

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Base Skills

## Defensive Responsibilities

- Covering first base on all bunts and grounders fielded by 1st baseman , where she can't get back to first.
- Backing up throws to the pitcher from the catcher.
- Taking pick offs at first and second.
- Taking relays from right and right center.
- Catching fouls behind first.
- Performing the double play pivot on throws from third and shortstop.
- When making an overhand throw to first or 2nd use a 3/4 throw so the ball is always visible.

## Fly Ball Priority

### Priority Over

Pitcher, 1st baseman

### No Priority

Shortstop, all outfielders

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Base Coverage Area

- **Hitter** : As far from home as arm and quickness to 1st base allow.
- **Bunter**: Several steps closer to first to cut down on the distance needed to cover 1st.
- **Slapper**: Several steps closer and shading towards 1st.

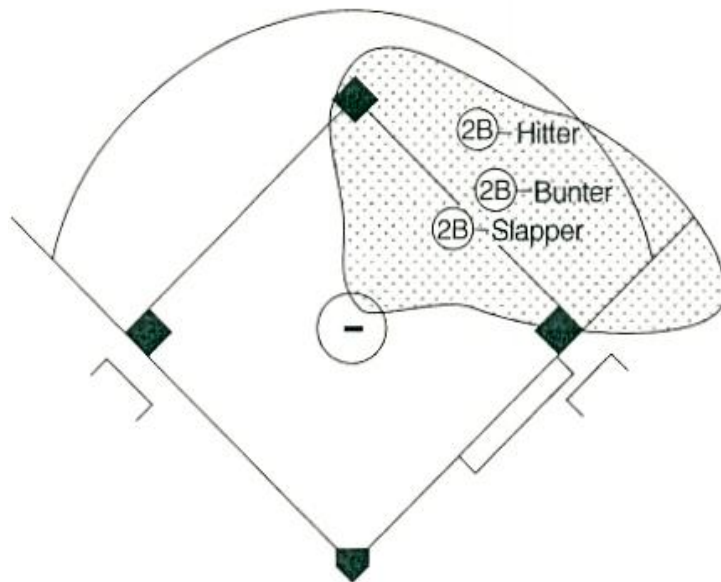


Figure 3.5 Second baseman's basic positioning and coverage area.