

IOWA HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION

APRIL - MAY 1972 NEWSLETTER

Successful Clinic: The fourth annual Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association Clinic was a tremendous success. Four hundred and twenty coaches, players, umpires and fans attended the two-day clinic. This clinic has been growing over the past years. Here are some figures that will show the growth of the Clinic:

1969—160	1970—195	1971—264	1972—420
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The number of students in attendance was a surprise. Over 200 students were in attendance. Everyone feels the mini-clinics were a big success. There was a good exchange of ideas and everyone seems to contribute to the mini-clinic sessions.

The clinic speakers did a great job. They gave the coaches, fans and players new ideas about the game of baseball. All sessions were taped. If you are interested in hearing any of the speakers, you may send two dollars and you will receive a cassette with the topic of your choice. The mini-clinics were not taped. Each cassette would have an hour of clinic. If you order more than one hour it will be another \$2. Send in your order now and you will get your cassette in the near future.

BANQUET: There were 240 at the Friday banquet and over 140 at the Saturday luncheon. This is almost 100 larger than last year. At the banquet many coaches were honored for their services to Iowa High School Baseball. Any coach who coached more than 15 years received a plaque, plus the District Coach of Year Awards, Coach of the Year Awards, Hall of Fame and College Coach of Year Awards.

We hope more coaches and fans of baseball will be in attendance next year.

HALL OF FAME: The coaches' association inducted into its Hall of Fame seven more outstanding baseball men. They were: Joe Bailey, Cedar Rapids umpire; Roy F. Jessen, Milford; R. G. "Hap" Miller, Simpson College; L. A. "Lefty" Schnack, Muscatine; Bud Suter, Iowa City; Hal Trosky, Cedar Rapids, and Dr. Harry Zimmer, Dysart, umpire. Each was introduced and a brief history was given. You will be able to nominate a man you feel is qualified for the honor on your ballot for All District in July. Look around for those deserving coaches, ball players, and umpires who may have been forgotten who are deserving of such honor.

DISTRICT COACHES OF THE YEAR: Five District Coaches were honored. They were Jim Ellwanger, Granville-Spalding Northwest; Ron Clinton, Creston, Southwest; Bill Sapp, Boone Central; Dick Wagner, Burlington Southeast; Vern Bredeson, Cedar Rapids Jefferson Northeast.

Each coach was nominated last July on the All-District Ballot. A candidate must be a member of the Coaches Association. He must have coached for at least two years in his present school. He must promote baseball in his District. These are the qualifications to become the District Coach of the year. Each coach received a certificate.

COACH OF THE YEAR TO DICK WAGNER: Dick Wagner was elected the Coach of the Year—1971. Coach Wagner had an outstanding record the past year, being runner up in the State tournament last summer. He was selected by the District Representative and officers at the Board Meeting prior to the Fourth Annual Clinic. The rating ranged from 5 for top to 1 for low. The Directors rated each candidate on this scale. The candidate with the highest point total was the Coach of the Year. This is a great honor that we all can work for. He must meet all the requirements set out in the District Coach of the Year Guidelines. The District Coach of the Year is nominated on your ballot for All District in July.

COLLEGE COACH OF THE YEAR: The College Coach of the Year was Cap Timm for the second consecutive year. Coach Timm had a very outstanding year winning the Big Eight for the second consecutive year and losing out in the District Regionals. The Junior College winner was Pat Daugherty of Indian Hills Community College. The other nominees were: Duane Banks of University of Iowa, Rick Koolbeck of Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids. Each of these men has given a lot of time and effort to the Coaches Association. The same qualifications are followed for nominations, as in the District Coach of Year.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: President Vern Bredeson, Cedar Rapids Jefferson made his committee assignments for 1972-73. Each committee met Friday and has a lot of ideas about the Association. You will be seeing the results of many hours spent by the committee in your organization. It is a growing organization. Any new member who joins now will have his membership paid until Sept. 1, 1973. Get out and get a new coach or an assistant coach to join.

1973 FIFTH ANNUAL CLINIC: The dates for the Fifth Annual Clinic are set. They are March 9-10. It will be held in Cedar Rapids Washington High School once again. If you have any ideas for speakers and topics for next year's clinic, drop us a line. We need new ideas. The Clinic committee is already looking toward next year's clinic. The Mini-Clinics will be expanded next year.

1972-1973 OFFICERS: The new officers were elected at the General Meeting held Friday, March 10. The new officers are: President, Vern Bredeson, Cedar Rapids Jefferson; Vice-President, Bill Freese, Davenport Central; Treasurer, Ed McNeil, Fort Dodge; Secretary, Dave Hoyt, Cedar Rapids Washington; Executive Secretary, Harold Primrose, Cedar Rapids Washington. The Executive Committee will be meeting five times throughout the year giving direction to the Coaches Association; feel free to contact any officer.

CALLING IN YOUR GAMES: We would like to remind you coaches to send in to your local newspaper or the nearest newspaper plus the Des Moines Register the results of your baseball games. Call in your scores to the radio and television stations in your local area. Make sure you send a schedule to your newspaper, radio and television people. Promote baseball by helping the press and radio people.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: The next Board of Directors meeting will be held in Mason City on May 31, at 12:00 p.m. at the school. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings. If you have any ideas that should be brought up, write or call your representative and have him bring it up, or just drop me a line and I will put it on the agenda.

MEMBERSHIP: The association membership has risen to 304. We have established for our 1972-1973 goal 350 members. We achieved our 1971-1972 goal which was 300 members.

If there is a coach in your league or area that is not a member put the pressure on him and get him to join. List all the benefits we can offer him, plus the tremendous clinic. Also remember any member who joins now will have his membership paid until Sept. 1, 1973. Members may start sending in renewals for the next school year.

CONSTITUTION: The constitution was amended at the General Meeting. The change should read:

Article VI—Elections and Terms of Officer:

Section 2. Board of Directors. Paragraph (B) Elected Board of Directors shall take office at the late winter annual clinic meeting. A Board of Directors member shall be eligible to succeed himself as long as he is elected.

ALTERNATES APPOINTED: One new member was appointed to the board by the new President, Vern Bredeson, of Cedar Rapids Jefferson. The new member is Tom England of Marshalltown who will take the place of Ed McNeil who moved up to Treasurer. Tom will be the alternate in the Central District.

HELP BY I.H.S.A.A. The Iowa High School Athletic Association helped on the expenses for the clinic instructional staff. They contributed \$350.00. A real thanks is due the I.H.S.A.A. for their help. We could not put on this type of clinic without their help. Drop them a line and give them a big thank you.

THANKS TO EBY'S, CEDAR RAPIDS SPORTS and TRUE PITCH INC.: A big thank you should go to Cedar Rapids Sports and True Pitch, Inc., for bringing in Bob Feller to speak at the Clinic. This was an added attraction for the coaches of Iowa. Thanks should also go to Eby's Sporting Goods of Cedar Rapids for their contribution of the Ad and also the door prizes. Mr. Bill Gray contributed \$20 to help entertain the guest speakers, and Bill Schupbach of Cedar Rapids contributed the donuts for the Saturday sessions. We need these type of people to put on a successful clinic.

MINOR LEAGUES HONOR COACHES ASSOCIATION PASS: The following professional ball clubs will admit any coach to their games who is a member of the Coaches Association upon showing his membership card. Any coach who sends into the Cedar Rapids Cardinal office his roster of players and \$1.00 for each boy on the roster will receive a season pass for that boy. You can't beat the rates. Ask the pro teams if they will do the same: Cedar Rapids Cardinals, Burlington Bees, Waterloo Royals, Davenport Angels and Clinton.

IMPROVEMENTS OF YOUR PARK—

Now is the time for you to start making the improvements in your baseball diamond.

1. Improve your lights.
2. Get a good fence up.
3. Get a good score board.
4. Get some bleachers for people to use.
5. Warm up pitcher's mound.
6. Charge at the gate.
7. Get your infield and outfield in top shape.

FILMS: A complete list of films you might be interested in seeing will be available to you for \$1.00. Send in for this booklet.

HELPFUL VS. HARMFUL: Dr. Thomas Shaffer, MD, speaking in Washington, D. C., recently, categorized various drugs and food supplements:

1. Agents of Proven Value (e.g., tetanus toxoid, polio vaccine, glucose).
2. Agents of Probable Value (e.g., cortisone, mild sedatives).
3. Agents of Possible Value (e.g., aspirin).
4. Agents of No Value (e.g., vitamins, wheat germ oil, oxygen, iron, food supplements, replacement solutions such as Gatorade).
5. Agents of Negative Value (e.g., local anesthetics, DMSO, amphetamines, barbiturates, anabolic steroids).

He concluded with this powerful statement: There is NO agent that can take the place of quality conditioning, diet, equipment, facilities and coaching!

A LEGACY AND AN OBLIGATION: Dwight Keith, writing in **Coach and Athlete** magazine:

"Too many in our society accept and enjoy the comforts and blessings bequeath from the past while criticizing and condemning their benefactor. We enjoy the comforts that come to us from yesterday without a sense of responsibility for paying for tomorrow. Each generation should pass on to the next the best of our past with such additions and improvements as they can. What I am trying to say is we should be grateful for what we have inherited from the past and feel an obligation to preserve and improve upon it for those who follow."

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: I feel it is a great honor and responsibility to serve as your President. I am hopeful that this year we can continue our growth in membership and have even a better clinic.

I would like to see more of you make use of the newsletter to pass on ideas that you have tried successfully, or to ask questions of other coaches in solving problems you have.

I am trying three kinds of bats for practice this year, the aluminum, bamboo, and wrapped handle bats. I'd like to hear from others what success they have had with any of these.

Good luck for the coming baseball season.

President Vern Bredeson, Cedar Rapids Jefferson.

IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO PUT INTO THE NEWSLETTER PLEASE FORWARD YOUR MATERIAL TO: Harold "Pinky" Primrose

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IOWA HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MARCH 9, 1972

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Elmer Starr. The Board members present were as follows: Verne Bredeson, Chuck Burnett, Bill Freese, Dave Hoyt, Jim Jagim, Orvall Maden, Mick Mattiace, Don Miller, Pinky Primrose, Elmer Starr, and Dick Wagner.

The minutes of the last Board meeting were approved as read.

Pinky Primrose reported that the Association had a balance of \$1405.99 before the clinic. The treasurer's report was accepted as read. The proposed 1972-1973 budget was then presented and accepted.

Elmer Starr reported that the Baseball Coaches Association was functioning as well as any coaches association in the State. Mr. Starr was concerned about the current function of the Unified Coaches Council. Another concern was the classification of high school baseball in Iowa. A discussion followed ending in a tabling of the topic until a later Board meeting.

Pinky Primrose gave the Executive Secretary's report in which he stated that Mr. Nau, Principal at Washington High School, expressed a desire to have Washington host the clinic again next year. Mr. Primrose said this year's clinic would honor as many coaches as possible with all guest speakers receiving a certificate, and all coaches having coached for 15, 20, 25, or 30 years receiving a plaque. He then listed the following items as possible considerations by the Board: 1) Each year honor a baseball umpire; 2) recommend a better grade of baseball for tournament games; 3) take a direction on the classification system of Iowa high school baseball; 4) consider a three day State Tournament; 5) try to upgrade tournament officials, possibly by voting on each official; 6) have a line of succession for the officers of the Association; 7) have the Hall of Fame represented on the Board of Directors; 8) have college coaches recommend speakers for the clinic; 9) increase the dues of the assistant coaches and the college coaches to \$5.00; 10) award a pin or certificate to any coach who has been a member of the Association for five years, and 11) recommend a continuation of the Spring and Fall State Tournaments.

Elmer Starr told the Board about a letter received from Bernie Saggau regarding a newspaper article that appeared in the newsletter. Mr. Primrose read the correspondence between he and Mr. Saggau.

The next order of business was the selection of the high school and college Coach of the Year. Following the selections there was a lengthy discussion about a three day State Tournament versus the present system. After a straw vote favoring the three day tournament it was decided to have it discussed at the general meeting.

Mr. Primrose made a motion to recommend to the Baseball Advisory Committee that the Summer State Tournament be held no later than the first week in August. The motion was seconded by Mick Mattiace and was passed. Mr. Primrose made a second motion to recommend that the Baseball Advisory Committee push the word of professionalism with the umpires in the form of dress and ethics. This motion was seconded by Dick Wagner and was passed.

The 1972-1973 calendar was accepted as presented by Mr. Primrose. The calendar is as follows:

May 31, 1972—Board Meeting in Mason City at 1:00 p.m.

Oct. 21, 1972—Board Meeting in Ames at 10:00 a.m.

March 8, 1973—Board Meeting in Cedar Rapids.

March 9, 1973—Board Meeting in Cedar Rapids.

March 9, 1973—General Meeting in Cedar Rapids.

March 10, 1973—New Advisors Meeting in Cedar Rapids.

Verne Bredeson moved to have the Board accept the Constitutional change of removing the second sentence in Article VI, Section 2 B. It was seconded by Ron Clinton and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David W. Hoyt, sec.

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MARCH 10, 1972**

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by President Elmer Starr at Cedar Rapids Washington High School. The Board members present were: Chuck Burnett, Verne Bredeson, Bill Freese, Dave Hoyt, Jim Jagim, Ed McNeil, Orval Madden, Mick Mattiace, Don Miller, Pinky Primrose, Al Seabrooke, Elmer Starr, Marv Thelen, Dick Wagner, and Dean Witmer.

Bill Freese reported after auditing the treasury report and books that everything was in perfect order.

Elmer Starr started the reports by saying that more work must be done by all of the members in increasing the association membership.

The executive secretary, Mr. Primrose, had the following three suggestions for the board to act on as soon as possible: 1) the possibility of calling the clinic the Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association's Midwest Clinic, (in the hope of drawing more coaches from out of the State); 2) an evaluation of the clinic by the board, and 3) take action on raising the membership dues for college coaches and assistant coaches.

Dick Wagner of the All District Committee reviewed the player and coach selection procedure. The committee decided that a new selection procedure for the coaches was needed. Tom Vincent moved, after a discussion, that three all district coaches be selected by each district committee from the nominations on the all district ballots. The three nominees will then be voted on by the coaches in their district. The motion was seconded by Nick Archer and passed.

Verne Bredeson began his Constitution Committee report by moving that the proposed Constitutional change of Article VI, Section 2 B, be presented to the general meeting for approval. The motion was seconded by Dennis Olejniczak and passed. Mr. Bredeson continued by proposing two other changes. The first change would be creating an order of succession for the officers in the organization. When the President's term is concluded each officer moves up in rank and a new treasurer is selected. The officers concerned would be the president, vice-president and the treasurer. The second proposed change concerns the term of the board members. Each board member would be elected for a period of two years with one-half of the board members being elected each year. In each election the person receiving the second highest number of votes would become the alternate.

The membership committee reported that the membership was 307 at the beginning of the clinic which was about 100 more than a year ago.

Under unfinished business, there was a discussion of the possibility of a class system. Pinky Primrose then moved to recommend to the general meeting the retention of the present one class system. The motion was seconded by Dick Wagner and passed.

Under new business Duane Banks moved that the membership dues for all assistant coaches and college coaches be raised to five dollars. The motion was seconded by Byron Rhodes and was unanimously passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Hoyt, sec.

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
MARCH 10, 1972**

The meeting was called to order by President Elmer Starr at 9:30 p.m. at Washington High School in Cedar Rapids.

The minutes of the last general meeting were approved as read.

The financial report was given by Bill Freese who stated that on October 16, 1971, there was a balance of \$558.61 and on March 9, 1972, there was a balance of \$1405.99 before the clinic expenses. The report was accepted as reported.

Elmer Starr then reported that the organization had over 300 members and that last year was a good year for the organization.

Pinky Primros started the executive secretary report by asking for evaluations from the board members on this year's clinic. Next he suggested that to help with clinic expenses the high school coaches speaking at the clinic donate their time and not get paid. A final suggestion was that more coaches should make an effort to attend the state tournaments.

Elmer Starr reviewed the method of selecting the District Coach of the Year. He stated that the coaches would be nominated by ballot and three coaches would be selected by the district committee. The final selection is made by all of the coaches in the district, by ballot. The State Coach of the Year will be selected by secret ballot by the Board of Directors.

Ed McNeil moved to accept the Constitutional change of striking the second sentence in Article VI, Section 2 B. The motion was seconded by Bill Sapp and passed. Article VI, Section 2B now reads: Elected Board of Directors shall take office at the late winter annual clinic meeting.

Elmer Starr introduced two other Constitutional changes to be proposed. The first change would be to have Board members elected for a two year period with one half of the Board elected each year. The second change would be to establish an order of succession of the officers excluding the secretary. When the President's term is completed the vice-president becomes the new President, the treasurer becomes the vice-president and a new treasurer is selected.

Mr. Starr then reported that the membership dues for all assistant coaches and college coaches would be raised the \$5.00. He followed by asking for a discussion on the class system in Iowa. After a brief discussion Bill Sapp moved to recommend to the Board of Control that Iowa stay with the one class system. The motion was seconded by Marvin Thelen and unanimously passed.

Jim Schulz moved to recommend to the Board of Control the retention of the current State Tournament playing dates as opposed to a three consecutive day tournament. The motion was seconded by Jim Van Scoyoc and passed.

A discussion of the baseball used in the State Tournament followed. Ed McNeil then moved to recommend to the Board of Control that a study be made of the baseball used in the tournaments.

The new slate of officers was presented by the nomination committee. They are as follows: President, Verne Bredeson; Vice-President, Bill Freese; Treasurer, Ed McNeil; Secretary, Dave Hoyt. There were no new nominations from the floor. Dick Wagner then moved to accept the slate of officers as presented. The motion was seconded by Vince Meyer and was unanimously passed.

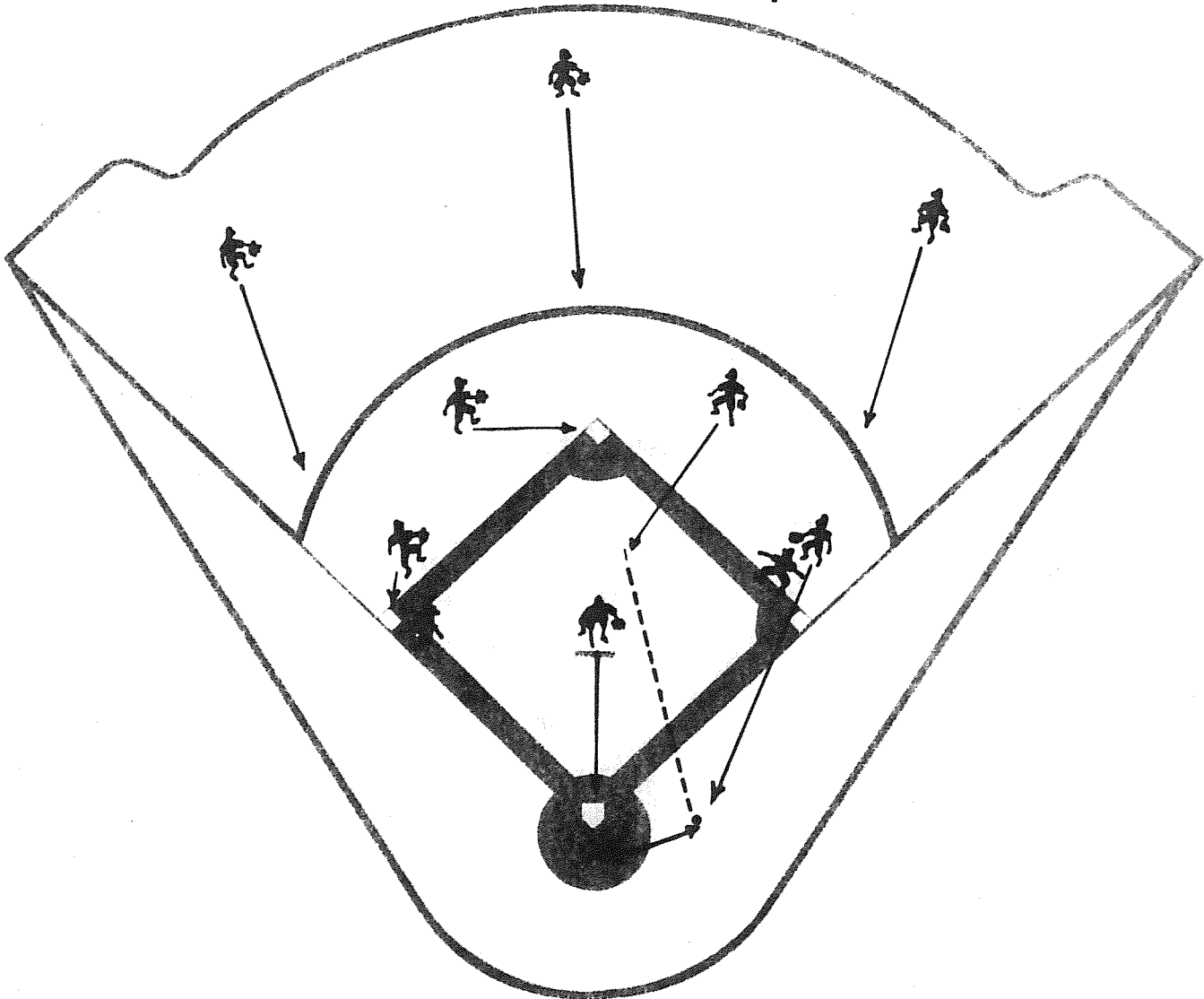
The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David W. Hoyt, sec.

DEFENSIVE ASSIGNMENTS FOR POP FLY SITUATIONS

SITUATION #1

A foul fly is hit behind the plate.



Runners on 1st and 3rd.
Less than two out.
Both runners tag up and runner on 1st breaks for 2nd. If there is no cut-off man, the runner on 3rd will score easily when the catcher makes his throw to 2nd base.

Pitcher:
Cover Home plate.

Catcher:
Catch pop-up and throw to cut-off man.

1st Baseman:
Help on pop-up.

2nd Baseman:
Become cut-off man behind the pitcher's mound.

3rd Baseman:
Cover 3rd base.

Shortstop:
Cover 2nd base.

Left Fielder:
Come in to help back up short and 3rd area.

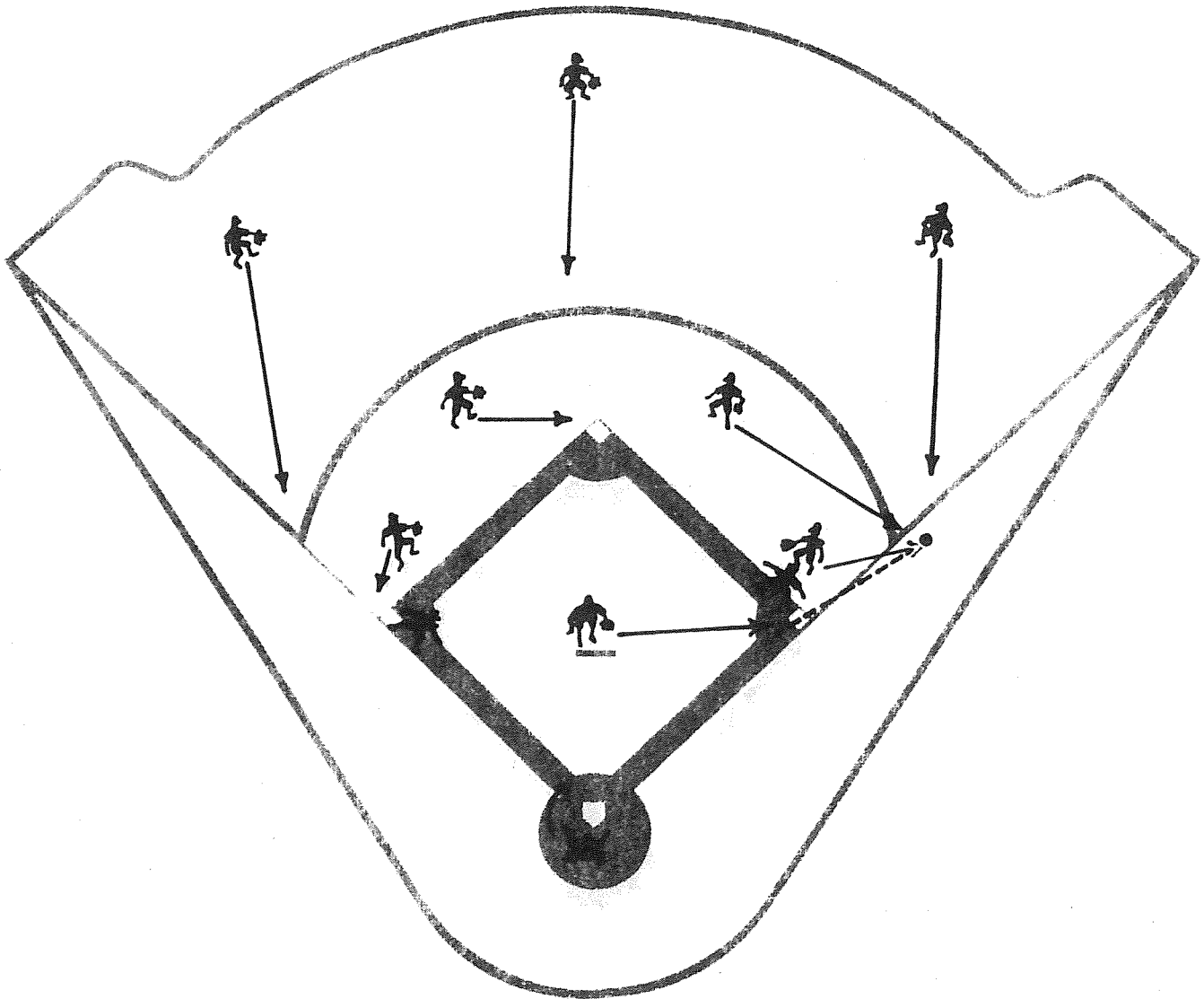
Center Fielder:
Back up 2nd base.

Right Fielder:
Cover 1st base.

DEFENSIVE ASSIGNMENTS FOR POP FLY SITUATIONS

SITUATION #2

A pop fly is hit behind 1st base.



Runners on 1st and 3rd, and none out.
Both runners tag up and the runner on 1st breaks for 2nd.

Pitcher:
Come to a point in the 1st base area to be the cut-off man.

Catcher:
Cover Home plate.

1st Baseman:
Catch the pop-up and throw it to the pitcher.

2nd Baseman:
Also go after the pop-up; then hustle to cover 1st.

Shortstop:
Cover 2nd base.

3rd Baseman:
Cover 3rd base.

Left Fielder:
Move into an area behind 3rd for back-up man.

Center Fielder:
Back up 2nd base.

Right Fielder:
Move in to help catch the pop-up.