

THE DARTBALL REBUILD

Three things changed at once. The **website** was rebuilt from the ground up, the **Statistician** app was replaced by **Dartball Dugout**, and the **Fan Zone** app was rebuilt around both of them. Everything below is what's actually 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

THE WEBSITE

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The old site did a lot, but it looked like a filing cabinet and it kept a **second, stripped-down set of pages just for phones**. Both problems are gone.

BETTER

A front page worth landing on

The public side now leads with what's actually happening — upcoming tournaments, the latest news, Hall of Fame members — instead of a wall of links. Someone who's never heard of dartball can land here and understand the sport.

BETTER

One site, not two

There's no separate mobile site anymore. Every page lays itself out to fit whatever you're holding, so a link someone texts you opens the real page, not a cut-down version of it.

NEW

Light and dark

The site follows whatever your phone or computer is already set to. Nothing to turn on.

NEW

Maps

Leagues and teams can carry a real address, so you can see where a league plays and pull up directions to an away game without hunting for the bar's phone number.

BETTER

Search from any page

One search box, everywhere, across leagues, teams and players — instead of three separate search pages you had to find first.

BETTER

Live Game Tracker that's actually live

Games in progress update on their own — no refreshing. Tap into any game for the lineups, per-player stats, and the full inning-by-inning box score while it's still being played.

BETTER

Scoresheets worth reading

Every at-bat is now stored on the website, not just the final line. A finished game gives you a real scoresheet and a real box score, and season stats are rebuilt from the actual plays.

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 — instead of a bare address.

NEW

Board numbers

Venues running several boards at once can assign each match to a board. The number shows up on the schedule, on the website, and in the app, so nobody's wandering the hall looking for their game.

BETTER

Hall of Fame nominations

Put a name forward online, and read and comment on the nominees who've been put forward, instead of passing paperwork around.

BETTER

Setting up a season, step by step

Creating a season now walks you through it in order — the basics, your teams, the weeks you're skipping, game rules, how standings are scored — and checks your work as you go, rather than leaving you to find the right page for each piece.

And it builds the schedule for you. Tell it your **start date**, the **night you play** and **start time**, **how many weeks** the season runs, and which teams are in — in divisions, if you use them. Mark the weeks you're dark, and it offers up the holidays for you. If you play a **split season**, say where the halves divide. If your hall runs several boards, say **how many**.

From that it lays out a full round robin — everyone plays everyone, with byes handled if you've got an odd number of teams — then works out home and away. It looks at **who hosted last time those two teams met**, keeps anyone from playing more than two in a row at home or on the road, evens the home and away counts out across the season, and spreads the board assignments so no team lives on the same board all year. Anything it couldn't balance perfectly it tells you about, instead of burying it. **Don't like the draw?** Generate it again — you'll get a different one.

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 from the old site. **Nothing was recalculated** — the numbers on the new site are the numbers the old site published, so a record you remember is the record you'll find.

One gap, and we know about it: the **state champions from before any of this was on a computer** — roughly eighty years of them — aren't up yet. They haven't been lost. They're written down and waiting on a proper home in the new site, and they will be there.

DARTBALL DUGOUT

REPLACES STATISTICIAN

The scoring app was rebuilt from nothing so it could run on **iPhone as well as Android**. Most of what you know is still there — lineups, handicaps, the break timer, scoresheets, shoot-off entries, stat reports. What follows is what's different.

HEADS UP

Statistician is retired — and Dugout starts empty

Dugout is a separate install, not an update, and **there is no transfer**. You'll set your league and teams up again in Dugout. If you paid for the website sync, all of your data is safe on the website and comes back down to the app. If you didn't, your old data stays in the old app until you uninstall it — so don't uninstall Statistician until you're satisfied.

NEW

iPhone and iPad

The old app was Android only. This is the single biggest reason the app was rebuilt.

HEADS UP

Your scoreboard still works — on Android

Dugout talks to **both** generations of board, so the boards already hanging in the halls work as they are, with no modification. The catch is Apple: an iPhone cannot talk to the older boards at all, and no app can change that. A board that needs to run from an iPhone needs the newer module fitted.

BETTER

Connect the board once and forget it

An icon in the top bar of the game screen sets up the connection. After that the app remembers your board and reconnects to it by itself, every time. The old brightness and colour settings are still there, just easier to reach.

NEW

A scoreboard screen on its own

Want to run the board for a pickup game without tracking a full game? There's now a screen that does just the scoreboard — runs, innings, outs, runners.

NEW

Your league schedule, on the device

Teams synced with the website pull their schedule down, and you start matches straight from it instead of typing the opponent in. For playoffs or anything unscheduled there's a **New Non-Schedule Match** option.

NEW

Pinch hitting

You can substitute a batter mid-game. There's also a rule setting for leagues that let a player bat twice in the order when they're short-handed.

NEW

Game two starts itself

The second and third games of a match pre-fill their lineup and rules from the game before, with Bats First already flipped. You check it instead of building it.

NEW

Both teams can keep the book

Both teams can track the same match on their own devices and both send it in. The website works out that it's one match — you no longer have to agree in advance on who's scoring.

NEW

It picks up where it left off

If the app closes or the phone dies mid-game, reopening it drops you back into the same at-bat.

BETTER**Sync you can actually see**

The sync screen shows what's still waiting to reach the website and what failed, and it keeps retrying on its own when the signal comes back. If something does go wrong, you can read the error and tell us what it says.

NEW**Run a tournament from the app**

Round robins and brackets can both be played from Dugout — including in a hall with no signal, entering results by hand and reconciling them when you're back on a connection.

NEW**Picture Taker**

At a tournament, pick the team you're photographing from the results list, take the picture, and it uploads itself to the website results.

Directors: please use this. It's the difference between results with faces and results with numbers.

NEW**Cast the game to a TV**

Put the live game on the big screen at the hall — lineups, player stats, and the full inning-by-inning box score.

BETTER**Less hunting, more scoring**

A drawer menu reaches any screen from anywhere. A match in progress shows on both the home and league screens so you can get back to it in one tap. Every mid-game setting now lives in a single dialog. Result buttons can be filled with full background colour. Light, dark, and a dartball theme.

FAN ZONE

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Fan Zone keeps everything it had — favourites, news, statewide stats, state results, Hall of Fame, and search for any league, team or player. It's the **watching** that changed.

BETTER**A home screen that knows you**

Your favourites, quick links to where you actually go, and the latest news, all on opening.

BETTER**Pin the game you care about**

In the Game Tracker, pin a match to the top so it stays put while the rest of the state's games shuffle underneath it.

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.

NEW

Cast it to the TV

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

NEW

State Committee, In Memoriam, and the rules

The committee roster, the In Memoriam list, the rules of the game and background on the sport are all in the app now, not just on the website.

NEW

Get anywhere from anywhere

A drawer menu replaces the row of tabs, so every screen is one swipe away instead of buried. Plus light, dark, and a dartball theme.

NONE OF THIS IS FINISHED

What you're looking at is a **preview**. The website and both apps are running on real data — your leagues, your teams, your history — but they're not live yet, and they won't be until enough of you have gone through them and told us what's wrong.

There's a second sheet with this one that tells you exactly how to get in and what we'd like you to look at. If you don't have it, ask, and we'll send it along.