

BASEBALL'S HISTORY



Ryodai Kawai's History of Baseball

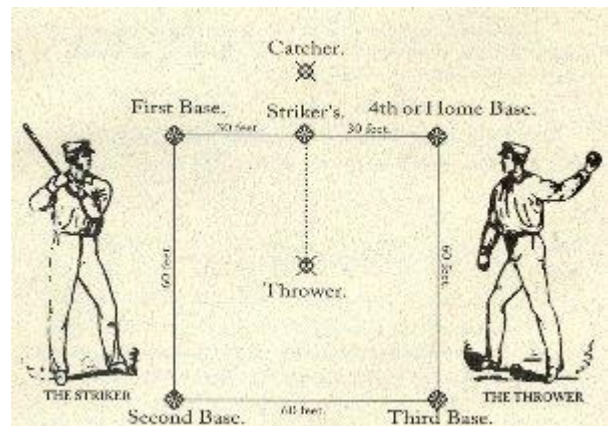
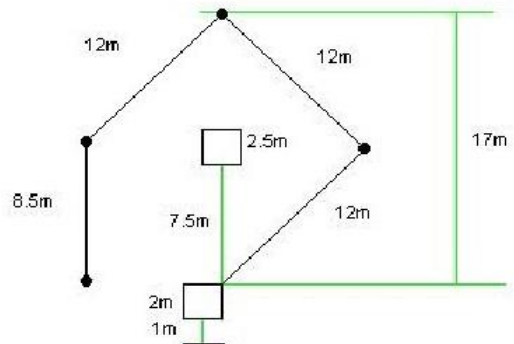
I want to introduce to you the long history that has become the popular game of Baseball.

We know that baseball is sport and that this sport uses a bat, ball, and glove. We also know that this sport has nine player on each of the two teams playing. What many people don't know is that this sport was born in France during the 12 century, where it was called "La soule" or "choule. Other old French games such as thèque, la balle au bâton, and la balle empoisonnée also appear to be related.

"La soule" was very dangerous, but is the original form of the ball game that we play today. Casualties haunt this sport, but it was very popular. When it was brought over to Britain it became known as Street Football. During the periods of war, soldiers often grouped together to relax and play sports. This ball game with simple or almost no rules made this easy for them to do, so it became popular to play. As more rules were made this game became "Rounders". Some of the earliest balls for this sport were made by putting stones in their socks. The

rules are almost the same as those used during baseball games today. The game later changed into what was called Town Ball.

Rounders Pitch Layout



Town Ball Pitch Layout

During the 18 century, this kind of sport started to be called Baseball by some people. There was "A