



After two years of extensive research and testing, Strat-O-Matic Game Co. has successfully created a hockey game that is the answer to every fan's dream. It is actually three distinctly different games in one: A basic game for 10-13 year olds, an advanced version for adults and a super advanced game for the fanatical fan. You will be amazed to find in Strat-O-Matic's 1978-79 Pro Hockey Game an exact reproduction of all aspects of real hockey. You will have at your disposal lifelike replicas of pro hockey players whose actual playing ability has been precisely measured in every minute detail. You, the coach, will have complete strategical control of the actual shooting, defense, rebounding, skating and passing talents of over 300 NHL players.

Each player's card (see Guy Lafleur and Bill Barber) reflects the 1977-78 statistics for that player. His shooting percentage, power play goals, shorthanded goals, even his penalty frequency, as well as other minute details are reflected in his card. Each player's good qualities are measured as accurately as his poor ones. Offensively, Marcel Dionne will spearhead your offense with his uncanny passing and skating ability. However, at times his defense will be a troublesome problem for you. Dave "Tiger" Williams may not be a scoring threat, but he is one tough defensive player. However, his aggressiveness will occasionally lead to a foolish penalty. Dave Schultz plays an ordinary offensive and defensive game except for one important feature — he is an unsurpassed, bone-crunching intimidator.

Denis Potvin, Brad Park, and Larry Robinson will dominate opposing teams defensively by blocking shots, intercepting passes and controlling rebounds. Their overall defensive play will play a significant role for their respective teams.

The passing talents of Bryan Trottier, Jean Ratelle and Bobby Clarke will be an important factor in each game. You will be astounded by their ability to set up plays, and "thread the needle" with their passes that result in higher percentage inside shots. Conversely, you will be upset by certain players' inability to make an important pass.

The defensive capabilities of each player are remarkably recreated in Strat-O-Matic Hockey. The top rated defensive players will control play at times by continually thwarting the attacking team's attempts for a shot on goal. Aggressive players, such as Dave Schultz or Dave "Tiger" Williams, are rated for their intimidating ability as well as defensive ability. Their presence on the ice will greatly affect efforts by their opponents to shoot near the goal.

Yes, even the skating abilities for every player are measured. Players, such as Guy Lafleur and Gil Perreault, will constantly penetrate for higher percentage shots. They will also be able to outskate the defense and create a breakaway situation.

The realism of Strat-O-Matic Hockey is uncanny! Even such minute details as face-off abilities are calculated. An outstanding face-off player, such as Bobby Clarke, will constantly win the important face-off.

Strat-O-Matic Hockey gives you the most realistic team picture possible. For example, the New York Islanders present you with their fine rookie, Mike Bossy, their outstanding center, Bryan Trottier, and one of the league's top defensemen in Denis Potvin. Their all-around play will be sources of satisfaction to you. However, the lack of an intimidating player and a need for more scoring punch from their third line will annoy you constantly.

Yes, even the power play scoring and penalty killing capabilities of each team are astonishingly reproduced in Strat-O-Matic Hockey. Beware of Montreal's fearsome power play scoring machine when it is matched up with one of the weakest penalty killing teams in the league, the Washington Capitals. However, the New York Islanders, one of the toughest penalty killing teams, will offer a severe test to Montreal's power play attack.

We hope that we have not overwhelmed you with the statistical precision of Strat-O-Matic Hockey, for you need not be an expert to play Strat-O-Matic. We have condensed all the important players' statistics in briefest form at the bottom of each player's card. Regardless of the extent of your hockey knowledge, Strat-O-Matic enables you to evaluate each player's abilities and, thereby, choose a potentially winning team.

Strat-O-Matic Hockey is essentially a challenging mental struggle between opposing coaches. The opportunity is now yours to participate in hockey in its key position—as an actual coach! It is YOU, the coach, who must be able to

coordinate, maneuver, and apply all strategy moves at the appropriate time to achieve victory. Thus, in the long run it is possible for a weaker team with good coaching to defeat a superior team with poor coaching. Time and time again, it will be YOUR coaching ability that makes the difference between victory and defeat.

YOU are responsible for arranging the starting lineup. YOU must weigh the offensive ability of one player against the defensive ability of another player. YOU adjust your lineup due to injuries, players in slumps and in hot streaks, in an effort to reverse a losing streak.

Such decisions are not simple ones to make. For example, substituting a good shooter for a superior defensive player can be disastrous. Key defensive situations may occur immediately, thus nullifying your improved offensive advantage. If you substitute an excellent defensive sub for a stronger offensive player, the decrease in "fire power" may bog down your attack and cause you to make other adjustments. At times, you must weigh the effect of a good offensive player versus a superior defensive player. It is YOUR judgment that will determine whether to play an all-out aggressive offense or a more conservative style of play. YOUR decisions will be influenced by the abilities of your own players, and also by the strengths and weaknesses of your opponents.

On offense, you must decide the type of offense to play. Should you play a pressure offense, trying to create more scoring opportunities but also providing your opponents with good scoring chances if you lose the puck, or should you play a conservative offense with little offensive punch but difficult to penetrate against? Also, if you have an outside shot opportunity, should you attempt the shot or try to pass or penetrate for a better shot?

On defense, you must decide how many forecheckers to use. Do you send in three men trying to keep your opponent in his own end or do you let your opponent start his offensive action, but concentrate your team's defensive effort at the blue line, thus making it difficult to penetrate against? You must decide whether to "separate your opponent from the puck" when he has a high percentage shot. You might take the puck away from him, but you also risk the possibility of a penalty.

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Perhaps you will choose to coach a team differently than does its actual coach. If so, you will not only alter the statistical performances of the players, but even more importantly, you will affect the team's performance positively, or adversely. Of course, you may completely agree with the coaches' techniques, and therefore, choose to handle their teams in the same manner. YOUR coaching ability is the major factor influencing victory, or defeat, between teams of equal ability! However, as in hockey, you cannot expect to coach the Washington Capitals to the Stanley Cup Championship. The Capitals' personnel limits your coaching ability just as it does Tom McVie's. In such cases, you must be content to play the role of a spoiler, and attempt to prevent the leading teams from winning the important games.

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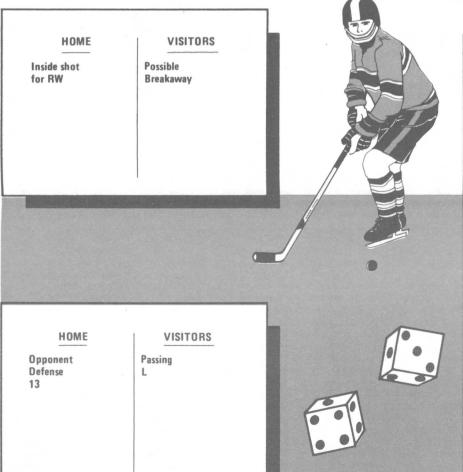
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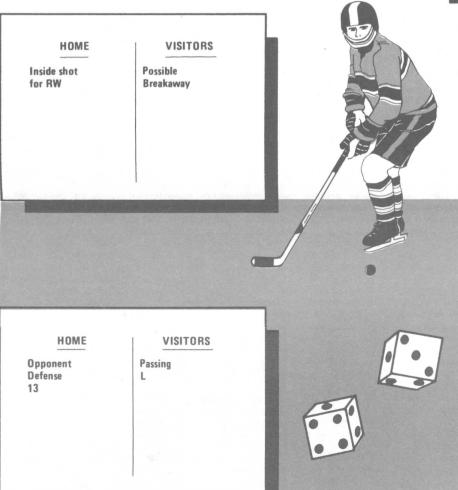
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OFFENSE 3	Opponent Defense 9	Lose puck — Outside shot ONLY for any player	Inside shot for Center	Opponent Defense 2		
	POWER PLAY		SHORT HANDED			
	Passing J		Opponent Defense 13			