

**ACT ONE, SCENE FOUR - It's the next night. MARTY and LAWRENCE are in the announcer's booth.**

***WZBQ (Jingle)***

**If you wanna know what's what  
Where's where  
Who's Who  
Tune In, Tune It, Tune In  
WZBQ**

**MARTY**

**(Into the microphone)**

**Good evening, ladies and gentlemen, this is Marty Webb, along with my good buddy and partner, Lawrence Pendegrass, here with tonight's show. We've got something a little different for you tonight...**

**LAWRENCE**

**(Under his breath)**

**You can say that again.**

**MARTY**

**(Obliging)**

**We've got something a little different for you tonight...The first 1933 Baker City Cougars baseball game broadcast right here on WZBQ, direct from Barcelona, Spain. That's right, I said baseball, professional baseball. Now, folks, the way this thing here works is, we've got us a team who's kind of adopted Baker City as their home town, and they're playing the All Stars all over Europe. The games are being brought in to Lawrence and me by some sort of radio gizmo, and then we're gonna bring 'em on home to you. Confused? You're not alone. First, however, we're gonna pause a few seconds for a word from our good buddies at Arnie's, after which we'll be right back with the game!**

**(He switches off the microphone)**

**Think they believed me?**

**LAWRENCE**

**Why not? I did. It certainly sounds better than the truth.**

**MARTY**

**You got that sheet Barry gave us?**

**LAWRENCE**

**Yes, here it is.**

**(Gives it to MARTY)**

**MARTY**

**Okay, great.**

**(Looks it over)**

**Now, what are these letters and numbers next to the player's names?**

**LAWRENCE**

Here, let me see.

(Looks it over)

Oh, those are the player's positions.

MARTY

Well, what do they mean?

LAWRENCE

Well, um, let's see, I used to know this...I think they're abbreviations for something, although I can't remember exactly what. It's been quite a while, you know...

MARTY

(Realizing they're back on)

Oh, heck.

(Turns the microphone back on)

And we're back, Cougar fans, with the starting line-ups. Let's see here, what have we...? All righty, for the visiting Baker City Cougars, it looks like we've got Collins at one-b, Foli at two-b, Grote at three-b and Weiss at ss.

(LAWRENCE is frowning. He knows something's wrong, but he's not quite sure what)

At lf is Lowenstein, cf is Miller and the rf'er is Sanders. Starting at c is Hendricks and, on the mound, peeing, is Vinnie Cooper.

(He and LAWRENCE look at each other)

LAWRENCE

Maybe it's a typographical error.

MARTY

No, it can't be. See? There's another guy peeing for the other team.

(Shows him the sheet)

LAWRENCE

Well. All I can say is, the game has certainly changed from when I knew it.

**ACT ONE, SCENE FIVE - The next day. BARRY and KAREN are in his office. BARRY is on the phone with the mayor of Newtown. He is not pleased.**

**BARRY**

**No, your honor, I do not exactly know why the players were urinating on the playing field...no, I don't find it appropriate behavior, even for Europeans...**

**(MARTY and LAWRENCE enter, rather sheepishly)**

**....let me get back to you, your honor...Keep listening to the games!**

**(He hangs up)**

**Marty!**

**MARTY**

**I know, Barry, I know. Pitching. Pitching.**

**KAREN**

**Yeah, well, that was the most memorable, but hardly the only problem with last night.**

**LAWRENCE**

**(Offended)**

**May I ask what you're referring to? I thought we did a miraculous job under the circumstances.**

**BARRY**

**Look, guys, a few of the basics. There are three outs in an inning, not nine. There are nine innings in a game, not three.**

**LAWRENCE**

**I don't see what difference it makes, mathematically it all comes out the same.**

**BARRY**

**There's a difference!**

**KAREN**

**A pop fly has nothing to do with an insect. A long drive has nothing to do with an automobile.**

**BARRY**

**And, the initials ss mean the man's a shortstop. Not a member of the Nazi party!**

**BETTY LOU**

**(Calling from her office)**

**Karen?**

**KAREN**

**(Pressing down the intercom)**

**Yes, Betty Lou?**

**BETTY LOU**

**Some boxes have arrived from Chicago.**

**KAREN**