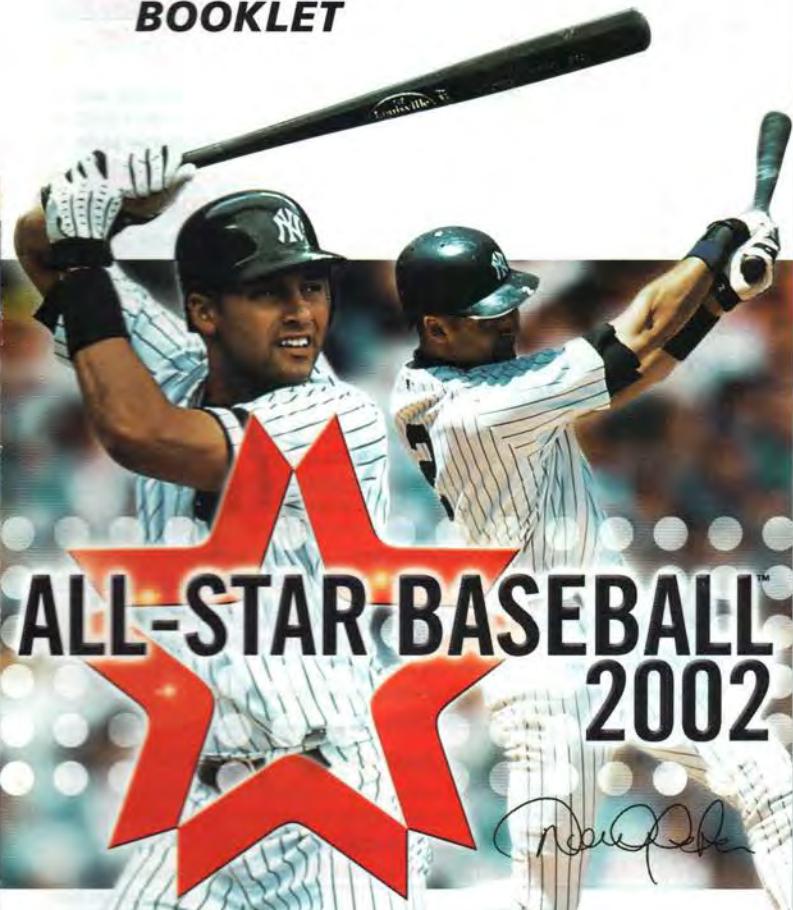
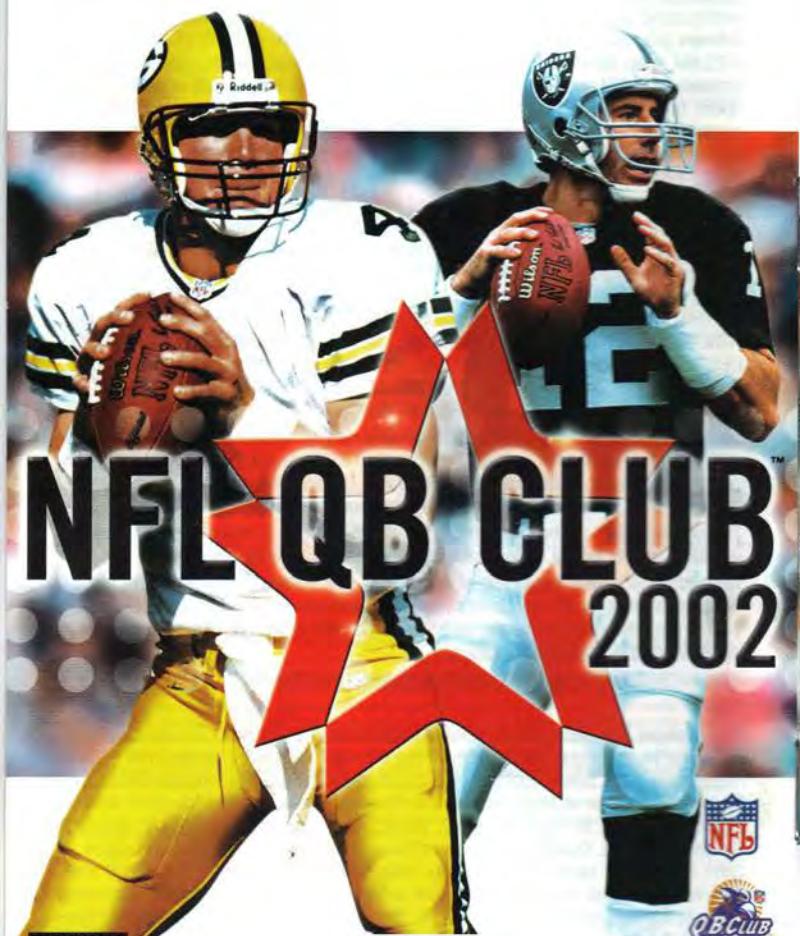


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LOADING

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2. Insert your **ALLSTAR BASEBALL™ 2002** Nintendo GameCube™ Game Disc as described in the instruction manual.
3. Insert Nintendo GameCube™ Controller into Controller Socket 1.

Note: ALL-STAR BASEBALL™ 2002 is for up to 4 players. Each player should insert a controller into the proper controller socket at this time.

4. If you wish to save a game, insert a **Nintendo GameCube™ Memory Card** into **Memory Card Slot A**.
5. Press the **POWER** button **ON** (important: make sure not to touch the **Control Stick** while doing so).



INTRODUCTION



Hi baseball fans. Welcome to **All-Star Baseball™ 2002**. This game has everything you love about baseball without leaving your home. We're talking incredibly realistic stadiums, stats and player motions, including the actual batting stances and pitching deliveries of today's top players. Or you can even play with the greats of yesterday, players like Mr. October, Reggie Jackson and Nolan Ryan. Match that with great controls and tons of management options and

you've got everything you need to take your favorite team all the way. And there are plenty of modes to play, too, so whether you like the challenge of a full season, a simple head to head Exhibition game, the thrills of the Series or midseason contests like the Home Run Derby™ and All-Star Game, there's always a mode to suit your mood. You even sharpen up your hitting technique with some Batting Practice. One of my favorite features in All-Star Baseball™ 2002 is the Create a Player mode. You can build a full franchise of superstars and watch them run wild through any game mode. The action is intense, the details are immense and now it's up to you to bring home the ring—swing for the fences!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nolan Ryan'.

DO YOU KNOW BASEBALL?

Throughout this booklet, reference is made to common baseball terms and situations. It is assumed that the reader is familiar enough with the game that this will not present any difficulties. If you find yourself puzzled, a visit to your local library will yield a wealth of baseball information. You might also wish to visit the Major League Baseball site on the web at <http://www.mlb.com> where you can view rules, statistics and more.

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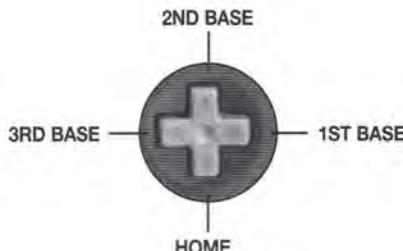


CONTROLS

BASE CONTROL BASICS

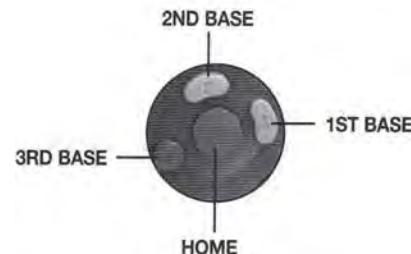
OFFENSE

When base running, each base matches a direction on the **Control Pad**. To move a base runner to or from a base, you press the proper control and the direction of the base the runner currently occupies.



IN THE FIELD

When fielding, each action button matches a current or future throw to a base. These are the base equivalents when fielding:



PITCH SELECT

Each hurler's pitch types appear on-screen next to a control graphic. Pitch types vary with each pitcher, as do controls. For example, the **A Button** might be a slider for one pitcher, or a knuckleball for a different player who doesn't throw a slider.

Locating pitches: Press the **Control Stick** or the **Control Pad** to move the pitch target to the desired location.

Positioning infielders: Pressing **↓** on the **C Stick** will cycle through **infield** positioning options:

1. *Normal*
2. *In* – all infielders play on the edge of the infield grass.
3. *Deep* – all infielders back up to the edge of the outfield grass.
4. *Corners* – 3B & 1B play in to anticipate a bunt.
5. *Lines* – 3B & 1B play closer to the foul lines to prevent extra base hits.
6. *DP Depth* – SS & 2B play a few steps deeper and closer to second base, putting them in better position for turning double plays.
7. *Shade L* – all IF move slightly to the third base side.
8. *Shade R* – all IF move slightly to the first base side.
9. *Shift L* – more dramatic shift toward third base.
10. *Shift R* – more dramatic shift toward first base.

Positioning outfielders: Pressing  on the **C Stick** will cycle through **outfield** positioning options:

1. **Normal**
2. **Normal left** - Outfielders shade toward left field.
3. **Normal right** - Outfielders shade toward right field.
4. **Deep** - Outfielders play a few steps back toward the fences.
5. **Deep left** - Outfielders play a few steps back toward the fences and move a few steps toward the LF line.
6. **Deep right** - Outfielders play a few steps back toward the fences and move a few steps toward the RF line.
7. **Shallow** - Outfielders play a few steps in.
8. **Shallow left** - Shift is more extreme. All OF's move. RF moves toward RCF giving up his line, CF moves 4-5 steps into LCF, LF moves 3-4 steps toward the line.
9. **Shallow right** - Outfielders play a few steps in and move a few steps toward the RF line.



POST-PITCH SELECT

After selecting your pitch type, you can still change the pitch location. In addition, you can either throw the pitch or try a pick off throw to any base but home. In All-Star mode, pressing the **R Button** will bring up the first base runner window. Pressing the **L Button** will bring up the third base runner window.



MID-WINDUP



FIELDING

BEFORE BALL IS FIELDED

The spot where a fly ball will land is indicated by a red circle highlight. The currently controlled fielder is indicated by a blue circle highlight (if multiple players are controlling outfielders, there is a different highlight color for each player). If a fielder isn't on screen at any given time, a red arrow indicates the direction of the ball.

To tell that fielder where to throw the ball before he fields it (so he'll immediately throw to that location once he fields the ball), press the associated control (see below).



AFTER BALL IS FIELDED



BATTING & BASE RUNNING

PRE-PITCH SELECT

CONTROL	ACTION
CONTROL PAD	Move batting cursor / while the Y Button is held, press base direction to steal
CONTROL STICK LEFT	Move batting cursor
CONTROL STICK RIGHT	Tilt batting cursor
B BUTTON	Toggle contact / power icon
Y BUTTON	Steal signal (+ Control Pad in current base direction)
A BUTTON	Practice swing
X BUTTON	Show sacrifice bunt
L BUTTON	Increase all runners' leads
R BUTTON	Initiate pitch / location guess

STEALING BASES

To steal a base, hold the **Y Button** then press the **Control Pad** in the direction of the base the runner currently occupies. For example, if a runner is on first base, hold the **Y Button** then press **RIGHT** on the **Control Pad** to steal second base. On Rookie and Veteran difficulty settings, the runner will wait until the pitch is released before attempting to steal. On All-Star difficulty level, the runner will break as soon as you press the **Control Pad**. You can hold the **Y Button** down, but the runner will not steal until the **Control Pad** is pressed (the **Control Pad** highlights the runner).

If you have a runner steal a base that is already occupied, both runners must steal. (Ex.: Runners on 1st and 2nd. When you press the Y Button and RIGHT on the Control Pad, both runners will steal. If you press the same controls with runners on 1st and 3rd, only the runner on 1st will go.)

USING THE BATTING CURSOR

The triangle-shaped batting cursor is there to help you get good wood on the ball and to aim your hits. The wide part of the cursor represents the sweet spot of your bat, so that's where you want to make contact. Press either the **Control Pad/Control Stick** to position the cursor. Press the **C Stick** to tilt the cursor to alter the type of hit. Tilting **↓** will tend to produce grounders, while tilting **↑** will tend to produce balls in the air. Tilt the cursor **←** to hit the ball to the left side and **→** to hit it to the right side.

PITCH / LOCATION GUESS

You can try to guess the pitch type and location before every pitch. Correctly guessing the pitch type effects the size of the contact area; guessing the location effects the size of the power area. There are eight possible location guesses. Guessing a specific location will have more of an effect on the hitter's icon than guessing a general location. Press and hold the **R Button** to initiate a pitch guess

CONTROL	ACTION
CONTROL PAD	Select Location
B BUTTON	Select corresponding pitch type
Y BUTTON	Select corresponding pitch type
A BUTTON	Select corresponding pitch type
X BUTTON	Select corresponding pitch type
L BUTTON	Select corresponding pitch type
R BUTTON	When released, pitch / location guess mode is deactivated

CONTROL	ACTION
UP	guess High
UP + RIGHT	guess Up & Away
RIGHT	guess Outside
DOWN + RIGHT	guess Low & Away
DOWN	guess Low
DOWN + LEFT	guess Down & In
LEFT	guess Inside
UP + LEFT	guess Up & In

POST-PITCH SELECT / MID-WINDUP

CONTROL	ACTION
CONTROL PAD	Move batting cursor / combine with Y Button to signal steal (runner automatically steals)
CONTROL STICK LEFT	Move batting cursor
CONTROL STICK RIGHT	Tilt batting cursor
B BUTTON	Toggle contact / power icon
Y BUTTON	Steal signal (+ base direction)
A BUTTON	Swing
X BUTTON	Drag bunt
L BUTTON	Increase all runners' leads
R BUTTON	Decrease all runners' leads

Note: There are two types of bunts in the game: sacrifice bunts and drag bunts. Sacrifice bunts are shown before the pitch is delivered. To perform a sacrifice bunt, the chance of success is based on the hitter's bunt rating. Drag bunts are timed and aimed like a swing. You must move the cursor (Control Stick Left) in conjunction with the bunt button (X Button) to perform a drag bunt.

BALL IN PLAY

CONTROL	ACTION
CONTROL PAD	Indicate base for individual runner select
Y BUTTON	Advance single runner when combined with the Control Pad direction
X BUTTON	Return single runner when combined with the Control Pad direction
L BUTTON	Advance all runners
R BUTTON	Return all runners
Z BUTTON	Stop all runners

GETTING STARTED

At the Title Screen, press **START**. You will come to the Main Menu.

MAIN MENU

The main menu is where you make these important selections. Each item is explained in detail further on.

Quick Play Get right onto the diamond for a single game with computer selected teams.

MLB™ Play Choose Exhibition play, an All-Star Game, start a New Season or Continue Season play from where you left off, or start a New Series or Continue Series play where you left off.

Home Run Derby Try your swatting skills with and against the best sluggers.

Batting Practice Tune up your timber with some batting practice.

Team Management Enter Team Management for all your trading and lineup activities.

Statistics View comprehensive game and season stats for players and teams.

Options Adjust game and other option settings to your liking.

Before we get into the various game modes and other items on the main menu, let's take a look at the main options.



OPTIONS

AUDIO OPTIONS

Adjust these volumes by pressing **→** on the **Control Pad** to increase volume and **←** on the **Control Pad** to decrease volume.

Overall Volume Adjust overall volume level.

Sound FX Adjust sound effects level.

Announcers Adjust announcer volume level.

Crowd Adjust crowd volume level.

Load Settings Load previously saved audio option settings.

Save Settings Save the current audio option settings.

LOAD/DELETE

Select this to access dat on your **Nintendo GameCube™ Memory Card**. You have Load Season, Delete Season, Load Series and Delete Series options.

CREDITS

View the talented team behind **All-Star Baseball™ 2002**.

Note that there are several more options available during a game.

STATISTICS

This option lets you view your game progress and track team and individual stats through season and series play. Press the **A Button** over a highlighted player to bring up his player card. Move the highlight up to the headings (starting with "player") and then highlight a specific category by using **←** or **→** on the **Control Pad**. Press the **A Button** to sort by the highlighted statistic.

PAUSING THE GAME

You can make a host of adjustments during a game. Available options depend on game mode. Press **START** at any time during play to pause the game and bring up the pause options menu.

Play Ball Resume play where you paused it.

Box Score View the current box score.

Manage Bullpen View and adjust your pitching staff (see pg 23 for more details).

Change Lineup Make tactical in-game roster moves such as putting in pinch runners, pinch hitters, changing positions, defensive replacements and double switches.

Game Controls Change which human player controls which baseball player on offense, defense or both.

Controller Select Change which team you wish to control.

Game Options Adjust these in-game play options:

Easy Batting Choose to play with easy batting feature **ON** or **OFF**.

Pitcher's Aid The pitcher's aid is a small white circle icon that shows where the pitch is being aimed. Toggle the pitcher's aid **ON** or **OFF**.

Strike Zone Aid The strike zone aid will display a translucent rectangle matching the strike zone to give you a better idea of whether or not a pitch is a strike (the strike zone aid is an approximate representation of the strike zone. The ball doesn't necessarily have to be completely within the box in order to be called a strike).

Fielder Control Choose Manual or Auto fielder control. In Manual mode, you have complete control of the fielders. Auto mode takes the worry out of fielding, as the CPU automatically makes the catch and throws the ball.

Defensive Position Choose Manual or Auto defensive positioning.

Leadoff Control Choose Manual or Auto control of the baserunner's leads. In Auto mode, the CPU controls the amount that baserunners lead off base.

Rumble You can turn the Rumble Feature **ON** or **OFF**.

Audio Options Adjust various volume settings.

Quit Game Quit the current game and return to the Main Menu.

GAME DISPLAY



1 **Pitcher Stamina:** This meter displays the current pitcher's name and stamina percentage level. Generally, pitchers start at 100%. A pitcher loses effectiveness as the meter decreases (some pitchers will decrease more rapidly than others, based on their statistical performance from the 2000 season). A reliever's stamina will decrease at a faster rate than a starter. As a pitcher tires, he loses accuracy and his breaking pitches tend to flatten out.

2 **Score:** The current inning and each team's score.

3 **Count:** Current numbers of balls, strikes and outs.

4 **Current Batter:** Displays the current batter's name.

5 **Pitch Selector:** Up to six specialty pitches the current pitcher throws (and their controls) appear opposite the batter. Pitches are listed in order of overall pitch rank (ability/reliability), running **A**, **B**, **Y**, **X**, and **L** (**A** is his best pitch, **L** is the least reliable). Press the appropriate control to select a pitch, aim your pitch with the **Control Pad/Control Stick**, then press the **A Button** to throw it.

6 **Strike Zone:** This translucent box shows the current batter's strike zone. If you have the Rumble Feature set to **ON**, the controller will rumble when a pitch is aimed outside the strike zone.

7 **Pitch Aid:** Shows where the pitch is aimed.

8 **Batting Target:** When at bat, move this target to aim your swing. Swivel the target (by pressing the **C Stick**) to influence the type of hit and the hit placement.



Field Radar: Circles indicate the position of offensive players. A blue circle indicates a runner on base.

GAME MODES

QUICK PLAY

Can't wait to get out on the field? In a quick play game, the computer selects teams for a one game contest. It's fun, it's fast, it's fantastic. After selecting Quick play, you'll go directly to the Controller Select screen. All you have to do is choose your difficulty setting and which team you want to control (see Controller and Difficulty Selection under Exhibition mode for details).

MLB™ PLAY

MLB™ Play is where you choose to play an Exhibition game, an All-Star Game, to guide a team through an entire major league Season, from opening day all the way through the playoffs and the championships or jump right into a seven game Series. Let's take a look at each mode.



EXHIBITION

Exhibition mode is a one game contest between any two teams. Exhibition games do not count in the standings, and cannot be saved. Exhibition games are a great way to get a feel for the game and get used to the controls. It's also useful for "auditioning" various teams and players on the field before getting into a full season or making GM decisions in Team Management.

Team Selection

In Exhibition mode, you select two teams to compete. Each team is rated in several performance categories. Press **↑** or **↓** on the **Control Pad** to cycle through National and American League teams. Press **←** or **→** on the **Control Pad** to toggle between leagues.



Teams can play in **standard, alternate or "throwback" uniforms**. Press the **L Button** to toggle uniforms for the current team at the left of the screen. Press the **R Button** to do so for the team on the right. The left side selects the visiting team and right side selects the home team. In a 1 Player game, the player can select both teams.

Team Ratings will change slightly based on the primary starting pitcher handedness.

Controller and Difficulty Selection

To choose which team you wish to control, press **←** or **→** on the **Control Pad** to move your controller icon under the desired team. Next, you can adjust the difficulty level by pressing **↑** or **↓** on the **Control Pad** to Rookie, Veteran or All-Star skill settings.

Press the **L Button** to bring up the Game Options screen (see below). Press the **R Button** to bring up the Lineup Screen. Press the **A Button** to move forward directly to Exhibition play.

*Press the **X Button** to access the Game Controls screen. This screen allows you to select individual players/positions for control by either human players or the CPU.*

GAME OPTIONS

Game Options are only available in Quick Play, Exhibition and All-Star Game play. To access this menu, press the **L Button** on the Controller or Difficulty screen. Note that some weather options are not available in domed/enclosed stadiums.

Stadium Select any major league stadium to play in.

Game Time Choose to have a Day, Night or Twilight game start time.

Weather Play with Rain, Snow or No Precipitation.

Sky Play with Clear, Fair, Overcast or Stormy.

Rumble You can turn the Rumble Feature **ON** or **OFF**.



NEW SEASON

Select a team and guide it from the chill of April to the thrills of October.

Schedule Type

By default, a typical new season consists of a full 162 game season, some against opponents in your league, others. However, you can elect to play a shorter season by toggling to one of the optional schedules.

THE SEASON MAIN MENU

Once you select a New or Continued season, you'll come to the season menu, where you have several options.

Play Next Game

Enter game play at the next game scheduled.

Schedule

View your schedule and simulate games. To advance or return through your schedule calendar.

- Press **←** or **→** on the **Control Pad** to cycle by days.

- Press the **L** or **R Buttons** to cycle by weeks.

Simulating Games

You can elect to play every game in a season (not just those of your team) or let the computer simulate any or all season games. Press **↑** or **↓** on the **Control Pad** to highlight a particular contest, and press the **A Button** to have the computer instantly simulate the outcome of all the games above the selected one (press the **B Button** to cancel). Press the **X Button** to view box scores of simulated games. Press the **Z Button** to view Today's Home Runs, showing a list of all players who hit dingers on a particular day.

Standings

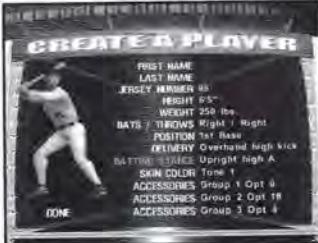
View current standings in every division. Press **←** or **→** on the **Control Pad** to toggle divisions and leagues. When a team is highlighted, press the **A Button** to view the team statistics screen.

Team Management

Access the team management system to create players, set your lineup, set your pitching rotation, trade players and manage free agency. For details on each of these, see the related sections below.

CREATE A PLAYER

Create A Player lets you build your own custom ball player and save him to the free agent pool. Once he is brought in to a team via free agency, he will be available in any game mode. You can customize a host of personal qualities and player attributes.



Note that a pitcher has specialized attributes, while other players' attributes are more general and cover a fuller range of baseball skills.

Create A Player Controls

Press **↑** or **↓** on the **Control Pad** to highlight an option, then press the **A Button** to activate it. Then press **↑** or **↓** on the **Control Pad** to cycle through the available settings. When satisfied, press the **A Button** to confirm the setting, then continue making your choices as already stated. When you have completed a screen, highlight **DONE** and press the **A Button**.

Entering Names

It's easy to give your player a first and last name. Highlight the name area you wish to enter and press the **A Button**. Press **↑** or **↓** on the **Control Pad** to cycle through letters. Press **←** or **→** on the **Control Pad** to move the cursor position. When the name on a line is complete, press the **A Button**.

Setting Attribute Levels

Each player's levels of various abilities are assigned a letter grade. Increasing the grade level subtracts points from the player's total attribute points, which appear at the top of the screen. Press **↑** or **↓** on the **Control Pad** to highlight an attribute and **←** or **→** on the **Control Pad** to cycle through grade settings. Creating a balanced player is usually the goal, but you can enjoy experimenting with lopsided attributes. A created pitcher must have two pitches (the other two can be defaulted to none, in which case the points will be placed into the pool). To select pitch types, press **↑** or **↓** on the **Control Pad** and press the **A Button**.

When you have assigned attribute levels to your satisfaction, highlight **DONE** and press the **A Button**. You will come to a screen which summarizes your creation. You can either **ACCEPT** to **SAVE** the created player or **CANCEL** to return to the previous screen.

Note: The CPU will project a created player's statistics for simulation purposes.

SET LINEUP

The set lineup screen is where you can set up a lineup and adjust it as the season continues. There are several adjustments that can be made. You will see the current active roster displayed in batting order, including the available bench players.



Switch Lineup

When this option is highlighted, pressing the **A Button** will highlight the lineup type at the top of the roster (just below your team name). There are different lineups depending on whether your team is facing left handed pitching (LHP) or right handed pitching (RHP), and on whether or not the game is in a National League park (an American League pitcher such as Roger Clemens is required to bat in a NL park; in an AL park, a designated hitter (DH) bats in place of the pitcher). Press **←** or **→** to toggle through the different lineups. Any changes made (below) will only effect the currently displayed lineup.

Sub Player

To substitute one player in place of another, highlight this option and press the **A Button**. Next, press **↑** or **↓** on the **Control Pad** to highlight the player you wish to take out. Press the **A Button** to initialize your choice. Then move the highlight to the bench player you wish to sub into the already marked player's slot. Press the **A Button** to make the substitution. Note that the substitution effects only the current situational lineup (for example, NL Vs. LHP), and that once a player is subbed out during a game, he cannot return to the game.

Swap Position

If you wish to have players currently in the lineup swap positions (for example, have Jeter play LF and Justice at SS), highlight this option and press the **A Button** to initialize your choice (press the **B Button** to cancel the selection). Then move the highlight to the player you wish to swap player assignments with. Press the **A Button** to make the swap. Remember that players at unfamiliar positions are prone to errors.

Swap Order

To swap where players appear in the batting order, follow the same general controls as for subbing players or swapping positions.

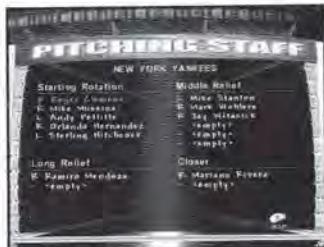
Exit

Exit the Set Lineup menu and return to the pre-game menu.

Note: During Season play, the CPU may alter the pre-set lineups to give players rest days.

SET PITCHING STAFF

One of the most critical decisions you face as a manager is setting your pitching rotation. Once you select this option, you will see a pitching rotation, broken into your starting rotation, middle relief, long relief and closers. Starting pitchers are listed in appearance order, so the first player would open game one, while the fifth would start game five. You can only change the order pitchers appear in within their categories. Press the **A Button** to select a pitcher to move in the rotation. Move the highlight to the player you wish to change places with and press the **A Button** to make the switch. Press the **B Button** to cancel the selection. If no selection has been made, the **B Button** will back you out to the previous menu.



TRADE PLAYERS

Trading players is another important aspect of successful team management. Each team must have the required number and type of roster players depending on their league. Any trade that would violate this rule will be disallowed. Traded players at the same position(s) will trade places straight up. Otherwise, the next player in the same position assumes the departed player's role.

Making a Trade

Press **↑** or **↓** on the **Control Pad** to move the highlight between the two team areas. Press **←** or **→** on the **Control Pad** to cycle through the teams to the one who currently has the player you wish to trade for. To make a trade, press the **A Button** on the currently highlighted team. Press **↑** or **↓** to highlight the player you wish to trade for and press the **A Button**. Press it again to move that player in to the proposed trade area (multiple trades are possible: up to three players can appear there at once). Press **←** or **→** to move the team highlight, then select the player you wish to trade. Highlight



the desired player and press the **A Button**. Next, press the **X Button** to make the trade. Press the **B Button** to back out (cancel) at any time. Note that a truly boneheaded trade will not be allowed by the computer.

NOTE: In Season Play, you can't make trades between two CPU controlled teams.

FREE AGENTS

Rather than trade for players, you may wish to sign from the Free Agent Pool. All free agents are ranked by letter grade. Created players first appear in the free agent pool. You can also consign players you no longer want on your club to free agency, but be aware that players in the free agent pool are available to any team. Controls are similar to those for Trade Players.



CONTINUE SEASON

If you have saved a season to your **Nintendo GameCube™ Memory Card**, select Load Season to resume play where you left off.

NEW SERIES

If you hunger for the tension of series play and can't wait a whole Season to get there, try Series mode for some instant October excitement. This mode takes you right into a best-of-seven series with the two teams of your choice.

YOU CAN ELECT TO:

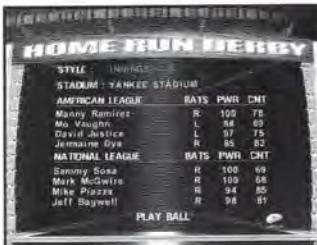
- Play Next Game** Go right to the next scheduled series game.
- Series Summary** View the current series progress.
- Series Team Statistics** View the current team stats for the series.
- Save Series** Save your current series progress to a **Nintendo GameCube™ Memory Card**.

ALL-STAR GAME

This mid-season classic is a one game test between the best players in the American and National leagues. Players are selected by the computer. Rosters are based on the actual 2001 All-Star Team rosters. 25 of the 30 All-Stars will be available for game play. You can edit the lineup before the game, but you cannot alter the All-Star rosters. The computer will use All-Star Game logic for replacing players during the game.

HOME RUN DERBY™

Another high point of the midseason is the Home Run Derby™, where the best swatters come to prove their slugging skills against their rivals. Only a homer counts as a hit—anything less is an out! Who will walk away with the title? The longest dinger? Step up and find out!



Style

You can choose to play an Innings contest (five innings), or choose a Modern style mode that goes until one team reaches five, ten, 15 or 20 swings.

Stadium

Choose any ball park.

The computer initially selects Derby contestants, and you can alter the rosters to your liking. To do so, highlight a player and press the **A Button**. You will go to a roster of players ranked. Press **←** or **→** on the **Control Pad** to cycle through teams. Press the **X Button** to delete a player from the Home Run Derby lineup. This slot can then be left blank or can be filled by another player.

Note: In Home Run Derby, using the contact swing will let you aim the batter's swing. Using the power icon will cause you to hit the ball much further, but not with the same consistency as the contact swing.

BATTING PRACTICE

It takes a lot of skill to get to the big leagues, but it takes much more to stay there: hard work. Batting practice is essential to maintain your timing and to master a variety of pitches to all parts of the plate.

Pitch Options

Three pitch options appear at the left of the menu. Press **↑** or **↓** on the **Control Pad** to highlight an option. Use the **Control Pad** to highlight the desired setting, then press the **A Button** to select it. Continue until you're satisfied.



Pitch Type In batting practice mode, you can elect to bat against a variety of pitches (Random), or to practice batting against a specific pitch.

Location Choose where the pitch is thrown.

Pitcher Throws Pitch against left- or right-handed pitching.

To change batters, highlight the current batter and press the **X Button**. You will go to a roster of players ranked by power and contact ratings. Press **←** or **→** on the **Control Pad** and select a different player.

TEAM MANAGEMENT

Managing your team takes patience and skill. There are lots of performance indicators to watch, as well as your own experience and instincts. You'll need to rely on all of them as you trade and draft players, manage lineups and rosters and create your own custom players. The way to the championship ring is full of pitfalls for the unwary and rewards for the wily, so take time to master your team management skills if you plan to wear the big ring!

PLAYER DRAFT

How'd you like to create a dream team of all your favorite players from any team? The player draft places all the current players into a draft pool, where they become available to any team.

The first step is the draft set up.

Draft Order

You can select to draft in random order or by MLB® rules.

Division

Press **←** or **→** on the **Control Pad** to cycle through the different divisions. Press **↑** or **↓** on the **Control Pad** to highlight a team. Pressing **←** or **→** on the **Control Pad** will toggle from CPU to USER control.

Next, it's time to start the draft. The computer can automatically distribute players to each team based on your selected draft order formula. You can cycle through the draft results by pressing **←** or **→**.

Note: If you do not fill all of the primary positions, the CPU will automatically choose the best available candidate for that slot. Teams must carry 11 pitchers. All undrafted players are considered "free agents" and are available for draft purposes.

Choosing Players

to Draft

You may also choose to draft specific players. After selecting your draft type and team, press the **A Button** to start the draft. Move the cursor to Free Agents and press the **A Button**. A list of all MLB® players will appear by position. Select the position player you want and press the **A Button**. That player will be drafted to your team and appear on your team roster. The computer will pick for the other teams. Continue to draft players until you have completed the draft by filling your roster.

Round Number

The current draft round.

Pick Number

The current pick order your team has in the current round.

Free Agents

View available free agents.

Review Team

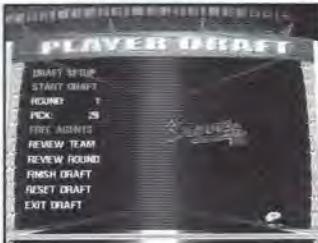
Review your selected team's current draft roster.

Review Round

Review all players drafted in the past round by each team.

Finish Draft

Have the computer complete the draft.



Reset Draft

Reset all rosters to pre-draft status.

Exit Draft

Return to Team Management menu.

The remaining Team Management options are explained under Season setup. Note that settings made in Season mode only effect season play.

Set Lineup

See page 22.

Set Pitching Staff

See page 23.

Trade Players

See page 23.

Free Agents

See page 24.

Save your team settings to a **Nintendo GameCube™ Memory Card**.

HINTS & TIPS

- Make good use of the batting target. Angle the target  to hit a ground ball, and tilt it  for a ball in the air. Remember that the triangle represents the sweet spot of the bat. Line them up right and you'll be crushing the ball!
- On the Controller Select screen, you can switch team jerseys by pressing the **L Button** or the **R Button**.
- Use Future Throws to make quick, seamless plays. The future throw buttons must be pressed before a batted ball is fielded. Future throws can also be used to field bunts, turn double plays, make relay throws, and play balls hit off of the outfield wall.
- Defensive positioning can prevent runs if you use it wisely. Even with the Defensive Position option turned on, the user can still override the CPU decisions.
- Guessing the pitch type will affect the size of the contact icon. Guessing the pitch location will affect the size of the sweet spot.
- A hitter's batting target will be affected by the opposing pitcher's handedness. For some hitters, the difference will be extreme, while other hitters will have no difference at all. Some bench players may be more effective against certain pitchers than the regular starter.
- Drag bunts can be an effective way to get runners on base. Aim a drag bunt with contact icon. Sacrifice bunts should be used to advance a runner to the next base, sacrificing the out for the extra base. Use this strategy if a particularly weak hitter is at the plate.
- Use Easy Batting if you prefer not to use a batting target.
- When manipulating a team's pitching staff in the Set Pitching Staff screen, starters may be used as relievers and vice versa though the results may vary.
- Raising and lowering a Created Player's attributes will affect the stat lines that are generated.
- When drafting a team, utility infielders (UT) are good late round selections because of their versatility. They can play any Infield or outfield position without penalty. Corner infielders (CI) can play first base or third base, middle infielders (MI) play shortstop or second base, and infielders (IF) can play all four infield positions.
- Check the Free Agent List to see if any of those players can help out your team. Keep in mind that you must drop a player in order to pick one up.

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