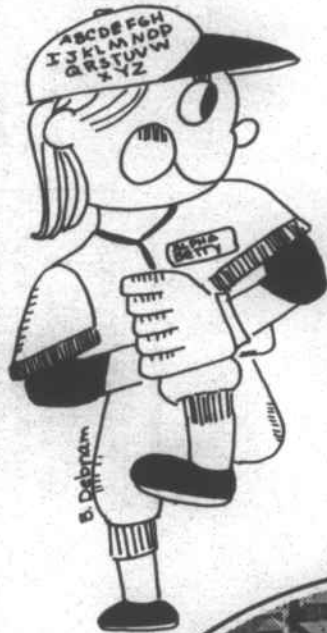


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The World Series

Play Ball!

Professional baseball teams are made up of players who play for money.

The 26 major pro baseball teams are divided into two leagues, the American League and the National League. Each league is divided into two divisions.

During the baseball season that begins in April, each team plays 162 games. They play only those teams in their own league. At the end of the season each league has a play-off between division winners.

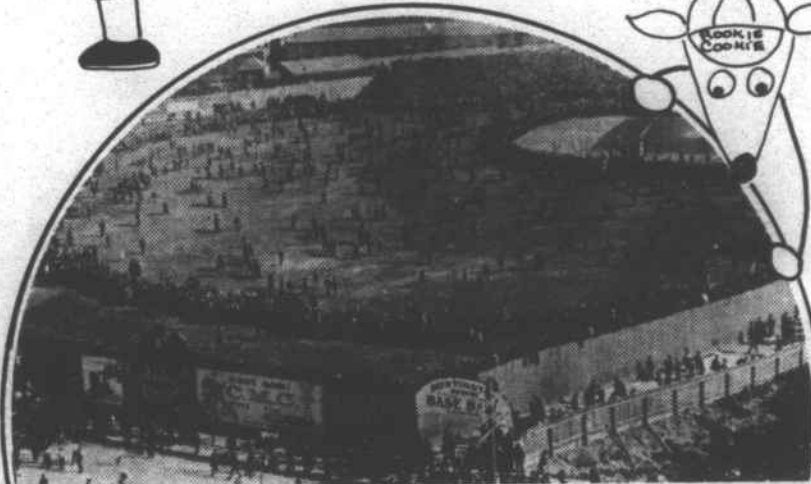
The winner of the American League pennant, or title, then plays the winner of the National League pennant.

This best-of-seven series is called the World Series.

The first team to win four games becomes the world champion.

Last year the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Baltimore Orioles.

Soon we will know who this year's champ will be.



National Baseball Hall of Fame, Cooperstown, N.Y. Photo

The First World Series

The first World Series was played in 1903 in Boston. During the series, the games were interrupted several times when excited fans broke through the police lines around the field.



Willie Stargell



The Most Valuable Player

Willie Stargell, the Pittsburgh Pirates' popular first baseman, won the 1979 Most Valuable Player award for the World Series. He led all the players in the Series in runs batted in. He also drove in the winning run.

As Most Valuable Player, he won a car from Sports Magazine. This year the magazine will not give away a car.

Instead, it will give the outstanding player a very expensive watch and a \$5,000 scholarship in his name to the college of the MVP's choice.



PITCH HIT & RUN



Crystal Fields

Pitch, Hit and Run Awards

"Pitch, Hit and Run" is a baseball competition for 8- to 12-year-old boys and girls.

Thousands of players compete in local contests across the country. The finals were held in Cooperstown, New York, the home of the Baseball Hall of Fame, on Sept. 27.

This year's awards will be presented on the field just before the second game of the World Series.

One of the 1979 winners in the Pitch, Hit and Run contest was the first girl ever to win a championship. Crystal Fields of Cumberland, Maryland, was the champ in the 11-year-old group.



The Pittsburgh Pirates' ring

Rings and Money

Every member of the team that wins the Series gets a World Series ring and money. How much is decided by the amount made on the games. Last year, each Pittsburgh Pirate got \$28,236.87.

The losers get money, too. Last year, each Baltimore Oriole got \$22,114.