

BASEBALL FAST PLAY GAME

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Thank you for playing *Fastscore Baseball*! In 2004, I set out to design a quick play game that would generate the score of a baseball game with a few rolls of the dice. The task was clear; I wanted to design a game that incorporated ease of play, a simple ratings system and simple charts. I realize that we all play these games to relax, so I wanted to avoid any system that required complicated mental gymnastics.

I feel the current version of *Fastscore Baseball* meets and exceeds these goals. While the basic ratings system was developed in 2004, over the past few years I've been working on perfecting the ratings methodology, and I gradually developed a series of spreadsheets that fine-tune the accuracy of the ratings. This programming allows hundreds of simulated seasons to be run, ensuring the accuracy of each Fastscore season.

Although the ratings seem simple, there is a great deal of background information packed into each rating. You may find two pitchers with similar win-loss percentages or ERA who have different ratings. That is because our ratings system is based primarily on *total* runs average, not *earned* run average. In addition, a pitcher's innings pitched per game is important and the bullpen's skill is factored into each starting pitcher's rating. A pitcher with many complete games did not rely on his bullpen as much as someone who typically went only 6 innings per start, and the pitcher's ratings will reflect the quality of the bullpen appropriately.

And the best part: we've included the as-played schedule with starting pitchers for each season! And we didn't stop there- we know that your time is valuable, so we've calculated the final team ratings for each game on the schedule- taking into account the starting pitcher's rating- so you don't have to do the calculations yourself. Just sit back, roll the dice and mark down the score of the game.

Fastscore Baseball is played using **two differently colored 6-sided dice**. Each team has three ratingsan offensive, defensive and clutch rating. Better ratings are color coded in **green** while worse ratings are color coded in **red**. Higher offense ratings represent teams with punishing offenses. Lower defense ratings represent teams that give up fewer runs. Higher clutch ratings represent better team performance in close games.

If you play Fastscore as a stand-alone game, you can finish a season replay in a few hours! You can also use Fastscore Baseball as a compliment to detailed, play by play games like Replay Baseball. If you are enjoying a single team replay, play your favorite team's games with Replay while playing out the other games on the schedule with Fastscore, and see how your team is doing in the standings! A full day's worth of games can be completed in a minute! Remember, we've done all the legwork by performing all of the calculations for you!

Fastscore offers great value for the gamer. Each Fastscore set includes multiple seasons for one low price! We intend to rate every season from 1950 to the current day, and may venture back to the other seasons of yesteryear. So, grab your favorite beverage, take out Fastscore Baseball and play out a season replay of your favorite season. You'll see Fastscore Baseball teams and pitchers perform similar to their real-life counterparts. And you'll finish so quickly, you might decide to replay the season again and again!



SCORING CHART

RULES FOR PLAY

their opponent's DEF rating.

1) Determine each team's scoring rating.

2) Determine the number of runs scored.

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2008 SEASON

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2008 SEASON	Offense	Defense	Clutch
Arizona	4	4	0
Atlanta	5	6	-2
Baltimore	6	8	-1
Boston	8	3	0
Chicago (A)	6	4	0
Chicago (N)	8	3	0
Cincinnati	4	6	0
Cleveland	6	5	-1
Colorado			
Detroit			
Florida			
Houston			
Kansas City			
Los Angeles (A)			
Los Angeles (N)			
Milwaukee			
Minnesota			
New York (A)			
New York (N)			
Oakland			
Philadelphia			
Pittsburgh			
San Diego			
San Francisco			
Seattle			
St. Louis			
Tampa Bay			
Texas			
Toronto			
Washington			



2008 Pitchers

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Team		Rating	GS	W-L	ERA	Team		Rating	GS	W-L	ERA
ARI	Brandon Webb	2	34	22-7	3.30	CHA	Mark Buehrle	4	34	15-12	3.79
ARI	Danny Haren	1	33	16-8	3.33	CHA	Javier Vazquez	6	33	12-16	4.67
ARI	Randy Johnson	4	30	11-10	3.91	CHA	John Danks	2	32	11-9	3.47
ARI	Doug Davis	5	26	6-8	4.32	CHA	Gavin Floyd	5	32	16-8	3.91
ARI	Micah Owings	9	18	6-9	5.93	CHA	Jose Contreras	5	20	7-6	4.54
ARI	Yusmeiro Petit	5	8	3-5	4.31	CHA	Clayton Richard	11	8	2-5	6.04
ARI	Max Scherzer	3	7	0-4	3.05	CHA	Nick Masset	6	1	1-0	4.63
ARI	Edgar Gonzalez	9	6	1-3	6.00	CHA	Lance Broadway	11	1	1-0	7.07
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ATL	Jair Jurrjens	4	31	13-10	3.68	CHN	Ted Lilly	4	34	17-9	4.09
ATL	Jorge Campillo	4	25	8-7	3.91	CHN	Ryan Dempster	1	33	17-6	2.96
ATL	Tim Hudson	1	22	11-7	3.17	CHN	Carlos Zambrano	3	30	14-6	3.91
ATL	Jo-Jo Reyes	9	22	3-11	5.81	CHN	Jason Marquis	5	28	11-9	4.53
ATL	Charlie Morton	11	15	4-8	6.15	CHN	Rich Harden	-3	12	5-1	1.77
ATL	Tom Glavine	8	13	2-4	5.54	CHN	Sean Gallagher	5	10	3-4	4.45
ATL	Mike Hampton	7	13	3-4	4.85	CHN	Sean Marshall	3	7	3-5	3.86
ATL	Chuck James	15	7	2-5	9.10	CHN	Rich Hill	4	5	1-0	4.12
ATL	James Parr	7	5	1-0	4.84	CHN	Jon Lieber	5	1	2-3	4.05
ATL	John Smoltz	0	5	3-2	2.57	CHN	Angel Guzman	7	1	0-0	5.59
ATL	Jeff Bennett	4	4	3-7	3.70						
						CIN	Bronson Arroyo	6	34	15-11	4.77
BAL	Daniel Cabrera	8	30	8-10	5.25	CIN	Edinson Volquez	2	32	17-6	3.21
BAL	Jeremy Guthrie	3	30	10-12	3.63	CIN	Johnny Cueto	6	31	9-14	4.81
BAL	Garrett Olson	11	26	9-10	6.65	CIN	Aaron Harang	6	29	6-17	4.78
BAL	Brian Burres	10	22	7-10	6.04	CIN	Josh Fogg	12	14	2-7	7.58
BAL	Radhames Liz	12	17	6-6	6.72	CIN	Homer Bailey	14	8	0-6	7.93
BAL	Chris Waters	8	11	3-5	5.01	CIN	Matt Belisle	13	6	1-4	7.28
BAL	Steve Trachsel	17	8	2-5	8.39	CIN	Ramon Ramirez	-2	4	1-1	2.67
BAL	Dennis Sarfate	8	4	4-3	4.74	CIN	Daryl Thompson	10	3	0-2	6.91
BAL	Adam Loewen	14	4	0-2	8.02	CIN	Adam Pettyjohn	20	1	0-1	20.25
BAL	Brian Bass	8	4	1-0	4.71						
BAL	Matt Albers	4	3	3-3	3.49	CLE	Cliff Lee	-1	31	22-3	2.54
BAL	Lance Cormier	6	1	3-3	4.02	CLE	Paul Byrd	7	22	7-10	4.53
BAL	Alfredo Simon	12	1	0-0	6.23	CLE	Fausto Carmona	10	22	8-7	5.44
_			i			CLE	Jeremy Sowers	11	22	4-9	5.58
BOS	Jon Lester	0	33	16-6	3.21	CLE	C.C. Sabathia	3	18	6-8	3.83
BOS	Tim Wakefield	4	30	10-11	4.13	CLE	Aaron Laffey	7	16	5-7	4.23
BOS	Daisuke Matsuzaka	0	29	18-3	2.90	CLE	Zach Jackson	10	9	2-3	5.60
BOS	Josh Beckett	3	27	12-10	4.03	CLE	Anthony Reyes	-2	6	2-1	1.83
BOS	Clay Buchholz	12	15	2-9	6.75	CLE	Jake Westbrook	1	5	1-2	3.12
BOS	Justin Masterson	1	9	6-5	3.16	CLE	Scott Lewis	2	4	4-0	2.63
BOS	Paul Byrd	5	8	4-2	4.78	CLE	Matt Ginter	8	4	1-3	5.14
BOS	Bartolo Colon	6	7	4-2	3.92	CLE	Bryan Bullington	9	2	0-2	4.91
BOS	David Pauley	20	2	0-1	11.68	CLE	Tom Mastny	20	1	2-2	10.80
BOS	Michael Bowden	2	1	1-0	3.60						
BOS	Charlie Zink	20	1	0-0	16.62						



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SCORING CHART

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RULES FOR PLAY

- 1) Determine each team's scoring rating.
- a) To calculate the scoring rating take the team's OFF rating and add it to their opponent's DEF rating.
- 2) Determine the number of runs scored.
- a) The visiting team rolls first- roll both dice and read them sequentially- for example, if using a red and white die, and the roll is "3" on the red and "5" on the white die, read the result as "35"
- b) Refer to the team rating on the Scoring Chart.
- c) Look up the dice roll in the row corresponding to the team rating (found in the left most column). The number at the top of the column is the number of runs scored in the game.

3) Repeat step 2 for the home team.

4) Extra Innings: If the score is tied:

- a) Each team rolls one die
- b) Add each team's Clutch rating to the die roll
- c) The team with the higher total is the winner of the game- subtract 1 run from the losing team's score. If the two totals are equal, the home team wins- add 1 run to their score.

OPTIONAL RULES

1) Home Field Advantage.

To simulate home field advantage, add one point to the home team's rating and subtract one point from the visiting team's rating.

2) Starting Pitcher.

For added realism, you can use the defensive rating associated with the starting pitcher instead of the team defensive rating. The Offense rating is added to the opponent's starting pitcher's rating as described above to determine the team's scoring rating.

03/25	BOS	Daisuke Matsuzaka	at	OAK	Joe Blanton	14 vs 2	
03/26	BOS	Jon Lester	at	OAK	Rich Harden	5 vs 2	
03/30	ATL	Tim Hudson	at	WAS	Odalis Perez	11 vs 3	
03/31	PIT	Ian Snell	at	ATL	Tom Glavine	12 vs 14	
	MIL	Ben Sheets	at	CHN	Carlos Zambrano	8 vs 9	
	ARI	Brandon Webb	at	CIN	Aaron Harang	10 vs 6	
	NYN	Johan Santana	at	FLO	Mark Hendrickson	14 vs 5	
	SFN	Barry Zito	at	LAN	Brad Penny	10 vs 12	
	WAS	Matt Chico	at	PHI	Brett Myers	6 vs 16	
	HOU	Roy Oswalt	at	SDN	Jake Peavy	4 vs 4	
	TBA	James Shields	at	BAL	Jeremy Guthrie	9 vs 8	
	СНА	Mark Buehrle		CLE	CC Sabathia	9 vs 0	
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	KCA	Gil Meche	at	DET	Justin Verlander	10 vs 11	
	ANA	Jered Weaver	at	MIN	Livan Hernandez	14 vs 11	
0.4/0.4	TEX	Kevin Millwood	at	SEA	Erik Bedard	13 vs 12	
04/01	NYN	Pedro Martinez	at	FLO	Rick VandenHurk	16 vs 14	
	SFN	Matt Cain	at	LAN	Derek Lowe	2 vs 7	
	HOU	Brandon Backe	at	SDN	Chris Young	8 vs 11	
	COL	Kip Wells	at	SLN	Kyle Lohse	8 vs 15	
	ANA	Jon Garland	at	MIN	Boof Bonser	14 vs 13	
	TOR	Roy Halladay	at	NYA	Chien-Ming Wang	7 vs 4	
	BOS	Daisuke Matsuzaka	at	OAK	Joe Blanton	14 vs 2	
	TEX	Vicente Padilla	at	SEA	Felix Hernandez	12 vs 11	
04/02	PIT	Tom Gorzelanny	at	ATL	Jair Jurrjens	8 vs 16	
	MIL	Jeff Suppan	at	CHN	Ted Lilly	9 vs 16	
	ARI	Dan Haren	at	CIN	Bronson Arroyo	10 vs 5	
	NYN	Oliver Perez	at	FLO	Andrew Miller	15 vs 11	
	SFN	Merkin Valdez	at	LAN	Hong-Chih Kuo	-1 vs 5	
	WAS	Tim Redding	at	PHI	Cole Hamels	2 vs 13	
	HOU	Wandy Rodriguez	at	SDN	Greg Maddux	10 vs 6	
	COL	Aaron Cook	at	SLN	Todd Wellemeyer	8 vs 10	
	TBA	Matt Garza	at	BAL	Daniel Cabrera	14 vs 8	
	СНА	Javier Vazquez	at	CLE	Fausto Carmona	16 vs 12	
	KCA	Brian Bannister	at	DET	Kenny Rogers	13 vs 17	
	ANA	Joe Saunders	at	MIN	Nick Blackburn	10 vs 8	
	TOR	A.J. Burnett	at		Mike Mussina	6 vs 8	
	BOS	Jon Lester	at	OAK	Rich Harden	5 vs 2	
	TEX	Jason Jennings	at	SEA	Carlos Silva	20 vs 20	
04/03	PIT	Zach Duke	at	ATL	Jeff Bennett	8 vs 13	
	MIL	David Bush	at	CHN	Ryan Dempster	6 vs 12	
	ARI	Doug Davis	at	CIN	Johnny Cueto	10 vs 9	
	WAS	Jason Bergmann	at	PHI	Jamie Moyer	3 vs 15	
	HOU	Shawn Chacon	at	SDN	Randy Wolf	11 vs 9	
	COL	Ubaldo Jimenez	at	SLN	Brad Thompson	11 vs 10	
	CHA	John Danks	at	CLE	Jake Westbrook	7 vs 8	
	KCA	Zack Greinke	at	DET	Jeremy Bonderman	9 vs 9	
	ANA	Ervin Santana	at	MIN	Kevin Slowey	8 vs 8	
	TOR	Dustin McGowan	at	NYA	Phil Hughes	12 vs 9	
04/04	+		+		-		
04/04	HOU	Chris Sampson	at	CHN	Rich Hill	8 vs 12	
	PHI	Kyle Kendrick	at	CIN	Josh Fogg	18 vs 10	
	ARI	Micah Owings	at	COL	Mark Redman	17 vs 14	
	PIT	Matt Morris	at	FLO	Scott Olsen	9 vs 26	
	SFN	Jonathan Sanchez	at	MIL	Carlos Villanueva	6 vs 12	