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## THE FINAL COUNTDOWN

At last, after a year and a half of planning the 1996 European Baseball Championships are here.

Over the next week Great Britain will compete against nine other nations to gain a spot in the coveted A pool in 1997, and we hope that many of you will be able to join us to give them your support..

We hope that the GB squad fulfil all their hopes and ambitions and take a place amongst Europe's elite. They have trained extremely hard and deserve a place.

The championships would not have been possible without the assistance of our sponsors in particular the Foundation for Sports and the Arts, The Sports Council and Kingston upon Hull City Council. Many thanks to everyone who has assisted in any way, and most of all.....

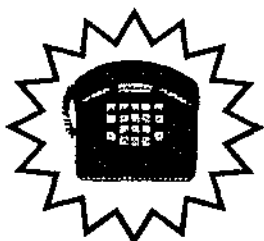
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★ On behalf of Major League Baseball International I would like to thank  
★ everybody who volunteered their time to making the Entenmann's  
★ Baseball Festival a great success.  
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★ The festival can only work through the generous contribution of time  
★ from so many clubs and individuals. As many of you know MLBI held  
★ a raffle for volunteer prizes, each volunteer received one entry for each  
★ day they worked. This raffle was in addition to the Entenmann's  
★ cakes,, NBC Super Channel Frisbees and MLB Jerseys and Hats that  
★ volunteers who worked two or more days received. The Grand Prize  
★ for the raffle was either 2 tickets to two MLB regular season games or  
★ four tickets to one game. The winner of the prize was Rob Ferridge of  
★ Bracknell Blazers.  
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★ MLBI is planning to take the Baseball Festival to more sites in Great  
★ Britain next year and look forward to the continuing support we receive  
★ from the British Baseball Federation, its teams and individuals.  
★

*Clive Russell*

Major League Baseball International

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**7 July**

Premier Division - North

Hull Mets 26 Liverpool Trojans 2  
Hull Mets 16 Liverpool Trojans 0  
Frank Parker pitched the shutout.

Birmingham Bandits 11 Hull Warriors 1  
Ray Brownlie took the win with Billy Jenkins hitting a home run.

Birmingham Bandits 6 Hull Warriors 4  
Joe Yarnold took the win with Paul Simon hitting a two out two run pinch hit home run.

Premier Division - South

Cambridge Monarchs 13 Essex Arrows 12  
Cambridge Monarchs 13 Essex Arrows 14

London Warriors 1 Hounslow Rangers 0  
Alan Smith took the win with Don Knight taking the loss and both pitchers went the distance. Alan Bloomfield scored the winning run on a hit in the bottom of the ninth. London completed three double plays.  
London Warriors 6 Hounslow Rangers 5  
Darrin Ward took the win.

Brighton Buccaneers 20 Hemel Red Sox 8  
Nick Carter took the win striking out nine.  
Brighton Buccaneers 18 Hemel Red Sox 4  
Mark Mills took the win.

London Wolves 3 Enfield Spartans 2  
This game was dominated by good pitching and excellent defense from both teams.  
London Wolves 4 Enfield Spartans 3  
Martin Sawyer took the win with Claire Butler hitting the

winning rbi in the Wolves best performance ever.

Northern Conference Division One

Hessle Apaches 17 Sheffield Bladerunners 7

Cartmel Valley Lions 3 Manchester Cougars 19  
Cartmel Valley Lions 9 Manchester Cougars 13

Birmingham Brewers 11 Liverpool Tigers 10  
Birmingham Brewers 5 Liverpool Tigers 20

Scottish Conference Division One

Tayside Cobras 0 Edinburgh Reivers 9

Glasgow Comets Dundee Dodgers

Southern Conference Division One

Hounslow Hawks 8 Croydon Pirates 21

Tunbridge Wells Royals 0 Arun Panthers 9

Burgess Hill Red Hats 3 Milton Keynes Truckers 12

**13 July**

Cartmel Valley Lions 21 Preston Bobcats 20  
This game took place on Cartmel Valley Lions President's Day and Lion's Andrew King batted C Milner home for the winning run with Johnathan Spodofora collecting the MVP award.



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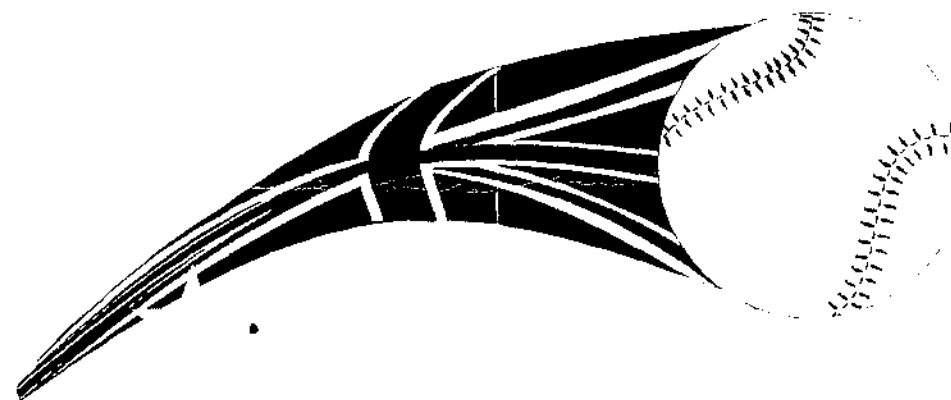
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**14 July**Premier Division - North

Hull Mets 4 Menwith Hill Pirates 2  
Hull Mets 1 Menwith Hill Pirates 6

Nottingham Stealers 5 Birmingham Bandits 6  
Nottingham Stealers 0 Birmingham Bandits 9

Leeds Owls 6 Hull Warriors 4  
Pete Arthur took the win.

Leeds Owls 16 Hull Warriors 1  
Scott Winton took the win.

Premier Division - South

Hounslow Rangers 2 Brighton Buccaneers 14  
Nick Carter took the win with the game tied at 2-2 in the seventh, Rangers Don Knight was rocked for twelve runs.  
Hounslow Rangers 5 Brighton Buccaneers 10  
Despite a home run from Steve Pollard Mark Mills took the win for Brighton with Pete Edwards taking the loss. The game was tied 5-5 going into the seventh with a three run homer from Maurice Mirosofin braking the game open.

Enfield Spartans 1 London Warriors 13  
Alan Smith took the win.

Enfield Spartans 11 London Warriors 8  
Oscar Marcellino took the win.

Southern Conference Division One

Stevenage Knights 5 Arun Panthers 23

Southern Conference Division Two

Brighton Buccaneers 25 Tiptree Rays 3  
Paul Beagley took the win.

Brighton Buccaneers 21 Tiptree Rays 8  
Andy Wilson took the win.

Guildford Mavericks 21 Caterham A's 13

**21 July**Premier Division - North

Hull Mets 19 Nottingham Stealers 3  
Hull Mets 20 Nottingham Stealers 5

Hull Warriors 14 Liverpool Trojans 10  
Hull Warriors 16 Liverpool Trojans 6

Birmingham Bandits 11 Leeds Owls 0  
Birmingham Bandits 1 Leeds Owls 5

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Premier Division - South

Brighton Buccaneers 11 London Warriors 10  
Brighton Buccaneers 4 London Warriors 16

Enfield Spartans 4 Hounslow Rangers 3

Cambridge Monarchs 7 Hemel Red Sox 0  
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Northern Conference Division One

Newark Yankees 36 Hessele Apaches 13

Barnsley Strikers 30 Sheffield Bladerunners 13

Scottish Conference Division One

Edinburgh Reivers 14 Dundee Dodgers 24

Glasgow Comets 30 Tayside Cobras 14

Southern Conference Division One

Arun Panthers 32 Stevenage Knights 4

Croydon Pirates 21 City Slick Sidewinders 4

Bournemouth B's 9 Hounslow Hawks 0

Tunbridge Wells Royals 17 Burgess Hill Red Hats 4

**28 July**Premier Division - South

Cambridge Monarchs 12 Brighton Buccaneers 8

Essex Arrows 7 Enfield Spartans 2  
Winning pitcher was Dave Shear with Rob Lanario taking the loss

Essex Arrows 4 Enfield Spartans 6  
Winning pitcher was Oscar Marcelino with Paul Thompson taking the loss

Northern Conference Division One

Hessele Apaches 7 Newark Yankees 0  
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Sheffield Bladerunners 17 Barnsley Strikers 37  
Winning pitcher was Alan Bowers, who also hit a home run in first inning after only the 3rd ball pitched at him. Roy Coombes was the losing pitcher with Warren Crossley hitting a home run for the Bladerunners in the 7th.

Preston Bobcats 9 Liverpool Tigers 0

West Midlands Razorbacks 15 Manchester Cougars 8

Scottish Conference Division One

Edinburgh Reivers 1 Tayside Cobras 14  
Winning pitcher was Pete Carracher, losing pitcher Keith Graham  
Edinburgh Reivers 0 Tayside Cobras 17  
Winning pitcher again was Pete Carracher, losing pitcher

was Terry Yost. Rick Harrison and Jim Wilde also hit home runs.

Dundee Dodgers 10 Glasgow Comets 30

Southern Conference Division One

Milton Keynes Truckers 8 Croydon Pirates 23  
Winning pitcher was Caesar Lozano, who was also top batter along with Pedro Figuero.

Hounslow Hawks 11 Arun Panthers 15

City Slick Sidewinders 7 Bournemouth B's 20

Stevenage Knights 12 Tunbridge Wells Royals 15  
Stevenage Knights 13 Tunbridge Wells Royals 16

Southern Conference Division Two

Brighton Buccaneers B 16 Caterham A's 49

Bracknell Blazers 9 Guildford Mavericks 0

Gillingham Dodgers 22 Brentwood Stags 6

London Wolverines 14 Tiptree Rays 9

Southern Conference Division Three

London Wolverines 14 Tiptree Rays 9  
Winning pitcher was John Thomas, with Dan Mercer in relief

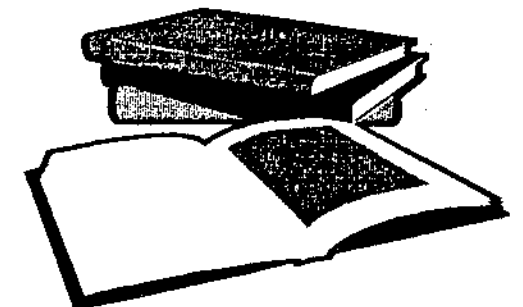
Fulham Flames 34 Bracknell Blazers II 17  
Winning pitcher was Steve Jarnett with Charles Smith and Lenny Wilkie hitting home runs for the Flames.

Guildford Mudcats 9 Eastbourne Mariners 0

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## BRITISH BASEBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS

1 August 1996

## PREMIER DIVISION - NORTH

	WINS	LOSSES	GAMES BACK
Menwith Hill Pirates	12	2	
Birmingham Bandits	13	3	0
Nottingham Stealers	10	6	3
Hull Mets	10	6	3
Leeds City Royals	5	11	8
Hull Warriors	4	12	9
Liverpool Trojans	1	15	12

## PREMIER DIVISION - SOUTH

	WINS	LOSSES	GAMES BACK
London Warriors	13	2	
Cambridge Monarchs	11	7	3.5
Enfield Spartans	9	7	4.5
Brighton Buccanneers	9	7	4.5
Hounslow Rangers	8	9	6
London Wolves	6	9	7
Essex Arrows	5	11	8.5
Hemel Red Sox	3	12	10

## NORTH - DIVISION ONE EAST

	WINS	LOSSES	GAMES BACK
Barnsley Strikers	8	3	
Hessle Apaches	7	4	1
Sheffield Bladerunners	3	6	4
Newark Yankees	2	7	5

## NORTH - DIVISION ONE WEST

	WINS	LOSSES	GAMES BACK
Preston Bobcats	12	4	
Liverpool Tigers	10	3	0.5
Birmingham Brewers	7	4	2.5
Manchester Cougars	7	5	3
Stretford A's	3	7	6
Cartmel Valley Lions	4	11	7.5
West Midlands Razorbacks	3	11	8

## SCOTLAND - DIVISION ONE

	WINS	LOSSES	GAMES BACK
Dundee Dodgers	4	4	
Glasgow Comets	4	4	0
Edinburgh Reivers	3	3	0
Tayside Cobras	3	3	0

## SOUTH - DIVISION ONE

	WINS	LOSSES	GAMES BACK
Croydon Pirates	12	1	
Arun Panthers	11	1	0.5
Milton Keynes Truckers	9	4	3
Bournemouth B's	9	4	3
City Slick Sidewinders	8	6	4.5
Tunbridge Wells Royals	6	7	6
Burgess Hill Red Hats	3	10	9
Stevenage Knights	0	13	12
Hounslow Hawks	0	13	12

## SOUTH - DIVISION TWO

	WINS	LOSSES	GAMES BACK
Bracknell Blazers	10	2	
Gillingham Dodgers	7	1	1
Caterham A's	6	5	3.5
Brighton Buccanneers B	5	5	4
Guildford Mavericks	6	6	4
Brentwood Stags	5	7	5
London Wolverines	2	7	6.5
Tiptree Rays	2	9	7.5

## SOUTH - DIVISION THREE

	WINS	LOSSES	GAMES BACK
Cambridge Monarchs B	9	2	
Fulham Flames	7	2	1
Waltham Abbey Arrows	7	3	1.5
Bournemouth B2's	6	4	2.5
Guildford Mudcats	3	5	4.5
Eastbourne Mariners	1	7	6.5
Bracknell Blazers	0	10	8.5

## BRITISH BASEBALL LEAGUE STATISTICS as at 29 July 1996

## Premier Division

Batting (min 35 pa)	
Ackley (L Warriors)	0.537
Ellis (Stealers)	0.519
Thurston (Mets)	0.487

Runs	
Maitby (Mets)	35
Ward (L Warriors)	31
Arrildt (Pirates)	29

Hits	
Ackley (L Warriors)	29
Ellis (Stealers)	27
Ward (L Warriors)	27

Doubles	
Coldiron (L Warriors)	9
Abbott (Pirates)	9
Knight (Rangers)	8

Home Runs	
Arthur (Owls)	9
Three players tied on	6

RBI	
Ward (Warriors)	29
Ellis (Stealers)	27
Mirolsin (Buccanneers)	27

Stolen Bases	
Cross (H Warriors)	20
Savage (Buccanneers)	19
Gaunt (Stealers)	18

Innings Pitched	
Knight (Rangers)	92.2
M Gilbert (Monarchs)	60
Smith (Stealers)	57.1

Base on Balls	
Asquith (Mets)	51
Dixon (H Warriors)	41
Gilbert (Monarchs)	38

Strike Outs	
Knight (Rangers)	108
M Gilbert (Monarchs)	71
Arrildt (Pirates)	52

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Wins	
Smith (Stealers)	7-2
Arrildt (Pirates)	6-2
Knight (Rangers)	7-5

ERA (min 40 innings)	
Arrildt (Pirates)	2.68
Smith (Stealers)	3.3
Knight (Rangers)	3.88

## Southern Conference

Batting (min 32 pa)	
Macleod (B's)	0.526
Cunningham (B's)	0.483
Bond (B's)	0.467
Sparrow (Mudcats)	0.406

Home Runs	
Gofton (Royals)	2
Corby (Royals)	2
White (B's)	2

RBI's	
Cunningham (B's)	17
Macleod (B's)	16
Bond (B's)	16

ERA (min 20 innings)	
Macleod (B's)	7.11
Gofton (Royals)	11.70
Collins (Mudcats)	11.96

Strike Outs	
Collins (Mudcats)	29
Gofton (Royals)	20
Macleod (B's)	16
Tre-Vett (Knights)	13

Stolen Bases	
Bond (B's)	22
Macleod (B's)	21
Verrion (B's)	20
Jeffrey (Royals)	17

## Northern Conference

(to 30 June 1996)

Batting (min 14 pa)	
Mullen (Bobcats)	0.478
Agnew (Bobcats)	0.458
McDonald (Bobcats)	0.381
Bates (Bobcats)	0.375

Home Runs	
Three players tied on	1

Stolen Bases	
Howarth (Bobcats)	20
Agnew (bobcats)	15
Hobin (Bobcats)	13

RBI	
Howarth (Bobcats)	10
Hirst (Bobcats)	9
P Howarth (Bobcats)	7

ERA (min 10 innings)	
Morris (A's)	0.6
Mullen (Bobcats)	3.375
Howarth (Bobcats)	7.714

Wins	
Howarth (Bobcats)	4-1
Mullen (Bobcats)	3-1
Three players tied on	1-0

Strike Outs	
Howarth (Bobcats)	39
Morris (A's)	33
Mullen (Bobcats)	25

Base on Balls	
P Howarth (Bobcats)	13
Howarth (Bobcats)	10
Bates (Bobcats)	7

## Scottish Conference

Batting (min 20 pa)	
Harrison (Cobras)	0.636
Graham (Reivers)	0.581
Lot (Comets)	0.576

Runs	
McIlhinney (Comets)	30
Graham (Reivers)	23
Harrison (Cobras)	23

Hits	
Graham (Reivers)	25
McIlhinney (Comets)	22
Farkas (Dodgers)	19

Singles	
Graham (Reivers)	18
Lot (Comets)	17
McIlhinney (Comets)	16

Doubles	
Graham (Reivers)	5
Smith (Comets)	5
Farkas (Dodgers)	5

Triples	
Anderson (Reivers)	2
McIlhinney (Comets)	1

Home Runs	
Harrison (Cobras)	2
Graham (Reivers)	2
Wilde (Cobras)	2

RBI	
Graham (Reivers)	24
Crawford (Cobras)	18
Powell (Comets)	18

Stolen Bases	
McIlhinney (Comets)	42
Lot (Comets)	41
Graham (Reivers)	37

Innings Pitched	
Graham (Reivers)	65
Carracher (Cobras)	45
Farkas (Dodgers)	37

Base on Balls	
Lot (Comets)	67
Graham (Reivers)	64
Carracher (Cobras)	60

Strike Outs	
Graham (Reivers)	66
Carracher (Cobras)	46
Lot (Comets)	33

ERA	
Carracher (Cobras)	7.4
Graham (Reivers)	7.754
Lot (Comets)	7.941

Slugging	
Harrison (Cobras)	1.045
Graham (Reivers)	0.837
McIlhinney (Comets)	0.795

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## BBF/PONY YOUTH LEAGUE STANDINGS

1 July 1996

## NORTH EAST

	WINS	LOSSES	GAMES BACK
Menwith Hill Pirates	10	0	
Hessle Apaches	8	2	2
Sheffield Pumas	5	5	5
Hull Mets	5	5	5
Leeds Lugnuts	2	8	8
Hunslet Harriers	0	10	10

## NORTH WEST

	WINS	LOSSES	GAMES BACK
Trafford Saints	7	1	
Bolton Knights	4	4	3
Cartmel Valley Lions	4	4	3
Preston Bobcats	3	5	4
Kirkby Braves	2	6	5

## SCOTLAND

	WINS	LOSSES	GAMES BACK
Aberdeen Reds	6	1	
Dundee Dragons	6	1	0
Alyth Adders	3	4	3
Edinburgh Blue Jays	3	4	3
Glasgow All Stars	0	8	6.5

## SOUTH EAST

	WINS	LOSSES	GAMES BACK
Tonbridge Bobcats	5	1	
Bournemouth B's	3	3	2
Leyton Cardinals	3	3	2
Brighton Jaguars	1	5	4

## SOUTH - DIVISION TWO

	WINS	LOSSES	GAMES BACK
Hemel Red Sox	11	0	
Windsor	9	2	2
Cambridge Monarchs	6	6	5.5
South Bucks Blue Jays	6	5	5
Milton Keynes Braves	5	6	6
Bracknell Blazers	2	9	9
Brentwood Bucks	0	11	11

## SOUTH WEST

	WINS	LOSSES	GAMES BACK
Plymouth Bladerunners	2	0	
Bristol Black Sox	1	2	1.5
Swindon Royals	0	2	2
Crewkerne Cutters	0	0	0
Gloucester Gators	0	0	0

# BBF / PONY LEAGUE

## 6 JULY

### North East

Leeds Lugnuts 0 Sheffield Pumas 9  
Hunslet Harriers 2 Hessele Apaches 18  
Hull Mets 14 Menwith Hill 25

### North West

Preston Panthers 14 Bolton Knights 10

### Scotland

Glasgow All Stars 0 Aberdeen Reds 9  
Alyth Adders 9 Edinburgh Blue Jays 8

### South

Bracknell Blazers 0 Milton Keynes Braves 9  
Windsor 12 Cambridge Monarchs 4  
Brentwood Bucks 4 South Bucks Blue Jays 29

## 13 July

### North East

Menwith Hill 9 Leeds Lugnuts 0  
Hessele Apaches 27 Sheffield Pumas 3  
Hull Mets 21 Hunslet Harriers 4

### North West

Cartmel Valley Lions 21 Preston Panthers 20

### Scotland

Edinburgh Blue Jays 0 Dundee Dragons 9  
Alyth Adders 9 Glasgow All Stars 0

### South

Bracknell Blazers 0 Milton Keynes Braves 9  
Windsor 12 Cambridge Monarchs 4  
Brentwood Bucks 4 South Bucks Blue Jays 29

## 20 July


### South

Cambridge Monarchs 7 Brentwood Bucks 0  
Hemel Red Sox 14 Bracknell Blazers 4

## 27 July

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I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best wishes  
Sarah Dalkin

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On behalf of the British Baseball Federation we would like to thank the Major League Baseball International Envoy Coaches who have assisted us with coaching and promoting the game of baseball this summer:

**Gary Van Tol** who has been staying with Leeds Owls and will be coaching the Great Britain Squad in the European Championships.

**Tom Mendoza** who has been staying with Hull Mets and Hessele Apaches and has been assisting with coaching the Great Britain Squad.

**Jim Reach** who has been staying with Plymouth Bladerunners and will be coaching the Irish Squad in the European Championships.

**Pat Doyle** who has been staying with Brighton Buccaneers and the Irish Federation and will be coaching the Irish Squad in the European Championships.

**Bob Russell** who has been staying with Arun Panthers and Tonbridge Bobcats.

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*Yesteryears Baseball is a new feature, which will provide an opportunity for our players of the past to recount their playing days. The information will also prove valuable historical information on our sport.*

### The Exhibition Game

In 1952 the Nottingham Senators played an exhibition game against the Nottingham Royals Baseball Team at a small village called Gamston just outside of Nottingham. The idea was to try to promote the game in the easter section of Nottingham. The field to be used was alongside the A52.

On the Saturday prior to the day of the game players from both team brought a lawn mowever, backstop net, poles, line marker etc down to the field.

I'd say it had taken somewhere in the region of five hours before we had completed the task of cutting the grass and completing the marking out of the diamond, but by late afternoon we decided not more good could be done and so decided to call it a day.

Sunday arrived and by 1.30pm we had all arrived at the field and to our

horror found a herd of cows in the field. It appeared that they had got in from an adjoining field, so with players from both teams playing 'cowboys' we managed to herd them back.

So now I think I can leave it to your imagination as to what state the field was in? There were wet ones, dry ones and semi-dried ones.

And what a game! Royals lost 10-2 and went away with long faces. But the people who went away with smirks and laughter in their eyes were the spectators, after seeing us perform sliding into cowpats, steppin into them, sitting in them and last but not least having to pick the ball out of them.

But never mind, it was all in a good cause if it was for the sport we all love.

*Benny Benson*

*So come on all you Old Timers, let's hear some on your memories. Handwritten notes will suffice for us to produce a story.*



YESTERYEARS BASEBALL

# ENGLAND vs SCOTLAND

## SUNDAY 14 JULY 1996

### SENIORS

### YOUTH

It's always sad to see records go, especially records that have been running for six years. On 14 July Scotland defeated England for the first time in six years by a score of 25-5. There was noone called Ashley to hit a grand slam home run with two out in the bottom of the ninth. Scotland were glad to see that record go.

What ruined England's chances of victory were the first two innings when 10 runs were conceded and scoring only 1 run. After being 24-2 down at the end of the 4th there was too much for England to do despite allowing only 1 more run in the last 5 innings.

Billy Jenkins (sometime Edinburgh Reivers player) pitched a superb first three innings for Scotland with run support by the way of 7 home runs ... 3 from MVP David Donaldson (occasional Tayside Cobras player) who had an outstanding game catching, 2 from Rick Harriossn (Tayside Cobras) and 1 from Tom Cochran (Dundee Dodgers). Terry (The Yost with the Most) Yost (Edinburgh Reivers) hit a Grand Slam in the 3rd.

Mullins homered for England in the 2nd.

Kevin Macadam gave us his version of umpiring surpassed only by Jae Saleh as base umpire. Thanks to Kevin for organising the ground, and getting it ready not only for the senior game but also for the Junior game, which he also umped.

I would like to thank Coors not only for having a great tasting drink, but also for the Scotland Team jackets and any future sponsorship they may give.

But the biggest thanks of all has to go to Yankee Burger just for being there. Anyone who has been to Yankee Burger will know what I mean.

Scotland's next game will be against the Birmingham Bandits in Alyth on 25 August.

**Keith Graham**  
Scotland Team Manager

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the people who helped make this day one that reminded me of all the things that I like about baseball.

- ◆ The very friendly atmosphere at all times
- ◆ The spectators and parents who cheered us on
- ◆ To Kevin who umpired for 16 innings
- ◆ To the 15 players who allowed me to try them out in different positions, some 36 changes actually took place in only 7 innings.
- ◆ To the people who nominated me as the team manager. It really was an experience, and not an easy task. As early as the forth innings I could feel the urge to just play the best players on view and go for a win. But I thought of how upset a player would be if he didn't take part, therefore I stuck with my game plan and upset the scorers by giving them an almost impossible task of keeping rack of all the changes - sorry!
- ◆ To the players. 6-2 was an excellent result. When I looked at the Scottish players physical build I at first thought that something had gone wrong with the age groupings.

**Once again well done and thanks to everyone**

*Alan Wilson*  
**Hull Mets**

PS: Laugh of the day had to be during the senior England vs Scotland game. Steve Herbert, myself and a Scottish senior player were having a heated discussion about the umpires strike zone. A shout from the Scottish bench of 'your on', sent the player in question running to the diamond. He grabbed a batting helmet, put it on and rushed towards home plate only to find that he should have had his glove on and be in the outfield. That will teach him to keep his mind on the game!

# HUNSLET HARRIERS TOURNAMENT

On Saturday 14 September Hunslet Harriers will be holding a tournament for children aged between 9 and 13 years. Teams are invited to enter and each player will receive a substantial medal or trophy bearing the "Harriers" logo. This will be an all day event and trophies will be awarded to the winning team. Entry fee will be £30 per team. BBF / PONY Youth rules apply with adaptations for younger players.

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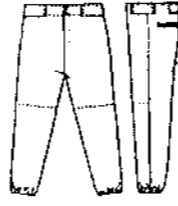
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**Enfield Spartans 3 Vienna Wanderers 9**

The Wanderers scored a total of 7 runs in the first inning against Iain Lanario, but were held to just 2 runs for the rest of the game by relief pitcher Steve Hibbert.

### Game 2

**Enfield Spartans 4 Sissach Frogs 2 (Switzerland)**

A seventh inning two run double by Rob Lanario lifted Enfield above the Frogs in a very close game. Iain Lanario had 3 hits, Sean Ozolins was the winning pitcher for Enfield.

### Game 3

**Enfield Spartans 8 Alby Stars 18 (Sweden)**

Despite Enfield scoring 6 runs in the fourth inning they were never in contention. Rob Yuille had two hits, Ron Whitehead was the losing pitcher.

### Game 4

**Enfield 1 Savigny 27 (France)**

An Enfield team struck by injuries were heavily defeated by the eventual tournament

champions. Steve Hibbert took the loss.

### Game 5

**Enfield 12 Alby Stars 7 (Sweden)**

In the final game of the tournament, Enfield finished with a victory against the Swedish side. Gary Bedingfield took the win.

*Gary Bedingfield*  
Enfield Spartans

## "YOU GOTTA WEAR IT!!!"

Are you prepared to take it for the team? I'm not suggesting you go out and put yourself in front of a dump truck. What I am suggesting is that you show no fear when it comes to getting in front of a baseball. The game of baseball was not intended to be played by tap dancing chickens. If you play with the fear of getting hurt, the ball will find you.

There are several ways to overcome the fear of a baseball. The best way is to train with tennis balls or softer baseballs. Learn the proper techniques of fielding and hitting by taking out the fear factor. Next, move on to hardballs. Also, it is very important that you make it rewarding to players who show bravery. When somebody takes a ball off the chest at 3rd base (anywhere for that matter) make sure they get a rounding applause for their efforts. Make being tough a part of your team make-up. A good team battle cry that has worked for my team is "You gotta wear it". Whenever a player has an opportunity to get in front of a ball and they shy away from the contact, yell out that battle cry. Players will get tired of hearing it. Pretty soon players will start to get in front of the ball and you can turn it into a macho tough guy thing like, "He wore it. Atta boy". Soon it will be contagious and the whole team will be doing it.

Any player that sets foot onto a baseball field that is not prepared to wear a ball off the body, like a badge of courage, should consider knitting as a hobby. Remember "You gotta wear it!"

Vince Garcia  
MLBI Envoy Coach

Dear Brit-Ball

Recently I had the chance to read your issue 37 of June 1996 and I am writing to you now with the request of your assistance in acquiring more information about the British Baseball teams.

My name is Rossen Milovanski and I am 22 years old. I live in Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria, and I am a last year student at the department for sports education in the Southwest University "Neofit Rilski" in Blagoevgrad. I have played baseball for the local team "Buffaloes" for the last five years. I am also a player in the national team representing my country.

The "Buffaloes" have been three times champions of the "A" league of Bulgaria in the seasons 1993-5. However in my country presently exist financial and other kinds of problems, which hinder the development of baseball in Bulgaria. These are the problems that prevent the National Baseball team from going to the European Championship in Great Britain this year.

I would like to know if there are any British teams interested in having a Bulgarian ball player on their side. I certainly believe it would be profitable for both sides. My intentions are to play for the team in case they find my skills worthy for them.

I would appreciate it if you help me contact some of the British Teams.

Hope to hear from you soon. Thank you in advance.

Sincerely Yours

Rossen Milovanski

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Bulgaria

Hello!

My name is Andrew Lacunae and I am the head coach of a junior elite team here in Quebec City Canada. I am also the head

coach for the Laval University team, 1995 National Champions.

I would like to know if your country is looking for a baseball coach to teach your elite ball players. I could be interested to go and work in your country. I am also a physical education teacher.

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(Devised by Will Cosgrave)

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**Answers to last month's puzzles are as follows:**

**BBF CODE BREAKER PUZZLE**

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b. COBRAS  
c. COMETS

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Hessele	Norway	V	Lithuania	Great Britain	V Yugoslavia
Hull East	Czech Republic	V	Ireland		
<b>Monday 5 August</b>		Start Time	11.30hrs		15.30 hrs
Hull North	Norway	V	Ireland	Lithuania	V Poland
Hessele	Yugoslavia	V	Austria	Croatia	V Great Britain
Hull East					
<b>Tuesday 6 August</b>					
Hull North	Poland	V	Norway	Slovakia	V Great Britain
Hessele	Austria	V	Croatia	Lithuania	V Czech Republic
Hull East					
<b>Wednesday 7 August</b>					
Hull North			Ireland	V Poland	
Hessele	Czech Republic	V	Norway	Great Britain	V Austria
Hull East	Yugoslavia	V	Slovakia		
<b>Thursday 8 August</b>					
Hull North	Austria	V	Slovakia	Poland	V Czech Republic
Hessele	Croatia	V	Yugoslavia	Ireland	V Lithuania
Hull East					
<b>Friday 9 August</b>					
Hull North	5th G1	V	5th G2		
Hessele	4th G1	V	4th G2	1st G1	V 2nd G2 Game A
Hull East	3rd G1	V	3rd G2	1st G2	V 2nd G1 Game B
<b>Saturday 10 August</b>		Start Time	10.00hrs		15.30hrs
Hull East	Loser of A	V	Loser of B	Winner of A	V Winner of B

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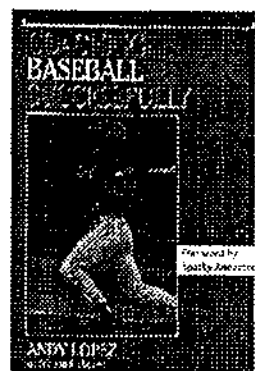


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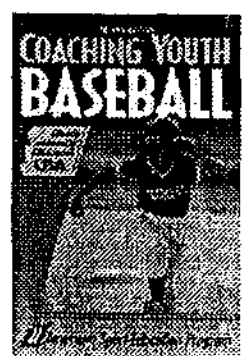


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**Sunday 18 - Friday 23  
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School, Leeds**

These courses will be held simultaneously with the BBF Cadet Camp, utilising the youth players present.

On completion of the level A course the coaches will be able to teach baseball fundamentals, skills and drills, the rules of the game, how to organise practices and how to take necessary safety precautions when coaching. All equipment will be provided and a

BBF Level A Coaching manual will be given to each attendee. The cost of the course is £18 and includes a certificate, coaching badge and registration as a coach for the 1996 season.

For the level AA course applicants must be registered coaches, should hold Level A, or have other applicable qualifications. All candidates must produce a log book of their coaching activities and five lesson plans on any aspect of baseball of their choice. To assist coaches with this, BBF session planners are available from Head Office.

The cost of the Level AA course

is £30. This includes all course materials, Level AA coaching manual, examination fee and registration as a coach for the 1996 season. Examinations will include practical and theoretical aspects of coaching.

Both courses will be conducted by Major League Baseball International Envoys and GB National coaches.

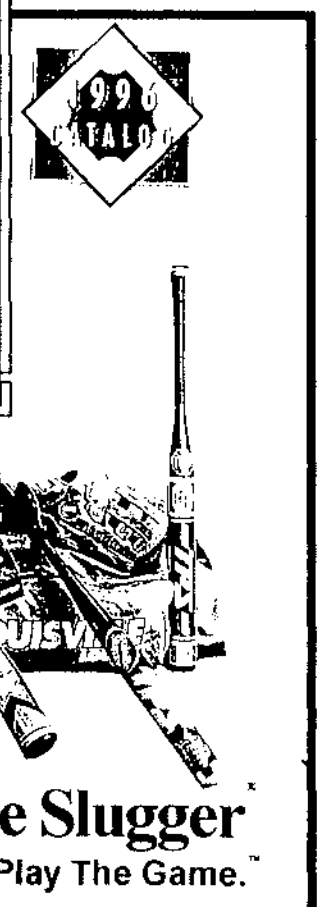
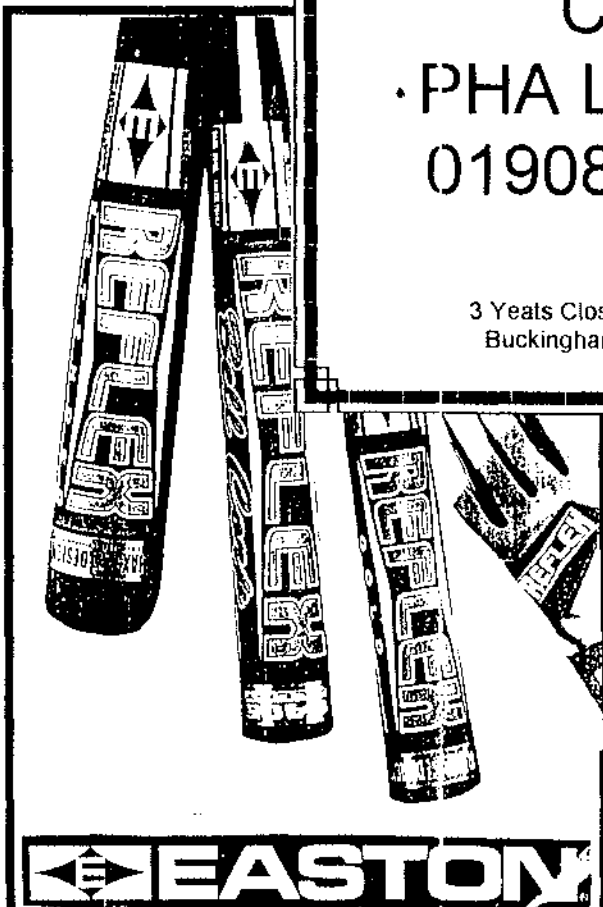
Exact dates for the clinics will be decided upon when applications have been received. Please indicate on the form below your preferred days. Directions to the venue and a detailed programme will be sent upon receipt of an application form and fee.

I would like to participate in the following Coaching Course in Leeds	
Level A <input type="checkbox"/>	Level AA <input type="checkbox"/>
Name: _____	
Address: _____	
Postcode: _____	
Tel No: _____	Date of Birth: _____
Baseball Team: _____ (if applicable)	
I am available to undertake the course on the following days:	
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