

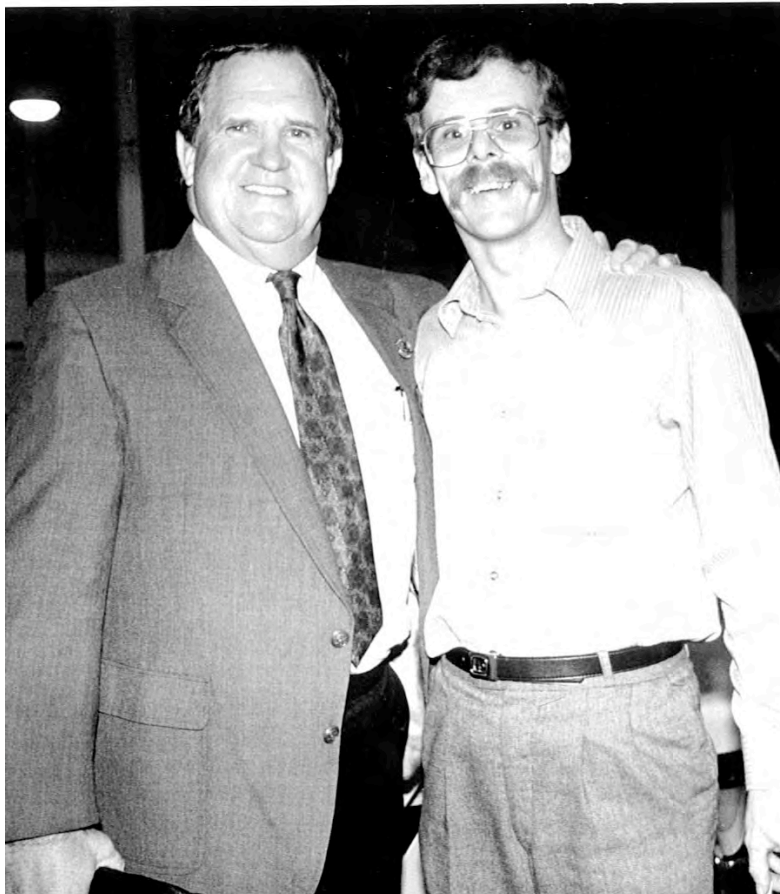


Bristol Baseball Club

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Member's news - Ron is getting better!

Ron is feeling better, and looking decades younger in this photo. Although maybe not an accurate portrayal of the current Ron, he is looking good. Ron umpired game 1 of our recent game against Bracknell, and in honour of this we are having a quiz. The photo shows Ron (actually decades younger) with a "famous" umpire of the age, but who is this guy? Please send your answers to our email by reply or our web site.



It is conceivable that a tie-breaker may be needed if more than one person answers correctly, so you should also guess the year the photo was taken.

[Team news, home grown Badger makes the GB Juniors squad](#)

Great news for Bristol Baseball as Luke Looney has become the first home grown Badger selected to play for Great Britain juniors. Luke will be playing in Austria facing 5 other national teams in a European qualifying round this summer. His first games for our club were in 2009 for the Bristol Bats, our independent team, and this year he has been playing for the Badgers.

Previous players who have played for GB and then the Badgers include Aaron Simmons, whose dad Andy helped in setting up Bristol baseball. Also Tom Hollies and Brad Freeman played for GB and the Badgers. And speaking of Brad, we wish him well as he is moving to California soon.

[Other news from the world of baseball](#)

Baseball is in full swing in the UK. But if you have some spare time one day, check out these 4 videos.

In this first one, watch the runner leapfrog the catcher...please don't try this at home!

http://sports.yahoo.com/mlb/blog/big_league_stew/post/Superman-leap-makes-Fordham-player-a-viral-video?urn=mlb,235668

The next video is two teams delayed by rain, so they created their own baseball theatre. Watch the video and ask yourself if the Badgers have players capable of doing this.

http://sports.yahoo.com/mlb/blog/big_league_stew/post/Florida-Atlantic-and-Western-Kentucky-get-dramat?urn=mlb,235466

This next one is for the old men on the Badgers. Read the article, and watch the 4 minute video. At times amusing, at times inspiring, stick with it and watch the whole thing. Apart from the human interest story, note the facilities this baseball team has such as the batting cage. One day we will have something like that!

http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2010/05/06/a_senior_on_the_mound/?s_campaign=8315

After playing home games in a dome for 22 years, the Minnesota Twins constructed and now play in an open ball park. An American Kestrel has been patrolling the field catching moths, then landing on the foul pole to eat his meals. In this article you will see a photo, and just below the photo you can click on a link to watch a video of Kirby catching a moth in mid-air, approximately 35 seconds into the video. What an outfielder!

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kirby_the_Kestrel

Looking back – West Country baseball history



THE Catcher's Mitten (illustrated here), the First Basemen's Mitten and the Fielder's Glove are all of first class design and made from finest tanned grain hide.

Baily's Baseball Bat is made from finest West Country Ash and produced in three balances.

The Official Baseball is yarn-wound, has a cork centre and is covered with double-stitched alum tanned leather.



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