

# It's springtime. Let's play ball

## Bucs singing to the top

by Randal Smathers  
**Pittsburgh Pirates** On the good ship Leyland's got/ They're a shortstop from the NL's top/ But if their pitching fails the Bucs will flop. Record: 96-66.

**New York Mets** Let me take you down/ To Strawberry fields/ Where nothing is real/ Except what Mets fight about/ Strawberry fields for second. Record: 89-72.

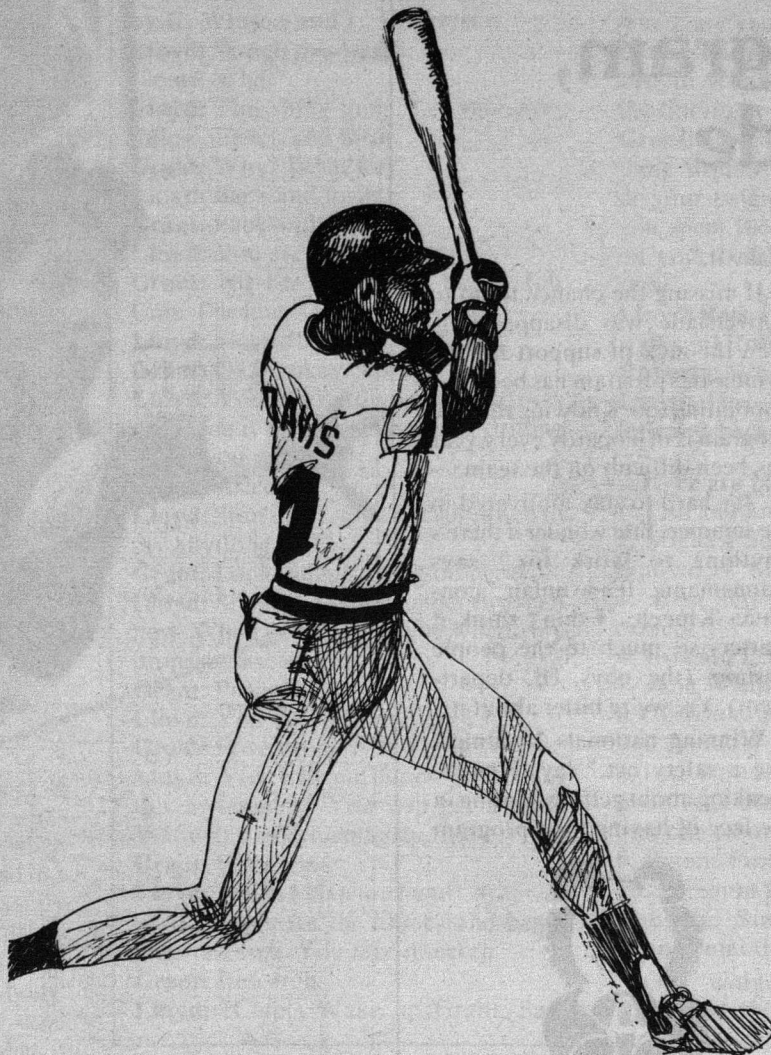
**Montreal Expos** They're a-praying for Tim Raines/ To be so great again/ Just a-praying, just a-praying, for Tim Raines. Record: 85-75.

**Chicago Cubs** Amazing Grace, how sweet his swing/ May Mitch save just like Lee/ They now have lost, their left fielder/ But Cubs fans still believe. Record: 81-81.



**St. Louis Cardinals** Hello, Ozzie/ You're playing swell, Ozzie/ It's so great to have you back there on your game/ It's too bad, Ozzie/ That your Dad, Ozzie/ Didn't crank out eight more just the same. Record: 80-82.

**Philadelphia Phillies** Take Juan out of the outfield/ Take him out of that place/ Fly balls and line drives and cutoff men. Make him wish for second again. Record: 62-100



**Cincinnati Reds** We can be like L.A./ Oh baby just fear the Redlegs/ We can win the Series/ Oh baby just fear the Redlegs. Record: 92-70.

**San Diego Padres** On the hot corner/ Sitting on his seat/ Carmelo is a fat boy/ Not one error he'll make three. Record: 88-74.

**Los Angeles Dodgers** I hate L.A./ I hate L.A./ I hate L.A./ I hate L.A. Record: 83-79.

**San Francisco Giants** Four old arms that throw slowly/ Seven guys with no eye/ They'll be out of the West race/ Come mid-May. Record: 81-81.

**Houston Astros** They are Astros hear them roar/ They almost never get to score/ They are old/ They are... the shits. Record: 70-92.

**Atlanta Braves** And you might say to yourself, this is not a real pitching staff/ And you might say to yourself, this is not a major league team/ And you might say to yourself, these guys don't have a hope/ Same as it ever was. Record: 65-97.



## Reds due for title

by Ian Istvanffy  
**NL East**

**New York Mets** The best team in baseball. They will lose this division only if they beat themselves and they won't. 98-64.

**St. Louis Cardinals** Time for the traditional Cardinal swing back up to the first division. Whitey is still the league's premier field boss. 87-75.

**Pittsburgh Pirates** Any team that includes alumnus of Liberty Baptist College deserves to be a perennial also-ran. They will be. 83-79.

**Montreal Expos** Up the middle, they are the worst team in the division. No magic from Buck's team this year. Sigh. 80-82.



**Chicago Cubs** The ugliest man in the world manages this team Don Zimmer. They also have a lot of guys named Mitch a bad sign. 74-88.

**Philadelphia Phillies** No starting pitching, snarly fans, bad defence and how seriously can you thake a team named the "Phillies". 64-98.

**NL West**

**Cincinnati Reds** In (still) conservative Alberta it's always fun to pull for a team called the Reds. In this case, it's not just frivolous they are due. 91-71.

**San Diego Padres** Not quite, in spite of Jack Clark,

Bruce Hurst additions. Be satisfied with a Big Mac attack. 90-72.

**San Francisco Giants** Nothing to say about these guys boring, boring, boring. Even if they do have a guy named Candy. 83-79.

**Los Angeles Dodgers** Their manager hangs out with thugs but that's not why they'll die in the NL West. Inconsistent offence will kill the Dodgers in '89. 81-81.

**Houston Astros** Glenn Davis may be the best first baseman in the game but this is a bad team. And Bob Knepper "lesbians and blowhards" is beneath contempt. 71-91.

**Atlanta Braves** All of their games are on the satellite dish, so why don't they buy some stars? My suggestions: Roseanne Barr, George Michael, George Will, Rita Hayworth. Name their pitching rotation and stump your friends! 65-97.

## Padres step up to pulpit

by Alan Small  
**NL East**

**New York Mets** They proved last year that they can win the New York way: win a division despite plenty of dissention and controversy. They also proved they can win without Keith Hernandez, an important factor, because he is getting old and gimpy. They are the best all-around team in baseball. 98-64.

**Pittsburgh Pirates** Best joke of spring training had Bue SS Rafael Belliard making more money this season than George Bush. Considering Belliard's stats



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