COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000



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We have reviewed the Independent Auditor's Report of the Columbus Baseball Team, Inc., Franklin County, prepared by Haemmerle, Heximer, Harvey & Co., for the audit period January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Columbus Baseball Team, Inc. is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

JIM PETRO Auditor of State

April 12, 2002

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The Board of Trustees Franklin County Stadium, Inc. and Columbus Baseball Team, Inc.

Independent Auditors' Report

We have audited the accompanying combined balance sheets of Franklin County Stadium, Inc. (the Stadium) and Columbus Baseball Team, Inc. (the Team) and the related combined statements of revenues, expenses and changes in equity and of cash flows as of and for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000. These combined financial statements are the responsibility of the management of the Company. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these combined financial statements based on our audits. The Stadium and Team are component units of Franklin County pursuant to Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards (GASB) section 2600.128 and NO80.103.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the combined financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the combined financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Stadium and Team as of December 31, 2001 and 2000, and the results of their operations and cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audits were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the combined financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying financial information included in the attached Supplementary Combining Schedule of Revenue and Expenses is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the Stadium and Team combined financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the aforementioned combined financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the aforementioned combined financial statements taken as a whole.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued a report dated February 1, 2002 on our consideration of Stadium's and Team's compliance and on their internal control over financial reporting.

HAEMMERLE, HEXIMER, HARVEY & CO.

February 1, 2002

COMBINED BALANCE SHEETS

DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000

ASSETS	2001	2000
Cash and cash equivalents Investments available for sale Trade accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful	\$288,533 2,406,496	\$ 453,023 2,692,881
accounts of \$1,050 Souvenir and equipment inventory Prepaid expenses	25,846 112,974 92,001	26,126 77,737 30,909
Property, plant and equipment, net	3,602,013	3,854,279
Total assets	\$ <u>6,527,863</u>	\$ <u>7,134,955</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY		
Accounts payable Accrued expenses	\$ 55,949 69,580	\$ 79,535 19,695
Due to others	213,000	215,000
Deferred revenue	302,168	322,112
Total liabilities	640,697	636,342
Fund equity:		
Net unrealized holding gains on investments available for sale Retained earnings:	263,371	131,798
Reserved	2,500,000	2,500,000
Unreserved	3,123,795	3,866,815
Total fund equity	5,887,166	6,498,613
Total liabilities and fund equity	\$ <u>6,527,863</u>	\$ <u>7,134,955</u>

COMBINED STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000

Revenues:	2001	2000
Ticket sales:		
Advanced	\$ 359,334	\$ 301,075
Season	558,912	585,090
Daily	372,798	409,276
Other	11,518	15,975
Total ticket sales	1,302,562	1,311,416
Concessions	798,096	1,003,275
Advertising	605,369	617,922
Souvenirs	382,141	304,128
Parking	259,888	245,268
Special events	225,919	418,229
Other	153,945	149,845
Total revenues	3,727,920	4,050,083
Expenses:		
Payroll and related taxes	1,416,005	1,502,146
Team expense	338,269	340,115
Special events	326,655	386,337
Supplies, repairs and maintenance	301,428	252,318
Souvenirs	282,616	239,499
Utilities	235,004	204,314
Insurance	150,866	173,387
Advertising	195,639	165,961
Printing	116,974	155,682
Administration	26,318	76,825
Other	215,685	302,863
Total expenses	3,605,459	3,799,447
Income before depreciation and 25^{th} anniversary costs	122,461	250,636

COMBINED STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000

	2001	2000
Income before depreciation and 25^{th} anniversary costs	\$ 122,461	\$ 250,636
Depreciation 25 th anniversary costs	465,330 122,431	431,351
Operating income (loss)	(456,300)	(180,715)
Investment income:		
Interest and dividends Realized gains (losses)	47,661 (325,381)	68,392 <u>394,330</u>
	(277,720)	462,692
Net income (loss)	(743,020)	281,977
Net change in unrealized holding gains on investments available for sale	131,573	(872,055)
Fund equity at beginning of year	6,498,613	7,088,691
Fund equity at end of year	\$ <u>5,887,166</u>	\$ <u>6,498,613</u>

COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000

	2001	2000
Cash flows from operating activities:	0 0 75 4 770	6 4 7 4 9 9 0 0
Cash received from customers	\$ 3,754,779	\$ 4,743,800
Cash paid to suppliers Cash paid to employees	(2,578,130) (1,268,313)	(3,000,064) <u>(1,389,449</u>)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(91,664)	354,287
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Cash flows from capital activities:		
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(213,064)	(189,972)
Net cash used in capital activities	(213,064)	(189,972)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Investment income	47,661	68,392
Proceeds from sales of investments available for sale	1,683,892	2,198,451
Gain (loss) on sale of investments available for sale	325,381	(394,300)
Purchase of investments available for sale	<u>(1,935,587</u>)	<u>(2,297,651</u>)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	121,347	(425,108)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(183,381)	(260,793)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	453,023	713,816
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ <u>269,642</u>	\$ <u>453,023</u>
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash		
flows from operating activities		
Operating income (loss)	\$ (465,300)	\$ (180,715)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to		
net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation	465,330	431,351
(Increase) decrease in assets:	000	(1.1.77.0)
Trade accounts receivable	280	(14,750)
Accounts receivable from Franklin County	- (05 007)	98,291
Souvenir and equipment inventory	(35,237)	32,419
Prepaid expenses Increase (decrease) in liabilities:	(61,092)	15,641
Accounts payable	(23,586)	(53,465)
Accrued expenses	49,885	(1,499)
Due to others	(2,000)	27,500
Deferred revenue	(19,944)	(486)
Total adjustments	373,636	535,002
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ <u>(91,664</u>)	\$ <u>354,287</u>

NOTES TO THE COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000

1. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u>

Franklin County Stadium, Inc. (the Stadium) and Columbus Baseball Team, Inc. (the Team) were organized by Franklin County, Ohio (the County) as nonprofit Ohio corporations in accordance with Section 1702.01 of the Ohio Revised Code to manage, operate and promote a professional baseball team and such other forms of entertainment that benefit the general welfare of the County. Both corporations are directed by the Franklin County Board of Parks and Recreation (the Board) and are component units of the County.

The Stadium and Team have entertained the residents of the County for 25 years. Certain additional costs were incurred in 2001 related to the season-long celebration of the 25^{th} anniversary. These costs included advertising, printing and game entertainment and have been recorded as 25^{th} anniversary costs in the accompanying financial statements.

The accounting policies and financial reporting practices of the Stadium and Team conform to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). The Stadium and Team apply all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. The Stadium and Team have implemented GASB Statement 20. They have elected to apply all applicable statements issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB). The adoption of this approach to accounting required no change from prior years. The following is a summary of its significant accounting policies:

(a) <u>Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting</u>

The accounting system is organized and operated on a fund basis. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenses. The operating fund of the Stadium and Team is a proprietary fund. It is used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of operating the stadium are financed through user charges.

(b) Basis of Accounting

The proprietary fund is reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they are earned and expenses, including depreciation, are recognized at the time liabilities are incurred.

The Stadium and Team report deferred revenue on the combined balance sheet. Deferred revenue arises when potential revenue does not meet both the measurable and available criteria for recognition in the current period. Deferred revenue also arises when resources are received by the Stadium and Team before they have a legal claim to them, as when season ticket monies are received prior to the incurrence of qualifying expenditures. In subsequent periods, when revenue recognition criteria are met, or when the Stadium and Team have a legal claim to the resources, the liability for deferred revenue is removed from the combined balance sheet and revenue is recognized.

NOTES TO THE COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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(c) <u>Budgetary Data</u>

The Stadium and Team are not subject to annual budget requirements.

(d) <u>Management's Estimates</u>

Preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles requires the use of management's estimates.

(e) <u>Cash and Cash Equivalents</u>

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Company considers all cash in checking accounts, money market accounts and petty cash to be cash equivalents.

(f) Investments Available for Sale

Investments available for sale are stated at fair value. The Stadium and Team pool all individual cash balances and investments available for sale for investment purposes. Investment income is credited to the Stadium and Team based on the average investment balances in each entity.

The Stadium and Team use the specific identification cost method when calculating realized gains and losses on sales of investments available for sale.

(g) <u>Souvenir and Equipment Inventory</u>

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out basis) or market. The cost of inventory is recorded as an expenditure at the time individual inventory items are consumed.

(h) <u>Property, Plant and Equipment</u>

Property, plant and equipment purchases are capitalized at cost. Depreciation is recorded on the straight-line basis using the following asset lives:

Machinery and equipment	5 - 10 years
Leasehold improvements	5 - 20 years
Playing field	10 years

(i) <u>Advertising</u>

Advertising costs are expensed as incurred. Advertising costs, net of reimbursement from sponsors, were \$255,639 and \$165,961 for 2001 and 2000, respectively.

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(j) <u>Income Taxes</u>

Management believes that the Stadium and Team are exempt from Federal income taxes under Section 115 of the Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, no income tax expense is recorded in the accompanying combined financial statements.

(k) <u>Reclassifications</u>

Certain revenue and expense amounts in the 2000 financial statements have been reclassified to agree with the 2001 presentation. These reclassifications were made to enable the Stadium and Team financial statements to more closely follow the County's presentation of revenues and expenses.

2. <u>Cash and Cash Equivalents</u>

At December 31, 2001, the Stadium and Team held a cash book balance of \$288,533. Of this total, \$98,213 is held in money market accounts at investment companies. The bank balance in their accounts is \$160,475, of which \$106,634 was covered by federal depository insurance and \$54,111 uncollateralized as defined by the GASB. These uncollateralized deposits were, however, covered by a pledged collateral pool.

3. <u>Investments Available for Sale</u>

The Stadium's and Team's investments are categorized below to give an indication of the level of risk assumed at year-end. Category No. 1 includes investments insured or collateralized with securities held by the entity or by its agent in the entity's name. Category No. 2 includes investments collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the entity's name. Category No. 3 includes investments that are uncollateralized. (This includes any investment balance that is collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution, or by its trust department or agent, but not in the entity's name). All investments and deposits of the Stadium and Team meet the criteria for categorized. There are no legal restrictions over the type of investments in which the Stadium and Team may invest.

	Categ	gory		_	
Investments:	1	2	3	<u>Fair Value</u>	Cost
Managed equity account	\$1,665,206	-	-	\$1,665,206	\$1,475,900
Mutual Funds				376,948	302,883
Cash surrender value of life insuran	ice			181,342	181,342
Deferred compensation accounts				183,000	183,000
Total investments				\$ <u>2,406,496</u>	\$ <u>2,143,125</u>

Gross unrealized holding gains were \$263,371, as of December 31, 2001.

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NOTES TO THE COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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4. <u>Retirement and Deferred Compensation</u>

Certain employees of the Stadium and Team participate in a nonqualified retirement plan. The Stadium and Team have a policy of purchasing life insurance policies for these employees. The Stadium and Team are the owner and beneficiary of these policies. The cash surrender value of these policies is included in investments available for sale.

Certain employees of the Stadium and Team participate in nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plans (the Plans). Under these Plans employees defer a portion of their incentive pay until a later date, usually after retirement. The benefits under these Plans are subject to vesting schedules. The assets of the Plans remain the property of the Stadium and Team until the employees vest in their benefit. The Stadium and Team have a fiduciary responsibility regarding these assets and their use.

5. <u>Property, Plant and Equipment</u>

The changes in components of property, plant and equipment in 2001 were as follows:

	Balance at			Balance at
	12/31/00	Additions	Retirements	12/31/01
Machinery and equipment	\$ 924,154	\$ 118,496	\$-	\$1,042,650
Leasehold improvements	5,203,028	94,568	-	5,297,596
Playing field	922,782			922,782
	7,049,964	213,064	-	7,263,028
Accumulated depreciation	(<u>3,195,685</u>)	<u>(465,330</u>)		(<u>3,661,015</u>)
	\$ <u>3,854,279</u>	\$ <u>(252,266</u>)	\$ <u> </u>	\$ <u>3,602,013</u>

Depreciation expense totaled \$465,330 and \$431,351 for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000, respectively.

The Board is considering various capital improvement options for Cooper Stadium. While there are no specific plans determined at this point, the Board has reserved \$2.50 million in retained earnings for capital improvements to Cooper Stadium.

6. <u>Concessions Contract</u>

On March 1, 2001 the Stadium entered into a contract with Sodexho Marriott (Sodexho) to operate the concession stands. The agreement is for a three-year period, but contains provisions for an annual review and analysis of operations.

The concessions revenue for 2001 consists of commissions from Sodexho of \$798,096. Concessions revenue for 2000 consists of the following:

Concessions revenues	\$ 1,600,260
Concessions purchases	656,985
	1,003,275
Less concessions payroll	243,219
Gross profit on concessions	\$ <u>760,056</u>

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NOTES TO THE COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000

7. Transactions with Affiliates

The Stadium leases Cooper Stadium from the Franklin County Commissioners (the Commissioners) for a fee of \$1.00 per year plus an amount to be jointly agreed upon by the Board and the Commissioners based upon the availability of unexpended revenue and considering any and all funds expended by the Stadium and Team for maintenance and/or improvements to Cooper Stadium. The lease expense was \$1 for 2001 and 2000. The lease is for an indefinite term, but must be renewed each year. The Stadium subleases Cooper Stadium to the Team.

8. Player Development Contracts/Baseball Agreement

In January 1999, the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues (the Minor Leagues) signed an agreement (the baseball agreement) with the National League of Professional Baseball Clubs and the American League of Professional Baseball Clubs (collectively the Major Leagues), which is effective through September 30, 2007, subject to modification by either party after the 2003 season. The terms of the baseball agreement modified the Team's player development contract with the Major Leagues. Under the terms of the baseball agreement, the Major League Club (New York Yankees Baseball Club) is responsible for the entire salary and other related compensation amounts of the players. The Team is responsible for the players hotel and travel costs, uniform and equipment cost and other partial costs as designated in the contract.

In addition, beginning in 1992 the baseball agreement requires payment from the Minor Leagues to the Major Leagues for maintenance of the player development contracts, in an amount equal to a percentage of the Minor League's Clubs' net championship season ticket revenue. In 2001, each Minor league team paid 4.0% of the net championship season ticket revenue.

The Team has renewed the operating contract with the New York Yankees Baseball Club through December 2002.

SUPPLEMENTARY COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001

Revenues:	Team	Stadium	Elimination	2001	Totals 2000
Ticket sales:					
Advanced	\$ 359,334	\$-	\$-	\$ 359,334	\$ 301,075
Season	558,912	-	-	558,912	585,090
Daily	372,798	-	-	372,798	409,276
Other	11,518	-	-	11,518	15,975
Total ticket sales	1,302,562	-	_	1,302,562	1,311,416
Concessions, net	707,240	90,856	-	798,096	1,003,275
Advertising	539,202	66,167	-	605,369	617,922
Souvenirs	336,089	46,052	-	382,141	304,128
Parking	181,194	78,694	-	259,888	245,268
Special events	63,672	162,247	-	225,919	418,229
Stadium rental	-	285,000	(285,000)	-	-
Other	130,838	23,107		153,945	149,845
	3,260,797	752,123	(285,000)	3,727,920	4,050,083
Expenses:					
Payroll and related taxes	1,108,732	307,273	-	1,416,005	1,502,146
Team expense	338,269	-	-	338,269	340,115
Special events	25,231	301,424	-	326,655	386,337
Supplies, repairs and maint.	229,086	72,342	-	301,428	252,318
Stadium rental	285,000	-	(285,000)	-	-
Souvenirs	249,833	32,783	-	282,616	239,499
Utilities	225,603	9,401	-	235,004	204,314
Insurance	114,658	36,208	-	150,866	173,387
Advertising	192,103	3,536	-	195,639	165,961
Printing	116,974	-	-	116,974	155,682
Administration	20,002	6,316	-	26,318	76,825
Other	165,916	49,769	-	215,685	302,863
	3,071,406	819,053	(285,000)	3,605,459	3,799,447
Income before depreciation		,			
and 25 th anniversary costs	189,391	(66,931)	-	122,461	250,636
Depreciation	367,610	97,720	-	465,330	431,351
25 th anniversary costs		122,431		122,431	
Operating income (loss)	(178,219)	(287,081)	-	(465,300)	(180,715)
Investment income:					
Interest and dividends	434	47,228	-	47,661	68,392
Realized gains (losses)	(2,961)	<u>(322,420</u>)		<u>(325,381</u>)	394,330
	(2,527)	(275,193)		(277,720)	462,692
Net income (loss)	\$ <u>(180,746</u>)	\$ <u>(562,274</u>)	\$	\$ <u>(743,020</u>)	\$ <u>281,977</u>

See accompanying notes to combined financial statements.

Independent Accountants' Report on Compliance And on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

The Board of Trustees Franklin County Stadium and Columbus Baseball Team, Inc.

We have audited the combined financial statements of Franklin County Stadium, Inc. (the Stadium) and Columbus Baseball Team, Inc. (the Team) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000, and have issued our report thereon dated February 1, 2002. We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of the Stadium's and Team's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audits, and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported herein under Government Auditing Standards.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audits, we considered the Stadium's and Team's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the combined financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the combined financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended for the information and use of the Board of Trustees, management, and the Auditor of State of Ohio, and is not intended and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

HAEMMERLE, HEXIMER, HARVEY & CO.

February 1, 2002

SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULES OF BASEBALL OPERATIONS

DECEMBER 31, 2001



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The Board of Trustees Franklin County Stadium, Inc. and Columbus Baseball Team, Inc.

Independent Auditors' Report on Supplementary Information

Under the date of February 1, 2002, we have reported on the combined financial statements of Franklin County Stadium, Inc. and Columbus Baseball Team, Inc. as of and for the year ended December 31, 2001, and rendered our unqualified opinion thereon.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the combined financial statements taken as a whole. This supplementary information is presented for purposes of additional analysis of the combined financial statements rather than to present the financial position and results of operations of the individual entities. This supplementary information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the combined financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the combined financial statements taken as a whole.

HAEMMERLE, HEXIMER, HARVEY & CO.

February 1, 2002

SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULE OF BASEBALL OPERATIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001

Revenues:

Ticket sales	\$ 1,302,562
Concessions, net	783,239
Special events	63,672
Advertising	539,202
Parking	181,194
Souvenirs	350,946
Other	130,838
Total revenues	3,260,797
Expenses:	
Payroll and related taxes	1,108,732
Depreciation	367,610
Team expense	338,269
Stadium rent	285,000
Souvenirs	249,833
Supplies, repairs and maintenance	229,086
Utilities	225,603
Advertising	192,103
Printing	116,974
Insurance	114,658
Special events	25,231
Administration	20,002
Other	168,443
Total expenses	3,441,543
Operating loss	\$ <u>(180,746</u>)

NOTES TO THE SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULES OF BASEBALL OPERATIONS

DECEMBER 31, 2001

1. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u>

Franklin County Stadium, Inc. (the Stadium) and Columbus Baseball Team, Inc. (the Team) were organized by Franklin County, Ohio as nonprofit Ohio corporations in accordance with Section 1702.01 of the Ohio Revised Code to manage, operate and promote a professional baseball team and such other forms of entertainment that benefit the general welfare of the County. Both corporations are directed by the Franklin County Board of Parks and Recreation (the Board) and are component units of Franklin County.

The accompanying supplementary schedules present the operation of baseball activities only. Management has allocated certain revenues and expenditures that could not be specifically identified based on the following:

- a. Estimate of employees' time spent on baseball and nonbaseball operations.
- b. Number of evenings the stadium was used for baseball and nonbaseball events.
- c. Revenue proportionately generated by baseball and nonbaseball operating activities.
- d. Additional incremental revenue/expenditures generated by a nonbaseball activity on a day the stadium was also used for a baseball activity.

Depreciation is recorded on the straight-line basis using the following asset lives:

Machinery and equipment	5 - 10 years
Leasehold improvements	5 - 20 years
Playing field	10 years

2. <u>Transactions with Affiliates</u>

The Stadium leases Cooper Stadium from the Franklin County Commissioners (the Commissioners) for a fee of \$1.00 per year plus an amount to be jointly agreed upon by the Board and the Commissioners based upon the availability of unexpended revenue and considering any and all funds expended by the Stadium and Team for maintenance and/or improvements to Cooper Stadium. The Stadium subleases Cooper Stadium to the Team. The lease expense charged by the Stadium to the Team was \$285,000 for 2001 and 2000. The lease is for an indefinite term, but must be renewed each year.



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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

Susan Babbett

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

CERTIFIED APRIL 18, 2002