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the team ERA went up, and their wins went down. What a coincidence! They'll slip farther this year.

Los Angeles Dodgers — The worst defensive team in the majors are putting — are you ready for this — Pedro Guerrero at third base. Can you say "Double up the left-field line," kiddies? How about "E-Five"? Lasorda's fat must be choking off the blood supply to his brain.

Atlanta Braves — The Braves pitching rotation is so bad that this spring they've been using their only reliable reliever from last year — Jim Acker — as a starter. A good owner would trade Dale Murphy to a contender just to give the guy a chance at one pennant in his career. Ted Turner won't.

Cam McCulloch

Some senior circuit predictions from someone who looks at comics for a living:

NL West Cincinnati Reds — They can hit. The big question is do they have the starters to take them into the late innings where the bullpen can take over. Their pitching has improved with trades, but any staff with former Edmonton Trapper Guy Hoffman has to be worried.

San Francisco Giants — History tells me not to pick the Giants to repeat. The pitching they got from Dra- velle, Robinson, Leferts, and Reu-

schel was fortunate to say the least. This year, the only player Will Clark will be swearing at is his sister.

Houston Astros — No matter how many players they develop that can hit they'll never win in the Astro-dome, the original boring, synthetic stadium.

Los Angeles Dodgers — They'll finish fourth simply because any team with a talent and attitude as refreshing as Pedro (I'll play anywhere) Guerrero can't be all bad. I just wish Manager Tom Lasorda would drown in a vat of linguini.

San Diego Padres — Larry Bowa's intensity will drive this club out of the cellar, but lack of beer in the clubhouse makes for some unhappy sluggers.

Atlanta Braves — Mr. America Dale Murphy may be a nice guy wearing what are easily the classiest uniforms in the league. Unfortunately, despite what some people think, it's not how good you look, it's how you play the game. And the Braves can't, Murphy excepted.

NL East

New York Mets — Tough to be part of the Mets bandwagon but who can carry a stick like these guys can? Overloaded with talent, they can't lose. Wonder whose pants Darryl Strawberry will wear this year?

Pittsburgh Pirates — They're awfully young but they look good at almost every position including pitching. Club seniority belongs to Bob Walk at the tender age of 31. As the

number one man on the staff he just might win twenty.

Philadelphia Phillies — Team transition. They've got some kids to go along with veterans like Schmidt.

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Parrish, Bedrosian, and Tekulve. They'll need starting pitching.

Montreal Expos — Getting better, but they're still searching for a replacement for second baseman Rodney Scott, who departed when Canada still had its old flag. Can't trust Pascual Perez to repeat numbers (7-0), he has trouble finding his way to the park.

St. Louis Cardinals — Whitey Herzog is arguably the best manager in the game but the Cardinals hit the wet noddies. When I go to baseball games I want to see hitting. If I wanted running I'd go to the track.


Chicago Cubs — Andre Dawson and a collection of has-beens, never-was, and never-will-bees. Forget the Cubs at night and during the day.

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