

Baseball

Badgers recruit Hasselhoff

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MEMBERS of the Bristol Badgers got the chance to talk baseball with international superstar David Hasselhoff over the weekend.

Baseball fan 'The Hoff', who has recently completed a month-long stint appearing as Captain Hook in the pantomime Peter Pan, met with a number of players backstage at the Bristol Hippodrome.

Badgers co-manager Dan Looney said: "It was great to talk baseball with David.

"He likes lots of sports, but I actually think he just loves to hear that people are participating in something active.

"We're pleased to welcome The Hoff as an Honourary Badger!"

Hasselhoff, who was born in Baltimore, added: "Baseball is a great team sport.

"It's played all around the world,

although most people probably don't realise it was invented in England.

"It doesn't matter what size or how fast or strong you are, as long as you have hand-eye co-ordination you can play."

The Badgers, who play games through the summer at their Failand base, won the British AAA South Division last summer for the first time in their short history.

They are gearing up to defend their title again in the forthcoming campaign, for which indoor pre-season training begins next month.

The Badgers also run an independent team, Bristol Bats, which plays friendly matches against other teams across the West Country.

The club are always on the lookout for new players of all ages and abilities.

Further details of how to become involved are available at www.bristolbaseball.co.uk.



● David Hasselhoff, second left meets Bristol Badgers from left Scott Sibereis, Matt Bray and Dan Looney