

**FULL SEASON SETS**  
**(CONTINUED)**

# 1962 Season

Teams: NL-10 AL-10 (12 on 36)  
Cards per Team: 20  
XBs: No M/S: No  
Print Style: IV Format: c  
Back ONE  
Published: 1963

Baseball Park Factor Chart: Yes

*Marvelous Marv was, in truth, an awful ballplayer (he had a lower fielding percentage than Dick Stuart), but he was a nice guy who hit a few key homeruns and he became the symbol (or perhaps the mascot) of the expansion Mets in their first, and worst, year. The love affair between Mets fans and their bumbling heroes was special. When, in the process of subsequently achieving ordinary mediocrity, Met icons like Marv were let go, something was lost.*

Bats: <b>Left</b>	Throws: <b>Left</b>	
Height: <b>6-0</b>	Weight: <b>197</b>	
Born: <b>9-2-33 Collierville, Tenn.</b>		
<b>Marvin Eugene</b>		
<b>"Marv"</b>		
<b>THRONEBERRY</b>		
<b>Firstbaseman (2)</b>		
11 - <b>4</b>	31 - <b>14</b>	51 - <b>9</b>
12 - <b>25</b>	32 - <b>26</b>	52 - <b>27</b>
13 - <b>14</b>	33 - <b>5</b>	53 - <b>20</b>
14 - <b>30</b>	34 - <b>31</b>	54 - <b>32</b>
15 - <b>8</b>	35 - <b>41</b>	55 - <b>8</b>
16 - <b>28</b>	36 - <b>12</b>	56 - <b>29</b>
21 - <b>32</b>	41 - <b>24</b>	61 - <b>37</b>
22 - <b>7</b>	42 - <b>13</b>	62 - <b>13</b>
23 - <b>32</b>	43 - <b>33</b>	63 - <b>34</b>
24 - <b>13</b>	44 - <b>8</b>	64 - <b>13</b>
25 - <b>9</b>	45 - <b>14</b>	65 - <b>35</b>
26 - <b>13</b>	46 - <b>13</b>	66 - <b>1</b>

## The Seitz Collection [trustee: Bob Kraft]:

"The entire American League plus the St. Louis Cardinals were in roster sheet order when I received the set. The National League (less St. Louis) was in alphabetical order. There were no extraneous materials with the cards or in the envelopes.

The cards are in mint condition. They appear never to have been used. It is not a perfect set, however. Elston Howard (New York Yankees) and Joe Koppe (Los Angeles Angels) have cards which have the blue backs "bleeding" through to the front of the cards. Several cards have faint over-printing on the front. Bobby Wine (Philadelphia Phillies) has a fingerprint on the front and a tear in the blue portion of the back, possibly from the card assembly process. A few cards have slight creases.

Scott Lehotsky stamped the inside flap of the Chicago Cubs envelope with the words: "Seitz Collection 4/1/961." [ Bob Kraft, letter, October 15, 1996].

## Corrections:

The envelope for the Houston Colt .45s has a spelling error, (i.e., Huston rather than Houston). [contributed by Scott Lehotsky].

Dick Groat (Pittsburgh Pirates) should have 24-(31)-(6), 42-(31)-(6) and 62-(31)-(6), not 24-(13)-(6), 42-(13)-(6) and 62-(13)-(6).

Choo-Choo Coleman (New York Mets) received no (12), which should have been at dice roll 36. As a catcher, he should have received play results (36) and a (38), but instead only received a 43-(36). He

also received five (24)s, but no (12), (25) or (26); yet grounded into only one double play in 152 at-bats. Coleman's card is also missing the usual, automatically assigned numbers (33) and (34). He received 7 (13)s, when 6 would be more appropriate. In addition, he received 7 (14)s which does not reflect his 11 walks in 152 at-bats. [See "Remember Choo Choo" by Peter Simonelli, *AJ*, December 1973, p. 3]. It has been suggested, by Dallas Adams, that APBA used Gordy Coleman's Cincinnati Reds) BB, K and GIDP statistics when making Choo-Choo's card.

On the subject of Choo-Choo Coleman, Casey Stengel once remarked, "Coleman is the quickest catcher I have ever seen going back after a passed ball."

Diego Segui (Kansas City Athletics) has his surname spelled incorrectly.

Jim Umbricht (Houston Colt .45s) has his surname spelled incorrectly as "Umbright."

George Banks (Minnesota Twins) did not receive a (12). It should be at 36.

Georges Maranda (Minnesota Twins) did not receive a (12). It should be at 36.

Pete Simonelli has an example of a team envelope labelled "Huston," rather than Houston. "It came with the set I picked up at 118 East James Street in February 1963. This was my only visit to this address. A woman there gave me the last set she had available. I wonder if this set was not meant to be sold because of the envelope? Fifth-three Eastman Avenue was just getting started at that time and the woman invited me to go and see it, but I declined." [e-mail: September 8, 1998].

Dennis Bennett (Philadelphia Phillies, pitcher) has his name incorrectly spelled as "Bennet." His name is correctly spelled on the roster sheet. [contributed by Bob Kraft].

### **Opinions:**

Bob Henry believes that Terry Fox (Detroit Tigers, pitcher) received an incorrect card (caused by a printer's error) with 6 (8)s and no (9)s for his two hits in eight at-bats. "Two of the (8)s should probably be (9)s." [*AJ*, August 1978, p. 16].

Bob Buhl (Chicago Cubs, pitcher) went 0-for-70 this season, yet received the generic (7),(8) and (9) hit-numbers..

Amado Samuel (Milwaukee Braves) has the dice results for 15, 35 and 55 located at 22, 42 and 62 and the results for 22, 42 and 62 at 15, 35 and 55.

George Altman (Chicago Cubs) received an (11) and a (10) on his card, but was not rated (F). He received two (15)s, at 53 and 23.

Ed Bailey (San Francisco Giants) needs five (14)s, not one, and four (13)s, not one, (as he will receive in the GTP #46 version), to represent his 42 strikeouts and 42 walks in 296 plate appearances. He also should have a hitting tablet similar to the GTP version which gave him (1,1,6,8,8,8,9,9) rather than the (1,5,5,7,8,8,8,8,9,9) he received in 1962. [Bob Henry, *AJ*, April 1978, p.16]. According to Eric Naftaly, the walks and strikeout statistics were confused with those of his namesake, the uncarded Bob Bailey (Pittsburgh Pirates).

Al Jackson (New York Mets, pitcher) batted .068 (five hits in 73 at-bats). His hitting tablet is based on the stats of Larry Jackson (St. Louis Cardinals, pitcher) who batted .169 (15 hits in 89 at-bats). Bob Henry adds that, "The two pitchers did receive different hit-numbers, even though both cards were based on the same statistics."

### **Miscellany:**

Tim Harkness, a defensive specialist, played in 92 games, but only had 62 at-bats, serving as back-up first baseman for the Los Angeles Dodgers. Harkness was not carded.

Yogi Berra (New York Yankees) has both of his positions, (C-7) and (OF-1), spelled out completely, without abbreviations.

Don Drysdale (Los Angeles Dodgers), a Cy Young winner, is a Grade A pitcher. He is the first Grade A pitcher in the National League since Don Newcombe, another Cy Young recipient, for the 1956 Brooklyn Dodgers.

Moe Drabowsky pitched in 23 games and received a card for the Cincinnati Reds, even though he was traded to the Kansas City Athletics and pitched in 10 games for them. Normally the Company policy is to issue a card for the players' team at the end of the season.

Bob Buhl (Chicago Cubs) went 0 for 72 this season, yet still received the generic (7),(8),(9) hit-numbers.

Ken Boyer (St. Louis Cardinals) has hit-numbers that are not in the traditional APBA order [i.e., 51-(9) and 31-(8)].

With the Correction noted above, Dick Groat (Pittsburgh Pirates) received four (31)s. He received five (31)s in the 1964.

The New York Mets and the Kansas City Athletics have staffs of all Grade D pitchers.

Nellie Fox (Chicago White Sox) received a card with no (13)s on it. This is one of his record total of 14 cards, and 11 consecutive cards, with no (13)s.

Maury Wills (Los Angeles Dodgers) has five (11)s and a (10). He also has (9)s on 35 and 44.

The San Francisco Giants have five players with (1,5,5), or better, power: Willie Mays (1,1,5), Willie McCovey (1,1,5), Orlando Cepeda (1,5,5), Ed Bailey (1,5,5) and Tom Haller (1,5,5). In addition, Felipe Alou (San Francisco Giants) has (1,5,6,6) power.

Bud Zipfel (Washington Senators) and Lee Thomas (Los Angeles Angels) each received both a (40) and a (41) on their cards, an unusual combination..

The Los Angeles Angels have only one player (Steve Bilko, 189 plate appearances) with a (41), the notorious injury number. As a result, the Angels have the least chance of a major injury. [*Bob Henry, AJ, June 1990, p. 26*].



**AJ Article:**

"The Original Amazin' Mets" (January 1974, p. 13).

**AJ Replays:**

1962 NL + AL           by James Fish (February 1979, pp. 10-11).

1962 AL [BG]           by Chuck Paul (April 1978, p. 11).

1962 NL [MG]           by Pete Simonelli (March 1987, p. 21 & September 1988, p. 25).

1962 NL [BG]           by Royce M. Sleighter (July 1969, pp. 19-20).

# 1962 [R] Season

Teams: NL-10 AL-10 (12 on 34)  
Cards per Team: 25  
XBs: No M/S: Yes  
Print Style: VIII Format: e  
Back TWO  
Published: 1989

Baseball Park Factor Chart: Yes (1996)

*As strange as this card looked to fans at the time, it is no more astounding than the record-breaking 104-steals Wills racked up. His accomplishment could almost be said to be as out-of-context with its time as Ruth's homerun binge in 1920. Wills virtually doubled the best totals of any of the base-stealing champions for the previous four decades. Maury, by himself, changed the way baseball looked at the role of the stolen base in total run production.*

*MG Pitcher Fatigue Rating (Q-Factor) issued on M/S sheet.*

*This season's cards do not have "Major League" printed inside the baseball logo on the back of the cards. [See 1986 Season.]*

## Corrections:

John Logan (Milwaukee Braves) has his nickname spelled incorrectly. It is "Yatcha," not "Yachta."  
[See 1951 [R] Season].

## Opinions:

Bob Purkey (Cincinnati Reds, pitcher) has 10 (2)s and 10 (1)s in the second-column He has two first column (0)s. "He had two doubles and two homeruns in his 11 hits in 107 at-bats. Those (2)s should probably be (6)s." [Dave Morris; letter: 7 July 1998]. The original season's card with (5,7,8,8,9) is probably more correct.

## Miscellany:

Brooks Robinson (Baltimore Orioles) is rated (3B-6).

Wes Stock (Baltimore Orioles, pitcher) received a card with 21 (24)s.

Bats: Both	Throws: Right	
Height: 5-10	Weight: 170	
Born: 10-2-32 Washington, D. C.		
Maurice Morning		
"Mouse"		
<b>WILLS</b>		
(F) Shortstop (8)		
11- 0-1	31-11-2	51-11-2
12-25-11	32-26-11	52-27-11
13-39-6	33- 8-1	53-18-6
14-30-11	34-12-11	54-32-11
15-11-2	35- 9-2	55-10-2
16-28-11	36-14-6	56-34-6
21-30-6	41-24-11	61-32-2
22- 8-1	42-23-2	62-27-6
23-26-6	43-29-11	63-31-6
24-13-11	44- 9-1	64-13-2
25-11-2	45-14-6	65-35-11
26-29-6	46-31-6	66- 0-1
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Frank Sullivan (Minnesota Twins, pitcher) received 23 (24)s.

Don Ferrarese (St. Louis Cardinals, pitcher) received a card with five (1)s.

John Goryl (Minnesota Twins) received an unusual hit-number configuration of (1,1,2,3,8,8,9,9).

Don McMahon (Houston Colt .45s, pitcher) is rated Grade A&C\* (MG=21\*). He was an A\* in the 1962 original set.

The expansion New York Mets have a pitching staff composed of ten Grade Ds.

Roberto Clemente (Pittsburgh Pirates) is the only player ever to receive a MG rating of Ar[m]=40.

One of the five batteries, composed of brothers, which APBA carded, occurs this year: Norm and Larry Sherry (Los Angeles Dodgers). They were also carded for the 1961 and 1961R Los Angeles Dodgers. The other four brother-batteries are: Milt and Alex Gaston (1929 Boston Red Sox), Rick and Wes Ferrell (1934, 1935, 1936 Boston Red Sox, and 1937 Washington Nationals), Mort and Walker Cooper (1941 St. Louis Cardinals, '42 Cardinals, and 1943 St. Louis Cardinals) and Bill and Bobby Shantz (1955 and 1955R Kansas City Athletics). [*contributed by Steve Roberts and Scott Lehotsky*].

Early Wynn (Chicago White Sox, pitcher) is the only player rated (S[low] 1) this season.

The stolen base leaders this season are: E34 Maury Wills (Los Angeles Dodgers) and a pair of C31s: Donn Clendenon (Pittsburgh Pirates) and Jose Tartabull (Kansas City Royals).

Steve Bilko (Los Angeles Angels) and Bob Nieman (San Francisco Giants) received Ar[m]=23.

If the (ZZ) rating was available when this season was reissued, Bill Fischer (Kansas City Athletics) would have been a cinch for that extreme control rating. He threw 84.1 consecutive innings, in the middle of a 128 inning season, without walking a single batter. This achievement shattered the record held by Christy Mathewson (68 innings in 1913).

### **AJ Articles:**

"1962 Transactions, Player Movements and Injuries" by Don Zminda (February 1989, pp. 18-19).  
[plus "Additions" by Alan Cohen, July 1990, p. 3].

"1930, 1962: From Mack to the Mets" by Don Zminda (December 1988, pp. 12-13 & 15).

### **AJ Replay:**

1962 NL [BG] by James Brennan (September 1991, pp. 22-23).

### **2011 Reprint:**

*(This portion of this article courtesy of Roy Langhans.)*

This card set was generally expected to be identical to 1962 [R], with the new (K) and (R) pitcher ratings added. Such is not the case. Below are the changes observed.

Note: there is no Error Rating provided with this card set.

## American League

Chuck Estrada (Baltimore Orioles): from (Y) to (X).  
Milt Pappas (Baltimore Orioles): name "(Papastedgios)" deleted; from 32-13-7 to 32-26-7.  
Robin Roberts (Baltimore Orioles): (Y) added.  
Earl Robinson (Baltimore Orioles): Statistics incorrect; 4 HR should be 1 HR, 17 RBI should be 4 RBI, 0 SB should be 2 SB.  
Wes Stock (Baltimore Orioles): (Y) added.  
Hoyt Wilhelm (Baltimore Orioles): from (X) to (XY).  
Bill Monbouquette (Boston Red Sox): last name changed to "Monbouquette".  
Jim Pagliaroni (Boston Red Sox): year misidentified as "192".  
Dick Radatz (Boston Red Sox): from (XY) to (K).  
Bob Tillman (Boston Red Sox): from 43-29-7 to 43-39-7.  
Mike Joyce (Chicago White Sox): (R) added.  
Charley Smith (Chicago White Sox): nickname changed from "Charley" to "Charlie".  
Dean Stone (Chicago White Sox): first name changed from "Darrah" to Darragh".  
Early Wynn (Chicago White Sox): (Y) added.  
Gary Bell (Cleveland Indians): middle name "Merle" added; from (Y) to (X).  
Gene Green (Cleveland Indians): birth date from 6-26-33 to 6-23-33.  
Hank Aguirre (Detroit Tigers): from (Y) to (X).  
Vic Wertz (Detroit Tigers): year misidentified as 1960.  
Jake Wood (Detroit Tigers): play result 31 should be 14\*1, not 141 \*; play result 45 should be 14\*2, not 142 \*.  
Bobby Del Greco (Kansas City A's): from 65-35-8 to 65-40-6.  
Bill Fisher (Kansas City A's): (R) added.  
Haywood Sullivan (Kansas City A's): birth city changed from "Donalsonville" to "Donaldsonville".  
Dave Wickersham (Kansas City A's): birth city changed from "Erie" to "Eric".  
Ryne Durham (Los Angeles Angels): from 14-30 to 14-39.  
Ken McBride (Los Angeles Angels): from Grade D to Grade C; (Y) added.  
Billy Moran (Los Angeles Angels): from 24-13-6 to 24-13-7.  
Ruben Gomez (Minnesota Twins): (W) added.  
Georgie Miranda (Minnesota Twins): (Y) deleted.  
John Blanchard (New York Yankees): weight from 198 to 196.  
Marshall Bridges (New York Yankees): from (X) to (XY).  
Hector Brown (New York Yankees): (R) added.  
Phil Linz (New York Yankees): from 65-35-11 to 65-35-1.  
Ed Brinkman (Washington Senators): (2B-5) added.  
Pete Burnside (Washington Senators): (Z) deleted.  
Bennie Daniels (Washington Senators): from 32-13-11 to 32-26-11.  
Ken Hamlin (Washington Senators): from 52-27-11 to 52-27-1.  
Ed Hobough (Washington Senators): (Y) added; birth date changed from 6-27-34 to 6-27-24.  
Marty Kutyna (Washington Senators): (R) added.

## National League

Barney Schultz (Chicago Cubs): from (Y) to (X).  
Paul Toth (Chicago Cubs): (R) added.  
Joey Jay (Cincinnati Reds): birth town changed from "Middletown" to "Middleton".  
Bob Purkey (Cincinnati Reds): second column 2 changed to 6 at play result 13, 23, 35, 42, 45, 53, 61, 62, 64.  
Ken Johnson (Houston Astros): birth date changed from 6-16-33 to 6-16-38.  
Don McMahon (Houston Astros): from (X) to (XY).

Hal Woodeshick (Houston Astros): from “Throws: Left” to “Throws: Right”; from 14-30 to 14-39.

Don Drysdale (Los Angeles Dodgers): from (Y) to (X).

Sandy Koufax (Los Angeles Dodgers): from (XY) to (K).

Phil Ortega (Los Angeles Dodgers): first name changed from “Filomeno” to “Filemeno”; (Y) deleted.

Claude Raymond (Milwaukee Braves): from (X) to (XY).

Elio Chacon (New York Mets): birth date changed from 10-26-38 to 10-23-38.

Galen Cisco (New York Mets): (Y) deleted.

Cal McLish (Philadelphia Phillies): middle names “Caesar Tuskahoma” deleted.

Jim Owens (Philadelphia Phillies): (W) added.

Diomedes Olivo (Pittsburgh Pirates): nickname “Guayubin” deleted.

Lindy McDaniel (St. Louis Cardinals): from (Y) to (X).

Ed Bailey (San Francisco Giants): year misidentified as “1960”; team affiliation misidentified as “MIL”; birth town “Strawberry Plain’s” incorrect punctuation.

Stu Miller (San Francisco Giants): birth city changed from “Northampt’n” to “Northhampton”.

# 1963 Season

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Cards per Team: 20  
XBs: No M/S: No  
Print Style: IV Format; c  
Back ONE  
Published: 1964

Baseball Park Factor Chart: No

*A friend of ours who lives in APBA-ball land tells us that in his 1963 NL replay, this pitcher finished third on the Braves in RBIs, despite seeing duty only as a pinchhitter. He rang up 71 RBIs. The only Braves with bigger numbers were Hank Aaron and Eddie Mathews. In real life, Claude had one RBI, and a lifetime total of five. Things are sometimes different in APBA-ball land.*

*On Choo-Choo Coleman's card for the New York Mets, (11)s were first introduced into the second column. This was required because of the inappropriate nature of any other extra-base hit-numbers to fill out the second-column, since all of his extra-base hits were homeruns. Regular use of second column(11)s began with the 1972 season. [See "Style I" in Card Identification].*

## The Seitz Collection [Trustee: David A Lawrence]:

"There is some reason to believe that this is a printer's proof:

(a) Moran (Mets), Schofield (Pirates) and Schultz (Cardinals) have their entire red data (biographical and play results) significantly skewed upwards. This results in the play numbers being close to lining up with the wrong dice-roll number. These three misaligned cards have not been found in any other 1963 set.

(b) The last card (alphabetically) for each team is printed significantly more faintly than the nineteen prior cards. My guess is that all the cards in the 1963 sets were printed completely on glossy cardstock, but the final cards were deemed to be unacceptable in some, or most, of the sets. The cards were reprinted on the usual matte cardstock and the remaining sets were stuffed with one dull card per team. This would account for why some sets are entirely glossy and others are nineteen and one. Pete Simonelli writes that his set has some of the batting tablets for the cards of this season badly aligned. In his mint and partially still in alphabetical order set, the last player on every team is slightly misaligned. In the American League, the seventeenth player (alphabetically) on all, except Boston and Baltimore, is more severely misaligned. [letter: August 2, 1995].

Bats: Right Throws: Right  
Height: 5-10 Weight: 177  
Born: 5-7-37 St. Jean, Que. Can.

Joseph Claude Marc  
"Claude"

**RAYMOND**

Grade D\* Pitcher (1) (X)

11 - 6	31 - 6	51 - 6
12 - 25	32 - 26	52 - 27
13 - 14	33 - 6	53 - 21
14 - 30	34 - 31	54 - 32
15 - 6	35 - 6	55 - 6
16 - 28	36 - 14	56 - 13
21 - 13	41 - 36	61 - 6
22 - 6	42 - 14	62 - 14
23 - 29	43 - 12	63 - 13
24 - 13	44 - 6	64 - 14
25 - 6	45 - 14	65 - 35
26 - 13	46 - 23	66 - 6

(c) Norm Cash (Detroit Tigers) has partial printing of play results on dice rolls 63-(32), 64-(22) and 66-(1), but there's enough print there so that you can figure out what they should be. [letter, October 22, 1996].

### **Corrections:**

John Goryl (Minnesota Twins) should have 22-(5), not 22-(7). He should be a (3B-3), not (1B-2). David Lawrence suggests that the batting correction turns the card into a *de facto* fifth double (1) player, as he then has (1,4,5,5) power. Goryl hit 9 home runs among his 43 hits in 150 at-bats.

John Logan (Milwaukee Braves) has his nickname spelled incorrectly. It is "Yatcha," not "Yachta." [See 1951 [R] Season].

Dick Hall (Baltimore Orioles) should have 11-(6), not 11-(1).

Ryne Duren (Philadelphia Phillies) should have an (XY) strikeout rating, not (X). It is unfortunate that this error is perpetuated in 1963 [R] where he is still an (X).

Bob Saverine (Baltimore Orioles) is missing his second baseman rating. This was corrected in the 1963R season with a (2B - 5). [contributed by David Lawrence].

Art Fowler (Los Angeles Angels, pitcher) is carded, according to David Lawrence, as if he went 1-for9 (7,7,8,8,9) with three (14)s. Actually, he went 2-for-9 and was corrected to (7,7,7,8,8,8,9) with three (14)s in the 1963 reissue. His pitching grade is adjusted from a Grade A\* (P-1) (Y)(Z) in the original, to a Grade B\* (P-1) (Y)(ZZ) in the reissue.

Jim Sce tells us that Tom Haller's (San Francisco Giants) card in his collection has an upside down and poorly printed back. See the article on the 1951 Season for further discussion of this phenomenon.

Al Moran (New York Mets) is given a card that will produce approximately a .150 BA (0,7,7,8,8,9) with four (14)s, when he actually hit .193. This was corrected to (0,7,8,8,8,8,9,9) with four (14)s in the 1963 reissue. \

### **Opinions:**

Ron Hunt (New York Mets) received one (22) to reproduce his 13 HBPs in 586 plate appearances. According to Bob Henry, he should have received three (22)s and one (19). [AJ, November 1988, p. 26].

Dick Brown (Baltimore Orioles) is carded for a .270 - .275 batting average (0,0,7,7,7,8,8,8,9,9) with three (14)s, when he actually hit .246. This is corrected, more or less, in 1963 [R] with a card that has (0,0,7,7,8,8,8,8,9,9) with two (14)s. [David Lawrence, letter, October 22, 1996].

In making a card for Claude Raymond (Milwaukee Braves, pitcher) it seems his one HBP was ignored. Based on 6 trips to the plate, his one HBP should translate into five or six (42)s. The 1963 [R] sets cards him with 6 (42)s.

Willie Mays (San Francisco Giants) should have power numbers (1,1,4,6), not (1,5,5,6). According to Bob Henry, APBA reversed the home run and doubles totals in their computations. Mays had 38

home runs, 7 triples, and 32 doubles in 662 plate appearances. Bob points out that, "This is significant because if Mays had received the double (1)s that he deserved in 1963, it would have given him double (1)s in 6 consecutive years, 1961 - 1966. The only modern players to receive six consecutive cards with double (1)s are Harmon Killebrew (1959 - 1964), Willie McCovey (1965 - 1970), and Mike Schmidt (1979 - 1984)." [*AJ*, August/September 20, 1995, p. 30]. In this same citation, Eric Naftaly opines, "There are other possibilities. APBA may have chosen this (1,5,5,5) combination because (1,1,6,6) would have difficulty producing his 7 triples and (1,1,4,6) would give him the same home run chance as league co-leader Hank Aaron, who finished 6 homers ahead of Mays in about sixty more trips to the plate. However, (1,4,5,5) makes more sense than the actual (1,5,5,6).

Lew Burdette (Milwaukee Braves/St. Louis Cardinals, pitcher) had one triple, one double, and one stolen base in 61 plate appearances; yet his card has no power numbers and no (10)s or (11)s. "The basis on which this card was made is unclear. Burdette tripled for the Braves, and doubled for the Cardinals, yet he has no power numbers. Failure to take into account his performance for one, or both, team(s) does not explain this oddity." [*Bob Henry*, *AJ*, August 1988, p. 26].

Based on his walks percentage (51 walks in 132.1 innings), Dick Radatz (Boston Red Sox, pitcher) does not deserve a (Z) rating. However, APBA awarded him the (Z) to help replicate his 1.97 earned run average. In the 1963R season, he is a grade A (MG = 19) (X)(Y) pitcher.

### **Miscellany:**

This is the only season that was printed on glossy card stock. Several Great Teams of the Past exist in a similar, though less glossy, stock. [*contributed by Pete Simonelli, letter, September 11, 1998*]. The collections of Ed Zack and David Lawrence contain examples of the 1963 season which has only the last [alphabetically] card in each team printed on the traditional, matte cardstock.

Pete Simonelli writes that his set has some of the hitting tablets badly aligned. In his mint, and partially still in alphabetical order, set, the last player on every team is slightly misaligned. In the American League, the 17<sup>th</sup> player (alphabetically) on all teams, except the Boston Red Sox and the Baltimore Orioles, is more severely misaligned. [*letter, August 2, 1995*].

Claude Raymond (Milwaukee Braves, pitcher) has 12 (6)s and 6 (14)s. He had one walk and a double in 6 plate appearances. In what this author (Ed Zack) construes to be an afterthought to the caption David A. Lawrence wrote for this seasons, he offers the following, "I wrote with a certain amount of distain that I had managed this guy (Raymond) to a 71 RBI season back in the days of my cavalier and naïve youth. Yet, in a certain sense it is also a chaming memory. There is the game within the game that involved a certain amount of sophistication, from a gamesman's point of view, to get Raymond and his 12 (6)s to the plate in situations where he could not be intentionally walked. As I reflected back on it, there was a kind of satisfaction in playing that game and learning to play it well." [*"Replay Revisionism," AJ, January 30, 1994, p. 4*].

Many in the APBA community agree with Bob Henry that the cards of the American League, with its "unusually high quantity of Grade A and B pitchers, and an unusually high quantity of power hitters," will have trouble replicating the low batting average (.247) and the earned run average (3.63). . "Since the pitching is better than usual, the batting averages tend to be lower than in real life. At the



same time, since high grade pitchers cannot affect power hitters, earned run averages tend to be too high.” [*AJ*, May 1984, p.12].

Art Mahaffey (Philadelphia Phillies, pitcher) threw 149 innings without receiving a card. His exclusion sparked the demand for the additional players (XBs) which made their appearance the next year.

Minnie Minoso (Washington Senators) has two (22)s, but no error number. He needs the two (22)s for his HBP stats, but he also needs a (15). David Lawrence points out that this card is also missing a RP number, which should be a (40).

The New York Yankees have three players with double (1)s: Mickey Mantle, Roger Maris and Johnny Blanchard. In addition, they also have five more players with (1,5,6), or better, power: Yogi Berra, Elston Howard, Joe Pepitone, Tommy Tresh and Harry Bright.

Nellie Fox (Chicago White Sox) received a card with no (13)s. This is one of his record total of 14 cards, and 11 consecutive cards without a (13).

The San Francisco Giants have 9 pitchers on their 20 card roster. [*Eric Naftaly*, *AJ*, November 10, 1998, p. 3]. Frank Scozzari (Decatur, Georgia) points out that the 1963 Pittsburgh Pirates also have 9 pitchers. [*e-mail*, December 1, 1998].

The Minnesota Twins have four players with double (1)s on their cards: Harmon Killebrew, Jim Hall, Bob Allison and Don Mincher. (David Lawrence argues that the correction of Goryl's card to (1,4,5,5) "is the equivalent of a fifth double-one card for Minnesota. Actually, they need these kind of cards to reproduce their team home run total.

The New York Mets do not have any infielders rated Fielding One.

Dick Groat (St. Louis Cardinals) has four (31)s. He had five (31)s in the 1964 season.

Dick Hall (Baltimore Orioles, pitcher) has 15 hit-numbers, including (1,1), however this is considered to be an error. [*See corrections above*].

Brooks Robinson (Baltimore Orioles) and Clete Boyer (New York Yankees) are rated (3B-6), the first since Billy Cox with the 1953 Brooklyn Dodgers. This is the beginning of Robinson's record skein of 11 consecutive seasons with (3B-6), most total seasons (25) and most total cards (30).

Bob Henry, David Lawrence, and other "graybeards" are of the opinion that in a 1963 replay "the combination of high pitching grades, low batting averages and abundant power should result in batting averages being too low and ERAs too high."

Harvey Haddix (Pittsburgh Pirates, pitcher) has 6 (6)s on his card.

Neither the Houston Colt .45s, nor the Kansas City Athletics, have any players with first column (1)s on their cards. Such a lack of home run power is rare in the modern era. Kansas City has only one position player with three power-numbers, while Houston has none!

The San Francisco Giants are much the same team as they were in 1962. They have four players with (1,5,5), or better, power: Mays, McCovey, Bailey and Cepeda, plus one (Haller) with (1,5) power.

Gary Kolb (St. Louis Cardinals) has three (0)s and 20 second column (2)s. If used regularly, he would hit 30+ triples. This card is reduced in 1963 [R].

This season begins the St .Louis Cardinals Sp[eed] dynasty. They can use 9 (F) players to field an all (F) team.

In a very rare occurrence, this season's roster sheet has players listed with more than two positions. Dennis Menke (Milwaukee Braves) is listed at leftfield, third base and shortstop. Rod Kanehl (New York Mets) is listed at first base, third base and centerfield.

The Los Angeles Dodgers will improve greatly when they are issued as GTP #47 in 1981.

Tony LaRussa (Kansas City Athletics) received a regular (non-XB) card when he was only 18 years old. [*Bob Henry, AJ, May 1990, p. 26*].

**AJ Replays:**

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|-------------------------|---|
| 1963 NL + AL            | by Gary C Hill (March 1980, pp. 11-12).   |
| 1963 NL [MG]            | by Peter Simonelli (August 1990, pp. 19-20).  |
| 1963 L. A. Dodgers [MG] | by Rick Diaz (June 1988, pp. 20-21).<br>( <i>See commentary by Howard Ahlskog, <u>ibid.</u>, p. 21.</i> ) |

# 1963 [R] Season

Teams: NL-10 AL-10 (12 on 52)  
Cards per Team: 25  
XBs: No M/S: Yes  
Print Style: IX, Variety 10, Format: e  
Back TWO  
Published: July 1992

Baseball Park Factor Chart: No

*It will be very hard for this card to reproduce Radatz' astounding season in 1963, which is one of the greatest seasons any relief pitcher has ever had. The relatively high 1.97 ERA is the result of some longer outings that no closer would get today. Most of the time he was absolutely untouchable. The original 1963 card had a (Z) rating, as does the OFAS card, although it is not strictly deserved. Without the (Z), however, an A&C, or A&B, grade is probably necessary.*

*This season's cards do not have "Major League" printed inside the baseball logo on the back of the cards. (See 1986 Season).*

*This season has the new (ZZ) pitcher control rating. (See "Glossary.")*

## Corrections:

Ryne Duren (Philadelphia Phillies) should have an (X)(Y) strikeout rating. It is unfortunate that this error is perpetuated, as his rating in the original 1963 season (X) was noted as an error, and similarly corrected to (XY).

John Logan (Milwaukee Braves) has his nickname spelled incorrectly. It is "Yatcha," not "Yachta." [See 1951 [R] Season].

## Miscellany:

Harvey Haddix (Pittsburgh Pirates, pitcher) and Ted Abernathy (Cleveland Indians, pitcher) have 6 (6)s. Abernathy has 13 hit-numbers and five (14)s.

Bob Veale (Pittsburgh Pirates, pitcher) has the unusual pitching grade of B/A&C\* (P-1) (X)(W). This is the only A&C\* (or A&C) grade this season.

Herm Starrette (Baltimore Orioles, pitcher) has 12 (14)s. However, that is not enough to replicate his one at-bat and one walk season.

Bats: **Right**      Throws: **Right**  
Height: **6-6**      Weight: **240**  
Born: **4-2-37** **Detroit, Michigan**

**Richard Raymond**

"Moose"

**RADATZ**

Grade A\* Pitcher (1) (XY)

11- 8	31- 13	51- 13
12- 25	32- 26	52- 12
13- 13	33- 8	53- 13
14- 30	34- 31	54- 32
15- 36	35- 13	55- 23
16- 28	36- 13	56- 34
21- 13	41- 13	61- 13
22- 9	42- 13	62- 13
23- 27	43- 29	63- 13
24- 13	44- 21	64- 13
25- 13	45- 14	65- 35
26- 13	46- 13	66- 6

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Harry Fanok (St. Louis Cardinals, pitcher) has 7 (6)s among his 16 hit-numbers.

Wes Stock (Baltimore Orioles, pitcher) has 26 (13)s , which are not adequate to reproduce his .000 BA for 10 at-bats.

Roberto Clemente (Pittsburgh Pirates) once again received a MG rating of  $Ar[m]=40$ .

Bill Hoedt (San Francisco Giants, pitcher) has 15 hit-numbers and 8 (14)s.

Claude Raymond (Milwaukee Braves, pitcher) has 10 (6), 6 (14)s and 6 (42)s. His OBP is .600+. If you do not have a conscience, consider using Raymond as a lead-off hitter.

Clete Boyer (New York Yankees) and Brooks Robinson (Baltimore Orioles) are rated as (3B-6).

Mike Fornieles (Minnesota Twins, pitcher) has (2,2,2,4,6,6,6) power.

Pitchers with 28 (13)s are Jim Coates (Cincinnati Reds) and Jack Hamilton (Philadelphia Phillies).

Bob Anderson (Detroit Tigers, pitcher) has 16 hit-numbers, including four (6)s.

Minnesota has five players with double (1)s. David Lawrence has written that, "The Minnesota Twins in the 1963 [R] card set continue the march toward baseball and APBA immortality that they started with the original 1963 season. Three of the original double (1)s recipients (Jim Hall, Harmon Killebrew and Don Mincher) repeat that configuration. Joining them are Vic Wertz and Bill Dailey, a pitcher, who had originally received only a single (1).

"In addition, Bob Allison, one of the four double (1)s in the original set and Johnny Goryl (1,4,5,5) as corrected in the original set, now receive (0,0,0,1) power with 11 second column (1)s. This works out to just the tiniest fraction short of double (1) power. Basically, the Twins have 7 players with double (1) power. Mincher and Wertz are both rated only as (1B), so six of these players could be in the lineup at one time.

"Just to keep the opposition on their toes, Minnesota's regular catcher, Earl Battey, has been upgraded in the reprint to (1,5,5) so, as manager of the Twins, you could come close to putting a seven double (1) team on the field. On the bench, a double (1) pinchhitter is available. For good measure, Mike Fornieles, a pitcher, has (2,2,2,4,6,6,6) power.

"In real life, the Twins banged out 225 home runs, the second-highest total in history. The New York Yankees of 1961 had 240. You can put these mind bending cards in a 1963 replay without fear of distorting the reality." (*letter from David Lawrence to Ed Zack, July 23, 1993.*)

Jim Duckworth (Washington Senators, pitcher) has a card with one hit-number (8) and 25 (13)s.

Pitchers rated as (ZZ): Skinny Brown (Houston Colt .45s), Roy Face (Pittsburgh Pirates), Robin

Roberts (Baltimore Orioles), Dick Hall (Baltimore Orioles), Bill Monbouquette (Boston Red Sox), Ray Herbert (Chicago White Sox), Dick Donovan (Cleveland Indians), Art Fowler (Los Angeles Angels) and Bill Dailey (Minnesota Twins).

This season is part of the St .Louis Cardinals Sp[eed] dynasty. They can use their 10 F[ast] players to field an all (F) team.

The San Francisco Giants have 9 pitchers on their 20 man roster. [*Eric Naftaly, AJ, November 1998, p. 3*].

Jack Reed (New York Yankees) has a C32 St[ealing] rating.

**AJ Articles:**

“Rooting for Nellie Fox” by David A. Lawrence (June 30, 1997, p.18).

“1963: Anatomy of a Reprint” by David Lawrence (December 1992, pp. 14-15).

# 1963 [2R] Season

Teams: NL-10 AL-10 (12 on 23)  
Cards per Team: Varies from 27 to 44  
Total Cards: AL 348, NL 347  
XBs: No XCs: No M/S: Yes  
Print Style:      Format:  
Back:  
Published: 2020

Baseball Park Factor Chart: No

(Insert Card: Pete Rose)

*Pete Rose's hustle and aggressive style of play captured much interest during Spring training in 1963. Watching Rose sprint to first base on a walk and his futile leaps to catch balls hit way over his head, Mickey Mantle and Whitey Ford began referring to Rose as "Charlie Hustle" a somewhat disparaging nickname that Rose wore as a badge of honor. Rose would be named National League Rookie of the Year for 1963 and would go on to play 24 years and accumulate 4256 hits to surpass Ty Cobb as the all-time hits leader.*

*For this season every player that appeared in at least one game was included in the card set for a total of 695 cards.*

*This season was designed to use the optional Official Scorer's Rule System. Use E+1 as the Error Rating for the National League and E-0 as the Error Rating for the American League. Pitchers that have very low or very high rates of strikeouts have the (R) and (K) ratings, respectively. Pitching grades for this season use the lowered standards set in 2000 (MG=1-4, D; MG=5-9, C; MG=10-14, B; MG=15-19, A; MG=20-24, A&C; MG=25-30, A&B). This season has the dual Batting Characteristic (BC) platoon rating, the (ZZ) control rating for pitchers and the Basic Game batters-faced Fatigue Rating for starting pitchers.*

## Corrections:

Ryne Duren (Philadelphia Phillies) has a strikeout rating of (XY). This corrects the error on both his original 1963 card and his 1963[R] card which had a strikeout rating of (X).

Dick Tracewski (Los Angeles Dodgers) is listed on lineup sheet as a SS-B; should be "SS-2B".

Jerry Adair (Baltimore Orioles) should be listed as the main player batting 8th on the lineup sheet. Rocky Johnson (Baltimore Orioles) should be listed as the alternate.

Roger Craig (New York Mets) is missing the parenthesis surrounding his Basic Game

St-C19 Sp-16 Ar-29											
Peter Edward "Pete" ROSE											
(F) Secondbaseman (6) (OF-1)											
Year	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	SB	BA	SLG	OBP	
1963	157	623	101	170	6	41	13	.273	.371	.334	
Height: 5-11 Weight: 192											
Born: 4-14-41 Cincinnati, OH											
Bats: Both Throws: Right CIN											
11-	6	-	1	31-	9	-	1	51-	8	-	1
12-	25	-	6	32-	26	-	6	52-	27	-	6
13-	14	-	2	33-	7	-	1	53-	18	-	2
14-	30	-	6	34-	31	-	6	54-	32	-	6
15-	10	-	1	35-	9	-	1	55-	8	-	1
16-	28	-	2	36-	33	-	2	56-	13	-	2
21-	30	-	2	41-	28	-	6	61-	22	-	2
22-	7	-	1	42-	14	-	2	62-	13	-	2
23-	12	-	2	43-	29	-	6	63-	31	-	2
24-	13	-	2	44-	8	-	1	64-	36	-	2
25-	10	-	1	45-	14	-	2	65-	35	-	6
26-	27	-	2	46-	29	-	2	66-	0	-	1
J-0	SA -6/+1 © 2020 APBA Games										

batters-faced Fatigue Rating [i.e., “(29)”].

### **Opinions:**

No player in the set received a card with no (13)s. Notably, Nellie Fox (Chicago White Sox) received one (13) even though he did not receive a (13) in either the 1963 or 1963[R] Season sets. Fox struck out only 17 times in 582 total plate appearances, the lowest strikeout rate (2.9%) among batting qualifiers in the Major Leagues. The single (13) on his card should yield a strikeout about 2.8% of the time. The problem is that Fox has a number of out numbers that will result in strikeouts against pitchers with appropriate strikeout ratings. Because of this, Fox will significantly exceed the number of times he strikes out compared to his real-life total.

### **Miscellany:**

Envelopes are printed with city names, but lack the “Senior Circuit” or “Junior Circuit” league designation.

This set benefits from statistics that were unavailable when 1963[R] was published. This includes actual left/right batting splits used to derive dual platoon (BC) ratings and defensive caught stealing statistics used to derive catcher’s Th[rough] and pitcher’s MF [Move to First] ratings. This additional data was obtained by detailed play-by-play and box score analysis by volunteers of the Retrosheet Project. *[See <http://www.retrosheet.org> for further information].*

In January of 1963, the definition of the strike zone was expanded in both the AL and NL. Arguably, this change had an immediate affect on pitching and batting results for the 1963 season. Home run totals in 1963 decreased by ten percent compared to 1962, and total runs scored decreased from 4.5 runs per game to 3.9 runs per game. League batting averages decreased from .255 to .247 in the American League and from .261 to .245 in the National League. Not surprisingly, walk rates decreased and strikeout rates increased in both leagues.

The number of starting pitchers rated Grade A or higher more than doubled from seven in 1962[2R] to sixteen in 1963[2R].

Sandy Koufax (Los Angeles Dodgers) is rated as a Grade A&C starting pitcher (MG=20) (K)(Z). Koufax was graded A in 1963[R] and 1963. There are no other starting pitchers rated Grade A&C or higher in the set.

Ron Perranoski (Los Angeles Dodgers), MG=20\*) and Bob Veale (Pittsburgh Pirates, MG=18(23\*)) are rated as Grade A&C\* relievers. There are no Grade A&B\* relievers in the set. Bob Veale had a B/A&C\* split grade in the 1963[R] Season set.

Dick Radatz (Boston Red Sox, MG=19\*) has the only (KXY) strikeout rating. Jim Maloney (Cincinnati Reds, MG=16) and Wade Blasingame (Milwaukee Braves, MG=1\* (3 IP)) each have (KY) strikeout ratings.

Pitchers with the (ZZ) control rating include Robin Roberts and Dick Hall (Baltimore Orioles),

Bill Monbouquette (Boston Red Sox), Ray Herbert (Chicago White Sox), Dick Donovan (Cleveland Indians), Art Fowler (Los Angeles Angels), Skinny Brown (Houston Colt .45s), and Roy Face (Pittsburgh Pirates). The same pitchers received a (ZZ) rating in the 1963[R] Season set. Bill Dailey (Minnesota Twins), who was rated (ZZ) in 1963[R], received a (Z) control rating in the 1963[2R] Season set.

The New York Yankees have five starters rated B, or better:

Whitey Ford Grade A (MG=16) (X)(Z)  
Ralph Terry Grade B (MG=12) (Z)  
Jim Bouton Grade A (MG=15) (Y)  
Al Downing Grade A (MG=16) (K)(W)  
Stan Williams Grade B (MG=12) (Y)

The Chicago White Sox have five starters rated B, or better:

Gary Peters Grade A (MG=17) (X)(Z)  
Ray Herbert Grade B (MG=10) (ZZ)  
Juan Pizarro Grade A (MG=16) (X)  
John Buzhardt Grade A (MG=15) (Z)  
Joe Horlen Grade B (MG=12)

The Minnesota Twins have five starters rated B, or better:

Camilo Pascual Grade A (MG=15) (X)  
Dick Stigman Grade B (MG=12) (X)  
Lee Stange Grade B (MG=13) (Y)(Z)  
Jim Roland Grade B (MG=13) (Y)(W)  
Dwight Siebler Grade B (MG=10) (Y)

The Philadelphia Phillies have nine pitchers rated B, or better:

Cal McLish Grade B (MG=11)  
Ray Culp Grade B (MG=14) (X)(W)  
Chris Short Grade B (MG=13) (X)  
Dennis Bennett Grade B (MG=13) (Y)(Z)  
Jack Baldschun Grade A\* (MG=17\*) (X)  
John Klippstein Grade D/A\* (MG=4/19\*) (X)  
Dallas Green Grade B (MG=10/13\*) (Z)  
Ryne Duren Grade C/B\* (MG=9/12\*) (XY)(W)  
John Boozer Grade C/B\* (MG=9/11\*) (X)

The Pittsburgh Pirates have five relief pitchers rated B, or better:

Tom Sisk Grade C/B\* (MG=9/13\*) (Y)  
Roy Face Grade B\* (MG=11\*) (Y)(ZZ)  
Al McBean Grade C/A\* (MG=8/15\*) (Y)  
Harvey Haddix Grade D/B\* (MG=4/11\*) (K)(Z)  
Bob Veale Grade A/A&C\* (MG=18/23\*) (X)(W)

42-year-old pitcher Warren Spahn (Milwaukee Braves) is rated as a grade A starter (MG=16) (Z).



Players with extreme platoon ratings include: Gordie Coleman (Cincinnati Reds) PR -20/+2, Dick Brown (Baltimore Orioles) PL +17/-8, Jesse Gonder (New York Mets) PR -17/+5, Lee Maye (Milwaukee Braves) PR -17/+2, Gary Kolb (St. Louis Cardinals) SA -15/+6, Jose Tartabull (Kansas City Athletics) SA -15/+2, and Willie Stargell (Pittsburgh Pirates) PR -15/+1.

No team has a player with three first column (1)s. There are 22 players in the set with two first column (1)s.

The Minnesota Twins have five players with two first column (1)s including: Harmon Killebrew (1,1,5,6), Jim Hall (1,1,0,0), Bob Allison (1,1,0,0), Don Mincher (1,1,0,0), and Vic Wertz (1,1 (49AB)).

The Minnesota Twins have 27 power numbers in the starting lineup listed on the APBA roster sheet without including the pitcher.

The San Francisco Giants have four players with two first column (1)s including: Willie McCovey (1,1,4,5), Willie Mays (1,1,4,6), Orlando Cepeda (1,1,6,6), and Ed Bailey (1,1,6).

The Cleveland Indians have the ability to field an entire starting lineup of players with first-column (1)s. The Minnesota Twins can also field a complete lineup with first-column (1)s provided that relief pitcher Bill Dailey is included.

Relief pitcher Claude Raymond (Milwaukee Braves) has ten hit numbers, all (6)s, for getting 1 double in 4 AB. Raymond also has three (42)s, the only player that has more than one.

Relief pitcher Mike Fornieles (Minnesota Twins) has six hit numbers including power numbers (2-2-2-6-6-6). Pitcher Harvey Haddix (Pittsburgh Pirates) has six hit numbers (6-6-6-6-6-6).

No other player has more than four power numbers.

Pitcher Dick Hall (Baltimore Orioles) received 15 hit numbers, the most in the set: (1,6,7,7,7,7,7,7,7,7,8,8,8,9,9).

For non-pitchers, three players received as many as 13 hit numbers:

Tommy Davis (Los Angeles Dodgers) has (0,0,0,7,7,7,7,10,8,8,8,9,9).

Merritt Ranew (Chicago Cubs) has (0,0,0,7,7,7,7,8,8,8,8,9,9).

Sam Bowens (Baltimore Orioles (48 AB)) has (0,0,0,0,7,7,7,8,8,8,8,9,9).

John Paciorek (Houston Colt .45s (3 AB)) has the highest lifetime batting average (1.000) of any player in Major League history with more than two at bats. He received 12 hit numbers (6,7,7,7,7,7,8,8,8,9,9) with five (14)s for getting 3 hits (all singles) in 3 AB while walking twice in a game late in the season. It was his only major league appearance. Paciorek scored four times in the five times he reached base, yet his Sp(eed) rating is S(low)6.

Outfielder Rico Carty (Milwaukee Braves (2 AB)) has twenty (13)s for striking out in both of his

plate appearances. No player has more than twenty (13)s.

Other non-pitchers with fourteen or more (13)s include Jack Damaska (St. Louis Cardinals (5 AB)) with eighteen (13)s, Larry Elliott (Pittsburgh Pirates (4 AB)), with seventeen (13)s, Jim Beauchamp (St. Louis Cardinals (3 AB)) and Moe Thacker (St. Louis Cardinals (4 AB)) with fifteen (13)s, and Jim Lawrence (Cleveland Indians (no AB)), Bob Lipski (Cleveland Indians (1 AB)), Julio Becquer (Minnesota Twins (no AB)), Cuno Barragan (Chicago Cubs (1 AB)), Mickey Harrington (Philadelphia Phillies (no AB)), and Bud Bloomfield (St. Louis Cardinals (no AB)) with fourteen (13)s.

Three players have seven (14)s, including Charlie Maxwell (Chicago White Sox), Gary Kolb (St. Louis Cardinals), and Pumpsie Green (New York Mets). No other player has more than seven (14)s.

Players hard to double-up (no (25) or (24) play result numbers): Dave Nicholson (Chicago White Sox), Fred Whitfield (Cleveland Indians), Jake Wood (Detroit Tigers), Lenny Green (Minnesota Twins, Don Blasingame (Washington Senators), Lou Brock (Chicago Cubs), Charlie Neal (Cincinnati Reds), Marv Breeding (Los Angeles Dodgers), and Duke Snider (New York Mets). Dave Nicholson has (13s) at dice roll 12 (instead of the expected (25) and dice roll 41 (where the first (24) is usually found). The other players have (29) at dice roll 12 and (28) at dice roll 41 except for the PR-rated pull hitters Fred Whitfield and Duke Snider who have (26) at dice roll 41.

Players with nine or more (24)s include Coot Veal (Detroit Tigers (32 AB)) and Bill Tuttle (Minnesota Twins (3 AB)), each with ten (24)s.

No players are rated with a Sp[eed] rating of F[ast]20. Players with a rating of F[ast]19 include Luis Aparicio (Baltimore Orioles), Jake Wood (Detroit Tigers), Jose Tartabull (Kansas City Athletics), Zoilo Versalles (Minnesota Twins), Lou Brock (Chicago Cubs), Tommy Harper (Cincinnati Reds), Vada Pinson (Cincinnati Reds), Willie Davis (Los Angeles Dodgers), Julian Javier (St. Louis Cardinals), Willie Mays (San Francisco Giants), and Joe Morgan (Houston Colt .45s (25 AB)).

Pitcher Early Wynn (Cleveland Indians) is the only player with a Sp[eed] rating of S[low]1. Players with a Sp[eed] rating of S[low]2 include Sherm Lollar (Chicago White Sox), pitcher Cal McLish (Philadelphia Phillies), Smoky Burgess (Pittsburgh Pirates), Carl Sawatski (St. Louis Cardinals), Vic Wertz (Minnesota Twins (49 AB)), pitcher Ray Moore (Minnesota Twins), pitcher Hoyt Wilhelm (Chicago White Sox), pitcher Dean Stone (Baltimore Orioles (19 IP)), and pitcher Sam Jones (St Louis Cardinals (11 IP)).

Top base stealers include D35 Al Weis (Chicago White Sox); D35 Jose Tartabull (Kansas City Athletics); D33 Luis Aparicio (Baltimore Orioles); E34 Lee Maye (Milwaukee Braves); and E33 Henry Aaron (Milwaukee Braves). Luis Aparicio (Baltimore Orioles) led the AL with 40 SB, while Maury Wills (Los Angeles Dodgers) with a C26 SB rating had 40 SB to lead the NL.

Stolen base threats with limited playing time include C32 Jack Reed (New York Yankees (73

AB)).

The St. Louis Cardinals are the only team that can field a starting line-up made up with all F[ast]-rated players.

No player has four or more (31)s.

Five players in the American League have three (31)s including Nellie Fox (Chicago White Sox), Bill Bruton (Detroit Tigers), Al Kaline (Detroit Tigers), Vic Power (Minnesota Twins), and Bobby Richardson (New York Yankees).

Three players in the National League have three (31)s including Frank Bolling (Milwaukee Braves), Dick Groat (St. Louis Cardinals), and Harvey Kuenn (San Francisco Giants).

Eight players received four (27)s including: Clete Boyer (New York Yankees), Charlie Neal (Cincinnati Reds), Sam Bowens (Baltimore Orioles (48 AB)), Rico Petrocelli (Boston Red Sox (4 AB)), Willie Horton (Detroit Tigers (43 AB)), Cal Neeman (Washington Senators (27 AB)), Al Ferrara (Los Angeles Dodgers (44 AB)), and Gil Hodges (New York Mets (22 AB)). All these players are PL-rated pull hitters except Charlie Neal (Cincinnati Reds), who is rated SA.

The Milwaukee Braves and the New York Yankees can reach a team defensive total of 41 points without the pitcher. Other teams that can reach Fielding One include the Philadelphia Phillies, the St. Louis Cardinals, and the Minnesota Twins. The Baltimore Orioles need a (P-2) to reach Fielding One.

The New York Yankees have an infield with Elston Howard (C-9), Joe Pepitone (1B-4), Bobby Richardson (2B-9), Tony Kubek (SS-8), and Clete Boyer (3B-6) that totals 36 fielding points without the pitcher.

The only team in the set that cannot make at least Fielding Two is the New York Mets.

Earl Battey (Minnesota Twins), Elston Howard (New York Yankees), and Del Crandall (Milwaukee Braves) are rated (C9).

Vic Power (Minnesota Twins), Frank Torre (Philadelphia Phillies), and Bill White (St. Louis Cardinals) are rated (1B-5).

Bobby Richardson (New York Yankees) and Bill Mazeroski (Pittsburgh Pirates) are rated (2B-9).

There is no shortstop rated (SS-10). Shortstops rated (SS-9) include Luis Aparicio (Baltimore Orioles), Zoilo Versalles (Minnesota Twins), Maury Wills (Los Angeles Dodgers), Roy McMillan (Milwaukee Braves), and Bobby Wine (Philadelphia Phillies).

Brooks Robinson (Baltimore Orioles) and Clete Boyer (New York Yankees) are both rated (3B-6).

Roberto Clemente (Pittsburgh Pirates) has the best arm rating in the set with  $Ar(m)=40$ . No player has an arm rating of  $Ar(m)=39$ .

There is no player in the set with an arm rating lower than  $Ar(m)=24$ . Players with  $Ar(m)=24$  include Jim Gentile (Baltimore Orioles), Chuck Essegian (Kansas City Athletics), Roy Sievers (Philadelphia Phillies), Jerry Lynch (Pittsburgh Pirates), Stan Musial (St. Louis Cardinals), Rico Carty (Milwaukee Braves (2 AB)), and Marv Throneberry (New York Mets (14 AB)).

Ed Sadowski (Los Angeles Angels) and Chris Cannizzaro (New York Mets (33 AB)) are the only catchers this season with Th[row] ratings = +6.

### **Replays:**

Jim Sce, 1963 SIM, APBA - Between the Lines internet discussion group on Delphi Forums.  
Basic game replay of the 1963[2R] NL and AL season.

[<https://forums.delphiforums.com/apbabil/messages/?msg=65054.1>].

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# 1964 Season

Teams: NL-10 AL-10 (12 on 64)  
Cards per Team: 20  
XBs: 4 /team M/S: No  
Print Style: IV Format: c  
XB Print Style: V Format: c  
Back: ONE  
XB Back: BLANK  
Published: 1965

*How appropriate that the first APBA player who got a 66, to discover upon the second roll, that it would only be a single. Bob, like Joe Garagiola before him, parlayed his mediocrity as a ballplayer into a fine career as a broadcaster and entertainer. Without cards like these, Uecker wouldn't have any material for his comedy routines.*

Bats: Right	Throws: Right	
Height: 6-1	Weight: 190	
Born: 1-26-35 Milwaukee, Wisc.		
Robert George		
"Bob"		
<b>UECKER</b>		
Catcher (7)		
11 - 7-1	31 - 14-1	51 - 14-1
12 - 25-7	32 - 26-7	52 - 27-7
13 - 14-6	33 - 7-1	53 - 18-6
14 - 30-7	34 - 31-7	54 - 32-7
15 - 8-1	35 - 14-6	55 - 8-1
16 - 28-6	36 - 33-7	56 - 34-6
21 - 13-7	41 - 28-7	61 - 36-7
22 - 7-1	42 - 38-6	62 - 13-6
23 - 13-6	43 - 13-7	63 - 30-7
24 - 29-7	44 - 7-1	64 - 12-6
25 - 9-1	45 - 14-6	65 - 35-7
26 - 13-7	46 - 13-7	66 - 0-1

*This is the first season that APBA issued XBs. They were printed, four per team, in black on an 8 1/2" by 11 1/2" sheet of white bond paper, with no card outlines. The cards were meant to be cut apart with scissors. The back of the paper cards was blank, as they will be through 1969.*

*For the first time (7)s were used in the second column Regular use of (7)s and (8)s in the second column began with the 1976 season.*

*In addition to the introduction of second column (7)s, second column (9)s were also introduced this year. However, the two known examples of such cards are considered to be errors.*

*The A&C\* grade was introduced for relievers (both regular and split-grade.).*

## Corrections:

Jim Maloney (Cincinnati Reds, pitcher) is an (XY) pitcher, not just an (X).

Clete Boyer (New York Yankees) should have: 25-(9)-(1), 31-(39)-(1) and 35-(30)-(1); not 25-(8)-(1), 31-(9)-(1) and 35-(39)-(1).

Derrell Griffith (Los Angeles Dodgers), on some cards, has a 15-(10) with the '1' distorted to the point it looks like 15-(0). In other examples, the PRNs are very poorly aligned. the '1' in PRN (10) following the dice roll 15 is so vague as to make it look like 15-(0). He is rated (3B-3) despite a horrendous fielding average of .769. He committed 21 errors in 35 games. [Bob Henry, *AJ*, August 1983, p. 20],

Mike Pellerin has a Chico Ruiz (Cincinnati Reds) card that has an inked over second column (9). It looks as though there is a printed, red (9) beneath the inked (6). Mike says that when he replayed

the season several years ago, the 51-(10)-(9) was changed to 51-(10)-(6). " we knew that there were no second column (9)s, so it had to be a typo." Mark Pritchard confirms Pellerin's story of what is under the ink, but remembers that the (9) was, "a little deformed or missing something, maybe the left side. A copy of that card in this author's collection has an imperfectly formed (9) at 51. However, it is the top quadrant of the loop of the (9) that is missing. As Mike correctly opined as a kid, it is really an upside down (6). These cards are to be considered "errors".

Lew Burdette (Chicago Cubs, pitcher) received a (3) without hitting any triples.

### **Miscellany:**

On his first APBA card, Joe Morgan (Houston Colt .45s XB) has very unusual doubled results, with (18)s on 25 and 53 and (37)s on 42 and 51.

Some cards in this season are badly mis-aligned; ex.: Rocky Johnson (Baltimore Orioles), Lew Burdette (Chicago Cubs, pitcher), Ernie Banks (Chicago Cubs) and Jim Gentile (Kansas City Athletics).

In all samples examined, Tommy Thomas (Detroit Tigers) has his position, Outfielder, spelled with a missing or deformed ' t '.

Bill Cowan (Chicago Cubs) has an unusual placement of hit-numbers. Employing the usual sequence the (8) on 51 should be located at 55 and the (9) on 55 should be located at 51. This is a moot point that does not impact play results, but the quirky locations make this card all the more human and individual. *[contributed by Mike Pellerin].*

Bob Allen (Washington Senators) has that lovely, rare (1,5,5,5) power combination.

Al Luplow, (Cleveland Indians) received the unique, for an outfielder, combination of a (23) on 15 and a (21) on 55. These error numbers are normally reserved for pitchers. He also received a (36) for his RPN, which is usually reserved for catchers.

Bobby Richardson (New York Yankees) received four (31)s.

Carl Yastrzemski (Boston Red Sox) received a card with no (35).

This season has the first A&C\* relievers: Al Worthington (Minnesota Twins) and Bob Lee (Los Angeles Angels). Lee is a split-grade C/A&C\*.

Dick Groat (St. Louis Cardinals) is the last, and also the only, modern player to receive five (31)s.

Bob Saverine (Baltimore Orioles) received a odd-looking card with (11)s on 11 and 33.

Clete Boyer (New York Yankees) and Brooks Robinson (Baltimore Orioles) are rated (3B-6).

Bo Belinsky (Los Angeles Dodgers XB), Barney Schultz (St. Louis Cardinals) and Bob Heffner (Boston Red Sox) are pitchers who received two (36)s on their cards.

This is the first season, since 1949, that Warren Spahn (Boston/Milwaukee Braves XB) has not been rated at least a Grade B pitcher. The skein of 15 consecutive seasons (1949 - 1963) as a Grade B, or better, is an APBA record. This season he received an XB card despite pitching 174 innings.

Nellie Fox (Houston Astros) received a card with no (13)s on it. This is the last of his record total of 14 cards, and 11 consecutive cards, with no (13).

The St. Louis Cardinals have 10 of their 24 players (includes 4 XBs) rated as (F)[ast]. They can field a team of all (F) players using the standard line-up. P - Bob Gibson, C - Tim McCarver, 1B - Bill White, 2B - Manuel Javier, SS - Chuck Maxvil (replacing of Dick Groat), 3B - Ken Boyer and OF- Curt Flood, Lou Brock and Mike Shannon. Carl Warwick (PH/OF/1B) is available on the bench. (research topic suggested by Dan Armstrong and Fran Larkin).

The Philadelphia Phillies have two shortstops rated (SS-9): Ruben Amaro, Sr. and Bobby Wine (SS-9).

### **AJ Articles:**

“ ‘Pennant Porch’ Revisited: Remembering the ‘64 K[ansas] C[ity] A[thletic]s” by Aaron Shomo (January 1988, pp. 9-10).

“Replayers and Hypothesis-Testing: Final [19]64 National League Results.” by Warren Shapiro (October 1987, pp. 12 & 18).

### **AJ Replays:**

1964 NL + AL [BG] by Scott Olmstead (March 1988, pp. 21-25. *A classic replay report.*

1964 NL [BG] by John Rossello (July 1969, p. 7).

by Robert D. Van Kirk (March 1974, p. 7). (*with pitching-by-grade stats*)

Anonymous (August 1976, pp. 6-7 & 9).

by Warren Shapiro (September 1987, pp. 19-20). (*plus Addendum: (November 1987), p. 2.*

by David Moss (September 1990, p. 20).

# 1964 [R] Season

Teams: NL-10 AL-10 (12 on 54)  
Cards per Team: 25  
XBs: No M/S: Yes  
Print Style: VIII Format: e  
Back TWO  
Published: July 1989

Baseball Park Factor Chart: Yes (1995)

*One could argue that Brooks pioneered the art of modern acrobatic infielding. Before his time, you saw infielders scramble for balls, but no one would flat out dive like Brooks. Later, Ozzie Smith would demonstrate that you could do the same thing at shortstop. As the card shows, Brooks could also hit.*

MG Pitcher Fatigue Rating (Q-Factor) issued on M/S sheet.

This season's cards do not have "Major League" printed inside the baseball logo on the back of the cards. [See 1986 Season.]

This season, originally printed in July 1989, was reprinted in July 1995. According to Eric Naftaly: "Except for the park/wind information, this is the version of 1964 which APBA produced in 1989." [AJ, August/ September 20, 1995, p. 3].

## Correction:

Frank Robinson (Cincinnati Reds) should have (13)s at 21, 24 and 46.

## Miscellany:

Dick Groat (St. Louis Cardinals) and Bobby Richardson (New York Yankees) received four (31)s.

Roberto Clemente (Pittsburgh Pirates) received the unique MG rating of Ar[m]=40.

Brooks Robinson (Baltimore Orioles) and Clete Boyer (New York Yankees) are both rated (3B-6).

Willard Hunter (New York Mets) and Lew Burdette (Chicago Cubs) are pitchers who received 18 hit-numbers.

Bill Freehan (Detroit Tigers) is rated as a (F)[ast] (C-9).

Bob Allison (Minnesota Twins) has the rare (1,5,5,5) power combination.

Bats: Right Throws: Right  
Height: 6-0 Weight: 190  
Born: 5-18-37 Little Rock, Ark.

Brooks Calbert, Jr.  
"Brooksie"

**ROBINSON**  
Thirdbaseman (6)

11- 0-1	31- 8-6	51- 8-6
12-25-7	32-26-7	52-27-7
13-14-6	33- 0-1	53-20-6
14-30-6	34-31-6	54-12-6
15- 8-2	35- 9-6	55- 7-1
16-28-6	36-14-6	56-34-6
21-32-6	41-24-8	61-24-6
22- 0-1	42- 9-6	62-32-6
23-30-6	43-29-7	63-31-6
24-22-6	44- 7-1	64-39-6
25- 8-2	45-14-6	65-35-8
26-13-6	46-13-6	66- 1-1

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Don Mincher (Minnesota Twins) received (0,0,0,1,1) power-numbers.

Terry Fox (Detroit Tigers, pitcher) has five (6)s on his card.

Dean Chance (Los Angeles Angels) is rated as a Grade A&C (MG=22). He was rated a Grade A pitcher in the original 1964 season.

Bill Henry (Cincinnati Reds) is rated a Grade A&C\* (MG=21\*). He was rated a Grade A\* pitcher in the original 1964 season.

Bob Lee (Los Angeles Angels) is rated Grade B/A&C\* (MG=15/21\*). In the original 1964 season he was rated C/A&C\*.

The St. Louis Cardinals have 12 of their 25 players rated as (F)[ast]. Like the original 1964 version (which had 10 out of 24) they can field a team of all (F) players using the standard line-up. P - Bob Gibson, C - Tim McCarver, 1B - Bill White, 2B - Manuel Javier, SS - Dal Maxvil (replacing of Dick Groat), 3B - Ken Boyer and OF - Curt Flood, Lou Brock and Mike Shannon. Carl Warwick (PH/OF/1B) and John Lewis (OF) are available on the bench. Mike Cuellar, who only had average speed in the original version, is available in the bullpen. [suggested by Dan Armstrong and Fran Larkin].

The Philadelphia Phillies have two shortstops rated (SS-9): Ruben Amaro, Sr. and Bobby Wine.

The leading base stealers this season are: B30 Luis Aparicio (Baltimore Orioles), B29 Bob Saverine (Baltimore Orioles), B29 Maury Wills (Los Angeles Dodgers), C30 Willie Davis (Los Angeles Dodgers) and E36 Ellis Burton (Chicago Cubs).

Jerry Lynch (Pittsburgh Pirates) and Roy Sievers (Washington Senators) received Ar[m]=23.

Had the (ZZ) rating been available when this season was produced, "...the following pitchers deserve ZZ's:

National League:

Bobby Shantz (Philadelphia Phillies)  
Al McBean (Pittsburgh Pirates)

American League:

Pedro Ramos (New York Yankees)  
Ray Herbert (Chicago White Sox)  
Don Mossi (Chicago White Sox)  
Dick Hall (Baltimore Orioles)  
Dick Donovan (Cleveland Indians)  
Don Rudolph (Washington Senators)

If you give cards to uncarded pitchers, also assign ZZ's to:

Jack Spring (St.Louis Cardinals)  
Cal McLish (Philadelphia Phillies)  
Masanori Murakami (San Francisco Giants)  
Clay Carroll (Milwaukee Braves)  
John Gelnar (Pittsburgh Pirates)

Fred Green (Pittsburgh Pirates)

*[Howard Ahlskog, AJ, December 1991, p. 17].*

**Suggested Reading:**

David Halberstam, October 1964 (New York: Villard Books, 1994).

**AJ Articles:**

"The Answer is 1964!" by Don Zminda (June 1989, p. 14).

"1964 Transactions, Player Movements and Injuries" by Don Zminda (July 1989, pp. 17-18).

"Commentary on Recommended 1964 [Pitching] Grades" by Howard Ahlskog  
(October 1989, pp. 5-6).

**AJ Replay:**

1964 NL [BG] by David Moss (September 1990, pp. 20-21).

# 1964 [RR] Season

Teams: NL-10 AL-10 (12 on 26)

Cards per Team: 25 XBs:

No M/S: Yes

Print Style: XII Format: j

Back: TWO

Published: 2007

XC's: NL-106 AL-94

Print Style: XVI Format: n

Back: TWO

XC's Published: 2007

Baseball Park Factor Chart: Yes

*The story goes that New York Yankee Manager Casey Stengel had been impressed with the hustle and intensity that Rod Kanehl displayed as a young Yankee farmhand in the Spring of 1954. Although there was some question of whether Kanehl had the talent to become a Major League ballplayer (he never appeared in Yankee pinstripes), he got his chance thanks to baseball's expansion. Eight years after making that first favorable impression, 'Hot Rod' was signed to become an original New York Met, managed by none other than Stengel himself. Kanehl lasted three years in the Majors, all with the Mets. This is his last APBA card and is unusual in that it has 13 play result numbers that typically result in a ground out; play result numbers(24) through (29). While the total number of ground outs is impressive (about six more than the average APBA card), a striking feature is that none of the ground out numbers are (24) or (25), reflecting Kanehl's ability to avoid hitting into double plays.*

*This season was designed to use the optional Official Scorer's Rule System. This is the first card set that the Error Rating is different for each league. Use E=0 as the Error Rating for the American League and E=+1 for the National League. APBA recommends when playing a National League team against an American League team, the Official Scoring Rating of the home team should be used.*

*Pitching grades for this season use the standards that were redefined in the year 2000: (MG=1-4) D, (MG=5-9) C, (MG=10-14) B, (MG=15-19) A, (MG=20-24) A&C and (MG=25-30) A&B.*

*This season has the expanded dual Batting Characteristic (BC) rating and the (ZZ) control-rating for pitchers. Pitchers that have very low or very high rates of strikeouts have the (R) and (K) ratings, respectively. [See "Glossary"].*

## Corrections:

Pitcher Larry Yellen (Houston Colt 45s XC) is not listed on the XC roster sheet.

Roderick Edwin "Hot Rod"

**KANEHL**

(2B-7) (OF-1) (3B-3) (1B-2).

YR	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	SB	BA	SLG	OBP
64	98	254	25	59	1	11	3	.232	.280	.256

Bats: Right

Height: 6-1

Born: 4-1-34

Throws: Right

Weight: 180

Wichita, KS

11-	0-1	31-	40-6	51-	9-6
12-	29-8	32-	26-8	52-	27-8
13-	13-6	33-	7-2	53-	16-6
14-	30-7	34-	31-7	54-	32-7
15-	8-6	35-	13-6	55-	8-5
16-	28-11	36-	33-6	56-	34-11
21-	32-6	41-	28-11	61-	27-6
22-	7-2	42-	27-6	62-	29-6
23-	27-6	43-	29-11	63-	31-11
24-	29-11	44-	8-4	64-	29-6
25-	9-6	45-	14-6	65-	35-7
26-	12-11	46-	27-6	66-	0-1

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Pitcher John Gelnar (Pittsburgh Pirates XC) has his last name misspelled as “Elnar” on the XC roster sheet.

Charlie Shoemaker (Kansas City Athletics XC) should be listed on his card as a “Secondbaseman” not a “Seconbaseman.”

Several XC pitchers have the ERA listed on their card rounded to the nearest whole run:

Frank Bertaina (Baltimore Orioles XC) should have an ERA of 2.77, not 3

Fritz Ackley (Chicago White Sox XC) should have an ERA of 8.53, not 9.

Fred Norman (Chicago Cubs XC) should have an ERA of 6.54, not 7.

Joe Grzenda (Kansas City Athletics XC) should have a ERA of 5.40, not 5.

XC pitcher Dave Guisti (Houston Colt 45s) is missing the left bracket of the parenthesis surrounding his (Y) rating [i.e., “Y”].

### **Miscellany:**

This set benefits from statistics that were unavailable when 1964 [R] was published. This includes actual left/right batting splits used to derive BC (Batting Characteristic) ratings and defensive caught stealing statistics used to derive catcher’s Th[rough] and pitcher’s MF [Move to First] ratings. This additional data was obtained by detailed play-by-play and box score analysis by volunteers of the Retrosheet Project. [See <http://www.retrosheet.org> for further information].

Although most pitching grades are within a MG point or two of their 1964 [R] grade, there appears to be less downgrading of pitchers with a low number of innings pitched. Pitchers that had their MG grade increased by four or more points include:

Freddie Burdette (Chicago Cubs) from (MG=5\*) to (MG=10\*)

Jim Brewer (Los Angeles Dodgers) from (MG=5/9\*) to (MG=9/11\*)

Howie Reed (Los Angeles Dodgers) from (MG=5) to (MG=9/10\*)

Ron Locke (New York Mets) from (MG=4/6\*) to (MG=8/10\*)

Tom Butters (Pittsburgh Pirates) from (MG=10) to (MG=12/14\*)

Mike Cuellar (St. Louis Cardinals) from (MG=2) to (MG=4/6\*) Bob Humphreys (St. Louis Cardinals) from (MG=8\*) to (MG=12\*)

Gordie Richardson (St. Louis Cardinals) from (MG=8) to (MG=11/12\*)

Jim Duffalo (San Francisco Giants) from (MG=5/9\*) to (MG=9/13\*)

Arnold Earley (Boston Red Sox) from (MG=5/8\*) to (MG=9/11\*)

Jay Ritchie (Boston Red Sox) from (MG=7\*) to (MG=11\*) Don Lee (Los Angeles Angels) from (MG=5/11\*) to (MG=10/12\*).

Dean Chance (Los Angeles Angels) (MG=21) (X) and Sandy Koufax (Los Angeles Dodgers) (MG=20) (XY) are rated as Grade A&C pitchers. Koufax, who was also rated (MG=20) in 1964 [R], gets the bump from A to A&C due to the lowering of the grade cutoff. Chronologically, this is the first season to have at least two A&C starters since 1919.

Bill Henry (Cincinnati Reds) (MG=24\*) (Y)(Z) and Bob Lee (Los Angeles Angels) (MG=21\*) (X) are rated as Grade A&C relievers. Lee is also rated as a grade A starter (MG=16). While Lee was rated as an

A&C reliever in the original 1964 and 1964 [R] season sets, his starting grade has increased from C to B to A in each successive issue.

The Cincinnati Reds have the deepest starting pitching staff in the set with six pitchers rated B or higher:

Jim Maloney grade A (MG=15) (XY)(W)  
Jim O'Toole grade B (MG=14) (Y)(Z)  
Bob Purkey grade B (MG=12)  
Joey Jay grade B (MG=10) (X)(Z)  
Sammy Ellis grade B (MG=12/15\*) (XY)  
Billy McCool grade B (MG=12/16\*) (XY)

Don Rudolph (Washington Senators) is the only pitcher in the set with the (ZZ) control rating.

Pitchers rated with the high strikeout rating (K), are Dick Radatz (Boston Red Sox), Masanori Murakami (San Francisco Giants XC) and Harry Fanok (St. Louis Cardinals XC).

Pitchers receiving the low strikeout (R) rating are: Ray Herbert (Chicago White Sox), Gordy Seyfried (Cleveland Indians), Ted Bowsfield (Kansas City Athletics), Lou Burdette (Chicago Cubs) and Freddie Burdette (Chicago Cubs). In addition, 30 XC pitchers received the R rating.

Willie Smith (Los Angeles Angels) is one of those rare position players that can give you an occasional inning or two of pitching. This year he received (1,3,6) power while appearing in 84 games in the outfield and hitting .301. He also made 15 pitching appearances, including one start, and received a D/C\* (MG=4/8\*).

The New York Yankees have a total of 44 fielding points, not including the pitcher. Three other teams in this set can reach Fielding One: the Baltimore Orioles, Detroit Tigers and St. Louis Cardinals.

Chico Ruiz (Cincinnati Reds) is rated at shortstop even though he did not play any games at this position. This is to give Cincinnati a backup at this position, since the only non-XC Red to play shortstop besides Leo Cardenas was Bobby Klaus, who was sold to the New York Mets in July.

The Philadelphia Phillies have two Fielding One rated shortstops, as they did the original 1964 and 1964 [R] sets. Bobby Wine and Ruben Amaro are both rated (SS-9).

Top-fielding individuals are: Clete Boyer (New York Yankees) and Brooks Robinson (Baltimore Orioles) (3B-6); Elston Howard (New York Yankees), Bill Freehan (Detroit Tigers) and Del Crandell (San Francisco Giants) (C-9); Bill White (St. Louis Cardinals) (1B-5) and Bobby Richardson (New York Yankees), Jerry Adair (Baltimore Orioles) and Bill Mazeroski (Pittsburgh Pirates) (2B-9). There are no (SS-10)s in the set .

Bill Freehan is rated as a (F)[ast] (C-9), as he was in 1964 [R]. Freehan was rated (F)[ast] (C-8) in the original 1964 set.

John Roseboro (Los Angeles Dodgers) and Bill Freehan (Detroit Tigers) are the only catchers this season with Th[er] ratings = +6.

Roberto Clemente (Pittsburgh Pirates) receives the highest MG rating of Ar[m]=40.

Roy Sievers (Washington Senators) and Jerry Lynch (Pittsburgh Pirates) are rated Ar[m]=23.

Nineteen-year-old Tony Conigliaro (Boston Red Sox) receives (0,0,0,1) power with 10 second column (1)s for hitting 24 home runs, a major league record for the most home runs hit by a teenager.

Don Mincher (Minnesota Twins) receives the only card in the set with more than four power numbers: (0,0,0,1,1).

Dick Groat (St. Louis Cardinals) is the only player in the set to receive four (31)s. He received five (31)s in the prior 1964 and 1964 [R] sets.

Pitcher Ron Herbel (San Francisco Giants) has a single hit number, (8) on dice roll 66. He had no hits in 47 at-bats.

Part time Outfielder Al Luplow (Cleveland Indians) has 12 (24)s, the most in the set.

The Boston Red Sox have only two players on their roster (including XCs) with play result numbers (10) or (11). Carl Yastrzemski has a (10) in the first column and Dalton Jones has 7 second column (11)s. As a team, the Red Sox only swiped 18 bases all season.

Teammates Nellie Fox and Bob Lillis (Houston Colt 45s) received cards with no (13)s.

Top base stealers include B31 Jose Cardenal (San Francisco Giants XC); B30 Luis Aparicio (Baltimore Orioles); A29 Bob Saverine (Baltimore Orioles); B29 Dick Smith (New York Mets XC); C29 Maury Wills (Los Angeles Dodgers); C29 Willie Davis (Los Angeles Dodgers); C29, Al Weis (Chicago White Sox); D34 Tommy Harper (Cincinnati Reds); E34 Ellis Burton (Chicago Cubs) and E34 Jose Tartabull (Kansas City Athletics).

No players are rated Sp[eed]20 or Sp[eed]1.

Rusty Staub's (Houston Colt 45s) primary position is as a first baseman, but he was given a (16) error number and (40) rare play number, which are typically given to outfielders.

Rod Kanehl (New York Mets) is primarily a second baseman, but was also given a (16) error number and (40) rare play number.

Felipe Alou (San Francisco Giants) is primarily an outfielder, but was given the (20) error number and the (37) and (41) rare play numbers typically given to a first baseman.

Besides Rod Kanehl, other non-pitchers that did not have a (24) or (25) include:

Dalton Jones (Boston Red Sox),  
Vic Davalillo (Cleveland Indians)  
Don Blasingame (Washington Senators)  
Willie Kirkland (Washington Senators)  
Len Gabrielson (Chicago Cubs) Marty  
Keough (Cincinnati Reds)

Willie Davis (Los Angeles Angels)  
Johnny Callison (Philadelphia Phillies)  
Don Hoak (Philadelphia Phillies XC).

Don Hoak (Philadelphia Phillies XC), who had two sacrifice hits in 6 plate appearances has an interesting card for sacrificing. In addition to no (24)s or (25)s, his card does not have the “bad” sacrifice numbers (27)(29)(33)(34), and contains a mix of twelve out numbers (26)(28)(30)(31)(32) and seven hit numbers that generally lead to a successful sacrifice. His card also has twelve (13)s, so use caution when trying to squeeze home a runner from third.

Lou Klimchok (Milwaukee Braves XC), who is rated at third base and second base received a (23) on his card. This number is usually reserved for shortstops or pitchers.

Bill Southworth (Milwaukee Braves XC) has four (42)s. Johnny Podres (Los Angeles Dodgers XC, pitcher) has three (42)s.

A total of 200 XCs are available for this season. Only 8 of the XCs are double-column cards.

# 1965 Season

Teams: NL-10 AL-10 (12 on 42)  
 Cards per Team: 20  
 XBs: 4 /team M/S: No  
 Print Style: IV Format: c  
 XB Print Style: V Format c  
 Back: ONE  
 XB Back: BLANK  
 Published: 1966

*Many Americans have played in Japan, but this is the first of a handful of members of the Japanese leagues who have played at the major league level here. There was a minor international incident over control of Mashi's contract before the start of the 1966 season, which Japan won, so he didn't return. Since he spoke absolutely no English, his fun-loving teammates thought it would be cute to teach him that the correct thing to say when the honorable manager approached the mound was, "Take a hike."*

Bats: **Left**                      Throws: **Left**  
 Height: **6-0**                      Weight: **180**  
 Born: **5-6-44**    **Yamanashi, Japan**

**Masanori**  
**"Mashi"**

**MURAKAMI**

**Grade D (C\*) Pitcher (1) (XY) (Z)**

11- 7	31- 23	51- 13
12- 25	32- 26	52- 27
13- 13	33- 8	53- 13
14- 30	34- 31	54- 32
15- 9	35- 13	55- 9
16- 28	36- 33	56- 34
21- 13	41- 13	61- 32
22- 8	42- 12	62- 13
23- 13	43- 29	63- 13
24- 13	44- 8	64- 13
25- 21	45- 33	65- 35
26- 13	46- 13	66- 7

*Like the XBs for 1964, these XBs are printed in black ink on an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of white bond paper, four to a page. They have no card outline and are meant to be cut with scissors. They have an identifying notation " XB 65 " at the bottom-center of each page. The backs of the paper cards are blank.*

## Corrections:

Harmon Killebrew (Minnesota Twins) should have 33-(5), not 33-(6).

Mel Stottlemyre (New York Yankees) should add a (Z) control rating.

Denny McLain (Detroit Tigers) should add (X)(Z) control ratings. Some opt for a (Y)(Z) improvement. According to a postcard dated April 18, 1966, from APBA to Pete Simonelli, "McLain should have a (Y)(Z) on his card this year (i.e., 1965 Season).

Barney Schultz (St. Louis Cardinals, XB) should have 32-(26), not 32-(36).

Earl Battey (Minnesota Twins) should have four (13)s, as he does in the GTP #48 version. "His hit numbers, after accounting for three additional (14)s, should be (0,0,7,7,7,8,8,8,8,9,9)." [*Bob Henry, AJ, April 1977, p. 20*].

Jim Hall (Minnesota Twins) should have 44-(8), not 44-(7). The GTP #48 version includes the correction.



The card for Dan Osinski (Milwaukee Braves) has his surname incorrectly spelled as "Orsinski.". The roster sheet has the correct spelling. *[contributed by John Schoeb at the 1998 National Convention].*

Bob Skinner and Dal Maxvill (St. Louis Cardinals XBs) have play result (36) at dice roll 32. Since (26) is the usual PRN at 32, these are considered to be printers' errors.

### **Opinions:**

The Great Team of the Past ('65 Twins #48) version of Zoilo Versalles card, with (1,4,6,6) power, is considered an improvement over his season's Minnesota Twins card with four (0)s. Furthermore, despite committing a league-leading 39 errors at shortstop, he was rated a (SS-9) in the 1965 version.

Jim Dickson (Kansas City Athletics, pitcher) has three (31)s, which is a mistake. He had two at-bats this season, and had nothing whatsoever to show for them. *[Bob Henry, AJ, (December 1987, p. 30.).]*

### **Miscellany:**

It will not be until this season is reissued (1965 [R]) in 1993 that Bert Campaneris (Kansas City Athletics) will be rated to play all 7 positions. He accomplished this feat of endurance and versatility during one game on September 8, 1965 against the California Angels, who won the game 5-3 in 13 innings. He is rated as (SS-6)(OF-1)(3B-3)(2B-5). On September 8<sup>th</sup>, he played his regular positions and one inning each at catcher, pitcher and first base.

Dick Groat (St. Louis Cardinals) and Bobby Richardson (New York Yankees) have four (31).

The Kansas City Athletics have only one player, Ken Harrelson, rated to play first base.

Woody Woodward (Milwaukee Braves) is the first APBA customer to be "carded" by APBA. Woody played the baseball game as a teenager in the 1950s. He had a nine year major league career, and a front office career with the New York Yankees as assistant GM. He subsequently held the position of General Manager for the Philadelphia Phillies and Seattle Mariners. *[contributed by Scott Lehotsky].*

Tommy Helms (Cincinnati Reds XB) has a little gem of a card for his .381 season. He received fourteen hit-numbers (2,4,6,7,7,7,7,10,8,8,8,8,9,9) to represent his 16 hits in 42 at-bats. The (2,4,6) power numbers are based on his two doubles and two triples. The two (14)s approximate his three walks and the (19) on 53 works well for his one HBP this season. The four (13)s on his card will hardly generate the 7 strikeouts, but, at this point in the card making process, APBA was running out of room on his card.

Maury Wills (Los Angeles Dodgers) has five (11)s.

Warren Spahn (New York Mets and San Francisco Giants) receives his last APBA at the age of 44.

Frank Linzy (San Francisco Giants) and Jack Hamilton (New York Yankees) are rated A&C\*.

Brooks Robinson (Baltimore) and Clete Boyer (New York Yankees) are both rated (3B-6).

The Philadelphia Phillies have two (SS-9)s: Ruben Amaro, Sr. and Bobby Wine.

Another Sp[eed] dynasty begins this season with the California Angels carding 10 F[ast] players. They'll have 9 in the reissue. Both versions can field an all (F) team.

The St. Louis Cardinals have 9 F[ast] players this season. They'll have 10 in the reissue. Both versions can field an all (F) team.

According to one source, the Los Angeles Angels formally changed their name from Los Angeles to California on Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, which is the birthday of Bob Zambanini, the Philly hit-man.

**AJ Replays:**

1965 NL + AL [BG]                    by Scott Olmstead (June 1990, pp. 20-23).

1965 NL                                by Jay Anderson (February 1981, p. 9).

1965 Philadelphia Phillies        by Lloyd Mest (January 1979, pp. 6-7).

# 1965 [R] Season

Teams: NL-10 AL-10 (12 on 52)  
Cards per Team: 25  
XBs: No M/S: Yes  
Print Style: IX, Variety 10, Format: e  
Back TWO  
Published: July 1993

XC's: NL-94 AL-108  
Print Style: XVII Format: o  
Back: BLANK (TWO if printed after 2006)  
Published: 2004

Baseball Park Factor Chart: No

*Despite its absolute accuracy, this card just does not catch the fire of Zoilo. He owned the season:*

*AL MVP, All-Star team and Gold Glove. He lead the league in doubles, triples, runs scored and, batting lead-off, in at-bats . He almost single-handedly carried the Twins to victory in the World Series.*

*APBA published XCs for this season, and all seasons for which the XCs existed on the computer disks, in 2004. The XCs have M/S on the cards, joining the original MG stock teams, the three regular cards issued after their seasons to correct errors of omission, and the SGP printed official XCs as the only cards to that point with M/S on the cards. This trend will be expanded in 2006 with the issuance of the Basic Game stock teams and the new GTPs.*

*This season has the new, dual ratings for the Batting Characteristic (BC) and the new (ZZ) control rating for pitchers. (See "Glossary.")*

## Corrections:

The XC lineup sheet has a few issues. Eight players are not named at all:

Gene Ratliff (Houston Astros) Inf  
Nate Oliver (Los Angeles Dodgers) Inf  
Hal Smith (Pittsburgh Pirates) C  
Jim Coates (California Angels) P  
Ken McBride (California Angels) P  
Jim McGlothlin (California Angels) P  
Ron Piche (California Angels) P  
Dick Wantz (California Angels) P

In addition, Charlie James (Cincinnati Reds XC) has his last name incorrectly spelled "Jmes." Cam Carreon (Cleveland Indians XC) has his last name incorrectly spelled "Cameron."

Bats: Right Throws: Right  
Height: 5-10 Weight: 160  
Born: 12-18-39 Vedado, Cuba

Zoilo Casanova

"Zorro"

**VERSALLES**

(F) Shortstop (9)

11- 0-1	31- 9-2	51- 8-2
12- 25-7	32- 26-7	52- 12-7
13- 14-6	33- 0-1	53- 18-6
14- 30-6	34- 31-6	54- 32-6
15- 11-1	35- 9-2	55- 8-1
16- 28-6	36- 33-6	56- 13-6
21- 13-6	41- 24-6	61- 39-5
22- 0-1	42- 22-2	62- 13-6
23- 27-6	43- 29-6	63- 31-6
24- 13-6	44- 8-1	64- 23-2
25- 10-1	45- 14-6	65- 35-6
26- 26-6	46- 13-6	66- 0-1

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## Miscellany:

According to APBA, there was a total of 702 players in both leagues this season. [*letter to author from APBA/MMI, September 22, 1997*].

Pitchers rated (ZZ): Robin Roberts (Houston Astros), Ralph Terry (Cleveland Indians), Don Dennis (St. Louis Cardinals), Dick Hall (Baltimore Orioles) and Joel Horlen (Chicago White Sox).

Don Drysdale (Los Angeles Dodgers, pitcher), in addition to being a (MG= 15), has a hitting-tablet with (1,5,5,7,7,7,8,8,8,8,9) power.

Roberto Clemente (Pittsburgh Pirates) once again received a MG rating of Ar[m]=40.

Dick Groat (St. Louis Cardinals) and Bobby Richardson (New York Yankees) both have four (31)s.

Brooks Robinson (Baltimore Orioles) and Clete Boyer (New York Yankees) are rated (3B - 6).

Bob Locker (Chicago White Sox, pitcher) and Gordie Richardson (New York Mets, pitcher) Have 25 (13)s.

Bert Campaneris (Kansas City Athletics) is rated to play all seven positions. The absence of space precludes the use of parentheses, resulting in a very odd looking line of type under his surname. On September 8th, he played all nine positions, but had to retire after a ninth inning collision with Ed Kirkpatrick of the California Angels.

Felipe Alou (Milwaukee Braves) has a small [“s”] in red printed above the semi-colon in “Bats: Right.”

Don Blasingame (Washington Senators) has a small close parenthesis [“) “] printed in red over the semi-colon in “Bats: Left.”

The Philadelphia Phillies have two Fielding One rated shortstops: Bobby Wine and Ruben Amaro are both rated (SS-9).

With Bob Rodgers as catcher and Jose Cardenal at third base, the California Angels can configure their 9 F[ast] players, not counting three XCs, into an all (F) team.

The St. Louis Cardinals have 10 F[ast] players this season, not including one XC, that can be configured into an all (F) team.

The Minnesota Twins have 11 players rated F[ast], including two XCs, but no catcher.

The New York Yankees have 11 players rated F[ast], including two XCs, but no catcher or first baseman.

The Philadelphia Phillies and Baltimore Orioles have 10 players each rated F[ast], including one XC each, but no catchers.

The Los Angeles Angels have 10 players rated F[ast], including three XCs, but no pitcher or catcher.

Satchel Paige (Kansas City XC) is rated S[low]1. Not unexpected for a player who, based on the birth date on his card, was 59 years old at season's end.

The leading base stealers this season are: A27 Sandy Alomar (Milwaukee Braves XC), A25, Chico Salmon (Cleveland Indians), B31 George Spriggs (Pittsburgh Pirates XC), B29 Maury Wills (Los Angeles Dodgers), B28 Bert Campaneris (Kansas City Athletics), B27 Lou Brock (St. Louis Cardinals), B27 Jose Cardenal (California Angels), C31 Willie Crawford (Los Angeles Dodgers XC) C31 Cesar Tovar (Minnesota Twins XC), D35 Jimmy Wynn (Houston Astros) and E35 Gates Brown (Detroit Tigers).

Jerry Lynch (Pittsburgh Pirates) received a rating of Ar[m]=23.

### **AJ Articles:**

"APBA's Summer Baseball Releases -- 1935, 1946, 1965 [R], 1971 [R]: the Streak, the Dash, the Brawl, and the Bucs." by Ron Marshall (July 30, 1993, pp. 1, 14 & 29).

# 1966 Season

Teams: NL-10 AL-10 (12 on 61)  
Cards per Team: 20 XBs:  
4/team M/S: No Print  
Style: IV Format c  
XB Print Styles: V Format c Back:  
One  
XB Back: BLANK  
Published: 1967

Baseball Park Factor Chart: Yes

*By the time he was 24 years old (with a 25-8 record in 1963), he could throw every one of the pitches in his huge repertoire with exquisite accuracy and with a variety of speeds. There is no pitcher today, who could match him for the combination of effectiveness and durability he possessed in his prime.*

Bats: **Right**      Throws: **Right**  
Height: **6-0**      Weight: **185**  
Born: **10-20-38 Laguna Verde, D.R.**

**Juan Antonio (Sanchez)**  
**MARICHAL**  
Grade A Pitcher (2) (Y) (Z)

11- 0-1	31- 9-6	51- 9-6
12- 25-6	32- 26-6	52- 27-6
13- 23-6	33- 7-1	53- 21-6
14- 30-6	34- 31-6	54- 32-6
15- 8-6	35- 36-6	55- 8-1
16- 28-6	36- 13-6	56- 34-6
21- 30-6	41- 24-6	61- 12-6
22- 7-1	42- 13-6	62- 13-6
23- 32-6	43- 29-6	63- 30-6
24- 13-6	44- 7-1	64- 13-6
25- 8-6	45- 14-6	65- 35-6
26- 24-6	46- 13-6	66- 0-1

The XBs for this season are printed four cards to a team and two teams to a page, in black ink on white card-stock, with card outlines. They are meant to be cut with scissors. The backs of the cards are blank.

This season, APBA experimentally uses a combination of first column (0)s and (1)s. The practice becomes standard procedure with the 1973 season.

## Seitz Collection [Trustee: Leon Galitsky]:

The set was obtained from Ron Estes who initially purchased the cards in 1996.

The cards and envelopes are in mint condition and the cardboard XBs have been cut apart.

The Chicago Cubs envelope flap has been stamped by Scott Lehotsky with "Seitz Collection 4/1/96."

## Corrections:

Phil Regan (Los Angeles Dodgers, pitcher) should be an (X), not an (XY).

Norm Siebern (California Angels) should have 24-(37)-(6) and 64-(41)-(6), not 24-(38)-(6) and 64-(36)-(6).

Dick Tracewski (Detroit Tigers, XB) should have 14-(30)-(6) and 36-(33)-(6), not 14-(30)-(7) and 36-(33)-(8). Though it is an error, this is the first appearance of an (8) in the second column.

Byron Browne (Chicago Cubs) should have 11-(3), 22-(7) and 33-(6), not 11-(2), 22-(6) and 33-(4). He also received 10 (13)s.

Chico Ruiz (Cincinnati Reds) should have all his second-column (1)s changed to (2)s. He did not hit any home runs this season.

Wayne Causey (Chicago White Sox) should have all the second-column (1)s changed to (2)s. He did not hit any home runs this season.

Frank Bolling (Atlanta Braves) has two (35)s on his card, one at 12 and the other at 65. The 12-(35) should be 12-(25).

Hank Aaron (Atlanta Braves) is an outfielder, not an outfielder (too many "i"s).

### **Opinions:**

Gates Brown (Detroit Tigers XB) received no (13)s, despite striking out 19 times in 169 at-bats. He should probably receive three (13)s. [*Bob Henry, AJ, February 1979, p. 16*].

Dick Ellsworth (Chicago Cubs, pitcher) is rated as a Grade D pitcher despite compiling a 3.98 ERA over 269 innings.

### **Miscellany:**

APBA experiments with using a combination of first column (0)s and (1)s. The first player to receive the combination is Harmon Killebrew (Minnesota Twins) who has (0,0,1,1) with a second column assortment of one (1), one (2), one (3) and 33 (6)s.

Although error numbers (18), (19) and (20) seem to be shuffled around in this season by the standards of today's formula, the Cleveland Indians deserve special notice with first baseman Fred Whitfield receiving a (15), catcher Duke Sims having a (19) and outfielder Leon Wagner getting a (20).

While on the topic of Leon Wagner, we should note that he received an odd looking combination of 11-(6), 33-(0) and 66-(1). Bob Henry adds that this is the only time that this combination, with a (6) located ahead of a (0) was ever issued. He says the (0,1,6) power combination is just about perfect as power numbers, but Wagner's .279 batting average will not be reproduced by his other hit-numbers (7,7,8,8,8,8,9,9,10) and three (14)s. [*Bob Henry, phone conversation, September 25, 1998*].

Five players have unusual hit combinations: Al Weis (Chicago White Sox) has (0,7,8,9,9,10) with the (10) on 33; Don Buford (Chicago White Sox) has one (9) and two (10)s at 55 and 51; Ken Suarez (Kansas City Athletics) has (2,8,9,10,10) with the (10)s on 44 and 55; Sam Bowens (Baltimore Orioles) has three (10)s at 15, 25 and 55. He also has a (22) on 51; Minnie Rojas (California Angels, pitcher) has, as his only hit-numbers, (6,6,8). [*Leon Galitsky, e-mail, November 1, 1998*].

Jack Baldschun (Cincinnati Reds XB, pitcher) has 22 (13)s, 8 (7)s, three (8)s, two (9)s, plus a (12) at 61. There is no room for any other PRNs on his card. He had one single in three at-bats.

A copy of Orlando Cepeda's (St. Louis Cardinals) card was discovered in 1969 by Bob Henry with a partially blank back. This author (Ed Zack) has a Dick McAuliffe (Detroit Tigers) with a totally blank back. The collection of the late Dusty Welsh has a Leo Cardenas (Cincinnati Reds) card with a blank back [last item contributed by Pete Simonelli]. Others may exist.

Jackie Hernandez (California Angels) received a card with only one (8) and one (9). Such futility is rare.

Brooks Robinson (Baltimore Orioles) and Clete Boyer (New York Yankees) are (3B-6). Bill

Freehan (Detroit Tigers) is rated a (F)[ast] (C-9).

Don Blasingame (Kansas City Athletics XB) had 19 at-bats for the Athletics and 200 at-bats for the Washington Senators, who traded him on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The New York Yankees can achieve a team fielding total of 43 points, despite having a (SS-7)!!! This is the best defensive total for a last place team and may be the only last place team to make Fielding One. Four infielders have the top fielding ratings: Elston Howard (C- 9), Joe Pepitone (1B- 5), Bobby Richardson (2B-9) and Clete Boyer (3B-6). For an appreciation on the difficulties of replaying this team. [see Al Harris' "Letter to the Editor" and Howard Ahlskog's fulsome reply in the *AJ* (April 1990, pp. 2-3)].

Leo Cardenas (Cincinnati Reds) has (SS-10).

Players receiving no (33)s or (34)s are Dick Stuart (Los Angeles Dodgers), Jerry Grote (New York Mets), Donn Clendenon (Pittsburgh Pirates), Frank Robinson (Baltimore Orioles), George Scott (Boston Red Sox), Joe Adcock (California Angels) and Don Lock (Washington Senators). [Leon Galitsky, e-mail, November 1, 1998].

Leon Wagner (Cleveland Indians) received an odd-looking combination of 66-(1), 11-(6) and 33-(0).

Pitchers with unusual power numbers are: Hal Woodeshick (St. Louis Cardinals) 7 (6)s, Al Worthington (Minnesota Twins) 9 (6)s and Ron Perranoski (Los Angeles Dodgers) four (2)s and four (6)s.

Clete Boyer (New York Yankees) and Brooks Robinson (Baltimore Orioles) are rated (3B-6).

Joe Hoerner (St. Louis Cardinals), an A&C\* pitcher, received four (1)s on his card for his one home run in 8 at-bats.

Richie Allen (Philadelphia Phillies) received five power-numbers this season. According to Dan Armstrong, he is the first regular player since Hank Aaron in 1959 to receive such power.

The entire Los Angeles Dodgers pitching staff is rated (Z). (This is a bit of a fudge since there are no XB Dodger pitchers.) This season the St. Louis Cardinals and the Chicago White Sox have all their regular pitchers rated (Z). Additionally, the Chicago White Sox have two of their three XB pitchers rated (Z).

Norm Siebern (California Angels) received a (36) and a (38) RPNs. These numbers are usually assigned to a catcher, not an outfielder. [Leon Galitsky, e-mail, November 18, 1998].



Ken Suarez (Kansas City Athletics) has a most unusual card: (2,8,9,10,10), 6 (14)s, and 10 (13)s. The (10)s are located on 22 and 24.

This season saw three XBs receive maximum ratings for their fielding positions: (OF-3) Jim Piersall (California Angels), (C-9) Del Crandall (Cleveland Indians) and (OF-3) Jim Landis (Cleveland Indians).

Bob Gibson (St. Louis Cardinals, pitcher) is a Grade B (X)(Z) starter with an (11) and two (31)s.

Pitchers who received unusual power-number combinations are:

Hal Woodeshick (St. Louis Cardinals) 7(6)s; Al Worthington (Minnesota Twins) 9 (6)s; Hoyt Wilhelm (Chicago White Sox) 5 (6)s, his only hit-numbers; Larry Sherry (Detroit Tigers) 3 (2)s, a total of 15 hit-numbers; Ron Perranoski (Los Angeles Dodgers) four (2)s and four (6)s.

Louis Johnson (Los Angeles Dodgers), Orlando Cepeda (St. Louis Cardinals) and Rick Reichardt (California Angels) all received three (22)s. [*Will Corotis, letter, July 29, 1996*].

Lou Brock (St. Louis Cardinals) has four (11)s.

### **AJ Replays:**

1966 NL + AL [BG] by Darrell Skogen (June 1984, pp. 5-6).

1966 NL by Richard Selig (October 1984, p. 19).

by Jay Anderson (February 1982, p. 8).

by Charles DeFazio (July 1979, p. 5).

# 1966 [R] Season

Teams: NL-10 AL-10 (12 on 62)  
Cards per team: 25  
XBs: No MS: Yes  
Print Style: IX, Variety 10, Format: e  
Back TWO  
Published: 1993

Baseball Park Factor Chart: Yes

*In the beginning of his career he answered to "Richie", in mid-career he'd insist on "Dick". This season, he hit forty home runs, and became adept at thirdbase. During the off season he suffered a deep cut on his throwing hand, while pushing a stalled car, and will once again move to a new position, first base. Controversy dogged this talented individual during his entire 15 year career.*

*This season has the new (ZZ) control rating for pitchers. (See "Glossary").*

## Opinion:

Norm Siebern (California Angels) needs three, or possibly four, (14)s on his card to generate his 63 walks in 336 at-bats. *[suggested by a confederacy of greybeards at the 1995 National Convention].*

Dave Morris writes that Siebern's, "--- card was calculated with the wrong statistics. For some reason, he was calculated with 21 strikeouts and only one walk. The correct stats should be 61 strikeouts and 63 walks." *[e-mail, October 23, 1998].*

Don Kessinger (Chicago Cubs) has a card that was calculated on the basis of 633 at-bats. The problem is that he only had 533 at-bats this season. *[Dave Morris, e-mail, October 23, 1998].*

## Miscellany:

According to APBA, there was a total of 714 players in both leagues this season. *[letter to author from APBA/MMI, September 22, 1997].*

Moose Lee (Chicago Cubs, pitcher) has 18 hit-numbers on his card, including 12 (7)s.

Larry Sherry (Detroit Tigers, pitcher) has 16 hit-numbers, including four (2)s.

Bats: **Right**      Throws: **Right**  
Height: **5-11**      Weight: **185**  
Born: **3-8-42 Wampum, Pa.**

**Richard Anthony**

**"Richie"**

**ALLEN**

**(F) Thirdbaseman (4) (OF-1)**

11- <b>1-1</b>	31- <b>9-2</b>	51- <b>8-2</b>
12- <b>25-11</b>	32- <b>26-11</b>	52- <b>27-11</b>
13- <b>14-6</b>	33- <b>0-1</b>	53- <b>20-6</b>
14- <b>30-11</b>	34- <b>31-11</b>	54- <b>32-11</b>
15- <b>8-2</b>	35- <b>9-2</b>	55- <b>7-2</b>
16- <b>28-6</b>	36- <b>14-6</b>	56- <b>34-6</b>
21- <b>13-6</b>	41- <b>28-6</b>	61- <b>39-6</b>
22- <b>0-1</b>	42- <b>14-5</b>	62- <b>12-6</b>
23- <b>13-6</b>	43- <b>29-6</b>	63- <b>13-6</b>
24- <b>13-6</b>	44- <b>0-2</b>	64- <b>13-6</b>
25- <b>8-2</b>	45- <b>14-6</b>	65- <b>35-11</b>
26- <b>13-6</b>	46- <b>13-6</b>	66- <b>1-1</b>

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Chico Cardenas (Cincinnati Reds) is a (SS-10).

The Los Angeles Dodgers have a pitching staff which has 7 B [or better] pitchers: Sandy Koufax (A&C), Don Drysdale (B), Claude Osteen (B), Don Sutton (B), Phil Regan (A&C\*), Ron Perranoski (B\*) and Bob Miller (B\*).

Richie Allen (Philadelphia Phillies) has (0,0,0,1,1) power with two second-column (1)s.

Pitchers with no hit-numbers are: Terry Fox (Philadelphia Phillies), with five (14)s and 21 (13)s; Bob Lee (California Angels), with 6 (14)s and 18 (13)s; Pete Cimino (Minnesota Twins), with five (14)s and 18 (13)s and Dwight Siebler (Minnesota Twins), with 6 (14)s.

Frank Robinson (Baltimore Orioles) has (0,0,0,1,1) power.

Roberto Clemente (Pittsburgh Pirates) once again received a MG rating of  $Ar[m]=40$ .

Joe Hoerner (St. Louis Cardinals, pitcher) has, as his only hit-numbers, four (1)s.

Brooks Robinson (Baltimore Orioles) and Clete Boyer (New York Yankees) are rated (3B - 6).

The New York Yankees have perfect fielding on the corners, as they do in the original version of this season: Joe Pepitone (1B-5) and Clete Boyer (3B-6).

Pitchers rated as (ZZ): Turkey Hall (Baltimore Orioles), Lew Burdette (California Angels), Bob Allen (Cleveland Indians), Bob Locker (Chicago White Sox), Ron 'Moose' Kline (Washington Senators), Ron Taylor (Houston Astros) and Joe Moeller (Los Angeles Dodgers).

The Chicago White Sox have an outstanding pitching staff: Pete Peters (A), Joe Horlon (A), Tommy John (B), Bruce Howard (B), Hoyt Wilhelm (A\*), Bob Locker (B\*) and Denis Higgins (C/B\*).

Bill Freehan (Detroit Tigers) is rated as a (F)[ast] (C- 9).

Pitchers with 28 (13)s: Wes Stock (Kansas City Athletics) and John Klippstein (Minnesota Twins).

Al Worthington (Minnesota Twins) has 8 (6)s as his only hit-numbers.

Joe Hoerner (St. Louis Cardinals, pitcher) is rated A&C\*.

The St. Louis Cardinals have ten players rated (F)[ast].

The only player rated (S[low] 1) this season is Smoky Burgess (Chicago White Sox).

The base stealers this season are: B31 Lou Brock (St. Louis Cardinals), B28 Tommie Agee (Chicago White Sox), B27 Don Buford (Chicago White Sox), B27 Adolfo Phillips (Chicago Cubs), C32 Bert Campaneris (Kansas City Athletics), C30 Sonny Jackson (Houston Astros) and E35 Bob Allison (Minnesota Twins).

Jerry Lynch (Pittsburgh Pirates) and Smokey Burgess (Chicago White Sox) received  $Ar[m]=23$  ratings.

**AJ Article:**

Don Zminda, "Stocks Crash...Baseball Doesn't: APBA's Newly Re-Issued Seasons" (December 1992, p. 9).

# 1966 [RR] Season

Teams: NL-10 AL-10 (12 on 63)

Cards per Team: 25

XBs: No M/S: Yes

Print Style: XII Format: j

Back: TWO

Published: 2009

XCs: NL-110 AL-104

Print Style: XVI Format: n

Back: TWO

XCs Published: 2009

Baseball Park Factor Chart: Yes

Sanford "Sandy" <b>KOUFAX</b> Grade A&C Pitcher (2) (XY)										
YR	G	GS	IP	W	L	SV	ERA	BB	SO	HR
1966	41	41	323	27	9	0	1.73	77	317	19
Bats: Right				Throws: Left						
Height: 6-2				Weight: 210						
Born: 12-30-35 Brooklyn, NY										
11-	8	31-	13	51-	13					
12-	25	32-	26	52-	27					
13-	13	33-	8	53-	13					
14-	30	34-	31	54-	32					
15-	36	35-	13	55-	23					
16-	28	36-	33	56-	34					
21-	13	41-	27	61-	13					
22-	9	42-	13	62-	13					
23-	32	43-	29	63-	12					
24-	13	44-	21	64-	13					
25-	13	45-	14	65-	35					
26-	13	46-	13	66-	6					
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***Because of the severe pain caused by an arthritic left elbow, Sandy Koufax retired at the end of the 1966 season. During his last five seasons he won 111 games while losing only 34, chalking up 1,444 strikeouts, and in each of these years he had the league leading ERA. Prior to the start of the 1966 season, Koufax and Don Drysdale, the other Dodger ace, staged a joint holdout for the contracts they felt they deserved. At the end of spring training Koufax signed for \$125,000 and Drysdale for \$110,000. Koufax, showing no ill effects of the lost spring training, finished the year with a 27-9 W-L record and an ERA of 1.73 while Drysdale slumped to 13-16 with a 3.42 ERA. Koufax received an A&C (XY) and Drysdale C (Y)(Z) from APBA, while their salaries differed by only \$15,000 of Walter O'Malley's money. Times have certainly changed since then.***

*This season was designed to use the optional Official Scorer's Rule System. When playing this season card set use E-0 for both leagues.*

*Pitching grades for this season use the standards that were redefined in the year 2000: (MG=1-4) D, (MG=5-9) C, (MG=10-14) B, (MG=15-19) A, (MG=20-24) A&C, (MG=25-30) A&B.*

*This season has the expanded dual Batting Characteristic (BC) rating and the (ZZ) control rating for pitchers. Pitchers that have very low or very high rates of strikeouts have the (R) and (K) ratings respectively. [See "Glossary"].*

## Corrections:

Firstbaseman George Kernek (St. Louis Cardinals XC) has his last name misspelled as "Kerner" on the XC roster sheet. This has been corrected in subsequent printings.

The second sentence in the box at the top of the cover page of the yellow lineup sheet incorrectly reads *"These were the batting orders used most frequently in the 1976 season."* Of course this should say the 1966 season.

### **Miscellany:**

Although most pitching grades are close to the MG grades in 1966 [R], there are some exceptions.

Pitchers that had their MG grade change by four or more points include:

Joey Jay (Atlanta Braves) from (MG=1) to (MG=5)  
Bob Hendley (Chicago Cubs) from (MG=3(8\*)) to (MG=7(9\*))  
Don Nottebart (Cincinnati Reds) from (MG=9(13\*)) to (MG=5(13\*))  
Chris Zachary (Houston Astros) from (MG=5) to (MG=9)  
Don Drysdale (Los Angeles Dodgers) from (MG=13) to (MG=9)  
Jim Brewer (Los Angeles Dodgers) from (MG=4\*) to (MG=8\*)  
Rob Gardner (New York Mets) from (MG=1) to (MG=4(5\*))  
Steve Carlton (St. Louis Cardinals) from (MG=5) to (MG=9)  
Joe Sparma (Detroit Tigers) from (MG=1) to (MG=4(5\*))  
Wes Stock (Kansas City Athletics) from (MG=1\*) to (MG=5\*)  
Jim Dickson (Kansas City Athletics) from (MG=1) to (MG=4(5\*))  
Jim Kaat (Minnesota Twins) from (MG=19) to (MG=15)  
Jim Merritt (Minnesota Twins) from (MG=4) to (MG=8)  
Pete Cimino (Minnesota Twins) from (MG=10\*) to (MG=14\*)  
Johnny Klippstein (Minnesota Twins) from (MG=7\*) to (MG=11\*)

Sandy Koufax (Los Angeles Dodgers) (MG=21) (XY) is the only starting pitcher rated as Grade A&C. Phil Regan (Los Angeles Dodgers) (MG=21\*) (X)(Z), Joe Hoerner (St. Louis Cardinals) (MG=21\*) (X)(Z), and Hoyt Wilhelm (Chicago White Sox) (MG=20\*) (X)(Z) are the relief pitchers rated as Grade A&C\*.

The teams with four starters with Grade B or better are the Chicago White Sox, the Cleveland Indians and the Minnesota Twins. The Chicago White Sox staff, in fact, boasts two Grade A starters and it has one Grade A&C, and two Grade A pitchers in the bullpen.

Ron Taylor (Houston Astros), Joe Moeller (Los Angeles Dodgers) and Dick Hall (Baltimore Orioles) are the only pitchers with the (ZZ) control rating.

Sam McDowell (Cleveland Indians) and Jim Ollom (Minnesota Twins, XC) are the only pitchers to receive the high strikeout rating (K).

Although quite a few pitchers in the XC set received the low strikeout (R) rating, the pitchers in the main set receiving this rating are Phil Niekro (Atlanta Braves), Curt Simmons (Chicago Cubs), Jim

Brewer (Los Angeles Dodgers), Bob Friend (New York Mets), Bill Hepler (New York Mets), Ray Herbert (Philadelphia Phillies), and Lew Burdette (California Angels). 30 XC pitchers received the R rating.

Most teams have total Fielding 2. The Cincinnati Reds (depending on the pitcher), the Los Angeles Dodgers, the Philadelphia Phillies, the Pittsburgh Pirates (depending on the pitcher), the Baltimore Orioles (depending on the pitcher) and the New York Yankees have Fielding 1. The Houston Astros, the New York Mets, the San Francisco Giants and the Washington Senators have Fielding 3.

Outstanding individual fielding ratings are Leo Cardenas, Shortstop (10) (Cincinnati Reds), Brooks Robinson, Thirdbaseman (6) (Baltimore Orioles) and Cleve Boyer, Thirdbaseman (6) (New York Yankees).

Bill Freehan (Detroit Tigers) is rated (F) [ast] Catcher(9).

Joe Torre (Atlanta Braves), Pat Corrales (St. Louis Cardinals) and Joe Azcue (Cleveland Indians) are the only catchers with MG rating of Th[ow]=+6.

Roberto Clemente (Pittsburgh Pirates) received the highest MG rating of Ar[m]=40.

Jerry Lynch (Pittsburgh Pirates) and Smoky Burgess (Chicago White Sox) are rated Ar[m]=23.

Mel Queen (Cincinnati Reds) both pitched (7 games) and played the outfield (32 games).

Richie Allen (Philadelphia Phillies) (1,1,0,0,0), Frank Robinson (Baltimore Orioles) (1,1,0,0,0) and pitcher Al Worthington (Minnesota Twins) (6,6,6,6,6) are the only players with five power numbers.

Non-pitchers that do not have a (24) or (25) include Joe Morgan (Houston Astros), Dave Nicholson (Houston Astros), Willie Davis (Los Angeles Dodgers), Don Buford (Chicago White Sox), Floyd Robinson (Chicago White Sox), and Larry Stahl (Kansas City Athletics). In addition there are six pitchers without a (24) or (25).

Bob Lillis (Houston Astros) does not have a (13); he had only 4 strikeouts in 178 plate appearances.

The top base stealers include B31: Lou Brock (St. Louis Cardinals), B28: Tommie Agee (Chicago White Sox), B27: Don Buford (Chicago White Sox) and Adolfo Phillips (Chicago Cubs), C32: Bert Campaneris (Kansas City Athletics), C30: Sonny Jackson (Houston Astros), D32: Jose Tartabull (Boston Red Sox), E35: Bob Allison (Minnesota Twins), E34: Hank Aaron (Atlanta Braves).

Tommie Harper (Cincinnati Reds), Vada Pinson (Cincinnati Reds), Joe Morgan (Houston Astros), Willie Davis (Los Angeles Dodgers), Lou Brock (St. Louis Cardinals), Tommie Agee (Chicago White Sox), Bert Campaneris (Kansas City Athletics), and Zoilo Versalles (Minnesota Twins) are rated Sp[eed]=19.

Smoky Burgess (Chicago White Sox) is rated Sp[eed]=1.

Of the 214 XCs available for this season, only 6 received double-column cards.

**Suggested Reading:**

Tom Adelman, Black and Blue (New York and Boston: Little, Brown and Company, 2006).

Roger Angell, The Summer Game (New York: Viking Press, 1972).

Jane Leavy, Sandy Koufax (New York: HarperCollins, 2002).

Mark R. Millikin, The Glory of the 1966 Orioles and Baltimore (Haworth, NJ: St. Johann Press, 2006).



# 1967 Season

Teams: NL-10 AL-10 (12 on 41)  
Cards per Team: 20  
XBs: 4/team M/S: No  
Print Style: IV Format: c  
XB Print Style: V, Format c  
Back ONE  
XB Back: BLANK  
Published: 1968

Baseball Park Factor Chart: No

*One of the many strange things about this card is that in the only year in which APBA decided to honor pinch hitting with its own designation, Smoky had his only ineffective year as a pinch hitter. This man, who was never a great catcher, had a sweet swing that he could bring off the bench with him absolutely cold, a very unusual skill. The addition of the (C-5) rating is gratuitous because he did not catch any games this year. It was well known that he didn't bother to bring a catchers mitt to the games. If the DH had been implemented earlier, Burgess might have had the longest career in baseball history.*

*This season's XBs, like those for 1966, 1968, and 1969 were printed four cards to a team and two teams to a page, in black ink on white cardstock with card outlines. They were meant to be cutout with scissors. The backs of the cards are blank.*

## Corrections:

Mike Hegan (New York Yankees, XB) should have 15-(11)-(2), not 15-(16)-(2).

Manny Jimenez (Pittsburgh Pirates, XB) should have 31-(9), not 31-(7). Cards exist for both versions.

Mack Jones (Atlanta Braves) should have 61-(26).

Vada Pinson (Cincinnati Reds) should have 33-(0)-(1).

Pete Mikkelsen (Chicago Cubs) should not have the (W) control rating.

## Opinions:

Ken Harrelson (Boston Red Sox) received an (11), but was not rated (F)[ast].

Nelson Briles (St. Louis Cardinals, pitcher) is rated as a B/A\*. His ERA as a reliever was 3.55, which, according to Bob Henry, does not justify a rating of A\*.

Bats: Left      Throws: Right  
Height: 5-8      Weight: 200  
Born: 2-6-27 Caroleen, N. C.

Forrest Harrill  
"Smoky"

**BURGESS**

(S) Pinchhitter (C-5)

11- 7-1	31-14-1	51-14-1
12-25-6	32-26-6	52-27-6
13-14-1	33- 8-1	53-18-1
14-30-6	34-31-6	54-32-6
15-14-1	35-36-1	55-14-1
16-28-1	36-33-1	56-34-1
21-32-6	41-12-6	61-24-6
22- 8-1	42-13-1	62-38-1
23-30-1	43-29-1	63-31-1
24-13-6	44- 9-1	64-13-1
25-14-1	45-14-1	65-35-1
26-24-6	46-22-6	66- 0-1

## Miscellany:

Smoky Burgess (Chicago White Sox) pinch-hit 60 times but did not play any games in the field. He received an XB card with "Pinch Hitter" as well as (C-5), although the XB roster correctly lists him as "pinchhitter". In the 1967 [R] season, he was also rated a (C-5), though the roster labels him correctly as "PH". Eric Naftaly is of the opinion that, "While Smoky Burgess' catching rating is certainly 'gratuitous, it is no more incorrect than dozens of fielding ratings given to designated hitters over the years.

Roberto Clemente (Pittsburgh Pirates) received (7)s on 25 and 51, yet his ATC card (based on his 1967 season) has 25-(8) and 51-(8).

This is the beginning of a three season experiment by APBA that saw the (14) banished from dice roll 56. Only Willie Stargell (Pittsburgh Pirates) has a 56-(14). There are none in 1968 or 1969.

Bob Henry is of the opinion that, like the 1972 season, 1967 may have too many high-grade pitchers to produce the appropriate batting averages.

Dave Duncan, a catcher for the Kansas City Athletics, received 14 (13)s on his card. He should have received more, but there simply wasn't room to represent his 50 strikeouts in 101 at-bats.

Bob Uecker (Atlanta Braves) received only two (8)s and one (9) on his card.

Andy Rodgers (Pittsburgh Pirates XB) has a (13) instead of the traditional error number (21) on 53. The (21) is carded on 63. [*Tim Ferg, letter, October 10, 1998*].

Eddie Mathews is assigned to the Detroit Tigers (as an XB), for whom he had 108 at-bats. He had 328 at-bats with the Houston Astros, who traded him on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

Pete Mikkelsen received a regular card for the Chicago Cubs despite only 7 at-bats with them. He had 56 at-bats with the Pittsburgh Pirates before he was traded on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Pete Simonelli argues that this trade, "Probably kept Dick Radatz from receiving a card with the Chicago Cubs, while Eddie Mathews no doubt did the same thing to Johnny Podres on the Detroit Tigers." [*AJ, December 1975, p. 9*].

Hank Aguirre (Detroit Tigers, pitcher) received 10 (2)s for hitting one triple in two plate appearances.

Brooks Robinson (Baltimore Orioles) and Clete Boyer (Atlanta Braves) are rated (3B-6).

Bill Freehan (Detroit Tigers) is rated as a (F)[ast] (C-9). Tim Ferg reminisces, "One of my all-time favorite cards for an every day player is contained in this set – Bill Freehan with his (F) (C-9) and hit-numbers (1,1,6,7,7,8,8,8,9,9). He also has three (31)s, three (22)s, a (19) and rare play numbers (36) and (38). He does not have a (24), which makes his card all the sweeter. When this guy comes up with somebody on, literally anything could happen. [*letter, October 10, 1998*].

Dick Lines (Washington Senators XB, pitcher) received an XB card even though he appeared in 54 games. He holds the record for the most games pitched without receiving a regular card.

Dave Baldwin (Washington Senators, pitcher) and Casey Cox (Washington Senators, pitcher) are the Bobsey twins of the 1967 season. They share the following:

Relief pitcher  
(P-1)  
(Z) control  
Bats: Right  
Throws: Right  
Weight: 200 lbs  
Identical hitting tablets with 20 (13)s

Relievers rated A&C\* are: Moe Drabowsky (Baltimore Orioles), Hoyt Wilhelm (Chicago White Sox), Frank Linzy (San Francisco Giants) and Ted Abernathy (Cincinnati Reds).

The New York Mets have only one outfielder, among six, who received anything but (OF-1). Don Bosch (New York Mets XB) is rated (OF -2). He shines on offense with hit-numbers (2,8,8).

Mickey Mantle (New York Yankees) and Orlando Cepeda (St. Louis Cardinals) each hit no triples in 1967, yet the former received (1,4,5) power numbers and the latter: (1,5,5,6).

Moe Drabowsky (Baltimore Orioles, pitcher) received 8 (7)s.

Jose Tartabull (Boston Red Sox) received second-column (11)s on his card, a rarity for the 1960s. The practice became standard in 1972.

As in the reissue version of this season, the St. Louis Cardinals have 9 players rated (F)[ast]. They did not hit any home runs this season. They can be configured into an all (F) team.

Curt Flood (St. Louis Cardinals) is rated an (OF-2) despite winning the Gold Glove. In the GTP #51 and the 1967 [R] versions, he receives a more appropriate (OF-3).

Players receiving the (8,8,8,8,10) combination are Felipe Alou (Atlanta Braves), Tommy Helms (Cincinnati Reds), Tommie Davis (New York Mets), Tim McCarver (St. Louis Cardinals), Jose Cardenal (California Angels) and Jay Johnstone (California Angels).

The players receiving the (10,10,10) combination are Chico Ruiz (Cincinnati Reds), Willie Davis (Los Angeles Dodgers), Luis Aparicio (Baltimore Orioles), Horace Clarke (New York Yankees), Fred Valentine (Washington Senators) and Bob Saverine (Washington Senators).

### **AJ Article**

“(Re)-producing a Winner: APBA and the 1967 American League” by Art Springsteen (December 1989, p.13).

### **AJ Replays:**

1967 NL + AL [BG+] by Darrell Skogen (August 1988, pp. 17-22). *Detailed to perfection.*  
1967 AL by Stanley A. Harmen (March 1984, pp. 4, 9 & 11).

1967 AL [BG]  
1967 NL  
1967 NL [BG]

by Peter Olson ( February 1991, pp. 21-23).  
by Jay G. Anderson (February 1983, pp. 9-10).  
by Ken Cobb and Tom Patton (December 1969, p. 10).

# 1967 [R] Season

Teams: NL-10 AL-10 (12 on 32)  
Cards per Team: 25  
XBs: No M/S: Yes  
Print Style: IX Format: e  
Back: TWO  
Published: 1990

Baseball Park Factor Charts: No

*This season was Carl's year in the same way that 1948 was Lou Boudreau's he did everything. In a tight four-team pennant race, the Red Sox needed to win their final two games with the Twins in order to capture the flag. Yaz went 6-for-8 in those two games, each hit seeming to drive in an absolutely crucial run. He could always hit for average, but the 44 homers were a bolt from the blue; his previous high had been 20.*

*This season's cards do not have "Major League" printed inside the baseball logo on the back of the cards. [See 1986 Season].*

## Seitz Collection (trustee: Patrick Armstrong):

All 16 teams have 25 cards.

The inside flap of the Atlanta Braves' envelope is stamped, "Seitz Collection 4/1/96."

## Corrections:

Smoky Burgess (Chicago White Sox) is listed as a (C-5) despite not playing any position this year. He was used exclusively as a pinchhitter, so this fielding designation is imaginative. However, the roster is correct in identifying Burgess' position as "PH". His original 1967 card listed him as "Pinchhitter (C-5)" and the XB roster correctly lists him as "Pinchhitter".

## Miscellany:

Clete Boyer (Atlanta Braves) and Brooks Robinson (Baltimore Orioles) are rated (3B-6).

Ted Abernathy (Cincinnati Reds), Fred Linzy (San Francisco Giants), Moe Drabowsky (Baltimore Orioles) and Hoyt Wilhelm (Chicago White Sox) are all A&C\* pitchers.

Bats: **Left**      Throws: **Right**  
Height: **6-0**      Weight: **180**  
Born: **8-22-39** Southampton, NY

**Carl Michael**  
**"Yaz"**

**YASTRZEMSKI**

**Outfielder (3)**

11- <b>1</b>	31- <b>9</b>	51- <b>8</b>
12- <b>25</b>	32- <b>12</b>	52- <b>27</b>
13- <b>14</b>	33- <b>5</b>	53- <b>15</b>
14- <b>30</b>	34- <b>31</b>	54- <b>32</b>
15- <b>10</b>	35- <b>9</b>	55- <b>7</b>
16- <b>28</b>	36- <b>33</b>	56- <b>14</b>
21- <b>32</b>	41- <b>28</b>	61- <b>40</b>
22- <b>6</b>	42- <b>14</b>	62- <b>13</b>
23- <b>26</b>	43- <b>29</b>	63- <b>31</b>
24- <b>13</b>	44- <b>7</b>	64- <b>14</b>
25- <b>8</b>	45- <b>14</b>	65- <b>35</b>
26- <b>29</b>	46- <b>13</b>	66- <b>1</b>

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Bill Freehan (Detroit Tigers) is rated a (F)[ast] (C-9).

Ramon Hernandez (Atlanta Braves), Dick Egan (Los Angeles Dodgers), William Henry (San Francisco Giants), Dave Baldwin (Washington Senators) and Casey Cox (Washington Senators) are pitchers who received 28 (13)s.

Don Shaw (New York Mets, pitcher) received 12 (14)s and no hit-numbers.

Hank Aguirre (Detroit Tigers), a C/B\* pitcher, has 9 (2)s.

Dan Osinski (Boston Red Sox), a B\* pitcher, has the following hit-numbers: (6,6,6,6,7,7,7,8,8,8,8,9,9).

Roberto Clemente (Pittsburgh Pirates) has (1,3,6,7,7,7,7, 8,8,9,10) hit-numbers, plus two (14)s. He has two unusual hit-number assignments with 42-(9) and 64-(9). In addition, he received the MG rating of Ar[m]=40.

Pete Cimino (California Angels, pitcher) received 16 hit-numbers.

The Pittsburgh Pirates have four players who have three (31)s on their cards: Manny Mota, Matty Alou, Maury Wills and Bill Mazerowski.

As in the original version of this season, the St. Louis Cardinals have 9 players rated (F)[ast] and they can be configured into an all (F) team.

The only player rated (S[low] 1) is Smoky Burgess (Chicago White Sox).

The leading base stealers this season are: B30 Bert Campaneris (Kansas City Athletics) and E36 Bob Saverine (Washington Senators).

Smokey Burgess (Chicago White Sox) and Moose Skowron (California Angels) received Ar[m]=23 ratings.

### **Suggested Reading:**

Ken Coleman and Dan Valenti, The Impossible Dream Remembered (Lexington, Mass: Stephen Greene Press, 1987). [*A day-by-day log of the 1987 Boston Red Sox season.*]

Bill Reynolds, Lost Summer: The '67 Reds and the Impossible Dream (New York: Warner Books, 1992).

Jeff Miller, Down to the Wire: The Thrilling Inside Story of the Greatest Pennant Chase Ever -- the 1967 American League Race. (1992).

Herbert F Crehan and James W. Ryan, Lightening in a Bottle: The Sox of '67 (Boston: Branden Publishing Co., 1992).

**AJ Articles:**

"Opening Day Rosters and Transactions" by Tom Meyers (October 1990, pp. 17-18).

"More Recommended Pitching Grades" (October 1991, pp. 15-16).

"Replaying the 1967 American League Season: Some Thoughts" by Ron Marshall (March 1990 p 14).

"1951, 1967: Two Races for the Ages" by Don Zminda (December 1989, p. 12).

"Producing a Winner: APBA and the 1967 American League" by Art Springsteen (December 1989, p. 13).

**AJ Replays:**

1967 NL + AL [BG] by Scott Olmstead (April 1992, pp. 19-21).

1967 AL [BG] by Peter Olsen (February 1991, pp. 21-23).

# 1968 Season

Teams: NL-10 AL-10 (12 on 26)  
Cards per Team: 20 XBs: 4/team  
M/S: No  
Print Style: IV Format: c  
XB Print Style: V Format: c  
Back ONE  
XB Back: BLANK  
Published: 1969

Baseball Park Factor Chart: Yes

***Gibson's 1.12 ERA in 1968 is one of the astonishing achievements in baseball. There have only been three lower marks in history, all in the dead-ball decades. Those pitchers didn't have to face Mays, Aaron, Banks and a host of other hitters who could put a run on the board with one swing. How did he do it? According to Tim McCarver, "It was a combination of a mean attitude and a meaner sinking fastball on the outside corner of the plate."***

Bats: Right	Throws: Right	
Height: 6-1½	Weight: 195	
Born: 11-9-35 Omaha, Nebraska		
Robert "Gibby" <b>GIBSON</b>		
(F) Grade A & C Pitcher (2) (X) (Z)		
11- 6	31- 23	51- 36
12- 25	32- 26	52- 27
13- 14	33- 7	53- 21
14- 30	34- 31	54- 32
15- 10	35- 22	55- 9
16- 28	36- 33	56- 13
21- 13	41- 28	61- 13
22- 8	42- 13	62- 13
23- 13	43- 29	63- 27
24- 13	44- 8	64- 13
25- 9	45- 14	65- 35
26- 12	46- 13	66- 6

*Like 1966, 1967, and 1969, this season's XBs are on white cardstock with black print and a card outline and were meant to be cut out with scissors. There are eight cards on a page (two teams, each with four player cards). The backs of these cards are blank.*

*Lancaster added a (7) to each card to compensate for the over-abundance of fine pitching. APBA did likewise for the 1916 season and the 1908 season. In the re-issue of the '68 Tigers [GTP #52], APBA dropped the extra (7) from each card. Presumably, one should use the season's team when playing other 1968 teams, but the GTP version when playing teams outside that year." [ Bob Henry].*

## Corrections:

George Brunet (California Angels) should add (Z) control rating.

Steve Carlton (St. Louis Cardinals) should add a (YZ) control rating.

Denny McLain (Detroit Tigers) should drop the (Y) control rating. He should be an (X)(Z).

Manny Mota (Pittsburgh Pirates) should have 61-(9)-(6), not 61-(12)-(6).

Joe Torre (Atlanta Braves) should have 51-(8)-(1), not 51-(9)-(1).

Al Weis (New York Mets) should have 16-(28)-(6), not 16-(29)-(6).



Curt Blefary (Baltimore Orioles) is a (1B-2), not (IB-2).

Andy Kosko's (New York Yankees) last name should be spelled "Kosco." [*contributed by Jim Moncier*].

Like 1969, this season has no player with a (14) on 56. In 1967, Willie Stargell (Pittsburgh Pirates) had a 56-(14).

Lee Thomas (Houston Astros) should be "Throws: Left", according to the Macmillan Encyclopedia and to Total Baseball. [*contributed by Jim Moncier*].

### **Opinions:**

Luis Tiant (Cleveland Indians) should have one, not two (31)s for his .080 batting average.

It was the consensus of the participants at a discussion group at the Fourth National Convention in Lancaster Pennsylvania (July 7-9, 1995) that this season has too few (13)s to accurately reproduce the season's strikeout totals. The necessity of adding an extra (7) causes some difficulty in finding a location for the missing (13)s.

Dick McAuliffe (Detroit Tigers) has a card with "all the standard numbers, including (12) and (25)." In 151 games and 570 at-bats, he did not ground into a single double play.

Duane Josephson (Chicago White Sox) has an extra error number, 61-(19). This is a mistake and should probably be a (29). [*Leon Galitsky, e-mail, November 8, 1998*].

Mickey Lolich (Detroit Tigers, pitcher) received a (5) on his card, despite never hitting a home run during the regular season. He hit the only home run of his career during the World Series. However, it is not until 1978 that APBA began to take a player's post-season performance into account when making a card. Prior to 1978, APBA dealt with post-season statistics by ignoring them in the cardmaking process. For example 1964 Dal Maxvill (St. Louis Cardinals) has no power numbers and no (14)s, despite doubling and walking during the World Series.

Cesar Tovar (Minnesota Twins) played all 7 positions on September 22<sup>nd</sup> in a game against the California Angels. He was rated (OF-2)(3B-3)(SS-6)(C-5). When the season is reprinted in 1994 the (3B-3) will be upgraded to (3B-4) and (1B-2) and Grade D (P-1) (X)(W) will be added.

### **Miscellany:**

"While APBA boosted the hitting cards a bit and was tough on borderline pitchers, a replay still produces a lower league batting average than real life." [*Woody Studenmund, "How I'd Grade 1987 Pitchers", AJ October 1987, p. 5*].

John Purdin (Los Angeles Dodger XB, pitcher) has 15 (7)s among his 20 hit-numbers. A 'monster card' is necessary for his .500 BA (3 for 6). [*Leon Galitsky, e-mail, November 8, 1998*].

Thomas Burgmeier (California Angels, pitcher) has only three (11)s (at 15, 25 and 51) as hit-numbers. He also received seven (14)s.

Bill Short (New York Mets XB, pitcher) has 29 (13)s on his card.

Hoyt Wilhelm (Chicago White Sox) has 25 (13)s on his card.

Bill Landis (Boston Red Sox) has 23 (13)s on his card. .

Rocky Colavito had 113 at-bats with the Los Angeles Dodgers and 91 at-bats for the New York Yankees, but was not carded.

Like the reissue of this season, the Detroit Tigers have five B\*, or better, pitchers: Don McMahon (A\*), Pat Dobson (C/B\*), John Hiller (C/B\*), Daryl Patterson (D/B\*) and John Wyatt XB (B\*). (Elroy Face replaces Wyatt in the 1968 [R] set). With three starters (Mickey Lolich (B), Denny McLain (A&C), and Earl Wilson (B).

On what Bob Henry calls, "One of the strangest cards ever printed. Don Pavletich (Cincinnati Reds) did not receive: (25), (28), (29), (33), (34) or (35). However he does have 6 (13)s, 6 (24)s and two (22)s. Although primarily a first baseman, he received a (37), but no (41). [*AJ, May 1978, p. 16*].

Pitchers receiving 17 hit-numbers are: Bob Humphreys (Washington Senators), Paul Lindblad (Oakland Athletics) and Danny Coombs (Houston Astros).

Detroit has four players with double (1)s: Willie Horton, Norm Cash, Gates Brown (XB), and Eddie Mathews (XB). The reprint of this team will also have a quartet of double (1)s, but Norm Cash will be replaced by Earl Wilson, pitcher.

Clete Boyer (Atlanta Braves) and Brooks Robinson (Baltimore Orioles) are rated (3B-6).

Jim Fregosi (California Angels) is rated (SS-10).

Players with four (22)s are: Lee Elia (Chicago Cubs), Phil Regan (Chicago Cubs, pitcher), Ron Hunt (San Francisco Giants) and Bill Freehan (Detroit Tigers). Hunt also has a (19).

Players with three (22)s are: Manny Jimenez (Pittsburgh Pirates), Rick Reichardt (California Angels), Cesar Tovar (Minnesota Twins) and Mike Epstein (Washington Senators).

In the American League, there are only three pitchers rated (W): Rickey Clark (California Angels), Frank Bertaina (Washington Senators) and John Wyatt (Detroit Tigers XB).

Bill Freehan (Detroit Tigers) is rated as a (F)[ast] (C-9). He received four (22)'s and a (15).

There are five A&C or A&C\* pitchers for 1968: Bob Gibson (St. Louis Cardinals), Joe Hoerner (St. Louis Cardinals), Luis Tiant (Cleveland Indians), Vicente Romo (Cleveland Indians) and Denny McLain (Detroit Tigers).

The Pittsburgh Pirates have four players with three (31)s on their cards: Matty Alou, Bill Mazerowski, Manny Mota and Maury Wills. Tommy Helms (Cincinnati Reds) also has four (31)s. Pete Rose (Cincinnati Reds) and Vada Pinson (Cincinnati Reds) have three (31)s.

Gene Michael (New York Yankees) has a double distinction this season. Not only is he one of those rare modern fielders who is also rated as a pitcher, but he is also the only such fielder/pitcher who is not rated a (W).

Most APBA authorities believe that Bob Gibson's grade is inadequate to reproduce his "startling" ERA (1.12 over 305 innings). Warren Shapiro states: "Gibson's 1968 performance is probably the most difficult of all to reproduce in APBA." [*APBA Journal April 1988*, p. 8] He and Bob Henry suggests re-rolling "one die in the event of an extra base hit, and allow the extra base hit only if a (1) is rolled. Otherwise, the result should be treated as a (7) against a D Grade pitcher. For the Master Game, Howard Ahlskog suggests making a player's MG rating between 23 and 27 to reduce the extra base hits to singles. [*APBA Journal September 1998*, p. 26.]

Seven teams this season have pitching staffs with four Grade B (or better) starters: Cleveland Indians (A&C, A, B, B); Oakland Athletics (A, A, B, B); Minnesota Twins (B, B, B, B); Houston Astros (B, B, B, B); St. Louis Cardinals (A&C, A, B, B); San Francisco Giants (A, B, B, B) and Los Angeles Dodgers (A, B, B, B).

The American League has only three pitchers who are rated (W): Rickey Clark (California Angels), Frank Bertina (Washington Senators) and John Wyatt (Detroit Tigers XB).

Denny McLain (Detroit Tigers) has been issued a variety of control ratings for 1968: (XYZ) for the 1968 season; (XZ) as a correction for the 1968 season; (XZ) for his OFAS card (based on 1968) and (YZ) for his GTP #52 (d) card.

The Chicago White Sox have two (SS-9), Luis Aparicio and Ron Hansen.

On the XB Roster sheet, the Braves have their city incorrectly spelled as, "Atlantic".

The Detroit Tigers received a bonus package of XBs this season: Eddie Mathews (1,1); Gates Brown (1,1,4,6,6); Fred Lasher (Grade C\* pitcher) and Johnnie Wyatt (Grade B\* pitcher).

The Pittsburgh Pirates have 10 players rated (F)[ast] and they can be configured into an all (F) team.

Horace Clarke (New York Yankees) has an odd number placement with 55-(9) and 51-(8).

As in the reissue version of this season, the St. Louis Cardinals have 9 players who can be configured into an all (F) team.

Bill Monbouquette did not receive any card this season (despite his 89 at-bats for the New York Yankees) because of a July 12th trade to the San Francisco Giants (12 at-bats).

Pete Rose (Cincinnati Reds) has his season's card with the 26-(12) and 46-(13). His card with 42-(12) and 26-(13) is this year's Sample Card.

Dave Nelson (Cleveland Indians) received a card with four (11)s.

### **Suggested Reading:**

William B. Mead, Two Spectacular Seasons, 1930: The Year The Hitters Ran Wild; 1968: The Year The Pitchers Took Revenge. (New York: Macmillan, 1990). *Best source on the season.*

Peter M. Gordon, "Bob Gibson in 1968: The Greatest Season A Pitcher Ever Had." in The Perfect Game, Mark Alvarez (ed.) (New York: Barnes and Noble, 1995, pp. 62-69).

### **AJ Replays:**

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|--------------|---|
| 1968 NL      | by Scott Olmstead (October 1987, pp. 18-19).<br>by Jay Anderson (July 1985, pp. 16 & 23). |
| 1968 AL      | by Scott Olmstead (October 1985, pp. 19-22).<br>by Jimmy Below (July 1969, p. 4).         |
| 1968 NL + AL | by Darrell Skogen (October 1982, pp. 5-7).  |
| 1968 Indians | by Marshall S. Berke (August 1969, pp. 8-9).  |
| 1968 Tigers  | by Mike Harrison (August 1969, pp. 9-10).   |

# 1968 [R] Season

Teams: NL-10 AL-10 (12 on 56)  
Cards per team: 25  
XBs: No M/S: Yes  
Print Style: IX, Variety 10, Format e  
Back TWO  
Published: April 1994

Baseball Park Factor Chart: Yes

*The 1968 season features two outstanding pitchers: Gibson (1,12 ERA) and McLain (W 31 L 6). They were the meteor and the workhorse. One strides into the Hall of Fame and the other becomes an embarrassment. This season they will meet twice in the World Series, and Gibson wins both.*

*This season has the new, dual-ratings for the Batting Characteristic (BC) and the new (ZZ) control-rating available for pitchers. [See "Glossary"].*

## Corrections:

George Brunet (California Angels, pitcher) should add a (Z) control rating. This is, logically, an official correction since Brunet's card in the original version of the 1968 season was recognized to be lacking a (Z), an error that was noted by APBA. It is upsetting to see this error was not corrected. Indeed, the Company missed a third opportunity to correct this card with its OFAS II Specialty Set (published in November 1995). In all three versions of this card, Brunet's card lacks a (Z).

## Miscellany:

According to APBA, there was a total of 676 players in both leagues this season. [letter from APBA/MMI, September 22, 1997].

Brooks Robinson (Baltimore Orioles) and Cleve Boyer (Atlanta Braves) are rated (3B-6).

Bill Freehan (Detroit Tigers) is rated as a (F)[ast] (C-9).

Even if you didn't know anything about Ron Hunt, one look at his card would tell you why the San Francisco Giants wanted him in the line-up: decent hit-numbers (0,0,7,7,8,8,8,8,9,9), three (31)s, 'four (14)s, a (42), a (22) and no (24)s.

Jim Fregosi (California Angels) is rated as a (SS-9) in this version of the season. In the original 1968 issue he was rated (SS-10).

Bats: **Right**      Throws: **Right**  
Height: **6-0**      Weight: **185**  
Born: **3-29-44** Chicago, Illinois

Dennis Dale  
"Denny"

**McLAIN**

Grade A&C Pitcher (2) (X)(Z)

11- 7-2	31- 21-2	51- 23-2
12- 25-8	32- 26-8	52- 27-8
13- 13-6	33- 8-2	53- 13-6
14- 30-7	34- 31-7	54- 32-7
15- 9-2	35- 13-2	55- 8-2
16- 28-7	36- 33-6	56- 12-7
21- 13-6	41- 27-7	61- 32-6
22- 8-2	42- 13-6	62- 13-6
23- 29-6	43- 29-7	63- 34-7
24- 13-7	44- 8-2	64- 13-6
25- 9-2	45- 36-6	65- 35-7
26- 13-6	46- 13-6	66- 0-2

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Cesar Tovar (Minnesota Twins) is rated to play at all seven positions.

Roberto Clemente (Pittsburgh Pirates) again received the rating of Ar[m]=40.

Pitchers rated (ZZ): Bill Monbouquette (San Francisco Giants), Elroy Face (Detroit Tigers) and Fritz Peterson (New York Yankees).

Denny McLain (Detroit Tigers) is rated as an A&C pitcher, with (MG=25). For his control ratings, APBA seems to have settled on (X)(Z).

Bob Gibson (St Louis Cardinals) is rated an A&C pitcher, with a (MG=24).

Joe Hoerner (St. Louis Cardinals) is rated an A&C\* reliefer, with a (MG=21\*).

The Detroit Tigers again have four players with double (1)s: Willie Horton, Eddie Mathews, Gates Brown, and Earl Wilson, a pitcher. The double (1)s quartet in the original season had Norm Cash instead of Earl Wilson.. Norm Cash, who had (1,1,6) power in the original season. received (1,5,5) in the revised version.

The Detroit Tigers have five relief pitchers rated B\* (or better): John Hiller (B/A\*), Snake Dobson (C/B\*), Don McMahon (A\*), Elroy Face (B\*) and Daryl Patterson (C/B\*).

Teams which have five starters rated B [or better]:

Minnesota Twins: Dean Chance, Jim Merritt, Jim Kaat, Dave Boswell and Jim Perry

Houston Astros: Dave Giusti, Larry Dierker, Denny Lemaster, Don Wilson and Mike Cuellar.

The Chicago White Sox have two (SS-9): Luis Aparicio and Ron Hansen.

As in the original version of this season, the St. Louis Cardinals have 9 players who can be configured into an all (F) team.

### **AJ Article:**

"An Historical Perspective on Baseball in 1968" by Michael Hazen (January 30, 1994, pp. 10-13).  
(includes *Opening Day rosters, and transactions.*)

### **AJ Replays:**

1968 NL (BG) by David Turnick (January 30, 1994, pp. 23-24).

# 1968 [RR] Season

Teams: NL-10 AL-10 (12 on 16)

Cards per Team: 25

XB: No M/S: Yes

Print Style: XII Format: j

Back: TWO

Published: 2003

XC's: NL-80 AL-96

Print Style: XVI Format: n

Back: BLANK

Published: 2004

Baseball Park Factor Chart: Yes (Staffa)

*The 1968 season is universally known as the “Year of the Pitcher,” but since the three pitchers of greatest note were featured in the articles for the two prior seasonal releases, it might be time to give one hitter his due. The 1950's and 1960's were an era of great right fielders. While Clemente and Aaron defined the position in the National League, the player we watched in American League cities was Al Kaline. Like his two NL counterparts, he became the symbol of his franchise, and, to a large extent, remains so to this day. He was nearing the end of his career in 1968, playing part time, but no one begrudged him his ring. A class act on and off the field, he was voted into the Hall of Fame on the first ballot.*

*The Game Company published XC's for this season as part of their mass XC release, including reprints of all prior XC's published with permission by the [APBA Journal](#) and Sports Game Publishing, and original XC's for all seasons for which the cards existed on the computer game data disks.*

*This season has the dual batting characteristics, the ZZ pitchers ratings, the devalued pitching grades, and the Staffa ballpark effects chart.*

*This season marks a change in the way APBA assigns error numbers (18), (19) and (20). Previously, these error numbers were assigned so that there was one (19) in the usual lineup and two each of (18) and (20). (see comment by Bob Henry at the end of the 1985 season article). Beginning with 1968 [RR], two (19)s are assigned to each lineup. Most lineups now contain one (20), two (18)s and one (19), however exceptions occur so that some lineups contain one (18) and two( 20)s. [Contributed by John Olson].*

## Corrections:

“Due to licensing restrictions, a few players in this card set are identified by initials rather than their name” (1968 [RR] lineup sheet) these players are:

The six players identified by initials are:

“**F J**” Ferguson Jenkins (Chicago Cubs)

Albert William "Al" <b>KALINE</b> Outfielder (3) (1B-2)										
YR	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	SB	BA	SLG	OBP
68	102	327	49	94	10	53	6	.287	.428	.392
Bats: Right		Throws: Right								
Height: 6-1		Weight: 185								
Born: 12-19-34		Baltimore, Md.								
11-	0-1	31-	9-1	51-	8-1					
12-	25-11	32-	26-11	52-	27-11					
13-	14-6	33-	0-1	53-	16-6					
14-	30-11	34-	31-11	54-	32-11					
15-	8-1	35-	9-1	55-	8-1					
16-	12-6	36-	14-6	56-	34-6					
21-	13-6	41-	28-7	61-	40-2					
22-	7-1	42-	14-6	62-	22-6					
23-	28-6	43-	29-11	63-	31-6					
24-	13-6	44-	7-1	64-	14-6					
25-	8-1	45-	14-6	65-	35-8					
26-	27-6	46-	13-6	66-	0-1					
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“**P R**” Pete Rose (Cincinnati Reds)  
“**D D**” Don Drysdale (Los Angeles Dodgers)  
“**L B**” Lou Brock (St. Louis Cardinals)  
“**E M**” Eddie Mathews (Detroit Tigers)  
“**H K**” Harmon Killebrew (Minnesota Twins)

While taking no issue with prior authors' comments in other articles regarding greed viz. the licensing restrictions and the use of initials, this author is constrained to point out that two (Rose and Killebrew) of the six players so designated in this set were (a) still living and (b) publicly known to be in financial distress. In Rose's case, aspersions could be cast regarding self-inflicted misery, but this is not the case, as this author (Johnny Cochrane) understands it, in regard to Killebrew.

George Brunet (California Angels) still does not have a (Z) control rating (see articles on 1968, 1968R, and OFAS II), but this might no longer be an error. Clearly, the standards for control ratings tightened between the issuance of 1968 [R] and this set. Two of the three (ZZ) pitchers in 1968 [R], Monbouquette (San Francisco Giants) and Face (Detroit Tigers) are rated (Z) in this set.

### **Opinions:**

Danny Frisella (New York Mets) has an (11) and a (10), but is not rated (F).

### **Miscellany:**

The devaluation of the pitching grades: (MG=5-9) C, (MG=10-14) B, (MG=15-19) A, (MG=20-24) A&C and (MG=25+) A&B has an impact on the 1968 [RR] season set. We have, for comparison, a prior set, 1968 [R], which was created before the devaluation. Denny McLain, has gone from A&C to A&B without changing his MG grade, which was 25. Bob Gibson has also gone from A&C to A&B, but his MG grade had to be increased. He was (MG=24) in 1968 [R], but is now (MG=25).

McLain's 31 wins notwithstanding, this author (Johnny Cochrane) didn't understand his higher MG grade in 1968 [R]. Gibson's 0.84 ERA point advantage (1.12, vs. 1.96) over McLain should entitle Gibson to a higher grade. Traditionally, if a pitcher hit the win total for a basic game grade, that only guaranteed one grade above the minimum grade based on ERA. For example, 15 wins guaranteed (MG=7) and 20 wins was (MG=12). By this logic, 31 wins would guarantee (MG=22), anything higher would have to be justified based on ERA.

This author likes Gibson's MG grade being equal to McLain's, but the notion that Gibson's ERA could buy him a point or two more than McLain still rings true. Without having done any extensive calculations, Gibson at (MG=24) and McLain at (MG=22) feels right. The Tigers, as mentioned below, do not appear to need the extra points to make its win total; the entire staff is off the charts no matter what you give McLain.

Luis Tiant (Cleveland Indians) is an A&C starter (MG=20).

A&C\* relievers include Hank Aguirre (Los Angeles Dodgers) (MG=22\*), Joe Hoerner (St. Louis Cardinals) (MG=21\*) and Vicente Romo (Cleveland Indians) [C/A&C\*] (MG=9/20\*).

As one might expect, this set includes some absolutely fantastic pitching staffs:



Detroit Tigers:

Denny McLain A&B, Earl Wilson B, Mickey Lolich B, John Hiller B/A\*, Pat Dobson B, Les Cain (XC) B, Don McMahon A\*, Roy Face B\*, Daryl Patterson C/A\* and John Wyatt (XC) B\*.

New York Mets:

Tom Seaver A, Jerry Koosman A, Don Cardwell B, Dick Selma B, Nolan Ryan B, and Jim McAndrew B, Ron Taylor B\* and Cal Koonce A\*.

Baltimore Orioles:

Dave McNally A, Jim Hardin B, Tom Phoebus A, Dave Leonhard B, Wally Bunker B, Roger Nelson B, Eddie Watt A\* and Moe Drabowsky A\*.

Los Angeles Dodgers:

Jim Brewer A\*, Jack Billingham A\*, Mudcat Grant A\*, John Purdin B, Hank Aguirre A&C\*, Bill Singer B, Claude Osteen B, Don Drysdale A and Don Sutton B.

Houston Astros:

Dave Giusti B, Larry Dierker B, Denny Lemaster B, Don Wilson B, Mike Cuellar B, Jim Ray B\*, Danny Coombs B and John Buzhardt B.

Minnesota Twins:

Dean Chance B, Jim Merritt B, Jim Kaat B, Dave Boswell B, Jim Perry B, Ron Perranoski B, Al Worthington B\* and Bob Miller B\*.

Oakland Athletics:

Catfish Hunter B, Chuck Dobson B, Blue Moon Odom B, Jim Nash A, Lew Krausse B, Diego Segui A\*, Ed Sprague D/B\* and Paul Lindblad C/B\*.

Chicago White Sox:

Joe Horlen A, Jack Fisher B, Tommy John A, Wilbur Wood B/A\*, Jerry Nyman (XC) B, Hoyt Wilhelm A\* and Bob Locker A\*.

Atlanta Braves:

Phil Niekro B, Pat Jarvis B, Ron Reed B, George Stone B and Dick Kelley B.

Pittsburgh Pirates:

Bob Veale A, Steve Blass A, Bob Moose B, Dock Ellis B, Ron Kline A\*, Luke Walker A\*, and Bruce Dal Canton (XC) B\*.

Cleveland Indians:

Sam McDowell A, Luis Tiant A&C, Sonny Siebert B, Stan Williams B, Eddie Fisher B\*, Vicente Romo C/A&C\* and Horacio Pina C/B\*.

New York Yankees:

Mel Stottlemyre A, Stan Bahnsen A, Fritz Peterson B, Steve Barber B, Joe Verbanic C/B\*, Dooley Womack B\* and Steve Hamilton A\*.

Detroit has an all Fielding One infield with Bill Freehan (C-9), Norm Cash (1B-4), Dick McAuliffe (2B-8), Ray Oyler (SS-9) and Don Wert (3B-5). Add Al Kaline and Mickey Stanley (OF-3) and an (OF-2) of your choice, and it totals 43 overall fielding points without the pitcher.

Chicago Cubs have an all fielding one infield with Randy Hundley (C-9), Ernie Banks or Dick Nen (1B-4), Glenn Beckert (2B-8), Don Kessinger (SS-9) and Ron Santo (3B-5).

Chicago White Sox, as in both prior versions of this season, have both Luis Aparicio and Ron Hansen rated (SS-9).

This season has many very fast teams, including:

New York Mets, 13 players (F), no catcher.

Houston Astros, 12 players (F), able to field an all (F) team.

Cleveland Indians, 11 players (F), no catcher.

California Angels, 11 players (F), no catcher.

Pittsburgh Pirates, 10 players (F), able to field an all (F) team.

Atlanta Braves, 10 players (F), no pitcher or catcher.

St. Louis Cardinals, 9 players (F), able to field an all (F) team with Tolan at first base.

Cesar Tovar (Minnesota Twins) is once again rated to play every position, as he did in one game on September 22, 1968. (*See 1968 [R] article.*)

Roberto Clemente (Pittsburgh Pirates) has his exclusive  $Ar[m]=40$ , as he did in many other seasons. [Author's Note (Johnny Cochrane): If you think that some player had an arm as good, or better, than Clemente's, you are wrong. If you didn't see him play, you have no way of understanding].

Randy Hundley (Chicago Cubs) and Bill Freehan (Detroit Tigers) are rated (C-9).

Wes Parker (Los Angeles Dodgers) and Bill White (Philadelphia Phillies) are rated (1B-5).

Bill Mazeroski (Pittsburgh Pirates) and Bobby Knoop (California Angels) are rated (2B-9).

Clete Boyer (Atlanta Braves) and Brooks Robinson (Baltimore Orioles) are rated (3B-6).

Danny Walton (Houston Astros XC) has 11 (24)s.

Detroit once again (see 1968 and 1968 [R] articles) has four players with double ones: Gates Brown (1,1,3,6), Willie Horton (0,0,1,1) with only 6 second column singles, Earl Wilson (0,1,1) with no second column singles and Eddie Mathews (1,1) with no other power numbers).

The only other team with two (1,1)s is the Washington Senators: Frank Howard has the best pure home run card in the set with (1,1,5,6) and Gene Martin (XC) has (1,1,6,6).

Willie McCovey (San Francisco Giants) has (0,0,1,1) with 13 second column singles.

Jerry Moses (Boston Red Sox XC) has (1,1,5) power.

Bill Virdon (Pittsburgh Pirates XC) has (1,1,6) power.

Rick Wise (Philadelphia Phillies pitcher) has (1,3,6,6) power.

Cleo James (Los Angeles Dodgers XC) has 16 (13)s.

Eddie Leon (Cleveland Indians) has 14 (13)s.

Pitchers rated (ZZ) are Fritz Peterson (New York Yankees) and Dick Hall (Philadelphia Phillies XC).

Vada Pinson (Cincinnati Reds), Tommie Agee (New York Mets), Bobby Bonds (San Francisco Giants), Bert Campaneris (Oakland Athletics), Ralph Garr (Atlanta Braves XC) and Allan Lewis (Oakland Athletics XC) are rated (F)ast (F19).

The leading base stealers for this year are A26 Allan Lewis (Oakland Athletics XC), B30 Dave Nelson (Cleveland Indians) and C33 Jose Vidal (Cleveland Indians XC).

# 1969 Season

Teams: NL-12 AL-12 (12 on 63)  
Cards per Team: 20  
XBs: 4/team M/S: No  
Print Style: VI Format: c  
XB Print Style: V Format: c  
Back ONE  
XB Back: BLANK  
Published: 1970

Baseball Park Factor Chart: Yes

*The 1969 Seattle Pilots were unique in the literal sense of the word - there was only one of them. In an unprecedented franchise embarrassment, they had to move on the very next year to Milwaukee. Who better to serve as leadoff man for a unique team than this man, with his wonderful (0,8,9) configuration. Tommy led the AL in steals with 73, and jump-started a surprisingly potent Pilot lineup. It was the pitching and the defense part of it that gave Seattle difficulty, and they finished last.*

*Like the XBs for 1966, 1967, and 1968, the XBs for this season are on white cardstock, four cards per team and two teams to a page, with black print and outline; and are still meant to be cut out with scissors. The backs of these cards are blank.*

*The small team envelopes are introduced and used henceforth, although there are a few 1969 sets in existence with long envelopes, as Tom Garrity, and more recently Francis Rose [email 12 February 2015] have confirmed. Only the Great Teams of the Past will continue to be issued with the large team envelopes. [See "Envelopes"].*

## Rules Changes:

*The pitcher's mound is dropped five inches and the strike zone shrunk to the area from the armpits to the top of the knees to help batters combat last season's pitchers domination of the game..*

## Corrections:

Curt Blefary (Houston Astros) should have 52-(27)-(6), not 52-(27)-(7).

Mike Cuellar (Baltimore Orioles) should have 22-(8)-(2), not 22-(28)-(2).

Ken Harrelson (Cleveland Indians) should have 63-(12), not 63-(31). He received an (11) on his card, but was not rated (F).

Ron Hunt (San Francisco Giants) should have 15-(10)-(4), not 15-(8)-(4).

Denny LeMaster (Houston Astros) should have 32-(26)-(6), not 32-(27)-(6).

Bats: **Right**      Throws: **Right**  
Height: **5-10**      Weight: **168**  
Born: **10-14-40**      Oakgrove, La.

Tommy

**HARPER**

(F)(3B-3)(2B-5)(OF-2)

11-	8-1	31-	11-1	51-	11-1
12-	25-6	32-	26-6	52-	27-6
13-	14-2	33-	9-1	53-	20-1
14-	30-6	34-	31-6	54-	32-6
15-	11-1	35-	14-1	55-	10-1
16-	28-6	36-	33-4	56-	34-5
21-	13-6	41-	24-6	61-	14-2
22-	14-1	42-	14-1	62-	39-1
23-	26-6	43-	29-6	63-	12-6
24-	13-6	44-	14-1	64-	13-1
25-	11-1	45-	13-2	65-	35-6
26-	30-6	46-	32-6	66-	0-1

Steve Carlton ( St. Louis Cardinals) should have a control rating of (Y)(Z).

Denny McLain (Detroit Tigers) should add an (X) control rating.

Bob Barton (San Francisco Giants) is a Catcher, not a “Cotcher.”

Ron Law (Cleveland Indians, pitcher) is identified as being "Born: 3-14-46 Canada". The 1969 [R] version and the Macmillan Encyclopedia have his birthplace correctly noted as Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. [*submitted by Pete Simonelli, at the 1995 APBA Convention*].

As it will be in 1969 [R], Tom Timmermann (Detroit Tigers) name is spelled incorrectly, with only one “n.” [*John Sutter, e-mail, December 28, 1998*].

Hank Aguirre (Chicago Cubs, pitcher), one of the most notoriously poor hitters in baseball history (lifetime .085 BA), hit .400 in his next-to last season of a long career, managing 2 singles in 5 plate appearances. For this he received the odd combination of 5 (7)s, 6 (8)s, and 4 (9)s. [*Pete Simonelli, email, November 4, 2012*].

### **Opinions:**

Bill Hands (Chicago Cubs) should be rated a Grade A pitcher. Bob Henry suggests that “APBA was probably concerned that the Cubs would win the division instead of the Mets if Hands were given the A. Hands is the only pitcher to win twenty games, have a below 2.50 ERA and pitch 300 innings without being rated A.” [*AJ, September 1997, p. 26*].

Gerry Moses (Boston Red Sox) received five (8)s. Ron Mura and Bob Henry agree that this is probably wrong and should be replaced by the usual APBA-fix, a (7) and three (8)s.

### **Miscellany:**

After his pitching grade, Casey Cox (Washington Senators) has a punctuation mark (period), i.e., "Grade B. Pitcher (2)". [*contributed by Pete Simonelli and Tito Rondon*]

Like 1968, this season has no player with a (14) on 56.

Chuck Dobson (Oakland Athletics, pitcher) has an exclamation mark as a fielding grade (*viz.*, "Grade C Pitcher ( ! ) ( Y )". It is close enough to his grade of (1) to work. [*contributed by Bob Knight*]. Steve Roney reminisces that “whenever we played with Dobson’s card and he made a fielding play, no matter how mundane, we always announced it as a spectacular and exciting play.” [*e-mail, May 4, 1998*].

Sal Bando (Oakland Athletics), in an oddly configured card, has (9)s on 51 and 35, but a (14) on 31.

Danny Murphy (Chicago White Sox XB, pitcher) has 25 (14)s and no hit-numbers on his card. He had two walks in three plate-appearances.

Lindy McDaniel (New York Yankees, pitcher) has 21 (13)s, three (14)s and the generic (7,8,9) hit-numbers.

Rico Carty (Atlanta Braves) has an odd combination of 15-(7) and 62-(9).

Ken Tatum (California Angels) is rated an A&C\* pitcher (MG = 24\*), as he was in 1969 [R] and OFAS II: California Angels. Tatum also received (1,1,5,5,6,7,8,8,8,8,9,9) hit numbers and three (22)s.

Eddie Watt (Baltimore Orioles) is also rated as Grade A&C\* (MG=21\*) pitcher this year, as he is in 1969 [R].

Bobby Knoop (Chicago White Sox) is a (2B-9). Although fielding grades are subjective, this ultimate grade for Knoop, who had no range at all at the position, seems too high.

Bill Landis (Boston Red Sox, pitcher) received the following steal numbers: two (11)s and one (10), without ever getting a hit this season. He got on base via 8 (14)s and had one stolen base. One or two (14\*)s would probably be more realistic.

Brooks Robinson (Baltimore Orioles) and Clete Boyer (Atlanta Braves) are rated as (3B-6).

Tommy Harper (Seattle Pilots) received a weird card, with one (0), one (8), one (9), four (11)s, one (10) and 6 (14)s.

Reggie Jackson (Oakland Athletics) and Joe Morgan (Houston Astros) each received two (9)s, but no (8)s.

Jim Fregosi (California Angels) is a (SS-10).

Ron Willis (Houston Astros) and Larry Jaster (Montreal Expos) are XB pitchers with 15 hit-numbers.

Tommy Davis received no card this season despite his 533 at-bats (571 plate appearances), of which 454 were with the Seattle Pilots and 79 with the Houston Astros. He was traded on August 31, 1969.

Hoyt Wilhelm also received no card, despite his 52 total games and a stellar 2.22 ERA. On September 8, 1969 he was traded from the California Angels (66 innings) to the Atlanta Braves (12 innings). If he had been carded, he would have been an A\*.

Jim Bouton received no card because he was traded on August 24, 1969 from the Seattle Pilots (92 innings) to the Houston Astros (31 innings).

Jim Hall will also go cardless this season despite 212 at-bats with the New York Yankees and 24 at-bats with the Chicago Cubs. He was traded on September 11, 1969.

The four non-carded players listed above inflamed the controversy about the APBA policy of issuing the player's card for the last team he played for during the season. [*contributed by Pete Simonelli; also see Bob Henry AJ September 1990, p.26.*]

Because of a September 21, 1969 trade, Juan Pizarro was assigned to the Oakland Athletics, where he had 8 at-bats, and not to the Cleveland Indians for whom he had 83 at-bats.

Louis Klimchok finally receives a card this season for the Cleveland Indians. His major league career extends from 1958 to 1970 [except 1967] and this is the only APBA card he received.

Ron Hunt (San Francisco Giants) received five (22)s. He will receive a record 7 (22)s next season.

It is difficult to understand how Jim Kaat (Minnesota Twins) was given a (P-1) rating, when he won the Gold Glove this year. Kaat won the Gold Glove for 16 consecutive seasons from 1962 through 1977.

The Houston Astros are the team with the most pitchers rated (XY), four: Don Wilson, Tom Griffin, Jim Ray and Skip Guinn (XB). [*contributed by Bob Henry*].

Like the reissue version of this season, the Los Angeles Dodgers have 9 men rated (F)[ast] and they can be configured into an all (F) team.

The San Diego Padres do not have a single infielder who is rated Fielding One. The Padres team fielding total, using the best defensive player at each position, and excluding the pitcher, is 29.

Bert Campaneris (Oakland Athletics) received four (11)s on his card.

In what may be unique, Vic Davalillo (who played 33 games for the California Angels and 63 games for the St. Louis Cardinals) received (P-2) and (OF-3) ratings. [*Bob Henry, AJ, August 1988, p. 26.*]

As in 1969 [R], the St. Louis Cardinals have a trio of players rated (OF-3): Curt Flood, Vada Pinson and Vic Davalillo.

### **Suggested Reading:**

Jim Bouton, Ball Four (New York: World, 1970).

### **AJ Replays:**

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|----------------------|---|
|                      | by Rich Pray (April 1980, pp. 4-5).   |
| 1969 NL + AL         | by Scott Olmstead (February 1981, pp. 9-12).                                    |
| 1969 NL [BG]         | by Mike Trull (April 1977, pp. 16-17).<br>by Jay Anderson (August 1987, p. 19). |
| 1969 Cincinnati Reds | by Dan Schmid (January 1984, p. 8).   |

# 1969 [R] Season

Teams: NL-12 AL-12 (12 on 12)  
Cards per Team: 25  
XBs: No M/S: Yes  
Print Style: IX Format: e  
Back TWO  
Published: July 1990

Baseball Park Factor Chart: Yes

*We tend to hear the positives about expansion -- the excitement in the new cities, etc. Here's the down side: in a four-team expansion year like 1969, there are 100 roster spots being filled with players who, by the previous year's standards, were minor leaguers. You're looking at Seattle's starting shortstop, with his .165 BA. The previous year, in Detroit, he had hit .137 as a defensive specialist, a role for which he was actually qualified. In 1970 he hit .083, and by 1971 he was gone.*

MG Pitcher Fatigue Rating (Q-Factor) issued on M/S sheet.

This season's cards do not have "Major League" printed inside the baseball logo on the back of the cards. [See 1986 Season].

## Corrections:

A computer error has made a left-handed thrower out of every player in the 1969 [R] season set. An errata sheet, with the corrected throwing arms, was enclosed with the season's cards.

The following players did indeed "**Throw: Left**" this season: (*alphabetically by team*)

## NATIONAL LEAGUE:

Atlanta Braves: Doyle, Lum and G. Stone.

Chicago Cubs: Aguirre, Holtzman, Nye, W. Smith and Spangler.

Cincinnati Reds: Arrigo, A. Jackson, Merritt, Tolan and Whitfield.

Houston Astros: Blasingame, Guinn and Lemaster.

Los Angeles Dodgers: Brewer, Crawford, W. Davis, Osteen and Parker.

Montreal Expos: Cline, Fairly, Jaster, McGinn and Shaw.

New York Mets: Gaspar, C. Jones, Koosman, Kranepool, McGraw and Shamsky.

Philadelphia Phillies: Briggs, Fryman, G. Jackson and H. Stone.

Pittsburgh Pirates: M. Alou, Gibbon, Marone, A. Oliver, Stargell, Veale and Walker.

St. Louis Cardinals: Brock, Carlton, Davalillo, Hague, Hoerner, Pinson and W. White.

Bats: Right      Throws: Left  
Height: 5-11      Weight: 165  
Born: 8-4-38 Indianapolis, Ind.

Raymond Francis

"Ray"

**OYLER**

Shortstop (9)

11- 0-1	31-14-1	51-14-1
12-12-7	32-26-7	52-25-7
13-14-6	33- 8-1	53-19-1
14-30-7	34-31-7	54-32-7
15- 9-1	35-23-1	55- 9-1
16-28-6	36-33-6	56-13-6
21-13-6	41-24-7	61-24-1
22- 8-1	42-13-1	62-13-5
23-27-6	43-29-7	63-13-6
24-13-6	44- 8-1	64-13-1
25-39-1	45-14-6	65-35-7
26-24-6	46-13-6	66- 0-1

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San Diego Padres: Kelley, McCool, Podres, Roberts and Stahl.  
San Francisco Giants: R. Bryant, Burda, McCormick, McCovey and Sadecki.

### **AMERICAN LEAGUE:**

Baltimore Orioles: Cuellar, Lopez, McNally and Rickert.  
Boston Red Sox: Lahoud, Landis, Lee and Lyle.  
California Angels: R. May, Repoz, Spencer, Voss and Wright.  
Chicago White Sox: Hopkins, John, McCraw, Peters and Wood.  
Cleveland Indians: Ellsworth, McDowell and Paul.  
Detroit Tigers: N. Cash, Hiller, Kilkenny and Lolic.  
Kansas City Royals: Burgmeier, Butler, Fiore, S. Jones, H. Kelley, Keough and Rooker.  
Minnesota Twins: Grzenda, T. Hall, Kaat, Perranoski and Reese.  
New York Yankees: Downing, Hamilton, Kekich, Pepitone and Peterson.  
Oakland Athletics: Francona, R.M. Jackson, Lindblad, Monday, Pizarro, Roland and Tartabull.  
Seattle Pilots: Barber, Brunet, Hegan, Hovley and O'Donoghue.  
Washington Senators: Epstein, Knowles, Moore, Shellenback and Unser.

As he was in the 1969 version, Tom Timmermann (Detroit Tigers) has his name spelled incorrectly, with only one "n." [*John Sutter, e-mail, December 28, 1998*].

### **Opinions:**

Dick Hall (Baltimore Orioles pitcher) received three (11)s and a (10), but was not rated a (F)[ast].

### **Miscellany:**

Brooks Robinson (Baltimore Orioles) and Clete Boyer (Atlanta Braves) are rated (3B-6).

In this author's (Ed Zack) copy, a large number of the cards have the numbers in the hitting-tablet poorly aligned.

Bill Landis (Boston Red Sox, pitcher) received five (14\*)s and three (14)s.

Jim Fregosi (California Angels) is a (SS-10).

Dan Osinski (Chicago White Sox ), Hoyt Wilhelm (Atlanta Braves), Paul Doyle (Atlanta Braves) and Steve Kealey (California Angels) are pitchers who received 22 (13)s.

Dan Murphy (Chicago White Sox, pitcher) received no hit-numbers and 18 (14)s.

The Pittsburgh Pirates and the St. Louis Cardinals each have 10 players rated (F)[ast], who can be configured into an all (F) team. This is the year of transition for these two speed dynasties; the end of St. Louis dominance as the premier base running team and the beginning of Pittsburgh's reign.

As in the original 1969 season, the Los Angeles Dodgers have nine players rated (F)[ast] and they can be configured into an all (F) team.

Horacio Pina (Cleveland Indians, pitcher) received 15 hit-numbers, including 10 (7)s.

Daryl Patterson (Detroit Tigers, pitcher) received 28 (13)s.

Joe Hoerner (St. Louis Cardinals) and Fred Gladding (Houston Astros) are pitchers who received 26 (13)s.

Dave Wickersham (Kansas City Royals) received 12 (14)s.

Joe Grzenda (Minnesota Twins) received 10 (14)s and 13 (13)s.

Lindy McDaniel (New York Yankees) and William Stoneman (Montreal Expos) are pitchers who received 20 (13)s.

Reggie Jackson (Oakland Athletics) has (0,0,0,1,1) power.

The Oakland Athletics staff of starting pitchers received excellent hitters cards: Catfish Hunter (0,0); Chuck Dotson (0); Blue Moon Odom (1,5,5,7,7); Lew Krausse (0,0,1,1) and Fred Talbot (1,1).

Larry Jaster and Elroy Face (Montreal Expos, pitchers) received 16 hit-numbers. Face has 10 (7)s.

Using the best defensive player at each position, the San Diego Padres can assemble, at best, a team (excluding the pitcher) with only 30 fielding points.

Orlando "Marty" Martinez (Houston Astros) is rated to play six positions, other than first base.

Jim Bouton (Houston Astros, pitcher) received 24 (13)s.

Gary Neibauer (Atlanta Braves, pitcher) received 23 (13)s.

Ray Washburn (St. Louis Cardinals, pitcher) received 21 (13)s.

Roberto Clemente (Pittsburgh Pirates) has a MG rating of  $Ar[m]=40$ .

Goose Tatum (California Angels) is rated an A&C\* pitcher (MG=24\*).

Eddie Watt (Baltimore Orioles) is rated an A&C\* pitcher (MG=21\*).

The leading base stealers for this season are: A31 Tommy Harper (Seattle Pilots), B34 Bert Campaneris (Oakland Athletics), B29 Pat Kelly (Kansas City Royals), C30 Lou Brock (St. Louis Cardinals), C30 Joe Morgan (Houston Astros) and E36 Dick Tracewski (Detroit Tigers).

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As in the original 1969 season, the St. Louis Cardinals have a trio of players rated (OF-3): Curt Flood, Vada Pinson and Vic Davalillo.

**Suggested Reading:**

Jim Bouton, Ball Four (New York: World), 1970. *Required Reading!*

Stanley Cohen, The Magic Summer: the '69 Mets "A Harvest / HBJ Book" (New York: Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich, 1988).

**AJ Articles:**

"1969...More Than Just the Mets," by Ron Marshall (August 1990, p. 14).

"Statistical Look at the 1969 Baseball Season," by Art Springsteen (June 1990, pp. 7 & 17).

"Miraculous: 1969 Re-issued APBA Card Set," by Don Zminda (June 1990, p. 6).

*Player Transactions [1969]*, (August 1990, p. 15)

*Player Additions [1969]*, (October 1990, p. 18).

"AJ Recommended Pitching Grades," (July 1990, pp. 11 & 16).

*Corrected Recommended Grades [1969]*, (August 1991, p. 3).

# 1969RR Season

Teams: NL-12 AL-12 (12 on 64)  
 Cards Per Team: 25 XBs: no M/S: yes  
 Print Style: , Variety , Format  
 Published: 2008  
 XCs: (with M/S) NL-123 AL-126  
 Print Style: Format Back:

Ballpark/Wind Effects Chart: ?

*Except for a few 11s Luis never had an exciting hitting card. Instead he made his way to the Hall of Fame with his glove. Over sixteen consecutive seasons (1957-72) he was rated SS-9*

*fourteen times and SS-10 twice. On his only other cards (1956 & 1973) he was rated SS-8 which is not so shabby and on all 18 cards he was also (F) speed.*

## Corrections:

XC Al Fitzmorris (Royals) is "Bats: Right" but was actually a switch hitter.

XCs Tom Dukes and Leon Everitt (Padres) are listed as infielders on the XC Roster but are actually pitchers.

## Miscellany:

Strong pitching was in abundance with thirteen starting pitchers and eleven relievers rated A. In addition to them, Eddie Watt (Orioles) MG=21 and Jack Tatum (Angels) MG=23 are rated A&C\*. Tatum also received power numbers 1-1-6. The highest rated starter is Tom Seaver (Mets) MG=18.

The only ZZ ratings in the set belong to Dick Hall (Orioles) and Joe Hoerner (Cardinals).

Except for Kansas City and San Diego every team is capable of making at least Fielding Two. Thirteen teams can reach Fielding One and the Orioles and Cubs are the best of these with 44 points each.

Luis Ernesto (Montiel) "Louie" APARICIO												
(F) Shortstop (9)												
YR	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	SB	BA	SLG	OBP		
1969	156	599	77	168	5	51	24	.280	.362	.352		
Bats: Right			Throws: Right									
Height: 5-9			Weight: 160									
Born: 4-29-34 Maracaibo, Ven.												
11-	0-1		31-	9-3		51-	8-5					
12-	25-7		32-	26-7		52-	27-7					
13-	14-6		33-	7-1		53-	19-6					
14-	30-6		34-	31-6		54-	32-6					
15-	11-2		35-	9-6		55-	8-2					
16-	28-6		36-	14-6		56-	34-6					
21-	32-6		41-	24-6		61-	39-6					
22-	8-1		42-	23-6		62-	13-6					
23-	26-6		43-	29-6		63-	31-6					
24-	31-6		44-	8-2		64-	12-6					
25-	10-2		45-	14-6		65-	35-8					
26-	27-6		46-	29-6		66-	0-1					
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The highest individual fielding ratings are:

1B-5: George Scott (Red Sox), Wes Parker (Dodgers), and Joe Pepitone (Yankees)

2B-9: Glenn Beckert (Cubs)

SS-10: Jim Fregosi (Angels)

3B-6: Brooks Robinson (Orioles) and Clete Boyer (Braves)

OF-3: Nineteen players received this rating.

No one is rated Catcher (9).

Besides receiving the highest fielding rating at their position Robinson and Boyer have the unusual distinction of also being rated (S). John Kennedy (Mariners) is rated (F) Shortstop (7) (3B-5).

The Cardinals have an all OF-3 outfield with Curt Flood, Vic Davalillo, and Vada Pinson.

The highest arm rating (40) was given to Roberto Clemente (Pirates). The next best arm rating is (37) which was given to four players.

Joe Torre (Cardinals) is rated 1B-4 C-8 thereby becoming one of the extremely rare players to be rated Fielding One at two positions. Only a handful of other players have been so rated on the same card.

Luis Aparicio is rated Shortstop (9) or better for the 13<sup>th</sup> consecutive time.

The Tigers and Dodgers do not have a player whose only position is shortstop and likewise having a 23. The Red Sox, Expos, and Padres need to use an XC player to accomplish this.

Catchers Jerry Grote (Mets), Randy Hundly (Cubs), Johnny Bench (Reds), Andy Etchebarren (Orioles), and Larry French (Senators) all received a Th+6 rating. Many pitchers and catchers had their MF and Th ratings changed from what they originally received. This is due to the current availability of the 1969 SB-CS stats for both pitchers and catchers.

Excluding XCs the Baltimore Orioles and California Angels have eleven players rated (F).

The most players rated (S) belong to the Atlanta Braves with nine.

Seven players are rated (F19).

Four players received five power numbers. They are Billy Conigliaro (Red Sox)

1-0-0-0-0 with 33 second column extra base hits, Reggie Jackson (A's) 1-1-0-0-0 with 29 second column extra base hits, and Hank Aaron (Braves) 1-1-0-0-0 with 27 second column extra base hits.

Fourteen other players received double 1s. Four of these are pitchers including XC Ken Brett (Red Sox).

A total of twelve players received 3-31s. Two teams, the Twins with Cesar Tovar and Rod Carew, and the Reds with Tommy Helms and Pete Rose have two such players.

Orlando Martinez (Astros) does not have parentheses surrounding his ratings due to the many positions he played. His card reads: "F OF1 SS7 3B3 C6 2B6 D\* P1R". The base-stealers for this season are: D35 Bobby Bonds (Giants) and C34 Bert Campaneris (A's).

Pitcher Bill Landis (Red Sox) received 66-11 and 11-8 without ever getting a hit. He did walk three times and steal one base for which he received three 14s, two 14\*, as well as both the 8 and 11 on his card.

# 1970 Season

Teams: NL-12 AL-12 (12 on 23)  
Cards per Team: 20  
XBs: 4/team M/S: No  
Print Style: VII Format: c  
XB Style: VII Format: c  
Back: ONE  
XB Back: ONE  
Published: 1971

Baseball Park Factor Chart: Yes

*By making an art out of leaving his left elbow in the way of every inside pitch, Ron necessitated the addition of the (42) to the list of play results. The problems that arise from garnering an accurate HBP total with the seven (22)s are obvious, it distorts all kinds of other results. So in the next season APBA gave him three (42)s instead. To this day that is still a record among full-time players.*

*The "classic" APBA XBs are introduced, with the familiar blue back with baseball and APBA logo. The the front side is identical in style to the regular cards They are four in number, perforated, and have to be manually separated.*

*APBA now assigns the RPN (36) to second basemen. Prior to this season they received (37) for their RPN. This change was made to increase the number of passed balls and wild pitches. The error number (23) is now being generally, but not universally, assigned to shortstops. [Bob Henry AJ, September 1979, p. 20 and June 1982, p. 12].*

*APBA now begins taking saves into account when grading relief pitchers.*

## Corrections:

Ken Berry (Chicago White Sox) should have 66-(0)-(1). The second-column results are missing on some cards.

Ed Brinkman (Washington Senators) should have 33-(7)-(2) and 22-(7)-(2), not 33-(7)-(3) and 22-(7)-(3).

Rico Carty (Atlanta Braves) should have 46-(13) and 63-(13), not 46-(26) and 63-(31).  
[See discussion of this card by Bob Henry, AJ, July 1978, p. 12].

Ed Kirkpatrick (Kansas City Royals) should have 42-(38), 64-(36), 21-(13) and 46-(13), not 42-(13), 64-(13), 21-(32) and 46-(30).

Bats: Right      Throws: Right  
Height: 5-11½      Weight: 170  
Born: 2-23-41      St. Louis, Missouri

Ronald Kenneth

"Ron"

**HUNT**

Secondbaseman (7)(38-3)

11- 0-1	31- 9-2	51- 9-1
12- 25-6	32- 22-6	52- 27-6
13- 14-6	33- 7-1	53- 19-6
14- 30-6	34- 31-6	54- 32-6
15- 8-1	35- 14-6	55- 8-1
16- 28-6	36- 33-6	56- 22-6
21- 22-6	41- 24-6	61- 36-4
22- 7-1	42- 14-6	62- 13-6
23- 12-6	43- 29-6	63- 22-6
24- 22-6	44- 7-1	64- 13-6
25- 8-1	45- 14-6	65- 35-6
26- 22-6	46- 22-6	66- 0-1

Coco Laboy (Montreal Expos) should have 31-(13)-(6), not 31-(13)-( ).

Pete Richert (Baltimore Orioles) is an Grade A\* pitcher, not B\*.

Chico Ruiz (California Angels) should have all second column (1)s changed to (2)s.

### **Opinions:**

Randy Hundley (Chicago Cubs) has 21 second column (1)s, far too many for his 7 homers in 250 at-bats.

Jim Stewart (Cincinnati Reds) has five positions (all except pitcher and third baseman) on his card for the season. However, Stewart never played shortstop.

### **Miscellany:**

Greg Garrett (California Angels) has 11-(8) and 22-(7), an unusual number assignment. An 11-(7) and 22-(8) would be typical. [*Boris Bytensky, e-mail, February 2, 1999*].

Ron Hunt (San Francisco Giants) has 7 (22)s [at 21, 24, 26, 32, 46, 56, and 63] and one (19) [at 53] on his card. According to David Lawrence and Bob Henry, Hunt's card is distorted by the fact that the (22)s will cause him to hit for too high an average. He received no (26)s and only one (31). Three (31)s would be more correct, but there simply was no room on the hitting grid. Next season, APBA introduces the (42) to properly reproduce HBP stats. Donald L. Adams responds, "In his November 1975 AJ article (pp. 11-14), Ron Mura subtracts one-third of the total number of (22)s in calculating the base number (BN). This seems to be correct since a (22) will only result in an out for 67% of all dice rolls. Using Mura's formula, Ron Hunt's card is almost identical to the one APBA issued. I do not think the Hunt card is distorted and he should hit, allowing for short-term distortions in dice rolls, about .280. [*letter, October 18, 1998*].

Jim Fregosi (California Angels) and Don Kessinger (Chicago Cubs) are (SS-10).

Gary Ross (San Diego Padres, pitcher) received 17 hit-numbers.

Mike Jorgensen (New York Mets) received a card with only one (8) and one (9). Jerry Kenney (New York Yankees) received two (9)s, but no (8)s. In the earliest APBA sets, one (8) and one (9) were often given to pitchers.

Ken Henderson (San Francisco Giants, pitcher) has one (8), two (9)s and three (10)s. [*Boris Bytensky, e-mail, February 2, 1999*].

Jerry Reuss (St. Louis Cardinals, pitcher) received 22 (13)s, a (9), two (10)s and two (14)s.

Bill Melton (Chicago White Sox) will receive the identical card next season, 1971, with only the (12) relocated.



Tony Cloninger (Cincinnati Reds) is one of the rare pitchers to receive two (31)s. He deserves this treatment for his 10 hits (including two doubles and two home runs) in 47 at-bats. He is also noted as the only pitcher to hit two grand-slam homeruns in a single game.

Johnny Bench (Cincinnati Reds) is the first catcher since Gabby Hartnett (1930 Chicago Cubs) to have five power-numbers. He received (1,1,5,6,6) to recreate his 177 hits (35 doubles, four triples and 45 home runs) in 605 at-bats. [*Donald L. Adams, letter, October 18, 1998*].

Ken Tatum (California Angels, pitcher) received (1,1,1) power.

Brooks Robinson (Baltimore Orioles) and Clete Boyer (Atlanta Braves) are rated (3B-6).

Roberto Rodriguez (Chicago Cubs, pitcher) received (1,1,1,9) as his only hit-numbers for one home run (his only hit) in eight at-bats.

Dan Murphy (Chicago White Sox, pitcher) received (1,1,1,1,7) as his hit-numbers for one home run in 6 at-bats. The home run was his only hit.

Joe Grzenda (Washington Senators) received a card with no (35). He had 30 (13)s on his card, so there was not a lot of room for anything else.

“The Washington Senators have a couple strange cards. XB Dave Nelson has 22 (11)s in the second column, which creates a very crowded look. Frank Howard received three (0)s and had 26 (1)s, one (3) and 9 (6)s in the second column. Would this be more powerful than a (1,1) card?” [*Boris Bytensky, e-mail, February 2, 1999*]. [*Editor (Don Adams) response: Boris is correct. Three (0)s with 26 (1)s in the second column is more powerful than a (1,1)*].

There are no Grade A starting pitchers in the National League. The only A\* relievers are Clay Carroll and Don Gullett (both of the Cincinnati Reds). The only Grade A starters in the American League are Jim Perry (Minnesota Twins) and Dave McNally (Baltimore Orioles). In 1979 there will be no Grade A starters in the American League, and only one, J.R. Richards (Houston Astros), in the National League.

The American League does have five relief pitchers rated A\*: Darold Knowles (Washington Senators), Pete Richert (Baltimore Orioles), Ken Sanders (Milwaukee Brewers), Lindy McDaniel (New York Yankees) and Jack Aker (New York Yankees).

Mike Hershberger (Milwaukee Brewers) is one of the rare early XBs to be rated at the maximum for his fielding position (OF-3).

The California Angels have 13 players rated (F)[ast]. They can field an all (F) team from the basic twenty-man roster.

Luis Tiant (Minnesota Twins XB, pitcher) received 15 hit-numbers.

Tony LaRussa received an XB card for the Oakland Athletics this season. His only other APBA card was with the 1963 Kansas City Athletics.

There are no base stealers recognized by APBA.

“Tony Gonzalez received a XB card for the California Angels (92 at-bats). On August 31, 1970 he had been traded by the Atlanta Braves (430 at-bats). His card is based on his statistics for the California Angels, which greatly reduces his power hitting. This is another example of the shortcomings of APBA’s card for the last team played, compounded by the consequent necessity of giving a regular card to Ralph Garr (Atlanta Braves) who only had 96 at-bats for Atlanta. Similarly, George Brunet becomes a Pittsburgh Pirate XB (for whom he pitched 17 innings) despite having pitched 118 innings for the Washington Senators. As a Pirate, Burnet was rated as Grade D/C\* (XY)(W). Based on his season stats, he would probably have been a Grade D (Y). In addition, being carded on the basis of only five games, not 36, wiped out Burnet’s power numbers. For a full season, he would probably received (1,1). Based solely on his stint with the Pittsburgh Pirates, he did not receive any extra base hit numbers.” *[Donald L. Adams, letter, October 18, 1998.]*

A more confusing situation surrounds Tommy Davis. He had 213 at-bats for the Houston Astros before he was traded, on June 22<sup>nd</sup> to the Oakland Athletics, for whom he had 200 at-bats. On September 16<sup>th</sup>, he was traded to the Chicago Cubs. He is carded for the Cubs, for whom he had 42 at-bats. Oddly, his card is based upon his stats for the entire season.

The worst scenario for replayers is the absence of Hoyt Wilhelm, Dean Chance, and Mudcat Grant from *any* team this season. Wilhelm’s late season, September 21<sup>st</sup>, trade to the Chicago Cubs, for whom he pitched only three games, meant that his 78 innings in 50 relief games for Atlanta were for naught. This also happened to Hoyt in 1969 *[See 1969 Season]*. Chance pitched 155 innings for Cleveland and 2 innings for the New York Mets and is not carded because of a September 18<sup>th</sup> trade. Grant’s trade on September 14<sup>th</sup> effectively erased his 123 innings and a sizzling 1.83 ERA for the Atlanta Braves, who really missed their A\* ace. His eight games for Pittsburgh changed those numbers to 135 innings and 1.87 ERA, but he wasn’t carded. *[contributed by Pete Simonelli]*.

### **AJ Replay:**

1970 NL + AL                      by Tom Simon (November 1977, pp. 19-20).

# 1970 [R] Season

Teams: NL-12 AL-12 (12 on 42)  
Cards per Team: 25  
XBs: No M/S: Yes  
Print Style: IX, Variety 10, Format: e  
Back TWO  
Published: July 1992

Baseball Park Factor Chart: Yes

*This big man should have had a "Born to DH" tattooed on his biceps. He never looked that comfortable in the field, but boy, could he hit the ball! In 1970 he clocked in at .366, which is really remarkable for a guy who could not run, and he became the first man ever to win a starting spot in the All-Star Game through the write-in vote.*

Bats: Right Throws: Right  
Height: 6-2 Weight: 190  
Born: 9-1-39 San Pedro, D. R.

Ricardo Adolfo Jacobo  
"Rico"

**CARTY**

(S) Outfielder (1)

11- 5	31- 8	51- 8
12- 25	32- 26	52- 27
13- 14	33- 6	53- 16
14- 30	34- 31	54- 32
15- 7	35- 9	55- 7
16- 28	36- 33	56- 14
21- 14	41- 24	61- 24
22- 7	42- 12	62- 14
23- 13	43- 29	63- 31
24- 40	44- 7	64- 9
25- 8	45- 14	65- 35
26- 24	46- 13	66- 1

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*This season's cards do not have "Major League" printed inside the baseball logo on the back of the cards. [See 1986 Season.]*

*The new (ZZ) pitchers' control rating is applicable to this season. [See "Glossary"].*

## Miscellany:

Dave Leonhard (Baltimore Orioles) and Mike Davison (San Francisco Giants) are pitchers who each received 16 (14)s and 15 (13)s.

Brooks Robinson (Baltimore Orioles) is a (3B-6).

Ken Tatum (California Angels) and Roberto Rodriguez (Chicago Cubs) are pitchers who each received (1,1,1) power. .

Jim Fregosi (California Angels) and Don Kessinger (Chicago Cubs) are rated (SS-10).

Johnny Bench (Cincinnati Reds) and Willie McCovey (San Francisco Giants) have (0,0,0,1,1) power.

Of all the APBA teams which can field a player rated (F)[ast] at every position, the California Angels this season has the record for the most such players, 14. Among the 14, they have three pitchers and catcher Chico Ruiz.

The Pittsburgh Pirates have 11 players (three of them pitchers) rated (F)[ast], and these players can be configured into an all (F) team.

Danny Murphy (Chicago White Sox, pitcher) has four (1)s.

Fred Gladding (Houston Astros, pitcher) received 29 (13)s. Other pitchers with major strikeout potential include: Sal Campisi (St. Louis Cardinals) 28 (13)s, Gary Waslewski (New York Yankees) 27 (13)s, Ron Taylor (New York Mets) 25 (13)s and Jerry Reuss (St. Louis Cardinals) 23 (13)s.

Roberto Clemente (Pittsburgh Pirates) received the highest MG Rating of  $Ar[m]=40$ .

Gary Ross (San Diego Padres, pitcher) received 16 hit-numbers.

Alan Mitchell Edward George Patrick Henry "Dirty Al" Gallagher (San Francisco Giants) may have received the longest name on an APBA baseball card. [*see "Bruno Betzel" in 1916 Season*].

Louis Tiant (Minnesota Twins, pitcher) has 15 hit-numbers, including four (6)s and an (11).

Pitchers receiving (ZZ) ratings are: Ron Taylor (New York Mets), Dick Hall (Baltimore Orioles) and Fritz Peterson (New York Yankees).

The leading base stealers for this season are: A25 John Jeter (Pittsburgh Pirates) and C31 Bert Campaneris (Oakland Athletics).

Dick Allen (St. Louis Cardinals) has an  $Ar[m]=23$ .

# 1970 [RR] Season

Teams: NL-12 AL-12 (12 on 26)

Cards per Team: 25

XBs: No M/S: Yes

Print Style: XII, Variety 17, Format: j

Back TWO

Published: 2005 (copyright 2004)

XCs: NL-131 AL-118

Print Style: XII, Variety 17, Format: j

Back: TWO

Published: 2005

Baseball Park Factor Chart: Yes (Staffa)

*Sweet-swinging Billy Williams had his best season*

*in 1970, leading the NL in hits and runs and finishing second to MVP Johnny Bench in home runs and RBIs. Playing on losing Cub teams throughout most of his career, he consistently put up excellent numbers, but was eclipsed by his more famous teammates: Ernie Banks, Ron Santo and Fergie Jenkins. From September 1963 to September 1970 he played in 1,117 consecutive games, a league record which was later broken by Steve Garvey. A lifetime .290 hitter, Williams hit 426 homers and drove in 1,475 runs. He was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1987.*

## Corrections:

Danny Coombs ( San Diego Padres) should be "Throws: Right."

Andy Etchebarren (Baltimore Orioles) should not be (F).

Tommy Helms (Cincinnati Reds) should have 53-(18)-(6), not 53-(8)-(6).

Joel Horlen (Chicago White Sox) should be (F) and should not have an (\*).

Jerry Kenney (New York Yankees) should have 13-(14), not 13-(40).

Rich Severson (Kansas City Royals) should have 44-(8)-(4), not 44-(8)-(14).

## Miscellany:

There are only two Grade A starting pitchers, Jim Palmer (MG=15) (Baltimore Orioles) and Bob Gibson (MG=15) (St. Louis Cardinals).

Ken Sanders (MG=20\*) of the Milwaukee Brewers is an A&C\*. There are 17 A\* relievers.

Dick Hall (Baltimore Orioles), Fritz Peterson (New York Yankees) and Ron Taylor (New York Mets) are

Billy Leo <b>WILLIAMS</b> (F) Outfielder (2)										
YR	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	SB	BA	SLG	OBP
70	161	636	137	205	42	129	7	.322	.586	.391
Bats: Left		Throws: Right								
Height: 6-1		Weight: 175								
Born: 6-15-38 Whistler, AL										
11-	1	31-	8	51-	8					
12-	25	32-	26	52-	27					
13-	14	33-	4	53-	16					
14-	30	34-	31	54-	32					
15-	10	35-	9	55-	7					
16-	28	36-	33	56-	13					
21-	32	41-	24	61-	40					
22-	6	42-	9	62-	32					
23-	26	43-	29	63-	31					
24-	13	44-	7	64-	14					
25-	8	45-	14	65-	35					
26-	12	46-	29	66-	1					
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(ZZ) pitchers.

The brothers Perry, Gaylord (San Francisco Giants) and Jim (Minnesota Twins) were tied for games won in their respective leagues.

Johnny Bench (Cincinnati Reds) and Willie McCovey (San Francisco Giants) have (0,0,0,1,1) power. Billy Williams (Chicago Cubs) has (1,1,4,6) and back-up catcher Jake Gibbs (New York Yankees) has (1,4,5,5). Ritchie Allen (St. Louis Cardinals) has (1,1,4,5). Hank Aaron (Atlanta Braves) has (1,1,5,6) and Rico Carty (Atlanta Braves) has (1,5,6).

The leading base stealers are:

A25 Johnny Jeter (Pittsburgh Pirates)  
B29 Bobby Tolan (Cincinnati Reds)  
C31 Bert Campaneris (Oakland Athletics).

Matty Alou (Pittsburgh Pirates) and Jesus Alou (Houston Astros) have no (13)s. Big brother Felipe (Oakland Athletics) has only one (13).

There are 19 players with three (31)s. Two teams have three players with three (31)s: (Pittsburgh Pirates): Matty Alou, Dave Cash and Roberto Clemente and the (Baltimore Orioles): Davey Johnson, Brooks Robinson and Chico Salmon,

The Chicago Cubs, Los Angeles Dodgers and Baltimore Orioles have Fielding One. The Atlanta Braves, California Angels, Detroit Tigers, Minnesota Twins and Oakland Athletics need a (P-2) to make Fielding One.

Bill Freehan (Detroit Tigers) and Johnny Bench (Cincinnati Reds) are (C-9)s.

Joe Pepitone (Chicago Cubs), Wes Parker (Los Angeles Dodgers) and Rich Reese (Minnesota Twins) are (1B-5)s. Pepitone played more games in the outfield than at first base and consequently does not have a (41).

There are no (2B-9)s.

Don Kessinger of the Chicago Cubs and Jim Fregosi of the California Angels are (SS-10).

Clete Boyer of the Atlanta Braves and Brooks Robinson of the Baltimore Orioles are (3B-6).

Roberto Clemente of the Pittsburgh Pirates has  $Ar(m)=40$ .

APBA used a new printer for this set, and had some problems. Although the set has a 2004 copyright date, it did not appear until April 2005. The font used for long names varies. The line with the first name and nickname and the line with the speed and fielding ratings are bold face on some players cards. For example, Pail Blair (Baltimore Orioles) has these lines in bold face, but Don Buford (Baltimore Orioles) does not.



# 1971 Season

Teams: NL-12 AL-12 (12 on 62)  
Cards per Team: 20  
XBs: 4/team M/S: No  
Print Style: VII Format: c  
XB Print Style: VII Format: c  
Back ONE  
XB Back: ONE  
Published: 1972

Baseball Park Factor Chart: No

*Every endeavor has its champion of champions: in baseball it's Babe Ruth, and in APBA cards it's Sparky Lyle. This card holds the all-time record for the most hit-numbers - 21, most (8)s - 6, and most (9)s - 4. It also must hold a host of other records, such as "play result on dice roll 41 that's most annoying to opposing managers with a grade B pitchers (i.e., a hit!). By the way, the card making technicians among you may be wondering why the extra (8)s and (9)s? Frankly, we have no idea.*

*As a result of Ron Hunt's 50 HBP this season, APBA introduces the (42) to replace the (22) to reproduce HBP statistics. "--- the (42) Hit By Pitch result? Ron Hunt was responsible for that change." ["A Candid Conversation with J. Richard Seitz" APBA Journal, September 1985, p. 10]. In addition, the (42) was used experimentally in the second-column on two players. [See below].*

*The "classic" APBA XBs are printed with the familiar blue back with a baseball and APBA logo. The face is identical in style to the regular cards. They are four in number, perforated and have to be manually separated.*

*This is the final season for the Washington Senators before they move west and become the Texas Rangers.*

## Rules Changes:

This is the first year that protective headgear is required for all batters.

## Corrections:

Bernie Allen (Washington Senators) should have 62-(12)-(6), not 62-(32)-(6).

Nelson Briles (Pittsburgh Pirates) should have 15-(8)-(1) and 16-(28)-(6), not 15-(8)-(6) and 16-(28)-(1).

Bats: **Left**      Throws: **Left**  
Height: **6-1**      Weight: **195**  
Born: **7-22-44**      DuBois, Penna.

**Albert Walter**

**"Sparky"**

**LYLE**

**Grade B\* Pitcher (1)(Y)**

11- <b>7</b>	31- <b>7</b>	51- <b>7</b>
12- <b>25</b>	32- <b>26</b>	52- <b>27</b>
13- <b>8</b>	33- <b>7</b>	53- <b>21</b>
14- <b>30</b>	34- <b>31</b>	54- <b>32</b>
15- <b>7</b>	35- <b>7</b>	55- <b>7</b>
16- <b>28</b>	36- <b>33</b>	56- <b>34</b>
21- <b>8</b>	41- <b>9</b>	61- <b>8</b>
22- <b>7</b>	42- <b>8</b>	62- <b>12</b>
23- <b>23</b>	43- <b>29</b>	63- <b>9</b>
24- <b>9</b>	44- <b>7</b>	64- <b>8</b>
25- <b>7</b>	45- <b>36</b>	65- <b>35</b>
26- <b>8</b>	46- <b>9</b>	66- <b>7</b>



Al Gallagher (San Francisco Giants) should have 44-(7)-(1), not 44-(8)-(1).

Al Oliver (Pittsburgh Pirates) should have 62-(1)-(2), not 62-(26)-(2).

Steve Renko (Montreal Expos) should have 26-(13)-(6) and 62-(12)-(6), not 26-(30)-(6) and 62-(13)-(6).

Joe Hoerner (Philadelphia Phillies) should have 24-(13) and 62-(12), not 24-(27) and 62-(13).

Denny Doyle (Philadelphia Phillies) should have 62-(12)-(6), not 62-(30)-(6).

Lloyd Allen (California Angels) should add a (W) control rating.

Larry Biittner (Washington Senators XB) has his name incorrectly spelled with only one “ t “. *[contributed by John Sutter].*

### **Opinions:**

Two players, Bob Burda (St. Louis Cardinals) and Wayne Garrett (New York Mets) received second-column (42)s. This is the only time that APBA utilized this innovation. However, because (42) is not a hit, the inclusion of (42)s in the second-column makes a correct batting average hard to reproduce.

It is difficult to understand how Bob Gibson (St. Louis Cardinals) could be rated (P-1) in his Gold Glove year.

Jose Cruz (St. Louis Cardinals), an outfielder, received the (41) RPN which is usually reserved for first basemen. *[Bob Knight, APBA Journal, (April 1974), p. 10.]* “Since, outfielder Cruz already had a (40), the (41) should probably be a (31).” *[Bob Henry, APBA Journal, May 1978, p. 16.]*

### **Miscellany:**

“APBA seems to be a little (29) crazy in 1971. In addition to the usual 43-(29), check out where the extra (29)s were placed on the following:

#### **Pittsburgh Pirates:**

Richie Hebner 23-(29)  
Bill Mazeroski 56-(29)  
Vic Davalillo 61-(29)  
Dace Guisti 41-(29) and 46-(29)

#### **Philadelphia Phillies:**

Larry Bowa 23-(29)  
Oscar Gamble 23-(29)  
Billy Wilson 23-(29)  
Denny Dole 63-(29)  
John Vukovich 64-(29)

*[Bob Zambanini, e-mail, October 16, 1998].*

Terry Forster (Chicago White Sox XB, pitcher) received a card with 16 hit-numbers: (6,6,6,6,6,6,7,7,7,8,8,8,8,9,9).

Bobby Pheil (Philadelphia Phillies XB) has 6 positions, not pitcher, listed on his card.

Dick Allen (Los Angeles Dodgers) received a (21), the error number usually reserved for pitchers and utility infielders, as his only error number. He also received RPN (36), which is usually assigned to a catcher, he was rated as (3B-3)(OF-1)(1B-2).

Sparky Lyle (Boston Red Sox, pitcher) has 21 hit-numbers: 11(7)s, 6(8)s and 4(9)s, for his 3 for 3 season. *[See card illustration above].*

Because of a trade on August 10<sup>th</sup>, Bob Miller is rated as a Grade A&C\* pitcher for the Pittsburgh Pirates (16 innings). He pitched 38 innings for the San Diego Padres. For the sake of our sanity, we will just disregard the 2 innings he pitched, earlier in the season, for the Chicago Cubs,. *[contributed by Pete Simonelli].*

Bill Melton (Chicago White Sox) was issued a card for the 1971 season (.263 BA) which is identical to his 1970 season card (.269 BA), except for the relocation of the (12).

Don Eddy (Chicago White Sox XB, pitcher) received 15 (6)s.

Steve Barber (Atlanta Braves XB, pitcher) has 23 (13)s.

Brooks Robinson (Baltimore Orioles) is a (3B-6).

Wayne Granger (Cincinnati Reds), in addition to being a Grade B\* (Z) pitcher, has four (1)s and four (14)s.

Dean Chance (Detroit Tigers), Bill Butler (Kansas City Royals) and Don McMahon (San Francisco Giants) are pitchers who have 24 (13)s.

Leo Cardenas (Minnesota Twins) is a (SS-10).

In a rare occurrence for pitchers, Gary Peters (Boston Red Sox) and Bob Gibson (St. Louis Cardinals) received two (31)s. *[Bob Henry, "APBA Trivia", AJ, February 1989, p. 26].*

Frank Linzy (St. Louis Cardinals) is a Grade A\* pitcher, and has 16 hit-numbers on his card, including 11(7)s.

The San Diego Padres have 12 players rated (F)[ast]. The team lacks a catcher to field an all (F) team.

The Pittsburgh Pirates and the New York Yankees each have 10 (F)[ast] players that can be configured into an all (F) team.

Eddie Watt (Baltimore Orioles, pitcher) has no hit-numbers on his card but has 6 (14)s.



# 1971R Season

Teams: NL -12 AL - 12 ( 12 on 12)

Cards per Team: 25 XBs: no M/S: yes

Print Style: IX, Variety 10 Format: 'e'

Back TWO

Published: July 1993

In a storied eighteen-year career, 1971 was Joe Torre's year, despite being moved to thirdbase at the start of the season. It's the only year that he ever lead the league in anything. And he did so spectacularly this season by claiming two legs of the Triple crown (.363 BA and 137 RBIs), leading the League in total bases (352) and total hits (230), and earning MVP honors. A quarter of a century later he will again win laurels, but this time as manager of a storied franchise.

This season has the new, dual-ratings for the Batting Characteristic (BC) and the new (ZZ) control-rating available for pitchers. [See "Glossary" in Appendices.]

## Miscellany:

According to APBA, there was a total of eight hundred and twenty-eight players in both leagues this season. [letter from APBA/MMI, 22 September 1997]

Some cards in the set have a very faint red ink impression on them, resulting in cards which look as though the ink used is pink.

Leo Cardenas (Kansas City Royals) is rated as a Shortstop - 10 (SS - 10).

Brooks Robinson (Baltimore Orioles) is rated a Thirdbase - 6 (3B-6).

Bats: **Right** Throws: **Right**  
Height: **6-1** Weight: **205**  
Born: **7-18-40 Brooklyn, N. Y.**

**Joseph Paul**  
"Joe"

**TORRE**

(S) **Thirdbaseman (3)**

11- 0-1	31- 8-6	51- 8-6
12- 12-8	32- 26-8	52- 25-8
13- 14-6	33- 0-2	53- 20-6
14- 30-7	34- 31-7	54- 32-7
15- 7-2	35- 8-6	55- 7-2
16- 28-6	36- 14-6	56- 34-6
21- 13-6	41- 24-8	61- 24-6
22- 0-2	42- 9-6	62- 22-6
23- 27-6	43- 29-6	63- 31-6
24- 39-6	44- 7-2	64- 9-6
25- 7-5	45- 14-6	65- 35-8
26- 13-6	46- 13-6	66- 1-1

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The Detroit Tigers can field a team with eight positions (all but the pitcher) with a '1' at '66'. Ike Brown, Richard McAuliffe, and James Jones share duties at 2B, 3B, and shortstop.

The Pittsburgh Pirates have eleven players, and the New York Yankees have ten, rated (F)[ast], and each of them can be configured into an all-(F)[ast] team. (They have ten players in 1971 season and '71 Pirates ( each of which has only a twenty-man roster).

Pitchers rated as A&C\*: Steve Mingori (Cleveland Indians; MG = 22\*) and Robert Miller (Pittsburgh Pirates; MG = 21\*).

Sonny Siebert (Boston Red Sox, pitcher) has 1,1,5,6,7,8,8,8,9,9 power on his card, while his teammate, Sparky Lyle) has eight 7s on his.

Long-Named-Players Department: Allan Mitchell Edward George Patrick Henry "Dirty Al" Gallagher (San Francisco Giants) once again receives a card, as he does in 1970R, 1972R, and 1973R. [See Card Identification: Style IX, Variety 8; and also see 1916 season: "Bruno" Betzel.]

Willie Stargell (Pittsburgh Pirates) and Hank Aaron (Atlanta Braves) have 1,1,0,0,0 power.

Bobby Pfeil (Philadelphia Phillies XB) is rated to play all positions (except pitcher).

Players with high BC: Willie Smith (Cincinnati Reds): SA - 10 / - 0; Rich Chiles (Houston Astros: SA - 9 / - 0; Cesar Geromino (Houston Astros): SA - 9 / - 1; and Hal King (Atlanta Braves): PR - 9 / + 1.

Pitchers rated (ZZ): Dick Hall (Baltimore Orioles, reliever); Fritz Peterson (New York Mets), Steve Hamilton (San Francisco Giants, reliever); Ferguson Jenkins (Chicago Cubs) [with 1,5,5,6 power], and Ron Taylor (New York Mets, reliever) [*corrections to the first names of Hall and Peterson contributed by John Olsen.*]

Roberto Clemente (Pittsburgh Pirates) is rated with an  $Ar[m] = 38$ . This is the first re-issue season in eleven years (1960R - 1970R) that he wasn't rated with the unique  $Ar[m] = 40$ . He will receive that highest  $Ar[m]$  grade for the next (his last) season, in both the 1972 and 1972R versions.

The base-stealers for this season are: C33: Amos Otis (Kansas City Royals); C30: Lou Brock (St. Louis Cardinals), Freddie Patek (Kansas City Royals); E35: Dave Kingman (San Francisco Giants) [E36 in '71 Giants].

Players rated with  $Ar[m] = 23$ : Alex Johnson (California Angels) and Carlos May (Chicago White Sox).

**AJ Article:**

"APBA's Summer Baseball Releases -- 1935, 1946, 1965[R], 1971[R]: the Streak, the Dash, the Brawl, and the Bucs." by Ron Marshall (July 30 1993), pp. 1, 14, 29.

# 1972 Season

Teams: NL - 12 AL - 12 (12 on 24)  
 Cards per Team: 20 XBs: 4 M/S: yes (1979)  
 Print Style: VII Format: 'c' Back ONE  
 Published: 1973

The Cardinals' late season trades (see below) necessitated, among other things, that Jorge and his 67 at-bats receive a regular card, when he otherwise would have received an XB, if anything. This wonderful rally-killer is based on a .104 average. Lest you feel that he got a bad break, (being carded on the basis of scant statistics) be aware that his lifetime average was .137.

Bats: **Right** Throws: **Right**  
 Height: **5-10** Weight: **185**  
 Born: **4-28-50** Ponce, Puerto Rico

Jorge  
**ROQUE**

(F) Outfielder (1)

11- <b>0-1</b>	31- <b>13-2</b>	51- <b>13-1</b>
12- <b>25-6</b>	32- <b>26-6</b>	52- <b>27-6</b>
13- <b>13-2</b>	33- <b>8-1</b>	53- <b>16-2</b>
14- <b>30-6</b>	34- <b>31-6</b>	54- <b>32-6</b>
15- <b>10-1</b>	35- <b>13-2</b>	55- <b>14-1</b>
16- <b>28-6</b>	36- <b>33-2</b>	56- <b>34-6</b>
21- <b>30-6</b>	41- <b>24-6</b>	61- <b>24-6</b>
22- <b>9-1</b>	42- <b>13-2</b>	62- <b>13-2</b>
23- <b>13-6</b>	43- <b>29-6</b>	63- <b>32-6</b>
24- <b>12-6</b>	44- <b>14-1</b>	64- <b>13-2</b>
25- <b>14-1</b>	45- <b>40-2</b>	65- <b>35-6</b>
26- <b>24-6</b>	46- <b>24-6</b>	66- <b>0-1</b>

APBA began the regular use of second column 11s with this season. (The first appearance of 11s in the second column was 1963 Choo Choo Coleman.)

This is the only season that has one '31' issued to position players. Since 1958 (when the hit-and-run play was standardized), two '31s' are the norm.

The card of a player traded between leagues is still based solely on the statistics of the league that he ended the season playing in, which obviously resulted in 'monster' and distorted cards. The cards of Matty Alou (St. Louis Cardinals to Oakland Athletics), Duke Sims (Los Angeles Dodgers to Detroit Tigers), Woody Fryman (Philadelphia Phillies to Detroit Tigers), Dal Maxvill (St. Louis Cardinals to Oakland Athletics) and others resulted in much comment about the cards which prompted a change in policy the next year. [See Bob Henry [AJ](#) (August 1984), p. 12, and (June 1989), p. 26.]

## Corrections:

# Lloyd Allen (California Angels) should have a (W) control rating.

# Steve Mingori (Cleveland Indians) should have a Master Game rating of Ar[m] = 30.

# Steve Renko (Montreal Expos XB) should have a Master Game rating of Ar[m] = 33.

This is his second consecutive recognized error. [See 1971 Season.]

# Curt Blefary (San Diego Padres XB) should have MG ratings of P[assed] B[all] = 2 and Th[rough to second] = - 4.

# Joe Hoerner (Atlanta Braves) should be a D\* Grade pitcher (not Grade D).

To agree with his MG rating of '12', Tommy John (Los Angeles Dodgers) should be a Grade B pitcher (not Grade C).

Duke Sims (Detroit Tigers) benefits greatly from APBA's policy of carding a player for the team for which he last played. Duke, who normally was a low-average hitter, hit .316 in ninety-eight at-bats "down the stretch, helping the Tigers to the 1972 division crown." On the basis of this is received 1,6,7,7,7,8,8,8,8,9,9 with six 14s, which is impossible for a .241 batting average for 1972. Earlier in this season, he had one-hundred-and-fifty-one at-bats and hit only .192 for the Los Angeles Dodgers, but these stats were disregarded.

Luis Tiant (Boston Red Sox) is rated as an Grade A starter only, despite more than half of his appearances (24 of 43 games) were in a relief capacity. He should be a split-grade pitcher (A/A\*).

#### **Miscellany:**

This season did not start in April, because of a players' strike which started on April Fools Day. Eighty-six games will be canceled before the strike is settled.

Vida Blue (Oakland Athletics, pitcher) has twenty-one 13s on his card.

Relievers rated A&C\*: Ramon Hernandez (Pittsburgh Pirates; MG = 21\* [20\* in 1972R]), James Brewer (Los Angeles Dodgers; MG = 23\* [24\* in 1972R]), Mike Marshall (Montreal Expos; MG = 21\* [20\* in 1972R]), Tug McGraw (New York Mets; MG = 21\* [20\* in 1972R]), and Darold Knowles (Oakland Athletics; MG = 24\*, the same rating as in 1972R and OFAS III: Oakland Athletics).

To resolve the controversy concerning Steve Carlton's A&C rating [MG = 22], several proponents of Carlton receiving a Grade A&B rating decided to replay his season. Bob Knight, Mike Frischberg, and Pete Simonelli independently concluded that the A&C rating is accurate, and the A&B option would not reproduce Carlton's season accurately. By the way, he will receive a MG = 21 rating in 1972R. [See [AJ](#) (November 1973), p. 13.]

Bob Locker (Oakland Athletics, pitcher) has twelve 14s and fourteen 13s on his card.

Like the reissue version of this season, the Pittsburgh Pirates have eleven players rated (F)[ast] and can configure them into an all-(F)[ast] team.



Terry Forster (Chicago White Sox, pitcher) has four hit-numbers in a row: 61-9 62-8 63-9 and 64-8 (or **six consecutive** on-base numbers, if you add in the 55-7 and the 56 -14). His card has six 7s, **six 8s, four 9s**, one 11, one 10 (totaling eighteen hit-numbers) and two 14s for his .526 BA for 1972 (10 hits in 19 at-bats).

Don Durham (St. Louis Cardinals, XB pitcher) has five 1s among the eighteen hit-numbers on his card. He went 7 for 14 with two homeruns. He received APBA's first quintuple '1' card.

Brooks Robinson (Baltimore Orioles) is rated as a Thirdbaseman - 6 (3B-6).

Feast or famine pitching staff: The best starter for the Philadelphia Phillies is Steve Carlton, who is rated an A&C, while no other Phillies starter is rated better than Grade D.

Pete Richert (Los Angeles Dodgers, pitcher) received sixteen hit-numbers.

Ed Brinkman (Detroit Tigers) is rated as a Shortstop - 10 (SS-10).

Pete Mikkelsen (Los Angeles Dodgers, pitcher) received twenty-four 13s on his card.

Bob Henry is of the opinion that, as in 1967, this season seems to have too many high-grade pitchers, which will result in low batting averages in a replay.

Lindy McDaniel (New York Yankees, pitcher) received 1,1,1,1,7,7 power numbers.

Don Baylor (Baltimore Orioles) received a card with two 9s, and one 8.

Roberto Clemente (Pittsburgh Pirates) is the **only** APBA-carded player to receive the MG rating of **Ar[m] = 40**. (He also received this unique rating in: ATC; OFAS: Pittsburgh Pirates; HOF; '60 Pirates: GTP #43; 1960R, 1961R, 1962R, 1963R, 1964R, 1965R, 1966R, 1967R, 1968R, 1969R, 1970R, and 1972R Pittsburgh Pirates.)

In the opposite direction from Clemente, the Chicago White Sox have four players in a row (on the lineup sheet and the M/S card) with extremely low Ar[m] ratings: Walt Williams: 24; Mike Andrews: 24; Dick Allen: 22; and Carlos May: 22

Mickey Scott (Baltimore Orioles, pitcher) received eighteen 14s on his card.

The Texas Rangers can achieve only 29 points of fielding, even by using their best-rated players.

Steve Dunning (Cleveland Indians, pitcher) received 1,1,1,6,7 power numbers.

Because of the Company policy of assigning players to the team for which they last played, replayers will have trouble with the 1972 Cardinals. Dwain Anderson at shortstop played in only 43 games, Ed Crosby at third played only 14 games, and Joe Torre played only

27 games at first. St. Louis traded away their regular shortstop (Dal Maxvill) and an outfielder (Matty Alou to the Oakland Athletics, and their regular firstbaseman (Joe Hague) to the Cincinnati Reds, resulting in what Bob Henry calls a "musical chairs" situation as one attempts to fill these positions with the carded players. The same situation re-occurs in the 1972 re-issue. [See Bob Henry, AJ (May 1992), p. 26.]

Because of a 31 August trade, Frank Howard is assigned to the Detroit Tigers, for who he garnered 33 at-bats, despite having 287 at-bats with the Texas Rangers.

Don Rose (California Angels, pitcher) received 1,1,1 homerun potential.

Three Oakland pitchers (Ken Holtzman, Rollie Fingers, and Blue Moon Odom) finished their World-Series-winning season with identical 2.51 ERAs, and all received Grade B, despite being so very close to the 2.50 cut-off for Grade A. If they had been given a break, they would have become the first modern team with three Grade A starters, instead of having to wait nine years for the strike season 1981 Los Angeles Dodgers trio of Burt Hooton, Jerry Reuss, and Fernando Valenzuela. [contributed by Bob Henry]

Dave Leonhard (Baltimore Orioles, XB pitcher) received a card with ten 6s and ten 14s. [See his entry for 1972 R season.]

The base-stealers for this season are: B30: Lou Brock (St. Louis Cardinals), Joe Morgan (Cincinnati Reds); B29: Dave Nelson (Texas Rangers); B28: Cesar Cedeno (Houston Astros); C35: Don Baylor (Baltimore Orioles); C34: Bobby Bonds (San Francisco Giants), Enzo Hernandez (San Diego Padres); C32: Freddie Patek (Kansas City Royals); C30: Bert Campaneris (Oakland Athletics) [B30 in 1972R], Pat Kelly (Chicago White Sox); E36: Bill Fahey (Texas Rangers); E35: Vic Davalillo (Pittsburgh Pirates).

Although no season has been produced by APBA in which any of the result-numbers do not appear, this season comes closest with Leron Lee (San Diego Padres) receiving the only '3' in the set. [Bob Henry, AJ (February 1989), p. 26, and (August 1992), p. 26.]

Players with  $Ar[m] = 22$ : Dick Allen (Chicago White Sox) and Carlos May (Chicago White Sox). Players with  $Ar[m] = 23$ : Steve Garvey (Los Angeles Dodgers) and Alex Johnson (Cleveland Indians).

#### **Article:**

"'92 Rookies in New Card Set" by Jack Kohn APBA Innings (Vol. IV, no. 4; 28 February 1973), p. 8.

#### **AJ Replay:**

1972 AL by Daryl J. Hollis (January 1980), p. 5.

# 1972R Season

Teams: NL - 12 AL - 12 (12 on 64)  
 Cards per Team: 25 XBs: no M/S: yes  
 Print Style: IX, Variety 8 Format: 'e'  
 Back TWO  
 Published: January 1991

The last Clemente card, awarded at age 38, is entirely typical of him. The .312 average is five points below his lifetime BA. The MG Arm = 40 rating is entirely deserved, as there has probably never been a right fielder with a more impressive blend of strength and accuracy on his throws. He hit for extra-base power, but not for big homerun numbers. And he collected his 3000th hit rather magically in his last at bat before, in the service of his countrymen, he died.

Bats: **Right** Throws: **Right**  
 Height: **5-11** Weight: **180**  
 Born: **8-18-34 Carolina, P. R.**  
**Roberto Walker**  
**"Bob"**  
**CLEMENTE**  
**(F) Outfielder (3)**

11- 0-1	31- 8-2	51- 8-2
12- 25-8	32- 26-8	52- 27-8
13- 14-6	33- 0-1	53- 16-6
14- 30-7	34- 31-7	54- 32-7
15- 7-1	35- 9-2	55- 7-1
16- 28-6	36- 33-6	56- 13-6
21- 30-6	41- 24-6	61- 24-4
22- 0-1	42- 9-2	62- 40-6
23- 32-6	43- 29-6	63- 31-6
24- 13-6	44- 7-1	64- 12-2
25- 8-1	45- 14-6	65- 35-7
26- 24-6	46- 13-6	66- 0-1

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This season's cards do not have "Major League" printed inside the baseball logo on the back of the cards. [See 1986 Season.]

MG pitcher fatigue rating (Q-Factor) were issued on the M/S sheet.

This season has the (ZZ) control rating for pitchers. [See "Glossary" in Appendices.]

## Miscellany:

This season did not open in April because of a players' strike, which started April Fools Day. Eighty-six games will be lost before the strike is settled.

Roberto Clemente (Pittsburgh Pirates) is the only player ever to receive the MG rating of **Ar[m] = 40**. He also received this unique rating in: ATC; OFAS: Pittsburgh Pirates; HOF; '60 Pirates: GTP #43; 1960R, 1961R, 1962R, 1963R, 1964R, 1965R, 1966R, 1967R, 1968R, 1969R, 1970R, and 1972 Pittsburgh Pirates. [See above.]

In the opposite direction from Clemente, the Chicago White Sox have four players in a row on the lineup sheet and the M/S card with extremely low Ar[m] ratings: Walt Williams: 24; Mike Andrews: 24; Dick Allen: 22; and Carlos May: 22

Brooks Robinson (Baltimore Orioles) received a rating of Thirdbaseman - 6 (3B-6).

Like the original version of this season, the Pittsburgh Pirates have eleven players rated (F)[ast] and can configure them into an all-(F)[ast] team.

Pitchers receiving Grade A&C or A&C\*: Darold Knowles (Oakland Athletics, reliever; MG = 24\*, as he received in 1972 and OFAS III: Oakland Athletics), Jim Brewer (Los Angeles Dodgers, reliever; MG = 24\*, as he received in OFAS III: Los Angeles Dodgers; but 23\* in 1972), and Steve Carlton (Philadelphia Phillies; MG = 21, he received MG = 22 in 1972 original and OFAS: Philadelphia Phillies).

Ed Brinkman (Detroit Tigers) received a rating of Shortstop - 10 (SS-10).

For the problem with the St. Louis Cardinals in replay, see 1972 season .

No American League pitcher was rated as (ZZ). Pitchers in the National League rated (ZZ) are: Joe Hoerner (Atlanta Braves, reliever), Milt Pappas (Chicago Cubs), and Jim Willoughby (San Francisco Giants).

Alan Mitchell Edward George Patrick Henry "Dirty Al" Gallagher (San Francisco Giants) received a card, as he did in 1970R, 1971R and 1973R. [See Card Identification: Style IX, Variety 8; and also see 1916 season : "Bruno" Betzel.]

Pete Mikkelsen (Los Angeles Dodgers, pitcher) received twenty-five 13s.

Jim Fregosi (New York Mets) dropped from a Shortstop - 10 in 1970 and 1970R to a Shortstop - 7 this season.

Pitchers receiving unusual power numbers: Steve Dunning (Cleveland Indians): 1,1,1,6,7; Dave Leonhard (Baltimore Orioles): ten 6s and thirteen 14s; Lindy McDaniel (New York Yankees): 1,1,1,1,7,7,7; Don Rose (California Angels): 1,1,1; Terry Forster (Chicago White Sox): twenty hit-numbers [including twelve 7s, one 11, and two 10s; this card is reprinted in OFAS III]; Don Durham (St. Louis Cardinals): 1,1,1,1,1 [among eighteen hit numbers]; Pete Richert (Los Angeles Dodgers): seventeen hit-numbers [including twelve 7s]; and Tom Griffin (Houston Astros): 1,5,6,6,6,6.

Johnny Bench (Cincinnati Reds) has a MG rating of Th[rough to second] = +6.

Mickey Scott (Baltimore Orioles pitcher) received eighteen 14s on his card.

Jim Brewer (Los Angeles Dodgers, pitcher) received sixteen 14s on his card, as he did in the reissue in OFAS III: Los Angeles Dodgers. He received eight 14s in 1972.

The base-stealers for this season are: B30: Lou Brock (St. Louis Cardinals), Bert Campaneris (Oakland Athletics) [C30 in 1972], Joe

Morgan (Cincinnati Reds); B29: Dave Nelson (Texas Rangers); B28: Cesar Cedeno (Houston Astros); C35: Don Baylor (Baltimore Orioles); C34: Bobby Bonds (San Francisco Giants), Enzo Hernandez (San Diego Padres); C32: Freddie Patek (Kansas City Royals); C30: Pat Kelly (Chicago White Sox); E36: Bill Fahey (Texas Rangers), Joe Keough (Kansas City Royals) [notcarded in 1972 ], Billy North (Chicago Cubs); E35: Vic Davalillo (Pittsburgh Pirates).

Players with Ar[m] = 22: Dick Allen (Chicago White Sox) and Carlos May (Chicago White Sox).

Players with Ar[m] = 23: Steve Garvey (Los Angeles Dodgers) and Alex Johnson (Cleveland Indians).

### **AJ Articles:**

Ron Marshall, "1972 Revisited: The A's Have It." (March 1991), pp. 6 - 7. (includes: Injuries, Opening Day Rosters; and Player Transactions.)

"More Recommended Pitching Grades" (October 1991), p. 15.

### **AJ Replay**

1972 A. L. [ MG] by Peter Olson (#3 [31 May] 1998), pp. 27 - 29.

# 1973 Season

Teams: NL - 12 AL - 12 ( 12 on 46 ) Cards per  
Team: 20 XBs: 4 M/S: yes (1979) Print Style: VII  
Format: 'c' Back ONE  
Published: 1974

Wait a second, how does a 39-year-old man end up with triple 1s? This is just one of the many mysteries about Henry Aaron. He came up in 1954 as a singles and doubles hitter, looking, for the most part, to hit the ball to center and right. With each passing year, however, he taught himself to pull the ball and to uppercut it, until, with his extraordinary wrists and bat speed, he became a classic homerun hitter, hitting long majestic drives to left.

Bats: <b>Right</b>	Throws: <b>Right</b>	
Height: <b>6-0</b>	Weight: <b>180</b>	
Born: <b>2-5-34</b>	<b>Mobile, Alabama</b>	
<b>Henry Louis</b>		
<b>"Hank"</b>		
<b>AARON</b>		
<b>Outfielder (2)</b>		
11- <b>1</b>	31- <b>9</b>	51- <b>8</b>
12- <b>25</b>	32- <b>26</b>	52- <b>27</b>
13- <b>14</b>	33- <b>1</b>	53- <b>17</b>
14- <b>30</b>	34- <b>31</b>	54- <b>32</b>
15- <b>8</b>	35- <b>9</b>	55- <b>8</b>
16- <b>28</b>	36- <b>14</b>	56- <b>34</b>
21- <b>30</b>	41- <b>28</b>	61- <b>40</b>
22- <b>6</b>	42- <b>14</b>	62- <b>13</b>
23- <b>30</b>	43- <b>29</b>	63- <b>31</b>
24- <b>13</b>	44- <b>7</b>	64- <b>14</b>
25- <b>8</b>	45- <b>14</b>	65- <b>35</b>
26- <b>13</b>	46- <b>12</b>	66- <b>1</b>

APBA revived the use of 1s and 0s in combination in the first column. (This was first used experimentally in 1966.) The story behind this revival, as told by Bob Henry, is: "At the 1973 APBA Convention, organizer Ben Wisner saw the 1966 cards for the first time and noticed this peculiarity [double column 0s and 1s]. After he became editor of the APBA Journal, Ben commented in the Journal on this use and abandonment. His comments apparently revived memories at APBA, which began again to use the combination in the 1973 set." [A] (August [September 20] 1995), p. 30.]

APBA discontinues the practice of using three 10s on a card.

Henceforth, for players who played in both leagues during a season, APBA bases their cards on the statistics accumulated over that season in both leagues. (Bob Henry [August 1984, p. 24, and June 1989, p. 26.] points out that Matty Alou received a card for both leagues' statistics in this year when he was traded from the New York Yankees to the St. Louis Cardinals.) Prior to 1973, APBA based a player's card solely on his statistics for the league in which he finished the season. [See Peter Simonelli's article, "How Trades Affect APBA." A] (December 1975), pp. 8 - 9; and Bob Henry, A] (August 1992), p. 26.]

Because of the introduction of the designated hitter into the American League this season, APBA begins assigning 23s to shortstops. Otherwise, 23, which was previously assigned to pitchers, would never appear in the American League games.

Although the seasons card were published in 1974, it was not until 1979 that the Master Symbols card for the cards was issued.

## Corrections:

# Ellie Rodriguez (Milwaukee Brewers) should have 61-42.

# Ron Hunt (Montreal Expos) should have 16-28.

# Phil Gagliano (Cincinnati Reds) should have 66-6.

Dick Sharon (Detroit Tigers) is rated as a catcher (C-5), a position he never played.

Willie Mays (New York Mets) should probably not be an Outfielder - 1. His fielding percentage in 1973 is .991. In 1972, when he was rated Outfielder - 3, his fielding average was .974.

Cookie Rojas (Kansas City Royals) received an 11 on his card, but was not rated (F)[ast].

### **Miscellany:**

Brooks Robinson (Baltimore Orioles) is a Thirdbaseman - 6 (3B-6).

Pitchers receiving unusual power-numbers on their cards: ten 6s: Ken Holtzman (Oakland Athletics); twelve 2s: Ed Rodriguez (Milwaukee Brewers) for one triple in his only plate appearance; and 1,1,1,6: Mike Corkins (San Diego Padres) .

Felipe Alou played in 93 games (with 280 at-bats) for the New York Yankees, and was traded to the Montreal Expos where he played in 9 more, but was not issued a card.

His brother, Matty Alou played in 123 games (497 at-bats; .296 BA) for the New York Yankees before he was traded to the St. Louis Cardinals for whom he played in eleven games (and went 3 for 11) and for whom he received a card. With a 7 on 55, Matty Alou has a card based on statistics from both teams; yet his late season trade to the National League would have required, if APBA was consistent to their policy, to disregard the pre-trade statistics.

Dave Kingman (San Francisco Giants) received two error-numbers (21 and 19) and is rated as 3B-3, 1B-2, and P-1.

Rico Carty played for three teams (Texas Rangers, 306 at-bats before the 13 August trade; Chicago Cubs, 70 at-bats before the 11 September trade; and Oakland Athletics, 8 at-bats) and it is for Oakland XB that he is carded as an XB. In a similar case of mis-assignment, Duke Sims had 252 at-bats with the Detroit Tigers, but was carded, because of a 24 September trade, for the New York Yankees, for whom he had 9 at-bats.

Jim Kaat pitched 182 innings for the Minnesota Twins. Yet because of a 15 August trade he is carded as a Chicago White Sox, for whom he only pitched 43 innings. [contributed by Pete Simonelli]

Bob Jarvis (Montreal Expos) and John Lamb (Pittsburgh Pirates) are both XB pitchers with twenty-nine 13s on their cards.

[contributed by Bob Zambanini; e-mail: 1998 - 08 - 23]

The Pittsburgh Pirates have twelve players rated (F)[ast], including three pitchers. By playing Stennett in the outfield (so Oliver or Clines can play 1B) and with XB Parker also in the outfield, the Bucs can field an all-(F)[ast] team, as they can in the reissue of this season.

The San Diego Padres have only nine players rated (F)[ast] but can configure them into an all- (F)[ast] team. XB Locklear plays OF.

Doug Rader (Houston Astros) hit no triples in over 600 plate appearances in 1973, yet received 1,4,6 power-numbers. Johnny Bench (Cincinnati Reds) has the MG rating of Th[rough to second] = +6.

Cesar Geronimo (Cincinnati Reds) has a MG rating of Ar[m] = 39.

The Sample Cards for 1973 (Rusty Staub and Tom Seaver, both New York Mets) have their '12' located at 26 instead of the season-appropriate '46'.

Pitchers receiving more than fifteen hit-numbers-- eighteen: Don McMahon (San Francisco Giants); sixteen: Steve Blass (Pittsburgh Pirates) and Danny Frisella (Atlanta Braves).

Joe Morgan (Cincinnati Reds) received three 11s, one 10, and 1,5,6 power this season.

Hank Aaron (Atlanta Braves), who hit forty homeruns in 392 at-bats, has three 1s on his card, as does Hal King (Cincinnati Reds), who hit four home runs in 43 at-bats.

Don McMahon (San Francisco Giants, XB pitcher) is the only player rated (S[low] 1) this season (as he will also be in the reissue of this season).

Buzz Capra (New York Mets, pitcher) received a card with twelve 14s and seventeen 24s on it. (He has a 24 on 33!!) His hometown is Lancaster, PA. [contributed by Bob Knight]

The basestealers for this season are: B36: Cleo James (Chicago Cubs XB) [A35 in 1973R]; B31: Tommy Harper (Boston Red Sox) [C31 in 1973R], Joe Morgan (Cincinnati Reds) [C31 in 1973R]; B30: Lou Brock (St. Louis Cardinals) [C30 in 1973R], Cesar Cedeno (Houston Astros); B29: Mike Jorgensen (Montreal Expos); B28: Billy North (Oakland Athletics); C31: Dave Concepcion (Cincinnati Reds); C30: Don Baylor (Baltimore Orioles), Enzo Hernandez (San Diego Padres).

Rich Reese (Minnesota Twins) is one of the rare early XBs to receive the maximum rating for his fielding position; in his case it is Firstbaseman - 5. The 1966 season has three such XBs, and 1970 has one.

Cleo James (Chicago Cubs) received a card with four 11s.

Dick Dietz (Atlanta Braves) has a 'legitimate' nine 14s on his card. In a 139 at-bat season, he had forty-nine walks. He will receive nine '14s' in the reissue of this season.



Players receiving Ar[m] = 22: Dick Allen (Chicago White Sox) and Carlos May (Chicago White Sox). Players receiving Ar[m] = 23: Gates Brown (Detroit Tigers), Steve Garvey (Los Angeles Dodgers), and Alex Johnson (Texas Rangers).

**Articles:**

"APBA'S 1973 Set Has 92 Rookies." by Jack Kohn Table Sports Scoreboard (Vol. V, No. 4; February 1974), p. 3.

"Plying the Trade" by Ray Dunlap, Jr. AJ (June 1974), p. 6.

[plus "Correction" by Clem Comly AJ (November 1974), p. 15.]

**AJ Replays:**

1973 NL + AL by Kenneth C. Bailey (May 1982), pp. 7 - 8.

1973 NL [BG] by Brent Cline (October 1989), pp. 18 - 19.

by Daryl J. Hollis (August 1977), pp. 10 - 11.

1973 AL [BG] by Tom Hall (October 1984), pp. 17 - 18 (in progress);

(March 1986), pp. 21 - 22.

by John Lovin (August 1977), pp. 8 - 9.

# 1973R Season

Teams: NL -12 AL - 12 ( 12 on 42 )

Cards per Team: 25                      XBs: no    M/S: yes

Print Style: IX, Variety 10            Format: 'e'

Back TWO

Published: June 1994

This is his rookie card for his best season [6 - 5] in a nine-year career [39 - 81]. The 'Y' shows that he has the ability to throw a lot of strikes, but the 'D' tells the true destiny of this much-traveled righty. Like any Grade D pitcher, his moments of brilliance on the mound will never overcome his procession of seasons with single-digit wins and double-digit losses. By 1975 he will also qualify for a 'W', and in 1977 he qualifies for the expansion Toronto Blue Jays.

Bats: **Right**                      Throws: **Right**  
Height: **6-3**                      Weight: **188**  
Born: **3-3-50 Midlothian, Va.**

Jesse Harrison

**JEFFERSON**

Grade D Pitcher (1) (Y)

11- 8	31- 13	51- 13
12- 25	32- 26	52- 27
13- 13	33- 9	53- 13
14- 30	34- 31	54- 32
15- 13	35- 13	55- 36
16- 28	36- 33	56- 34
21- 13	41- 24	61- 13
22- 21	42- 12	62- 13
23- 29	43- 29	63- 32
24- 13	44- 23	64- 13
25- 13	45- 14	65- 35
26- 13	46- 13	66- 7

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This season has the new, dual-ratings for the Batting Characteristic (BC), the new (ZZ) control-rating available for pitchers(though none qualify), and the new APBA logo on its envelopes. [See "Glossary" in Appendices.]

## Miscellany:

According to APBA, there was a total of eight hundred and twenty-one players in both leagues this season.

(letter to author from APBA/MMI, 22 September 1997)

Players with large BC: SA -10 / -0: Johnny Stephenson (California Angels); Harold King (Cincinnati Reds); SA -9 / +2:

Rudi May (California Angels, pitcher); Mickey Scott (Montreal Expos, pitcher); Ron Hodges (New York Mets); SA -9 / + 1:

Ben Oglivie (Boston Red Sox); SA -9 / -0: Charlie Day (Montreal Expos); Jim Howarth (San Francisco Giants); Jim Dwyer (St. Louis Cardinals).

Alan Mitchell Edward George Patrick Henry "Dirty Al" Gallagher (California Angels) received a card, as he did in 1970R, 1971R and 1972R. [See " Style IX, Variety 8" in Card Identification; and also see 1916 season: "Bruno" Betzel.]

Hank Aaron (Atlanta Braves) received a card with 1,1,1,6 power.

As in the original version of this card, Dick Dietz (Atlanta Braves) has nine 14s on his card.

Johnny Bench (Cincinnati Reds) is rated as a Th[rough to second] = +6 catcher.

Cleo "Slick" James (Chicago Cubs) received a St[eam] rating of A35, to go with his Sp[eed] rating of (F[ast]18). He also received a 10, an 11, and a 14\* on his card

The Pittsburgh Pirates can field an all-(F[ast]) team from the thirteen players rated (F[ast]), one more than in the original version of this team. The Philadelphia Phillies have a like number, but lack a (F[ast]) catcher.

Cesar Geronimo (Cincinnati Reds) is an outfielder rated with a 39 Ar[m].

Andy Kosco (Cincinnati Reds) has 1,1,0,0,0 power numbers.

Cesar Cedeno (Houston Astros) received a card with three 11s, a 10, and 1,4,5,6 power.

The only pitchers rated A&C or A&C\* is John Hiller (Detroit Tigers) [MG = 22\*]

There are no pitchers rated (ZZ) this season.

Brooks Robinson (Baltimore Orioles) is rated as a Thirdbase - 6 (3B-6).

The New York Yankees have a pitching staff in which eight of the nine pitchers are rated (Z).

Don McMahon (San Francisco Giants, pitcher) is the only player this season rated (S[low] 1).

The Los Angeles Dodgers have five Grade B [or better] starters: Don Sutton (A), Andy Messersmith, Claude Osteen, Tommy John, and Al Downing. This staff also has three Grade B\* relievers: Jim Brewer, Pete Richert, and Charlie Hough.

The Texas Rangers have a pitching staff composed of nine Grade D (or D\*), and one Grade C [MG = 9].

Billy North (Oakland Athletics) has a card with three 11s on it.

The base-stealers for this season are: A35: Cleo James (Chicago Cubs [but B36 in 1973]), B30: Cesar Cedeno (Houston Astros), C31: Dave Concepcion (Cincinnati Reds), Tommy Harper (Boston Red Sox [but B31 in 1973]), and Joe Morgan (Cincinnati Reds [but B31 in 1973]), C30: Don Baylor (Baltimore Orioles) and Lou Brock (St. Louis Cardinals [but B30 in 1973]).

Players receiving the MG rating of  $Ar[m] = 22$ : Dick Allen (Chicago White Sox) and Carlos May (Chicago White Sox). Players receiving the MG rating of  $Ar[m] = 23$ : Gates Brown (Detroit Tigers), Steve Garvey (Los Angeles Dodgers), and Alex Johnson (Texas Rangers).

**AJ Articles:**

"Baseball in 1973: A Personal Look Back." by Michael Hazen (Issue #6 [August 10], 1994), pp. 17 - 21. [includes Opening Day Rosters and 1973 Roster Transactions.]

"The Andrews Case: Was Finley Right?" by Eric Naftaly (Issue # 6 [August 10], 1994, p. 19.

# 1974 Season

Teams: NL - 12 AL - 12 (12 on 21)  
 Cards per Team: 20 XBs: 4 M/S: yes (1979)  
 Print Style: VII Format: 'd' Back ONE  
 Published: 1975

*This is without a shadow of a doubt, the most unusual APBA baseball card ever printed, for the simple reason that the hitting portion is not a hitting card at all (see text). Rather, it is a was of distributing the numbers 1 through 36 over the 36 dice-roll possibilities. Actually, the way the distribution scheme imitates actual play-result positions is very clever; it requires noticing how many error numbers there are to be able to see that something fishy is going on.*

Bats: —	Throws: —	
Height: 6-1	Weight: 170	
Born: 11-16-50 Flint, Michigan		
Herbert "Hurricane Herb"		
<b>WASHINGTON</b>		
(F) Pinchrunner		
Safe - 2nd: 1 - 24; 3rd: 1 - 17		
11- 2	31- 8	51- 7
12- 25	32- 26	52- 27
13- 17	33- 3	53- 15
14- 30	34- 31	54- 32
15- 11	35- 9	55- 6
16- 28	36- 33	56- 34
21- 12	41- 24	61- 21
22- 4	42- 19	62- 22
23- 18	43- 29	63- 16
24- 36*	44- 5	64- 20
25- 10	45- 14	65- 35*
26- 13	46- 23	66- 1
J-3		

The cards now appear with the J-Factor, the injury duration index number, (on the lower left corner). This feature constitutes the distinguishing characteristic of cards which are Format 'd'. Player-card sized informational sheets (of various colors) are provided with the set.

Because of the need to duplicate Lou Brock's record 118 stolen bases, APBA introduces the '14\*', which means the batter receives a walk and then automatically steals second base, if bases are empty.

APBA publishes the only card used exclusively for pinch running (Herb Washington, Oakland Athletics XB, who never batted or played in the field). An instructional card was included with the season. This development of alterations of the stealing range by the pitchers' and catchers' ratings, as well as another dice rolling sequence, not found in the Basic Game, can be viewed as a precursor of, and catalyst to, the production of the Master Game.

## Corrections:

# Dave Hamilton (Oakland Athletics) should add a (Y) control rating, as he will in 1974R.

# Ray Fosse (Oakland Athletics) should have 51-30-1.

# Gene Clines (Pittsburgh Pirates) should have 11-7-2, 22-8-2, 33-8-2, and 66-0-2.

# Bill Travers (Milwaukee Brewers, XB) should have 21-12 (not 21-13).

Teddy Martinez (New York Mets) Bats: Right (not Both). According to 10<sup>th</sup> Macmillan, Ted was a switch-hitter only in 1973. FanPark Encyclopedia makes no mention of this switch in 1973. [Dave Morris; e-mail: 1998 - 08 - 28] This error is repeated in 1974R, 1975XB, 1975R, (no card in 1976), 1977, 1978XB, and 1979.

Andy Messersmith (Los Angeles Dodgers) is rated as a Grade B (2) (XZ) in this version, but the later versions, GTP #61 (published in 1985), rates him as a Grade A (2) (YZ), and the 1974R version, rates him as Grade A (2) (X).

Fran Healey (Kansas City Royals) received an 11 on his card, but was not rated (F)[ast], as he will be in 1974R.

According to Bob Henry, Dale Murray (Montreal Expos, XB), with a 1.03 ERA in 32 games, should be rated A&C\*. APBA downgraded him to a B\* because he appeared in less than forty games and because he is an XB. In 1974R, he will be rated an A&C\*.

Jim Dwyer (St. Louis Cardinals) should be Throws: Left, according to the Macmillan and the FanPark Encyclopedias, and to Total Baseball. [contributed by Jim Moncier] This error is repeated in 1974R.

Terry Forster (Chicago White Sox, pitcher) received 6,7,7,7,7,8,8,8,8,9,9,10 hit-numbers despite not having an at-bat this season because of the DH rule. The reissue version (published in 1998) continues the error and changes the 10 to another 7.

### **Miscellany:**

“The introduction of the ‘14\*’ resulted, for several years, in APBA treating it as a Stolen Base 40% of the time. Even though Bases-Empty occurs approximately 55% of the time (even more for lead-off men).” [Bob Henry; letter: 12 April 1991]

Bob Gibson (St. Louis Cardinals) is a Grade C (2) (Y) pitcher. This breaks the thirteen-year string of being rated Grade B [or better].

The San Diego Padres has a pitching staff composed of nine Grade D pitchers and one Grade C (MG = 9).

As in 1974R, Brooks Robinson (Baltimore Orioles) is rated a Thirdbase - 5 [not 3B - 6].

As in 1974R, Johnny Bench (Cincinnati Reds) received a MG rating of Th[rough to Second] = +6.

Pitchers receiving cards with unusual power-numbers: Ramon Hernandez (Pittsburgh Pirates): six 6s; Ken Holtzman (Oakland Athletics): four 1s and four 6s [plus five 14s]; and Lew Krausse (Atlanta Braves): 1,1,1,7,7,7.

Herb Washington (Oakland Athletics) received a card for base stealing only. No fielding or hitting is possible with this player. He is therefore one of the rare individuals who received steal numbers [11 on 15, 10 on 25] without hitting safely all season. The others are Bull Smith and Tom Walsh (both '06 Cubs: GTP #12) and Bill Landis (1969 Boston Red Sox, pitcher). There is a reproduction of Herb's card and its instructional chart in "Remembering 'Hurricane Herb'" [by Howard Ahlskog] (September 1986), p. 20.

For a full discussion of this unique card, see "Herb' -- Basic APBA's First Stolen Base System" by Eric Naftaly APBA Journal (December 10, 1996), pp. 6 - 7. This article also has a reproduction of the instructional chart on how to use Herb's card.

This season has a precedent-shattering number (12) of speed-teams.

- Ten teams with ten (or more) players rated (F)[ast]: Thirteen: Cincinnati Reds [no (F) catcher]; Twelve: San Diego Padres [no (F) catcher], San Francisco Giants [no (F) catcher]; Eleven: Pittsburgh Pirates [five pitchers], Baltimore Orioles [no (F) catcher]; California Angels [no (F) catcher]; Ten: Chicago Cubs, Los Angeles Dodgers, New York Mets, Chicago White Sox.

- Two teams that can field a (F)[ast] at every position: Kansas City Royals (ten players); Milwaukee Brewers (eleven players). Because the Brewers use a basic twenty-man roster (no XBs), they attain a near-record 55%.

As in 1974R, Cesar Geronimo (Cincinnati Reds) received of MG rating of Ar[m] = 39.

Lou Brock (St. Louis Cardinals) received a card with five 11s [four in 1974R] and three 14\*s to replicate his 118 steals (a National League record).

Ferguson Jenkins (Texas Rangers) is a starting [J-0] Grade A (2) (YZ) pitcher with fourteen hit- numbers on his card.

Phil Gagliano (Cincinnati Reds XB) ties the record (12, held by Ben Harrison [1901 Washington Senators] ) for most 14s for a non-pitcher. In 1974R, Phil will receive ten 14s.

Wayne Twitchell (Philadelphia Phillies, pitcher) is the only player rated (S[low] 1).

The base-stealers for this season are: A33: Larry Lintz (Montreal Expos); A29: Lou Brock (St. Louis Cardinals); A24: Herb Washington (Oakland Athletics XB); B31: Joe Morgan (Cincinnati Reds); B29: Cesar Cedeno (Houston Astros), Davey Lopes (Los Angeles Dodgers) [B30 in '74 Dodgers]; B27: Ron LeFlore (Detroit Tigers); C32: Dave Concepcion (Cincinnati Reds); C30: Rich Coggins (Baltimore Orioles).

Robin Yount (Milwaukee Brewers) received a card with two 9s and one 8.

Ron Hunt had 403 at-bats for Montreal, but was carded for St. Louis to whom he was traded on 5 September, and for whom he had 23 at-bats. Similarly, Alex Johnson had 453 for Texas and only 28 for the New York Yankees, yet is carded for the later team because of a 9 September trade. Frank Robinson is carded for the Cleveland Indians for who he has 50 at-bats, and not for the California Angels who traded him (and his 427 at-bats) on 12 September. [contributed by Pete Simonelli]

Player with  $Ar[m] = 22$ : Carlos May (Chicago White Sox). Players with  $Ar[m] = 23$ : Gates Brown (Detroit Tigers), Steve Garvey (Los Angeles Dodgers; as in GTP and 1974R), and Manny Mota (Los Angeles Dodgers).

**AJ Articles:**

Card Locator for the 1974 Season: (June 1977), p. 12.

"Remembering 'Hurricane Herb'" [by Howard Ahlskog] (September 1986), p. 20.

"Critique: 14\* and Herb's Card" by Robert Henry (July 1975), p. 3.

"Light from APBA: [On the 1974 Season]" by Fritz Light (June 1975), p. 6.

"Plying the Trade" by Ray Dunlap, Jr. (June 1975), p. 9. [Lists of players traded and the percentages of the season with each team.]

"'Herb' -- Basic APBA's First Stolen Base System" by Eric Naftaly APBA Journal (December 10, 1996), pp. 6 - 7.

**AJ Replays:**

1974 NL [MG] by Stan Seidel (September 1983), pp. 7 - 8.

1974 AL by Chip Bingham (August 1980), p. 17.

by Stan Seidel (May 1979), pp. 5 - 6.

1974 Pittsburgh Pirates [MG] by Daryl J. Hollis (September 1978), p. 5.



# 1974R Season

Teams: NL - 12 AL - 12 ( 12 on 23 )  
Cards per Team: 25 XBs: no M/S: yes  
Print Style: IX, Variety 10 Format: 'e'  
Back TWO  
Ballpark/Wind Effects Chart: yes [1998]  
Published: February 1998 (but with 1997 copyright date)

*This card tells the tale of a fine ballplayer (and the Master Symbols fills in the details). He was the fleet-footed ( Sp[eed] = F[ast] 18 and St[ealing] =E25 ), defensive outfielder ( Ar[m] = 39 ). His J-1 rating marks his role as the reliable centerfielder of the "Big Red Machine". His hitting-tablet is typical of his entire fifteen-year career: workmanlike rather than flashy. His penchant for striking out (approximately 20% of his career at-bats) led him to the trivia-lovers' distinction of being the 3000<sup>th</sup> strikeout victim of both Bob Gibson and Nolan Ryan.*

## Corrections:

Terry Forster (Chicago White Sox) is given 6,7,7,7,7,7,7,8,8,8,8,9,9 hit-numbers despite not batting at all this season. This is a continuation of the original 1974 season's error which had a 10 instead of one of the 7s.

As in the original version, Jim Dwyer (St. Louis Cardinals) should be Throws: Left. The Macmillan and FanPark Encyclopedias and Total Baseball all agree on this.

The entire card for Herb Washington (Oakland Athletics) is simply disappointing. Because the Macmillan and the FanPark Encyclopedias agree that he did not bat or field this season [or even the next], the following information is incorrect and in **error**: Bats: Right; Throws: Right; Outfielder - 1; the entire hitting-tablet; his BC rating; and the record-low rating for his Ar[m] = **20** [sic.]. The only way to deal with this man's unusual exploits is as APBA did in the original 1974 season: issue Herb a unique card for his "designated-pinch-runner" season. He played in ninety-two games, scored twenty-nine runs, stole twenty-nine bases [and was caught sixteen times] and **never** came to bat, nor played in the field. This author suggests that a replayer just use the original 1974 card. [See illustration and text for previous chapter]. Matylda Dougher adds that the APBA Journal has twice published a replica of Herb's card plus a reproduction of the chart used with the card: "Remembering 'Hurricane Herb'" [by Howard Ahlskog] (September 1986), p. 20 and " 'Herb' -- Basic APBA's First Stolen Base System" by Eric Naftaly (December 10, 1996), pp. 6 - 7.

Bats: Left Throws: Left  
Height: 6-2 Weight: 164  
Born: 3-11-48 El Seibo, DR  
Cesar Francisco  
"Chief"

## GERONIMO

(F) Outfielder (3)

11- 0-1	31- 9-2	51- 9-2
12- 25-11	32- 26-11	52- 27-11
13- 14-6	33- 0-1	53- 16-6
14- 30-11	34- 31-11	54- 32-11
15- 8-2	35- 40-2	55- 8-2
16- 28-11	36- 14-6	56- 34-6
21- 30-6	41- 24-7	61- 29-6
22- 7-1	42- 13-4	62- 26-6
23- 12-6	43- 29-11	63- 32-6
24- 13-6	44- 7-1	64- 13-5
25- 8-2	45- 14-6	65- 35-8
26- 13-6	46- 13-6	66- 0-1

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Teddy Martinez (New York Mets) Bats: Right (not Both). According to 10<sup>th</sup> Macmillan, Ted was a switch-hitter only in 1973. FanPark Encyclopedia makes no mention of this switch in 1973. [Dave Morris; e-mail: 1998 - 08 - 28] This error is repeated on his 1974, 1975XB, 1975R, [no card in 1976], 1977, 1978XB, and 1979 cards.

### Miscellany:

There is only one player with a double-digit Dual Batting Characteristics [BC]: SA -11/-0: Jim Dwyer (St. Louis Cardinals). The next highest are: SA -9/-1: Bob Gallagher (Houston Astros); SA -8/+2: Jim Todd (Chicago Cubs, pitcher), Darold Knowles (Oakland Athletics, pitcher); SA -8/+1: Frank Tepedino (Atlanta Braves), Tom Hall (Cincinnati Reds, pitcher), Darrell Chaney (Cincinnati Reds), Pete Richert (Philadelphia Phillies, pitcher), Frank Tanana (California Angels, pitcher), David Clyde (Texas Rangers, pitcher), Jim Holt (Oakland Athletics, pitcher), Mike Wallace (New York Yankees, pitcher); SA -8/-0: Gene Locklear (San Diego Padres), Gates Brown (Detroit Tigers); SA -7/+1: Johnny Oates (Atlanta Braves), John Edwards (Houston Astros), Ed Kranepool (New York Mets), Tommy Hutton (Philadelphia Phillies), Mac Scarce (Philadelphia Phillies, pitcher), Spanky Kirkpatrick (Pittsburgh Pirates), Daryl Patterson (Pittsburgh Pirates, pitcher), Rudi Meoli (California Angels), Rick Miller (Boston Red Sox); PR -7/+1: Ron Hodges (New York Mets), Ellie Hendricks (Baltimore Orioles), Mike Phillips (San Francisco Giants), Dave Tomlin (San Diego Padres, pitcher), Terry Forster (Chicago White Sox, pitcher), Skip Pitlock (Chicago White Sox, pitcher), Tim Johnson (Milwaukee Brewers), Roy Howell (Texas Ranger, pitcher), Vic Albury (Minnesota Twins, pitcher); SA -7/-0: Chris Ward (Chicago Cubs), Tim McCarver (Boston Red Sox), Bob Hansen (Milwaukee Brewers).

Players with rating of Ar[m] = 22: Dick Allen (Chicago White Sox) and Carlos May (Chicago White Sox). Players with Ar[m] = 23: Gates Brown (Detroit Tigers), Manny Mota (Los Angeles Dodgers), Davey Lopes (Los Angeles Dodgers), and Alex Johnson (New York Yankees).

The Cincinnati Reds have a team defensive total (without pitcher) of 41: 9,3,8,4,9,3,3,2.

Pitcher rated (ZZ): Pedro Borbon (Cincinnati Reds), Ferguson Jenkins (Texas Rangers), and Bones Merritt (Texas Rangers).

As in the original 1974 season, the Cincinnati Reds have thirteen players rated (F)[ast]. Similarly, the San Diego Padres has twelve in both versions, the Pittsburgh Pirates and Baltimore Orioles eleven, and the Los Angeles Dodgers and New York Mets ten. The San Francisco Giants has eleven [but twelve in 1974], and the Chicago White Sox have nine [but ten in 1974]. The Chicago Cubs have eleven [but ten in 1974]. The California Angels have twelve players rated (F)[ast], but only eleven in 1974.

As in the original version of this season, the Kansas City Royals have ten players rated (F)[ast], while the Milwaukee Brewers have twelve [eleven in the original; Lezcano is the additional, twenty-fifth, player]. Each roster can easily be configured into an all-(F)[ast] team.

Johnny Bench (Cincinnati Reds) is rated with a catcher's Th[row to Second] = +6, as he is in 1974.

Andy Messersmith (Los Angeles Dodgers) is rated as a Grade A (2) (X) in this version, which is very similar to the GTP #61 version (published in 1985), which rates him as a Grade A (2) (YZ). The earliest (original 1974) version rates him as Grade B (2) (XZ).

Lou Brock (St. Louis Cardinals) has four 11s and three 14\*s. [He had five 11s and three 14s in 1974.]

As he did in 1974, Cesar Geronimo (Cincinnati Reds) received a rating of Ar[m] = 39. [See above.]

As in 1974, Brooks Robinson (Baltimore Orioles) is only rated a Thirdbaseman - 5 [not 3B - 6].

Sparky Lyle (New York Yankees) and Dale Murray (Montreal Expos) are rated as Grade A&C\* relievers [both are MG = 21\*].

Milwaukee Brewers and Oakland Athletics each have pitching staffs all nine of which are rated BKO.

Ron Hunt had 403 at-bats for Montreal, but was carded for St. Louis to whom he was traded on 5 September, and for whom he had twenty-three at-bats. Similarly, Alex Johnson had 453 at-bats for Texas and only twenty-eight for the New York Yankees, yet is carded for the later team because of a 9 September trade. Frank Robinson is carded for the Cleveland Indians for who he has fifty at-bats, and not for the California Angels who traded him (and his 427 at-bats) on 12 September. [contributed by Pete Simonelli]

Joe Morgan (Cincinnati Reds) has 1,4,6 power with two 11s and one 10 (plus six 14s, two of which are 14\*s).

Phil Gagliano (Cincinnati Reds) has ten 14s on his cards, as opposed to the record-tying **12** he received in 1974 original.

Pitchers with a multitude of 13s: **23**: Cy Acosta (Chicago White Sox); **22**: Jerry Johnson (Houston Astros); **20**: Wayne Twitchell (Philadelphia Phillies); **19**: Jim York (Houston Astros), Dan Spillner (San Diego Padres), Lowell Palmer (San Diego Padres); **18**: Mac Scarce (Philadelphia Phillies), Larry Hardy (San Diego Padres)

The St. Louis Cardinals have a great bullpen: Al Hbrosky [MG = 13\*], Mike Garman [MG = 14\*], and Rich Folkers [MG = 13\*].

Rick Rhoden (Los Angeles Dodgers) and Wayne Twitchell (Philadelphia Phillies, pitcher) received the lowest possible Sp[eed] grade of (S)[low] 1.

The base-stealers this season are: A30: Lou Brock (St. Louis Cardinals); A25: Herb Washington (Oakland Athletics); B30: Cesar Cedeno (Houston Astros); B28: Ron LeFlore (Detroit Tigers); B26: Bill North (Oakland Athletics); C34: Larry Lintz (Montreal Expos); C32: Joe Morgan (Cincinnati Reds); C30: Davey Lopes (Los Angeles Dodgers; *but B30 in GTP and B29 in 1974*), Enzo Hernandez (San Diego Padres); D33: Dave Concepcion (Cincinnati Reds); D31: Vada Pinson (Kansas City Royals), Rich Coggins (Baltimore Orioles), Ben Oglivie (Detroit Tigers); D30: Willie Davis (Montreal Expos), Bobby Bonds (San Francisco Giants); D29: Vic Harris (Chicago Cubs), Larry Milbourne (Houston Astros), Al Bumbry (Baltimore Orioles), Paul Blair (Baltimore Orioles); D28: Mark Belanger (Baltimore Orioles); E34: Gene Clines (Pittsburgh Pirates); E32: Craig Robinson (Atlanta Braves), Nate Colbert (San Diego Padres), Reggie Jackson (Oakland Athletics); F35: Al Oliver (Pittsburgh Pirates), Al Cowens (Kansas

City Royals); F34: Gary Thomasson (San Francisco Giants); F32: Merv Rettenmund (Cincinnati Reds), John Milner (New York Mets); F31: Tim Foli (Montreal Expos), Dave Schneck (New York Mets), Marvin Lane (Detroit Tigers); F30: Doug Radar (Houston Astros).

**AJ Article:**

“1974: Aaron HR Mark, A’s Third Series Title Spark Transition Year” by Ron Marshall (#2 / 31 March 1998), pp. 1, 12 - 14. (*includes Disables List Dates, Transactions, and Rookie Debut Dates.*)

# 1974 [2R] Season

Teams: NL-12 AL-12 (12 on 23)  
 Cards per Team: various  
 XBs: No XCs: No M/S: Yes  
 Print Style: Format:  
 Back: TWO  
 Baseball Park Factor Chart: yes  
 Published: 2020

*After setting major league single-season records for appearances, relief innings, and consecutive games pitched (13) while helping the Dodgers win the National League pennant, "Iron Mike" became the first reliever to earn the Cy Young Award. His card indicates that he had good control, was a good fielder, had a good move to first base and was a contact hitter who could lay down a sacrifice bunt when the situation called for it.*

*For this season every player that appeared in at least one game was included in the card set for a total of 861 cards.*

*This season was designed to use the optional Official Scorer's Rule System. Use E+1 as the Error Rating for the National League and E-0 as the Error Rating for the American League. Pitchers that have very low or very high rates of strikeouts have the (R) and (K) ratings, respectively. Pitching grades for this season use the lowered standards set in 2000 (MG=1-4, D; MG=5-9, C; MG=10-14, B; MG=15-19, A; MG=20-24, A&C; MG=25-30, A&B). This season has the dual Batting Characteristic (BC) platoon rating, the (ZZ) control rating for pitchers and the Basic Game batters-faced Fatigue Rating for starting pitchers.*

## Corrections:

Teddy Martinez (New York Mets) is now correctly listed as "Bats: Right". [see 1974[R].]

Jim Dwyer (St. Louis Cardinals) is now correctly listed as "Bats: Left". [see 1974[R].]

Terry Forster (Chicago White Sox) is now correctly acknowledged as not batted during the season and is given generic (7,8,9) hit numbers. [see 1974[R].]

Herb Washington (Oakland Athletics) is now correctly acknowledged as not playing a defensive position and is listed as a "Pinchrunner" on his card. However, he is incorrectly listed as an "OF" on the lineup sheet. [see 1974[R] for further discussion.]

Department of Odd Placement of Hit Numbers: Herb Washington (Oakland Athletics) with hit numbers 11-10-8-8-9-9 along with 14\* has a play result number of (10) on dice roll 24 and a

St-N Sp-12 WP2 --- MF+2 G Q1*										
Michael Grant "Iron Mike" MARSHALL										
Grade A* Pitcher (2) (Y)(Z)										
Year	G	GS	IP	W	L	SV	ERA	BB	SO	HR
1974	106	0	208	15	12	21	2.42	56	143	9
Height: 5-10 Weight: 180										
Born: 1-15-43 Adrian, MI										
Bats: Right Throws: Right LAN										
11-	7	31-	23	51-	9					
12-	25	32-	26	52-	27					
13-	13	33-	7	53-	21					
14-	30	34-	31	54-	32					
15-	8	35-	13	55-	8					
16-	28	36-	33	56-	34					
21-	30	41-	28	61-	30					
22-	7	42-	32	62-	29					
23-	12	43-	29	63-	32					
24-	27	44-	8	64-	13					
25-	9	45-	36	65-	35					
26-	27	46-	29	66-	7					
J-0 (17*) SA -4/+2 © 2020 APBA Games										

play result number of (13) on dice roll 25. Perhaps, these two play result numbers were switched in error?

Paul Splittorff (Kansas City Royals) is missing the parenthesis surrounding his Basic Game batters-faced fatigue rating [i.e., "(27)"].

The nickname of Mario Mendoza (Pittsburgh Pirates) should be spelled "El Aspirador" instead of "El ASpirador".

Gene Garber (Philadelphia Phillies) has his last name misspelled as "Gerber" on the lineup sheet.

Larry Murray (New York Yankees) has his last name misspelled as "Murry" on the lineup sheet.

Bill Parsons (Oakland Athletics) has his last name misspelled as "Parson" on the lineup sheet.

Bob Hansen (Milwaukee Brewers) has his last name misspelled as "Harsen" on the lineup sheet.

### **Opinions:**

Ken Holtzman (Oakland Athletics, pitcher) did not bat during the regular season due to the use of the designated hitter in the American League and has generic (7,8,9) hit numbers. However, Holtzman did bat during the World Series hitting a homerun and a double. The card he received in the 1974[R] season set with (1,6,7,8,8,9) hit numbers would give Holtzman a chance to repeat his World Series performance, but the card he received in this updated set would not. For years it seemed as though APBA had an unwritten policy of taking into account post-season events when assigning card ratings/play result numbers. This attention to detail greatly enhances the realism of APBA replays. Hopefully, the 1974[2R] Ken Holtzman card is in error and not the result of a policy change.

### **Miscellany:**

Envelopes are printed with city names, but lack the "Senior Circuit" or "Junior Circuit" league designation.

This set benefits from statistics that were unavailable when 1974[R] was published. This includes actual left/right batting splits used to derive dual platoon (BC) ratings and defensive caught stealing statistics used to derive catcher's Th[row] and pitcher's MF [Move to First] ratings. This additional data was obtained by detailed play-by-play and box score analysis by volunteers of the Retrosheet Project. [See <http://www.retrosheet.org> for further information].

Players with extreme platoon ratings include: Del Unser (Philadelphia Phillies) SA -16/+1, Jim Spencer (Texas Rangers) SA -14/-0, Joe Lahoud (California Angels) SA -14/+1, Larry Lintz (California Angels) SA -14/+3, Jorge Orta (Chicago White Sox) SA -14/+4, Andy Etchebarren (Baltimore Orioles) SA +4/-14, and Leo Cardenas (Texas Rangers) SA +9/-14.

Lou Brock (St. Louis Cardinals) has four first-column (11)s and three (14\*)s as he did in 1974[R]. Also, his card has four (11)s and two (6\*)s in the second column.

Matt Alexander (Chicago Cubs) has hit numbers 0-0-11-8-8-9-9 with 14\*-14\*-14\*-14\*-14\*-14 and eight second column (11)s.

Nyls Nyman (Chicago White Sox, 14 AB) has hit numbers 2,2,6,6,6,6,11,11,7,8,8,8,9,9. No other player in the set received six power numbers.

Players receiving five power numbers include Jose Morales (Montreal Expos, 26 AB) with 1,6,6,6,6 power and Fred Lynn (Boston Red Sox 43 AB) with hit numbers 1,0,0,0,0,7,7,7,7,8,8,8,9,9.

Jerry White (Montreal Expos, 10 AB) has hit numbers 2,2,6,6,11,11,11,8,8,9,9 and 14\*. No other player in the set has three (11)s and four power numbers.

Joe Morgan (Cincinnati Reds) improved his card with hit numbers 1,5,6,11,11,10,8,8,9,9 and 14,14,14,14,14\*,14\*. [*see 1974[R].*]

John Montefusco (San Francisco Giants, pitcher) is the only player in the set with three first-column (1)s. Montefusco had two homeruns, two singles, and a walk in 14 plate appearances.

Elias Sosa (San Francisco Giants, pitcher) and Ray Bare (St. Louis Cardinals, pitcher) have eighteen (13)s. No player in the set has more.

Non-pitchers with fourteen or more (13)s include Felipe Alou (Milwaukee Brewers, 3 AB), Dave Moates (Texas Rangers, no AB), Ivan DeJesus (Los Angeles Dodgers, 3 AB), Jerry Royster (Los Angeles Dodgers, no AB) with fifteen (13)s, and Chuck Goggin (Boston Red Sox, 1 AB), Larry Johnson (Cleveland Indians, no AB), Kevin Pasley (Los Angeles Dodgers, no AB), and Domaso Blanco (San Francisco Giants, 1 AB) with fourteen (13)s.

Non-pitchers with more than 3 AB and ten, or more, (13)s include Mike Ryan (Pittsburgh Pirates, 30 AB) with thirteen, Tom Egan (California Angels) with twelve, Bernie Williams (San Diego Padres, 15 AB) with eleven, Dave Kingman (San Francisco Giants) with ten, John Kennedy (Boston Red Sox, 15 AB) with ten, Jim Fuller (Baltimore Orioles) with ten, and Bobby Floyd (Kansas City Royals 9AB) with ten.

Players with no (13)s on their cards include Felix Millan (New York Mets) and Dan Meyer (Detroit Tigers).

The only player with eight or more (14)s on their card is infielder Phil Gagliano (Cincinnati Reds, 31 AB) who has nine.

Players hard to double-up (no (25) or (24) play result numbers): Mike Schmidt (Philadelphia Phillies), Cesar Tovar (Texas Rangers), and Dave Schneck (New York Mets). Tovar and Schneck have a play result number (29) instead of the usual (25) on dice role 12, whereas Schmidt has a play result number (13) on dice roll 12. All three players have a play result number of (28) on dice roll 41.

Players with nine (24)s include George Theodore (New York Mets), John Kennedy (Boston Red Sox, 15 AB), Jerry Martin (Philadelphia Phillies, 14 AB), Skip Jutze (Houston Astros, 13 AB) and Jim Deidel (New York Yankees, 2 AB). No player has more than nine (24)s.

Enzo Hernandez (San Diego Padres) and Ken McMullen (Los Angeles Dodgers) received four (27)s.

As in 1974 [R], Cincinnati can reach a team defensive total of 41 points (Fielding One) without the pitcher. Other teams that can reach Fielding One include the Philadelphia Phillies and Baltimore Orioles. The Kansas City Royals, New York Yankees, and Oakland Oaks need a (P-2) in the lineup to reach Fielding One.

The only team in the set that cannot make at least Fielding Two is the Minnesota Twins.

Johnny Bench (Cincinnati Reds) is rated (C9) as he is in 1974 and 1974[R].

George Scott (Milwaukee Brewers), Mike Jorgensen (Montreal Expos), and Tom Hutton (Philadelphia Phillies) are rated (1B-5).

There are no (2B-9), (SS-10) or (3B-6) rated players in the set.

Johnny Bench (Cincinnati Reds), Rick Dempsey (New York Yankees), Bob Barton (San Diego Padres), Pete Varney (Chicago White Sox, 9 games as catcher), and Terry Humphrey (Montreal Expos, 17 games as catcher) are rated (Th+6). Johnny Bench is also rated (Th+6) in 1974 and 1974[R].

Outfielder Cesar Geronimo (Cincinnati Reds) has the best arm rating in the set with  $Ar(m)=39$ .

Outfielder Carlos May (Chicago White Sox) and firstbaseman Dick Allen (Chicago White Sox) have the worst arm rating with  $Ar(m)=22$ . Pinchrunner Herb Washington received an arm rating of  $Ar(m)=20$ .

No players are rated with a Sp[eed] rating of F[ast]20. Players with a rating of F[ast]19 include Mickey Rivers (California Angels), Morris Nettles (California Angels), Ron LeFlore (Detroit Tigers), Herb Washington (Oakland Athletics, Pinchrunner (no AB)), Ralph Garr (Atlanta Braves), Ken Griffey (Cincinnati Reds), Cesar Cedeno (Houston Astros), Larry Lintz (Montreal Expos), Bake McBride (St. Louis Cardinals), Enzo Hernandez (San Diego Padres), Bobby Bonds (San Francisco Giants), and Garry Maddox (San Francisco Giants).

Pitcher Rick Rhoden (Los Angeles Dodgers) is rated with a Sp[eed] rating of S[low]1. Players with a rating of S[low]2 include Boog Powell (Baltimore Orioles), Rico Carty (Cleveland Indians), Gaylord Perry (Cleveland Indians), Orlando Cepeda (Kansas City Royals), Tony Oliva (Minnesota Twins), Randy Hundley (Minnesota Twins), Wayne Twitchell (Philadelphia Phillies), Bob Robertson (Pittsburgh Pirates), Willie McCovey (San Diego Padres) Chris Cannizzaro (San Diego Padres), Pete Varney (Chicago White Sox, 28 AB), Lamar Johnson



(Chicago White Sox, 29 AB), and Tom Lundstedt (Chicago Cubs, 32 AB).

Six teams have 10 or more players with 50 or more at bats rated (F)ast. In the American League these include the Milwaukee Brewers with eleven and the California Angels with ten. Included in the National League are the Chicago Cubs with thirteen, the Cincinnati Reds with twelve, the San Diego Padres with eleven, and the Los Angeles Dodgers with ten.

As in 1974[R], the Kansas City Royals and the Milwaukee Brewers can field a starting line-up made up with all-(F)[ast] players.

In total, 30% of the players (259/861) in the set are rated (F)ast. 18.5% (159/861) are rated (S)low. Even with the carding of every player, 1974 is, indeed, a season of “speed-teams”. [see 1974[R].]

Top base stealers include A30 Lou Brock (St. Louis Cardinals); A26 Matt Alexander (Chicago Cubs); A25 Morris Nettles (California Angels); A25 Herb Washington (Oakland Athletics); B30 Cesar Cedeno (Houston Astros); B28 Ron LeFlore (Detroit Tigers); B26 Billy North (Oakland Athletics); C34 Larry Lintz (Montreal Expos); C32 Joe Morgan (Cincinnati Reds); C30 Davey Lopes (Los Angeles Dodgers); C30 Larry Bowa (Philadelphia Phillies); C30 Enzo Hernandez (San Diego Padres); and D35 Pepe Mangual (Montreal Expos).

Stolen base threats with limited playing time include A33 Jerry White (Montreal Expos, 10 AB); and B31 Miguel Dilone (Pittsburgh Pirates, 12 G, 2 AB).

Rod Carew (Minnesota Twins) is the only player in the American League that has three (31)s.

Twelve players have three (31)s in the National League including: Bill Madlock (Chicago Cubs), Pete Rose (Cincinnati Reds), Tommy Helms (Houston Astros), Bill Buckner (Los Angeles Dodgers), Bill Russell (Los Angeles Dodgers), Tim Foli (Montreal Expos), Felix Millan (New York Mets), Dave Cash (Philadelphia Phillies), Manny Sanguillen (Pittsburgh Pirates), Ted Sizemore (St. Louis Cardinals), Ron Hunt (St. Louis Cardinals), and Glenn Beckert (San Diego Padres).

Dale Murray (Montreal Expos) is rated as a Grade A&B\* reliever (MG=25\*).

Sparky Lyle (New York Yankees, MG=21\*) and Tom Murphy (Milwaukee Brewers, MG=20\*) are rated as Grade A&C\* relievers.

There are no starting pitchers in the set rated A&C or A&B.

The Oakland Athletics have five starters rated B, or better. Plus, they have two quality relievers:

- Catfish Hunter Grade A (MG=18) Z
- Vida Blue Grade B (MG=14) Y
- Ken Holtzman Grade B (MG=14) Z
- Dave Hamilton Grade B (MG=13) Y
- Glenn Abbott Grade B (MG=13)
- Rollie Fingers Grade A\* (MG=15\*) XYZ

Paul Lindblad Grade C/A\* (MG=7/17\*) Z

The Cincinnati Reds have five starters rated B:

Don Gullet (MG=13) X

Clay Kirby (MG=12) Y

Jack Billingham (MG=10) Z

Fred Norman (MG=13) X

Clay Carroll (Grade B/A\*, MG=14/17\*) Z

Two teams have five relievers rated B\*, or better:

*Montreal Expos*

Dale Murray Grade A&B\* (MG=25\*)

Chuck Taylor Grade A\* (MG=17\*) (Z)

John Montague Grade D/B\* (MG=4/17\*) Y

Don DeMola Grade D/B\* (MG=4/11\*) XY

Don Carrithers Grade C/B\* (MG=9/11\*) YZ

*New York Mets*

Jerry Cram Grade A\* (MG=15\*) Z

Bob Miller Grade B\* (MG=10\*)

Jack Aker Grade B\* (MG=10\*)

Bob Apodaca Grade C/B\* (MG=9/11\*) Y

Ray Sadecki Grade C/B\* (MG=8/11\*) Z

Gaylord Perry and his brother Jim Perry are the most effective starters on the Cleveland Indians. Gaylord is rated Grade A (MG=17) (X) and Jim is rated Grade B (MG=13) (R)(Z).

Pitchers that have the (ZZ) control rating include Ferguson Jenkins (Texas Rangers) Jim Merritt (Texas Rangers), Oscar Zamora (Chicago Cubs), Pedro Borbon (Cincinnati Reds), Bob Moose (Pittsburgh Pirates), and Ramon Hernandez (Pittsburgh Pirates).

Pitchers that have the (K) strikeout rating are Nolan Ryan (California Angels) and Bob Veale (Boston Red Sox, 13 IP).

**Suggested Reading:**

Mike Marshall – Society for American Baseball Research <https://sabr.org/bioproj/person/mike-marshall/>

*The primary author of this article is John Olsen.*

# 1975 Season

Teams: NL - 12 AL - 12 ( 12 on 53 )  
 Cards per Team: 20 XBs: 4 M/S: yes  
 Print Style: VII Format: 'd' Back ONE  
 Published: 1976

Here's the prototype of the man who earns his place in history with his glove; Rabbit Maranville and Marty Marion were similar ballplayers in previous generations. He anchored the infield for a string of outstanding Oriole teams that were heavily dependent on pitching and defense for their success, and no one complained too much about his .228 lifetime BA. There was even a little bit of Hall-of-Fame talk about Belanger, although that's probably pushing it.

Bats: **Right** Throws: **Right**  
 Height: **6-2** Weight: **170**  
 Born: **6-8-44** **Pittsfield, Mass.**

Mark Edward  
 "Spider"  
**BELANGER**  
 (F) Shortstop (10)

11- 7-1	31- 14-4	51- 9-2
12- 25-6	32- 26-6	52- 27-6
13- 14-6	33- 8-1	53- 12-6
14- 30-6	34- 31-6	54- 32-6
15- 11-1	35- 39-6	55- 8-1
16- 28-6	36- 33-6	56- 34-6
21- 18-6	41- 28-6	61- 23-6
22- 8-1	42- 13-6	62- 29-6
23- 27-6	43- 29-6	63- 31-6
24- 13-6	44- 8-1	64- 13-6
25- 9-2	45- 14-6	65- 35-6
26- 30-6	46- 32-6	66- 0-1

The much-anticipated Master Game was issued this year, i.e., the 1976 calendar year.

This is the only season for which the Catcher's Th[rough to second] ratings are five in number (-3, -2, 0, +2, +3).

## Corrections:

For this season only, APBA failed to treat the ' 42 ' as a ' 14 ' in computing the batting averages, which results in a skew in the cards. "At the 1976 APBA Convention, Fritz Light acknowledge[d] that a few fans inquired about the treatment of the 42 and admitted that it is possible that an error had been made. The change [i.e., correction] can be made quite easily. On players with two or three 8s, change one 7 to an 8. On players who have four 8s, simply delete one 8." [Bob Henry [AJ](#)] (October 1978), p. 16.]

# Phil Niekro (Atlanta Braves) should receive an "L" for Home Run Allowance.

Rick Burleson (Boston Red Sox) is rated as Shortstop - 8 and 3B-3, although he did not play any position except shortstop. As a result of this error, he did not receive the '23' traditionally given to players who are exclusively shortstops that season. [See Bob Henry, "Q & A" [AJ](#)] (January 1979), p. 16 and (December 1987), p. 26 for fuller explanation for this understandable error.]

Joe Morgan (Cincinnati Reds) "received a .362 card for batting .327. He received 1,4,6,11,11,11,11,8,8,9,9 with seven 14s. APBA could have produced a more accurate card by substituting a 10 for one of his 11s and adding an asterisk to one of his 14s." [Bob Henry [AJ](#)] (January 1991), p. 26 and (June 1982), p. 12.]

Rico Petrocelli (Boston Red Sox) is rated as Thirdbaseman - 4 and SS-7, although he did not play any position except thirdbaseman. However, Eric Naftaly suggests that the "corrections" for Burleson and Petrocelli need to be understood in light of conflicting baseball authorities. "The Sports Encyclopedia - Baseball and APBA say that Burleson played thirdbase in 1975. The Sporting News, Macmillan Encyclopedias, and Total Baseball say 'no'. I conjecture that Petrocelli moved behind second in a three-infielders-to-the-right shift with Burleson staying put, and the scorer initially considered this a change of positions, producing his box score accordingly, and later got an official ruling saying otherwise." [letter: 28 December 1992]

"Diego Segui (Boston Red Sox, XB pitcher) has a heckuva card for someone who didn't take an at-bat all year. He has 0,8,8,8,9,9 [with fourteen 1s, two 2s, and twenty 6s in the second-column] plus twelve 13s and one 14. Why didn't he get a generic 7,8,9 card? The only explanation I can come up with would be that the card is recognizing the fact that he hit .151 with four homeruns for his career. He had only one triple and five doubles, which would explain (at least to me) the 6s and 2s in the second column.

His teammate, Luis Tiant, also has an interesting card. He had one at-bat [which produced nothing] in 1975 regular season play, yet he received 7,7,7,8 [8,8,9,9 with seven 14s and eleven 13s]. Could this indicate that Luis' 2-for-8 heroics in the World Series (with two runs scored) was being acknowledged? Or could it be another card in 'homage' to his .164 batting career."

[Bruce McClure; e-mail: 04-08-1998]

Teddy Martinez (New York Mets XB) Bats: Right (not Both). According to 10<sup>th</sup> Macmillan, Ted was a switch-hitter only in 1973. FanPark Encyclopedia makes no mention of this switch in 1973. [Dave Morris; e-mail: 1998 - 08 - 28] This error is repeated in 1974, 1974R, 1975R, (no card in 1976), 1977, 1978XB, and 1979.

Mike Cuellar (Baltimore Orioles, pitcher) is also rated as "OF - 1". However, (10<sup>th</sup>) Macmillan and FanPark encyclopedias agree that Mike never played any position other than pitcher in his fifteen year career. This error will reoccur in the 1975R season.

[Bruce McClure; e-mail: 1998 - 09 - 12]

### **Miscellany:**

For the first time since the 1953 season, the dice roll '53' is not the location of the error number. Since the '12' is there this season, it had to find a new location on the number tablet. It did at '21'.

Bill Lee (Boston Red Sox, pitcher) has a card "which reflect[s] his World Series batting performance, one single in six appearances."

[Bob Henry AJ (November 1978), p. 24.]

Brooks Robinson (Baltimore Orioles) is a Thirdbaseman - 6 (3B-6) for the last time. He has been so rated since 1963, and holds these records for Thirdbaseman - 6: ( Most consecutive original seasons: **11** [1963 - 1973]; most total seasons: **25** [12 original and **13** reissue]; and most total cards as 3B-6: **30**).

His teammate, Mark Belanger, is a Shortstop - 10 (SS - 10).

This extremely rare combination of 3B-6 (Brooks Robinson) and SS-10 (Mark Belanger) is repeated in the reissue of this season. The only other pair obtain this perfection on defensive ratings for the left infield positions is Ghost Marcelle (3B-6) and King Richard Lundy (SS-10) in the '26 Atlantic City Bacharach Giants and the '29 Baltimore Black Sox. There is an unusual situation with Pittsburgh Pirates immortals Honus Wagner and Pie Traynor, however. Although their careers did not historically overlap, and though their APBA cards are not part of a true team, they are "teammates" in OFAS: Pittsburgh Pirates; and ATA, 'c' and 'd'.

As the result of a late season trade, Deron Johnson did not receive a card for the Chicago White Sox, for whom in played in 148 games and had 542 at-bats, 18 homeruns, and 72 RBIs. Similarly, replayers have lost Cesar Tovar and his 102 games and over 400 at-bats for the Texas Rangers, because of a late season trade to the Oakland Athletics. [contributed by Pete Simonelli and Mike Bauman]

The Master Symbols sheet is printed in red ink this year, instead of the usual black.

Tommy Helms (Houston Astros) received three 31s on his card, despite batting only .207 this season.

Just as in 1975R, the Chicago Cubs have eleven players rated (F)[ast]. Similarly the following teams have ten: Kansas City Royals, San Diego Padres, California Angels, and Minnesota Twins.

The Cincinnati Reds have thirteen players rated (F)[ast]. In the reissue of this season, they will have fourteen. The Pittsburgh Pirates have eleven players rated (F)[ast], while they will have twelve in 1975R.

As in 1975R, the Kansas City Royals have ten players who can be configured into an all-(F)[ast] team (with Vada Pinson playing firstbase.).

Tom Hilgendorf (Philadelphia Phillies) was rated an A\* reliever even though he did not save any games. He did pitch 97 innings in 53 games, with a 2.13 ERA and a 7 - 3 record.

Bob Henry, in his article "APBA Baseball Through the Years" [AJ](#) (March 1978), p. 4, states that in the 1975 season: "(The) Master Game revealed the regular use of second column 7s and 8s but only on the cards contained therein." This statement is confusing, as the regular use of second column 7s and 8s did not start until the next season (1976). Queries to Bob Henry about this matter have resulted in agreement that this statement is in error.

Cesar Geronimo (Cincinnati Reds) received a MG rating of Ar[m] = 39.

Joe Morgan (Cincinnati Reds) has four 11s on his card, as well as 1,4,6 power..

The Boston Red Sox have three players rated as Outfielder - 3 on their team: Dwight Evans, Fred Lynn, and Carl Yastrzemski. Lynn is the first rookie rated OF-3 since 1950 Irv Noren (Washington Nationals).

Players rated (S[low] 1): Randy Hundley (San Diego Padres, catcher), Tony Oliva (Minnesota Twins), Rick Rhoden (Los Angeles Dodgers, pitcher), and Wayne Twitchell (Philadelphia Phillies XB). All will be similarly rated in 1975R.

This year, Rick Rhoden will start a skein of fourteen seasons (plus two reissue seasons, 1975R and 1980R) in which he is rated (S[low] 1). The consecutive run is interrupted by one year (1979) in which he received no card for his work with the Pittsburgh Pirates (1 G, 1 GS, 5 innings).

Pitchers rated Grade A&C\*: Al "The Mad Hungarian" Hrabosky (St. Louis Cardinals) (MG = 21\*); and Bob Apodoca (New York Mets) (MG = 22\*). They will receive identical grades in 1975R.

The base-stealers for this season are: A26: Larry Lintz (St. Louis Cardinals) [A27 in 1975R]; B32: Davey Lopes (Los Angeles Dodgers) [C33 in 1975R], Joe Morgan (Cincinnati Reds) [C33 in 1975R]; B31: Mickey Rivers (California Angels) [B32 in 1975R]; B29: Lou Brock (St. Louis Cardinals) [B29 in 1975R]; B28: Cesar Cedeno (Houston Astros) [B29 in 1975R], Wilbur Howard (Houston Astros); C32: Larry Hise (Minnesota Twins); C31: Dave Concepcion (Cincinnati Reds), Freddie Patek (Kansas City Royals) [C32 in 1975R]; C30: Rod Carew (Minnesota Twins); D36: Dave Nelson (Texas Rangers XB) [D35 in 1975R].

Players receiving the MG rating of Ar[m] = 22: Dick Allen (Philadelphia Phillies) and Carlos May (Chicago White Sox). Players receiving the MG rating of Ar[m] = 23: Hank Aaron (Milwaukee Braves), Rico Carty (Cleveland Indians), Steve Garvey (Los Angeles Dodgers), Alex Johnson (New York Yankees), and Manny Mota (Los Angeles Dodgers XB).

**AJ Article:**

The Player Locator for the 1975 Season: (April 1977), p. 12.

**AJ Replays:**

1975 NL + AL by Edward C. Wanner (December 1981), pp. 11 - 13 by Doug Morrison (August 1984), pp. 21 - 23.

1975 NL by John B. Ghafour (October 1987), p. 21.  
by Ron Wenzel (April 1983), pp. 7 - 8.

1975 NL [BG] by Carl R. Shervin (September 1977), p. 18.  
1975 AL [MG] by Al Lanseigne (January 1987), pp. 20 - 21.

1975 AL East [MG] by Frank D. Coutinho (February 1982), pp. 7 - 8.

1975 Cleveland Indians by Ron Anderson (August 1978), p. 10.

# 1975R Season

Teams: NL -12 AL - 12 ( 12 on 61 )  
Cards per team: 25 XBs: no M/S: yes  
Print Style: IX, Variety 10 Format: 'e'  
Back TWO  
Published: 1993

XC's: NL-118 AL-126  
Print Style: XVII Format: o  
Back: BLANK (TWO if printed after 2006)  
Published: 2004

*He was recognized by The Sporting News as "1975 Fireman of the Year " for matching the National League record for saves with 22. He went 13 and 3 (in only 97 innings over 65 games) with a blazing 1.67 ERA with a weak fielding, .500 ballclub. With his mound- stomping frenzies and blood-chilling glares, 'The Mad Hungarian' is an eloquent exemplar of the Carpathian craziness that produced Franz List, the Gabor sisters, and paprika. .*

APBA published XCs for this season, and all seasons for which the XCs existed on the computer disks, in 2004. The XCs have MGS on the cards, joining the original MG stock teams, the three regular cards issued after their seasons to correct errors of omission, and the SGP printed official XCs as the only cards to that point with MGS on the cards. This trend will be expanded in 2006 with the issuance of the Basic Game stock teams and the new GTPs.

*This season has the new (ZZ) control rating for pitchers. [See AGlossary@ in Appendices.]*

*"The pitching generally improved (over 1975) due to the new pitching formula and a number of hitters gained second columns, improving the accuracy of the card." [Michael Hazen, "1975 All Over Again" AJ (April 1993), p. 16.]*

## Corrections:

# Bob Locker (Chicago Cubs) should not be rated ZZ, and in fact should have no control rating at all. [Skeet Carr email 11 September, 2014, quoting Steve Ryan].

Bats: **Right** Throws: **Left**  
Height: **5-11** Weight: **180**  
Born: **7-21-49** Oakland, Calif.

Alan Thomas  
"Hungo"

**HRABOSKY**

Grade A&C\* Pitcher (1) (X)(Z)

11- 7	31-14	51-14
12-25	32-26	52-27
13-14	33- 8	53-21
14-30	34-31	54-32
15- 9	35-23	55- 8
16-28	36-32	56-13
21-13	41-13	61-12
22- 8	42-36	62-13
23-13	43-29	63-32
24-13	44- 8	64-13
25- 9	45-14	65-35
26-13	46-13	66- 7

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### **Miscellany:**

According to APBA, there was a total of eight hundred and forty-four players in both leagues this season. [Letter from APBA/MMI: 22 September 1997]

The Boston Red Sox can field a team with six players with 66-1: Bernie Carbo, Fred Lynn, Jim Rice, Dewey Evans, Cecil Cooper, and Carlton Fisk. (Another player, Dee Johnson, must be platooned with Cooper.)

Although the Cincinnati Reds do not have a catcher among the fourteen (F)[ast] players to make them an all-(F[ast]) team, they do have the record percentage of (F)[ast] players: **56% (not counting XCs)**.. They share this record with the 1970R California Angels (and with the OFAS II: San Diego Padres, who are technically not a team).

Johnny Bench (Cincinnati Reds) is rated as a catcher with a Th[rough to second] = +6.

The Boston Red Sox still have an all-'Outfielder - 3' outfield: Carl Yastrzemski, Fred Lynn, and Dewey Evans, plus a fourth "3" with Rick Miller (XC).

Cesar Geronimo (Cincinnati Reds) is rated as an outfielder with a 39 Ar[m].

Dave Bergman (New York AL non-pitcher) has no hit numbers.

Pitchers with no hit numbers on their cards: Slick Granger (Houston Astros), Paul Teuschel (Chicago Cubs), Al Downing (Los Angeles Dodgers), John D'Acquisto (San Francisco XC), Rob Dressler (San Francisco XC).

The Pittsburgh Pirates have sixteen players rated (F[ast]) including four XCs, with all positions covered if one of two XC outfielders is used and Al Oliver plays first.

The Kansas City Royals have eleven players rated (F)[ast], including one XC. As in the original 1975 set, they can field an all (F)[ast] team without the XC if Vada Pinson plays first.

The San Diego Padres have sixteen players rated (F[ast]), including six XCs, but no catcher



The Chicago Cubs have fifteen players rated (F)[ast], including four XCs, but no catcher.

The California Angels have fourteen players rated (F[ast]), including four XCs, but no catcher.

The New York Yankees have thirteen players rated (F)[ast], including six XCs, but no catcher or thirdbaseman.

The Baltimore Orioles have twelve players rated (F[ast]), including two XCs, but miss either catcher, third or one outfielder, depending on where Bumbry and Shopay play.

The Minnesota Twins have twelve players rated (F)[ast], including two XCs, but no catcher.

The Oakland Athletics have twelve players rated (F)[ast], including five XCs, but no pitcher or catcher.

The New York Mets, San Francisco Giants and Boston Red Sox each have twelve players rated (F)[ast], including three XCs each, but no catcher for any.

Teams with ten players rated (F)[ast]: St. Louis Cardinals (one XC), Los Angeles Dodgers (one XC), Milwaukee Brewers (one XC) and Houston Astros (two XCs).

Harry Parker (St. Louis Cardinals, pitcher) who has eighteen 14s on his card.

Charlie Sands (Oakland XC) has eleven 14s.

Don Werner (Cincinnati XC) has four 42s.

Dave Heaverlo (San Francisco Giants) has fifteen hit-numbers on his card, including ten 7s. For his 2.39 ERA on 64 innings in 42 games, he is also rated as a Grade A\* pitcher.

Brooks Robinson (Baltimore Orioles) is a Thirdbaseman - 6 (3B-6); while his teammate Mark Belanger is a Shortstop - 10 (SS - 10).

This extremely rare combination of 3B-6 (Brooks Robinson) and SS-10 (Mark Belanger) is repeated in the original version of this season. The only other such pair to obtain this perfection on defensive ratings for the left infield positions is Ghost Marcelle (3B-6) and King Richard Lundy (SS-10) in the >26 Atlantic City Bacharach Giants and the >29 Baltimore Black Sox . (There is an unusual situation with Pittsburgh Pirates immortals Honus Wagner and Pie Traynor, however. Although their careers did not historically overlap, and though their APBA cards are not part of a true team, they are Ateammates@ in OFAS: Pittsburgh Pirates and ATA, >c= and >d=.)

Players rated (S[low] 1): Randy Hundley (San Diego Padres, catcher), Tony Oliva (Minnesota Twins), Rick Rhoden (Los Angeles Dodgers, pitcher), and Wayne Twitchell (Philadelphia Phillies, pitcher).

Joe Lis (Cleveland XC) has 1-1-1-1-6-6-6-6 power with no singles.

Jose Sosa (Houston XC pitcher) has 1-1-1-5-6-6-6 power.

Ron Hodges (New York Mets XC) has 1-1-6 power.

Davey Johnson (Atlanta XC) has eleven 6s and no other hit numbers.

Jesus de la Rosa (Houston XC) and Gaylen Pitts (Oakland XC) have ten 6s each and no other hit numbers.

Larry Johnson (Montreal XC) has seven 6s and no other hit numbers.

Lamar Johnson (Chicago AL XC) has 1-5-6-6-6 power.

Ellis Valentine (Montreal XC) has 1-6-6-6-6 power.

Fred Lynn (Boston Red Sox) has 1,0,0,0,0 power on his card.

Gerry Moses (Chicago AL XC) has 2-3-6-6-6 power.

Pablo Torrealba (Atlanta XC) and Dave Sells (Los Angeles XC pitcher) have twelve 7s, four 8s, and two 9s for eighteen hit numbers each.

Jim Essian (Philadelphia XC) and Ken Andrew (Boston XC) have a 6, ten 7s, three 8s and two 9s for sixteen hit numbers each.

Bill Almon (San Diego XC), Royle Stillman (Baltimore XC) and Tommy Moore (Texas XC) have ten 7s, four 8s and two 9s for sixteen hit numbers each.

Gene Lamont (Detroit XC) has 6-6-6-6-11-11-11-11 and is rated (S)[low]6.

Measles cards include Dan Hopkins (Oakland XC) with a 6\*, nine 14\*s, 11 and 10; Omar Moreno (Pittsburgh XC) with a 6\*, five 14\*s, 11 and 10; Larry Cox (Philadelphia XC) with five 14\*'s to go with two 11s and a 10.

Ron Clark (Philadelphia XC non-pitcher) has twenty-five 13's on his card.

Herb Washington (Oakland XC non-pitcher) has twenty-four 13s.

Jack Lind (Milwaukee XC non-pitcher) has seventeen 13s.

Gary Alexander (San Francisco XC non-pitcher) and Denny Walling (Oakland XC) have sixteen 13s each.

Pitchers with twenty-eight 13s on their cards: Reginald Cleveland (Boston Red Sox), Steve Mingori (Kansas City Royals), Vic Albury and William Campbell (Minnesota Twins), Stan

Bahnsen (Oakland Athletics) and Donnie Moore (Chicago Cubs XC).

No American League pitcher is rated as (ZZ) this year.

Pitchers rated as (ZZ): Gary Nolan (Cincinnati Reds), Pedro Borbon (Cincinnati Reds, reliever), Oscar Zamora (Chicago Cubs, reliever) and, in error (see above), Bob Locker (Chicago Cubs, XC reliever).

Pitchers rated Grade A&C\* : Al "The Mad Hungarian" Hrabosky (St. Louis Cardinals) (MG = 21\*); and Bob Apodoca (New York Mets) (MG = 22\*).

The base-stealers this season are: A27: Larry Lintz (St. Louis Cardinals; A26 in the original 1975 season) and Dan Hopkins (Oakland XC); A26: Herb Washington (Oakland XC); A25: Matt Alexander (Oakland XC); B32: Mickey Rivers (California Angels; B31 in 1975); B29: Cesar Cedeño (Houston Astros; B28 in 1975); B26: Don Baylor (Baltimore Orioles); C33: Davey Lopes (Los Angeles Dodgers; B32 in 1975), Joe Morgan (Cincinnati Reds; B32 in 1975), Tom Shopay (Baltimore Orioles); C32: Freddie Patek (Kansas City Royals; C31 in 1975); C30: Lou Brock (St. Louis Cardinals; B29 in 1975), Tommy Harper (Oakland Athletics), Amos Otis (Kansas City Royals); D35: Dave Nelson (Texas Rangers; D36 in 1975).

Players with Ar[m] = 22: Dick Allen (Philadelphia Phillies) and Carlos May (Chicago White Sox). Players with Ar[m] = 23: Hank Aaron (Milwaukee Braves), Rico Carty (Cleveland Indians), Steve Garvey (Los Angeles Dodgers), Alex Johnson (New York Yankees), and Manny Mota (Los Angeles Dodgers).

### **AJ Articles:**

Michael Hazen, "1975 All over Again" (April 30, 1993), pp. 16 - 18.

Don Zminda, "Stocks Crash...Baseball Doesn't: APBA's Newly Re-Issued Seasons" (December 1992), p. 9.

# 1976 Season

Teams: NL - 12 AL - 12 (12 on 56)

Cards per Team: 20 XBs: 4 M/S: yes Print Style: VII

Format: 'd' Back ONE

Published: 1977

Who is the greatest secondbaseman in history, Rogers Hornsby or Joe Morgan?  
Well, it's Hornsby for batting average, but Morgan for defense (by a wide margin).  
Plus its Morgan for stolen bases (by a wide margin), and for team play, and  
for clubhouse attitude, and for baseball intelligence. There's a story that Morgan  
was so good at smelling out pitchouts from first base that he'd always be standing  
right on the bag just to let you know that he knew.

Bats: <b>Left</b>	Throws: <b>Right</b>	
Height: <b>5-7</b>	Weight: <b>165</b>	
Born: <b>9-19-43</b>	<b>Bonham, Texas</b>	
<b>Joe Leonard</b>		
<b>"Pea"</b>		
<b>MORGAN</b>		
<b>(F) Secondbaseman (9)</b>		
11- <b>4</b>	31- <b>9</b>	51- <b>8</b>
12- <b>25</b>	32- <b>26</b>	52- <b>27</b>
13- <b>14*</b>	33- <b>5</b>	53- <b>18</b>
14- <b>30</b>	34- <b>31</b>	54- <b>32</b>
15- <b>11</b>	35- <b>9</b>	55- <b>8</b>
16- <b>28</b>	36- <b>14*</b>	56- <b>12</b>
21- <b>31</b>	41- <b>28</b>	61- <b>14</b>
22- <b>6</b>	42- <b>14*</b>	62- <b>36</b>
23- <b>32</b>	43- <b>29</b>	63- <b>34</b>
24- <b>14</b>	44- <b>8</b>	64- <b>14*</b>
25- <b>11</b>	45- <b>14*</b>	65- <b>35</b>
26- <b>13</b>	46- <b>13</b>	66- <b>1</b>
<b>J-2</b>	<b>* Steals 2nd with bases empty only</b>	

The regular use of second column 7s and 8s is now introduced.

Henceforth, catchers' throw ratings increase in number from five (only in 1975 season) to eleven (-4 to +6 inclusive).

Small, white, informational cards (approximately 4" x 2") are included with the card sets.

## Corrections:

# Lee Lacy (Los Angeles Dodgers) should have 65-35 (not 65-34).

# Dick Allen (Philadelphia Phillies) should have 36-35 (not 36-33).

It is reported that Dick Pole (Boston Red Sox) has his first name misspelled ("Dik") on some cards.

Roy Smalley (Texas Rangers / Minnesota Twins) is listed as a C - 5. According to the [Macmillan Encyclopedia](#) and the [Sports Encyclopedia](#), Smalley appeared in 108 games as a shortstop and 38 games as a secondbaseman, but none as catcher. One correspondent, John Sutter, suggests that the reason for this is "because nobody on the APBA twenty-man roster appeared as a catcher except Wynegar. This was or is an example of APBA's policy to create a back-up [catcher] where there is none"

Tippy Martinez (Baltimore Orioles) was born in Lajunta, [Colorado](#) (not California). He is similarly erroneously identified in 1975 and 1975R New York Yankees and 1977, 1978, 1979 XB, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, and 1985 XB Baltimore Orioles.

[contributed by Lowell Baumunk]

### **Miscellany:**

Mark Belanger (Baltimore Orioles) and Larry Bowa (Philadelphia Phillies) are rated as Shortstop - 10 (SS-10).

Sal Bando (Oakland Athletics) received an 11, despite being rated a (S)[low] runner.

Joe Morgan (Cincinnati Reds) has two 11s and five 14\*s for his base-stealing abilities and 1,4,5,6 for his power.

The California Angels have thirteen players rated (F[ast]), the Atlanta Braves have twelve, and the Cincinnati Reds have eleven. Teams with ten: Chicago Cubs, Philadelphia Phillies, Pittsburgh Pirates, and St. Louis Cardinals.

Bobby Grich (Baltimore Orioles) is rated a Secondbaseman - 9. He is the first American League secondbaseman to be so rated since Bobby Knoop in 1968.

The Los Angeles Dodgers have five Grade B starters: Burt Hooton, Tommy John, Doug Rau, Rick Rhoden, and Don Sutton.

The American League has no player with double 1s. This is the first time since the 1951 American League that this lack of homerun power has been documented.

Because of his late season trade, Willie McCovey who played 71 games for San Diego, and eleven games for Oakland (for a total of 226 at-bats), did not receive a card.

"APBA fans generally regard 1976 as the decisive year [for APBA changing its rules for starting pitchers]. Before 1976, APBA generally required a pitcher to win at least 24 games or have an ERA of 2.50 or below to be rated A, and to win at least 19 games or have an ERA of 3.50 or below to be rated a 'B'... In 1976, no National League starter won 24 games, and none had an ERA of 2.50 or lower...So APBA changed the formula... The aforementioned standards for "B" showed conspicuous erosion in the 1977 set." [ Bob Henry APBA Journal (June 1990), p. 26.]

In what may be a unique pairing, the Cincinnati Reds have a Secondbaseman - 9 (Joe Morgan) and a Secondbaseman - 8 (Doug Flynn).

Mark Littell (Kansas City Royals), Joe Kerrigan (Montreal Expos), and Luis Tiant (Boston Red Sox) are all pitchers who have twenty-nine 13s, and no 35, on their cards.

Bob Moose (Pittsburgh Pirates, pitcher) has 1,1,1,2,2,2,8,8,9,9 for hit-numbers, as well as ten 24s, on his card.

Johnny Bench (Cincinnati Reds) received a MG rating of Th[rough to second] = +6.

Players rated (S[low] 1): Tony Oliva (Minnesota Twins XB), Rick Rhoden (Los Angeles Dodgers), and Wayne Twitchell (Phillies XB). All are pitchers.

Dwight Evans (Boston Red Sox) and Cesar Geronimo (Cincinnati Reds) each received MG ratings of  $Ar[m] = 39$ .

Tug McGraw (Philadelphia Phillies, pitcher) has five 6s, and Wayne Twitchell (Philadelphia Phillies, XB pitcher) has six 6s, as the only hit numbers on their cards.

Players receiving the MG rating of  $Ar[m] = 22$ : Hank Aaron (Atlanta Braves), Dick Allen (Philadelphia Phillies), and Carlos May (New York Yankees).

Players receiving the MG rating of  $Ar[m] = 23$ : Don Baylor (Oakland Athletics), Rico Carty (Cleveland Indians), Steve Garvey (Los Angeles Dodgers), and Alex Johnson (Detroit Tigers).

The base-stealers this season are: A33: Davey Lopes (Los Angeles Dodgers); A29: Lou Brock (St. Louis Cardinals); A28: Billy North (Oakland Athletics); B33: Joe Morgan (Cincinnati Reds); B32: Frank Taveras (Pittsburgh Pirates); B31: Al Bumbry (Baltimore Orioles), Bert Campaneris (Oakland Athletics), Cesar Cedeno (Houston Astros); B29: Ron LeFlore (Detroit Tigers), Dave Nelson (Kansas City Royals), Willie Randolph (New York Yankees); B27: Ed Armbrister (Cincinnati Reds XB), Rod Carew (Minnesota Twins); B26: Bobby Bonds (California Angels); C32: Jerry Terrell (Minnesota Twins); C31: Don Baylor (Oakland Athletics), Mickey Rivers (New York Yankees); D36: Tommy Smith (Cleveland Indians XB); D35: Dan Driessen (Cincinnati Reds); E35: Ellis Valentine (Montreal Expos).

#### **AJ Article:**

Player Locator for the 1976 Season: (March 1977), p. 14.

#### **AJ Replays:**

1976 NL + AL by Richard Moore and Jared German (September 1979), pp. 4 - 6.

1976 NL [BG/MG] by Neal D. Traven (April 1980), pp. 5 - 6.

1976 NL [BG] by Mark Gaudio (November 1978), pp. 19 - 20. by Jim Fosmoe (March 1981), pp. 11 - 12.

# 1976R Season

Teams: NL-12 AL-12 (12 on 26)  
 Cards Per Team: 25 XBs: no M/S: yes  
 Print Style: , Variety , Format  
 Published: 2008  
 XCs: (with M/S) NL-110 AL-108  
 Print Style: Format Back:  
 Ballpark/Wind Effects Chart: Yes

*This was the final regular season for an above-average player who compiled a .297 lifetime BA along with 252 home runs. Joe was the first APBA customer to receive a card and on the basis of his success as a manager will likely be the first APBA customer elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame. Only Joe knows if playing APBA helped develop his managerial skills*

This was a season marked by strong pitching and consequently seven starting pitchers are rated A. They are Mark Fidrych (Detroit) MG=17, Jim Palmer (Baltimore) MG=16, Frank Tanana (California) MG=16, J.R. Richard (Houston) MG=16, Vida Blue (Oakland) MG=16, Mike Torrez (Oakland) MG=15, and John Denny (St. Louis) MG=15. Twenty three pitchers are rated A\*. The highest of these is Mark Littell (Kansas City) MG=19\*.

.The N.Y. Yankees, Pittsburgh Pirates, Cleveland Indians, and California Angels all have five Grade B or better starters.

In the original 1976 set the Los Angeles Dodgers had five Grade B starters. However, this distinction was lost in the reprint due to Burt Hooton being downgraded to C, MG=9. The Philadelphia Phillies, Cleveland Indians, and Kansas City Royals all have three relief pitchers rated A\*.

Several pitchers had their grades changed in this reprint. Among starting pitchers involving the A rating only J.R. Richard (Houston) went from B to A. Conversely, Tom Seaver (New York Mets) and Randy Jones (San Diego) were downgraded from A to B. Seven pitchers (most of them with split grades) went from B\* to A\*. They are Rawly Eastwick (Cincinnati), Gene Pentz (Houston), Stan Thomas (Cleveland), Marty Pattin (Kansas City), Tom Burgmeier (Minnesota), Dick Tidrow (New York Yankees), and Jeff Terpkko (Texas). The only pitcher to move two grades was Vic Albury (Minnesota) who went from D\* to B\*.

Joseph Paul "Joe"

## TORRE

(S) Firstbaseman (3) (3B-3)

YR	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	SB	BA	SLG	OBP
1976	114	310	36	95	5	31	1	.306	.406	.358

Bats: Right      Throws: Right  
 Height: 6-2      Weight: 212  
 Born: 7-18-40 Brooklyn, NY

11-	0-1	31-	8-2	51-	8-1
12-	25-6	32-	26-6	52-	27-6
13-	22-4	33-	7-1	53-	20-5
14-	30-6	34-	31-6	54-	32-6
15-	8-1	35-	9-2	55-	7-1
16-	13-6	36-	14-6	56-	13-6
21-	41-6	41-	24-7	61-	24-2
22-	7-1	42-	9-2	62-	22-6
23-	24-6	43-	29-6	63-	24-6
24-	13-6	44-	7-1	64-	37-2
25-	8-1	45-	14-6	65-	35-8
26-	12-6	46-	24-6	66-	0-1

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Gary Nolan (Cincinnati) received the only ZZ rating in the set.

Skip Lockwood (New York Mets) received the only KY rating.

Nolan Ryan (California), Dennis Eckersley (Cleveland), Dave LaRoche (Cleveland), and Wayne Twitchell (Philadelphia) all received the K rating.

Every team is capable of making at least Fielding Two while seven teams (Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Los Angeles, Montreal, Baltimore, Boston, and Kansas City) can reach Fielding One.

Johnny Bench (Cincinnati), and Jerry Grote (Houston) are rated Catcher 9.

Joe Morgan (Cincinnati), and Bobby Grich (Baltimore) are rate 2B-9.

Mark Belanger (Baltimore), and Larry Bowa (Philadelphia) are rated SS-10.

There is no 3B-6 in the set although eleven players are rated 3B-5. Four players are rated 1B-5 and fifteen are rated OF-3.

The Boston Red Sox have an all OF-3 outfield with Rick Miller, Fred Lynn, and Dwight Evans. Lynn was upgraded from his OF-2 rating in the original set. Several other players saw either an increase or decrease in fielding but none of these involved a fielding one rating.

The highest arm rating (39) was given to Cesar Geronimo (Cincinnati), and Dwight Evans (Boston).

Doug Flynn (Cincinnati) is rated 2B-8 3B-5 thereby receiving the extremely rare distinction of being rated Fielding One at two positions. Only a handful of other players have been so rated on the same card.

Rick Dempsey (Baltimore) received a Th+6 rating. Many pitchers and catchers had their MF and Th ratings changed from what they originally received. This is due to the current availability of the 1976 SB-CS stats for both pitchers and catchers.

The California Angels have thirteen players rated (F) followed by the Atlanta Braves with twelve.

The most players rated (S) belong to the Oakland A's with nine. Among them is Sal Bando who once again received an "11" for his twenty stolen bases.

Eleven players plus five XCs are rated (F19). Four players plus two XCs are rated (S1).



All arm ratings are the same as originally issued with the exception of Manny Sanguillen (Pittsburgh) who advanced from 27 to 30, and Ted Simmons (St. Louis) who advanced from 29 to 32.

The only speed rating to change was Terry Forster's reduction from (F16) to (12).

Mickey Rivers (New York Yankees) had his Stealing Rating changed from C31 to D33 while several other St ratings changed by 1 point.

A total of thirteen players received 3-31s as opposed to ten in the original set. Tommy Davis (Kansas City) was one of those ten but he received only 2-31s in the reprint. XC Jim Cox (Montreal) 2B-6 is listed as a pitcher on the XC roster sheet.

# 1977 Season

Teams: NL - 12 AL - 14 (12 on 52)

Cards per Team: 20 XBs: 6 M/S: yes

Print Style: VII Format: 'd' Back ONE

Published: 1978

There's a direct line from Babe Ruth to Reggie -- the swaggering braggart who can back up his words with deeds, particularly in the glare of the spotlight. You don't want to like him, but you do. Like all the great heroic figures in history and literature, he's at his best when others look to him for leadership. He says, "Place the critical load on me -- I'll carry it." Jose Canseco should be the contemporary player who inherits this mantle, but, for whatever reason, he isn't.

APBA increases the number of XBs issued with each team to six.

## Corrections:

- # Jim Rooker (Pittsburgh Pirates) should add a (Z) control rating.
- # Doug DeCinces (Baltimore Orioles) should have 62-32 [not 62-23].
- # Gil Flores (California Angels) should have 64-13 [not 64-12].
- # Willie McCovey (San Francisco Giants) should have a MG St[ea]l rating of R-36 [not R-0].
- # Reggie Cleveland (Boston Red Sox) is a Master Grade 5/6\* pitcher [not 5].
- # Rodney Scott (Oakland Athletics) should be Bats: Both [not Bats: Right], and should have a Batting Characteristic of SA-0.
- # Steve Swisher (Chicago Cubs) should have a MG rating of Ar[m] = 33.
- # Lenny Randle (New York Mets) should be 44-7-2 [not 44-7-1].
- # Hector Cruz (St. Louis Cardinals) should have 65-35-11 [not 65-35-7].

Bats: **Left** Throws: **Left**  
Height: **6-0** Weight: **205**  
Born: **5-18-46** Abington, Pa.

Reginald Martinez

"Buck"

**JACKSON**

(F) Outfielder (1)

11- 5	31- 9	51- 9
12- 25	32- 26	52- 12
13- 14	33- 5	53- 16
14- 30	34- 31	54- 32
15- 11	35- 14	55- 8
16- 28	36- 33	56- 13
21- 13	41- 28	61- 40
22- 6	42- 14	62- 13
23- 27	43- 29	63- 32
24- 13	44- 8	64- 14
25- 8	45- 14	65- 35
26- 13	46- 13	66- 1

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# Don Gullett (New York Yankees) should add a (Y) control rating.

# George Mitterwald (Chicago Cubs) should have a MG rating of Ar[m] = 33.

Bill Lee (Boston Red Sox, pitcher) received a '3' on his card, but never batted the entire season.

[contributed by Pete Simonelli]

Pete LaCock (Kansas City Athletics) should have 33-0 (not 33-7). [contributed by Robert Schumacher; and emphatically agreed with by Bob Henry]

In a excellent, and previously overlooked, "Letter to the Editor" ([AJ](#) [May 1978], p. 3), Clement Comly IV points out the following errors:

"...the following players never actually appeared at the [APBA] listed positions:

Mason, Texas, 2B                      Ewing, Tor, C                      Cox, Bos, 3B [DH only]

Dillard, Bos, 3B [Macmillan also rejects the Catcher rating]

Brett, KC, 2B                      Staub, Det, OF [DH only]                      Garrett, Mon, SS Randle,

NYM, C J.R. Morales, Chi, 3B Simmons, St. L, 1B

Also, for players traded during the season: Howell did not play 1B, OF for Toronto; Iorg...1B for St.L; Iorg...OF for Phi; Fosse...1B for Sea; Kingman...1B, 3B, OF for NYY; Kingman...3B for Cal; Kingman...3B for NYM; Bailey...1B, OF for Bos; May...OF for Cal; May...1B for NYY; Kirkpatrick...C for Pitt; Kirkpatrick...C, 1B for Mil; Kirkpatrick...3B for Texas; Johnson...C for Hou, and Johnson...OF for NYY.

Also, TSN lists the following as playing one game at the listed position: Aikens, Cal, C [Macmillan disagrees, and only lists him as DH-13, 1B-13]; Foli, SF, 3B [Macmillan adds: OF- 1, and 2B -1, without identifying for which team]."

Note: The editor adds to this list: Larry Biittner (Chicago Cubs) 1 2/3 [Macmillan says: 1 ] inning(s), 3 SO, 5 hits (three of them homeruns) and one walk for six runs [and a 54.00 ERA]."

Toby Harrah (Texas Rangers) received a card with a first column 10 and an 11, but was not rated (F)[ast]. [See "Corrections" in 1978 Season.]

Teddy Martinez (New York Mets ) Bats: Right (not Both). According to 10<sup>th</sup> [Macmillan](#), Ted was a switch-hitter only in 1973. [FanPark Encyclopedia](#) makes no mention of this switch in 1973. [Dave Morris; e-mail: 1998 - 08 - 28] This error is repeated in 1974, 1974R, 1975XB, 1975R, (no card in 1976), 1978XB, and 1979.

**Miscellany:**

Rod Carew (Minnesota Twins) has a regular Season's card with 26-41 and 46-37. The card with 26-37 and 46-41 is the Sample Card. [See The Sample Cards.]

According to Bob Henry, the "standards for [Grade] "B" [pitchers, previously, an ERA of 3.50 or lower and at least 19 wins] showed conspicuous erosion in the 1977 set." [AJ (March 1977), p. 14.]

Ed Armbrister (Cincinnati Reds) has hit-numbers out of the usual APBA order. He has 55 - 9 and 25 - 8.

"... George Foster (Cincinnati Reds) received power numbers 1,1,5,6 for hitting 52 home runs. Foster, who had one of the great modern seasons with 149 RBIs in addition to his 52 home runs, missed [receiving] five power numbers as a result of two hit-by-pitches, which prevented him from receiving power numbers 1,1,5,5,6. The fact that minor statistical differences could produce major differences in APBA cards led to Foster receiving a less-than-memorable card for a very remarkable season, and to greater use of double-column cards for players whose power statistics do not round off easily to produce realistic single-column cards. An innovative way of reproducing Foster's season would have been to give him power numbers 1,1,5,5, 6+, with the 6+ treated as a 7 with the bases empty and a 6 in all other situations. He is more likely to reproduce his 149 RBIs if he is better with runners on base. [To which Eric Naftaly editorializes:] (Of course, he's already better with runners on if you give him two 5s. )" [Bob Henry, AJ (April [May 21] 1996), p. 30.]

The Cincinnati Reds have perfect fielding up the middle: Johnny Bench (Catcher - 9), Joe Morgan (Secondbaseman - 9), Dave Concepcion (Shortstop - 10), and Cesar Geronimo (Centerfielder - 3). The only other teams to attain this level of excellence are the: 1948 Cleveland Indians (also in GTP #28, both Formats), and the 1959 Chicago White Sox (also in 1959R, and GTP #42).

Dave Kingman (New York Yankees) is a Thirdbaseman - 2. ("Richly deserved" according to David Lawrence.) However, he spent three-fourths of the season in the National League (New York Mets: 58 games; San Diego Padres: 56 games). His stint with the California Angels (10 games) was greater than with the New York Yankees for whom he played only 8 games; yet this is exactly with whom APBA placed him. It seems that his card is based on stats compiled in both leagues (for all four clubs). By the way, this year he hit nine homeruns for the Mets, eleven for the Padres, two for the Angels, and four for the Yankees.

The Pittsburgh Pirates have thirteen players rated (F)[ast]. The California Angels have eleven. There are ten speedsters each on the Atlanta Braves, Houston Astros, Cleveland Indians, and San Francisco Giants.

The San Diego Padres have nine players rated (F[ast]), and they can be configured into an all-(F)[ast] team.

Buddy Schultz (St. Louis Cardinals) is the first XB to be rated as a Grade A\* reliever. The first XB rated A&C\* will be 1986 Rob Murphy (Cincinnati Reds).

Don Baylor (California Angels) received one 15 and two 22s for his twelve HBPs in 645 plate appearances. Bob Henry (May 1982, p. 16) is mystified why he was not assigned a 42.

Johnny Bench (Cincinnati Reds) received a MG rating of  $Th_{[row\ to\ second]} = +6$ ,

Dwight Evans (Boston Red Sox) and Ellis Valentine (Montreal Expos) each received MG ratings of  $Ar_{[m]} = 39$ . Valentine also received this rating in OFAS II: Montreal Expos.

Players rated ( $S_{[low]} 1$ ): Joe Hoerner (Cincinnati Reds XB), Rick Rhoden (Los Angeles Dodgers), Wayne Twitchell (Philadelphia Phillies), and Wilbur Wood (Chicago White Sox). All are pitchers.

Rick Baldwin (New York Mets, XB pitcher) has fifteen hit-numbers on his card.

Tom Hume (Cincinnati Reds, XB pitcher) has 1,1,1 power numbers.

Pitchers with twenty-eight 13s: Mark Littell (Kansas City Royals), Mike Norris and Vida Blue (Oakland Athletics); Dick Tidrow and Sparky Lyle (New York Yankees); Lance Rautzhan (Los Angeles Dodgers XB), and Vic Bernal (San Diego Padres XB).

Don Gullett (New York Yankees, pitcher) received twenty-nine 13s (with no '35' at '65').

The Philadelphia Phillies can assemble a line-up with first column 1s at each position. However, they need the XB Barry Foote to play catcher, so that Tim McCarver can play Firstbase. Steve Carlton and Larry Christenson are pitchers with the long-ball power.

Mike Caldwell (Milwaukee Brewers, XB pitcher) has ten 6s and seven 14s on his card.

Dave Concepcion (Cincinnati Reds), Mark Belanger (Baltimore Orioles), and Larry Bowa (Philadelphia Phillies) are all rated as Shortstop - 10 (SS - 10).

Bake McBride (Philadelphia Phillies) received a card with 1,3,6,6 power for his 15 home runs, 6 triples, and 25 doubles, as well as three 11s for his 36 stolen bases in 402 at-bats.

The base-stealers for this season are: A31: Frank Taveras (Pittsburgh Pirates); A30: Omar Moreno (Pittsburgh Pirates); B32: Gene Richards (San Diego Padres); B31: Bert Campaneris (Oakland Athletics), Davey Lopes (Los Angeles Dodgers), Freddie Patek (Kansas City Royals); B28: Glenn Burke (Los Angeles Dodgers); B27: Sheldon Mallory (Oakland Athletics XB); B26: Jose Cruz (Houston Astros); C34: Mitchell Page (Oakland Athletics); C33: Willie Norwood (Minnesota Twins XB); C32: Bake McBride (Philadelphia Phillies), Joe Morgan (Cincinnati Reds); C31: Larry Murray (Oakland Athletics); C30: Pat Kelly (Baltimore Orioles); D35: Larry Bowa (Philadelphia Phillies), Wilbur Howard (Houston Astros); E35: Terry Puhl (Houston Astros).

Players receiving the MG rating of  $Ar_{[m]} = 22$ : Dick Allen (Oakland Athletics XB), Don Baylor (California Angels), and Carlos May (California Angels XB). Players receiving the MG rating of  $Ar_{[m]} = 23$ : Rico Carty (Cleveland Indians) and Manny Mota (Los Angeles Dodgers XB).

**AJ Articles:**

Schedule: (August 1987), p. 17.

Recommended Pitching Grades: (July 1992), pp. 3, 12.

"1977 Final Unofficial Statistics." (November 1977), pp. 11 - 14.

"1977 Final Official Statistics.' (January 1978), pp. 7 - 10.

**AJ Replays:**

1977 AL [BG]                    by Jude M. Plante (October 1991), pp. 17 - 19, 23.  
                                      by Harry Jebsen (May 1980), pp. 7 - 8.  
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                                      by Dave Larson (April 1979), pp. 12, 15.

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(August 1979), p. 16. by Dan Schmid (July 1982), pp. 8 - 9.  
                                      by Jim Johnson and Mike Flaherty (July 1979), p. 7.

1977 Cincinnati Reds    by Eddie Martin (August 1978), p. 11.  
1977 Boston Red Sox    by Edward J. Kay (September 1978), pp. 5 - 6.  
1977 Kansas City Royals by Kenneth Cobb (December 1982), p. 7.

# 1977 [R] Season

Teams: NL-12 AL-14 (12 on 62)  
 Cards per Team: 25 XBs: No M/S:  
 Yes Print Style: XII, Variety 19,  
 Format: e Back: TWO Published:  
 2006  
 XCs: NL- AL  
 Print Style: XII, Variety 19, Format:  
 e Back: TWO  
 Published: 2006  
 Baseball Park Factor Chart: Yes

*The Bull was one of the young players who were to lead the Phils out of the quagmire of the early 1970s. In particular, Luzinski was the power force behind this renaissance. How ironic that in this season - arguably the greatest in Phillies history, at least until October - Luzinski hit .309, although he still led the team with 39 home runs en route to his greatest all-around season. Perhaps the true irony is that, despite the nickname, Luzinski's power, and star status, were eventually overshadowed by the all-around greatness (not to mention the 548 career home runs) of teammate, Mike Schmidt. Most Philadelphians, when asked to remember the 1977 season, will focus on Luzinski's defensive role in that fateful ninth inning on October 7, 1977.*

MG Pitcher Fatigue Rating (Q-factor) issued on M/S sheet.

This season's cards do not have "Major League" printed inside the baseball logo on the back of the cards. [See 1986 Season].

This season has the dual ratings for the Batting Characteristics (BC) and the (ZZ) pitcher control rating.

Pitchers that have very low, or very high, rates of strikeouts have the (R) and (K) ratings, respectively [See "Glossary"].

Pitching grades for this season use the lowered standards set in 2000 (MG=1-4) D; (MG=5-9) C; (MG=10-14) B; (MG=15-19) A; (MG=20-24) A&C and (MG=25-30) A&B.

This season was designed to use the optional Official Scorer's Rule System.

This is the first card set where Error Rating is different for each league. Use E=0 as the Error Rating for the American League and E=+1 for the National League. APBA recommends when playing a National League team against an American League team, the Official Scoring Rating of the home team should be used.

## Corrections:

**Gregory Michael "Bull"**  
**LUZINSKI**  
 (S) Outfielder (1)

YR	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	SB	BA	SLG	OBP
77	149	554	99	171	39	130	3	.309	.594	.394

Bats: Right                      Throws: Right  
 Height: 6-1                      Weight: 220  
 Born: 11-22-50                  Chicago, IL

11-	1	31-	9	51-	8
12-	25	32-	26	52-	27
13-	14	33-	6	53-	16
14-	30	34-	31	54-	32
15-	8	35-	9	55-	8
16-	28	36-	14	56-	34
21-	13	41-	24	61-	40
22-	6	42-	14	62-	12
23-	13	43-	29	63-	13
24-	13	44-	7	64-	13
25-	8	45-	14	65-	35
26-	13	46-	13	66-	1

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Jim Rooker (Pittsburgh Pirates) is missing a (Z) control rating.

The steal rating for Willie McCovey (San Francisco Giants), has been corrected to R-33.

Rodney Scott (Oakland Athletics) is now correctly listed as “Bats: Both.”

Ar[m] ratings for both Steve Swisher (Chicago Cubs) and George Mitterwald (Chicago Cubs) have been corrected to Ar[m]=33.

In the second edition, it was noted that Don Gullett (New York Yankees) should add a (Y) control rating.

Instead of receiving a (3) on his card, as he did in the original 1977 set, Bill Lee (Boston Red Sox pitcher) now receives a (5).

Pete LaCock (Kansas City Royals) now receives the 33-(0) that Robert Schumacher suggested, and Bob Henry emphatically agreed with, in the second edition of this handbook.

The odd placement of numbers for Cincinnati’s Ed Armbrister, 25-(8) and 55-(9), has been revised to 25-(9) and 55-(8). *[Correction from prior version of this comment courtesy of Greg Wells.]*

The lack of a (42) on the card for Don Baylor (California Angels) that mystified Bob Henry has been corrected with a 35-(42). Previously, Baylor had received one (15) and two (22)s for his 12 HBPs in 645 plate appearances

Jason Thompson’s (Detroit Tigers) extra base hits, second column, have been revised. Dice rolls at 14, 32, 34, 52, 54 & 65 remain (6)s. All other second column (6)s should be changed to (1)s. *[official APBA revision]*.

### **Miscellany:**

The MVPs for this season are George Foster (Cincinnati Reds) in the NL and Rod Carew (Minnesota Twins) in the AL. Both clearly deserved their honors. Foster’s 52 home runs represented the only 50 home run season in the majors between 1965 (Willie Mays) and 1990 (Cecil Fielder). Foster’s card features (0,0,0,1,1) power with a 55-(7) and 8 second-column (1)s to reflect his power as well as his .320 batting average. Foster is also the only regular in the majors in 1977 to have 12 hit numbers and 5 power numbers. Carew, meanwhile, chased the elusive .400 mark before falling short at .388. This was the highest average for a regular since Ted Williams posted the same mark in 1957. Rod’s card features 14 hit-numbers, including four (0)s and a rare 51-(7).

Roger Freed (St. Louis Cardinals) and Rod Carew (Minnesota Twins) are the only players with (14) hit-numbers. Ted Cox (Boston Red Sox) has 13 hit-numbers and 16 players have 12 hit-numbers. Rick Baldwin (New York Mets, pitcher) had received 15 hit-numbers in the original issue of this season, but only has 11 hit-numbers in this reissue.

Only 3 players have 5 or more power numbers: George Foster (see above), Mike Caldwell (Milwaukee Brewers, pitcher) and Kurt Bevacqua (Texas Rangers).

Eight players have (1,1) power, or better: Jeff Burroughs (Atlanta Braves) (1,1,6), Tom Hume (Cincinnati



Reds) (1,1); Greg Luzinski (Philadelphia Phillies) (1,1,6,6); Mike Schmidt (Philadelphia Phillies) (1,1,4,6); Willie Stargell (Pittsburgh Pirates) (1,1,6,6); Bernie Carbo (Boston Red Sox) (1,1,6); Oscar Gamble (Chicago White Sox) (1,1,5,6) and Cliff Johnson (New York Yankees) (1,1,5,6).

Tom Hume (Cincinnati Reds) had received three (1)s in the original issue for this season.

There is a proliferation of second column (1)s in this set. For example:

Carlos Lopez (Seattle Mariners) 32 Juan Bernhardt (Seattle Mariners) 28 Biff Pocoroba (Atlanta Braves) 26 John Montefusco (San Francisco Giants) 24 Don Stanhouse (Montreal Expos) 23 Fred Stanley (New York Yankees) 23 Larvell Blanks (Cleveland Indians) 20 Dave May (Texas Rangers) 20

Continuing the theme of second column extremes, Jack Brohamer (White Sox) has 21 second column (2)s.

Donnie Moore (Atlanta Braves, pitcher) has the interesting combination (2,2,7,7). He hit .300 with one triple and one walk in 11 plate appearances.

The Philadelphia Phillies can, once again, assemble a line-up with first column (1)s at each position.

The Kansas City Royals seem to be drawn toward the use of play result (4). George Brett, Hal McRae and Darrell Porter all have first-column (4)s. Ironically, Al Cowens (Kansas City Royals) lost a pair of first-column (4)s from the original issue for this season.

Thirteen players have at least two first-column (11)s on their cards, led by Gene Richards (San Diego Padres) with three (11)s and one (10).

The leading base stealers for this season are:

A30: Omar Moreno (Pittsburgh Pirates)

B31: Cesar Cedeno (Houston Astros), Frank Taveras (Pittsburgh Pirates) and Freddie Patek (Kansas City Royals)

C32: Bake McBride and Gene Richards (San Diego Padres)

C31: Larry Murray (Oakland Athletics)

C30: Phil Garner (Pittsburgh Pirates)

No player received an MG rating of Sp[eed]=(F[ast] 20).

Players receiving MG ratings of Sp[eed]=(F[ast] 19) include: Ken Griffey (Cincinnati Reds), Cesar Cedeno (Houston Astros), Bake McBride (Philadelphia Phillies), Garry Maddox (Philadelphia Phillies), Omar Moreno (Pittsburgh Pirates), Gene Richards (San Diego Padres), Thad Bosley (California Angels), Mickey Rivers (New York Yankees), and Dave Collins (Seattle Mariners)

Players who received MG ratings of Sp[eed] = (S[low] 1) include: Rick Rhoden (Los Angeles Dodgers, pitcher), Wayne Twitchell (Montreal Expos, pitcher) and Wilbur Wood (Chicago White Sox, pitcher).

The Pirates have 13 players rated F[ast]. They can form an all (F) team, except at catcher, and can also form an all (10)s team, except for pitcher.

The highest Ar[m] ratings for any players in this reissue are the 39s given to Ellis Valentine (Montreal Expos) and Dwight Evans (Boston Red Sox), the same ratings as in the original issue of the season.

The lowest Ar[m] ratings are retained by Don Baylor (California Angels), Carlos May (California Angels) and Dick Allen (Oakland Athletics), each of whom received a 22.

Rick Dempsey (Baltimore Orioles), Jeff Newman (Oakland Athletics) and Jim Sundberg (Texas Rangers) are the catchers who receive ratings of Th[erow]= +6.

No players are rated (3B- 6) in this season. There are three players rated (SS-10): Dave Concepcion (Cincinnati Reds), Larry Bowa (Philadelphia Phillies) and Mark Belanger (Baltimore Orioles).

Two players are rated (2B-9): Joe Morgan (Cincinnati Reds) and Frank White (Kansas City Royals).

Three players are rated (1B-5): Steve Garvey (Los Angeles Dodgers), Tommy Hutton (Philadelphia Phillies) and Mike Jorgensen (Oakland Athletics).

Three players are rated (C-9): Johnny Bench (Cincinnati Reds), Jerry Grote (Los Angeles Dodgers) and Jim Sundberg (Texas Rangers).

Seventeen players are rated (OF-3).

Pitchers with high pitching grades include: Bruce Sutter (Chicago Cubs) A&C\* (MG=23\*) and Goose Gossage (Pittsburgh Pirates) A&C\* (MG=21\*). The highest rated starting pitcher is John Candelaria (Pittsburgh Pirates) A (MG=17).

The modern version of "Spahn and Sain, then two days of rain" is found in this season's Minnesota Twins, who have starter Dave Goltz (MG=14), reliever Tom Johnson (MG=13\*), and no other pitcher higher than (MG=6\*). The situation is even worse for the expansion Mariners, who have no pitchers rated higher than (MG=6) except for Enrique Romo (MG = 8/15\*). Their expansion cousins, the Toronto Blue Jays, have no pitchers rated higher than (MG=8\*) except for Pete Vuckovich (MG = 10/12\*).

No pitchers receive the (ZZ) rating for extreme control. Fifty-six carded pitchers (not counting XCs) received the (W) rating for lack of control.

Pitchers rated (K) include Bruce Sutter (Chicago Cubs), Goose Gossage (Pittsburgh Pirates), Nolan Ryan (California Angels), Mark Littell (Montreal Royals) and Len Barker (Texas Rangers)

At the other extreme, 14 players rated (R).

Six players, all pitchers, have 22 (13)s.

Mike Barlow (California Angels) has 9 (24)s.

Dave Kingman is once again carded for the New York Yankees despite having played only 8 games for

the Yanks. Kingman also played in 10 games for the California Angels, 56 games with the San Diego Padres and 58 games for the New York Mets.

Don Hood (Cleveland Indians), Adrian Devine (Texas Rangers) and Mark Littell (Montreal Royals) have their pitching grade lines in a compressed font. Similar situations exist for the Seattle Mariners Diego Segui (name line) and the Texas Rangers Sandy Alomar (position line).

Players in the original 1977 issue, not carded in the reissue, (1977 [R]):

Larry Dierker (St. Louis Cardinals), Pete Broberg (Chicago Cubs), Gerry Hannahs (Montreal Expos), Jackson Todd (New York Mets), Dan Warthen (Philadelphia Phillies), Dave Pagan (Pittsburgh Pirates), Tom Dixon (Houston Astros), Cito Gaston (Atlanta Braves), Vic Davalillo (Los Angeles Dodgers), Larry Herndon (San Francisco Giants), Vic Bernal (San Diego Padres), Joe Hoerner (Cincinnati Reds), Pete Garcia (Toronto Blue Jays), Gary Beare (Milwaukee Brewers), Tom Buskey (Cleveland Indians), Brooks Robinson (Baltimore Orioles), Bob Bailey (Boston Red Sox), Mark Wagner (Detroit Tigers), Stan Thomas (New York Yankees), Rusty Torres (California Angels), Sheldon Mallory (Oakland Athletics), Larry Cox (Seattle Mariners), Bill Fahey (Texas Rangers), Dave Nelson (Montreal Royals), Willie Norwood (Minnesota Twins) and Don Kirkwood (Chicago White Sox)

*[Editor's Note, Don Adams]:*

*As I was editing this season's write-up, I was surprised by the above item. Why should the number of players carded go down when a set is reissued? On the surface, that seemed strange. Also, why was 1977 [R] the first set that had such a decline?*

*I do not always concur with the decisions/actions of my good friends in Lancaster, but there is usually a method to their madness. I may not always agree with that "method," but that is what makes for horse races and Handbooks.*

*When I looked into the situation, the answer soon became obvious. The original set for 1977 had 20 players and 6 XBs per team, a total of 26 players. The 1977 [R] set has 25 players and no XBs. Since 25 is one less than 26 (those 46 years as a CPA were not wasted), the number of players carded declined by one per team.*

*Since 1977 was the first season that APBA issued 6 XBs, rather than four, this was the first time the total number of players carded in a reissue was less than the number in the original set, plus XBs.*

*The same situation crops up with 1980 [R]. The 1993 [R] set creates an even greater problem. In 1992, APBA started issuing 10 XBs per team. As a result, the original 1993 set has 30 carded players per team and the 1993 [R] set has 25. Such is the cost of progress. [Don Adams, June 19, 2010].*

Additionally, the following switches have been made between the original issue and reissue:

Atlanta Braves, XB pitcher Jamie Easterly has been replaced by pitcher Steve Hagan Los Angeles Dodgers, XB infielder Ed Goodson has been replaced by outfielder John Hale Cleveland Indians, XB outfielder Charlie Spikes has been replaced by outfielder Johnny Grubb California Angels, XB infielder Willie Aikens has been replaced by pitcher Gary Nolan

*[Editor's Note, Don Adams]:*

*These four player switches also aroused my curiosity, so I took a look at the stats of the players involved.*

*Atlanta Braves—Jamie Easterly pitched in 22 games (58.2 innings), with five starts. Steve Hagan also pitched in 22 games (66 innings), but had 10 starts (five for the Braves and five for the Toronto Blue Jays). It is a toss up.*

*Los Angeles Dodgers—Carding John Hale and cutting Ed Goodson makes sense. Hale played 73 games in the outfield with 108 at-bats and a .241 average. Goodson played 17 games in the outfield and was a PH/DH/PR in 44 games with a .167 average.*

Cleveland Indians – Carding Johnny Grubb and dropping Charlie Spikes is also a good move. Grubb played the outfield in 28 games, with 93 at-bats and a .301 average. Spikes had 27 games in the outfield, with 95 at-bats and a .232 average.

California Angels – Willie Aikens played 13 games at first base and PH/DH in 29 games, with a .198 average. Gary Nolan started 13 games, five for the Angels and 8 for the Cincinnati Reds. Nolan would play a larger role in a 1977 season replay.

Overall, the changes seem justified. With the exception of the Atlanta Braves, the switches can be viewed as improvements over the original XB selections.

### **AJ Replays:**

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| 1977 AL [BG]            | by Jude M. Plante (October 1991, pp. 17-19, 23).<br>by Harry Jebson (May 1980, pp. 7-8).<br>by Mark W. Arentson (February/March 1994, pp. 32-33, 35).<br>by Dave Larson (April 1979, pp. 12 & 15). |
| 1977 NL [BG]            | by Dick Elcave (January 1982, pp. 9-11).<br>by Rick Rauscher (August 1979, p. 16).<br>by Dan Schmid (July 1982, pp. 8-9).<br>by Jim Johnson and Mike Flaherty (July 1979, p.7).                    |
| 1977 Cincinnati Reds    | by Eddie Martin (August 1978, p. 11)   |
| 1977 Boston Red Sox     | by Edward J. Kay (September 1978, pp. 5-6).  |
| 1977 Kansas City Royals | by Kenneth Cobb (December 1982, p. 7).   |

# 1978 Season

Teams: NL-12 AL-14 (12 on 36 )  
Cards per Team: 20  
XBs: 6/team M/S: No  
Print Style: VII Format: d  
XB Print Style: VII Format: d  
Back: ONE  
XB Back: ONE  
Published: 1979

Baseball Park Factor Chart: No

*With the coming of the designated hitter in the American League, there was the problem of what to put on the hitting tablet for pitchers who did not bat. The answer: what pitchers who do not bat have always received: the (7,8,9) combination, a token (14), and a representative number of (13)s. With a few exceptions, this is what they get. By the way, who says team affiliations are solely mercenary? Obviously, this fine Scandinavian gentleman pitches for Minnesota.*

*APBA begins to take a player's post-season performance into account when making his card. [See below, Brian Doyle].*

## Corrections:

Juan Bernhardt (Seattle Mariners) should have 12-(25)-(8), 14-(30)-(7), 22-(7)-(1), 32-(26)-(8), 34-(31)-(7), 52-(27)-(7), 54-(32)-(7) and 55-(8)-(6). [See AJ, March 1979, p.11].

Frank Duffy (Boston Red Sox) should have 31-(8), 42-(14), 46-(39) and 51-(7). Bob Henry points out that the (7) was placed on 51 and an (8) on 31, even though Duffy received (9)s on 55 and 25. [See AJ, March 1979, p.11.]

Teddy Martinez (New York Mets, XB ) "Bats: Right," not "Both". According to 10<sup>th</sup> Macmillan, Ted was a switch-hitter only in 1973. FanPark Encyclopedia makes no mention of this switch in 1973. [Dave Morris, e-mail, August 28, 1998]. This error is repeated in 1974, 1974R, 1975XB, 1975R, (no card in 1976), 1977 and 1979.

## Miscellany:

Butch Hobson (Boston Red Sox) is rated (3B-3). He fielded .899 in 133 games, the first time in 62 years that a regular third baseman fielded below .900. [contributed by Matylda Dougher].

Toby Harrah (Texas Rangers) received a card with a first column (11), and 11 second column (11)s, but was not rated (F)[ast].

Bats: Right      Throws: Right  
Height: 6-2      Weight: 190  
Born: 11-10-53      San Francisco, Calif.

Paul Gayton

"Thor"

**THORMODSGARD**

Grade D Pitcher (1)(Z)

11- 8	31- 13	51- 13
12- 25	32- 26	52- 27
13- 13	33- 9	53- 13
14- 30	34- 31	54- 32
15- 13	35- 13	55- 36
16- 28	36- 12	56- 34
21- 30	41- 24	61- 32
22- 21	42- 13	62- 29
23- 27	43- 29	63- 33
24- 30	44- 23	64- 13
25- 13	45- 14	65- 35
26- 27	46- 13	66- 7

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The Houston Astros have 6 catchers (including trades) who received cards: Reggie Baldwin, Bruce Bochy, Joe Ferguson, Ed Herrmann, Wilbur Howard and Luis Pujols.

John Montefusco (San Francisco Giants, pitcher) received an unusual card with two (23)s, two (21)s, and two (36)s, a (22) and hit numbers (0,8,9). [*contributed by Alan Speidel*].

Brian Doyle (New York Yankees XB) received a card with one (0) and 18 second column (6)s, despite not having any extra-base hits in the regular season. This card allows him to hit a double, as he did in the World Series. Oddly, APBA did not take the League Championship statistics into account for he has no 14s on his card, despite walking once in the LCS. This is the beginning of APBA's attempt to include post-season performance in the card-making process. [*For an earlier, quixotic example of this development, see 1968 Mickey Lolich*].

Jim Kern (Cleveland Indians, pitcher) has 28 (13)s on his card.

Mark Belanger (Baltimore Orioles) and Larry Bowa (Philadelphia Phillies) are both rated (SS-10).

Pepe Frias (Montreal Expos XB) has a "monster card": (2,2,6,6,6,6), which makes him the first modern player with 6 power-numbers. This late inning defensive specialist had fifteen at-bats in 73 games, with one single, two doubles and one triple. Without reduction, his card should have been something like (2,2,4,6,6,6,6).

Rick Auerbach (Cincinnati Reds XB) has a card with (1,6,6,6,7,7,8,8,8,9,9,10) hit potential plus four (14)s and two (22)s to produce his .327 BA; with 55 at-bats in 63 games.

The Houston Astros have 13 players rated (F)[ast]. They can field an all (F) team by using XB Wilbur Howard as catcher. (He played that position in three games in this, his final season).

The Cincinnati Reds have 12 players rated (F)[ast]. The California Angels, Chicago White Sox, and Atlanta Braves each have 10.

Terry Forster (Los Angeles Dodgers, pitcher) has 17 hit-numbers, including (6,6,6,6) power, is rated (F)[ast] and is an A\* (Y)(Z) reliever.

Mike Garman (Montreal Expos, pitcher) has 26 (13)s.

Bill Atkinson (Montreal Expos XB, pitcher) has 17 hit-numbers, including 12 (7)s.

Skip Lockwood (New York Mets, pitcher) has (1,1,1,6,6,6) power.

Buddy Schultz (St. Louis Cardinals) has five (2)s.

Warren Brusstar (Philadelphia Phillies, pitcher) has five (6)s.

Jim Sundberg (Texas Rangers) received a MG rating of Th[erow]=+6.

Dwight Evans (Boston Red Sox) and Ellis Valentine (Montreal Expos) each received MG ratings of Ar[m]=39.

Mickey Lolich (San Diego Padres XB, pitcher) and Greg Minton (San Francisco Giants XB, pitcher) have 28 (13)s.

John Mayberry (Toronto Blue Jays) has five (32)s.

John Urrea (St. Louis Cardinals) has the horrible nickname of "Stick It In."

Players rated (S[low] 1): Rico Carty (Oakland Athletics), Wayne Twitchell (Montreal Expos XB, pitcher), Mickey Lolich (San Diego Padres XB, pitcher), Rick Rhoden (Los Angeles Dodgers, pitcher), and Wilbur Wood (Chicago White Sox, pitcher).

Gene Tenace (San Diego Padres) has three rare play numbers: (36), (38) and (41). He is the first player ever to receive this combination.

Dan Spillner (Cleveland Indians XB, pitcher) has 16 (14)s on his card.

The 1978 Los Angeles Dodgers tie the 1968 Detroit Tigers for the record with 8 Grade B, or better pitchers.

Ron Guidry (New York Yankees) received a Grade of A&C (MG = 24).

The base-stealers this season are:

- A31: Willie Wilson (Kansas City Royals)
- A30: Omar Moreno (Pittsburgh Pirates)
- A28: Rodney Scott (Chicago Cubs)
- A27: Miguel Dilone (Oakland Athletics)
- B35: Cesar Cedeno (Houston Astros XB) and Davey Lopes (Los Angeles Dodgers)
- B34: Jimmy Sexton (Houston Astros)
- B33: Julio Cruz (Seattle Mariners)
- B31: Ron LeFlore (Detroit Tigers)
- B30: Freddie Patek (Kansas City Royals) and Bump Wills (Texas Rangers)
- B26: Bobby Bonds (Texas Rangers), Glenn Burke (Oakland Athletics XB) and U. L. Washington (Kansas City Royals)

Players with Ar[m]=22: Don Baylor (California Angels), Rico Carty (Oakland Athletics) and Manny Mota (Los Angeles Dodgers XB).

Players with Ar[m]=23: Jesus Alou (Houston Astros XB), Bob Bailey (Boston Red Sox XB) and Willie Horton (Toronto Blue Jays).

### **AJ Articles:**

"1978 Final Unofficial Statistics." (November 1978, pp. 11-14).

"Guidry, Rice Highlight New Baseball Card Set" by Bob Henry (March 1979, pp. 1, 9-11).

### **AJ Replays:**

1978 NL + AL by Scott Olmstead (September 1982, pp. 6-8).

1978 NL [MG] by Brian Bishop (April 1987, pp. 22-23).

1978 NL [BG] by David Hunt (September 1981, p. 11).  
by Terry Black (August 1985, pp. 21-12).  
by Robert Prestwood, Jr. (January 1984, pp. 9-10).

1978 AL [BG/MG] by Joe Ankenbauer (June 1983, p. 7).

1978 AL [BG] by Jude Plante (March 1999, pp 48-51).

1978 AL by Scott Holbrook (January 1981, pp. 10-11).

1978 New York Yankees [BG] by Don Schiller (December 1980, pp. 9-10).



# 1979 Season

Teams: NL-12 AL-14 (12 on 16)  
Cards per Team: 20  
XBs: 6/team M/S: Yes  
Print Style: VII Format: d  
XB Print Style: VII Format: d  
Back: ONE XB  
Back: ONE  
Published: 1980

Baseball Park Factor Chart: Yes (1996)

*OK, some batters get plunked more than others, but this is ridiculous. Of course, if Kaat had actually been a dodge ball target to this extent, he never would have enjoyed such a long and successful career. This is another instance of scant data meeting literalism in the card-making formula. Come to think of it, he'd make a heck of a designated hitter against top-rated pitching, since nothing stops a 42.*

## Corrections:

Bruce Bochte (Seattle Mariners) should have a MG St[eal] rating of R20. Unfortunately, this correction will not be incorporated when this card is reissued in the OFAS II Set in November 1995.

Floyd Bannister (Seattle Mariners) should add a (Y) control rating.

Dave LaRoche (California Angels) should add a (Y) control rating.

Gary Lavelle (San Francisco Giants) is a reliever this year and should have a (\*) after his grade. The omission was a printer's error.

Craig Reynolds (Houston Astros) has a St[eal] rating on the M/S card that is hard to read. It looks like E26, or it could be B26, as the characters are all jammed together. Veryl Lincoln has decided that E26 is the correct rating. [letter, July 28, 1997].

Teddy Martinez (New York Mets) "Bats: Right," not "Both." According to 10<sup>th</sup> Macmillan, Ted was a switch-hitter only in 1973. FanPark Encyclopedia makes no mention of this switch in 1973. [Dave Morris, e-mail, August 28, 1998] This error is repeated in 1974, 1974R, 1975XB, 1975R, (no card in 1976), 1977, and 1978XB.

## Miscellany:

Terry Puhl (Houston Astros) was rated (OF-2) even though he did not commit an error in 152 games.

Bats: Left	Throws: Left	
Height: 6-4	Weight: 215	
Born: 11-7-38	Zeeland, Michigan	
James Lee		
"Kitty"		
<b>KAAT</b>		
Grade D(C*) Pitcher (2)(Z)		
11-42	31-42	51-42
12-13	32-13	52-13
13-42	33-42	53-21
14-13	34-13	54-13
15-42	35-42	55-42
16-12	36-13	56-13
21-13	41-13	61-42
22-42	42-42	62-23
23-13	43-13	63-13
24-13	44-42	64-42
25-42	45-36	65-35
26-13	46-42	66-42
J-3	42-Hit by Pitcher	

Jay Johnstone (San Diego Padres) is rated as a (1B-2) (OF-2). However, it more properly should be (OF-2) (1B-2) as he played 64 games in the outfield and only 22 at first base. [Dave Morris, e-mail, September 4, 1998].

Mark Belanger (Baltimore Orioles) and Larry Bowa (Philadelphia Phillies) are both rated (SS-10).

The Master Symbols were published this year on two separate sheets of card stock; one for the National League and one for the American League.

Pitchers with 28 (13)s: Bert Roberge (Houston Astros XB), Ron Davis (New York Yankees) and Sammy Stewart (Baltimore Orioles).

Adrian Devine (Atlanta Braves, pitcher) has 23 (13)s.

The Houston Astros have 12 players rated (F)[ast]. The Cincinnati Reds and the California Angels each have 11. These three teams lack a catcher rated (F) to be able to field an all (F) team.

Dave Tomlin and Mario Soto (both Cincinnati Reds, pitchers) have 15 hit-numbers..

Pitchers with 17 hit-numbers: Doug Capilla (Chicago Cubs), Tom Dixon (Houston Astros) and Tim Stoddard (Baltimore Orioles XB).

Graig Nettles (New York Yankees) has 6 (32)s.

Stan Bahnsen (Montreal Expos, pitcher) received (1,1,1), power as his only hit-numbers.

Players rated (S[low] 1): Steve Carlton (Philadelphia Phillies, pitcher), Rico Carty (Toronto Blue Jays), Mickey Lolich (San Diego Padres XB, pitcher), Luis Tiant (New York Yankees, pitcher) and Wayne Twitchell (Seattle Mariners XB, pitcher).

Steve Carlton (Philadelphia Phillies) is rated a (S[low] 1) this season, the first of nine consecutive seasons he will be so rated.

Dwight Evans (Boston Red Sox) and Ellis Valentine (Montreal Expos) each received MG ratings of Ar[m]=39.

Joe Coleman (Pittsburgh Pirates, pitcher) received 6 (6)s.

Willie Wilson (Kansas City Royals) received a MG rating of Sp[eed]=(F[ast] 20).

Darold Knowles (St. Louis Cardinals, pitcher) received 27 (24)s and a (25). Obviously, he should never be allowed to bat in a double play situation.

Jim Kaat (New York Yankees, pitcher) received 16 (42)s. (See card above).

Bruce Sutter (Chicago Cubs, pitcher) has two (11)s and a (10), despite being rated a (S)[low] runner.

Danny Ainge (Toronto Blue Jays), born in Eugene Oregon, received a card for this season, as well as for 1980 [XB], 1980 [R], and 1981. He was also carded in APBA Basketball for his long and storied career. The only other Eugenean to play in the major leagues was Harry Reynolds (1983 - 1992 Seattle Mariners).

There are no Grade A starters in the American League this season, and only one in the National League, J. R. Richard (Houston Astros).

The leading base stealers for this season are:

- A34: Eddie Miller (Atlanta Braves XB)
- A33: Willie Wilson (Kansas City Royals)
- A27: Billy North (San Francisco Giants)
- A26: Miguel Dilone (Chicago Cubs)
- B32: Julio Cruz (Seattle Mariners)
- B30: Oscar Moreno (Pittsburgh Pirates)
- B29: Rickey Henderson (Oakland Athletics)

Players receiving the MG rating of Ar[m] = 22: Jesus Alou (Houston Astros XB), Don Baylor (California Angels), Rico Carty (Toronto Blue Jays), Willie Horton (Seattle Mariners) and Manny Mota (Los Angeles Dodgers XB).

Hal McRae (Kansas City Royals) received Ar[m]=23.

Jim Sundberg (Texas Rangers) is rated Th[row]=+6.

In an odd-looking (and, according to Bob Henry, unique) card, Miguel Dilone (Chicago Cubs XB) received: 11-(8), 15-(11), 22-(9), 25-(11), 31-(8), 33-(8), 35-(40), 44-(9), 51-(11) and 66-(3),

### **AJ Article:**

"1979 Final Unofficial Statistics." (November 1979, pp. 9-12).

### **AJ Replays:**

1979 NL + AL by Kenneth C. Bailey (October 1983, pp. 4-6).

1979 NL + AL [MG] by Mario Vricella (March 31, 1995, pp. 22-28).

1979 NL [MG] by Mark Beakas (February 1988, pp. 24-25).

1979 California Angels [BG] by John Schrader (November 1982, pp. 5-6).

1979 Baltimore Orioles [MG] by Tom Hall (February 1988, p. 23). [BG]  
by Jeff Walls (June 1982, pp. 6-7).



# 1979[R] Season

Teams: NL-12 AL-14 (12 on 23)  
Cards per Team: 31 to 41 (899 total)  
XBs: No XCs: No M/S: Yes  
Print Style: Format:  
Back:  
Published: July 2014

Baseball Park Factor Chart: Yes

*The 1979 card is his best APBA card, and is likely the best card ever for a pinch running specialist. During his career, Matt Alexander appeared in a total of 374 games including a record-setting 271 times as pinch runner. His F[ast]20 Sp[eed] rating, A35 steal rating, seven (11)s, 14 hit numbers, and (2,4) power make for a useful APBA card, and reflect positively on his skills. It is no wonder that Matt "The Scat" was a favorite role player of manager Chuck Tanner in his quest to lead the Pittsburgh Pirates to a World Championship.*

*In this season set, APBA included every player that appeared in at least one game. No separate XB or XC cards are needed to get every player. Two sets were offered, one with M/S printed on the cards and one without.*

*This season was designed to use the optional Official Scorer's Rule System. Use E-0 as the Error Rating for each league. Pitchers that have very low or very high rates of strikeouts have (R) and (K) ratings, respectively. Pitching grades for this season use the lowered standards set in 2000 (MG=1-4, D; MG=5-9, C; MG=10-14, B; MG=15-19, A; MG=20-24, A&C; MG=25-30, A&B). This season has the expanded dual Batting Characteristic (BC) rating and the (ZZ) control rating for pitchers.*

## Corrections:

For pitchers that allowed more than 100 walks, the left-most digit indicating the number of walks on the stat-line is barely visible. Pitchers affected, and the correct number of walks given up, include: Mike Torrez (Boston Red Sox, 121 BB), Nolan Ryan (California Angels, 114 BB), Ken Kravec (Chicago White Sox, 111 BB), Rich Wortham (Chicago White Sox, 100 BB), Phil Niekro (Atlanta Braves, 113 BB), Vida Blue (San Francisco Giants, 111 BB) Joe Niekro (Houston Astros, 107 BB), and John Denny (St. Louis Cardinals, 100 BB).

The stat-line for Juan Bernhardt (Seattle Mariners), who singled in his only plate appearance, should indicate BA 1.000, SLG 1.000, OBP 1.000, instead of 100 for each.

Three relief pitchers named Gregerson, Thayer, and Street are listed on the lineup sheet for San

St-A35 Sp-F20 Ar-24										
Matthew "Matt" <b>ALEXANDER</b>										
(F) Outfielder (1) (SS-6)										
Year	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	SB	BA	SLG	OBP
1979	44	13	16	7	0	1	13	.538	.692	.538
Height: 5-11 Weight: 168										
Born: 1-30-47 Shreveport, LA										
Bats: Both Throws: Right PIT										
11-	4			31-	11			51-	11	
12-	25			32-	26			52-	27	
13-	40			33-	11			53-	17*	
14-	30			34-	31			54-	32	
15-	11			35-	11			55-	11	
16-	28			36-	33			56-	13	
21-	30			41-	28			61-	9	
22-	10			42-	8			62-	13	
23-	12			43-	29			63-	31	
24-	13			44-	8			64-	9	
25-	11			45-	14*			65-	35	
26-	27			46-	29			66-	2	
J-4				SA	-0/-2					© 2014 APBA Games

San Francisco Giants relief pitchers. No players with these names appeared in 1979, however, these pitchers appear in order on a lineup sheet from APBA for the 2013 San Diego Padres [*Sid Porter post on APBA — Between the Lines internet discussion forum message number 44412.7, <http://forums.delphiforums.com/apbabt1>]. The names may have mistakenly been carried over from a template used to print out lineups for both seasons.*

### Miscellany:

Relief pitcher Mario Soto (Cincinnati Reds) has fourteen hit numbers (7,7,7,7,7,8,8,8,8,8,9,9,9) with one (14) for hitting .571 in 7 plate appearances. As is current policy for players with high batting averages, but with limited plate appearances, the card is significantly downgraded for hitting. The card is curious in that it has three (9)s and five (8)s. Following the inaugural **1950 season** any number of (9)s beyond two per card, or (8)s beyond four per card, has been considered to be in error (*See “1951 Season”*). However, APBA has affirmed, “the Mario Soto card is correct. Unusual, but correct.” [*Skeet Carr, e-mail, September 9, 2014*].

Players with five or more power numbers include:

(6,6,6,6,6,6) Rod Craig (Seattle Mariners);  
(1,1,0,0,0) Fred Lynn (Boston Red Sox),  
Jim Spencer (New York Yankees),  
Dave Kingman (Chicago Cubs);  
(1,0,0,0,0) Jim Rice (Boston Red Sox),  
George Brett (Kansas City Royals),  
Larry Parrish (Montreal Expos).

Ron Guidry (New York Yankees; MG=15 XY) is the only A rated starting pitcher in the American League. The top rated AL reliever is A&C\* rated pitcher Jim Kern (Texas Rangers; MG=23\* XY). The AL has seven A rated relief pitchers.

Joe Niekro (Houston Astros; MG=15 W) is the only A rated starting pitcher in the National League. Top rated NL relief pitchers include A&C\* rated pitchers Larry Bradford (Atlanta Braves; MG=22\* WY), Bobby Castillo (Los Angeles Dodgers; MG=21\* WXY), and Greg Minton (San Francisco Giants; MG=20). The NL has ten A rated relief pitchers.

The Baltimore Orioles have five grade B starting pitchers including Mike Flanagan (MG=13 XZ), Scott McGregor (MG=12 YZ), Jim Palmer (MB=12 Z), Steve Stone (MG=10 Y), and Sammy Stewart (MG=10(12\*) YW). The Oriole bullpen features two grade A relief pitchers, Tim Lincecum (MG=18\* XY), and Don “Full Pack” Stanhouse (MG=16\* YW).

The Montreal Expos have six grade B starting pitchers including Steve Rogers (MG=12 Y), Bill Lee (MG=12 RZ), Scott Sanderson (MG=11 X), Dan Schatzeder (MG=13 Y), David Palmer (MG=12(14\*) YZ), and Rudy May (MG=14(15\*) X). The Expos also have grade A relief pitcher Elias Sosa (MG=19\* Y).

Most pitchers in the set are graded within three MG points of the rating that was given in the

original 1979 season set. However, pitching grades of pitchers with limited innings pitched were not downgraded as severely as in the original set. This accounts for an increase in the average pitching grade. In the American League, the average MG grade (weighted by innings) increased from 6.65 in the original set to 8.01, while the average grade of National League pitchers increased from 8.32 in the original set to 8.91.

Several pitchers saw their MG pitching grade increase by six or more points compared to that in the original 1979 set, including:

Dave Ford (Baltimore Orioles) from (MG=5(7\*)) to (MG=9(13\*) RZ);  
Francisco Barrios (Chicago White Sox) from (MG=5) to (MG=11 R);  
Steve Busby (Kansas City Royals) from (MG=5 W) to (MG=11(12\*) W);  
Don Hood (New York Yankees) from (MG=5(12\*)) to (MG=12(15\*) W);  
Dave Hamilton (Oakland Athletics) from (MG=3(9\*) Y) to (MG=9(13\*) YW);  
Dave Lemanczyk (Toronto Blue Jays) from (MG=4 Z) to (MG=10);  
Steve Mura (San Diego Padres) from (MG=5(10\*) X) to (MG=12(14\*) XW).

Dan Quisenberry (Kansas City Royals) is the only pitcher in the set with the control rating (ZZ).

Pitchers rated with the high strikeout (K) rating include: Nolan Ryan (California Angels), Jim Kern (Texas Rangers), Bruce Sutter (Chicago Cubs), Bill Caudill (Chicago Cubs), J.R. Richard (Houston Astros), and Skip Lockwood (New York Mets).

Every team is capable of making at least Fielding Two. Fifteen teams can reach Fielding One and the Royals, Dodgers, Expos, and Phillies are the best of these with 44 points each.

The Kansas City Royals have an all OF-3 rated outfield with Al Cowens, Amos Otis, and Willie Wilson.

Three teams have an all Fielding One infield. The St. Louis Cardinals have Ted Simmons (C-8), Keith Hernandez (1B-5), Ken Oberkfell (2B-8), Ken Reitz (3B-5), and Garry Templeton (SS-9). The Minnesota Twins have Butch Wynegar (C-8), Ron Jackson (1B-4), Rob Wilfong or Bob Randall (2B-8), John Castino (3B-5), and Roy Smalley (SS-9). The New York Yankees feature Thurman Munson (C-8), Chris Chambliss or Jim Spencer (1B-4), Willie Randolph (2B-8), Graig Nettles (3B-5), and Bucky Dent (SS-9).

Top-fielding individuals: Rick Dempsey (Baltimore Orioles), Jim Sundberg (Texas Rangers), and Steve Yeager (Los Angeles Dodgers) are rated as Catcher (9). Steve Garvey (Los Angeles Dodgers), Keith Hernandez (New York Mets), Tom Hutton (Montreal Expos), and Mike Jorgensen (Texas Rangers) are rated Firstbaseman (5). Frank White (Kansas City Royals) is rated as Secondbaseman (9). Mark Belanger (Baltimore Orioles) and Larry Bowa (Philadelphia Phillies) are rated as Shortstop (10). There are no Thirdbaseman rated (6).

Rick Dempsey (Baltimore Orioles) is the only catcher this season with Th[ow] rating = +6.

The highest Ar[m] rating (39) was given to Dwight Evans (Boston Red Sox) and Ellis Valentine

(Montreal Expos).

Players receiving the MG rating of Ar[m] = 22: Don Baylor (California Angels), Willie Horton (Seattle Mariners), Rico Carty (Toronto Blue Jays), Jesus Alou (Houston Astros), and Manny Mota (Los Angeles Dodgers).

Outfielder Dave Stegman (Detroit Tigers) has three (1)s, the most of any player in the set, for hitting three homeruns in 33 plate appearances.

Nine players have three (31)s including Rod Carew (California Angels), George Brett (Kansas City Royals), Paul Molitor (Milwaukee Brewers), Bill Buckner (Chicago Cubs), Bill Russell (Los Angeles Dodgers), Dave Cash (Montreal Expos), Pete Rose (Philadelphia Phillies), Tim Foli (Pittsburgh Pirates), and Bill Madlock (Pittsburgh Pirates).

Players with no (13)s on their cards include Mike Squires (Chicago White Sox), Biff Pocoroba (Atlanta Braves), Johnny Oates (Los Angeles Dodgers), Greg Gross (Philadelphia Phillies), and Tim Foli (Pittsburgh Pirates).

Nine players, all pitchers have twenty-one (13)s.

Utility infielder Tony Bernazard (Montreal Expos) received nine (14)s, the most of any player in the set.

Infielder Rob Picciolo (Oakland Athletics) does not have a (14) on his card despite making 363 plate appearances in 115 games. Picciolo's card from the original 1979 set also lacks (14)s. Picciolo had (14)-less cards issued for other season sets as well, including 1980 and 1980R (Oakland Athletics), and 1984 (California Angels, XB).

Non-pitchers that are hard to double-up (no (25) or (24) play result numbers): Willie Wilson (Kansas City Royals), U.L. Washington (Kansas City Royals), Rob Wilfong (Minnesota Twins), Craig Reynolds (Houston Astros), Rafael Landestoy (Houston Astros), and Rodney Scott (Montreal Expos). All these players have a play result number of (29) instead of the usual (25) at dice roll number 12 and a play result number of (28) at dice roll 41.

Catcher-thirdbaseman Alan Knicely (Houston Astros) has twelve (24)s on his card, the most in the set. Knicely's card is unusual in that it lacks common out numbers that often result in a pop-up (33,34) or fly out (30,31,32).

Garry Templeton (St. Louis Cardinals) has (2,5,6) power. Templeton, a switch hitter, became the first player to get 100 hits from each side of the plate in a season.

Richie Hebner (New York Mets) has an unusual card for a player whose main position is at third base in that it contains (37) and (41) RP numbers typically reserved for a firstbaseman. The mid-August trade of regular firstbaseman Willie Montanez to the Texas Rangers apparently prompted APBA to reshuffle the RP numbers to fill the (41) void. Ed Kranepool, a part timer and the only legitimate firstbaseman left on the Mets roster after the Montanez trade, received a (37), but not a



(41).

Outfielder Willie Wilson (Kansas City Royals) and Matt Alexander (Pittsburgh Pirates) are the only players rated with a Sp[eed] rating of F[ast]20. Willie Wilson was rated F[ast]20 in the original 1979 season set, and in other season sets including 1980, 1980R, 1981, 1982, 1983 and 1984, all with the Kansas City Royals. Matt Alexander was rated F[ast]20 in the 1977R season set (Oakland Athletics XC).

Firstbaseman/DH Rico Carty (Toronto Blue Jays) and 1B-OF Rusty Staub (Montreal Expos) join pitchers Steve Carlton (Philadelphia Phillies), Mickey Lolich (San Diego Padres), Luis Tiant (New York Yankees), and Wayne Twitchell (Seattle Mariners) as players with a Sp[eed] rating of S[low]1.

Base stealers for this season include Matt Alexander (Pittsburgh Pirates; A35), Willie Wilson (Kansas City Royals; B33), Joe Cannon (Toronto Blue Jays; B33), Eddie Miller (Atlanta Braves; C34), Ron LeFlore (Detroit Tigers; C33), Davey Lopes (Los Angeles Dodgers; D35), Tim Raines (Montreal Expos; D33), Lee Lacy (Pittsburgh Pirates; E33), Amos Otis (Kansas City Royals; E33), and Bill Robinson (Pittsburgh Pirates; E33).

Although his card was downgraded from his actual .538 batting average, Matt Alexander (Pittsburgh Pirates) has a pretty good card with 14 hit numbers (2,4,11,11,11,11,11,11,10,8,8,9,9), one (14\*), and a (17\*). (*See card above*). Seven (11)s is the most ever given to a non-pitcher, but falls short of the record number of twelve (11)s given to pitcher Dick Hyde (1961R, Baltimore Orioles).

Other than Matt Alexander, interesting cards receiving asterisked play result numbers, other than the common (14\*), include:

Kirk Gibson (Detroit Tigers) with (1,6,6\*) power;

German Barranca (Kansas City Royals) with hit numbers (6\*,6\*,6\*,11,11,11,11,10,8,8,8,9,9), one (14\*) and a (18\*);

Outfielder Joe "J. J." Cannon (Toronto Blue Jays) with nine second column (6\*);

Outfielder Miguel Dilone (Chicago Cubs) with hit numbers (3,11,11,10,8\*,8,8,9\*,9), two (14\*) and a (16\*);

Lonnie Smith (Philadelphia Phillies) with a (6\*) on dice roll 66; and

Alberto Lois (Pittsburgh Pirates) with hit numbers (2,2,6\*,11,10,8,8,9,9). Lois was used in eleven games exclusively as a pinch runner.

On a historical note, 1979 was the final season for stolen base king Lou Brock as an active player, and the rookie season of Rickey Henderson, who would eventually break Brock's career stolen base record. Henderson began an amazing string of 25 consecutive seasons in which his APBA card would have at least one first column (11).

**Suggested Reading:**

“When the Bucs Won it All: The 1979 World Champion Pittsburgh Pirates” by Bill Ranier and David Finoli, (McFarland & Company, 2005.)

“Tales from the 1979 Pittsburgh Pirates Dugout: Remembering “The Fam-A-Lee” (Tales from the Team)” by John McCollister, (Sports Publishing; Reprint Edition, 2014.)

# 1980 Season

Teams: NL-12 AL-14 (12 on 65)  
Cards per Team: 20  
XBs: 6/Team M/S: Yes  
Print Style: VII Format: d  
XB Print Style: VII Format: d  
Back: ONE  
XB Back: ONE  
Published: 1981

Baseball Park Factor Chart: Yes

*Not as much has been made of Brett's .390 as one would expect, perhaps because he was over .400 so late in the season that the result was viewed at the time as something of a disappointment. Nonetheless this is the best batting mark since Ted Williams in 1941 and the very figure of .390 itself conjures up dreamy images of Cobb, Lajoie and the other glorious names of the past.*

## Corrections:

Tony Scott (St. Louis Cardinals) should have all his second column (1)s changed to (2)s.

Dick Davis (Milwaukee Brewers) should have 24-(31)-(6), not 24-(31)-(1).

Reggie Smith (Los Angeles Dodgers) should have 62-(28).

Gene Tenace (San Diego Padres) should have 16-(14)-(6) and 56-(14)-(6). Don Adams adds, "Gene caught 104 games and played 19 games at first base, so his 23-(41) is a bit unusual. [letter, September 25, 1998]."

## Opinions:

Ruppert Jones (New York Yankees) had his card incorrectly computed. His 34 walks were subtracted from, instead of added to, his 328 at bats to get total plate appearances. According to Bob Henry, Jones should have received (0,0,0) with some second-column singles. [AJ, (January 1982, p. 16)]. Don Adams suggests that the second column singles should, "Probably be 9 (11)s, In addition, Jones should have three (14)s, not four; three (13)s, not four and one more (8)." [letter, September 25, 1998].

## Miscellany:

J. R. Richard (Houston Astros XB, pitcher) is the first XB to be rated a Grade B starter.

Bats: **Left**      Throws: **Right**  
Height: **6-0**      Weight: **200**  
Born: **5-15-53** Moundsville, W. Va.

**George Howard**  
"Mullet"

**BRETT**

(F) Thirdbaseman (5)(1B-2)

11- 3	31- 8	51- 8
12- 25	32- 26	52- 27
13- 14	33- 5	53- 20
14- 30	34- 31	54- 32
15- 11	35- 8	55- 7
16- 28	36- 14	56- 34
21- 31	41- 24	61- 9
22- 6	42- 8	62- 39
23- 26	43- 29	63- 35
24- 14	44- 6	64- 9
25- 7	45- 14	65- 12
26- 31	46- 13	66- 1

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Rollie Fingers (San Diego Padres, pitcher) received 6 (6)s. He had five hits, including three doubles in 18 at-bats.

Willie Wilson (Kansas City Royals) received a MG rating of Sp[eed]=(F[ast] 20).

Mike Squires (Chicago White Sox) joins an elite group by catching two games left handed. The only other southpaws rated as catchers by APBA are 1958 Dale Long (Chicago Cubs) and 1989 Benny Distefano (Pittsburgh Pirates). All three players were left handed and usually played first base, but they were also rated as (C-5). [*Bob Henry, AJ, July 1993, p. 29*].

Gene Garber (Atlanta Braves, pitcher) has 15 hit-numbers on his card. He had one single in two at-bats while appearing as a relief pitcher in 68 games.

To reproduce his .390 batting average, George Brett (Kansas City Royals) received 14 hit-numbers, with (1,3,5,6,6) power and four (14)s.

As in the 1980 [R] set, the Houston Astros and the St. Louis Cardinals each have 11 players rated as (F)[ast].

Teams with 10 players rated (F) are: California Angels, Cleveland Indians, Detroit Tigers, Milwaukee Brewers and Oakland Athletics.

Manny Sanguillen (Pittsburgh Pirates) is the pinch hitter par-excellence. He had 12 hits in 37 pinch-hit at-bats. Despite receiving two (11)s, he was not rated (F). Based on his stats, the (F) rating would seem appropriate, but APBA seems to have relied on its knowledge that Manny was not a threat on the base paths.

Robin Yount (Milwaukee Brewers) received (0,0,0,0,1). He is the first modern player to receive the five power configuration on an original season card. In 611 at-bats, he had 179 hits, including 49 doubles, 10 triples and 23 home runs.

Although he had no official at bats, Dave Tomlin (Cincinnati Reds XB, pitcher) received 18 (14)s and no hit-numbers. A relief pitcher, he had one plate appearance and drew a walk.

Ron Davis (New York Yankees, pitcher) had one at-bat, a strikeout, and Mike Armstrong (San Diego Padres XB, pitcher) had three at-bats and three strikeouts. Both players received 28 (13)s.

The following players are rated (S[low] 1): Steve Carlton (Philadelphia Phillies, pitcher), Gaylord Perry (New York Yankees, pitcher), Rick Rhoden (Pittsburgh Pirates, pitcher) and Luis Tiant (New York Yankees XB, pitcher). All four were similarly rated in the 1980 [R] season.

Dwight Evans (Boston Red Sox) received a MG rating of Ar[m]=39, as he does in 1980 [R].

Charlie Hough (Texas Rangers, pitcher) received 16 hit-numbers, including 10 (7)s, for one hit in two at-bats..

As in 1980 [R], Dave Roberts (Texas Rangers) is rated at six positions, not pitcher.

Joe Beckwith (Los Angeles Dodgers, pitcher) and Donald Stanhouse (Los Angeles Dodgers, pitcher) had no hit-numbers, but each received 11 (14)s.

The New York Yankees have 11 players with first column (1)s. Three of the players are XBs, one of whom, Oscar Gamble, has (1,1,4,6) power.

The leading base stealers for this season are:

- A32: Ron LeFlore (Montreal Expos)
- A31: Rickey Henderson (Oakland Athletics)
- A30: Dave Collins (Cincinnati Reds) and Miguel Dilone (Cleveland Indians)
- A29: Omar Moreno (Pittsburgh Pirates)
- A28: Lonnie Smith (Philadelphia Phillies)
- B34: Willie Wilson (Kansas City Royals)
- B33: Julio Cruz (Seattle Mariners)
- B32: Rodney Scott (Montreal Expos)
- B31: Ozzie Smith (San Diego Padres) and Gene Richards (San Diego Padres)
- B29: Cesar Cedeno (Houston Astros) and Rudy Law (Los Angeles Dodgers)
- B27: Billy North (San Francisco Giants)

Players with  $Ar[m]=22$ : Don Baylor (California Angels) and Willie Horton (Seattle Mariners).

Players with  $Ar[m]=23$ : Dave Kingman (Chicago Cubs), Ron LeFlore (Montreal Expos), Willie McCovey (San Francisco Giants XB), Hal McRae (Kansas City Royals) and John Tamargo (Montreal Expos XB).

### **AJ Article:**

"1980 Final Unofficial Statistics." (November 1980, pp. 11-14).

### **AJ Replays:**

1980 AL by Clifford Anderson (December 1985, pp. 20-21).

1980 New York Yankees [BG] by Dan Logan (May 1983, pp. 7-8).

1980 Oakland Athletics [BG] by Matt Farmer (January 1988, p. 17).

# 1980 [R] Season

Teams: NL-12 AL-14 (12 on 26)  
Cards per Team: 25  
XBs: No M/S: Yes  
Print Style: VIII, Variety 10, Format: e  
Back: TWO  
Published: May 1995

Baseball Park Factor Chart: Yes (April 1995)

*A rare bird, indeed. In this middle year of a three season career, Danny receives an APBA card for his baseball exploits, while also receiving an APBA card for his much longer, and more productive, NBA basketball career.*

*This season has the new, dual-ratings for the Batting Characteristic (BC), the new (ZZ) control-rating for pitchers, and the new APBA logo on its envelopes. (See "Glossary").*

## Corrections:

In this author's (Ed Zack) collection, Tom Seaver (Cincinnati Reds, pitcher) has a card with an ink blot where the fielding grade should be. It should read (P-2).

Dave Tomlin (Cincinnati Reds, pitcher) had no at-bats this season. However, he was given a "generic" pitcher's card with (7, 8, 9, 21, 23, 36). This is similar to the cards given to American League pitchers who, because of the DH absurdity, never had an at-bat.

## Opinion:

This author has some difficulty believing that Pete Rose (Philadelphia Phillies) will be able to replicate his league leading 42 doubles, in 162 games and 655 at-bats, with only two (6)s on his card.

## Miscellany:

The 1980 [R] set cards 25 players per team. The original 1980 set provided 26 players per team (20 basic cards and 6 XBs). The players not carded in 1980 [R] are:

Charlie Spikes (Atlanta Braves) (OF)  
George Riley (Chicago Cubs) (P\*)  
Paul Householder (Cincinnati Reds) (OF)

Bats: **Right**      Throws: **Right**  
Height: **6-4**      Weight: **175**  
Born: **3-17-59 Eugene, Oregon**

**Daniel Rae**  
**"Danny"**

**AINGE**

**Outfielder (1) (3B-3) (2B-6)**

11- <b>0-2</b>	31- <b>9-6</b>	51- <b>9-6</b>
12- <b>25-7</b>	32- <b>26-7</b>	52- <b>27-7</b>
13- <b>22-6</b>	33- <b>0-2</b>	53- <b>17-6</b>
14- <b>30-7</b>	34- <b>31-7</b>	54- <b>32-7</b>
15- <b>11-6</b>	35- <b>40-6</b>	55- <b>8-6</b>
16- <b>28-7</b>	36- <b>33-6</b>	56- <b>34-6</b>
21- <b>13-6</b>	41- <b>24-7</b>	61- <b>24-6</b>
22- <b>8-4</b>	42- <b>13-6</b>	62- <b>13-6</b>
23- <b>13-6</b>	43- <b>29-7</b>	63- <b>13-6</b>
24- <b>13-6</b>	44- <b>8-6</b>	64- <b>13-6</b>
25- <b>8-6</b>	45- <b>14-6</b>	65- <b>35-8</b>
26- <b>12-6</b>	46- <b>13-6</b>	66- <b>0-2</b>

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Randy Niemann (Houston Astros) (P\*)  
 Don Stanhouse (Los Angeles Dodgers) (P\*)  
 John D'Acquisto (Montreal Expos) (P\*)  
 Dyar Miller (New York Mets) (P\*)  
 Kevin Saucier (Philadelphia Phillies) (P\*)  
 Vance Law (Pittsburgh Pirates) (INF)  
 Roy Thomas (St. Louis Cardinals) (P\*)  
 Mike Armstrong (San Diego Padres) (P\*)  
 Alan Hargeshaimer (San Francisco Giants) (P)  
 Mark Corey (Baltimore Orioles) (OF)  
 Keith MacWhorter (Boston Red Sox) (P\*)  
 Jim Barr (California Angels) (P\*)  
 Guy Hoffman (Chicago White Sox) (P)  
 Wendell Alston (Cleveland Indians) (OF)  
 Bruce Robbins (Detroit Tigers) (P\*)  
 Rawly Eastwick (Kansas City Royals) (P\*)  
 John Finn (Milwaukee Brewers) (P\*)  
 Mike Kinnuen (Minnesota Twins) (P\*)  
 Doug Bird (New York Yankees) (P\*)  
 Dave Beard (Oakland Athletics) (P\*)  
 Dave Roberts (Seattle Mariners) (P\*)  
 Nelson Norman (Texas Rangers) (INF)  
 Steve Braun (Toronto Blue Jays) (INF)

Some of the cards in this season are poorly aligned with the result (red) numbers crowding the dice roll (black) numbers. The inking process was apparently faulty and left blotches on many cards.

The only player this season with a double-digit Batting Characteristic (BC) is Cesar Geronimo (Cincinnati Reds) [SA -10/-0].

The lowest MG rating for Ar[m] this season is 23. This dubious distinction is shared by Montreal Expos teammates Ron LeFlore and John Tamargo.

Players with five power numbers, or better, are:

Gary Woods (Houston Astros) (0,0,0,0,1)  
 Mike Schmidt (Philadelphia Phillies) (0,0,0,1,1)  
 George Brett (Kansas City Royals) (0,0,0,0,1)  
 Robin Yount (Milwaukee Brewers) (0,0,0,0,1)

Players receiving "measles" cards are: Ron LeFlore (Montreal Expos) with four first column (14\*)s and 15 second column (6\*)s, and Omar Moreno (Pittsburgh Pirates) with two first column (14\*)s and 12 second column (6\*)s.

Pitchers rated (ZZ): Bob Forsch (St. Louis Cardinals), Dan Quisenberry (Kansas City Royals), Bill Castro (Milwaukee Brewers) and Paul Mitchell (Milwaukee Brewers).

As in 1980, David Roberts (Texas Rangers) is rated to play six positions, not pitcher.

To replicate his .390 batting average, George Brett (Kansas City Royals) has a card with fourteen hit numbers (0,0,0,0,1,7,7,8,8,8,8,8,9,9,11) and three (14)s.

Rollie Fingers (San Diego Padres, pitcher) received four (6)s; in the original 1980 set he received 6 (6)s.

Players rated (S[low] 1): Steve Carlton (Philadelphia Phillies), Gaylord Perry (New York Yankees), Rick Rhoden (Pittsburgh Pirates) and Luis Tiant (New York Mets). All are pitchers, and were similarly rated in the original 1980 season..

Gene Richards (San Diego Padres) received three (11)s on his card.

Lonnie Smith (Philadelphia Phillies) received a card with three (11)s and three (0)s.

Willie Wilson (Kansas City Royals) received a card with four (11)s and three (0)s. He is also rated a (F[ast] 20), with a St[eal] rating of C34.

Tug McGraw (Philadelphia Phillies) is rated an A&C\* (MG=23\*).

Rickey Henderson (Oakland Athletics) stole 100 bases this season. His card has three (11)s and three (14\*)s. He is rated with a Sp[eed] of (F[ast] 19) and St[ealing] potential of B31.

As they did in the original version of this season, the Houston Astros and the St. Louis Cardinals each have 11 players rated (F).

Ron Davis (New York Yankees, pitcher) received a card with 22 (13)s.

Reggie Jackson (New York Yankees) hit 41 home runs and received (1,1,4,6) power.

Steve Stone (Baltimore Orioles) is a Grade A pitcher (MG=16) for his 25 wins.

Dwight Evans (Boston Red Sox) received a MG rating of Ar[m]=39, as he did in 1980.

The Philadelphia Phillies have a trio of league leaders: Steve Carlton, 24 wins, Grade A; Mike Schmidt, 48 home runs and MVP honors, (0,0,0,1,1); and Pete Rose, 42 doubles. [*Eric Naftaly, "Spring Brings [19]80 Baseball, Early Football Set," APBA Journal March 31, 1995, pp. 1 & 5*].

The leading base-stealers for this season are:

- A32: Ron LeFlore (Montreal Expos)
- A29: Omar Moreno (Pittsburgh Pirates)
- B32: Rodney Scott (Montreal Expos)
- B31: Rickey Henderson (Oakland Athletics)
- B30: Dave Collins (Cincinnati Reds) and Miguel Dilone (Cleveland Indians)
- B29: Cesar Cedeno (Houston Astros) and Rudy Law (Los Angeles Dodgers)
- B26: Rafael Landestoy (Houston Astros)



The only players with  $Ar[m]=22$  are Don Baylor (California Angels) and Willie Horton (Seattle Mariners).

The players with  $Ar[m]=23$  are: Dave Kingman (Chicago Cubs), Ron LeFlore (Montreal Expos), Willie McCovey (San Francisco Giants), Hal McRae (Kansas City Royals) and Joe Tamargo (Montreal Expos).

**AJ Articles:**

“1980 Disabled List Dates, Major League Transactions” by Eric Naftaly, (APBA Journal June 30, 1997, pp. 21 & 23).

“Spring Brings [19]80 Baseball, Early Football Set” by Eric Naftaly, (APBA Journal, March 31, 1995, pp. 1 & 5).

# 1981 Season

Teams: NL-12 AL-14 (12 on 64)  
 Cards per Team: 20  
 XBs: 6/team M/S: Yes  
 Print Style: VII Format: d  
 XB Print Style: VII Format: d  
 Back: ONE  
 XB Back: ONE  
 Published: 1982

Baseball Park Factor Chart: No

***Here is that wild and crazy guy again with another completely original card. One thing for sure: this is the greatest base stealing card ever for a slow runner. The positioning of the (11)s makes the placement of the three (8)s particularly quaint. Most of the time, dice roll 31 is going to do you a heck of a lot more good than dice roll 33.***

*This is the "Year of the Strike". Starting on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 706 games are not played. On August 6<sup>th</sup>, the owners adopt a split-season, guaranteeing that the Athletics and Yankees, and the Phillies and the Dodgers would have play-off spots as 'first-half champions'. The Reds finish the season with the best overall record in the majors and do not make the playoffs. The APBA cards reflect the turmoil.*

*APBA introduces the (6\*) (a double, with the batter stealing third, if unoccupied) to represent the season's accomplishments of Tim Lincecum (Montreal Expos), Eddie Miller (Atlanta Braves) and Billy North (San Francisco Giants).*

*In April 1986, Skeet Carr issued a clarification about the (6\*). Normally 6\* is a double, with a steal of third if unoccupied. With bases loaded, a (6) is a triple. Skeet says that in this case the (6\*) is a triple with no steal of home.*

*Similarly, the 42\* (Hit-by-Pitch, batter steals second, if unoccupied) is added to the game.*

*APBA introduces the A&B\* pitcher's rating. [See below].*

*This years M/S sheets were printed on glossy card stock.*

## Corrections:

Tim Stoddard (Baltimore Orioles) should add a pitcher's fielding grade of (P-2).

Roy Howell (Milwaukee Brewers) should have 35-(27)-(4), not 35-(7)-(4).

Bats: **Left**      Throws: **Left**  
 Height: **6-1**      Weight: **195**  
 Born: **7-22-44**      Reynoldsville, Pa.

Albert Walter

"Sparky"

**LYLE**

(S) Grade D\* Pitcher (1)

11- 7	31- 11	51- 11
12- 25	32- 26	52- 27
13- 14	33- 8	53- 21
14- 30	34- 31	54- 32
15- 11	35- 8	55- 11
16- 28	36- 14	56- 34
21- 13	41- 13	61- 9
22- 8	42- 9	62- 23
23- 13	43- 29	63- 13
24- 14	44- 10	64- 12
25- 11	45- 14	65- 35
26- 14	46- 36	66- 7
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Dave Righetti (New York Yankees) should have a H[ome] R[un] A[l]lowance grade of H.

Terry Harper (Atlanta Braves XB) should have all his second column (2)s changed to (6)s.

Kent Hrbek (Minnesota Twins XB) position is not spelled correctly. It should be Firstbaseman, not Firstbasemam.

### **Miscellany:**

Danny Goodwin (Minnesota Twins) had 151 at bats in 59 games. He has a 35-(37), but no (41), which is unusual for a Firstbaseman. [*contributed by Scott Lehotsky*].

The Minnesota Twins have no outfielder rated better than (OF-1).

At the other extreme, the Oakland Athletics and the New York Yankees each have three players rated (OF-3).

Reggie Smith (Los Angeles Dodgers) has 11 (24)s.

Bo Diaz (Cleveland Indians) has a 'monster card' with (1,6,6,6,6,7,8,8,8,9,9,10) for his 19 doubles in 182 at-bats.

Goose Gossage (New York Yankees) for his 0.77 ERA (in 32 games) season and Rollie Fingers (Milwaukee Brewers) for his 1.04 ERA (in 47 games) season are the first A&B relievers (A&B\*), receiving (MG=27\*) and (MG=26\*), respectively. [*Note: no modern starting pitcher has ever been rated A&B*].

Sparky Lyle (Philadelphia Phillies) has "One of the strangest cards of all time. He received five (11)s, one of which is on 55, as well as a 44-(10). He had 13 hit-numbers. He also has five (14)s. In spite of all this apparent speed, he was rated (S). He was also the first APBA player in memory to have (8)s on 33 and 35." [*APBA Journal August 1985, p. 6*].

Jerry Dybzinski (Cleveland Indians XB) and Marshall Edwards (Milwaukee Brewers XB) have (10,10,11,11,11), including a rare 55-(11).

Players rated (S[low] 1) include: Steve Carlton (Philadelphia Phillies, pitcher), Gaylord Perry (Atlanta Braves, pitcher), Luis Tiant (Pittsburgh Pirates, pitcher), Rick Rhoden (Pittsburgh Pirates, pitcher) and Willie Stargell (Pittsburgh Pirates XB).

The Pittsburgh Pirates, with Luis Tiant, Rick Rhoden and Willie Stargell, is the only team to have three players rated (S[low] 1).

Bobby Castillo (Los Angeles Dodgers, pitcher) has 7 (6)s among his 15 hit-numbers.

Graig Nettles (New York Yankees), Mike Schmidt (Philadelphia Phillies) and Buddy Bell (Texas Rangers) are all rated (3B-6).

Ozzie Smith (San Diego Padres) is rated (SS-10).

The Chicago White Sox have 11 players rated (F)[ast]. The Toronto Blue Jays and San Francisco Giants each have 10.

Ed Miller (Atlanta Braves) has a very cramped "measles" card. His first column has two (14\*)s and one (42\*) and the second column has 27 (6\*)s.

Tim Raines (Montreal Expos) also has a "measles" card. He has six (14\*)s in the first column and 28 (6\*)s in the second column.

Lee Smith (Chicago Cubs) has 25 (13)s.

Rawly Eastwick (Chicago Cubs XB) has 28 (13)s.

Gary Carter (Montreal Expos) received a MG rating of Th[erow]=+6.

Danny Boone (San Diego Padres) has 16 hit-numbers.

Woodie Fryman (Montreal Expos, pitcher) has 17 hit-numbers, including 12 (7)s.

The Los Angeles Dodgers have three Grade A starters: Fernando Valenzuela, Jerry Reuss and Burt Hooton. This is the first modern team with a trio of Grade A starters.

The Los Angeles Dodgers, Houston Astros, Montreal Expos and New York Yankees each have four Grade B, or better, starters. The Yankees also have four Grade B\*, or better, relief pitchers.

Dwight Evans (Boston Red Sox) received a MG rating of Ar[m]=39.

Al Hrabosky (Atlanta Braves, pitcher) has 28 (13)s.

Reggie Smith (Los Angeles Dodgers XB) ties the record for the lowest Ar[m] rating of 21.

Elias Sosa (Montreal Expos XB), Ray Searage (New York Mets) and Larry Bradford (Atlanta Braves XB) are pitchers who have 17 hit-numbers.

Neil Allen (New York Mets) has five (2)s as his only hit-numbers.

Al Holland (San Francisco Giants, pitcher) received (9,10,11) as his only hit-numbers, but he is rated (S)[low].

Willie Wilson (Kansas City Royals) and Tim Raines (Montreal Expos) were given MG Sp[eed] ratings of (F[ast]20).

Terry Leach (New York Mets, XB pitcher) has 21 (14)s.

Ron Reed (Philadelphia Phillies, pitcher) has 16 hit-numbers, with five (6)s.

Doug Bair (St. Louis Cardinals XB, pitcher) has five (1)s as his only hit-numbers.

The New York Yankees, Cincinnati Reds, Philadelphia Phillies and Detroit Tigers can all put together a line up with a Fielding One player at each of the infield positions.

Although a second baseman for all his 72 games this season, Duane Kuiper (Cleveland Indians) received the RP numbers (36) and (38), which are traditionally assigned to catchers.

Mickey Klutts (Oakland Athletics XB) has (1,1,1) power among his 14 hit-numbers.

The leading base stealers this season are:

- A33: Tim Raines (Montreal Expos)
- A32: Eddie Miller (Atlanta Braves)
- A30: Billy North (San Francisco Giants)
- A29: Miguel Dilone (Cleveland Indians) and Marshall Edwards (Milwaukee Brewers XB)
- A28: Rickey Henderson (Oakland Athletics)
- A26: Lonnie Smith (Philadelphia Phillies)
- B34: Jerry Dybzinski (Cleveland Indians XB) and Lee Lacy (Pittsburgh Pirates)
- B32: Julio Cruz (Seattle Mariners)
- B31: Jose Moreno (San Diego Padres XB)
- B30: Ron LeFlore (Chicago White Sox)
- B28: Omar Moreno (Pittsburgh Pirates)
- B27: Leon Durham (Chicago Cubs)
- B26: Mookie Wilson (New York Mets)

Players with Ar[m]=22: Don Baylor (California Angels) and Larry Hisle (Milwaukee Brewers XB).

Players with Ar[m]=23: Steve Garvey (Los Angeles Dodgers), Dave Kingman (New York Mets), Greg Luzinski (Chicago White Sox), Hal McRae (Kansas City Royals), Al Oliver (Texas Rangers), Tony Perez (Boston Red Sox) and Rusty Staub (New York Mets).

### **AJ Articles:**

"Player Locator List" (October 1983, p. 8).

"1981 Final Unofficial Statistics." (November 1981, pp. 7-10).

"New Card Set Analyzed" by Bob Henry (April 1982, pp. 1,8 & 12). [*With suggestions on how to deal with the unusually strong pitching this season.*.]

### **AJ Replays:**

1981 NL by Rick Judd (March 1987, p. 21).  
by Jay Weinstein (September 1983, pp. 10-11).

1981 AL by Dave Larson (December 1984, p.16).  
by Claude R. Knutts (December 1984, pp.16-17).

1981 AL [MG] by Al Lanselgne (November 1991, pp. 27-28).

1981 AL [BG] by Tom Laurin (February 1984, pp. 4-6).  
1981 Cleveland Indians by Ed Hagen (May 1983, pp. 10-11).  
1981 Detroit Tigers by Curt Milbourn and Andrew York (January 1983, pp. 7-8).  
1981 Detroit Tigers [MG] by Stuart Bikby (September 1987, p. 17).  
1981 Cincinnati Reds by David C. Lester (September 1982, pp. 5-6).

# 1982 Season

Teams: NL-12 AL-14 (12 on 32)  
Cards per Team: 20  
XBs: 6/team M/S: Yes  
Print Style: VII Format: d  
XB Print Style: VII Format: d  
Back: ONE  
XB Back: ONE  
Published: 1983

Baseball Park Factor Chart: No

*Rickey has a small strike zone and a good eye, hence The 100+ walks every season. As to the 130 steals in 1982, that is a tribute to his acceleration and his knowledge of pitchers since he's not on the top ten in flat-out speed. Is he the greatest leadoff hitter in history? You bet he is!*

## Corrections:

Bill Doran (Houston Astros XB) should be: "Bats: Both" and have a MG B[atting] C[haracteristic] of SA-0.

Julio Valdez (Boston Red Sox XB) should have a MG St[ealing] rating of G36, not E0.

George Wright (Texas Rangers) should be "Bats: Both" and have a MG B[atting] C[haracteristic] of SA-0.

Rod Carew (California Angels) should have a MG St[ealing] rating of E15.

Tim Stoddard (Baltimore Orioles XB, pitcher) should have a fielding rating of (P-2). It is reported that on some cards this fielding rating is omitted. [*AJ*, September 1990, p. 26.]

## Miscellany:

Bob Henry is of the opinion that Roy Smalley (New York Yankees) should have (0,0,1) power with second column singles, rather than (1,6).

John Wathan (Kansas City Royals) stole 36 bases in 121 games, yet is not rated (F).

Ozzie Smith (St. Louis Cardinals) is rated (SS-10).

Bats: **Right**      Throws: **Left**  
Height: **5-10**      Weight: **180**  
Born: **12-25-58**      Chicago, Illinois

Rickey Henley  
"Hindu"

**HENDERSON**

(F) Outfielder (3)

11- 0-1	31- 14*5	51- 9-4
12- 25-11	32- 12-11	52- 27-11
13- 14*6*	33- 0-1	53- 16-6*
14- 30-11	34- 31-11	54- 32-11
15- 11-2	35- 40-6*	55- 9-1
16- 28-11	36- 14*6*	56- 34-6*
21- 30-6*	41- 28-11	61- 27-6*
22- 8-1	42- 14*6*	62- 13-6*
23- 26-6*	43- 29-11	63- 31-6*
24- 13-11	44- 8-1	64- 14*6*
25- 10-2	45- 14*6*	65- 35-11
26- 13-6*	46- 13-6*	66- 0-1

J-1 \* Steals next base if unoccupied

Rickey Henderson (Oakland Athletics) has a very nice ‘measles’ card. Visually, that (14\*)-(6\*) will always be associated with him: walks, stolen bases and power.

Willie Hernandez (Chicago Cubs, pitcher) received no hit-numbers on his card. He has 7 (14\*)s and 19 (13)s.

The St. Louis Cardinals have 12 players rated (F)[ast]. The Detroit Tigers and San Diego Padres each have 11 players. The Atlanta Braves and Cincinnati Reds have 10. The Cleveland Indians have only 9, but they can be configured into an all (F).

Mike Heath (Oakland Athletics) and Gary Carter (Montreal Expos) are the only catchers with MG rating of Th[ow]=+6.

Tim Foli (California Angels) received four (27)s.

Randy Niemann (Pittsburgh Pirates XB, pitcher) received a card with 17 hit- numbers, including 11 (7)s.

Jim Kern (Chicago White Sox XB), Tom Niedenfuer (Los Angeles Dodgers) and Bryn Smith (Montreal Expos) are pitchers who received no hit-numbers on their cards. The latter two each received 9 (14)s and 7 (13)s.

Tim Lincecum (Montreal Expos) and Willie Wilson (Kansas City Royals) have MG Sp[eed] ratings of (F[ast] 20).

Dwight Evans (Boston Red Sox) has a MG rating of Ar[m]=39.

Preston Hanna (Oakland Athletics XB), Enrique Romo (Pittsburgh Pirates) and Danny Boone (Houston Astros XB) are pitchers who received 6 (6)s.

Players rated (S[low] 1): Gaylord Perry (Seattle Mariners), Steve Carlton (Philadelphia Phillies), Woody Fryman (Montreal Expos), Rick Rhoden (Pittsburgh Pirates) and Marc Hill (Chicago White Sox). All except Hill are pitchers.

Pitchers who received 28 (13)s: David Smith (Houston Astros), Bert Roberge (Houston Astros XB) and Warren Brusstar (Chicago White Sox XB).

Omar Moreno (Pittsburgh Pirates) received a card reminiscent of the cards from players in the dead-ball era, with two (11)s and two (10)s.

Jeff Reardon (Montreal Expos, pitcher) received 24 (13)s.

Willie Hernandez (Chicago Cubs, pitcher) ties the St[ealing] rating record of A36.

The leading base stealers this season are:

- A32: Alan Wiggins (San Diego Padres)
- A30: Bob Dernier (Philadelphia Phillies)
- A29: Rickey Henderson (Oakland Athletics)
- A28: Lee Lacy (Pittsburgh Pirates) and Lonnie Smith (St. Louis Cardinals)



B36: Jimmy Sexton (Oakland Athletics XB)  
B32: Bobby Brown (Seattle Mariners) and Tim Raines (Montreal Expos)  
B30: Rudy Law (Chicago White Sox) and Mookie Wilson (New York Mets)  
B29: Tom Lawless (Cincinnati Reds XB)  
B28: Brett Butler (Atlanta Braves), Domaso Garcia (Toronto Blue Jays) and  
Steve Sax (Los Angeles Dodgers)  
B27: Omar Moreno (Pittsburgh Pirates)  
B26: Ron LeFlore (Chicago White Sox)

Players with Ar[m]=22: Don Baylor (California Angels), Dave Kingman (New York Mets), Hal McRae (Kansas City Royals), Tony Perez (Boston Red Sox) and Rusty Staub (New York Mets).

Players with Ar[m]=23: Ron LeFlore (Chicago White Sox), Greg Luzinski (Chicago White Sox), Al Oliver (Montreal Expos), Pete Rose (Philadelphia Phillies) and Reggie Smith (San Francisco Giants).

### **AJ Articles:**

"Player Locator List" (October 1983, p. 7).

"1982 Final Unofficial Baseball Statistics." (November 1982, pp. 7-10).

### **AJ Replays:**

1982 Montreal Expos                    by Doug Neu (April 1984, p. 6).

1982 New York Yankees                by David Holmes (April 1984, p. 6).

1982 St. Louis Cardinals              by David Riggs (January 1984, pp. 8-9).

# 1983 Season

Teams: NL-12 AL-14 (12 on 43)  
Cards per Team: 20  
XBs: 6/team M/S: Yes  
Print Style: VII Format: d  
XB Print Style: VII Format: d  
Back: ONE  
XB Back: ONE  
Published: 1984

Baseball Park Factor Chart: No

*Not enough is made of the fact that Boggs' success is directly attributable to his being a throwback to an earlier approach to hitting. He leans over the plate and looks for a hole to hit to, depending on the location and the speed of the pitch. Luke Appling would have understood this perfectly, as would have Paul Waner. If the pitch is not to his liking, he takes it or fouls it off. Only on rare occasions does he try to drive the ball.*

## Corrections:

Ron Hodges (New York Mets) should add MG ratings of P[assed] B[all]=2 and Th[row]=-4.

Dan Schatzeder (Montreal Expos) should add a (Z) control rating.

Toby Harrah (Cleveland Indians) should have all his second column (2)s changed to (1)s, all the (1)s to (2)s and the (4) to a (5).

Butch Davis (Kansas City Royals XB) should have 21-(30), 26-(28), 46-(32) and 63-(30).

Rick Lysander (Minnesota Twins) should delete the "L" H[ome] R[un] A[llowance] rating from the M/S sheet.

Mike Moore (Seattle Mariners) should add (S) to his card.

John Candelaria (Pittsburgh Pirates) should have a MG B[atting] C[haracteristic] of SA-0.

Terry Harper (Atlanta Braves) should have 33-(0), not 33-(7).

Manny Castillo (Seattle Mariners) should have 11-(0), not 11-(7). All his second column (1)s should be (2)s.

Rich Gale (Cincinnati Reds) should add a (Y) control rating.

Rod Allen (Seattle Mariners) should have a MG St[ealing] rating of E22.

Bats: **Left**      Throws: **Right**  
Height: **6-2**      Weight: **185**  
Born: **6-15-58**      **Omaha, Nebraska**

Wade Anthony

**BOGGS**

Thirdbaseman (3)

11- 0-1	31- 8-6	51- 8-6
12- 25-6	32- 26-6	52- 27-6
13- 14-6	33- 0-1	53- 20-6
14- 30-6	34- 31-6	54- 32-6
15- 7-2	35- 9-6	55- 7-2
16- 28-6	36- 14-6	56- 34-6
21- 32-6	41- 24-6	61- 14-6
22- 7-2	42- 9-6	62- 39-6
23- 29-6	43- 12-6	63- 31-6
24- 13-6	44- 7-2	64- 14-6
25- 8-4	45- 14-6	65- 35-8
26- 31-6	46- 26-6	66- 0-1

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Leon Durham (Chicago Cubs) should have 43-(12), not 23-(12). [*contributed by Derek Axe*].

Wayne Gross (Oakland Athletics, pitcher) has parentheses around his St[eam] rating which makes it appear to be (F16). His rating should be (S[low] 5).

### **Opinions:**

LaMarr Hoyt (Chicago White Sox) received a (MG=16) for his league leading 24 -10 season. However, Howard Ahlskog believes that grade will produce “far too few hits in the Master Game and way too few hits in the Basic Game. It’s my view this means that Hoyt’s year won’t be recaptured very well. Hoyt deserves a (ZZ), along with a (MG=11), to reproduce his season in all statistical categories.” [*AJ, February 1991, p. 3*].

### **Miscellany:**

Ozzie Smith (St. Louis Cardinals) is rated (SS-10).

Chuck Rainey (Chicago White Sox, pitcher) has two (36)s.

Kent Tekulve (Pittsburgh Pirates, pitcher) has 13 (24)s. Bill Campbell (Chicago Cubs, pitcher) has 12 (24)s. [*Tim Ferg, letter, October 6, 1998*].

Catchers with MG Ratings of Th[rough]=+6: Mike Heath (Oakland Athletics) and Tony Pena (Pittsburgh Pirates).

Buddy Bell (Texas Rangers) is rated (3B-6).

There are five teams which have three players rated (OF-3):

California Angels: Juan Beniquez, Ellis Valetine and Bob Clark.

Kansas City Royals: Willie Wilson, Amos Otis and Cesar Geronimo XB.

Boston Red Sox: Dwight Evans, Tony Armas and Rick Miller.

Philadelphia Phillies: Sixto Lezcano, Garry Maddox and Bob Dernier XB.

St. Louis Cardinals: Willie McGee, David Green and George Hendrick.

Although Rick Honeycutt won the American League ERA title with the Texas Rangers, he finished the season with the Los Angeles Dodgers and was carded as a Grade B pitcher.

“Speaking of nicknames, Doug Gwosdz (San Diego Padres) has a very creative one, ‘Eye Chart.’ At the risk of sounding like Chris Berman, I always thought John Stupor (St. Louis Cardinals, pitcher) should have ‘Drunken’ as his nickname.” [*Tim Ferg, letter, October 6, 1998*].

The Detroit Tigers have 11 players rated (F)[ast]. With XB Marty Castillo as catcher, they can field an all (F) team. With only 9 speedsters, the St. Louis Cardinals can fashion an all (F) team with XB Glenn Brummer as catcher.

Other teams with 11 players rated (F[ast]): Kansas City Royals, Oakland Athletics and Seattle Mariners. Teams with 10: Atlanta Braves, Los Angeles Dodgers and San Diego Padres.

Dwight Evans (Boston Red Sox) received a MG rating of Ar[m]=39.

Jesse Orosco (New York Mets) is rated as an A&C\* pitcher (MG=22\*).

Doug Flynn (Montreal Expos) is your basic defense specialist with ratings of (2B-9) and (SS-9).

Tim Raines (Montreal Expos) and Willie Wilson (Kansas City Royals) received MG ratings of Sp[eed]=(F[ast] 20).

Players receiving five Os, or better, are: Joe LeFebvre (Philadelphia Phillies XB) and Len Matuszek (Philadelphia Phillies XB), and George Brett (Kansas City Royals). All three received (0,0,0,0,1).

Pitchers receiving 28 (13)s: Storm Davis (Baltimore Orioles), Mike Flanagan (Baltimore Orioles) and Doug Bair (Detroit Tigers).

Rick Behenna (Cleveland Indians XB, pitcher) received three (1)s.

“Several AL players rated as first basemen did not receive the usual Rare Play (RP) number of (41). The players are: Carl Yastrzemski (Boston Red Sox), Roy Howell (Milwaukee Brewers), Don Mattingly (New York Yankees), Cliff Johnson (Toronto Blue Jays), Daryl Sconiers (California Angels), Greg Luzinski (Chicago White Sox), Randy Bush (Minnesota Twins) and Dave Hostetler (Texas Rangers). Mattingly is the only one of these players who was not a DH. It seems APBA treated most of these DHs as honorary first basemen. Two little used first basemen in the NL, Rusty Staub (New York Mets) and Tony Perez (Philadelphia Phillies) also did not receive a (41). Both Staub and Perez were primarily used as pinch hitters in 1983, so they were almost DHs. [Tim Ferg, letter, October 6, 1998].

In a surprising break with tradition, APBA awarded the (SS-9) rating to two rookies: Julio Franco (Cleveland Indians) and Jose Oquendo (New York Mets).

Players rated (S[low] 1): Steve Carlton (Philadelphia Phillies), Mike Flanagan (Baltimore Orioles), Marc Hill (Chicago White Sox), Gaylord Perry (Kansas City Royals) and Rick Rhoden (Pittsburgh Pirates). All, except Hill, are pitchers.

Pitchers receiving a gaggle of hit-numbers include:

Terry Forster (Atlanta Braves): 15, including four (6)s  
Donnie Moore (Atlanta Braves): 16  
Pat Zachry (Los Angeles Dodgers XB): 16  
Doug Sisk (New York Mets): 16  
Greg Minton (San Francisco Giants): 15, including (1,1,5,6,6) and five (14)s  
Renie Martin (San Francisco Giants XB): 13, including (2,2,4,6,6,10,11)

Lee Smith (Chicago Cubs) and Kent Tekulve (Pittsburgh Pirates) are rated as A&C\* (MG=21\*).

The leading base stealers this season are:

A33: Rickey Henderson (Oakland Athletics), Rudy Law (Chicago White Sox) and Tim Raines (Montreal Expos)  
 A32: Bob Dernier (Philadelphia Phillies XB) and Allan Wiggins (San Diego Padres)  
 A29: Bobby Brown (San Diego Padres)  
 A27: Lee Lacy (Pittsburgh Pirates)  
 B34: Willie Wilson (Kansas City Royals)  
 B32: Julio Cruz (Chicago White Sox)  
 B30: Mookie Wilson (New York Mets)  
 B28: Gary Redus (Cincinnati Reds)  
 B27: John Moses (Seattle Mariners XB) and Lonnie Smith (St. Louis Cardinals)

The Houston Colt 45s have no players with a first column (1), or more than two power-numbers.

Players with Ar[m]=22: Don Baylor (New York Yankees), Oscar Gamble (New York Yankees), Dave Kingman (New York Mets), Greg Luzinski (Chicago White Sox), Hal McRae (Kansas City Royals), Tony Perez (Philadelphia Phillies) and Rusty Staub (New York Mets).

Players with Ar[m]=23: Benny Ayala (Baltimore Orioles XB), Al Bumbry (Baltimore Orioles), Rod Carew (California Angels), Butch Davis (Kansas City Royals XB), Steve Garvey (San Diego Padres), Ray Knight (Houston Astros), Lee Mazzilli (Pittsburgh Pirates), Jose Morales (Los Angeles Dodgers), Joe Morgan (Philadelphia Phillies), Pete Rose (Philadelphia Phillies), Steve Sax (Los Angeles Dodgers) and Bob Watson (Atlanta Braves).

Don Mattingly (New York Yankees) played second base (for one game) despite being left-handed. Mike Squires (Chicago White Sox) played one game as a left-handed third baseman. [*Tim Ferg, letter, October 6, 1998*].

Gene Garber (Atlanta Braves, pitcher) has 13 (14)s for his three at-bats, two strikeouts and two walks.

### **AJ Articles:**

"1983 Final Unofficial Statistics." (November 1983, pp. 3-12).

"New Baseball Card Set Analysis" by Robert Henry (April 1984, pp. 1 & 11).

### **AJ Replays:**

1983 NL + AL [BG]	by Kenneth Baily (December 1986, p. 22).
1983 AL [BG]	by Clifford Anderson (January 1988, p. 16).
1983 AL [BG]	by Tom Hall (April 1985, p. 21 & 23).
1983 AL [BG/MG]	by Greg Lief (September 1986, p. 22).
1983 Minnesota Twins [BG]	by Richard Gladhill (July 1989, p. 21).
1983 Boston Red Sox [MG]	by Louis J. Allocco (May 1985, p. 20).

# 1984 Season

Teams: NL-12 AL-14 (12 on 12)  
Cards per Team: 20  
XBs: 6/team M/S: Yes  
Print Style: VII Format: e  
XB Print Style: VII Format: e  
Back: ONE  
XB Back: ONE  
Published: 1985

Baseball Park Factor Chart: Yes (1996)

*This is the card of a player who earned his paycheck with his glove and his knowledge of the hitters. As a catcher, he made a major contribution to his team's success through pitch selection and rock solid defense. He follows in the footsteps of Al Lopez and Jim Hegan, though Boone is a better career hitter (.254) than Hegan (.228). Boone was also extremely durable. He played in 2,264 games and caught in 2,225 of them. In 19 seasons, he caught 100+ games 15 times. He caught the most games in the major leagues for five consecutive seasons, 1982 – 1986.*

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## Corrections:

Glenn Hubbard (Atlanta Braves) should have 26-(14).

Gorman Thomas (Seattle Mariners XB) should not have asterisks next to the (14)s at 31 and 45.

Tom Brookens (Detroit Tigers) should have 33-(0).

Geoff Zahn (California Angels) should be a (S)[low] base runner.

## Opinion:

Brian Downing (California Angels) played 131 games in the outfield without making an error, yet was rated (OF-1).

## Miscellany:

This is the first time that APBA placed the season identifying (12) at dice-roll 12.

Bats: Right Throws: Right  
Height: 6-2½ Weight: 208  
Born: 11-19-47 San Diego, Calif.

Robert Raymond

"Boonie"

**BOONE**

(S) Catcher (9)

11- 0-1	31- 14-6	51- 36-6
12- 12-7	32- 26-7	52- 25-7
13- 38-6	33- 7-1	53- 18-6
14- 30-7	34- 31-7	54- 32-7
15- 9-6	35- 13-6	55- 8-4
16- 28-6	36- 33-6	56- 34-6
21- 30-6	41- 24-8	61- 32-6
22- 8-1	42- 30-6	62- 26-6
23- 27-6	43- 29-7	63- 31-6
24- 32-6	44- 8-2	64- 13-6
25- 9-6	45- 14-6	65- 35-8
26- 27-6	46- 29-6	66- 0-1

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Ozzie Smith (St. Louis Cardinals) is rated (SS-10).

The Detroit Tigers have 13 players rated (F[ast]). The Tigers can field an all (F) team by using 11 players from the basic 20 man roster.

Both the Toronto Blue Jays and the Atlanta Braves have 11 players rated (F)[ast].

Don Baylor (New York Yankees) received a card with a (42), a (15) and a (22) along with (1,5,5,6,8,8,8,8,9,9).

Catchers with MG ratings of Th[rough]=+6: Tony Pena (Pittsburgh Pirates) and Bob Boone (California Angels).

The Boston Red Sox have three (OF-3)s: Dewey Evans, Tony Armas, and Rabbit Miller. However, Miller will have trouble finding playing time, as Jim Rice (OF-2), as well as Evans and Armas, are rated J-0.

Tim Raines (Montreal Expos) and Willie Wilson (Kansas City Royals) received MG ratings of Sp[eed]=(F[ast] 20).

The rare (10,10,11,11) speed combination appears on four regular players' cards: Von Hayes (Philadelphia Phillies), Bob Dernier (Chicago Cubs), Mookie Wilson (New York Mets) and Brett Butler (Cleveland Indians).

Gary Lavelle (San Francisco Giants, pitcher) received 22 (13)s. The opposite of this configuration has to be a card with no (13)s, or (14)s. Garry Hancock (Oakland Athletics XB) has such a card for no walks and one strikeout in 60 at-bats.

Players rated (S[low] 1): Steve Carlton (Philadelphia Phillies, pitcher), Marc Hill (Chicago White Sox), Rick Rhoden (Pittsburgh Pirates, pitcher) and Rusty Staub (New York Mets XB).

To reproduce his 27 stolen bases in 187 plate appearances, Miguel Dilone (Montreal Expos) received a measles card that has speed written all over it: three (14\*)s, 14 second column (6\*)s, two (11)s and 11 second column (11)s. He received a St[ealing] rating of A35 and Sp[eed] rating of F[ast] 19. The visually striking (14\*)-(6\*) combination appears three times Dilone's card.

Juan Samuel (Philadelphia Phillies) also has a measles card with a (14\*) and 11 second column (6\*)s. He is further distinguished by being the (2B-5) that you will play in game after game because he is a J-0. Bob Henry says that Samuel is the only player who is a J-0 and received, at his primary position, the lowest possible fielding rating. [*"APBA Trivia" AJ June 1989, p. 26*].

Dwight Gooden (New York Mets) is the only Grade A starter this season.

With the exception of the corners, David Bell (3B-5) and Pete O'Brien (1B-4), the Texas Rangers have a horrible fielding infield; a trio of (C-6)s, a pair of (SS-6)s and a pair of (2B-6)s.

Bruce Sutter (St. Louis Cardinals) received the rating of Grade A&C\* (MG = 21\*).

The Detroit Tigers have perfect fielding up the middle: Lance Parrish (C-9), Lou Whitaker (2B-9), Alan Trammell (SS-9) and Chet Lemon (OF-3). The total fielding for this team, without a pitcher, is 43 points.

The leading base stealers this season are:

- A35: Miguel Dilone (Montreal Expos)
- A32: Jeff Stone (Philadelphia Phillies XB)
- A31: Dave Collins (Toronto Blue Jays)
- A30: Rickey Henderson (Oakland Athletics) and Alan Wiggins (San Diego Padres)
- A29: Gary Pettis (California Angels)
- B34: Tim Raines (Montreal Expos)
- B32: Juan Samuel (Philadelphia Phillies)
- B31: Bobby Brown (San Diego Padres), Gary Redus (Cincinnati Reds) and  
Lonnie Smith (St. Louis Cardinals)
- B30: Von Hayes (Philadelphia Phillies)
- B28: Bob Denier (Chicago Cubs)
- B27: Brett Butler (Cleveland Indians)
- B26: Dan Gladden (San Francisco Giants)

Players with Ar[m]=22: Don Baylor (New York Yankees), Oscar Gamble (New York Yankees XB), Dave Kingman (Oakland Athletics), Greg Luzinski (Chicago White Sox), Hal McRae (Kansas City Royals), Al Oliver (Philadelphia Phillies), Tony Perez (Cincinnati Reds XB), Pete Rose (Cincinnati Reds), Rusty Staub (New York Mets) and Jeff Stone (Philadelphia Phillies).

Players with Ar[m]=23: Willie Aikens (Toronto Blue Jays), Benny Ayala (Baltimore Orioles XB), Steve Braun (St. Louis Cardinals XB), Al Bumbry (Baltimore Orioles), Rod Carew (California Angels), Steve Garvey (San Diego Padres), Lee Mazzilli (Pittsburgh Pirates) and Bob Watson (Atlanta Braves XB).

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(January 1985, pp. 15-17).

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1984 Chicago Cubs [BG/MG] by Phil Cohen (October 1986, p. 20).



# 1985 Season

Teams: NL-12 AL-14 (12 on 42)  
Cards per Team: 20  
XBs: 6/Team M/S: Yes  
Print Style: VIII Format: e  
XB Print Style: VIII Format: e  
Back: ONE  
XB Back: ONE  
Published: 1986

Baseball Park Factor Chart: No

*The joining together of fathers and sons is central to the mystique of baseball history. In 1985, Dale Berra, Roy Smalley Jr., Bob Boone, Steve Trout, Buddy Bell and Randy St. Claire all had fathers who received APBA cards in the early Fifties. Sometimes, as in this example, the resemblance of father to son is so strong it's eerie, right down to the defensive assets and the offensive liabilities.*

*MG pitcher fatigue ratings (Q-Factor) issued on M/S sheet.*

## Corrections:

Andre Dawson (Montreal Expos) should have a MG St[ealing] ratings of E30 and Sp[eed]=(F[ast] 15).

Thad Bosley (Chicago Cubs) should have (13)s at 21, 23, 26 and 46.

Greg Walker (Chicago White Sox) should have a MG St[ealing] rating of G28.

Alan Wiggins (Baltimore Orioles) and Curtis Wilkerson (Texas Rangers) should have all their second column (1)s changed to (2)s.

Jim Winn (Pittsburgh Pirates) should have a H[ome] R[un] A[llowance] of G.

Jim Clancy (Toronto Blue Jays) should not have a H[ome] R[un] A[llowance] grade.

Dennis Lamp (Toronto Blue Jays) should be a (MG=7/12\*). He was rated on his card as a Grade C/B\*, but the M/S sheet erroneously rated him as (MG=5/12\*).

Julio Cruz (Chicago White Sox) should have 35-(36).

Damaso Garcia (Toronto Blue Jays) should have 13-(36).

Johnny Grubb (Detroit Tigers) needs to have (13)s at 21, 23, 26 and 46. He struck out 25 times in 184 plate appearances.

Bats: **Right**      Throws: **Right**  
Height: **5-10**      Weight: **175**  
Born: **11-21-62 Springfield, Ill.**

**Richard Craig**  
**"Dick"**

**SCHOFIELD**

**Shortstop (9)**

11- <b>0-1</b>	31- <b>14-4</b>	51- <b>14-2</b>
12- <b>25-11</b>	32- <b>26-11</b>	52- <b>27-11</b>
13- <b>23-6</b>	33- <b>0-1</b>	53- <b>19-6</b>
14- <b>30-11</b>	34- <b>31-11</b>	54- <b>32-11</b>
15- <b>9-1</b>	35- <b>39-6</b>	55- <b>8-1</b>
16- <b>28-11</b>	36- <b>33-6</b>	56- <b>34-6</b>
21- <b>30-6</b>	41- <b>24-11</b>	61- <b>22-6</b>
22- <b>8-1</b>	42- <b>12-6</b>	62- <b>30-6</b>
23- <b>26-6</b>	43- <b>29-11</b>	63- <b>32-6</b>
24- <b>13-6</b>	44- <b>8-1</b>	64- <b>13-6</b>
25- <b>9-2</b>	45- <b>14-6</b>	65- <b>35-11</b>
26- <b>13-6</b>	46- <b>13-6</b>	66- <b>0-1</b>

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Curtis Wilkerson (Texas Rangers) should have all his (1)s replaced by (2)s. He did not hit any home runs, but he collected 6 triples and 11 doubles among his 88 hits in 360 at-bats.

### **Miscellany:**

If you were among the fans who picked up your 1985 cards at APBA on opening day (February 3, 1986), you will remember the WTAF (Channel 29, Philadelphia) television crew setting up for an interview with Dick Seitz. At the same time, the entire procedure was being videotaped by someone hired by Seitz; someone filming someone filming. In the process, dozens of anxious fans were captured on tape as they made their purchases of the new card set. Also captured for posterity was veryl Lincoln with a full beard, Fritz Light in a dashing three piece suit and Dick Seitz's interview, where he speaks of Thatcher Longstreth and other APBA personalities, the impossibility of APBA developing a game for soccer or for hockey (no scoring), the "Formula," his problems with the US Patent Office over the Bowling game and his disdain for computer based games ("a fad"). *[The text of the Seitz interview is transcribed by Scott Lehotsky in "'Lost' Seitz Interview Uncovered in APBA Card Gold Mine" AJ, June/July 1996, pp. 17-18].*

After an absence since 1973, the (0,0,1,1) combination makes a return to APBA cardmaking. Only two other modern cards received this treatment prior to 1985s Darrell Evans (Detroit Tigers) and Carlton Fisk (Chicago White Sox). *[contributed by Art Springsteen].*

Ozzie Smith (St. Louis Cardinals) is rated (SS-10).

Luis Salazar (Chicago White Sox), who is rated (OF-3) (3B-5), is one of the rare modern players to receive Fielding One ratings for both an infield and an outfield position on the same card

The Cleveland Indians have a pitching staff of 10 Grade D pitchers, none better than (MG=4), and one pitcher, Jaimie Easterly, rated (MG=3/6\*). Art Springsteen notes that, "Their entire staff's Master Game pitching grade adds up to 25. The same as Dwight Gooden's rating." *[AJ, April 1986, p. 4].*

Dwight Gooden (New York Mets) is rated an A&C pitcher (MG=25).

The St. Louis Cardinals have 12 players rated (F)[ast]: the Philadelphia Phillies have 11 and the Atlanta Braves, Kansas City Royals and San Diego Padres each have 10.

Using a regular lineup, the St. Louis Cardinals have 43 fielding points. By using Mike Jorgensen XB at first base, they can improve to 44 points.

Wade Boggs (Boston Red Sox) and Rod Carew (California Angels) received cards with neither a 33 nor a 34. Boggs actually did not pop up to an infielder in fair territory even once this season, while Carew's treatment is somewhat of a mystery. *[contributed by Art Springsteen].*

Joe Niekro is assigned to the New York Yankees although he pitched only three games for them. He pitched in 32 games for the Houston Astros before being traded.

Gary Pettis (California Angels), Tim Raines (Montreal Expos) and Vince Coleman (St. Louis Cardinals) have Sp[eed] ratings of (F[ast]20).

The Minnesota Twins do not have a shortstop, or a second baseman, rated better than (6).

Dan Spillner (Chicago White Sox, pitcher) has 18 (14)s.

Bud Black (Kansas City Royals), Neil Allen (New York Yankees XB), Bert Roberge (Montreal Expos XB) and Tod Worrell (St. Louis Cardinals XB) are all pitchers with 28 (13)s. Danny Jackson (Kansas City Royals) has 27.

Gary Redus (Cincinnati Reds) has a "measles" card with five (14\*)s and 21 second-column (6\*)s.

Players rated (S[low] 1): Jerry Koosman (Philadelphia Phillies XB), Steve Carlton (Philadelphia Phillies XB), Marc Hill (Chicago White Sox XB), Tommy John (Oakland Athletics), Rick Rhoden (Pittsburgh Pirates) and Rusty Staub (New York Mets XB). All are pitchers, except Marc Hill and Rusty Staub.

Eric Davis (Cincinnati Reds XB) is "the first player in APBA history to receive a single-column (6\*). [*Art Springsteen, AJ (April 1986), p. 1].* Leon Galitsky identifies this card "— as having unique power, plus speed, of (1,1,2,6\*,11,11)." [*e-mail, November 12, 1998*].

The Philadelphia Phillies are one of the few teams with two (S[low]) players, Steve Carlton and Jerry Koosman.

Bill Campbell (St. Louis Cardinals XB, pitcher) has 6 hit-numbers and 12 (14)s.

Tony Pena (Pittsburgh Pirates) and Bob Boone (California Angels) have MG ratings of Th[erow]=+6.

Don Robinson (Pittsburgh Pirates) is acknowledged as one of the best hitting pitchers in baseball and received (1,5,5,6,6) this season.

The leading base stealers this season are:

- A35: Rickey Henderson (New York Yankees) and Davey Lopes (Chicago Cubs)
- A32: Eric Davis (Cincinnati Reds XB)
- A31: Vince Coleman (St. Louis Cardinals) and Gary Redus (Cincinnati Reds)
- A29: Miguel Dilone (San Diego Padres)
- A25: Otis Nixon (Cleveland Indians)
- B34: Tim Lincecum (Montreal Expos)
- B33: Gary Pettis (California Angels)
- B31: Lonnie Smith (Kansas City Royals)
- B30: Willie McGee (St. Louis Cardinals)
- B28: Juan Samuel (Philadelphia Phillies)
- B27: Brett Butler (Cleveland Indians) and, Alan Wiggins (Baltimore Orioles)

Players rated with Ar[m]=22: Don Baylor (New York Yankees), Oscar Gamble (Chicago White Sox), Steve Kemp (Pittsburgh Pirates), Dave Kingman (Oakland Athletics), Hal McRae (Kansas City Royals), Al Oliver (Toronto Blue Jays), Tony Perez (Cincinnati Reds), Pete Rose (Cincinnati Reds), Rusty Staub (New York Mets XB) and Jeff Stone (Philadelphia Phillies).

Players rated with Ar[m]=23: Benny Ayala (Baltimore Orioles XB), Steve Braun (St. Louis Cardinals XB), Jeff Burroughs (Toronto Blue Jays), Rod Carew (California Angels), George Foster (New York

Mets), Steve Garvey (San Diego Padres), Kent Hrbek (Minnesota Twins), Lee Mazzilli (Pittsburgh Pirates XB) and Gorman Thomas (Seattle Mariners).

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**AJ Replays:**

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1985 Cardinals/ Mets                      by Jack Downing (January 1992, pp. 23-24).

1985 St. Louis Cardinals                      by Alan Gober (April 1988, p. 21).

# 1986 Season

Teams: NL-12 AL-14 (12 on 41)  
Cards per Team: 20  
XBs: 6/Team M/S: Yes  
Print Style: VIII Format: e  
XB Print Style: VIII Format: e  
Back: TWO  
XB Back: TWO  
Published: 1987

Baseball Park Factor Chart: Yes (April 1995)

*There have been images of pathos other than Bill Buckner in the 1986 World Series, but it's doubtful that any will ever be more memorable. The high-top shoes and the aching, aging bowed legs; the inexorable slipping away of the Red Sox' victory, from the first few hits, to the wild pitch, and finally to the slow dribbler down the firstbase line. A child could have fielded the ball, but instead it trickles between the high-top shoes.*

*Due to licensing problems, this season's cards are the first original season cards that do not have the words "Major League" printed inside the baseball logo on the back of the cards. (The first cards thus printed were for the 1926 season, published in July of 1986.) This change constitutes Back TWO, also known as the "Whiteball" back.*

*Similarly, the envelopes no longer carry the words "American/National League" or the teams' nickname. The exceptions to this development will be the twenty Negro Leagues teams (issued in April 1994), and the eight teams of the American Association for the 1883 season (issued in September 1994) all of which have the full identification on the envelopes, but with no wording inside the baseball on the back of the cards.*

## Corrections:

Joel Youngblood (San Francisco Giants) should add (SS-6).

Mitchell Webster (Montreal Expos) should be a J-1.

Lonnie Smith (Kansas City Royals) should have 42-(32), not 42-(14).

Tim Burke (Montreal Expos) should be rated a C/B\* pitcher with a (MG=8/13\*).

Chris Chambliss (Atlanta Braves XB) should have 15-(14), 23-(14), 62-(14) and 63-(14).

Jim Pankovits (Houston Astros XB) should have 55-(8), not 55-(7). He should also have 23-(14) and 63-(14).

Bats: Left Throws: Left  
Height: 6-1 Weight: 182  
Born: 12-14-49 Vallejo, Calif.

William Joseph  
"Buck"

## BUCKNER

(S) Firstbaseman (3)

11- 6	31- 9	51- 9
12-25	32-26	52-27
13-14	33- 6	53-19
14-30	34-31	54-32
15-10	35-37	55- 8
16-28	36-33	56-13
21-30	41-12	61-24
22- 7	42-41	62-32
23-26	43-29	63-31
24-31	44- 8	64-32
25- 8	45-14	65-35
26-24	46-24	66- 1

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Frank White (Kansas City Royals) should have 64-(30), not 64-(38).

Terry Kennedy (San Diego Padres) should have 55-(8)-(1).

Al Cowens (Seattle Mariners XB) should have a MG St[ealing] rating of G36. "Al Cowens was 1 and 0 in stolen base attempts and should have been a G36, and not a G0." [*Joe Krakowski, AJ, March 1987, p. 2*].

Juan Samuel (Philadelphia Phillies) should have 35-(36).

Dave Dravecky (San Diego Padres) and Tom Browning (Cincinnati Reds) should have MG St[ealing] ratings of G36.

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### **Miscellany:**

Bruce Wheatley, Steve Bruun and Art Springsteen argue that "Since the 1984 set, there has been a decrease of 32% in the number of players rated fielding one. The 1986 decline was especially noticeable, with only 77 players rated fielding one, where there were 103 in the 1985 set." [*AJ, April 1987, p. 4*].

Ozzie Smith (St. Louis Cardinals) is rated (SS-10).

The Chicago Cubs have a pitching staff composed of ten Grade D pitchers and one Grade B reliever, Lee Smith, rated (MG =14\*).

All the regular Boston Red Sox pitchers are rated (Z).

Players rated (S[low] 1): Tommy John (New York Yankees XB), Steve Carlton (Chicago White Sox), Dennis Leonard (Kansas City Royals), Aurelio Lopez (Houston Astros XB) and Rick Rhoden (Pittsburgh Pirates). All are pitchers.

Jesse Barfield (Toronto Blue Jays) has a MG rating of Ar[m]=39.

Bob Boone (California Angels) received a MG rating of Th[ow]=+6. At 38, he is the oldest player to receive this maximum rating. [*contributed by Aaron Shomo*]. The youngest, at age 21, is Ivan Rodriguez (1992 Texas Rangers).

Tim Lincecum (Montreal Expos) and Gary Pettis (California Angels) received MG ratings of (Sp[eed]=20).

Using a basic twenty man roster, the Detroit Tigers can field a team with first column (1)s at every position. Johnny Grubb, a back-up outfielder, must be in the lineup. Walt Terrell is the pitcher with a home run clout.

Tim Lincecum (Montreal Expos) has four (11)s on his card, as does Otis Nixon (Cleveland Indians XB), who also has 6 second column (11)s.

Teams with 11 (F)[ast] players: San Francisco Giants and St. Louis Cardinals.

Teams with 10 (F)[ast] players: Oakland Athletics, Cincinnati Reds, Montreal Expos, Philadelphia Phillies and Pittsburgh Pirates.

Tim Stoddard (New York Yankees XB, pitcher) has five (1)s.

Frank Williams (San Francisco Giants, pitcher) has 16 hit-numbers; while Don Robinson (Pittsburgh Pirates, pitcher) has 18 hit-numbers, including 6 (6)s.

Eric Davis (Cincinnati Reds) has a card with three (11)s and five (14\*)s, plus (1,5,5) power.

Rob Murphy (Cincinnati Reds XB, pitcher) received a rating of Grade A&C\* (MG=24\*). This is the first time an XB has been rated A&C\*. The first XB rated A\* was 1977 Buddy Schultz (St. Louis Cardinals). The first XB rated as a B starter was 1980 J.R. Richard (Houston Astros).

The leading base stealers this season are:

- A34: Vince Coleman (St. Louis Cardinals) and Eric Davis (Cincinnati Reds)
- A32: Rickey Henderson (New York Yankees)
- A31: Otis Nixon (Cleveland Indians XB)
- A30: Mariano Duncan (Los Angeles Dodgers) and Tony Walker (Houston Astros XB)
- A29: Alan Wiggins (Baltimore Orioles)
- B34: Mike Felder (Milwaukee Brewers XB) and Tim Raines (Montreal Expos)
- B31: Gary Pettis (California Angels)
- B30: Mike Woodard (San Francisco Giants XB)
- B29: John Cangelosi (Chicago White Sox) and Davey Lopes (Houston Astros)
- B28: Billy Hatcher (Houston Astros)

Players with Ar[m]=22: Don Baylor (Boston Red Sox), Steve Garvey (San Diego Padres), Hal McRae (Kansas City Royals) and Pete Rose (Cincinnati Reds).

Players with Ar[m]=23: Cecil Cooper (Milwaukee Brewers), George Foster (Chicago White Sox XB), Kirk Gibson (Detroit Tigers), Dave Kingman (Oakland Athletics), Lee Mazzilli (New York Mets), Jeff Stone (Philadelphia Phillies), Gorman Thomas (Milwaukee Brewers) and Claudell Washington (New York Yankees).

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"Longball...Whiffs Highlight 1986 APBA Baseball" by Art Springsteen (April 1987, pp. 1, 4 & 5).

"1986 Final Unofficial Statistics" (November 1986, pp. 10-19). [*Correction, December 1987, p. 3*].

"Innings Pitched in Starts and Relief: 1986 Major League Pitchers." by Bruce Wheatley (November 1986, pp. 20-21).

**Suggested Reading:**

Dan Shaughnessy, One Strike Away — the Story of the 1986 Red Sox (New York: Beaufort Books, 1987).

Mike Sowell, One Pitch Away — the Players' Stories of the 1986 League Championships and World Series (New York: Macmillan, 1995).

**AJ Replays:**

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by Mark Shafer (November 1990, pp. 26-28).

1986 Chicago Cubs/Minnesota Twins [MG]

by Gary Layton Rengers (February 1988, p. 24).



# 1987 Season

Bats: Both      Throws: Right  
Height: 5-10      Weight: 155  
Born: 12-26-54 Mobile, Alabama

Osborne Earl  
"Wiz"

**SMITH**

(F) Shortstop (10)

11- 0-2	31- 9-6	51- 8-6
12- 25-11	32- 26-11	52- 27-11
13- 14-6	33- 0-4	53- 18-6
14- 12-11	34- 31-11	54- 32-11
15- 11-6	35- 9-6	55- 8-6
16- 28-6	36- 33-6	56- 14-6
21- 30-6	41- 28-11	61- 23-6
22- 7-6	42- 14-6	62- 39-6
23- 29-6	43- 29-11	63- 31-6
24- 30-6	44- 8-6	64- 14-6
25- 10-6	45- 14-6	65- 35-11
26- 13-6	46- 31-6	66- 0-2

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Teams: NL-12 AL-14 (12 on 14)  
Cards per Team: 20  
XBs: 6/Team M/S: Yes  
Print Style: VIII Format: e  
XB Print Style: VIII Format: e  
Back: TWO  
XB Back: TWO  
Published: 1988

Baseball Park Factor Chart: Yes (1996)

*There should be little debate about the fact that this man is baseball's greatest defensive shortstop. Indeed he may, alongside Willie Mays and Johnny Bench, be the greatest defensive player in history. There have been many great shortstops. If you gave them Ozzie's big glove, and superior conditioning, and artificial turf, how would they do? Could Honus Wagner have made the plays Ozzie makes?*

## Corrections:

Darnell Coles (Detroit Tigers) should add (SS-6). "Master Game fans should always use Fielding Three when Coles plays third base. He is a (3B-2) and that rating is not included on the Fielding Finder Board in the MG." [*Howard Ahlskog, APBA Journal, July 1988, p. 3*].

James Quirk (Kansas City Royals) should have 14-(12)-(7), 15-(8)-(5), 22-(8)-(1), 34-(31)-(7) and 54-(32)-(7).

Steve Bedrosian (Philadelphia Phillies) and Kevin McReynolds (New York Mets) should be a J-1.

Greg Booker (San Diego Padres) should be a J-3.

Carney Lansford (Oakland Athletics) should have a MG St[ealing] rating of D30.

Matt Young (Los Angeles Dodgers) should have a H[omerun] A[llowance] rating of G.

## Miscellany:

There has been some concern among replayers about the imbalance between hitting and pitching this season.

Ozzie Smith (St. Louis Cardinals) is rated (SS-10).

The Cleveland Indians have a pitching staff composed of ten Grade D pitchers and one (Doug Jones) Grade B\* reliever (MG = 13\*).

Pitchers rated A&C\*: Dave Smith (Houston Astros) (MG = 22\*) and Tim Burke (Montreal Expos) (MG = 24\*). In addition, Jeff Calhoun (Philadelphia Phillies XB) received the rare pitching rating, for an XB, of A&C\* (MG = 22\*).

Darnell Coles (Detroit Tigers) is a (3B-2).

Benito Santiago (San Diego Padres) received a MG rating of Th[ow]=+6.

While not affecting the mathematical accuracy of the card, the unusual placement of second column numbers on Rick Sutcliffe (Chicago Cubs, pitcher) is a bit jarring to the eye. He has a (6) on 66, and (2)s on 11, 33, 22, 44, 55 and 15. [*contributed by Stephen Soltis*]. Another eye-catcher is the first column 31-(14\*) despite his rating as (S).

The New York Yankees have two players (both pitchers) who are rated (S[low] 1): Tommy John and Rick Rhoden.

The other players rated (S[low] 1) this season are: Steve Carlton (Minnesota Twins), Aurelio Lopez (Houston Astros XB) and Phil Niekro (Atlanta Braves XB). All are pitchers.

Gary Gaetti (Minnesota Twins) is rated (3B-6). With Kent Hrbek (Minnesota Twins) rated (1B-5), the Twins have perfect fielding on the corners.

Mike Pagiarulo (New York Yankees) has that lovely and rare (1,5,5,5) power combination.

Jesse Barfield (Toronto Blue Jays) has an MG rating of Ar[m]=39.

Three pitchers on the Minnesota Twins pitching staff have identical hitting tablets, with 28 (13)s: Bert Blyleven, Les Straker and Frank Viola.

The Boston Red Sox have five players who are rated to play catcher.

Paul O'Neill (Cincinnati Reds), Rafael Palmeiro (Chicago Cubs) and Tim Lincecum (New York Mets) each received (0,0,0,0,1) power numbers.

Lance Johnson (St. Louis Cardinals) has an unusual "measles card" with 24 second-column (6\*)s.

Frank DiPino (Chicago Cubs, pitcher) and Brett Gideon (Pittsburgh Pirates, pitcher) have 16 hit-numbers.

Mark McGwire (Oakland Athletics) and George Bell (Toronto Blue Jays) have (0,0,0,1,1) power.

Vince Coleman (St. Louis Cardinals) and Tim Lincecum (Montreal Expos) received MG ratings of Sp[eed] = (F[ast] 20).

The St. Louis Cardinals have 11 players rated (F)[ast]. Teams this season with 10 are: New York Yankees, Oakland Athletics, Chicago Cubs, Montreal Expos, San Francisco Giants, San Diego Padres and Pittsburgh Pirates.

Jesse Orosco (New York Mets, pitcher) has 25 (13)s.

Jim Gott (Pittsburgh Pirates, pitcher) has three (1)s.

The Texas Rangers have 10 players with 66-(1). They lack a shortstop with that power number.

Using a basic twenty-man roster, the Detroit Tigers can start a complete 9 man team with 66-(1). Bulldog Terrell is the pitcher with the power. There is a tenth player with 66-(1): Dave Bergman (XB).

Harry Reynolds (1983-1992 Seattle Mariners) is one of two major league players born in Eugene, Oregon. The other is Danny Ainge (1979, 1980 XB, 1980 [R] and 1981 Toronto Blue Jays).

This year, Bo Jackson (Kansas City Royals) received an APBA card in baseball and another card in football for his dual exploits. (Incidentally, he is a member of that select circle of players who are carded by APBA (in any sport) and have won the Heisman Trophy.

The leading basestealers this season are:

- A32: Vince Coleman (St. Louis Cardinals)
- A29: Donnell Nixon (Seattle Mariners XB) and Harry Reynolds (Seattle Mariners)
- B34: Eric Davis (Cincinnati Reds)
- B33: Billy Hatcher (Houston Astros) and Lance Johnson (St. Louis Cardinals XB)
- B32: Tony Gwynn (San Diego Padres), Rickey Henderson (New York Yankees), Gary Redus (Chicago White Sox), Milt Thompson (Philadelphia Phillies) and Willie Wilson (Kansas City Royals)
- B31: Mike Felder (Milwaukee Brewers), Tracy Jones (Cincinnati Reds) and Paul Molitor (Milwaukee Brewers)
- B30: John Cangelosi (Pittsburgh Pirates), Albert Hall (Atlanta Braves) and Gary Thurman (Kansas City Royals)
- B29: Gerald Young (Houston Astros)
- B28: Gerald Perry (Atlanta Braves) and Chico Walker (Chicago Cubs XB)
- B27: Bob Dernier (Chicago Cubs)

Players with Ar[m]=22: Don Baylor (Minnesota Twins) and Lee Mazzilli (New York Mets XB).

Players with Ar[m]=23: Dave Collins (Cincinnati Reds XB), Cecil Cooper (Milwaukee Brewers), Davey Lopes (Houston Astros XB), Gary Matthews (Seattle Mariners), Jeff Stone (Philadelphia Phillies XB) and Andre Thornton (Cleveland Indians XB).

### **AJ Articles:**

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(includes *Fielding averages*)

"Innings Pitched in Starts and Relief: 1987 Major League Pitchers." by Bruce Wheatley  
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"Looking Back on '87...When They Tore the Cover Off the Ball Why Was Offense in APBA Even Greater?" by Paul Vickers (May 1989, pp. 11 & 14).

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"The Ever Changing APBA Master Game" by Aaron Shomo (May 1988, pp. 1, 8 & 9).

"Master Game HRA Letter Parameters for 1987 Season" by Howard Ahlskog (May 1988, pp. 13-14).

"Grading Pitcher who Start and Relieve According to Their Actual Statistics" by Bill Silvers (May 1988, p. 16).

**AJ Replays:**

1987 Houston Astros [BG] by Mike McCabe (July 1992, pp. 23 & 26).

1987 Minnesota Twins [BG] by Darrell Skogen (December 1988, p. 22).

1987 Seattle Mariners [BG] by Curtis Milbourn (June 1989, p. 21).

# 1988 Season

Teams: NL-12 AL-14 (12 on 34)  
Cards per Team: 20  
XBs: 6/Team M/S: yes  
Print Style: VIII Format: e  
XB Print Style: VIII Format: e  
Back: TWO  
XB Back: TWO  
Published: 1989

Baseball Park Factor Chart: No

***This strange, squeezed fielding line happens when a ballplayer tries the trick of playing at least one inning at each of the nine positions during one nine inning game. It can be dangerous. Bert Campaneris tried it once, leaving the catching inning until last (which was smart), but he managed to get himself run over on a play at the plate and was rather seriously injured.***

*The Master Symbols sheet has, for this season only, additional balk options and ratings. The 1988 M/S folder contains the following information: "The balk ratings for the 1988 season pitchers listed below have been expanded to include ratings from BK0 to BK6, instead of just the BK0, or no rating, normally used for all other seasons." The M/S cards explains the rules to be employed in using the expanded ratings.*

*[Editor's Note: Viewed by itself, this change in the balk ratings seems strange, but, as usual, there is a reasonable explanation for APBA's action. In the Spring of 1988, the Official Playing Rules Committee took two actions; they modified the strike zone and imposed a stricter interpretation of the rules covering balks. The impact of this latter change was dramatic. For the 8 seasons from 1980 to 1987, the major leagues averaged 265 balks per season (AL-103 and NL-162). For 1988, the number of balks skyrocketed to 924 (AL-558 and NL-366), an increase of 250%. Sanity returned in the 1989 season and balks declined to a more reasonable 307 (AL-168 and NL-239). APBA modified the MG balk ratings for 1988 to reflect the aberration caused by the Rules Committee. After the 1988 season, the situation returned to normal and special balk rules were no longer required. – Don Adams, July 3, 2010].*

## Corrections:

Kirby Puckett (Minnesota Twins) should have 62-(7).

Dave Meads (Houston Astros) should have 33-(8).

Randy Bockus (San Francisco Giants XB) should add (\*) to his pitching grade, as he is strictly a reliever.

Bats: Both Throws: Right  
Height: 5-10 Weight: 160  
Born: 7-4-63 Rio Piedras, P. R.

Jose Manuel  
"Hosie"

## OQUENDO

F-2B8,3B4,SS8,1B2,OF1,C5,D\*-P1-W

11- 0-1	31- 9-2	51- 9-1
12-25-8	32-26-8	52-27-8
13-14-6	33- 7-1	53-18-6
14-30-7	34-12-7	54-32-7
15- 8-1	35-14-4	55- 8-1
16-28-11	36-33-6	56-13-11
21-30-6	41-28-7	61-36-6
22- 7-1	42-14-6	62-30-6
23-29-6	43-29-11	63-31-11
24-27-11	44- 7-1	64-13-6
25- 8-1	45-14-6	65-35-8
26-30-6	46-31-6	66- 0-1

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Bruce Ruffin (Philadelphia Phillies) should add (S)[low].

Curt Wilkerson (Texas Rangers) should have all second column (1)s changed to (2)s and the second column (5) should be a (4).

Jackie Gutierrez (Philadelphia Phillies XB) delete (2B-5) and add (3B-3).

Harold Reynolds (Seattle Mariners) is a J-0, not a J-1.

Juan Castillo (Milwaukee Brewers) should have a St[ealing] rating of F36.

Tom Herr (Minnesota Twins) change all second column (2)s to (1)s.

Dale Murphy (Atlanta Braves) change second column numbers at 12, 14, 15, 22, 32, 34, 52 and 54 to (7)s.

Bob Boone (California Angels) should have 62-(38), not 62-(27).

Tim Leary (Los Angeles Dodgers) is a Q-2, not a Q-3.

Dale Sveum (Milwaukee Brewers) change all second column (7)s and (8)s to (2)s.

Bruce Hurst (Boston Red Sox) should have his M[ove to] F[irst] rating raised to +3 (from +1), according to Joe Krakowski and Howard Ahlskog. "He was voted as having the best move to first base as a left handed pitcher." [*Letters to the Editor* "AJ, October 1989, p. 2].

### **Miscellany:**

Jose Oquendo (St. Louis Cardinals) received a card with all 7 positions on it (see above); while Bill Pecota (Kansas City Royals) received a card with 6 positions, not catcher.

Benito Santiago (San Diego Padres) received a MG rating of Th[rough]=+6.

The Chicago White Sox have five players rated to play catcher.

Pat Perry (Chicago Cubs pitcher) has 8 (1)s for his only hit, a home run, in eight at-bats.

Paul Assenmacher (Atlanta Braves, pitcher) received 9 (6)s.

Players receiving a MG rating of Ar[m]=39: Cory Snyder (Cleveland Indians) and Andy Van Slyke (Pittsburgh Pirates).

The starting pitchers from the American League with the extreme balk rating of BK6 are:

- Bud Black (Cleveland Indians)
- Mike Birkbeck (Milwaukee Brewers)
- John Candelaria (New York Yankees)
- Al Leiter (New York Yankees XB)
- Dave Stewart (Oakland Athletics)

Todd Burns (Oakland Athletics XB)  
Steve Ontiveros (Oakland Athletics)  
Steve Trout (Seattle Mariners XB)  
Juan Guzman (Texas Rangers)  
Ray Hayward (Texas Rangers XB)

The only National Leaguers starters with BK6 are:

Mike Bielecki (Chicago Cubs XB)  
Greg Mathews (St. Louis Cardinals XB)

The relief pitchers from the American League with the extreme balk rating of BK6 are:

Jeff Sellers (Boston Red Sox XB)  
Dennis Lamp (Boston Red Sox XBs)  
Don Gordon (Cleveland Indians XB)  
Jeff Montgomery (Kansas City Royals)  
Gene Garber (Kansas City XB)  
Dan Plesac (Milwaukee Brewers)  
Rick Honeycutt (Oakland Athletics)  
Eric Plunk (Oakland Athletics XB)  
Mike Jackson (Seattle Mariners)  
Jerry Reed (Seattle Mariners)  
Rod Scurry (Seattle Mariners XBs)  
Mitch Williams (Texas Rangers)  
Jose Cecena (Texas Rangers XB)  
Mark Eichhorn (Toronto Blue Jays XB)

The only National Leaguers relief pitchers with BK6 are:

Brian Holton (Los Angeles Dodgers XB)  
Bob McClure (Montreal Expos/New York Mets XB)  
Jim Gott (Pittsburgh Pirates)

*[The BK6 research topic was supplied by Tito Rondon].*

The Pittsburgh Pirates have 12 players rated (F)[ast], the New York Mets have 11 and the Montreal Expos and San Diego Padres each have 10.

Pitchers receiving a large number of (14)s:

Bruce Sutter (Atlanta Braves): 16  
Dan Quisenberry (St. Louis Cardinals): 16  
Joe Hesketh (Montreal Expos): 18  
Jeff Parrett (Montreal Expos): 20

Don Baylor (Oakland Athletics) ties the record for the lowest Ar[m]=21 rating.

Players receiving MG ratings of Sp[eed]=(F[ast] 20): Vince Coleman (St. Louis Cardinals), Gary Pettis (Detroit Tigers) and Otis Nixon (Montreal Expos).

Dave Leiper (San Diego Padres, pitcher) received a card with 16 hit-numbers.

Donell Nixon (San Francisco Giants XB) has a card with four (11)s and a (10).

Gene Nelson (Oakland Athletics, pitcher) has four (11)s.

The New York Yankees have two players (both pitchers) who are rated (S[low] 1): Tommy John and Rick Rhoden.

Roger McDowell (New York Mets, pitcher) has 11 (6)s on his card. [*contributed by Wesley Ahrens*].

Mark Davis (San Diego Padres) is a Grade A\* pitcher with three (1)s, an (11), a (10) and three (14\*)s.

The Los Angeles Dodgers have five Grade B, or better, relievers: Alejandro Pena (A\*), Brian Holton (A\*), Ken Howell (A\*), XB Jesse Orosco (B) and XB Tim Crews (B).

Jose Canseco (Oakland Athletics) received a card with two (1)s and two (11)s.

The leading base stealers this season are:

- A34: Rickey Henderson (New York Yankees)
- A31: Rex Hudler (Montreal Expos)
- A30: Otis Nixon (Montreal Expos)
- A29: Vince Coleman (St. Louis Cardinals)
- A27: Gerald Young (Houston Astros)
- B33: Ozzie Smith (St. Louis Cardinals)
- B31: Gary Pettis (Detroit Tigers)
- B30: Cecil Espy (Texas Rangers) and Chris Sabo (Cincinnati Reds)
- B28: Luis Polonia (Oakland Athletics)
- B27: Bob Dernier (Philadelphia Phillies)

Players with Ar[m]=22: Ricky Jordan (Philadelphia Phillies) and Lee Mazzilli (New York Mets XB).

Players with Ar[m]=23: Dave Collins (Cincinnati Reds) and Kirk Gibson (Los Angeles Dodgers).

### **AJ Articles:**

"1988 Final Unofficial Statistics for APBA Carded Players." (November 1988, pp. 12-21).

"1988 Carded Player Fielding Averages." (December 1988, pp. 16-21).

"Innings Pitched in Starts and Relief." by Bruce Wheatley (November 1988, pp. 22-23). [*plus "New York Mets) Addition," December 1988, p. 3*].

"1988 CMBA Pitching Grades and Rules" by Howard Ahlskog (February 1989 pp. 13-17). [*plus "Correction" (March 1989, p. 2)*].

"1988 Baseball Card Set Review" by Art Springsteen (April 1989, pp. 1, 4-7).



**AJ Replays:**

1988 Houston Astros [BG]

by Bruce Harris (April 1990, pp. 18-19)  
(and *Howard Ahlskog's comments*, pp. 19-20.)

1988 Boston Red Sox [BG]

by Veryl Lincoln (May 1990, pp. 22-23).

1988 New York Mets [MG]

by Mark Dobrow (October 1991, p. 23).

# 1989 Season

Teams: NL-12 AL-14 (12 on 54)  
Cards per Team: 20  
XBs: 6/Team M/S: Yes  
Print Style: IX Format: e  
XB Print Style: IX Format: e  
Back: TWO  
XB Back: TWO  
Published: 1990

Baseball Park Factor Chart: No

***Over the course of the nearly fifty years that APBA has published a baseball game, the cards have gradually moved on a trajectory toward absolute literalism in the card-making formula. In the early days of the game, this player would have been given two or three (14)s at most to represent his actual batting record. Now every statistic is projected onto a full season, even if it is based on scant data. That is how a marginal pitcher, in this case an XB, can become your best pinch hitter.***

*This season marks the beginning of the "literalist" policy for cards. APBA returns to giving a pitching grade to every carded player who pitched in even one game. A total of 11 position players received the grade of D\* (MG = 1\*). Players tend to have all positions listed that they played. For example, in 1965 Bert Campaneris played all seven positions for the Kansas City Athletics, yet was carded for only SS, OF, 3B and 2B. The batting portion of the cards does not seem to be downgraded.*

## Corrections:

Brian Harper (Minnesota Twins) should have a MG rating of Th[ow]=-1, not Th[ow]=+1.

Fred Manrique (Texas Rangers) should have a 55-(7)-(6), not 55-(8)-(6).

Jeff Blausen (Atlanta Braves) should have 44-(7)-(1), not 44-(8)-(1).

Roberto Kelly (New York Yankees) should have a 22-(7), not 22-(8).

Gino Petralli (Texas Rangers) should be "Bats: Left" and have a B[atting] C[haracteristic] of SA-5.

Johnny Ray (California Angels) should have 55-(7)-(2), not 55-(8)-(2).

Bats: Left      Throws: Left  
Height: 6-0      Weight: 180  
Born: 6-21-63 Doylestown, Pa.  
Jeffrey Joseph  
"Jeff"

## MUSSELMAN

Grade D Pitcher (1) (W)		
11-14	31-14	51-14
12-25	32-26	52-27
13-14	33-14	53-21
14-30	34-31	54-12
15-14	35-14	55-14
16-28	36-33	56-34
21-14	41-29	61-14
22-14	42-14	62-32
23-23	43-29	63-14
24-14	44-14	64-14
25-14	45-36	65-35
26-14	46-14	66-14

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On the Master Symbols card, Rick Rhoden (Houston Astros XB) is rated with Sp[eed] of 1, but without the (S). This omission is not repeated on his card, where he is rated (S).

### **Miscellany:**

For the second consecutive season, no player was rated (SS-10). [*Contributed by Art Springsteen*]

This season has a large number of A&C\* relievers:

Dennis Eckersley (Oakland Athletics) (MG = 21\*)  
Jeff Montgomery (Kansas City Royals) (MG = 23\*)  
Jay Howell (Los Angeles Dodgers) (MG = 21\*)  
Larry Andersen (Houston Astros) (MG = 21\*)  
Bob McClure (California Angels XB) (MG = 21\*)  
Les Lancaster (Chicago Cubs XB) (MG = 23\*)

Players with six positions listed on their card: Craig Reynolds (Houston Astros XB) [not catcher], Steve Lyons (Chicago White Sox) [not catcher] and Dave Cochrane (Seattle Mariners XB) [not pitcher].

Mike Moore (Oakland Athletics, pitcher) has 10 (6)s.

John Russell (Atlanta Braves) is rated as a pitcher and as a catcher.

Benito Santiago (San Diego Padres) and Ron Karkovice (Chicago White Sox) received MG ratings of Th[erow]=+6.

Players receiving MG ratings of Ar[m]=39: Cory Snyder (Cleveland Indians), Andy Van Slyke (Pittsburgh Pirates) and Benito Santiago (San Diego Padres).

Players receiving the MG rating of Sp[eed] = (F[ast] 20): Vince Coleman (St. Louis Cardinals), Otis Nixon (Montreal Expos) and Gary Pettis (Detroit Tigers).

Doug Bair (Pittsburgh Pirates XB, pitcher) has 7 (6)s.

Mitch Williams (Chicago Cubs) and Tim Birtsas (Cincinnati Reds XB) have five (1)s . Both are pitchers.

Pitchers with 28 (13)s: Dave Smith (Houston Astros), Allan Anderson (Minnesota Twins) and Dave Leiper (San Diego Padres XB).

Howard Johnson (New York Mets) received (0,0,0,0,1) power-numbers.

Jeff Musselman (New York Mets XB, pitcher) has 20 (14)s.

The Pittsburgh Pirates and Chicago Cubs have 11 players rated (F)[ast].

The Oakland Athletics have 10 players rated (F)[ast] and the St. Louis Cardinals have 11. The Athletics can be configured into an all (F) team; the Cardinals lack one infielder.

Pitchers with 12 (7)s: Sergio Valdez (Atlanta Braves XB), Alejandro Pena (Los Angeles Dodgers) and Andy McGaffigan (Montreal Expos).

Kevin Mitchell (San Francisco Giants) has (1,1,5,5,6) power.

Pitchers with numerous hit-numbers: Andy McGaffigan (Montreal Expos) 18, Sergio Valdez (Atlanta Braves) 16, Alejandro Pena (Los Angeles Dodgers) 16 and Cris Carpenter (St. Louis Cardinals XB) 16.

Players rated (S[low] 1): Jerry Reuss (Milwaukee Brewers, pitcher) and Rick Rhoden (Houston Astros, pitcher).

Jose Oquendo (St. Louis Cardinals) is "rated (2B-8) and (SS-9), despite playing less than ten games at shortstop." [*Art Springsteen, "1989 APBA Fielding Summary."* AJ, April 1990, p. 7].

The Baltimore Orioles have three players rated (OF-3): Brady Anderson, Phil Bradley and Steve Finley (XB).

For a discussion of Ron Dibble's grade of A\* (XY)(Z) and its inability to reproduce his strikeout record (141 strikeouts in 89 innings), see Bob Henry, AJ, March 1990, p. 26.

Ken Griffey, Sr. received a regular card for the Cincinnati Reds, while his son Ken Griffey, Jr. received a regular card for the Seattle Mariners. In 1990, they will both receive regular cards for the same team, the Seattle Mariners. In 1991, Junior will receive a regular card and his father an XB card. This is the only contemporaneous father-son combination in major-league baseball history.

The base-stealers this season are:

- A36: Gary Thurman (Kansas City Royals XB)
- A35: Tom Lawless (Toronto Blue Jays XB)
- A29: Otis Nixon (Montreal Expos)
- A26: Eric Yelding (Houston Astros)
- B33: Vince Coleman (St. Louis Cardinals)
- B32: Rickey Henderson (Oakland Athletics)
- B30: Rex Hudler (Montreal Expos)
- B29: Gary Pettis (Detroit Tigers)
- B27: Cecil Espy (Texas Rangers)

Players with Ar[m]=22: Ricky Jordan (Philadelphia Phillies) and Lee Mazzilli (Toronto Blue Jays XB).

Players with Ar[m]=23: Steve Balboni (New York Yankees), Brian Downing (California Angels), Darrell Evans (Atlanta Braves), Kirk Gibson (Los Angeles Dodgers) and Ken Phelps (Oakland Athletics XB).

**AJ Articles:**

"1989: The Year That Shook Baseball." by Art Springsteen (December 1989, pp 1 & 4-7).

"The New 1989 CMBA Pitchers Grades" (February 1990, pp. 15-17 & 19).

"1989 Final Unofficial Statistics for APBA Carded Players." (November 1989, pp. 12-21).

"1989 Carded Players Fielding Averages" (December 1989, pp. 18-23).

"Innings Pitched in Starts and Relief." by Bruce Wheatley (November 1989, pp. 22-23).

"1989 APBA Fielding Summary" by Art Springsteen (April 1990, p. 7).

**AJ Replay:**

1989 Baltimore Orioles [BG] by Alan Atkins (March 1991, pp. 19 & 22).

# 1990 Season

Teams: NL-12 AL-14 (12 on 61)  
Cards per Team: 20  
XBs: 6/Team M/S: Yes  
Print Style: IX, Variety 8, Format: e  
XB Print Style: IX, Variety 8, Format: e  
Back TWO  
XB Back TWO  
Published: 1991

XXBs: 65  
XXB Print Style: IX, Variety 8, Format: e  
XXB Back: BLANK  
Published: 1991

Baseball Park Factor Chart: No

***This man's achievements as a relief pitcher are a tribute to the power of specialization. For many years Dennis was a good, but not an outstanding, starter. Switched to the closer role, where his deceptive delivery and pinpoint control did not give batters the time to start zeroing in on him, he can generate fantastic stats; including a 0.61 ERA and a total of four walks for the entire season.***

*APBA introduces the (ZZ) Control Rating: "A Pitcher with a (ZZ) Rating on his card is treated like a (Z) pitcher except with Bases Empty or Runners on First and Third. In those situations, only, the board number (14) is changed to two balls for a (ZZ) pitcher. Two (14)s will result in a base on balls for the batter." [1990 Master Game Symbols sheet].*

*APBA changed the formulation for intentional walks. Now two-thirds of the intentional walks are disregarded in the card computations. [Howard Ahlskog, AJ, February 1991, p. 26].*

*The APBA Journal issued 65 "XXB" cards, created by Art Springsteen, and two corrected cards on February 1991, pp. 1 & 12-15 and March 1991 p. 3. To obtain regular sized cards from these smaller versions, copy them on cardstock at 157%. These cards are not officially sanctioned by the APBA Game Company.*

## Corrections:

Scott Ruskin (Montreal Expos) should have a (Y).

Rich Rodriguez (San Diego Padres XB) should be "Throws: Left."

Dave Stewart (Oakland Athletics) has a birthplace incorrectly spelled as "Oaklnad." It should be "Oakland." [contributed by Dan Armstrong].

Bats: **Right**      Throws: **Right**  
Height: **6-2**      Weight: **195**  
Born: **10-3-54 Oakland, Calif.**

**Dennis Lee**  
**"Eck"**

## ECKERSLEY

Grade A&B\* Pitcher (2) (X)(ZZ)

11- 8	31- 14	51- 36
12- 25	32- 26	52- 27
13- 13	33- 8	53- 13
14- 30	34- 31	54- 32
15- 21	35- 13	55- 9
16- 28	36- 13	56- 34
21- 13	41- 13	61- 12
22- 8	42- 13	62- 13
23- 13	43- 29	63- 13
24- 13	44- 9	64- 13
25- 23	45- 14	65- 35
26- 13	46- 13	66- 5

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***The corrections for the following XXB cards, which are not part of the official canon of APBA cards, are provided as a courtesy to those who wish to use them:***

The XXB card issued for Geronimo Pena (St. Louis Cardinals) in the February 1991 APBA Journal was confused with Hensley Meulens' card, which is correct. A new, corrected Pena card was issued in March 1991, as follows:

11- 6	31-14	51- 9
12-25	32-26	52-27
13-14	33- 7	53-18
14-30	34-31	54-32
15-10	35-42	55- 9
16-28	36-33	56-13
21-13	41-28	61-12
22- 8	42-13	62-13
23-13	43-29	63-13
24-13	44- 8	64-37
25-10	45-14	65-35
26-13	46-13	66- 6

The XXB card for Pedro Munoz (Minnesota Twins) is corrected in the March 1991 issue. The number tablet was correct, but the personal data: given name, Height, Weight and Born, was really for Mike Munoz (Los Angeles Dodgers). All other data on the card is correct.

Jim Dwyer (Minnesota Twins XXB) should have 42-(32)-(1) and 62-(32)-(1).

Bernard Gilkey (St. Louis Cardinals XXB) should have 21-(28)-(6).

Juan A. Gonzalez (Texas Rangers XXB) should have 12-(40).

Darren Lewis (Oakland Athletics XXB) should have 42-(40) and 65-(7).

Kelly Mann (Atlanta Braves XXB) should have 13-(13) and 25-(38).

Jose Offerman (Los Angeles Dodgers XXB) should have 44-(9)-(1).

Ed Romero (Detroit Tigers XXB) should have 13-(39).

Pete Coachman (California Angels XXB) should have 64-(39).

Rob Ducey (Toronto Blue Jays XXB) should have 36-(14) and 62-(40).

Thad Bosley (Texas Rangers XXB) should have 51-(40) and 56-(13).

Milt Cuyler (Detroit Tigers XXB) should have 26-(13) and 42-(40).

Rafael Belliard (Pittsburgh Pirates XXB) should have 13-(36) and 36-(13).

Todd Hundley (New York Mets XXB) should have 13-(13), 35-(36) and 42-(38). Donald L. Adams points out that Todd already has 13-(13). Don suggests that this may be an AJ typo that should read 63-(13). [*letter, September 8, 1998*].

Steve Howard (Oakland Athletics XXB) should have 35-(40) and 63-(13).

Tom Nieto (Philadelphia Phillies XXB) should have 35-(38).

Kelvin Torve (New York Mets XXB) should have 56-(13) and 64-(41).

Carl Nichols (Houston Astros XXB) should have 66-(6).

Gary DiSarcina (California Angels XXB) should have 66-(4).

### **Opinion:**

Alejandro Pena (New York Mets) should, in the opinion of Bob Henry and Donald L. Adams, be rated as (XY), not just an (X), for striking out 76 batters in 76 innings. [AJ, February 1991, p. 26.]

Gary Gaetti (Minnesota Twins) should be (C-5). Donald L. Adams points out that this “correction” is another example of APBA’s creativity. Brian Harper caught 120 games and was, obviously, carded as part of the 20 man roster. Junior Ortiz caught in 66 games, and was issued as part of the XB set. APBA always tries to provide back-up for every position on the basic roster. In this case, they chose to give Gary Gaetti a promotion to catcher, even though he never played the position during his career. [*letter, September 8, 1998*]. The 10<sup>th</sup> Macmillan and FanPark Encyclopedias support Don’s comments. In his career, Gaetti played 3B, 1B, DH, SS, OF, P (one game in 1997) and 2B (one game in 1986).

### **Miscellany:**

Dennis Eckersley (Oakland Athletics), Grade A&B\* (MG=28\*), received the highest Master Grade, for a reliever, APBA history.

The pitching staff of the Oakland Athletics is intimidating. It is built around a pair of (MG=18) starters, Dave Stewart and Bob Welch. The relievers are: Dennis Eckersley, Grade A&B\* (ZZ) (MG = 28\*); Rick Honeycutt Grade B\* (Z) (MG = 14\*); Gene Nelson Grade A&C\* (Z) (MG = 22\*); Todd Burns (XB) Grade C/B\* (MG = 8/14\*) and Joe Klink (XB) Grade A\* (MG = 18\*). This is the best relief staff of any APBA team. [*Bob Henry, AJ, February 1991, p. 26*].

Dave Stewart (Oakland Athletics), Russ Swan (Seattle Mariners XB), Drew Hall (Montreal Expos XB), Brian Meyer (Houston Astros XB) and Jim Gott (Los Angeles Dodgers) are pitchers with 28 (13)s on their cards.

Gary Pettis (Texas Rangers), Otis Nixon (Montreal Expos), Vince Coleman (St. Louis Cardinals) and Eric Yelding (Houston Astros) have Sp[eed] ratings of (F[ast] 20).

Players with Ar[m]=+39: Cory Snyder (Cleveland Indians) and Benito Santiago (San Diego Padres).



Cal Ripken (Baltimore Orioles) is rated (SS-10).

Willie McGee was traded by the St. Louis Cardinals to the Oakland Athletics on August 29, 1990 at a time when he had the second best batting average in the National League. He received his card this season for the American League team, despite having won the National League title with a .335 batting average.

Players rated (S[low] 1): Jose DeJesus (Philadelphia Phillies), Charlie Hough (Texas Rangers) and Nolan Ryan (Texas Rangers). All are pitchers.

Ron Karkovice (Chicago White Sox) and Benito Santiago (San Diego Padres) are catchers with MG ratings of Th[erow]=+6.

Steve Lyons (Chicago White Sox XB) is listed at six positions, not catcher.

Steve Bedrosian (San Francisco Giants) and Scott Terry (St. Louis Cardinals XB) have 16 hit-numbers. Both are pitchers.

Scott Ruskin (Montreal Expos pitcher) has four (2)s and four (6)s on his card.

The St. Louis Cardinals have eleven players rated (F[ast]). The Cincinnati Reds and Pittsburgh Pirates each have 10. All three teams lack a (F) catcher.

Bobby Thigpen (Chicago White Sox) received an A&C\* rating (MG=21\*).

Gene Nelson (Oakland Athletics) and Steve Bedrosian (San Francisco Giants) have ratings of (MG=22\*).

Rich Rodriguez (San Diego Padres XB, pitcher) has 17 (24)s.

Frank DiPino (St. Louis Cardinals, pitcher) has 8 (6)s.

Pitchers rated (ZZ): Wally Whitehurst (New York Mets XB), Randy Tomlin (Pittsburgh Pirates XB), Bob Tewksbury (St. Louis Cardinals), Terry Leach (Minnesota Twins), Dennis Eckersley (Oakland Athletics), Bill Swift (Seattle Mariners) and Jimmy Key (Toronto Blue Jays).

According to Art Springsteen, Tim Birtsas (Cincinnati Reds XB) has, "Perhaps the best sacrifice card in history with, among other things, 11 (30)s and 9 (32)s. He has a total of 28 successful sacrifice numbers with a man on first." [*AJ*, April 1991, p. 5].

Ken Griffey, Sr. (Seattle Mariners XB) and Ken Griffey, Jr. (Seattle Mariners) are the only father and son to play on the same team in the same year. In 1991, they will again be carded, Junior with a regular card and dad carded as an XC. In 1989, their cards were for different teams: Junior (Seattle Mariners) and Senior (Cincinnati Reds).

The base-stealers this season are:

A31: Alex Cole (Cleveland Indians), Vince Coleman (St. Louis Cardinals) and Otis Nixon (Montreal Expos)

A28: Eric Yelding (Houston Astros)

B34: Dave Collins (St. Louis Cardinals XB)  
B33: Rickey Henderson (Oakland Athletics)  
B31: Barry Bonds (Pittsburgh Pirates)  
B30: John Cangelosi (Pittsburgh Pirates XB)  
B29: Tim Lincecum (Montreal Expos)  
B28: Joey Cora (San Diego Padres XB) and Gary Pettis (Texas Rangers)  
B27: Mike Felder (Milwaukee Brewers) and Stan Jefferson (Cleveland Indians XB)  
B26: Delino DeShields (Montreal Expos) and Juan Samuel (Los Angeles Dodgers)

Players with Ar[m]=22: Brian Downing (California Angels) and Ricky Jordan (Philadelphia Phillies).  
Players with Ar[m]=23: Steve Balboni (New York Yankees), Dave Collins (St. Louis Cardinals XB),  
Kirk Gibson (Los Angeles Dodgers), Mickey Hatcher (Los Angeles Dodgers XB) and Ken Phelps  
(Cleveland Indians XB).

### **AJ Articles:**

"1990 Final Unofficial Statistics for APBA Carded Players." (November 1990, pp. 10-19).

"Inning Pitched and ERA's in Starts and Relief" (November 1990, pp. 20-21).

"1990 Carded Player Fielding Averages" (January 1991, pp. 14-19).

"Replaying the 1990 Card Set....the American League East" by Stan Harmen (February 1991, pp. 20 & 23).

"Better Red Than Dead: Analyzing the National League West" by Stan Harmen (March 1991, pp. 19 & 25).

"AJ Recommended Grades" (August 1991, pp. 8-9).

"1990 APBA Baseball Cards Reviewed" by Art Springsteen (April 1991, pp. 1, 4 & 5).

"Presenting 1990 XXB's: Journal-Made Cards for Non-Carded Players" by Howard Ahlskog  
(February 1991, pp. 1, 12-15). [*with "XXB Card Errors" March 1991, p. 3*].

# 1991 Season

Bats: **Right**      Throws: **Right**  
Height: **6-2**      Weight: **210**  
Born: **1-31-47** Refugio, Texas

Lynn Nolan, Jr.

"Noley"

**RYAN**

(S) Grade B Pitcher (1) (XY)

11- <b>8</b>	31- <b>13</b>	51- <b>13</b>
12- <b>25</b>	32- <b>26</b>	52- <b>27</b>
13- <b>13</b>	33- <b>8</b>	53- <b>13</b>
14- <b>30</b>	34- <b>31</b>	54- <b>32</b>
15- <b>36</b>	35- <b>13</b>	55- <b>23</b>
16- <b>28</b>	36- <b>33</b>	56- <b>34</b>
21- <b>13</b>	41- <b>24</b>	61- <b>13</b>
22- <b>9</b>	42- <b>13</b>	62- <b>13</b>
23- <b>12</b>	43- <b>29</b>	63- <b>32</b>
24- <b>13</b>	44- <b>21</b>	64- <b>13</b>
25- <b>14</b>	45- <b>14</b>	65- <b>35</b>
26- <b>13</b>	46- <b>13</b>	66- <b>7</b>

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Teams: NL-12 AL-14 (12 on 23)

Cards per Team: 20

XBs: 6/Team M/S: yes

Print Style: IX, Variety 10, Format: e

XB Print Style: IX, Variety 10, Format: e

Back TWO

XB Back TWO

Published: 1992

XCs: 4/Team M/S: Yes

XC Print Style: IX, Variety 10, Format: e

XC Back TWO

Published: 1992

Baseball Park Factor Chart: No

***Because he never had a monster winning season, the jury is still out on where Nolan belongs in the pitching pantheon. One thing that is not in debate is that no one has ever thrown the ball this hard at age 44. A combination of superior genes and exemplary work habits has kept his arm so strong that he has been a more effective pitcher in his 40s than he was in his 20s.***

*This season was issued with twenty regular cards and six XBs. However, the Company authorized the issuance of four extra cards (termed "XCs"), in the January 1992 issue of the APBA Journal, pp. 13 - 20. These cards are for the four extra players included in the 1991 computer game. The M/S sheet for the XCs is printed as well. To obtain regular-sized cards from these miniaturized versions, photocopy them on cardstock at 147%.*

*This season has the (ZZ) control rating for pitchers. [See "Glossary"].*

## Miscellany:

Ozzie Smith (St. Louis Cardinals) is a (SS-10), the oldest player to receive this rating.

Greg Litton (San Francisco Giants XB) has all 7 positions listed on his card. However, nothing is in parentheses. A free-floating upper-case 'S,' without parentheses, appears at the beginning of the line of fielding ratings to indicate he is (S[low]).

Steve Lyons (Boston Red Sox) and Bill Pecota (Kansas City Royals) are listed as playing six positions, not including catcher.

Pitchers who have 28 (13)s on their cards: John Franco (New York Mets), Frank Tanana (Detroit Tigers), Scott Erickson (Minnesota Twins), John Costello (San Diego Padres XC), Darrel Akerfelds (Philadelphia Phillies XC), Alejandro Pena (Atlanta Braves), Tim Layana (Cincinnati Reds XC), Milt Hill (Cincinnati Reds XC), Dwayne Henry (Houston Astros), Dennis Cook (Los Angeles Dodgers XC), Willie Fraser (St. Louis Cardinals XB) and Jim Corsi (Houston Astros XB).

Bob McClure (St. Louis Cardinals XB, pitcher) has 11 (7)s among his 18 hit-numbers.

Scott Lewis (California Angels, pitcher) and Wade Taylor (New York Yankees, pitcher) received identical hitting cards. [*contributed by Jeff Furman*].

Jamie Moyer (St. Louis Cardinals XC) has no hit-numbers on his card.

Cal Ripken (Baltimore Orioles) is rated as a (SS-10).

Players with MG ratings of Sp[eed] = (F[ast] 20): Gary Pettis (Texas Rangers), Vince Coleman (New York Mets) and Otis Nixon (Atlanta Braves).

Albert Belle (Cleveland Indians) and Danny Tartabull (Kansas City Royals) have (0,0,0,1,1) power.

Harvey Pulliam (Kansas City Royals XC) has (1,1,1,6) power among his 10 hit-numbers.

Frank Thomas (Chicago White Sox) ties the record for the lowest arm rating (A[rm]=21).

Players rated with Ar[m]=39: Cory Snyder (Toronto Blue Jays XB) and Benito Santiago (San Diego Padres).

Roger McDowell (Los Angeles Dodgers, pitcher) is also rated an (OF-1) for the four games he played in the outfield: two for the Philadelphia Phillies and two with the Los Angeles Dodgers. [*contributed by John Herson*].

Mike Jeffcoat (Texas Rangers, pitcher) has 11 (6)s.

Rod Beck (San Francisco Giants XB), Jim Gott (Los Angeles Dodgers) and Mike Stanton (Atlanta Braves) are pitchers who have 16 hit-numbers. The first two each have 10 (7)s.

Mitch Williams (Philadelphia Phillies) and Roger Mason (Pittsburgh Pirates XC) are pitchers with 16 (14)s.

Pitchers rated (ZZ): Tim Crews (Los Angeles Dodgers XB), Zane Smith (Pittsburgh Pirates), Lee Smith (St. Louis Cardinals), Dennis Eckersley (Oakland Athletics), Scott Sanderson (New York Yankees), Steve Howe (New York Yankees XB), Terry Leach (Minnesota Twins XB), Bill Gullickson (Detroit Tigers), Greg Swindell (Cleveland Indians), Mark Eichhorn (California Angels) and Jeff Gray (Boston Red Sox XB).

Players rated (S[low] 1), all pitchers: Jose DeJesus (Philadelphia Phillies), Charlie Hough (Chicago White Sox), Dave Otto (Cleveland Indians) and Nolan Ryan (Texas Rangers).

Ken Griffey, Sr. (Seattle Mariners) and Ken Griffey, Jr. (Seattle Mariners) are the only father and son to play on the same team in the same year. This season, "Junior" receives a regular card, while "Mr. Griffey" received an XC. In 1990, both were also carded and received regular cards. In 1989, they received cards from different teams: the elder from Cincinnati, the younger from Seattle. They are the only such father-son duo carded by APBA.

The Chicago Cubs have 12 players rated (F[ast]).

Teams with 11 players rated (F[ast]): Cincinnati Reds and Houston Astros.

Teams with 10 players rated (F[ast]): San Diego Padres, Pittsburgh Pirates, St. Louis Cardinals and San Francisco Giants.

Mike Hartley (Philadelphia Phillies XB, pitcher) has 19 (24)s.

George Canale (Milwaukee Brewers XC) has 13 (24)s, a near-record for non-pitchers, and (1,1,5,6,8,9) hit-numbers.

Bryan Harvey (California Angels) is rated an A&C\* pitcher (MG=21\*).

Dennis Eckersley (Oakland Athletics) received the unique grade of B\* (XY)(ZZ).

Dennis Cook (Los Angeles Dodgers) is the only XC pitcher ever to receive a rating of Grade A\*.

Rick Dempsey (Milwaukee Brewers) is rated both as a catcher and as a pitcher this season. In this singular foray onto the mound in a long career, he pitched two innings in two games (finishing both). He surrendered three hits, one walk and one earned run.

The basestealers this season are:

A32: Cedric Landrum (Chicago Cubs XB)

A31: Marquis Grissom (Montreal Expos)

B30: Otis Nixon (Atlanta Braves)

B29: Geronimo Pena (St. Louis Cardinals), Gary Thurman (Kansas City Royals) and  
Gerald Young (Houston Astros)

B28: Vince Coleman (New York Mets)

B27: Ron Gant (Atlanta Braves), Ray Lankford (St. Louis Cardinals) and  
Gary Pettis (Texas Rangers)

B26: Greg Briley (Seattle Mariners) and Luis Polonia (California Angels)

Player with Ar[m]=22: Brian Downing (Texas Rangers).

Players with Ar[m]=23: Kirk Gibson (Kansas City Royals) and Ricky Jordan (Philadelphia Phillies).

### **AJ Articles:**

"1991 Final Unofficial Statistics for APBA Carded and Computer Carded Players"

(November 1991, pp. 10-20).

"1991 AJ Recommended Grades for Master/Computer Games" (February 1992, p. 20).

"Innings Pitched in Starts and Relief" by John Briggs (November 1991, pp. 24-25).  
*[Plus "Corrections" in December 1991, p. 2].*

"1991 Carded Players [Base Stealing Ratings] by Howard Ahlskog (April 1992, pp. 6-7).

"1992 [Edition] Official APBA Cards: Four Extra Cards per Team included in the Computer Game."  
(January 1992, pp. 13-20. *[APBA-approved cards with a Master Symbols Chart. With the reproduction of these four cards per team the 1991 season has 30 players per team.]*)

# 1992 Season

Teams: NL-12 AL-14 (12 on 24)  
Cards per team: 20  
XBs: 10/Team M/S: Yes  
Print Style: IX, Variety 10, Format: e  
XB Print Style: IX, Variety 10, Format: e  
Back TWO XB  
Back TWO  
Published: 1993

Baseball Park Factor Chart: No

***Bob's best year ever is celebrated by this card. The grade A represents his blistering 2.16 ERA and 16 wins, which translates into a league leading winning percentage (.762). The (ZZ) rating replicates his allowing only 20 walks over 233 innings. The (0) at 66 with no second column (1)s means he'll not be taking a triumphant home run trot this season.***

*This season was issued with an expanded XB roster of ten players per team. The cards are arranged with all ten XB players for each team on a single page, two rows of five.*

*This season has the new (ZZ) control rating for pitchers. [See "Glossary"].*

*This season's cards have a marked difference between the National League and the American League in the computation of the hitting tablets. "An NL .270 hitter got a card clearly superior, all other things being equal, to an AL player who hit a few points higher." [Eric Naftaly, AJ, May 30, 1993, p. 2].*

*No XCs have been issued for this season. The card set and the data disk for the 1992 season contained the same players for each team. APBA did not produce or rate any official extras, and the AJ did not print any." [Eric Naftaly, AJ, Issue # 8, September 30, 1994, p. 27].*

## Miscellany:

This season sees the expansion of the National League to 14 teams: the Colorado Rockies join the Western Division and the Florida Marlins join the Eastern Division.

Francisco Cabrera (Atlanta Braves XB) has 6 (1)s.

Nolan Ryan (Texas Rangers) received his 25<sup>th</sup> APBA card, tying the record of Tommy John for the most cards, and the most consecutive, as well. Nolan will set a new record of 26 in 1993.

Bats: **Right**      Throws: **Right**  
Height: **6-4**      Weight: **208**  
Born: **11-30-60** Concord, N. H.

**Robert Alan**  
**"Tewks"**

## TEWKSBURY

(S) Grade A Pitcher (1) (ZZ)

11- 8-6	31- 13-6	51- 13-6
12- 25-7	32- 26-7	52- 27-7
13- 13-6	33- 8-6	53- 13-6
14- 30-7	34- 31-7	54- 32-7
15- 36-6	35- 13-6	55- 23-6
16- 28-7	36- 33-7	56- 34-7
21- 13-7	41- 27-7	61- 29-6
22- 9-6	42- 13-6	62- 13-6
23- 13-7	43- 29-7	63- 32-7
24- 12-7	44- 21-6	64- 13-6
25- 14-6	45- 14-7	65- 35-8
26- 13-7	46- 13-7	66- 0-6

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Pitchers with 12 (7)s: Marvin Freeman (Atlanta Braves), Jim Gott (Los Angeles Dodgers), Rod Beck (San Francisco Giants) and Kip Gross (Los Angeles Dodgers XB).

James Austin (Milwaukee Brewers XB) is rated as an A&C\* pitcher this season.

The Atlanta Braves pitching staff is very strong:

John Smoltz Grade A (MG=15)  
Steve Avery Grade B (MG=14)  
Tom Glavine Grade A (MG=15)  
Charles Leibrandt XB Grade B (MG=13)  
Pete Smith XB Grade A (MG=15)  
Jeff Reardon Grade B\* (MG=11\*) (ZZ)  
Marvin Freeman Grade B\* (MG=13\*)  
Mark Wohlers XB Grade B\* (MG=13\*)  
Dave Nied XB Grade C/B\* (MG=10/15\*)

Pitchers with 17 hit-numbers: Marvin Freeman (Atlanta Braves), including 12 (7)s, and Stan Belinda (Pittsburgh Pirates), including 10 (6)s.

Pitchers with the new (ZZ) rating: Jeff Reardon (Atlanta Braves), Doug Jones (Houston Astros), Don

Robinson (Philadelphia Phillies XB), Zane Smith (Pittsburgh Pirates), Robert Tewksbury (St. Louis Cardinals), Mike Henneman (Detroit Tigers), Willie Willis (Minnesota Twins) and Dennis Eckersley (Oakland Athletics).

Pitchers with 28 (13)s: Alejandro Pena (Atlanta Braves), Kent Mercker (Atlanta Braves XB), Mark Wohlers (Atlanta Braves XB), Mark Davis (Atlanta Braves XB), Ken Patterson (Chicago Cubs XB), Scotty Ruskin (Cincinnati Reds XB), Guido Franco (New York Mets) and Lee Guetterman (New York Mets XB).

Bill Sampen (Kansas City Royals XB) has 26 (13)s.

Kent Bottenfield (Montreal Expos XB, pitcher) has 9 (7)s.

Rob Dibble (Cincinnati Reds, pitcher) has 8 (7)s.

Vince Coleman (New York Mets XB) is rated as (F[ast]20).

Jim Gott (Los Angeles Dodgers) and Rod Beck (San Francisco Giants) each have 17 hit-numbers, while Kip Gross (Los Angeles Dodgers XB) has 18. All are pitchers and have 12 (7)s.

Pitchers with no hit-numbers and a large number of (14)s are: John Candelaria (Los Angeles Dodgers XB) 20 (14)s, Wally Ritchie (Philadelphia Phillies) and Larry Andersen (San Diego Padres XB) 16 (14)s, and Roger McDowell (Los Angeles Dodgers) 10 (14)s and five (42)s.

Don Robinson (Philadelphia Phillies XB, pitcher) has 6 (6)s among his 15 hit-numbers.



Barry Bonds (Pittsburgh Pirates) has (0,0,0,1,1) power.

Teams with eleven players rated (F[ast]): Pittsburgh Pirates and San Francisco Giants.

Teams with ten players rated (F[ast]): Kansas City Royals, Chicago Cubs and Houston Astros.

Dave Eiland (San Diego Padres XB, pitcher) has 3 (1)s.

Players rated as Ar[m]=39: Benny Santiago (San Diego Padres) and Ivan Rodriguez (Texas Rangers).

Rich Rodriguez (San Diego Padres, pitcher) has 16 (24)s, a (12), a 25 and a 26.

The Oakland Athletics have five B\*, or better, relief pitchers:

Jeff Russel Grade A&C\* (MG=21\*)  
Dennie Eckersley Grade A\* (MG=19\*) (ZZ)  
Jeff Corsi (XB) Grade A\* (MG=19\*)  
Vince Horsman (XB) Grade A\* (MG=16\*)  
Jeff Parrett Grade B\* (MG=14\*)

The Minnesota Twins have five B\* pitchers: Rich Aguilera, Carl Willis (ZZ), Mark Guthrie, Tom Edens and Gary Wayne (XB).

The St. Louis Cardinals have a pitching staff with five B\*, or better, relievers: Mike Perez (A\*), Cris Carpenter (B\*), Lee Smith (B\*), Todd Worrell (A\*) and Bob McClure (B\*).

Ivan Rodriguez (Texas Rangers) is rated as a Th[erow]=+6 catcher. At age 21, he is the youngest catcher to receive this rating.

Players rated (S[low] 1): Charlie Hough (Chicago White Sox), Dave Otto (Cleveland Indians XB) and Nolan Ryan (Texas Rangers). All are pitchers.

Bob McClure (St. Louis Cardinals, pitcher) is the first XB to be rated J-0. [*contributed by Art Carter*].

Dennis Eckersley (Oakland Athletics) received the unique grade of A\* (XY) (ZZ). In 1991 he received the same combination of control ratings, but as a Grade B\*.

The leading base stealers this season are:

B33: Marquis Grissom (Montreal Expos)  
B29: Andy Allanson (Milwaukee Brewers XB) and Cesar Hernandez (Cincinnati Reds XB)  
B28: Vince Coleman (New York Mets XB)  
B27: Chad Curtis (California Angels) and Tom Goodwin (Los Angeles Dodgers XB)  
B26: J. T. Bruett (Minnesota Twins XB)

Players with Ar[m]=22: Brian Downing (Texas Rangers) and Kirk Gibson (Pittsburgh Pirates XB).

**AJ Articles:**

"1992 Final Unofficial Statistics for APBA Carded Players." (November 1992, pp. 10-20).

"Innings Pitched in Starts and Relief: 1992 Major League Pitchers" by John Briggs (November 1992, pp. 27-28).

# 1993 Season

Teams: NL-14 AL-14 (12 on 46)  
Cards per Team: 20  
XBs: 10/Team M/S: Yes  
Print Style: IX, Variety 10, Format: e  
XB Print Style: IX, Variety 10, Format: e  
Back: TWO  
XB Back: TWO  
Published: 1994

XCs: NL-118 AL-146  
XC Print Style: IX, Variety 10, Format: e  
XC Back: TWO  
Published: 1994

Baseball Park Factors Chart: Yes

***Forget about DiMaggio's 56 game hitting streak: Young has the "unbreakable" record. He closed out the 1992 season with 14 straight losses, and began the 1993 season where he left off. Before he finally won a game, on July 28, 1993, he had notched 13 more defeats, for a total of 27 consecutive losses. He destroyed the 83 year-old record of 23, set by Cliff Curtis. His final stats for 1993 were 1 - 16. During the streak his ERA was 6.32 (5.25 in his 14 starts and 11.81 in relief). The C\* is a gift, he gave up 9 earned runs in 9 1/3 innings of relief work this season. A grade of D/D\* would have been more appropriate.***

*This season has the new APBA logo on the team envelopes.*

*This is the first original season which has the new, dual ratings for the Batting Characteristic (BC). [In July of the previous publishing year (i.e., 1993), the 1935, 1946, 1965R and 1971R seasons were issued with this new Dual BC.] This season also has the (ZZ) control-rating for pitchers. [See "Glossary"].*

*"The game company, given the need to "card" everyone for the data disk and the board game, seems to have stemmed the tide toward literal renditions of batting and pitching stats." [APBA Journal, January 30, 1994, p. 1].*

*The APBA Journal published (February/March 15, 1994, pp. 11-19) 118 National League XC players. The 146 American League XCs were printed in (March/April 30, 1994, p. 9-17). All the cards were printed at 66% of regular size. Master Symbols for these cards were also provided*

*This season has the Baseball Park Factors Chart which incorporates the impact of individual ballpark conditions on the game. In most instances, two dice rolls will be required: one to determine whether or not the park and weather are a factor on the play, and, if so, a second roll to determine the result.*

*This is the first year that the (ZZ) control rating was awarded to XB pitchers.*

Bats: **Right**      Throws: **Right**  
Height: **6-2**      Weight: **210**  
Born: **1-19-66** **Houston, Texas**

**Anthony Wayne**

**YOUNG**

(S)	Grade	D(C*)	Pitcher	(2)	(Y)
11-	8	31-	14	51-	36
12-	25	32-	26	52-	27
13-	13	33-	8	53-	13
14-	30	34-	31	54-	32
15-	21	35-	13	55-	9
16-	28	36-	32	56-	32
21-	13	41-	24	61-	24
22-	8	42-	13	62-	13
23-	24	43-	29	63-	24
24-	13	44-	9	64-	13
25-	23	45-	14	65-	35
26-	24	46-	12	66-	7

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### Corrections:

Jeff Fassero (Montreal Expos pitcher) has a typographical error on the M/S chart for his B[atting] C[haracteristic]. It should be SA - 4/0. [*letter, Veryl Lincoln, April 2, 1998*].

Mike Humphreys (New York Yankees XC) has a typographical error on the last line of the dice rolls. The line should read: 26-(13)-6, 46-(12)-(6) and 66-(0)-(1).

Jose Montoyo (Montreal Expos XC) received a card with the result numbers for 11, 31, and 51 misaligned and to the left of those die rolls. The correct pairings should be: 11-(6), 31-(9) and 51-(9).

Concerning the Humpnreys and Montoyo cards (see above), Donald L. Adams reports; "The XC cards that I have in my team envelopes are enlarged reproductions of the cards as supplied in the APBA Journal and do not have the errors cited above. However, the XCs that are printed on cardstock, as supplied by the Journal, do contain the errors. It seems the errors happened in the translation of the cards from one medium to another." [*Letter, October 18, 1998*].

### Opinions:

Orel Hershiser and Pedro Martinez, both Los Angeles Dodgers pitchers, are rated as (3B-2), for the one game they each played at third base. Neither had a fielding chance at the hot corner.

Speaking of Orel Hershiser, Eric Naftaly is totally mystified by this pitcher's SA-0/-0 rating, which makes no mathematical or baseball sense. Eric suggests it is a typo or an oversight. [*phone conversation, March 4, 1998*]. In the 1993 [R] set, his rating was changed to SA-0/-2.

### Miscellany:

According to APBA, there was a total of 1,104 players in both leagues this season. APBA has provided a card (regular, XB, or XC) for each one. [*letter from APBA/MMI, September 22, 1997*].

Eric Naftaly points out that, "Players at the low end of the games/at-bat spectrum have much tamer cards than had been expected." Among those whose cards have been significantly reduced, he points out Javier Lopez (Atlanta Braves XB), who received (1,3,3,6) instead of the (1,1,2,2,6,6) he would have received "in past years." Other players who received reduced cards are:

Ryan Klesko (Atlanta Braves XB) with (1,1,5,6) instead of (1,1,1,1,6,6)

J. R. Phillips (San Francisco Giants XC) carded (1,3,3,6) not (1,1,2,2,6,6)

Sam Horn (Cleveland Indians XC) with (1,1,5,5) and a total of 13 hit-numbers instead of (1,1,1,1,6) with 18 hit-numbers

Jim Linderman (Houston Astros XB) with (6,6,6,) and 12 hit-numbers instead of (0,0,0,0,0) with 15 hit-numbers

Chipper Jones (Atlanta Braves XC) with (6,6,6), 11 hit-numbers and three (14)s rather than 9 (6)s, 20 hit-numbers and 9 (14)s

[AJ, January 30, 1994, p. 1].

“While Curtis Pride (Montreal Expos XC) seems to have an impressive card, (1,1,2,3,6\*,6\*, 8,8,9,9,10,11), his agent should be making a fuss about the way his client was slighted. He had 9 at-bats, four hits, no walks and was never hit by a pitch. From APBA’s standpoint, these are perfect numbers to use as the first lesson in Cardmaking 101. Thirty-six divided by nine equals four. Four hits time four is 16. Therefore, Curtis should have 16 hit-numbers. His hits were a single, a double, a triple and a home run, and he had one stolen base. Curtis should have received (1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,6,6,6,6,11,11,11,11) as his hit-numbers. This would have given him the greatest “moster card” of all time. (Bob Hazle and Clyde Klutz, eat your hearts out!)” [Donald L. Adams, letter, October 18, 1998].

Lou Whitaker ( Detroit Tigers) received the highest B[atting] C[haracteristic] this season: PR - 24/ +2. This 24 point shift is a record.

Todd Stottlemeyre (Toronto Blue Jays, pitcher) received 15 (14)s. This is very unusual considering he had no plate appearances in 1993. Later on in his career, when he moved to the National League for his final four seasons, he demonstrated an above average batting eye. In 252 plate appearances he walked 24 times.

This is the last and greatest year for Sp[eed] in APBA. A record number of 14 teams have 10, or more, players rated (F[ast]). This author (Ed Zack) is of the opinion that this over abundance of speed contributed to the precipitous down scaling of the number of (F) rated players in the 1994 season.

Players rated (S[low] 1): Charlie Hough (Florida Marlins), Dave Otto (Pittsburgh Pirates XB) and Nolan Ryan (Texas Rangers XB). All are pitchers.

Several teams receive extra-base power from their XBs:

Atlanta Braves: Javier Lopez: (1,3,3,6), Frankie Cabrera (1,5,5) and Ryan Klesko (1,1,5,6)  
Chicago Cubs: Matt Walbeck (1,6,6), Doug Jennings (1,4,4,6),  
Eric Welding (0,0,0), Kevin Roberson (0,0,1) and Tuffy Rhodes (1,4,5)  
Cincinnati Reds: Brian Dorsett (1,6,6), Jack Daugherty (1,6), Willie Greene (0,0,1), Gary Varsho (0,0,0) and Tim Costo (1,6,6)

The Atlanta Braves have a strong pitching staff:

Greg Maddox Grade A (MG=19)  
Tom Glavine Grade A (MG=15)  
Steve Avery Grade A (MG=15)  
John Smoltz Grade B (MG=12)  
Steve Bedrosian XB Grade A&C\* (MG=21\*)  
Greg McMichael Grade A\* (MG=19\*)  
Jay Howell Grade A\* (MG=17\*)

The only pitchers rated A&C in 1993 are four relievers: John Wetteland (Montreal Expos) (MG=24\*), Gregg Olson (Baltimore Orioles) (MG=23\*), Steve Bedrosian (Atlanta Braves XB) (MG=21\*) and Brian Harvey (Florida Marlins) (MG=21\*).

Vince Coleman (New York Mets) received the only speed rating of (F[ast]20) in 1993.

Jeff McNeely (Boston Red Sox XB) received the unusual combination of (4,8,8,8,9,9,10,11,11,11), three (14\*)s and one (14). His Sp[eed] rating of (F[ast] 18) and his St[ea]l rating of C35 solidify his credentials as a demon on the basepaths.

Kenny Lofton (Cleveland Indians) received four (11)s with a St[ea]l rating of C32 and Sp[eed] rating of (F[ast]19). He led the American League with 70 stolen bases.

Roberto Alomar (Toronto Blue Jays) received three (11)s and three (0).

Frank Thomas (Chicago White Sox) ties the record for the lowest arm rating of Ar[m]=21.

Kevin Seitzer (Milwaukee Brewers) received a card rated for six positions, all but catcher. His number of games played at each position are: 3B-79, 1B-31, OF-4, 2B-3, SS-1 and P-1.

Pitchers rated (ZZ):

- Graeme Lloyd (Milwaukee Brewers XB)
- Steve Howe (New York Yankees XB)
- Dennis Eckersley (Oakland Athletics)
- Bret Saberhagen (New York Mets)
- Donn Pall (Philadelphia Phillies XB)
- John Hope (Pittsburgh Pirates XB)
- Bob Tewksbury (St. Louis Cardinals)
- Scott Sanderson (San Francisco Giants)
- Rod Beck (San Francisco Giants)

This is the first season that XBs were given the (ZZ) rating.

Players with (1,1,1) are: Mark McGwire (Oakland Athletics XB) (1,1,1,6,6) and Dave Staton (San Diego Padres XC) (1,1,1,6,6).

There are no Grade A\* or Grade B\* or Grade B pitchers in this year's XCs.

Nolan Ryan (Texas Rangers) received his last APBA card this season. This year's XB is his record 26th APBA card.

The leading base stealers this season are:

- A26: Mike Humphreys (New York Yankees XC)
- A25: Alex Diaz (Milwaukee Brewers XB)
- B29: Vince Coleman (New York Mets) and Henry Cotto (Florida Marlins XB)
- B28: Jacob Brumfield (Cincinnati Reds), Chuck Carr (Florida Marlins) and Deion Sanders (Atlanta Braves);
- B27: Luis Polonia (California Angels)
- B26: Chad Curtis (California Angels)

The Los Angeles Dodgers have three relievers rated A\*: Pedro Martinez Grade C/A\*, Jim Gott Grade A\* and Roger McDowell Grade A\*.

Catchers receiving Th[er] = +6 ratings: Ivan Rodriguez (Texas Rangers) and Ron Karkovice (Chicago White Sox).

Jeff Tackett (Baltimore Orioles) is a modern day rarity; he is rated both as a pitcher and as a catcher.

Jay Gainer (Colorado Rockies XC) set an APBA record with 35 second column (1)s. He also has a 66-(1), giving him a record total of 36 (1)s.

The only player rated with Ar[m] = 23 is Ricky Jordan (Philadelphia Phillies XB).

### **AJ Articles:**

"1993 Final Unofficial Baseball Statistics" by Roger Mills and Steve Braun (November 30 1993, pp. 13-26).

"New Baseball Set: A Few Significant Surprises" by Eric Naftaly (January 30, 1994, pp. 1 & 9).

XC's: NL: (February/March 15, 1994, pp. 11-19). *(includes M/S for these players)*

AL: (March/April 30, 1994, pp. 9-17). *(includes M/S for these players)*

# 1994 Season

Teams: NL-14 AL-14 (12 on 36)  
Cards per Team: 20  
XBs: 10/Team M/S: Yes  
Print Style: IX, Variety 10, Format: e  
XB Print Style: IX, Variety 10, Format: e  
Back: TWO  
XB Back: TWO  
Published: 1994

XCs: NL - 70 AL - 81 (with M/S)  
XC Print Style: IX, Variety 10, Format: e  
XC Back: TWO

Baseball Park Factor Chart: Yes

Bats: Right Throws: Right  
Height: 6-5 Weight: 257  
Born: 5-27-68 Columbus, Georgia

Frank Edward  
"The Big Hurt"  
**THOMAS**

Firstbaseman (2)

11- 1	31- 9	51- 8
12- 25	32- 26	52- 27
13- 14	33- 5	53- 20
14- 30	34- 31	54- 32
15- 8	35- 9	55- 7
16- 13	36- 12	56- 14
21- 13	41- 24	61- 24
22- 5	42- 14	62- 14
23- 13	43- 29	63- 31
24- 37	44- 6	64- 14
25- 8	45- 14	65- 35
26- 14	46- 41	66- 1

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***What does a manager do with this defensive liability: a weak-fielding (Ar[m] = 23) first baseman? Pencil him into the fourth slot and let him play. In this MVP season, he will make ten of the twelve offensive categories listed in the Macmillan Encyclopedia. He will lead the league in home runs (38), slugging average (.729), runs scored (106) and walks (109). He has a .353 batting average and the league's highest on-base percentage. Sometimes being a manager is not so hard.***

*This season's cards reflect that fact that this is a strike shortened season.*

*This is the first season to be published in its nominal year. The only other one so far is the 1996 season which was published in December 1996.*

*This season has the new APBA logo on the team envelopes.*

*This season has the new, dual ratings for the Batting Characteristic (BC) for batters and the new (ZZ) control-rating for pitchers. [See "Glossary"].*

*The APBA Journal published in Issue # 12 ( December 31, 1994, pp. 16-25) 151 XC cards, 70 for the National League and 81 for the American League. These are cards that APBA created for the computer version of the game. All the cards were printed at 66% of regular size. Master Symbols for these cards are also provided.*

## Corrections:

Chris Howard (Boston Red Sox) should have "Throws: Left" and "Bats: Right."

Mike Jackson (San Francisco Giants, pitcher) should have (Z) control rating.



Milt Hill was given an XB card for the Atlanta Braves. If APBA followed its "last-played-for" tradition, he should have received an XC card for his end-of-the-season stint with the Seattle Mariners. However because of the absence of late season call-ups, the total of Atlanta's very stable roster was only 29 without Hill, hence the exception to the policy.

### **Miscellany:**

According to APBA, there were a total of 991 players in both leagues this season. APBA has provided a card (regular, XB, or XC) for each one. [*letter from APBA/MMI, September 22, 1997*].

Art Springsteen notes that, "the 1994 season showed a huge expansion (might one say rampant inflation) in top-rated fielders, especially catchers. Twenty-seven players were rated (C-8) or better." [*APBA Journal, Issue # 12, December 31, 1994, p. 4*].

Atlee Hammaker (Chicago White Sox) pitched 1.1 innings and received an XB card.

Kevin Koslofski (Kansas City Royals) had one hit in four at-bats, plus two walks, and was carded as an XB.

Ozzie Smith (St. Louis Cardinals) received a rating of (SS-9). This is the 17<sup>th</sup> consecutive season that he has been rated (SS-9), or better.

No Catcher received a Th[er]m[eter]=+6 rating. There are no (SS-10)s or (3B-6)s.

Vince Coleman (Kansas City Royals) is rated with (F[ast]20).

There are no Grade A\*, Grade B or Grade B\* pitchers in this year's XCs.

Greg Maddux (Atlanta Braves) is the only starting pitcher in 1994 rated A&C.

There are no Grade A pitchers in the National League.

Pitchers rated Grade A&C\*: Mike Jackson (San Francisco Giants XB) and Steve Howe (New York Yankees).

Raul Mondesi (Los Angeles Dodgers) and Mark Whiten (St. Louis Cardinals) are outfielders rated with Ar[m] = 39.

Pitchers rated (ZZ):

- Dave Veres (Houston Astros XB)
- Fernando Valenzuela (Philadelphia Phillies XB)
- Scott Sanderson (Chicago White Sox XB)
- Gil Heredia (Montreal Expos)
- Bret Saberhagen (New York Mets)
- Doug Jones (Philadelphia Phillies)
- Bob Tewksbury (St. Louis Cardinals)

Mark Gubicza (Kansas City Royals)  
Carl Willis (Minnesota Twins)  
Rick Aguilera (Minnesota Twins XB)

Players with (1,1,1), or better, power:

Greg Pirkel (Seattle Mariners XC) (1,1,1,5,5,6)  
Jose Oliva (Atlanta Braves XB) (1,1,1,6,6,6)  
Matt Williams (San Francisco Giants) (0,0,1,1,1)  
Mike Mordecai (Atlanta Braves XB) (1,1,1,6)  
Jerry Willard (Seattle Mariners XC) (1,1,1,6)

Players with five, or better, (0)s and/or (1)s:

Mike Kelly (Atlanta Braves XB) (0,0,0,0,0,0)  
Jeff Bagwell (Houston Astros) (0,0,0,0,1,1)  
Albert Belle (Cleveland Indians) (0,0,0,0,1,1)  
Greg Pirkel (Seattle Mariners XC) (1,1,1,5,5,6)  
Jose Oliva (Atlanta Braves XB) (1,1,1,6,6,6)  
Mark Portugal (San Francisco Giants, pitcher) (0,0,0,0,0)  
Moises Alou (Montreal Expos) (0,0,0,0,1)  
Fred McGriff (Atlanta Braves) (0,0,0,1,1)  
Kevin Mitchell (Cincinnati Reds) (0,0,0,1,1)  
Matt Williams (San Francisco Giants) (0,0,1,1,1)

Mike Mordecai (Atlanta Braves XB) and Jerry Willard (Seattle Mariners XC) have (1,1,1,6) power.

Willie Wilson (Atlanta Braves XC) was issued (2,2,3) power, the first time this combination has been used in over 40 years..

The Atlanta Braves XBs provide a very strong group of bench players:.

Jose Oliva (1,1,1,6,6,6)  
Mike Mordecai (1,1,1,6)  
Mike Kelly 6 (0)s  
Jarvis Brown (1,5,6)  
Raffy Belliard (SS-9) (0,0,0)  
Steve Bedrosian Grade B\*

Rick Wrona (Milwaukee Brewers XC) has (1,1,6,6,6,6,6,6,8,8,9,9) hit-numbers.

Of the three Houston Astros XB pitchers, Dave Veres is Grade A\* (ZZ) , Ross Powell is Grade B\* and Mike Hampton is Grade C\*.

The Houston Astros also have four Grade B\*, or better, relievers: Todd Jones Grade B\*, John Hudek Grade B\*, Dave Veres XB Grade A\* and Ross Powell XB Grade B\*.

The California Angels have a pitching staff composed of eighteen pitchers, sixteen of which are rated Grade D or D\*. The other two are Elroy Finley Grade C (MG=8) and Bob Patterson Grade C\* (MG=8\*).

Kenny Lofton (Cleveland Indians) received a card with three (11)s, a (10) and a (14\*).

Brian Hunter (Houston Astros XB) received a card with two (11)s and two (10)s.

Rickey Henderson (Oakland Athletics) has a card with 6 (14)s and one (14\*).

Players rated (S[low] 1): Charlie Hough (Florida Marlins, pitcher) and Dave Otto (Chicago Cubs XB, pitcher).

By using XBs, the Cleveland Indians can field a team which has a player with a first column (1) at every position. Rene Gonzales (XB) plays shortstop and either Ruben Amaro (XB) or Candy Maldonado (XB) plays outfield or DH.

The leading base stealers this season are:

A26: Ruben Amaro (Cleveland Indians XB) and Brian Hunter (Houston Astros XB)  
B33: Vince Coleman (Kansas City Royals) and Terry Shumpert (Kansas City Royals)  
B32: Lou Frazier (Montreal Expos)  
B31: Quinn Mack (Seattle Mariners XC)  
B27: Deion Sanders (Cincinnati Reds)  
B26: Todd Haney (Chicago Cubs XB)

Players with Ar[m] = 23: Ricky Jordan (Philadelphia Phillies) and Frank Thomas (Chicago White Sox).

### **AJ Articles:**

"Top Fielding Category on the Upswing in '94" by Art Springsteen (Issue # 12, December 31, 1994, pp. 4-5).

"Rosters for 1995 (1994 Season) Baseball Card Set" (Issue # 9, November 2, 1994, p. 4).

XC's: (Issue # 12, December 31, 1994, pp. 16-25). [151 cards, 70 for the NL and 81 for the AL, plus Master Symbols].

# 1995 Season

Teams: NL-14 A L-14 (12 on 52)

Cards per Team: 20

XBs: 10/Team M/S: Yes

Print Style: IX, Variety 11, Format: e

XB Print Style: IX, Variety 11, Format: e

Back: THREE

XB Back: THREE

Published: January 1996

XCs: NL-138 AL-158 (with M/S)

XCs Print Style: IX, Variety 11, Format: e

XCs Back: BLANK

Published: January 1996

Baseball Park Effects Chart: Yes

Bats: **Right**      Throws: **Right**  
Height: **6-4**      Weight: **220**  
Born: **8-24-60** Havre de Grace, MD

**Calvin Edwin, Jr.**  
"Junior"

**RIPKEN**

Shortstop (9)

11- 6	31- 14	51- 9
12- 25	32- 26	52- 12
13- 23	33- 6	53- 20
14- 30	34- 31	54- 32
15- 8	35- 39	55- 8
16- 28	36- 14	56- 34
21- 30	41- 24	61- 24
22- 7	42- 13	62- 26
23- 27	43- 29	63- 31
24- 13	44- 8	64- 13
25- 9	45- 14	65- 35
26- 32	46- 27	66- 1

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***His accomplishment is quite ordinary, he goes to work and does his job. In the process, he broke Lou Gehrig's "unbreakable" record of 2,130 consecutive games played. At the end of the 1995 season, the total was 2,153. In the process of doing his job in a workman-like manner, with quiet dignity, this man became a hero to those baseball fans who were starved for something positive and noble in the sport.***

*This season's cards reflect the fact that this is a strike-shortened season of only 144 games.*

*This season's cards have the newest style of backs with red-and-blue-on-white cardstock. A large red baseball in flight occupies the center of the card, with the Major League Baseball Players Association logo in the upper left corner, the words "Official Licensee (c) 1993 MLBPA" across the top right corner, the new APBA logo in the lower right corner and the words "APBA is a Registered Trademark of SAI" across the lower left of the card. This will be known as Back THREE or the "SAI-Redball" Back. [See Card Identification].*

*This season has the new APBA logo on the team envelopes, the new, dual ratings for the Batting Characteristic (BC) and the new (ZZ) control-rating for pitchers. [See Glossary].*

*For this season, the APBA Journal published 138 XC cards for the National League (January/February 13, 1996, pp. 15-23) and 158 XC cards for the American League (March 10, 1996, pp. 17-25) for a total of 296 cards. These are cards that APBA created for players appearing in the computer version of the baseball game. All the cards were printed at 65 % of regular size. Master Symbols for these cards are also provided.*

### **Corrections:**

Herb Perry received ratings of (2B-5)(SS-6)(3B-3). However, he, "... only played sparingly at third (one game) and not at all at the other positions. APBA needed defensive backups for Carlos Baerga (134 G at 2B) and Omar Vizquel (136 G at SS) in the 20 player set, and Herb was the best bet." [Todd Rollin, "New Respect for Rookies and Corner Outfielders; '95 Fielding Evaluations," APBA Journal (February/March 10, 1996, p. 5)]. The real back-up infielder, Alvaro Espinoza, is available as an XB. There was no way to squeeze him into the 20 man roster.

Ricky Jordan (Philadelphia Phillies XB) is given an Ar[m]=30 this season. This would appear to be a mistake as his arm rating from 1988 - 1994, and in 1996, varied between 22 and 23. The rating for 1995 should probably be 23. [contributed by Matylda Dougher].

### **Miscellany:**

According to APBA, there were a total of 1,133 players in both leagues this season. APBA has provided a card (regular, XB, or XC) for each one. [letter from APBA/MMI; September 22, 1997].

On the roster sheet for the XBs, there is a note that, "G[reg] A[llen] Harris, RHP (Montreal Expos) pitched left-handed during one 1995 appearance." This is the only instance in this author's (Ed Zack) knowledge that an individualized notation was included on a roster sheet of any kind.

This season APBA breaks the forty-five year tradition that "Rookies shall never be granted a top fielding rating." Charles Johnson (Florida Marlins) received (C-9) rating for his rookie season. [Todd Rollin, "New Respect for Rookies, Corner OF's: '95 Fielding Evaluations," APBA Journal February/March 10, 1996, pp. 1 & 5].

In his article, "1995 Baseball: Some Changes in the Hit-and-Run," Todd Rollin points out that this season has thirty-six players who received three (31)s, 20 in the American League and 16 in the National League, compared to a total of 11 in 1994. [APBA Journal, March/April 8, 1996, pp. 3-4].

Omar Vizquel (Cleveland Indians) is a (SS-10).

The California Angels do not have a player rated (F)[ast].

The players rated (OF -3) are:

- Marquis Grissom (Atlanta Braves)
- Brian McRae (Chicago Cubs)
- Darren Lewis (Cincinnati Reds)
- Larry Walker (Colorado Rockies)
- Chuck Carr (Florida Marlins)
- Raul Mondesi (Los Angeles Dodgers)
- Jim Eisenreich (Philadelphia Phillies)
- Steve Finley (San Diego Padres)
- J. R. Reed (San Diego Padres)

Brian Jordan (St. Louis Cardinals)  
Andy Anderson (Baltimore Orioles)  
Jim Edmonds (California Angels)  
Tim Salmon (California Angels)  
Ken Johnson (Chicago White Sox)  
Kenny Lofton (Cleveland Indians)  
Johnny Damon (Kansas City Royals)  
Gerald Williams (New York Yankees)  
Stan Javier (Oakland Athletics)  
Ken Griffey, Jr. (Seattle Mariners)  
Otis Nixon (Texas Rangers)  
Devon White (Toronto Blue Jays).

Kenny Lofton (Cleveland Indians) is the only player this season rated (F[ast]20).

The players rated (F[ast]19) are:

Otis Nixon (Texas Rangers)  
Vince Coleman (Seattle Mariners)  
Tom Goodwin (Kansas City Royals)  
Kenny Johnson (Chicago White Sox)  
Deion Sanders (San Francisco Giants)  
Raul Mondesi (Los Angeles Dodgers)  
Quilvio Veras (Florida Marlins)  
Chuck Carr (Florida Marlins)  
Barry Larkin (Cincinnati Reds)  
Marquis Grissom (Atlanta Braves).

Ivan Rodriguez (Texas Rangers) is the only catcher rated with a Th[erow]=+6.

Raul Mondesi (Los Angeles Dodgers) is the only player to receive a rating of Ar[m]=39.

Tom Goodwin (Kansas City Royals) has three (11)s.

Chuck Knoblauch (Minnesota Twins) received a card with two (10)s and two (11)s.

Craig Biggio (Houston Astros) has a card with two (10)s, an (11) and a (1).

Rich Aurilia (San Francisco Giants XC) received the rare combination of two (1)s, two (10)s and an (11). His hit numbers are (1,1,6,6,6,6,8,8,8,9,9,10,10,11).

Kirk Gibson (Detroit Tigers) has a (10), an (11) and a (1).

Cecil Fielder (Detroit Tigers) and Mike Lavalliere (Chicago White Sox) are players whose MG rating for Sp[eed] is (S[low] 1). "They are the first non-pitchers to be rated so slow since Mark Hill in 1985. Fielder, born in 1963, truly breaks new ground; he is the youngest (S[low] 1) non-pitcher since Hall of Famer Ernie Lombardi, a (S)1 at age 30." [Eric Naftaly, " '95 Cards, Disk out in Record Time" *APBA Journal* (January/February 13, 1996, p. 15].

Sid Fernandez (Philadelphia Phillies, pitcher) is rated (S[low] 1).

Ramon Martinez (Los Angeles Dodgers) is the only pitcher to throw a no-hitter in the majors this season.

The Cleveland Indians tie the record (with the 1992 Oakland Athletics) for the most relievers (four) rated A\*, or better:

Jose Mesa Grade A&B\* (MG=26\*)  
Julian Tavarez Grade A\* (MG=18\*)  
Eric Plunk Grade A\* (MG=17\*)  
Paul Assenmacher XB Grade A\* (MG=16\*)

Jose Mesa is only the fourth pitcher in APBA history to be rated A&B\*, and the first one since Dennis Eckersley (1990 Oakland Athletics).

The Atlanta Braves have an impressive pitching staff:

Greg Maddox Grade A&C  
Tom Glavine Grade B  
John Smoltz Grade B  
Greg McMichael Grade B\*  
Mark Wohlers Grade A\*  
Brad Clontz Grade B\*  
Pedro Borbon XB Grade B\*

The new, expanded, 30-man roster and the new literalism for card making, created four teams with five B\*, or better, relief pitchers:

*California Angels:*

Troy Percival Grade A&C\*  
Cowboy Patterson Grade B\*  
Lee Smith Grade B\*  
John Habyan XB Grade B\*  
Mike James XB Grade B\*

*St. Louis Cardinals:*

Tom Henke Grade A\*  
Tony Fossas Grade A&C\*  
Jeff Parrett XB Grade B\*  
Tim Mathews Grade B\*  
Rich DeLucia XB Grade C/B\*

*Houston Astros:*

Mike Henneman Grade A\*  
Dave Veres Grade A\*  
Todd Jones XB Grade B\*

Dean Hartgraves Grade B\*  
Jeff Tabaka XB Grade B\*

*Cleveland Indians:*

Jose Mesa Grade A&B\*  
Julian Tavarez Grade A\*  
Eric Plunk Grade A\*  
Paul Assenmacher XB Grade A\*  
Jim Poole XB Grade B\*

Rick Wilkins (Houston Astros) has a card with six (14)s.

The Minnesota Twins have a pitching staff composed of 13 Grade D or D\* pitchers, with one lone Grade C, Rich Robertson.

Pitchers rated (ZZ):

Greg Maddux (Atlanta Braves)  
Mike Maddux (Boston Red Sox XB)  
Bob Tewkesbury (Texas Rangers)  
Scott Sanderson (California Angels XB)  
Mike Birkbeck (New York Mets XC)  
Jimmy Key (New York Yankees XC)

The Los Angeles Dodgers have 10 players rated (F)[ast].

There still is no A&B starter in a modern season.

Pitcher rated A&C: Greg Maddux (Atlanta Braves)

Pitchers rated A&C\*: Tony Fossas (St. Louis Cardinals) and Troy Percival (California Angels).

Players with (1,1,1) power:

Mark McGwire (Oakland Athletics) (0,0,1,1,1),  
Kevin Roberson (Chicago Cubs XB) (0,0,1,1,1)  
Mike Busch (Los Angeles Dodgers XC) (1,1,1,5)

Other players with power:

Albert Belle (Cleveland Indians) has (1,1,5,5,6,6)  
Rich Aurilia (San Francisco Giants XC) has (1,1,6,6,6,6)  
Ryan Klesko (Atlanta Braves) has (1,1,4,6,6)

Belle is the first modern, full-time, non-pitcher, with six solid extra-base hits.



Players with (0,0,0,0,0), or better, power:

Dwayne Hosey (Boston Red Sox XB) (0,0,0,0,0,1)  
Mark McGwire (Oakland Athletics) (0,0,1,1,1)  
Dante Bichette (Texas Rangers) (0,0,0,1,1)  
Juan Gonzalez (Texas Rangers) (0,0,0,1,1)  
Larry Walker (Colorado Rockies) (0,0,0,1,1)  
Matt Williams (San Francisco Giants) (0,0,0,1,1)  
Reggie Sanders (Cincinnati Reds) (0,0,0,0,1)  
Gerald Williams (New York Yankees) (0,0,0,0,1)  
Edgar Martinez (Seattle Mariners) (0,0,0,0,1)  
Shawn Green (Toronto Blue Jays) (0,0,0,0,1)  
Jerald Clark (Milwaukee Brewers XB) (0,0,0,0,0)

Dwayne Hosey (Boston Red Sox XB) has (0,0,0,0,0,1) power, (8,8,9,9,10,11) hit-numbers, two (14\*)s and two (14)s.

The Chicago Cubs get quite a bonus with their XBs:

Larry Casian Grade A\*  
Mike Walker Grade B\*  
Kevin Roberson (1,1,1)  
Scott Bullett: (F) Outfielder (2) (0,0,0,0,11)

Similarly, the Chicago White Sox have the services of a quartet of outstanding XBs:

Matt Karchner Grade A\* (Y)(Z)  
Larry Thomas Grade B\* (X)  
Barry Lyons (0,0,1,1)  
Chris Snopek (0,0,0,7,7,7,8,8,8,9,9) and four (14)s.

The Cleveland Indians get a trio of strong pitchers among their XBs:

Chad Ogea Grade B (Z)  
Paul Assenmacher Grade A\* (XY) (Z)  
Jim Poole Grade B\* (X)

Mike Dyer (Pittsburgh Pirates XB, pitcher) has 8 (7)s, 3 (8)s and 2 (9)s.

Mike Munoz (Colorado Rockies, pitcher) joins Bob McClure (1992 St. Louis Cardinals, pitcher) as the only XBs to be rated J-0.

The Seattle Mariners, the California Angels, the Boston Red Sox, the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Montreal Expos do not have any pitchers rated HBO-0.

The first XCs to receive triple (31)s are Mackey Sasser (Pittsburgh Pirates) and Brian Raab (Minnesota Twins).

The leading base stealers this season are:

- A28: Gary Thurman (Seattle Mariners XC)
- B30: Kenny Lofton (Cleveland Indians)
- B29: James Mouton (Houston Astros)
- B28: Vince Coleman (Seattle Mariners), Delino DeShields (Los Angeles Dodgers), Tom Goodwin (Kansas City Royals XC) and Quilvia Veras (Florida Marlins)
- B27: Chuck Carr (Florida Marlins), Alex Diaz (Seattle Mariners) and Mike Kelly (Atlanta Braves)
- B26: Rickey Otero (New York Mets XB), Andy Stankiewicz (Houston Astros XB) and Jose Valentin (Milwaukee Brewers)

**Articles:**

*Roster:* APBA Journal (Issue #9, November 2, 1995, p. 4).

"1995 Final Unofficial Baseball Statistics" APBA Journal (November 30 1995, pp. 7-13).

"1995 Innings Pitched in Starts and Relief" by John Briggs, APBA Journal (November 30, 1995), pp. 23-25).

"New Respect for Rookies, Corner OF's: '95 Fielding Evaluations" by Todd Rollin, APBA Journal (February/March 10, 1996, pp. 1 & 5).

"1995 Baseball: Some Changes in the Hit-and-Run." by Todd Rollin, APBA Journal (March/April 8, 1996, pp. 3-4).

XC's: NL: APBA Journal (January/February 13, 1996, pp. 15-23). [138 total players]  
AL: APBA Journal (February/March 10, 1996, pp. 17-25). [158 total players]

# 1996 Season

Teams: NL-14 AL-14 (12 on 42)  
Cards per Team: 20  
XBs: 10/Team M/S: Yes  
Print Style: IX, Variety 11, Format: e  
XB Print Style: IX, Variety 11, Format: e  
Back: FIVE  
XB Back: FIVE  
Published: December 1996

XCs: NL-140 AL-161 (with M/S)  
XC Print Style: IX, Variety 11, Format: e  
XC Back: FIVE  
Published: Jan/Feb 1997

Baseball Park Factors Chart: Yes

St-D29 Sp-F15 Ar-29  
Bats: Right Throws: Right **96**  
Height: 6-1 Weight: 185 **BOS**  
Born: 12-17-69 San Pedro, DR

Rudy Hector (Perez)  
**PEMBERTON**

(F) Outfielder (1)

11- 5	31- 7	51- 10
12- 25	32- 26	52- 27
13- 8	33- 6	53- 15
14- 30	34- 31	54- 32
15- 11	35- 7	55- 6
16- 28	36- 14	56- 34
21- 13	41- 28	61- 8
22- 6	42- 12	62- 42
23- 40	43- 29	63- 13
24- 13	44- 6	64- 8
25- 11	45- 14	65- 35
26- 9	46- 9	66- 5

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*This is one of the 20 XCs for the Red Sox this season, and one hell of a card it is. The (5,5,6,6,6,6) power translates into a Ruthian .780 slugging percentage. However, this is his career season in a brief stay in the bigs, so its wonderful to see him carded.*

*The XBs this season are the first cards which were not stapled together; they are edge-glued. For the first time, there are no team identification titles on each page; rather there is an identification of "1996 XB PLATE 1," etc. on each sheet.*

*This is the second season to be published in its nominal year (i.e., publication date and season are the same).*

*This season has the expanded dual Batting Characteristics (BC) rating and the (ZZ) control-rating for pitchers. [See "Glossary."].*

## Corrections:

Steve Finley (San Diego Padres) should have a BC rating of SA -7 / +1.

Ismael Valdes (Los Angeles Dodgers) should have "Bats: Right" and "Throws: Right."

Claude Owens (Colorado Rockies) has his last name spelled incorrectly as Owen on the M/S sheet.

The "1996 XB PLATE 26" sheet (Seattle Mariners) was not bound with the other teams. It was supplied separately after APBA realized that the Oakland Athletics sheet had been inadvertently duplicated and identified as both "1996 XB PLATE 25" and "1996 XB PLATE 26."

Scott Brow (Toronto Blue Jays XB, pitcher) is rated as a relief pitcher on the XB roster, but not on his card.

### **Miscellany:**

According to APBA, there was a total of 1,141 players in both leagues this season. APBA has provided a card; regular, XB, or XC, for each one. [*Letter from APBA/MMI, September 22, 1997*].

A blank, peach/pink colored, card was enclosed in every team envelope.

This season has, according to Eric Naftaly, "An unexpected" abundance of good fielding ratings for shortstops, many of whom are very young. Todd Rollin calls this "the Year of the Rookie Shortstop." [*APBA Journal, April 1997, p. 1*].

The pitching ratings tend to be low. "Just 28 pitchers, an average of one per team, are B starters, led by Al Leiter, Pat Hentgen and Juan Guzman. Eight teams cannot start a B pitcher. Three teams, Colorado, Pittsburgh and Detroit, do not have a B starter or a B reliefer on their staff." [*Eric Naftaly, APBA Journal January 31, 1997, p. 1*].

Pitchers rated (ZZ):

Greg Maddux (Atlanta Braves)  
Dennis Eckersley (St. Louis Cardinals)  
Rick Honeycutt (St. Louis Cardinals XB)  
Rod Beck (San Francisco Giants)  
Ramiro Mendoza (New York Yankees XC)  
Gil Heredia (Texas Rangers XB)

The St[eal] rating for Vince Coleman (Cincinnati Reds XC) is A33, one of the highest ever given. He has a "measles" card with four (14\*)s and 12 second column (6\*)s.

There are no players rated (3B-6) or (SS-10). Eric Naftaly point out that "... the great (3B-6) drought continues for the 10th consecutive season. Omar Vizquel (Cleveland Indians), last year's only (SS-10), returns to (SS-9) this season. [*APBA Journal, January 31, 1997, p. 1*].

Players with (0,0,0,0,0), or better, power:

Mark McGuire (Oakland Athletics) (0,0,1,1,1)  
Larry Walker (Colorado Rockies) (0,0,0,1,1)  
Andres Galarraga (Colorado Rockies) (0,0,0,1,1)  
Brady Anderson (Baltimore Orioles) (0,0,0,1,1)  
Albert Belle (Cleveland Indians) (0,0,0,1,1)  
Reggie Jefferson (Boston Red Sox) (0,0,0,0,1)  
Rex Hudler (California Angels) (0,0,0,0,1)  
Manny Ramirez (Cleveland Indians) (0,0,0,0,1)  
Edgar Martinez (Seattle Mariners) (0,0,0,0,1)  
Dale Sveum (Pittsburgh Pirates XB) (0,0,0,0,0)

The Los Angeles Dodgers have ten players rated (F)[ast].

Many in the APBA community (including Dan Armstrong) agree that Mark McGwire's card: (0,0,1,1,1), with 6 second column (1)s has, "The most home run power ever given to a major league regular." [ Eric Naftaly, *APBA Journal*, January 31, 1997, p. 1]. This card nudges out Ralph Kiner's card for the original 1950 Pittsburgh Pirates, with (1,1,5,5,5) homerun potential. Ted Williams' 1953 [R] Boston Red Sox card, with (1,1,1,1,6,6) is eliminated from consideration because of his 91 at-bats that season.

Lance Johnson (New York Mets) and Luis Castillo (Florida Marlins) were each rated (F[ast]19) and C31 St[ealing]. Both players have 3 (11)s and a (10).

Kenny Lofton (Cleveland Indians) has a card with three (11)s, a (10) and three (0)s. Tom Goodwin (Kansas City Royals) has a similar card, but with only two (0)s. Otis Nixon (Toronto Blue Jays) has only one (0) to go with his three (11)s and a (10).

The Baltimore Orioles join a select group of teams which, using the basic twenty-man roster, can field a team which has a first column (1)s at each of the eight regular positions. With ten such players, there are several options for who will be DH. The Orioles also have three XBs, all of whom are outfielders, with a (1).

Tom Goodwin (Kansas City Royals) is rated (F[ast]20).

Eric Naftaly believes that Junior Rodriguez's, "Card may be the best ever given to a shortstop." In addition to being a (SS-9), he has (1,1,6,6,6,7,8,8,9,9,10,10) and three (14)s.

Players rated (S[low]1): Sid Fernandez (Philadelphia Phillies XB, pitcher) and Cecil Fielder (New York Yankees).

Raul Mondesi (Los Angeles Dodgers) and Alex Ochoa (New York Mets) are rated with a Ar[m]=39.

Jeff Manto played for two major league teams this season. He started with the Boston Red Sox, was traded to the Seattle Mariners, and then ended back in Boston at the end of the season. He was indeed assigned to the "proper" team envelope. [*Thanks, Eric*].

The Atlanta Braves have a pitching staff with four starters and five relievers rated Grade B, or better:

- John Smoltz Grade A (MG=16)
- Greg Maddux Grade B (MG=13)
- Tom Glavine Grade B (MG=14)
- Denny Neagle Grade B (MG=12)
- Greg McMichael Grade B\* (MG=12\*)
- Mark Wohlers Grade B\* (MG=14\*)
- Pedro Borbon XB Grade B\* (MG=14\*)
- Terrell Wade XB Grade C/B\* (MG=10/15\*)
- Mike Bielecki Grade C/B\* (MG=10/15\*)

Ivan Rodriguez (Texas Rangers), and Charles Johnson (Florida Marlins) are catchers rated Th[erow]=+6.

There are no starters rated as A&C. One reliever, Roberto Hernandez (Chicago White Sox), is rated A&C\* (MG=21\*).

There are only two Grade A starters: John Smoltz (Atlanta Braves) (MG=16) and Kevin Brown (Florida Marlins) (MG=19).

There are seventeen Grade A\* relievers. John Franco (New York Mets) and Mariano Rivera (New York Yankees) received the highest rating this season, (MG=20\*).

The St. Louis Cardinals have a bullpen with 7 Grade B\* relief pitchers:

Rich Batchelor XB (MG=12\*) (Y)(Z)  
Phillip Bailey XB (MG=15\*) (W)  
Rick Honeycutt XB (MG=13\*) (ZZ)  
Dennis Eckersley (MG=11\*) (Y)(ZZ)  
Tony Fossas (MG=15\*) (Y)  
Mark Petkovsek C/B\* (MG=9/11\*)  
T. J. Mathews (MG=14\*) (X)

One has heard jokes about Detroit's pitching staff all season long, but it isn't until you look at the cards and the Master Symbols chart that you can see the stark reality of the situation. A total of 21 pitchers are carded as D or D\*: 6 basic set, 5 XBs and 10 XCs. The only faint rays of hope are Richie Lewis Grade C\* (MG=10\*) and Joey Eischen Grade C\* (MG=7\*).

Archi Cianfrocco (San Diego Padres) is rated to play six positions. all except pitcher.

Brian Banks (Milwaukee Brewers XC) received a card with (1,1,6,6,6,6,7,8,8,8,8,9,9) hit-numbers to replicate his four hits (a single, two doubles, and a home run) in 7 at-bats.

The leading base stealers for this season are:

A26: Alex Diaz (Seattle Mariners XB) and Dwayne Hosey (Boston Red Sox XC)  
A25: Alex Cole (Boston Red Sox XC) and Miguel Mejia (St. Louis Cardinals XB)  
B31: Manny Martinez (Philadelphia Phillies XC)  
B29: Tom Goodwin (Kansas City Royals) and Reggie Sanders (Cincinnati Reds)  
B28: Curtis Goodwin (Cincinnati Reds XB)  
B26: Kim Barteel (Detroit Tigers) and Lou Frazier (Texas Rangers XB)

Rudy Pemberton (Boston Red Sox XC) received a "monster card" for his 21 hits in 41 at-bats: (5,5,6,6,6,6,7,7,8,8,8,8,9,9,10,11,11). He has a (7) at 35 and the (9)s are at 26 and 46.) *[See card illustration and text above].*

Ricky Jordan (Seattle Mariners) is only the second XC rated as Ar[m]=22.

## **AJ Articles:**

"Rosters for 1996 APBA Baseball Card Set" (October 31, 1996, p. 4).  
(with corrections: "APBA Scene: APBA Changes the Roster [and] Rookie List Update." by Eric Naftaly (January 31, 1997, p. 2).

"1996 Final Unofficial Baseball Statistics." (November 25, 1996, pp. 9-15).

"1996 Player Rankings." by Roger Mills (November 25, 1996, pp. 16-22).

"Batting: Best and Worst [and] Pitching: Best and Worst" (November 25, 1996, pp. 23-24, 27).

"1996 Innings Pitched in Starts and Relief." by John Briggs (November 25, 1996, pp. 25-27).

"New Baseball Set: Good Shortstops, Bad Pitching." by Eric Naftaly (January 31, 1997, pp. 1 & 3).

"Rookie Shortstops, Backups Make Major Defensive Strides in '96." by Todd Rollin (April 30, 1997, pp. 1,4-5 & 12).

"The 1996 Season Fielding Scorecard" by Todd Rollin (April 30, 1997, p. 4). (*A list of all the Fielding-One players, by position*).

XC's: National League: (January 31, 1997, pp. 26-35).

American League: (February 28, 1997, pp. 18-27).

# 1997 Season

Teams: NL-14 AL-14 (12 on 26)  
Cards per Team: 20  
XBs: 10/Team M/S: Yes  
Print Style: IX, Variety 10, Format: e  
XB Print Style: IX, Variety 10, Format: e  
Back: SIX  
XB Back: SIX  
Published: February 1998

XCs: NL-143 AL-140 (with M/S)  
XC Print Style: IX, Variety 10, Format: e  
XC Back: SIX  
Published: March 1998

Baseball Park Factors Chart: Yes

Bats: **Right** Throws: **Right**  
Height: **6-2** Weight: **216**  
Born: **11-28-65 Bishop, Calif.**

**Matthew Derrick**  
**"Matty"**  
**WILLIAMS**

Thirdbaseman (5)		
11- <b>5</b>	31- <b>9</b>	51- <b>9</b>
12- <b>25</b>	32- <b>26</b>	52- <b>27</b>
13- <b>14</b>	33- <b>5</b>	53- <b>18</b>
14- <b>30</b>	34- <b>31</b>	54- <b>32</b>
15- <b>10</b>	35- <b>22</b>	55- <b>8</b>
16- <b>28</b>	36- <b>33</b>	56- <b>13</b>
21- <b>30</b>	41- <b>24</b>	61- <b>39</b>
22- <b>6</b>	42- <b>13</b>	62- <b>13</b>
23- <b>26</b>	43- <b>29</b>	63- <b>30</b>
24- <b>13</b>	44- <b>8</b>	64- <b>13</b>
25- <b>8</b>	45- <b>14</b>	65- <b>35</b>
26- <b>12</b>	46- <b>30</b>	66- <b>1</b>

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*By this point in the book, you are meticulously trained to spot errors and oddities. How many errors can you find on this card? With the help of a reference library and a half a dozen phone calls, the only two that I can find are the wrong copyright date at the bottom of the card and his need for a sixth (and almost a seventh) 13 to have a card that will generate 108 strikeouts. His 596 at-bats divided by 35 dice rolls = 17.02. Five (number of existing 13s) x 17.02 = 85 Ks. Other wise, the hitting-tablet will nicely recreate Matt's season: 157 hits, 32 doubles, three triples, 32 homeruns, and 34 walks.*

*The XBs this season are, once again, stapled together, not edge-glued. As with 1996, there is no team identification on each of the sheets. Rather, there is the identification of "PLATE NO. 1 - 98 Baseball" etc. Plates No.1 through 14 are the National League, and Plates No. 15 through 28 are the American League.*

*This season has the expanded dual rating Batting Characteristics (BC) rating and the new (ZZ) control rating for pitchers. [See "Glossary"].*

## Corrections:

Because of restrictions imposed in the licensing agreement with MLBPA, sixteen [non-MLBPA] players were issued cards with pseudonyms rather than their correct names. The Master Symbols card and the roster sheet bear the following note: "Because of licensing restrictions, some players are identified by fictitious names. Such names are accompanied by quotation marks." The cards themselves have the players' full 'name' in quotation marks on one line of upper case letters which are the same font-size as the usual first and middle names. The accuracy of the batting and hitting sides is suspect, while all other personal data is missing. The position data and hitting tablets are considered accurate. The true identities of the 16 players, in alphabetical order, are:

Barry Armand = Mandy Romero (San Diego Padres XB)  
Levi Atwater = Joel Adamson (Milwaukee Brewers)  
Eddie Chamura = Tom Martin (Houston Astros, pitcher)  
Rey Clark = Jamie Walker (Kansas City Royals)



Red Crestwood = Ron Mahay (Boston Red Sox, XB pitcher)  
Don Cross = Damian Miller (Minnesota Twins)  
Randy Gaynes = Joe Crawford (New York Mets, XB pitcher)  
Alan Hunt = Rick Reed (New York Mets, pitcher)  
Joey Laker = Chris Latham (Minnesota Twins)  
Robbie Miller = Jason Hardtke (New York Mets, pitcher)  
Frankie Nina = Rich Loiselle (Pittsburgh Pirates, pitcher)  
Jim Ripp = Tony Barron (Philadelphia Phillies)  
Lancaster St. James = Pep Harris (Anaheim Angels)  
Fuller Starr = Cory Lidle (New York Mets, XB pitcher)  
Dee Sunday = David Ortiz (Minnesota Twins)  
Rollie Thomas = Keith Osik (Pittsburgh Pirates)

*[See “[19]94 - [19]95 Labor Dispute Has Unexpected ‘97 APBA Consequences.” by Eric Naftaly AJ (Issue # 12, February 28, 1998, pp. 1-4).*

Alan Embree (Atlanta Braves, pitcher) should delete (ZZ) and add (X).

Rigo Beltran (St. Louis Cardinals, pitcher) should be rated D/C\* (MG=5/9\*) (X), not (Y), with a H[ome Run] A[l]l[owed] rating of G, not L, plus HBO, WP1 and no B[al]k rating.

“Red Crestwood” / Ron Mahay (Boston Red Sox, pitcher) should delete (Z) and add (X) and W[ild]P[it]ch] 3.

Greg McMichael (New York Mets, pitcher) has a batting tablet that is incorrect for his two hits, three at-bats and one strikeout. He should have (7,7,7,7,7,7,8,8,8,9,9) and 10 (13)s. His three (14)s should be reduced to one. *[See AJ, #2, March 31, 1998, p. 2 for his corrected card].*

The last regular card, alphabetically, for each American League team bears a copyright date of 1997. The date should be 1998. Players with this erroneous date are:

Allen Watson (Anaheim Angels, pitcher)  
Lenny Webster (Baltimore Orioles)  
John Wasdin (Boston Red Sox, pitcher)  
Robin Ventura (Chicago White Sox)  
Matt Williams (Cleveland Indians) *[ see card illustration and text above]*  
Matt Walbeck (Detroit Tigers)  
Mike Sweeney (Kansas City Royals)  
Gerry Williams (Milwaukee Brewers)  
Mike Trombley (Minnesota Twins, pitcher)  
Bernie Williams (New York Yankees)  
George Williams (Oakland Athletics)  
Dan Wilson (Seattle Mariners)  
Bobby Witt (Texas Rangers, pitcher)  
Greg Williams (Toronto Blue Jays, pitcher)

*[contributed by Al Abrahamsen].*

Alex Gonzalez (Toronto Blue Jays) is incorrectly identified on the M/S card as J. Gonzalez. *[Will Corotis, e-mail, October 27, 1998].*

The team envelope and the roster sheet identify the Angels team as “California”. Starting this season, the correct identification is Anaheim, as it is on the M/S card.

### **Opinions:**

Our intrepid Brooklyn correspondent, Matylda Dougher, points out that the hitting tablets for some pitchers do not reflect their actual accomplishments. For example: Roger Clemens (Toronto Blue Jays) has (6,6,6,7,8,8,8,9) for one double in two at-bats. His three (14)s are inadequate to represent his walk total. Bobby Witt (Texas Rangers) has (1,1,6,6,6,8,8,9) but, only had two hits (a double and a home run) in 6 at-bats this season. His teammate, John Wetteland, has (6,6,6,6,7,8,8,9) for his one hit (a double) in his only at-bat.

Kim Barteel (Detroit Tigers XC) has a 66-(6\*). According to the [FanPark Encyclopedia](#), his only hit in five at-bats was a single. [*contributed by Matylda Dougher*]. However, he had 6 doubles, a triple and a home run in 1996. Apparently, APBA decided to give him token power in 1997.

### **Miscellany:**

There exists in the inventory of the APBA Game Company, 1997 All-Star teams with twenty-five players for each league. The cards are identical to the regular 1997 season cards. The idea was to include these two teams in the game sets that would be sold in retail outlets. However, the project was never implemented and their expired shelf-life of the cards makes it unlikely that they will ever be offered to the APBA community.

As in the 1937, 1945 and 1996 Seasons, a blank colored card was inserted in every team envelope. They are analogous to the 1942 and 1998 Seasons, which have colored cards with the team city and league (“Senior”/“Junior”) printed in black.

On June 12<sup>th</sup>, history was made when American League and National League teams played against each other in regular season games.

By the end of this season, Cal Ripken (Baltimore Orioles) had extended his consecutive games streak to 2,478.

Craig Biggio (Houston Astros) received two (42)s for his 34 HBPs in 744 plate appearances. His willingness to “take one for the team” places him tied for ninth in the all-time HBP leader list. The only other Twentieth-Century players on the list are 1971 Ron Hunt (with 50) and 1986 Don Baylor (with 35). In addition to the two HBP numbers, Craig has four (14)s, two (11)s, and a (10), plus D32 and (F[ast]20) to add to his lead off credentials.

The Atlanta Braves have four Grade B, or better, pitchers:

John Smoltz Grade B (MG=14)  
Tom Glavine Grade B (MG=14)  
Denny Neagle Grade B (MG=15)  
Greg Maddux Grade A (MG=17) (ZZ)

The Braves also have four Grade B\* relievers (*see below*). This total of eight Grade B and B\*, or better, pitchers ties the record held by 1968 Detroit Tigers.

Pitchers rated (ZZ):

Greg Maddux (Atlanta Braves)  
Alan Embree (Atlanta Braves) [\*]  
Jeff Shaw (Cincinnati Reds)  
“Alan Hunt” / Rick Reed (New York Mets)  
Rodney Beck (San Francisco Giants)  
Doug Jones (Milwaukee Brewers)  
John Burkett (Texas Rangers)  
Mike Sirotko (Chicago White Sox XC) (*sirotka* means *orphan* in Polish).

[contributed by Vera Nowicki].

[\*] Alan Embree received his (ZZ) rating in error. As previously noted in the “Corrections” section, the (ZZ) should be replaced by (X).

Pitcher’s cards this season contain a blizzard of (13)s. The leaders in this tribute to mediocrity are:

25: Matt Rubeal (Pittsburgh Pirates XB)  
24: Scott Radinsky (Los Angeles Dodgers)  
24: Jason Christiansen (Pittsburgh Pirates XB)  
23: Mark Wohlers (Atlanta Braves)  
22: Jeff Shaw (Cincinnati Reds)  
22: Giovanni Carrara (Cincinnati Reds XC)  
22: Antonio Alfonseca (Florida Marlins XB)  
22: Jose Lima (Houston Astros XB)  
22: Todd Worrell (Los Angeles Dodgers)  
22: Rick DeHart (Montreal Expos XB)  
22: Steve Falteisek (Montreal Expos XC)  
22: Dennis Springer (Anaheim Angels)  
22: Darrell May (Anaheim Angels XB)  
22: Pee Wee Key (Baltimore Orioles)  
22: Scott Kamieniecki (Baltimore Orioles)  
22: Jose Mercedes (Milwaukee Brewers)  
22: Joe Borowski (New York Yankees XC)

Dennis Cook (Florida Marlins, pitcher) has (1,1,7,7,7,7,7,8,8,8,9,9).

Terry Mathews (Baltimore Orioles XB, pitcher) has (6,6,6,7,7,7,7,8,8,8,9,9).

In a typographical oddity, the surnames of Todd Hollandsworth (Los Angeles Dodgers) and Bill VanLandingham (San Francisco Giants XB) run off the right edges of the cards.

Deion Sanders (Cincinnati Reds) has three (11)s, five second-column (11)s and a (14\*) on his card.

The Los Angeles Dodgers drew players from many countries to fill out their roster: Dominican Republic (Raul Mondesi, Wilton Guerrero, Nelson Liriano and Ramon Martinez), Venezuela (Roger Cedeno), Mexico (Juan Castro, Ismael Valdes, Tony Osuna and Dennis Reyes), Japan (Hideo Nomo) and South Korea (Chan Ho Park).

Teams with five Grade B\*, or better, relievers:

*Los Angeles Dodgers:*

Scott Radin Grade B\* (MG=14\*)  
Darren Hall Grade A\* (MG=17\*)  
Tom Candiotti Grade C/B\* (MG=9/11\*)  
Tony Osuna Grade A\* (MG=18\*)  
Darren Dreifort Grade B\* (MG=15\*)

*New York Yankees:*

Jeff Nelson Grade B\* (MG=15\*)  
Mariano Rivera Grade A&C\* (MG=21\*)  
Mike Stanton Grade B\* (MG=18\*)  
Graeme Lloyd XB Grade B\* (MG=13\*)  
Brian Boehringer XB Grade B\* (MG=15\*)

In addition, the Dodgers have three Grade B starters: Ismael Valdes (MG=14), Chan Ho Park (MG=13) and Ramon Martinez (MG=11).

Teams with four Grade B\*, or better, relievers:

*Atlanta Braves:*

Mark Wohlers Grade B\* (MG=14\*)  
Alan Embree Grade B\* (MG=15\*) (ZZ) [see correction]  
Mike Cather XB Grade B\* (MG=15\*)  
Chad Fox XB Grade B\* (MG=11\*)

*Pittsburgh Pirates:*

“Frankie Nina” (AKA Rich Loiselle) Grade B\* (MG=13\*)  
Ricardo Rincon Grade B\* (MG=11\*)  
Clint Sodowsky XB Grade B\* (MG=12\*)  
Jason Christiansen XB Grade B\* (MG=14\*)

*Baltimore Orioles:*

Armando Benitez Grade A\* (MG=18\*)  
Jesse Orosco Grade A\* (MG=19\*)  
Randy Myers Grade A&C\* (MG=24\*)  
Arthur Rhodes Grade B\* (MG=14\*)

*Milwaukee Brewers:*

Doug Jones Grade A\* (MG=19\*)  
Bob Wickman Grade A\* (MG=16\*)  
Mike Fetters Grade B\* (MG=13\*)  
Ron Villone XB Grade B\* (MG=14\*)

Turner Ward (Pittsburgh Pirates XB) and Carlos Delgado (Toronto Blue Jays) each have (0,0,0,0,1) power and five second column singles.

Mark McGwire (St. Louis Cardinals) has (0,0,1,1,1) power and five (14)s.

Angelo Encarnacion (Anaheim Angels XC) has (1,5,6,8,8,9,9,10,11,11,11,11). The power-numbers are for his one double and one home run in seventeen at-bats, which produced a .412 BA and a .647 SA. The (11)s echo his C31 St[ealing] rating for two stolen bases.

Tony Fossas (St. Louis Cardinals, pitcher) has 12 (24)s, one (25), one (12) and 9 (13)s .

Doug Henry (San Francisco Giants, pitcher) has 9 (24)s.

Brady Raggio (St. Louis Cardinals XC, pitcher) has 8 (24)s.

The Montreal Expos can field a complete lineup (using the DH) of players with four power-numbers.

There are only 16 players rated (OF-3) this season. This is in contrast to the trend in previous years: 22 players in 1996, 1995 and 1993 and 19 players in 1994. *[contributed by Todd Rollin].*

Out of a staff of 23 pitchers, the Pittsburgh Pirates have nineteen who are rated Grade D or D\*, and twelve are rated (W). The San Diego Padres have a similar pitching staff: out of 19 pitchers, 15 are Grade D or D\*, and 6 are rated (W). The Oakland Athletics have 18 D or D\* pitchers out of a total of 23.

The Colorado Rockies have 6 players with (1,1): Ellis Burks, Vinny Castilla, Andres Galarraga, Larry Walker, Jeff Reed and Mark Thompson XC. This is the only such team in APBA history. This raw power is offset by a 23 man pitching staff, including XCs, that has no starter rated over (MG=6), and no reliever rated better than (MG=8\*).

Larry Walker (Colorado Rockies) has five power-numbers (1,1,4,5,6) plus two (11)s, a (10) and four (14)s.

Wade Boggs (New York Yankees) plays third base but is also rated as a Grade D\* (1)(Y)(W) pitcher for the one game he finished. He had one walk and one strikeout in one inning.

Omar Vizquel (Cleveland Indians) is the only player this season rated (SS-10). There are 9 rated as (SS-9).

Tim Lincecum (Seattle Mariners XC) has an impressive card: (1B-4), (1,1,5,6\*,8,8,9,11) and three (14\*)s.

By using Armando Reynoso XB, pitcher and Shawn Gilbert XC at shortstop, the New York Mets have nine players who can be configured into an team with a 66-(1) at all 9 positions. Similarly, the Seattle Mariners, by using Andy Sheets XC at second base, can also field an all 66-(1) team.

Cecil Fielder (New York Yankees XB) and Sid Fernandez (Houston Astros XC, pitcher) both received a Sp[eed] rating of (S[low]1).

Bobby Estalella (Philadelphia Phillies XC) has (1,1,1,6) power and 6 (14)s.

Tom Goodwin (Texas Rangers) received a Sp[eed] rating of (F[ast]20).

Raul Mondesi (Los Angeles Dodgers) received an Ar[m]=39 rating. Reggie Jefferson (Boston Red Sox)

is rated Ar[m]=24.

Jack Howell (Anaheim Angels XB) has (1,1,5,5) power for 14 home runs in 174 at-bats.

Ivan Rodriguez (Texas Rangers) and Charlie Johnson (Florida Marlins) received catcher Th[erow]=+6.

Tony Gwynn (San Diego Padres) has (0,0,0,0,7,7,7,7,8,8,9,9,10) hit-numbers. The (7)s on 25, 44, 51 and 55 are impressive.

Russ Morman (Florida Marlins XC) has (1,1,6\*,6\*) power and one (14\*).

Steve Scarsone (St. Louis Cardinals XC) has four (14\*)s.

Kim Barte (Detroit Tigers XC) has four (14\*)s, two (42\*)s and one (6)\*.

Desi Relaford (Philadelphia Phillies XC) has three (14\*)s.

“Barry Armand” (AKA Mandy Romero), (San Diego Padres XB) has an odd-looking card with a second column containing 9 (1)s, 26 (11)s and one (7).

Pitchers rated A&C\*: Randy Myers (Baltimore Orioles) (MG=24\*) and Mariano Rivera (New York Yankees) (MG=21\*).

Kim Barte (Detroit Tigers XC) has a “measles card” with all the possible symptoms: 66-(6\*), four (14\*)s and two (42)s. He had a .500 OBP for his one single, one HBP and two walks in five at-bats. The asterisks reflect his three stolen bases. *[See possible revision in the “Opinion” section].*

The Cincinnati Reds have 12 (F) players, while the Florida Marlins and Los Angeles Dodgers have 11. All three teams lack a (F) catcher to be able to field an all (F) team.

Edgar Martinez (Seattle Mariners) has all four of his (13)s grouped together in the result column at dice rolls 16, 21, 23 and 24. These were the only available locations, but necessity creates a visually odd-looking card. *[contributed by Al Abrahamsen].*

Among regular and XB players, the Chicago White Sox and the Oakland A’s have no starting pitcher rated better than Grade D. The White Sox do have Mike Siroka XC rated C (MG=9) (ZZ). The A’s have Jimmy Hayes XC rated C (MG=6).

The leading base stealers this season are:

- A29: Kim Barte (Detroit Tigers XC)
- A26: Ruben Rivera (San Diego Padres XC) and Chad Fonville (Chicago White Sox XC)
- A25: Curtis Goodwin (Cincinnati Reds)
- B34: Eli Marrero (St. Louis Cardinals XC)
- B33: Luis Ordaz (St. Louis Cardinals XC)
- B31: Trent Hubbard (Cleveland Indians XC), Tim Lincecum (Milwaukee Brewers XC) and Deion Sanders (Cincinnati Reds)
- B29: Juan Encarnacion (Detroit Tigers XB)
- B27: Darren Lewis (Los Angeles Dodgers XB)
- B26: Damian Jackson (Cincinnati Reds XC), Juan Samuel (Toronto Blue Jays XB) and Adrian Brown (Pittsburgh Pirates XB)

**AJ Articles:**

“[19]94 - [19]95 Labor Dispute Has Unexpected ‘97 APBA Consequences.” by *Eric Naftaly* (Issue # 12, February 28, 1998, pp. 1-4). [*An explanation of the use of pseudonyms for the sixteen players who were not members of the MLBPA*].

“Rosters for 1997 APBA Baseball Card Set and Computer Disk” (Issue # 7, November 20, 1997, p. 7).

“1997 Final Unofficial Baseball Statistics” (Issue #9, November 1997, pp. 13-19).

“1997 Player Rankings” by Roger Mills (Issue #9, November 1997, pp. 20-28 & 31).

“1997 Innings Pitched in Starts and Relief” by John Briggs (Issue #9, November 1997, pp. 29-31).

XCs: National League: (#1, March 16, 1998, pp. 20-29). (*Includes M/S.*)

American League: (#2, March 31, 1998, pp. 16-23). (*Includes M/S.*)

# 1998 Season

Teams: NL-16 AL- 14 (12 on 56)  
 Cards per Team: 20  
 XBs: 10/Team M/S: Yes  
 Print Style: IX, Variety 11, Format: e  
 XB Print Style: IX, Variety 11, Format: e  
 Back: FIVE  
 XB Back: FIVE  
 Published: December 1998

XCs NL-148 AL-138 (With M/S)  
 XC Print Style: IX, Variety 11, Format: e  
 XC Back: FIVE  
 Published: December 1998

Baseball Park Factors Chart: Yes

*Mark McGwire has to be viewed as a healer of baseball's psyche after it's shameful treatment of Roger Maris. In addition, McGwire generates a positive image for baseball players, fathers, fans and national celebrities. He has the effect of bringing the better, if not best, out of people and situations. He also has one hell of a card!!*

*Sosa's accomplishments this season are the stuff of legends. The reality that he hit five more home runs than Roger Maris is somehow overlooked in our haste to celebrate McGwire's 70 round trippers. However, Sosa and McGwire will always be linked by the bonds of sportsmanship and the reality of a memorable baseball season.*

*This season was published in its nominal year; i.e., the year published is the same as the season.*

## Corrections:

As in the 1997 Season, the restrictions imposed in the licensing agreement with the MLBPA resulted in 14 non-MLBPA players being issued cards with pseudonyms rather than their real names. Both the regular and the XB roster sheets have the following note, "Because of licensing restrictions, some players are identified by fictitious names. Such names are accompanied by quotation marks." The cards themselves have the players "full name" in quotation marks on one line of letters which are the same font

Bats: **Right**      Throws: **Right**  
 Height: **6-5**      Weight: **250**  
 Born: **10-1-63**      Pomona, CA

Mark David  
 "Big Mac"

## McGWIRE

(S) Firstbaseman (3)

11- 1	31- 14	51- 9
12- 25	32- 13	52- 27
13- 14	33- 1	53- 20
14- 30	34- 31	54- 32
15- 8	35- 37	55- 8
16- 28	36- 14	56- 12
21- 13	41- 13	61- 22
22- 5	42- 14	62- 14
23- 41	43- 13	63- 13
24- 13	44- 5	64- 14
25- 9	45- 14	65- 35
26- 14	46- 13	66- 1

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Bats: **Right**      Throws: **Right**  
 Height: **6-0**      Weight: **200**  
 Born: **11-12-68**      San Pedro, D.R.

Samuel  
 "Sammy"

## SOSA

(F) Outfielder (1)

11- 1-1	31- 9-6	51- 8-6
12-25-7	32-26-7	52-27-7
13-14-6	33- 1-1	53-16-6
14-30-11	34-31-11	54-32-11
15-10-6	35- 9-6	55- 8-6
16-28-11	36-14-6	56-12-11
21-13-6	41-24-7	61-24-6
22- 0-1	42-40-6	62-13-6
23-13-6	43-29-11	63-34-11
24-13-11	44- 0-6	64-13-6
25- 8-6	45-14-6	65-35-7
26-13-11	46-13-6	66- 1-1

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size as the usual first and middle names. The accuracy of the batting and throwing sides is suspect, while all other personal data is missing. The position data and hitting tablets are considered accurate. The identities of the 14 players, in alphabetical order, are:

“Don Cross” = Damian Miller (Arizona Diamondbacks)  
“Charles Dempsey” = Bronswell Patrick (Milwaukee Brewers XB, pitcher)  
“Joe DePalma” = Lou Merloni (Boston Red Sox XB)  
“Andy Gabriel” = Angel Echevarria (Colorado Rockies XB)  
“Lee Grove” = Kerry Ligtenberg (Atlanta Braves, pitcher)  
“Alan Hunt” = Rick Reed (New York Mets, pitcher)  
“Jimmy Ladd” = Shane Spencer (New York Yankees XB)  
“Joey Laker” = Chris Latham (Minnesota Twins XB)  
“Frankie Nina” = Rich Loiselle (Pittsburgh Pirates, pitcher)  
“Lew Queen” = Steve Sinclair (Toronto Bluejays XB, pitcher)  
“Carl Rhoads” = Dave Steib (Toronto Bluejays XB, pitcher)  
“Fred Rivers” = Charles Gipson (Seattle Mariners XB)  
“Rollie Thomas” = Keith Osik (Pittsburgh Pirates)  
“Roger Wilson” = Sean Maloney (Los Angeles Dodgers XB, pitcher)

Five of these players (‘Cross’/Miller, “Hunt”/Reed, “Thomas”/Osik, “Nina”/Loiselle and Laker”/Latham) have the same fictitious names used in the 1977 set. [*Leon Galitsky, e-mail, December 23, 1998*].

Barry Bonds (San Francisco Giants) and Louis Collier (Pittsburgh Pirates) do not have their nicknames in quotes on their cards. [*Dan Armstrong, phone conversation, December 29, 1998*].

For all teams, the column headings on the M/S card are shifted over one column to the left. [*Dan Armstrong, e-mail, December 27, 1998*].

Mike Caruso (Chicago White Sox) should be “Bats: Left.” [*Ron Estes, e-mail, January 1, 1999*]. Caruso’s BC values remain the same. [*Jerry D., e-mail, February 9, 1999*].

David Sayles asks, “How can Ken Ryan (Philadelphia Phillies) be a (MG=5) with one start in 17 games. I could understand a (MG=5/5\*), but not a (MG=5). In addition, a starter grade changes the pitcher’s durability. How does Lancaster address that? You can not change the MG rating and leave the durability alone.” Skeet Carr responds, “Regarding Ken Ryan, on the M/S chart he is a Q3\* even though thr rating on his card does not have an \*. According to the “Note” section (#4) on the “Pitcher Fatigue Table,” – Pitchers who are assigned ratings with asterisks (\*) pitched primarily, or exclusively, in relief. When used as starters, they are rated Q4. Ryan started one game and pitched three innings. Q4 is as low as the fatigue ratings go, so he is, accordingly, a Q3 in relief and a Q4 starter. [*e-mail, February 10, 1999*].

### **Miscellany:**

The Milwaukee Brewers became the first major-league team to switch leagues this century. They moved from the American League Central Division to the National League Central Division. This is the first and only tangible result of the much vaunted “realignment” controversy which has absorbed baseball for several years.

This season sees two new expansion franchises joining the Major Leagues: the Arizona Diamondbacks in the Western Division of the National League and the Tampa Bay Devil Rays in the Eastern Division of

the American League.

Cal Ripken (Baltimore Orioles) continued his consecutive game streak into its nineteenth year. Beginning on May 29, 1982, he played in 2,632 consecutive games before his streak ended on Sunday, September 20, 1998. To give this number some perspective, it has been two and a half years (and almost 400 games) since Cal broke Lou Gehrig's 'unbreakable' record of 2,130 consecutive games. Also, his record number is larger than the total of the next 22 current streaks.

Nelson Liriano (Colorado Rockies XB) has 17 plate appearances and did nothing, no hits, no walks and no HBP. He received a generic (7,8,8,9) and two (31)s. This might be a record for the lowest batting average (.000) and most at-bats (17) for a player with two (31)s. The (31)s are probably an error. [*Leon Galitsky, e-mail, December 29, 1998*]. Liriano's 11 (13)s and one (14) are pure fantasy.

"Cosmo Kramer" Schourek (Boston Red Sox, pitcher) received one (11), one (10) and one (14\*), yet is not rated (F). His Sp[eed] rating is a 10.

There has been a lot of discussion about the reported downgrading of the cards for Manny Ramirez (Cleveland Indians) (1,1,5,6) and Jim Thome (Cleveland Indians) (1,5,5,6). Bill Brunton is of the opinion that, "The power that Thome achieved and his batting strength against lefties will not be reproduced with four power-numbers and an SA4." [*e-mail, December 23, 1998*]. Eric Naftaly comments, "Ramirez and Thome seem to have been rounded significantly downward to maintain a single column card framework. [*AJ, #11 & #12, February 15, 1999, p. 1*].

Similarly, Sammy Sosa's rating has been questioned. "In APBA a fielding three rating is very rare for a MVP." [*Leon Galitsky, e-mail, December 22, 1998*].

Woody Studenmund asks, "Is 1998 the best card set ever?" [*AJ, #10, December 15, 1998, p. 3*]. The answer to Woody's question is an emphatic, "YES!"

How did the Yankees do it, when there are no superstars on their team? How did they win a record total of 114 games in 1998, with no starter who had five power numbers? How did they turn a workable, but not overpowering, rotation of Andy Pettitte Grade C, David Wells Grade B (ZZ), David Cone Grade B (Z), Hideki Irabu Grade C and Orlando Hernandez Grade B and reliever Mariano Rivera Grade A\* (Z), coupled with a pair of adequate, but not dominant, catchers, Jorge Posada (C-7) and Joe Girardi (C-8), into a juggernaut?

*The answer:*

*They did it all with balance and solid, basic baseball.*

*They had a solid outfield with Paul O'Neill (OF-2) Ar[m]=35, Bernie Williams (OF-3) [Ar]m=32 and Chad Curtis (OF-2) [Ar]m=31.*

*They are strong at the corners with Tino Martinez (1B-4) and Scott Brosius (3B-5).*

*They have an outstanding keystone combination with Derek Jeter (SS-9) and Chuck Knobloch (2B-8).*

*They have a deep bench with XBs:*

*Homer Bush (B26)*

*"Jimmy Ladd"/Shane Spencer (1,1,1,5,6,6,7) and three (14)s*

*Ricky Ledge (0,0,0,0) with 7 second column singles*  
*Chili Davis (0,0,0,7) with no second column singles*  
*Graeme Lloyd Grade A\* (ZZ)*  
*Jeff Nelson Grade B\* (Y)*  
*Jim Bruske Grade C/B\* (P-2)*  
*Darren Holmes Grade C\* (Z)*

*Further bench support is provided by:*

*Darrel Strawberry DH (.247 and 24 home runs) (OF-2)*  
*Tim Raines DH (.290)*  
*Luis Sojo (SS-8)(3B-4) (.231)*

*There are no superstars on the roster. The team wins by playing basic baseball as a team, and they play it very well.*

*Now they have you as manager. Enjoy!*

Each team envelope contains a light-green card with the team's city and league ("Senior"/"Junior") printed in black. "Milwaukee" and "Cincinnati" are spelled incorrectly (i.e., Milwalkee and Cinnccinati). [Eric Naftaly, e-mail, December 25, 1998]. These extra cards are analogous to the colored, blank cards included with the 1937, 1945, 1996 and 1997 Seasons.

This is the first time that the birthplace has been aligned with the "Throws" and "Weight" entries, rather than simply following the birthdate." [Eric Naftaly, e-mail, December 25, 1998].

For months, speculation swirled around the power-numbers for Mark McGwire's card. Initially I (Ed Zack) intended to ask a committee of APBA graybeards to present their vision of McGwire's card. However, this proved unnecessary when the APBA Journal published four "Early Impressions" of the forthcoming card. The predictions were:

Art Springsteen - (1,1,1,5,5) and 8 (14)s  
Eric Naftaly - (0,0,1,1,1), with 11 second column (1)s and 7 (14)s  
Woody Studenmund (1,1,1,5,5) and 8 (14)s  
"SkeeterSoft Elves" (0,0,1,1,1) with 12 second column (1)s and 8 (14)s

[Issue #9, November 10, 1998, p. 6]. Eric Naftaly writes, "McGwire's (1,1,1,5,5) is, of course, the strongest power card ever given to an APBA regular." [e-mail, December 25, 1998].

In this author's (Ed Zack) set, the card for Chuck Knobloch (New York Yankees) has the ink from the back of the card almost bleeding through to the front of the card. In other sets, the bleeding is not present.

Billy Swift (Seattle Mariners, pitcher) received an odd card; a generic AL hitting card with an unusual two (31)s. Other pitchers with two (31)s include:

Tom Glavine (Atlanta Braves)  
Greg Maddux (Atlanta Braves)  
Steve Avery (Boston Red Sox)  
Michael Jackson (Cleveland Indians)  
Scott Sanders (San Diego Padres)

[Leon Galitsky, e-mail, December 22, 1998].

Mark McGwire (St. Louis Cardinals) did not receive a (26), (29), (33) or (34).

John Olerud (New York Mets) and Terry Mathews (Baltimore Orioles, pitcher) did not receive a (33) or a (34).

The Colorado Rockies and the Los Angeles Dodgers each have 9 pitchers on their basic (20 players) roster.

There are no pitchers rated Grade A&C.

Pitchers rated Grade A&C\* are:

Ugueth Urbina (Montreal Expos) (MG=25\*)  
Dan Miceli (San Diego Padres) (MG=23\*)  
Trevor Hoffman (San Diego Padres) (MG=23\*)  
Mike Jackson (Cleveland Indians) (MG=23\*)  
Robb Nen (San Francisco Giants) (MG=22\*)

Tom Goodwin (Texas Rangers) is the only player this season with a Sp[eed] rating of (F[ast]20). Six players received a rating of (F[ast]19).

Cecil Fielder (Cleveland Indians) is the only player rated (S[low]1).

There are no teams this season that can field an all (F) team.

“Footnote for statistics lovers: In doing the research for another article, I noticed that Ken Griffey had six key numbers that were almost exactly the same in 1997 and 1998:

	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	K
1997	34	3	56	147	76	121
1998	33	3	56	146	76	121

What is the probability of this happening? Has anyone ever done it before? Why hasn't anyone publicized this absurd consistency?" [Woody Studenmund, *APBA Journal*, #10, December 15, 1998, p. 3].

Pitchers rated (ZZ) are:

Brian Anderson (Arizona Diamondback)  
Jose Lime (Houston Astros)  
“Alan Hunt”/Rick Reed (New York Mets)  
Dennis Eckersley (Boston Red Sox XB)  
Stan Spencer (San Diego Padres XC)  
Graeme Lloyd (New York Yankees XB)  
David Wells (New York Yankees)  
Gil Heredia (Oakland Athletics XB)  
Bob Tewksberry (Minnesota Twins)

“This is a general observation which I believe is true. In a throwback to the way the early seasons

assigned play-result numbers to dice rolls, several players do not have their error-number on dice roll 53. The following have their error-number on dice roll 25:

Jeff Barry (Colorado Rockies)  
Tim Bogar (Houston Astros)  
Thomas Howard (Los Angeles Dodgers)  
Jorge Fabregas (New York Mets)  
Kim Barteel (Detroit Tigers)  
Cory Koskie (Minnesota Twins)

The following players have their error-number at 44: Feliz Martinez (Kansas City Royals) and John Voight (Oakland Athletics).

In every case listed above, the player received a 53-(13). [*Leon Galitsky, e-mail, December 22, 1998*].

Players with six power-numbers are:

Craig Wilson (Chicago White Sox XB) (0,0,0,0,1,1)  
"Jimmie Ladd"/Shane Spencer (New York Yankees XB) (1,1,1,1,5,6,6)  
Todd Pratt (New York Mets XB) (1,4,6,6,6,6)  
J. D. Drew (St. Louis Cardinals XC) (1,1,1,3,6,6)  
Billy Ashley (Boston Red Sox XC) (1,1,1,6,6,6)  
Milt Cuyler (Texas Rangers XC) (1,1,6,6,6,6)

Players with five power-numbers are:

Mark McGwire (St. Louis Cardinals) (1,1,1,5,5)  
Larry Walker (Colorado Rockies) (1,4,5,6,6)  
Albert Belle (Chicago White Sox) (1,1,5,6,6)  
Juan Gonzalez (Texas Rangers) (1,1,5,6,6)  
Bubba Trammell (Tampa Bay Devil Rays XB) (1,5,5,6,6)  
Richie Sexson (Cleveland Indians XB) (1,1,4,6,6)  
Randy Knorr (Florida Marlins XB) (1,3,5,6,6)  
Pat Lennon (Toronto Blue Jays XC) (6,6,6,6,6)  
Barry Bonds (San Francisco Giants) (0,0,0,0,1)  
Sammy Sosa (Chicago Cubs) (0,0,1,1,1)  
Greg Vaughn (San Diego Padres) (0,0,0,1,1)  
Ken Griffey, Jr. (Seattle Mariners) (0,0,0,1,1)  
Carlos Delgado (Toronto Blue Jays) (0,0,0,1,1)  
Nomar Garciaparra (Boston Red Sox) (0,0,0,0,1)  
Manny Ramirez (Cleveland Indians) (0,0,0,1,1)  
Valdimar Guerrero (Montreal Expos) (0,0,0,0,1)  
Jack Howell (Houston Astros XB) (0,0,0,1,1)  
Carlos Beltran (Kansas City Royals) (0,0,0,1,1)  
Mike Simms (Texas Rangers XB) (0,0,0,1,1)

Tony Womack (Pittsburgh Pirates) received a card with three (11)s. Otis Nixon (Minnesota Twins) has Master Grade ratings of Sp[eed]=(F[ast]19) and St[ealing]=D32, with two (11)s and two (10)s.

Eric Gunderson (Texas Rangers, pitcher) received almost the same card as he did in the 1997 season, with two (42)s. Other players with two (42)s are: Frank Santangelo (Montreal Expos), Jason Kendall

(Pittsburgh Pirates), John Marzano (Seattle Mariners) and Sal Fasano (Kansas City Royals). Fasano also had a (22). [*Leon Galitsky, e-mail, December 22, 1998*].

At age 42, Paul Molitor (Minnesota Twins) has the legs of a man half his age and is the oldest player to retire as an (F). His ratings were (F[ast]15) and St[eal]=F31. He turned 42 on August 22, 1998. [*Eric Naftaly, APBA Journal, February 1999, p. 3*].

The “player you do not want coming to bat” with men on base, especially against a Grade B (Z) pitcher, is Joe Silva (Pittsburgh Pirates) with (6,8,14,14,42). Other players to avoid with men on base are: Tony Fossas (Texas Rangers XB, pitcher) 12 (24)s and Bobby Chouinard (Arizona Diamondbacks XB, pitcher) 11 (24)s.

Ken Cloude (Seattle Mariners, pitcher) received 9 (42)s and a generic (7,8,9). The (42)s appear to be an error. In his big league career (1997-1998) Ken was never hit by a pitch. However, he plunked 6 batters in the two seasons.

Keith Lockhart (Atlanta Braves) received a card with 5 (29)s,

Juan Samuel (Toronto Blue Jays) has a classic “measles card.” He has a (42\*) and four (14\*)s in his first column and 21 (6\*)s in the second column. He is the first player to receive asterisks on three different numbers. [*Leon Galitsky, e-mail, December 22, 1998*].

The Seattle Mariners have three players with three (31)s: Rich Amaral, Edgar Martinez and David Segui.

This season does not have any players rated (2B-9) or (3B-6). Omar Vizquel (Cleveland Indians) is the only player rated (SS-10).

Raul Mondesi (Los Angeles Dodgers) is rated Ar[m]=39. Alex Ochoa (Milwaukee Twins), Jay Buhner (Seattle Mariners), Ivan Rodriguez (Texas Rangers) and Mark Whitten (Cleveland Indians XB) are Ar[m]=38.

Chili Davis (New York Yankees XB), Harold Baines (Baltimore Orioles) and Reggie Jefferson (Boston Red Sox XB) share the glass arm rating of Ar[m]=24.

“Neifi” Perez (Colorado Rockies) may be the first (SS-9) (C-5) since Lou Boudreau in 1948. [*Eric Naftaly, e-mail, December 25, 1998*].

Brant Brown (Chicago Cubs) was rated (OF-1) for his primary position, but (1B-4) at his secondary position.

Kim Barteo (Detroit Tigers XB) has the rare combination of J-4 and (OF-3). He has one (11), one (6\*) and two (14\*)s. He is rated (F[ast]19) with a stealing rating of A25.

Ivan Rodriguez (Texas Rangers) is the only catcher rated Th[row]=+6.

“This may not be widely known, but players listed as DH on the lineup sheet with first base as their primary position, do not receive a (41), only a (37). Players with this rating are: Edgar Martinez (Seattle Mariners), Paul Sorrento (Tampa Bay Devil Rays), Lee Stevens (Texas Rangers), Paul Molitor (Minnesota Twins), Mike Stanley (Boston Red Sox) and Frank Thomas (Chicago White Sox). [*Leon Galitsky, e-mail, December 22, 1998*]. This makes a lot of sense. If the DHs who are nominal first basemen had a (41), there would be two (41)s in the starting lineup most of the time; the regular first

baseman and the designated hitter. This would tend to distort play results by increasing the frequency of triple plays, balks, double steals, pick-offs, steals of home, injuries to catchers, base runner injuries and errors. [Don Adams, editorial comment, July 18, 2010].

Shane Halter (Kansas City Royals) is rated at all positions except catcher.

The leading base stealers this season are:

- A34 Lou Frazier (Chicago White Sox XC)
- A25 Kim Barteo (Detroit Tigers)
- B32 John Voigt (Oakland Athletics XB)
- B31 Mike Metcalfe (Los Angeles Dodgers XC), Greg Martinez (Milwaukee Brewers XC) and Mark Bellhorn (Oakland Athletics XC)
- B26 Ernie Young (Kansas City Royals XC), Homer Bush (New York Yankees XB) and Abe Nunez (Pittsburgh Pirates XB)
- B25 Edgar Renteria (Florida Marlins)

Seven of the eight starting pitchers, including XBs, for the Colorado Rockies are rated Grade D. The one exception is Mike DeJean XB, Grade C/B\* (MG=9/14\*).

The following teams have five relievers rated B\*, or better:

*Houston Astros*

- Doug Henry Grade B\* (MG=14\*) (Y)
- Jay Powell Grade B\* (MG=12\*) (X)
- Billy Wagner Grade B\* (MG=15\*) (XY)
- Trevor Miller XB Grade C/B\* (MG=9/12\*)
- Bob Scanlan XB Grade B\* (MG=11\*) (W)

*Boston Red Sox*

- Tom Gordon Grade A\* (MG=16\*) (X)
- Zeke Swindell Grade B\* (MG=12\*) (Y)
- Jim Corsi XB Grade A\* (MG=16\*) (Y)
- Carlos Reyes XB Grade B\* (MG=11\*) (Y)(Z)
- Rich Garces XB Grade B\* (MG=11\*) (Y)(W)

*Pittsburgh Pirates*

- Jason Christiansen Grade A\* (MG=16\*) (X)
- “Frankie Nina” (AKA Rich Loiselle) Grade B\* (MG=14\*) (Y)(W)
- Ricardo Rincon Grade B\* (MG=14\*) (X)
- Mike Williams XB Grade C/A\* (MG=9/16\*) (XY)(Z)
- Jeff Tabaka XB Grade B\* (MG=13\*) (Y)

*New York Yankees*

- Ramiro Mendoza Grade C/B\* (MG=10/13\*) (Z)
- Jim Bruske XB Grade C/B\* (MG=8/12\*)
- Mariano Rivera Grade A\* (MG=20\*) (Z)
- Jeff Nelson XB Grade B\* (MG=11\*) (Y)
- Graeme Lloyd XB Grade A\* (MG=20\*) (ZZ)

All seven Florida Marlins starting pitchers, including XBs, are rated D.

Not surprisingly, all the XC pitchers for the following teams are rated as D or D\*:

Arizona Diamondbacks  
Atlanta Braves  
Chicago Cubs  
Cincinnati Reds  
Colorado Rockies  
Florida Marlins  
Houston Astros  
Montreal Expos  
Philadelphia Phillies  
San Diego Padres  
San Francisco Giants  
Baltimore Orioles  
Chicago White Sox  
Cleveland Indians  
Oakland Athletics  
Tampa Bay Devil Rays  
Texas Rangers

Marcus Jensen (Milwaukee Brewers XC, catcher) has 21 (13)s, the most for any position player.

Mark Wohlers (Atlanta Braves XB, pitcher) has 24 (13)s, the most for any pitcher.

#### **AJ Articles:**

“Tentative Rosters for 1998 APBA Baseball Card Set” (Issue #9, November 10, 1998, p. 3).

“Incredible '98 Season a Replayer's Dream” by Woody Studenmund (Issue #10, December 5, 1998, p. 3).  
*[Includes “Woody's Top 25 Hitters for 1998”].*

“1998 Final Unofficial Baseball Statistics” (Issue #10, December 5, 1998, pp. 19-25).

“1998 Player Rankings” by Eric Naftaly (Issue #10, December 5, 1998, pp. 26-32).

“Batting: Best and Worst” and “Pitching: Best and Worst” (Issue #10, December 5, 1998, pp. 33-34).

“1998 Innings Pitched in Starts and Relief” by John Briggs (Issue #10, December 5, 1998, pp. 35-37).

“XCs NL & AL” (Issues #1 & #2, March 1999, pp. 25-41).





# 1999 Season

Bats: **Right**      Throws: **Right**  
Height: **6-2**      Weight: **170**  
Born: **11-29-69** Panama City, Pan.

Mariano

## RIVERA

Grade A&C\* Pitcher (2) (X)(Z)

11- 8	31- 13	51-13
12-25	32-26	52-27
13-13	33- 9	53-13
14-30	34-31	54-32
15-13	35-13	55-36
16-28	36-33	56-34
21-12	41-24	61-32
22-21	42-13	62-27
23-29	43-29	63-32
24-30	44-23	64-13
25-13	45-14	65-35
26-27	46-29	66- 7

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### First Printing:

Teams: NL-16 AL-14 (12 on 21)  
Per Team: 20  
XBs: 10/Team M/S: Yes  
Print Style: IX, Variety: 11, Format: e  
XB Print Style: IX, Variety: 11, Format: e  
Back: SIX  
XB Back: SIX  
Published: 1999

*Some say he is the greatest relief pitcher ever. Judging by his accomplishments in the world of APBA cards he may very well be. This card is Mariano's fourth consecutive card as either A\* or A&C\* and his streak will extend to 11 straight seasons before he slumps to Grade B\* in 2007. He got back on track the next season. Think about that. The only blemish so far is his rookie rating of Grade D on his 1995 XB card. But, hey, nobody is perfect.*

### Second Printing:

Teams: NL-16 AL-14 (12 on 21)  
Cards Per Team: 20  
XBs: No M/S: Yes (same as 1<sup>st</sup> printing)  
Print Style: X, Variety (AL) 12, Format: g  
Back: EIGHT  
Published: 2000

**XC's: NL-145 AL-164 (with M/S):**

#### First Printing (APBA Journal)

Print Style: IX, Variety 11, Format: e  
(available in color or B&W)  
Back: BLANK  
Published: 1999

#### Second Printing (SGP)

Print Style: XIV Format: 1  
Back: BLANK  
Published: 2003

**Third Printing (APBA Games)**

Print Style: XVII Format: o

Back: BLANK

Published: 2004

**Fourth Printing (APBA Games)**

Print Style: XVII Format: o

Back: TWO

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*The initial printing of the regular and XB sets were the first in which the cards were distributed in plastic, shrink-wrapped stacks. The team envelopes were empty. This practice apparently began in early 2000 and became the normal mode of distribution. Some sets, mostly those distributed late in 1999, were sorted and distributed alphabetically in team envelopes as they had been in prior years.*

*The second printing of the regular cards was the introduction of the “Bordegon Era” cards created by Bill Bordegon, whose background was in the marketing of trading cards. This era was short lived, and singularly unsuccessful, both in acceptance by the “greybeards” and in drawing new fans to the game. It’s only surviving feature did not appear until the second and final year, the 2000 season: stats on the cards. This set was the first major offering in APBA’s history with no envelopes. The cards were contained in a box which fit into a special compartment in the game box, with dividers used to separate the teams within the card box. In response to most APBA player’s intensely negative reaction ( to put it mildly). The Company later sold sets of envelopes to be used for the 1999 second printing and the 2000 set.*

*As was true of 1991 and 1993-2001, the XCs were officially issued three times: once by the APBA Journal, again by SGP in 2002-2003 and, finally, by APBA in 2004.*

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- “Mike Butcher” = Kevin Millar (Florida Marlins)
- “Don Cross” = Damian Miller (Arizona Diamondbacks)
- “Joe DePalma” = Lou Merloni (Boston Red Sox XB)
- “Andy Gabriel” = Angel Echevarria (Colorado Rockies XB)
- “Jack Harten” = Brian Daubach (Boston Red Sox)
- “Brian Hiller” = Benny Agbayani (New York Mets)
- “Alan Hunt” = Rick Reed (New York Mets, pitcher)
- “Jimmy Ladd” = Shane Spencer (New York Yankees XB)
- “Doug Mast” = Alex Ramirez (Cleveland Indians XB)
- “Fred Rivers” = Charles Gipson (Seattle Mariners XB)
- “Rollie Thomas” = Keith Osik (Pittsburgh Pirates)

Seven of these players ('Cross'/Miller, "DePalma/Merloni, "Garriel"/Echevarria, "Hunt"/Reed, "Ladd"/Spencer, "Rivers"/Gipson and "Thomas"/Osik) have the same fictitious names used in the 1998 set.

Kim Barteel (Detroit Tigers XB) "Bats Right," not "Both".

Al Levine (Anaheim Angels XB) should be rated D/B\* (MG=5/13\*).

Brian Banks (Milwaukee Brewers) should have a 45-(14\*) and a St[eal] rating of E-33.

Numerous catchers had their Th[rown] ratings corrected. The revised ratings are:

Arizona Diamondbacks - Damian Miller 0, Kelly Stinnett -2  
Atlanta Braves - Javier Lopez -3, Eddie Perez 0, Greg Myers 0, Jorge Fabergas XB +4  
Chicago Cubs - Jeff Reed -2, Benito Santiago +2  
Cincinnati Reds - Ed Taubensee -4, Jason LaRue XB +3  
Colorado Rockies - Kirt Manwaring -4, Ben Petrick XB -4  
Florida Marlins - Mike Redmond +2, Ramon Castro +4  
Houston Astros - Tony Eusebio +1, Mitch Melusky XB - 2  
Los Angeles Dodgers - Todd Hundley -4, Angel Pena -1, Paul Lo Duca XB 0,  
Trenidad Hubbard XB -4  
Milwaukee Brewers - Dave Nilsson -4, Brian Banks -4, Bobby Hughes XB -4,  
Robinson Cancel -3  
Montreal Expos - Michael Barrett -3, Chris Widger -3  
New York Mets - Mike Piazza -3, Todd Pratt-2  
Philadelphia Phillies - Mike Lieberthal 0, Gary Bennett -4  
Pittsburgh Pirates - Jason Kendall +3, Keith Osik 0, Joe Oliver -4  
St. Louis Cardinals - Alberto Castillo +5, Marcus Jensen XB +4  
San Diego - Wiki Gonzalez XB +4  
San Francisco Giants - Brent Mayne -1, Scott Servais -4, Doug Mirabelli XB +1  
Anaheim Angels - Charlie Greene +3, Steve Decker XB -4      Baltimore - Mike Figga  
-3  
Boston Red Sox - Scott Hatteberg -4  
Chicago White Sox - Brook Fordyce -2, Mark Johnson 0  
Detroit Tigers - Brad Ausmus +2, Bill Hasselman -2  
Kansas City Royals - Chad Kreuter +1  
Minnesota Twins - Terry Steinbach -2  
New York Yankees - Jorge Posada -2, Joe Girardi -3  
Oakland A's - A. J. Hinch -3, Ramon Hernandez XB - 2  
Seattle Mariners - Dan Wilson -3, Tom Lampkin +3  
Tampa Bay Devil Rays - John Flaherty +3  
Toronto Blue Jays - Darrin Fletcher -2, Mike Matheny 0

## Opinions:

Melvin Mora (New York Mets XB) received a 66-(1) but did not hit any home runs or have any extra base hits.

Jeff Reed (Chicago Cubs) is rated PB0, but had two passed balls.

Olmedo Saenz (Oakland A's) received power numbers (0,0,0,1) with a 2<sup>nd</sup> column (2) and a (4) but did not hit any triples in 255 at-bats.

Brian Simmons (Chicago White Sox XB) is rated (F) (OF-2) (C-5) but did not catch in any games. This rating appears to be unnecessary since the White Sox have two catchers in the 20 card set.

Doug Brocail (Detroit Tigers) did not bat, did not score any runs, or steal any bases, but he received a 15-(11) and a 66-(4). This appears to be a throwback to his performances in 1993, when he stole two bases and 1995 when he hit a triple.

### **Miscellany:**

The lineup sheet for the second printing of the basic card set is bound into the board booklet issued with the first Bordegon-era basic game.

The rosters for the second printing of the basic set were supposed to be the same as for the first printing, but there was one exception: on the Anaheim Angels, pitcher Steve Sparks, a regular card in the first printing, was not included in the second printing. Ramon Ortiz (Anaheim Angels XB) was part of the first printing, but was included in the second printing, which did not have XBs. Anyone who ordered the 1999 set after the switch to the second printing in the summer of 2001 and also ordered an XB set, received a Steve Sparks card as a bonus.

Among the multitude of complaints from APBA fans about the significant style changes included in the second printing, the major problem was the difficulty encountered in reading the hitting tablet. The problem was caused by two factors:

1. The font size had been reduced to make room for the team logo.
2. The background was buff, not white. (This problem was corrected in the 2000 set).

Tom Goodwin (Texas Rangers) is rated (F[ast]20).

Charles Johnson (Baltimore Orioles) and Ivan Rodriguez (Texas Rangers) are rated (C-9). Ivan Rodriguez is also rated Th= +6.

Roberto Alomar (Cleveland Indians), Pokey Reese (Cincinnati Reds) and Edgardo Alfonzo (New York Mets) are all rated (2B-9).

Rey Ordonez (New York Mets) is rated (SS-10).

There is no (3B-6) in the set. Four players are rated (1B-5). Twenty are rated (OF-3), of which four are XBs.

Every team in the set is capable of making at least Fielding Two.

Raul Mondesi (Los Angeles Dodgers) received an Ar[m]=39.

Mark McGwire (St. Louis Cardinals) and Sammy Sosa (Chicago Cubs) both received (0,0,1,1,1) for their respective totals of 65 and 63 home runs. Other players with five power-numbers are:

Manny Ramirez (Cleveland Indians) (0,0,0,1,1), Chipper Jones (Atlanta Braves) (0,0,0,1,1),

Vladimir Guerrero (Montreal Expos) (0,0,0,1,1)

Larry Walker (Colorado Rockies) (0,0,0,1,1)

Shawn Green (Toronto Blue Jays) (0,0,0,1,1)

Barry Bonds (San Francisco Giants) (0,0,0,1,1)

Sandy Alomar (Cleveland Indians) (0,0,0,0,1)

Terry Shumpert (Colorado Rockies) (0,0,0,0,1)

Nomar Garciaparra (Boston Red Sox) (0,0,0,0,1)

Mark Lewis (Cincinnati Reds) (0,0,0,0,1)

Brad Fullmer (Montreal Expos), (0,0,0,0,0)

Brian Daubach (Boston Red Sox) (1,4,5,5,6)

Geoff Jenkins (Milwaukee Brewers) (1,4,5,6,6)

Luis Alicea (Texas Rangers) is rated (2B-7) (3B-3) (OF-1) (SS-6) but did not play shortstop. This rating was likely given in order to provide a backup for Royce Clayton, who is the only other shortstop in the 20 card set. The Rangers have two XB shortstops.

Brian Banks (Milwaukee Brewers) is rated (C-6) (1B-2) (OF-1) but played in 44 games at first base and 40 as catcher.

Wilton Guerrero (Montreal Expos) is rated (OF-1) (2B-6) but played 54 games at second base and 22 in the outfield.

Pedro Martinez (Boston Red Sox) is rated A&C (MG=21).

The Grade A starters are Randy Johnson (Arizona Diamondbacks) (MG=17), Mike Hampton (Houston Astros) (MG=16) and Kevin Millwood (Atlanta Braves) (MG=16).

Pitchers rated A&C\* are Mariano Rivera (New York Yankees) (MG=22), Billy Wagner (Houston Astros) (MG=22) and Armando Benitez (New York Mets) (MG=21).

Fourteen pitchers rated A\*.

Bret Saberhagen (Boston Red Sox), Gil Heredia (Oakland A's), Greg Maddux (Atlanta Braves) and Steve Woodard (Milwaukee Brewers) are all rated (ZZ).

Player transactions affected realistic player usage for several teams. The most significant involved the Seattle Mariners. On July 28 David Segui, who had played 90 games at first base with 345 at-bats, was dealt to Toronto. Butch Huskey, who had played 10 games at first base and 53 games in the

outfield, with 282 at bats had been traded to Boston two days earlier. Consequently, Raul Ibanez was rated (1B-2) (OF-1) (C-5) and received both a 37 and 41 despite playing 57 games in the outfield and only 21 at first base. Similarly, John Mabry is rated (1B-3) (OF-2) (3B-3), but played 43 games in the outfield, 24 games at third base, and only 20 at first base. He also received both a 37 & 41. The total games played at first base for all the carded Seattle players totals 100. Furthermore, the Mariners' pitching staff will be stretched thin due to the trades of Matt Suzuki to the Mets on June 18<sup>th</sup> and Jeff Fassero to the Rangers on August 27<sup>th</sup>. These two had combined for 28 starts and with 181 IP for Seattle.

# 2000 Season

Teams: NL-16 AL-14 (12 on 62)  
 Cards Per Team: 20  
 XBs: 10/Team M/S: Yes  
 Print Style: XI, Variety 13, Format: i  
 XB Print Style: XI, Variety 13, Format: i  
 Back: TEN  
 XB Back: SIX  
 Published: February 2001

**XCs: NL-174 AL-156 (with M/S roster/chart)**

## First Printing XC (APBA Journal)

Print Style: XI, Variety 13, Format: i  
 (available in color or B&W)  
 Back: BLANK

## Second Printing XC (SGP)

Print Style: XIII Format: m  
 Back: BLANK  
 Published: 2001

## Third Printing XC (APBA Games)

Print Style: XVI Format: n  
 Back: BLANK  
 Published: 2004

*In 2000, Todd Helton hit: BA .372, OBP .463 and SP .698, with 59 doubles, 42 home runs and 103 walks. How did he do on the road, you ask? Fine, thank you: .353/.441/.633, with 31 doubles, 15 homers and 45 walks. Overall, in 153 at-bats with runners in scoring position, he hit .392/.525/.791 with 15 home runs. The league leader in more than a dozen statistical and Sabermetric categories, Helton finished fifth in the MVP balloting that year playing for an 82-80 Colorado team.*

## Corrections:

In the third printing of the XCs Wilton Veras of the Boston Red Sox and Andy Lorraine of the Cleveland Indians is an XC despite also being an XB, and Lou Merloni of the Red Sox and Tom Martin of the Indians, previously XCs, are missing. See the 1999 article for a similar issue.

APBA's XC roster sheet omits John Roskos, an outfielder for the San Diego Padres.

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Todd Lynn											N.L.	
HELTON											ROCKIES	
Firstbaseman (4)												
YR	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	SB	BA	SLG	OBP		
00	160	580	138	216	42	147	5	.372	.698	.463		
Bats	.....Left				Throws	.....Left						
Height	.....6-2				Weight	.....206						
Born	.....8-20-73								Knoxville, TN			
11-	1				31-	8				51-	8	
12-	25				32-	26				52-	27	
13-	14				33-	6				53-	20	
14-	30				34-	31				54-	32	
15-	10				35-	9				55-	7	
16-	28				36-	33				56-	14	
21-	13				41-	24				61-	22	
22-	6				42-	9				62-	12	
23-	13				43-	29				63-	31	
24-	37				44-	6				64-	14	
25-	8				45-	14				65-	35	
26-	14				46-	41				66-	1	
J-0												



“Bob Bleacher” = Joe Slusarski (Houston Astros)  
“Mike Butcher” = Kevin Millar (Florida Marlins)  
"Ray Clem" = Scarborough Green (Texas Rangers XB)  
“Don Cross” = Damian Miller (Arizona Diamondbacks)  
“Lee Grove” = Kerry Ligtenberg (Atlanta Braves)  
“Jack Harten” = Brian Daubach (Boston Red Sox)  
"Norm Heffner" = Brian Tollberg (San Diego Padres)  
“Brian Hiller” = Benny Agbayani (New York Mets)  
“Alan Hunt” = Rick Reed (New York Mets, pitcher)  
"Tom Keaton" = Chuck Smith (Florida Marlins)  
“Jimmy Ladd” = Shane Spencer (New York Yankees XB)  
"Jerry Legler" = Frank Menechino (Oakland Athletics XB)  
“Doug Mast” = Alex Ramirez (Pittsburgh Pirates)  
“Frankie Nina” = Rich Loiselle (Pittsburgh Pirates)  
"Todd Pearl" = Jeff Tam (Oakland Athletics)  
"Nelson Sanders" = Osvaldo Fernandez (Cincinnati Reds XB)  
"Keith Shetter" = Matt Herges (Los Angeles Dodgers)  
“Fuller Starr” = Cory Lidle (Tampa Bay Devil Rays XB)  
“Rollie Thomas” = Keith Osik (Pittsburgh Pirates)  
"Sonny Young" = Chris Truby (Houston Astros)

Eleven of these players (“Cross”/Miller, “Hunt”/Reed, “Ladd”/Spencer, “Thomas”/Osik, “Grove”/Ligtenberg, “Butcher”/Millar, “Hiller”/Agbayani, “Nina”/Loiselle, “Mast”/Ramirez, “Harten”/Daubach and “Starr”/Liddle have the same fictitious names used in prior sets.

XC Jorge Velandia (New York Mets XC) card lists his birthplace as Miranda, Venezuela. Current sources opt for Caracas, Venezuela.

APBA's styling appears inconsistent in including lower-case letters in a player's last name. All players with names beginning with "Mc" have the lower case second letter, as does Kory DeHAAN. However, Mike DEJEAN (Colorado Rockies), Jason LARUE (Cincinnati Reds), Matt LECROY (Minnesota Twins), Paul LODUCA (Los Angeles Dodgers), Delino DESHIELDS (Baltimore Orioles) and Mike DEFELICE (Tampa Bay Devil Rays) do not. APBA Journal XC cards, such as Gary DeSARCINA, are parsed correctly.

### **Miscellany:**

APBA changed the pitching conversions between the Master Game numerical grades and the basic game letter grades. There is a one-number reduction: D, originally 1 to 5, is now 1 to 4; C, formerly 6 to 10, becomes 5 to 9; B formerly 11 to 15, becomes 10 to 14; A, formerly 16 to 20, becomes; 15 to 19 and A&C, formerly 21 to 25, now becomes 20 to 24. Numbers greater than 24 are now Grade A&B.

For the first time, APBA provides split numerical grades for some pitchers that have the same letter grade and thus show up as a "solid" grade on the cards. Fourteen Grade D pitchers are affected, including three XCs; two Grade C's, Lorenzo Barcelo (Chicago White Sox XB) and Elmer Dessens (Cincinnati Reds); and two Grade B's, Scott Williamson (Cincinnati Reds) and Bruce Chen (Philadelphia Phillies).

The Master Game symbols sheet for 2000 does not use initials to differentiate between players with the same last name, unless they are on the same team. Since the team logos appear on the cards, there is some logic to this, but 2000 is the only season that has this quirk.

Extra-base hits reach a new high, with 159 regular and XB nonpitchers getting a zero or extra-base hit at dice roll 22, a hefty 30% of the 490 non-pitchers carded. The Houston Astros have seven such players on their 20-man roster, an eighth is an XB. Five of these players have (1,1): Moises Alou, Jeff Bagwell and XB Ken Caminiti, all (1,1,6,6). Richard Hidalgo has (1,1,5,6,6) and Daryle Ward has (1,1,4,5). In total, 41 nonpitchers have (1,1).

Mark McGwire (St. Louis Cardinals) gets his sixth consecutive triple (1) card (0,0,1,1,1), with eight second-column (1)s. It will be his last. Glenallen Hill (New York Yankees) also gets triple (1)s (1,1,1,6). Esteban Yan (Tampa Bay Devil Rays, pitcher) gets (1,1,1) for his home run in his only at-bat. Three XC's, each of whom homered three times in very limited opportunities, get three or more (1)s: Keith McDonald (St. Louis Cardinals) (1,1,1,1,1,5), Damon Minor (San Francisco Giants) (1,1,1,1,5) and Bubba Carpenter (Colorado Rockies) (1,1,1).

Including Hidalgo and McGwire (see above), 19 regular and XB players have five extra-base hits or zeroes:

Carl Everett (Boston Red Sox) (0,0,0,1,1)  
Nomar Garciaparra (Boston Red Sox) (0,0,0,0,1)  
Chris Donnels (Los Angeles Dodgers XB) (1,1,5,5,6)  
Ozzie Timmons (Tampa Bay Devil Rays XB) (1,1,5,5,6) Manny  
Ramirez (Cleveland Indians) (1,1,4,5,6)  
Ivan Rodriguez (Texas Rangers) (1,1,4,5,6)  
Carlos Delgado (Toronto Blue Jays) (1,1,6,6,6)  
Todd Helton (Colorado Rockies) (1,1,6,6,6) Troy  
Glaus (Anaheim Angels) (0,0,0,1,1)  
Sammy Sosa (Chicago Cubs) (0,0,0,1,1) Barry  
Bonds (San Francisco Giants) (0,0,0,1,1)  
Vladimir Guerrero (Montreal Expos) (0,0,0,1,1)  
Chris Richard (Baltimore Orioles) (0,0,0,1,1)  
Frank Thomas (Chicago White Sox) (0,0,0,1,1)  
Geoff Jenkins (Milwaukee Brewers) (0,0,0,0,1)  
Alex Ochoa (Cincinnati Reds) (0,0,0,0,1)  
Scott Rolen (Philadelphia Phillies) (0,0,0,0,1)

Three XC's have five or more extra-base hits or zeroes:

Jeff Manto (Colorado Rockies) (1,1,6,6,6,6) and 14 hit-numbers for two doubles and two home runs in five at-bats.  
Keith McDonald (St. Louis Cardinals) (1,1,1,1,1,5)  
Damon Minor (San Francisco Giants) (1,1,1,1,5) Brian  
Leshner (Seattle Mariners) (2,2,6,6,6)

With the lower pitching grades allowing more hits than usual, batters do not need as many hits on their cards to reach their batting average. Though 96 of the 490 carded non-pitchers hit .300, or higher, and 152 hit at least .285, just 58, plus pitchers Mike Morgan (Arizona Diamondbacks) and Freddy Garcia (Seattle Mariners) are carded with 11 hit-numbers. Nomar Garciaparra (Boston Red Sox), Ivan Rodriguez (Texas Rangers), Roosevelt Brown (Chicago Cubs XB), Terrell Lowery (San Francisco Giants XB) and Hector Ortiz (Kansas City Royals XB) have as many as 13 hit-numbers. Brian Leshar (Seattle Mariners) and Jeff Manto (Colorado Rockies) have 14 hit-numbers.

The Los Angeles Dodgers, Milwaukee Brewers, Philadelphia Phillies, Oakland A's and Seattle Mariners do not have a player with 11 hit-numbers on their 30-man roster. The Minnesota Twins and Tampa Bay Devil Rays do not have one on their 20-man squads. The Cleveland Indians and Colorado Rockies each have 6 such players to lead the set.

National League MVP Jeff Kent (San Francisco Giants) has an underwhelming card by this year's power standards: (1,4,5,6) with 11 hit-numbers and five walks. American League MVP Jason Giambi (Oakland Athletics) has (1,1,5,6) with 10 hit-numbers and 7 walks.

Elvis Peña (Colorado Rockies XC) has 14 (24)'s on his card for his three double play grounders in 9 at-bats.

Pedro Martinez (Boston Red Sox) gets his second consecutive A&C starting grade (MG=22) (XY)(Z). It is a point higher than last season's rating and the highest starter grade for a full season since Doc Gooden's (MG=25) in 1985. There are three Grade A starters: Randy Johnson (Arizona Diamondbacks) (MG=16) (XY), Kevin Brown (Los Angeles Dodgers) (MG=16) (X)(Z) and Jeff D'Amico (Milwaukee Brewers) (MG=15) (Z) in just 23 appearances, all as a starter. He is the first player to get a Grade A for such limited work in a full season since Steve Rogers in 1973 (17 games, all starts).

Jeff D'Amico is one of several pitchers, relievers as well as starters, who was given a strong grade for limited work. Barry Zito (Oakland Athletics XB), for example, got (MG=14) (X) for 14 starts, Tomo Ohka (Boston Red Sox XB) (MG=11) for 12 starts and John Riedling (Cincinnati Reds) (MG=13\*) (XY)(W) for 13 relief appearances.

The starting pitching for the 2000 season is rather thin, but every team has at least one Grade C in the rotation. The Colorado Rockies are the weakest, with Brian Bohanon (MG=6) as the only Grade C. The Pittsburgh Pirates have Kris Benson Grade C (MG=9) (Y) and the Kansas City Royals have an all C rotation.

The Houston Astros' Scott Elarton (MG=8) heads a notably weak staff without any single or double digit starter or reliever. The team's only C\* reliever is (MG=6\*) (Y)(Z) Joe Slusarski. Tony McKnight XC, with six starts and 35 IP barely reduces the gloom (MG=7) (Z).

The Atlanta Braves, for the first time since 1994, cannot start three pitchers at Grade B or better. Perennials Tom Glavine (MG=14) (Y)(Z) and Greg Maddux (MG=13) (Y,ZZ) are backed up by two C's (MG=5) and a couple of D's (MG=4). The Cardinals are the one team that can start three B's, but only because Britt Reames XB, with seven starts and 40.2 innings, is a (MG=10) (Y)(W). He joins Darryl Kile (MG=11) (Y)(Z) and Rick Ankiel (MG=11) (XY).

Situational reliever Ray King (Milwaukee Brewers XB) collected a Grade A&C\* (MG=22\*) (Y) despite only working 28 innings in 36 games. The only other A&C\* is Robb Nen (San Francisco Giants) with (MG=23\*) (XY) (Z). He pitched 64 innings and notched 41 saves. The highest relief grade in the American League is Jeff Nelson (New York Yankees) (MG=19\*) (X)(W), the setup man for Mariano Rivera (New York Yankees) Grade A\* (MG=16\*) (Y)(Z).

Other A\*, or better, tandems:

Mike Myers (MG=18\*) (X) and Gabe White (MG=17\*) (X)(Z) with the Colorado Rockies  
Ray King and Curtis Leskanic (MG=17\*) (X)(W) with the Milwaukee Brewers  
Rob Nen and Felix Rodriguez (MG=16\*) (X)(Y) with the San Francisco Giants Keith  
Foulke (MG=15\*) (XY)(Z) and Kelly Wunsch (MG=15\*) (Y) Chicago White Sox Jeff  
Tam (MG=17\* (Z) and Jim Mecir (MG=15\*) (Y) Oakland Athletics.

The Anaheim Angels have 6 relievers rated B\* or better, four of them XB's.

Five pitchers are rated (ZZ):

Brian Anderson (Arizona Diamondbacks)  
Trevor Hoffman (San Diego Padres) Bob  
Wells (Minnesota Twins)  
David Wells (Montreal Expos)  
Greg Maddux (Atlanta Braves)

No XCs are rated (ZZ).

Omar Vizquel (Cleveland Indians) is rated (SS-10), the only player at third base, shortstop or second base to receive APBA's maximum rating. In contrast, four catchers: Brad Ausmus (Detroit Tigers), Charles Johnson (Chicago White Sox), Mike Matheny (St. Louis Cardinals) and Ivan Rodriguez (Texas Rangers) are rated (C-9).

Mike Matheny (St. Louis Cardinals) is the only catcher rated Th[erow]=+6.

Cleveland can use Fielding One players at all four infield positions, David Segui (1B), Roberto Alomar (2B), Travis Fryman (3B) and Omar Vizquel (SS). With the potential of 44 fielding points, they are the set's best defense. No team can start three (OF-3)s, though a record 28 players, including one XC, are (OF-3)s, up from 19 such players in 1999.

No team is locked into Fielding Three, though the Montreal Expos will normally start their games at that level and the Los Angeles Dodger infield peaks at 29 points, which is Fielding Three under the optional infield rating rule.

Rafael Furcal (Atlanta Braves) (2B-8), is the only rookie to reach Fielding One. Calvin Murray (San Francisco Giants XB) is an (OF-3). In 1999 he was an XC rated (OF-2).

Players ending long Fielding One streaks include Matt Williams (3B-4) after 7 seasons, 9 of the last 10, as a (3B-5) and Barry Larkin as a (SS-8) for the second time in 11 seasons.

Wally Joyner (Atlanta Braves XB) is a (1B-4), his 15th year as Fielding One, and Steve Finley (Arizona Diamondbacks) is an (OF-3) for the 12th time. Both players maintain their streaks of being rated Fielding One. Other major Fielding One streaks belong to: Mark Grace (Chicago Cubs) (OF-3) for 12 years, Barry Bonds (San Francisco Giants) (OF-3) 12 years, Ken Griffey Jr. (Cincinnati Reds) (OF-3) 11 years and Roberto Alomar (Cleveland Indians) (2B-8) for 11 years.

Shane Halter (Detroit Tigers) played all nine positions, all but pitcher more than once, during the year season. His card reads "F 3B4 1B3 SS7 2B7 OF2 C5 D\* P1W." Scott Sheldon (Texas Rangers XB) also played all 9 positions, all but center field, right field and pitcher, more than once.

There is no change in the top arm ratings:

Raul Mondesi (Toronto Blue Jays) Ar[m]=39  
Alex Ochoa (Cincinnati Reds) Ar[m]=38  
Ivan Rodriguez (Texas Rangers) Ar[m]=38

There is no change at the other extreme:

Harold Baines (Chicago White Sox XB) Ar[m]=25  
Jose Canseco (New York Yankees) Ar[m]=25

Rookie Rafael Furcal (Atlanta Braves) joins Tom Goodwin (Los Angeles Dodgers) at the maximum of (F[ast]20). John Jaha (Oakland Athletics XB) drops to a low of (S[low]2), joining Mark McGwire (St. Louis Cardinals), Darrin Fletcher (Toronto Blue Jays) and Charlie O'Brien (Montreal Expos XC).

Mike Piazza (New York Mets) sees his throw rating fade to the minimum Th[row]=-4, unusual for a starting catcher.

Base stealing leaders are:

A34 George Lombard (Atlanta Braves XB)  
D35 Roberto Alomar (Cleveland Indians) D35  
Pokey Reese (Cincinnati Reds)  
D34 Eric Young (Chicago Cubs)  
D34 Santiago Perez (Milwaukee Brewers XB)  
D34 Cliff Floyd (Florida Marlins)

Mo Vaughn (Anaheim Angels) and Garret Anderson (Anaheim Angels) have ratings of (OF-1) and (1B2), respectively, although they never played those positions during their careers. The extra ratings do not seem to be needed to provide backup on the 20-man roster.

Other than Mo Vaughn (Anaheim Angels) and Garret Anderson (Anaheim Angels), the only defensive player rated at a position he did not play in 2000 was Craig Grebeck (Toronto Blue Jays) with a (3B-3). Of the 20 men on the basic Blue Jay roster, only Tony Batista actually played (3B) in 2000, so a backup was needed. Grebeck had played (3B) in each of his previous ten seasons.

Harold Baines (Chicago White Sox XB) (OF-1) and John Jaha (Oakland Athletics XB) (1B-2), were carded as (DH)'s who never played defensively in 2000. XCs with minimal at-bats who also were not

used on defense in a major league game include: Carlos Casimiro (Baltimore Orioles) (2B-6), Gary Gaetti (Boston Red Sox) (3B-3), Kenny Kelly (Tampa Bay Devil Rays) (OF-1), Cole Liniak (Chicago Cubs) (3B-3), Mendy Lopez (Florida Marlins) (SS-7), Xavier Nady (San Diego Padres) (3B-3) and Eddie Zosky (Houston Astros) (3B-3).

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# 2001 Season

Teams: NL-16 AL-14 (12 on 21)

Cards per Team: 20

XBs: 10/Team M/S: Yes

Print Style: XII Format: j

Back: SIX

Published: 2002

XCs: NL-183 AL-137 (with M/S roster/chart)

XC Print Style: XVI Format: n

XC Back: BLANK

XC Published: 2002

Baseball Park Factor Chart: Yes

***“Is that all he’s got?” asked Seattle manager Lou Piniella in the early days of Spring 2001 after watching Ichiro slap three groundballs to the left side of the infield and beat two of them out for hits. Lou had just lost A-Rod to a massive contract in Texas and the Mariners had responded by investing \$27 million in this splinter of a man from Japan. Two hundred and forty-two hits and 116 wins later, Ichiro Suzuki was AL MVP, rookie of the year, batting champion, and the league’s leader in stolen bases. The first Japanese position-player to play in the major leagues, Ichiro adds chilling defense, a powerful arm (Ar=38), and blazing speed (F(ast)20) to his magic wand bat.***

*Two thousand one marked a return to normalcy for APBA baseball cards. The move to modernize and bring more flash to the cards lasted only for the 1999 and 2000 seasons. In 2001, the cards are printed with the traditional black and red tablet on blank white-card stock. A stat-line in green is carried over from the previous two years as are non-perforated XBs with rounded corners. The large white envelopes are gone and again the cards come in the small manila envelopes. If it weren’t for the fact that several of the players (those that split with the player’s union in 1994) are labeled with fictitious names in quotation marks, one could argue that these are APBA’s nicest cards yet. The use of these fictitious names began with the issuing of the 1997 season and, thankfully, ended with this 2001 season*

*Pitching grades for 2001 use the lower standards set in 2000: Grade D (MG=1-4), Grade C (MG=5-9), Grade B (MG=10-14), Grade A (MG=15-19), Grade A&C (MG=20-24) and Grade A&B (MG=25+).*

*This season also has the expanded dual Batting Characteristic (BC) ratings.*

## Corrections:

APBA’s XC roster sheet omits Chris Wakeland, an outfielder for the Detroit Tigers, and Denny Stark, a pitcher for the Seattle Mariners.

Ichiro SUZUKI (F) Outfielder (3)										
YR	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	SB	BA	SLG	OBP
01	157	692	127	242	8	69	56	.350	.457	.381
Bats: Left			Throws: Right							
Height: 5-9			Weight: 156							
Born: 10-22-73			Kasugai, Japan							
11-	0-1	31-	8-5	51-	10-4					
12-	25-11	32-	26-11	52-	27-11					
13-	22-6	33-	0-1	53-	16-6					
14-	30-6	34-	31-6	54-	32-6					
15-	11-2	35-	8-6	55-	8-2					
16-	28-11	36-	33-6	56-	13-6					
21-	12-6	41-	28-7	61-	40-6					
22-	7-1	42-	9-6	62-	13-6					
23-	29-6	43-	29-7	63-	31-6					
24-	31-6	44-	7-2	64-	9-6					
25-	11-2	45-	14-6	65-	35-8					
26-	27-6	46-	29-6	66-	0-1					
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As happened in the 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000 seasons, restrictions imposed in the licensing agreement with the MLBPA (Major League Baseball Player's Association) caused 20 (non-MLBPA) players from the 2001 season to be issued with pseudonyms rather than their real names. The position data and hitting tablets are considered accurate. The 20 players, in alphabetical order, are:

"Mike Butcher" = Kevin Millar (Florida Marlins)  
"Don Cross" = Damian Miller (Arizona Diamondbacks)  
"Joey DePalma", = Lou Merioni (Boston Red Sox XB)  
"Andy Gabriel" = Angel Echevarri (Milwaukee Brewers XB)  
"Lee Grove" = Kerry Ligtenberg (Atlanta Braves XB)  
"Jack Harten" = Brian Daubach (Boston Red Sox)  
"Norm Heffner" = Brian Tollberg (San Diego Padres)  
"Brian Hiller" = Benny Agbayani (New York Mets)  
"Alan Hunt" = Rick Reed (Minnesota Twins, pitcher)  
"Tom Keaton" = Chuck Smith (Florida Marlins XB)  
"Jimmy Ladd" = Shane Spencer (New York Yankees)  
"Joey Laker" = Chris Latham (Toronto Blue Jays XB)  
"Jerry Legler" = Frank Menechino (Oakland Athletics)  
"Todd Pearl" = Jeff Tam (Oakland Athletics)  
"Fred Rivers" = Charles Gipson (Seattle Mariners XB)  
"Nelson Sanders" = Osvaldo Fernandez (Cincinnati Reds)  
"Keith Shetter" = Matt Herges (Los Angeles Dodgers)  
"Fuller Starr" = Cory Lidle (Oakland A's)  
"Rollie Thomas" = Keith Osik (Pittsburgh Pirates XB)  
"Sonny Young" = Chris Truby (Houston Astros XB)

All of these players have the same fictitious name used in prior sets.

There are four more fictitious names, not marked with quotations, as part of the the XCs:

"Dan Ruth," = Joe Strong (Florida Marlins XC)  
"Joel Shreiner" = Alex Hernandez (Pittsburgh XC)  
"Bob Bleacher" = Joe Slusarski (Houston XC)  
"Eddie Chamura" = Tom Martin (New York Mets XC)

### **Miscellany:**

The 2001 Seattle Mariners are the latest member of APBA's best fielding teams. They put 45 points on the field without a pitcher. Unlike the other great defensive teams that use their regular starting lineup to attain maximum fielding, the Mariners have to dip into their XB pool to get their 45 point lineup:

Dan Wilson (C-9)  
John Olerud (1B-5)  
Bret Boone (2B-8)  
David Bell (3B-5)  
Carlos Guillen (SS-9) Mike  
Cameron (OF-3)



Ichiro Suzuki (OF-3)  
"Fred Rivers"/Charles Gipson XB (OF-3)

Curiously, David Bell was a (3B-3) in 2000.

The 2001 Season produces two teams with three (OF-3)s: the Seattle Mariners and the Los Angeles Dodgers. The (OF-3)s for the Dodgers are Shawn Green, Tom Goodwin and Marquis Grissom.

Though Seattle lost in the ALCS to the Yankees, the Mariner team equaled the 1906 Chicago Cubs' record of 116 regular season wins. They had solid pitching with:

Aaron Sele Grade B (MG=13) (Z)  
Jamie Moyer Grade B (MG=14) (Z)  
Paul Abbott Grade B (MG=11) (Y)( W)  
Freddy Garcia Grade B (MG=14) (Y)  
Joel Pineiro XB Grade B (MG=14) (Y)  
Arthur Rhodes Grade A&C\* (MG=21\*) (XY)(Z)

There are three other A&C\* relievers in the set. Felix Rodriguez (San Francisco Giants) (MG=21\*) (XY), Steve Kline (St. Louis Cardinals) (MG=20\*) (Y) and Chad Fox (Milwaukee Brewers) (MG=20\*) (X)(W).

The Oakland Athletics have four grade B starters: Barry Zito (MG=13) (X), Tim Hudson (MG=13) (Y)(Z), Mark Muldar (MG=14) (Y)(Z), "Fuller Starr"/Cory Lidle (MG=12) (Y)(Z).

Mariano Rivera (New York Yankees, pitcher) is a grade A\* (MG=16\*) (XY) (ZZ).

Paul Quantrill (Toronto Blue Jays) is a (ZZ), as are Josh Towers (Baltimore Orioles), Danny Patterson (Detroit Tigers), Brad Radke (Minnesota Twins), Greg Swindell (Arizona Diamondbacks), Greg Maddux (Atlanta Braves) and Vic Darenbourg (Florida Marlins).

The 2001 set is loaded with power, starting with Barry Bonds (San Francisco Giants) who turned baseball on its ear by hitting 73 homeruns and walking 177 times, producing a card for the ages (1,1,1,0,0,0) with 10 second column (1)s and 9 (14)s.

Sammy Sosa (Chicago Cubs) hits 64 homers and received (1,1,1,4,6).

In a year that historians might one day label as the height of the steroid rage, many other players produced phenomenal years:

Luis Gonzalez (Arizona Diamondbacks) (1,1,5,5,6)  
Jason Giambi (Oakland Athletics) (0,0,0,1,1)  
Valdmir Guerrero (Montreal Expos) (0,0,0,1,1)  
Ruben Sierra (Texas Rangers) (0,0,0,1,1)  
Cliff Floyd (Florida Marlins) (0,0,0,0,1)  
Kevin Millar (Florida Marlins) (0,0,0,0,1)  
Brian Giles (Pittsburgh Pirates) (0,0,0,0,1)

Lance Berkman (Houston Astros) (0,0,0,0,1)  
Adam Dunn (Cincinnati Reds) (0,0,0,1,1)  
Albert Pujols (St. Louis Cardinals) (0,0,0,0,1)  
Jose Cruz (Toronto Bluejays) (0,0,0,0,1)  
Eric Chavez (Oakland Athletics) (0,0,0,0,1)  
Manny Ramirez (Boston Red Sox) (0,0,0,1,1)  
Karim Garcia (Cleveland Indians XB) (1,1,1,6,6)

The Colorado Rockies can field a player with an extra base hit at dice roll 22 at every position: Ben Petrick, catcher (0,0,0,1); Todd Helton, first baseman (0,0,0,0); Terry Shumpert, second baseman (0,0,0,0); Greg Norton, thirdbaseman (1,5,5,6), Juan Uribe, shortstop (0,0,0,1,2); Todd Hollandsworth XB, outfielder (1,4,5,6,6,6); Mark Little XB outfielder (0,0,0,1), NL Batting Champion (.350) Larry Walker, (0,0,0,1,1,7,8,8,8,9,9,10) with five (14)s and pitcher Mike Hampton (1,1,1,6). This is a lineup has a total of 42 extra-base hit-numbers; 38 without Hampton.

J4 Mike Colangelo (San Diego Padres) has a unique card with (2,5,5) power.

Ivan Rodriguez (Texas Rangers) and Jason LaRue (Cincinnati Reds) are the set's only catchers with a Th+6.

The Anaheim Angels have a pair of brothers, Bengie and Jose Molina, as catchers.

Raul Mondesi (Toronto Blue Jays) is rated  $Ar[m]=39$ , the highest in the set. Ichiro Suzuki (Seattle Mariners) and Alex Ochoa (Colorado Rockies) have  $Ar[m]=38$ .

Toronto has eleven F[ast] players.

There are four (F[ast]20)s in this set: Cristian Guzman (Minnesota Twins), Ichiro Suzuki (Seattle Mariners), Tom Goodwin (Los Angeles Dodgers) and Rafael Furcal (Atlanta Braves). Furcal also has a SSN of C30.

Roger Cedeno (Detroit Tigers) has (10,11,11,11), SSN of C30 and is a (F[ast]19).

Glen Barker (Houston Astros) has an unusual (11,14\*,14\*,42\*,42\*).

Mark Eaton (San Diego, pitcher) has two (14\*)s.

Brian Reith (Cincinnati Reds, pitcher) has three (11)s.

The Florida Marlins have three (F[ast]15) pitchers: "Tom Keaton"/Chuck Smith, Jesus Sanchez and Vic Darensbourg.

Mike Mordecai (Montreal Expos) can play all positions except pitcher.

Cal Ripken (Baltimore Orioles) gets his 20<sup>th</sup>, and last, card, ending a fabulous career.

The XCs for 2001 include some impressive hitters:

Brooks Keischnick (Colorado Rockies) with (1,1,3,6)  
Matt LeCroy (Minnesota Twins) (1,1,6,6,6,6,7,7,7,8,8,8,9,9)  
Darren Bragg (New York Yankees) has a rare (0,6,6,6)  
Alex Cinton (Arizona Diamondbacks) has (2,2,4)  
Brandon Berger (Kansas City Royals) has (1,1,2,5,6,8,8,8,9,9)  
Tim Bogar (Los Angeles Dodgers) has (1,1,5,6,6,8,8,8,9,9)  
Ryan Freel (Cincinnati Reds) has three (11)s  
Dieon Sander's last card is an XC with Cincinnati.

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# 2002 Season

Teams: NL-16 AL-14 (12 on 16) Cards  
per Team: 20  
XBs: 10/Team M/S: Yes  
Print Style: XII Format: j  
Back: SIX  
Published: January 2003

**XCs: NL-150 AL-168 (with M/S):**

## First Printing (SGP)

Print Style: XIII, Variety 16, Format: l  
Back: BLANK  
Published: 2003

## Second Printing (APBA Games)

Print Style: XVI Format: n  
Back: BLANK  
Published: 2004

Baseball Park Factor Chart: Yes (Staffa)

*Playing for the Mets between 1995 and 2002, Venezuelan-born Edgardo Alfonzo reached Fielding One levels at both second and third base, in separate seasons, and hit over .300 four times. He is pictured here because of his unusual 2002 card. Only once before, in 1966, have the result numbers (1), (6) and(0 ) all appeared in the first column on the same card. APBA appears to be expanding its cardmaking options in rare cases, presumably where there's a statistical benefit.*

*The use of pseudonyms for nonunion players comes to a welcome halt after five seasons. All players' cards have real names.*

## Corrections:

APBA's XC roster sheet omits six pitchers for the Baltimore Orioles: Steve Bechler, Eric Bedard, Sean Douglass, Eric DuBose, Pat Hentgen, and Josh Towers.

Reflecting an error in MLB reference material at the time, infielder Marco Scutaro (New York Mets XC) is listed as "Marcos" Scutaro on both the SGP and APBA card versions.

## Miscellany:

Edgardo Antonio "Fonzi"

**ALFONZO**

Thirdbaseman (5)

YR	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	SB	BA	SLG	OBP
02	135	490	78	151	16	56	6	.308	.459	.391

Bats: Right

Throws: Right

Height: 5-11

Weight: 187

Born: 11-8-73

St. Teresa, Ven.

11-	6-6	31-	9-6	51-	8-6
12-	25-11	32-	26-11	52-	27-11
13-	14-6	33-	0-6	53-	20-6
14-	30-11	34-	31-11	54-	32-11
15-	8-6	35-	9-6	55-	8-6
16-	12-11	36-	14-6	56-	34-11
21-	31-6	41-	28-11	61-	22-6
22-	7-6	42-	14-6	62-	13-6
23-	28-6	43-	29-11	63-	31-11
24-	27-11	44-	7-6	64-	39-6
25-	8-6	45-	14-6	65-	35-11
26-	13-6	46-	13-6	66-	1-5

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With the (12) at dice roll 16, the (28) moves to dice roll 23, APBA's usual location for infield outs that are displaced by the location of the 12.

In 2002, batting power declines from the heights reached in recent seasons. The number of nonpitchers with an extra-base hit or (0) at dice roll 22 falls from 156 to 121, the equivalent of four per team. Twelve players have at least (1,1) power, while 14 have five power-numbers.

Jim Thome (Cleveland Indians) collects (1,1,1,6) for the first time. He is the only (1,1,1) player, regular or otherwise, in the 2002 set. With 10 hits, 6 (14)s, a (22) and 7 (13)s, Thome is unable to hit a grounder to the left side of the infield.

Barry Bonds (San Francisco Giants) with .370 batting, .582 OBP and 799 slugging, has (1,1,5,5,6) with 11 hits, 9 (14)s, a (15) and a (22). Bonds lost his (F) speed and, for the first time since 1989, he declines to (OF-2).

Besides Bonds, the only player with five single-column extra-base hits is Greg Colbrunn (Arizona Diamondbacks XB) (1,4,5,5,5).

Another home run leader is Todd Greene (Texas Rangers XB): (0,0,0,1,1,) with 11 (1)'s in the second column. Other home run power includes: Alex Rodriguez (Texas Rangers) (1,1,5,5), Karim Garcia (Cleveland Indians XB) (1,1,5,5) and Sammy Sosa (Chicago Cubs) (0,0,1,1) with 10 second column (1)s.

As noted above, Edgardo Alfonzo (New York Mets) has (0,1,6) power, one of the few players to ever have that combination.

Alex Cintron (Arizona Diamondbacks XB) (0,6,6), Eddie Perez (Cleveland Indians), Chris Widger (New York Yankees) (0,6,6) and Brady Clark (New York Mets XB) (0,6) also have the new first column combination of (0)s and a (6). Their second columns contain (6)s and singles.

Kenny Rogers (Texas Rangers, pitcher) had two hits in three at-bats with a walk and a stolen base. He is carded with: (8,8,8,9,9,10,11,11,11,11,11,11) and three (14\*)s.

Mike Kincade (Los Angeles Dodgers XB) has four (42)s, 12 hit-numbers, including (1,6,6,6), and two (14)s.

Brian Giles (Pittsburgh Pirates) and Rob Makowiak (Pittsburgh Pirates), each have one (14\*). Giles has five second column (11)s and Makowiak, with a single column card, has a (10).

The only Grade A starting pitchers with (Z) control are on the same team (Boston Red Sox): Pedro Martinez (MG=17) (XY)(Z) and Derek Lowe (MG=16) (Y)(Z). The other A starters are Barry Zito (Oakland Athletics) (MG=15) (Y) and Randy Johnson (Arizona Diamondbacks) (MG=17) (XY).

The New York Yankees can field four Grade B (Z) starters, though none have numerical grades higher than 11: David Wells (MG=11) (Y)(Z), Jeff Weaver (MG=11) (Y)(Z), Andy Pettitte (MG=11) (Y)(Z) and Orlando Hernandez (MG=10) (Y)(Z). Four of the five Yankee starters on their 20 man roster (Roger Clemens, Mike Mussina, Andy Pettitte and Jeff Weaver, have 9 or more hit-numbers.

Other teams that can start four or more Grade B pitchers are:

*Atlanta Braves*

Tom Glavine (MG=13)  
Greg Maddux (MG=14) (Z)  
Kevin Millwood (MG=13) (Y)(Z)  
Damian Moss (MG=12) (W)

*St. Louis Cardinals*

Matt Morris (MG=12) (Y)  
Woody Williams (MG=14) (Y)(Z)  
Andy Benes XB (MG=12) (Y)(W)  
Mike Crudale XB (MG=14/19\*) (X)(Z)

*San Francisco Giants*

Russ Ortiz (MG=11)  
Kirk Rueter (MG=12) (Z)  
Jason Schmidt (MG=11) (X)  
Kurt Ainsworth XB (MG=14) (W)

At the other end of the scale, the Milwaukee Brewers have no starter better than (MG=6) other than Wayne Franklin XC (MG=12) (Y)(W) with four starts and 24 IP.

The Detroit Tigers only way to do better than an (MG=5) starter is to call on Andy Van Hekken XC (MG=9) (Z) with five starts and 30 IP.

The Tampa Bay Devil Rays have the weakest overall pitching staff with no starter better than (MG=5) and no relief pitcher better than (MG=6\*). The only exception is Lance Carter XC (MG= 14\*) (Y)(Z) with 8 relief appearances and 20.1 innings pitched..

The Colorado Rockies have no starter better than (MG=7). However, they have the best hitting starting pitchers in the set:

Mike Hampton (MG=2) (W) (1,5,5,) with 13 hit-numbers  
Jason Jennings (MG=7) (Y) (6,6,7) with 11 hit-numbers  
Shawn Chacon (MG=3) (W) (6,7,7) with 10 hit-numbers  
Denny Neagle (MG=4) (6,6,6) with 10 hit-numbers

The A&B\* pitching grade returns to APBA for the first time since 1995, in the form of Chris Hammond (Atlanta Braves) and his 0.95 ERA in 76 innings. At (MG=26\*) (Y), he is the fifth pitcher in a contemporary set, and the first lefty, to get the A&B\* rating.

The three National League A&C\* relievers include:

Darren Holmes (Atlanta Braves) (MG=20\*) (X)(Z)  
Octavio Dotel (Houston Astros) (MG=20\*) (XY)(Z)  
Joey Eischen (Montreal Expos) (MG=23\*) (X)(Z)

Dotel, with six saves, leads the group.

The four American League A&C\*s are: Troy Percival (Anaheim Angels) (MG=20\*) (XY), Buddy Groom (Baltimore Orioles) (MG=22\*) (X)(Z), J.C. Romero (Minnesota Twins) (MG=20\*) (X) and Francisco Cordero (Texas Rangers XB) (MG=21\*) (X).

Some relief staffs are exceptionally deep. The Anaheim Angels have three relievers at Grade B\* and four at A\*. The Atlanta Braves and the New York Mets each have five A\*s and two B\*s. Overall, the Braves have 11 pitchers at (MG=12\*), or better, and the Mets and Angels each have 9 pitchers rated (MG=11\*), or better.

After setting all-time records for season fielding percentage, error less games and error less chances accepted, Mike Bordick (Baltimore Orioles) moves up to (SS-10) after 8 seasons at (SS-9). Ever since the Gold Glove award was established in 1957, Bordick is the first player to be rated (SS-10) without ever winning the award.

Bordick bucks the trend, as 7 shortstops fall out of Fielding One and only two, Jimmy Rollins (Philadelphia Phillies) and Cristian Guzman (Minnesota Twins), move up. Rollins is the only National League (SS-9).

For the first time in 39 years, a reigning Gold Glove shortstop, Edgar Renteria (St. Louis Cardinals), is a (SS-8), rather than a (SS-9) or (SS-10).

The Minnesota Twins have a Fielding One player at each of the five infield positions, including catcher: A.J. Pierzynski (catcher), Doug Mientkiewicz (first base), Luis Rivas (second base), Cristian Guzman (shortstop) and Corey Koskie (third base). The overall defensive point total of 44, with a (P-2), is second highest in the set. The Seattle Mariners can have a Fielding One player at 7 of the 8 positions, all but shortstop, and reach 45 points by using (OF-3) Charles Gipson XB.

All teams can reach Fielding Two (36 points), though the Milwaukee Brewers can only do so with a (P-2) in the lineup.

There are no (3B-6)s for the 15<sup>th</sup> straight season and the 19<sup>th</sup> out of the last 20. There is only one (2B-9), Pokey Reese (Pittsburgh Pirates).

Besides Barry Bonds (San Francisco Giants), two other notables who had Fielding One ratings since 1990, drop back to Fielding Two: Ken Griffey Jr (OF-2) and Roberto Alomar (2B-7).

Two long Fielding One streaks continue: Steve Finley (New York Mets) (OF-3) since 1989 and Mark Grace (Arizona Diamondbacks) (1B-4) in 1989-1990 and (1B-5) from 1991 on.

At (3B-5), Vinny Castilla (Atlanta Braves) keeps a unique streak alive: between 1998 and 2005, he is a (3B-5) in all even numbered years and a (3B-4) in all odd numbered years.

Nobody in the set has a rating below  $A_{[m]}=26$ , the first time that has ever happened. Rickey Henderson (Boston Red Sox) and Frank Thomas (Chicago White Sox) are holdovers from past years and Tim Raines (Florida Marlins) drops two points to join them. Matt Lawton (Cleveland Indians) also earns an  $A_{[m]}=26$  while suffering with arm problems for most of the season. At the top of the arm scale, there's no change from 2001, with Raul Mondesi (New York Yankees) leading the way at  $A_{[m]}=39$ , Alex Ochoa (Anahiem Angels), Ivan Rodriguez (Texas Rangers) and Ichiro Suzuki (Seattle Mariners) at  $A_{[m]}=38$  and ten players, all repeaters, at  $A_{[m]}=37$ .

Ichiro Suzuki (Seattle Mariners) is the only player in the set with a  $(F_{[ast]20})$ . Former  $(F_{[ast]20})$  Tom Goodwin (San Francisco Giants), now 34 years old, and Cristian Guzman (Minnesota Twins) fell to  $(F_{[ast]18})$ . Rafael Furcal (Atlanta Braves) dropped to 19. Nobody has  $(S_{[low]1})$ . Darren Fletcher (Toronto Bluejays), who retired in July, and XB pitcher Rich Garces (Boston Red Sox XB, pitcher) have  $(S_{[low]2})$ .

Mets' catchers reach unusual extremes in the throwing department: starter Mike Piazza gets his third consecutive  $Th_{[row]}=-4$ , and his backup, Vance Wilson, has a  $Th_{[row]}=+3$ . Ivan Rodriguez (Texas Rangers), a perennial  $A_{[m]}=+6$ , is downgraded to  $A_{[m]}=+3$ .

The only defensive player rated at a position he did not play in 2002 was Jeff Conine (Baltimore Orioles) with (3B-3). Of the 20 men on the basic Oriole roster, only Tony Batista actually played 3B in 2002, so a backup was needed. Conine had played 17 games at 3B in 2001.

Edgar Martinez (Seattle Mariners) was the only DH who never played defensively in 2002. He is rated as (1B-2). Four XCs, with minimal at-bats, were not used on defense in a major league game: Lyle Overbay (Arizona Diamondbacks) (1B-2); Dean Palmer (Detroit Tigers) (3B-3); Drew Henson (New York Yankees) (3B-3) and Ron Wright (Seattle Mariners) (1B-2).

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“Fielding Review and Fielding One Scorecard” by Eric Naftaly, ([APBA News](#), Mar.- Apr. 2003).



# 2003 Season

Teams: NL-16 AL-14 (12 on 64)  
Cards per Team: 20  
XBs: 10/Team M/S: Yes  
Print Style: XII Format: j  
Back: SIX  
Published: 2004

XCs: NL-167 AL-163 (M/S on cards)  
XCs: Print Style: XVI Format: n  
XC Back: BLANK  
XC Published: 2004

*When will we ever see this again? A 6-foot-3, (SS-10) with two (1)s, and only 28 years old. He was shuffled off during the following winter to the New York Yankees, to play third base and be booed! Alex Rodriguez is baseball's highest paid player and arguably its best. Despite his fabulous fielding and impressive offensive numbers, his record-breaking ten-year, 252 million dollar contract in 2001 would sink the Texas Rangers to the bottom of the American League West. As the 2003 World Series would prove once again, when the Florida Marlins took the Yankees in six games, money can buy players but it cannot buy a team.*

*The 2003 set has the dual-rating for batting characteristics, the ZZ pitcher's control rating, and the reduced Master Game pitcher ratings.*

## Corrections:

The XCs set for 2003 consists of 330 players; 167 National League and 163 American League. The printed XC roster for the National League only lists 158 players. The 9 missing players are:

### Florida Marlins

C - Castro, (Ramon)  
OF - Williams, (Gerald)  
    Allen, (Chad)  
P - Alvarez, (Juan)  
    Burnett, (Alan James [A.J.])  
    Nunez, (Vladimar)  
    Olsen, (Kevin)  
    Wayne, (Justin)

### Houston Astros

P - Puffer, (Brandon)

Alexander Emmanuel "A-Rod"

## RODRIGUEZ

(F) Shortstop (10)

YR	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	SB	BA	SLG	OBP
03	161	607	124	181	47	118	17	.298	.600	.396

Bats: Right      Throws: Right  
Height: 6-3      Weight: 210  
Born: 7-27-75      New York, NY

11-	1-1	31-	9-2	51-	9-1
12-	25-6	32-	26-6	52-	27-6
13-	14-2	33-	0-1	53-	20-2
14-	30-6	34-	31-6	54-	32-6
15-	10-1	35-	42-2	55-	8-1
16-	28-6	36-	14-6	56-	34-6
21-	13-6	41-	24-6	61-	39-2
22-	6-1	42-	14-2	62-	13-2
23-	23-5	43-	29-6	63-	31-6
24-	13-6	44-	8-1	64-	12-2
25-	8-1	45-	14*2	65-	35-6
26-	13-2	46-	13-4	66-	1-1

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## Miscellany:

There are only four Grade A starters in the set:

Kevin Brown (Los Angeles Dodgers) (MG=17) (X)(Z)  
Jason Schmidt (San Francisco Giants) (MG=17) (X)(Z)  
Mark Prior (Chicago Cubs) (MG=16) (X)(Z)  
Tim Hudson (Oakland Athletics) (MG=15) (Y)(Z)

Eric Gagne (Los Angeles Dodgers) is a Grade A&B\* (MG=25\*) (XY)(Z).

Grade A&C\* pitchers include:

John Smoltz (Atlanta Braves) (MG=23\*) (XY)(ZZ)  
Brendan Donnelly (Anahiem Angels) (MG=23\*) (X)  
Rafael Soriano (Seattle Mariners) (MG=23\*) (XY)(Z)  
Shigetoshi Hasegawa (Seattle Mariners) (MG=23\*) (Z)  
Mariano Rivera (New York Yankees) (MG=22\*) (X)(Z)  
Damaso Marte (Chicago White Sox) (MG=22\*)  
Rheal Cormier (Philadelphia Phillies) (MG=21\*) (Y)  
LaTroy Hawkins (Minnesota Twins) (MG=20\*) (X)(Z)  
Billy Wagner (Houston Astros) (MG=20\*) (XY)(Z)

Pitchers with a (ZZ) rating are:

John Smoltz (Atlanta Braves)  
Greg Maddox (Atlanta Braves)  
Matthew Meadows (Pittsburgh Pirates)  
David Wells (New York Yankees)  
Gabe White (New York Yankees)  
Brad Radke (Minnesota Twins)  
Roy Halladay (Toronto Blue Jays)  
Josh Towers (Toronto Blue Jays)  
Mike Timlin (Boston Red Sox)

Barry Bonds (San Francisco Giants) has the most power for a regular player (0,0,1,1,1). In addition, he has 7 (14)s, a (42) and a .342 batting average. This is the second of his record four cards (2001, 2003, 2004, 2005) with (1,1,1), all after he reached the age of 37.

Javy Lopez (Atlanta Braves) is the first catcher to receive (1,1,1,6,6). Lopez owns one of the best hitting cards for a catcher in the history of APBA!

Other players with five power-numbers are:

Albert Pujols (St. Louis Cardinals) (1,1,5,6,6)  
Jim Edmonds (St. Louis Cardinals) (1,1,4,5,6)  
Ken Griffey, Jr. (Cincinnati Reds) (0,0,0,1,1)  
Reggie Sanders (Pittsburgh Pirates) (0,0,0,1,1)  
Jason Michaels (Philadelphia Phillies) (0,0,0,0,1)  
Richard Hidalgo (Houston Astros) (0,0,0,0,1)

Todd Helton (Colorado Rockies) (0,0,0,0,1)  
Michael Kieschnick (Milwaukee Brewers) (0,1,1,1,1).  
David Ortiz (Boston Red Sox) (1,1,4,6,6)  
Adam Melhuse (Oakland Athletics) (1,1,4,6,6)  
Juan Gonzalez (Texas Rangers) (0,0,0,1,1)  
Jack Cust (Baltimore Orioles) (0,0,0,0,1)  
Lew Ford (Minnesota Twins) (0,0,0,0,1)  
Garret Anderson (Anaheim Angels) (0,0,0,0,1)  
Eric Hinske (Toronto Blue Jays) (0,0,0,0,0)  
Rey Ordonez (Tampa Bay Devil Rays) (0,0,0,0,0)

Alfonso Soriano (New York Yankees) does not have five power numbers, but his (1,4,5,5) is impressive.

Mike Ryan (Minnesota Twins XB) deserves mention. His card reflects a .393 batting average, a little speed and lots of power: (1,1,5,6,6,7,8,8,8,8,9,9,11).

Fourteen players have three (31)s:

Omar Vizquel (Cleveland Indians)  
Ichiro Suzuki (Seattle Mariners)  
Doug Mientkiewicz (Minnesota Twins)  
Shannon Stewart (Minnesota Twins)  
Robby Alomar (Chicago White Sox)  
Frank Catalanotto (Toronto Blue Jays)  
Mike Bordick (Toronto Blue Jays),  
Edgardo Alfonso (San Francisco Giants)  
Eric Young (San Francisco Giants)  
Craig Biggio (Houston Astros)  
Palcido Polanco (Philadelphia Phillies)  
Jason Kendall (Pittsburgh Pirates)  
Mark Loretta (San Diego Padres)  
Mark Grace (Arizona Diamondbacks)

Ageless Rickey Henderson (Los Angeles Dodgers) receives two (11)s at the age of 45.

Alex Sanchez (Detroit Tigers) receives (10,11,11,11) and has (F[ast]19) speed with a B27 stealing rating.

Juan Pierre (Miami Marlins) has three (11)s, (F[ast]19) speed and a C30 steal rating.

Carl Crawford (Tampa Bay Devil Rays) has three (11)s with a C32 steal rating.

Shane Victorino has a (6\*), one (11) and three (14\*)s with a B30 steal rating.

Ichiro Suzuki is given (F[ast]20) speed, the highest in the set, with a D31 steal rating.

Six other players with (F[ast]19) are:

Chone Figgins (Anaheim Angels)  
Donnie Salder (Texas Rangers)  
Dave Roberts (Los Angeles Dodgers)  
Rafael Furcal (Atlanta Braves)  
Jimmy Rollins (Philadelphia Phillies)

Randy Winn (Seattle Mariners).

High steal ratings are given to:

B35 Jose Morban (Baltimore Orioles)  
D35 Carlos Beltran (Kansas City Royals)  
D35 Henry Mateo (Montreal Expos)  
D35 Pokey Reese (Pittsburgh Pirates)  
E34 Darin Erstad (Anaheim Angeles)  
E34 Aaron Boone (New York Yankees)  
E34 Placido Polanco (Philadelphia Phillies)  
E35 David Delucci (Minnesota Twins/New York Yankees)  
E35 Orlando Cabrera (Montreal Expos)  
F35 Jacque Jones (Minnesota Twins)  
F35 Miguel Tejada (Oakland Athletics)  
F35 Marlon Byrd (Philadelphia Phillies)

Scott Rolen (St. Louis Cardinals) is the only (3B-6). Alex Rodriguez (Texas Rangers) is the only (SS-10). The Chicago Cubs have three (OF-3)s: Tom Goodwin, Kenny Lofton and Doug Glanville.

Raul Mondesi (Arizona Diamondbacks) has the best arm rating with A[rm]=39. Ichiro Suzuki (Seattle Mariners) and Ivan Rodriguez (Detroit Tigers) have A[rm]=38.

The Seattle Mariners have the highest fielding point total of 45: Dan Wilson (C-9), John Olerud (1B-5), Bret Boone (2B-9), Rey Sanchez (SS-9), Jeff Cirillo (3B-5) Ichiro Suzuki (OF-3), Mike Cameron (OF-3) and Randy Winn (OF-2).

The following are the outstanding XCs:

John Parrish (Baltimore Orioles) Grade A\* (MG=15\*) (Y)  
Adrian Brown (Boston Red Sox) has two (11)s, a (10) and two (14\*)s and B31 stealing rating.  
Aaron Miles (Chicago White Sox) is a (2B-6) with (6,6,6,6,6) power.  
Chris Magruder (Cleveland Indians) is an (OF-2) with (1,2,6,6) power  
William Sadler (Cleveland Indians) Grade A\* (MG=15\*) (X)(W)  
Ramon Castro (Florida Marlins) is a (C-7) with (1,1,5,5) power numbers for five home runs in 53 at-bats  
Tom Prince (Kansas City) is a (C-8) with a Th[ow]=+3 and (0,0,1) power  
Christopher Lathan (New York Yankees) has three (11)s and a (10) with a C26 steal rating  
Gerald Laird (Texas) has the unusual power number combination of (3,5,5)  
Mike Hessman (Atlanta Braves) has (1,5,5,6) power with four (14)s and 6 (24)s.  
Ryan Wagner (Cincinnati Reds) Grade A\* (MG=17\*) (X)(W)  
Greg Vaughn (Colorado Rockies) has (1,1,6,6) power with 6 (14)s  
Kit Pellow (Colorado Rockies) a (C-5) hit .444 and received (1,2,6,6,6,7,7,8,8,8,8,9,9) hit-numbers  
Jason Lane (Houston Astros) is an (OF-2) with (1,1,1,5,6,6) power.  
Paul Cordero (Montreal Expos) Grade A\* (MG=15\*) (XY)(Z)  
Prentice Redman (New York Mets) has the unusual combination of (6\*), (11), (14\*) and (42\*) with a B31 steal rating  
Alberto Castillo (San Francisco Giants) is a solid backup (C-8) with (1,5,6) power.

# 2004 Season

Teams: NL-16 AL-14 (12 on 43) Cards per  
Team: 25  
XBs: 10 /Team M/S: Yes  
Print Style: XII, Variety 15, Format: j  
Back: SIX  
Published: 2005

XCs: NL-167 AI-180 (M/S on cards) XC  
Print Style: XVI, Format: n  
XC Back: SIX  
XC Published: 2005

Baseball Park Factor Chart: Yes

*The question when discussing Barry Bonds is not whether he has been the best all-around player of our generation, or even if he is the best all-around player in major league history. The real question when discussing Barry Bonds is which season: 2001, 2002 or 2004 was his greatest. In 2001, Bonds broke Babe Ruth's all-time season record for slugging percentage and Mark McGwire's home run record (see 1998 Season). In 2002, Bonds set new all-time records for walks and on-base percentage. In 2004, Bonds went ballistic, shattering the walks record with 232 to produce a new, all-time season record .609 on-base percentage. His .812 slugging percentage ranks fourth in the history of the major leagues. Like him or not, Barry Bonds and/or his stats, is gradually evolving into the greatest of alltime. The 2004 season is probably his absolute best season.*

MG Pitcher Fatigue Rating (Q-factor) is listed on the M/S folder..

This season's cards do not have "Major League" printed inside the baseball logo on the back of the cards.

This season has the dual ratings for the Batting Characteristics (BC) and the (ZZ) pitcher control rating. [See "Glossary"].

## Corrections:

None reported

## Miscellany:

The MVPs for this season are Barry Bonds (San Francisco Giants) and Vladimir Guerrero (Anaheim Angels). Bonds [see card illustration and caption above] had, arguably, the greatest season in major league history. He has (1,1,1,6,6) power with 11 hit-numbers, a staggering 9 (14)'s and a (22).

Barry Lamar "Sledgehammer"

## BONDS

Outfielder (2)

YR	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	SB	BA	SLG	OBP
04	147	373	129	135	45	101	6	.362	.812	.609

Bats: Left Throws: Left

Height: 6-2 Weight: 230

Born: 7-24-64 Riverside, CA

11- 1	31- 9	51- 8
12- 25	32- 26	52- 27
13- 14	33- 1	53- 15
14- 30	34- 31	54- 32
15- 10	35- 9	55- 8
16- 28	36- 33	56- 14
21- 14	41- 13	61- 22
22- 6	42- 14	62- 14
23- 29	43- 12	63- 13
24- 14	44- 6	64- 14
25- 8	45- 14	65- 35
26- 14	46- 40	66- 1

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Albert Pujols (St. Louis Cardinals) was clearly the second best player in baseball. His card features (1,1,5,6, 6) power-numbers, four (14)s and 11 hit-numbers.

Vladimir Guerrero (Anaheim Angels) has (1,1,6,6) power- numbers, two (14)s and 12 hit-numbers to replicate his .337 batting average, .598 slugging percentage and .391 on-base percentage.

Gary Sheffield (?????????) features power-numbers (0,0,0,0,1), 11 second column (1)s, 5 (14)s, and 10 hit-numbers to replicate his .290 batting average, .534 slugging percentage, and .393 on-base percentage.

Ichiro Suzuki (Seattle Mariners) received thirteen hit numbers (0,0,7,7,7,7,8,8,9, 9,10,10,11) with two (14)s to replicate his record-breaking 262 hit season. Suzuki's .372 batting average led the major leagues.

Richie Sexson (Arizona Diamondbacks XB) has (0,0,0.1.1) power with 12 second-column (1)'s to replicate his 9 home runs in 90 at-bats.

Johnny Estrada (Atlanta Braves) has hit numbers that include (0,6,6,7,7,7) with 21 second-column (1)'s to replicate his 9 home runs, .314 batting average and 462 at-bats.

Jeff Conine (Florida Marlins) has (0,6 6) with 30 (1)s to replicate his 14 home runs in 521 at-bats.

Tony Alvarez (Pittsburgh Pirates XB) has hit numbers that include (0,6,8,8,8,9) with 22 second column (1)s to replicate his 1 home run in 38 at-bats.

Bill Mueller (Boston Red Sox) has (0,6,6) power with 32 second-column (1)s and the interesting combination of two second column (2)s, one second column (3) and one second column (6) to replicate his 12 home runs and .446 slugging percentage in 399 at-bats.

Nick Punto (Minnesota Twins XB) has one (0) and 24 second column (1)s to replicate his 2 home runs in 91 at-bats.

Enrique Wilson (New York Yankees) has (0,6) power and 29 second column (1)s to replicate his 6 home runs in 240 at-bats.

Brian Daubach (Boston Red Sox XC) has (0,6,6) with 29 second column (1)s for his 2 home runs in 75 at-bats.

Greg Norton (Detroit Tigers XC) has a (0,1) with 24 second column (1)s for his 2 home runs in 86 atbats.

Andy Fox (Texas Rangers XC) has (0,8,8) with 23 second column (1)s for his 1 home run in 55 at-bats.

Fernando Vina (Detroit Tigers XB) has neither an (11) nor a (10) in the first column, but has 20 (11)s in the second column. He stole 2 bases in 29 games.

Damian Rolls (Tampa Bay Devil Rays XB) has 23 second-column (11)s with neither an (11) nor a (10) in the first column. He stole 2 bases in 53 games.

Joey Gathright (Tampa Bay Devil Rays) has three (11)s and a (10), but has (8)s on dice rolls 11, 33 and 66 and (9)s on 22 and 44. For Gathright, dice roll 51 will usually be more beneficial than dice roll 66.

The leading base stealers for this season are:

A28: Kerry Robinson (San Diego Padres XB)  
B27: Tim Raines (Baltimore Orioles XB)  
C35: Jose Reyes (New York Mets) and Dave Roberts (Boston Red Sox)  
C33: Willie Bloomquist (Seattle Mariners) and Joey Gathright (Tampa Bay Devil Rays XB)  
C32: Scott Podsednik (Milwaukee Brewers)  
C31: Carl Crawford (Tampa Bay Devil Rays)

Players receiving MG ratings of Sp[eed] = (F[ast] 20) are: Ichiro Suzuki (Seattle Mariners) and Joey Gathright (Tampa Bay Devil Rays XB). Seven players receive MG ratings of Sp[eed] = (F[ast] 19). No one received MG ratings of Sp[eed] = (S[low] 1), (S[low] 2) or (S[low] 3).

Eleven XC players have at least five hit-numbers despite collecting no hits during the season.

Jeff Bagwell (Houston Astros) ties the record for the lowest Ar[m]=21 rating.

At the other extreme, no players receive an Ar[m] rating of 40 or 39. The highest rating is 38 (Ichiro Suzuki, Seattle Mariners and Ivan Rodriguez, Detroit Tigers), while seven players receive a 37. In an interesting defensive irony, Ivan Rodriguez receives his high Ar[m] rating even though he doesn't have the highest Th[rough to second] rating on Tigers.

Catchers receiving Th[rough] ratings=+6 are Brian Schneider (Montreal Expos) and Henry Blanco (Minnesota Twins). Bengie Molina (Anaheim Angels) and Robert Machado (Baltimore Orioles) received ratings of Th+5.

No players are rated (SS-10) or (3B-6). Placido Polanco (Philadelphia Phillies) and Louie Rivas (Minnesota Twins) are rated (2B-9). Players rated (1B-5) include Derrek Lee (Chicago Cubs), Todd Helton (Colorado Rockies), Darin Erstad (Anaheim Angels), Doug Mientkiewicz (Boston Red Sox) and John Olerud (New York Yankees). Players rated (C-9) are Brad Ausmus (Houston Astros), Brian Schneider (Montreal Expos), Mike Matheny (St. Louis Cardinals), Bengie Molina (Anaheim Angels), Damian Miller (Oakland A's), and Dan Wilson (Seattle Mariners). Eighteen players are rated (OF-3).

Pitchers with the best pitching grades:

Armando Benitez (Florida Marlins) A&C\* (MG=24\*)  
Mike Gonzales (Pittsburgh Pirates XB) A&C\* (MG=23\*)  
Akinori Otsuka (San Diego Padres XB) A&C\* (MG= 20\*)  
Frank Rodriguez (Anahiem Angels) A&C\* (MG=21\*)  
Scott Williamson (Boston Red Sox XB) A&C\* (MG=21\*)  
Joe Nathan (Minnesota Twins) A&C\* (MG=22\*)  
Manny Rivera (New York Yankees) A&C\* (MG=20\*)

Although they do have two pitchers with Grades of C or C\*, every pitcher on the Cincinnati Reds has single digit MG Grades.

Pitchers rated (ZZ) include: LaTroy Hawkins (Chicago Cubs), Billy Wagner (Philadelphia Phillies), David Wells (San Diego Padres), Keith Foulke (Boston Red Sox), Jamie Walker (Detroit Tigers), Brad Radke (Minnesota Twins), Jon Lieber (New York Yankees) and Paul Quantrill (New York Yankees).

Jorge de la Rosa (Milwaukee Brewers XC) has 25 (13)s, while Daniel Cabrera (Baltimore Orioles) and Nate Cornejo (Detroit Tigers XC) have 24 (13)s. Eleven players have 23 (13)s; 22 players have 22 (13)s. The only non-pitcher with more than 20 (13)s is Mike Rose (Oakland Athletics XC, catcher) with 21 (13)s.

Players (all pitchers) with extreme double-play cards include:

Eddie Guardado (Seattle Mariners) and Pat Hentgen (Toronto Blue Jays XB) with 12 (24)s  
D.J. Carrasco (Kansas City Royals XB), Aaron Fultz (Minnesota Twins XB), and Paul Quantrill  
(New York Yankees) with 11 (24)s  
Jon Lieber (New York Yankees) and Josh Towers (Toronto Blue Jays) with 9 (24)s  
Esteban Loaiza (New York Yankees XB) and Kenny Rogers (Texas Rangers) with 8 (24)s.

Carlos Almanzar (Texas Rangers XB, pitcher) barely misses qualifying for both negative lists with only 19 (13)s and 7 (24)s.

Mark Mulder (Oakland Athletics, pitcher) has two (42)s.

Todd Hollandsworth (Chicago Cubs) has his surname printed in a compressed font.



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XB: 10/team M/S: Yes  
Print Style: XII, Variety 15 Format: j  
Back: SIX  
Published: 2006

XC's: NL-180 AL-157 (M/S on cards)  
XC Print Style: XVI, Format: n  
XC Back: BLANK  
XC Published: 2006

Baseball Park Factor Chart: Yes (Staffa)

*He will not be remembered by most baseball fans. Wilkerson is just another journeyman, left-handed firstbaseman/outfielder who might be a starter for weaker teams and could become a strong bench player for a good team. His one year in Washington would not normally create memories were it not for the 33-year drought that fate, and the team's lack of a leadoff hitter, created a job for Wilkerson..*

*The Game Company published XC's for this season contemporaneously with the regular and XB sets.*

*This season has the dual batting characteristics, the (ZZ) pitchers ratings, the devalued pitching grades, the Staffa baseball park factor chart and, for the first time(R) and (K) strikeout ratings.*

## Corrections:

None

## Miscellany:

The new R and K strikeout ratings available on the 2006 reissue of the basic game are available, for the first time, in the initial release of a season set. The R rating is quite common and is held by many pitchers. Eric Gagne (Los Angeles Dodgers XC) has the only (KXY) rating. Francisco Liriano (Minnesota Twins XC) is rated (KX). Scott Williamson (Chicago Cubs), Brad Lidge (Houston Astros), B. J. Ryan (Baltimore Orioles), Joe Nathan (Minnesota Twins), Frankie Rodriguez (Los Angeles Angels), Rudy Seanez (San Diego Padres XB), George Sherrill (Seattle Mariners XB) and Jonathan Broxton (Los Angeles Dodgers XC) are rated (KY). Kyle Farnsworth (Atlanta Braves), Billy Wagner (Philadelphia Phillies), Michael Wuertz (Chicago Cubs), Aquilino Lopez (Philadelphia Phillies XB), Chad Fox (Chicago Cubs XC) and Hong-Chuh Kuo (Los Angeles Dodgers XC) are rated (K).

This is the year that Major League Baseball returned to Washington, DC. The Montreal Expos became the Washington Nationals, as part of the National League's Eastern Division. This marked the first MLB team in Washington since the prior American League Senators franchise moved to Texas following the

## Stephen Bradley "Brad" WILKERSON

(F) Outfielder (2) (1B-4)

YR	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	SB	BA	SLG	OBP
05	148	565	76	140	11	57	8	.248	.405	.351

Bats: Left  
Height: 6-1  
Born: 6-1-77  
Throws: Left  
Weight: 205  
Daviess, KY

11-	0-1	31-	14-4	51-	14-5
12-	25-7	32-	26-7	52-	27-7
13-	14-6	33-	0-1	53-	17-6
14-	30-11	34-	31-11	54-	32-11
15-	9-2	35-	40-6	55-	8-2
16-	28-6	36-	33-6	56-	34-6
21-	13-6	41-	28-6	61-	22-6
22-	0-1	42-	13-6	62-	13-6
23-	12-6	43-	29-6	63-	30-6
24-	13-6	44-	8-1	64-	13-6
25-	9-2	45-	14-6	65-	35-11
26-	13-6	46-	13-6	66-	0-1

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1971 season, and the first NL baseball in Washington since the league's contraction, from 12 to 8 teams, following the 1899 season.

In this author's (John Cochrane) collection, John Olerud's (Boston Red Sox) card is die-cut off center leaving very little left margin, and with neither of the right corners rounded.

Roger Clemens (Houston Astros) is an A&C starter (MG=20).

A&C\* relievers include: Mariano Rivera (New York Yankees) (MG=24), Billy Wagner (Philadelphia Phillies) (MG=23\*), Huston Street (Oakland Athletics) (MG=22\*), Derrick Turnbow (Milwaukee Brewers) (MG=21\*), Neal Cotts (Chicago White Sox) (MG=21\*), Chad Cordero (Washington Nationals) (MG=20\*), Scott Linebrink (San Diego Padres) (MG=20\*) and Cliff Politte (Chicago White Sox) (MG=20\*).

Overall, there is an unusual abundance of strong pitching, particularly in the bullpens. Teams with five B/B\*, or better, pitchers are:

#### St. Louis Cardinals

Chris Carpenter Grade A  
Mark Mulder Grade A  
Jeff Suppan Grade A  
Jason Isringhausen Grade A\*  
Anthony Reyes Grade A\*  
Cal Eldred XB Grade C/A\*  
Ray King Grade B\*  
Julian Tavarez Grade B\*  
Randy Flores XB Grade B\*  
Brad Thompson XB Grade B\*

#### Chicago White Sox

Mark Buerhle Grade B  
Freddy Garcia Grade B  
Jon Garland Grade B  
Jose Contreras Grade B  
Cliff Politte Grade A&C\*  
Neal Cotts Grade A&C\*  
Dustin Hermanson Grade A\*  
Bobby Jenks XB B\*  
Damaso Marte XB B\*  
Luis Vizcaino XB Grade B\*

#### Cleveland Indians

Cliff Lee Grade B  
Kevin Millwood Grade B  
Bob Howry Grade A\*  
Bob Wickman Grade A\*  
Rafael Betancourt XB Grade A\*  
Fernando Cabrera XB Grade A\*

Matt Miller XB Grade A\*  
Arthur Rhodes XB Grade A\*  
David Riske Grade B\*

Oakland Athletics

Rich Harden Grade A  
Danny Haren Grade B  
Joe Blanton Grade B  
Barry Zito Grade B  
Huston Street Grade A&C\*  
Justin Duchscherer Grade A\*  
Kiko Calero XB Grade B\*  
Jay Witasick XB Grade B\*  
Ron Flores XC Grade B\*

San Diego Padres

Jake Peavy Grade B  
Scott Linebrink Grade A&C\*  
Rudy Seanez XB Grade A\*  
Clay Hensley XB Grade C/A\*  
Trevor Hoffman Grade B\*  
Akinori Otsuka Grade B\*  
Craig Breslow XC Grade B\*

Houston Astros

Roger Clemens Grade A&C  
Andy Pettitte Grade A  
Roy Oswalt Grade B  
Brad Lidge Grade A/  
Dan Wheeler Grade A\*  
Chad Qualls Grade B\*  
Mike Gallo XB Grade B\*

Toronto Blue Jays

Roy Halladay Grade A  
Gustavo Chacin Grade B  
Josh Towers Grade B  
Justin Speier XB Grade A\*  
Jason Frasor Grade B\*  
Scott Schoenweis Grade B\*  
Pete Walker XB Grade B\*

Los Angeles Angels

Paul Byrd Grade B  
Bartolo Colon Grade B  
Jarrod Washburn Grade B

Frankie Rodriguez Grade A\*  
Scot Shields Grade A\*  
Brendan Donnelly Grade B\*  
Kelvin Escobar XB Grade C/B\*

Washington Nationals

Chad Cordero Grade A&C\*  
Luis Ayala Grade A\*  
Hector Carrasco XB Grade B/A\*  
Joey Eischen XB Grade B\*  
Gary Majewski Grade B\*  
Jay Bergman XC Grade D/B\*

Boston Red Sox

Mike Timlin Grade A\*  
Mike Myers Grade B\*  
Jonathan Papelbon XB Grade C/B\*  
Manny Delcarmen XC Grade B\*  
Matt Perisho XC Grade B\*  
Lenny DiNardo XC Grade C/B\*

Detroit Tigers

Franklin German Grade B\*  
Chris Spurling Grade B\*  
Jamie Walker Grade B\*  
Vic Darensbourg XB Grade B\*  
Craig Dingman XB Grade B\*  
Fernando Rodney XB Grade B\*

Minnesota Twins

Jesse Crain Grade A\*  
Joe Nathan Grade A\*  
Juan Rincon Grade A\*  
Matt Guerrero XB Grade B\*  
J. C. Romero XB Grade B\*

The St. Louis Cardinals can easily play a Fielding One team, 43 points without the pitcher, with:

Yadier Molina (C-9)  
Albert Pujols (1B-4)  
Mark Grudzielanek (2B-8)  
David Eckstein (SS-9)  
Scott Rolen (3B-5)  
Jim Edmonds (OF-3)  
So Taguchi (OF-3)  
Your choice (OF-2)

The Los Angeles Angels have a brother act behind the plate with Bengie Molina (C-9) and Jose Molina (C-8). Their younger brother, Yadier Molina (St. Louis Cardinals) is rated (C-9), (Th+6).

The Los Angeles Angels have a strong duo at first base: Darin Erstad (1B-5) and Casey Kotchman (1B-4).

The Washington Nationals have two firstbaseman rated (1B-4): Nick Johnson and Brad Wilkerson.

Yadier Molina (St. Louis) is rated (C-9) and (Th+6).

Brian Schneider (Washington Nationals), Mike Matheny (San Francisco Giants), A. J. Pierzynski (Chicago White Sox) and Bengie Molina (Los Angeles Angels) are rated (C-9).

Ivan Rodriguez (Detroit Tigers) and Jose Molina (Los Angeles Angeles) are rated (Th+6).

Placido Polanco (Detroit Tigers) is rated (2B-9).

J. T. Snow (San Francisco Giants), John Olerud (Boston Red Sox), Darin Erstad (Los Angeles Angeles) are rated (1B-5).

No player is rated (3B-6).

The Atlanta Braves and Tampa Bay Devil Rays each have 11 F[ast] players, but no catcher or first baseman.

The Washington Nationals have 11 F[ast] players, but no pitcher or catcher.

The Colorado Rockies and Baltimore Orioles each have 10 F[ast] players, but no pitcher or catcher.

Ramon Santiago (Seattle Mariners XC) has 4 (42)s. Adam Greenberg (Chicago Cubs XC) and Chuck Thomas (Oakland Athletics XC) have 3 (42)s each.

Three teams, the Cincinnati Reds, Cleveland Indians and Texas Rangers have the rare ability to field an entire starting lineup of regular cards with first-column (1)s.

The Detroit Tigers have four double (1) players, but they are not much help on a day-to-day basis: Jason Johnson (pitcher) (1,1,1), Carlos Pena (XB) (1,1,6), Marcus Thames (XB) (0,1,1) with 11 second column singles, and Jason Grilli (XC) (pitcher) with (1,1).

Cincinnati has three double (1) players with a full, regular card, outfield of Adam Dunn, Ken Griffey, Jr. and Willy Mo Pena all sporting (1,1,6,6).

Cleveland has three double (1) players with Travis Hafner (0,1,1,6,6) with 15 second-column singles, C. C. Sabathia (pitcher!) with (1,1,6,6,6) and Ryan Ludwick (XB) with (0,1,1) with 17 second column singles.

St. Louis has three double (1) players with Reggie Sanders (1,1,4,6), Albert Pujols (1,1,6,6) and Chris Duncan (XC) (1,1,6,6).

Teams with double (1) players are:

Philadelphia Phillies

Ryan Howard (1,1,4,6) and Shane Victorino XC (1,1,5).

Chicago Cubs

Derrek Lee (1,1,5,6) and Aramis Ramirez (0,0,0,1,1).

Arizona Diamondbacks

Tony Clark (1,1,5,5,6) and Troy Glaus (0,0,1,1).

Baltimore Orioles

Eddie Rogers XC (1,1,1,6) and Sal Fasano (1,1,6).

Boston Red Sox

Manny Ramirez (1,1,5,6) and David Ortiz (0,0,0,1,1).

New York Yankees

Alex Rodriguez (1,1,1,5,6) and Jason Giambi (1,1,6).

Los Angeles Angels

Vlad Guerrero (1,1,6,6) and Esteban Yan XB ( pitcher) (1,1).

Washington Nationals

Rick Short XC (1,1,5,6,6) and Brendan Harris XC (1,11,6,6). Combined, Short and Harris had 24 at-bats.

Mike Jacobs (New York Mets XC) has (0,0,1,1,1) power with five second column singles.

Barry Bonds (San Francisco Giants) and Frank Thomas (Chicago White Sox XB) each have 91,1,1,6 power.

Zack Greinke (Kansas City Royals, pitcher) has (1,1,1) power.

Andruw Jones (Atlanta Braves) has (1,1,5,5) power.

Jeremy Hermida (Florida Marlins XC) has (1,1,5,6) power.

Morgan Ensberg (Houston Astros) has (1,1,4,6) power.

Richie Sexson (Seattle Mariners) and Mark Teixeira (Texas Rangers) each have (1,1,6,6) power.

Brad Eldred (Pittsburgh Pirates) has (0,1,1,6) power with 17 second column singles.

Dustan Mohr (Arizona Diamondbacks) has (0,0,1,1) power with 7 second column singles.

Eduardo Perez (Tampa Bay Devil Rays XB) has (1,1,6) power.

Jesse Garcia (San Diego Padres XC) has (1,1) power.

John Griffin (Toronto Blue Jays XC) has (1,5,6,6,6) power.

Jeff Francoeur (Atlanta Braves) has (0,0,0,0,1) with four second column singles.

Carlos Delgado (Florida Marlins) has (0,0,0,0,1) power with five second column singles.

Esteban German (Texas Rangers XC) has four (11)s.

Scott Podsednik (Chicago White Sox) has three (11)s and a (10).

Joey Gathright (Tampa Bay Devil Rays) has three first column (11)s, 6 second-column (11)s and two (0)s.

Trent Durrington (Milwaukee Brewers XC) has two (14\*)s, two (6\*)s, one (11) and a (10).

Eric Bruntlett (Houston Astros XB) has a lot of versatility: (1,3,6,11,14\*,14\*,14), (2B-6), (OF-2), (SS-8), (3B-4) and (1B-2).

Brandon Backe (Houston Astros, pitcher) has the unusual combination of (2,4,6) power with one (14\*).

Greg Myers (Toronto Blue Jays XC) has 12 (24)s.

Hanley Ramirez (Boston Red Sox XC) has 20 (13)s.

Tim Olson (Arizona Diamondbacks XC) has 15 (13)s.

Tim Laker (Tampa Bay Devil Rays XC) has 14 (13)s.

Pitchers with a number of (13)s include:

25 - Jorge de la Rosa (Milwaukee Brewers XB) and Kane Davis (Milwaukee Brewers XC)

24 - Matt Perisho (Boston Red Sox XC)

23 - Guillermo Mota (Florida Marlins), Chad Cordero (Washington Nationals), Michael Wuertz (Chicago Cubs), Jason Westbrook (Cleveland Indians), Todd Coffey (Cincinnati Reds XB), Cal Eldred (St. Louis Cardinals XB), Brandon McCarthy (Chicago White Sox XB), Luis Vizcaino (Chicago White Sox XB), Eric DuBose (Baltimore Orioles XC), Matt Whiteside (Toronto Blue Jays XC) and Matt Riley (Texas Rangers XC).

The lone (ZZ) rated pitcher is Carlos Silva (Minnesota Twins).

Joey Gathright (Tampa Bay Devil Rays) is rated (F[ast]20). Carl Crawford (Tampa Bay Devil Rays), Jimmy Rollins (Philadelphia Phillies) and Ichiro Suzuki (Seattle ) are rated F(ast) F19.

Curt Schilling (Boston Red Sox) is rated (S[low]1). David Wells (Boston Red Sox) is rated (S[low]2).

The leading base stealers for this year are:

A28: Trent Durrington (Milwaukee Brewers XC)

B31: Joey Gathright (Tampa Bay Devil Rays) and Esteban German (Texas Rangers XC)

B28: Scott Podsednik (Chicago White Sox)

B26: Pablo Ozuna (Chicago White Sox) and Jason Smith (Detroit Tigers XC)

C32: Hector Luna (St. Louis Cardinals XB), Tony Womack (New York Yankees XB) and Willie Harris (Chicago White Sox XB),

C31: Nook Logan (Detroit Tigers) and Gerald Williams (New York Mets XC)

C30: Juan Pierre (Florida Marlins), Toni Hunter (Minnesota Twins), Chone Figgins (Los Angeles Angels) and Eric Bruntlett (Houston Astros XB)

D35: Willie Bloomquist (Seattle Mariners) and Alfonzo Soriano (Texas Rangers)

E35: Jason Bay (Pittsburgh Pirates), Reggie Sanders (St. Louis Cardinals), Omar Infante (Detroit Tigers) and Orlando Cabrera (Los Angeles Angels)



# 2006 Season

Teams: NL-16 AL-14 (12 on 62)  
Cards Per Team: 20  
XBs: 10/ Team M/S: Yes  
Print Style: XII, Variety: 15, Format: j  
XB Print Style: XII, Variety: 15, Format: j  
Back: SIX  
XB Back: SIX  
Published: 2006

XCs: NL-188 AL-155 (M/S on cards)  
XC Print Style: XVI, Variety: 20, Format: n  
XC Back: BLANK  
XC Published: 2006

Baseball Park Factor Chart: Yes

*A base stealer with lots of power and walks and an ordinary batting average is likely to receive an unusual combination of hit-numbers. There is no room for the traditional (8,8,8,9) on this card, which makes it difficult for B and C pitchers to get him out. Do not be misled, it is still a .275 card.*

## Corrections:

None reported.

## Miscellany:

The set contains four Grade A starting pitchers:

Johan Santana (Minnesota Twins) (MG=16)  
Francisco Liriano (Minnesota Twins) (MG=16)  
Roger Clemens (Houston Astros) (MG=15)  
Jared Weaver (Los Angeles Angels) MG=15

Including XBs and XCs, there are 30 pitchers rated A\*.

The A&C\* pitchers are:

Matt Smith (Philadelphia Phillies XB) (MG=23)  
Cla Meredith (San Diego Padres XB) (MG=24)  
Francisco Rodriguez (Los Angeles Angels XB) (MG= 22)  
Joe Nathan (Minnesota Twins) (MG=23)

Carlos Ivan												
BELTRAN												
(F) Outfielder (3)												
YR	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	SB	BA	SLG	OBP		
06	140	510	127	140	41	116	18	.275	.594	.388		
Bats: Both			Throws: Right									
Height: 6-1			Weight: 190									
Born: 4-24-77			Manati, PR									
11-	1-1		31-		14-6		51-		9-6			
12-	25-7		32-		26-7		52-		27-7			
13-	14-6		33-		0-1		53-		15-6			
14-	30-7		34-		31-7		54-		32-7			
15-	11-6		35-		40-6		55-		8-6			
16-	28-6		36-		14-6		56-		34-6			
21-	30-6		41-		28-6		61-		13-6			
22-	0-3		42-		14-6		62-		12-6			
23-	29-6		43-		29-6		63-		31-6			
24-	13-6		44-		0-5		64-		13-6			
25-	8-6		45-		14-6		65-		35-6			
26-	13-6		46-		13-6		66-		1-1			
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The A&B\* pitchers are:

Denny Reyes (Minnesota Twins XB) (MG=27)  
B.J. Ryan (Toronto Blue Jays) (MG=25)  
Jonathan Papelbon (Boston Red Sox) (MG=28)

Pitchers with a (ZZ) rating are:

Ben Sheets (Milwaukee Brewers)  
Cla Meredith (San Diego Padres XB)  
Mariano Rivera (New York Yankees)  
Matt Capps (Pittsburgh Pirates)

Joe Nathan (Minnesota Twins) is rated (KX).

The World Champion St. Louis Cardinals have only one Grade B starter, Chris Carpenter (MG=13). Their highest rated pitcher is Adam Wainwright XB (MG=14\*).

Every team is capable of making Fielding Two and fifteen teams can reach Fielding One.

There are five players rated (C-9):

Brad Ausmus (Houston Astros)  
Ivan Rodriguez (Detroit Tigers)  
Mike Matheny (San Francisco Giants XB)  
Damian Miller (Milwaukee Brewers)  
Yadier Molina (St. Louis Cardinals).

There are three players rated (2B-9):

Orlando Hudson (Arizona Diamondbacks)  
Jamey Carroll (Colorado Rockies)  
Mark Ellis (Oakland Athletics)

Adam Everett (Houston) is the only player rated (SS-10). Nine other players are rated (SS-9).

Including XBs, 6 players are rated (1B-5).

No one received a (3B-6) rating, but 6 players are rated (3B-5).

Including XBs and XCs, 34 players are rated (OF-3).

Toronto has three (OF-3)s: Reed Johnson, Vernon Wells and Alex Rios.

The highest arm ratings in the set are A[rm]=38: Ivan Rodriguez (Detroit Tigers) and Ichiro Suzuki (Seattle Mariners).

Twenty two cards contain five power-numbers. Jeff Baker (Colorado Rockies XC) received (1,1,2,5,5,6,6,6,11) for his 14 extra base hits in 57 at-bats.

Russ Branyon (San Diego Padres) has a 22-(0)-(2), although he did not hit any triples during the season. Branyon's rating takes into account his post season play. In the National League Division Series, he had a single, double and triple in 13 at-bats, which explains the (2). APBA tries to give players a chance to do something they did in post season play, but did not accomplish in the regular season. [*Skeet Carr, phone conversation, October 30, 2007*].

Several players received 12-(29), 12-(30) or 12-(32) as a result of APBA's policy of improving the accuracy of GIDPs.

Fourteen players received three (31)s.

Seven players are rated (F[ast]19).

The Texas` Rangers do not have a DH listed on the line up sheet. Carlos Lee and Brad Wilkerson, the 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> batters respectively, are listed as (LF). The Rangers used 16 different DHs. Phil Nevin played the most games at DH (40). However, Nevin was traded on May 31 and the team did not have a regular DH for the rest of the season.

Ron Flores (Oakland Athletics XB) has his complete name listed on the line up sheet.

Charlie Haeger (Chicago White Sox XB) is carded as (S) D (C\*) (1) (XY) (W). The word pitcher was dropped in order to accommodate all his other ratings. Several other pitchers and position players have this information printed in a smaller type size in order to include all of the required data.

The Cincinnati Reds, Los Angeles Dodgers, Milwaukee Brewers, Washington Nationals and New York Yankees can field teams with all position players having a 66-(1). For the Yankees this also applies to their DH, however, they must use Andy Cannizaro XC in the lineup. The Washington Nationals must use two XCs, Brandon Harper and Henry Mateo, in their lineup.

Stephen Drew (Arizona Diamondbacks) received the unusual power combination of (0,2,6,6).

Pitcher Zach Miner (Detroit Tigers) is not rated HBO although he had no HBs.

Mark Kiger (Oakland Athletics XC) received a card as (F) Secondbaseman (6) but did not appear in any games at 2B. Kiger played (2B0, (3B0, (SS) and (OF) for the AAA Sacramento River Cats. In 61 games (176 at-bats) he hit .233. He was called up by Oakland in September, but saw very little action. He made one plate appearance as a pinch hitter and was credited with a sacrifice.

The stolen base statistic for Kerry Robinson (Kansas City Royals XC) reads 1.00, representing his one steal.

Pete Orr (Atlanta Braves) is rated (F) (2B-7) (3B-4) (SS-6) although he did not play shortstop. This was necessary due to the trade of Wilson Betemit, which left Atlanta without a backup for their regular shortstop, Edgar Renteria. Tony Pena XB is rated (F) (SS-7).

The Master Symbol [BC] and [St] ratings for two players are misaligned. Jason Isringhausen (St. Louis Cardinals, pitcher) should read SA +15/-11 N, and Eduard Perez (Seattle Mariners XB, pitcher) should read SA +2/-10 E-14. [*Telephone conversation with Skeet Carr, August 28, 2007*].

# 2007 SEASON

Teams: NL-16 AL-14 (12 on 41)  
Cards Per Team: 20  
XBs: 10/Team M/S: Yes  
Print Style: XVI, Variety: 15, Format: n  
XB Print Style: XVI, Variety: 15, Format: n  
Back: Six  
XB Back: Six  
Published: 2007

XCs: NL-216 AL-162 (M/S on cards)  
XC Print Style: XVI, Variety: 21, Format: n  
XC Back: Six  
Published: 2007

Baseball Park Factor Chart: Yes

Joseph Thomas "Joe" <b>BOROWSKI</b>											
(S) Grade C* Pitcher (1)(X)(Z)											
YR	G	GS	IP	W	L	SV	ERA	BB	SO	HR	
07	69	0	65	4	5	45	5.07	17	58	9	
Bats: <b>Right</b>			Throws: <b>Right</b>								
Height: <b>6-2</b>			Weight: <b>225</b>								
Born: <b>5-4-71</b>			Bayonne, NJ								
11-	7		31-	21		51-	23				
12-	13		32-	26		52-	13				
13-	13		33-	7		53-	13				
14-	13		34-	13		54-	32				
15-	9		35-	13		55-	8				
16-	28		36-	14		56-	13				
21-	13		41-	12		61-	13				
22-	8		42-	13		62-	13				
23-	13		43-	13		63-	13				
24-	13		44-	8		64-	13				
25-	9		45-	36		65-	35				
26-	13		46-	13		66-	7				
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*Here is an ordinary Grade C\* card with nothing unusual about it. But as a C\* pitcher Joe Borowski amassed 45 saves in 2007 which is not an easy task for any grade. Borowski's effort ties him with Antonio Alfonseca, 2000 for most saves in a season by a C\*.*

## Corrections:

Two players have their Master Symbol BC and St ratings slightly misaligned. Jason Isringhausen (St. Louis Cardinals, pitcher) should read SA+16/-12 N and Toby Hall (Chicago White Sox, pitcher) SA+9/-10 N.

Skeet Carr has provided the following corrections to XC cards:

Ryan Robertson (Toronto Blue Jays) should be Ryan Roberts  
Buck Coats (Cincinnati Reds) should be A[rm]=31  
Tom Shearn (Cincinnati Reds) should be (S[low]5)  
Humberto Cota (Pittsburgh Pirates) should be A[rm]=33  
Sal Fasano (Toronto Blue Jays) should read 11-(0)-(1)  
J.J. Furmaniak (Oakland Athletics) should have Speed=12  
Jamie Vermilyea (Toronto Blue Jays) should have WP1

## Miscellany:

Jake Peavy (San Diego Padres) (MG=16), Brad Penny (Los Angeles Dodgers) (MG=15) and Clay Buchholz (Boston Red Sox XB) (MG=16) are the only Grade A starting pitchers.

There are 37 Grade A\* pitchers, which includes 8 XBs and 3 XCs. A total of 10 pitchers, including 2 XBs, are rated Grade A&C\*. Carlos Marmol (Chicago Cubs XB) (MG=25\*) received the rare Grade A&B\* rating.

Jonathan Papelbon (Boston Red Sox), Joba Chamberlain (New York Yankees XB) and Dennis Sarfate (Houston Astros XC) are the only pitchers rated (KX).

Matt Capps (Pittsburgh Pirates) and Rafael Betancourt (Cleveland Indians) are rated (ZZ).

Mariano Rivera (New York Yankees) is Grade B\* (MG=14\*). This is the first time he has not been rated A\* or better since his 1995 rookie XB card.

Every team is capable of making at least Fielding Two and 20 teams can reach Fielding One. However, 6 of these 20 teams (Cincinnati Reds, New York Mets, Washington Nationals, Cleveland Indians, New York Yankees and Seattle Mariners) must use XBs to make Fielding Two.

Brad Ausmus (Houston) is the only (C-9) in the set. No one is rated (SS-10) or (3B-6). The number of top rated fielders is shown in the following summary:

	<u>Regular CardsXBsXCsTotal</u>			
<u>1B-5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	-	<u>7</u>
<u>2B-9</u>	<u>5</u>	-	-	<u>5</u>
<u>SS-9</u>	<u>9</u>	-	-	<u>9</u>
<u>3B-5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>	-	<u>8</u>
<u>OF-3</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>30</u>

The Colorado Rockies have two players, Kaz Matsui and Jamey Carroll rated (F) (2B-9).

Three players are rated (1B-5), Todd Helton (Colorado Rockies), Casey Kotchman (Los Angeles Angels) and Doug Mientkiewicz (New York Yankees XB) all have (S) speed. Mike Lowell (Boston Red Sox) and Joe Crede (Chicago White Sox XB) are rated (S) (3B-5).

The Atlanta Braves have three (OF-3)s: Willie Harris, Andruw Jones and Jeff Francoeur. The Toronto Blue Jays also have three, with Reed Johnson, Vernon Wells and Alex Rios.

A[rm]=38, the highest rating this season, was given to Ivan Rodriguez (Detroit Tigers), Ichiro Suzuki (Seattle Mariners), Troy Tulowitzki (Colorado Rockies) and Shane Victorino (Philadelphia Phillies).

Catchers Kenji Johjima (Seattle Mariners), Yadier Molina (St. Louis Cardinals) and Joe Mauer (Minnesota Twins) are rated Th[row]=+6.

Cody Ross (Florida Marlins) had 173 at-bats and received (0,0,0,0,1,1), the only non-pitcher with six power-numbers. Fifteen other players, including four XBs and two XCs, received five power numbers. Five power numbers with (1,1)s were given to Carlos Pena (Tampa Bay Devil Rays) (0,0,0,1,1), Prince Fielder (Milwaukee Brewers) (0,0,0,1,1), Ryan Braun (Milwaukee Brewers) (1,1,4,5,6), David Ortiz (Boston Red Sox) (0,0,0,1,1) and Wladimir Balentien (Seattle Mariners XC) (1,1,6,6,6).

Micah Owings (Arizona Diamondbacks, pitcher) received power numbers (1,1,3,6,6,6,6).

Five teams are capable of having an all 66-(1) lineup. The Cincinnati Reds can field eight position players with a 66-(1). The Florida Marlins can do the same, but can add a pitcher with a 66-(1) when Dontrelle Willis is on the mound. Milwaukee can bat all 66-(1)s when Mike Rivera XC is catching and either Chris Capuano or Yovani Gallardo, both XBs, are pitching. The Cleveland Indians (using two XBs) and Oakland Athletics (using one XB and two XCs) can employ an all 66-(1) lineup, including the DH.

Sixteen players have three (31)s. Detroit leads the way with three such players: Sean Casey, Placido Polanco and Ivan Rodriguez.

Several players received a number other than (25) at dice roll 12 in line with APBA's policy of improving the accuracy of GIDPs.

In 2007, two players made history by accumulating 20 or more doubles, triples, home runs, and stolen bases in the season. They were Curtis Granderson (Detroit Tigers ) (0,0,0,0,1,2,8,8,8,9,9,11) with five 2<sup>nd</sup> column (11)s and Jimmy Rollins (Philadelphia Phillies) with (1,4,4,5,8,8,8,9,9,10,11).

Ten players are rated (F[ast]19). Five of these are XBs.

Edgar Renteria (Atlanta Braves) and Ichiro Suzuki (Seattle Mariners) are the only players to receive the rare combination of four (8)s and two (10)s.

The Oakland Athletics, Seattle Mariners, Tampa Bay Devil Rays, Texas Rangers and Toronto Blue Jays have a total of eight XC players who have either the P, F, S, WP, MF, or Sp rating incorrectly printed in lower case.

# 2008 Season

Teams: NL-16 AL-14 (12 on 24)  
 Cards Per Team: 20 XBs: yes M/S: yes  
 Print Style: , Variety , Format  
 Published: 2008  
 XCs: (with M/S) NL-219 AL-171  
 Print Style: Format  
 Back:  
 Ballpark/Wind Effects Chart: Yes

*This future hall of famer has now received 8 APBA cards and all have 4 or more power numbers. Besides being Rookie of the Year in 2001 this is his second season. In his early years he was OF-1 but since moving to firstbase he has received three consecutive "5" ratings and there are more to come.*

Jose Alberto "Albert"												
PUJOLS												
Firstbaseman (5) (2B-5)												
YR	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	SB	BA	SLG	OBP		
2008	148	524	100	187	37	116	7	.357	.653	.462		
Bats: Right			Throws: Right									
Height: 6-3			Weight: 230									
Born: 1-16-80 Santo Domingo, DR												
11-	1-6	31-	8-6	51-	8-6							
12-	25-11	32-	26-11	52-	27-11							
13-	14-6	33-	0-6	53-	20-6							
14-	30-6	34-	31-6	54-	32-6							
15-	8-6	35-	9-6	55-	7-6							
16-	13-6	36-	33-6	56-	14-6							
21-	37-6	41-	24-11	61-	24-6							
22-	0-6	42-	9-6	62-	14-6							
23-	13-6	43-	29-6	63-	31-6							
24-	12-6	44-	0-6	64-	14-6							
25-	8-6	45-	14-6	65-	35-11							
26-	41-6	46-	22-6	66-	1-1							
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## Corrections:

- # Willie Bloomquist (Seattle Mariners XB) should have 51-9-11 (not 51-9-1)
- # The lineup sheet incorrectly identifies American League Teams as "Senior Circuit" and National League Teams as "Junior Circuit".

## Miscellany:

Six starting pitchers are rated A. They are Rich Harden (Chicago Cubs) (MG=16), Edinson Volquez (Cincinnati Reds) (MG=16), Johan Santana (New York Mets) (MG=15), Tim Lincecum (San Francisco Giants) MG=17, Daisuke Matsuzaka (Boston Red Sox) (MG=17), and Cliff Lee (Cleveland Indians) (MG=17).  
 Thirty one pitchers are rated A\*. This includes thirteen XBs and two XCs.  
 There are ten pitchers rated A&C\*. They are Brad Lidge (Philadelphia Phillies) (MG=21\*), Joakim Soria (Kansas City Royals) (MG=23\*), Francisco Rodriguez (Los Angeles Angels) (MG=21\*), Jose Arredondo (Los Angeles Angels XB) (MG=23\*), J.P. Howell (Tampa Bay Rays XB) (MG=20\*), Scott Downs (Toronto Blue Jays) (MG=21\*), Mariano Rivera (New York Yankees) (MG=20\*), Brian Bruney (New York Yankees XB) (MG=20\*), Joe Nathan (Minnesota Twins) (MG=24\*), and Grant Balfour (Tampa Bay Rays XB) (MG=24\*).  
 Two relief pitchers received Grade A&B\*. They are Brad Ziegler (Oakland A's) (MG=26\*), and Joey Devine (Oakland A's XB) (MG=29\*)  
 Including XBs and XCs, every team except Atlanta, Milwaukee, Detroit, and Seattle has at least one starter or reliever rated A or better.  
 The Baltimore Orioles do not have a pitcher with (Z) except for Jamie Walker XB and Alfredo Simon XC.

Grant Balfour (Tampa Bay Rays XB) and Jason Motte (St. Louis Cardinals XC) received KX ratings.

Four pitchers are rated (ZZ). They are Matt Capps (Pittsburgh Pirates), Mariano Rivera (New York Yankees), Jon Lieber (Chicago Cubs XB), and Bob Howry (Chicago Cubs). This is the third consecutive year that Capps received the (ZZ) rating.

Every team is capable of making at least Fielding Two while thirteen teams (Philadelphia, Houston, Chicago Cubs, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Baltimore, Boston, Cleveland, Los Angeles Angels, Minnesota, Seattle, Tampa Bay and Toronto) can reach Fielding One. The Astros can make 45 points and have the best overall fielding. Brad Ausmus (Houston), and Joe Mauer (Minnesota) are rated Catcher (9). Ausmus has now received the (9) rating for nine consecutive seasons. Including XBs and XCs, nine players are rated (1B-5), six are rated (2B-9), four are rated (3B-5), eight are rated (SS-9), and 32 are rated (OF-3).

There is no 3B-6 or SS-10 in the set.

Rich Aurilia (San Francisco Giants) is rated Firstbaseman (4) (3B-3) despite having both appeared in and started more games at third base. He received a 37 and 41 and consequently the Giants do not have a "39" in their lineup except when using XCs.

The highest arm rating (38) was given to Ichiro Suzuki (Seattle Mariners), Troy Tulowitzki (Colorado Rockies), Shane Victorino (Philadelphia Phillies) and Rick Ankiel (St. Louis Cardinals).

Henry Blanco (Chicago Cubs) and Jose Molina (New York Yankees) received a Th+5 rating.

The players with five or more power numbers are:

1-1-1-5-5-6-6 Taylor Teagarden (Texas Rangers XC)

1-1-1-0-0 Travis Metcalf (Texas Rangers XC)

1-4-5-5-6 Chris Dickerson (Cincinnati Reds)

1-1-1-6-6 Chris Snelling (Philadelphia Phillies XC)

1-1-0-0-0 Albert Pujols and Ryan Ludwick (St. Louis Cardinals), and Russell Branyan (Milwaukee Brewers)

1-0-0-0-0 Kevin Youkilis (Boston Red Sox), Aubrey Huff (Baltimore Orioles), Cody Ransom (New York Yankees XC), Ryan Braun (Milwaukee Brewers) and Chris Davis (Texas Rangers).

0-0-0-0-0 Nelson Cruz (Texas Rangers XB), Micah Hoffpauir (Chicago Cubs XB), and Nate Schierholtz (San Francisco Giants XB)

Mike Hessman (Detroit Tigers XC) received 1-1-1-6. On the 2008 BBW data disk he received 1-1-1-1-6. Felix Hernandez (Seattle Mariners) and Mark Worrell (St. Louis Cardinals XC) both received 1-1-1.

Fourteen players are rated (F19). Two of these are XBs.

Willy Taveras (Colorado Rockies) earned the best steal rating (C-35) in the set. Seven other players are rated either D-35, E-35, or F-35.

The San Diego Padres do not have anyone rated (F) except four XC players.



A total of fifteen players received 3-31s.

Rajai Davis (Oakland A's XB) received the very rare 53-17\*.

Four pitchers have an unusual result at dice roll 52. They are Joe Blanton (Philadelphia Phillies) 52-30, Robinson Tejada (Kansas City Royals XB) 52-30, Collin Balester (Washington Nationals XB) 52-30, and Rick Vanden Hurk (Florida Marlins) 52-32. This is likely due to the number of sacrifice hits and flies each accumulated and may also be influenced by the player's past batting history.

## 2009 Season

Teams: NL-16 AL-14 (12 on 46)  
 Cards Per Team: 20 XBs: yes M/S: yes  
 Print Style: , Variety , Format  
 Published: 2009  
 XCs: (with M/S) NL-201 AL-165  
 Print Style: Format  
 Back:  
 Ballpark/Wind Effects Chart: Yes

*Due to his tendency to either walk, strikeout or homer Pena's card reflects some out of the ordinary APBA results. He does not have either a "24" or "28"; and he did not receive a "34" to go with his "33" which .227 hitters usually do. It can also be said that he is rated Fielding I but with (S) speed.*

Carlos Felipe												
<b>PENA</b>												
(S) Firstbaseman (5)												
YR	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	SB	BA	SLG	OBP		
2009	135	471	91	107	39	100	3	.227	.537	.356		
Bats: Left			Throws: Left									
Height: 6-2			Weight: 225									
Born: 5-17-78 Santo Domingo, DR												
11-	1			31-	14			51-	14			
12-	25			32-	26			52-	27			
13-	14			33-	5			53-	19			
14-	30			34-	31			54-	32			
15-	9			35-	14			55-	8			
16-	13			36-	33			56-	13			
21-	13			41-	13			61-	37			
22-	6			42-	22			62-	13			
23-	13			43-	29			63-	13			
24-	13			44-	8			64-	41			
25-	9			45-	14			65-	35			
26-	13			46-	12			66-	1			
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### Corrections:

Ken Takahashi (New York Mets XB) bats left and throws left.

### Miscellany:

Six starting pitchers are rated A. They are Jair Jurrjens (Atlanta Braves) (MG=15), Chris Carpenter (St. Louis Cardinals) (MG=18), Adam Wainwright (St. Louis Cardinals) (MG=15), Tim Lincecum (San Francisco Giants) MG=17, Zack Greinke (Kansas City Royals) (MG=18), and Felix Hernandez (Seattle Mariners) (MG=18).

Thirty five pitchers are rated A\*. This includes thirteen XBs and two XCs.

There are ten pitchers rated A&C\*. They are Kiko Calero (Florida Marlins) (MG=21\*), George Sherrill (Los Angeles Dodgers) (MG=20\*), Scott Eyre (Philadelphia Phillies XB) (MG=24\*), Mike Adams (San Diego Padres XB) (MG=24\*), Jeremy Affeldt (San Francisco Giants XB) (MG=22\*), Jonathan Papelbon (Boston Red Sox) (MG=21\*), Mariano Rivera (New York Yankees) (MG=21\*), Phil Hughes (New York Yankees) (MG=24\*), Andrew Bailey (Oakland A's) (MG=20\*), and Darren O'Day (Texas Rangers) (MG=20\*).

Including XBs and XCs, every team except Arizona, Colorado, New York Mets, Pittsburgh, Baltimore, Chicago White Sox, Detroit, and Los Angeles Angels has at least one starter or reliever rated A or better.

One pitcher, Jonathan Broxton (Los Angeles Dodgers) has a KX rating.

Two pitchers are rated (ZZ). They are Chad Qualls (Arizona Diamondbacks) and Jamie Walker (Baltimore Orioles XC).

Every team is capable of making at least Fielding II while twenty one teams can reach Fielding I. The Washington Nationals can only reach 41 points by using XC Mike Morse at firstbase where he appeared in only 11 games. Firstbase is challenging for the Nationals as in addition to Morse only Adam Dunn (67 games), Josh Willingham (1 game), and XC catcher Jamie Burke (who did not appear at firstbase) are rated to play the position. This has resulted due to the July 31 trade of Nick Johnson to the Florida Marlins. Johnson had played 96 games at firstbase for Washington. Although Dunn played more games in the outfield, which is the first position listed on his card, he received both a "37" and "41".

The Chicago Cubs must use either Reed Johnson or Bobby Scales, both XBs in order to make Fielding I.

The most fielding points, 46, can be made by the Red Sox. Their outfield is all "3" with Jacoby Ellsbury, Brian Anderson, and J.D. Drew. The Kansas City Royals also have an all "3" outfield with Mitch Maier, David DeJesus, and XB Coco Crisp.

Yadier Molina (St. Louis Cardinals), Jose Molina (New York Yankees), Joe Mauer (Minnesota Twins), and Gerald Laird (Detroit Tigers) are rated Catcher (9).

Kaz Matsui (Houston Astros), Placido Polanco (Detroit Tigers), Nick Punto (Minnesota Twins), and Aaron Hill (Toronto Blue Jays) are rated (2B-9).

Including XBs and XCs, twelve players are rated (1B-5), twelve are rated (3B-5), thirteen are rated (SS-9), and 40 are rated (OF-3).

There is no 3B-6 or SS-10 in the set.

The highest arm rating (38) was given to Ichiro Suzuki (Seattle Mariners), Troy Tulowitzki (Colorado Rockies), Shane Victorino (Philadelphia Phillies) and Rick Ankiel (St. Louis Cardinals). These four players were the sole recipients of this same highest rating in 2008.

Catchers David Ross (Atlanta Braves) and Kenji Johjima (Seattle Mariners) received a Th+6 rating.

The players with five or more power numbers are:

1-0-0-0-0-0 Rusty Ryal (Arizona Diamondbacks XB)  
1-1-5-6-6 Albert Pujols (St. Louis Cardinals)  
1-3-5-6-6 Ian Desmond (Washington Nationals)  
1-4-5-5-6 Micah Owings (Cincinnati Reds XC)

- 1-1-0-0-0 Ryan Howard and Raul Ibanez (Philadelphia Phillies), and Randy Ruiz (Toronto Blue Jays XB)
- 1-0-0-0-0 Carlos Zambrano (Chicago Cubs), Kendry Morales (Los Angeles Angels), Laynce Nix (Cincinnati Reds), and Adam Lind (Toronto Blue Jays)

Andres Torres (San Francisco Giants XB) received the unusual power combination of 1-2-3-6 for his six doubles, eight triples, and six home runs 152 at bats.

Several players received a single column card without a 66-1 and all except Michael Bourn are part time plyers. Bourn had 606 at bats and received power numbers 3-6 for his twenty seven doubles, twelve triples, and three home runs.

Pitcher Doug Brocail (Houston Astros XC) did not bat but received 66-3 and 15-11. This is likely due to his stealing two bases in 1993 and hitting one triple in 1995.

Willy Taveras (Cincinnati Reds) and Emil Bonifacio, (Florida Marlins), and Michael Bourne ( Houston Astros) are rated (F20) for speed.

Chris Getz (Chicago White Sox) earned the best steal rating (D-35) in the set. Eight other players are rated either E-35, F-35, or G-35.

A total of seventeen players received 3-31s. Twelve of these are in the National League.

Outfielder Brian Barton (Atlanta Braves XC) appeared in one game but did not bat. As per APBA's policy of creating a card for every player that appeared in a game he received a single column card which is likely based on his lifetime statistics.

Similar to the 2008 season set, various pitchers have the unusual result of either 30 or 32 at dice roll 52. This is likely due to the number of sacrifice hits and flies each accumulated and may also be influenced by the player's past batting history.

## 2010 Season

Teams: NL-16 AL-14 (12 on 61)  
 Cards Per Team: 20 XBs: yes M/S: yes  
 Print Style: , Variety , Format  
 Published: 2010  
 XCs: (with M/S) NL-191 AL-158  
 Print Style: Format  
 Back:  
 Ballpark/Wind Effects Chart: Yes

*Here is one of the all time great catchers at age 38 and approaching the end of a magnificent career. He was a 14 time all star, a championship series MVP, an AL MVP, and the winner of 13 Gold Glove awards. And as one who was always a team leader he is still rated (8) despite being on a last place team. The Hall of Fame awaits him.*

Ivan (Torres) "Pudge" <b>RODRIGUEZ</b> (S) Catcher (8)												
YR	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	SB	BA	SLG	OBP		
2010	111	398	32	106	4	49	2	.266	.347	.294		
Bats: Right			Throws: Right									
Height: 5-9			Weight: 205									
Born: 11-30-71 Manati, PR												
11-	0-1	31-	9-6	51-	9-6							
12-	25-6	32-	26-6	52-	27-6							
13-	36-6	33-	7-1	53-	18-6							
14-	30-6	34-	31-6	54-	32-6							
15-	8-2	35-	38-6	55-	8-1							
16-	28-6	36-	33-6	56-	13-6							
21-	24-6	41-	24-7	61-	12-6							
22-	7-1	42-	13-6	62-	31-6							
23-	24-6	43-	29-6	63-	24-6							
24-	13-6	44-	7-1	64-	13-6							
25-	8-4	45-	14-6	65-	35-8							
26-	24-6	46-	24-6	66-	0-1							
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### Corrections:

The Master Symbol Grade Rating for pitcher Hisanori Takahashi of the New York Mets is incorrectly listed as "9 (0\*)". The correct rating is "9 (10\*)".

### Miscellany:

Eleven starting pitchers are rated A. They are Daniel Hudson (Arizona Diamondbacks) (MG=16), Ubaldo Jimenez (Colorado Rockies) (MG=15), Josh Johnson (Florida Marlins) (MG=16), Roy Halladay (Philadelphia Phillies) (MG=16), Adam Wainwright (St. Louis Cardinals) (MG=16), Dillon Gee (New York Mets XC) (MG=15), Chris Young (San Diego Padres XC) (MG=16), Clay Bucholz (Boston Red Sox) (MG=17), Trevor Cahill (Oakland A's) (MG=15), Felix Hernandez (Seattle Mariners) (MG=18), and David Price (Tampa Bay Rays) (MG=16).

Forty five pitchers are rated A\*. This includes eighteen XBs and five XCs.

There are twelve pitchers rated A&C\* of which four are XBs. The Atlanta Braves, San Diego Padres, San Francisco Giants, and Tampa Bay Rays each have two A&C\* pitchers. The highest rated A&C pitchers are Chris Perez (Cleveland Indians) (MG=24) and Alexi Ogando (Texas Rangers) (MG=24\*).

The A&B\* pitchers are Craig Kimbrell (Atlanta Braves XB) (MG=25\*), Kenley Jansen (Los Angeles Dodgers XB) (MG=26\*), and Hong-Chih Kuo (Los Angeles Dodgers XB) (MG=25\*).

Including XBs and XCs, every team except Houston, Baltimore, and Toronto has at least one starter or reliever rated A or better.

Four relief pitchers, Billy Wagner (Atlanta Braves), Craig Kimbrell (Atlanta Braves XB), Kenley Jansen (Los Angeles Dodgers XB), and Carlos Marmol (Chicago Cubs) have a KX rating.

Including XBs and XCs, the San Diego Padres have six pitchers rated A, A\* or better. Both the San Francisco Giants and Minnesota twins have eleven pitchers rated B, B\*, or better. The Texas Rangers also have eleven such pitchers but must include one XC.

The Atlanta Braves have six pitchers rated A, A\* or better.

Four pitchers are rated (ZZ). They are Rafael Betancourt (Colorado Rockies), Wilton Lopez (Houston Astros), Pat Misch (New York Mets XC) and Cliff Lee (Texas Rangers).

Every team is capable of making at least Fielding II while nineteen teams can reach Fielding I. The Cleveland Indians, Detroit Tigers, and Los Angeles Angels can only reach 41 points by using XB players while the Boston Red Sox must use XC Jacoby Ellsbury. The most fielding points, 47, can be made by the Minnesota Twins when XB outfielder Jason Repko is used.

Three teams can field an all "3" outfield. They are the Oakland A's with Rajai Davis, Ryan Sweeney, and Coco Crisp, the Seattle Mariners with Ichiro Suzuki, Franklin Gutierrez, and XB Ryan Langerhans, and the Toronto Blue Jays with Vernon Wells, XB Dewayne Wise, and XC Jeremy Reed.

Yadier Molina (St. Louis Cardinals), Joe Mauer (Minnesota Twins), Drew Butera (Minnesota Twins), and Gerald Laird (Detroit Tigers) are rated Catcher (9). Brandon Phillips (Cincinnati Reds), Orlando Hudson (Minnesota Twins), Robinson Cano (New York Yankees), Mark Ellis (Oakland As), and David Eckstein (San Diego Padres Jays) are rated Secondbaseman (9).

Including XBs and XCs, eleven players are rated (1B-5), seven are rated (3B-5), and fifteen are rated (SS-9). The Philadelphia Phillies have two players, Jimmy Rollins and Wilson Valdez rated (SS-9). Forty three players are rated (OF-3).

There is no 3B-6 or SS-10 in the set.

The highest arm rating (38) was given to Ichiro Suzuki (Seattle Mariners), Troy Tulowitzki (Colorado Rockies), Shane Victorino (Philadelphia Phillies) and Rick Ankiel (St. Louis Cardinals). These four players were the sole recipients of this same highest rating in both 2008 and 2009.

Catchers Henry Blanco (New York Mets) and Yadier Molina (St. Louis Cardinals) received a Th+6 rating.

The players with five or more power numbers are:

1-3-5-5-6-6-6	Donnie Murphy (Florida Marlins XC)
2-2-6-6-6	Pedro Ciriaco (Pittsburgh Pirates XC)
1-1-0-0-0	Miguel Cabrera (Detroit Tigers), Jose Bautista (Toronto Blue Jays) and Jim Thome (Minnesota Twins)
1-0-0-0-0	Jim Edmonds (Cincinnati Reds), Justin Morneau (Minnesota Twins),

Nelson Cruz (Texas Rangers), Adrian Beltre (Boston Red Sox), Alfonso Soriano (Chicago Cubs), Carlos Gonzalez (Colorado Rockies), and Josh Hamilton (Texas Rangers)

1-6-6-6-6 Donny Lucy (Chicago White Sox XB) and Wellington Castillo (Chicago Cubs XC)

0-0-0-0-0 Dan Haren (Los Angeles Angels)

Five players are rated Fielding I at two different positions. They are Ben Zobrist (Tampa Bay Rays) (OF-3) (2B-8), Placido Polanco (Philadelphia Phillies) (3B-5) (2B-8), Wilson Valdez (Philadelphia Phillies) (SS-9) (2B-8), John McDonald (Toronto Blue Jays) (2B-8) (SS-9), and Jamey Carroll (Los Angeles Dodgers) (SS-9) (2B-8).

Felipe Lopez (Boston Red Sox XB) does not have parenthesis surrounding his many positions played nor any hyphens between his positions played and fielding ratings. The cards reads:

“F 3B3 2B7 SS7 1B3 OF1 D\* P1RW”.

Omar Infante (Atlanta Braves) is rated (2B-7) (3B-3) (OF-2) (SS-7). Although he played the majority of his games, 65, at secondbase and only 21 in the outfield he did not receive a “36” and instead has “40” at dice roll 13.

Michael Bourn (Houston Astros), Willy Taveras (Washington Nationals XC), Elvis Andrus (Texas Rangers), and Emilio Bonifacio (Florida Marlins) have a speed rating of (F20).

The best steal rating, C-35, was given to Coco Crisp (Oakland A’s), Eduardo Nunez (New York Yankees XB), and Eric Patterson (Boston Red Sox). Ten other players are rated either D-35, E-35, F-35, G-35 or R-35.

The players with 3-31s are: Craig Counsell (Milwaukee Brewers), Luis Castillo (New York Mets), Placido Polanco (Philadelphia Phillies), Wilson Valdez (Philadelphia Phillies), Freddy Sanchez (San Francisco Giants), Jason Kendall (Kansas City Royals), Juan Pierre (Chicago White Sox), Omar Vizquel (Chicago White Sox), Joe Mauer (Minnesota Twins), Ichiro Suzuki (Seattle Mariners), Ryan Theriot (Los Angeles Dodgers), David Eckstein (San Diego Padres), and Derek Jeter (New York Yankees).

Similar to the 2008 and 2009 season sets, various pitchers have the unusual result of either 30 or 32 at dice roll 52. This is likely due to the number of sacrifice hits and flies each accumulated and may also be influenced by the player’s past batting history.

# 2011 Season

Teams: NL-16 AL-14 (12 on 26)  
Cards Per Team: 20 XBs: yes M/S: yes  
Print Style: , Variety , Format  
Published: 2011

XC's: NL-193 AL-176  
Print Style: Format  
Back:  
Ballpark/Wind Effects Chart: Yes

*A utility player is usually only needed as a temporary fill in or a stop gap replacement. But here is a man with exceptional value to his team with Fielding I Ratings at three different positions. He is probably the first player in APBA history to achieve this and it is unfortunate he can only play one position at a time.*

## Corrections:

The Master Symbol Grade Rating for pitcher Carlos Marmol of the Chicago cubs is incorrectly listed as 19\*. The correct rating is 9\*.

Outfielder Joey Gathright (Boston Red Sox XC) does not have a Fielding Rating which should be (1).

The card for Chris Schwinden (New York Mets XC) is a misprint. The correct card can be found on the 2011 data disk and is as follows:

## Miscellany:

Eleven starting pitchers are rated A. They are Clayton Kershaw (Los Angeles Dodgers) (MG=18), Ian Kennedy (Arizona Diamondbacks) (MG=16), Justin Verlander (Detroit Tigers) (MG=17), Josh Johnson (Florida Marlins) (MG=16), Cliff Lee and Roy Halladay (Philadelphia Phillies) (both MG=16), Jared Weaver (Los Angeles Angels) (MG=16), Chris Young (New York Mets XC) (MG=16), Johnny Cueto (Cincinnati Reds) (MG=15), Anthony Bass (San Diego Padres XB) (MG=16, { 19\* }), and Gio Gonzalez (Oakland A's) (MG=15)

David Robertson (New York Yankees) has the highest rating in the set. He is Grade A&B\* (MG=27).

John Joseph <b>McDONALD</b> (F) (SS-9) (3B-5) (2B-8)											
Year	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	SB	BA	SLG	OBP	
2011	84	227	21	52	2	22	2	.229	.308	.269	
Height: 5-9 Weight: 180											
Born: 9-24-74 New London, CT											
Bats: Right Throws: Right ARZ											
11-	0	-	1	31-	14	-	5	51-	9	-	6
12-	25	-	6	32-	26	-	6	52-	27	-	6
13-	39	-	6	33-	7	-	1	53-	18	-	6
14-	30	-	6	34-	31	-	6	54-	32	-	6
15-	10	-	2	35-	13	-	6	55-	8	-	2
16-	28	-	6	36-	33	-	6	56-	34	-	6
21-	30	-	6	41-	28	-	7	61-	27	-	6
22-	8	-	1	42-	13	-	6	62-	32	-	6
23-	27	-	6	43-	29	-	6	63-	31	-	6
24-	29	-	6	44-	8	-	1	64-	13	-	6
25-	9	-	4	45-	14	-	6	65-	35	-	7
26-	12	-	6	46-	29	-	6	66-	0	-	1
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There are twelve pitchers rated A&C\*. Three of these, Craig Kimbrell (MG=20), Eric O'Flaherty (MG=24), Jonny Venters (MG=22) are Atlanta Braves. The others are Jairo Casilla (San Francisco Giants XB) (MG=22), Brad Lidge (Philadelphia Phillies XB) (MG=21), Mike MacDougal (Los Angeles Dodgers (MG=20), Tyler Clippard (Washington Nationals) (MG=20), Al Albuquerque (Detroit Tigers XB) (MG=23), Jose Valverde (Detroit Tigers) (MG=20), Greg Holland (Kansas City Royals XB) (MG=21), Scott Downs (Los Angeles Angeles) (MG=23), and Mike Adams, (Texas Rangers) MG=(21).

Forty seven pitchers are rated A\*. This includes eleven XBs and one XC. Anthony Bass, San Diego Padres XB) due to his MG=16 (19\*) rating, is counted as both a starter and reliever in the above totals.

Including XBs and XCs every team has at least one starter or reliever rated A or better.

Two relief pitchers, Craig Kimbrell (Atlanta Braves) and Casey Janssen (Toronto Blue Jays) have a KXY rating.

Four relief pitchers, Sergio Romo (San Francisco Giants XB), David Robertson (New York Yankees), Al Albuquerque (Detroit Tigers XB) and Matt Moore (Tampa Bay Rays XC) have a KX rating.

Nine relief pitchers received a KY rating and twelve relief pitchers received a K rating.

Including XBs and XCs, the San Francisco Giants, Atlanta Braves, St. Louis Cardinals, and Tampa Bay Rays each have seven Grade B pitchers. The Philadelphia Phillies and Los Angeles Dodgers have the most Grade A or better pitchers with five. The Phillies also have the most Grade B or better pitchers together with the Giants, Cardinals, and Braves all with ten.

Two pitchers are rated (ZZ). They are Sergio Romo (San Francisco Giants) and Kevin Slowey (Minnesota Twins XC).

Every team is capable of making at least Fielding II while twenty one teams can reach Fielding I. The Detroit Tigers, and Oakland A's can only reach 41 points by using an XB player.

The most fielding points, 45, can be made by the Arizona Diamondbacks.

The Kansas City Royals have four players rated Outfielder (3). They are Alex Gordon, Mitch Maier, Jeff Francoeur, and Melky Cabrera.

The Oakland A's, Kansas City Royals, Los Angeles Angels, Los Angeles Dodgers, San Francisco Giants, Texas Rangers, Tampa Bay Rays, Minnesota Twins, and Arizona Diamondbacks can field an all "3" outfield. Minnesota and Texas must both use an XB player to achieve this.

Yadier Molina (St. Louis Cardinals), Carlos Ruiz (Philadelphia Phillies), Drew Butera (Minnesota Twins), and Matt Wieters (Baltimore Orioles) are rated Catcher (9). In addition to Butera the Twins have two catchers, Joe Mauer and Rene Rivera XB rated (8).

Orlando Hudson (Minnesota Twins) and Mark Ellis (Colorado Rockies) are rated Secondbaseman (9).

Nine players are rated (1B-5), seven are rated (3B-5), and thirteen are rated (SS-9). The shortstops include one XB player. The Philadelphia Phillies have two players, Jimmy Rollins and Wilson Valdez rated (SS-9).

Troy Tulowitzski (Colorado Rockies) is rated Shortstop (10).

Forty eight players are rated (OF-3). Thirty two, including five XB players are in the American League.

There is no 3B-6 in the set.

John McDonald (Arizona Diamondbacks) is rated Fielding 1 at three positions, (SS-9) (3B-5) (2B-8).

Ben Zobrist (Tampa Bay Rays) (2B-8) (OF-3), Wilson Valdez (Philadelphia Phillies) (2B-8) (SS-9), and Jack Wilson (Atlanta Braves) (2B-8) (SS-9) are rated Fielding I at two different positions.

Seven players are rated to play all four infield positions and the outfield. They are Todd Frazier (Cincinnati Reds), Drew Sutton (Boston Red Sox XB), Josh Wilson (Milwaukee Brewers XB), Matt Downs (Houston Astros XB), Sean Rodriguez (Tampa Bay Rays), Adam Rosales (Oakland A's XB) and Emmanuel Burriss (San Francisco Giants XC). Other five position players are Tony Cruz (St. Louis Cardinals XB) rated for C-1B-2B-3B-OF and Mike McCoy (Toronto Blue Jays) rated for 2B-SS-3B-OF-P.

The highest arm rating (38) was given to Ichiro Suzuki (Seattle Mariners), Troy Tulowitzki (Colorado Rockies), Shane Victorino (Philadelphia Phillies) and Rick Ankiel (Washington Nationals). These four players were the also sole recipients of this same highest rating in 2008, 2009, and 2010.

Catcher Ivan Rodriguez (Washington Nationals) received a Th+6 rating.

Jose Reyes (New York Mets) received an unusual power combination of 2-0-0-0. Pedro Ciriaco (Pittsburgh Pirates XC) received the rare combination of 11-11-8-8-8-8.

Tony Campana (Chicago Cubs) received hit numbers 0-0-8-8-9-9-11-11-11-10 with the second column having four 11s and twenty four numbers with a 6\*.

Two players received four 11s. They are Jason Bourgeois (Houston Astros) 0-0-8-8-9-10-11-11-11-11-9 and Darren Ford (San Francisco Gants XB) 11-11-11-11-10-8-8-9-9 without any power numbers.

For steal numbers Jarrod Dyson (Kansas City Royals XB) received a first column 11 and 10 and a second column with twenty four 6\* and twelve 11s.

The players with five or more power numbers are:

- 1-1-0-0-0 Mike Napoli (Texas Rangers, Adrian Beltre (Texas Rangers) and Jason Giambi (Colorado Rockies XB)
- 1-0-0-0-0 Matt Downs (Houston Astros XB), Ryan Braun (Milwaukee Brewers), and Brett Pill (San Francisco Giants XC)
- 1-2-6-6-6 Dontrelle Willis (Cincinnati Reds XB)
- 0-0-0-0-0 Brett Lawrie (Toronto Blue Jays)

Emilio Bonifacio (Florida Marlins) has a speed rating of (F20). Elvis Andrus (Texas Rangers) who received a rating of (F20) in 2010 is now rated (F17).

The best steal rating, A-35, was given to Jarrod Dyson (Kansas City Royals XB). Eleven other players are rated either B-35, C-35, D-35, E-35 or F-35.

The players with 3-31s are: Craig Counsell (Milwaukee Brewers XB), Placido Polanco (Philadelphia Phillies), Freddy Sanchez (San Francisco Giants XB), Juan Pierre (Chicago White Sox) Omar Vizquel (Chicago White Sox), Joe Mauer (Minnesota Twins), Ichiro Suzuki (Seattle Mariners), Ryan Theriot (St. Louis Cardinals), and Derek Jeter (New York Yankees).

Various players have other than the standard out numbers at dice rolls 12, 32, 52, 34, 54, and 16. This is likely due to the number of strikeouts, double plays, and sacrifice hits each accumulated and may also be influenced by the player's past batting history.

## 2012 Season

Teams: NL-16 AL-14 (12 on 23)  
 Cards Per Team: 20 XBs: 10/Team M/S: Yes  
 Print Style: , Variety , Format  
 Published: 2012  
 XCs: (with M/S) NL-208 AL-176  
 Print Style: Format Back:  
 Ballpark Factor Chart: Yes

*It had been 45 years since the major leagues had a Triple Crown winner before Miguel Cabrera turned the trick in 2012 at .330-44-139. Cabrera is the only Triple Crown winner in the history of the major leagues to be rated (S) by APBA. A few leg hits would have made his B.A. even more impressive.*

### Corrections:

Starling Marte (Pittsburgh Pirates) dice roll 35 should be 40-6 not 40-1.

The MG Platoon Ratings are mixed between Houston Astros players J.D. Martinez (who should be -1/-1) and Fernando Martinez (who should be -13/+2).

The XC roster sheet for this season has multiple issues: Chicago Cubs: Lalli listed before Recker under catchers, out of alphabetical order; Landy Castillo listed as Castilo, which likely accounts for the lack of a first initial, to distinguish him from Welington Castillo; Kerry Wood should have a first initial to distinguish him from Travis Wood; Houston Astros: Edgar Gonzalez should have a first initial to distinguish him from Marwin Gonzalez; New York Mets: Rob Johnson is listed under pitchers, when he should be listed under catchers; Pittsburgh: Daniel McCutchen is listed as "McCuthchen," which may account for the lack of a first initial to distinguish him from Andrew McCutchen; St. Louis Cardinals: Christopher John Carpenter DOB April 27, 1975 is listed as Carpenter, C. J., same as Christopher John Carpenter DOB December 26, 1985 on the Boston Red Sox; San Francisco Giants: Brian Wilson is listed as "Wilson, D.;" Boston Red Sox: See listing for St. Louis Cardinals.

### Miscellany

Beginning with this season APBA permanently places play result "12" at dice roll 23 and also prints the MG ratings on each player card.

Ten starting pitchers are rated A. They are Steve Johnson (Baltimore Orioles XC) MG=16, Justin Verlander (Detroit Tigers) MG=16, Felipe Paulino (Kansas City Royals) MG=18, Jared Weaver (Los Angeles Angels) MG=17, David Price (Tampa Bay Rays) MG=18, Kris Medlin (Atlanta Braves) who is also rated A&C\* MG=19 (21\*), Clayton Kershaw (Los Angeles Dodgers) MG=16, R.A. Dickey (New York Mets) MG=16, Kyle Lohse (St. Louis Cardinals) MG=15, and Gio Gonzalez (Washington Nationals) MG=15. Verlander, Weaver, and Gonzalez were also rated A in 2011.

Fernando Rodney (Tampa Bay Rays) received the lone A&B\* rating MG=28\*.

St-R31 Sp-S5 Ar-34												
Jose Miguel (Torres) "Miguel"												
<b>CABRERA</b>												
(S) Thirdbaseman (4) (1B-2)												
Year	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	SB	BA	SLG	OBP		
2012	161	622	109	205	44	139	4	.330	.606	.393		
Height: 6-4 Weight: 240												
Born: 4-18-83 Maracay, Ven.												
Bats: Right Throws: Right DET												
11-	1	1	31-	8	6	51-	8	6				
12-	25	7	32-	26	7	52-	27	7				
13-	14	6	33-	0	1	53-	19	6				
14-	30	7	34-	31	7	54-	32	7				
15-	8	6	35-	9	6	55-	7	6				
16-	13	6	36-	33	6	56-	13	6				
21-	39	6	41-	24	8	61-	24	6				
22-	0	6	42-	9	6	62-	13	6				
23-	12	6	43-	29	6	63-	31	6				
24-	13	6	44-	0	6	64-	14	6				
25-	8	6	45-	14	6	65-	35	8				
26-	24	6	46-	24	6	66-	1	1				
J-0 SA -5/-0 © 2012 APBA Games												

Five relief pitchers are rated A&C\*. They are Scott Atchison (Boston Red Sox) MG=(22\*), Aroldis Chapman (Cincinnati Reds) MG=(23\*), Craig Kimbrell (Atlanta Braves) MG=24\*, Kris Medlin (Atlanta Braves) MG=19 (21\*), and Jeremy Horst (Philadelphia Phillies XB) MG=(23\*).

Sixty-two pitchers are rated A\*

The Washington Nationals have ten pitchers rated either B or B\*.

Craig Kimbrell (Atlanta Braves) and Aroldis Chapman (Cincinnati Reds) are the only pitchers rated (KXY).

Donnie Veal (Chicago White Sox XC) is rated (KX).

David Hernandez (Arizona Diamondbacks), Jake McGee (Tampa Bay Rays), and Ernesto Frieri (Los Angeles Angels) are rated (KY).

The only ZZ ratings in the set belong to Carl Pavano (Minnesota Twins XB), Aaron Loup (Toronto Blue Jays (XC) and Wilton Lopez (Houston Astros).

Every team is capable of making at least Fielding Two. Twenty-two teams can reach Fielding One and the Orioles, Reds and Dodgers are the best of these with 45 points each. The Cubs, Astros, Marlins, Pirates, Padres, Tigers, Mariners, and Blue Jays cannot attain Fielding One.

Drew Butera (Minnesota Twins XB), Matt Wieters (Baltimore Orioles), and Yadier Molina (St. Louis Cardinals) are all rated Catcher - 9.

James Loney (Boston Red Sox), Adrian Gonzalez (Los Angeles Dodgers), Casey Kotchman (Cleveland Indians), Albert Pujols (Los Angeles Angels), Mark Teixeira (New York Yankees), Carlos Pena (Tampa Bay Rays), Lyle Overbay (Atlanta Braves XB), Joey Votto (Cincinnati Reds), Todd Helton (Colorado Rockies), and Adam LaRoche (Washington Nationals) are all rated Firstbaseman - 5.

Dustin Pedroia (Boston Red Sox), Robinson Cano (New York Yankees), Darwin Barney (Chicago Cubs), Brandon Phillips (Cincinnati Reds), and Mark Ellis (Los Angeles Dodgers) are all rated Secondbaseman - 9.

J.J. Hardy (Baltimore Orioles) is rated Shortstop - 10.

Brett Lawrie (Toronto Blue Jays), Mike Moustakas (Kansas City Royals), Placido Polanco (Philadelphia Phillies), John McDonald (Arizona Diamondbacks), Chase Headley (San Diego Padres), and Brandon Inge (Oakland A's) are all rated Thirdbaseman - 5.

No players are rated Thirdbaseman - 6.

Fifty-seven players are rated Outfielder - 3. The Los Angeles Dodgers, Cleveland Indians, Los Angeles Angels, Seattle Mariners, and Tampa Bay Rays each have four.

Twelve players are rated (SS-9). The Atlanta Braves have three of these, Andrelton Simmons, Paul Janish, and Jack Wilson (XC).

The Cincinnati Reds have two players rated (SS-9), Wilson Valdez and Zack Cozart.

The Cincinnati Reds and Los Angeles Dodgers both have a player rated (1B-5) and (2B-9).

John McDonald (Arizona Diamondbacks) is rated Fielding One at three different positions (SS (9) (3B-5) (2B-8)).

Wilson Valdez (SS-9) (2B-8) (Cincinnati Reds), and Ben Zobrist (OF-3) (2B-8) (Tampa Bay Rays) are rated Fielding One at two different positions.

Jeff Mathis (Toronto Blue Jays) and Rob Johnson (New York Mets XC) are rated as both a catcher and pitcher.

The highest arm rating (38) was given to Troy Tulowitzki (Colorado Rockies), Rick Ankiel (Washington Nationals), and Shane Victorino (Los Angeles Dodgers).

Jay Bruce (Cincinnati Reds), Jeff Francoeur (Kansas City Royals), Carlos Gomez (Milwaukee Brewers), Shin-Soo Choo (Cleveland Indians), B.J. Upton Tampa Bay Rays), Justin Upton (Arizona Diamondbacks), Erick Aybar (Los Angeles Angels), Nick Markakis (Baltimore Orioles), Matt Kemp (Los Angeles Dodgers), Danny Descalso and Rafael Furcal (St. Louis Cardinals), Michael Cuddyer (Colorado Rockies), and Robinson Cano and Ichiro Suzuki (New York Yankees) all received an arm rating of (37).

Johnny Damon (Cleveland Indians) has an arm rating of 26 which is the lowest in the set.

Catcher Yadier Molina (St. Louis Cardinals), received a Th+6 rating.

Ten players received five power numbers. David Ortiz (Boston Red Sox; 1, 1, 0, 0, 0), Carl Crawford (Boston Red Sox XB; 0, 0, 0, 0, 0), Miguel Cabrera (Detroit Tigers; 1, 1, 0, 0, 0), and Brandon Moss (Oakland Athletics; 1, 1, 0, 0, 0), Joey Votto (Cincinnati Reds; 1, 0, 0, 0, 0), Tyler Colvin (Colorado Rockies; 1, 0, 0, 0, 0), Darin Ruf (Philadelphia Phillies XC; 1, 1, 3, 5, 6), Giancarlo Stanton (Miami Marlins; 1, 1, 5, 5, 6), Leonys Martin (Texas Rangers XB; 2, 4, 6, 6, 6), and Aramis Ramirez, (Milwaukee Brewers; 1, 0, 0, 0, 0)

Twenty-four players, including XCs, received double 1s.

The Orioles are capable of having a lineup with every player having a first column "1".

The Oakland A's have a lineup with 35 power numbers. The Cincinnati Reds, Colorado Rockies, and Washington Nationals can attain 34 power numbers.

The largest MG platoon ratings were given to Bryan LaHair (Chicago Cubs) SA-23+2, Jason Castro (Houston Astros) SA-19/+3, and Jose Quintana (Chicago White Sox) SA+1/-20.

Placido Polanco (Philadelphia Phillies) and Ichiro Suzuki (New York Yankees) received 3-31s.

Asdrubal Cabrera (Cleveland Indians) received an unusual power result of 0-6-6 with

33 second column 1s.

The Orioles, Yankees, Rays, and Marlins each have eleven players rated (F).

Emilio Bonifacio (Miami Marlins) is rated F-20.

Five players are rated F19: Rajai Davis (Toronto Blue Jays), Brett Gardner (New York Yankees XC), Eric Young (Colorado Rockies XB), Everth Cabrera (San Diego Padres) and Dee Gordon (Los Angeles Dodgers).

Jim Thome (Baltimore Orioles) received the lowest speed rating, S2, in the set.

The leading base stealers for this season are:

B-35: Tony Campana (Chicago Cubs); C-35: Everth Cabrera (San Diego Padres); D-35: Carl Crawford (Boston Red Sox) (XC), Quentin Berry (Detroit Tigers), Mike Trout (Los Angeles Angels), Coco Crisp (Oakland A's), John Jaso (Seattle Mariners), Desmond Jennings (Tampa Bay Rays); E-35: Nate McLouth (Baltimore Orioles), Lorenzo Cain (Kansas City Royals), Eric Hosmer (Kansas City Royals), Josh Rutledge Colorado Rockies), Nick Punto (Los Angeles Dodgers) (XC), Chase Utley (Philadelphia Phillies); F-35 Alex Rodriguez (New York Yankees), Josh Reddick (Oakland A's); G-35: Cory Hart (Milwaukee Brewers).

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## 2013 Season

Teams: NL-15 AL-15

Cards Per Team: 20

XBs: 10/Team M/S: Yes

Print Style: , Variety , Format Published: 2013

XCs: (with M/S) NL-199 AL-205

Print Style: Format Back:

Ballpark Factor Chart: Yes

*Here is one of the most dominant relief pitchers of the time. Aroldis Chapman received the highest possible strikeout rating but also the dreaded (W). This was due to his walking or striking out more than 50% of the batters he faced in 2013. Despite the (W) his ERA was very respectable and his 38 saves led the league.*

### Corrections:

The card for Brandon McCarthy (Arizona Diamondbacks) does not have a Master Game Speed Rating. The card reads Sp-S. The correct rating is Sp-S5. *[Contributed by John Olsen.]*

The card for Max Scherzer (Detroit Tigers) does not a Master Game Speed Rating. The card reads Sp-S. The correct rating is Sp-S6. *[Contributed by John Olsen.]*

Ehire Adrianza (San Francisco Giants XC) has his date of birth listed as "8-21-29." The correct date is "8-21-89."

The XC roster sheet for this season has multiple issues: Arizona Diamondback: Eury de la Rosa is listed as "De La Rose, E.;" Atlanta Braves: Costanza follows Cunningham under outfielders, out of alphabetical order; Chicago Cubs: Burnett is listed as "Burnett, Al. J.," which is a non-standard way to present initials; San Francisco Giants: Ehire Adrianza is listed as "Andianza;" Baltimore Orioles: Pridie is listed as "Pirdie;" Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim: Stange is listed as "Strange;" Tampa Bay Rays; The position headings and the player names are out of sync by one line: no catchers are listed, Gimenez, a catcher, is listed first among the infielders, Duncan, the last infielder, is listed as the first outfielder, and Kiermaier, the last outfielder, is listed as the first pitcher; Toronto Blue Jays: LaRoche is listed as "LaRoche, An. C.," again an odd presentation.

### Miscellany

Fourteen starting pitchers are rated A. They are Clay Bucholz (Boston Red Sox XB) MG=18, Anibal Sanchez (Detroit Tigers) MG=16, Max Scherzer (Detroit Tigers) MG=16, Jarred Cosart (Houston Astros) MG=17, Danny Duffy (Kansas City Royals XB) MG=16, Bartolo Colon (Oakland A's) MG=15, James Paxton (Seattle Mariners XB) MG=16, Yoervis Medina (Seattle Mariners) MG=15, Matt Moore (Tampa Bay Rays) MG=16, Clayton Kershaw (Los Angeles Dodgers) MG=19, Zack Greinke (Los Angeles Dodgers) MG=16, Jose Fernandez (Miami Marlins) MG=18, Matt Harvey (New York Mets) MG=15, and Tanner Roark (Washington Nationals) MG=16.

St-N Sp-F15 WP3 BK0 MF+2 Q3*												
Albertin Aroldis "Aroldis"												
CHAPMAN												
(F)Grade A* Pitcher(1)(KXY)(W)												
Year	G	GS	IP	W	L	SV	ERA	BB	SO	HR		
2013	68	0	63	4	5	38	2.54	29	112	7		
		Height: 6-4		Weight: 205								
		Born: 2-28-88		Holquin, Cuba								
		Bats: Left		Throws: Left		CIN						
11-	8	31-	13	51-	13							
12-	25	32-	26	52-	13							
13-	13	33-	9	53-	13							
14-	30	34-	13	54-	32							
15-	13	35-	13	55-	36							
16-	13	36-	13	56-	13							
21-	13	41-	24	61-	13							
22-	21	42-	13	62-	13							
23-	12	43-	29	63-	13							
24-	13	44-	23	64-	13							
25-	13	45-	14	65-	35							
26-	13	46-	13	66-	7							
J-1	(17*)	SA	-6/+1	© 2013 APBA Games								



Two pitchers received the rating of A&B\*. They are Kevin Ryan Siegrist (St. Louis Cardinals XB) MG=29\*, and Jesse Crain (Chicago White Sox XB) MG=(27\*).

Twelve relief pitchers are rated A&C\* They are Craig Breslow (Boston Red Sox ) MG=(20\*), Koji Uehara (Boston Red Sox) MG=(24\*), Louis Coleman (Kansas City Royals XB) MG=(23\*), Greg Holland (Kansas City Royals) MG=(24\*), Alex Torres (Tampa Bay Rays) MG=21\*, Neal Cotts (Texas Rangers XB) MG=(24\*), Joe Nathan (Texas Rangers ) MG=(23\*), Craig Kimbrell (Atlanta Braves) MG=(24\*), David Carpenter (Atlanta Braves XB) MG=(20\*), Luis Avilan, Atlanta Braves) MG=(22\*), Rex Brothers (Colorado Rockies) MG=(22\*), and Mark Melancon (Pittsburgh Pirates) MG=(22\*).

Forty-six pitchers are rated A\*

Aroldis Chapman (Cincinnati Reds) is the only pitcher rated (KXY). He also received this rating in 2011.

Craig Kimbrell (Atlanta Braves), Koji Uehara (Boston Red Sox) and Greg Holland (Kansas City Royals) are rated (KX).

Andrew Miller (Boston Red Sox XB), Brandon Gomes (Tampa Bay Rays XB), Jason Grilli (Pittsburgh Pirates), and Heath Hembree (San Francisco Giants XC) are rated (KY).

The only ZZ rating in the set belongs to Mariano Rivera (New York Yankees).

Every team is capable of making at least Fielding Two and twenty-one teams can reach Fielding One. The Baltimore Orioles can reach 48 points while the Tampa Bay Rays can attain 47, the Atlanta Braves 46, and the New York Yankees and Colorado Rockies 45.

The Chicago White Sox, Los Angeles Angels, Houston Astros, Toronto Blue Jays, San Francisco Giants, San Diego Padres, Miami Marlins, Milwaukee Brewers, and New York Mets cannot attain Fielding One.

Drew Butera (Los Angeles Dodgers XC), Matt Wieters (Baltimore Orioles), Joe Mauer (Minnesota Twins), Ryan Hanigan (Cincinnati Reds), A.J. Ellis (Los Angeles Dodgers), and Yadier Molina (St. Louis Cardinals) are all rated Catcher - 9.

James Loney (Tampa Bay Rays), Adrian Gonzalez (Los Angeles Dodgers), Paul Goldschmidt (Arizona Diamondbacks), Eric Hosmer (Kansas City Royals), Carlos Pena (Kansas City Royals XB), Todd Helton (Colorado Rockies), Lyle Overbay (New York Yankees), Mark Teixeira (New York Yankees XC), and Justin Morneau (Pittsburgh Pirates) are all rated Firstbaseman - 5.

Dustin Pedroia (Boston Red Sox), Ben Zobrist (Tampa Bay Rays), Brian Dozier (Minnesota Twins), D. J. LeMahieu (Colorado Rockies), Darwin Barney (Chicago Cubs), Lexi Casilla (Baltimore Orioles XB), and Mark Ellis (Los Angeles Dodgers) are all rated Secondbaseman - 9.

The only player rated Shortstop - 10 in the set is Andrelton Simmons (Atlanta Braves).

J. J. Hardy (Baltimore Orioles), Jose Iglesias (Detroit Tigers), Pedro Florimon (Minnesota Twins), Troy Tulowitzki (Colorado Rockies), Brendan Ryan (New York Yankees), Paul Janish (Atlanta Braves XC), Zack Cozart (Cincinnati Reds), Jean Segura (Milwaukee Brewers), Clint Barmes (Pittsburgh Pirates), Everth Cabrera (San Diego Padres), and Yunel Escobar (Tampa

Bay Rays) are all rated Shortstop - 9.

The only player in the set rated Thirdbaseman 6 is Manny Machado (Baltimore Orioles).

Jose Iglesias (Detroit Tigers), Evan Longoria (Tampa Bay Rays), Paul Janish (Atlanta Braves XC), Nolan Arenado (Colorado Rockies), David Wright (New York Mets), Brandon Inge (Pittsburgh Pirates XC), Juan Uribe (Los Angeles Dodgers), and Ramiro Pena (Atlanta Braves) are all rated Thirdbaseman - 5.

Forty-nine players are rated Outfielder - 3. The Baltimore Orioles, Atlanta Braves, and Tampa Bay Rays each have four. The Cleveland Indians, Detroit Tigers, New York Yankees, Oakland Athletics, and Texas Rangers each have three.

The Colorado Rockies, Tampa Bay Rays, and Los Angeles Dodgers all have a player rated (1B-5) and (2B-9).

Excluding the pitcher, the Orioles can reach 37 points in the infield with Matt Wieters C-9, Chris Davis 1B-4, Lexi Casilla 2B-9, J.J. Hardy SS-9, and Manny Machado 3B-6.

Excluding the pitcher, the Rockies can reach 36 fielding points in the infield with Yorvie Torrealba C-8, Todd Helton 1B-5, D. J. Le Mahieu 2B-9, Troy Tulowitzki SS-9, and Nolan Arenado 3B-5.

The Dodgers can also accomplish this with A.J. Ellis C-9, Adrian Gonzalez 1B-5, Mark Ellis 2B-9, Hanley Ramirez or Nick Punto SS-8, and Juan Uribe 3B-5.

The Rays can accomplish this with Jose Molina C-8, James Loney 1B-5, Ben Zobrist 2B-9, Yunel Escobar SS-9, and Evan Longoria 3B-5.

Paul Janish (3B-5) (2B-8) (SS-9) (Atlanta Braves XC) is rated Fielding One at three different positions.

Ben Zobrist (OF-3) (2B-9) (Tampa Bay Rays), Ramiro Pena (3B-5) (2B-8) (Atlanta Braves XB), and Jose Iglesias (SS-9) (3B-5) (Detroit Tigers) are rated Fielding One at two different positions.

Elwood Elmore (Houston Astros XB) is rated to play pitcher, catcher, outfielder, and all infield positions.

The highest arm rating (38) was given to Troy Tulowitzki (Colorado Rockies), Yasiel Puig (Los Angeles Dodgers), and Rick Ankiel (New York Mets XC).

Ben Revere (Philadelphia Phillies) has an arm rating of 25 which is the lowest in the set.

Catcher Yadier Molina (St. Louis Cardinals), Joe Mauer (Minnesota Twins), A.J. Ellis (Los Angeles Dodgers), and Ryan Hanigan (Cincinnati Reds) all received a Th+6 rating.

Seven players received five power numbers. They are: Carlos Gonzalez (Colorado Rockies; 1, 1, 0, 0, 0), Hanley Ramirez (Los Angeles Dodgers; 1, 1, 4, 6, 6), Moises Sierra (Toronto Blue Jays XC; 0, 0, 0, 0, 0), Brett Hayes (Kansas City Royals XC; 0, 0, 0, 0, 0) Khris Davis (Milwaukee Brewers; 1, 1, 5, 6, 6), Chris Davis (Baltimore Orioles; 1, 1, 5, 5, 6), and Danny

Valencia (Baltimore Orioles; 1, 5, 5, 6, 6).

Twenty-one players, including XCs, received double 1s.

The Boston Red Sox have a lineup with the most power numbers, 34. The Toronto Blue Jays have 33, and the Colorado Rockies 32..

The largest MG platoon ratings were given to Scooter Gennett (Milwaukee Brewers) SA-22+4, and Jordy Mercer (Pittsburgh Pirates) SA+17/-7.

Placido Polanco (Miami Marlins), Ichiro Suzuki ((New York Yankees), Joe Mauer (Minnesota Twins), Paul Janish (Atlanta Braves XC), Derek Jeter (New York Yankees XC), Jeff Keppinger (Chicago White Sox), and Juan Pierre (Miami Marlins) all received 3-31s.

Quintin Berry (Boston Red Sox XC) received seven 11s; Matt Carson (Cleveland Indians XC) received five 11s.

Brett Cecil (Toronto Blue Jays) and Harry Halladay (Philadelphia Phillies) both received twenty-four 13s.

Ramon Hernandez (Los Angeles Dodgers XC) received thirteen 24s.

Mike Napoli (Boston Red Sox) has neither a 26 nor 27 on his card and received 13s at dice rolls 32 and 52.

The Tampa Bay Rays, and Atlanta Braves each have twelve players rated (F).

The Miami Marlins have twenty-six players rated (S).

Emilio Bonifacio (Kansas City Royals) and Billy Hamilton (Cincinnati Reds XC) are rated F-20.

Seven players are rated F19: Rajai Davis (Toronto Blue Jays), Brett Gardner (New York Yankees XC), Eric Young (New York Mets), Carlos Gomez (Milwaukee Brewers), Everth Cabrera (San Diego Padres), Tony Campana (Arizona Diamondbacks XC), and Dee Gordon (Los Angeles Dodgers XC).

Ryan Howard (Philadelphia Phillies) received the lowest speed rating, S2, in the set.

The leading base stealers for this season are: A-35: Billy Hamilton (Cincinnati Reds XC); C-35: Elliot Johnson (Atlanta Braves); D-35: Jacoby Ellsbury (Boston Red Sox); E-35: Jayson Nix (New York Yankees), Alcides Escobar (Kansas City Royals), Matt Kemp (Los Angeles Dodgers), Josh Rutledge Colorado Rockies); F-35: Charlie Blackmon (Colorado Rockies), Peter Bourjos (Los Angeles Angels), Derek Norris (Oakland A's), Christian Yelich (Miami

Marlins), Chris Denorfia (San Diego Padres); G-35: Stephen Drew (Boston Red Sox), Juan Uribe (Los Angeles Dodgers), Yonder Alonso (San Diego Padres).

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# 2014 Season

Teams: NL-15 AL-15  
 Cards Per Team: 20  
 XBs: 10/Team M/S: Yes  
 Print Style: , Variety , Format  
 Published: 2014  
 XCs: (with M/S) NL-197 AL-223  
 Print Style: Format  
 Back:  
 Ballpark Factor Chart: Yes

*At the end of the 2014 season, Ichiro was approaching the 3,000 hit mark and had a lifetime BA of .317. Beginning with his first season, 2001, he received three 3Is on all 14 of his cards. APBA certainly recognized all of his magnificent batting skills.*

St-E32 Sp-F17 Ar-36												
Ichiro "Itchy" SUZUKI												
(F) Outfielder (3)												
Year	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	SB	BA	SLG	OBP		
2014	143	359	42	102	1	22	15	.284	.340	.324		
Height: 5-11 Weight: 170												
Born: 10-22-73 Kasugai, Japan												
Bats: Left Throws: Right NYA												
11-	0 - 2		31-		9 - 6		51-		8 - 6			
12-	25 - 8		32-		26 - 8		52-		27 - 8			
13-	40 - 6		33-		7 - 2		53-		16 - 6			
14-	30 - 7		34-		31 - 7		54-		32 - 7			
15-	11 - 6		35-		9 - 6		55-		8 - 5			
16-	28 - 7		36-		14 - 6		56-		34 - 6			
21-	13 - 6		41-		28 - 7		61-		29 - 6			
22-	7 - 2		42-		13 - 6		62-		13 - 6			
23-	12 - 6		43-		29 - 7		63-		31 - 6			
24-	31 - 6		44-		8 - 4		64-		13 - 6			
25-	10 - 6		45-		14 - 6		65-		35 - 8			
26-	27 - 6		46-		13 - 6		66-		0 - 1			
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## Corrections:

David Hale -Atlanta Braves XB Pitcher: MG Rating is 9 (12\*).

Chris Valaika-Chicago Cubs: Date Born is 8-14-85

Bartolo Colon-New York Mets Pitcher: MG Rating is (6).

Jason Frasier-Kansas City Royals XB Pitcher: MG Rating is (14\*)

Jerry Santos-Tampa Bay Rays XC: Dice Roll 62 result is 13.

Homer Bailey-Cincinnati Reds Pitcher: In some sets his pitching stats do not appear on the card. They are:

	G	GS	IP	W-L	SV	ERA	BB	SO	HR
	23	23	146	9-5	0	3.71	45	124	16

Tommy Pham-St. Louis Cardinals XC is not listed on the Roster.

## Miscellany:

Any team totals such as pitching, fielding, etc. that are reported herein include all XC players. However, it should be noted that all teams do not have the same number of XCs. The number can vary from as few as seven for the Braves to as many as twenty-seven for the Rangers.

Clayton Kershaw (Los Angeles Dodgers) MG=21 is the only Grade A&C starting pitcher in the set.

Ten starting pitchers are rated A. They are: Johnny Cueto (Cincinnati Reds) MG=18, Chris Sale (Chicago White Sox) MG=17, Felix Hernandez (Seattle Mariners) MG=17, Cole Hamels (Philadelphia Phillies) MG=16, Adam Wainwright (St. Louis Cardinals) MG=16, Corey Kluber (Cleveland Indians) MG=16, Doug Fister (Washington Nationals) MG=16, Jake Arietta (Chicago Cubs) MG=16, Derek Holland XC (Texas Rangers) MG=16, and Jon Lester (Oakland Athletics) MG=15.

Two pitchers received the rating of A&B\*. They are Wade Davis (Kansas City Royals) MG=26\*, and Kelvin Herrera (Kansas City Royals) MG=(25\*).

Eighteen relief pitchers are rated A&C\*. They are: Tom Layne (Boston Red Sox) MG=22\*, Zach Britton (Baltimore Orioles) MG=21\*, Zach Putnam (Chicago White Sox) MG=20\*, Greg Holland (Kansas City Royals) MG=23\*, Huston Street (Los Angeles Angels) MG=22\*, Dellin Betances (New York Yankees) MG=24\*, Fernando Abad (Oakland A's) MG= 20\*, Aaron Sanchez (Toronto Blue Jays) MG=21, Craig Kimbrell (Atlanta Braves) MG=24\*, Neil Ramirez (Chicago Cubs) MG=24\*, Aroldis Chapman (Cincinnati Reds) MG=20\*, Dan Jennings (Miami Marlins) MG=22\*, Tom Gorzelanny XC (Milwaukee Brewers) MG=21\*, Josh Edgin (New York Mets) MG=20\*, Ken Giles (Philadelphia Phillies) MG=24\*, Jairo Casilla (San Francisco Giants) MG=21, Joaquin Benoit (San Diego Padres) MG=23\*, and Drew Storen (Washington Nationals) MG=24\*.

Forty-eight pitchers are rated A\*

Aroldis Chapman (Cincinnati Reds) and Andrew Miller (Baltimore Orioles) are the only pitchers rated (KXY). Chapman earned the same rating in 2013 and also received a "W" in both seasons.

The Orioles, Angels, A's, Mariners, Rays, Pirates, and Padres have five Grade B starters.

The Dodgers have six Grade B\* relievers while the Braves and Yankees have five.

The Rangers have the most Grade D and D\* pitchers with twenty.

Seven pitchers received a KX rating and six pitchers are KY.

ZZ rating was given to five pitchers. They are: Joakim Soria (Detroit Tigers), Chad Qualls (Houston Astros), Joe Thatcher (Los Angeles Angels), Phil Hughes (Minnesota Twins), and Dan Otero (Oakland A's).

Every team is capable of making at least Fielding Two and twenty teams can reach Fielding One. The Orioles can attain the most, 46 points. while the Rays can reach 45.

The White Sox Angels, Astros, Indians, Twins, Padres, Phillies, Marlins, Rangers, Cubs, and Mets cannot attain Fielding One.

The highest individual fielding ratings are:

- C-9: Drew Butera (Los Angeles Dodgers), Matt Wieters (Baltimore Orioles), Ryan Hanigan (Tampa Bay Rays), Jose Molina (Tampa Bay Rays), A.J. Ellis (Los Angeles Dodgers), Russell Martin (Pittsburgh Pirates), Salvador Perez (Kansas City Royals), Chris Iannetta (Los Angeles Angels), Jonathan Lucroy (Milwaukee Brewers), and Yadier Molina (St. Louis Cardinals).
- 1B-5: James Loney (Tampa Bay Rays), Adrian Gonzalez (Los Angeles Dodgers), Eric Hosmer (Kansas City Royals), Carlos Pena XC (Texas Rangers), Adam La Roche (Washington Nationals), and Justin Morneau (Colorado Rockies).
- 2B-9: Dustin Pedroia (Boston Red Sox), Ian Kinsler (Detroit Tigers), D. J. LeMahieu (Colorado Rockies), Donovan Solano (Miami Marlins), Asdrubal Cabrera (Washington Nationals), and Mark Ellis (Los Angeles Dodgers).
- SS-9: J. J. Hardy (Baltimore Orioles), Andrelton Simmons (Atlanta Braves), Troy Tulowitzki (Colorado Rockies), Jimmy Rollins (Philadelphia Phillies), Freddy Galvis (Philadelphia Phillies), Zack Cozart (Cincinnati Reds), Ruben Tejada (New York Mets), Jordy Mercer (Pittsburgh Pirates), Brandon Crawford (San Francisco Giants), and Jhonny Peralta (St. Louis Cardinals).
- 3B-5: Manny Machado (Baltimore Orioles), Kyle Seager (Seattle Mariners), Adrian Beltre (Texas Rangers), Nolan Arenado (Colorado Rockies), Juan Uribe (Los Angeles Dodgers), Brett Lawrie (Toronto Blue Jays), Don Kelly (Detroit Tigers), Chase Headley (New York Yankees), and John McDonald (Los Angeles Angels).
- OF-3: Fifty-four players received this rating. The A's have the most with four. The Astros, Phillies, and Padres do not have any.

The Colorado Rockies, have a player rated (1B-5), (2B-9), (SS-9), and (3B-5).

Excluding the pitcher, the Orioles, Yankees, A's, Mariners, Braves, Rockies, Dodgers, and Cardinals can reach 35 points in the infield.

John McDonald (3B-5) (2B-8) (Los Angeles Angels), Freddy Galvis (SS-9) (2B-8) (Philadelphia Phillies), and Don Kelly (OF-3) (3B-5) (Detroit Tigers) are rated Fielding One at two different positions.

Two players are rated to play multiple positions including pitcher and catcher: Chris Gimenez (Cleveland Indians) C-1B-3B-D\* and J.P. Arencibia (Texas Rangers) 1B-C-D\*.

Nine players are rated to play all four infield positions and the outfield: Ryan Flaherty (Orioles), Brock Holt (Red Sox), Marwin Gonzalez (Astros), Jayson Nix XC (Royals), Grant Green (Angels), Willie Bloomquist (Mariners), Logan Forsythe (Rays), Sean Rodriguez (Rays), and Eric Campbell (Mets).

Elwood Elmore XC (Cincinnati Reds) did not receive an error number.

Chone Figgins XC (Los Angeles Dodgers) has an unusual hitting combination of 6-0-8-8-9-9-11 with 19 second column 11\*s.

Leury Garcia (Chicago White Sox) received 0-8-8-9-9-11-10 with 25 second column 6\*s.

Anton Richardson XC (New York Yankees) received five 1s.

Dee Gordon (Los Angeles Dodgers) received 0-6-8-8-8-9-9-11-11-11-10.

Matt Hague XC (Pittsburgh Pirates) received 11 24s.

Justin Grimm (Chicago Cubs) received 22 13s.

The highest arm rating (38) was given to Troy Tulowitzki (Colorado Rockies), Juan Lagares (New York Mets), and Yasiel Puig (Los Angeles Dodgers).

Ben Revere (Philadelphia Phillies) has an arm rating of 25 which is the lowest in the set.

Catchers Yadier Molina (St. Louis Cardinals), and Tucker Barnhart (Cincinnati Reds) all received a Th+6 rating.

One player received six power numbers: Carlos Rivero XC (Red Sox) 1, 1, 6, 6, 6, 6.

Three players received five power numbers. They are: Paul Goldschmidt (Diamondbacks) 1, 0, 0, 0, 0; Jorge Soler (Cubs) 1, 5, 6, 6, 6; Kevin Kouzmanoff XC (Rangers) 1, 6, 6, 6, 6.

One player received three 1s Matt Clark XC (Brewers) 1, 1, 1.

Eighteen players received double 1s: Josh Phegley XC (White Sox) 1, 1, 5, 6; Nick Evans XC (Diamondbacks), Troy Tulowitzki (Rockies), Ben Paulsen (Rockies), Devin Mesoraco (Reds), Giancarlo Stanton (Marlins), Edwin Encarnacion (Blue Jays), Zack Britton (Orioles), Nelson Cruz (Orioles), Nate Freiman (A's) and Jose Abreu (White Sox) each with 1, 1, 6, 6; Chris Carter (Astros) 1, 1, 0, 0; Zach Walters (Indians) 1, 1, 5; Xavier Nady XC (Padres), Madison Bumgarner (pitcher, Giants) and George Springer (Astros), each with 1, 1, 6; and Steven Souza XC (Nationals) and George Kottaras XC (Blue Jays) each with 1, 1.



The Colorado Rockies can field a lineup with the most power numbers, 35. The Los Angeles Dodgers and Boston Red Sox can have 33.

The largest MG platoon ratings were given to: Adam Lind (Toronto Blue Jays) SA-23/+3, Bryan Holaday (Detroit Tigers) SA-9/+6, Chris Stewart (Pittsburgh Pirates) SA+14/-8, and Steve Tolleson (Toronto Blue Jays) SA+7/-17.

Ichiro Suzuki ((New York Yankees), Joe Mauer (Minnesota Twins), and Derek Jeter (New York Yankees) all received 3-31s.

The Blue Jays have twelve players rated (F).

The Diamondbacks have twenty-seven players rated (S).

Ryan Howard (Philadelphia Phillies) and Wilson Ramos received the lowest speed rating, S2, in the set.

Billy Hamilton (Cincinnati Reds) is rated F-20. Eight players are rated F19: Jose Constanza XC (Atlanta Braves), Brett Gardner (New York Yankees), Eric Young (New York Mets), Carlos Gomez (Milwaukee Brewers), Everth Cabrera (San Diego Padres), Tony Campana XC (Los Angeles Angels), Emillio Bonifacio (Atlanta Braves), and Jarred Dyson (Kansas City Royals).

Based on a minimum of 10 stolen bases the leading base stealers for this season are:

B-35 Leury Garcia (Chicago White Sox), B-35 Chase Utley (Philadelphia Phillies), D-35 Craig Gentry (Oakland A's), D-35 James Jones (Seattle Mariners), E-35 Michael Brantley (Cleveland Indians), E-35 Jose Ramirez (Cleveland Indians), E-35 Alexi Amarista (San Diego Padres), E-35 Jose Reyes (Toronto Blue Jays), D-34 Jacoby Ellsbury (New York Yankees), E-34 Jason Kipnis (Cleveland Indians), and F-34 Mike Trout (Los Angeles Angels).

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# 2015 Season

Teams: NL-15 AL-15  
Cards Per Team: 20  
XBs: 10/Team M/S: Yes  
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XCs: (with M/S) NL-230 AL-219  
Print Style: Format  
Back:  
Ballpark Factor Chart: Yes

*At age 42 Bartolo was still an effective starter and a major contributor in getting the Mets t the World Series. His 14 wins tied for the team lead and his pinpoint control earned him the ZZ rating.*

## Corrections:

Mat Latos - Los Angeles Angels (XB) Pitcher: MG Rating is (3).

Joe Beimel - Seattle Mariners Pitcher: MG Rating is (8\*).

Steve Baron -Seattle Mariners (XC): Dice Roll 42 result is 24.

Richie Shaffer -Tampa Bay Rays (XC): Dice Roll 66 result is 1. *(All of the above contributed by John Olsen.)*

Chris Ianetta – Los Angeles Angels Catcher has pitching grade (11).

Carlos Perez – Los Angeles Angels Catcher has pitching grade (1).

Nate Karns – Tampa Bay Rays Pitcher MG Rating is 12.

Derek Norris – San Diego Padres Catcher has pitching grade 1 (2\*).

All 30 cards for the Cardinals have the team abbreviation SLTN. The correct spelling is STLN. The 16 XC cards are correct. *(All of the above contributed by Kevin Cluff.)*

## Miscellany:

Any team totals such as pitching, fielding, etc. that are reported herein include all XC players. However, it should be noted that all teams do not have the same number of XCs.

St-N Sp-S2 WP0 --- BK0 MF+1 - Q3

**Bartolo "Bart"  
COLON**

(S) Grade C Pitcher (1) (ZZ)(26)

Year	G	GS	IP	W	L	SV	ERA	BB	SO	HR
2015	33	31	194	14	13	0	4.16	24	136	25

Height: 5-11 Weight: 285

Born: 5-24-73 Altamira, DR

Bats: Right Throws: Right NYN

11-	7 - 6	31-	23 - 6	51-	13 - 6
12-	25 - 8	32-	26 - 8	52-	27 - 8
13-	13 - 6	33-	8 - 6	53-	13 - 6
14-	30 - 7	34-	31 - 7	54-	32 - 7
15-	21 - 6	35-	13 - 6	55-	9 - 6
16-	28 - 7	36-	13 - 6	56-	34 - 7
21-	13 - 6	41-	24 - 8	61-	24 - 6
22-	8 - 6	42-	13 - 6	62-	13 - 6
23-	12 - 6	43-	29 - 7	63-	13 - 7
24-	13 - 7	44-	9 - 6	64-	13 - 6
25-	22 - 6	45-	36 - 6	65-	35 - 8
26-	24 - 7	46-	13 - 7	66-	0 - 6
J-2	(5)	SA	+1/-2	© 2015 APBA Games	

The number can vary from as few as nine for the White Sox to as many as twenty-three for the Yankees.

Zack Greinke (Dodgers) MG=21 and Jake Arrieta (Cubs) MG=20 are the only Grade A&C starting pitchers in the set.

Nine starting pitchers are rated A. They are: Jacob deGrom (Mets) MG=15, Adam Wainwright (Cardinals) MG=15, Jaime Garcia (Cardinals) MG=16, Gerrit Cole (Pirates) MG=15, Rich Hill XC (Red Sox) MG=16, Dallas Keuchel (Astros) MG=16, Sonny Gray (A's) MG=16, David Price (Blue Jays), MG=16, and Marcus Stroman XC (Blue Jays) MG=17.

Two pitchers received the rating of A&B\*. They are Wade Davis (Royals) MG=27\* and Dellin Betances (Yankees) MG=25\*. Davis was also rated A&B in 2014.

Twelve relief pitchers are rated A&C\*. They are Darren O'Day (Orioles) MG=22\*, Matt Albers (White Sox) MG=20\*, Jeff Manship (Indians) MG=23\*, Will Harris (Astros) MG=21\*, Andrew Miller (Yankees) MG=20\*, Jason Frasier (Braves) MG=23\*, Aroldis Chapman (Reds) MG=24\*, J.P. Howell (Dodgers) MG=23\*, Carter Capps (Marlins) MG=21\*, Jeurys Familia (Mets) MG=20\*, Ken Giles (Phillies) MG=20\*, and Dalier Hinojosa (Phillies) MG=20\*.

Fifty pitchers are rated A\*.

Carter Capps (Marlins) and Rafael Martin XC (Nationals) are the only pitchers rated (KXY).

Four pitchers received a KX rating. They are: Andrew Miller (Yankees), Dellin Betances (Yankees), Kenley Jansen (Dodgers), and Aroldis Chapman (Reds).

The Cardinals, Rays, White Sox, and Indians have four Grade B starters.

The Cardinals have six Grade B\* relievers while the Indians and Mets have five.

The Phillies have the most Grade D and D\* pitchers with eighteen.

Four pitchers received a KY rating while a total of two hundred eighteen pitchers received a W. The Braves have the most W ratings with twelve.

The ZZ rating was given to three pitchers. They are: Barolo Colon (Mets), Evan Scribner (Athletics), and Dan Otero (Athletics). Otero received the same rating in 2014.,

Every team is capable of making at least Fielding Two and twenty-two teams can reach Fielding One. The Royals can attain the most points, 47, while the Giants and Orioles can reach 45.

The Red Sox, Athletics, Indians, Mariners, Brewers, Phillies, Dodgers, and Padres cannot attain Fielding One.

The Royals and Giants have the most points in the infield with thirty-eight each.

The highest individual fielding ratings are:

C-9: Russell Martin (Blue Jays), Salvador Perez (Royals), Buster Posey (Giants), and Yadier Molina (Cardinals).

1B-5: Adrian Gonzalez (Dodgers), Eric Hosmer (Kansas City Royals), Paul Goldschmidt (Diamondbacks), Brandon Belt (Giants), Yonder Alonso (Padres), James Loney (Rays) and Justin Morneau (Rockies).

2B-9: Ian Kinsler (Tigers), D. J. Le Mahieu (Rockies), Dee Gordon (Marlins), and Danny Espinosa (Nationals).

SS-10: Andrelton Simmons (Braves).

SS-9: J. J. Hardy (Baltimore Orioles), Troy Tulowitzki (Blue Jays), Alcides Escobar (Royals), Nick Ahmed (Diamondbacks), Addison Russell (Cubs), Jordy Mercer (Pirates), Brandon Crawford (Giants), Zack Cozart (Reds), Francisco Lindor (Indians), and Adeiny Hechavarria (Marlins).

3B-5: Manny Machado (Orioles), Kyle Seager (Mariners), Adrian Beltre (Rangers), Nolan Arenado (Colorado Rockies), Tyler Saladino (White Sox), Mike Moustakas (Royals), Matt Duffy (Giants), Evan Longoria (Rays), Martin Prado (Marlins), and John Donaldson (Blue Jays).

OF-3: Fifty-one players received this rating. The Twins and Royals have the most with four each.

Twelve players are rated to play all four infield positions and the outfield: One of these, Kris Negron XB (Reds) is rated 3B-2.

Three other players, Adam Rosales XB (Texas), Brendan Ryan XB (Yankees) and Jake Elmore XB (Rays) are rated to play all four infield positions, the outfield, and pitcher.

Jesus Sucre (Mariners) and David Ross (Cubs) are rated to play both pitcher and catcher.

The highest arm rating (38) was given to Troy Tulowitzki (Blue Jays) and Yasiel Puig (Dodgers).

David Ortiz (Red Sox), Carl Crawford XB (Dodgers), and Terrence Gore XC (Royals) have arm ratings of 27 which are the lowest in the set.

Catcher Christian Bethancourt (Braves) received a Th+5 rating.

The following players received triple 1's: Jarrett Parker XC (Giants) 1, 1, 1, 5, 5; Curt Casali (Rays) 1, 1, 1, 6, 6; Mikie Mahtook XC (Rays) 1, 1, 1, 0, 0; Jeff Bandy XC (Angels) 1, 1, 1, 6.

In addition to the above, the following players received five power numbers: Franklin Gutierrez (Mariners) 1, 1, 5, 5, 6; Nolan Arenado (Rockies) 1, 1, 5, 6, 6; Giancarlo Stanton 1, 1, 0, 0, 0; Bryce Harper (Nationals) 1, 1, 0, 0, 0; Randal Grichuk (Cardinals) 1, 3, 5, 5, 6; Yoenis Cespedes (Mets) 1, 0, 0, 0, 0; and Andres Blanco (Phillies) 0, 0, 0, 0, 0.

In addition to the above, the following players received double 1's:

Players who received five power numbers and/or three 1s, or double 1s: J.P. Arencibia XC (Rays) 1, 1, 5, 5; Mark Teixeira (Yankees), Crush Davis (Orioles) and Carlos Gonzalez (Rockies), each with 1, 1, 5, 6; Mike Trout (Angels) 1, 1, 4, 6; Zach Britton (Orioles), David Ortiz (Red Sox), J. D. Martinez (Tigers), John Donaldson (Blue Jays), Edwin Encarnacion (Blue Jays) and Greg Bird XB (Yankees), each with 1, 1, 6, 6; Nelson Cruz (Mariners), Albert Pujols (Angels), Khris Davis (Brewers), Jose Bautista (Blue Jays) and Adam Duvall XC (Reds), each with 1, 1, 0, 0; Kyle Schwarber (Cubs), Darwin Barney XC (Blue Jays) and Tom Murphy XC (Rockies), each with 1, 1, 6; and Daniel Norris (Tigers), Brad Hayes XC (Indians) and Scott Schebler XC (Dodgers), each with 1, 1.

The Rangers and Yankees can field a lineup with all players having a 66-1.

The Twins, Rays, Marlins, and Yankees can field a lineup with the most power numbers, 34.

The largest MG platoon ratings were given to: Enrique Hernandez (Dodgers) SA+16/-13, Chris Coughlan (Cubs) SA-19/+1, Manny Parra XB (Reds) SA-16/+5. (Hernandez is listed as Kike Hernandez on the APBA Carded Player List.)

D.J. LeMahieu ((Rockies) and Joe Mauer (Twins) received 3-31s.

The Padres have sixteen players rated (F).

The Astros and Pirates have twenty-three players rated (S).

Ryan Howard (Phillies), Bartolo Colon (Mets), and Wilson Ramos (Nationals) received the lowest speed rating, S2, in the set.

Billy Hamilton (Cincinnati Reds) is rated F-20.

Five players are rated F19: Brett Gardner (Yankees), Eric Young (Mets), Everth Cabrera XB (Orioles), Emillio Bonifacio XB (White Sox), and Jarred Dyson (Royals).

Based on a minimum of 10 stolen bases the leading base stealers for this season are: E-35 Denard Span (Nationals), E-35 Will Venable (Rangers), F-35 Michael Brantley (Indians), F-35 Freddy Galvis (Phillies), F-35 Matt Duffy (Giants), B-34 Billy Hamilton (Reds), B-34 Jarrod Dyson (Royals), E-34 Brandon Phillips (Reds) and E-34 Jason Heyward (Cardinals).

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