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Catchers:

Equipment: Landscape rake, small hand drag, small nail board, packing cell and tamp.

Task: Remove all clay from batter's box, lightly water, tamp, spike drag and smooth drag and cover with tarp.

Middle Infielders:

Equipment: Landscape rakes, stiff push broom, small drag

Task: Remove second base, place in base plug, level area around base, sweep grass edges, use small drag next to grass edge.

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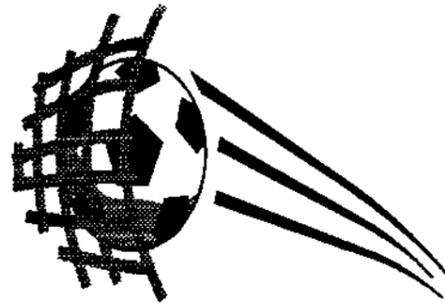
It's All My Fault!

For those of you whose wife or girlfriend moans when you go to baseball on a Sunday, what would she say if when you took her on holiday you went to 10 sporting events in 21 days?

Not that I didn't already know that my wife, Wendy, was the most tolerant woman in the world, but faced with this she never batted an eyelid as we flew out to Boston, USA in June to watch the World Cup and the Boston Red Sox.

My brother lives on Cape Cod which is about 60 miles south of Boston and had arranged for us to rent a house for the duration of our stay. This was a sports fans dream holiday; five World Cup games and five baseball games. Our house was situated in Sandwich and boasted its own Babe Ruth baseball diamond. This facility, which was probably basic compared to most US community fields, would put most diamonds to shame over here. Not only did it have floodlights but it also had a clubhouse with built in fastfood outlet, electronic scoreboard, sprinkler system, tannoy, bullpens, adequate seating, regulation backstop and full

permanent outfield fence. All this was for the local 13-14yr old league. Every time we passed the diamond a game seemed to be in progress; morning, afternoon and night. Many a night we stopped there to watch the kids play on the way back from a day trip.



Our first World Cup game was Greece vs Argentina with the kick-off at 12pm. My brother, brother-in-law, sister-in-law and myself set off to travel the 40 odd miles to the ground at 8.00am so that we could beat the traffic. I usually moan when I go to Grimsby Town that I have to stand in the cold for an hour before the game so to set off four hours early was ridiculous! Anyway we arrived at Foxboro and after paying \$20 dollars to park (rip-off) we parked next to the only other car that was there. We got out of the car and the first people we bump into were Coventry fans (well you can't win them all!).

9am and it must be time for a beer. One of the great traditions of American sporting events is tailgating. Barbecues and beer before the game. I can't imagine doing this in November in Grimsby though. We eventually made our way up to the stadium and seeing as we had fought a war with the Argies we decided we would

support Greece. After a mimed performance from the B-52's and the usual razzmatazz associated with opening ceremonies the game kicked off before a capacity crowd of 50000 plus.

To say Greece were pathetic was an understatement. An equivalent would have been the Montreal Expos against the Hesse Astros! Argentina tore them to shreds and after Argentina's third goal our shouts of 'Hellas! Hellas!' somehow changed to 'Argentina! Argentina!' One thing in favour of the Greeks was there imagination when it came to banners. Not only did most fans have them inside the stadium, but some businessmen had hired planes to fly over the ground trailing messages. The pick of the bunch had to be 'Maradonna is a Primadonna' Our next game was Argentina vs Nigeria and again we decided

supporting the underdog. Nigeria were robbed because they failed to cheat like Argentina. The Eagles, who aren't renowned for the subtle tackling skills received nine cards of various colours and not one of them was wishing anyone a Happy Birthday! Final Score Argentina 2 Nigeria 1

The other beauty of a holiday in the US is the Sport on TV. Baseball every night. Absolute heaven. However, not only was I going to watch it on TV but had tickets for Fenway as well.

Monday 27 June saw the first game of the three game stand. The Boston Red Sox vs the New York Yankees at Fenway. Watching the Red Sox four years previously had got me hooked on baseball and as I took my seats along the third baseline I was grinning from ear to ear. Jimmy Key pitched vs: 13 win with Boggs, Tartabull and hitting one out as they apt the Red Sox aside. The atmosphere at a game has to be experienced. Fenway Franks (dogs), beer, icecream and professional baseball; the perfect combination. Great entertainment for 6 ticket.

Next night saw me at Fenway. This time Roger Clemens started and the Red Sox lost. This was the Green Monster and smashing body's windscreen into the net. The following night the Sox er Butch Hobson was ejected hitting an umpire. If I had been as it appeared he was going off for quite a while before contact.

I had been to five events and the team we supported had lost. The Kiss Of Death striking us. We finally got to see Nigeria score 2-0 but this didn't count as we had beaten Greece on my

thought, if we go to an event we won't curse anyone. I went to see the

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Yarmouth-Dennis Red Sox in a Cape Cod League game. The Cape Cod League is one of the few amateur leagues where the players use wooden bats. 80% of the players go on to the professional ranks with Carlton Fisk an ex-Cape Cod player. When we arrived the game was tied at 3-3 in the tenth. Would I get to see a Red Sox team win eventually. No, you guessed it! The end of the game saw a 10-3 scoreline in favour of the opposition.

Saturday we watched Nigeria being robbed by Italy by a score of 2-1 as Baggio set up a quarter final clash against Spain.

Wednesday was baseball again, this time versus the California Angels. Six home runs later and at 9.50pm we decided to leave in the eighth inning as it was too hot with the temperature being 92 degrees! Angels 10 Red Sox 3

Thursday was my final baseball game. The Seattle Mariners were in town and Randy Johnson started against Aaron

Sele. Griffey homered his 33rd of the season but Boston led 3-1 in the ninth inning and surely at last I was to see a victory. Of course not. The Mariners tied it up in the ninth and won the game 4-3 in the tenth. Why, oh, why, Hobson removed Sele in the eighth



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was beyond everyone. As well as having a seventh inning stretch we also had a tenth inning stretch sitting right behind homeplate in seats vacated by disgruntled Red Sox fans. I now know what it is like to face the pitching of Randy Johnson! Take a bat and some toilet paper.

The chances of me going to five Red Sox games and them losing them all was pretty remote however the atmosphere and the chance to see some great names was well worth it. Boggs, Tartabull, Key, Mattingly, Cooper, Vaughn, Clemens, Johnson, Griffey Jr, Snow, Dawson, and the rest, all made it an experience I will never forget.

The following evening we watched the Red Sox Mariners game on TV. Guess what? Yep, the Red Sox won. But it gets worse not only did they win but for the first time in fifteen years they hit three home runs in one inning and to top it all off with runners on first and second, Boston shortstop John Valentin snared a line drive, stepped on second base and then tagged the runner coming towards him for the unassisted triple-play in Major League history!

Within the next eight hours we would be flying back to England however there is still one more football game to fit in. The quarter-final between Italy and Spain. The King of Spain was at the game and I nearly went and apologised to him at the end as once again we had supported the loser. Italy didn't deserve to win that one either and I must admit I jumped for joy when Baggio missed his penalty against Brazil.

We arrived back in England and back to the mountain of mail that had arrived whilst we had been away. It was an amazing holiday and one I shall never forget. Remember if there are any two horse races you want to bet on then just ask me for my tip and put your money on the other horse.

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The Olympics Come To Great Britain

In 1991, the first European Youth Olympic Days (EYOD) were staged in Brussels, Belgium following the successful mini Olympic competition for youth in 1987 in Holland. The original concept was expanded by the Association of European National Olympics Committees (AENOC) to include all affiliated European countries. The second EYOC was staged in 1993 in Valkenswaard, Holland and in 1995 Great Britain will be the hosts.

Bath was selected to host the 1995 EYOC from an original list of 17 cities throughout England and the competition will take place from 9-14 July 1995. The Olympic flame will be lit in Olympia and brought to Bath where it will burn for the duration of the games. A cultural and educational programme will run alongside the sporting competition with the schools



of Bath heavily involved.

The age of the athletes will range from 12 to 18 depending on the sport. The events will include the following sports: Athletics, Basketball, Cycling, Gymnastics, Handball, Hockey, Judo, Swimming, Tennis and Volleyball. Baseball applied to participate but was turned down. So far 47 of the 48

as to who will host the 1997 EYOC has not been made but I suggest the BBF make representations to the host country (when known) to ensure baseball is included.

Mike Harrold
Great Britain Team Manager

AENOC countries have agreed to send teams for some or all of the sports, Bosnia Herzegovina being the exception. It should be a marvellous sporting occasion and should be put into your diary now and given your full support. The decision

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LEAGUE LEADERS

Thanks to Gerry Walmsley, Clive Maude and Brian Holland for their work in compiling the following statistics. Because of their time and effort we are able to take a detailed look at who did what around the leagues in the 1994 season. See if you can spot your name amongst the league leaders. If your not featured then make sure your scorer attends the BBF Scoring Clinics in the near future and also make sure that your team send their completed scoresheets in on time next season.

NATIONAL PREMIER LEAGUE

Runs

- M Vickers (Humberside) 36
- N Read (Humberside) 35
- R Brownlie (Humb Mets/Leeds) 34

Hits

- A Maltby (Humberside) 39
- L Mayfield (Hounslow) 37
- P Edwards (Hounslow) 33

Doubles

- R Brownlie (Leeds / Humb Mets) 12
- R Luchterhand (Essex) 10
- L Mayfield (Hounslow) 9

Triples

- K Pickston (Essex) 4
- L Mayfield (Hounslow) 3
- S Smith (Nottingham) 3

Home Runs

- R Brownlie (Leeds / Humb Mets) 6
- 4 Players Tied 3

RBIs

- R Brownlie (Leeds / Humb Mets) 32
- L Mayfield (Hounslow) 24
- S Sewell (Nottingham) 23

Stolen Bases

- I Field (Crawley) 50
- P Edwards (Hounslow) 31
- John Pearce (Crawley) 30



- ### Slugging
- R Brownlie (Leeds / Humb Mets) 1.073
 - R Luchterhand (Essex) 1.071
 - S Sewell (Nottingham) .860
- ### Batting Average
- L Mayfield (Hounslow) .521
 - A Maltby (Humb Mets) .520
 - R Brownlie (Leeds / Humb Mets) .509
- ### Innings Pitched
- M Godsall (Liverpool) 104
 - D Butler (Humb Warriors) 80.2
 - M Mills (Crawley) 79
- ### Base on Balls
- D Butler (Humb Warriors) 102
 - S Sewell (Nottingham) 69
 - G Marshall (Leeds) 64
- ### Strike Outs
- D Butler (Humb Warriors) 103
 - M Sawyer (Bristol) 94
 - M Godsall (Liverpool) 91
- ### Wins/Losses
- S Sewell (Nottingham) 7-1
 - D Knight (Hounslow) 7-1
 - M Stephenson (Humb Mets) 6-0
- ### Earned Run Average (min 45 innings)
- G Marshall (Leeds) 2.53
 - D Knight (Hounslow) 2.55
 - P Raybould (Essex) 2.75

NORTHERN CONFERENCE Division One-England

Runs

- C Edgar (Liverpool) 19
- G Bassey (Liverpool) 17
- M King (Liverpool) 17

Hits

- M King (Liverpool) 20
- C Edgar (Liverpool) 18
- I Asquith (Hull Mets) 16

Doubles

- G Bassey (Liverpool) 5
- A Smith (Hull Royals) 5
- A Whittaker (Hull Royals) 4

Triples

- K Wells (Menwith) 4
- M King (Liverpool) 2
- Bellote (Menwith) 2

Home Runs

- K Kushner (Stretford) 3
- G McQueen (Bamsley) 2
- M King (Liverpool) 2

RBIs

- M King (Liverpool) 24
- C Edgar (Liverpool) 14
- G Bassey (Liverpool) 13

Stolen Bases

- A Wiltshire (Hull Royals) 16
- G Bassey (Liverpool) 15
- S Smith (Liverpool) 14

Batting Average

- A Smith (Hull Royals) .556
- A Wiltshire (Hull Royals) .536
- A Wiltshire (Hull Mets) .516



Innings Pitched

- R Alger (Liverpool) 55.2
- A Wiltshire (Hull Royals) 43.1
- I Asquith (Hull Mets) 40

Base on Balls

- R Alger (Liverpool) 56
- I Asquith (Hull Mets) 52
- M King (Liverpool) 46

Strikeouts

- R Alger (Liverpool) 67
- K Kushner (Stretford) 58
- M Arildt (Menwith) 49

Wins/Losses

- M Arildt (Menwith Hull) 5-0
- R Alger (Liverpool) 4-3
- M King (Liverpool) 3-1

Earned Run Average (min. 27 innings)

- M Arildt (Menwith Hill) 1.85
- R Alger (Liverpool) 5.17
- M King (Liverpool) 6.23

NORTHERN CONFERENCE Division Two-England

Runs

- S Atack (Preston) 25
- B Agnew (Preston) 24
- A Howarth (Preston) 24

Hits

- B Agnew (Preston) 24
- S Atack (Preston) 24
- L Morrill (Hessle) 19

Doubles

- P Howarth (Preston) 6
- A Howarth (Preston) 5

Triples

- B Agnew (Preston) 5
- L Morrill (Hessle) 2
- R Fletcher (Hessle) 2

Home Runs

- D Mullen (Preston) 3
- R Fletcher (Hessle) 2
- S Arnold (Newark) 2

RBIs

- P Howarth (Preston) 20
- S Atack (Preston) 16
- B Agnew (Preston) 15

Stolen Bases

- B Agnew (Preston) 35
- P Howarth (Preston) 33
- S Atack (Preston) 27

Batting Average

- L Morrill (Hessle) .594
- R Fletcher (Hessle) .536
- B Agnew (Preston) .490

Innings Pitched

- A Howarth (Preston) 64.2
- D Liwoshko (Newark) 21.2
- S Akester (Hessle) 19.2

Base on Balls

- A Howarth (Preston) 67
- R Fletcher (Hessle) 31
- S Akester (Hessle) 23

Strikeouts

- A Howarth (Preston) 62
- D Liwoshko (Newark) 25
- D Mullen (Preston) 21

Wins/Losses

- A Howarth (Preston) 5-3
- D Liwoshko (Newark) 4-0
- Padbury (Leeds) 2-0

Earned Run Average (min. 27 innings)

- D Liwoshko (Newark) 3.73
- A Howarth (Preston) 7.27
- S Akester (Hessle) 16.93

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Divisions

Batters (min. 49 plate appearances)

- trman (Norwich) .654
- ns (Hemel) .580
- (Norwich) .571

Pitchers (min. 49 innings)

- s (Hemel) 1.46
- nness (Hemel) 4.58
- i (Tunbridge) 4.97

Runs

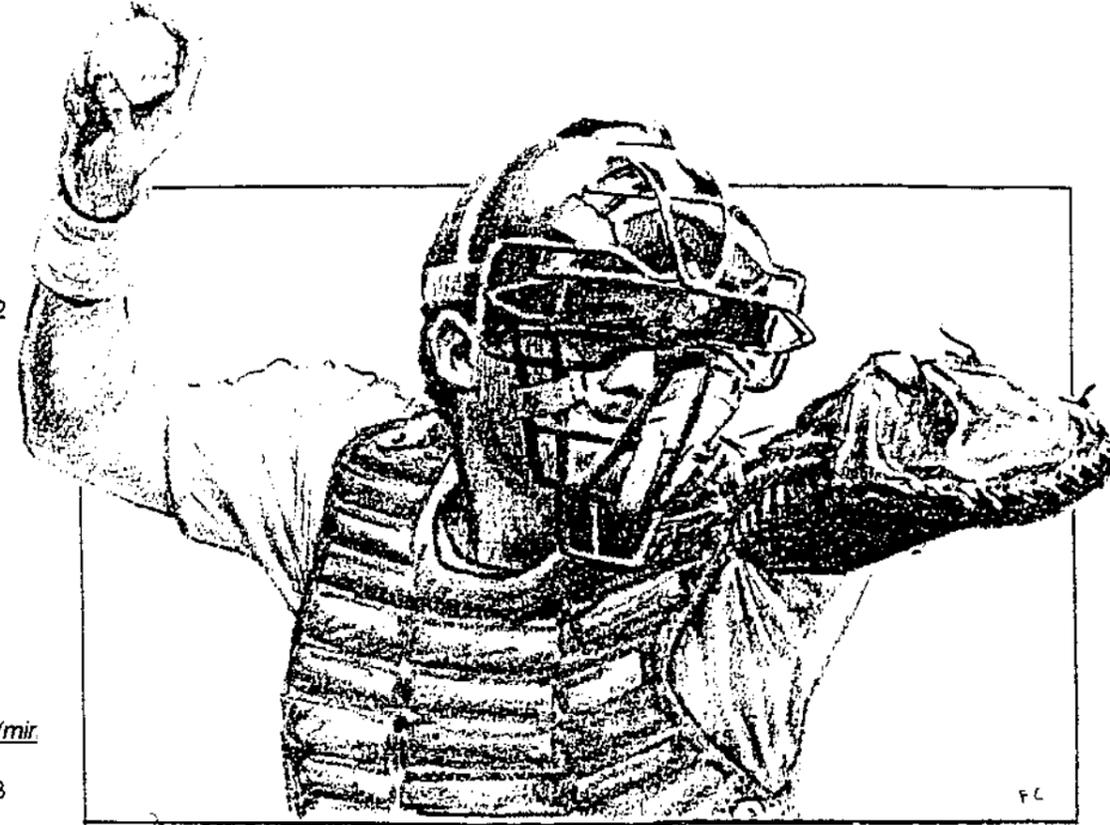
- (Hemel) 15
- s (Hemel) 5
- a (Norwich) 4

COMPETITION CORNER

last months puzzles:

Count Conundrum

- Answer: Eleven
- 0-1, 0-2
- 1-0, 1-1, 1-2
- 2-0, 2-1, 2-2
- 3-0, 3-1, 3-2



Run Riddle

Answers:

- Line Drive
- Stole Base
- Wild Throw
- Sacrifice

Why not have a go at this month's puzzles, devised this month by Frank Caunce of Preston Bobcats, whose excellent drawing of a catcher features above.

MINOR LEAGUE ANAGRAMS

Have fun solving these cryptic anagrams. They are pretty obscure and will see how much you now about US Minor League teams.

- Yo, Ban Last Place 6,8
- 'E Sold The Mound 6,7
- I.E. Cool Plate Person 9,8
- L.A. Fags Slid Home 5,5,4
- Such Fiery Cases 8,6
- Record Three Swings 9,3,5
- Cutest Smile 2,5,4
- Its A Super Nine Pal 9,7
- Slim Gal's Bunt Sign 8,8
- Lil Sure Did Love RBIS 10,8

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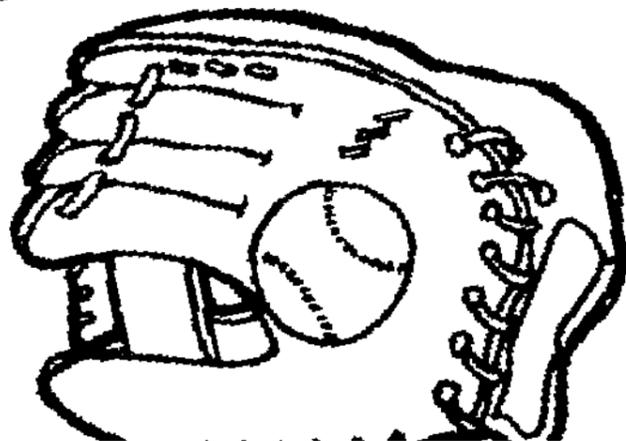
The first year of the North West Little League has come to a close and the following teams have taken a full part in the 1994 programme.

**Preston Panthers, Trafford Saints,
Kirkby Braves, West Houghton
Warriors, Holy Family Secondary
School, Cumbria Valley Lions.**

A final game between the Cumbria Valley Lions and the Kirkby Braves took place at the Lions home ground on 17 September. After a titanic struggle the Lions won 12-11 in the sixth inning. This game was truly in the spirit in which the League has been played.

Each team in the NW League has played all the other teams both home and away. All teams have in 1994 played more baseball in one season than ever before. In this first season there has been one clear winner, the Trafford Saints. A clean sheet of straight wins has made them undisputed Champions. Runners up were West Houghton Warriors.

This result was equally reflected in that of the tournament held in Kirkby on 16 July 1994. Five of the Leagues six teams took part with an additional All-Stars team being added to complete two leagues of three. On what was,



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the words of one American visitor, a California weather da... the tournament was played in cracking sunshine. The venue was split between the Kirkby Stadium at Millbrook Junior School. The Saints carved up the opposition in League one at the stadium. In League two a pretty even struggle between the Panthers, Braves and Warriors took place. The Warriors eventually beat off Braves challenge running out 12-9 victors. The final was well organised by supporting managers and participants. I have received a great deal of action from my years in baseball registration. The Federation will go from strength to strength in the future.

As for next year, this column will contain details of progress. The North West Little League is interested in any teams forming in our area. We hope for closer ties (0 ties!!!) with senior teams in the North West of England.

Thanks to the following people for the time and effort given to the 1994.

Frank Caunce (Preston Panthers)
Ted Fearon (Cumbria Valley Lions)
Mal Hudson (Holy Family Secondary School)
Ron Stidham (West Houghton Warriors)
Arthur Kendall (Trafford Saints)
Plus their teams, coaches, umpires and supporters.

Peter Dyer
President of the North West Little League

Letters

Dear Kevin

I am writing to inform the board that I will not be standing for re-election to the Board at the Annual General Meeting.

I have thought this matter over carefully and feel that with other projects over the next few years, I cannot devote the necessary time to this position.

I would take this opportunity of thanking my fellow directors and the membership of the Federation for their assistance and good wishes over the years. I have received a great deal of action from my years in baseball registration.

The Federation will go from strength to strength in the future.

I am sure that everyone you a long and happy future. Thank you for the time and effort you have given British

is John Straits and I am in playing for a team in the 1995 Season.

and baseball all my life and I am knowledgeable about the conditions that occur, and what is included in my various leagues ranging from

collegiate to a semi-professional team in the National Baseball Congress League in Orange County, California.

I am currently a student assistant coach at Mississippi State University (a University in the Southeastern Conference, one of the most respected conferences in the nation) helping players with fundamental baseball skills.

Yours in sport
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Editor: If anyone would like John's full resume then please contact me at Head Office.

Dear Sir

My name is Pete Yarasavich and I have been a player in Holland for the past three seasons.

After this past year I have decided to look into other opportunities for myself. This is why I am contacting you at this point in time. I am interested to play in your National Premier League as well as other opportunities that may exist at maybe an international Coaching level. I am 25 years old and a catcher. My stats for the last three seasons are on average:

Games 39: Ave. .395: Hits 77: HR 13: RBI 75

I am also a scout with the Atlanta Braves and wish to scout talent in that area as well.

Thank you
Pete Yarasavich
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Calling all baseball fans!

I am a fashion student studying somewhere in Bournemouth and I am wondering if there are any kind hearted people out there who can help me.

As part of my course, I am writing an essay on the humble baseball cap and

I need information. My research will cover the history, design, and the people behind baseball caps, and the rise of the cap from its humble beginnings to its position as a fashion accessory on today's streets.

If there is anyone out there who can provide me with names and addresses or information on any aspect of the baseball cap, then I would be eternally grateful. If you could write to me at the following address.

Yours
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To all European Federations and Club Teams

I am trying to organise a winter baseball programme for 25 players and 5 coaches from around Europe. I am at present a MLB Envoy Coach.

The camp will take place in either Arizona, California, or Florida in February. The camp will be two weeks and will include training in the mornings with games in the afternoons. These games would be played with local college teams and professional training teams, which would be seen by college coaches and Major League professional scouts.

There would also be time for sightseeing. The cost has yet to be determined.

The minimum cost for each player and coach would be airfare. All costs will be determined and depend on the level of sponsorship of the programme.

This letter is only to establish the interest in such a camp. If any players or coaches are interested please write to the address given below and include the following information.

1. Name and address and telephone number.

2. Which teams you play for and what positions you play.

3. Age

4. Preference of Arizona, California, or Florida.

5. Any questions you may have.

Please respond to
Geoff Samuels

840 Lana Court, Campbell, California, USA, 95008

When more information becomes available, all who reply will be notified.

SO NEAR BUT YET SO FAR.....

This August, the Great Britain Senior Squad travelled to Slovenia to compete in the 1994 European Championships B Pool.

When a team finishes with a five win, one loss record you would expect them to be happy and be looking forward to promotion to the A Pool. Especially when you consider that their record was the same as the winners of the tournament. However, this was not the case and because of the draw, Great Britain were placed in the strongest group and failed to gain promotion because of the outcome of one game. They were eventually denied a top spot because of run difference and finished seventh out of thirteen.

Things started well for GB when they crushed Bulgaria 18-3 in their opening game. Ray Brownlie took the win on the mound giving up four hits over seven innings. Frank Parker went 2 for 4 with four rbis and three runs and Mark Vickers went 3 for 5 with three runs and one rbi.

Game two turned out to be the undoing of the trip as GB were soundly beaten 20-5 by the Ukraine team who went on to win the tournament overall. Eighteen players were used to try to stem the flow of runs but nightmare third and sixth innings proved to be the undoing. Steve Sewell took the loss.

In game three, Switzerland were dispatched by a 16-2 scoreline with Martin Godsall giving up four hits, no earned runs and walking no-one. Once again the bat of Frank Parker provided three rbis.

The final group game was against Slovakia with Martin Sawyer taking the win and again giving up no earned runs and walking only one batter as GB ran out 13-3 winners. Ray Brownlie went 3 for 4 with three runs and one rbi. This left GB in third position after their group games with both themselves, Ukraine and Switzerland all finishing with a three win, one loss record. The fact that relegated GB to third spot was runs conceded versus tying teams. Therefore the heavy loss against Ukraine meant GB were resigned to play-off for the seventh to ninth places. They met Norway in the first game of these play-offs and ran out 11-1 winners with Matt Gilbert going 3 for 5 with two runs and four rbis and Jim Pearce also going 3 for 4 with two runs. Martyn Dutton took the win as he pitched a two hitter.

In their final game of the tournament GB faced Poland and won 19-7 with Gavin Marshall taking the win. Ray Brownlie went 3 for 5 with three runs and four rbis, James Pearce went 3 for 4 with two rbis and Mark Vickers also went 3 for 5 with three runs and two rbis.

At the end of the tournament, the overall statistics for all the teams competing spoke volumes where the final placings could not. Ray Brownlie

hit the most home runs with six, he finished fourth in the slugging average, whilst team mate Joe Yamold finished second in stolen bases and both Martin Godsall and Martin Sawyer finished joint second in the pitching with 0.00 ERA with Martyn Dutton finishing overall fourth again with a 0.00 ERA.

GB Manager was very disappointed with the overall result. Seventh place did not reflect our true placing. Several coaches, some MBLI Envoys, from other countries said we were in the top three and could well have won the tournament. We had the best pitching strength in depth. To finish seventh because of one bad result is not baseball. The format was poor. We did not play a single nine inning game throughout the tournament and every game GB won was by ten runs or more. The BBF will be making representations to CEB to look at the format so that next time a team finishes with the same win/loss record as the overall winners they too will be promoted.

The final placings were:

Wins Losses
 Ukraine 5 1
 Slovenia 4 1
 Croatia 3 2
 Lithuania 4 1
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8.30pm	Gym	Manufacturing Runs - Hit and Run, Bunting and Stealing	Maddon
9.30pm	Gym	Pre-season Conditioning - Individual and Squad	Schneider
10.30pm	Mitchall Hall	Drinks	

Saturday 21 January

9.00am	Gym	Practice Organisation - 2 hour outdoor session	Maddon
10.00am	Gym	Practice Organisation - 2 hour indoor session	Duncan
11.30am	Cripps	Youth Baseball	Abe Key
12.00 noon		Lunch	
1.30pm	Cripps	In-season Conditioning	Schneider
2.00pm	Cripps	Pitching and Working the Count	Duncan
2.00pm	Gym	Batting Fundamentals	Maddon
3.00pm	Cripps	Managing	Arce
4.00pm	Gym	Infield Drills	Maddon
5.00pm	Cripps	Hitting, Stance, Swing, Philosophy and Corrections	Duncan & Arce
6.30pm		Break	
8.00pm	Mitchell Hall	Dinner	

Sunday 22 January

10.00am	Cripps	Coaching Box - Baserunners NEED Help from Coaches	Arce
10.00am	Gym	Fielding Fundamentals by Position (Infield)	Maddon
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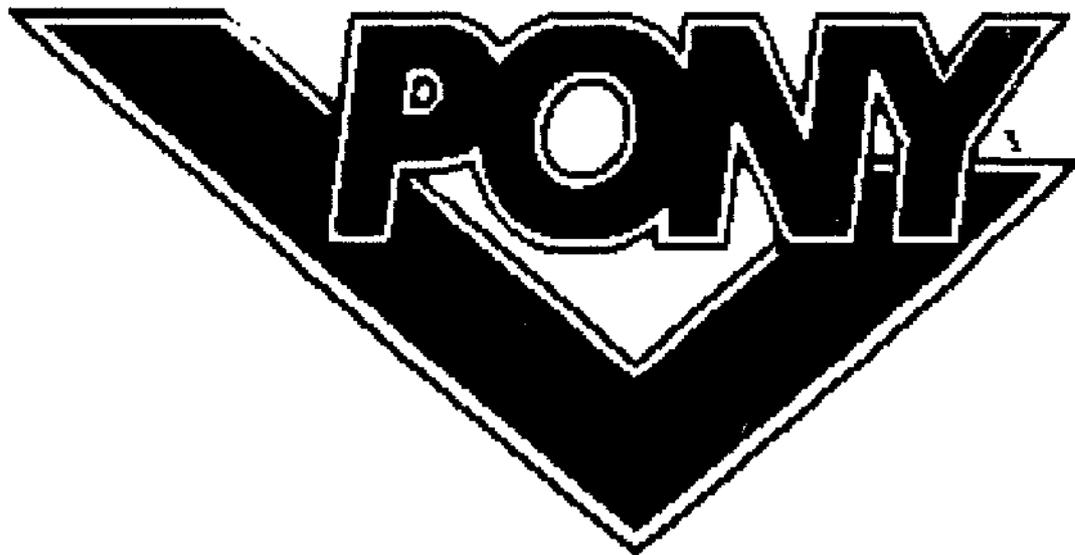
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