

The biggest news of the season is the brilliant performance of Thames Board Mills in the National Cup. Last Sunday at Birmingham they overcame the strongly fancied Beavers in one of the most thrilling baseball games ever witnessed in this country. A crowd of 4500 saw the game. Beavers took the lead in the top half of the third by scoring 1 run, but in the bottom half of the innings Thames got on top by scoring 2 runs. There was no further scoring till the seventh and eighth when Thames scored 1 run in each innings. Going into the ninth leading 4-1, Petrucci lost control and walked the first three batters to face him. On Harman fell a terrific ordeal - going in with the bases loaded to pitch. He walked the first batter and then balked to make the score 4-3. With men on second and third a grounder was hit to third base where Ashwell's brilliant peg was equally well taken by Hughes to cut off the tying run crossing the plate. Refreshed by this success Harman struck out the next batter and forced the next batsman to fly out to centre field and thus end the game. Thames Board Mills were a credit to the Southern Counties and their conduct both on and off the field was exemplary. Petrucci allowed only two hits and struck out 7 but walked 8. In a strong all round side in which every man pulled his weight might I be forgiven if I single out Ashwell, Hughes, Harman and Petrucci for an extra pat on the back.

Hornsey Red Sox are forming a Supporters Club... The Red Sox are also to lose the services of their left field Kelsey - due to go in the Army, but it is hoped that he will be able to finish out the season... Will all readers who have enjoyed the articles in Sport Magazine please write the Editor and tell him so. This is the only barometer on which the Editor can decide whether Baseball is worth while... A meeting was held recently to form the Committee of the London West League and the following Officers were appointed pro-tem until the next meeting on the 25th August.

President: E.C.BROWN. PIRATES
 Vice-President: C.DIXON. WEST LONDON PIONEERS
 Secretary-Treasurer: A.SHEARSEY. WEST LONDON PIONEERS

With the East League already formed the Umpires have now fallen in line and an Umpires Society is now in being. The Committee is as follows:- Messrs. A.Clarke-Harpum, Chairman, D.C.Faulkner, C.T.Crudgington and C.Ellison.

Expansion for next season is promising and second teams are to be run by Pirates, West London Pioneers, Essex Nationals and Hornsey Red Sox. Frank Adey will lead a team from the Sutton Area. This is not only confined to the London Area as teams have started up in Liphook, Hants and Wokingham, Surrey.

While in Birmingham I learnt that a Mr Hank Patt had started four teams in Nottinghamshire. They have only been playing six weeks but apparently enthusiasm is at a high level and two girls soft ball teams and two youth softball teams are also formed.

We have received a letter from Hornsey Red Sox Secretary (P.A.Cranwell) bemoaning the fact that the Red Sox are an unsteady team and are not putting everything into their playing. He also mentions that the Sox are not a team to be treated lightly. It may be possible to reconcile these two statements. According to their Manager (D.A.Cowling), their trouble is purely phycological. If his players believe this it should at least bolster their confidence in their playing abilities. At the end of Mr. Cranwell's letter he states and I quote - "The only unanswered question is, Why are Red Sox hated"? This raises the obvious question - Are the Red Sox hated? I can recall a certain amount of resentment amongst other clubs when Hornsey walloped Fongu 41-0 and 33-3, it being felt that such treatment was neither necessary to the Red Sox nor encouraging to Fongu, but by no stretch of imagination can this be construed as hatred. If any other Club is nursing a grievance of any nature we would like to know about it but personally we feel that the Red Sox have got hold of the wrong end of the stick.

Fords are to lose the services of C.Doublodday, who is returning to Canada. We thank him sincerely for his Services here and hope he returns with happy memories of Baseball in this country

SOUTHERN COUNTIES LEAGUE CUP

17th July	Thames Board Mills w.o.		South London Giants scratched.
18th July	Thames Board Mills	10	West London Pioneers 20
1st Aug.	South London Giants	2	Enfield Cardinals 23
	Essex Nationals	18	West London Pioneers 7
	Fondu	1	Surrey Tigers 14
	Hornsey Red Sox	14	Eltham Dodgers 5
8th Aug.	Eltham Dodgers	2	Essex Nationals 0
	West London Pioneers	4	Hornsey Red Sox 9
	Enfield Cardinals	12	Surrey Lions 1
15th Aug.	Surrey Lions w.o.		Fondu scratched
	Essex Nationals	7	Surrey Tigers 10
	Fords Sports	3	West London Pioneers 21
	Hornsey Red Sox	8	Pirates 3
	Enfield Cardinals	8	Eltham Dodgers 3

LEAGUE TABLE 15th AUGUST INCLUSIVE

	P.	W.	L.	RUNS		Per Cent
				For	Against	
Enfield Cardinals	3	3	-	43	6	1.000
Hornsey Red Sox	3	3	-	31	12	1.000
Surrey Tigers	2	2	-	24	8	1.000
West London Pioneers	4	2	2	52	40	.500
Thames Board Mills	2	1	1	10	20	.500
Surrey Lions	2	1	1	1	12	.500
Essex Nationals	3	1	2	25	19	.333
Eltham Dodgers	3	1	2	-	-	.333
Pirates	1	-	1	3	8	-
Fords	1	-	1	3	21	-
South London Giants	2	-	2	2	23	-
Fondu	2	-	2	1	14	-

OTHER RESULTS

25th July	West London Pioneers	3	Thames Board Mills	8
			(S.C.B.A. Championship)	
<u>ALL ENGLAND CHALLENGE CUP (Semi-Finals)</u>				
2nd Aug.	Robins (Liverpool)	15	Brooklyn Giants (Hull)	1
	Beavers (Birmingham)	3	Thames Board Mills (London)	4

ANSWERS TO QUIZ IN ISSUE No.2.

- The Umpire should warn both teams to desist, and if either team then persisted in being boisterous he should set a time limit and forfeit game.
- The Umpire has but one thing to do. He must forfeit a game to the team at bat if for any cause there be less than nine players on the team in the field.
- The Umpire must be guided by what he considers the natural stance of the batsman.
- It was a balk. The pitcher was off the rubber, it is true, but he certainly feinted to deliver the ball and the catcher carried the deception through. Instead of being declared out the runner should have been sent to third.
- The runner on third is entitled to score and the runner on first should advance to second.
- The protest of the fielding team is good. The Umpire was wrong in his claim that because the runner had made second on the pitch the batter was exempt from the rule declaring him out. In such case is always presumed to occupy the base he holds when the pitcher starts his wind up. The batter was out automatically and there was no need for the catcher to throw to first base.

Q U I Z N U M B E R F W V

1. A fielder is standing on the baseline with the ball in hand ready to touch a runner. As the latter meets the fielder he pushes his arm and hand to one side and he gets by without being put out. The runner does not leave the baseline nor does he knock the ball from the fielders hand. What is the right decision?
2. While runner is trying to steal second the catcher throws the ball and hits the Umpire. The latter sends the runner back to first. Was he right?
3. Second baseman blocks baserunner without having the ball in his possession but the following instant fields the ball and tags out the runner. What decision covers this?
4. Runner is standing on first base. Batter hits towards pitcher, who fields the ball and throws to first base. The baseman touches the bag before the batter gets to first base but does not touch the runner who was standing on the base. Umpire calls the batsman out, but not the runner. Is that right?
5. Smith is on first base. Jones hits to the pitcher but does not run out hit, Smith holds first base and Umpire calls him out when ball is thrown to second by pitcher. Was Umpire right?
6. Bases full, one out. Batter swings at third strike, misses, and when catcher drops the ball, the batter starts for first base. Catcher picks up ball, and touches home plate then throws to first base, claiming a double play. Runner from third scores while the ball is being fielded to first. Is the batter out and the run counts. What is the decision?
7. Is it possible for the batter to be out by being hit by the ball which he batted himself?
8. Batter bunted and lifted a fair fly into the air. Was it an infield fly?
9. Fourth ball is a wild pitch and baserunner goes to second base. Has he such right?
10. The batter dodged a pitched ball but the ball hit the bat and bounded to the infield. The batter had presence enough of mind to run to first base and beat the throw. The Umpire ruled him safe and declared to be a regular safe hit

FIXTURES

AUG. 29th.	THAMES BOARD MILLS	v	TIGERS of BIRMINGHAM
	SURREY TIGERS	v	ENFIELD CARDINALS
	FONDU	v	LONDON GIANTS
	HORNSEY RED SOX	v	SURREY LIONS
	ELTHAM DODGERS	v	FORD SPORTS
	PIRATES	v	ESSEX NATIONALS
SEPT. 5th	SCUTH LONDON GIANTS	v	HORNSEY RED SOX
	SURREY LIONS	v	ESSEX NATIONALS
	FONDU	v	WEST LONDON PIONEERS
	FORDS SPORTS	v	SURREY TIGERS
	THAMES BOARD MILLS	v	ELTHAM DODGERS
	ENFIELD CARDINALS	v	PIRATES

LONDON WEST LEAGUE

BATTING & PITCHING RECORDS. QUALIFICATION 30 Times at Bat.

RECORDS 1st AUGUST inclusive.

L.SCHAFFER	ELTHAM DODGERS	.600
F.ADEY	SURREY LIONS	.540
G.INGALLS	WEST LONDON PIONEERS	.535
L.DYER	PIRATES	.500
A.BRADLEY	ELTHAM DODGERS	.491
J.EDMONDSON	" "	.490
W.STAVELEY	" "	.489
N.BLIX	" "	.477
R.SHEARER	" "	.469
R.JOHNSON	SOUTH LONDON GIANTS	.467
C.FUTT	WEST LONDON PIONEERS	.438
D.McDONALD	ELTHAM DODGERS	.429
W.SLEATH	WEST LONDON PIONEERS	.429
B.SPENCER	" " "	.417
J.LOWES	SURREY TIGERS	.405
R.READ	" LIONS	.405
C.COLE	" "	.392
J.WHITE	ELTHAM DODGERS	.375
D.GREEN	SURREY TIGERS	.369
G.BAILLIE	" "	.364
F.GIBBONS	" LIONS	.364
L.HILTON	" "	.351
J.DUFF	WEST LONDON PIONEERS	.342
C.McCONAGHY	SURREY LIONS	.342
MALLARD	" TIGERS	.342
K.BROWN	PIRATES	.340
R.COLE	SURREY LIONS	.333
J.TINNEY	" TIGERS	.333
B.BENNETT	PIRATES	.314
A.NOTT	" "	.300
T.PRICE	ELTHAM DODGERS	.300
R.BROWN	PIRATES	.294
F.KING	SURREY LIONS	.294
B.McKEEVER	" TIGERS	.294
D.RHODES	WEST LONDON PIONEERS	.267
T.BROWN	PIRATES	.256
A.SHEARSBY	WEST LONDON PIONEERS	.243
A.FEAR	SURREY TIGERS	.234
A.PEACOCK	WEST LONDON PIONEERS	.227
J.DURLING	SURREY TIGERS	.220

TWO BASE HITS

F.ADEY	8
G.BAILLIE	5
D.GREEN	5
C.COLE	5
R.COLE	5
RIDENHOUR	5

THREE BASE HITS

L.RIDENHOUR	3
R.SHEARER	3

HOME RUNS

A.BRADLEY	3
G.INGALLS	3
R.SHEARER	3
B.SPENCER	2
G.BAILLIE	2

RUNS BATTED IN

R.SHEARER	25
G.INGALLS	24
F.ADEY	23
J.DUFF	22
W.SLEATH	21

MOST HITS

F.ADEY	27
W.SLEATH	25
G.INGALLS	24
C.COLE	22
R.COLE	22

MOST RUNS

F.ADEY	27
A.BRADLEY	25
J.EDMONDSON	24
W.SLEATH	24
G.INGALLS	23

		Ins	Hts	Won	Lost	Per Cent
J.DURLING	SURREY TIGERS	74	94	9	1	.900
G.INGALLS	WEST LONDON PIONEERS	36	2/339	3	1	.750
J.ROSS	" " "	28	22	3	1	.750
J.FINN	" " "	17½	22	2	1	.666
R.SHEARER	ELTHAM DODGERS	64	96	4	3	.571
R.READ	SURREY LIONS	43	102	3	3	.500
C.McCONAGHY	" "	25	43	1	2	.333
A.NOTT	PIRATES	43	72	2	6	.250

ALSO PITCHED

L.RIDENHOUR	WEST LONDON PIONEERS	18	16	2	-	1.000
N.BLIX	ELTHAM DODGERS	6	6	1	-	1.000
TED BROWN	PIRATES	13	2/310	1	1	.500
L.SCHAFFER	ELTHAM DODGERS	2	1	-	1	-

LEAST WALKS

	Inns	Wlks	I/C	Inn	wk
J.DURLING	74	11		6.7	
G.INGALLS	36	2/3	9	4.1	
J.FINN	17½	5		3.5	
RIDENHOUR	18	6		3.0	
TED BROWN	13	2/3	5	2.7	
R.READ	43	17		2.5	
R.SHEARER	64	26		2.5	

MOST STRIKE OUTS

	Inns	SO's	P/C	per In
L.RIDENHOUR	18	34		1.9
G.INGALLS	36	2/365		1.8
TED BROWN	13	2/322		1.6
J.ROSS	28	40		1.4
J.FINE	17½	19		1.1
C.McCONAGHY	25	27		1.1
J.DURLING	74	76		1.0

LONDON EAST LEAGUE

BATTING & PITCHING AVERAGES. QUALIFICATION 30 TIMES AT BAT.

RECORDS 1st AUGUST inclusive.

T.G.HUGHES	THAMES BOARD MILLS	.581
J.HELLIAR	ESSEX NATIONALS	.545
J.ATKINSON	FORD SPORTS	.516
F.DOHERTY	ESSEX NATIONALS	.516
W.DAWBER	THAMES BOARD MILLS	.512
B.AUBURN	HORNSEY RED SOX	.500
G.ROGERS	ENFIELD CARDINALS	.500
W.BECKWITH	ESSEX NATIONALS	.486
C.DOUBLEDAY	FORD SPORTS	.486
R.RICARD	HORNSEY RED SOX	.471
F.MARTLEW	" " "	.467
J.McQUADE	THAMES BOARD MILLS	.453
A.FRENCH	ESSEX NATIONALS	.450
J.DAWBER	FORD SPORTS	.400
C.HARMAN	THAMES BOARD MILLS	.396
F.PETRUCCI	" " "	.390
R.BUTCHER	ESSEX NATIONALS	.386
D.MANGHAM	ENFIELD CARDINALS	.385
P.BERRIDGE	HORNSEY RED SOX	.380
H.HUGHES	FORD SPORTS	.371
G.SANDFORD	THAMES BOARD MILLS	.367
F.MERRITT	HORNSEY RED SOX	.350
D.HEATH	ENFIELD CARDINALS	.327
A.ASHWELL	THAMES BOARD MILLS	.283
R.HEDWELL	ENFIELD CARDINALS	.277
J.PORTCH	" " "	.260
E.BRIGGS	ESSEX NATIONALS	.250
C.BUNN	THAMES BOARD MILLS	.250
S.CLOVER	" " "	.245
M.SAWTOLLE	HORNSEY RED SOX	.242
G.STOPHER	ENFIELD CARDINALS	.240
T.LAY	ENFIELD CARDINALS	.238
H.KNAPP	FORD SPORTS	.212
J.CAMPBELL	THAMES BOARD MILLS	.068

HITS

T.G.HUGHES	24
J.McQUADE	24
G.SANDFORD	22
W.DAWBER	21
C.HARMAN	19
P.BERRIDGE	19

RUNS

C.HARMAN	23
F.PETRUCCI	21
J.McQUADE	20
G.SANDFORD	20

RUNS BATTED IN

T.G.HUGHES	19
G.ROGERS	19
J.McQUADE	18
P.HEATH	16
J.HELLIER	15

TWO BASE HITS

B.AUBURN	5
P.BERRIDGE	5
J.DAWBER	5
A.FRENCH	5
C.HARMAN	5
D.HEATH	5
T.G.HUGHES	5
F.MARTLEW	5

THREE BASE HITS

T.G.HUGHES	3
A.ASHWELL	2
F.DOHERTY	2
G.SANDFORD	2

HOME RUNS C.HARMAN 3. J.ATKINSON 3. M.HARPER 2.
T.G.HUGHES 2. W.BECKWITH 2.

		Games	Inns	Hits	Won	Lost	P/C
F.PETRUCCI	THAMES BOARD MILLS	9	74	53	9	-	1.000
J.DAWBER	FORD SPORTS	7	28	35	4	2	.666
R.SONES	ESSEX NATIONALS	6	44 $\frac{1}{2}$	54	4	2	.666
R.BUTCHER	" " "	4	22	40	2	1	.666
J.McKENZIE	HORNSEY RED SOX	4	24 $\frac{2}{3}$	36	2	1	.666
D.MANGHAM	ENFIELD CARDINALS	5	22 $\frac{2}{3}$	31	2	1	.666
L.SMITH	" " "	5	43 $\frac{2}{3}$	52	2	3	.400
D.SMITH	HORNSEY RED SOX	4	30	44	1	3	.250

ALSO PITCHED

A.ASHWELL	THAMES BOARD MILLS	3	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	27	2	0	-
G.ALLAN	HORNSEY RED SOX	1	9	3	1	0	-
G.ROGERS	ENFIELD CARDINALS	1	9	9	1	0	-
W.HANNUM	HORNSEY RED SOX	3	18	22	1	1	-
A.STOPHER	ENFIELD CARDINALS	4	14 $\frac{2}{3}$	8	1	1	-
C.HARMAN	THAMES BOARD MILLS	3	10 $\frac{2}{3}$	10	-	1	-
R.CAMPBELL	ESSEX NATIONALS	3	10 $\frac{2}{3}$	10	-	1	-
W.DAWBER	THAMES BOARD MILLS	8	34 $\frac{2}{3}$	40	-	3	sc:5

<u>LEAST WALKS</u>	INNS	WLKS	Per WK	<u>STRIKE OUTS</u>	SO's	INNS	Per Inn
W.DAWBER	34 $\frac{2}{3}$	5	6.9	F.PETRUCCI	123	74	1.66
L.SMITH	43 $\frac{2}{3}$	7	6.1	L.SMITH	64	43	1.49
J.McKENZIE	24	5	4.8	J.McKENZIE	34	24	1.42
J.DAWBER	28	6	4.7	D.MANGHAM	32	22 2/3	1.41
F.PETRUCCI	74	21	3.5	R.SONES	60	44 $\frac{1}{2}$	1.36
D.MANGHAM	22 2/3	11	2.1	D.SMITH	40	30	1.33
R.BUTCHER	22 2/3	13	1.7	W.DAWBER	42	34 2/3	1.21
R.SONES	44 $\frac{1}{2}$	29	1.5	J.DAWBER	27	28	.96