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**Alcantara and Azcuy become first players in British baseball history to win four straight national titles**

7 September 2014 – Edwin Alcantara and Maikel Azcuy have become the first players in British baseball's 125-year competitive history to win four straight national titles. Both were key players on the Essex Arrows squad that swept the London Mets in a best-of-three national final over the final weekend of August.



*Edwin Alcantara (left) and Maikel Azcuy (right) in Game 2 of the 2014 national final  
Photos: Vince Warner*

The slugging pair have been playing together since both players joined the Southern Nationals in their founding year of 2011. The Nationals became the first British baseball

team to win three titles in their first three seasons of existence but this year they fell to the London Mets in the wildcard final.

Alcantara and Azcuy moved to the Arrows during the last off-season and, in winning the championship with their new club this year, added their names to a list now 17 strong of players with four or more national titles. The full list can be viewed at:

[http://www.projectcobb.org.uk/national\\_finals/titles-players.png](http://www.projectcobb.org.uk/national_finals/titles-players.png).

Also adding his name to the list of four-time winners was Steve Simmons, player-manager of the 2014 national champions. His titles span a period of 25 years – the longest among such players.

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#### **About Project COBB**

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