

Is Nick all wet?

Dear Editor:

Is the originator of the "Sports Quiz" in the Brunswickan Vol. 118, Issue 22, Mar. 13th still wet behind the ears or is the answer to Question 8 a misprint? It states that "baseball originated in England around 1940."

Not being a devotee of the sport, my husband took me to see my first - and last - baseball game in Toronto in 1932, at that time a well established sport with a stadium of its own near the waterfront. So I have just taken out my trusty Encyclopedia Britannica (eleventh edition) to see just when and where it really did begin.

I have read with interest part of a full three and a half pages on Base-ball" the national sport of the United States, popular also throughout Canada and in Japan. Its origin is obscure ... it had its origins in the United States, probably at Cooperstown in N.Y. in 1839, ... matches between organized baseball clubs were first played in the neighbourhood of New York where the Washington Baseball club was formed in 1843 ... The first regular code of rules was drawn up in 1845 ... In 1876 the National League (U.S.) of eight clubs was formed..."

And so it goes on for another three pages. You can read the rest of it yourself. The Encyclopedia, in case you don't know it is the fountain of all knowledge. With it you can lay out a tennis court, or a badminton court, or learn how to play pinochle - or ping-pong - or chess. I would advise the Sports Quizzer's perusal of it.

I enjoy the Brunswickan which my granddaughter allows me to read - but I just couldn't let this pass.

Signed "Grannie"
(Lucy McNeill)

SPORTS EDITOR'S NOTE:

Baseball as we know it today came from the United States, however, it was pinched from two English sports, cricket and rounders (which is amazingly close to baseball).

I mistook an "8" for a "9"

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