pitching and catching and on this particular day Tony had started on the mound. At about the fifth inning the Manager, Bert Baker, signalled for Tony to take over the catching chores from me and I went on the mound. I had a dozen or so pitches after which Tony yelled 'coming down' and fired the ball to second - WRONG, it ended up in short extreme right field. Tony had actually broken his arm during the throw.....



The highlight that year for me was a game arranged between the Police and American ship "SS Orian". It had a 3 day visit to Hull and equipment was sent forward as the arrangements had been made when the ship was half way here.

Moving on further to about 1989, I was playing first base for Sutton Braves versus the Barnes Barnestormers. At this time Barnes were under the strict management of Glen Libby and were impeccably drilled and turned out, a sight to behold. They had been on the diamond for a couple of hours practising. Sutton, on the other hand, turned up a usual about ten minutes before game time, looking somewhat like refugees. By game time Sutton had only eight players and I was batting eight, therefore every time I came to bat with two out (which was frequently) I was walked and the automatic out ended the innning, until about a third of the way through the game, when the Barnes pitcher named Julian Dodwell, decided to pitch to me. He fired the ball towards the outside of the plate and I thinking 'here's the walk again' stook my ground. The ball however took a violent curve inward and struck my forearm, breaking it cleanly (although I did not know this at the time). I took my BB and stole 2nd and at the end of the inning went out to field on first. By this time I was unable to hold my glove up properly, so was moved to right / right centre (remember we only had eight

Coming to the last day, Don Nicholson said to me "get ready, we need a batter, you're it". Chest stuck out like a turkey cock I marched out for my very first bat in baseball. First pitch "whack" a line drive. Well it went somewhere. I stole second with blistering speed, hit and run I went for third. Albert waved me round shouting "go for it Ron" and head down I headed for home. The ball came in to the catcher who swiveled to the left, ball in glove and the lights went out, right under the chin. We had a great time when the game finished and my head had cleared!

The police then got the best bargain in history. The bloke in charge of the "Orian" men asked if we would buy the kit, as they would not really need it again. The question "how much"? "How many cigarettes have you got"? A quick whip round, Don said "about 200". "Sold it's yours"!

Since then no other sport has come close. Everything revolves around baseball. In those days we had some competition, Giants, Eagles, Diamonds (Kingston), Royals, Aces, Pirates, Panthers, Brough Bombers Reckitts and we travelled to Stretford Saints and Aces,

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BRITISH BASEBALL LEAGUE

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NATIONAL YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

September 1996

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This is an ideal opportunity for you to promote the game of baseball in your area to both your local media and potential sponsors.

The BBF will pay your ground rent for the event and appoint and pay all officials.

Please send in your applications to BBF Head Office by Monday 29 July 1996

Birmingham and another side, Liverpool Aces and Trojans, 2 teams in Nottingham returning from these games stopping at Thorne into the pub. I was playing for Royals until around 1959/60 when Don Smallwood and the committee found a slip in registrations and teams. It was decided to advertise for players to start a new side. In the "Hull Daily Mail" went the advert. Anyone interested to attend Windmillhotel, Witham. Niine people turned up, eight thought it was basketball, the ninth had no idea why he came. A new team was born in 1960 "Hull Cardinals", coached by myself, and one of England's top pitchers Alan Asquith, started his career. After one season in Hull we then moved to Hessele.

There are many stories to be told with the likes of Ron Marshall, Frank Parker, (Red) Wilf Holmes, Clive Megson, Pirates coach Maciver. I will never forget my first year in baseball. One other great thrill for me was March 1995 when I received my very first Brit-Ball.

Should any club like to spend an end of season

holiday in Australia, say for 3 weeks of so, 3 or 4 games can be arranged with very good quality accommodation at very low prices, on the outskirts of Sydney. Also, if anyone would like to try their hand at 1st grade baseball for our summer (Sept - March) let me know.

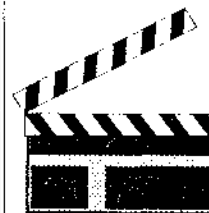


Great Memories

Ron Naylor
New South Wales, Australia

So come on all you Old Timers, let's hear some on your memories. Handwritten notes will suffice for us to produce a story.

LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!



Well not quite, but near enough. 'ACTIV-8' a BBC children's programme filmed members of Trafford Saints on Monday 22 June to promote the game of baseball. The programme will be shown on

Tuesday 16 July
at 5.10pm

and is aimed at an audience of children from 16 years down. 'ACTIV-8' provided two presenters, Gerard and Adea, to show how much fun the game is to play.

Twelve players from Trafford Saints were chosen from the club to help on the day and whilst the day was very long - 9.30am to 5.00pm - they were a credit to our game. PONY Baseball supplied a banner, as did the BBF.

To help with the proceedings Ralph Rago, GB Coach, also came along and was asked to coach Gerard and Adea in the basics of the game. Jason Cromes was interviewed by Adea and Kari and Kristi Karcher by Gerard. They were asked how they became interested in baseball and how they started to play over here in the UK.



The final shot should be of Gerard hitting a grand slam, showing just how good Ralph Rago is as a coach. Don't worry Ralph, your secret is safe with me!

Arthur Kendal
Trafford Saints

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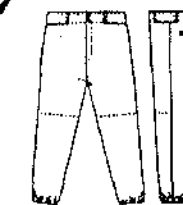
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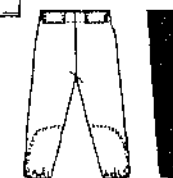


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BBF/PONY YOUTH LEAGUE STANDINGS

1 July 1996

NORTH EAST

	WINS	LOSSES	GAMES BACK
Menwith Hill Pirates	7	0	
Hessle Apaches	6	2	1.5
Sheffield Pumas	4	3	3
Hull Mets	3	4	4
Leeds Lugnuts	2	5	5
Hunslet Harriers	0	8	7.5

NORTH WEST

	WINS	LOSSES	GAMES BACK
Trafford Saints	7	1	
Bolton Knights	4	3	2.5
Preston Bobcats	2	4	4
Cartmel Valley Lions	2	4	4
Kirkby Braves	2	5	4.5

SCOTLAND

	WINS	LOSSES	GAMES BACK
Aberdeen Reds	2	0	
Dundee Dragons	2	1	0.5
Edinburgh Blue Jays	1	2	1.5
Glasgow All Stars	0	1	1.5
Alyth Adders	1	3	2

SOUTH EAST

	WINS	LOSSES	GAMES BACK
Tonbridge Bobcats	6	1	
Bournemouth B's	3	3	2.5
Leyton Cardinals	2	3	3
Brighton Jaguars	1	5	4.5

SOUTH - DIVISION TWO

	WINS	LOSSES	GAMES BACK
Hemel Red Sox	9	0	
Windsor	7	1	1.5
Cambridge Monarchs	5	4	4
South Bucks Blue Jays	4	5	5
Milton Keynes Braves	3	6	6
Bracknell Blazers	1	7	7.5
Brentwood Bucks	0	6	7.5

SOUTH WEST

	WINS	LOSSES	GAMES BACK
Plymouth Bladerunners	2	0	
Bristol Black Sox	1	2	1.5
Swindon Royals	0	2	2
Crewkerne Cutters	0	0	0
Gloucester Gators	0	0	0

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To all BBF Coaches:

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We need you as coaches to recommend players in this age group to be invited to try out camps. One camp will be held in the London area and the other camp in Leeds.

We will select 25 players for the camp. The cost will be £50, which will include meals and lodging, T-shirt and cap.

The instructors will be Major League Baseball International Envoys and GB National Coaches.

Please send your recommendations by 1 July 1996 to:

Ralph Rago
GB Head Coach
7 Sandringham Gardens
Leeds LS17 8DD

CADET CAMP TRYOUTS

The tryouts for the 1996 Cadet Camp to be held at Moorlands School from 18-23 August will be held as follows:

SOUTH

This tryout will be held at the London Wolves ground, which is located at Roundshaw Playing Fields, Hannibal Way, Wallington in Surrey. It will be held on Saturday 20 July, commencing promptly at 10.00am. The tryout will be conducted by MLI Envoy, Vince Garcia.

NORTH

This tryout will be held at John Smeaton Sports Centre, Smeaton Approach, Leeds. It will be held on Sunday 14 July, commencing promptly at 10.00am. The tryout will be conducted by MLI Envoy, Gary Van Tol.

For players competing in the England v Scotland Youth fixture in Hessle on Sunday 14 July, MLI Envoy, Tom Mendoza will be present to assess players during the game.

If you require a map to any of the above venues, please contact BBF Head Office.

GREAT BRITAIN NATIONAL SENIOR BASEBALL SQUAD 1996



The GB coaching staff after many hours of deliberation and the drawing up of numerous lists of players have finally decided on the make up of the 22 squad members and 3 alternates.

They are as follows:

- Pete Arthur - Leeds Owls
- Alan Bloomfield - London Warriors
- Ray Brownlie - Birmingham Bandits
- Nick Carter - Brighton Buccaneers
- Josh Chetwynd - Leeds Owls
- Martyn Dutton - Birmingham Bandits
- Neil Eggleston - Nottingham Stealers
- Lee Evans - Hull Mets
- Martin Godsall - Birmingham Bandits
- William Jenkins - Edinburgh Reivers
- Alex Malihoudis - Brighton Buccaneers
- Andrew Maltby - Hull Mets
- Gavin Marshall - Hull Mets
- Frank Parker - Hull Mets
- James Pearce - London Wolves
- Simon Radge - Hull Mets
- Neil Read - Hull Mets
- Brian Thurston - Hull Mets
- Mark Vickers - Hull Mets
- Darrin Ward - London Warriors
- Andrew Wiltshire - Hull Royals
- Joseph Yarnold - Birmingham Bandits

Alternates:

- Steve Simmons - Enfield Spartans
- David Donaldson - Tayside Cobras
- Steve Pollard - Hounslow Rangers

Coaches:

- Ralph Rago - Head Coach
- Barry Marshall - Assistant Head Coach
- Gary Roberts - Pitching Coach
- Gary Van Tol - Assistant Coach

The GB coaching staff feels that this squad has the capability of becoming one of the finest squads in the history of British Baseball. They have shown a lot of dedication and hard work, since the beginning of February. With your support at the Friendship Tournament and the European B Pool Championships, hopefully we will fulfil all our dreams.

**Ralph Rago
GB Head Coach**

Dear Brit-Ball

'Not a lot of people know this' - as they say, but on two occasions (that I instantly recall) I nearly came to the stated phrase "life extinct", or at least it felt like that. On the first occasion I was so low it felt my world had come to an end. On the second the very stuff I breathe, that that flows through my veins, my heartbeat, was taken away. The life support system was unceremoniously, callously, switched off.

On a clear evening in a suburb of Rome my team had humiliated themselves, me and their Country. I sat on a bench in a part near to the dormitory and then on the steps to the sleeping block 'til 6am (the game had finished at 9pm the previous evening) contemplating. I was low. Immediately after the game an interested party - spectating on the occasion expressed shame of being British, by all means be ashamed of what he had just witnessed. During that long vigil of life slipping away I ran that spectator's words over and over again in my mind. Ashamed to be British. I vowed then to put pride to the top of the agenda. It would mean doing things that would make me unpopular but everything and everyone connected with me would have pride. I would start again. Build from the bottom. Work all hours I could to re-build and hope, one day, that same spectator would say to me - "I am proud, proud to be British, proud of our team".

I planned, I reviewed and I re-planned and I set my goals. We would have a team to be proud of. A team that would contain a young crop of players. Players proud of what they are now on the verge of achieving. GB would gain promotion back to the A group in 1996. The BBF gave me four years to do it. Four years to get hold of enough talented 14-16 year olds who by August 1996 would be good enough - and ready.

I planted the seeds. I watered them, protected them. I even had to dig a few over. I watched them blossom. I picked them, moulded them and put them in the oven to rise. When they

were ready I took them out and proudly showed them off. After three years I was sacked. I wouldn't get the chance to serve them up. Before I could finish the dream the life support was switched off.

They are ready - I know they can win in August. My spirit - for that is all I have left - will be with them, every damn one of them. I will feel every anguish, every fear, every elation. I sincerely wish them good fortune. You can and will win. You have my every confidence.

My message to Coach Rago and the other coaches - don't screw it up.

M S Harrold

Dear Mr President

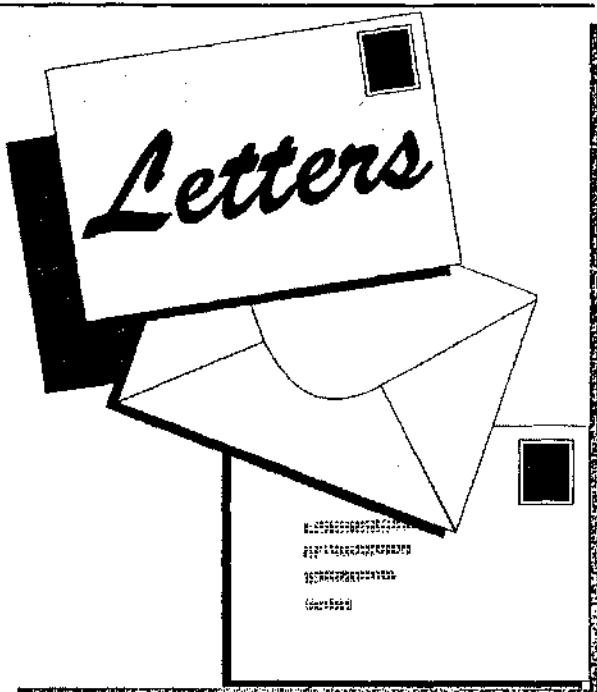
The Lynx Baseball-softball club of Champagnole in the French Jura organises an international baseball tournament from the 15th to the 18th August 1996.

We will be highly honoured if the clubs of your federation agree to take part in this tournament.

Please let us know before 14 July of any clubs that wish to take part because the number of entrants is limited from 8 to 12 teams.

We will provide the lodging and all meals.

Yours faithfully
Serge Vuillaume
 Club Baseball et Softball "Les Lynx"
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 France
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SPORT
RAISING THE GAME
Report on the Working
Group of University
Sports Scholarships

We have several copies of the above book which has been produced by the Department of National Heritage.

It is a report on the findings of a working group put together to consider university sports scholarships. The head of the group was Sir Roger Bannister. Their task was to look at ways of encouraging best practice in university sports scholarships, and further private sector sponsorship of individual students. The group also looked at ways of recognising and celebrating sporting achievements at universities.

The report concludes that increased investment in talented sportsmen and women attending university, through Lottery-funded sports scholarships, is an essential step in ensuring the development of the sporting elite.

If you or any member of your team would like a copy of the book, please contact BBF Head Office.

BBF CODE BREAKER
PUZZLE

(Devised by Will Cosgrave)

The list below consists of eight BBF team nick-names written in a number code. Each number represents a group of letters as follows:

- 1 = A B C D E
- 2 = F G H I J
- 3 = K L M N O
- 4 = P Q R S T
- 5 = U V W X Y Z

Now try to work out these BBF senior team nick-names:

- a. 113334
- b. 131414
- c. 133144
- d. 144354
- 3. 231314
- f. 422144
- g. 435134
- h. 533514

PUZZLE

LETTERED
LINESCORES

(Devised by Will Cosgrave)

The runs in the linescores below have been replaced by the letters a, b, c, d, e representing the numbers 0, 1, 2, 3, 4. Can you work out which letter stands for which number so that the game results are correct as indicated?

- ACES acd dda cba = 13
- CUBS caa dee ccb = 14
- BEES aca dec acb = 12
- OWLS dec aaa dca = 11
- JAYS ecc eca dcc = 9
- METS ada cbc ccd = 10

Answers to May's puzzles are as follows:

Diamond
Dilemma

- Angels
- Braves
- Comets
- Dodgers

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BRITISH BASEBALL LEAGUE STATISTICS as at 27 June 1996

Premier Division

Batting (min 20 pa)	
Yarnold (Bandits)	0.667
Brownlie (Bandits)	0.600
Ward (Warriors)	0.579

Runs	
Ward (Warriors)	25
Stichberry (Pirates)	20
Edwards (Rangers)	20

Hits	
Ward (Warriors)	22
Edwards (Rangers)	20
Ackley (Warriors)	19

Doubles	
Ackley (Warriors)	6
Three players tied on	5

Home Runs	
Ward (Warriors)	5
Stichberry (Pirates)	5
Two players tied on	3

RBI	
Ward (Warriors)	25
Brownlie (Bandits)	19
Stichberry (Pirates)	18

Stolen Bases	
Turtle (Hull Warriors)	77
Foreman (Pirates)	9
Four players tied on	7

Innings Pitched	
Knight (Rangers)	59
M Gilbert (Monarchs)	54
Arrildt (Pirates)	35

Base on Balls	
M Gilbert (Monarchs)	32
Arrildt (Pirates)	28
Two players tied on	27

Strike Outs	
Knight (Rangers)	80
M Gilbert (Monarchs)	65
Arrildt (Pirates)	42

Wins	
Knight (Rangers)	7-1
Arrildt (Pirates)	5-1
Five players tied on	3-0

ERA (min 30 innings)	
Arrildt (Pirates)	2.83
Knight (Rangers)	4.42
M Gilbert (Monarchs)	4.5

Southern Conference

Batting (min 10 pa)	
Jenner (Royals)	0.577
Walker (Knights)	0.556
Verrion (B's)	0.500
Tre-Vett (Knights)	0.500

Home Runs	
Gofton (Royals)	2
Corby (Royals)	2
White (B's)	2

RBI's	
White (B's)	11
Jenner (Royals)	10
Bond (B's)	10

ERA (min 19 innings)	
Macleod (B's)	8.06
Collins (Mudcats)	10.35
Gofton (Royals)	11.70

Strike Outs	
Collins (Mudcats)	23
Gofton (Royals)	20
Tre-Vett (Knights)	13
Macleod (B's)	11

Stolen Bases	
Jeffrey (Royals)	17
Verrion (B's)	14
Tynan (Royals)	13
Bond (B's)	13

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Group 1 Croatia, Great Britain, Austria, Slovakia, Yugoslavia
Group 2 Lithuania, Czech Republic, Poland, Norway, Ireland

Hull North Dane Park, Dane Park Road, Orchard Park Estate, Hull
Hessle Sydney Smith School, First Lane, Anlaby
Hull East Eastmount Recreation Centre, Waveney Road, Longhill Estate, Hull

Sunday 4 August		Start Time	10.00hrs	15.30hrs
Hull North	Slovakia	V	Croatia	
Hessle	Norway	V	Lithuania	Great Britain V Yugoslavia
Hull East	Czech Republic	V	Ireland	

Monday 5 August		Start Time	11.30hrs	15.30 hrs
Hull North	Norway	V	Ireland	Lithuania V Poland
Hessle	Yugoslavia	V	Austria	Croatia V Great Britain
Hull East				

Tuesday 6 August		Start Time	10.00hrs	15.30hrs
Hull North	Poland	V	Norway	Slovakia V Great Britain
Hessle	Austria	V	Croatia	Lithuania V Czech Republic
Hull East				

Wednesday 7 August		Start Time	10.00hrs	15.30hrs
Hull North				Ireland V Poland
Hessle	Czech Republic	V	Norway	Great Britain V Austria
Hull East	Yugoslavia	V	Slovakia	

Thursday 8 August		Start Time	10.00hrs	15.30hrs
Hull North	Austria	V	Slovakia	Poland V Czech Republic
Hessle	Croatia	V	Yugoslavia	Ireland V Lithuania
Hull East				

Friday 9 August		Start Time	10.00hrs	15.30hrs
Hull North	5th G1	V	5th G2	
Hessle	4th G1	V	4th G2	1st G1 V 2nd G2 Game A
Hull East	3rd G1	V	3rd G2	1st G2 V 2nd G1 Game B

Saturday 10 August		Start Time	10.00hrs	15.30hrs
Hull East	Loser of A	V	Loser of B	Winner of A V Winner of B

Sunday 11 August REST DAY

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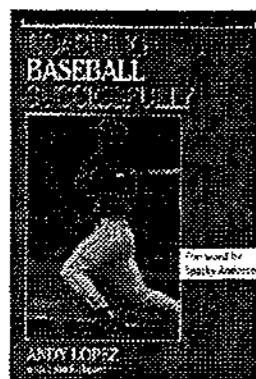


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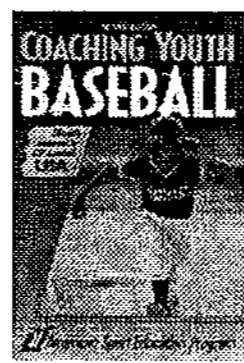
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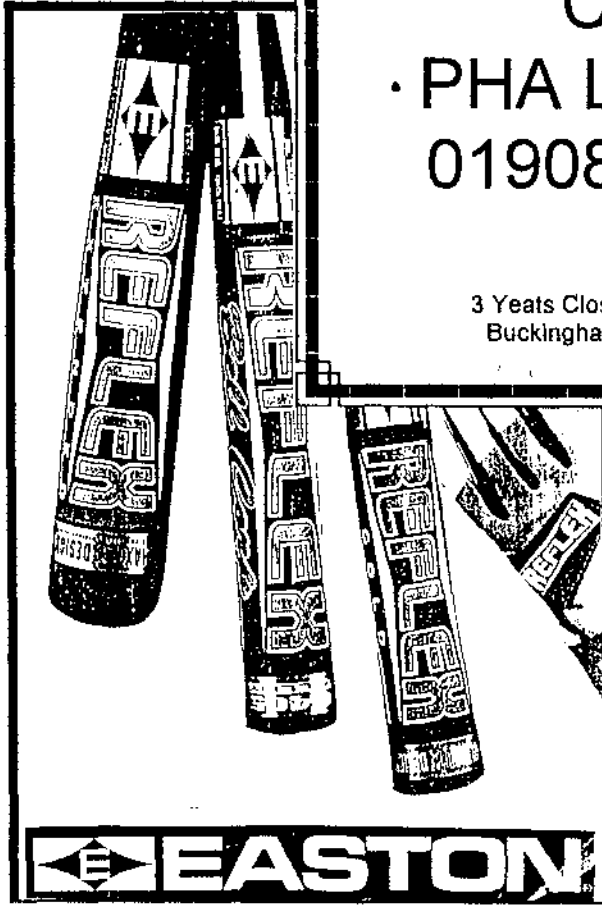
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