Thank you for installing the Aaron vs. Ruth Interactive Demo

The following contains some very important information and it is highly recommended that you read the entire document prior to attempting to run the demo.

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1. Microsoft® DirectX Requirements:

THIS PRODUCT REQUIRES MICROSOFT'S DIRECTX 3a.

If you already have DirectX 3a installed on the system we suggest that you skip the DirectX install and run the program. If the program does not run, or if you know that DirectX 3a is not already on the system, you must install DirectX 3a before you will be able to run the program.

The installation for Microsoft's DirectX may cause problems with some manufacturer's videocard drivers. It may be necessary for you to reselect or reinstall your video drivers after the DirectX install restarts your machine. To help avoid problems, we recommend that you do the following before proceeding with the install:

Click on Start> Settings> Control Panels> Display, and click on the Settings tab. Click on 'Change Display Type' or 'Advanced Properties', and write down the Adapter type as it appears on the screen. This is the video driver that is currently in use.

If, after the DirectX install has restarted your machine and you notice any display problems in Windows '95, or if Windows '95 does not start up, do the following;

If Windows '95 starts up (in normal or 'safe' mode); Click on Start> Settings> Control Panels> Add/Remove Programs, choose 'DirectX drivers', and click the Add/Remove button. A DXSetup panel will appear. Click on the 'Restore Windows Display Drivers' button.

To revert to a 'generic' Windows '95 driver;

IF Windows '95 will not start up, or the above procedure does not work, you can usually start up in Windows 'Safe Mode' (Choose this from the start up menu, which is brought up by pressing F8 when the words 'Starting Windows '95' appear during boot-up). Right-click on 'My Computer', select properties, click the Device Manager tab, click on Display Adapters, select the item that appears there, and click the 'Remove' button. Windows will prompt you to confirm this. Windows will then prompt you to restart to make the changes take effect. When Windows restarts, it will detect and query your videocard, then select a compatible driver from it's own database. This driver will provide most, if not all of the functions that Windows requires from your videocard. If you still wish to use the drivers written by the videocard manufacturer, or if problems persist, you should contact your videocard or system manufacturer for help with this issue. Most manufacturers have updated video drivers that do not conflict with the DirectX install.

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2. Keyboard Controls

SPACEBAR: Swings the bat
                    Skips through opening screens and home run announcements

ARROW UP/DOWN: Selects the swing type prior to the pitch
                            Moves the bat aiming up and down in the strike zone

The mouse can be used throughout the demo for replays, menus and exiting the program.

Hint: You will hit more home runs if you hit the ball on it's lower half. Figure out what portion of the ball to hit for the best results.

To play the Aaron vs Ruth demo:

Click the anywhere on the Aaron vs Ruth title screen once the Mindscape Sports Advantage introduction has finished. In the main menu screen, select **Home Run Derby** (or **Exit** to exit the demo). In the game screen, press the arrow key that corresponds to the type of swing you want to apply. This display will disappear. You can move the swing aim (black oval with the crosshairs) to match the location of the pitch by using the UP/DOWN arrow keys. Pitch location is indicated by the white brackets on the edge of the zone (*temporary*). Swing using SPACEBAR.

Instant replays are available once an entire play is complete. Click **Replay**. The VCR buttons will allow you to Play, Rewind, Frame-by-frame, Slow Motion and Stop.

End the demo at anytime by clicking **End Game** and selecting **Exit** from the main menu.

The three windows on the right hand side can be used to display the radar gun or the pitch location. To access these, right-click on the window. Select the display from the list.

3. **Home Run Derby Rules**

This Aaron vs Ruth demo offers the Home Run Derby that is included with the full version of Aaron vs Ruth with a few limitations. In the demo, the user can control both Hank Aaron and Babe Ruth for the maximum amount of swings, or play head-to-head with a friend.

Each batter has **5 outs.** The outs are tallied in the "Outs" box on the scoreboard counting **down** from 5.

Anything that is not a home run (ground balls, pop-ups short of the wall, foul balls, called strikes) is an out.

The batter with the most home runs at the end of the game is the winner.

4. **Aaron vs Ruth: Battle of the Big Bats**

Aaron vs Ruth brings some of the greatest players of all-time back to the diamond. In addition to Hank Aaron and Babe Ruth, we've got Cy Young, Walter Johnson, Satchel Paige, Whitey Ford, Bob Gibson, Jim Palmer, Steve Carlton, Roger Clemens, Juan Marichal, Greg Maddux, Warren Spahn, Ty Cobb, Roberto Clemente, Carl Yastremski, Pete Rose, Willie Mays, Frank Robinson, Willie Stargell, Sadaharu Oh, Lou Brock**,** Josh Gibson, Yogi Berra, Johnny Bench, Lou Gehrig, Willie McCovey, Rod Carew, Rogers Hornsby, Jackie Robinson, Joe Morgan, Honus Wagner, Ernie Banks, Robin Yount, Brooks Robinson, Mike Schmidt, Eddie Matthews and more! With in depth biographies of all the players, you'll know exactly who you are drafting to your team.

The Home Run Derby in the full version of Aaron vs Ruth will allow the user to choose the number of outs (5, 10 ,15) and the superstar who will be doing the hitting.   You will also be able to choose from a number of great looking stadiums, including the Polo Grounds and Field of Dreams.

Along with Home Run Derby, Aaron vs Ruth offers Exhibition, Series and Season mode.

Motion capture technology was used to create the most realistic looking graphics imaginable.

The program will support most compatible joystick controllers, including the Gravis Gamepad and GrIP.

Users can choose to control all of the details of the game, or none of them. Simulate a season using the 25 greatest players you just drafted on to one team and see how they'd fare. This can be done game by game, or in just seconds by simulating the entire season at once.

Connect to Total Baseball by using your Internet browser or the provided AT&T WorldNet Service Software to get a closer look at the players you plan to draft. This can all be done from the Player Bios screen, no need to exit the program. *(This feature not available for the demo version)*

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5.   **MSA Notes**

Mindscape Sports Advantage offers the latest in PC and Playstation sports titles for basketball, with **NCAA Final Four Basketball**, and baseball, with **Aaron vs Ruth: Battle of the Big Bats**. The idea is simple: Fun and accurate sports games. Awesome art and realistic motion capture technology was used to bring to life all the details that are normally forgotten in sports products. Just check out the double-play turn by the shortstop. Or the center getting back to his feet after a small forward charge him to the ground. Or even the over the shoulder catches by the center fielder. These are just a few of the little things that you'll notice throughout both titles. Combine this with outstanding gameplay and your looking at a very entertaining session in front of the tube.

Keep an eye out for these first round draft choices, coming soon to your local retailer.