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## S-O-M 'stadiums' around the world

### Bejach's Himalayan Baseball League has many 'home' fields

Jeff Bejach has his own Fenway Park, Tiger Stadium, Kingdome and Astrodome. Only in Bejach's case his "stadiums" are in Nepal; India's Srinagar, Kashmir, Lleh, Ladakh; the Philippines; Taipei, Taiwan; Mae Hongson and Koh Samui, Thailand; and in numerous villages in Indonesia.

You get the idea that Bejach makes his home away from home far from these shores. And he does.

But wherever Bejach goes, Strat-O-Matic Baseball goes with him. He has visited most of the major league stadiums on various trips to the states.

Most of his gaming in recent years, though, has been in Nepal and the Far East. The pictures on the next page show Bejach taking a few swings next to his "Tent Stadium," or as he calls it, "retractable Sky-dome." When it rains, a timeout is called and the smokeflaps closed.

Earlier this spring he finished his Himalayan Baseball League, a 162-game solitaire project that took four years to complete.

"Each team consisted of an all-star roster over the 1968-1988 time frame," says Bejach. "Over the course of four years, players were added from the 1968, 1986, '87 and '88 seasons. No players from 1989 were used."

Nine teams were used in each league. Boston, thanks to winning four of five games from the Yankees in a late-season showdown, edged New York by two games in the American. Over in the National, Houston had a five-game bulge over runner-up Los Angeles.

\* Biggest blowout - Houston's puncturing Boston's pitching for 29 hits, including eight home runs, on the way to a 23-5 victory. Glenn Davis homered three times for the winners, who scored in every inning.

\* Another three-homer game that Bejach is likely never to forget involved Joe Morgan of the Reds against Los Angeles. Morgan had just cracked his third roundtripper, this one snapping a 7-7 tie in the 10th inning.

"He had just connected off Tom Niedenfuer when I noticed serious smoke," recalls Bejach. "This stadium was located above Banaue in the northern Luzon Mountains in the Philippines.

"I moved over to the window and noticed that the buildings on the main street were on fire. I grabbed a camera and took some photos (he also sent those along but lack of space prevented their use).

"As the fire spread it dawned on me I might have to quickly evacuate. I packed up all of the game pieces and packed them in my backpack. I also packed up all the rest of my gear just to be on the safe side.

"Forty-five minutes later, when the fire was extinguished, I concluded the game."

Niedenfuer, by the way, failed to put out the 'fire,' allowing another home run.

Some players were used more than in real life: the most serious violations were for George Stone of Atlanta (178 innings pitched instead of the actual 75); Jose DeLeon of Pittsburgh (156 instead of 108 innings); Luis Tiant of Boston (252 instead of 179) and Bill Schroeder of Milwaukee (334 at-bats instead of 250).

#### HOUSTON IS BEST OF BEST

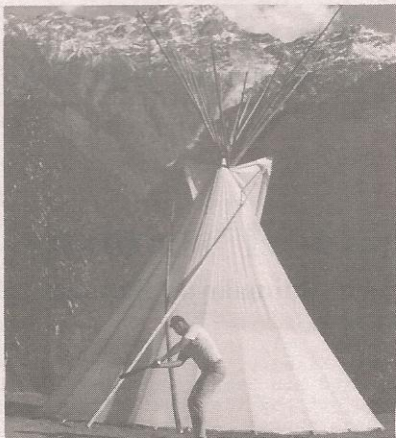
In the World Series, Boston won the first three games and it appeared a sweep was in the making. But Houston reeled off three wins in a row, forcing a seventh and final game.

It was J.R. Richard for Houston and Dennis Eckersley for Boston. Cesar Cedeno hit a two-run homer in the first and Houston never trail-

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THERE SHE GOES...





ed. A four-run bottom of the eighth, keyed by Davis's three-run double, finished off the Red Sox. Final score: Houston 6, Boston 2.

Cedeno was the Series and N.L. Most Valuable Player. In the Series he batted .333 (9-27), with two home runs and two doubles, six RBI and a stolen base.

### WALKIN' WILLIES

From a statistical standpoint, Bejach noticed that both Willie McCovey and Willie Stargell had low RBI totals. McCovey had 50 homers and 99 RBI, while Stargell had 49 homers and 100 RBI.

Not bad RBI totals - just not as many as expected from the duo.

Bejach's strategy of walking the Willies whenever danger loomed explains why the RBI totals were not greater. McCovey drew 56 - yes, 56! - intentional walks from Bejach. And Stargell got a free pass 34 times.

Bejach admits to having a penchant for intentionally walking power hitting left-handed batters. Conversely, Mark McGwire, the league's home run king with 55, was walked intentionally only four times.

Standings and leaders:

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

	Won-Lost	GB
Boston	94 68	-
New York	92 70	2
Baltimore	84 78	10
Minnesota	78 84	16
Oakland	76 86	18
Detroit	75 87	19
Milwaukee	73 89	21
California	71 91	23
Kansas City	67 95	27

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

	Won-Lost	GB
Houston	104 58	-
Los Angeles	99 63	5
New York	90 72	14
San Francisco	86 76	18
St. Louis	84 78	20
Cincinnati	80 82	24
Chicago	74 88	30
Atlanta	67 95	37
Pittsburgh	64 98	40

#### World Series

Houston d.
Boston, 0-5,
4-5, 4-6, 7-1
7-3, 5-3, 6-2
<u>AL MVP</u>
McGwire OAK
<u>AL Cy Young</u>
Blue OAK
<u>NL MVP</u>
Cedeno HOU
<u>NL Cy Young</u>
Gibson SL

#### AL Batting

Carew MIN	.356
Brett KC	.333
Mattingly NY	.311
Winfield NY	.307

#### AL Home Runs

McGwire OAK	55
R.Jackson OAK	40
Nettles NY	38
Rice BOS	38

#### AL RBI

McGwire OAK	124
Rice BOS	116
Grich CAL	95
R.Jackson OAK	95

#### H: Carew MIN

211

#### AL ERA

Clemens BOS

#### AL Wins

Blue OAK

#### 2B: Trammell DET

45

Blue OAK

2.45

Clemens BOS

19

#### 3B: Cowens KC

13

Guidry NY

2.68

Guidry NY

19

#### Puckett MIN

13

McNally BAL

2.75

Tiant BOS

18

#### SB: R.Henderson NY

68

#### Strikeouts

Blue OAK

#### Saves

Plesac MIL

32

#### IP: Blue OAK

272

Blue OAK

272

Quisenberry KC

24

#### CG: Blue OAK

22

Guidry NY

269

Perranoski MIN

21

#### SH: Blue OAK

6

Ryan CAL

269

#### NL Batting

Cedeno HOU	.338
J.Torre SL	.324
Garr ATL	.327
McGee SL	.323

#### NL Home Runs

McCovey SF	50
Stargell PIT	49
Strawberry NY	44
Aaron ATL	42
B.Williams CHI	42

#### NL RBI

B.Williams CHI	104
Aaron ATL	102
Stargell PIT	100
McCovey SF	99
Strawberry NY	96

#### H: McGee SL

207

#### NL ERA

M.Scott HOU

2.18

Sutton LA

23

#### 2B: Concepcion CIN

42

Sutton LA

2.32

Gibson SL

22

#### 3B: Garr ATL

25

Dierker HOU

2.51

Gooden NY

20

#### SB: Moreno PIT

72

Richard HOU

2.59

Marichal SF

19

#### NL Wins

Sutton LA

Gibson SL

Gooden NY

Dierker HOU

Marichal SF

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# Review soon will be raising prices

The Review, like everything else these days, is having to increase its prices. It's been almost three years - maybe longer - since the Review had to increase the monthly rates for a newsletter that's devoted exclusively to S-O-M happenings.

Next March will mark 20 years of publishing the Review; an amazing feat when it's considered the Review has been a hobby - labor of love would be a more apt description - all those years.

The current co-editors, Warren and Del Newell, have been putting out the Review most of that time. Del Newell was a partner when the Review was founded. Dave Thompson and Mike Allison were the others.

## UNDER A DOLLAR PER ISSUE

The new prices will go into effect in January, 1991. The flyers that go out with every card order from Strat-O-Matic will be changed to reflect the price increases.

You, as a current subscriber, can still renew under the old prices if you do it before January. You can add on to your current subscription, too.

Even with the increase, the Review can still be purchased for an average of 91 cents per month, which includes third-class mailing. There are still very few things you can buy for less than a \$1 today.

Okay, here are those new prices:

### CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES

<u>No.</u>	<u>Months</u>	<u>New Cost</u>		<u>Per Issue</u>		<u>Increase Per Issue</u>
3	--	\$4.50	--	\$1.50	--	+ 25 cents
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First-class mailing will be 25 cents extra per month. If the U.S. Postal Service increases its rates, as it is supposed to do in early 1991, then first-class mailing will go up accordingly.

Those who subscribe, or renew, between now and January will can pay 25 cents per month extra for first-class mailing. Renewals that affect first-class mailing will be limited to one year.

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Bernstine carried 15 times...and averaged 9.1 yards!

## Charger back has newest all-world card

Last month the Review listed the corrections for the 1990 football card set.

Quarterback Ken O'Brien of the New York Jets had additions in the flat pass column when the receiver was double-teamed (+2 on dice roll #6 and +3 on #7). And Willie Anderson, receiver for the Los Angeles Rams, should have had +78 on long pass, #10, guessed right as well as guessed wrong, where it was correct.

Strat-O-Matic has reprinted both cards in corrected form and will send them to gamers. Write the game company (Strat-O-Matic Game Co., Inc., 46 Railroad Plaza, Glen Head, NY 11545) if interested.

### WHO IS THAT CHARGER?

Statistical purists probably blanched when they got a look at the running card for Rod Bernstine, blocking back for San Diego.

Bernstine, because he was primarily a blocking back, only carried the ball 15 times. But he averaged a whopping 9.1 yards per attempt. And his S-O-M card reflects that.

Running off-tackle, Bernstine has 23 short gain chances (out of 36 card chances) guessed wrong. Running outside he's even more dangerous. Guessed wrong, he has 16 short gain chances and also pickups of 30 yards (#4), 25 (#7), 27 (#10), 19 (#11) and 32 (#12).

That's a total of 31 big-play chances, out of 36, on end runs.

Now the next dilemma is how will Bernstine be utilized? Will he be banned from draft leagues because of too few carries? Or will he be included the same as runners with 150 to 300 carries?

Below is the Rod Bernstine all-world card and also Seattle's short

### SEATTLE DEFENSE ADVANCED

SHORT PASS		LONG PASS	
3 MEN	4 MEN	0 MEN	1 MAN
2.+16, 2 X, 3-12		2.L.G. 2-5 X, 6-12	
3.+12		3.Long Gain	
4.+14	+14	4.	
5.		5.Long Gain	
6.+13	+13	6.receiver to receiver	
7.defender X or +15	defender X or +15	7.	
8.receiver	receiver	8.defender X or +25 long gain	
9.		9.defensive back in zone X or +28 long gain	
10.receiver	receiver	10.receiver	receiver
11.Long Gain		11.	
12.+15		12.	

and long pass defensive card, which has no interceptions, even with four men in the short pass zone and receiver double-teamed going long.

### ROD BERNSTINE RUNNING CARD

### BLOCKING BACK SAN DIEGO

LINEBACK			OFF TACKLE			END RUN		
RIGHT	WRONG	KEYED	RIGHT	WRONG	KEYED	RIGHT	WRONG	KEYED
2.+2	Short Gain	-1	2.-4	+5	-5	2.-3	+3	-4
3.-2	+2	-3	3.-4	+3	-5	3.-1	+30	-2
4.-1	+3	-1	4.-4	Short Gain	-5	4.-8	+30	-9
5.F.-2	F.-1	F.-3	5.F.-4	F.-2	F.-5	5.F.-8	F.-0	F.-9
2,6,11,12	2,6,11,12	2,6,11,12	2,6,11,12	2,6,11,12	2,6,11,12	2,6,11,12	2,6,11,12	2,6,11,12
-2,7-10	+1,7-10		-4,7-10			0,7-10		
6.0	+8	-1	6.-4	Short Gain	-5	6.-7	Short Gain	-8
7.-2	+6	-3	7.-4	+30 (+27)	-5	7.-7	+25 (+21)	-8
8.-2	+4	-3	8.-4	Short Gain	-5	8.-6	Short Gain	-7
9.-1	+5	-2	9.-4	+28	-5	9.-6	Short Gain	-7
10.0	0 (+9)	-1	10.-4	Short Gain	-5	10.-8	+27	-9
11.-2	Short Gain	-3	11.-4	Short Gain	-5	11.0	+19	-1
12.+1	Short Gain	-1	12.-4	+1	-5	12.0	+32	-1

ATTEMPTS	YARDS	1989 RUSHING RECORD AVERAGE	LONGEST	TOUCHDOWNS
15	137	9.1	32	1

YO, INTERCEPTIONS?

BERNSTINE = 9.1 YARDS PER RUSH!

# Watson churns out computer replay

## He has more replay sequels than Rambo, Rocky

Rocky and Rambo move over - Stan Watson has more Strat-O-Matic computer replays than you have sequels. And just as much action, too.

Watson, who's probably played more S-O-M computer baseball games than anyone outside of the game company - and maybe most of its employees, too - has made it No. 6 and counting when it comes to National League replays.

His latest endeavor was the 1983 real-life season. "That brings my list of solitaire computer (Apple manual) replays to 1983 through 1988," says Watson, who lives in Sacramento, CA.

Watson did admit that his gaming was slowed somewhat (his latest replay took two years) by the birth of his first child, a daughter, Kelsey.

"I have found playing time somewhat diminished, but certainly not abolished," says Watson. "I suppose my next concern should be getting my S-O-M cards high enough to stay out of the curious hands of a little one."

### PIRATES, DODGERS DIVISION WINNERS

Watson reports that the '83-season replay had two exciting races, with both the Los Angeles Dodgers and Pittsburgh clinching on the last day of the season.

The Dodgers' winning was true to real-life, although it was Philadelphia's "Wheez Kids" who coughed and gasped their way into first in the East, not the Pirates.

"The teams in the West finished in precisely the same order as in real life," points out Watson. "The teams in the East were identical except for the Phillies in fourth bumping the three teams ahead of them up a notch. Thus you could say only one team, the Phillies, failed to finish in its true life standing."

Statistically the replay was also a success, although Watson admits having to use players beyond their real-life at-bats and innings. "The lack of extra players in 1983, but now available by the game company, was the reason for many inflated performances for many players," says Watson.

### TOUGH CHOICE FOR CY YOUNG

Watson also admits to scratching his head more than a few times when it came to selecting the Cy Young winner at the end of the season. So difficult was the decision, that Watson called on "other knowledgeable gamers" for their opinions.

When the opinions were in, so was Mario Soto of Cincinnati, who beat out the other finalists - Alejandro Pena, Joe Niekro, Nolan Ryan and Craig McMurtry - for the honor. Dale Murphy (.321, 44 home runs, 139 RBI, 127 runs scored) was the MVP and that was easy for Watson.

Soto's numbers were: 2.77 ERA, 18-13 record, 293 strikeouts in 296 innings. Again the lack of players forced Watson to use Soto more than his actual 274 innings. Soto was 17-13 with a 2.70 ERA and 242 strikeouts in real life.

### TOO MANY TRIPLES

Although most of the inflated stats could be attributed to the shortage of players, Watson felt the number of triples crossed over the line of "reasonableness."

The league ERA was 3.80, slightly higher than the actual 3.63, but  
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triples were up a whopping 27 percent, from 484 to 654 in the replay. "I don't know if there is a simple solution to this problem," writes Watson, "but I think eliminating triple chances on the pitchers' cards, or severely cutting down those chances, would be a great place to start."

### WATSON WITNESSES A 'PERFECTO'

Two things that Watson will always remember about the '83 replay are a perfect game - Watson's first - hurled by Pittsburgh's Jose DeLeon, and a rookie by the name of Darryl Strawberry cracking 32 home runs.

Strawberry, in fact, has now played in all of Watson's replays and has a six-year home run total of 202, three ahead of Mike Schmidt and eight in front of Murphy on the all-time list.

DeLeon pitched his gem against Chicago. He almost lost it in the ninth when pinch-hitter Carmelo Martinez rolled a 1-7 (HR 1-9, FlyB-1f 10-20). The split was a "16" and DeLeon had his perfecto.

Tony Gwynn won the batting title with a .333 average (he had enough at-bats to qualify in the replay). Gwynn also became one of the few to win the batting title...without hitting even one home run.

### PIRATES DOWN DODGERS

The N.L. playoff turned out to be one-sided. Pittsburgh swept Los Angeles in four - 3-2, 5-2, 2-1 in 16 innings, and 3-2 in 15 innings. Kent Tekulve, the Bucs' relief ace, won two games, saved the other two and was playoff MVP.

Pittsburgh's pitching completely shackled L.A.'s hitters. The Pirates had an 0.92 ERA...and L.A. a paltry .159 batting average.

Among the other highlights Watson shared were:

- \* 1983 was Johnny Bench's last season. He hit 14 homers and a team-high 29 doubles.

- \* Ryan, pitching for Houston, lost four out of his first six decisions...and then won 16 of his last 17!

- \* The Dodgers led in stolen bases with 190, with Steve Sax's 62 tops on the team.

- \* Despite Strawberry's exploits (.303, 32 homers, 15 triples), the Mets finished in the basement.

- \* Chuck Rainey of the Cubs had six shutouts...but in his other 29 pitching starts had an 8-14 record and 5.61 ERA.

- \* It's when you score that counts - Pittsburgh had a run differential of +11 (737-726), but was 14 games over .500; Chicago, meanwhile outscored opponents by 12 (730-718), yet was 14 games under .500.

- \* Montreal had an eye-popping 319 doubles.

- \* Pedro Guerrero of L.A. slammed three homers in a game three times.

- \* Houston's Terry Puhl had five hits in a game four times.

- \* Atlanta's Chris Chambliss drove in eight runs in a game against Cincinnati.

- \* Bruce Benedict of Atlanta was injured for 38 days, or one day less than the entire Chicago team.

Standings and leaders:

East	Won-Lost	GB	(Actual)	West	Won-Lost	GB	
Pittsburgh	88	74	-	(84-78)	Los Angeles	96	66 - (91-71)
Montreal	86	76	2	(82-80)	Atlanta	94	68 2 (88-74)
St. Louis	83	79	5	(79-83)	Houston	90	72 6 (85-77)
Philadelphia	81	81	7	(90-72)	San Diego	75	87 21 (81-81)
Chicago	74	88	14	(71-91)	San Francisco	69	93 27 (79-83)
New York	69	93	19	(68-94)	Cincinnati	67	95 29 (74-88)

Batting

Gwynn SD	.333
Horner ATL	.329
Madlock PIT	.327
Guerrero LA	.324
Puhl HOU	.324

Home Runs

Schmidt PHI	44
Murphy ATL	44
Guerrero LA	39
D.Evans SF	32
Strawberry NY	32

RBI

Murphy ATL	139
Schmidt PHI	130
J.Cruz HOU	124
Dawson MON	122
D.Evans SF	121

R: Raines MON 130H: Murphy ATL 202

Ramirez ATL 202

2B: Ray PIT 573B: Durham CHI 17SB: Raines MON 89GWH: Murphy ATL 22ERA

Pena LA	2.39
Ryan HOU	2.59
J.Niekro HOU	2.69
Soto CIN	2.77
Denny PHI	2.78
Knepper HOU	2.99
McMurtry ATL	2.99

Wins

McMurtry ATL	20-11
McWilliams PIT	19-9
Andujar SL	19-13
Ryan HOU	18-5
Soto CIN	18-13
Valenzuela LA	18-15
Carlton PHI	18-16

Strikeouts

Carlton PHI	317
Soto CIN	293
Ryan HOU	238
McWilliams	212
Valenzuela LA	193

<u>GA:</u> Reed PHI	93
<u>SH:</u> Rainey CHI	6
<u>CG:</u> Soto CIN	20
<u>IP:</u> Carlton PHI	298
<u>HRA:</u> Show SD	37

<u>SA:</u> L.Smith CHI	40
Tekulve PIT	38
Sutter SL	35
<u>L:</u> Pastore CIN	19

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## LBMT has first seven-game World Series

## Report is here on Bostock Memorial

The loser one day almost became the big winner the next in the 10th annual Lyman Bostock Memorial Tournament held in Portage, IN, at the Holiday Inn.

James Sanders, the Gary, IN, policeman was, of course, the biggest winner of all, because he again staged the LBMT. And Frank Luisi was the star performer in the lose/win scenario that occurred in the Super Advanced Baseball Tournament.

Luisi, guiding the 1989 A's, lost his first four games in Saturday's mini league play. He then won the rest of his games and qualified for the World Series for the fourth time.

Luisi's opponent was Tom Lynes' '86 Mets. And for the first time in LBMT history, a World Series went the distance, seven games.

"We had never had one go more than five games," said Sanders.

Lynes' Mets won the seventh and final game, spoiling Luisi's rags to riches story somewhat. Five of the games were decided by one run, however, and the seventh game was a 6-4 thriller.

Mookie Wilson of the Mets was the MVP as he batted .444 with six RBI.



JAMES SANDERS (MIDDLE), TOM LYNES (LEFT), FRANK LUISI (RIGHT)



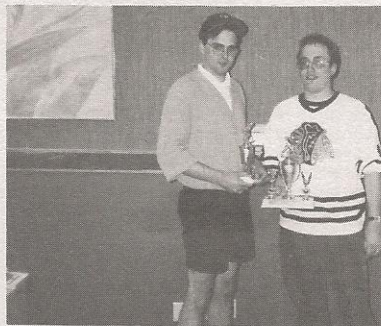
In the LBMT hockey tournament, Andy Peto's 1979 Buffalo Sabres had to also go the distance before edging Chris Grey's '88 Canadiens, 4-3.

Two of the games went overtime as Peto claimed his second LBMT hockey crown.

Buffalo defeated '80 Calgary, 3-0, and Montreal won easily over the '83 Islanders, 3-0, in semi-final matchups.

The LBMT Super Bowl was won by Sanders' longtime friend and playing chum, Joe Craig. His victory was a surprise, for sure, since Craig was directing the '82 Chargers against the defensive-minded '85 Bears, coached by John Gruszka of Rockford, IL.

In a shocker, San Diego mauled the Bears, 26-17, as Dan Fouts passed for 400 yards, completing 22 of 37 throws. Wes Chandler was his favorite target, making six catches for 197 yards.



CHRIS GREY (LEFT), ANDY PETO



JOE CRAIG (LEFT), WITH JAMES SANDERS, JOHN GRUSZKA

Actual teams were used for the football tournament, with teams selected via a number draft. Gruszka had the first pick and chose Chicago.

Craig, nicknamed "Cool Breeze" for his game-playing demeanor, didn't even have one of the top 10 picks. The '84 Dolphins were the second team chosen, followed by the '86 New York Giants, '83 Raiders and '88 Bills.

Craig had a combined record of 7-2 and did not lose a game in the double-elimination playoff rounds. On the way to the Super Bowl, his Chargers charged past '87 Cleveland (30-24), the '86 Bears twice (31-21, 31-24) and '83 Washington (36-30).

There also was a consolation baseball tournament and Sanders reports that Eddie Summers' 1956 Yankees defeated John Sanders' '68 Tigers, 4-3, in the final.

"Once again a great time was had by all in attendance," said Sanders. The trophies were again supplied by the Strat-O-Matic Game Co.

Only sad note of the weekend-long fun trip was that Ron (Mad Dog) Brammer of Kansas City, Sanders' good friend and football foe, was unable to attend the tournament. Brammer is battling cancer. "He was greatly missed by all," said Sanders.

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# Readers roll 'em

## MORE FULL-SEASON REPLAYS

Keep up the good work, though I would much prefer to read more reports of full-season replays, etc., instead of draft leagues and isolated games.

Given the sophisticated innovations in S-O-M games - clutch hitting, ballpark effects, etc. - how accurate are they? I suspect uncannily so, but I'd enjoy some full-season (non-draft mode) reports.

Also, how about some pieces about the math behind the games?

Lastly, for what it's worth, I'm a charter subscriber (Memphis, TN, was my original address) who dropped the Review and S-O-M to attend college in 1974, picked both back up in 1980 (East Hartford, CT), only to drop again (for Ph.D. work) and then returned in 1988.

The consistent quality at such a low price continues to impress me.

BILL ANDERSON JR.  
Grove City, PA

## MORE WORK ON 'OUTS'

It seems like every issue I read about someone's concerns that S-O-M should add, change, or delete some area of its baseball game.

Personally I love the game and like most of the newer innovations.

However, I think it's time to sit back and allow some time to carefully examine all the innovations. Maybe there are too many and have too big an effect on the resultant stats, detracting from its basic purpose of recreating a baseball game, including hits, walks, errors and outs.

Will Wally Joyner really hit .282 in a simulated replay of the Angels' 1989 season, with 30 doubles, 16 homers, 46 walks and three stolen bases when his performance on the cardboard field is so dependent on clutch hitting chances, ballpark effects,

fielders' abilities, weather effects, wild pitches, balks, etc., etc.?

There is one area I would like to see S-O-M work on, though. The outs.

Baseball is a strange game in that someone is unsuccessful 75% of the time and is considered good. And S-O-M tries its best to formulate cards that will re-create that 25% accurately.

But what about that other 75%? Is it handled accurately and realistically? For the most part I think it is. But it could be better.

As a gamer I try to use the outs in a positive way. And even better use could be made of those outs if S-O-M made more use of the "groundball C" results on the hitter's card.

I'd like to see some lefty hitters that tend to pull the ball with a few "gb 2b C" results to move runners over to third from second. And the same with a few righty hitters who are adept at hitting to the right side.

Maybe split results like "gb 2b B/C" could be used where one result is used with the infield back, no runner on third, etc., and the other used with the infield in, a runner being held on, etc.

This is the type of innovation that wouldn't hurt the flow of play with extra rolls, isn't a decision-making option, and would make better and more realistic use of the outs.

TOM FISH  
Fontana, CA

## BRING BACK SACKS

I have been a fan of the Strat-O-Matic football games and baseball games for 10 years.

I have always wondered why did S-O-M take the sacks off the quarterback cards in the basic game? At least that way they were proportional to the teams' pass protection abilities.

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Now when playing a season, Don Marino has just as much chance to get sacked as the Cardinals' Gary Hogeboom. Something is amiss here.

I believe a return to the sacks on the quarterback cards would make the basic game viable again. This has been a very discouraging point for me.

WINSOR COOPER II  
Logan, UT

**Editor's note:** When the football game was changed in 1982, S-O-M took "pass rush" off the quarterback's card and put it only on the defensive cards. "The same (quarterback) card was used for the basic and advanced games," says James Williams of S-O-M. "The way the game was restructured, we had to take sacks off the quarterback's card in the basic."

#### LIKES ALL S-O-M CARDS

I want to express a couple of favorable opinions about the cards of all Strat-O-Matic games.

First, I am very pleased at the way the hockey cards have arrived both in 1989 and 1990. I remember when they wouldn't arrive until late September or even in October after the NHL season had started.

It is great to have time to look over the cards and form game plans before the season starts.

I agree with the idea that some areas of the game should be improved, however.

A system is needed to distinguish players such as Gretzky and Lemieux from "ordinary" players in the passing column. Perhaps a "dazzler-like" feature is the answer.

I also would like to see some past season NHL teams printed. Being a fan of the Montreal Canadiens, I would love to see some of their many great seasons printed, including the 1956 to 1960 seasons when they were among

the greatest teams ever.

I would like to comment on the perforation of the cards that began a few years ago. Please do not stop. I recently bought some of the past-season reprints and spent much time on getting all of the edges to match. It takes valuable time to do this and I could be enjoying the cards instead of cutting them.

I further feel that this somewhat explains why the orders arrive sooner now.

In general, I am extremely satisfied with the service and products from Strat. Keep trying to improve and keep up the good work.

T.B. AUSTIN  
Roanoke, VA

**Editor's note:** Since S-O-M has gone to perforated card sheets, the cards have been arriving much earlier. All the collating (putting the individual player cards into teams) has been done away with, saving a tremendous amount of time. There still can be a problem in getting cards back from the printer early, but that's an age-old problem.

#### HAND COMPUTER

The Review has mentioned using a hand computer in playing Strat-O-Matic Baseball to generate dice rolls, split numbers, etc.

Can you send me information about how you use them?

What did you buy? How much do they cost? Anything else?

Sounds interesting - I'd like to know more about it.

KEITH MILLER  
Willard, OH

**Editor's note:** The Greater Kal-amazoo Strat-O-Matic League uses pocket computers purchased from Radio Shack (cost was \$40-50 three years ago, probably higher now). Each is programmed to generate the equivalent of dice rolls. We will dig out the program and present it next month.

# Canadian league starts 20th season

## It's largest, longest-running face-to-face football conference

Birthday time is coming up for the Canadian Strat-O-Matic Football League, the longest and largest face-to-face league in the S-O-M world.

The upcoming season will be No. 20 for Allan Ropchan and the gang from the Edmonton area and again the coaching lineup is filled to capacity with 28 tabletop sideline strategists.

"Our last season (based on 1988 real-life) was a real barnburner," says Ropchan, the CSFL's founding father. "Our final championship game was unbelievable!

"As usual, yours truly was taking care of 'non-playing duties' as the Cowboys stayed on the outside looking in." Ropchan, who used to be about as successful with his CSFL teams as Jimmy Johnson was at Miami, has fallen with the Cowboys on hard times of late.

### CHAMP COMES FROM NFC WEST, BUT...

The CSFL's Strato Bowl champ came from the National Football Conference's West Division - but it wasn't San Francisco. The real-life kings were only 8-8 and failed to make the playoffs.

It was Brent Schumacher's Los Angeles Rams who replaced 'Frisco at the top. The Rams had a 13-3 record and defeated Chicago and the New York Giants in the playoffs, before meeting Cincinnati, real-life Super Bowl runner-up, in the Strato Bowl showdown.

Gary Kinloch guided the Bengals to a perfect 16-0 regular-season - only the third time in CSFL history that feat has been accomplished - and playoff wins over Buffalo and Houston.

The Strato Bowl was a classic.

"Never before has the bowl game set such high marks for excitement, interest, good play-calling and a surprise ending," says Ropchan.

Los Angeles led 23-21 late in the fourth quarter of a see-saw thriller. Cincinnati marched down to the Rams' four as the clock wound down. A sure-shot field goal? Or punch in a touchdown so that L.A. would have to score a TD to win?

Cincinnati ran the ball to eat up the clock and L.A.'s timeouts. No gain. The next play was again a run...but this time the ball was fumbled and the Rams recovered! Final score: 23-21.

### KINLOCH IS COACH OF YEAR

For his feat of directing the Bengals to a perfect regular season, Kinloch was chosen Coach of the Year. Cincinnati also had the best offense, producing 670 points in 16 games, while Darren Geeluk (Kansas City) was Rookie Coach of the Year, Jim Riddel of the 49ers was the recipient of the Hard Luck Award and Ropchan was honored with the Service Award.

Gautem Rao, coach of Seattle, accepted the Best Defense award after the Seahawks gave up only 199 points.

All the awards, incidentally, were presented at the CSFL's annual post-season bash, which again took place at Edmonton Kingsway Inn Ballroom.

Ropchan handled the master of ceremonies role with his usual aplomb. There was comedy, lampoons of the coaches and teams...and, finally, the long-awaited awards ceremonies.

### Standings:

<u>NFC West</u>	<u>Won-Lost</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>Won-Lost</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>Won-Lost</u>
Los Angeles	13 3	Minnesota	12 4	N.Y. Giants	12 4
San Francisco	8 8	Chicago	11 5	Philadelphia	10 6
New Orleans	8 8	Detroit	8 8	Phoenix	8 8

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<u>NFC West con't</u>	<u>Won-Lost</u>	<u>Central con't</u>	<u>East con't</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Atlanta *	7 8	Green Bay **	Washington	8	8

\* - One tie; \*\* - Two ties.

<u>AFC West</u>	<u>Won-Lost</u>	<u>AFC Central</u>	<u>Won-Lost</u>	<u>AFC East</u>	<u>Won-Lost</u>
Seattle	14 2	Cincinnati	16 0	Buffalo	12 4
Denver	6 10	Houston	9 7	Indianapolis	10 6
L.A. Raiders	5 11	Cleveland	8 8	NY Jets	8 8
Kansas City	4 12	Pittsburgh	2 14	New England *	5 10
San Diego	0 16			Miami	5 11

\* - One tie.

<u>TOP FIVE OFFENSE</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>TOP FIVE DEFENSE</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
1. Cincinnati	670	1. Seattle	199
2. Seattle	491	2. Minnesota	229
3. LA Rams	465	3. NY Giants	232
4. Philadelphia	448	4. San Diego	250
5. Minnesota	436	5. LA Rams	300

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## Armchair Football conducts phone draft

### Even individual linemen are selected in this PBM league

The NFL's brightest stars were only an arm's length away when draft day was held in the Armchair Football League. Or, better put, a phone cord's length away.

The AFL, a play-by-mail league that drafts individual players for everything except the team defensive cards, held the draft for its fourth season all by phone.

Commissioner Joe Hornback, a chiropractor in Phoenix, AZ, conducted the whole draft via Alexander Graham Bell's invention. He personally called each coach for his picks.

#### DRAFTING FOR THE FUTURE

The AFL is a 12-team league that heard its birth cry in 1987. That first season, six teams drafted from eight NFL teams and played a 10-game schedule.

Eventually enough coaches were added to make it 12, the pool of teams drafted from was doubled to 16 and a 14-game schedule was played.

"Prior to every season, the teams draft from the unowned players from the 16 pool teams," says Hornback.

"To diversify the draft, each team is allowed to retain the rights to any player who has never received a S-O-M card as their future. This future can be from any NFL team. The future remains a future until he gets a card, as is the case with San Diego's future pick of last year, Timm Rosenbach."

All players, even offensive and defensive linemen, are drafted individually. Rosters after the draft consist of 45 active players, with one inactive and one future.

The recent draft via the phone was highlighted by Dennis Martin, coach of the San Diego Hawks, traveling from San Diego and dropping in on draft headquarter's (Hornback's home). League statistician Dave Kruper was also present and for the third straight year 'he crafted a draft board and put players under each team as the draft unfolded. This really gave it a 'draft day atmosphere,' says Hornback.

A color-coded draft board also made it easier to tell who was having a good and bad draft.

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Here's how the AFL drafted in the first round for this season:

1 - Bobby Humphrey	7 - Chris Martin
2 - Derrick Thomas	8 - Donnell Woolford
3 - Steve Atwater	9 - Eric Ball
4 - Dave Meggett	10 - Hart Lee Dykes
5 - Rodney Peete	11 - Jeff Uhlenhake
6 - Sammie Smith	12 - Louis Oliver

Now for those 1990 future selections:

Round	Pick	
4	1	- Blair Thomas
4	4	- Keith McCants
4	5	- Jeff George
5	5	- Darrell Thompson
5	9	- Anthony Thompson
6	6	- Rob Moore
8	2	- Richmond Webb
11	11	- Rodney Hampton
12	8	- Anthony Smith
13	2	- Junior Seau
16	1	- Cortez Kennedy
1989 rights retained:		Timm Rosenbach



DRAFT DAY PARTICIPANTS, FROM LEFT:  
DENNIS MARTIN, JOE HORNBACK, DAVE KRUPER

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In the Armchair Football League's most recent season, based on the 1988 cards, coach Cory Ridgway's Princeton Triangles met Jim Keenan's Chicago Blast. Princeton, ironically, was guided at quarterback by Jim McMahon, Chicago's real-life QB.

A 64-yard punt return by Leo Lewis and an interception set up Princeton's first two touchdowns over favored Chicago and its QB Boomer Esiason.

Two McMahon to Mike Haynes' touchdown passes (23 and 62 yards, the latter on a flat pass that turned Chicago's cornerback on that side into a phantom) in the second half iced a 28-13 over the stunned Blast.

Esiason did complete 22 of 35 passes for 263 yards as the Blast had a 312-269 total yardage advantage. But the Blast also had four turnovers.

In semifinal games of the playoffs, Chicago had subdued Central Iowa Liberty, 16-12, as Stephone Paige caught five passes for 106 yards for the Blast; and Princeton routed Illinois, 32-13. McMahon connected on 22 of 43 passes for 310 yards.

Standings and leaders:

East	Won-Lost	Central	Won-Lost	West	Won-Lost
Princeton	9 5	Illinois	10 4	Mesa	11 3
Philadelphia	8 6	Chicago	9 5	Southwest	8 6
Jersey	4 10	Central Iowa	9 5	San Diego	6 8
Rahway	1 13	Northfield	4 10	Tulsa	5 9

Interceptions		Sacks		Punt Return	No.	Avg.	TD
Lott MESA	10	Fletcher TUL	15	J.Taylor CENT	49	16.9	6
Woodson CHI	9	Taylor JER	14.5	Kickoff Return			
		Haley SD	14.5	T.Brown MESA	36	27.3	1

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<u>AFL Rushing</u>	<u>Att-Yds.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Receiving</u>	<u>No.-Yds.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TD</u>
Walker MESA	360 1511	4.2	9	Lang RAH	118 689	5.8	0
Dickerson ILL	369 1467	4.0	8	Holohan PRIN	78 753	9.7	5
Craig SW	303 1299	4.3	8	Rice TUL	76 1524	20.1	17
Woods PHIL	198 1124	5.7	4	Slaughter JER	66 1481	22.4	3
Settle CEN	191 1019	5.3	8	A.Carter ILL	66 1505	22.8	10

<u>Passing</u>	<u>Att-Comp.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TD-Int.</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Esiason CHI	379 206	54.4	3243	8.56	24 16	86.55
Simms MESA	467 234	50.1	3209	6.87	27 11	81.93
Montana TUL	397 193	48.6	2702	6.81	22 11	77.88
W.Wilson CEN	317 176	55.5	1850	5.84	14 9	75.56
McMahon PRIN	202 118	58.4	1199	5.94	7 6	74.67
Marino SW	488 252	51.6	3296	6.75	27 20	74.62

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## One more football correction

One more correction is needed on Strat-O-Matic's new set of pro football cards.

Thurman Thomas, running back for the Buffalo Bills, needs a couple of changes on end run.

In the guessed right column, change the following:

\* #4 - Change +3 to +5

\* #7 - Change +6 to +5

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## Hockey cards are 'clean'

There's only one minor correction needed for Strat-O-Matic's new hockey card set. Actually, it's not even a card correction, as much as a correction on the statistics listed at the bottom of the card.

The player who needs the minor alteration is Mark Fitzpatrick, goalie for the New York Islanders. Fitzpatrick's goals against and average are the same, 3.39. He gave up 150 goals, according to S-O-M. So please make the change.

"That's the only correction needed that we are aware of," says Steve Barkan of the game company.

A clean set of cards, in other words.

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## Pictures wanted for S-O-M leagues,

Calling all Strat-O-Matic leagues and gamers!

The Review would like to see what you look like, so how about sending along some photos of yourself and your playing chums?

The October issue had more photos, except for "opening day" at the game company, than usual. And that's good.

We don't care if you look like Tom Cruise - or if a female, Bert Parks has been singing about you - wear a hockey mask, or live in a swamp, if you're playing S-O-M, we'd like to associate faces with leagues and replays, etc.

The idea is to more a face, along with personality, to the many replays, guest columns and playing tips the Review receives every month.

Photos will be returned. Just enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope large enough to accomodate the art work.

## Adding new dimension to long gain

If it's long, long gains and medium long gains you're looking for in Strat-O-Matic Football, here's a medium old playing tip you might be interested in.

Contributed by David de la Fuente, Kent, OH, sometime in the early 1980s, the chart provides for a variety of long gain results. "With this chart," says de la Fuente, "every possible result from 30 to 70 yards (plus touchdowns) is represented.

"It's logically organized, with the two-dice result indicating the basic result and the single die allowing for some variance in the results."

Some results will occur more frequently, as would be expected with the multiple dice roll. A 41-yard gain, for example, comes up 15 times out of 216 chances, while a 35-yard gain comes up only five times out of 216. "The variety in the chart makes up for that," according to de la Fuente.

"I want to reinforce that this chart is statistically exactly the same as the old chart - over the long run, long gains will average the same amount."

<u>COLORED</u>	<u>DIE</u>		<u>WHITE</u>	<u>DIE</u>	<u>RESULT</u>			
<u>2</u>	-	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD
<u>3</u>	-	+60	+61	+62	+63	+64	+65	
<u>4</u>	-	+45	+46	+47	+48	+49	+50	
<u>5</u>	-	+40	+41	+42	+43	+44	+45	
<u>6</u>	-	+30	+31	+32	+33	+34	+35	
<u>7</u>	-	+36	+37	+38	+39	+40	+41	
<u>8</u>	-	+41	+42	+43	+44	+45	+46	
<u>9</u>	-	+48	+49	+50	+51	+52	+53	
<u>10</u>	-	+54	+55	+56	+57	+58	+59	
<u>11</u>	-	+65	+66	+67	+68	+69	+70	
<u>12</u>	-	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	TD	

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## Questions & Answers

**QUESTION:** Super advanced hit and run results in a BMP (batter misses pitch). The instructions state to pick a card for steal results. Does it mean (1) to go through the stealing process? Can a (2) balk, wild pitch and passed ball occur when using hit-and-run strategy? If S-O-M means to just pick a card for the steal results, (3) do you use the good lead (first number) or the bad lead (second number) for obtaining results?

**ANSWER:** S-O-M's answers: (1) Yes; (2) Yes; (3) Roll and see if runner got a good lead to determine which number to use.



# Strat-O-Matic league, replay scene

CORONA HOCKEY LEAGUE - Face-to-face, continuous draft league that calls Corona, NY, home and has completed two 48-game seasons...Rosters have 28 players and 20 dress each game...Jose Morel is commissioner; Beto Almonte president...Eight of nine teams qualify for playoffs... Montreal Maroons, coached by John Cranco, made up for lackluster regular season by winning Stanley Cup - after just qualifying in last spot...Maroons made other teams see red by winning 12 of 15 playoff games, including three in overtime. Defeated New York Nighthawks in semifinals, after never beating the 'Hawks in two years during regular season...Whipped NY Rangers in four straight Stanley Cup games, holding Steve Yzerman to mere three assists...Montreal featured Wayne Gretzky (third in MVP voting, tops in penalty killing goals with 24), Guy Carboneau, Brett Hull and Steve Duchesne, leading scorer among defensemen with 68 points (8 goals/60 assists)...New York Rangers had three first-round draft picks and five in first two rounds...Jarri Kurri of Nighthawks led CHL in scoring (88/35-123) and was second in MVP voting to Boston's Mario Lemieux. Nighthawks won seven of last nine games to finish first...Bernie Nichols led Edmonton Spoilers as he was second in scoring (85/29-114), first in short-handed goals (26) and tied for first with nine game-winning goals...Nichols once had seven goals and four assists in 14-7 romp past New Jersey...St. Louis' Moe Mantha had 17 goals - tops for a defenseman - 15 of 'em coming on the power play...Boston had CHL's MVP (Lemieux, 59/35-94), Vezina Trophy winner (Kelly Krudey (13-5-1, 3.53) and best defensive forward (Ken Linseman)...Doug Wilson, acquired in trade by Buffalo with New Jersey, won Norris Trophy as best defenseman. Buffalo was up 3-0 over Nighthawks in playoffs - and then dropped next four games...New Jersey showed improvement, going from one win first year to 14 this season. As a result, Jason Cuevas was voted coach of the year...Defending champ was Los Angeles Lovers, who never got untracked and wound up with sub-.500 record.

Standings and leaders:

	Won	Lost	Ties	Points
New York Nighthawks (Danny Campovere)	28	16	4	60
St. Louis Devils (Danny Miller)	28	17	3	59
New York Rangers (Mark McGlynn)	26	18	4	56
Boston Shamrocks (Billy Farley)	25	20	3	53
Edmonton Spoilers (Mike Gurriero)	26	22	0	52
Los Angeles Lovers (Gigi Vano)	21	25	2	44
Montreal Maroons (John Cranco)	21	26	1	43
Buffalo Bullies (John Gurriero)	15	30	3	33
New Jersey Krylons (Jason Cuevas)	14	30	4	32

Playoffs: First round - Montreal d. St. Louis, 4-1; NY Nighthawks d. Buffalo, 4-3; Edmonton d. Boston, 4-3; NY Rangers d. Los Angeles, 4-1. Semifinals - Montreal d. NY Nighthawks, 4-1; NY Rangers d. Edmonton, 4-1. Stanley Cup - Montreal d. NY Rangers, 4-0.

Scoring	G/A/Pts.	Goals	Assists
Kurri NYN	88/35/123	Kurri NYN 88	Olczyk NYN 68
Nichols EDM	85/29/114	Nichols EDM 85	Duchesne MON 60
Gretzky MON	60/40/100	Gretzky MON 60	Messier EDM 51
Yzerman NYR	59/46/100	Lemieux BOS 59	Broton NYN 51
Lemieux BOS	59/35/94	Yzerman NYR 54	Wilson NJ/BUF 50

PP Goals	SH Goals	Shooting %	Goals-Against	Avg.
Gretzky MON 24	Nichols EDM 26	Kurri NYN 48.1	Hrudey BOS	3.53
Yzerman NYR 18	Kurri NYN 16	Nichols EDM 34.6	Tugnutt SL	3.64
Lemieux BOS 17	Gretzky MON 13	Mantha SL 29.3	Casey NYN	3.89
			Takko SL	3.89
			Roy BOS	3.94





# Advertisements

Rates per issue are as follows: 25 words or less - \$1.00; 26-50 words - \$2.00; 51-75 words - \$3.00; 75-100 words - \$4.00. When sending in ads, specify either **WANTED**, **FOR SALE**, **FOR TRADE**, **LEAGUES**, or **CONTEST**. And name card sets by the year upon which they were based. Note also that only advertising for Strat-O-Matic products, or closely related merchandise, will be accepted and that merchandise competing with S-O-M products may not be offered for sale. Only if S-O-M gives permission in writing will a questionable ad be printed in the Review. Also, no photo-copied or reprinted cards should ever be offered for sale. Ads, to be included in the next issue, must be in to the Review by the third of the previous month. Late ads will be held over for inclusion the next month.

## Wanted

**WANTED:** Basketball - 1984-85 Indiana Pacers. Basic 10 cards needed; extras optional. Offers to: John Cochrane, 3056 S. Woodrow, Arlington, VA 22206

**WANTED:** S-O-M Hockey teams. I am desperately looking for the following cards: 1986-87 additions, 1984-85 and 1985-86 seasons players cards. I will pay the price wanted (within reason). Send phone number with replies (I won't call collect). I am also looking for a hockey league that will accept a European coach. Rick Lunardi, Hannoversche Str 14, 4930 Detmold, West Germany (01049-5231-27334)

## For Sale

**FOR SALE:** Baseball schedules. Great for S-O-M replays. Every season available. \$1 per season and SASE per order. Richard Breest, 1332 Greenlea Drive, Holiday, FL 34691

**FOR SALE:** Have 1969 card set complete (minus two Red Sox). Cards are well played. Blowout price, \$95. That's \$4 a team. Have more cards. Send SASE for list. Call 201-991-6823 to confirm.

**FOR SALE:** All Super Bowl winners, except 1966 Green Bay, '84 San Francisco, '85 Chicago, '86 New York and '87 Washington. Selling as complete unit. Best offer by

October 31. Also, 1988 Bears, Bills, Bengals, \$2.50 each. Contact: Matt VanderMolen, 821 Piedmont SE, Winter Haven, FL 33880

**FOR SALE:** Teams...over 1300 from 1927-1988. Assorted cards...over 35,000 from 1927-1989. Complete sets...over 25 from 1969-1988. Storage boxes...specially designed for Strat-O-Matic cards. For a complete list of teams and other S-O-M related items, send a SASE (plus 85 cents postage) and/or your want list with a SASE to: Chris Rosen, 731 Bergen Street, Philadelphia, PA 19111 (215-745-5247). Special note: My inventory is constantly changing and I am interested in buying more.

**FOR SALE:** Single plastic card protectors for your S-O-M baseball, football, basketball and hockey cards. Sizes 5" x 3" and 5.75" x 3.5". Great fit, no more worry or damage. Keep your cards in great shape for years. Get a trial size of 100 for only \$6 or 1,000 for \$29.50. Much larger discounts given for bigger orders. Call or write for free price quote (please include SASE) to: Shawn E. Frye, P.O. Box 546, Munford, AL 36268 (205-358-0331)

**FOR SALE:** Baseball sets for sale - 1971 (\$45), '73 (\$40), '74 and extras (\$40), '75 (\$40), '78 and extras (\$35), '84 and extras (\$30), '85 and extras (\$30).

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Thirty-three old-timer teams, NL and AL Hall of Famers; '72 A's; '67 Richie Allen; '69 Mark Belanger, Rudy May available. Okay, boys, I'm what you call a motivated seller. I'll consider all legitimate offers. I'll send along some free old timer teams with individual sets. I'll pay the postage. I'll go a long way towards getting my sets to you. First \$200 takes everything I have. First order for individual sets gets them. Call and we'll talk. Doug McKenzie, 3043-B Kaiser Dr., Santa Clara, CA 95051 (408-554-0716)

FOR SALE: Liquidating collection '85 and '61 baseball, '73 and '80 basketball, several '70s football teams, all remaining game charts and parts, all mint, \$53 postpaid. Check or money order payable to: J. Kuchar, 33 Sheridan Avenue, Metuchen, NJ 08840 (201-549-6468)

FOR SALE: Basketball sets with extras: 1984-85 (mint, \$30); '84-85 (good, \$20); '85-86 (\$20); '86-87 (\$20); '87-88 (\$20); and '88-89 (\$15). Football sets with extras: 1983 (\$50); 1986 (\$30); 1987 (\$25); and 1988 (\$20). Contact: Joe Hornback, 8902 N. 19 Avenue #3031, Phoenix, AZ 85021 (602-371-0572)

FOR SALE: Complete advanced game ratings for all 1989 real-season player cards (latest set of cards). These ratings have been instrumental in developing excellent draft teams in league play and tournaments (1st, 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th in the five TBAs I've been in). I factor in HR, 3B, 2B, 1B, BB, gb(a), steal and running ratings, N or W rating, defensive position and defensive skill, including throwing arm. Each player receives an on-base, slugging, total offense and overall rating against both righties and lefties. 1961, 1964-basic, 1969, 1984-88 season ratings also available. For your easy-to-read printout, send \$8 per season to: Paul Patrick, 3 Shenandoah, Goddard, KS 67052 (316-794-2353)

FOR SALE or TRADE: Football - 1980 Bears, Dolphins, Eagles, Steelers, Cowboys, Browns (\$4 each); 1981 Broncos, Chargers, Bengals, Lions (\$3 each). Buy all and get 1980 gameboards. Baseball - 1985 Royals, Cards, Indians, Pirates (\$3 each); 1986 Red Sox, Indians, Pirates, Angels, Mets, Astros (\$3 each); 1988 set, \$25; all excellent to mint. Will consider trades for '88, '27, '62, '68, '70 seasons. D.M. Schmidt, 9137 Latin Road N.W., East Canton, OH 44730

FOR SALE: Season computer disks available are: 1927, 1962, 1968 and 1984-89. \$9 each. Please send check to: Michael Stucchi, 453 Potter Road, Framingham, MA 01701

FOR SALE: You sort through my Strat cards for less. Most in good to excellent condition. Baseball, 1973-1985 assorted cards, including additional players, "old" pitchers' hitting cards, nameless player cards, rosters and stealing charts. 1973 cards are Oakland A's only (2), while the 1974, 1975, 1977, 1980 and 1982-85 sets are complete or nearly complete. Also 1976 football (complete?). Best offer takes all. Call Doug at 714-964-2058 (please no collect calls).

FOR SALE: Computerized baseball standings program. When replaying your favorite S-O-M team's season enter the score from your game and the program generates scores from the rest of the league and displays current standings, including: Wins, Losses, Pct., GB, Last 10 and Streaks. Define schedule yourself or let computer. Results are random but based on team's actual winning percentage for that season. AL and NL included. IBM only. Money-back guarantee. For program disk, including data for 1989 season, send \$9 (U.S.), or check to: A & B Software, 8008 Bainbridge, Alexandria, VA 22308. Program purchasers only, other season data updates (1969 on) are \$5 (continued)



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**FOR SALE:** I still have some past basketball teams for sale. They are the new version teams and are in excellent condition. Also, I have some baseball teams from the early '80s to sell. These teams are in fair condition but maybe aren't in collectable condition.\* For more information, please write: Tim Austin, 3723 Greenland Avenue, N.W., Roanoke, VA 24012

**FOR SALE:** Pro Football card sets for 1973, '76, '78 and '82. The '73 set costs \$70 and the others are \$40 each. All are in mint condition. Call Dick Hunt (but not collect) at 207-288-3936.

**FOR SALE:** All 1984 baseball teams, unused, \$5 each. William Petterson, 524 N19th Street, Grand Forks, ND 58203

## Leagues

**LEAGUES:** The Midwest Majors (MWM) has several managerial openings and needs backups in its AL and (continued)

NL PBM league. MWM features a continuous ownership, annual rookie draft, a player contract system with free agency, 162-game schedule, all 26 major league teams being used and open trading. We are looking for mature managers who plan to make a long-term commitment to make this league a big success. If you feel this is for you, then write to: Dan Thurston, 628 Main Street, Shelbyville, IN 46176. We want to fill these positions by October, so don't delay in writing.

LEAGUES: I am a 35-year-old S-O-M vet, married, with 15 years of head-to-head experience. I am looking for an adult, head-to-head S-O-M Baseball league, either current or past years, draft or actual team, in the Boston area. Willing to travel. Please write or call: Dan Hoyt, 52 Summer St., Haverhill, MA 01830 (508-374-1792)

LEAGUES: Serious about Strat? The North American Baseball Society (NABS) is accepting applications for both winter (American) and summer (National) leagues. NABS features a combined PBM and face-to-face format, with an all-star game, regular newsletters and awards. We play a 162-game schedule, using most super-advanced rules. Teams are draft-based, with a number of players retained after each season. NABS does not seek "retread" managers, only reliable, informed, baseball enthusiasts. If you believe you are ready for the challenge of NABS, contact: Gerard Coyne, 20638 PCH #3, Malibu, CA 90265 (213-456-7524)

LEAGUES: The World Table Baseball League (WTBL) is looking for responsible managers. We have two immediate openings and a need for backup managers to help get this fledgling league off the ground. If interested, please call: Mike Davis (815-398-9016) or write:

2211 23rd Street, Rockford, IL 61108

LEAGUES: The Bloomington Rotisserie and Strat-O-Matic Society (BRASS) has openings for new managers. BRASS uses most S-O-M super-advanced rules and several of our own time-tested innovations. We are a face-to-face league, usually play two National and two American league seasons per year (250-400 games) and will be beginning our 12th season in late August. In our leagues, all managers "retire" their team at the end of each season and we start a fresh draft. The ultimate test in drafting ability and preparation. Serious gamers only, please. For information, write or call: Vaughn Nuestr, 417 N. Grant #14, Bloomington, IN 47408 (812-339-8119). Contact me before January for inclusion in our Winter League.

LEAGUES: Anyone in the Tampa Bay area looking to join a face-to-face league? Now is your chance. Established and taking applications for 1991. Existing and new franchises are available in this super-advanced baseball league in existence since 1984. Taking applications until January. Send to: Philip A. Lupi, 1836 Owen Drive, Clearwater, FL 34619

LEAGUES: The Continental S-O-M Rotisserie League (CSRL) is seeking backup managers for both AL and NL franchises. Our AL season was just successfully completed and the NL season started in September. In spring 1991 both AL and NL leagues will run concurrently. The CSRL features a pre-season rookie draft of minor league players; a Rotisserie-style player contract system complete with player salaries and free agency; computerized injury determination; organized winter meetings; quarterly newsletters; bi-weekly standing report; an official colorized league logo and much more. Most importantly, we ensure excellence and

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enjoyment through active hands-on management of league and franchise affairs. Interested? Call or write and ask for our recruiting package. Don't delay, the first few backups accepted will almost be assured of a team. Eric Spitz, 3465 Sacramento St. Apt. 5, San Francisco, CA 94118 (415-931-3704)

**LEAGUES:** The BBL season (draft, advanced, PBM baseball with 20 teams) has come to an end and, as with any PBM league, there are a couple of members who are retiring. So we need a couple of replacements, soon, as our draft is coming up. If you're dedicated, very punctual, know S-O-M and enjoy stats, apply to: Tom Fish, P.O. Box 3386, Fontana, CA 92334. Include a short letter with your S-O-M experience.

**LEAGUES:** I am interested in starting up a face-to-face S-O-M baseball league in London, Ontario. I have 15 years of Strat experience and have been involved in face-to-face leagues in Toronto, Ontario, for the past five years. Veteran and rookie managers are welcome. Please contact: Chuck VanDenCorput, 126 Belmont Drive, #22, London, Ontario N6J 4W1 (649-7260)

**LEAGUES:** Would like to join or start a face-to-face baseball league in the Inland Empire (San Bernardino, Riverside, Ontario) area of California. Please contact: Tom Fish, P.O. Box 3386, Fontana, CA 92334 (714-356-9147)

**LEAGUES:** The Tradewatger II PBM baseball league seeks full-time and backup managers. We are a 22-team league finishing our seventh season. Contact: Mike San Clemente, 8 Constitution Road, Lexington, MA 02173 (617-862-8103), Fax 617-860-6808; or Dean Monson, 3503 West 4400 South, West Valley, UT 84119

**LEAGUES:** Super-advanced pro

football face-to-face league starting in Austin, TX, soon. Send SASE to: Mike D'Etcheverry, 303 Casa Loma, Buda, TX 78610

**LEAGUES:** One-two managers needed for face-to-face baseball league in Orange County. Quality teams available. Join now and compete this year. David Wadsworth (714-843-9608).

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## Baseball playing tip

The following playing tip for relief pitchers is to be used in conjunction with S-O-M's warm-up rules in the super-advanced instructions.

\* The defense must first announce it has a reliever warming up. If the defense announces, its manager visits the current pitcher and this is equivalent of one batter pitched to. This only applies to the first visit in an inning.

\* Once a visit is announced only one of two things can take place:

- (1) The pitcher is removed for a reliever, or...
- (2) The pitcher must face the next batter.

\* On the second visit the current pitcher is removed and it does not equal one batter pitched to.

\* This tip is to coincide with the visit usually made by the pitching coach to either give instructions or to stall for time to give the reliever a chance to warm up, or both.

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