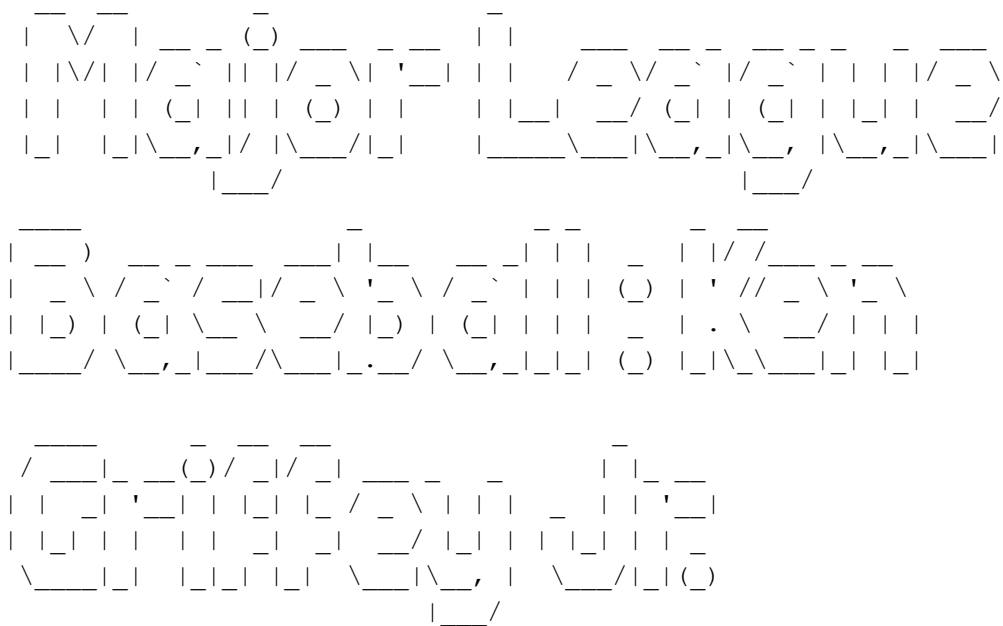


# Major League Baseball Featuring Ken Griffey Jr. FAQ

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Now with all that out of the way, let's get on with the Version History! :P

### ===== Version History =====

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### ===== How to Play =====

#### ----- Offense (Batting) -----

Control Stick: Move Circle around

A: Bat

B: Bunt

C-right: Run to first base

C-up: Run to second base

C-left: Run to third base

Z+ Control Stick right: Run to first

Z + Control Stick up: Run to second base

Z+ Control Stick left: Run to third base

Z+ Control Stick down: Run to home

C-down: Run to home

Z +<run button>: Move back to <insert base here>

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Defense (Fielding)  
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A: Fastball\*

B: Slider\*

B: Curveball\*

B: Screwball\*

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Z+A: Change-up\*

\*: Pitcher's option and/or fielders'  
\*\*: Pitcher's and fielder's option

Z+B: Superfast ball\*

Z+B: Knuckleball\*

Z+B: Super Change\*

Z+B: Split-Finger

C-right: Throw to first base\*\*

C-left: Throw to third base\*\*

C-up: Throw to second base\*\*

Z+<base button>: Look to <insert base here>\*

Z+<base button>: Run to <insert base here>

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Strategy  
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Welcome to the Basic Strategy section! This section is, of course, to teach you some basic strategy for playing MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL FEATURING KEN GRIFFEY JR. There's a couple of things to remember, just stay cool, keep calm, take a chill pill and get ready for some strategy.

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Offensive Strategy  
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Get used to the two batting options  
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Remember, there are two options for you when batting. There's the arcade and classic batting modes. The arcade may be a bit more challenging at first, but when you get used to it, it'll seem like a walk in a park (but of course, a walk in a park with some man eating wolves isn't to easy, but you get my point) if you're starting out, you might want to try Classic. But, if you're the people-waiting-for-challenges type, start out with Arcade and slowly make your way to the top. Please note with Arcade, you're bound to strike out at least ten (10) times game. It'll be even challenging just getting your bat on the ball. Once you've mastered the arcade style, you're well on your way of being the next Ichiro Suzuki...Ken Griffey Jr.

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Learn the Pitcher's arsenal  
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The opposing pitcher will have his own set of pitches. All pitchers are armed with a Fastball. This is the easiest pitch to hit mainly because it goes straight. so wait for the fastball and swing away! The curveball is a more of a moving ball although this isn't to particularly hard to hit, it moves in a curve position, so just prepare for that. The Change up is another pitch that moves slow and is almost never used by the opposing CPU, so you would need to know what this one's about.

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How to hit a Home Run  
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For you to hit a Home Run, your player have to have a good Power Rating. A Home Run hitting rating is eight(8) to ten(8) Ten being the maximum. Remember the ball has to land some where in the inside. It can also go right down the middle for a Home Run remember to get the batting circle right around the ball and hit the A button.

...more to come

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Good Players  
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There's a lot of "good players" in the game. Both in the American League and the National League. Here's the list, for each category.

\*\*\*\*\*  
Batting Rating  
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1. Ken Griffey Jr.(10)
2. Edgar Martinez(10)
3. Barry Bonds(10)
4. Larry Walker(10)
5. Tony Ggywn(10)
6. Alex Rodriguez(8)
7. Nomar Garciapara(8)
8. Tony Womack(8)
9. Mo Vaughn(9)
- 10.Mike Piazza(10)
- 11.Frank Thomas(10)

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Power Rating  
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1. Ken Griffey Jr.(10)
2. Mo Vaughn(10)
3. Mike Piazza(10)
4. Mark Mcgwire(10)
5. Carlos Delgado(8)
6. Larry Walker(9)
7. Barry Bonds(10)

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Speed Rating  
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1. Tony Womack(10)
2. Shannon Stewart(10)

3. Barry Bonds (9)
4. Ken Griffey Jr. (8)
5. Nomar Garciapara (8)
6. Derek Jeter (8)
7. Bernie Williams (8)
8. Chuck Knoblauch (10)

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#### Arm Rating

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1. Raul Mondesi (10)
2. Ken Griffey Jr. (10)
3. Chuck Knoblauch (10)
4. Bret Boone (10)
5. Tino Martinez (10)
6. Derek Jeter (10)
7. Vlademir Gurrero (10)
8. Ivan Rodriguez (10)
9. Alex Rodriguez (10)
10. Mark McGwire (10)

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#### Defense Rating

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1. Bret Boone (10)
2. Raul Mondesi (10)
3. Chuck Knoblauch (10)
4. Ken Griffey Jr. (10)
5. Bernie Williams (10)

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#### Speed (Pitcher)

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1. Randy Johnson (10)
2. Pedro Martinez (10)
3. Roger Clemens (10)
4. Mariano Rivera (10)
5. David Cone (10)
6. Curt Schilling (9)
7. Kelvim Escobar (10)
8. Jeff Nelson (9)
9. Mike Stanton (9)
10. Paul Quantrill (8)

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#### Stamina (Pitcher)

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1. Randy Johnson (10)
2. Pedro Martinez (10)
3. Roger Clemens (10)
4. Curt Schilling (10)
5. Pat Hentgen (10)
6. Mike Mussina (10)
7. Andy Pettitte (9)

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#### Control (Pitcher)

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1. Randy Johnson (10)
2. Pedro Martinez (10)

3. Roger Clemens (10)
4. Curt Schilling (10)
5. Mariano Rivera (9)
6. David Cone (9)
7. Mike Mussina (10)
8. Andy Pettitte (9)

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Exhibition  
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Number of Players: 2

Here's the mode where you can just get to playing without worrying about anything big happening to your team. Just to have fun with the team of your choice (both opposition and yours) you can re-arrange the batting order, change the starting rotation, and everything like that. You may also set the skill level; Rookie (easiest), Veteran (little over medium), All-Star (hardest mode, it's rare to even see a hit) are all at your finger tips. The two batting styles; Arcade and Classic can also be chosen. Exhibition is the basic mode for you to get down and dirty, without worrying about how well you're going to do. To me, this mode is just like a friendly practicing session. Great for beginners and veterans alike. I still play this mode sometimes, and we all know how good I am...but with practice, you, that's right, YOU might even be as good as me someday!

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Season  
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Number of players: 1-4

Here's my absolute favourite mode, this is where Major League Baseball: Featuring Ken Griffey Jr. really shines, everything from Trading to signing a Free Agent is all at your finger tips. This is the mode where every game counts, will you win the division and advance into the playoffs or suffer the pain of being one game back of your rivaling team? That's what shoots into you and adrenaline rushes into going through your body when you play the games in the Season mode. I especially like the fact that your lineup takes it to the field that you personally created, you think, "was it really worth it to trade Randy Johnson for Nomar Garciapara and Mo Vaughn?" Your answer should come in the first game, the two options of: "Yes, these two will bring the team all the way!" or will it be: "@#\$! how can the guys strike out 3 out of 4 at-bats?!" It's the drama that makes me love this part of the so much.

The other, or more, involving part of the season is to select DRAFT: YES and you will be able to build your team from scratch, I don't especially like this option, because sometimes I lose all the elite players to the computer. It's up to you. Remember, if you don't like the talent you see, you can always arrange for a trade, or, you can roll the dice and sign a Free Agent. There might be a chance that the Free Agent(s) might fail like heck, or they might be able to shine like gold and win MVP in your eyes. I really like Bartolo Colon for the Long-term reliever spot, and he's available from the start, but the computer will sign him quickly!

So, now that I told you some basic stuff you want to see my team you say? Well, that's great, I picked New York because you will have a lot of players to get the players you want (you may also do that with Seattle) I also included the batting averages in brackets.

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New York Yankees; (The Spin-a-Roonies)

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- 1. Derek Jeter(.320)
- 2. Bret Boone(.336)
- 3. Raul Mondesi(.321)
- 4. Carlos Delgado(.345)
- 5. Nomar Garciapara(.330)
- 6. Mark McGwire(.295)
- 7. Jorge Posada(.311)
- 8. Chad Curtis(.309)
- 9. Tim Lincecum(.301)

Pitching

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- 1. Randy Johnson
- 2. Pedro Martinez
- 3. Roger Clemens
- 4. Andy Pettitte
- 5. Tim Lincecum

- R1. Jeff Nelson
- R2. Mike Stanton
- R3. Paul Quantrill
- R4. Mariano Rivera

There you have it, it's like an All-Star team for ya, what a good team I have, eh? Jealous? You're jealous. I'll include all the stats for you later on the FAQ. Anyways, now that we picked up the basic idea, let's move on.

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World Series

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Number of Players: 1

This is a mode that is very much in common with the Exhibition mode, there's almost no differences, at all. A basic play-for-the-world-series match, the style is the same, no trading, no free agents, yes Sports Wire. The twist of this one is you get to watch the ending credits if you win the series. If you really want a challenge, set it to All-Star mode, I actually managed to win! I had Tino Martinez though, and that makes a difference. I don't especially like this mode, but for the heck of it, it's still fun to play in. The basic guidelines...choose two teams to play (yours and opposition) the teams can not be in the same League, in other words, one team has to be from the National League and the other has to be in the American League. Select the Skill Level and head out to the field for a grueling Best-of-7 series against the opposition. You of course have a 50 percent chance of getting out of this the World Series Champion. Anyways, it's over, let's get to the most boring part of the FAQ, the Options.

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Options

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Sorry, but here's the list of options.

Options

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- BATTING STYLE: Arcade [or] Classic
- AUTO FIELDING: Yes [or] No
- RUNNING STYLE: Assisted [or] Manual
- DRAFT\*: Yes [or] No

SKILL LEVEL: Rookie [or] Veteran [or] All-Star

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Secrets  
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Well, well, well, it's me, it's me, it's T.J.T, here to bring you some of the best secrets found anywhere. One of them I found! Seriously, I did. Anyways let's get on with it, shall we?

-EASY BATTING-

Contributed by: ChaosDemon

I think this works, it hasn't been proven, but I found that I can bat better while holding down the Z-button when batting. Just try it, seriously, I honestly think it works. Go ahead and try it.

-ANGELS IN THE OUTFIELD-

Contributed by: N/A

Source: Nintendo CodeBank.

First of all, make a hitter hit a fly ball to the outfield(anywhere to the right-field, centre field or left field) try not to catch the ball (I found it easier if you didn't catch the ball) grab the baseball and run to any base but first, throw the ball in the following sequence:

-NINTENDO AND ANGEL TEAMS-

Contributed by: N/A

Source: Nintendo CodeBank

In the main menu with the baseball, highlight EXHIBITION and keep pressing the C-buttons repeatedly until you here a tone, if you've done it correctly, you should find team NINTENDO and team ANGEL STUDIOS in the All-star division.

-SCOUNTING REPORT-

Contributed by: N/A

Source: Nintendo CodeBank

This is a neat little trick for people out there who likes getting the earlier advantage. In Season, World Series or Exhibition, goto the YOUR Line-up screen and press the C-down button, this should allow you to see the opponents batting order. (This also works with the Bullpen.

-BLOW UP THE BATTER-

Contributed by: bannagirl

Source: Unknown

While you're at bat, quickly hit the following buttons: Right, left, down, right, left, up, right, left, down. If done correctly, the batter will explode.

-CALLED HOMERUNS-

Contributed by: matt2oo2

Source: Unknown

When Ken Griffey Jr. is up at bat, pause the game and press Left, Left, Right, Right, Right, Left, Left on the d-pad. Unpause the game and Griffey will point his bat towards the outfield. If you hit the very next pitch it will be a home run.



-DANCING PLAYERS-

Contributed by: matt2oo2

Source: Unknown

If you're pitching or batting, press the following buttons on the control PAD (not the stick) to dance: UP, UP, DOWN, LEFT, LEFT, RIGHT, RIGHT, LEFT, LEFT, DOWN, UP, UP

-EASY HITTING 2-

Contributed by: KasketDarkfyre

Source: Game Informer

While batting, hold B, and the batting cursor will zoom in on where the ball will be thrown, as soon as it moves, let go of B, and whack a homerun.

-MAKE THE PITCHER DANCE-

Contributed by: bannagirl

Source: Unknown

While pitching, press the following buttons: Up, up, down, left, left, right, right, left, left, down, up, up. The pitcher will shake his groove thang.

-VIEW FIREWORKS-

Contributed by: KasketDarkfyre

Source: Game Infromer

Go to Stadium Select, and press Z to pull up the View Stadium mode. Press Right Button + Z to blast off some fireworks.

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My Strategy(Advanced)  
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Hello and welcome to MY strategy! That's right, strategy for the players out there that are just as good as me. Maybe, just maybe, this will help you out to become the Elite player you wanted to be so badly. It will happen, maybe not today or maybe not tomorrow, but some day. We'll start off with some stuff, and then we move onto other stuff, then other stuff, so on and so farther. There we go, with the Introduction, it's time to move on!

Alright, the first thing is who should be leading off your batting order, this player should have at least 8 Speed before he's put at lead-off. The player should also have a good batting rating, anything less than a 7, the player doesn't qualify. The second batter should also have a good batting rating, and a good speed rating. The second batter doesn't have as many requirements, just about anyone can fit in. But remember, the big power hitters are meant to be on the 3,4,5 or 6 spot. Just keep that in mind. For the 3rd batter, there are a couple of requirements too, he should have some decent speed, and be a good batter. The player should also have a decent number of RBIs.

The fourth batter is (in my mind) the most important batter on the team. This dude's job is to bring home the runners, [nick name = Clean-up hitter] the big power hitters (Mark Mcgwire, Carlos Delgado, Mike Piazza, Ken Griffey Jr.) should be batting on the 4th spot, these batters should end up with at LEAST 90 RBIs, my Clean-up hitter (Carlos Delgado) ended up with 140 RBIs, that's what I call a sucessful hitter.

The fifth batter should be the back-up the your fourth, the number five batter should also end up with a decent number of RBIs, the fourth and fifth batters have pretty much the same duty, the fifth batter should also be able to hit home runs out of the park. The mentioned batters before should have a good time batting at this position. The number sixth and seventh batters have the same duty. The eighth and ninth are the worst batters on the team.

With the batting orders discussed, here's my batting order with their full statistics.

1. Derek Jeter(Hits: 191, Home Runs: 11, RBIs: 41, Avg: .320)
2. Bret Boone(Hits: 178, Home Runs: 21, RBIs: 71, Avg: .336)
3. Raul Mondesi(Hits: 201, Home Runs: 31, RBIs: 101, Avg: .321)
4. Carlos Delgado(Hits: 180, Home Runs: 41, RBIs: 140, Avg: .345)
5. Nomar Garciapara(Hits: 210, Home Runs: 25, RBIs: 108, Avg: .330)
6. Mark McGwire(Hits: 130, Home Runs: 50, RBIs: 100, Avg: .295)
7. Jorge Posada(Hits: 120, Home Runs: 12, RBIs: 79, Avg: .311)
8. Chad Curtis(Hits 139, Home Runs: 15, RBIs: 65, Avg. 309)
9. Tim Lincecum(Hits 119, Home Runs: 16, RBIs: 59, Avg. 301)

Demonstrations are a good way to learn. Wait...you have a question... home come Carlos Delgado has a higher batting average than Raul Mondesi when Mondesi has more hits than Carlos Delgado? The answer to that, Raul had more at-bats than Carlos, and Carlos has enough at-bats to qualify, so, Carlos Delgado has the highest average in the Major Leagues.

...more strategies to come

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Credits  
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CJayC: For posting this FAQ(Yes, that was a cheap pop)

You: For reading this FAQ

Me: For writing this FAQ

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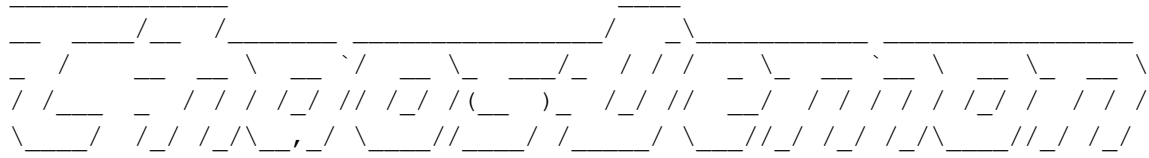
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Contacting  
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This is a new section I decided to make, this clears up things for contacting. A lot of people send me hate mail after I fail to reply to their so-called "important" letter. The truth is, I determine whether your letter is an important one or not. I get a lot of email everyday, and I don't have the time (nor the patience) to answer each of the everylast 26 emails I get. However, questions mentioned in the FAQ will NOT be answered. So, before sending in your email, make sure it's not mentioned in the FAQ, alright? With the disclaimer taken care of, here are the methods how you can contact me through.

Email: vampiro\_07@hotmail.com  
MSN Messenger: vampiro\_07@hotmail.com  
Aol Instant Messenger (AIM): ChaosDemon007

If you didn't read this section, make sure you do. :P

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