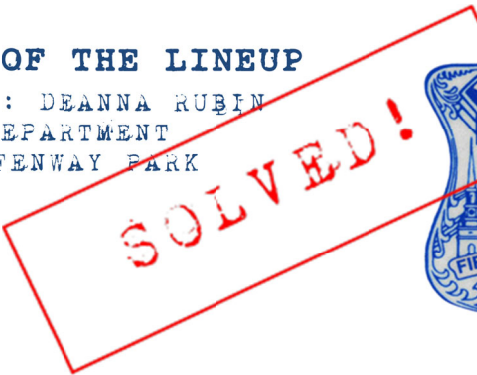


**CASE NAME: BOTTOM OF THE LINEUP**

ATTENDING OFFICER(S): DEANNA RUBIN  
 BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
 CRIME LOCATION: FENWAY PARK



**Answer: Atlanta**

This puzzle is mostly a baseball logic puzzle, with a location part thrown in for the final answer.

First, you have to solve the baseball scorecard with the information given to you in the blog entry text and with the score totals in the columns. (Yes, this puzzle requires quite a bit of specific baseball knowledge, but other than that it's basically a paint-by-numbers puzzle.) Here's what the finished scoresheet looks like and the logic to get you there:

| Team: Red Staplers |              | vs White Boards |            |         | at Puzzle Park |     |           |                |                |     |   |  |    |    |     |    |   |    |    |      |  |
|--------------------|--------------|-----------------|------------|---------|----------------|-----|-----------|----------------|----------------|-----|---|--|----|----|-----|----|---|----|----|------|--|
| #                  | Player       | Pos             | 1          | 2       | 3              | 4   | 5         | 6              | 7              | 8   | 9 | AB                                     | R  | H  | RBI | BB | K | SB | CS | GIDP |  |
|                    | Lambin       | 2B              | HIT, RUN   | ◆       | HIT            | ◆   | Out       | BB             | HIT, RBI, CS   | ◆   | ◆ | 4                                      | 1  | 3  | 1   | 1  | 0 | 0  | 1  | 0    |  |
|                    | Stocker      | LF              | BB, RUN    | ◆       | Out            | ◆   | BB, RUN   | DP 6-5-3       | ◆              | HIT | ◆ | 3                                      | 2  | 1  | 0   | 2  | 0 | 0  | 0  | 1    |  |
|                    | Incaviglia   | DH              | Out        | ◆       | Out            | ◆   | HIT, RUN  | K              | ◆              | Out | ◆ | 5                                      | 1  | 1  | 0   | 0  | 1 | 0  | 0  | 0    |  |
|                    | Williams     | 3B              | HIT, 2 RBI | ◆       | BB             | ◆   | HR, 3 RBI | ◆              | HIT, RUN       | Out | ◆ | 4                                      | 2  | 3  | 5   | 1  | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0    |  |
|                    | Seguignol    | RF              | BB         | ◆       | K              | ◆   | HIT       | ◆              | BB, RUN        | K   | ◆ | 3                                      | 1  | 1  | 0   | 2  | 2 | 0  | 0  | 0    |  |
|                    | Sherrill     | CF              | DP         | ◆       | ◆              | out | BB        | ◆              | 2B, RUN, 1 RBI | ◆   | ◆ | 3                                      | 1  | 1  | 1   | 1  | 0 | 0  | 0  | 1    |  |
|                    | Sweeney      | SS              | ◆          | HIT, CS | ◆              | 2B  | DP        | ◆              | 2B, RUN, 2 RBI | ◆   | ◆ | 4                                      | 1  | 3  | 2   | 0  | 0 | 0  | 1  | 1    |  |
|                    | Ashburn      | 1B              | ◆          | BB      | ◆              | out | ◆         | HIT, RUN       | BB             | ◆   | ◆ | 2                                      | 1  | 1  | 0   | 2  | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0    |  |
|                    | Ibanez       | C               | ◆          | DP      | ◆              | K   | ◆         | HIT, out on DP | DP             | ◆   | ◆ | 4                                      | 0  | 1  | 0   | 0  | 1 | 0  | 0  | 2    |  |
|                    |              |                 | ◆          | ◆       | ◆              | ◆   | ◆         | ◆              | ◆              | ◆   | ◆ |  |    |    |     |    |   |    |    |      |  |
| S                  | Runs         |                 | 2          | 0       | 0              | 0   | 3         | 1              | 4              | 0   |   | <b>TOTALS</b>                          |    |    |     |    |   |    |    |      |  |
| U                  | Hits         |                 | 2          | 1       | 1              | 1   | 3         | 2              | 4              | 1   |   | 32                                     | 10 | 15 | 9   | 9  | 4 | 0  | 2  | 5    |  |
| M                  | Errors       |                 | 0          | 0       | 0              | 0   | 0         | 0              | 0              | 0   |   | 2B: Sweeney 2, Sherrill 1 3B: None     |    |    |     |    |   |    |    |      |  |
| S                  | Left on Base |                 | 1          | 0       | 2              | 1   | 1         | 1              | 0              | 1   |   | HR: Williams (5th inning, 2 on, 1 out) |    |    |     |    |   |    |    |      |  |
| Pitcher            | W-L          | IP              | H          | R       | BB             | ER  | HB        | SO             | HR             | WP  |   | Scoring tips:                          |    |    |     |    |   |    |    |      |  |
|                    | Borders      | W               | 9          | 14      | 4              | 9   | 3         | 5              | 19             | 0   | 0 | K: Strikeout                           |    |    |     |    |   |    |    |      |  |
|                    |              |                 |            |         |                |     |           |                |                |     |   | H: Hit                                 |    |    |     |    |   |    |    |      |  |
|                    |              |                 |            |         |                |     |           |                |                |     |   | BB: Walk                               |    |    |     |    |   |    |    |      |  |
|                    |              |                 |            |         |                |     |           |                |                |     |   | HR: Homerun                            |    |    |     |    |   |    |    |      |  |
|                    |              |                 |            |         |                |     |           |                |                |     |   | DP: Double Play                        |    |    |     |    |   |    |    |      |  |



Step 1 -- Black out the ABs according to when there are actually batters (you can determine this from 3 +

LOB + Runs)

Step 2 -- Put in game events that are outlined in the text explicitly like Williams's HR and the entire 6th inning

Step 3 -- Fill the inning endings you know -- Incaviglia has only one K and one inning-ending, Ibanez same, Seguignol same but 2 K. Lambin has no K or DP so he must have ended the 7th with a CS. Sherrill and Sweeney's DPs end the 1st and 5th innings.

Step 4 -- you can fill in BB's before DP's and you can also fill in Sweeney as a hit and CS in the 2nd -- that's the only way there could be a hit and only 3 batters in 3 outs.

Step 5 -- You know 2/4 of Sweeney's ABs so you now know that his other two ABs are both hits and both doubles at that -- and that he got 2 RBI in the 7th. From that you also can fill in outs for Sherrill and Ashburn in the 4th.

Step 6 - A few guys only have one AB open now -- Sherrill now only has one open AB and at least one hit and one RBI so that must be a double in the 7th. Seguignol also only has one open AB and at this point you have 1 BB, 2K, and a hit for him, so this must also be a BB in the 7th... and he must score on Sherrill or Sweeney. Ibanez also has 2 GIDP and one open spot so his other DP must be in the 7th... and a BB is right before it.

Step 7 - Now look at Lambin. He has 3 hits and only 3 places he can have them -- the place without the Out or the BB. Along those lines, after you fill in the hits for Lambin look at the 7th inning -- there were 4 hits, and so far you have the two doubles and Lambin's hit, so clearly Williams also got a hit to lead off.

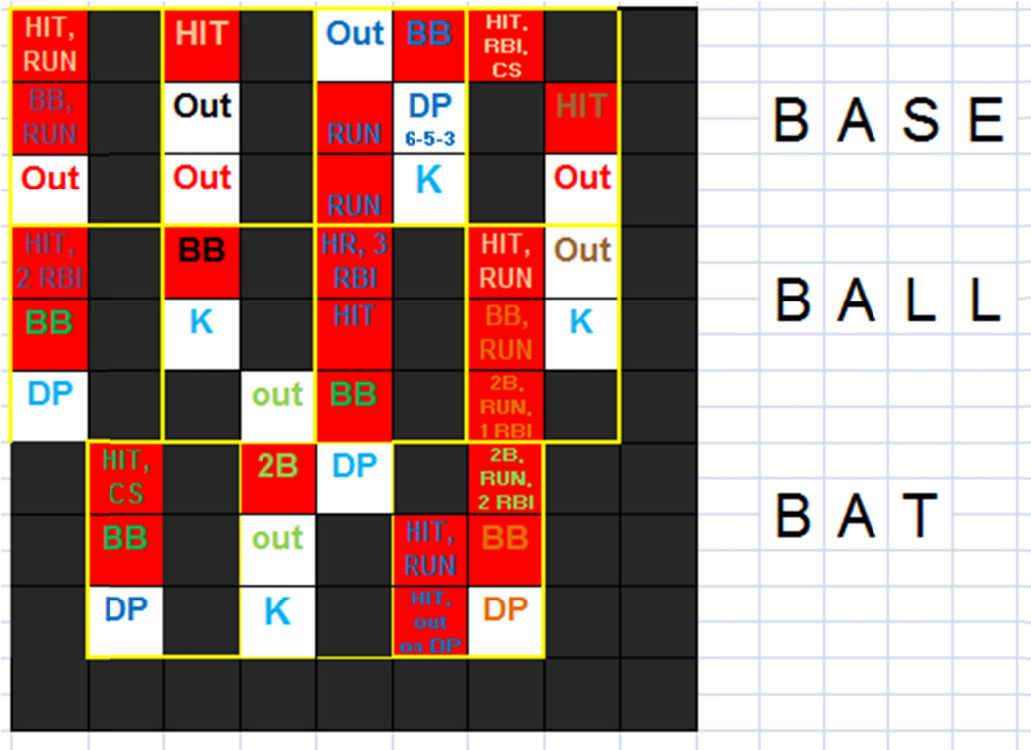
Step 8 -- Incaviglia only has the one hit and run. And you know his K. So his other 3 ABs must be outs. Poor guy. You also now know that he got on base with a hit in the 5th inning and thus Stocker got on in a BB before him, thanks to there being 3 hits that inning.

Step 9 - Now you can fill in the rest of the 1st inning. Williams has 5 RBIs for the game and this is the only other inning he has an AB where runs score (there are no runs in the 3rd or 8th innings). So he got a 2-RBI single there (you know he hit no doubles or triples). Inky was out, so Lambin and Stocker must have scored. Stocker must have gotten on base via a BB because there were only 2 hits that inning and you know Lambin and Williams had them, now.

Step 10 -- Now look at the 8th inning. Stocker or Williams got on base via a hit (there was one hit this inning). But wait! We already know when Williams's 3 hits were, so he can't have a hit in the 8th inning too, thus Stocker does. Williams can't walk that inning because there has to be a hit and only one guy left on.

Step 11 -- The 2nd inning is pretty easy to fill in now. Williams walked. Stocker did not.

Now that you have figured out the scorecard, what next? Well, a hint in the pitching line said "INDICES", and what you actually had to do with that was index each player's position into their name, for another hint, which spells out "BRAILLEHBB". (Plus, remember, the ump was blind!) In other words, take a look at where people actually got hits and walks...



And if you submit "BASE BALL BAT", you get the reply, "Where on Microsoft campus would you find one of those?" To which you should give us a call and confirm that you are heading to the baseball field, and we would indeed approve you for the second game of this doubleheader.

When the teams get to the baseball field, if they search in the various positions on the field, they'll find the uniforms for each of the players in the puzzle, with uniform numbers, in the places they should be (ie, Ashburn's will be on first base, Lambin's on 2nd... the OF guys will be hidden in the grass and Incaviglia's is going to be under the bench since he's the DH). Translating their uniform numbers from 1->A, 2->B etc, and ordering them by position (P = 1, C = 2, 1B = 3 etc), will spell out BRAVES CITY, so the answer to this puzzle is ATLANTA.

|    |            |    |   |
|----|------------|----|---|
| 2  | Borders    | P  | B |
| 18 | Ibanez     | C  | R |
| 1  | Ashburn    | 1B | A |
| 22 | Lambin     | 2B | V |
| 5  | Williams   | 3B | E |
| 19 | Sweeney    | SS | S |
| 3  | Stocker    | LF | C |
| 9  | Sherrill   | CF | I |
| 20 | Seguignol  | RF | T |
| 25 | Incaviglia | DH | Y |