



## Bristol Baseball Club

## Newsletter June

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### Overview of the year so far

Despite early set backs, the year is going very well. There is a low attendance in practice and this is causing serious concern, but this perhaps was to be expected with having two practice locations. More about that and a news item for the **Bats** and new members below.

The **Badgers** are doing extraordinarily well. Much of this is due to simple things like good organisation - a great credit to Dan and Tom. The team is gelling well and capable of overcoming injuries like Tom being out of action due to his rolled ankle in the Essex game as well as Luis injured in a nasty bike accident.

The fact that we managed to find a home ground on such short notice and we were able to build a field so quickly was part luck but much of it was sheer persistence. Our home ground has been attracting serious attention as is clear from this article, now on the front page of the BBF website for almost a month. Some great photos too:

[http://www.britishbaseball.org/news\\_article/show/90439?referrer\\_id=271910](http://www.britishbaseball.org/news_article/show/90439?referrer_id=271910)

The **Badgers** are still top of the league and that too earns us considerable attention. We have had five items in the Bristol Evening Post on our spectacular form. We are now almost mid season and there is more to come. This season is proving interesting to say the least. All congratulations to the Badgers for working hard and great team spirit! Our updated team stats can be seen here:

<http://www.bristolbaseball.co.uk/stats.html>

**Message to all members** – please express interest/availability for the 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> of July, **Croydon Tournament**. Without enough people, we cannot enter a team. We also need someone to lead the team. Details here:

<http://www.croydonpirates.co.uk/lt.htm>

### **Bats & new membership announcement**

In all this success and also change, it has unfortunately been the **Bats** that have suffered. The quick succession of events have taken the whole club by surprise and by concentrating on the new field, we have not had much time for anything else. We have had a few games organised where the **Bats** were not able to field a team. This was in part due to short notice but also in part due to people not responding to emails. This makes organising a team extra difficult.

Much of the season and summer is still ahead of us and we take the **Bats** very seriously. To make things easier, we will abandon full membership fees for the **Bats** and change each membership into normal training membership of £50. Some of you that have paid full **Bats** membership already will therefore receive half their money back.

To all of you that wish to play games for the **Bats**, please re-confirm your intent to play at contact us@bristolbaseball.co.uk, if you have not done so recently. Please also reply to any emails that ask for your availability to play.

Please continue to show up for practice on both Patchway and Failand as normal. We need more people out at practice, and the Badgers will likely be calling up 1 or 2 players from the Bats as the season progresses

### **Visit by Great Britain Junior team on the 3rd of July**

A friendly match between a combined **Badgers & Bats** squad and the Great Britain Junior (Under 18s) squad will take place on our home grounds in Failand on the 3rd of July. Everyone is invited to this spectacular event and we welcome this opportunity to play a match against a well-trained and talented side. One of our players, Luke Looney, also plays for GB Juniors and will be travelling to Florida for an international tournament after this friendly, their final tune up. Bring out the folding chairs and prepare to enjoy a special event - a first for Bristol Baseball!

Further home games are Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> of June, then the 3rd of July game against GB Juniors, and then onwards the 17th of July.

Updated fixtures and results always here:

[http://www.bristolbaseball.co.uk/fix\\_res.html](http://www.bristolbaseball.co.uk/fix_res.html)

See you at the ball park!

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