

SCOREMASTERS

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OFFICIAL BASEBALL & SOFTBALL SCOREBOOK

HOW TO OPERATE THIS *Scoremaster*

This system of scoring (which is fully copyrighted, and cannot be reproduced without the express permission of the copyright owner) takes the mystery out of softball and baseball scoring, and furnishes a sheet whereby the scorer, or the reader, can accurately "read" the game after it is finished. The author realizes that most scorers have their own private system, and this method "simplifies" them all, so that a complete record of every player in every inning, accompanies the final result.

The typical scoring system is, of course, for the scorer to follow the batter around the diamond on the scoring form, starting at home plate, on the lower part of the diamond, going thence to first base, second base, third base and then to home plate. When a runner reaches a base, draw a line to that base, and indicate by the insignia on the right side of the batter's box, how he reached the base. (Every way of getting to base, except on a fielder's choice, is represented by an insignia). Then continue the line to each base he subsequently reaches. A completed line around the diamond represents a score, and the uncompleted diamond shows that the runner has been left on base, and indicates the base he reached before the end of the inning.

Fielders are numbered by position, as follows: Pitcher (1); catcher (2); first baseman (3); second baseman (4); third baseman (5); shortstop (6); left fielder (7); center fielder (8); right fielder (9); and short fielder or rover (10).

Insignias at the right side of each player's box represents the method of reaching the base, thus; "HR"—home run; "3B"—Triple; "2B"—Double; "1B"—Single; "SAC"—Sacrifice; "HP"—Hit by Pitcher; "BB"—Base on Balls. A line through the insignia, or any mark the scorer may desire, shows how the batter reached the base. A single line from home plate through the diamond may be drawn to show the direction in which the hit was made. Note that a base on balls, hit by pitched ball, or a sacrifice hit, does not count as a "time at bat" in figuring a player's Batting Average.

Batter's **OUTS** are marked within each box by using the number of each fielder handling the ball. The number of outs in each inning, for scorer's convenience, may be indicated by a circle within the box, with the number of the out within the circle, thus (3) would indicate the third and final out of the inning.

If the batter hits a ground ball to the third baseman and is thrown out at first, the figure "5-3" would appear within the batter's box; if a runner is forced out at second, by a fielder's choice, or otherwise, by a ball that is hit to any fielder, the figure in the batter's box would appear as "5-4fc," using the proper numbers of the fielders handling the ball. A fly-out is shown by the insignia "F" and the number of the player making the catch, thus: "F9" would indicate that the catch was made by the right fielder. Whether the fly ball is a pop-up or a long fly ball may be indicated by an appropriate "arc" over the insignia. A line drive fly ball might be indicated as "F4". Should a ground ball be taken by the first baseman, or other baseman, who steps on a base and makes the out unassisted, the play would be indicated as "3U."

ERRORS are shown as follows: Fumbling by the shortstop, "E6F," an error on the throw by the shortstop, "E6Th," an error on the first baseman dropping the good throw from the second baseman, "E3D (A4)" (indicating the assist by the second baseman, who gets credit for an assist whether the out is made or not). Overthrows are indicated by "OT," wild pitch—"WP," pass balls—"PB," strikeout—"K," third strike called—"Kc," balk—"bk," bunt—"Bt," fielder's choice—"FC," foul to catcher—"f2," stolen base—"S" (placed at the corner of the base stolen). Runs batted in are indicated by writing in the runners box, at home plate, the number of the batter who hit the ball scoring the run. Double plays are indicated by connecting players' boxes with small bracket and the sign "DP."

The 5 small squares in the lower right section of each box are provided for the scorer to keep track of the balls and strikes count on the batter, if desired. They can also be used to keep count of pitches thrown. If the scorer wants to count pitches thrown, they may be tallied on the "notes" line at the bottom of each page by marking off the numbers found there, or as INJ INJ.

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PLAYERS		1	2	3			
STORM							
Sub.		HIT BY PITCHER	(2)				
PETERSON							
Sub.		5-6	5-3				
MORRISON							
Sub.		5-3		3			
COCKROFT							
Sub.				9			
WALLER IN 1/4							
CLEMENTS							
Sub.		6-3		9			
ROGUCK							
Sub.		F8		K			
GAZELLA IN 1/4							
LAMBERT							
Sub.			5-5				
MASTRO							
Sub.				(2)			
KOZIE IN 1/4							
CHANDLER							
Sub.			DP	4-3			
SCOTT IN 1/4							
Sub.		(1)		(3)			
SUM.	RUNS	2	1	3			
	HITS	2	1	3			
	ERRS	0	0	0			
	LOB	1	1	1			
PITCHERS		W-L	INNS	AB	K	BB	H
CHANDLER		W	5	26	6	5	7
SCOTT			1	4	1	0	1