

Opening Day Message from “The Don”

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Dear Baseball Friend,

From the cold Chicago winter comes (to a computer near you!) the game’s hottest new website, BarryCode.com

For the first time (and at long last), those artfully comprehensive and thankfully comprehensible numbers of legendary diamond statistician Barry Codell can be instantly seen--and leisurely devoured!

By way of historical re-introduction, Barry was perhaps the seminal mind among the game’s “statistical revolutionaries” of the 1970s. Through the intersecting kindnesses of that old fact-finder Fate and Barry himself, in 2008 I have been privileged to partake of his “Bar Codex Batting Statistics,” one of Codell’s most pleasurable and treasurable troves of untapped baseball wisdom.

Having “finally finished the Game” last year, Barry graciously consented to permit me voyage, allowing me to “share with whomever you like and whomever you don’t these offensive offensive stats,” those very numbers that I found to be a literally diamond-mind-alternating experience, a contest between what I thought I knew about baseball and what I didn’t! He further encouraged me to “continue to codify” in 2009 and beyond, if I wished. Happily so wishing, I welcome you to a Grand New Game--via the Barry Code!

Sincerely,

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“The Don of the Barry Code”

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