## Template: Baseball Scorecard

Scoring a baseball game with paper and pencil is a tradition that goes back to the early days of the game. Keeping score is a great way to get more involved as a fan, and each scorecard is a story of each game that you go to. Scorecards make a great memento of all the baseball games you've attended. Here's how to fill out your own.


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## The Standard Method:

## BATTER UP

When a batter is up, keep track of whether he hit, got walked, or struck out with these basic abbreviations:

| Strikeout | K |
| :--- | :--- |
| Walked | BB (base on balls) |
| Single | 1B |
| Double | 2B |
| Triple | 3B |
| Home run | HR |
| Flyout | F |
| Double play | DP |

## FIELD POSITIONS

Each position is assigned a number. These numbers will be used when you record fielding plays.

Pitcher 1
Catcher 2
First base 3
Second base 4
Third base 5
Shortstop 6
Left field 7
Center field 8
Right field 9
Designated hitter DH

RECORDING BASES
If a batter hits a single, write 1B outside the diamond and darken the line from home plate to first. If the runner on first advances to second, darken the line from first to second. And so on until the runner gets home.

| \# | Player | POS | 1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 19 | Mark Melone | 6 |  |

## A completed scorecard will also allow you to recall every single play in the game, as though you were listening to the game on the radio.

## FIND YOUR STYLE

After you get the basics down, start adding your own style to keep track of scores. There isn't a wrong or right way to do it. The trick is to find a system that will help you easily keep track of the progress of a game.

## SOURCE

http://mlb.mlb.com/mlb/official_info/baseball_basics/keeping_score.jsp
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