

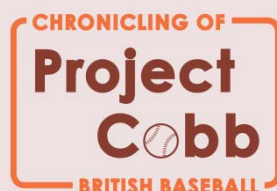
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MIDLANDS 1982 by Sheila Williams.
EAST MIDLAND SENIOR LEAGUE.

	<u>W.</u>	<u>L.</u>	<u>%.</u>
Clifton Cougars	8	2	.800
Southglade Hornets	8	2	.800
Top Valley Tigers	8	2	.800
Nottingham Lions	3	7	.300
Rugeley Rebels	2	8	.200
Sutton Coldfield Royals	1	9	.100

As the table shows, Cougars, Hornets, and Tigers ended up "all-square" at the top, each team having lost a game to the other two. A three-way playoff will be played at the beginning of 1983 season to decide the champion. Four of the above teams played in the Nottingham League, and this ended up as follows.

NOTTINGHAM SENIOR LEAGUE.

	<u>W.</u>	<u>L.</u>	<u>%.</u>
TOP VALLEY TIGERS	5	1	.833
Rugeley Rebels	4	2	.667
Nottingham Lions	3	3	.500
Sutton Coldfield Royals	0	6	.000

It was not until Sunday, 3rd. October, that Tigers made sure of winning the Nottingham League Championship, beating Nottingham Lions 11 - 10. Had Lions managed to pull off a surprise win, this would have left us with another three-way playoff!

Southglade Hornets competed in the North Eastern Invitation League, and were glad of the opportunity to play teams from another area. With a couple of games rained off, and one team not managing to travel to Nottingham, they played five games in all, winning only one, but they had several close games and enjoyed the baseball.

NOTTINGHAM CUP - This year, for the first time, this competition was run on a knock-out basis, Hornets and Cougars were the finalists. Hornets running out comfortable winners 9 - 3. Hornets, unfortunately, were not able to produce any sort of form on the day of the B.A.B.S.F. semi-final against Liverpool Trojans, losing by 27 - 9.

EAST MIDLAND JUNIOR BASEBALL.

1982 proved our most successful year in Junior Baseball, both at representative and club level. The Junior League worked out as follows:-

	<u>W.</u>	<u>L.</u>	<u>%.</u>
TOP VALLEY TIGERS	6	0	1.000
Southglade Eagles	4	2	.667
Rugeley Raiders	2	4	.333
Sutton Coldfield Bears	0	6	.000

JIMMY GOINS TROPHY - This trophy is kindly donated by Jean and Benny Benson and the tournament was arranged as a one-day event, with Bears drawn against Tigers, and Raiders against Eagles. Tigers and Eagles earned a place in the final but unfortunately proceedings were brought to a halt by a sudden thunderstorm at a time when Eagles had just managed to get their "nose in front". However, the replay was a different story and Tigers ran out comfortable winners 6 - 1. Stephen Smith, Tigers' pitcher won the trophy for the player of the day.

LOL WHELAN TOURNAMENT - This competition was played on a knock-out basis with Eagles and Tigers getting through to the final which Tigers won by 14 runs to 5.

B.A.B.S.F. FINAL - Top Valley Tigers made it a clean sweep for their club by winning the B.A.B.S.F. Final - the first time this has been achieved by a Midland Junior Club: Top Valley Tigers 23 - Hull Rebels 13. Adding the "icing to the cake", Stephen Smith won the Jimmy Goins Pitching Trophy, donated annually by Jean and Benny Benson for this National Final.

HUMBERSIDE SCHOOLBOYS v. MIDLAND SCHOOLBOYS. This produced a really exciting game with Midlands snatching victory in the final frame when Randall Weber cracked a home run to make the score Humberside 8 - Midlands 9.

B.A.B.S.F. JUNIOR AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS. Two teams entered for this championship - it would be great to see a Junior team enter from all the areas. However, Humberside and Midlands gave the spectators something to shout about, and produced a cracking game of baseball. Midlands took an early lead, but Humberside settled down to level the score at 4 all at the completion of seven innings. Midlands played well under pressure, Stephen Smith pitching with good power and control. He received good backing from the rest of the squad thus stopping Humberside from further scoring. Midlands scored an additional run, to run out winners; Midlands 5 - Humberside 4.

Definitely a great season for the youngsters, and 1983 will see the addition of two new teams - Southglade Kestrels and Braunstone Dodgers (the latter from Leicester) and a possibility of two more.

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FRENCH CHAMPIONS 1982.

BASEBALL. Paris University Club beat Baseball Club de France (13 - 7), and F.J.E.P. Meyzieu in the final pool of the French Baseball Championship. This gave P.U.C. the title, its eighth since 1970. B.C.F. defeated Meyzieu (20 - 4) to take second place.

The surprise of the season was F.J.E.P. Meyzieu; this club won the Championship of the National League Division II in 1980. Upon promotion it finished fifth in Division I in 1981.

Quite a number of new clubs appeared in the East and the South of France. Final Classification - 1. P.U.C.; 2. B.C.F.; 3. F.J.E.P. Meyzieu; 4. A tie between Le Perreux and Limeil Brevannes.

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL. This was the fourth championship in this category.

The winners were F.J.E.P. Meyzieu which easily won the final series, beating Thiais (37 - 3) and (32 - 2).

Woodys Nice, champions in seasons 1979, '80, and '81, finished in third place.

Final Placings - 1. F.J.E.P. Meyzieu; 2. Thiais; 3. Woodys Nice; 4. P.U.C.; 5. Pineuille; 6. B.C.F.

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North West American Baseball and Softball Association

THE NORTH WEST BASEBALL LEAGUE (NWBL). It was agreed at the beginning of the season, that the two top teams would settle the championship by a 3 game play-off series. The two contestants turned out to be Liverpool Trojans and Skelmersdale Tigers- Trojans took the play-off in two straight games.

LANCASHIRE CUP. Liverpool Trojans won this, beating Bromsgrove (Garringtons) Dodgers by one run in the final held at Burtonwood.

ROBERTSON ONE DAY TOURNAMENT. This was also played at Burtonwood, the winners being Liverpool Trojans.

NATIONAL CUP ELIMINATION COMPETITION. We decided this by using the double elimination system as we had done in 1981; this requires that a team be defeated twice to be eliminated. This competition ran concurrently alongside of our normal league fixtures mainly on Sundays, and takes quite a time to settle. There is a twofold purpose to this scheme, firstly, to produce an early entrant for the National Championship Play-offs; secondly, to provide more games for our clubs.

Trojans defeated Tigers in the final, and so qualified to meet Southglade Hornets in the semi-final of the National Championships.

ARTCO TROPHY. This was a one day tournament arranged for Sunday, September 19th. at Burtonwood. The event was rained-off. It will now be left over to 1983, when it will be the opening event of our season.

North West Player of the Year - Brian Bretherton (Trojans)

North West Pitching Award - Brian Bretherton (Trojans)

North West Home Run King - Danny Shanahan (Skelmersdale Tigers).

The above items contributed by Norman Wells, secretary of the North West Association and of the Liverpool Trojans B.C., Norman has supplied the following items also, these concern Trojans' activities outside of the North West Association.

CRAWLEY TOURNAMENT. Trojans travelled to Crawley, Sussex, to compete for the first time in this tournament. Booked into a hotel late on Friday night, they were on the diamond for the second game of the Saturday programme - versus DVS Eindhoven.

It was during this tournament that Trojans' main problem became truly apparent - lack of depth in pitching!! Brian Bretherton pitched 8 innings against DVS, the game ended in a tie, due to the time limit. Brian had to start our second game, just half an hour later, versus Crawley Giants. He lasted four innings, during which time he developed a back ailment which persisted for the remainder of the season. During the National Championship Final he had to be repeatedly massaged and sprayed with pain killer. Our relief pitcher could not check the Giants, who by then had the bit between the teeth.

On Sunday we met Hull Royals to determine the 5th. and 6th. positions. Trojans decided to use the remainder of our team. Art Bolton, who pitched this game for us, had been suffering throughout the season as a result of a leg injury, incurred during the soccer season. He was beaten by one run in the last inning - placing Trojans into 6th. place. Nevertheless we all thoroughly enjoyed this weekend festival of baseball.

Other participants were Croydon Bluejays, and London Warriors. Warriors won all their three games to take the Trophy. The Tournament was sponsored by Phillips Petroleum.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINAL. Liverpool Trojans v. Southglade Hornets. Brian Bretherton, Trojans' first line pitcher was away on holiday, so Arthur Bolton went on the mound for this game. Trojans had a fairly easy win - score 27 to 9 - game terminated after 7 innings.

Hornets pitchers Steve Frost and Mike Harrold obtained a combined total of 5 strike-outs. Hornets only consolation was a homer by John Mee.

For the Trojans, Carl Moody hit a homer; and New Zealander Apa Fatialofa hit two triples and a double. Art Bolton only struck-out two batters - it was a day for fielders rather than pitchers. The only double play of the game was turned-in by Fatialofa - Tony Breen - and Norman Wells Jr.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL. At King George V Stadium, Grimsby, - London Warriors v. Liverpool Trojans.

The Warriors' power hitting proved too much for Trojans, and served to press home, what was known only too well in the Trojans' team, that we have asked.

too much of our pitcher Brian Bretherton. With almost every Warrior a potential home run hitter, Brian faced a mammoth task throughout the game. Brian has had to undertake most of the pitching for Trojans this year, and up to this game, had lost only once this season. The Warriors hitting proved far too strong for Trojans, and four massive homeruns, three from Lee Pierce, and one tremendous effort to centre-field by Ed Wiley, put paid to a Trojan rally in the seventh inning. There was also some spectacular fielding, particularly by Warriors' second baseman Peter Binns. Warriors' pitcher Kevin Oates had only two strike-outs, which proves that Trojans did some hitting also. Summing-up - it will take a good team to wrest the championship from Warriors. Trojans are not too dismayed, we started the season with six rookies, and all have proved that with more experience, we will be back. Score - London Warriors 16 - Liverpool Trojans 7.

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SOFTBALL.

FIFTH WOMEN'S WORLD FAST PITCH CHAMPIONSHIP. This tournament was played in Taiwan, July 2 -11; a record entry of 23 countries took part, although a further six or seven countries which had been expected to compete backed out due to political pressures. Those participating were split into four groups which played a round robin competition, the top two from each group entered the play-offs. Group 1 Standings - 1. U.S.A., 2. Australia, 3. Guatemala, 4. Colombia, 5. Belgium, 6. Singapore.

Group 2 - 1. Canada, 2. Philippines tied with Venezuela, 4. Nicaragua, 5. Guam, 6. Sweden. Philippines beat Venezuela 4 - 0 in an extra game to decide which country would enter the play-offs.

Group 3. - 1. New Zealand, 2. The Netherlands, 3. Bermuda, 4. Panama, 5. Dominican Republic, 6. Indonesia.

Group 4. - 1. Taiwan, 2. El Salvador, 3. Bahamas, 4. Malaysia, 5. Nauru.

Play-offs - 1st. NEW ZEALAND. Won 4 - Lost 0: 2nd. Taiwan. Won 3 - Lost 2: 3rd. Australia. Won 3 - Lost 2: 4th. U.S.A. Won 1 - Lost 3: 5th. Canada. Won 0 - Lost 2: 6. Philippines. Won 1 - Lost 1. 7th. El Salvador, and The Netherlands, Won 0 - Lost 1.

Debbie Mygind, a 21 year old clerk from Auckland, struck-out 9, and walked only 1, while pitching New Zealand to its fourth win in the Page play-offs. New Zealand had never finished higher than third in previous Championships. Taiwan stunned the U.S.A. at the start of the Page play-offs, gaining a come from behind 2 - 1 victory, then topped the U.S.A. again, 1 - 0. Australia beat the U.S.A. by the identical score, and so gained third place.

In all 82 games were played in the championships. The main stadium in Taipei seated about 20,000 spectators.

ZIMBABWE WOMEN'S TEAM TOURS U.S.A. The Zimbabwe team had planned to compete in the World's Championships, but due to political pressures was not allowed to play. As a consolation the U.S. Amateur Softball Association arranged this tour, which covered six U.S. cities, July 18 - 30. Zimbabwe won one game and lost eleven.

THE NETHERLANDS. Terrasvogels(Santpoort) won the Netherlands' Women's title for the fourth successive season. Hans Jansen, the team coach, has the remarkable record of coaching five title winners in six years. He gained two wins with DSS, and this was his third win with Terrasvogels.

EUROPA CUP. The clubs taking part in this competition for women's softball, staged at Finale Ligure, Italy, were Kerodex(Italy), General Motors(Belgium), Woodys Nice(France), Piratas(Spain), Terrasvogels, and Bloemendael (The Netherlands). Terrasvogels had won the Cup in 1980, and 1981. The organisers had arranged the contestants into two pools with the intention of having the final series being played between Kerodex and Terrasvogels.

Bloemendaal upset this arrangement by qualifying for the three game final series. Terrasvogels qualifying as expected. The final series was marked by play of a very high standard, Bloemendaal causing another upset by beating Terrasvogels 2 games to 1. Scores were 2-1, 0-1, and 1-0.

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HAARLEM BASEBALL WEEK.

This took place from 14th. to 22nd. August. Teams competing were the host country, The Netherlands; and the following, Mitsubishi(Japan), Grand Rapids Sullivans, University of Mississippi, and for the first time ever the U.S.A. The participation of the U.S.A., which went on to win the tournament created so much additional public interest, that a new total attendance record was reached. 97,000 spectators paid for admission.

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NORTH EUROPEAN CUP.

The 1982 tournament for this trophy was staged at Antwerp from 12th. to 15th. August. Special features were, the largest number of participants ever; the entry for the first time of Great Britain, Denmark, and Finland, and the use of part of the tourney to decide the 6th. participant in the 1983 European Championships. This eliminating event concerned Denmark, France, and Finland. France was the team which gained the European Championship qualification. August 12th. FRANCE 20 - Finland 3: BELGIUM 24 - Denmark 1: NETHERLANDS B 25 - Great Britain 0: August 13th. FRANCE 17 - Denmark 7: NETHERLANDS B 45 - Finland 0: BELGIUM 15 - Great Britain 2: August 14th. DENMARK 12 - Finland 7: FRANCE 17 - Great Britain 7: NETHERLANDS B 7 - Belgium 1: August 15th: GREAT BRITAIN 19 - Finland 3: NETHERLANDS B 26 - Denmark 0: BELGIUM 11 - France 1.

Final standings North European Cup : Champions - NETHERLANDS B W. 4 L. 0 1.000: 2nd. Belgium W. 3 L. 1 .750: and France with the same statistics: 4th. Great Britain, and Denmark each with 1 win and 3 losses, .250: 6th. Finland, no wins and 4 losses .000.

The final standings for the European Championships - SENIORS 1983 were - 1st. FRANCE, 2nd. Denmark, 3rd. Finland.

Now follow some comments on the Great Britain participation in the event. These have been supplied by Brian Holland, one of the British officials in attendance.

It was a welcome sight when the Great Britain team took its place in the opening ceremony of the North European Cup in Antwerp. With a weak and depleted squad, nobody gave them much hope of success. Nevertheless, it was a proud moment to see our players there.

When the competition got under way, Great Britain was thrown into the deep end straight away. Our first opponents being the Netherlands. We had a base-ball lesson from the Dutch. Held to only one hit, that coming from Barry Marshall, Great Britain went down 25 - 0. The Dutch punished the British pitching with five home runs, coming from J. Land, M. Kruijt, B. Groot, R. Groot, and R. Hendricks.

Next day, Great Britain tackled the host country, Belgium. By the second inning it looked as if our hosts were in for a shock, as Great Britain took a two run lead. Our first run had come in the first inning when Steve Toke-love scored on a pitcher's error. Belgium replied in their half of the inning, R. Brouwers scoring, aided by a fielding error.

Great Britain took the lead in the second with the help of a home run over the left field fence from Mark Storey. All went well until the fifth inning when the Belgian batters got wise to the pitching of Alan Bloomfield, and scored eight runs. This was too much for Great Britain to overcome, and we finally lost the game 15-2.

By the third day the injuries in the British squad started to tell. Ian Ashford had broken his ankle. Sore arms also caused over use of the linament spray. Manager Ron Marshall was in a desperate plight searching for a pitcher with a sound arm who he could use versus France in the next game. Finally Ron elected to start Terry Warner, who had come to the tournament as a coach,

not as a player. Behind Terry's pitching, Great Britain gave France a tough game, that is until the fifth inning. At the end of the third the score was tied at 4-all; at the end of the fourth it was tied at 5-all. Great Britain had good reason for believing the fifth inning to be their jinx inning. In their half of the fifth France scored eight runs, at the end of five the score was 13-6. The game was curtailed under the 10 run rule at the end of the British half of the seventh inning. France won 17-7. Now, all chance of a British victory rested on our last game, this was versus Finland. Finland was also seeking its first victory; so both teams were really determined to retrieve some credit from the tournament. Great Britain scored six runs in the second inning. By the fourth Great Britain led 15-1. They would not relax until they had got by the jinx fifth inning; Finland's bats were silent, so the British squad gave out a sigh of relief. We added 2 in the fifth, and 2 in the sixth, to gain our solitary victory. The game was curtailed after Finland's half of the seventh inning at 19-3. One of the most pleasing sights for the British team was to see a handfull of the Ashford Hawks turn up as spectators.

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EUROPEAN CUP 1982.

B.-Pool played at Leksand, Sweden, in June. The winner qualified to play in the A-Pool which was planned to have been played at Rotterdam later in 1982. However, due to problems arising from The Netherlands entry in the World Championship tournament in South Korea, the A-Pool was postponed until the early part of the 1983 season.

June 24th. PIRATAS (Spain) 12 - Munkene (Denmark) 2: BERCHEM (Belgium) 14 - P.U.C. (France) 0: MUNKENE (Denmark) 10 - Wranglers (Finland) 7:
LEKSAND (Sweden) 4 - Piratas (Spain) 3. June 25th. P.U.C. 15 - Wranglers 4:
PIRATAS 6 - Berchem 5: P.U.C. 13 - Munkene 12: LEKSAND 20 - Wranglers 3:
June 26th. BERCHEM 12 - Munkene 1: LEKSAND 9 - P.U.C. 1: PIRATAS 13 -
Wranglers 0: BERCHEM 10 - Leksand 9: June 27th. PIRATAS 14 - P.U.C. 4:
BERCHEM 12 - Wranglers 0: LEKSAND 14 - Munkene 4:

This 15 game round robin ended with three clubs Leksand, Berchem, and Piratas each having won 4 and lost 1. The C.E.B.A. Technical Commissioners decided that this deadlock should be resolved by Leksand playing Berchem in what was termed a semi-final; the winner would then play Piratas to decide the qualifier for the A-Pool.

Leksand beat Berchem 6-5; and then went on to beat Piratas 3 - 1.

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EUROPEAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The 1982 European Junior Championships, that is for boys aged 17 and 18, were held in Stockholm (Sweden).

July 28th. NETHERLANDS 12 - Sweden 2: ITALY 6 - Spain 0:
July 29th. SPAIN 13 - Sweden 5: NETHERLANDS 18 - Italy 7: July 30th. ITALY 8 - Sweden 4: NETHERLANDS 10 - Spain 2: July 31st. SFAIN 15 - Sweden 3:
NETHERLANDS 3 - Italy 2: August 1st. SWEDEN 18 - Spain 15:
NETHERLANDS 10 - Italy 5:

Final Placings. Champions - NETHERLANDS: 2nd. Italy: 3rd. Spain: 4th. Sweden.

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GREAT BRITAIN ALL-STARS v. U.S. FORCES ALL-STARS.

As a climax to the British - American Series played during the summer, which was won by the Americans 2 games to 1; it was decided that this game would be an All-Star game, so that the B.A.B.S.F. could select players who were not holders of British passports.

The game was initiated by Mr. Peter Hunt of Rollaway Ltd., and the game was sponsored by his company. He selected Stamford Bridge, the Chelsea F.C. ground as the venue. He intends to use this ground about once a fortnight next season to stage major games.

For a little background information, Stamford Bridge was the venue for base -ball almost every Sunday afternoon in the summers from 1922 to 1931.

In February, 1914, King George V and Queen Mary attended a baseball game at Stamford Bridge which saw the New York Giants opposed by the Chicago White Sox. Again in 1924, on November 6th., King George V attended a game between these same clubs.

During the period 1922 to 1931, the ball games at Stamford Bridge were organized by the American Legion Post in London.

As the crowd of some 5,000 spectators settled in their seats, Mike Ocon, Britain's starting pitcher, started warming up.

Both sides went down in order in the first inning. Come the second inning, Ocon had problems. The first three U.S. All-Star batters he faced got base hits. The third hit from Johnson enabled Longwell to score the first U.S. run. After that hiccup Ocon retired the next five batters that he faced. Meanwhile, Seitz the Forces' pitcher wasn't doing so badly either. He had worked three innings without giving up a hit, but he didn't have it so good for much longer. Great Britain's Lee Pierce led off the fourth with a single. He was followed by Ocon who drew a walk. The bases were soon loaded when Rick Soan took ball four. Great Britain took the lead when Denis King singled, scoring Pierce and Ocon.

Great Britain went two runs ahead in the fifth, when Alan Bloomfield singled, and then scored on Ed Wiley's double. Thereafter it was a pitcher's game.

Ocon and Seitz vieing with each other perfectly. Ocon stretching his strike-out total to eleven, Seitz notching up nine.

U.S. All-Stars drew level with Great Britain in the sixth inning when Jim Young singled with the bases loaded, this scored Kunding and Longwell.

With the game tied 3 - 3 at the end of the ninth, the crowd was really excited. If there were any newcomers to the game, they must have been loving it.

Going into the tenth, the U.S. All-Stars got the luckiest break of the evening. Longwell led off for them, lofting the ball into right field. Kevin Oates parked himself under the ball for what should have been an easy out.

Somehow, he lost the ball in the lights, and it fell to the ground. Longwell was safe at first, he was sacrificed to second by Johnson. Young came to the plate, and grounded the ball to short-stop. In an effort to stop the go ahead run, short threw to Marty Jewer, the catcher, to stop the advancing Longwell. There was a thud, and a crunch; arms and legs everywhere; but Longwell had eluded the tag, scoring the fourth run for the Forces.

Great Britain could not reply; and as Tony Breen grounded-out to first for the final out of the game, the crowd stood up and applauded a fine game.

During the seventh inning stretch a brief award ceremony took place. Mr. Benny Benson of the B.A.B.S.F. presented Alan Bloomfield with the Gold Glove Award as the Most Valuable Player for the Great Britain squad during the British-American Series.

Brian Holland.

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WORLD AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The 27th. World Championships were staged by South Korea; games were played in a number of cities. The main centre was the brand new baseball park built at Seoul in the National Sports Complex. This Complex will be the scene of many events in the Olympic Games of 1988.

Cuba and Colombia who should have competed withdrew shortly before the tournament was staged.

RESULTS.

Saturday, 4th. September. ITALY 2 - South Korea 1; CANADA 1 - U.S.A. 0:

Sunday, 5th. September. SOUTH KOREA 2 - U.S.A. 1; NETHERLANDS 6 - Panama 5:

TAIWAN 2 - Italy 0; DOMINICAN REPUBLIC 18 - Canada 8:

JAPAN 7 - Australia 1.

Monday, 6th. September. PANAMA 3 - Dominican Republic 2; ITALY 3 - Japan 2:

U.S.A. 14 - Australia 4; TAIWAN 17 - Canada 11; SOUTH KOREA 11 - Netherlands 0:

Tuesday, 7th. September. JAPAN 3 - Taiwan 2; CANADA 7 - Australia 4:

NETHERLANDS 12 - Italy 11; U.S.A. 5 - Dominican Republic 1:

Wednesday, 8th. September. AUSTRALIA 6 - Netherlands 2: S. KOREA 6-Taiwan 0:
 JAPAN 6 - Dominican Republic 3: CANADA 10 - Italy 6: U.S.A. 7 - Panama 6:
 Friday, 10th. September. U.S.A. 13 - Netherlands 3: SOUTH KOREA 4 - Panama 2:
 JAPAN 18 - Canada 7: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC 6 -Italy 5: TAIWAN 11 - Australia 8:
 Saturday, 11th. September. SOUTH KOREA 5 - Canada 1: JAPAN 4 - U.S.A. 1:
 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC 10 - Australia 5: TAIWAN 6 - Netherlands 4:
 PANAMA 8 - Italy 4:

Sunday, 12th. September. TAIWAN 4 - Panama 3 (this game should have been played
 on the opening day): CANADA 2 - Panama 0: SOUTH KOREA 3 - Dominican Rep. 0:
 AUSTRALIA 6 - Italy 4: JAPAN 5 - Netherlands 0:

Monday, 13th. September. SOUTH KOREA 7 - Australia 6: TAIWAN 3 - Dominican Rep. 1:
 JAPAN 7 - Panama 2: U.S.A. 13 - Italy 2: CANADA 8 - Netherlands 4:

Tuesday, 14th. September. NETHERLANDS 8 - Dominican Republic 2:

U.S.A. 3 - Taiwan 2: SOUTH KOREA 5 - Japan 2: PANAMA 6 - Australia 4:

| PLACINGS. | Won. | Lost. | Points. |
|-----------------------|------|-------|---------|
| 1. SOUTH KOREA | 8 | 1 | 16 |
| 2. Japan | 7 | 2 | 14 |
| 3. U.S.A. | 6 | 3 | 12 |
| 4. Taiwan | 6 | 3 | 12 |
| 5. Canada | 5 | 4 | 10 |
| 6. Netherlands | 3 | 6 | 6 |
| 7. Panama | 3 | 6 | 6 |
| 8. Dominican Republic | 3 | 6 | 6 |
| 9. Australia | 2 | 7 | 4 |
| 10. Italy | 2 | 7 | 4. |

In those cases where teams finished with the same number of wins, placings depend on which team beat the other during the tournament.

Individual Trophy Winners.

Most Valuable Player - Dong-Yeoul Sun (South Korea), a righthanded pitcher.

Best hitter - Shih-Chang Chao (Taiwan) .531.

Pitcher with the lowest earned run average- Ho-Kyun Lim (South Korea) 0.00

Pitcher with the best won and lost record- Dong-Yeoul Sun (S.Korea) W.3 - L.0.

Most runs batted in- Kunio Takesue (Japan) 18; he was also the Homerun King with 4.

Most stolen bases- Mitsugu Kobayashi (Japan) 7.

Most runs scored- Ron Cobb (U.S.A.) 10

Best umpire- Dave McManus (Canada).

All-Star Team Selection.

Righthand pitcher- Dong-Yeoul Sun (S.Korea): Lefthand pitcher- Rod Heisler (Can.)

Catcher - Larry Downes (Canada): First base- Ed Orrizzi (Italy):

Second base- Charles Urbanus (Netherlands): Third base- Fua-Wei Lin (Taiwan):

Shortstop- Jai-Bak Kim (South Korea): Leftfield- Jordon Berge (U.S.A.):

Centrefield- Doug McPhail (Canada): Rightfield- Shih-Chang Chao (Taiwan):

Designated hitter- Kunio Takesue (Japan).

The result of the tournament shows how formidable South Korea is when playing in its own country. The Intercontinental Cup was played in South Korea in 1977 and was won by the host country. 1982 marks the first World Championship won by an Asian country.

Italy got off to an excellent start, beating the eventual winners on Opening Day. Then losing narrowly to Taiwan 0-2, then proceeding to beat Japan 3-2. So, two wins and a narrow defeat, when confronting teams that finished first, fourth, and third.

On the fourth day Italy and the Netherlands met, and a highly exciting game ensued. A grand-slam homer by Mike Romano in the third gave Italy a 10 - 2 lead. Bertil Haage, the reliever who gave up the four run homer, stayed in the game, and blanked Italy in the next inning. Meanwhile, Netherlands got back into the game until at the end of the eighth the score stood 10 - 8 to Italy. Italy scored once more, to lead 11-8. Netherlands tied it at 11-11, and won on a Charles Urbanus homer- 12-11. Urbanus went 6 for 6, with 2 homers.