

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 1985-86 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 375 NHL players.

Each player's card (see Mike Bossy and Brian Propp) reflects the 1984-85 statistics for that player. His shooting percentage, power play goals, short-handed 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, Peter Stastny will spearhead your offense with his uncanny passing and skating ability. However, at times his defense will be a troublesome problem for you. Dale Hunter may not be an exceptional scorer, but he is one tough defensive player. However, his aggressiveness will occasionally lead to a foolish penalty. Jim Korn plays an ordinary offensive and defensive game except for one important feature - he is an unsurpassed, bone-crunching intimidator.

Doug Wilson, Mark Howe and Scott Stevens 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 Dale Hawerchuk, Denis Savard and Wayne Gretzky 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 Willi Plett or Chris Nilan, 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 Mike Bossy and Steve Larmer, 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 Bryan Trottier, will constantly win the important face-off.

Strat-O-Matic Hockey gives you the most realistic team picture possible. For example, the Washington Capitals present you with Bobby Carpenter and Mike Gartner on their top line and an excellent defensive corps anchored by Scott Stevens, Rod Langway and Larry Murphy. Their overall play will be a source of satisfaction to you. However, the lack of another scorer to play left wing with Carpenter and Gartner and a need for more scoring from their lines 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 the New York Islanders' fearsome power play scoring machine when it is matched up with the weakest penalty killing team in the league, the Vancouver Canucks. However, the Buffalo Sabres, the toughest penalty killing team, will offer a severe test to the Islanders' 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.

Strat-O-Matic Hockey's statistical accuracy as reflected on each individual player card is precise. Your coaching is the factor that can alter the accuracy of the results. It is your coaching that influences the performance of your team. If you coach the New York Islanders in exactly the same fashion as Al Arbour, your Islander statistics will be very similar to the actual statistics established by both Islander players and the team. However, if you use innovations in your coaching, you will alter the Islander statistics, and perhaps improve upon them. Strat-O-Matic is purposely set up in this way, because

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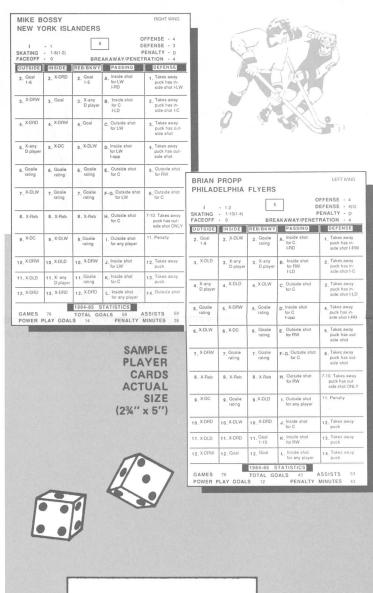
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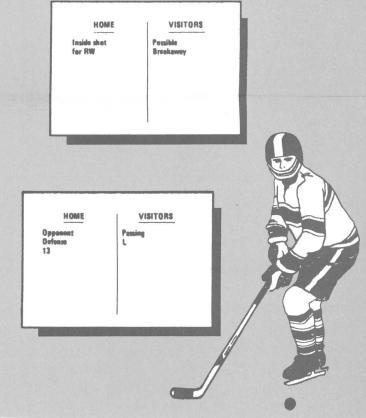
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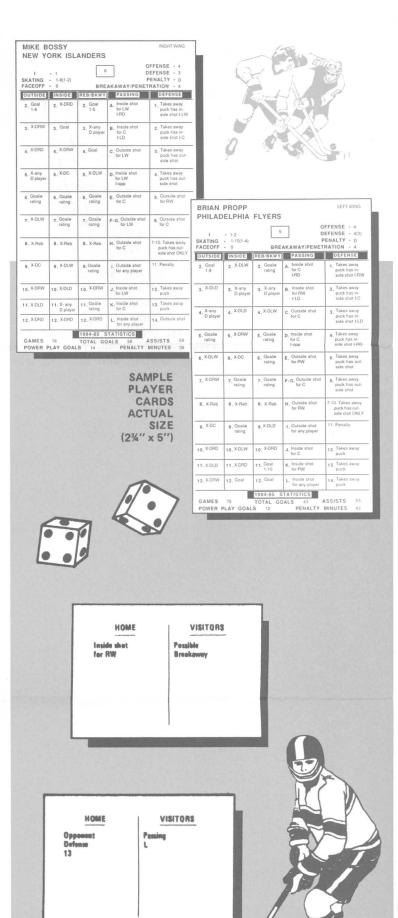
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