

With the completion of the SPB1 1985 season, Street & Schmoody sends out congratulations to first time champion GM Steven Brunner and the Blue Ridge Mountaineers franchise. Finishing ten games back of the powerful New York Mets in the NL East, the Mountaineers scaled the summit as a wild card by utilizing a strong pitching staff to win twelve of fourteen playoff games and bring the pennant back to the National League. The following pages summarizes the 1985 season by team along with S&S predicted finishes. All stats are from the 1985 season.

AL EAST DIVISION

predicted finishes		vs actual finish:	
1. 86 wins	Collierstown Highlanders	72 wins	3rd place
2. 81 wins	Cleveland Spiders	90 wins	1st place
3. 78 wins	Cuyahoga River Flames	88 wins	2nd place
4. 65 wins	Preble Zorros	57 wins	4th place
5. 57 wins	Dayton Triangles	47 wins	5th place

AL WEST DIVISION

predicted finishes		vs actual finish:	
1. 98 wins	Rockford Forest Citys	104 wins	2nd place
2. 97 wins	Indy Alley Cats	92 wins	4th place
3. 93 wins	Bloomington Hoosiers	109 wins	1st place
4. 86 wins	Kenosha Eagles	76 wins	6th place
5. 85 wins	Frankfort Tigers	93 wins	3rd place
6. 75 wins	Evanston Black Sox	78 wins	5th place

NL EAST DIVISION

predicted finishes		vs actual finish:	
1. 99 wins	Blue Ridge Mountaineers	96 wins	2nd place
2. 98 wins	New York Mets	106 wins	1st place
3. 78 wins	Flushing Rats	80 wins	3rd place tie
4. 73 wins	Beast Coast Brushbacks	53 wins	6th place
5. 72 wins	Asheville Tourists	80 wins	3rd place tie
6. 67 wins	Fairfax Peppers	65 wins	5th place

NL WEST DIVISION

predicted finishes		vs actual finish:	
1. 92 wins	Bolton Hill Scotties	90 wins	1st place
2. 88 wins	Las Vegas Thunder	83 wins	2nd place
3. 76 wins	Ottawa Lynx	66 wins	5th place
4. 74 wins	Spirit Mountain Volcanoes	78 wins	4th place
5. 70 wins	Milwaukee Road	80 wins	3rd place

Street & Schmoody's predictions were pretty close, picking three of the four AL playoff contenders and all four NL playoff teams. S&S had the Hoosiers repeating as champs against the Mets, however, this season turned out to be a rematch of last season's SPB1 championship with the Mountaineers coming out on top. Picking the placemats for each division was also surprisingly accurate as only the NL West placemat prediction (Milwaukee Road) managed to escape the cellar by finishing a surprising third.

AMERICAN LEAGUE 1985 RECAP

The Cleveland Spiders led by Silver Slugger Jose Cruz (.328/11/96), LF Mickey Hatcher (.312/4/41), 2B Bill Doran (.308/13/71) and AL Pitcher of the year winner, John Tudor (21-7 1.45 183k) along with Atlee Hammaker (14-8 2.79 123k) continued their success with a third consecutive divisional flag. It was not until July before the Spiders overtook the Flames for the division lead and kept it through the end of the season. The Spiders clipped the Forest Citys in the first round of the playoffs, but were swept by the Hoosiers in the League Championship Series. The Spiders led the AL in ERA (3.41) and gave up the least amount of hits (1360), runs (622), and home runs (114).

The Cuyahoga River Flames finished two games out of the division lead and with their eighth consecutive winning season (best active). The Flames had one Gold Glove in catcher Gary Carter (.274/30/93) and 3B Pedro Guerrero (.330/34/101) led the offense. SP Mike Scott (19-4 3.28 145k) led the Flames in wins followed by Fernando Valenzuela (16-13 3.57 177k) and Mario Soto (14-13 2.94 173k). The bullpen did lead the SPB1 in save percentage. 3B Pedro Guerrero (.330/34/101), 1B Greg Walker (.253/22/92), and RF Dave Winfield (.252/25/105) provided the thump. This team is not far from contention and their early season success and contention for a wild card should keep Flames fans' interest rising.

The Collierstown Highlanders disastrous April put the team ten games back after one month of play. Silver Slugger catcher Lance Parrish (.315/31/83) and 1B Willie Upshaw (.295/21/81) highlight the offense, while the pitching staff had three starters with over 200 innings in Scott McGregor (15-8 4.23 95k), Joaquin Andujar (15-8 4.47 76k), and Jay Tibbs with an AL leading 19 losses (7-19 4.25 90k). Two 90 win seasons followed by two 90 loss seasons has this team tossing on the tide. 1986 should tell us whether they are sinking or coming back from the depths.

The Preble Zorros with their 100 loss season still managed to win three series, but were the only team to suffer complete series sweeps from the Highlanders (two six game sweeps) and the Mets (one seven game sweep). No qualified Zorros player hit over .300 as the team led the AL in Ks (877) and the least number of walks (295) and averaged an SPB1 low 3.6 runs per game. SS Craig Reynolds (.298/3/41), 1B Steve Balboni (.261/33/70) and 2B Juan Samuel (.225/23/69) provided the offense while 2B Juan Samuel (.225/23/69) joined five other players who had double figures in extra base hits (29d/14t/23hr). RF Harold Baines (.248/15/65) had 12 outfield assists and a .997 fielding percentage to earn a Gold Glove. With a staff ERA over 5.00 (5.13), the Zorros depended upon Jack Morris (13-16 3.89 152k) for their highlights reel and will be depending upon a couple of youngsters in Jay Howell (3-3 4.76 62k), Jeff Robinson (0-0 16.43 2k), and Craig McMurtry (4-3 6.80 27k) to bring stability to the Zorros for 1986.

The Dayton Triangles had five months with 10 wins or less, including a league low four wins in May. The Triangles also had no qualified hitter over .300, though 37 years old Lee Lacy (.285/10/72) provided some veteran leadership along with SS Hubie Brooks (.263/15/74), who was one of the five SPB1 players with double figures in extra base hits (37d/10t/15hr). This team needs to do a deep revamp of their pitching staff as only one pitcher had a winning record for the Triangles, Ray Burris (14-8 3.24 96k), a pleasant surprise who won 30% of his team's games. The Triangles had the second worst AL ERA (5.28), most hits (1743) and most runs (940). SP Vida Blue (1-16 7.87 104k) and John Butcher (8-17 5.42 80k) took more than their share of losses for the team. While the Triangles look to improve their pitching situation for next season, look for some of the youngsters like twenty-two year olds LF Oddibe McDowell (.206/13/49) and CF

Devon White (.100/0/2) to help turn things around as GM Turnbull will be looking towards the upcoming 1986 draft with the #1 selection, along with two other first round picks (#14 and #21) should provide plenty for team coffers.

The Bloomington Hoosiers topped the league with 109 wins but it all ended with defeat in a rematch of the 1984 SPB1 championship, with the Mountaineers taking the series in five games. Led by Silver Sluggers 1B Keith Hernandez (.313/21/132) and RF Tony Gwynn (.345/4/98), the Hoosiers fronted the AL with a .283 ba and .350 ops and was the only AL team to top 900 runs. The Hoosiers were led in home runs by a surprising player, C Ozzie Virgil (.232/32/90). Brett Saberhagen (19-5 2.42 144k) led the Hoosier staff along with Charlie Leibrandt (13-4 3.24 97k) and Dennis Martinez (11-4 3.31 73k). The Hoosiers also had three Gold Glove winners with 1B Keith Hernandez (.313/21/132), SS Ozzie Smith (.232/8/52), and LF Kevin McReynolds (.259/17/73). These Hoosiers have a strong young core and will be in the hunt for the playoffs in the foreseeable future.

The Rockford Forest Citys won 104 games but disappointingly lost in the first round to the Spiders, a team they dominated (10-2) in the regular season series. The Forest Citys pitching staff was led by SP Britt Burns (21-4 3.24 163k), Danny Cox (17-8 3.20 133k) and closer Goose Gossage (4-6 2.43 AL leading 36sv). 2B Lou Whitaker (.293/11/64), 1B Bill Buckner (.281/15/89), LF Phil Bradley (.277/30/101) and SPB1 HR Champ 3B Darrell Evans (.280/43/117) paced the Forest Citys offense with LF Phil Bradley one of five players with double figure extra base hits (30d/10t/30hr). The Forest Citys topped 300 doubles and 200 hrs. A promising Jose Rijo (6-0 3.46 69k) and Shawon Dunston (.232/2/29) are on the horizon for these Forest Citys.

The Frankfort Tigers blew out the Alley Cats to win the final AL wild card, only to get smoked in five games by eventual SPB1 Championship runner up, the Hoosiers. The Tigers used a baby face rotation with four starters 25 and under, led by Dwight Gooden (25-5 2.27 274k) combining for 54 victories. The Tigers were the only pitching staff with over 1,000 strikeouts. This bodes bad news for the AL West. The Tigers offense was led by AL Player of the Year 3B George Brett (.361/27/99), five players had double figures in steals (the Alley Cats were the only other team to accomplish this), leading SPB1 with 164 thefts, with CF Willie Wilson (.315/8/48) topping the team with 43. LF Joe Carter (.292/7/75) 32 steals and LF Davey Lopes (.265/8/36) 29 steals gave the Tigers three players in the top ten AL base stealers. Tiger Stadium should continue to be a hitters paradise for next season's roster.

The Indy Alley Cats saw their wild card hopes disappear with a blowout loss to the Tigers in a season extending 163rd game. Doyle Alexander (16-7 4.17 101k), Andy Hawkins (15-10 4.85 64k) and Rick Reuschel (14-8 3.21 150k) carried the staff. The Alley Cats were the only AL playoff team with an ERA over 4.00 (4.80). The Alley Cats had only one pitcher with an ERA under 3.00, (MR Duane Ward 1-0 0.75 7k 12ip). Ten Alley Cats had at least 10 dingers. The Alley Cats may have become the first SPB1 team with a quartet of players with 30+ home runs (Carlton Fisk .253/40/84), Andre Dawson (.267/32/91), Reggie Jackson (.310/31/82), and Mike Marshall (.288/30/102). These Cats out slugged the nearest team by sixty dingers. This team missed 600 extra base hits by seventeen. What the hell are these Cats eating? Backup C Floyd Rayford didn't have enough plate appearances to qualify but his batting line (.344/23/64) was one of the primary reasons for the Indy Cats success along with 2B Wally Backman's (.325/7/43) production. An improved pitching staff should be the main focus for these Alley Cats.

The Evanston Black Sox bid for an eleventh consecutive winning season fall short by three wins. The Black Sox started with a .500 first month and ended with a 10+ win/loss differential for the last month. The four middle months were the difference not reaching .500. The pitching staff led SPB1 in complete games (36). The Black Sox

had ten series wins (out of a total of 26 played) during the season, however, six of those were interleague. The Black Sox are a team that will need to win more in their league and division if they expect to rejoin the winning ranks.

The Kenosha Eagles missed a breakeven season by five games and still finished 33 games out of first place. This is the toughest division to play in, where 76 wins places you in the cellar, and in any other division would be third or second place. First round pick (#12) LF Vince Coleman (.235/4/39) 71 steals led the AL and was three off the SPB1 leader, Scotties LF Tim Raines (74). If Eagles young starting pitching, Mark Gubicza (4-8 3.71 51k), Ron Darling (6-11 4.03 84k), Bobby Witt (9-13 4.26 109k), and Matt Moore (7-3 2.97 84k) maintain a steady improvement and the bullpen improves from their 55% save percentage, might we see a contending Eagles team next season?

NATIONAL LEAGUE 1985 RECAP

The New York Mets, after four seasons of sub .500 play, improved over last year's standings by 30 games and led the NL East from start to finish for their first divisional title since 1979, when they were known as the Niskayuna Nationals. Led by SP Sid Fernandez, NL Pitcher of the Year (16-4 2.07 179), Rick Mahler (16-7 4.43 71k), Oil Can Boyd (12-6 2.77 133k), Bob Welch (13-5 3.54 103k), and rookie Roger Clemens (9-1 2.37 78k) the pieces are there for the Mets to dominate all rotations in the NL East for the near future. The Mets led the NL with 967 strikeouts. Bullpen closer Donnie Moore (8-6 2.41 57k) led the NL with 27 saves. The Mets paced the NL in hitting with a .286 batting average and were two hits from being the only team with 1700 hits. NL Player of the Year RF Dave Parker (.328/37/123) led the potent Mets offense and was the only SPB1 player with nearly 400 total bases (397) along with 1B Don Mattingly (.309/30/125), SS Alfredo Griffin (.300/4/76), CF Von Hayes (.288/12/76), and DH Kent Hrbek (.278/18/86) providing supporting roles. The Mets will be looking to avenge their NL championship loss to the Mountaineers.

The Blue Ridge Mountaineers may have finished 10 games back in the division, but their 12-2 playoff run as a NL wild card team made GM Steve Brunner's race to the summit a success. The Mountaineers pitching staff posted the lowest ERA in the SPB1 (3.28), gave up the fewest walks (411) and tossed the most shutouts (18) and also led in quality starts (106). Charlie Hough (13-8 2.93 89k), Bert Blyleven (9-12 3.20 113k), Don Sutton (8-8 3.72 88k 1 no-hitter) were the highlights of the Mountaineers staff, along with a bullpen closing combo of Willie Hernandez (3-3 2.88 24sv) and Dan Quisenberry (9-5 1.58 16sv) while a veteran lineup led by 1B Eddie Murray (.298/32/126), LF Gary Ward (.327/11/54), and RF Tony Armas (.266/19/61) paced the offense. This is a team that started five players 30+ years old, with Murray a young 29. Can these old-timers repeat? Time will tell.

The Ashville Tourists were one of three National League teams to miss the .500 mark by one game. SP Dave Stieb (18-3 2.38 170k) was runner up for NL pitcher of the year and Teddy Higuera's rookie campaign (12-8 3.62 111k) were positives for the Tourists, but no other pitcher had double figure wins. CF Willie McGee (.352/12/121) with double figures in extra base hits (22d/16t/12hr) along with youngsters 1B Alvin Davis (.288/6/79), 3B Brooks Jacoby (.263/18/80), SS Ernest Riles (.263/5/52), and LF Andy Van Slyke (.237/8/51) should get this team over the hump next season. C Mark Salas took the Silver Slugger Award for NL catchers.

The Flushing Rats are the second of three NL teams to miss the .500 mark by a single game. When one of your relievers, Jay Howell (10-4 3.80 62k) has as many wins as one of your starting pitchers, Tom Seaver (10-13 4.47 116k), one may want to replace the pitching coach. Workhorse Frank Viola (9-13 3.69 147k), Bobby Ojeda (8-10 2.88 135k),

and young Mark Langston (5-12 5.54 59k) should provide the Rats with an improved starting staff next season. Three Rats (25 years or younger) had 20+ home runs: CF Darryl Strawberry (.278/27/92), SS Cal Ripken, Jr. (.268/23/93), and RF Darryl Motley (.212/20/54), only the Flames 1B Greg Walker (25yo/22hr) and the Peppers LF George Bell (25yo/24hr) managed to match this feat.

The Fairfax Peppers have been trending downward since 1982 and a turn to a younger staff may pull this franchise back on track. Two starters had winning records: Roger Mason (11-10 4.10 93k) and 42 year old Tommy John (5-2 6.19 29k). A total of twenty seven hurlers were seen at one time occupying the mound for the Peppers this season. LF George Bell (.280/24/88), RF Glenn Wilson (.252/17/89), and C Terry Kennedy (.256/4/47) led the Peppers offense. Trading away 1B Keith Hernandez to the Hoosiers for a 1985 first round pick (#22 SP Bill Wegman) and a mid-season trade of SP Eric Show to the Scotties for a 1986 first round pick) seems to have led the Peppers into a tough season of upheaval, but GM Peterson

The Beast Coast Brushbacks 109 losses were an NL worst. The Brushbacks had an NL worst ERA (4.86), most walks (623), most hits (1675), and most runs (885). SP Bud Black (12-6 4.07 109k) was the sole highlight of the pitching staff. Highlights on offense include 2B Julio Franco (.275/12/74), 3B Paul Molitor (.262/4/63), and SS Tony Fernandez (.256/1/34). The Brushbacks will be counting on OFs Jose Canseco (.279/3/12) and Eric Davis (.213/4/11) to provide future benefits.

The Bolton Hill Scotties used the month of June to climb from three games back in the division to take a three game lead which they never relinquished, clinching the NL West by seven games and the franchise's third consecutive division crown. Led by one of the more potent NL offenses, the Scotties paced the NL in runs (927) (the only SPB1 team with five players scoring 100+ runs), home runs (175), OBP (.364), slugging (.446) and walks (727) (with four batters ranking 1-4 to lead the NL). NL batting leader 3B Wade Boggs (.373/7/96) took the crown by a margin of 21 points, NL stolen base leader LF Tim Lincecum (.319/13/77) 74 steals (20 more than nearest player), NL home run and rbi champ, Mike Schmidt (.281/38/145), CF Jesse Barfield (.275/25/90), and RF Dwight Evans (.267/35/117) all contributed to the Scotties success, but the Scotties were caught in the playoff juggernaut that was the Mountaineers, getting swept out of the first round of playoffs, four games to zero. Being the only NL playoff team with a team ERA over 4.00 (4.37) showcased one of the major weaknesses the Scotties possess. Mike Smithson (15-11 4.46 116k), Nolan Ryan (13-9 4.51 174k), and Eric Show (13-10 3.98 131k) will need to maintain or improve upon this season's results if the Scotties want to contend for a fourth consecutive divisional title.

The Las Vegas Thunder ended five seasons of franchise futility playing sub .500 ball using a 16-12 September to race from three games behind for the final wild card spot to finish three games ahead. GM Mike See did not expect this season's roster to make a playoff appearance. SP Orel Hershiser (15-9 2.43 140k) carried the Thunder pitching staff as the only starter with double figure wins and a winning record. Closer Randy O'Neal (5-5 2.96 21sv) contributed to the Thunder late season success, even starting two games in a season ending series against the Peppers and lasting eight innings in both starts. RF Mike Davis (.296/23/64), 2B Marty Barrett (.278/3/40), and NL triples leader CF Kirby Puckett (.269/4/68) paced a youthful Thunder offense. Only one Thunder hitter is older than 30: 2B Dave Stapleton (31).

The Milwaukee Road led the division until June and then fell out of the wild card chase in the last month. Leading the league in blown saves (24) was one of the contributing factors. Tom Browning (13-14 3.58 162k), Mike Krukow (12-9 3.72 141k) and Danny Jackson (10-12 4.53 112k) did their parts in the rotation, while closer Tom Hume

(8-6 3.63 18sv) attempted to stem the losing onslaught that was September. RF Al Cowens (.308/14/67), 1B Cecil Cooper (302/24/94), CF Jerry Mumphrey (.291/14/63), and LF Jim Rice (.253/20/83) powered the Road offense, while 1985 #1 pick SS Ozzie Guillen (.234/1/46) won the Gold Glove with a .984 fielding pct.

The Spirit Mountain Volcanoes continued their streak of winning the season, then losing the season, last year winning, this year losing. This team needs to up its series play. Winning only nine series in the season spells disaster. SP Bryn Smith (15-10 3.47 126k), Dan Petry (13-12 3.49 114k) and Dave LaPoint (12-9 4.23 107k) provided the bright spots for the Volcanoes. SP Floyd Bannister (8-17 4.97 185k) led the NL in losses. With great offensive stats from 2B Damaso Garcia (.315/11/80), DH Kirk Gibson (.313/23/80), CF Dale Murphy (.298/24/104), and 3B Bb Horner (.293/26/99) it is hard to see how this team finished where they did.

The Ottawa Lynx finished with 95+ losses for the fourth year in a row. One bright spot was a winning May record. SP Jimmy Key (9-13 3.11 55k 3sv), Danny Darwin (13-11 3.91 103k), and Chris Codioli (7-11 4.18 74k) paced the staff. No Lynx hitter topped .300. Or hit double figures in home runs. 1B/DH Rod Carew (.289/6/48) is the lone stand out.

Baseball's Premier Magazine Street & Schmoody's SPB1 85 Player of the Year Award:

SPB1 85 April AL PoM: Keith Hernandez, Hoosiers (.405/.444/.656/1.120 53h 7hr 36rbi) .

SPB1 85 April NL PoM: Kirk Gibson, Volcanoes (.432/.491/.758/1.249 41h 5hr 29rbi) .

SPB1 85 May AL PoM: Tony Gwynn, Hoosiers (.386/.417/.553/.970 51h 5t 19r 26rbi)

SPB1 85 May NL PoM: Dale Murphy, Volcanoes (.372/.442/.711/1.153 45h 27r 9hr 32rbi)

SPB1 85 June AL PoM: Jason Thompson, Triangles (.392/.510/.770/1.280 29h 7hr 22rbi)

SPB1 85 June NL PoM: Wade Boggs, Scotties (.404/.455/.514/.969 44h 2hr 21rbi)

SPB1 85 July AL PoM: Darrell Evans, Forest Citys (.294/.381/.753/1.134 12hr 28rbi)

SPB1 85 July NL PoM: Don Mattingly, Mets (.403/.411/.659/1.070 52h 7hr 30rbi)

SPB1 85 August AL PoM:: Lance Parrish, Highlanders (.405/.411/.777/1.188 49h 11hr 36rbi)

SPB1 85 August NL PoM:: Mike Schmidt, Scotties (.310/.350/.637/.987 35h 11hr 28rbi)

SPB1 85 September AL PoM: Keith Hernandez, Hoosiers (.419/.526/.742/1.268 6hr 24rbi 69tb)

SPB1 85 September NL PoM: Bob Horner, Volcanoes (.279/.323/.615/.938 10hr 30rbi 75tb)

SPB1 85 AL Player of the Year: George Brett, Tigers (.361/.447/.577/1.114 27hr 99rbi 328tb)

SPB1 85 NL Player of the Year: Dave Parker, Mets (.328/.350/.569/.919 229h 101r 37hr 123rbi 397tb)

Baseball's Premier Magazine Street & Schmoody's SPB1 85 Pitcher of the Year Award:

SPB1 85 April AL PiM: Dwight Gooden, Tigers (6-0 2.81 7gs 3cg 57.2ip 50k 1.02whp)

SPB1 85 April NL PiM: Bryn Smith, Volcanoes (5-1 1.77 6gs 1cg 45.2ip 22k 1.12whp)

SPB1 85 May AL PiM: Rich Gossage, Forest Citys (0-0 0.67 14g 13.1ip 14k 12sv)

SPB1 85 May NL PiM: Tom Browning, Road (3-1 2.03 6gs 2cg 48.2ip 35h 34k 0.95whp)

SPB1 85 June AL PiM: Dwight Gooden, Tigers (5-1 2.25 6gs 2cg 1ShO 48ip 39h 57k 1.00whp)

SPB1 85 June NL PiM: Roger Clemens, Mets (4-0 1.74 4gs 31.0ip 23h 26k 1.00whp)

SPB1 85 July AL PiM: John Tudor, Spiders (3-2 1.80 6gs 3cg 1ShO 50ip 43h 35k 1.06whp)

SPB1 85 July NL PiM: Sid Fernandez, Mets (5-0 0.63 6gs 1cg 43ip 24h 47k 0.93whp)

SPB1 85 August AL PiM: Dwight Gooden, Tigers (4-0 2.09 6gs 43ip 32h 42k 1.12whp)

SPB1 85 August NL PiM: Nolan Ryan, Scotties (4-0 2.27 5gs 31.2ip 18h 25k 1.07whp)

SPB1 85 September AL PiM: John Tudor, Spiders (5-1 1.07 7gs 5cg 2ShO 59ip 39h 40k 0.90whp)

SPB1 85 September NL PiM: Don Sutton, Mountaineers (4-1 1.46 5gs 1cg 1ShO 37ip 22h 18k 0.84whp. no-hitter versus the NYMets 9/29)

SPB1 85 AL Pitcher of the Year: John Tudor, Spiders (21-7 1.45 292.1ip 183k 8ShO 20cg)
SPB1 85 NL Pitcher of the Year: Sid Fernandez, Mets (16-4 2.07 178.2ip 116h 179k
1.14whp)

Silver Slugger: The S&S Silver Slugger winners had the Alley Cats and Mets sharing league honors with three winners, each. (ba/obp/slg/ops/hr/rbi)

Catcher: AL Lance Parrish, Highlanders (.315/.369/.553/.922/31/110)
NL Mark Salas, Tourists (.283/.315/.398/.713/5/56)

First Basemen: AL Keith Hernandez, Hoosiers (.313/.395/.489/.884/21/132)
NL Don Mattingly, Mets (.309/.347/.531/30/125)

Second Basemen: AL Wally Backman, Alley Cats (.325/.376/.455/.831/7/43)
NL Damaso Garcia, Volcanoes (.315/.341/.441/.782/11/80)

Third Basemen: AL George Brett, Tigers (.361/.447/.577/1.024/27/99)
NL Wade Boggs, Scotties (.373/.457/.491/.948/7/96)

Shortstop: AL Garry Templeton, Alley Cats (.291/.320/.412/.732/11/55)
NL Alfredo Griffin, Mets (.300/.326/.384/.710/4/76)

Left Fielder: AL Jose Cruz, Spiders (.328/.372/.483/.855/11/96)
NL Tim Lincecum, Scotties (.319/.412/.498/.910/13/77)

Center Fielder: AL Willie Wilson, Tigers (.315/.351/.461/.812/8/48)
NL Willie McGee, Tourists (.352/.389/.499/.888/12/72)

Right Fielder: AL Tony Gwynn, Hoosiers (.345/.382/.432/.814/4/98)
NL Dave Parker, Mets (.328/.350/.569/.919/37/123)

DH: AL Reggie Jackson, Alley Cats (.310/.387/.601/.988/31/82)
NL Kirk Gibson, Volcanoes (.313/.366/.533/.899/23/97)

Gold Glove: The S&S Gold Glove winners had the Hoosiers and Scotties sharing league honors with three winners, each. (fld pct/po/assist/error)

Catcher:	AL	Gary Carter, Flames (.999/770/64/1)
	NL	Bob Boone, Mountaineers (.996/491/34/2)
First Basemen:	AL	Keith Hernandez, Hoosiers (.995/1447/118/8)
	NL	Don Mattingly, Mets (.998/1416/100/3)
Second Basemen:	AL	Bobby Grich, Black Sox (.997/281/457/2)
	NL	Marty Barrett, Thunder (.988/311/496/10)
Third Basemen:	AL	Tim Wallach, Alley Cats (.967/109/326/15)
	NL	Wade Boggs, Scotties (.965/105/312/15)
Shortstop:	AL	Ozzie Smith, Hoosiers (.971/237/582/16)
	NL	Ozzie Guillen, Road (.984/204/517/12)
Left Fielder:	AL	Kevin McReynolds, Hoosiers (.994/346/10/2)
	NL	Tim Raines, Scotties (1.000/301/10/0)
Center Fielder:	AL	Willie Wilson, Tigers (.998/450/5/1)
	NL	Von Hayes, Mets (.991/443/8/4)
Right Fielder:	AL	Harold Baines, Zorros (.997/333/15/1)
	NL	Dwight Evans, Scotties (.995/366/7/2)
Pitcher:	AL	John Denny, Black Sox (1.000/22/40/0)
	NL	Dan Petry, SMV (1.000/15/32/0)

The Street & Schmoody's SPB1 1985 ALL-Stars. (ba/obp/slg/ops/hr/rbi)

Catcher: AL Lance Parrish, Highlanders (.315/.369/.553/.922/31/110)
NL Mickey Tettleton, Rats (.297/.364/.450/.814/5/32)

First Basemen: AL Keith Hernandez, Hoosiers (.313/.395/.489/.884/21/132)
NL Don Mattingly, Mets (.309/.347/.531/30/125)

Second Basemen: AL Bill Doran, Spiders (.308/.387/.467/.854/13/71)
NL Damaso Garcia, Volcanoes (.315/.341/.441/.782/11/80)

Third Basemen: AL George Brett, Tigers (.361/.447/.577/1.024/27/99)
NL Wade Boggs, Scotties (.373/.457/.491/.948/7/96)

Shortstop: AL Garry Templeton, Alley Cats (.291/.320/.412/.732/11/55)
NL Alfredo Griffin, Mets (.300/.326/.384/.710/4/76)

Left Fielder: AL Phil Bradley, Forest Citys (.277/.336/.489/.825/30/101)
NL Tim Raines, Scotties (.319/.412/.498/.910/13/77)

Center Fielder: AL Willie Wilson, Tigers (.315/.351/.461/.812/8/48)
NL Willie McGee, Tourists (.352/.389/.499/.888/12/72)

Right Fielder: AL Tony Gwynn, Hoosiers (.345/.382/.432/.814/4/98)
NL Dave Parker, Mets (.328/.350/.569/.919/37/123)

DH: AL Reggie Jackson, Alley Cats (.310/.387/.601/.988/31/82)
NL Kirk Gibson, Volcanoes (.313/.366/.533/.899/23/97)

AL Rookie Pitcher of the Year: Kirk McCaskill (15-9 4.16 105k)

NL Rookie Pitcher of the Year: Teddy Higuera (12-8 3.62 111k)

AL Rookie Player of the Year: Vince Coleman, Eagles (.235/4/39/71sb)

NL Rookie Player of the Year: Ozzie Guillen, Road (.234/1/46 GG)

Low Hit Games:

NO HITTERS:

6/11/1985	Scott Sanderson, Mountaineers	vs Thunder	W	2-0
6/12/1985	Jimmy Key, Lynx	vs Peppers	W	10-0
9/20/1985	Bret Saberhagen, Hoosiers	vs Forest Citys	W	4-0
9/29/1985	Don Sutton, Mountaineers	vs Mets	W	3-0
10/9/1985	Tim Birtsas, Steve Farr, Don Aase, Ricky Horton, Sammy Stewart, Spiders			
Game #3 of the AL Divisional Series		vs Forest Citys	W	4-0

One Hitters:

4/26/1985	John Tudor, Spiders	vs Brushbacks	W	8-2
5/21/1985	Charlie Hough, Mountaineers	vs Road	W	4-0
6/04/1985	Danny Darwin, Lynx	vs Mountaineers	W	2-0
6/08/1985	Bobby Ojeda, Rats	vs Tourists	W	6-0
7/31/1985	Al Nipper, Thunder	vs Brushbacks	W	11-1
8/28/1985	Kirk McCaskill, Black Sox	vs Triangles	W	1-0
8/30/1985	Phil Niekro, Eagles	vs Alley Cats	W	5-0
9/15/1985	Bert Blyleven, Mountaineers	vs Volcanoes	W	1-0
9/24/1985	Joe Cowley, Thunder	vs Lynx	W	6-0

*4/19/1985 Mike Mason, Peppers threw one hit scoreless nine innings but Peppers lost the game in extra innings against the Hoosiers.

*5/12/1985 Mike Krukow, Road threw one hit one run ball over nine innings but the Road went into extra innings before defeating the Hoosiers.

Did you know that there were 24 two hitters thrown in SPB1 1985.

6 Hit Games: (d/t/hr)

5/05/1985	Jose Cruz, Spiders	vs Tourists	6ab 2r 6h 4rbi	1/1/0
9/06/1985	Joe Carter, Tigers	vs Zorros	6ab 2r 6h 2rbi	0/0/0

5 Hit Games:

4/12/1985	George Bell, Peppers	vs Zorros	7ab 3r 5h 6rbi	0/0/2
4/12/1985	Mike Marshall, Alley Cats	vs Rats	5ab 3r 5h 2rbi	0/0/1
4/15/1985	Eddie Murray, Mountaineers	vs Zorros	5ab 1r 5h 7rbi	2/1/0
4/20/1985	Jerry Mumhrey, Road	vs Alley Cats	5ab 2r 5h 0rbi	1/0/0
4/21/1985	Willie McGee, Tourists	vs Tigers	5ab 5r 5h 2rbi	1/1/0
5/14/1985	Paul Molitor, Brushbacks	vs Tourists	7ab 1r 5h 2rbi	2/0/0
5/22/1985	Ozzie Smith, Hoosiers	vs Triangles	5ab 1r 5h 0rbi	1/0/0
6/02/1985	Jerry Mumhrey, Road	vs Peppers	5ab 4r 5h 4rbi	0/0/2
6/02/1985	Manny Trillo, Scotties	vs Mets	6ab 3r 5h 2rbi	2/1/0
6/04/1985	Jerry Mumhrey, Road	vs Peppers	5ab 2r 5h 5rbi	0/0/1
6/12/1985	Bruce Bochte, lynx	vs Peppers	5ab 2r 5h 1rbi	0/0/0
6/18/1985	George Vukovich, Eagles	vs Alley Cats	6ab 1r 5h 0rbi	0/0/0
6/29/1985	Willie Wilson, Tigers	vs Black Sox	6ab 2r 5h 2rbi	1/1/0
7/04/1985	Tony Bernazard, Triangles	vs Alley Cats	6ab 3r 5h 2rbi	1/0/1
7/24/1985	Jeff Leonard, Zorros	vs Flames	5ab 2r 5h 1rbi	2/0/0
7/27/1985	Lance Parrish, Highlanders	vs Alley Cats	5ab 3r 5h 6rbi	2/1/0
8/03/1985	Brett Butler, Hoosiers	vs Triangles	5ab 1r 5h 2rbi	0/0/0
8/08/1985	Darrel Evans, Forest Citys	vs Tigers	5ab 2r 5h 3rbi	2/0/1
8/09/1985	Lou Whitaker, Forest Citys	vs Tigers	5ab 3r 5h 2rbi	2/1/0
8/12/1985	Ron Oester, Highlanders	vs Triangles	6ab 3r 5h 2rbi	2/0/0
8/26/1985	Floyd Rayford, Alley Cats	vs Eagles	5ab 2r 5h 2rbi	0/0/1
8/27/1985	Glenn Wilson, Peppers	vs Mountaineers	5ab 3r 5h 5rbi	1/0/2
9/11/1985	Julio Franco, Brushbacks	vs Peppers	6ab 3r 5h 2rbi	0/0/1
9/17/1985	Keith Moreland, Hoosiers	vs Flames	6ab 2r 5h 5rbi	1/0/1
9/25/1985	Don Mattingly, NYM	vs Volcanoes	6ab 2r 5h 2rbi	1/0/1
9/28/1985	Tim Teufel, Peppers	vs Thunder	6ab 2r 5h 2rbi	0/0/1

8 RBI Games:

7/22/1985	Frank White, Mountaineers	vs Mets	4ab 2r 2h 8rbi	0/0/2
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7 RBI Games:

4/15/1985	Eddie Murray, Mountaineers	vs Zorros	5ab 1r 5h 7rbi	2/1/0
4/16/1985	Gary Carter, Flames	vs Volcanoes	5ab 2r 3h 7rbi	0/0/2
6/05/1985	Ryne Sandberg, Hoosiers	vs Black Sox	5ab 3r 4h 7rbi	0/0/2
6/05/1985	Andre Thornton, Spiders	vs Zorros	5ab 3r 4h 7rbi	0/0/2
6/18/1985	Leon Durham, Alley Cats	vs Eagles	3ab 2r 3h 7rbi	0/0/2
7/19/1985	Gary Carter, Flames	vs Black Sox	4ab 2r 2h 7rbi	0/0/1
7/31/1985	Glenn Davis, Thunder	vs Brushbacks	3ab 4r 3h 7rbi	0/0/3
8/17/1985	Ernie Whitt, Eagles	vs Flames	5ab 1r 3h 7rbi	0/0/1

3 Home Run Games:

5/08/1985	Carmelo Castillo, Tigers	vs Brushbacks
5/23/1985	Glenn Davis, Thunder	vs Brushbacks
6/21/1985	Lance Parrish, Highlanders	vs Tigers
6/21/1985	Dave Parker, Mets	vs Tourists
7/15/1985	Don Baylor, Brushbacks	vs Mountaineers
7/31/1985	Glenn Davis, Thunder	vs Brushbacks
8/17/1985	Tim Teufel, Peppers	vs Road
9/24/1985	Henry Cotto, Black Sox	vs Eagles

4 Stolen Base Games:

5/01/1985	Vince Coleman, Eagles	vs Peppers
7/05/1985	Otis Nixon, Lynx	vs Tourists
7/19/1985	Willie McGee, Tourists	vs Scotties
9/02/1985	Damaso Garcia, Volcanoes	vs Thunder
9/08/1985	Willie McGee, Tourists	vs Road

3 Stolen Base Games:

4/01/1985	Willie Wilson, Tigers	vs Lynx
4/03/1985	Willie McGee, Tourists	vs Alley Cats
4/07/1985	Willie McGee, Tourists	vs Alley Cats
4/16/1985	Juan Samuel, Zorros	vs Mountaineers
5/08/1985	Andy Van Slyke, Tourists	vs Eagles
5/13/1985	Vince Coleman, Eagles	vs Peppers
5/24/1985	Spike Owen, Thunder	vs Brushbacks
5/24/1985	Darryl Strawberry, Rats	vs Scotties
5/28/1985	Davey Lopes, Tigers	vs Forest Citys
5/30/1985	Rickey Henderson, Highlanders	vs Hoosiers
6/02/1985	Rob Dernier, Thunder	vs Tourists
6/15/1985	Tim Raines, Scotties	vs Lynx
6/16/1985	Mike Davis, Thunder	vs Rats
6/18/1985	Vince Coleman, Eagles	vs Alley Cats
7/03/1985	Joe Carter, Tigers	vs Black Sox
7/14/1985	Vince Coleman, Eagles	vs Black Sox
7/18/1985	Darryl Strawberry, Rats	vs Lynx
8/14/1985	Willie McGee, Tourists	vs Thunder
8/19/1985	Von Hayes, Mets	vs Brushbacks
8/30/1985	Rickey Henderson, Highlanders	vs Zorros
9/09/1985	Vince Coleman, Eagles	vs Hoosiers
9/14/1985	Alan Trammell, Scotties	vs Brushbacks
9/16/1985	Joe Carter, Tigers	vs Zorros
9/17/1985	Vince Coleman, Eagles	vs Highlanders

The "Olympic Rings" or platinum sombrero. 5 Strikeout Game:

5/29/1985	Jesse Barfield, Scotties	vs	Volcanoes
5/30/1985	Ozzie Virgil, Hoosiers	vs	Highlanders
9/07/1985	Kirk Gibson, Volcanoes	vs	Rats

Golden Sombrero or a 4 Strikeout Game :

4/01/1985	Pat Sheridan, Brushbacks	vs	Flames
4/02/1985	Dale Berra, Triangles	vs	Peppers
4/06/1985	Andre Thornton, Spiders	vs	Thunder
4/08/1985	Dave Anderson, Highlanders	vs	Road
4/09/1985	Julio Franco, Brushbacks	vs	Triangles
4/09/1985	Lee Lacy, Triangles	vs	Brushbacks
4/13/1985	Mike Marshall, Alley Cats	vs	Rats
4/26/1985	Gary Matthews, Mountaineers	vs	Hoosiers
5/13/1985	Rob Deer, Mets	vs	Road
5/15/1985	Mickey Tettleton, Rats	vs	Peppers
5/21/1985	Gary Carter, Flames	vs	Tigers
5/22/1985	Lee Lacy, Triangles	vs	Hoosiers
5/23/1985	Bobby Meacham, Lynx	vs	Mets
5/30/1985	Ken Phelps, Hoosiers	vs	Highlanders
6/02/1985	Terry Kennedy, Peppers	vs	Road
6/07/1985	Andre Dawson, Alley Cats	vs	Tigers
6/09/1985	Tim Hulett, Spiders	vs	Rats
6/25/1985	George Vukovich, Eagles	vs	Spiders
6/28/1985	Wayne Gross, Spiders	vs	Flames
6/29/1985	Kent Hrbek, Mets	vs	Thunder
7/09/1985	Cal Ripken, Rats	vs	Mets
7/13/1985	Herm Winningham, Mountaineers	vs	Brushbacks
7/24/1985	George Foster, Tourists	vs	Brushbacks
7/28/1984	Pedro Guerrero, Flames	vs	Zorros
7/29/1985	Cecil Cooper, Road	vs	Mets
8/08/1985	Mike Stenhouse, Eagles	vs	Triangles
8/09/1985	RJ Reynolds, Mets	vs	Peppers
8/11/1985	Dave Henderson, Zorros	vs	Alley Cats
8/13/1985	Terry Harper, Peppers	vs	Road
8/14/1985	Vance Law, Tourists	vs	Thunder
8/20/1985	Ronn Reynolds, Scotties	vs	Road
8/21/1985	Willie McGee, Tourists	vs	Rats
8/21/1985	Juan Samuel, Zorros	vs	Hoosiers
8/23/1985	Andre Thornton, Spiders	vs	Tigers
8/26/1985	Oddibe McDowell, Triangles	vs	Black Sox
8/30/1985	Glenn Davis, Thunder	vs	Rats
8/30/1985	Claudell Washington, Tourists	vs	Volcanoes
9/02/1985	Gary Pettis, Mountaineers	vs	Rats
9/07/1985	Dale Murphy, Volcanoes	vs	Rats
9/19/1985	Juan Samuel, Zorros	vs	Tigers
9/21/1985	Clint Hurdle, Highlanders	vs	Flames
9/22/1985	Lou Thornton, Road	vs	Rats
9/24/1985	Lou Thornton, Road	vs	Rats
9/24/1985	Gorman Thomas, Brushbacks	vs	Mountaineers
9/25/1985	Chris Brown, Mets	vs	Volcanoes
10/03/1985	Floyd Rayford, Alley Cats	vs	Tigers

Did you know that Hoosiers catcher Ozzie Virgil took the second platinum sombrero (5 ks in a game) the day after outfielder Jesse Barfield became the first platinum sombrero wearer?

Did you know that the Triangles and Brushbacks gave each other golden sombreros on April 9, 1985 with Lee Lacy (DAY) and Julio Franco (BCB) garnering the honors? It should be mentioned that it happened during the longest game of the season, a 23 inning affair that saw Lacy and Franco each get 10 plate appearances.

Did you know that the Spirit Mountain Volcanoes can boast teammates with both a platinum (DH Kirk Gibson) and golden (OF Dale Murphy) sombrero in the same game, a 19 inning game?

Did you know that both Keith Hernandez (BLO) and Steve Garvey (EBS) handled the same amount of chances to lead the AL with 1573?

Batting leaders -- American League
1985 Regular season

Lowest Batting Average (min. 200 abs)

1.	Jeltz	CLE	.1900	200ab
2.	McRae	CLE	.1901	342ab
3.	Wright,G	DAY	.196	219ab
4.	Manning	CLE	.197	223ab
5.	Paciorek	DAY	.199	251ab
6.	Komminsk	DAY	.2013	308ab
7.	Schofield	KEN	.2014	288ab
8.	McDowell	DAY	.206	436ab
9.	Salazar	KEN	.2088	225ab
10.	Davis,J	EBS	.2093	344ab

Batting leaders -- National League
1985 Regular season

Lowest Batting Average (min. 200 abs)

1.	Matthews	BRM	.179	307ab
2.	Sheridan	BCB	.191	225ab
3.	Meacham	OTT	.1957	368ab
4.	Maldonado	BCB	.1962	214ab
5.	Winningham	BRM	.199	206ab
6.	Perry	FLU	.205	220ab
7.	Thomas,G	BCB	.209	407ab
8.	Motley	FLU	.212	377ab
9.	Sheets	BCB	.213	328ab
10.	Khalifa	LAS	.2147	312ab
	Bailey	LAS	.2150	386ab
	Trillo	BHS	.2154	246ab

Fielding leaders -- American League
1985 Regular season

Outfield Assists

1.	Moseby	IAC	19
2.	Coleman	KEN	16
3.	Baines	PRE	15
3.	Bass	CLE	15

Fielding leaders -- National League
1985 Regular season

Outfield Assists

1.	Puckett	LAS	15
2.	Bell	FAI	14
2.	Murphy	SMV	14

Fielding leaders -- American League
1985 Regular season

Team Fielding Pct.

1.	Hoosiers	.988	6242tc
2.	Zorros	.983	6160tc
2.	Alley Cats	.983	6312tc
4.	Black Sox	.982	6163tc
	Flames	.982	6148tc

Fielding leaders -- National League
1985 Regular season

Team Fielding Pct.

1.	Scotties	.983	6098tc
2.	Mets	.982	6273tc
3.	Mountaineers	.980	6308tc
4.	Road	.979	6287tc

SPB1 1985 AL DIVISION SERIES Rockford Forest Citys (104-58) vs Cleveland Spiders (90-72)

October 5. Game 1 Fenway Park. ROC Danny Cox (17-8 3.20) vs. CLE Atlee Hammaker (14-8 2.79).

The Spiders struck first when C Rich Gedman led off the 2nd inning with a triple and scored on DH Mike Easler's sac fly. SP Atlee Hammaker held the Forest Citys at bay until the 6th when CF Phil Bradley tied the score on a ground out double play. The Spiders took the lead with solo runs in the 7th and 8th. DH Tom Brunansky singled home Rockford's second run, but the Spiders CL Bob Stanley shut the door for the save.

Cleveland 3 Rockford 2: WP-Atlee Hammaker (1-0) LP-Danny Cox (0-1) Sv-Bob Stanley (1).
Cleveland led the series 1-0.

October 6. Game 2 Fenway Park. ROC Britt Burns (21-4 3.24) vs. CLE John Tudor (21-7 1.45).

Fans expected a great pitching duel as a pair of twenty-one game winners took the mound for Game #2. This time Rockford struck first, posting a run in the 4th on 3B Nick Esasky's rbi double and a second run in the 6th on LF Gary Roenicke's solo home run. The Spiders got a run back in the bottom of the 6th on CF Kevin Bass' home run and then tied the score in the 7th on 1B Andre Thornton's solo shot. The score remained tied until the bottom of the 9th, when after striking out CF Kevin Bass, CL 'Goose' Gossage gave up a single to LF Jose Cruz. 1B Thornton fouled out for the second out. CL Gossage plunked DH Hal McRae to put runners on first and second. PH Mike Easler drilled a 3-run homer into the right field seats on the first pitch that he saw for a walk-off playoff win.

Cleveland 5 Rockford 2: WP-John Tudor (1-0) LP-Rich Gossage (0-1) HR-Gary Roenicke (1), Kevin Bass (1), Andre Thornton (1), Mike Easler (1).
Cleveland led the series 2-0.

October 8. Game 3 Fulton County Stadium. CLE Matt Young (12-10 3.54) vs. ROC Rick Sutcliffe (8-9 4.63).

As the action shifted to Rockford, so, apparently, did the teams' respective fortunes. The Forest Citys knocked SP Matt Young out of the box before he could retire a batter in the 4th and scored 11 unanswered runs, eight of which were charged to SP Young. The Spiders managed two solo runs in the late innings, but it was far too little, too late.

Rockford 11 Cleveland 2: WP-Rick Sutcliffe (1-0) LP-Matt Young (0-1) HR-Phil Bradley (1), Tom Brunansky (1).
Cleveland led the series 2-1.

October 9. Game 4 Fulton County Stadium. CLE Tim Lincecum (7-7 5.11) vs. Bob Forsch (7-7 3.84).

In a matchup of .500 pitchers, it was the Spiders SP Tim Lincecum who delivered the goods, pitching into the 6th inning before two walks and an error loaded the bases. In came MR Steve Farr to strike out SS Shawon Dunston and end the threat. SP Lincecum was pitching a no-hitter when lifted in the 6th, but had walked eight batters. The Spiders bullpen proved to be as unhittable as SP Lincecum, as a parade of pitchers, starting with MR Steve Farr, followed by relievers Don Aase, Ricky Horton, and Sammy Stewart combined for three and a third hitless innings, allowing only one walk. The game remained scoreless until the top of the 8th when the Spiders used back to back doubles from PH Rick Manning and 2B Billy Doran to take a 3-0 lead, with LF Jose Cruz' run scoring single rounding out the scoring. When the dust settled, five Spiders pitchers managed to no-hit the home team Forest Citys for possibly the first SPB1 playoff combined no-hit game .

Cleveland 4 Rockford 0: WP-Steve Farr (1-0) LP-Bob Forsch (0-1).
Cleveland led the series 3-1.

October 10. Game 5 Fulton County Stadium. CLE Atlee Hammaker (14-8 2.79) vs. ROC Danny Cox (17-8 3.20).

Both teams selected to go with the pitching rematch of Game One. This time, SP Danny Cox held the upper hand and SP Atlee Hammaker held nothing. SP Hammaker managed to pitch into the 6th allowing five runs on ten hits. SP Cox gave up a first inning three run shot to C Rick Gedman, but only one hit and one walk for the next seven innings, effectively shutting down any Spiders' hopes for a playoff celebration.

Rockford 6 Cleveland 3: WP-Danny Cox (1-1) LP-Atlee Hammaker (1-1) HR-Rich Gedman (1), Bill Buckner (1) Sv-Rich Gossage (1).
Cleveland led the series 3-2.

October 12. Game 6 Fenway Park. ROC Britt Burns (21-4 3.24) vs. CLE John Tudor (21-7 1.45).

As the divisional series switched back to Fenway Park, Game Two starters reprised their roles. The Spiders broke through in the 2nd on CF Kevin Bass' three-run homer. The Forest Citys managed two lone runs in the late innings on LF Gary Roenicke's solo shot and C Jerry Willard's ground out in the 9th. With SP Tudor tiring with one out in the 9th, CL Bob Stanley came on to give up back to back singles before MR Carlos Diaz put out the Forest Citys threat with a run scoring ground out and fly ball to centerfield. The playoff celebration began for the Cleveland Spiders.

Cleveland 3 Rockford 2: WP-John Tudor (2-0) LP-Britt Burns (0-1) Sv-Carlos Diaz (1) HR-Gary Roenicke (2), Kevin Bass (2).
Cleveland Spiders won the 1985 SPB1 ALDS 4-2. Series MVP: CLE John Tudor (2-0 1.56 17.1ip obb 16k 0.92whp)

CLE: .188/.224/.317/.541 5/2/7 20r 2sb ocs
ROC: .257/.300/.393/.693 11/1/5 23r osb ocs

CLE: 3.46 52.0ip 53h 20er 13bb 40k 5gdp
ROC: 3.14 51.2ip 35h 18er 8bb 37k 7gdp

SPB1 1985 AL DIVISION SERIES Frankfort Tigers (93-70) vs Bloomington Hoosiers (109-53)

October 5. Game 1 Candlestick Park. FRK Dennis Eckersley (12-7 3.53) vs. BLO Bret Saberhagen (19-5 2.42).

Having thrown SP Dwight Gooden in the wild card play-in game, the Tigers went with SP Dennis Eckersley, who like his counterpart, SP Bret Saberhagen, managed to keep the score tied at two until the 7th inning. SP Saberhagen exited with two Tigers on and one out, then watched as the bullpen gave up four runs. Not to be outdone, Tigers reliever Dave Righetti gave up two run scoring singles after SP Eckersley left leading 6-4, allowing the Hoosiers to tie the game after seven innings. 3B Ken Oberkfell's double drove home the go-ahead run in the bottom of the 8th. Hoosier CL Greg Harris tossed a scoreless 9th inning to seal the victory.

Bloomington 7 Frankfort 6: WP-Stew Cliburn (1-0) LP-Dave Righetti (0-1) HR-Kevin McReynolds (1) Sv-Greg Harris (1).
Bloomington Hoosiers led the series 1-0.

October 6. Game 2 Candlestick Park. FRK Storm Davis (12-9 4.21) vs. BLO Charlie Liebrandt (13-4 3.24).

The Tigers took a 2-0 lead into the bottom of the 8th on a SS Roy Smalley, Jr. run scoring double and LF Alejandro Sanchez's solo shot. The Hoosiers started their rally in the bottom of the 8th when the leadoff batter reached on an error. Tigers MR Jeff Heathcock came in and poured gasoline on the spark, giving up three straight hits. MR Tom Niedenfuer managed to get the Hoosiers to make three outs, but not before an infield single by 1B Keith Hernandez gave the Hoosiers a 3-2 lead. MR Niedenfuer left the bases loaded. SP Charlie Liebrandt came out for a 1-2-3 ninth and the Hoosiers came back for their second divisional series win.

Bloomington 3 Frankfort 2: WP-Charlie Liebrandt (1-0) LP-Jeff Heathcock (0-1) HR-Alejandro Sanchez (1).
Bloomington Hoosiers led the series 2-0.

October 8. Game 3 Tiger Stadium. BLO Dennis Martinez (11-4 3.31) vs. FRK Dwight Gooden(25-5 2.27).

Hoosiers took an early 3-1 lead after five innings, then finished with four home runs and seven runs over the last three innings as SP Dennis Martinez hurled a complete game four hitter. Tigers SP Dwight Gooden was rocked for five runs on ten hits over six plus innings, giving up one of the Hoosiers four taters.

Bloomington 10 Frankfort 1: WP-Dennis Martinez (1-0) LP-Dwight Gooden (0-1) HR-Brett Butler (1), Tim Flannery 2(2), Ozzie Virgil 2(2).
Bloomington Hoosiers led the series 3-0.

October 9. Game 4 Tiger Stadium. BLO Bruce Hurst (9-11 4.04) vs. FRK Jose Guzman(3-0 0.67).

Tigers rookie SP Jose Guzman got the nod to prevent a sweep of the series and came through with a complete game 3-1 victory giving up eight hits in the process. Hoosiers SP Bruce Hurst threw a complete game three hitter, however, two of those hits were RF Carmen Castillo bombs, driving in all three runs.

Frankfort 3 Bloomington 1: WP-Jose Guzman (1-0) LP-Bruce Hurst (0-1) HR-Carmen Castillo 2(2).

Bloomington Hoosiers led the series 3-1.

October 10. Game 5 Tiger Stadium. BLO Bret Saberhagen (19-5 2.42) vs FRK Dennis Eckersley (12-7 3.53)

On the brink of elimination, Tigers SP Dennis Eckersley managed to pitch seven innings, giving up two runs, one earned and leaving the game tied at two. In the top of the 10th with two outs and facing MR Tom Niedenfuer, Hoosiers CF Brett Butler singled, stole second, and moved to third on a pickoff attempt and error on Niedenfuer. RF Tony Gwynn delivered a two-out run scoring single and SP Bret Saberhagen closed out the Tigers in the 10th after a leadoff single to clinch the ALDS for the Hoosiers.

Bloomington 3 Frankfort 2 (10 inn): WP-Brett Saberhagen (1-0) LP-Tom Niedenfuer (0-1) HR-Mike Heath(1).

Bloomington Hoosiers won the 1985 SPB1 ALDS 4-1. Series MVP: Tony Gwynn (.333/.333/.417 8h 1t 4rbi)

BLO: .270/.354/.437/.791 9/1/6 24r 1sb 1cs

FRK: .187/.253/.323/.576 7/1/4 14r 1sb 1cs

BLO: 2.80 45.0ip 29h 14er 14bb 25k 2gdp

FRK: 4.30 44.0ip 47h 21er 23bb 27k 7gdp

SPB1 1985 NL DIVISION SERIES Las Vegas Thunder (83-79) vs New York Mets (106-56)

October 5. Game 1 Three Rivers Stadium. LAS Orel Hershiser (15-9) vs. NYM Sid Fernandez (16-4).

A matchup of staff aces as the Thunder send Orel Hershiser (15-9, 2.43 ERA) out to face the Mets Sid Fernandez (16-4, 2.07 ERA). Both starting pitchers delivered as expected through the first five innings, keeping the game scoreless and only allowing three base runners, each. After Fernandez set down the Thunder in order in the top of the 6th, SS Alfredo Griffin led off the bottom of the frame by reaching second base on a throwing error by Hershiser. CF Von Hayes moves Griffin over to third on a groundout. Hershiser wild pitched Griffin home. 1B Don Mattingly walked on a 3-2 count and RF Dave "the Cobra" Parker doubled him home, putting the Mets up 2-0. Hershiser started the bottom of the 8th giving up a single, a stolen base, then a run scoring single, before the Thunder bullpen added fuel to the rally by giving up eight hits and two walks as the Mets sent 14 batters to the plate and scored 11 runs on five singles, three doubles and a home run. Mets SP Sid Fernandez finished with a complete game two hit shutout.

New York 14 Las Vegas 0: WP-Sid Fernandez(1-0) LP-Orel Hershiser(0-1) HR-Kent Hrbek(1).

New York leads the series 1-0.

October 6. Game 2 Three Rivers Stadium. LAS Kevin Gross (8-15) vs. NYM Dennis 'Oil Can' Boyd(12-6).

Mets take a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the 3rd on 1B Don Mattingly's solo shot, followed by back-to-back doubles from RF Dave Parker and 1B Kent Hrbek. The Thunder tied the game in the 6th by scoring their first two runs of the series on a CF Kirby Puckett rbi double and a 1B Glenn Davis groundout rbi. The Mets took a 3-2 lead in the 7th when Mattingly and Parker hit back-to-back doubles. The pesky Thunder tied the game in the top of the 8th on DH Ron Kittle's run-scoring single. While Mets reliever Brian Fisher gets the blown save, he pitches a 1-2-3 9th. The Mets then ended it quickly in the bottom of the 9th when SS Alfredo Griffin led off with a double and the next batter, CF Von Hayes doubled him home for a 4-3 walk-off win.

New York 4 Las Vegas 3: WP-Brian Fisher(1-0) LP-Kevin Gross(0-1) HR-Don Mattingly(1).

New York leads the series 2-0.

October 8. Game 3 the Metrodome. NYM Roger Clemens (7-5) vs. LAS Ray Fontenot(6-10).

SS Alfredo Griffin gave Mets SP Roger Clemens a 1-0 lead by hitting the second pitch of the game over the fence. The Thunder RF Mike Davis tied the score 1-1 with a solo shot in the bottom of the 4th, however it would be the only run the Thunder could muster in the game. The Mets scored runs in the 5th and 6th innings and added a pair in the ninth on RF Dave Parker's two run shot. Things got interesting in the bottom of the 9th after Clemens retired the first batter, but then walked two straight. CL Donnie Moore entered the game for the Mets and after loading the bases on a shallow single, Moore recorded two straight outs to earn the save.

New York 5 Las Vegas 1: WP-Roger Clemens(1-0) LP-Ray Fontenot(0-1) HR-Alfredo Griffin(1), Dave Parker(1), Mike Davis(1).

New York leads the series 3-0.

October 9. Game 4 the Metrodome. NYM Ricky Mahler (17-15) vs. LAS Orel Hershiser (15-9).

Thunder SP Orel Hershiser pitched extremely well in game one until he made an error and then all hell broke loose. He played the role of stopper in game four and didn't allow a run until the 9th when the Mets rally fell short with a runner on first and one out after back to back solo shots from RF Dave Parker and DH Kent Hrbek. Hershiser finished with a complete game and 2B Marty Barrett's insurance run scoring single in the bottom of the 5th provided the margin of victory and prevented the Thunder's elimination.

Las Vegas 3 New York 2: WP-Orel Hershiser(1-1) LP-Ricky Mahler(0-1) HR-Dave Parker(2), Kent Hrbek(2), Mike Davis(2).
New York leads the series 3-1.

October 10. Game 5 the Metrodome. NYM Sid Fernandez (16-4) vs. LAS Kevin Gross (8-15).

In a game that featured the Thunder scoring a run in the bottom of the 4th, while the Mets only scored four in the top of the 8th spoiling Thunder SP Kevin Gross three hit shutout ball. Thunder 2B Marty Barrett's two out single drove LF Mike Davis in from second and the 1-0 lead. The score remained 1-0 until the top of the 8th when LF RJ Reynolds led off with a double, moved to third on 2B Jack Perconte's single, then came home on C Rick Dempsey's single to tie the score at one. SS Alfredo Griffin bunted the runners over to second and third. CF Von Hayes delivered the death blow with a two run triple, scored on 1B Don Mattingly's sac fly. Mets SP Sid Fernandez allowed only one base-runner in the final two innings in a complete game six hitter as the Mets won 4-1 and clinched the ALDS.

New York 4 Las Vegas 1: WP-Sid Fernandez(2-0) LP-Kevin Gross(0-2).

The New York Mets won the 1985 SPB1 NLDS 4-1. Series MVP: SP Sid Fernandez(2-0 0.50 18ip 1er 17k 3bb)

NYM: .279/.321/.465/.786 12/1/6 29r 4sb ocs
LAS: .185/.228/.255/.483 5/0/2 8r osb ocs

NYM: 1.64 44.oip 29h 8er 9bb 32k 5gdp
LAS: 5.65 43.oip 87h 27er 12bb 25k 4gdp

SPB1 1985 NL DIVISION SERIES Blue Ridge Mountaineers (96-66) vs Bolton Hill Scotties (90-72)

October 5. Gm 1 Exhibition Stadium. BRM Charlie Hough (13-8) vs. BHS Nolan Ryan(13-9).

Scotties DH Jesse Barfield homered in the 2nd inning to lead off the scoring. Rain began to fall in the top of 3rd. In the bottom of the 3rd, Scotties CF Milt Thompson walked with one out. A 29 minute rain delay followed. When play resumed, 3B Wade Boggs doubled down the left field line with two outs. Milt's legs must have stiffened up during the rain delay and soft ground could have been another factor as he was thrown out at home, SS Greg Gagne's perfect peg cut down CF Thompson on a relay from LF Dwayne Murphy. The game remained 1-0 Scotties until the top of the 8th. The Mountaineers tied the game with a two out double from C Bob Boone followed by pinch runner Bill Almon scoring on a CF Gary Pettis bloop single. Mountaineers 1B Eddie Murray led off the 9th with a single to right. A change in relievers resulted in one pop out and two walks to load the bases. Another pitching change resulted in a bases loaded walk to C Buck Martinez and the Mountaineers took a 2-1 lead. Mountaineer Skipper Brunner sticks with knuckler Hough to face the Scotties. 3B Mike Schmidt singled and RF Dwight Evans grounded out, moving Schmidt to second. DH Jesse Barfield 2-3 (double, HR) was intentionally walked. Hough struck out 2B Jorge Orta and SS Alan Trammell grounded out to end the rally.

Blue Ridge 2 Bolton Hill 1: WP-Charlie Hough(1-0) LP-Mickey Mahler(0-1) HR-Jesse Barfield(1).
Blue Ridge leads the series 1-0.

October 6. Gm 2 Exhibition Stadium. BRM Bert Blyleven (17-16) vs. BHS Eric Show(12-11).

Mountaineers 1B Eddie Murray started the scoring with a two out solo shot in the top of the 4th. Scotties 3B Mike Schmidt slugged a two out shot of his own in the bottom of the 4th to knot the game at one. Scotties SP Eric Show pitched three hit ball into the 9th giving up a lead off single to C Bob Boone. PR Bill Almon was sacrificed to second and lefty reliever Mickey Mahler was brought in to face lefty swinging LF Dwayne Murphy. Mountaineers counter with PH Gary "Sarge" Matthews, and he grounded to short. With first base open, Scotties elected to pitch to 1B Eddie "Two Out" Murray and watched the tie game become a 3-1 Mountaineers lead as Murray took Mahler deep for his second dinger of the game. MR Roger McDowell comes in to end the Mountaineers 9th. Up 3-1 exit Bert Blyleven after 8ip 2h 1r 2bb 4k and 107 pitches. CL Willie Hernandez faced the top of the Scotties order as LF. Tim Rains flew out to left, DH Jesse Barfield struck out, and Wade Boggs grounded to third for the final out. The Scotties were held to two hits.

Blue Ridge 3 Bolton Hill 1: WP-Bert Blyleven(1-0) LP-Eric Show(0-1) Sv- Willie Hernandez(1) HR-Eddie Murray 2(2), Mike Schmidt (1).

Blue Ridge leads the series 2-0.

October 8. Gm 3 Anaheim Stadium. BHS Mike Smithson (15-11) vs. BRM Scott Sanderson(11-2).

Controversy swirled as the NLDS came to the friendly environs of Anaheim. Mountaineers SP Don Sutton (8-8 3.72, end of season no-hitter vs Mets) was passed over for SP Scott Sanderson (11-2 1.56). As he sat on the bench and vocalized his displeasure that his experience and last outing did not earn him the game three start, SP Sanderson kept the Scotties at bay, and pitched a gem. 1B Eddie "Two Out" Murray got the Mountaineers on top, 1-0, with a two out solo blast in the bottom of the 1st. The Scotties 2B Jorge Orta tied the score with a solo shot in the top of the 2nd. The score remained tied at 1-1 as pitching dominated hitting until the 7th. Sanderson left in the 7th inning after two walks sandwiched an out. CL Willie Hernandez shut down the rally and in the bottom of the 7th the Scotties used four pitchers, as the Mountaineers rallied for three runs on two bases loaded walks and 1B Eddie Murray's sac fly to take a commanding 4-1 lead. CL Dan Quisenberry came into the game for the Mountaineers to close out the sweep. Quisenberry gave up a solo home run to PH Dusty Baker and a two out single that was stranded when Scotties 3B Wade Boggs grounded back to the mound to end the game.

Blue Ridge 4 Bolton Hill 2: WP-Willie Hernandez(1-0) LP-Mike Smithson(0-1) Sv- Dan Quisenberry(1) HR- Jorge Orta(1), Dusty Baker(1), Eddie Murray (3).

Blue Ridge leads the series 3-0.

October 9. Gm 4 Anaheim Stadium. BHS Nolan Ryan(13-9) vs. BRM Charlie Hough (13-8).

In a rematch of game one starters, this time the result was in hand after Scotties SP Nolan Ryan was knocked out of the game with two outs in the 3rd, as four journeyman Mountaineers pinned six runs on the Express with SS Bill Almon and DH Gary Matthews went back to back to finish Mr. Ryan and the Scotties. The Scotties bullpen pitched five plus innings of shutdown ball but the Scotties offense could only muster 3B Mike Schmidt's 4th inning tater and an 8th rbi groundout. No mound visit from the Mountaineers after a two out double by Scotties RF Dwight Evans. Trust in Charlie Hough and no faith in the closers was the motto as DH Milt Thompson grounded out to short and the Mountaineers swept the Scotties to take the NLDS.

Blue Ridge 6 Bolton Hill 2: WP-Charlie Hough(2-0) LP-Nolan Ryan(0-1) HR- Mike Schmidt(2), Bill Almon(1), Gary Matthews (1).
Blue Ridge Mountaineers won the 1985 SPB1 NLDS 4-0. Series MVP: SP Charlie Hough(2-0 1.50 18ip 3er 8k 3bb)

BRM: .203/.278/.356/.634 3/0/5 15r 1sb 1cs

BHS: .181/.241/.354/.595 7/0/5 6r 0sb 1cs

BRM: 1.50 36.oip 23h 6er 10bb 18k 2gdp

BHS: 3.97 34.oip 24h 15er 12bb 26k 1gdp

SPB1 1985 AL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES Cleveland Spiders (90-72) vs Bloomington Hoosiers (109-53)

October 15. Gm 1 Candlestick Park. CLE Atlee Hammaker(14-8) vs BLO Bret Saberhagen(19-5)

A Championship series that featured a rematch of the 1984 ALDS, Game One saw strong starting pitching as the game went into the 7th, a 1-1 tie. The Hoosiers opened the scoring in the bottom of the 1st with RF Tony Gwynn's run-scoring single. The Spiders tied the game in the 3rd on LF Jose Cruz' run scoring double and had the potential lead run cut down at the plate by a perfect RF Tony Gwynn to 2B Ryne Sandberg to C Rich Gedman relay. The game remained tied until the Hoosiers with two outs and a runner on third, chased Hammaker with a walk and two singles to take a 3-1 lead. The Spiders put the Hoosiers on alert in the top of the 8th when they chased Saberhagen with two singles with one out. CL Greg Harris struck out LF Jose Cruz and gave up a run-scoring single to RF Billy Hatcher, the score now 3-2, Hoosiers. The Spiders loaded the bases on a walk to C Rich Gedman and DH Mike Easley left them loaded, struck out on a 3-2 count. Harris shut down the Spiders in a 1-2-3 9th and the Hoosiers took a thrilling Game One.

Bloomington 3 Cleveland 2: WP-Brett Saberhagen(1-0) LP-Atlee Hammaker(0-1) Sv-Greg Harris(1).

Bloomington leads the series 1-0.

October 16. Gm 2 Candlestick Park. CLE John Tudor(21-7) vs BLO Charlie Liebrandt(13-4)

The Hoosiers started the scoring in the bottom of the 2nd with DH Robin Yount's lead off home run and never looked back as SP Charlie Liebrandt scattered six hits and pitched into the 9th before a single ended his night. The Spiders managed to score their only run on C Ozzie Virgil's passed ball.

Bloomington 6 Cleveland 1: WP-Charlie Liebrandt(1-0) LP-John Tudor(0-1) HR-Robin Yount(1), Ozzie Smith(1).

Bloomington leads the series 2-0.

October 18. Gm 3 Fenway Park. BLO Dennis Martinez(11-4) vs Tim Lincecum(7-7)

The Spiders took a quick 2-0 lead after the 1st inning on run-scoring singles from DH Hal McRae and 3B Tim Lincecum. The Hoosiers responded with two runs in the 2nd and four runs in the 3rd and the Spiders were left in the dust on the wrong end of an 8-4 score. In the top of the 3rd, the Hoosiers managed to knock out the Spiders starter and hit for the cycle, capped by 2B Ryne Sandberg's solo shot and took a four run lead. The Spiders scored two more to close the gap, until the Hoosiers responded with two of their own and took control over the series.

Bloomington 8 Cleveland 4: WP-Dennis Martinez(1-0) LP-Tim Lincecum(0-1) HR-Ryne Sandberg(1).
Bloomington leads the series 3-0.

October 19. Gm 4 Fenway Park. BLO Bruce Hurst(9-11) vs Atlee Hammaker(14-8)

Facing an elimination game, Spiders SP Atlee Hammaker wished the game started with the 2nd inning. The Hoosiers began the game against Hammaker with a walk, a fly out to right, a run-scoring single, two singles to load the bases, then a C Bill Schroeder grand slam, followed by 2b Ryne Sandberg's solo shot and the Spiders found themselves down six with one out. Hammaker would make it into the 5th inning and gave up a second homer to Schroeder, but the Hoosiers never lost their edge with MR Dave Dravecky picking up a three inning save. The Bloomington Hoosiers moved onto their second consecutive SPB1 World Series.

Bloomington 8 Cleveland 2: WP-Bruce Hurst(1-0) LP-Atlee Hammaker(0-2) Sv-Dave Dravecky(1) HR-Ryne Sandberg(2), Bill Schroeder 2(2), Keith Hernandez(1), Andre Thornton(1).

Bloomington Hoosiers won the 1985 SPB1 ALCS 4-0. Series MVP: Tony Gwynn(.563/.588/.688 9h 2d 4rbi)

BLO: .203/.278/.356/.634 3/0/5 15r 1sb 1cs
CLE: .181/.241/.354/.595 7/0/5 6r 0sb 1cs

BLO: 2.00 36.oip 34h 8er 8bb 25k 5gdp
CLE: 6.35 34.oip 41h 24er 10bb 25k 3gdp

SPB1 1985 NL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES Blue Ridge Mountaineers (96-66) vs New York Mets (106-56)

October 15. Gm 1 Three Rivers Stadium. BRM Charlie Hough(14-8) vs NYM Sid Fernandez(19-5)

In Game On, two NLDS MVPs starting pitchers got the nod. The Mountaineers SP Charlie Hough and the Mets SP Sid Fernandez. SP Sid Fernandez set down the Mountaineers in order in the 1st. In their half of the 1st, the Mets used a two out single, walk and 3b Chris Brown double to take a 2-0 lead. Mountaineers SP Hough could not make it out of the 2nd, as the Mets scored five runs and took a commanding 7-0 lead. The Mountaineers managed a bit of offense with a 9th inning double and DH Gary Matthews two run shot.

New York 10 Blue Ridge 2: WP-Sid Fernandez(1-0) LP-Charlie Hough(0-1) HR-RJ Reynolds(1), Gary Matthews(1).
New York leads the series 1-0.

October 16. Gm 2 Three Rivers Stadium. BRM Bert Blyleven(9-12) vs NYM Bob Welch(13-5)

Mountaineers used a single and three doubles to score three in the 4th and take a lead they would not relinquish as SP Bert "Be Home" Blyleven spun a four hitter into the 9th inning. The Mets attempted a rally in the bottom of the 9th with a one out 1B Don Mattingly solo shot followed by a two out double from DH Kent Hrbek. CL Willie Hernandez came in for the Mountaineers and got a game ending ground out.

Blue Ridge 3 Mets 1: WP-Bert Blyleven(1-0) LP-Bob Welch(0-1) Sv-Willie Hernandez(1) HR-Don Mattingly(1).
Series tied at 1-1.

October 18. Gm 3 Anaheim Stadium. NYM Roger Clemens(9-1 2.37) vs BRM Scott Sanderson(11-2 1.56)

Game Three featured an extra inning affair, almost a two-for-one double header for the price of a ticket. With the NL Championship Series tied, both teams battled to a 1-1 tie in regulation, with the Mountaineers scoring tying runs in the 9th and the 11th before walking off the game in the 17th. The Mets grabbed the lead on CF Von Hayes' one out solo shot. It was only the third hit of the game. Both starters threw three hitters, Roger Clemens for nine innings and Scott Sanderson for eight. Facing the possibility of being down in the series and "the Rocket" on the mound, the Mountaineers 1B "Steady" Eddie Murray led off the bottom of the 9th with a single. Clemens balked Murray to second. RF Gary Ward pushed the runner over and the Mountaineers had a runner on third and one out. 2B Frank White hit a rocket to 2B Jack Perconte and his throw home to C Rick Dempsey was late. Game tied, 1-1. After

striking out 3B Gary Gaetti, White stole second, but Clemens left him stranded as SS Dave Concepcion popped up. CL Dan Quisenberry survived a two out triple by 2B Jack Perconte by getting PH Ted Simmons to line out to short. In the top of the 11th, Quisenberry walked SS Alfredo Griffin to lead off the inning. Two groundouts later and RF Dave Parker's rbi single put the Mets up 2-1. CL Donnie Moore got Murray to fly to right and Ward to strike out. 2B Frank White two-strike, two-out shot to tie the game at two gave the Mountaineers fans the jolt they needed to stay into the game. Both relievers threw a scoreless 12th. Relievers Willie Hernandez and Ken Dixon gave the Mountaineers five innings of one hit shutout ball. The Mountaineers finally got to the Mets bullpen when SS Bill Almon reached on CL Brian Fisher's walk. CL Todd Worrell got DH Tony Armas to fly out to left, before C Bob Boone's walk off double deep down the line ended the longest playoff game this postseason.

Blue Ridge 3 Mets 1: WP-Ken Dixon(1-0) LP-Brian Fisher(0-1) HR-Von Hayes(1), Frank White(1).
Blue Ridge leads the series 2-1.

October 19. Gm 4 Anaheim Stadium. NYM Dennis "Oil Can" Boyd(12-6 2.77) vs BRM Charlie Hough(13-8 2.93)

The Mets 1B Don Mattingly's 1st inning one out solo home run gave the team a brief 1-0 lead. Over the next eight innings SP Charlie Hough gave up only three more hits and one additional run as the Mountaineers used fourteen hits to score eight (six in the last two innings) and run away with another home victory. LF Dwayne Murphy led the attack with three hits, giving the Mountaineers the lead in the 3rd with his two run home run. Four other Mountaineers added a pair of hits, including 1B "Steady" Eddie Murray, who plated three.

Blue Ridge 8 Mets 2: WP-Charlie Hough(1-1) LP-Dennis Boyd(0-1) HR-Don Mattingly(2), Dwayne Murphy(1).
Blue Ridge leads the series 3-1.

October 20. Gm 5 Anaheim Stadium. NYM Sid Fernandez(16-4 2.07) vs BRM Bert Blyleven(9-12 3.20)

Facing elimination, the Mets took an early 1-0 lead on a 1st inning run scoring RF Dave Parker double. The Mountaineers responded in their half of the 1st with two walks and a run scoring single by RF Tony Armas. The Mountaineers led off the bottom of the 3rd with a walk followed by a fielder's choice, a single and 2B Frank White sacrifice fly to take a 2-1 lead. SP Charlie Hough set down the Mets in order in the 4th, 5th, and 6th innings. After a lead off single, Hough set down the side in the 7th and the 8th. The Mountaineers added an insurance run in the 6th with a lead off 2B Frank White home run to extend the lead 3-1. With an exhausted bullpen, the Mountaineers elect to stick with SP Bert Blyleven. On the verge of series elimination, the Mets had their 3,4,5 hitters lined up and ready to go. RF Dave Parker struck out to lead off the top of the ninth. DH Kent Hrbek drilled a line shot to center for a single. Blyleven induced 3B Denny Walling into a game ending 5-4-3 double play. The NL East Wild Card defeated the NL East Division Champs to advance to their second straight SPB1 World Series.

Blue Ridge 3 Mets 1: WP-Bert Blyleven(2-0) LP-Sid Fernandez(1-1) HR-FWhite(2).

Blue Ridge Mountaineers won the SPB1 1985 NLCS 4-1. Series MVP: Bert Blyleven(2-0 1.02 17.2ip 10h 2er 6k 2bb)

BRM: .207/.282/.324/.606 10/0/4 19r 4sb ocs
NYM: .184/.225/.326/.551 9/3/4 16r 0sb ocs

BRM: 2.60 52.oip 35h 15er 9bb 25k 3gdp
NYM: 3.40 50.iip 39h 19er 18bb 41k 3gdp

SPB1 1985 WORLD SERIES Blue Ridge Mountaineers (96-66) vs Bloomington Hoosiers (109-53)

Having won each of their NL playoff series by winning four straight (sweep vs Scotties, five game series vs Mets), the Blue Ridge Mountaineers were looking to change the outcome from last season's SPB1 1984 World Series in a rematch with the SPB1 top won/loss record, the Bloomington Hoosiers. The Hoosiers, of course, were looking to get back-to-back World Series rings. The regular season series played in Bloomington was taken by the Hoosiers five games to two. Last season, the Mountaineers had the best record in SPB1 and the Hoosiers were a wild card team. The Mountaineers won the first game of last year's World Series before being swept in the next four games by the Hoosiers. Would history repeat itself or as they say in France, was this a déjà vu series? One thing was for sure, no matter which team won the World Series, Steve would be holding up the trophy.

How the Steves Got Here:

AL West Champions Bloomington Hoosiers (Steve Lehman) advanced in the following manner:

ALDS defeated the Frankfort Tigers 4-1 (7-6, 3-2, 10-1, 1-3, 3-2)
ALCS squashed the Cleveland Spiders 4-0 (3-2, 5-1, 8-4, 8-2)

NL East Wild Card Blue Ridge Mountaineers (Steve Brunner) advanced in the following manner:

NLDS swept the Bolton Hill Scotties 4-0 (2-1, 3-1, 4-2, 6-2)

NLCS defeated the New York Mets 4-1 (2-10, 3-1, 3-2(17inn), 8-2, 3-1)

October 25. World Series Game 1: Candlestick Park: 47 degrees, clear skies, wind blowing L2R 22 mph.

BRM Charlie Hough(13-8 2.03) vs BLO Bret Saberhagen(19-5 2.42)

The Mountaineers opened the scoring with RF Gary Ward scoring on SP Brett Saberhagen's balk, after doubling to lead off the 2nd. The Hoosiers responded in the bottom of the 3rd with three runs on SS Ozzie Smith's one out walk. CF Brett Butler singled to right and RF Tony Gwynn's sac fly tied the game at 1-1. 2B Ryne Sandberg deposited a full-count two-out knuckler deep into the stands for a two-run shot and a Hoosiers 3-1 lead. SP Saberhagen set down the Mountaineers in order in the 4th and 5th before surrendering a one-out single to CF Gary Pettis. Following LF Dwayne Murphy's strikeout, 1B "Steady" Eddie "Two Out" Murray launched a two-run shot to tie the game at 3-3. The Hoosiers threatened in the bottom of the 8th using two Mountaineers miscues to place SS Ozzie Smith and 2B Ryne Sandberg on the corners with two outs. The Mountaineers went to the bullpen and CL Willie Hernandez got 1B Keith Hernandez to ground weakly to the mound. The Mountaineers stranded 2B Frank White after his two out double. In the bottom of the 9th, the Hoosiers got a pinch hit single from Bill Schroeder, but left him stranded. Hoosiers CL Greg Harris pitched a 1-2-3 10th and SS Ozzie Smith drove a line drive into a 22 mph cross wind into the stands for a walk off solo home run as a full house erupted.

Bloomington 4 Blue Ridge 3 (10 inn): WP-Greg Harris(1-0) LP-Willie Hernandez(0-1) HR-Eddie Murray(1), Ryne Sandberg(1), Ozzie Smith(1).

Bloomington leads the series 1-0.

October 26. World Series Game 2: Candlestick Park: 56 degrees, partly cloudy, wind blowing L2R 18 mph.

BRM Bert Blyleven(9-12 3.20) vs BLO Charlie Liebrandt(13-4 3.24)

Game Two would show the value of timely hits as runs and hits became scarce. For the first five innings, the Mountaineers would get six baserunners via three walks, two hits, and a reach base on error, yet three double plays shortened any hopes of scoring runs. The Hoosiers ran themselves out of a run when LF Kevin McReynolds doubled to lead off the bottom of the 5th, advanced to third on a ground out, then got thrown out at the plate trying to score on a one-out grounder to shortstop. Replay was not allowed in 1985 or the home plate call would have been reviewed. LF Gary Ward's one-out solo shot in the top of the 6th gave the Mountaineers a 1-0 lead.

The Hoosiers threatened in the bottom of the 6th by putting runners at 2nd and 3rd with a one-out walk to CF Brett Butler and RF Tony Gwynn's double. A 2B Ryne Sandberg pop up and 1B Keith Hernandez fly out got SP Bert Blyleven out of trouble. The Hoosiers finally broke through in the bottom of the 7th when DH Ken Phelps slammed a solo shot to right to tie the game at 1-1. The Mountaineers go down in the 8th stranding one baserunner. CL Willie Hernandez pitched a 1-2-3 bottom 8th. The 9th saw SP Charlie Liebrandt issue his sixth walk to lead off batter, 2B Frank White. MR Scott Garrelts was called in and induced DH Gary Matthews to fly out, then walked the next two batters to load the bases with one out. CL Greg Harris replaced Garrelts and gave up a tie-breaking sac fly to C Bob Boone, then struck out CF Gary Pettis. With the Hoosiers back to the wall, PH Robin Yount leads off the bottom of the 9th with a single. 1B Keith Hernandez grounded into a 5-4-3 double play and LF Kevin McReynolds flew out to left to end the game.

Blue Ridge 2 Bloomington 1: WP-Willie Hernandez(1-1) LP-Charlie Liebrandt(0-1) HR-Gary Ward(1), Ken Phelps(1).

World Series tied at 1-1.

October 28. World Series Game 3: Anaheim Stadium: 74 degrees, clear skies and no wind.

BLO Dennis Martinez(11-4 3.31) vs BRM Scott Sanderson(11-2 1.56)

In Game Three, the Mountaineers plated three runs after two innings and SP Scott Sanderson threw one run ball into the 8th, before tiring, as the Mountaineers controlled the game from the start. SP Sanderson set the Hoosiers down in order in the top of the 1st. A walk, double, single, and a walk to the first four Mountaineers hitters and SP Dennis Martinez was down 1-0. An rbi groundout, a HBP, and a grounded into a double play limited the damage to a 2-0 deficit for the Hoosiers but SP Martinez gave up a lead off 2nd inning home run to DH Tony Armas but the damage was done. SP Ron Guidry was called in to keep the damage limited and gave up three runs after four plus innings, not being able to stem the tide that were the Mountaineers. The Hoosiers led off the top of the 3rd with back to back doubles from CF Brett Butler and RF Tony Gwynn, but SP Sanderson proceeded to pacify the Hoosiers line up as he set them down in order from the 3rd to the 7th, before stranding LF Kevin McReynolds on first, after a two-out single. SP Sanderson made it two outs into the 8th before walking SS Ozzie Smith and CF Brett Butler. Left-handed CL Willie Hernandez was brought in to face RF Tony Gwynn and got a fly ball off the bat of one of the game's best hitters. Right handed CL Jeff Lahti was brought in to pitch the 9th. The Hoosiers managed their fourth hit of the game by 1B Keith Hernandez, but that was the only firepower they had.

Blue Ridge 6 Bloomington 1: WP-Scott Sanderson(1-0) LP-Dennis Martinez(0-1) HR-Tony Armas(1).
Blue Ridge leads the series 2-1.

October 29. World Series Game 4: Anaheim Stadium: 58 degrees, clear skies and no wind.

BLO Bruce Hurst(9-11 4.04) vs BRM Charlie Hough(13-8 2.03)

One bad inning, the 1st, and the whole game is lost. Take away the inning and the game is won. The Hoosiers went down quietly in the top of the 1st, with only a RF Tony Gwynn single. Hoosier SP Bruce Hurst got a ground out, gave up a double to LF Gary Ward, struck out 1B Eddie Murray, then watched as RF Tony Armas and 2B Frank White went back-to-back to give the Mountaineers what would become an insurmountable 3-0 lead. DH Gary Matthews just missed his own long shot to left to end the 1st inning. It wasn't until the 5th, when the Hoosiers got their next baserunner, DH Keith Moreland with a single. Mountaineer SS Bill Almon had taken Hurst deep in the bottom of the 4th, extending the lead to 4-0. A two out walk following Moreland's single put two runners on with two, before SS Ozzie Smith lined out to center. SP Charlie Hough put the Hoosiers down in order in the 6th, 7th, and 8th innings. Starting the 9th, Hough got CF Brett Butler to pop up. RF Tony Gwynn's single and 2B Ryne Sandberg's long bomb to center cut the Mountaineers lead in half to two. MR Reggie Patterson replaced Hough and promptly surrendered a single to 1B Keith Hernandez. CL Dan Quisenberry was summoned from the pen and struck out Moreland before a pinch hit Tim Flannery single put runners on first and second. C Ozzie Virgil grounded a submarine sinker to second and the Mountaineers seemed insurmountable.

Blue Ridge 4 Bloomington 2: WP-Charlie Hough(1-0) LP-Bruce Hurst(0-1) Sv-Dan Quisenberry(1) HR-Ryne Sandberg(2), Tony Armas(2), Frank White(1), Bill Almon(1).
Blue Ridge leads the series 3-1.

October 30. World Series Game 5: Anaheim Stadium: 58 degrees, clear skies and light breeze to left, 10 mph.

BLO Bret Saberhagen(19-5 2.42) vs BRM Bert Blyleven(9-12 3.20)

The Mountaineers did what they had done all series. Use the early innings to grab the lead then let their starter spread out base runners over nine innings and after four straight wins, the series belonged to the National League Blue Ridge Mountaineers. Mountaineers 1B "Steady" Eddie Murray's bottom of 1st two-run shot, would set the trend for the rest of the game. SS Bill Almon would lead off the bottom of the second with a solo shot and the Mountaineers enjoyed a 3-0 lead. The Hoosiers managed a run in the 5th on two singles and a sac fly. Mountaineers used two late inning solo shots from LF Dwayne Murphy and RF Tony Armas to hammer in the nails and seal the Mountaineers first SPB1 World Series Championship.

Blue Ridge 5 Bloomington 1: WP-Bert Blyleven(1-0) LP-Bret Saberhagen(0-1) HR-Dwayne Murphy(1), Eddie Murray(2), Bill Almon(2), Tony Armas(3).

Blue Ridge won the SPB1 1985 World Series Championship 4-1. Series MVP: Bert Blyleven(1-0 1.17 15.1ip 13h 2er 6k 3bb)

BRM: .263/.333/.485/.818 7/0/10 2or 2sb ocs
BLO: .180/.221/.286/.507 5/0/ 4 9r osb ocs

BRM: 1.80 45.oip 29h 9er 9bb 25k 2gdp
BLO: 4.19 43.oip 44h 20er 16bb 21k 5gdp

Batting Leaders

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Batting Average (min. 20 abs)

1.	Brunansky	RFC	.409	22ab
2.	Parker	NYM	.378	45ab
3.	Gwynn	BLO	.356	59ab
4.	Bass	CLE	.316	38ab
5.	Boone	BRM	.311	45ab

On Base Pct. (min 20 abs)

1.	Moreland	BLO	.462
2.	Brunansky	RFC	.458
3.	Parker	NYM	.391
4.	Gwynn	BLO	.361
5.	Ward	BRM	.344

Slugging Pct. (min 20 abs)

1.	Brunansky	RFC	.727
2.	Parker	NYM	.622
3.	Murray	BRM	.611
4.	Mattingly	NYM	.537
5.	Hrbek	NYM	.528

OPS (min 20 abs)

1.	Brunansky	RFC	1.186
2.	Parker	NYM	1.014
3.	Murray	BRM	.939
4.	Hrbek	NYM	.869
5.	Bradley	RFC	.863

Home Runs

1.	Murray	BRM	5
2.	Sandberg	BLO	4
3.	Armas	BRM	3
3.	Almon	BRM	3
3.	White	BRM	3
3.	Mattingly	NYM	3

Runs Batted In

1.	Murray	BRM	14
2.	Parker	NYM	11
3.	Gwynn	BLO	10
4.	Sandberg	BLO	9

Runs Scored

1.	Murray	BRM	10
2.	OSmith	BLO	9
2.	Mattingly	NYM	9
3.	Butler	BLO	8

Pitching Leaders

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Wins

1.	Hough	BRM	4
1.	Blyleven	BRM	4
2.	Fernandez	NYM	3

Losses

1.	Hammaker	CLE	3
2.	Hurst	BLO	2
3.	KGross	LVT	2

Innings Pitched

1.	Hough	BRM	44.0
2.	Blyleven	BRM	41.0
3.	Saberhagen	BLO	40.2
4.	Fernandez	NYM	34.2
5.	Liebrandt	CLE	25.0

Strikeouts

1.	Fernandez	NYM	27
2.	Tudor	CLE	24
3.	Saberhagen	BLO	22
3.	Hough	BRM	22
4.	Hurst	BLO	17

ERA (min 20ip)

1.	Blyleven	BRM	1.10	41.0 ip
2.	Sanderson	BRM	1.23	22.0 ip
3.	Liebrandt	BLO	1.44	25.1 ip
4.	Fernandez	NYM	1.56	34.2 ip
5.	Tudor	CLE	2.22	24.1 ip