

All the ratings you find on the team rosters are based for use with EI's THIRD EDITION. For instance, the PW/MW ratings were determined from the later THIRD ED. formulas within the text/rules booklet. The batting ratings (singles) for each hitter were taken from the ratings charts included with this particular game.

The ratings for a batter's extra-base hits were determined from the formulas furnished in the text/rules booklet.

SYMBOLS ADDED TO ROSTERS

NOTE: For batters, if I found in their personal stats (Baseball Reference.com) that he had walked at least 100 times he was given an automatic PW. If I found from a batter's stats that he was also hit-by-pitch (HBP) many times (Ron Hunt for instance), and adding that number to his walks, if it put him at 100 or higher, he received an automatic PW.

PK = Plus strikeouts **MK** = Minus strikeouts **PW** = Plus walks **MW** = minus walks. The PK and PW ratings show a batter who strikeouts or walks much more than average; likewise, MK and MW ratings show a batter who hardly strikes out or walks. This is well explained in the rules booklet.

The **R R R L L R B R B L L L** you see on the extreme right-hand side of the page and to the right of the pitchers' ratings denote the side the player hits from and throws from. For ex. **B R** is for a switch-hitter who throws right. **L R** is for a hitter who bats left-handed and throws right.

SD = superior defense (excellent defensive player) **LD** = limited defensively I've based these ratings from a mixture of range ratings, number of errors, fielding averages, and my own objectivity. If you disagree, by all means change them. I reference Baseball Reference.com.

SLO = baserunner with lack of good speed (most pitchers and catchers) **AR** = baserunner with average speed or base running skills **AAR** = above average base running speed. Here, I've rated players that don't steal a lot of bases BUT who are excellent and smart baserunners with AAR. For ex. Scott Rolen or Mickey Mantle: Rolen wasn't a speedster, but I've always heard he was a smart baserunner. In the case of Mr. Mantle, early in his career he possessed outstanding speed but didn't have to steal a lot of bases because he was the game's premier home run hitter and played for a team which hit a lot of homers. **S** = a baserunner with exceptional speed and skill. For ex. Rickey Henderson, Lou Brock. Players who steal 40 or more bases I consider for an **S** baserunner rating, or those who have stolen a lot of bases in a limited number of games played.

I've also added these symbols to my rosters showing the number of teams a player played for during a particular season:

+ = the first team **X** = the second team ***** = third team **#** = fourth team **@** = the very rare fifth team

What's more, for my interest mainly, I've added nicknames and birth names for players who are often referred to (or not) by such monikers. Nicknames have been italicized; birth names are underlined. Uniform numbers are listed as well.

PH = pinch hitter **DH** = designated hitter I show these in bold to differentiate from a position in the field AND if the player has been used exclusively or primarily as a PH or DH.

I've listed the number of games played in the field by a player. You'll find them in the order which they spent the most playing time. An outfield position played the most often, I show in bold and with an underline for the position.

T-1 = outfielders with exceptionally strong throwing arms. For ex. Roberto Clemente, Dave Parker, Mookie Betts, Ellis Valentine etc.

And lastly, if space permits, I've added a brief narrative of a team's season which includes team statistical leaders, trivia, and other noteworthy items. BTW, it is easy to convert most of the player ratings to other Editions of EI. Go for it.