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WHAT'S NEW IN DARTBALL

The **website** has been rebuilt from the ground up, the **Statistician** app has been replaced by **Dartball Dugout**, and the **Fan Zone** app has been rebuilt around both of them. Here's what's different, and the few things you'll want to know before you open them.

NEW Didn't exist before BETTER Was there, rebuilt HEADS UP Changes how you work

FAN ZONE

FOR EVERYONE · IPHONE & ANDROID

Fan Zone keeps everything it had: favorites, news, statewide stats, state results, the Hall of Fame, and search for any league, team or player. The big change is that it now **tells you what's happening** instead of waiting for you to look.

NEW

Sign in, or create an account in the app

Fan Zone has accounts now. Signing in is free and optional, and it's what turns on alerts. Already have a Wisconsin Dartball website account? Use the same email and password. Your favorites live on your account, so they're the same on every phone and on the website.

NEW

Follow your team and get game alerts

Tap the **bell** on any team's page. You'll get:

- a **game day** reminder at 3 PM: who plays who tonight
- an alert when **a game starts**; tap it to watch live
- **runs as they're scored**, once per half-inning, with the score
- the **final score**, and who won the match

NEW

Tournaments: who they play next, and on which board

Follow a team from a tournament's Teams tab and you get the same live alerts, plus their **next match** with its board and time as soon as a result is in.

NEW

A weekly recap, and league news

Every **Monday**, a recap of the teams you follow: how each did last week and where it stands now. Tap the bell on a league's page to hear about that league's news.

NEW

My alerts

In the menu: every team and league you follow, and a switch for each kind of alert.

NEW

Tap a match, see the whole game

Not just the score: both lineups, every player's stats for the night, and the full inning-by-inning box score, updating as it's played. Pin the match you care about to the top of the Game Tracker.

NEW

Cast it to the TV

Send the Game Tracker, a single game, or a tournament round robin's standings to a Chromecast. Good for a hall following its own teams, better for a hall following the state tournament.

BETTER

Tournament summaries and brackets

Round robin and overall leaders, and a cleaner bracket with a clear Championship round.

NEW

Ask the Committee

Anyone signed in can send the State Committee a question or suggestion (menu → Ask the Committee), and hear back when it's answered. The committee roster, In Memoriam, the rules of the game and background on the sport are all in the app too.

BETTER

Get anywhere from anywhere

A drawer menu replaces the row of tabs, and the home screen leads with your favorites and the latest news. Light, dark, and a dartball theme.

HEADS UP

Alerts need a phone with Google or Apple services

Alerts work on iPhone, iPad and Android phones. **Amazon Fire tablets can't receive them**; everything else in Fan Zone works there.

THE WEBSITE

FOR EVERYONE

The old site did a lot, but it looked like a filing cabinet and kept a **second, stripped-down set of**

pages just for phones. Both problems are gone.

BETTER	**One site, on any screen** No separate mobile site. Every page fits whatever you're holding, so a link someone texts you opens the real page. Light and dark follow your phone or computer's setting.
BETTER	**A front page worth landing on** Upcoming tournaments, the latest news and Hall of Fame members, instead of a wall of links.
BETTER	**League pages with everything in one place** Each league has its teams, news, schedule, statistics, stat leaders and live games on one page, in tabs. Leagues and teams can carry an address, so you can get directions to an away game.
BETTER	**Search from any page** One search box, everywhere, across leagues, teams and players.
BETTER	**A Game Tracker that's actually live** Games in progress update on their own, with lineups, player stats and the box score. Every at-bat is stored, so a finished game has a real scoresheet.
NEW	**News and tournaments you can share** Paste a link to a news post or a tournament into Facebook and you get a proper preview card: picture, headline, the works.
BETTER	**Hall of Fame nominations** Put a name forward online, and read and comment on the nominees, instead of passing paperwork around.
NEW	**What's New, Ask the Committee, and your account** About → What's New lists every change as it ships. Ask the Committee is on the website as well as the app. And anyone who wants their account removed can ask for it from the website or Fan Zone.
HEADS UP	**Your history came with you** Leagues, teams, players, rosters, schedules, season and career stats, scoresheets and every past tournament bracket were carried over. **Nothing was recalculated**: the numbers are the ones the old site published. One gap: the **state champions from before any of this was on a computer**, roughly eighty years of them, aren't up yet. They're not lost, and they will be there.

FOR LEAGUE OFFICERS

BETTER

A season, step by step, with the schedule built for you

Creating a season walks you through the basics, teams, dark weeks, game rules and standings scoring, and checks your work as you go. Give it your start date, night, start time, number of weeks and teams (in divisions, if you use them), and it lays out a full round robin: byes handled, home and away balanced, no more than two in a row home or away, and boards spread so no team lives on one all year. Don't like the draw? Generate it again.

NEW

Or enter a schedule you already have

Pair teams up week by week on the pairing board, or paste a schedule straight in from a spreadsheet.

NEW

Handicaps worked out for you

Set your league's handicap table once. The handicap for every match is calculated automatically and goes out to the scorekeepers with the schedule.

NEW

Board numbers

Halls running several boards can assign each match to one. The number shows on the schedule, the website and the apps.

NEW

Your league's scoring buttons

Choose the result-button layout your league uses, and every tablet scoring for your league picks it up.

NEW

State Committee: the Committee Room

For committee members: meetings with RSVPs and agendas, a built-in meeting call, motions, seconds and voting from your phone, minutes, discussions and documents, on the website and in Fan Zone.

DARTBALL DUGOUT

FOR SCOREKEEPERS · REPLACES STATISTICIAN

The scoring app was rebuilt from nothing so it could run on **iPhone and iPad as well as Android**, and it's now **on the App Store**. Lineups, handicaps, the break timer, scoresheets,

shoot-off entries and stat reports are all still there. What follows is what's different.

HEADS UP

A separate app, and it starts empty

Dugout installs alongside Statistician; it doesn't replace it, and **nothing transfers**. Your league admin sets up the league and teams in Dugout. If your league paid for website sync, your data is on the website and comes down to the app. If not, your old data stays in Statistician, so **don't uninstall Statistician** yet.

HEADS UP

Your scoreboard still works, on Android

Dugout drives both generations of board as they hang today. An iPhone can only drive the newer boards; an older board needs its newer module fitted to run from an iPhone.

BETTER

Easier to read at the board

Bigger, clearer scoring screens with one consistent look. Your league can set the result-button layout every tablet uses, and the text size is yours to choose on each device.

NEW

Your schedule and handicaps, on the device

Teams pull their schedule from the website, with handicaps already worked out, and you start a match straight from it. For playoffs or anything unscheduled there's **New Non-Schedule Match**.

NEW

Game two starts itself

Games two and three pre-fill their lineup and rules from the game before, with Bats First already flipped. Pinch hitters, and an optional rule letting a short-handed team bat a player twice.

NEW

Both teams can keep the book

Both teams can track the same match and both send it in. The website works out that it's one match.

BETTER

Nothing gets lost

If the app closes mid-game, reopening it drops you back into the same at-bat. Games keep trying to send when the signal comes back, the home screen shows any game that hasn't reached the website with a button to send it, and the sync screen shows exactly what's waiting.

NEW

Run a tournament from the app

Round robins and brackets, even in a hall with no signal. **Picture Taker** sends team photos straight to the results. Directors, please use it.

NEW

Scoreboard on its own, and cast to a TV

Run just the board for a pickup game, or put the live game on the hall's TV with Chromecast.

NEW

Help us help you

If something goes wrong, **Settings → Diagnostics → Share** sends us everything we need to see what happened.

THIS IS A PREVIEW

The website and apps are running on **real data**: your leagues, your teams, your history. It's a copy taken on **November 3**, so anything changed on the current site since then won't be here, and nothing you do here changes the current site.

Keep using the current site and Statistician for your official results until we say otherwise. The second sheet, **Dartball Test Drive**, tells you how to get in and what we'd like you to look at.