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“What about the Villa?” and “Nine Aces and a Joker” made available as PDFs for free download

Project COBB’s two books on British baseball have both been made available in PDF format for free download, from: <http://www.projectcobb.org.uk/research.html#pcb>

In *Nine Aces and a Joker*, leading British baseball writers came together to provide an engaging tale of the sport’s history in the country by focusing on standout pitchers’ defining seasons. Beginning with John Reidenbach in 1890 and running through to Jason Roberts in 2010, nine “Ace” pitchers and a less conventional standout – the “Joker” – are put under the spotlight. In addition, several other star pitchers are featured in a short stories section.

What about the Villa? brings the forgotten story of Britain’s pro baseball league of 1890 back to life. The book starts with an exploration of the background to the league’s formation. Next comes a thorough game-by-game account of the 1890 season, which includes box scores for almost all of the contests. Finally, the subject of the league’s legacy is examined.

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About Project COBB

The Project for the Chronicling of British Baseball (Project COBB) is an online collaboration aimed at restoring the record of British baseball's past and preserving its present. Its website is located at: <http://www.projectcobb.org.uk/>.