

SPB1 1986 preseason forecast from Street&Schmoody's Baseball Publications

Using the most recent up-to-date supercomputer analytics with a credibility interval (a measurement of precision) that outdistances the accuracy of lunar landing software, baseball's premier publication, Street&Schmoody's 1986 Baseball Yearbook has produced, for their loyal readership, another rousing preview for the upcoming exciting newly reformulated SPB1 1986 season.

1986 marks the 33rd season of SPB1 and also a radical redesign of the league structure and playoffs format. SPB1 has decided to forgo the divisional format and instead has reestablished the fan popular two separate league (consisting of eleven teams each) format which ran from 1954-1968, with four qualifying playoff teams competing in a playoff ladder format. Fourth place will play the third place team. Winner of 4th/3rd faces the second place team, with the winner of that playoff series going into the league championship to face the first place team, which gets an automatic bye into the League Championship round. All playoff series will be a best of seven.

The past two championships have been carried home by first timers. Who will put this season's SPB1 Championship into their trophy cabinet?

AMERICAN LEAGUE predicted finishes:

1. 104 wins Bloomington Hoosiers
2. 91 wins Frankfort Tigers
3. 87 wins Rockford Forest Citys
4. 83 wins Kenosha Eagles
4. 83 wins Collierstown Highlanders
6. 77 wins Indy Alley Cats
7. 76 wins Hatteras Pelicans
8. 71 wins Cleveland Spiders
9. 69 wins Cuyahoga River Flames
10. 60 wins Dayton Triangles
10. 60 wins Evanston Black Sox

NATIONAL LEAGUE predicted finishes:

1. 102 wins New York Mets
2. 101 wins Bolton Hill Scotties
2. 101 wins Las Vegas Thunder
4. 94 wins Blue Ridge Mountaineers
5. 76 wins Spirit Mountain Volcanoes
5. 76 wins Asheville Tourists
7. 75 wins Milwaukee Road
8. 74 wins Flushing Rats
8. 74 wins Beast Coast Brushbacks
10. 72 wins Fairfax Peppers
11. 68 wins Ottawa Lynx

Picking the playoff victors for the 1986 SPB1 championship trophy should be somewhat easier as only four playoff series per league will be occurring. But whenever a league is set up to have 11 teams competing for four playoff seeds, some ties may occur. Street&Schmoody's 1986 Baseball Yearbook boldly goes out on a limb and predicts two playoff seeding ties. S&S sees the Collierstown Highlanders and the Kenosha Eagles tying for the last AL playoff seed and in the NL, S&S predicts the Bolton Hill Scotties and the Las Vegas Thunder tying for the second place seeding.

AL League Champion - Bloomington Hoosiers
AL 2nd Place - Frankfort Tigers
AL 3rd Place - Rockford Forest Citys
AL 4th Place - Collierstown Highlanders and Kenosha Eagles (tie)

NL League Champion - New York Mets
NL 2nd Place - Bolton Hill Scotties and Las Vegas Thunder (tie)
NL 4th Place - Blue Ridge Mountaineers

AL Playoffs: (the tie between Kenosha Eagles and Collierstown Highlanders broken by H2H record.)

(#3) Rockford Forest Citys will sweep the (#4) Highlanders 4-0.
(#2) Frankfort Tigers will squeeze by the (#3) Rockford Forest Citys 4-3.
(#2) Frankfort Tigers will upset the (#1) Bloomington Hoosiers 4-2.

NL Playoff: (since the tie is between a second and third seeded team, the tie is broken by head to head record. With that, S&S believes that the Scotties will have the tiebreaker edge and will be seeded #2 and the Thunder #3.)

(#4) Blue Ridge Mountaineers will take down the (#3) Las Vegas Thunder 4-1.
(#4) Blue Ridge Mountaineers will get by the (#2) Bolton Hill Scotties 4-2.
(#1) New York Mets will beat (#4) Blue Ridge Mountaineers 4-1.

SPB1 World Series: (NL #1) New York Mets 4 (AL #2) Frankfort Tigers 2.

SPB1 1986 Champion: New York Mets

(All stats cited in the team pages are from the 1985 SPB1 season; Batter and Pitcher averages are ages along with the number of players 25 and under and 35 and over; team stats are organizational rankings out of 22) TA= trade acquisition followed by team acquired from. FA = free agent draft year with round and pick number or former team) Enjoy!

Asheville Tourists: Batters 28.9 avg -25 (7) +35 (4)
Pitchers 27.8 avg -25 (5) +35 (0)

BA .270 (10) OBP .335 (7) SLG .390 (T13) Runs 810 (7) HR 113 (17) SB 108 (10)
ERA 3.87 (T8) 9.3 H/9 (T12) 3.2 BB/9 (T9) 4.9 K/9 (T11) Sv 35 (9) K 801 (13) CG 14 (T16)

Asheville Tourists (NL East 80-82 T3rd). GM Rich Applegate and his Tourists may be turning heads this season after getting another infusion of youth from the draft, one in the outfield and one for the rotation. However, a strong National League means that the Tourists will be contending with a middle group of clubs for a breakeven record. Silver Slugger C Mark Salas (.283/5/56) will handle the majority of the catching load, with TA (Road) Bob Kearney (.284/5/35) expected to be the backup. Steve Yeager (.181/1/7), Donnie Scott (.181/1/13) and Orlando Mercado ('85 DNP) share the pine. The infield will have Brook Jacoby (.263/18/80) at third with Wayne Tolleson (.292/0/25) at shortstop, a platoon of Glenn Hubbard (.218/4/34) and Vance Law (.230/10/51) at second and 1B Alvin Davis (.288/6/79). Harry Spilman (.200/1/7), FA (Mets) Ted Simmons (.262/4/32), and Donnie Hill (.283/2/43) provide the infield bench. With youngsters in the outfield, LF Cory Snyder ('86 2nd round #34), CF Willie McGee (.352/12/121), RF Andy Van Slyke (.237/8/51), these Tourists will be the gazelles with gloves for the foreseeable future as veterans LF George Foster (.279/18/71), and RF Claudell Washington (.226/11/52) will be spotting starters and putting in DH duty along with Ernest Riles (.263/5/52).

The Tourists rotation is headed by runner up NL pitcher of the year, Dave Stieb (18-3/2.38/170k) with Ken Schrom (5-9/4.39/60k), Ron Romanick (9-9/4.55/56k), and lefties Teddy Higuera (12-8/3.62/111k) and rookie Bruce Ruffin ('86 1st round #12) rounding out a confident rotation. Look for FA (Brushbacks) Ed Wojna (2-6/5.98/16k) and FA (Mets) Matt Keough (0-2/4.61/12k) to get some spot starts. The Tourists will rely on a very deep bullpen featuring Craig Lefferts (3-7/3.14/45k/2sv), Ken Dayley (2-6/4.70/42k/6sv), Frank DiPino (5-5/4.64/41k/6sv), Bill Dawley (2-3/3.27/38k/7sv), Gene Walter (0-0/1.35/10k/6sv) and Bob Shirley (5-3/3.71/37k). Look for a closer amongst one of the bullpen hurlers. The Tourists may have begun their journey to respectability and GM Applegate will be pushing his team to get comfortably over the .500 mark for the first time since the 1980 season.

1986 draft:	Rnd/Pick	Player
GM: Rich Applegate	1/#12	SP Bruce Ruffin
Busch Stadium	2/#34	OF Cory Snyder
	3/#56	traded to Hoosiers

Tourists Farewell: Tim Corcoran (.220/0/13), Ben Oglivie (.345/9/57), Gary Woods (.196/1/5), Dick Ruthven (3-6/5.52/29k), Burt Hooten (5-8/4.95/51k), Steve Mura (2-4/5.84/28k), and Bob "All the President's Men" Woodward (0-2/2.32/14k/1sv)

	W	L	Pct.	Finish
1981 NL West	68	94	.420	4th
1982 NL West	63	99	.389	T4th
1983 NL West	74	83	.457	3rd
1984 NL East	74	88	.457	5th
1985 NL East	80	82	.494	T3rd
Franchise (1981-1985)	359	451	.443	
Franchise (1962-1985)	1921	1967	.494	5 Divisional Flags 1 League Championship

Beast Coast Brushbacks: Batters 28.9 avg -25 (10) +35 (2)
Pitchers 27.8 avg -25 (5) +35 (0)

BA .250 (22) OBP .312 (20) SLG .354 (21) Runs 610 (20) HR 100 (17) SB 29 (22)
ERA 4.10 (9) 9.6 H/9 (13) 3.1 BB/9 (9) 4.6 K/9 (18) Sv 26 (T21) K 732 (18) CG 23 (T7)

Beast Coast Brushbacks (NL East 53-109 6th). GM Chris Longo has nowhere to look but up, as a youth movement has begun for this once proud franchise that hasn't sniffed the playoffs since 1964. Mike Sciosia (.286/8/44) and Charlie Moore (.255/0/16) will be the catching duo. 3B Paul Molitor (.262/4/63) will have a full season to prove himself. SS Tony Fernandez (.256/1/34) and 2B Julio Franco (.275/12/74) provide one of the league's more potent keystone combinations. Don Baylor (.247/17/55) will probably split first base duties with Gorman Thomas (.209/27/70) and Larry Sheets (.213/9/43) along with DH duties. The flash and dazzle will come from the starting outfielders. LF Mel Hall (.265/0/9), CF Eric Davis (.213/4/11), and RF Jose Canseco (.279/3/12) will provide the Brushbacks a vast outfield offense and defense improvement over last season. Maybe enough to get this team close to .500 if these three bop and run just on their biceps and thighs. Candy Maldonado (.196/0/18) and Pat Sheridan (.191/0/14) will provide DH and spot outfield duty. Darnell Coles (.304/1/12), and rookies Fred Manrique ('86 6th round #112), and Luis Aguayo ('86 draft 9th round #178) back up the infield.

The rotation will be a challenge for GM Longo with only three reliable starters Mike LaCoss (2-1/4.70/26k), Charles Hudson (3-15/4.76/71k) and Steve Trout (4-16/7.08/43k). Rookies Bob Kipper (2-0/4.70/7k) and Kelly Downs ('86 3rd round #46), along with veterans Larry McWilliams (8-7/3.48/48k) and Rick Langford (2-4/4.85/23k) will make up for the rest of the rotation. The bullpen will rely on Bud Black (12-6/4.07/109k), Ron Robinson (5-5/5.40/73k), Dave Schmidt (1-6/2.09/27k/13sv), Brad Havens (0-3/10.47/21k), Rod Scurry (0-2/2.72/57k), and Dickie Noles (0-3/4.38/53k) to fill in the innings to closer Tim Burke (2-2/2.11/55/2sv). Depending on how high this offense flies and how effective the pitching staff can be will determine how much improvement there will be for the Brushbacks. The Brushbacks had an NL worst ERA (4.86), most walks (623), hits given up (1675) and most runs given up (885). The Brushbacks will need to vastly improve their pitching if they want to end that twenty-two season playoff drought. 75 wins is not out of the question for this club.

1986 draft:	Rnd/Pick	Player
GM: Chris Longo	1/#2 traded to Pelicans	
Yankee Stadium	1/#4 from Peppers	1B Mark McGwire
	2/#24	SP Chris Bosio
	3/#46	SP Kelly Downs

Brushbacks Farewell: Jerry Narron (.284/3/9), Bobby Brown (.157/0/2), Barbaro Garbey (.341/3/31), David Green (.294/3/20), Mike Woodward (.240/0/2), Glen Cook (1-3/4.74/13k), Steve Engel (2-7/5.95/30k), and Ed Wojna (2-6/5.98/16k).

	W	L	Pct.	Finish
1981 AL West	90	72	.556	3rd
1982 AL West	71	91	.438	5th
1983 AL East	57	105	.352	3rd
1984 NL East	67	95	.414	6th
1985 NL East	53	109	.327	6th
Franchise (1981-1985)	338	472	.417	
Franchise (1954-1985)	2496	2634	.487	4 League Champions 4 World Series Titles

Bloomington Hoosiers: Batters 28.1 avg -25 (2) +35 (0)
Pitchers 27.2 avg -25 (5) +35 (0)

BA .283 (2) OBP .350 (2) SLG .423 (6) Runs 909 (2) HR 151 (9) SB 113 (6)
ERA 3.61 (4) 8.5 H/9 (T4) 2.6 BB/9 (T2) 6.0 K/9 (2) Sv 37 (T8) K 977 (2) CG 30 (4)

Bloomington Hoosiers (AL West 109-53 1st). GM Steve Lehman has seen the World Series the past two seasons. Will the Hoosiers return for another engagement? The Hoosiers not only topped the league last season in wins, batting average, and OPS, but was the only AL team to top 900 runs. This team returns a core that will more than likely put them atop the American League with the best record. Ozzie Virgil (.232/32/90) and Bill Schroeder (.233/10/30) will again share the catching duties, but do not look for Virgil to repeat last season's power numbers. Rookie Ron Karkovice ('86 2nd round #43) will be looking to replace one of the starters sometime in the near future. The infield will also be the same as last season's with 3B Ken Oberkfell (.280/6/47), the 'Wizard of Oz' Gold Glove winning SS Ozzie Smith (.232/8/52), reliable 2B Ryne Sandberg (.293/18/89) and smooth fielding Gold Glove winning 1B Keith Hernandez (.313/21/132). Ken Phelps (.187/5/22), Tim Flannery (.288/1/28), and Kelly Gruber (.143/0/0) will provide the hurrahs from the bench. The Hoosiers outfield boast four of the best with Gold Glove LF Kevin McReynolds (.259/17/73), a platoon of CF Robin Yount (.267/11/56) and Brett Butler (.302/7/63) and Silver Slugger RF Tony Gwynn (.345/4/98). DH Keith Moreland (.322/11/64), along with bench riders Tony Walker ('86 draft 8th round #175) and Randy Ready (.272/2/25) fill out the rest of this upcoming powerhouse.

GM Lehman has perhaps the league's deepest pitching staff. Headed up by Brett Saberhagen (19-5/2.42/144k), Charlie Leibrandt (13-4/3.24/97k), Dennis Martinez (11-4/3.31/73k), Ron Guidry (10-3/4.30/71k), Tim "Turn On, Tune In, Drop Out" Leary (2-1/2.73/19k), Dave Dravecky (8-2/3.40/57k), and Bruce Hurst (9-11/4.04/150k). GM Lehman will probably end up using a dart and a dartboard filling out the rotation. Those who don't start will be expected to fill the bullpen with effective innings. CL Greg Harris (11-3/2.64/74k/28sv) will depend on MR Dale Mahorcic ('86 3rd round #60), Allan Anderson ('86 3rd round #56), Scott Garrelts (3-7/4.83/68k) and Mark Knudson (0-0/4.26/3k) to get the game to the ninth.

These Hoosiers are still the class of the American League with two World Series appearances the past two seasons. Do they have the right stuff to make it to a third straight World Series? Predicted to lead the American League as the #1 seed with 104 victories, it will be hard for any team to keep the Hoosiers from steamrolling over everybody.

1986 draft:	Rnd/Pick	Player
GM: Steve Lehman	1/#21 traded to Pelicans	
Candlestick Park	2/#43	C Ron Karkovice
	3/#56 acquired from Tourists	SP Allan Anderson
	3/#60	MR Dale Mahorcic
	3/#65 traded to Lynx	

Hoosiers Farewell: Craig Gerber (.407/0/3), Bruce Tanner (1-0/2.08/6k), Len Whitehouse (0-0/31.50/0k), Mike Armstrong (1-1/2.20/10k), Stew Cliburn (8-2/2.13/52k), and Matt Williams (4-0/3.65/20k)

	W	L	Pct.	Finish
1981 NL West	71	91	.438	3rd
1982 NL West	82	80	.506	3rd
1983 NL West	71	91	.438	4th
1984 AL West	87	75	.537	T2nd
1985 AL West	109	53	.673	1st

Franchise (1981-1985)	420	390	.519	1 Wild Card 1 Division Flag 2 League Championships 1 World Series Title
Franchise (1954-1985)	2535	2598	.494	1 Wild Card 2 Division Flags 4 League Championships 1 World Series Title

Bolton Hill Scotties: **Batters** **30.3 avg** **-25 (3)** **+35 (6)**
 Pitchers **28.7 avg** **-25 (3)** **+35 (1)**

BA .282 (3) OBP .364 (1) SLG .446 (3) Runs 927 (1) HR 175 (5) SB 110 (9)
ERA 4.37 (16) 9.5 H/9 (T15) 3.4 BB/9 (T14) 5.9 K/9 (3) Sv 36 (T10) K 950 (4) CG 14 (T16)

Bolton Hill Scotties (NL West 90-72 1st). GM Marc Unger will again rely on one of the more potent NL offenses and that should be enough for the Scotties to secure one of the four NL playoff seeds for 1986. 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). TA (Lynx) C Jim Sundberg (.254/3/38) will be backed up by Alan Ashby (.280/11/47) and FA (Pelicans) Rick Cerone (.225/1/9). NL batting leader 3B Wade Boggs (.373/7/96) mans the hot corner. Shortstop belongs to Alan Trammell (.263/10/83), while second base may pose the Scotties only weakness. Rookie Jose Oquendo ('85 DNP) and Manny Trillo (.215/2/26) will be the primary platoon, while NL home run and rbi champ, Mike Schmidt (.281/38/145) will take his glove to first. NL stolen base leader LF Tim Lincecum (.319/13/77) 74 steals highlight a very outstanding outfield, with CF Jesse Barfield (.275/25/90), and RF Dwight Evans (.267/35/117) providing strong gloves and stronger arms. Look for Jorge Orta (.273/6/41), Milt Thompson (.303/0/29), Dusty Baker (.278/8/27) sharing DH duties with TA (Rats) Tony Perez (.262/1/23), Wallace Johnson ('85 DNP) and Jerry Browne ('86 2nd round #38) providing the thump from the bench.

Highlighting the rotation will be 39yr old Nolan Ryan (13-9/4.51/174k) with Tom Candiotti ('85 DNP) and TA (Rats) Bob Ojeda (8-10/2.88/135k) slotting two and three. Eric Show (13-10/3.98/131k), Neil Allen (4-1/3.86/24k), TA (Rats) Don Carman (8-2/1.58/75k 24sv), and Ted Power (7-4/4.72/36k) will fill in the back end of the rotation and provide middle relief. Look for Roger McDowell (6-12/5.58/64k 5sv) and Jeff Reardon (2-5/4.89/36k/26sv) to share the closer role with Juan Berenguer (3-3/4.96/51k) and Steve Crawford (5-4/3.90/61k) in set up roles.

Look for the Scotties to continue being one of the top three teams in the National League.

1986 draft:	Rnd/Pick	Player
GM: Marc Unger	1/#16 traded to Peppers	
Exhibition Stadium	2/#38	2B Jerry Browne
	3/#55	C Rick Cerone
	3/#60 traded to Hoosiers	

Scotties Farewell: Glenn Brummer (.289/0/14), Dave Van Gorder (.165/2/21), Jack Clark (.254/15/52), Bill Stein (.234/1/5), Al Oliver (.300/1/7), Mark Brouhard (.212/1/4), Doug Bair (0-0/11.57/2k), Jerry Koosman (4-3/6.82/51k), Bill Latham (2-1/4.43/9k), Mickey Mahler (2-1/3.28/56k), Mike Smithson (15-11/4.46/116k).

	W	L	Pct.	Finish
1981 AL West	64	98	.395	6th
1982 AL West	77	85	.475	3rd
1983 AL West	100	62	.617	T1st
1984 NL West	101	61	.623	1st
1985 NL West	90	72	.556	1st

Franchise (1981-1985)	432	378	.533	1 Wild Card	1 Divisional Flag
Franchise (1977-1985)	650	808	.446	1 Wild Card	1 Divisional Flag

Cleveland Spiders: **Batters** **28.5 avg -25 (5) +35 (4)**
 Pitchers **27.5 avg -25 (7) +35 (2)**

BA .274 (T7) OBP .342 (T3) SLG .412 (9) Runs 749 (13) HR 128 (16) SB 42 (21)
ERA 3.41 (3) 8.5 H/9 (T4) 2.8 BB/9 (4) 5.5 K/9 (T6) Sv 45 (4) K 881 (T6) CG 33 (T2)

Cleveland Spiders (AL East 90-72 1st). GM Chris Williams has doubled the amount of young arms from last year and shaved three years off the average pitching age, however this team may find itself looking on the outside for the playoffs. AL Pitcher of the Year John Tudor (21-7/1.45/183k) along with Dennis Leonard ('85 2 ip), and rookie Bobby Witt ('86 draft 2nd round #41) will anchor the rotation, and after that take your pick from Tim Conroy (0-0/4.58/7k), youngsters Terry Mulholland ('86 draft 2nd round #31), and FA(Alley Cats) Bob Sebra (0-1/11.57/8k). The Spiders will be looking for Don Aase (3-3/2.08/37k/15sv) to take the closer's role with dependable righties Steve Farr (2-2/ 3.04/23k), Bob Stanley (4-7/2.31/32k/17sv), TA (Alley Cats) Bob Patterson ('85 DNP) and Don Robinson (4-7/4.14/ 50k), along with lefties Ricky Horton (3-7/4.67/24k) and Guy Hoffman ('85 DNP).

C Rich Gedman (.283/12/66) returns as the starting catcher with Darren Daulton (.293/3/11) backing up. Looks like Scott Fletcher (.236/0/27) will man the hot corner, Jose Uribe ('85 DNP) and Steve Jeltz (.191/3/28) will share shortstop, rookie Robby Thompson ('86 draft 1st round #19) has the other side of the keystone, while Andre Thornton (.232/28/83) will anchor first base. Rich Burseson ('85 DNP) will provide infield support. The outfield will have Silver Slugger Jose Cruz (.328/11/96) in left while Mickey Hatcher (.312/4/41) will share right with Mike Easler (.282/16/83). Kevin Bass (.283/11/74) will patrol center and not much of a bench with Rick Manning (.191/0/10) and youngsters Dave Clark ('86 draft 5th round #102) and Ken Williams ('86 draft 6th round #129). These Spiders may have a hard time reaching .500.

1986 draft:	Rnd/Pick	Player
GM: Chris Williams	1/#19	2B Robby Thompson
	2/#31	MR Terry Mulholland
Fenway Park	2/#41	SP Bobby Witt
	3/#63 traded to Forest Citys	

Spiders Farewell: 2B Bill Doran (.308/13/71), Jaime Quirk (.408/0/7), Hal McRae (.198/10/37), Wayne Gross (.288/9/35), Tim Hulett (.267/6/47), Tom O'Malley (.000/0/0), Matt Young (3.54/12-10/126k), Tim Birtsas (7-7/5.11/ 91k), Carlos Diaz (4-1/3.38/35k), Jerry Don Gleaton (0-0/12.38/8k), Bob Long (1-1/2.66/16k), Sammy Stewart (5-2/4.15/48k), and Geoff Zahn (2-2/5.91/11k).

		W	L	Pct.	Finish
1981	NL East	67	95	.414	6th
1982	NL East	81	81	.500	5th
1983	NL East	92	70	.568	1st
1984	AL East	93	69	.574	1st
1985	AL East	90	72	.593	1st

Franchise (1981-1985)	423	387	.528	3 Division Flags
Franchise (1961-1985)	2138	1915	.494	3 Division Flags 4 League Championships 3 World Series Titles

Collierstown Highlanders:

Batters	27.1 avg	-25 (8)	+35 (1)
Pitchers	27.7 avg	-25 (6)	+35 (0)

BA .261 (13) OBP .327 (T10) SLG .414 (8) Runs 785 (9) HR 155 (7) SB 122 (3)
ERA 4.17 (14) 9.2 H/9 (T10) 3.4 BB/9 (T14) 4.8 K/9 (T16) Sv 30 (18) K 773 (17) CG 14 (T16)

Collierstown Highlanders (AL East 72-90 5th). GM John Moore will return Silver Slugger catcher Lance Parrish (.315/31/83) with Ed Hearn ('86 draft 4th round #72) and Geno Petralli (.149/0/2) the backups. A lot of shifting parts will make up the infield and bench with Tony Phillips (.253/8/31) manning the hot corner, Tom Brookens (.225/3/39) sharing shortstop with Dave Anderson (.230/8/23), Ron Oester (.259/6/42) back at second and Willie Upshaw (.295/21/81) putting his glove to use at first base. Left field looks to be a platoon of Gary Redus (.279/15/55) and Larry Herndon (.225/11/58). Center field belongs to Rickey Henderson (.272/16/73), while John Grubb (.205/4/17) and Mike Kingery ('86 draft 4th round #80) will be the platoon in right field. Andres Galarraga (.205/2/9), Bip Roberts ('86 2nd round #28), and Stan Javier ('85 DNP) will be providing the clutch pinch hitting and DHing.

The rotation looks like veterans Scott McGregor (15-8/4.23/95k) and Joaquin Andujar (12-16/4.47/76k), complemented with young Jay Tibbs (AL leading 19 losses (7-19/4.25/90k) and Floyd Youmans (2-6/4.79/37k). Andy McGaffigan (4-4/3.03/54k) and Ed Whitson (8-9/4.88/92k) will share the fifth man. The rocks of the bullpen are closers Lee Smith (3-6/3.82/88k/24sv) and Steve Bedrosian (9-9/3.40/78k). Getting the ball to them will be relievers Bryan Clutterbuck ('86 draft 7th round #138), Jeff Russell (0-5/7.08/36k), FA (Forest Citys) Terry Forster (4-1/5.01/33k), Greg "Moon Man" Minton (7-2/4.88/26k), and John Habyan (0-1/6.00/1k).

The Highlanders will be scrounging for at bats in the outfield and infield, so they will need to make the ones they have count. They are trending younger, but this is a team that just might squeeze into the playoff seeding if they can manage to win the close games. This is a team that could slide into a number four playoff seed if all goes right.

1986 draft:	Rnd/Pick	Player
GM: John Moore	1/#6	SP Kevin Brown
Veterans Stadium	2/#28	2B Bip Roberts
	3/#50	3B Mark McLemore

Highlanders Farewell: Clint Hurdle (.205/3/21), Enos Cabell (.269/6/39), Daryl Sconiers (.342/2/21), Garth Iorg (.266/5/34), Tom Foley (.256/3/29), Steve Henderson (.266/3/25), Thad Bosley (.300/6/26), Dane Iorg (.246/1/12), Rusty Staub (.224/1/1), Greg Booker (0-0 9.00 5k), Bob Gibson (2-1 3.45 50k), and Dave Rozema (3-4 1.94 45k).

	W	L	Pct.	Finish
1981 NL East	76	86	.469	5th
1982 NL East	91	71	.562	3rd
1983 NL West	99	63	.611	1st
1984 AL East	70	92	.432	4th
1985 AL East	72	90	.444	5th

Franchise (1981-1985)	408	402	.504	1 Division Flag	1 League Championship
				1 World Series Title	
Franchise (1954-1985)	2459	2671	.479	1 Division Flag	2 League Championships
				1 World Series Title	

Cuyahoga River Flames: Batters 30.3 avg -25 (3) +35 (6)
Pitchers 28.7 avg -25 (3) +35 (1)

BA .267 (11) OBP .324 (13) SLG .416 (7) Runs 799 (8) HR 186 (3) SB 87 (15)
ERA 3.95 (T10) 9.2 H/9 (T10) 3.4 BB/9 (T14) 5.8 K/9 (T4) Sv 33 (16) K 931 (5) CG 29 (T5)

Cuyahoga River Flames (AL East 88-74 2nd). GM Marc Robinson will be looking to be one of those playoff brides after five seasons as bridesmaids. The Flames (two games out of the division lead) enter the 1986 campaign with the longest active consecutive winning seasons streak with eight. This may actually be in jeopardy as S&S has forecasted the Flames to flame out and end the season with only 69 wins. These Flames will need everyone to step up their game to keep their winning tradition going. Gold Glove catcher Gary Carter (.274/30/93) will man the backstop with backup FA (Forest Citys) Darrell Miller (.313/1/8). TA (Alley Cats) Tim Hulett (.267/6/47) takes over the hot corner from Pedro Guerrero (.330/34/101) who moves to left field. SS Dickie Thon (.232 7/25) and rookie Kevin Elster ('86 3rd round #57) will provide the majority of at bats, while 2B Jim Gantner (.254/2/32) and 1B Sid Bream (.208 3/17) handle the right side with Greg Walker (.253/22/92), FA (Highlanders) Dane Iorg (.246/1/12), FA (Alley Cats) Domingo Ramos (.217/0/5), and Jeff Hamilton ('85 draft 7th round #145) providing bench support. Center field belongs to Franklin Stubbs (.143/0/0) and Dave Winfield (.252/25/105) has right field. TA (Alley Cats) Mike Marshall (.288/30/102), Tito Landrum (.253/6/25), Mike Young (.279/18/69), and Jerry Hairston (.316/2/21) will see outfield platooning and designated hitting.

SP Mike Scott (19-4/3.28/145k) will lead the Flames rotation 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 last season and will need to replicate that feat to have any kind of success. Rick Rhoden (10-15/4.47/ 128k), Bill Swift (6-10/4.77/55k), and Moose Haas (8-8/3.84/78k) will fill out the rotation. Rich Yett ('85 .1ip), Bob James (3-1/1.69/68k), George Frazier (1-6/8.63/30k), FA (Alley Cats) Ron Davis (6-2 /5.10/56k), Barry Jones ('86 draft 4th round #79), and lefties Chuck Finley ('86 draft 1st round #13), FA (Lynx) Tim Lollar (6-10/3.45/64k), FA Ricky Wright (2-1 /1.69/8k), Jamie Easterly (6-4/3.59/46k), and FA Paul Mirabella (0-1/ 1.53/8k) will all compete for bullpen roles. The Flames will need a herculean effort to get this club over .500.

1986 draft:	Rnd/Pick	Player
GM: Marc Robinson	1/#13	SP Chuck Finley
Cleveland Municipal Stadium	2/#35 traded to Thunder	
	3/#57	SS Kevin Elster

Flames Farewell: Marc Hill (.000/0/0), Alan Knicely (.193/5/14), Greg Pryor (.267/2/8), Alan Wiggins (.274/0/25), Paul Runge (.207/1/8), George Hendrick (.270/2/14), Mike Stanton (1-3 6.42 29k), Chuck Cary (2-1 0.98 31k), Tom Tellman (0-0 6.88 6k), Ray Searage (0-1 6.23 1k).

	W	L	Pct.	Finish
1981 AL West	95	67	.586	2nd
1982 AL West	92	70	.568	2nd
1983 AL Central	91	71	.562	2nd
1984 AL East	86	76	.531	2nd
1985 AL East	88	74	.543	2nd
Franchise (1981-1985)	452	358	.558	
Franchise (1969-1985)	1142	1450	.441	1 Divisional Flag

Evanston Black Sox: **Batters** **30.0 avg** **-25 (4)** **+35 (4)**
 Pitchers **28.4 avg** **-25 (4)** **+35 (0)**

BA .263 (12) OBP .328 (T8) SLG .411 (10) Runs 732 (13) HR 148 (10) SB 119 (4)
ERA 4.46 (17) 9.5 H/9 (T15) 2.6 BB/9 (T2) 5.5 K/9 (T6) Sv 36 (T10) K 881 (T6) CG 36 (1)

Evanston Black Sox (AL West 78-84 5th). GM John Ungashick will need a lot of over the top performances to keep this club from floundering near the bottom of the standings. Catcher Jody Davis (.209/6/33) handles the catching duties, backed up by Darrell Porter (.258/10/28). Larry Parrish (.231/18/59) has the hot corner. Shortstop will be shared between Dave Concepcion (.236/11/51) and Bill Russell (.331/2/19). TA (Spiders) Bill Doran (.308/13/71) takes over at second base and first base will be handled by Steve Garvey (.267/20/103). TA (Forest Citys) Bill Buckner (.281/15/89) and Wayne Krenchicki (.286/6/27) look to fill the DH role. Left field will be Lonnie Smith (.264/9/63). John Moses (.333/0/0) and TA (Alley Cats) Bob Dernier (.257/2/51) will split center field duties while right field will belong to Omar Moreno (.259/4/13). Max Venable (.260/1/15), Reid Nichols (.259/1/5), Ken Landreaux (.278/12/50), TA (Mountaineers) Herm Winningham (.199/2/13), and FA Chico Walker ('85 DNP) will be counted on for spot outfield and pinch hit duties.

Kirk McCaskill (15-9/4.16/105k), Frank Tanana (12-14/3.53/180k), TA (Thunder) Joe Johnson (5-5/3.79/27k), Rick Honeycutt (5-14/4.44/92k), John Denny (12-14/4.77/123k), and TA (Thunder) Joe Cowley (8-9/4.70/86k) will all compete for the rotation. Keith Atherton (1-1/5.40/77k), TA (Eagles) Pat Clements (3-3/3.43/26k), FA (Road) Frank Wills (2-4/5.75/59k), and Al Holland (5-6/2.87/57k) comprise the middle relief with Dave Smith (4-6/2.56/33k/ 29sv) closing. These Black Sox will have enough on their hands to avoid the cellar.

1986 draft:	Rnd/Pick	Player
GM: John Ungashick	1/#9	1B Rafael Palmeiro
Comiskey Park	2/#31 traded to Spiders	
	3/#53	CF Chris James

Black Sox Farewell: Bobby Grich (.269/12/64), Jeff Burroughs (.243/0/8), Gerry Davis (.278/0/3), Cliff Johnson (.272/3/33), Terry Puhl (.330/6/36), Don Pasqua (.316/9/25), Paul Householder (.238/8/33), Rick Miller (.458/2/12), Rob Picciolo (.172/0/5), Jim Beattie (0-0/6.23/4k), LaMarr Hoyt (19-6/3.70/80k), Bert Roberge (1-3/6.05/23k), Bryan Snyder (1-1/8.55/8k), and Dave Wehrmeister (2-1/8.04/23k).

	W	L	Pct.	Finish
1981 NL East	99	63	.611	2nd
1982 NL East	97	65	.599	2nd
1983 AL Central	98	64	.605	1st
1984 AL West	86	76	.531	4th
1985 AL West	78	84	.481	5th
Franchise (1981-1985)	458	352	.565	1 Divisional Flag
Franchise (1954-1985)	2579	2551	.503	2 Divisional Flags 1 League Championship

Fairfax Peppers: **Batters** **27.9 avg** **-25 (7)** **+35 (2)**
 Pitchers **27.3 avg** **-25 (7)** **+35 (1)**

BA .253 (T14) OBP .308 (19) SLG .381 (17) Runs 656 (16) HR 131 (T13) SB 60 (20)
ERA 4.72 (18) 10.2 H/9 (20) 3.2 BB/9 (T9) 4.7 K/9 (T18) Sv 40 (6) K 755 (19) CG 13 (T19)

Fairfax Peppers (NL East 65-97 5th). GM Ron Peterson has one of the more age balanced teams in the league. Catcher Terry Kennedy (.256/4/47) will be the primary backstop with Sal Butera (.258/4/20) the backup. Doug DeCinces (.241/15/71) will handle the hot corner. Youngsters Andres Thomas (.300/0/2) and Barry Larkin ('86 draft 1st round #3) will divide the starting chores at shortstop. Second base looks like a platoon between FA (Rats) Rob Wilfong (.194/2/8) and Alan Wiggins ('85 DNP) with first base looking to be the domain for Juan Beniquez (.307/4/46) and Tim Teufel (.287/14/44). George Bell (.280/24/88) has left field, and the Wilson twins, Mookie (.249/5/33) and Glenn (.252/17/89) occupy center and right. Look for Kevin Mitchell ('85 DNP), Reggie Williams (.353/0/2), and Terry Harper (.244/21/59) to provide DH and spot outfield duty.

Richard Dotson (2-5/3.88/51k) and Bill Wegman (0-3/7.56/1k) look to be 1-2 in the rotation, with Mike Mason (11-10/4.10/93k), Rick Aguilera (3-11/6.28/64k), John Cerutti (0-0/9.00/7k), Scott Bankhead ('86 draft 3rd round #48), John Candelaria (6-9/3.65/90), and Ed Lynch (8-13/3.79/51k) vying for the remainder of the rotation starts. Old-timer Tommy John (5-2/6.19/29) looks to finish his career with some spot starts. The bullpen will have Mike Huismann (3-1/1.59/9k), Peter Ladd (1-2/3.46/23k), Frank Williams (5-3/2.26/49k), and John Henry Johnson ('85 DNP) with the closing role expected to be Calvin Schiraldi (0-0/7.76/21k). These Peppers are still a few years from contending, but they should manage to escape the bottom of the standings with a low 70 win season.

1986 draft:	Rnd/Pick	Player
GM: Ron Peterson	1/#3 acquired from Pelicans	SS Barry Larkin
	1/#16 acquired from Scotties	C Terry Steinbach
Memorial Stadium	1/#4 traded to Brushbacks	
	2/#26	SP John Smiley
	3/#48	SP Scott Bankhead

Peppers Farewell: Larry Bowa (.227/0/15), Miguel Dilone (.115/0/2), U.L. Washington (.242/4/18), Brad Wellman (.200/0/11), Jeff Barkley (1-1/2.00/13k), Tom Brennan (0-2/10.13/2k), Bobby Castillo (6-4/3.78/60k), Mark Ross (0-0/5.84/2k), Bruce Sutter (1-0/4.97/11k), Dave Van Ohlen (0-0/45.00/1k).

	W	L	Pct.	Finish
1981 NL East	101	61	.623	1st
1982 NL East	103	59	.636	1st
1983 NL East	84	78	.519	2nd
1984 NL East	75	87	.463	4th
1985 NL East	65	97	.401	5th
Franchise (1981-1985)	428	382	.528	1 Wild Card 2 Divisional Flags
Franchise (1954-1985)	2714	2416	.529	1 Wild Card 3 Divisional Flags 5 League Championships 2 World Series

Flushing Rats: **Batters** **27.7 avg** **-25 (10) +35 (2)**
 Pitchers **28.6 avg** **-25 (4) +35 (2)**

BA .248 (T17) OBP .326 (12) SLG .383 (16) Runs 704 (14) HR 146 (12) SB 103 (11)
ERA 3.95 (T10) 9.3 H/9 (T12) 3.2 BB/9 (T9) 5.1 K/9 (12) Sv 36 (T10) K 850 (11) CG 25 (9)

Flushing Rats (NL East 80-82 T3rd). GM Joe DeZarlo will be looking to swing this ball club towards the .500 mark, but reaching 81 wins might be too much of a herculean task for these rodents. Catching will see Mickey Tettleton (.297/5/32), Butch Wynegar (.255/4/29) and FA (Alley Cats) John Russell (.275/18/48) sharing duties. The hot corner will belong to Ray Knight (.212/4/17). Cal Ripken (.268/23/93) plays everyday at shortstop. Tom Herr (.266/6/42) will be Ripken's keystone partner at second base and first base will be up for grabs among TA (Scotties) Jack Clark (.254/15/52), FA (Highlanders) Clint Hurdle (.205/3/21), Mike Laga ('85 DNP). Bench support for the infield includes Toby Harrah (.255/12/38), TA (Lynx) Julio Cruz (.242/0/14), Jack Howell (.192/1/11), and Rick Schu (.256/5/36). Left field will belong to TA (Eagles) Ken Griffey (.257/6/35), with Darryl Strawberry (.278/27/92) manning right field. Centerfield will have FA (Lynx) Rudy "I Fought the" Law (.263/2/47), Darryl Motley (.212/20/54), and Lee Mazzilli (.254/2/15) vying for at bats, with Carmelo Martinez (.253/17/64), Gerald Perry (.205/1/20), FA (Forest Citys) Mike Brown (.323/12/60), and FA (Lynx) Bobby Meacham (.196/0/31) handling DH and pinch hitting duties.

Frank Viola (9-13/3.69/147k), Mark Langston (5-12/5.54/59k), TA (Scotties) Mike Smithson (15-11/4.46/116k), Tom Seaver (10-13/4.47/116k) will be the primary starters with Joe Hesketh (8-5/4.14/95k), Bob Tewksbury ('86 draft 2nd round #33), and Mark Portugal (1-1/5.66/11k) competing for the fifth rotation spot. Jay Howell (10-4/3.80/62k) is expected to claim the closer's role with Kent Tekulve (0-5/4.69/21k), Mark Eichhorn ('85 DNP), Doug Sisk (4-3/5.83/16k), and Mike Trujillo (5-4/5.89/15k) holding down the bullpen. Look for the Rats to hover near .500.

1986 draft:	Rnd/Pick	Player
GM: Joe DeZarlo	1/#11	1B Fred McGriff
Shea Stadium	2/#33	SP Bob Tewksbury
	3/#55 traded to Scotties	

Rats Farewell: Butch Benton (.120/0/5), Al Bumbry (.106/0/0), Dan Driessen (.246/7/50), Doug Frobel (.152/0/0), Ron Gardenhire (.269/0/2), Lynn Jones (.275/3/14), Garry Maddox (.248/3/25), Tony Perez (.262/1/23), John Wathan (.229/3/9), Bob Ojeda (8-10/2.88/135k), Bill Campbell (7-4/2.24/44k), Pete Filson (3-4/3.30/38k), Don Carman (8-2/1.58/75k/24sv), and Jeff Musselman (2-2/2.97/16k)

	W	L	Pct.	Finish
1981 NL East	79	83	.488	4th
1982 NL East	57	105	.352	6th
1983 NL East	79	83	.488	3rd
1984 NL East	88	74	.543	2nd
1985 NL East	80	82	.494	T3rd

Franchise (1981-1985)	383	427	.473	1 Wild Card
Franchise (1961-1985)	2058	1994	.508	1 Wild Card 6 Divisional Flags 6 League Championships 3 World Series

Indy Alley Cats: **Batters** **28.5 avg** **-25 (7)** **+35 (3)**
 Pitchers **29.9 avg** **-25 (2)** **+35 (3)**

BA .274 (T7) OBP .328 (T8) SLG .472 (1) Runs 852 (11) HR 261 (1) SB 116 (5)
ERA 4.80 (19) 10.0 H/9 (T18) 3.2 BB/9 (T9) 5.0 K/9 (13) Sv 43 (5) K 808 (13) CG 20 (11)

Indy Alley Cats (AL West 92-71 4th). GM Rick Ryan will be depending upon his sluggers to carry the Alley Cats into one of the four American League playoff seeds. Veteran catcher Carlton Fisk (.253/40/84) will get the majority of starts behind the plate with TA (Triangles) Andy Allanson ('85 draft 3rd round #61) the backup. Third base belongs to Tim Wallach (.245/23/82) with Garry Templeton (.291/11/55) to his left at shortstop. Second base looks to be a platoon with Wally Backman (.325/7/43) and TA (Black Sox) Bobby Grich (.269/12/64) while Leon "Bull" Durham (.224/15/48) will be holding down the bag at first. Billy Joe Robidoux (.176/2/3), Floyd Rayford (.344/23/64), FA (Highlanders) Tom Foley (.256/3/29), and FA (Spiders) Tom O'Malley (.000/1ab) will provide infield bench support. Lloyd Moseby (.270/18/73), TA (Flames) Fred Lynn (.280/17/65) and Andre Dawson (.267/32/91) will man the outfield from left to right. Reggie Jackson (.310/31/82) will be the primary DH. FA (Brushbacks) Greg Gross (.241/1/18), TA (Spiders) Hal McRae (.198/10/37) will be the spare outfielders.

Doyle Alexander (16-7/4.17/101k), Andy Hawkins (15-10/4.85/64k), Walt Terrell (12-11/4.62/94k), Rick Reuschel (14-8/3.21/150k) and Bill Gullickson (10-13/5.52/63k) will be the returning moundsmen. Gary Lavelle (2-5/3.88/30k), TA (Spiders) Matt Young (12-10/3.54/126k), Tim Stoddard (0-2/5.59/26k), TA (Spiders) Sammy Stewart (5-2/4.15/48k), FA (Forest Citys) Frank Pastore (6-1/3.10/39k), TA (Rats) Bill Campbell (7-4/2.24/44k) and Jay Baller (4-1/6.66/35k) will be the bullpen with the closer's job up for grabs. Don't look now, but if these Cats get their offense to repeat last season's performance, they should battle for one of the two last seeds for the playoffs.

1986 draft:	Rnd/Pick	Player
GM: Rick Ryan	1/#14	traded to Triangles
Wrigley Field	2/#36	traded to Lynx
	3/#58	traded to Triangles

Alley Cats Farewell: Bob Bailor (.291/2/12), Barry Bonnell (.268/0/2), Mike Jorgensen (.190/0/2), Sixto Lezcano (.153/0/7), Mike Marshall (.288/30/102), Steve Nicosia (.087/0/1), Domingo Ramos (.217/0/5), Lenn Sakata (.258/8/17), Bob Dernier (.257/2/51), Karl Best (4-4/4.41/23k), Ron Davis (6-2/5.10/56k), Bill Scherrer (0-1/7.98/8k), and Bob Sebra (0-1/11.57/8k).

	W	L	Pct.	Finish
1981 NL West	85	77	.525	2nd
1982 NL West	95	67	.586	1st
1983 NL Central	64	98	.395	4th
1984 AL West	87	75	.537	T2nd
1985 AL West	92	71	.564	4th

Franchise (1981-1985)	423	388	.522	1 Wild Card	1 Divisional Flag	1 League Championship
Franchise (1954-1985)	2640	2491	.515	1 Wild Card	3 Divisional Flags	3 League Championships
				2 World Series		

Las Vegas Thunder **Batters** **24.7 avg** **-25 (16)** **+35 (0)**
 Pitchers **29.9 avg** **-25 (8)** **+35 (0)**

BA .248 (T17) OBP .307 (20) SLG .363 (T18) Runs 641 (19) HR 112 (18) SB 149 (2)
ERA 3.61 (T4) 8.2 H/9 (2) 3.3 BB/9 (13) 4.5 K/9 (20) Sv 34 (15) K 738 (20) CG 17 (T13)

Las Vegas Thunder (NL West 83-79 2nd). GM Mike See will no doubt be happy with his rebuild and the Thunder will be one of the top four National League teams, meaning another playoff appearance. Mike LaValliere (.136/1/4) and Bob Melvin (.261/1/13) will split the catching chores. Terry Pendleton (.237/7/56) has the hot corner while Spike Owen (.262/0/30) handles shortstop. Harold Reynolds (.099/0/6) claims second base, while Glenn Davis (.255/18/63) plants at first base. TA (Triangles) Hubie Brooks (.263/15/74) will be the primary infield bench. The outfield will probably be Mitch Webster (.247/9/32) in left, Kirby Puckett (.269/4/68) in center, and Mike Greenwell (.286/4/7) in right. Look for Danny Tartabull (.348/3/10) to take over the DH spot with Mike Davis (.296/23/64), TA (Black Sox) Dan Pasqua (.316/9/25), Billy Hatcher (.176/1/6), Curt Ford ('85 DNP), and Bo Jackson ('86 draft 2nd round #35) ready to spot outfield starters and pinch hit.

Orel Hershiser (15-9/2.43/140k), Kevin Gross (8-15/4.21/117k), Mike Morgan (0-2/11.74/6), TA (Mets) Curt Young (0-0/5.64/17k), and Jim Deshaies ('85 3ip) will test GM See's expectations for these starters to top more than last year's group of starters win total of 50. The bullpen makeover will see TA (Mets) Brian Fisher (4-3/2.91/52k), Randy O'Neal (5-5/2.96/49k), Jeff Dedmon (4-1 /3.18/36k), Paul Assenmacher ('86 draft 2nd round #40), and Ed Vande Berg (5-2/3.49/23k) to gobble up the relief innings with Dan Plesac ('86 draft 2nd round #37) expected to end up being the closer. Look for the Thunder to make a lot of noise in the postseason.

1986 draft:	Rnd/Pick	Player
GM: Mike See	1/#15	C Benito Santiago
Metrodome	2/#37	MR Dan Plesac
	2/#40	MR Paul Assenmacher
	3/#59	SP Greg Matthews

Thunder Farewell: Mark Bailey (.216/6/23), Marty Barrett (.278/3/40), Brian Harper (.270/1/8), Sam Khalifa (.220/4/27), Ron Kittle (.253/20/55), Joe Cowley (8-9/4.70/86k), Ray Fontenot (9-9/3.93/67), Joe Johnson (5-5/3.74/27k), Gary Lucas (2-3/2.82/44k), Aal Nipper (8-12/3.46/76k), Randy St. Claire (8-3/3.48/20k), and Tom Waddell (4-3/4.36/38k)

	W	L	Pct.	Finish
1981 NL West	66	96	.407	5th
1982 NL West	52	110	.321	6th
1983 NL East	57	105	.352	4th
1984 NL West	72	90	.404	3rd
1985 NL West	83	79	.512	2nd
Franchise (1981-1985)	330	480	.407	1 Wild Card
Franchise (1969-1985)	1165	1589	.423	1 Wild Card

New York Mets: **Batters** **26.9 avg** **-25 (9)** **+35 (2)**
 Pitchers **26.4 avg** **-25 (6)** **+35 (0)**

BA .286 (1) OBP .336 (6) SLG .433 (5) Runs 860 (4) HR 158 (6) SB 97 (12)
ERA 3.36 (2) 8.4 H/9 (3) 3.0 BB/9 (6) 5.8 K/9 (T4) Sv 47 (T2) K 967 (3) CG 26 (8)

New York Mets (NL East 106-56 1st). GM Don Rahn will field one of the more potent National League teams and one that is predicted to earn the #1 seed for the NL playoffs. Catching will be Rick Dempsey (.289/8/30) with Junior Ortiz (.233/1/4), FA (Tigers) Marc Sullivan (.171/1/4), and Bill Bathe ('86 draft 9th round #196) providing backup. Chris Brown (.286/9/35) will be handling the hot corner while Alfredo Griffin (.300/4/76) returns at shortstop. TA (Thunder) Marty Barrett (.278/3/40) will be the new second baseman and Don Mattingly (.309/30/105) remains ready to duplicate last season at first base. Kevin Seitzer ('86 draft 2nd round #23), Jay Bell ('86 draft 1st round #20), Rafael Belliard (.000/0/2) and Denny Walling (.306/6/33) will provide infield bench support. Look for Randy Bush (.231/8/30) and R.J.Reynolds (.224/1/24) to platoon in left, Von Hayes (.288/12/76) will be the center fielder, and Dave "the Cobra" Parker (.328/37/123) returns to inflict damage as the right fielder. Mickey Brantley ('86 draft 7th round #152), Rob Deer (.158/8/15), Tracy Jones ('86 draft 4th round #86), and Rick Leach (.269/0/6) will provide outfield and DH support. Kent Hrbek (.278/18/76) looks locked in as the DH.

The Mets pitching staff is one of the best in SPB1 and features Roger Clemens (9-1/2.37/78k), Bob Welch (13-5/3.54/103k), Sid Fernandez (16-4/2.07/179k), Dennis Rasmussen (6-6/4.36/55k), and Dennis "Oil Can" Boyd (12-6/2.77/133k). Hard to find any other team with such a potent rotation. The bullpen looks to be Lance McCullers (2-4/4.50/27k), Gene Nelson (11-7/5.00/65k), Dan Schatzeder (3-4/2.75/53k), and Dennis Lamp (4-0/3.53/43k) with Todd Worrell (0-1/4.05/10k) and Donnie Moore (8-6/2.41/57k/27sv) looking to compete for the closer's role. If this team doesn't finish near the top, Mets fans will be very disappointed..

1986 draft:	Rnd/Pick	Player
GM: Don Rahn	1/#20	SS Jay Bell
	2/#23	1B Kevin Seitzer
Riverfront Stadium	2/#42 traded to Triangles	
	3/#64 traded to Lynx	

Mets Farewell: Jack Perconte (.287/1/30), Jerry Royster (.310/4/35), Ted Simmons (.262/4/32), Derrell Thomas (.444/1/3), Marvell Wynne (.228/3/23), Joel Youngblood (.283/3/28), Bruce Berenyi (2-0/2.75/12k), Brian Fisher (4-3/2.91/52k), Matt Keough (0-2/4.61/12k), Ricky Mahler (16-7/4.43/71k), and Curt Young (0-0/5.64/17k).

	W	L	Pct.	Finish
1981 NL West	46	116	.284	6th
1982 NL West	63	99	.389	T4th
1983 AL East	55	107	.340	4th
1984 NL East	76	86	.469	3rd
1985 NL East	106	56	.654	1st
Franchise (1981-1985)	346	464	.427	1 Divisional Flag
Franchise (1954-1985)	2543	2587	.496	5 Divisional Flags 5 League Championships 2 World Series

Ottawa Lynx: **Batters** **27.0 avg** **-25 (11)** **+35 (2)**
 Pitchers **27.5 avg** **-25 (4)** **+35 (1)**

BA .245 (21) OBP .315 (18) SLG .330 (22) Runs 622 (21) HR 57 (22) SB 92 (13)
ERA 3.79 (7) 8.5 H/9 (T4) 3.1 BB/9 (T7) 4.4 K/9 (T21) Sv 26 (21) K 708 (22) CG 33 (T2)

Ottawa Lynx (NL West 66-96 5th). GM Stan Barkun will be looking to improve on the string of 60 win seasons, however, S&S does not see the Lynx escaping the National League cellar and the Lynx are projected for a 68 win season. Mike Fitzgerald (.234/2/36) and TA (Road) Bob Kearney (.284/5/35) will split the catching chores. Third base looks to be a platoon between FA (Highlanders) Garth Iorg (.266/5/34) and Ed Romero (.221/0/11) with Mariano Duncan (.235/8/68) locking up the shortstop position. Second base will have a cast of characters competing for the position between Curtis Wilkerson (.259/1/38), Al Newman (.125/0/1), Argenis Salazar ('86 draft 4th round #71), and FA (Peppers) UL Washington (.242/4/18). Bruce Bochte (.277/7/50) will be the primary first baseman, while Mike Aldrete ('86 draft 3rd round #49) will provide backup. Eddie Milner (.268/2/28), Lenny Dykstra (.250/2/25), and Rupert Jones (.229/9/38) will start from left to right with Danny Heep (.227/5/35), Otis Nixon (.229/3/11), John Cangelosi ('85 2ab) and Ivan Calderon (.223/1/17) providing outfield bench support. The DH will probably be handled by the cadre of bench players.

Jimmy Key (9-13/3.11/55k), David Palmer (8-8/3.56/79k), Neal Heaton (4-8/3.41/67k), and Danny Darwin (13-11/3.91/103k) have spots in the rotation with Chris Codioli (7-11/4.18/74k), Bob Walk (1-8/7.23/27k), and Roger Mason (3-3/2.98/37k) competing for the fifth spot in the rotation. Aurelio Lopez (3-7/3.71/47k), Lee Gutterman ('85 DNP), Alejandro Pena ('85 DNP), Carl Willis (0-0/4.26/2k), and David Cone ('86 draft 1st round #5) will comprise the bullpen with Jesse Orosco (4-3/2.84/48k) closing.

1986 draft:	Rnd/Pick	Player
GM: Stan Barkun	1/#5	SP David Cone
	1/#17	SP Greg Swindell
Olympic Stadium	2/#27	C Mike Stanley
	3/#49	LF Mike Aldrete

Lynx Farewell: Rod Carew (.289/6/48), Julio Cruz (.242/0/14), Tom Dunbar (.091/0/1), Rudy "I Fought the" Law (.263/2/47), Tom Lawless (.293/0/1), Bob Meacham (.196/0/31), Jim Sundberg (.254/3/38), Tim Lollar (6-10/3.45/64k), Steve McCatty (3-6/3.91/37k), and Curt Wardle (3-2/3.68/41k).

	W	L	Pct.	Finish
1981 AL West	82	80	.506	4th
1982 AL West	67	95	.414	6th
1983 AL East	66	96	.407	2nd
1984 NL West	62	100	.383	4th
1985 NL West	66	96	.407	5th
Franchise (1981-1985)	343	467	.423	
Franchise (1954-1985)	2638	2492	.514	2 Divisional Flags 2 League Championships 2 World Series

Rockford Forest Citys: Batters 28.2 avg -25 (8) +35 (3)
Pitchers 27.5 avg -25 (5) +35 (2)

BA .278 (5) OBP .342 (T3) SLG .451 (2) Runs 896 (3) HR 201 (2) SB 66 (18)
ERA 3.78 (6) 8.8 H/9 (T8) 3.1 BB/9 (T7) 5.3 K/9 (10) Sv 50 (1) K 857 (10) CG 19 (12)

Rockford Forest Citys (AL West 104-58 2nd). GM Terry Baxter will try to continue his winning ways and S&S sees the Forest Citys as one of the best three teams in the American League, which should get the Forest Citys a playoff seeding. Catching will be by committee with Bruce Benedict (.187/0/7), FA (Spiders) Jamie Quirk (.408/0/7), Jerry Willard (.304/10/64), and FA (Thunder) Mark Bailey (.216/6/23) all getting in their reps. Third base will be handled by Steve Buechele (.247/5/17) with Shawon Dunston (.232/2/29) occupying shortstop. Lou Whitaker (.293/11/64) and Darrell Evans (.280/43/117) defend the right side of the infield. Nick Esasky (.298/16/43), Jim Traber ('85 DNP), Rance Mulliniks (.274/8/38), and FA (Road) Chris Speier (.303/4/14) will provide infield bench support. Phil Bradley (.277/30/101) will be in left field. Joe Orsulak (.323/2/33) will probably end up in center field again, and Tom Brunansky (.220/15/61) has right field. Jim Dwyer (.278/6/29), FA (Black Sox) Terry Puhl (.330/6/36), John Kruk ('86 draft 1st round #18), and Gary Roenicke (.254/10/26) will be the backups in the outfield or slotted as the DH.

Danny Cox (17-8/3.70/133k), Bob Forsch (7-7/3.84/48k), Edwin Correa (0-0/21.60/5k), Rick Sutcliffe (8-9/4.63/89k), and Jose Rijo (6-0/3.46/69k) will be the workhorses of the rotation. The bullpen will look like Rich Bordi (2-2/3.59/30k), Jim Slaton (8-9/4.84/67k), Steve Ontiveros (9-4/1.96/37k), Pat Perry (0-0/0.73/3k), and Nate Snell (7-1 /2.51/44k) with Rich "Goose" Gossage (4-6/2.43/50k/36sv) returning to nail down leads.

The Forest Citys look to replicate last season's success, but do not expect them to go over the century mark in wins. However, this is one of the four best American League teams, so a playoff seeding is not out of the picture.

1986 draft:	Rnd/Pick	Player
GM: Terry Baxter	1/#18	OF John Kruk
Fulton County Stadium	2/#40 traded to Thunder	
	3/#62	SP Willie Fraser

Forest Citys Farewell: Mike Brown (.323/12/60), Bill Buckner (.281/15/89), Ivan "Holy" DeJesus (.000/4abs), Dave Engle (.260/9/32), Britt Burns (21-4/3.24/163k), Marty Bystrom (0-1 /13.50/1k), Terry Forster (4-1 /5.01/33k), Urbano Lugo (5-5/7.13/46k), and Frank Pastore (6-1 /3.10/36k).

		W	L	Pct.	Finish
1981	NL West	90	72	.556	1st
1982	NL West	91	71	.562	2nd
1983	AL Central	79	83	.488	4th
1984	AL West	81	81	.500	6th
1985	AL West	104	58	.642	2nd

Franchise (1981-1985)	445	365	.549	1 Wild Card	1 Divisional Flag	1 League Championship
Franchise (1962-1985)	2003	1885	.515	1 Wild Card	2 Divisional Flags	2 League Championships
				2 World Series		

Spirit Mountain Volcanoes:

Batters	27.4 avg	-25 (6)	+35 (0)
Pitchers	27.6 avg	-25 (5)	+35 (2)

BA .276 (6) OBP .327 (T10) SLG .409 (11) Runs 755 (10) HR 131 (T13) SB 112 (T7)
ERA 4.14 (13) 9.9 H/9 (17) 2.9 BB/9 (5) 5.4 K/9 (T8) Sv 32 (17) K873 (9) CG 17 (T13)

Spirit Mountain Volcanoes (NL West 78-84 4th). GM Marc Hollingsworth may actually have the team that surprises everyone. Even though the Volcanoes are expected to be in the middle of the pack with a mid 70s win season, if the pitching outperforms last season and the offense jumps up a notch, one might expect to see the Volcanoes slide into the #4 seeding. Tony Pena (.222/11/53) will be looking to improve offensively as the starting catcher. Dann Bilardello (.174/0/5) returns as backup. Carney Lansford (.307/8/63) and Rafael Ramirez (.222/10/48) will anchor the left side of the infield at third and short, respectively. TA (Triangles) Tony Bernazard (.271/9/46) and Pete O'Brien (.283/4/51) will be at second and first base. Dave Bergman (.132/0/7), and Manny Lee (.268/0/1) will be the infield bench. Left to right, the outfield looks to be Dave Collins (.306/3/19), Dale Murphy (.298/24/104), and Kirk Gibson (.313/23/97). Dan Gladden (.246/6/56) and Mike Fielder (.500/4abs) will provide outfield support. Bob Horner (.293/26/99) pencils in as DH.

Starting pitching will not be as solid as last season. Bryn Smith (15-10/3.47/126k), Floyd Bannister (8-17/4.97/185k), newcomer Doug Drabek ('85 draft 1st round #8), and Dan Petry (13-12/3.49/114k) will take the first four spots and Jim Acker (2-2 /3.81/32k), Don Schulze (3-7/5.45/41k), and Dave LaPoint (12-9/4.23/107k) will share both the fifth man slot and long relief. Cecilio Guante (9-4/3.95/61k), Doug Corbett (1-1 /5.98/29k), Bryan Oelkers ('86 draft 5th round #86), TA (Eagles) Ernie Camacho ('85 DNP) and Roy Lee Jackson (1-0 /6.63/28k) will get most of the bullpen innings with rookie Bobby Thigpen ('86 draft 3rd round #52) expected to eventually take the closer's role. In the meantime, someone in the bullpen is going to have to step up and become the closer the Volcanoes will need to break away from the middling pack.

1986 draft:	Rnd/Pick	Player
GM: Marc Hollingsworth	1/#8	SP Doug Drabek
Kingdome	2/#30	RP Michael Jackson
	3/#52	RP Bobby Thigpen

Volcanoes Farewell: Damaso Garcia (.315/11/80), Mike Hargrove (.273/2/16), Mario Ramirez (.323/2/4), Jeff Stone (.280/1/12), Dennis Burt (1-2 /3.54/11k), Rick Camp (4-6/3.78/39k), Bryan Clark (1-2 /3.70/10k), Chuck Porter (1-1 /2.81/11k), and Dave Rucker (5-9/3.99/39k).

	W	L	Pct.	Finish
1981 AL East	86	76	.531	4th
1982 AL East	85	77	.525	3rd
1983 AL West	76	86	.469	3rd
1984 NL West	98	64	.605	2nd
1985 NL West	78	84	.481	4th
Franchise (1981-1985)	423	387	.522	1 Wild Card
Franchise (1954-1985)	2468	2662	.481	1 Wild Card 1 League Championship

Hatteras Pelicans: **Batters** **29.3 avg** **-25 (6)** **+35 (3)**
 Pitchers **27.9 avg** **-25 (5)** **+35 (0)**

BA .245 (T20) OBP .292 (22) SLG .388 (15) Runs 583 (22) HR 152 (8) SB 74 (16)
ERA 5.13 (22) 10.0 H/9 (T18) 3.5 BB/9 (18) 5.2 K/9 (11) Sv 28 (20) K 822 (12) CG 16 (15)

Hatteras Pelicans (AL East 57-105 4th). GM Jim Wheeler not only erased the former moniker of the Preble Zorros, but also abandoned the Oakland Coliseum for the hot and humid climates of Arlington Stadium. Talk about pulling up stakes and getting the heck out of town. Maybe having opposing pitchers wilt in the Texas summer heat will allow his hitters to inflict damage. Bo Diaz (.202/9/23) graduated to starting catcher with Don Slaught (.245/7/30) and FA (Brushbacks) Jerry Narron (.284/3/9) the backups. Jim Pressley (.252/19/56) handles the hot corner with Craig Reynolds (.298/3/41) getting most of the shortstop starts platooning with Dale Sveum ('86 draft 3rd round #47). Juan Samuel (.225/23/69) holds down second base and Steve Balboni (.261/33/87) will be taking the infield tosses at first base. From left to right, the outfield will probably be Jeffrey "One Flap Down" Leonard (.259/15/52), rookie Barry Bonds ('86 draft 1st round #2), and Harold Baines (.248/15/65) with a complement of spare outfielders to share the DHing and spot starts, Dave Henderson (.239/12/50), FA (Flames) George Hendrick (.270/2/14), FA Billy Sample (.294/1/23), and FA (Mets) Joel Youngblood (.283/3/29). Graig Nettles will probably see the most DH at bats.

Jack Morris (13-16/3.89/152k) leads the rotation, followed by Jim Clancy (5-13/4.05/82k), and Chris Welsh (0-8/6.16/21k). Joel Davis (1-8/6.09/38k), Dave Stewart (1-2/5.19/71k) and Jaime Moyer ('86 draft 2nd round #25) will compete for the remaining two rotation spots. The bullpen will be led by Jeff Robinson (0-0/16.43/2k), Ken Howell (3-3/4.76/62k), Larry Andersen (0-3/5.65/32k), and Craig McMurtry (4-3/6.80/27k) with closing duties shared between Tom Henke (4-0/2.59/33k) and John Franco (4-11/4.91/67k 14sv). Maybe the name and stadium change will give these Pelicans a different spirit of competitiveness and they may actually put up a mid 70s win total. Enough to get them out of the cellar, but still short of .500.

1986 draft:	Rnd/Pick	Player
GM: Jim Wheeler	1/#2	OF Barry Bonds
	1/#3 traded to Peppers	
Arlington Stadium	2/#25	SP Jaime Moyer
	3/#47	SS Dale Sveum

Pelicans Farewell: Rick Cerone (.225/1/9), Bob Clark (.150/0/5), Doug Flynn (.148/0/5), Scot Thompson (.200/0/0), Duane Walker (.169/5/14), Rick Behenna (0-1/10.80/0k), Warren Brusstar (1-1/6.12/24k), Larry Gura (0-1/4.50/3k), and Ramon Romero (1-4/6.49/24k).

		W	L	Pct.	Finish
1981	AL East	73	89	.451	6th
1982	AL East	82	80	.506	4th
1983	NL Central	93	69	.574	2nd
1984	AL East	67	95	.414	5th
1985	AL East	57	105	.352	4th
Franchise (1981-1985)		372	438	.459	
Franchise (1977-1985)		606	852	.416	