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## PITCH HIT & RUN NATIONAL FINALS 1998

### PLYMOUTH SWEEP THE BOARD

Teams from all over the United Kingdom met in Manchester on July 18th for the 1998 Pitch Hit & Run National Finals. Each area was represented by a team of one girl and one boy who formed a team. Two competitions operated in year 6 and year 8. The communities represented in the finals were Bradford, Bracknell, Goole, Halifax, Leeds, Plymouth and Tonbridge.

The day consisted of a skills clinic conducted by Major League Baseball coaches, Barry Dean, Scott Winton, and their Director of Development Julie Croteau. Each child went through a series of skills and drills, which prepared them for the upcoming skills tests.

The testing was split into three

areas, pitching, hitting and base running. Each participant completes all three tests, then the scores of the pair are added together to give an overall team score. Throughout the day Channel 5 filmed the activities, making the event even more exciting for the kids.



The day proved to be a great success for Plymouth, as they swept the board winning both the year 6

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and the year 8 competitions. Joy Newman and Aaron Launce were the Year 6 winners, and Lyndsay Duggins and Tommy Wilson won the year 8 event.

All participants received a goodie bag filled with baseball equipment and memorabilia, which were presented by baseball legend Jim Lefebvre. The winners were also presented the National Championship trophies, and also won equipment to donate to their schools.

Overall it was a very successful day, and my congratulations go to Carol Babbage the Area Coordinator for Plymouth. I am sure this makes all the hard work seem worthwhile.

**Ian Smyth**

PHR National Coordinator

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# NATIONAL YOUTH FINALS

## BBF / BRONCO FINAL 1998

The inaugural Bronco final was played between Tonbridge Bobcats, champions of the Southern Conference, and Trafford Saints the Northern conference champions.

George Lintern was the starting pitcher for the Bobcats, however Trafford quickly touched him for three runs in the top of the first inning, Carrier, Latimer and Ariane scoring on four hits. In the bottom of the first the Bobcats scored two runs through Lintern and Jonathan Ridley.

Trafford extended their lead to 4-2 in the top of the second with Proudfoot scoring a run. Rubiano the Trafford pitcher blanked the Bobcats in the bottom of the second to maintain the 4-2 score line.

In the top of the third Trafford extended their lead with runs from Latimer, Ariane, Woodall, Sutherland and Saxton, as they scored five runs for the automatic side out. The score was now Trafford 9, Tonbridge 2. In the bottom of the third Tonbridge pulled back another run through Ben Ridley to make the score 9-3.

Tonbridge made a pitching change in the top of the fourth bringing in Ben Ridley. He responded by blanking the

Saints. In the bottom of the fourth Tonbridge pulled back strongly with five runs from Jonathan Ridley, Viney, Ben Ridley, Sweeney and Renton. The score was Trafford 9, Tonbridge 8.

In the top of the fifth Trafford squeezed further ahead with two runs from Ariane and Woodall. However in the bottom of the inning Tonbridge scored another five runs to take a 13-11 lead.

This brought us to the last inning. Trafford scored three more times in the top of the inning making the score 14-13 in their favour. However in the bottom of the inning Tonbridge came back with a pair of runs, with Ben Ridley scoring on Sweeney's hit to win the game 15-14 and the championship for Tonbridge.

Overall the game was played in an excellent spirit, to a high standard. Benjamin Ridley was the winning pitcher for the Bobcats. Viney was outstanding with the bat going four for five, scoring two runs. For Trafford, Sutherland went four for four with two doubles, scoring two runs.

The trophies were presented by the BBF president Steve Herbert, who congratulated both teams on an outstanding performance, making the presentation of the trophy Margaret Borley the Bobcats coach.

# BBF / PONY CHAMPIONSHIP

The final of the BBF/PONY Championship was played between Trafford Saints and the Windsor Shooters. Although the game was at Trafford, Windsor won the toss and were the home team.

Trafford jumped to an early lead in the first inning scoring 3 runs on three hits. Latimer hitting a home run to centre field. The runs were scored by Fisher, Latimer and Cromes. Windsor pulled two runs back in the bottom of the first with Will Everett the hitting a home run to drive in two runs. Latimer struck out the side to close the inning.

Trafford nudged further ahead in the top of the second inning with runs from Denham and Carrier. In the bottom of the inning Latimer struck out the side to preserve the 5-2 lead.

Sutherland added another run in the top of the third to make the score Trafford 6, Windsor 2. In the bottom of the inning Latimer again struck out the side.

Denham scored again in the top of the fourth inning to extend Trafford's lead. Fisher came on to pitch for Trafford and held Windsor scoreless.

The fifth inning was scoreless Everett the new Windsor pitcher and

Fisher closing down the hitters to keep the score at

Sutherland extened Trafford's lead with a run in the top of the fifth. Fisher again shut out Windsor. The sixth was also a tight affair with both sides being retired without scoring.

In the top of the seventh Cromes hit a solo home run to extend Trafford's lead to 9-2. Windsor rallied for four runs, from Smerglia, Blackman, McNelly and Long. However Cromes struck out the finals batter to record the save, and give Trafford the championship.

Overall a good game was played with some great individual performances. Everett went 2 for 3 with a home run for Windsor, also pitching four innings, striking out seven. Latimer was also very effective for Traffordstriking out nine in three innings, while also going 2 for 4 with a homer. Fisher was the winning pitcher fro Trafford, while Cromes recorded the save.

Steve Herbert BBF President presented the awards and trophies, to a well deserving and well supported Trafford Saints team. Windsor played a great game, but the day belonged to Trafford.



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**Your completed nomination form and supporting material must be received by BBF Head Office**

Monday 12 October 1998.

The awards will be made at an evening reception as part of the CCPR National Conference of Sport and Recreation.

**Please return your completed nomination form to BBF Head Office**

### CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION

1. Each organisation in membership with the Central Council of Physical Recreation can nominate of its affiliated clubs for the Awards.

2. Nominations must be received at the CCPR by 5.00pm on Friday 6 November 1998. No nominations will be accepted after this.

3. The CCPR requires support materials to be sent with the nomination form. This must comprise of no more than 3 pages (A4) text although accompanying promotional material or photographs may be submitted. Please indicate if you wish this material to be returned to you.

4. The Sports Club of the Year Judging Panel will consider nomination using the following

criteria:

- Size, growth and spread of membership
  - Range of activities offered by the club designed to increase participation levels
  - Details of coach education programmes available to members
  - Links with schools and local authorities
  - Effectiveness of management
  - Success in attracting grants and/or sponsorship
  - Success of teams/individuals in membership (national/regional competition records)
5. The decision of the Sports Club of the Year Judging Panel is final. The three successful clubs will be contacted by telephone on or before Friday 13 November 1998.

6. Award presentations will be made at an official reception at the CCPR National Conference of Sport and Recreation to take place at the Swallow Hotel, Huntingdon. Three representatives from the three top clubs will be invited to the presentation dinner.

# SCORERS



## CORNER

Do you have a question when scoring a game, but don't know who to ask. Well Brian Holland, Clive Maude and Liz Graham our scorers commissioners are here to sort out the answer for you. Below is another common question they are asked:

### HIT OR ERROR?

This is arguably the most important decision a scorer has to make. It can affect a whole crop of statistics involving batting, pitching and fielding.

There are two words to remember when making your decision. They are **ORDINARY EFFORT**.

In other words does the fielder deserve an error or the batter a hit.

If an outfielder has to make a long run to catch a fly ball, but it tips out of his glove as

he reaches for the ball, give the batter a hit. It could have been a great catch by the fields with no ordinary effort involved.

Some say a fielder must touch the ball for it to be an error. Not so. If a ground ball rolls through a fielder's legs without him touching it, and you think the fielder could have got the ball with ordinary effort, it has to be an error. Rule 10.13 note 2 explains this.

Look out too, for ground balls that take an unnatural bounce in front of a fielder by hitting a stone, ridge or even a base. The fielder could be in front of the ball ready to make a play and all of a sudden the ball bounces so high or wide he hasn't a chance to field it. This is a hit for the batter.

Most of the close plays in a game take place at first base. did the batter-runner reach base before or after an errant throw? Did the first baseman drop a thrown ball after the runner went by? Or did he have his foot off the bag, enabling the runner to be safe? Ask the umpire which was the

case in this situation if you are unsure. You have to be in a position to see these plays clearly, preferably behind the first base end of the back stop, in an elevated position.

Peripheral vision is something a scorer should cultivate. For example, a slow rolling ground ball is hit to the third baseman. As he rushes in to make the play, keep your eye on the ball, but also watch the runner going to first out of the corner of your eye. If the fielder bobbles the ball, a hit should be scored if the batter-runner would have beaten ordinarily good handling of the

ball.

Positions of fielders can help your decisions. For example, the pitcher is usually completing his follow through when the ball is hit back to him. He is off balance and often the ball is fast moving.

Who said scoring a baseball game was easy? It's a bit more than just counting runs crossing the plate!

**Watch out in next month's issue for another common question explained.**

## BRITISH BASEBALL FEDERATION

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And who knows, these people may have aspirations to take their new skills further, through to European and International levels. We have the opportunities available, we just need the people

## British Baseball Federation National Universities Tournament

### 6 June 1998 at Southampton University

Sitting down to write this report on the BBF National Universities Tournament, I began by writing a boring low-down on that element which we all love to hate - the British weather. I then went on to write about how, once the rain had cleared, each team played two games before going into a 1 v 4, 2 v 3 play-off structure. But to do this would completely miss the point of the day in Southampton. What was far more significant than Gyosei International University, Reading winning the tournament, beating their arch-rivals, Oxford Brookes in a thrilling final, was the spirit of the day. These young teams, who had been passionately organising games between themselves since September, demonstrated how the game of baseball should be played - clean, sporting and fun. All present, whether a part of the highly focused Oxford Brookes or the keen spirited Southampton (who were the accommodating hosts) had a great time

competing, in a fair and friendly atmosphere. As the awards were presented to each of the teams, there was an over-all feeling of a day well spent. We now hope to make the BBF National Universities Tournament a bi-annual event, with the next tournament to be held in mid-October.

When I was asked to co-ordinate university baseball activity at the last BBF AGM I was uncertain what interest there would be. Having e-mailed friends at numerous unis around the country the previous year, trying to arrange games for my uni team, I was pessimistic as to the possible take-up. To my delight, this past year has proved that there is a wide-spread enthusiasm for the game among students. This is hardly surprising, considering that the sleep patterns of the students are most suited to the live broadcasts of C5's Major League Baseball. Apart from the tournament, friendly (and they certainly are friendly) games have been arranged between the 10

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you may want to sit on the

## BBF YOUTH COMMISSION

The Youth Commission is the key mechanism that develops and drives youth baseball in this country.

We want to broaden our views, and therefore want to include more people in the work of this Commission.

If you would like to help, become involved or want further information, please contact Ian Smyth at BBF Head Office on 01482 643551.

university baseball programmes around the country. Royal Holloway, University of London, even managed to organise a very successful inter-hall-of-residence tournament.

Overall, there is a great amount of baseball being played throughout the unis of the country. The university system is essential in providing baseball for all and will benefit from players who graduate from our youth programmes. Thanks to BBF teams (such as Cambridge and Windsor) for helping, coaching, playing, etc their local university teams. If you would like to play a uni team, details can be found in the BBF Handbook, or please contact Head Office.

John Boyd

### Final Placings:

1st

Gyosei International University,  
Reading

2nd

Oxford Brookes University

3rd

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4th

Royal Holloway,  
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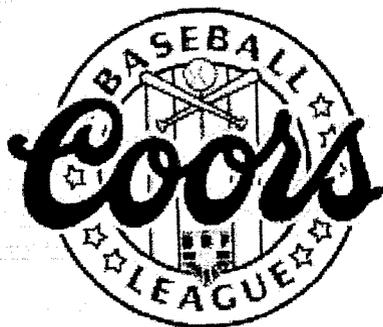
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	GAMES		
	WINS	LOSSES	BACK
Menwith Hill Patriots	13	1	
Kingston Cobras	10	6	4
Hessle Warriors	9	5	4
Leeds Luddites	4	7	7.5
Lancashire Tigercats	1	5	8
Barnsley Strikers	0	13	12.5

### SOUTH - DIVISION ONE

	GAMES		
	WINS	LOSSES	BACK
Windsor Bears	8	2	
Croydon Pirates	8	2	0
Arun Panthers	5	5	3
Bournemouth Sharks	4	5	3.5
City Slick Sidewinders	3	7	5
Brighton Buccaneers B	0	7	6.5

### PREMIER DIVISION - SOUTH

	GAMES		
	WINS	LOSSES	BACK
London Warriors	13	1	
Brighton Buccaneers	11	3	2
Hounslow Blues	8	6	5
Enfield Spartans	7	7	6
Cambridge Monarchs	8	8	6
Birmingham Bandits	6	8	7
Essex Arrows	2	12	11
Bracknell Blazers	1	11	11

### SOUTH - DIVISION TWO

	GAMES		
	WINS	LOSSES	BACK
London Exiles	9	0	
Tonbridge Bobcats	6	1	2
Alconbury Seniors	6	3	3
Guildford Mavericks	5	5	4.5
Caterham A's	3	5	5.5
Cambridge Monarchs B	3	5	5.5
Milton Keynes Truckers	2	7	7
Brentwood Stags	0	8	8.5

### NORTH - DIVISION ONE

	GAMES		
	WINS	LOSSES	BACK
Preston Bobcats	8	0	
Sheffield Bladerunners	7	2	1.5
Liverpool Trojans	5	3	3
Newark Yankees	5	5	4
Manchester A's	4	6	5
Durham Centurions	3	6	5.5
Sibley Vikings	3	7	6
Cartmel Valley Lions	1	7	7

### SOUTH - DIVISION THREE

	GAMES		
	WINS	LOSSES	BACK
Bushey Falcons	8	1	
Southend Peers	6	3	2
Richmond Flames	6	3	2
Tiptree Rays	6	4	2.5
Croydon Pie-Rats	3	5	4.5
Bracknell Dynamite	3	5	4.5
Chiltern Blue Jays	5	6	4
Maidstone Lasers	0	10	8.5

### SCOTLAND - DIVISION ONE

	GAMES		
	WINS	LOSSES	BACK
Edinburgh Reivers	7	0	
Dundee Dragons	6	2	1.5
Glasgow Comets	4	4	3.5
Kirkcaldy Chiefs	0	11	9

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## BBF/PONY YOUTH LEAGUE STANDINGS

End of Season

NORTH - EAST	GAMES		
	WINS	LOSSES	BACK
Sutton Trust	7	3	
Hessle Apaches	6	4	1
Sheffield Pumas	3	7	4
Kington Cobras	0	10	7

SOUTH-EAST	GAMES		
	WINS	LOSSES	BACK
Leyton Cardinals	5	0	
Brentwood Bucks	0	2	3.5
Clacton	0	3	4

NORTH - NORTH	GAMES		
	WINS	LOSSES	BACK
Leeds Lugnuts	9	1	
Menwith Hill	6	4	3
Hunslet Harriers	6	4	3
Sedburgh Crusaders	3	7	6

SOUTH - NORTH	GAMES		
	WINS	LOSSES	BACK
Alconbury East	6	0	
Hemel Red Sox	5	3	2
Alconbury West	4	3	2.5
Cambridge Monarchs	0	9	7.5

NORTH - WEST	GAMES		
	WINS	LOSSES	BACK
Trafford Saints	7	0	
Preston Panthers	5	3	2.5
Cartmel Valley Lions	5	3	2.5
Halton Polecats	2	6	5.5
Bolton Knights	0	7	7

SOUTH WEST	GAMES		
	WINS	LOSSES	BACK
Windsor Little League	9	1	
Chiltern Blue Jays	8	2	1
Bracknell Scorchers	3	4	4.5
Swindon Royals	4	6	5
Plymouth Bladerunners	3	5	5
Bournemouth Sharks	0	9	8.5

SCOTLAND	GAMES		
	WINS	LOSSES	BACK
Aberdeen Reds	7	0	
Dundee Dragons	4	4	3.5
Fife Phantoms	3	5	4.5
Edinburgh Blue Jays	0	5	6

SOUTH SOUTH	GAMES		
	WINS	LOSSES	BACK
Burgess Hill Colts	7	1	
Tonbridge Bobcats	7	1	0
South London Ravens	4	4	3
Crawley Dodgers	2	6	5
Maidstone 4 Jays	0	8	7

MIDLANDS	GAMES		
	WINS	LOSSES	BACK
Waddington Wildcats	9	0	
Junior Razorbacks	8	1	1
Sibley Vikings	1	8	8
Newark Yankees	1	10	9




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### PREMIER DIVISION SOUTH

<u>Batting (min 28 PA)</u>	
A Malihoudis (Buccaneers)	0.643
A Gilbert (Monarchs)	0.527
M Dutton (Bandits)	0.525

<u>Home Runs</u>	
M Gilbert (Monarchs)	8
P Simons (Bandits)	4
R Plantier (Bandits)	4

<u>Runs Batted In</u>	
M Gilbert (Monarchs)	26
Darrin Ward (Monarchs)	18
M Mirosoilin (Buccaneers)	17

<u>Stolen Bases</u>	
H Atwood (Warriors)	16
P Edwards (Blues)	15
M Gilbert (Monarchs)	13

<u>ERA (min. 28 Innings)</u>	
M Mills (Buccaneers)	2.03
D Knight (Blues)	3.8
I Lanario (Spartans)	4.01

<u>Strikeouts</u>	
A Gilbert (Monarchs)	57
D Knight (Blues)	55
M Gilbert (Monarchs)	50

### PREMIER DIVISION NORTH

<u>Batting (min 45 PA)</u>	
N Whittaker (Cobras)	0.516
B Keeler (Patriots)	0.500
B Benitez (Patriots)	0.478

<u>Home Runs</u>	
R Nichols (Patriots)	5
T Solberg (Patriots)	3
G Bassey (Tigercats)	2

<u>Runs Batted In</u>	
N Whittaker (Cobras)	21
R Nichols (Patriots)	19
T Solberg (Patriots)	15

<u>Stolen Bases</u>	
B Keeler (Patriots)	11
M Via (Patriots)	11
J Saleh (Cobras)	9

<u>ERA (min. 17 Innings)</u>	
R Nichols (Patriots)	1.83
V Hurley (Patriots)	2.81
B Benitez (Patriots)	3.86

<u>Strikeouts</u>	
D Butler (Warriors)	45
M Atkinson (Cobras)	28
M Godsall (Tigercats)	26



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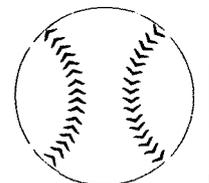
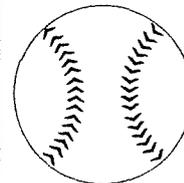
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## Attention Youth Coaches

For readers who are Youth Coaches or have regular contact with schools there have been some developments in the last few months that are worth noting:

The first of these has been mentioned previously in Brit-Ball and is the new Youth Manager's Award which emphasises the idea that coaching children cannot just be about baseball any more but must take into account the other issues of Child Protection and children's development as well as looking at the issues surrounding effective communication with young players.

Recently the NEAB (Examining Board) officially added baseball to its list of acceptable sports for study at GCSE, allowing young players to extend the credit they get for playing into their school achievement. In addition to this, John Mills and I of the Halton Polecats have written some NEAB Unit Accreditation Modules for school and club use which will allow children of all ages to receive credit in their School Record of Achievement file for the skills they learn. For more details on this contact John Mills on 01928 717096.

All readers will probably be aware of the excellent Pitch, Hit and Run Programme which is currently running in almost 1000 schools in this country. We have found this an excellent way to spread the good news as it targets sections of the National Curriculum. I have recently written a paper for Teacher Training College and School use on how baseball can be used in *all* aspects of the Primary School Curriculum, and would be happy to send copies to those who wish to use it or persuade their local schools of the possibilities of baseball in the classroom. It begins with a history of the game spanning 5000 years.

The possibilities of expansion in the youth game are huge and schools have an important part to play in the life of baseball in this country and in supporting the existing club network, as young players feed into their local clubs. For more details or copies of the paper on the use of baseball in schools please phone Ronan on 0976 444 218.

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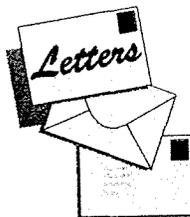
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Dear Brit-Ball

Judging from your last issue (Jan/Feb 98) I think you should rename it Vince-Ball. This superb issue was full of hints, tips and useful advice many with Vince's name attached. Keep it coming.

My only regret is that Brit-Ball is not more widely distributed. Every registered player should receive a copy as part of their annual fee. If that means



it.

Look for this suggestion to raised at next year's AGM of nothing changes from your end first!

Jay Stearns  
Sheffield Bladerunners

raising the fee a few pounds then so be it. It is vital to maintain direct and active links with every player - especially in the off season - and Brit-Ball is the way to do

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# STATISTICS

01 July 1998

## SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

<u>Batting (min 18 PA)</u>	
H Booy (Falcons)	0.714
S Boast (Falcons)	0.659
R Hemmerich (Bears)	0.629

<u>Home Runs</u>	
S Boast (Falcons)	7
H Booy (Falcons)	5
J Boyd (Bears)	2

<u>Runs Batted In</u>	
S Boast (Falcons)	25
L Manning (Falcons)	22
C Kidd (Falcons)	19

<u>Stolen Bases</u>	
L Manning (Falcons)	24
S Young (Falcons)	20
S Boast (Falcons)	14

<u>ERA (min. 18 innings)</u>	
B Owens (Bears)	1.66
L House (Bears)	4.87
D Black (Falcons)	14.23

<u>Strikeouts</u>	
B Owens (Bears)	77
D Black (Falcons)	29
L House (Bears)	27

## NORTHERN CONFERENCE

<u>Batting (min 27 PA)</u>	
D Mullen (Bobcats)	0.700
J Sherlock (Bobcats)	0.667
R Orme (Trojans)	0.643

<u>Home Runs</u>	
D Grogan (Bobcats)	5
D Mullen (Bobcats)	4
A Murray (Trojans)	3

<u>Runs Batted In</u>	
D Grogan (Bobcats)	22
D Mullen (Bobcats)	21
3 players tied	20

<u>Stolen Bases</u>	
A Howarth (Bobcats)	20
J Sherlock (Bobcats)	18
2 players tied	14

<u>ERA (min. 9 innings)</u>	
D Grogan (Bobcats)	0
D Mullen (Bobcats)	2.52
A Howarth (Bobcats)	7.36

<u>Strikeouts</u>	
D Gary (Trojans)	35
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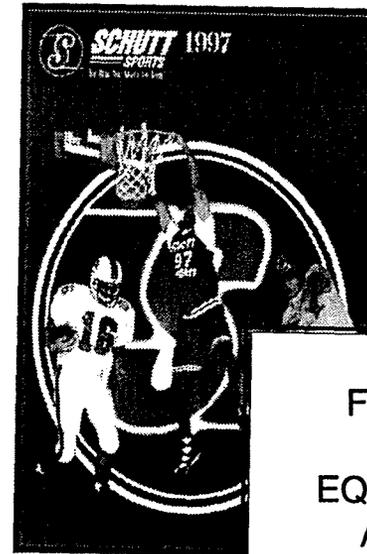
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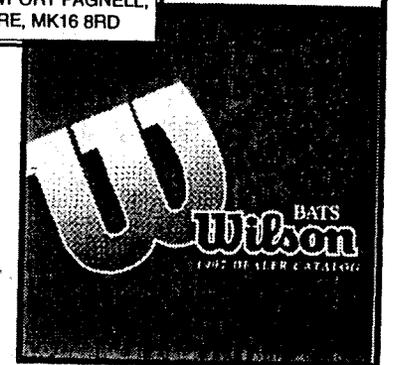
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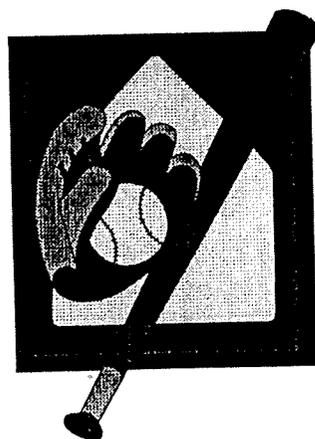


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