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THAT WAS THE YEAR THAT WAS!

Welcome to the eighth issue of Brit-Ball - the official voice of the British Baseball Federation, which is making history by being sent to every BBF Registered Player in the country.

So how do you think the 1993 season has gone? Personally, I would like to thank each and every individual person involved with the BBF, especially the players, for making it happen. The revised players registration fees have certainly helped towards our success this year. It's good to see individual players putting commitment into the game, to help us grow for the future. Do you think you've received value for money during the season? There are a number of services provided by the BBF, which can help the game of baseball and you and your team improve. This year we have provided scorers and coaching courses, Major League Baseball Envoy Coaches have travelled around the country passing on their expertise, the BBF roadshow has featured at many events. All of the above are available to you. If you have never heard of any of them, then ask your team contact why!

This may be the first time you have seen Brit-Ball, but it shouldn't be! The previous seven issues have been sent to your first team contact in the 1993 BBF Handbook. If you've never seen Brit-Ball before ask that person why. And, as you can see from the contents it's a great publication - not to be missed. This month focuses particularly on the forthcoming Major League Baseball Coaching Clinic. For those of you who attended last year, I'm sure you'll agree it was a brilliant weekend. Speakers this year will be Bert Blyleven, a 292 game winner and twice World Series Winner, and Sam Supizio, who are both scouts for the California Angels organisation. Make sure you get your bookings in early for this year - places will fill

up fast.

The general purpose of Brit-Ball is to keep you and the rest of your team updated on what is happening within the Federation. Every month it gives all the match reports, results and league tables from around the country. If you want to make a name for yourself, ensure your team manager rings the result through to Head Office, with some commentary from the game.

Brit-Ball also contains tips on how to promote your team and make some money with fundraising ideas, along with coaching tips, letters from around the world, a 'page three pin-up', tournament reports, book and computer game reviews and much more.

So where do we get all this information from? You the players, coaches, scorers, umpires, and anyone interested or contacted with British Baseball. We've always got room for more, so send us your articles and we'll publish them. We've also got a competition for you to enter this month. The first five correct entries pulled out of the bag will receive a years free subscription to Brit-Ball. Hope you enjoy this issue!

Kevin Macadam
Editor

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in British Baseball. Call the



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WHO?

- Q1) Who put together an MLB, Little League, Pony Clinic?
 Q2) Who's presenting a coaching clinic with the California Angels?
 Q3) Who's started and is expanding a schools baseball program?
 Q4) Who's running coaching clinics and qualifying coaches?
 Q5) Who gives their teams the opportunity to host a Major League Baseball Envoy Coach to help improve their game?
 Q6) Who's got a roadshow touring the country?
 Q7) Who's got 3 International teams with a clear structure towards enabling the best players to reach the top of their sport?
 Q8) Who's started an in-house magazine, free to every team, with subscribers worldwide?
 Q9) Who's talking about sponsored stadia?
 Q10) Who's got the hottest baseball hotline?
 Q11) Who has sent 20 children to Japan and America for the World Children's Baseball Fair?
 Q12) Who sent 18 players for a unique experience at a Major League training camp?
 Q13) Who has given and continues to give scores of players the opportunity to play International baseball?
 Q14) Who has given thousands of pounds worth of equipment to BBF Junior teams?
 Q15) Who is recognised by the British Olympic Association, the European Baseball Association, the International Baseball Association and the Sports Council?
 Q16) Who provides a democratic forum to vote officials in or out?
 Q17) Who can deliver what it promises?

- Q18) Who has its finances audited by an Independent Chartered Accountant?
 Q19) Who is helped Manchester in their bid for the 2000 Olympic Games?
 Q20) Who provides trophies for all its league winners and runners-up?
 Q21) Who's Junior International Squad won the European B Championships at their first attempt?
 Q22) Who gains national publicity on TV, Radio and in the Press?
 Q23) Who's top club teams will compete in European Cup competition next year?
 Q24) Who's helping teams approach their local councils to provide better baseball facilities?
 Q25) Who provides a point of contact which helps our teams gain new members?
 Q26) Who helped Major League Baseball organise the French's Baseball Festival?

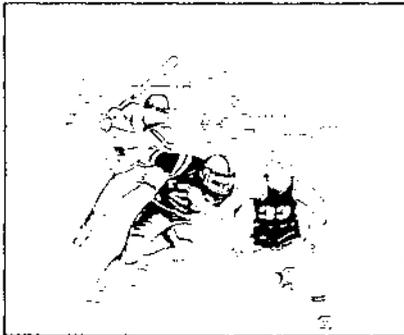


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7 SEPTEMBER 1989

It is not hard to recall the event but except for those involved it is impossible to relay the emotions of what happened on September 7 1989.

The story started almost thirteen months earlier when GB won 11-0 against the Czechs to win the European B Group Championship in Birmingham. Jubilation, tears of joy (relief by some) and celebration were put aside to start the planning for the 1989 A Groups to be held in Paris 1-10 September 1989. Competing in the Big 8 of Europe would quite likely be the pinnacle of most of the members of the GB squad.

On the '89 pitching staff we had both ends of the spectrum, in terms of age and experience. On the one hand there was Steve Nero, a 6' 4" 80mph+ hurler with bags of experience. On the other there was rookie Julian Fountain, a mite smaller and one maybe two years of 'ball behind him. To be honest Julian had little chance of getting much game time and was mainly taken to gain experience.

To set the scene we had lost two games by the odd run, won one by a single run and were favourites to go right back to the B's. Another night game loomed in Sarcelle against our old enemy West Germany. In three previous meetings WG had come out on top - by a mile (remember the game in Southport). This game had so much significance it almost hurt. We had to win.

Things were going reasonably well, the score was tied going into the 7th. It was a great game. Nero had hit two towering drives deep into left field and was playing well on first base (replacing Dan Godfrey whose batting was not quite up to the power of Nero).

It was time for a pitching change and give the Germans the shock of their lives. On came Steve to blow away the first three in order overpowering them with speed to spare.

With one out and no one on Steve came up to bat and with a count of 3-1 looked down the inside slot of a ball that was expected to slide across the plate. The ball didn't break - hence the reason for the story to tell. Steve left it too late, or was transfixed and took it on the cheekbone. Crack. Writhing in agony I hurried from my position in the dug-out to see what damage had been done. (West German pitchers had hit 13, yes 13, French batters in one single game the day before). Very quickly I realised it was a serious injury (later diagnosed as a depressed cheekbone and slight fracture) and whilst I was attending to Steve heard the German coach yell "Get him off the field and lets get on with the game." (He was of an American parentage). Ignoring this piece of advice wasn't hard to do but I shall never forget his words. Anyway, it took some time to get Steve off to hospital. Steve Simmons went in to pinch run and well, he stole, we bunted, he scored. In between there was another out and then another. End of the inning with a one run lead.

Out went the team, highly charged with a lead to protect. Coach Glen Libby looked at me, I looked at Glen. "Did you put him on?" "No" says Glen "Did you?" "No" says I. Up the hill, large as life is rookie Julian Fountain. The most important game of our lives, so far, and a rookie on the mound.

What to do thinks I. With all the confusion neither I nor the coaches had given thought to a relief pitcher. Julian made his first pitch at international level. A ball. Well I thinks, let's leave him, it will destroy his confidence if I take him off now, besides nobody else was warmed up and Steve's condition was uppermost in all our minds. The first batter gets on base - a walk. "Take him off" says coach Libby, "No, leave him" I said. West Germany decide this is their big chance and replace the guy on first with a pinch runner. Well a rabbit really. I had seen this guy in Reading earlier that year playing for Mannheim and he was quick. Obviously their tactic would be to steal him to second, bunt him to 3rd and bunt him home - tie the game at least. So, now 2 - 0 on the next batter and the German takes his lead. Julian, cool as you like makes the perfect move, throws to Dan now on first and Bingo, one out. The next two pitches are also outside the strike zone, so another German is on first. This time the WG tactic is different. Stephan Jeagar is up to bat and jeeze could he hit. Again I had seen him before, this time against Hornets in the Cup of Cups in Belgium. He's going to hit the first strike Julian throws into "never never land" to win the game. Julian begins his motion, half turns and BAM, Dan's got the ball and the runner froze. Two out. Our bench is going wild, the German coaches are going wild, I am open mouthed. He pitches to Jeager, he swings and pops a routine fly down the throats of the outfield. Game, set and match. Julian you hero.

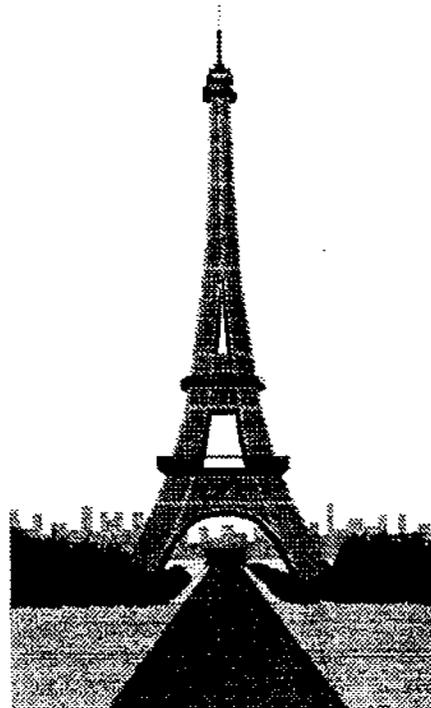
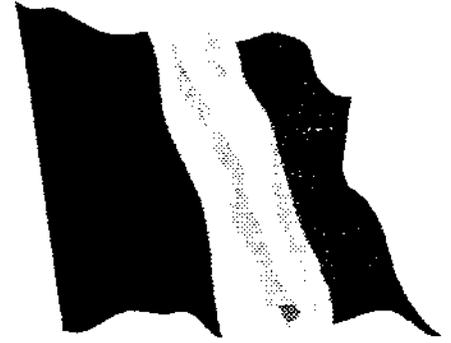
The remarkable thing was the coolness Julian showed - there seemed no emotion at what he'd done, I suppose just his job. The memory will live with me forever.

We stayed in the A Group beating WG again on the way.

By the way, the Sarcelle club had installed flood lights especially for the tournament and before our first game there under lights, having been called to the plate to pass over the line-up said to the chief umpire "These lights are poor, they are so low a line drive will get lost in them, they are dangerous." To which the first base umpire replied "You think so, I am the President of Sarcelle club, do you have better?" Whoops!

There is another story to tell from Paris '89 concerning a certain Japanese TV interview I gave - but that's for another day, maybe.

Mike Harrold
GB Squad Manager



GLORIFIED ROUNDERS

(1874 - 1889)

The Origins of Baseball in Britain

Daniel J Bloyce

The exact origins of baseball have always been highly contested, and consistently debated. Whether it is the invention of Abner Doubleday in 1839 on his ranch in Cooperstown, as suggested by an American Special Commission in 1905, solely appointed to investigate the very question of baseball's origins. Or indeed whether the game owes its origin to a "similar" game which developed in Britain called "rounders".

However, although baseball as an organised sport in America has clearly been discussed and much literature exists in this area, very little is known as to the origins or organised baseball in Britain, despite the fact that the game of baseball has a history over 100 years old in this country.

The first game of baseball that was ever played in England, took place, apparently, on 27 February 1874, on the cricket oval at Lord's Field. It was organised by Albert G Spalding - who later became the Spalding behind the sports goods products - who was in England finalising preparations for the upcoming tour by two American ball teams.

The Boston Red Stockings (became the Braves, and moved to Atlanta) and the Philadelphia Athletics (now Oakland A's) arrived in Liverpool, on 29 July 1874. The purpose of the tour was essentially, according to "The Sportsman" (a well respected sports publication in England), to give the English a practical insight into the workings of baseball.

The tour of 1874, was led by Harry Wright, himself an exiled Englishman living in America when he "decided to fulfil a long cherished desire to introduce the game to his homeland".

There were a total of 14 games in all, in Manchester, Liverpool, London and Dublin, and the Boston side won 8 of the games.

However, the tour was a failure. The response of the British press, was on the whole, totally uninspiring and unimpressed. Baseball, when it actually did get written about was regarded as "glorified rounders" and "from all accounts, baseball's British hosts were polite and at times even complimentary, but they were generally unswayed by the idea that America's game had any lasting future in England".

The tour certainly had failed in its mission to introduce the game into this country, partly due to the fact that the American's agreed to play cricket at each destination on their tour, and this somewhat distracted the attentions of the British people away from the new, and

thus, more confusing game of baseball. In addition, the very fact that very little coverage was given to the tour by the popular press could also indicate to this initial failure.

Indeed the 1874 tour had been so uninspiring that no other baseball, of any significance, was seen in Britain, until 15 years later, when A G Spalding himself, led a tour to England (after months of touring the world), in February 1889. The Chicago White Stockings, and an All American side, played eleven games in their two week stay through England, and also in Belfast, Dublin and Glasgow.

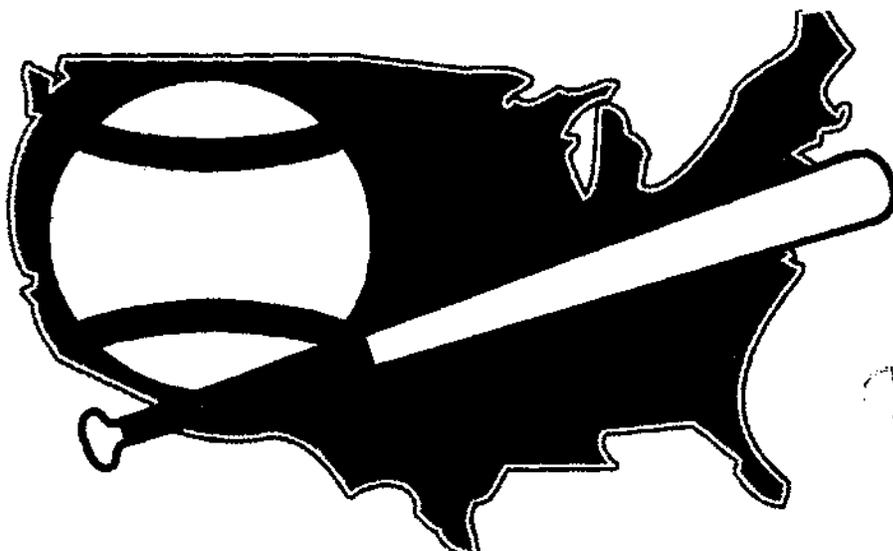
Games were watched by far greater numbers than the previous tour, on occasions over 10,000 spectators were present. In addition, the Prince of Wales was in attendance at a game at the Kennington Oval, Surrey, and W G Grace even watched a game, along with 8,000 others at Lord's Ground.

Despite the fact of the large, and prestigious crowds, baseball was still relatively unpopular with the British press, and was stated as being "as much out of place in England as a nursery frolic in the House of Commons" (Lancashire Evening Post, 14 March 1889).

Yet "the ice had been broken, and the Oval match was talked about. The presence of Royalty helped in a measure, and some Americans who happened at the time to be resident in England - baseball enthusiasts - taught a few English friends how to play" (Wilson, 1898), and the foundations had been set. The National Baseball League of Great Britain was set up on the 9 October 1889, with the intention of furthering the game of baseball in England. "A number of instructors have been located in the principal football centres of Great Britain, and so well have their instructions been followed that at the present time there are quite a number of clubs all but ready to being matches. At Birmingham, Derby, Glasgow and Edinburgh steady progress is being made in ball playing and it is fully expected the by the beginning of June, when football is over, a series of matches will be arranged to be decided at the various centres" (The Sportsman, 3 May 1890).

When June 1890 actually arrived, four teams were to compete for the professional "National Baseball League of Great Britain", Derby, Aston Villa, Preston North End and Stoke.

Next month - the inaugural year of a "National" Baseball League in England. How did baseball fair for the final decade of the 19th century.



REFEREES, UMPIRES AND JUDGES

I am a Little League Baseball Umpire. Although I haven't had much call to work many games here in Scotland, I did manage to work a couple of games when I was back in Williamsport and Minneapolis.

Over the winter, I go to a few soccer League matches. I also have the opportunity to watch kids playing soccer on Saturday mornings for school and other youth organisations.

I must say I am concerned about the way fans at the ball games criticise referees, some becoming explicitly vocal. Even parents bringing children to these games encourage them to 'slag the refs', in the local parlance. A sign of the times, some say. Yet when this behaviour extends to when the kids themselves are playing a soccer game against another school or organisation, 'ref slagging' is totally out of order, whether by spectators, parents or the kids themselves.

I enclose a copy of a letter from a fellow umpire in the US, who expresses these sentiments lucidly. Unfortunately, he did not survive long enough to see any benefits that might have come from what was to be his final letter. I think his letter speaks not only to kids playing Little League, but also to us adults involved in the BBF - have a heart. 'Umping' is a thankless task. They teach you at Umpire School to walk off the side of the winning team, or even to make the last call of the game from your car-phone as the you leave the ground! Jesting aside, merely having someone say "Nice game, blue" after a ballgame really can make our day.

Yours faithfully

Hui-Tai Tan

Glasgow Little League

Editor: Some very valid points, and all those players who are reading this please take note, nobody is perfect.

The following letter was sent to the "Seaford Leader", in Seaford, Delaware:

Dear Parent of Little Leaguers

I'm an umpire. I don't do it for a living, but only on Saturdays and Sundays for fun. I've played the game, coached it and watched it. But, somehow, nothing takes the place of umpiring. Maybe it's because I feel deep down that I'm providing a fair chance for all the kids to play the game without disagreements and arguments.

With all the fun I've had, there is still something that bothers me about my job. Some of you folks don't understand why I'm here. Some of you feel I'm here to exert authority over you son. For that reason, you often yell at me when I make a mistake, or encourage your son to say things that hurt my feelings.

Yet no matter how hard I try, I can't be perfect. I counted the number of calls I made in a six-inning game today. The total number of decisions, including balls and strikes and safes and outs, was 146. I tried my best to get them all right, but I'm sure I missed some. When I figured out my percentage on paper, I could have missed eight calls today and still have gotten 95% of the calls right. In most occupations, that percentage would be considered excellent. If I were in school, that grade would be

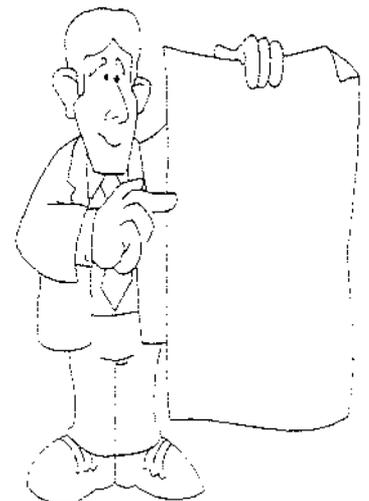
an 'A' for sure. But your demands are higher than that. Let me tell you more about my game today. There was one real close call that ended the game. A runner for the home team was trying to steal the plate on a passed ball. The catcher chased the ball down and threw to the pitcher covering the plate. The pitcher made the tag and I called the runner out. As I was getting my equipment to leave, I overheard one of the parents comment, "It's too bad the kids have to lose games because of rotten umpires. That was one of the lousiest calls I've ever seen." Later, at the concession stand, a couple of kids were telling their friends, "Boy, the umpires were lousy today. They lost the game for us." I just felt terrible when I got home. Here was a group of kids who had made a lot of mistakes which had cost them a number of runs.

As I sit here writing this letter, I am no longer as upset as I was this afternoon. I wanted to quit umpiring, but fortunately, my wife reminded me of another situation that occurred last week. I was umpiring behind the plate for a pitcher who pantomimed his displeasure at any call on a border line pitch that was not in his team's favour. One could sense that he wanted the crowd to realise that he was a fine talented young player who was doing his best to get along, and that I was a black-hearted villain who was working against him. The kid continued acting like this for two innings, while at the same time yelling at his own players who dared to make a mistake.

For two innings, the manager watched this. When the kid returned to the dugout to bat in the top of the third, the manager called him aside. In a voice that I was able to overhear, the lecture went like this: "Listen son, it's time you made a decision. You can be an umpire, an actor or a pitcher. But you can only be one at a time while you are playing for me. Right now it is your job to pitch, and you are basically doing a lousy job. Leave the acting to the actors, the umpiring to the umpires or you won't do any pitching here. Now what's it going to be?" Needless to say, the kid chose the pitching route and went on to win the game. When the game was over, the kid followed me to my car. Fighting his hardest to keep back the tears, he apologised for his actions and thanked me for umpiring the game. He said he had learnt a lesson he would never forget. I can't help wondering how many more fine young men are missing their chance to develop into outstanding ball players because their parents encourage them to spend time umpiring, rather than working harder to play the games as it should be played.

Donald Jensen

NOTE: The author of the letter, Donald Jensen, was struck in the head by a thrown bat while umpiring a Little League Baseball game in Terra Haute, Indiana. Although he finished working the game, he later entered hospital and wrote this letter while there overnight for observation. The following morning, he died from brain concussion.





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LEAGUE TABLES

Wins Losses Games Back

BBF NATIONAL PREMIER LEAGUE SOUTH

Bedford Chicksands Indians	15	5	
Brighton Buccaneers	11	9	4
Milton Keynes Truckers	10	10	5
Essex Arrows	10	10	5
Hounslow Rangers	9	11	6
Crawley Comets	5	15	10

BBF SOUTH - DIVISION ONE WEST

Bristol Black Sox	10	5	
City Slick Sidewinders	8	7	2
Gloster Meteors	7	8	3
Hemel Red Sox	7	8	3
Stevenage Knights	6	9	4
Totteridge Trailblazers	4	11	6

BBF SOUTH - DIVISION ONE EAST

Arun Panthers	12	2	
Gillingham Dodgers	10	4	2
Croydon Pirates	7	7	5
Tunbridge Wells Royals	5	9	7
Bournemouth B's	3	11	9

BBF SOUTH - DIVISION TWO EAST

Reading Royals	11	3	
Hounslow Hawks	10	4	1
Burgess Hill Red Hats	9	5	2
Lashings Sluggers of Maidstone	8	6	3
Guildford Mavericks	7	7	4
Caterham A's	6	8	5
Chichester Titans	4	10	7
Waltham Abbey Cardinals	1	13	10

BBF SOUTH - DIVISION THREE EAST

Tiptree Hotspots Rays	12	0	
London Wolves	10	2	2
Bracknell Blazers	6	6	6
Brighton Buccaneers B	4	8	8
Hounslow Sentinels	5	7	7
Fulham Flames	3	9	9
Tunbridge Wells Wanderers	2	10	10

Wins Losses Games Back

BBF NATIONAL PREMIER LEAGUE NORTH

Humberside Mets	10	2	
Leeds City Royals	6	6	4
Nottingham Hornets	5	7	5
Humberside Warriors	3	9	7

BBF NORTH - ENGLAND DIVISION ONE

Liverpool Trojans	12	2	
Menwith Hill Pirates	10	4	2
Liverpool Tigers	9	5	3
Hull Giants	9	5	3
Hull Royals	6	7	5.5
Hull Mets	5	9	7
Barnsley Strikers	5	9	7
Sheffield Bladerunners	0	14	12

BBF NORTH - ENGLAND DIVISION TWO

Stretford A's	9	3	
Durham Demons	7	5	2
Leeds City Royals II	7	5	2
Preston Bobcats	7	5	2
Cumbria Lakers	0	12	9

BBF NORTH - SCOTLAND DIVISION ONE

West Lothian Wildcats	11	1	
Glasgow Comets	9	3	2
Dundee Dodgers	7	5	4
Clyde Valley Knights	6	6	5
Tayside Cobras II	5	7	6
Edinburgh Reivers	4	8	7
Dalriada Demons	0	12	11

CRYPTIC QUIZ

(compiled by Will Cosgrave)

Can you name these BBF Teams?

1. Riverside Fighters?
2. Swarming Midlanders?
3. English Channel Pirates?
4. Western Shooting Stars?
5. Greek Scousers?
6. Regal Spa Dwellers?
7. Lofty Humbersiders?
8. Sussex Felines?
9. Yorkshire Lads Cut Feet?
10. Kent Big Hitters?
11. Cathedral City Spirits?
12. Surrey Alpha's?
13. Scottish Snakes?
14. Essex Sunshine Club?
15. Capital City Pillagers?
16. Fiery Londoners?
17. South Midlands Redskins?
18. Anglian Travellers?
19. West London Look Outs?
20. Armoured Scots?

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A WINTER OF PAIN?

The members of the GB Senior winter training squad will be subjected to a scientific approach to their off-season programme. Meeting for the first time on 21 November, they will be put through a series of physiological tests, assessed and given a winter training programme with set targets. Follow-up tests will be measured in January and March with those failing short admonished or cut.

The British Olympic Association have appointed a physiologist, a nutritionist and a physiotherapist to advise the squad in each field to improve the individuals ability to succeed. A special programme to improve running and speed will also be given to each squad member.

Plans are underway for a Sports Science Support Programme (SSSP) funded by the Sports Council and monitored by the National Coaching Foundation, to operate at some time from 1994 onward.

Thirty one players will report to Leeds to enter a "New World" of support (pain?). At the end we expect each of the squad to be in a better physical and mental shape to start the 1994

campaign. Each player will be charged with passing on to his club the benefit of his new experience. Follow up reports and advice to all BBF members and players will appear in future editions of Brit-Ball.



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California Angels Come To Town

Following on from the success of last year's coaching clinic, when the Toronto Blue Jays rolled in to town, the California Angels coaching staff are scheduled to arrive on our shores at the end of January next year. From Friday 28 January to Sunday 30 January 1994, the BBF in partnership with Major League Baseball International, will be hosting the Second Annual UK Baseball Clinic at the United States International University in Bushey, Hertfordshire. The event, which proved an outstanding success last year when over 300 BBF members attended, will combine the coaching expertise of 292 game winner and twice World Series Winner, Bert Blyleven and Sam Suplizio, an outfield instructor for the Angels organisation.

Also in attendance will be trainer, Mark Letendre and Buck Rogers, the California Angels manager and of course, one of Major League Baseball's most respected coaches Bill Arce.

This year's clinic is open to all players over the age of 16. Juniors and umpires should not be deterred by this. We are at present negotiating with Major League Baseball to hold specific junior and umpiring clinics during the 1994 season; the junior clinics being held in the north and south of the country to

cut down on travelling.

The senior programme starts on Friday night with registration commencing at 5.00pm with the opening ceremony starting at 7.00pm. This year's clinic differs greatly

from last year when the major criticism was that there was no "hands on" coaching. The BBF relayed the feedback to MLB which has resulted in a revised programme for 1994.

At selected times throughout the weekend, groups of no more than 20 people, will receive "hands on" coaching from the pros. These groups will be selected from BBF Registered teams and members who have registered and paid for the clinic prior to 15 December 1993. Therefore, if every team in the country attended, two people from each team would be able to listen to how things are done in the big leagues. These sessions will run simultaneously with the main lectures, and therefore it is a good idea if every team sent at least three people as you obviously can't be everywhere at once!

In another change from last year's schedule, the Saturday night will see all the clinicians as guests of honour at the BBF

Dinner. A bar will be provided, and at a cost of £6.50 for the meal, this will prove excellent



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value for money. If you wish you can just attend the BBF Dinner but with places limited to 250 people, priority will obviously go to those who are in attendance at the clinic. If any of the speakers are half as good as Bob Didier from the Blue Jays was last year, we are in for a great time.

The cost to this year's clinic will be £20 for BBF members, £30 for non-members who book before 1 December 1993 and £25 for BBF members, £35 for non-members after that date.

If you are interested in accommodation in the Bushey area, then contact the local Tourist Information on 081 207 2277 who will send you details on Bed and Breakfast accommodation in the area.

Unfortunately, there will be no accommodation available on campus this year.

What do you have to do next? Complete the booking form in this issue of Britball and send it with your cheque to the address at the bottom of the registration form. The closing date for bookings is Friday 21 January 1994.



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This Gymnasium and Batting Cage Schedule is to run simultaneously and in conjunction with the Main Hall Schedule. The Groups will be chosen from BBF Registered Teams and members who have registered and paid for the clinic prior to 15 December 1993. Groups will be no more than 20 players for this 'hands on' coaching.

Friday 28 January

GYMNASIUM AND BATTING TUNNEL

9:00pm

Suplizio - Correcting Mistakes in Hitting - Group 1

Saturday 29 January

9:00am

Suplizio - Hitting Techniques - GB Seniors

10:00am

Blyleven - Pitching Techniques - GB Seniors (2 hours)

11:00am

Suplizio - Hitting Techniques - GB Juniors (Tunnel)

12:00 noon

Lunch

1:30pm

Blyleven - Pitching - GB Juniors and Cadets

2:30pm

Suplizio - Hitting - GB Cadets

3:30pm

Break

4:00pm

Blyleven - Pitching - Group 2

6:00pm

Break

7:30pm

BBF Banquet

Sunday 30 January

9:00am

Blyleven - Pitching - Group 3 (Gym)

9:00am

Suplizio - Hitting - Group 4 (Tunnel)

10:00am

Suplizio - Hitting - Group 5 (Tunnel)

11:00am

Blyleven - Pitching - Group 6 (Gym)

11:00am

Suplizio - Hitting - Group 7 (Tunnel)

12:00 noon

Lunch

1:00pm

Blyleven - Pitching - Group 8 (Gym)

2:00pm

Blyleven - Pitching - Group 9 (Gym)

3:00pm

Closing Ceremony

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Friday 28 January	MAIN HALL
5:00pm	Registration
7:00pm	Opening Ceremony
8:00pm	Suplizio's Absolutes of Winning, Hitting and Correcting Mistakes
9:00pm	Blyleven's Basics: Fastball, Change-up, Breaking Ball and Slider (Technique and Drills)
Saturday 29 January	MAIN HALL
9:00am	Setting Up The Hitter and Why The Fastball Needs The Curveball - Blyleven
10:00am	Winning Hitting - An Aggressive Approach - Suplizio
11:00am	Pre-season Conditioning - Trainer
12:00 noon	Lunch break
1:30pm	Positioning The Defense and Cut-offs and Relays -Suplizio
2:30pm	A Pitcher's Perspective on Catching - Blyleven
3:30pm	Break
4:00pm	Tips on Steals and Double Steals Including 1st and 3rd Situations - Suplizio
5:00pm	Actions and Attitudes Necessary for Better Baseball in the UK - Arce, Blyleven and Suplizio
6:00pm	Break
7:30pm	BBF Banquet and After Dinner Speakers: Buck Rogers, Bill Arce, Bert Blyleven, Sam Suplizio (Dining Hall)
Sunday 30 January	MAIN HALL
9:00am	Weight Training and In Season Conditioning
10:00am	Correcting Pitchers; Problems and Mistakes - Blyleven
11:00am	The Coaching Box - Baserunners NEED Help From The Base Coaches: How and Why! - Arce
12:00 noon	Lunch Break
1:00pm	Practice Routines for Individual, Group and Team Development - Suplizio
2:00pm	Bunting: Sacrifice, Squeeze and Basehit - Suplizio
3:00pm	Closing Ceremony

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I would like to participate in the 1994 Coaching Clinic

Name _____

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