who went on to major league stardom, as well as a special place on want lists.

The starting third basemen were Wade Boggs (Pawtucket) and Cal Ripken Jr. (Rochester), currently perennial American League All-Stars. At the time Boggs was two years from his RC issues (1983 Donruss #586, Fleer #179, Topps #498) and two years from the first of his five AL batting crowns.

Ripken, whose RCs reached collectors a year earlier (1982 Donruss #405, Fleer #176, Topps #21), made his first All-Star team two years later and hasn't missed one since. Cal hasn't missed much else, either. His consecutive game streak is the second longest in baseball history.

Bruce Hurst, now with the Padres, pitched the final five shutout innings for Pawtucket in the wee hours of April 19, and Bob Ojeda, currently a Dodger starter, pitched one shutout inning to earn the victory when play resumed.

Other notable players who grace major league cardboard include Chico Walker, Marty Barrett, Rich Gedman and Mike Smithson of Pawtucket, and Floyd "Honey Bear" Rayford of Rochester.

Due to the weather, just ,740 die-hard fans turned up at cCoy Stadium that frigid vening. The 20 who remained hen the game was suspended eceived season passes from awSox owner Ben Mondor for eir endurance.

Barrett, who spent 10 seasons in the majors before being released by the Padres in June, likened the marathon affair to a bad dream.

"We just kept on playing," he says. "Everybody was too tired to score. It was just like a nightmare."

"What stands out most of all was how cold it was and how the wind was blowing," Hurst recalls. "It was blowing straight in, and as the game progressed, we just wanted to end it. Then we realized we had a chance to break a record. So everybody tried a little bit harder. We got our second wind at about 2 o'clock in the morning."

The game — and the bid for the record — nearly ended a few times earlier in the evening.

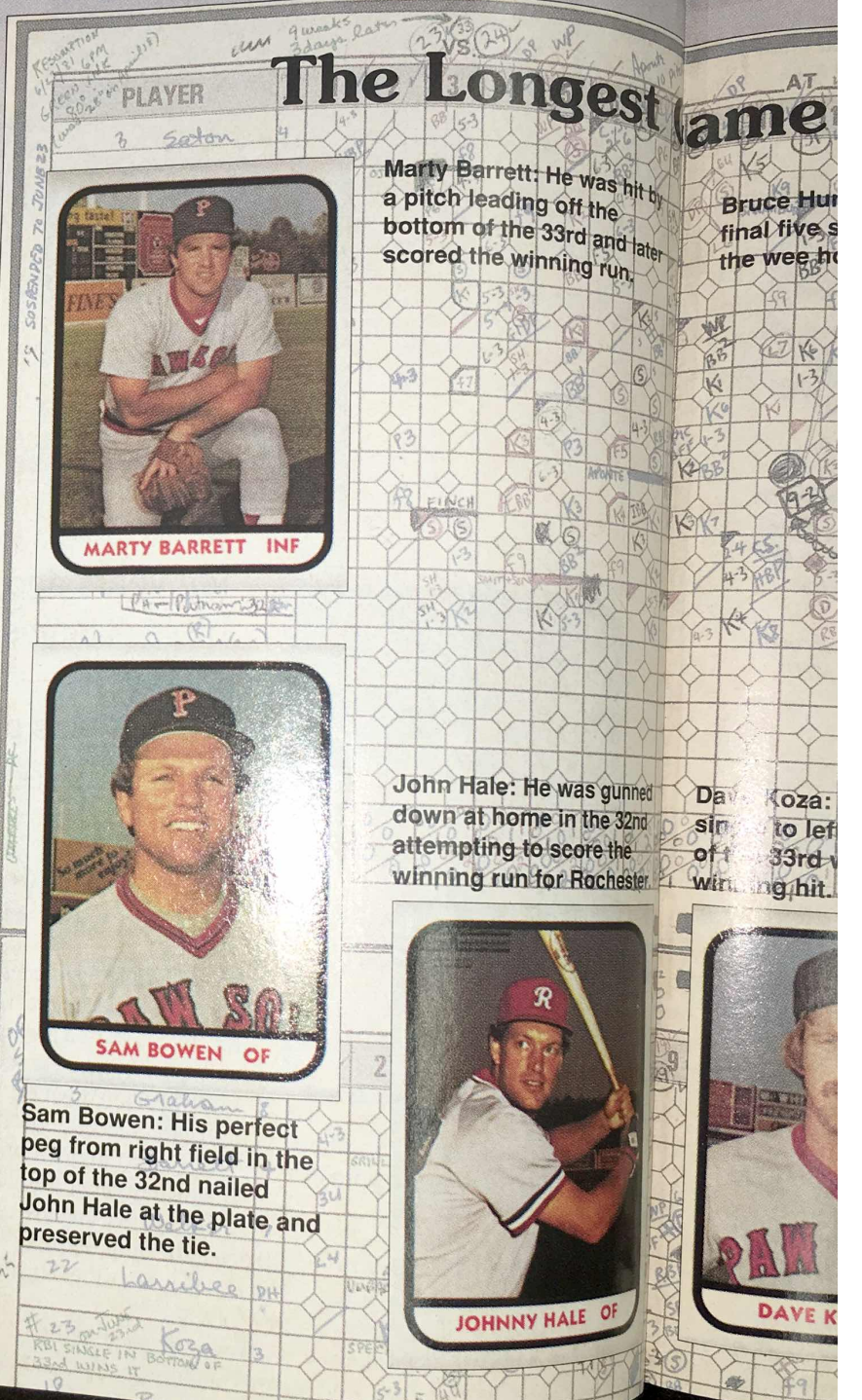
Close Calls

"There was a ball that one of the Red Wings hit over the fence," Hurst says. "Our left fielder turned and just gave it up for gone. But the wind was blowing so hard that he turned around and caught it backpedaling toward the infield. So it was over the fence, and the wind blew it back in."

The game almost ended twice. In the top of the 21st, Rochester's Dave Huppert doubled to give the Red Wings a short-lived 2-1 lead. Boggs' RBI double tied it in the bottom half of the inning.

Then in the 32nd, Pawtucket's Sam Bowen threw out John Hale trying to score from second on Tom Eaton's two-out single to right.

But after the 32nd inning,



Marty Barrett: He was hit by a pitch leading off the bottom of the 33rd and later scored the winning run.

John Hale: He was gunned down at home in the 32nd attempting to score the winning run for Rochester.

Sam Bowen: His perfect peg from right field in the top of the 32nd nailed John Hale at the plate and preserved the tie.

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