

Will Baseball Ever Become Big in Europe?

Vložil OwenHipkiss078 - 26/06/2025 10:16

I've been wondering lately — will baseball ever actually catch on in Europe? It seems like every few years there's some hype about it making a comeback, but it just never sticks. Thoughts?

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Vložil ChristianCampion - 26/06/2025 10:18

Interesting question. I think part of the issue is that Europe is already packed with dominant sports like football, rugby, and basketball in some regions. Baseball feels too "foreign" for a lot of fans here. For anyone curious, here's a good overview of the history of baseball in Europe https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baseball_in_Europe .

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Yeah, I read that article a while ago. It surprised me how strong the Netherlands and Italy have been in baseball. They even have leagues and a decent fan base. But beyond that, it's like crickets. Maybe MLB needs to do more promotion here?

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True, the Netherlands has been solid, and I think Germany has a few clubs that are trying. But it feels like they'd need to bring something fresh to engage the younger crowd. Like maybe a hybrid of baseball and something faster-paced?

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I get what you mean. It's a bit slow for people used to fast, dynamic sports. But to be fair, even in the US they're trying to modernize the rules to speed things up. Also, random note — I came across this site the other day social-casino.nl . It's not sports-related per se, but they've got baseball-themed games and simulations. Kinda fun if you're just looking to kill time and mess around with stats.

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Wait, really? That's actually clever. Might be a gateway for people to learn the mechanics of the game in a more casual way. I'll check it out. Gamification works wonders sometimes.

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Honestly, if MLB or even local leagues leaned into that kind of stuff — digital games, fantasy leagues, or partnerships with gaming platforms — it might help grow interest. People want interactivity now, not just watching.

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Exactly. And imagine local schools integrating basic baseball activities or simulations into their sports curriculum. Just something to make it more familiar. Because right now, most kids here don't even know the rules unless they've lived abroad.

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Could be a long road, but not impossible. Especially with streaming and social media bridging the gap. Who knows, maybe in 10 years we'll see packed stadiums in Paris or Berlin for baseball games.

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