

The Weekend - Baseball (C0085)

- A: Hello baseball fans, and welcome back to today's game! My name is Rick Fields and of course, I am here, once again, with the man that seals the deal, Bob Copeland.
- B: It's a beautiful day to see two world class teams face each other and fight for their right to be called champions.
- A: Well, the national anthem has just been sung, and the umpire has started the game. It's time to play ball!
- B: Roger Vargas is up at bat. The pitcher winds up and strike one!
- A: A very nice curve ball by the pitcher. The catcher gives him the sign, he winds up and Vargas gets a line drive!

B: The players are scrambling to get the ball. Vargas gets to first base and he's still going! The outfielder throws it to second! Vargas slides! He's safe!

A: Great play!

B: We have a runner on third and up at bat is Brian Okami! There's the pitch, he hits it! It's going, going, that ball is gone!

A: Home run by Okami! That puts this team ahead by two as we are at the bottom of the fifth inning here at Richie Stadium!

Key Vocabulary

world class

Adjective

ranking with the best in the whole world

national an-
them

*common
noun, sin-
gular*

the song that represents a country and is played in ceremonies

umpire	<i>common noun, sin- gular</i>	a person who controls and judges a baseball game
up at bat	<i>phrase</i>	get ready to hit the ball
wind up	<i>phrase</i>	get the energy to throw the ball
curve ball	<i>common noun, sin- gular</i>	a ball thrown on a curve (i.e. not straight) that is hard to hit
pitcher	<i>common noun, sin- gular</i>	the player who throws the ball to the batter
catcher	<i>common noun, sin- gular</i>	the player behind home plate who catches the ball without being hit
line drive	<i>phrase</i>	a hit that travels low along the baseline
scramble	<i>verb</i>	do something quickly and in a disorganized way

outfielder	<i>common noun, sin- gular</i>	a player who plays in the area that is relatively far from the pitch
safe	<i>Adjective</i>	successfully gets to the base
home run	<i>phrase</i>	a hit that strikes the ball out of the field
inning	<i>common noun, sin- gular</i>	a set of baseball containing a turn at bat and a turn in field for each side

Supplementary Vocabulary

up to bat	<i>phrase</i>	the next in line to do something
ballpark figure	<i>phrase</i>	an approximate number
hit it out of the park	<i>phrase</i>	to do something very well, or very successfully
off the bat	<i>phrase</i>	immediately, with out delay

screwball

common

an unusual, crazy, or eccentric person

noun, singular