

STRAT-O-MATIC REVIEW

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Gamers from all over descend on Glen Head

'Opening Day' at S-O-M big event

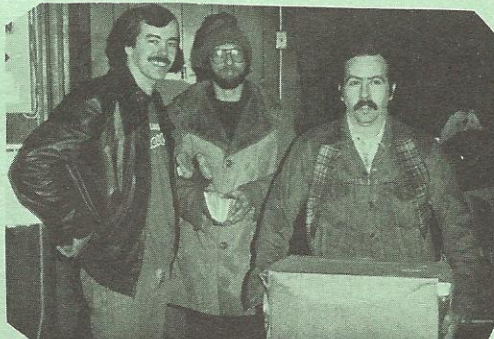
Just like throwing out the first pitch to start the season is always a thrill for a big league pitcher, so is being among the first to purchase Strat-O-Matic's newest baseball card set.

As the pictures on this page and on page 23 show, opening day is a memorial event at the game company located at Glen Head, NY, on Long Island.

Again gamers came from all over the country - from places like Houston, TX, Melbourne, FL and California and Canada.

In fact, every year at new card time a sizeable contingent of gamers treks south from Canada to buy the new cards.

Pictured at right are a gaming trio from Bucks County, located outside Philadelphia. They belong to a nine-member face-to-face league - Oxford Valley - which every year puts out a yearbook.



MIKE ANDERSON, DARREL LEACH, GARY HOLMSTROM CART CARDS AWAY IN BIG BOX
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Are you suffering from 'Stratophrenia'?

College psychologist points out symptoms, suggests cure

Les Morey has a Ph.D. and is a clinical psychologist by training. He's been on the faculty at Yale University School of Medicine. And he's currently in the department of Psychology at Vanderbilt University.

He's authored or co-authored such scholarly treatises as "A Typology of Alcohol Abusers: Correlates and Implications," "The Measurement of Classification Agreement: An Adjustment to the Rand Statistic for Chance Agreement," and "Empirical Classifications of Alcoholism."

Les Morey, Ph.D. and assistant professor at Vanderbilt University, also plays Strat-O-Matic Baseball.

He is, in fact, a member in good standing of a play-by-mail league, as well as a "professor" of a new disorder he calls "Stratophrenia."

"I do research on the diagnosis and assessment of mental disorder, particularly addictive disorders (e.g. alcoholism)," says Morey.

Morey admits that most of his writings would be a good cure for insomnia for those less scholarly inclined. But, perhaps because of his clinical training combined with his enjoy of just plain old dice-roll-in', he's come up with a "little test for a new disorder which I believe I have identified ('Stratophrenia')."

Continues Morey, "I suspect that this disorder may be particularly prevalent among your readers and you might wish to publish the questionnaire (below) as a public service.

"Although this test is primarily designed for Strat-O-Matic Baseball, it can be modified for other sports as well. As I uncover new data about the course and treatment of this disorder, I will try to keep you posted.

MOREY INDEX OF STRATOPHRENIC THINKING

1. Does your wife (or parents) ever worry or complain about your Strat-O-Matic playing?
 - 0 - Never
 - 1 - Sometimes
 - 2 - They have hidden your cards at least once
2. Can you stop playing Strat-O-Matic after only one game?
 - 0 - Yes
 - 1 - Only with effort
 - 2 - Only if second game is rained out
3. Have you ever played Strat-O-Matic and driven an automobile at the same time?
 - 0 - Never
 - 1 - Yes, but someone else kept the stats
 - 2 - At least one solitaire game
4. An acquaintance notices your Strat-O-Matic cards and asks you what they are. You are most likely to say:
 - 0 - "This is a dice baseball game which I really enjoyed since I was 12."
 - 1 - "I don't know - I think they belong to my wife."
 - 2 - Any outrageous lie (e.g. Tarot cards, stock market quotes, etc.
5. How detailed are the statistics which you keep for your team?
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- 0 - Wins and losses
 - 1 - Batting averages and ERAs
 - 3 - Batters with good 3-column's who strand runners on second.
6. Your batter obtains a "Homerun 1-18, flyball B 19-20." What do you estimate your chances of getting the home run are?
- 0 - 90 percent
 - 1 - 50 percent
 - 2 - 0 percent: You never get splits in your favor
7. How often do you find yourself talking to your player cards?
- 0 - Never
 - 1 - Only in late innings
 - 2 - Whenever men are on base
 - 5 - Often, and your players talk back.
8. How do you think fielding ratings are assigned?
- 0 - In an objective fashion
 - 1 - In a mostly objective fashion, although New York players seem to get the benefit of the doubt
 - 2 - Your favorite players are automatically a "4"
9. It is late January and you recently sent in your order for the new cards. How often do you check to see if they have come?
- 0 - Once or twice per day
 - 1 - Three to ten times per day
 - 2 - Every five minutes
 - 3 - You camp by the mailbox, even during blizzards
10. In the course of a 162-game season, how many player cards will you burn, tear, or otherwise mutilate?
- 0 - None
 - 1 - Maybe one relief pitcher
 - 2 - Every batter with a "groundball A" on their card
 - 3 - Your entire team

INTERPRETATION:

0 - 5 points: No present danger, but if any of the above situations sound familiar, there could be trouble ahead.

5 - 12 points: Mild (or latent) Stratophrenia - this is a treatable condition. Restrict yourself to face-to-face games only (preferably with your wife or parents, if you can get them addicted).

12 - 20 points: Undifferentiated (or Acute) Stratophrenia - this is a serious condition. Seek help immediately; lock up player cards; join Stratoholics Anonymous. Keep patient away from drafts.

More than 20 points: Chronic (or Tertiary) Stratophrenia - a hopeless condition. Patient has likely been hooked since he thought Tom Tresh was the answer to his outfield problems. Symptoms: glassy eyes; bizarre, involuntary "dice-rolling" hand movements. Recommendations for care: Have patient join Peace Corps (do not send to Japan, where Tom Tresh might still be). Keep patient away from outfielders with names like "Chili" or "Mookie."

Editor's note: Review co-editor Del Newell took the test and had five points ("No present danger..."). He got one point on questions 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7.

S-O-M Review's contest closes May 10

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Pick baseball's MVPs for 1985

Only a little over a month remains to send your most valuable player picks to the Strat-O-Matic Review.

To the winner, of course, will again go a set of the new baseball cards when they're available in late January of next year. So it's an inexpensive contest - the cost of a 22-cent postcard - to enter.

All you have to be is a Review subscriber and have your entry in by the deadline date, May 10. Please, only one entry per subscriber.

The MVP Contest is again one of picking the winners in each league plus also selecting the division champs and their percentages. Last year, for instance, Ryne Sandberg of the Chicago Cubs and Willie Hernandez of the world champion Detroit Tigers won MVP honors.

Only one contestant got Sandberg - Jonathan Lewis of Benton Harbor, MI - and nary a one picked Hernandez. Lewis was the only gamer with even the slightest sign of a crystal ball.

But everyone starts over now...and the countdown toward the close of the Review's MVP Contest is under way. In case of ties, the one who is the closest forecasting the division races becomes the winner.

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER BALLOT

Most Valuable Player _____

American League _____

National League _____

Division Winners & Percentages

American League East _____ Pct. _____

American League West _____ Pct. _____

National League East _____ Pct. _____

National League West _____ Pct. _____

Print Clearly

Your Name _____

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Who are the top rookies?

BY DOUG CRANDALL, Smith Center, KS

After sorting through the new baseball cards, I was elated to see all the talent available for this year's rookie draft.

Of course, everybody will be looking for Dwight Gooden. But if you are able to stockpile some lower picks you will still be in good shape.

There is a balance of talent in this year's rookie crop of cards also; plenty of pitching, some great outfielders and some tremendous prospects among the infielders.

Here is one man's opinion as to how the rookies should be ranked:

STARTING PITCHERS

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|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Gooden, NY Mets | 5. Darling, NY Mets | 9. Tibbs, Cincinnati |
| 2. Hershiser, LA | 6. Clemens, Boston | 10. Mason, Texas |
| 3. Langston, Seattle | 7. Russell, Cincinnati | 11. Rasmussen, NY Yanks |
| 4. Gubicza, Kansas City | 8. Saberhagen, Kansas City | |

RELIEF PITCHERS

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Howell, NY Yanks | 4. Waddell, Cleveland |
| 2. Comacho, Cleveland | 5. Beckwith, Kansas City |
| 3. Lefferts, San Diego | 6. Key, Toronto |

INFIELDERS

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. A.Davis, Seattle | 7. Barrett, Boston |
| 2. Samuel, Philadelphia | 8. Barbey, Detroit |
| 3. Pendleton, St. Louis | 9. Matuszek, Philadelphia |
| 4. T.Fernandez, Toronto | 10. Jacoby, Cleveland |
| 5. Teufel, Minnesota | 11. Presley, Seattle |
| 6. Balboni, Kansas City | 12. Santana, NY Mets |

OUTFIELDERS

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. McReynolds, San Diego | 10. Pettis, California |
| 2. G.Bell, Toronto | 11. Reynolds, Los Angeles |
| 3. Gladden, San Francisco | 12. C.Martinez, San Diego |
| 4. Young, Baltimore | 13. Bradley, Seattle |
| 5. Carter, Cleveland | 14. Cotto, Cubs |
| 6. Davis, Cincinnati | 15. Orsulak, Pittsburgh |
| 7. Puckett, Minnesota | 16. Komminsk, Atlanta |
| 8. James, Milwaukee | 17. Motley, Kansas City |
| 9. Maldonado, Los Angeles | 18. Stenhouse, Montreal |

CATCHERS

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Willard, Cleveland | 3. Schroeder, Milwaukee |
| 2. Fitzgerald, NY Mets | 4. Bailey, Houston |

My favorites, by positions, would be as follows if building a team from the rookies (or those with only brief major league experience):

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|------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| C - Willard | OF - McReynolds | SP - Hershiser |
| 1B - A.Davis | OF - G.Bell | SP - Gubicza |
| 2B - Samuel | OF - Gladden | SP - Darling |
| 3B - Pendleton | SP - Gooden | Rel - Howell |
| SS - T.Fernandez | SP - Langston | Rel - Lefferts |

Readers roll 'em

CROSSWORD QUESTIONED

I've been getting the Review since early 1983 and would like to take a minute and give you my comments and opinion.

I think you've done a splendid job in balancing the contents of the Review to attempt to please everybody.

I know due to cost of mailing, space is at a premium. The ads, though they take up a lot of space, I can see as very necessary. However, I don't see it as necessary to use an entire page for a crossword puzzle.

If there is a possibility of another S-O-M Directory, that is something I hope you decide yes on. As of now, I know of no gamers living anywhere near where I live and I only play through the mail.

GARY ADONE
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Brattleboro, VT

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE 'PAST'

I'd like to know if S-O-M has made available (or could be persuaded to make available) a tentative time schedule of what past seasons of baseball cards it will re-create and how many sets it'll do per year?

I would think the 1962-64 would sell especially well and '65-68 would also be good sellers.

Do prices in your Jan., 1985 issue mean that S-O-M will not increase the number of baseball fringe players? How many will be in the new baseball cards at the prices you stated?

ALAN COHEN
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Arlington, VA

Editor's note: No exact schedule has been established for printing past seasons. But the next year will be 1927 - perhaps it will be out by this summer - and by 1986 S-O-M will likely have available the 1968 season, replete with all the current extras. As far as the price of extra, or additional players, it was for 104 cards, the same as in the past.

MORE ON COMPUTERS

I, too, am interested in computer baseball. I just received an I.B.M. P.C. Jr. with disk drive and 128k memory for Christmas and would really like to see S-O-M put its product in computer form.

I am also interested in J.C. Beausoleil's program that he wrote for his computer, especially since the programming of our computers is very similar.

Perhaps he can offer his program in the Review if it is allowed. This would be enjoyable for the computer buffs until S-O-M can produce its product.

TERRY HENRY
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WHICH COMPUTER SYSTEM?

A question for Mr. Harold Richman (S-O-M's creator):

We've all heard a lot about Strat-O-Matic going computer. In fact, the Dec., 1984 issue of the Review said it would happen "soon."

If that's the case, this project must already be under way. Well, I'd like to hear it from the horse's mouth - What computer system is S-O-M planning on developing the software for?

I plan on purchasing a PC in the near future and S-O-M's decision will most certainly influence mine. So, which will it be Mr. Richman? Apple? IBM? I'm anxiously awaiting with checkbook in hand.

One more question while I'm rolling: Does S-O-M have any plans for hockey old-timer teams? Imagine the Broad Street Bullies of 1973-74 against the Big Bad Bruins of the early '70s.

How about Bobby Hull, Gordie Howe, Rocket Richard and Ted Lincsey? My dice-rolling hand sweats at the mere thought of it. I'm sure there must be other hockey nuts out there who feel the same way. How about it?

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NICK FRESE
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Audubon Park, NJ

Editor's note: By now you probably have seen the form at the bottom of the notice about the new cards being available. The form mentions Apple and Commodore computers with at least 64K. Once the project has been completed, Review readers will be the first to know. As far as hockey old-timers, no mention has been made by S-O-M regarding any plans in the immediate future. Basketball past seasons, or old-timers, wouldn't be a bad idea, either.

STILL ONE PET PEEVE

I appreciate the efforts you Review editors make in putting out the Review. It is a real service to the Strat-O-Matic world.

Of special note is the "insiders" information on the cost, etc. for the 1985 baseball cards. That gives Review subscribers a leg up on getting the cards as soon as possible.

You guys also do an outstanding job in presenting reader opinions on various issues such as past season reprints, more accurate pitchers' hitting cards, computers, etc.

However, I have not heard much about my pet peeve: when is the game company going to realize that a foulout does not necessarily occur after a wild pitch or passed ball?

It's time the game company revamp its Catcher Card X and require the batter another "swing" following a passed ball or wild pitch if someone happened to be on base at the time.

I know I could do this myself when playing, but what about when the league you play in doesn't recognize this? I have unsuccessfully lobbied my league to make this rule adjustment. Maybe publication of this letter will aid my cause.

Again, thanks for a fine publication. S-O-M, despite its few flaws, is the best game

around and I will remain loyal.
ROBERT ROUTIER
Edgewood, MD

WANTS STORY ON S-O-M

Why not in some future issue run an article on the Strat-O-Matic Game Company?

You could cover what goes on in the process of production of new player cards (without revealing any "classified" information) take a tour of the company and report it in the Review.

I think this would be a good idea, if it's possible.

STEVEN KRAMER
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Shaw AFB, SC

Editor's note: Articles on the game company have been printed in the past. In fact, the first year of the Review, 1971, a three-part feature appeared. The S-O-M success story has been updated frequently since then, although not recently. The Review's editors have not been to New York in a number of years. Perhaps it has been too long.

'DREAM LINEUP'

I have an idea that may be of some interest to some gamers.

My suggestion is for readers to write in and give their choice for "The Dream Lineup." The players would be chosen from any team or year that a player has played as long as he has an S-O-M card for that team and year.

The lineup would consist of all eight fielding positions, two starting positions, a relief pitcher and a pinch-hitter. Starting pitchers would have to have a minimum of 150 innings, relievers 40 and fielders at least 450 at-bats. Gamers would give the player's name, position, year and team played for.

The players also would have to have played after a certain year (1920?). Gamers choices for an unbeatable team would be very interesting.

ALAN LEFTON
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QUESTIONS RATINGS

I have been playing Strat-O-Matic Baseball for six years in a face-to-face league and an avid fan of all S-O-M games, but when I read the January issue of the Review I began to have second thoughts concerning the accuracy of the games.

More specifically I am referring to the preview of some of the defensive ratings. I thought they were joking when they said that Jeff Leonard received a "1" rating in left field.

I always believed that defensive ratings involved a player's range and ability to turn the double play (for infielders) or the ability to judge and run down flyballs (for outfielders).

Every year there are some things with which everyone seems to disagree with. I know that S-O-M does the best it can, but once in a while it goes a little too far. Since Leonard is a "1," why shouldn't Lonnie Smith or Gary Matthews receive the same rating?

I also feel that a player's defensive rating is sometimes influenced by their offensive performance.

No one can deny that Ryne Sandberg had a fantastic year at the plate and made very few errors. However, I am not totally convinced that he is a "1" at second base.

Maybe I am being a bit fussy, but my point is that defensive ratings are supposed to rate defense, not the total effectiveness of a particular player.

ROBERT CORSO
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Normal, IL

Editor's note: Strat-O-Matic usually informs the Review of any errors on the cards, both of a printing and rating variety. Some printing errors were found on six cards in the first baseball sets to be shipped out. But the ratings, including Leonard's, are correct.

ENJOYS REVIEW

Keep 'em coming. I continue to enjoy the fruits of your hard work.

I especially like articles on building S-O-M teams. Most S-O-M managers with even a little experience can tell who the super stars of the league will be.

One of the hardest parts of general managing that I have found is determining which players are in the second echelon: the above average group. Sorting out the above average players from the masses of average players is what I spend the majority of my pre-draft time doing.

I have found that you are seldom ever able to acquire super stars, but that if you are a good trader, you can acquire above average players without decimating your existing team. This is the kind of help I look for from your "Who to draft" features.

I enjoyed Kurt Smeby's "How shrewd a trader are you?" article in the November Review.

I disagree with his second point, though: gravitate toward the weak. I avoid trading with weak teams, particularly because they generally have fewer quality players to begin with.

Those teams usually can't afford to trade any of their good players without getting more than the player is worth in return.

The good teams, though, sometimes have an affordable reserve who is better than one of my starters. This is the guy I try to trade with.

PETE SHELLY

NAMES...HOMETOWNS?

I would like to see the names and hometowns of readers writing in to your Questions & Answers column.

I find it very informative.

RALPH LLAMAS
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Arleta, CA

Editor's note: A good idea. One of the reasons for not listing names previously was that many readers asked the same questions.

Questions & Answers

Editor's note: Questions regarding individual and team ratings will not be answered in most cases, unless a mistake has been made on the card. The game company cannot, for reasons of security, divulge its card-making formula, which would be necessary to answer some of the questions completely.

First of all this month the Review wants to take a brief timeout from the regular questions and answers and correct some of the 1985 cards. In most cases only the early orders had incorrect cards; most were corrected almost immediately after the error was detected. For the record, here are the card corrections for 1985 (based on 1984 season):

The following cards all had numbers missing on the basic side:
 * Kirk Gibson and Ruppert Jones of the Detroit Tigers.
 * Bruce Hurst and Al Nipper, pitchers for the Boston Red Sox.

Julio Solano of the Houston Astros has part of the 6-column (vs. RHB) obliterated, but again most gamers have been sent a corrected card.

Steve Henderson's card for Seattle, although it is correct in the columns, both basic and advance, has a mistake in the e fielding rating. Henderson should be the worst, an e16, not an "e22" which doesn't exist. An outfielder, of course, can only be 0 through 16.

One card, that belonging to Dave Engle of Minnesota, has numbers missing on the advanced side. Engle's card, in case you didn't have the corrected card, should be as follows:

Against LHP

1-column	2-column	3-column
6-popout (3b)	6-popout (2b)	6-popout (ss)
7-HR 1-5	7-SI*	1-18 7-fly(cf) B?
DO 6-20	10(ss) 19-20	8-Fly(1f) B?

Against RHP

1-column	2-column	3-column
6-lineout (3b)	6-lineout (ss)	6-gb (3b) A
7-HR 1-8	7-SI (cf)	7-Fly (1f) B?
DO 9-20		

Also, Dennis Eckersley should have an * on the roster sheet.

As far as the 1969 set of cards, there were a few mistakes. Bobby Wine and John Bateman of Montreal both have numbers missing on the basic side - but again the printing mistakes were caught in time and corrected cards included in each order.

Bert Blyleven of Cleveland should have an asterisk on the roster sheet, however, and Ken Harrelson's fielding ratings on the advanced side of the card (which were cut off) should be: Rf-4(-1) e5, 1b-3 e10.

Remember, any cards that you have missing, or that are obviously misprinted, can be secured by simply sending the faulty card to S-O-M. Now for some other questions.

QUESTION: On a switch in basketball, where the player shoots and misses and gets his own rebound, a rebound shot occurs. On an X-black die reading is the rebound shot read on his opposite position's card or on the position card of the defender that the switch position put on the shooter? (Neil Knutson Pocatello, ID)

ANSWER: Refer back to the normal player guarding.
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Advertisements

Rates per issue are as follows: 50 words or less - \$1.00; 51-100 words - \$2.00; 101-150 words - \$3.00. Maximum length of an ad will be 150 words. When sending in ads, specify either WANTED, FOR SALE, FOR TRADE, LEAGUE FORMING, or CONTESTS. 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. Photo-copied cards are also prohibited from being 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 following month.

Wanted

WANTED: 1972 undefeated Miami Dolphins. Let me know cost. Michael Giles, 61 Water St., Waterville, ME 04901

WANTED: Hockey sets, '79-80 through '82-83. Must be in near mint to mint condition with no stray marks or erasures. All extra players must be included. I also want NHL Hockey guides. Send prices and your SASE to: Phil Ledesma, 3626 W. 139th St., Hawthorne, CA 90250

WANTED: All of these seasons with the extra players - 1971, '72, '73, '74, '75, '76, '77. Not interested in individual teams or incomplete sets. Only mint to very good condition. Not interested in anything before 1971 because S-O-M will reprint all of these years sooner or later. Will 1968 be next reprint and entitled "Year of the Pitcher?" Please send SASE along with your prices and condition of cards to: Mark W.R. Hall, 150A Parker St., Brewer, ME 04412 (207-989-3432). P.S. Has anyone made up all-time rosters for teams? Let's say 1969-1984 cards. Would be interested in buying something like this.

WANTED: 1971-1974 baseball seasons w/extras. Will pay top money for mint condition. Also want to hear from gamers in greater Pittsburgh area. Please send price and condition to: Dave Cicak, 1776 Pickford St.,

Huntingdon, PA 15642 (412-863-3994)

WANTED: 1981-82 football teams. Included are Cincinnati, San Francisco, San Diego, Dallas, Miami. Only send them if you have all of them. \$5 for all teams. Scot Ginsberg, 830 Redmill, Cincinnati, OH 45231

WANTED: 1981 49ers, Cowboys, Bengals. Will pay premium for excellent condition. Will take entire or partial set of 1981 teams if offered. Chuck Wagner (415-569-9870). Write: 1564 148th Ave., San Leandro, CA 94578

For Sale

FOR SALE: Complete advanced game ratings of all 1984 players, including extras. I've built two powerful PBM teams with these ratings. My ratings factor in HR, 3B, 2B, 1B, BB, GDP, steal and running ratings, N or W rating, defensive position and defensive skill, including throwing arm. All players and pitchers rated against lefties and righties and given an overall rating. For your easy-to-read printout, send \$5 to: Paul Patrick, 2210 Terry Way, Manhattan, KS 66502 (913-539-7954)

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1968 complete, \$120; 1967 complete (NNY and Detroit missing one player, (continued)

California missing two players), \$90; 1970 complete, original (basic only), \$40. Individual teams: 1969 Mets, Red Sox, Dodgers, Braves, Twins, Orioles, \$5 each. 1967 Braves, Astros, \$5 each. 1978 Twins, Astros, Reds, \$4 each. 1979 Reds, \$4. 1982 Reds, Phillies, \$2.75 each. 'Little teams' -1970 Orioles, Reds; '71 Orioles, Pittsburgh; '72 Astros, A's; '73 Mets; '74 Dodgers, Rangers; '75 Red Sox; '76 Royals - \$1 each. Add 35 cents postage for each team ordered. I pay postage on complete sets. Send check or money order to: Rodney Johnson, 956 W. Lajolla, Tempe, AZ 85282 (602-968-8065)

FOR SALE: Back by popular demand, the 1985 edition of Playbooks III and IV is here. Playbook III is an easy-to-use weather system for every team used by month or season. Now there are rainouts, snowouts, suspended games and rain-shortened games stopped during or after an inning. Ratings are based on exact results from 1970, 1983 and 1984 seasons, which are still \$3 each, or \$6 for all three. Playbook IV allows pitchers to play a complete role with individual ratings for fielding range, stealing, bunt, hit-and-run, running and power. Expanded pitcher's fielding chart included. All pitchers including extras are rated based on official statistics and formulas similar to those used for non-pitchers. 1982, 1983 and 1984 (April delivery) seasons are still \$3 each, or \$6 for all three. Playbooks III-IV complete, \$11. Playbooks I-IV complete, \$22. See other ad in this section. Paul Ladewski, 14340 Maple Lane, Midlothian, IL 60445

FOR SALE: 1969 Replay Standings Update. Play your S-O-M replay for your favorite team. Then keep current standings of all teams with Replay Standings Update. Based on actual team vs. team home-away records. Recreate a true pennant race. 1961, 1983 and 1984 seasons also available. Orders

sent within 48 hours. Send \$2.25 per season (please specify) to: Scott Fetterman, 3140 Skylight Drive W., York, PA 17402

FOR SALE: Over 50 baseball teams from 1973 to 1979. All teams are in good condition and are offered with a money-back guarantee. For list, send SASE to: William Bourdon, 5 Joseph Ave., Lee, MA 01238

FOR SALE: Major league baseball trade listings. Any team, any year 1900 through 1983. Includes listing of all player trades, straight cash and waiver deals and all free-agent signings, date of transaction, all players and teams involved. For truly realistic season replays. Find out exact dates that players were acquired and who they were traded for. For example, Enos Slaughter's card is included with the 1956 Yankees, but did you know that Slaughter was picked up on waivers on Aug. 25, 1956 and, in fact, played most of the season with the Kansas City Royals? Price list (money orders only):
1. All transactions, any year, \$7.50 per league or \$14 both leagues (specify year and league(s)).
2. All transactions, any year, \$3 per team (specify year and team). I pay postage. Send to: Danny Barrett, 3504 Briarwood Apt. A, Elkhart, IN 46517

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League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: The Continental Baseball League needs a few good managers to begin its first season. It is a 20-team, advanced baseball league that will use the 1984 cards to begin play. All managers will begin with the same 24-man roster as S-O-M prints for his team. What they do from there is up to that manager. Managers who send in their preference list soon will have an equal opportunity at teams not already assigned. A draft of the players from the six remaining teams will be held after the league is filled. A 162-game schedule is planned for this year. The league publishes an instruction manual in order to speed play. A regular newsletter is planned with manager articles and statistics from the games. Trading between the teams will be allowed. Send dues of \$20 and team preference list to: Jeff Weinke, 107 West Chicago St., Algonquin, IL 60102

LEAGUE FORMING: The Strat-O-Matic Fanatic Baseball League (SOMFBL) (see 'Fanatic League' Aug. '84 S-O-M Review, p. 24), is starting its 4th season and is looking for responsible managers. Experience is preferred and reliability is a must. The basic side is used, but all other aspects are as realistic

as possible, including injuries, the cutoff rule, supplementary stealing system and strict AB and IP limitations. The \$15 entry fee covers monthly newsletters, a massive yearbook and trophies. The new season starts approximately June 15 and runs until late December, but call or write now to get a better choice of teams available. This league has the possibility of being the best run PBM basic baseball ever. Be a part of it. Contact: Jeff Schwarze, URB 1202 Oglesby Hall, 1001 College Ct., Urbana, IL 61801 (217-332-5384)

LEAGUE FORMING: The North American Baseball League is entering its 10th season. We currently have openings for two managers. Backup managers are also required and will have first opportunity to take over any managerial positions that become available. The two openings currently available are for established teams which are very competitive. The NABL is an 18-team play-by-mail league with teams kept from year to year. Newsletters, yearbook, handbook and rookie and free-agent draft are only part of the NABL. Our season is 162 games and runs from April to October. Interested managers should write: Rick Helwig, 400 3rd St., Hanover Ontario, N4N 1B3 (519-364-1705)

LEAGUE FORMING: Edmonton, Alberta, Canada - would like to start face-to-face or PBM league. If interested, contact Kent Seymour (and specify which kind of league) at 6708-94A Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta T6B 049 (403-465-4419). Also, Ottawa Baseball League, which is going into its third season, is looking for a couple of managers for face-to-face league. Contact: Tim Henderson, 28 Rigel Road, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1K 0A2

LEAGUE FORMING: Five Toronto S-O-M players plan to start a face-to-face baseball league in April or May, using the teams
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based on 1984 season. Anyone over 18 interested, please contact: Patrick Neal, 33 Wood St., #2704, Toronto, Ontario M4Y 2P8 (416-597-1973)

LEAGUE FORMING: Are there any Strat-O-Matic Baseball players in the Burlington, VT area that would be interested in forming a face-to-face draft league using the 1984 cards? Details and information can be obtained by writing or calling: Peter Crapo, 64 St. Peter St., Winooski VT 05404 (802-655-9277) or Richard Hubbard, RD#2, Box 96, Jericho, VT 05465 (802-899-4706)

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LEAGUE FORMING: The NASBL needs five managers to fill the A.L. Here's a chance to get into a league its first season. A 162-game schedule will be used. Each year teams will cut down to 20 players followed by a draft. Trading, bi-monthly newsletters, advanced rules, supplementary stealing and much more. \$15 dues. Contact: Steve Nordberg, Box 281, Dalton, NE 69131 (308-377-2262)

LEAGUE FORMING: Advanced S-O-M summer PBM baseball league, 10-team individual player draft from N.L. Experience required. Send resume, including sample strategy sheet of an imaginary team of your making, to: Andrew Tait, 21 Oakland St., Lexington, MA 02173 (617-862-0839). Deadline is April 30.

LEAGUE FORMING: Attention baseball junkies! Are you willing to put your baseball knowledge to the test? TASOMBA is a well-established (6th season) draft-based PBM league. We draft and

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LEAGUE FORMING: The North American Hockey Association (NAHA) is a six-year-old PBM summer hockey league in need of managers and backups. There are currently two openings with both teams being the cream of the crop. The league runs from April to August, playing a 76-game, unbalanced schedule between two seven-team divisions. We use all the super-advanced rules with some minor modifications. There is a Constitution and rule book to cover this. If interested, please contact: David Oldham, 1903 Dumas Place, Newark, DE 19702

LEAGUE FORMING: Be a part of the play-by-mail advanced North America Football Association (NAFA) 1985 season. This draft league is the rebirth of the Lombardi Football League and offers a blend of experience, commitment and fun. The new league commissioner is devoting all of his S-O-M time to the success of this organization. The proposed 12-team league features a 16-game schedule (Sept.-Jan.), special expansion draft for new managers (June) and an annual rookie draft (August). No PBM experience is necessary. However, knowledge of the game and a personal commitment is desired. Don't miss out on this offer. Expansion will be limited to three teams. Become a NAFA coach by contacting: Michazael Macher, 415 Walnut St., Middlesex, NJ 08846 (201-469-9331)

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Buffalo surprises favorites in hockey

Gordie Howe Classic completes third 78-game replay

The New York Islanders aren't always invincible. And Wayne Gretzky isn't always great.

Neither was like in real-life in the latest Gordie Howe Classic play-by-mail hockey league that has completed three 78-game replays plus playoffs and is currently well into season No. 4.

The Islanders, perennial NHL champions, won their division and compiled the best record overall, 61-13-4. But in the playoffs, coach John Purcell's (Flushing, MI) team was defeated by Winnipeg in a stunning upset, 3-2 in games.

And as far as Gretzky the Great, he was the second-leading scorer in the GHC, but fell far short of real-life productivity with 'only' 73 goals and 57 assists for 130 points. Barry Pederson, a transplanted (via trade) Boston Bruin playing for Buffalo in the GHC, led the league in scoring with 145 points off 95 goals and 50 assists.

Gretzky's Edmonton team, runnersup to the Islanders in real-life in the '83-84 season, finished in the basement of Division A with a 27-44-7 record, which tied for fourth-worst among the 13 teams in the GHC.

GHC ONE OF FEW TO PLAY FULL SEASON

The GHC was founded by Don Miron Jr. (Flushing, MI), who currently guides Quebec. Nine of the league's 13 current members have been with it since its inception and a 10th came on as coach of an expansion team during the second season.

"Our league members range in age from 16-33," points out Mike Swain of Holly, MI, who is the GHC's current commissioner. "They include high school and college students, a high school teacher, computer operators, shop workers, an auto body repairman and an auto parts manager."

Actual teams are used with players drafted from the teams not used. And trading is permitted. Bob Lopeck's penalty system is used and the league has recently introduced the double action deck whereby two decks are shuffled and 30 cards are drawn for each period.

"I have played Strato Hockey since it started," explains Swain of why the league uses two action decks. "I knew that a home coach had a big advantage of watching the deck. Now, with our system, a coach must rely on the different offensive sets when planning his strategy, even at home. He cannot play the deck and know what is left."

'HOWE'S' THAT AGAIN?

It was a shock that the Islanders, who had won the GHC's first two championships, didn't make it out of the first round of the playoffs. It was also a mild shock that Buffalo, which had a respectable 41-30-7 record during the regular-season, came out of the pack to claim the title.

As far as the playoffs, the top eight teams, regardless of division, qualify. The four top finishers, however, went down like a row of dominoes in the playoffs as the Islanders were knocked off by Winnipeg, Buffalo ousted Montreal in five games, Quebec swept Boston in three games and the St. Louis Blues eliminated Chicago in three.

The defeat of the Islanders was, of course, the series heard round the GHC. Winnipeg opened with a 5-4 win in overtime as John Ogronick (from Detroit) tied the game and Marcel Dionne (Los Angeles) won it in OT with his second goal. New York, behind Mike Bossy's two goals and goaltending of Billy Smith, evened the series in game two, winning 3-0.

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New York took a temporary lead when Neal Broten and John Tonelli scored twice apiece to give it a 6-3 win in game three. But Winnipeg retaliated behind Dave Babych's goal and two assists for a 4-1 victory in game four, setting the stage for the fifth and final game.

Thomas Steen was Winnipeg's hero in game five as he rang up two goals as the Jets won 4-2.

In the semifinals, Quebec knocked out St. Louis, 3-1, and Buffalo eliminated Cinderella Winnipeg in three straight games. Buffalo won the opener 6-5, although getting only six shots on goal - three found the net! - in the final period. Tom McCarthy had a hat trick for the Jets. Buffalo won the second game, 5-3, and Gil Perreault's goal in overtime decided the last one, 4-3.

SABRES ARE SHARP IN FINAL

It all came down to Buffalo and Quebec in the finals of the GHC - which is one of the few hockey leagues in Stratatodm to go the distance on a regular basis.

The first game was a wild west shootout as Buffalo won 10-7 - a field goal's margin of victory - with Dave Christian's hat trick in the third period putting the outcome on ice.

"Geez, you think, that's not playoff hockey," writes Swain. "But both teams emphasize offense and neither has what you could call a top-notch goaltender."

Game two goes to the Nordiques, 6-4, as Peter Stastny scored two goals and had two assists (he also had the 2-2 combo in the first game) and game three ends in a 5-4 Quebec win as Real Cloutier scores at 10:40 of overtime.

In game four Quebec skates out to leads of 3-0 and 4-1, only to have Buffalo reel off five unanswered goals to square the series at 2. Pederson scores twice for the winners. Quebec grabbed back the advantage in game five, however, as Cloutier tallied to tie the contest at 4 and Michel Goulet scored the game-winner on the last action deck card (seven seconds left!).

The sixth game went into overtime as Don Edwards made some key saves for Buffalo to keep the Sabres alive. On a goalie rating chance for Goulet, Edwards came up with the biggest save of the series for Buffalo. Moments later Charlie Simmer scored on a breakaway to give Buffalo the victory.

The seventh and final game was another thriller as Cloutier tied the score at 4 and with 30 seconds left Pederson penetrates against a 4-defense and shoots...Goal 1-12 is the result and the draw is a 4! It's all over! Buffalo had won the series.

GHC'S COACHING LINEUP

In addition to Miron, Swain, Dull and Purcell, other coaches in the GHC included:

Ira Feuerlicht, New York, NY (Montreal); Bob Blanchard, Presque Isle, ME (Boston); Ron Weller Jr., Uniontown, PA (Pittsburgh); Dave Landsman, Philadelphia, PA (Philadelphia); Dave Turoci, Highland, IN (Chicago); Duane Lyons, Highland, IN (St. Louis); Dave Anderson, Seaford, NY (NY Rangers); Bob Socha, Rochester, MI (Vancouver) and Mike Shaver, Reed City, MI (Winnipeg).

Standings and leaders:

Scoring	G	A	Pts			
Pederson BUF	95	50	145	Goulet QUE	73	48 121
Gretzky EDM	73	57	130	L.McDonald MON	68	52 120
Savard CHI	42	82	124	P.Stastny QUE	59	61 120
Bossy NYI	64	59	123	(continued on next page)		

Goals		Assists		Hat Tricks	
Pederson BUF	95	Potvin NYI	88	Pederson BUF	13
Gretzky EDM	73	Walter MON	87	McDonald MON	7
Goulet QUE	73	Babych WIN	82	Gretzky EDM	6
McDonald MON	68	Savard CHI	82	Lafleur MON	5

Power Play Goals		Game-Winning Goals		Star Points	
Pederson BUF	20	Goulet QUE	12	Pederson BUF	104
Gretzky EDM	19	Trottier NYI	11	P.Stastny QUE	86
B.Smith MON	14			Peeters BOS	84
Savard CHI	14			Goulet QUE	77

<u>Goaltending</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>GAA</u>	<u>Save%</u>	<u>Shutouts</u>	
B.Smith NYI	39	2.36	91.1	B. Smith NYI	4
Melanson NYI	39	3.00	89.5	Liut SL	3
Hanlon MON	21	3.36	88.6		
Esposito CHI	41	3.39	87.7	<u>Penalty Minutes</u>	
Peeters BOS	68	3.42	88.9	Secord CHI	195
Bannerman CHI	37	3.47	88.6	Stevens EDM	194

Division A	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	Home	Road
NY Islanders	61	13	4	126	369	215	37-1-1	24-12-3
Chicago	45	24	9	99	347	272	28-6-5	17-18-4
Boston	42	30	6	90	323	278	22-14-3	20-16-3
Montreal	41	30	7	89	344	297	25-11-3	16-19-4
Buffalo	41	30	7	89	370	315	24-12-3	17-18-4
Edmonton	27	44	7	61	318	371	13-20-6	14-24-1

Edmonton	27	44	7	61	318	371	13-20-8	14-24-1
Division B								
Quebec	41	32	5	87	342	320	24-14-1	17-18-4
St. Louis	37	35	6	80	339	339	20-16-3	17-19-3
Winnipeg	36	38	4	76	304	339	20-18-1	16-20-3
Philadelphia	33	38	7	73	303	295	21-15-3	12-23-4
Vancouver	27	44	7	61	253	314	17-19-3	10-25-4
NY Rangers	25	47	6	56	260	363	14-22-3	11-25-3
Pittsburgh	8	59	11	27	246	399	3-28-8	5-31-3

Baseball tournament organizer takes home trophies, loot

Swank is S-O-M's 'Marathon Man'

Tom Swank relinquished the role of good host when his 1985 version of a Marathon Tournament was held late in January in Carlstadt, NJ.

Swank, originator of the popular Gambit tournaments and almost always a good loser, surprised himself by taking away championship trophies in face-to-face competition matching some of the best managers in the New Jersey area.

The site of the tourney was the conference room of L & L Engineering, with Bill Lintner of the family owned business serving as host.

Sixty-four baseball teams were divided into four
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BILL BISHOP (LEFT), TOM SWANK

groups of 16 - based on winning percentage - with single-elimination play starting at 10:30 a.m. To survive first-round play, a manager had to win four games (a four-man pitching rotation was required) without a loss.

Surprisingly, Swank ('82 Red Sox and '56 Brooklyn Dodgers) and Bill Bishop; Paterson, NJ ('79 Yankees and '71 Orioles) both had two teams go unbeaten.

Swank and Bishop were the finalists, in other words, and they had to pick two teams each from a list of 32 for the final two rounds. Swank had the '56 Indians and '70 Twins; Bishop the '74 Reds and '80 Royals.

The '80 Royals defeated the Twins for third place, 2-1, and the '56 Indians edged the '74 Reds in 10 innings, 8-6, for the title.

Swank, from Bloomfield, NJ, ended up 9-3 after what he called "the most surprising outcome in all my competitive play in 17 years!" He was a familiar figure during all the action, decked out in a Brooklyn Dodger T-shirt his wife got him when the couple visited Baseball's Hall of Fame at Cooperstown.

Swank said he wouldn't take off his T-shirt until the Dodgers lost. They never did and it's rumored he may still be wearing it.

Bishop ended up with an amazing 13-3 record, including four extra inning games for a total of 162 innings played. Bishop took home second and third-place trophies plus \$15, while Swank's swag was a championship and fourth-place trophies plus \$25.

A total of 62 games were played in the marathon, eight going extra innings and 26 being decided by one run.

Others sharing in the dice-rollin' fun were Larry King, Forest Hills, NY, commissioner of the Empire State S-O-M Baseball League (6-4); Bob Choate, Lincoln



TONY DENOVA, BOB CALACETO, ALAN ROWLAND

Park, NJ (0-5); Alan Rowland, Moonachie, NJ (1-6); Chuck Johnson, Yonkers, NY (1-4); Tom Roland, New York, NY (2-4); Tim Purdy, Ridgefield Park, NJ (3-4); Chris Potter, Little Falls, NJ (3-4); Jim Becher, Haledon, NJ (3-4); Tony DeNova, North Haledon, NJ (3-4); Bob Calaceto, Ridgewood, NJ (4-4); Russ Caporelli, West Paterson, NJ (5-4) and Bill Lintner, Montvale, NJ (4-5).

Bill Bishop's Oscar Gamble was the tourney's MVP, as in four games he had 8 hits in 14 at-bats (13 of 'em against lefties), including four home runs. He also had 11 RBI and two game-winning hits.



FROM LEFT: TOM ROLAND, BOB CHOATE, LARRY KING

How important is home court?

How important is the home court in basketball?

Well, as far as Ed Caylor of Hampton, NH, is concerned, it's far too important in Strat-O-Matic's version of the hardwood game. "I have found it virtually impossible to win on the road," laments Caylor, who purchased S-O-M Basketball late last fall, played a number of practice games and then embarked on a replay of the Boston Celtics' championship season.

"The '83-84 Celtics were never once in an even close game at home with an 11-0 record (through 24 games), but were 4-9 on the road and just four points shy of actually being 1-12!" says Caylor.

Caylor admits that it is tough to win on the road in the NBA anyway, but adds that S-O-M's "home-court advantage" of eight points might be a little low.

Caylor kept statistics on all aspects of the game, used the advanced rules and also all rules clarifications that have been published in the Review.

He also found that left forwards frequently did not launch as many shots as real-life and the centers got off a few more attempts. "Most other stats were fairly close, with two or three exceptions (turnovers - down slightly; rebounds - up slightly; and run-and-gun teams not drawing as many fouls as in real-life)," concluded Caylor.

As far as statistics, they were extremely close as Larry Bird averaged 23 points (compared to 24.2 in real-life), shot .511 from the field (.492) and grabbed 12.6 rebounds (12.6 exactly).

Robert Parish clicked for 19.7 points (19.0), 16.8 rebounds (14.3) and blocked an average of 2.1 shots (1.9). Kevin McHale, the third member of Boston's inside triumvirate, averaged 16.3 points (18.4), 10.2 rebounds (11.4) and blocked 2.3 shots (2.3 on the nose).

Parish dropped in shots at a 53.3 percent clip (54.6) and McHale at 58.8 (55.6). Dennis Johnson's numbers were 15 points (13.2) and 2.1 steals (1.7) while Gerald Henderson averaged 13.6 points (11.6) and 2.8 steals (2.7).

Caylor adhered to the number of minutes played for each player.

CELTICS MAY NOT BE 'THE GREATEST'

Caylor's brief replay and the replay of the championship series by Review co-editor Del Newell (found in this issue), point up that perhaps the Boston Celtics are not as good on paper as in real-life.

The Celtics won only one game in five of the championship series against Los Angeles - and that was at L.A. They lost three times on the home court and never beat the Lakers once with the 'advantage.'

Boston it seems, was snake-bitten in the final crucial minutes. One game it was turnovers...the next it was missed shots. And Magic Johnson throwing those "dazzler" passes, especially in the clutch, didn't help, either.

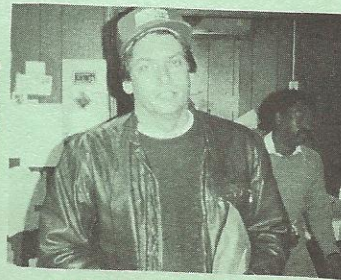
In the turnover department, Boston coughed up the ball an average of 16.8 times per game and L.A. only 14.6. Boston's high was 20 in game three, while the Lakers' three times committed 16 turnovers.

Boston lost the battle of the boards (as pointed out in the replay story) by a 279-257 margin, with L.A. outrebounding it in three games. Game one was owned by L.A. as far as the boards, 65-47, while Boston's best effort was in game four - the only game the Celtics won - as it ruled 68-52.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's consistent scoring was another factor in the playoffs, as Parish averaged only 15.6 points compared to Mr. Sky Hook's 22.6. Parish did average 14.6 rebounds, but too many times shots by Jabbar needed no rebounding.



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TWO GAMERS FROM MONTREAL

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CONTESTS: S-O-M Masters Tournament to be held Saturday, May 18, 1985 in Mt. Prospect, IL. Baseball for sure; other games depending on interest. Come and

play the best gamers in the Chicagoland area. Fee to be determined. Contact: Larry Braus, 612 W. Dempster, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056 (312-439-3261, before 9 p.m. Central time)

Editor's note: The Strat-O-Matic Game Company has revealed to the Review that it will soon be coming out with a computerized version of the baseball game, replete with a statistical package. So, any future advertising dealing with computer statistics will not be printed in the Review as it will be a competing product

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Questions & Answers

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QUESTION: When a pitcher is injured in baseball, is the duration of the injury the number of games the pitcher would have started or the number of games the team would have played?
(Mark Fryberger)

ANSWER: Injuries to pitchers are also based on the number of games the team plays.

QUESTION: What should the second reading be on action card No. 55 in the basketball game, under rebounds? Mine reads "DRF - if not - ORF" (Kevin Morns, Cincinnati, OH)

ANSWER: It should read just "DRF" as the second result would not be necessary.