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Chicagoland Club boosts gaming

Rick [Wolfman] Shapiro and the Chicagoland Strat-O-Matic Game Club aren't waiting for the public to purchase S-O-M games from the company--they're taking S-O-M games to the public. At least the Chicago-area, anyway.

Shapiro, who with his top lieutenants Dale Barnes and Bob Anderson, among others, is staging the July 27-29 National S-O-M Convention at Champaign-Urbana, IL, has been active on the local front in recent months, spreading the word (with a missionary's zeal) regarding S-O-M products in general and the Chicagoland Club in particular.

"Our club," relates Shapiro, "is a group of die-hard sports fans who enjoy playing S-O-M sports games and find the idea of managing professional ball players an irresistible challenge. Our purpose is to try to gather all those who play the game in the area (create a unified group) and give them a method to contact others. We hope to do this by providing organized leagues and tournaments plus eventually creating a directory of names of gamers with addresses and their interests."

The Chicagoland Club didn't just declare its existence, however, and then fade out of sight. It has been very visible--especially the week of June 11-17, at the Woodfield Mall in Chicago where club members demonst-

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rated S-O-M games for close to 400 people. The club was stationed in front of Marshall Fields (promoting the game for Hermann's Sporting Goods). "Our club membership," enthused Shapiro, "went from 35 to 57 plus I have a list of another 50-60 people who showed some interest in becoming new members." Hermann's quickly sold 37 S-O-M games.

There's no profit incentive for the Chicagoland Club, however, since it's a recreational club and all monies earned are earmarked for club activities.

CELEBRITIES GALORE

Many local personalities, including ex-Cub and White Sox players, were guests of the Chicagoland Club during its week's encampment at Hermann's. Among them were Gene Hizer (ex-Cub), Bill Sharp (ex-Sox), Rich Nye (ex-Cub), Moe Drabowsky (ex-Cub and ex-Sox), Rick Schwab (author of the book, "Stuck on the Cubs") Rich Lindberg (author of "Stuck on the Sox") and Bruce Paytner (of the Chicagoland Collectors Association).

Also, Shapiro appeared on numerous talk or radio call-in shows (Al Scardini, WLNK; Bruce Wolf, WXRT; Dick Chase, WKOC) plus there were articles in the Suburban Tribune (June 13-14), The Voice (newspaper) and Skokie Life.

Hizer, who at one time was a district manager for Hermann's, wound up pitted against Sharp in S-O-M Baseball, with Hizer using the 1972 Cubs (for which he had a card) and Sharp the '73 Sox (ditto his having a card). Hizer, who batted .174, had the keen insight not to start himself, while Sharp put himself in left field and batted second. The Cubs won the game, 7-2, thanks to the four-hit pitching of Ferguson Jenkins. Hizer didn't crack the lineup--but Sharp didn't crack a base hit either, being collared in four at-bats.

Shortly after their visit with the Chicagoland gamers, another ex-Cub, Bob Will, dropped in, autographed his 1962 card (.239 average), and was followed by longtime S-O-M devotee Ed (Hollywood) Ivers, vice president of the Chicagoans United for a Baseball Series (C.U.B.S.).

Nye and Drabowsky were on the scene together (Friday, June 15) and both left-handed pitchers wound up managing themselves in a game (Nye--'69 Cubs; Drabowsky--'68 Orioles). Both came on in relief in the late innings and Drabowsky promptly surrendered a two-run homer to Jim Hickman which tied the game at 4-4. Later, Ernie Banks' single drove in the winning run in the 10th inning, giving Nye the victory and Drabowsky, who gave up five hits in 2 2/3 innings, the loss.

Nye, incidentally, had a 5.03 real-life ERA that year and Drabowsky a minuscule 1.92. Nye only gave up one hit in a 2 2/3-innings stint.

TOURNAMENTS, TOO

The week-long agenda was topped off by a pair of baseball tournaments (advanced and elementary) that were conducted Sunday, June 17, in the Schaumburg Room at Woodfield. The advanced tourney attracted 16 gamers and 24 vied in the elementary.

Both winners, ironically, chose the 1971 Pittsburgh Pirates, World Series champs of that year. Paul Mpistolarides of Park Ridge, IL, won the advanced tourney and David Ziebell of Monee the elementary.

Each round of the tournament was two games--with managers switching teams for the second game and the winner determined by total runs scored in the two contests. It's the same format used at the National Convention.

In the advanced-game finals, Mpistolarides' Pirates defeated Jim Tunick's (Des Plaines) '72 Cubs, 5-2, in the first game, and then lost when the roles were reversed, but only by a 5-4 margin, giving Paul the overall victory by a 9-7 run margin.

Ziebell's trail to a championship included meeting Harold Thurmer (Park Ridge) and his 1929 Cubs in the final. Thurmer's Cubs won the opener, 6-3, but then Ziebell took the '29 aggregation and roared back for a 10-0 triumph and overall 13-6 victory.

And that's the way it was at the Chicagoland Club's tournament. Now for the National Convention.

Julie Anne Booth newest female gamer

Once upon a time Strat-O-Matic Baseball had its Donna Cheverette and the "Battle of the Sexes Part I" when she was pitted against Rick [Wolfman] Shapiro. That was a few years ago. Female gamers, for the most part, have seldom been heard from since.

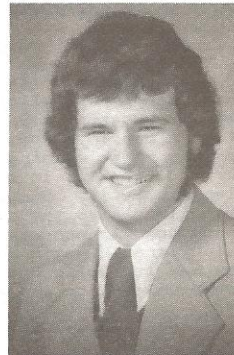
Now along comes Julie Anne Booth, girl friend/fiance-to-be of avid S-O-M gamer Dick Hunt of Ovid, MI. She engaged in a college football game



JULIE ANNE BOOTH

--let's call it Part II of "Battle of the Sexes" -- with Mr. Hunt and, despite being a novice at the dice-rollin' sport, performed admirably, as well as enthusiastically.

Julie watches the gridiron game on TV, is a Michigan State and Detroit Lions fan, but doesn't know the players. So, Hunt's original version of the college game (without any individual position ratings) was ideal.



DICK HUNT

Since Julie was a Spartan fan, Dick gave her MSU while he took Illinois. "Both Julie (who also lives in Ovid) and I are Spartan lovers," said Hunt. "By giving her Michigan State, I figured what little familiarity she needed would be there. I took Illinois so we could have a good matchup. I didn't take a super power because I didn't want to crush her ego and make her dislike the game. And I didn't take a weaker Ivy League team because I didn't want her to get the impression that it was easy to win."

Julie's ego was anything but crushed on the game's first series. She picked off a pass and ran it back 57 yards. Julie was catching on quickly!

Moments later, another erratic pass was intercepted--at the same time that expletives were directed Illinois' way by Hunt. On offense for the first time, Julie drove quickly to a touchdown, a long gain highlighting the quickie drive. A two-yard pass made it 14-0.

Hunt, humbled so far, struck back soon, however.

"Early in the second quarter, she learned the evils of totally committing her defense," related Dick. "She guessed pass and threw a one and I called end run and threw a high number. The breakaway didn't need to subtract the 15 yards--the long gain reading was a touchdown."

But before Hunt's ego inflated, Julie burst his bubble again; this time on a 45-yard 'bomb' TD pass play. "She had a little beginner's luck on the third touchdown drive," said Hunt in defense of his trailing 21-7 at halftime. "On a 1-3 split card chance [result: long gain], she drew a two."

TIDE TURNS IN SECOND HALF

Julie, it was obvious, had picked up the rudiments of the college game very well. She especially adapted quickly to reading the charts and understanding the results. But the second half was to be a complete reversal of form from the first. Turnovers, the plague of every gamer no
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matter what sex, age or amount of experience, cost her dearly. Three fumbles were lost.

And early in the second half, she got into a guessing game with her opponent. During one stretch she guessed wrong six straight times. "Everytime she made the slightest mistake it cost her," said Hunt later after he had salvaged a 42-21 victory and scored five times in the second half.

"One thing that did improve, however, was her better card throwing. She no longer called pass and threw low numbers every time she suspected a flat pass. She started hedging a little and mixing up her plays. Her offense still looked good, but the mistakes made the second half bad news."

Hunt's last TD, in fact, came after a lost fumble in the waning seconds. "Julie didn't really lose the game," said Hunt graciously. "State did. Turnovers killed them in the second half that never touched them in the first."

BLIND DRAWS: 'SHE LOVED 'EM'

Julie's favorite aspect of the game was the blind draw. Both used their first half allotments up and Julie lighted up like a Christmas tree when she successfully keyed an end run. Conversely, when Hunt tried to key "four times in a row, she ran every time, but ducked my key. I never called the right running play, so I finally gave up."

"Julie fell in love with the game and she suddenly understood why I always play it. She still has problems understanding why I sink hundreds of dollars into the games, but when I show her all the teams I own, she tends to roll her eyes and stop wondering."

"Strat-O-Matic Baseball has its Donna Cheverette and College Football now has its Julie Booth. I have to go now. She wants to play a game between Ohio State and Alabama!"

Looking for back issues of Review?

If you're looking for back issues of the Strat-O-Matic Review, hopefully you're looking for issues before 1979. All back issues for months June, May, April, March and February have been sold out; only January still has a few copies in stock.

Some of the other back years have a plentiful supply of issues, however. Here is a complete list of back issues that may be purchased from the Strat-O-Matic Review, P.O. Box 27, Otsego, MI 49079 (if ordering from Canada, please use U.S funds):

1979

Only January still available. Cost: 60¢.

1978

All months are still available, although a few are in limited supply. Cost: Dec., Nov., Oct., Sept. and August is 60¢; 50¢ for other months.

1977

Dec., Nov., Oct., Sept., Aug. (limited), July (limited) and April (limited). Cost: 50¢ each.

1976

Only months available are Nov., Oct. and Jan. Cost: 50¢ each.

1975

Sept., Aug., July, June (limited), May (very limited), Feb., Jan. are only months available. Cost: 45¢.

1974

Dec. and Nov. are only months remaining in stock. Cost: 45¢.

Strat-O-Matic spotlight

GAMBIT VI ANOTHER SWANK[Y] AFFAIR

GAMBIT (Great Armchair Managers Baseball Invitational Tournament) seems to get better every year--thanks primarily to the charisma of organizer Thomas Swank (Little Falls, NJ) who recently staged his sixth mini-gathering of S-O-M diamond devotees.

Twenty-four gamers took part in the dice-rollin' frolicking in nearby Maplewood, NJ, with Jim Becher, 16, from Haledon, NJ, winning first place with the 1976 Phillies. Becher, who defeated Brian Babcock, West Milford, NJ, and the '77 Dodgers, 2-0 in games to win it all, and Andy Quigley's fifth-place '75 Reds "sandwiched" three Dodger teams in between. Third-place went to Billie Rustum, '73 Dodgers, and fourth to Ken Mackay, Clifton, NJ, '74 Dodgers.

Becher was 9-2 overall in the tourney in which every participant was guaranteed a minimum of six games. Five trophies were presented by Swank, who again was an excellent host and didn't win any of them. Swank, in fact, was crestfallen when, in a semifinals game involving his beloved '76 Pirates and Quigley's Reds, the diminutive Quigley scored the winning run in the 11th inning off a walk and two singles--shortly after Dave Parker had blasted a two-out home run in the ninth to tie the game in dramatic fashion and send Swank into ecstasy!

Other highlights of GAMBIT VI included Ray Vanderhoff and friends from Bloomingdale and West Milford being dubbed the "vandals" for their unorthodox method of rollin' dice--casting first the white die and then, after a pause to check the result, the two red dice--and their umpire's chant of "your out!" when an opposing batter struck out.

Red Badge of Courage award should have gone to Jerry Burke of Bloomingdale, who cut his leg attempting to scale a wall during a break for lunch and wound up being rushed to a local hospital for a shot. Bruce Groosberg, Mahwah, NJ, was Swank's top lieutenant during the tournament, helping oversee the action, fairing poorly in his six games, and chauffeuring Burke on the hospital run.

One last note was that Greg Luzinski batted .378, Dick Allen had five home runs and knocked in 12 runs and Steve Carlton was 3-0 for the victorious Phillies.

RED SOX PITCHING PREVAILS

Boston Red Sox teams have never been noted for their pitching, especially via the bullpen, but that was the 1977 team's strong suit in whipping the hated New York Yankees by nine games in an 81-game duel conducted by John Draniczarek of Chicago, IL.

The Sox relief corps saved the team in the early going when the bats were quiet, eventually going on to post a 13-3 record with 10 saves and a 2.61 earned run average. After 52 games New York was ahead 27-25. But then Boston exploded, won 13 of the next 15 games and coasted in a winner.

Carl Yastrzemski was the top hitter, edging out New York's Mickey Rivers, .3188 to .3185, while teammate Fred Lynn and Graig Nettles of the Yanks both socked 19 homers. New York batted .288 with 91 homers, while Boston hit at a .266 clip but crashed 104 roundtrippers...and, most important of all, got "relief" when it counted most.

S-O-M FOR THE DEFENSE

Emery Kurts sends along a clipping of an article taken from The Arizona Republic, written by staffer Don Harris, dealing with sports table games.

Phoenix, the article claims, has an S-O-M Baseball league that is comprised of defense attorneys, prosecutors and public defenders. The league was founded by Chuck Hyder, Maricopa County attorney, who reports:

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"We play all year long, 35 games with the National League, 35 with the American League and 55 games with all the players in a super league."

All the 'playing' is done on his own time, of course, and not the taxpayers. But Harris said, even though it hasn't happened yet, that the day may not be far off "when a judge looks down from the bench and intones: 'Where is the county prosecutor?'"

"And from the back of the courtroom, a voice calls out: 'He's in the last of the ninth inning, your honor.'"

SHORT SHAKES

...Chris Wilbur, an avid Review reader who says he just got a "ReNewell," reports a first when Cecil Cooper, 1975 Boston Red Sox, hit the cycle in a replay game--doubling in the first, singling in the fifth, cracking a triple in the sixth and homering off Ron Reed in the seventh. Wilbur resides in Berlin, MA, has been playing S-O-M for three years and averages three games daily... In a face-to-face mini replay using six N.L. teams from the 1975 season, Phil Privitere and Glenn Croger of Westfield, NJ, were surprised to see the New York Mets slip ahead of Philadelphia. The Mets were 27-13 over a 40-game span, the Phils 24-16, but it was all Philadelphia in the playoff, producing a four-game sweep... Mike Bossy and Brian Trottier combined for 45 points [Bossy produced 16 goals] in the first 12 games of the in-progress Molson Hockey League. Larry D'Ambrosia and Gerry Klug, Linden, NJ, are two members of the four-team league that has embarked on a 36-game schedule, uses actual teams with a small draft and plays the super advanced game... Ron Hicks, 26, of Richmond, VA, has played S-O-M Baseball for the past 14 years. But this year he decided to try something different and embarked on a 11-game schedule for all 24 college football teams. The 1978 graduate of Marshall University in Huntington, WV, admits that those 16-hour work-days as an administrative assistant with the Richmond Braves, a minor league baseball team, have cut down on his playing time but that he still hopes to finish by the fall. Most exciting game so far: Arkansas, trailing by 16 points entering the final quarter, scoring on the last play of the game, then being stopped on a two-point conversion try and the Razorbacks losing to Michigan State, 26-25.

1975-76 Celtics are 'boys of winter'

It was never known whether or not the dice rolled by Tom Nahigian and Phil Meade, both of Arlington, MA, had a partisan geographical lie to them, but it was a fact that when the duo pitted basketball's best against each other it was the 1975-76 Boston Celtics who emerged the greatest of them all.

The championship series, in fact, matched East vs. West, with the Celtics tangling with the Bill Walton-led Portland Trail Blazers of 1976-77. The best-of-seven finale went six games, with Boston finishing off Portland with a 108-91 rout as six players scored in double figures. Earlier, Portland won game No. 1, 105-99, as Walton had 21 points and 14 rebounds and Dave Cowens 26 tallies and 17 rebounds for the Celtics; Boston blitzed the Westerners in No. 2, 125-89, as Cowens had 26, John Havlicek 23 points; and the Celtics edged Portland in No. 3, 109-106, after trailing by six points entering the final quarter. Cowens again led the way with 22 points, 16 rebounds, while Maurice Lucas of the losers had a game-high 27 tallies.

The Celtics went up 3-1 by winning No. 4, 119-108, as Cowens [of course!] had 26 points, Jo Jo White 25, only to see Portland fire in an eye-popping 70 points in the first half of No. 5 en route to a 123-114 triumph that forced a sixth game.

Teams were matched according to their won-and-lost records and the

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Readers roll 'em

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OUT OF THE PAST...

I have been playing S-O-M Baseball for four years now. Although I love the game, I am disappointed that past seasons (1962 and up) are not reprinted.

With so many new gamers, I am sure the sets would sell. Gamers who would feel "cheated" because their collector's item cards would be reduced to normality, would be reacting upon sheer greed. After all, if they intend to use their collector's cards for games, it wouldn't matter if other people had reprints of those cards or not. Only when selling collector's cards do the reprints affect the outcome, reduced prices.

We must decide which is more important. Besides, anyone who was lucky enough to get those cards probably wasn't making an investment, but rather a purchase. He or she just wanted to have fun; like the rest of us.

Niel Johnson
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MORE RATINGS, PLEASE

I am frequently reading about S-O-M gamers who complain of not receiving enough players for each team in hockey, basketball and football.

I understand that S-O-M wants to keep the prices as low as possible so all gamers can afford to buy new teams. So, I have a suggestion on how the gamers can be satisfied and the cost of production held down.

Why doesn't S-O-M issue ratings for all of the rarely used (but sometimes important) players? Example: For the basketball game a set of five cards pre-rated would be issued. The cards would be rated either 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5.

A "1" rated card would be a poor shooter, defender and rebounder. A "5" rated card would excel in all of these areas. A "3" would be average.

Sure, it's true that few players are equal in ability at several skills, but this would

give an excellent overall rating for each backup player. S-O-M could issue the names and ratings for extra players on the roster sheet. So the only price increase would be the one-time purchase of the five pre-rated card set.

Chuck Gilardi

Editor's note: An extra player set, such as has been used in baseball, is now available in hockey. Football would be another likely candidate for extra players, although we question the need in basketball. Of course, extra players issued by S-O-M would have to be paid for, as is now the case. A ratings system, as mentioned by gamer Gilardi, could be done by an eager-beaver, however.

REVIEW ARRIVES LATE

I enjoy reading your magazine, but I only have one complaint and that is I get it so late.

I didn't receive my June issue until June 9. By then, when I try to join leagues, it's always too late because they are already filled. That has happened four times. Please hurry the Review up.

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Editor's note: The Review is mailed third class (which is the slowest mode of delivery, and also the least predictable). However, for an extra 15¢ per month charge, you can receive the Review first class, which is much quicker. The Review is usually mailed from Otsego, MI on the 19th or 20th of the month (May for the June issue). So, your issue took almost three weeks to work through the mails and reach its destination.

MORE GKSML WANTED

I am writing this letter in regards to a letter written by Anthony Abilo in the June Review. He said that the GKSML (Greater Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League, of which Review co-editors Del and Warren Newell are members) gets too much coverage in the Review.

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I definitely disagree with him. The first thing I do when I get the Review is look and see what is going on with the GKSMML league. I especially like the baseball replays and, if anything, the GKSMML gets too little coverage in the Review. It is one of the best leagues there is.

Bob Baurkot
Easton, PA

RATIO NEEDS REVISION

S-O-M Baseball is a great game, but is unrealistic in a few areas. One is the ratio of hitting to pitching to fielding in importance. Currently, 13.9 percent of the game is fielding, 36.1 pitching and 50 percent hitting. Twenty-six major league managers will tell you this is wrong.

Some say that pitching is 85 percent, although everybody would agree that major league baseball is at least half pitching. Fielding is more than one-seventh of the game. Hitting, as the Chicago White Sox, Detroit Tigers and Boston Red Sox will testify to, is not half the game.

X's should be predominantly on the hitter's card, with say 40 percent of the X's on the pitcher's card. There should be 30 X's on the hitter's card, with the remaining 70 reflecting the hitter's stats. There should also be 20 on the pitcher's card, leaving 88 card chances up to the individual stats.

If this system were employed, fielding would be 23 percent of the game, pitching 41 and hitting a realistic 36 percent. Also, the X's on a card should vary. In the present game I prefer strikeout hitters because it makes no difference that they put less pressure on the fielders by whiffing so much. A strikeout is better than a double play. Nolan Ryan does not put nearly so much pressure on his infielders as does Randy Jones or Tommy John. The latter two have lousy hits-to-innings pitched ratios, but give up very few extra base hits, have good control and, most of all, throw

a lot of double play balls. A Gary Alexander (strikeout every three at-bats) or a Gorman Thomas would have 16 X's on their cards. A contact hitter, such as George Brett, would have maybe 40 X's, taking the place of popouts, lineouts, etc.

I would also like to put in a good word for Craig Reynolds, shortstop for the Seattle Mariners last year and this year with Houston. Range is and should be based on double plays and chances accepted. Reynolds had a higher number of total chances per game than such highly rated shortstops as Mark Belanger, Fred Patek, Dave Concepcion and Larry Bowa.

He also made the fourth highest total of double plays in baseball. Reynolds' 4 e-33 rating makes him practically useless as a shortstop. A 2 e-33 rating would have been more appropriate.

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Editor's note: Although Harold Richman and the folks at S-O-M will no doubt read your letter, it's unlikely major revisions of the baseball game will result. Regarding X-chances, remember those are the tough defensive plays, not the routine. Fielding is not 13.9 percent of the game when the difficult and routine are mixed together. Actual percentages have never been mentioned by the game company, but S-O-M Baseball, judging by its popularity, seems to have blended the three areas mentioned quite well. As far as Reynolds' rating, S-O-M says it is correct.

OFFERS SUGGESTION

As the National Convention again draws near, I have a suggestion that may be helpful in determining the "national champion" in the baseball tournaments.

I feel that the use of the "tie system" (½ win, ½ loss) should be abandoned once the four semifinalists are left. While the system is effective in reducing the number of contestants in a short time, it is extremely disheartening to "tie-out" so close

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to the championship.

I wonder what would happen if all four contestants tied each other and were eliminated? Something to think about, Dale [Barnes] and Rick [Shapiro].

Due to a job change, I won't be able to make the convention this year. But, I'll be there next year and every year after!

P.S. I was in the final four last year (Elementary 8) and "lost" because I tied in the semifinals. The man I played against also lost.

A Fellow Fanatic,
Steve Johnson
Lima, OH

HOW DO YOU PBM?

I play and enjoy S-O-M Baseball very much. But there is one thing I don't know much about in the game--play-by-mail.

I have just recently got my first set of the baseball cards and, if I do say so myself, I'm not a bad gamer. I am eager to join a league, but I am afraid to because I don't know how to play by mail.

So, Review, please show us new gamers how playing by mail is done. It would be a big help.

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Editor's note: The Review tries to periodically print (and reprint) pertinent articles, playing tips, etc., that explain the how-to of play-by-mail leagues.

ROUNDING UP THE CHANGES

There have been many additions to the Strat-O-Matic advanced baseball game since 1971 and I would like to see these games brought up to date.

The additions I have in mind are E ratings (1971-76 seasons) and rating the catcher's throwing arms (1971 and '72). I would like very much to see you do an article and publish this information.

Arlie Church

Editor's note: The X-Chart "E" ratings have only existed in the game the last two years. And

the catcher throwing ratings are relatively new, too. Neither was in existence in the years mentioned. If you mean by bringing "up to date," ratings by the game company for those years, S-O-M hasn't done it and probably won't in the near future. As far as changes in S-O-M Baseball, as well as changes in all the games, the Review does plan a story and chronological listing of all such changes through the years. Also planned, is a list of all corrections on S-O-M cards. Watch for it soon.

THE LONGEST LIST

Once again I'm writing with my list of Old Timer baseball teams that I think S-O-M should consider introducing in its next series.

I'm concentrating this time on post-war until early 1960's (1946-1961), as I feel these are the years that most people who grew up in the '50's and '60's, could identify with. I am ending my list with 1961 so as not to conflict with the 1962 series that S-O-M considers the beginning of the modern yearly card sets, and so as not to conflict with those persons buying, selling later years' sets.

Here's my list:

1946 Dodgers, 1947 Yankees, 1947 Dodgers, 1947 New York Giants, 1948 Red Sox, 1948 Yankees, 1948 Braves, 1949 Yankees, 1949 Red Sox, 1949 Dodgers, 1949 Cardinals, 1950 Tigers, 1950 Red Sox, 1950 Indians, 1950 Dodgers...

...1951 Giants, 1951 Dodgers, 1952 Yankees, 1952 Indians, 1953 Yankees, 1953 Indians, 1954 Yankees, 1954 White Sox, 1954 Dodgers, 1955 Yankees, 1955 Dodgers, 1956 Yankees, 1956 Indians, 1956 Red Sox, 1956 White Sox, 1956 Tigers, 1956 Dodgers, 1956 Reds, 1957 Yankees, 1957 Cardinals, 1958 Yankees, 1959 White Sox, Indians, Dodgers, Braves and Giants; 1960 Yankees, Orioles and White Sox...

...1961 Orioles, White Sox and Dodgers.

World champions included the '47 Yankees, '49 Yanks, 1951 Giants, '52 Yanks, '55 Dodgers, '56 Yanks, '58 Yanks, '59 Dodgers, '60 Yanks.

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Chase for the 'gold' under way

The chase for the gold is well under way, reports Steve Beren's of Jackson Heights, NY, organizer of the 1979 Gold Cup Challenge Series in S-O-M Baseball. First-round action is in progress for the second annual mining of the 'gold' which last year attracted 30 'miners' and saw Glen Strong, Cranbury, NJ, win first-place.

This year's field, by all indications, will be much larger than the initial undertaking of a year ago. And the prize money will be larger, too. The grand champion will be \$101 richer, \$20 will go to the runnerup, \$10 for third and \$6 goes to the fourth and final payoff spot.

For those of you unfamiliar with the Gold Cup Challenge, each contestant selects two baseball teams (but they cannot have a combined won-lost record better than .500). Each team plays three games in each series (six games comprises a series), with winning managers (if a series is split, 3-3, both managers advance past the first-round) advancing. Beren's plays all the games--and precisely according to instruction sheets submitted by the managers. A year ago, some games were played in 12 to 15 minutes, while others took much longer, one even consuming 71 minutes.

For Beren's the Challenge Series is a labor of love. It does take a minimum of six months to complete, however; this year it may take even longer due to increased entries. Beren has not informed the Review as to the total number of entries for the second Gold Cup Series, but did pass along word that the initial ad that appeared in the March, Review prompted 33 inquiries.

The four semifinalists last year are all back, according to Beren, including runnerup Rick (Wolfman) Shapiro, Skokie, IL; Glen Wetzel, Eau Claire, WI, third-place finisher; and Joseph Paldino, Brooklyn, NY, who took fourth.

Now for the start of the 'gold' rush, 1979. Here are first-round results (each month the Review will summarize the results, listing managers, teams and scores):

FIRST ROUND

* Keith Fosness, Moorhead, MN (1971 Mets, +4; 1974 Royals, -8) vs.

Larry Kidd, Staten Island, NY (1978 Mets, -30; 1978 Giants, +14), 3-3.

Summary: '71 Mets d. '78 Mets, 3-0, lost 7-4 and won 9-1, while '78 Giants d. '74 Royals, 3-0, 8-4 and then lost 3-1. Shortest game took 21 minutes; longest 30.

* David Frank, Patchogue, NY (1977 Indians, -19; 1976 Astros, -2) vs.

Ed Daley, Casper, WY (1971 Giants, +18; 1977 Indians, -19). Daley won 4-2 and Frank was eliminated.

Summary: '71 Giants lost 3-0, won 3-2 and lost 7-3, but then '77 Indians (Daley's) whipped Astros 6-4, 4-2 and 9-3 to win series. Andre Thornton of Frank's '77 Indians hit pair of homers in games one and three. Opener only took 16 minutes to play.

* Bob Routier, West Point, NY (1975 Yankees, +6; 1974 Royals, -8) vs.

Dick Silvernail, Kenbridge, VA (1978 Astros, -14; 1977 Reds, +14), 3-3.

Summary: Both advance into round two as Routier's Yankees defeated '78 Astros 7-2, 8-6 (12 innings) and 6-2, and Silvernail's '77 Reds downed '74 Royals 4-2, 9-8 and 7-2. Twelve-inning game took 33 minutes.

It should also be noted that Daley, who finished sixth last year, again has the same teams. King, meanwhile, is 35, married with two children and an S-O-M gamer since baseball's inception. King is also an ex-Marine, an umpire for 22 years and a baseball manager and coach for 15.

Regarding Routier: "I'm an old Strat vet (first teams--1968) but I haven't played recently because the Military Academy has the nasty habit of taking portions of time away."

Silvernail, Routier's first-round opponent, is a basketball and football coach at a rural Virginia school, a 11-year S-O-M vet who's been wondering how his strategy would stand up against others.

L.A. Rams break loose in playoffs

Clouston brothers replay 1977 football season

With opening kickoff time again at hand [foot?], here's a little mood replay to begin the action with the new pro football cards.

The full-season replay is, of course, based on the 1977 real-life season--won by the Dallas Cowboys. A brother combination, Jim (22) and Bob Clouston (17), replayed the whole season, plus playoffs, and summed up the experience thusly: "It was both enjoyable and realistic, plus it went smoothly and quickly."

One of the reasons for the speed of the replay was the machine-like compilation of statistics done by Bob. Since both brothers feared the "meaningless" games would slow them down--plus perhaps cause them to lose interest in the waning stages of the season--the quickie stats turned out by Bob were extremely helpful.

For both it was the first time they had played the football game, although both were eight-year vets of baseball and almost as long for basketball with S-O-M. All the grid games were played solitaire, using advanced game rules. The duo started in early November, 1978, and finished up in March.

L.A. RAMS WIN IT ALL

The Los Angeles Rams, traditional powerhouse of the regular-season and so docile in the playoffs, reversed roles in the replay, going an unimpressive 8-6 during the regular campaign--the poorest record of any of the division winners--but then transforming into a powerhouse at the advent of the playoffs.

First the Rams upset the real-life champion Dallas Cowboys, 20-16, then a last-minute field goal by Rafael Septien lifted them to a 16-14 win over Chicago in the NFC title contest. Finally, the Ram defense came up with the football five times after mistakes, and L.A. edged Oakland, 17-14. Pat Haden hooked up with Harold Jackson on two short scoring tosses for L.A., which didn't commit a turnover but was outgained 405-225. Ken Stabler, Oakland's QB, chewed up L.A.'s secondary for 276 yards passing.

Oakland, ironically, had blasted the Rams, 31-0, in a regular-season meeting between the two teams.

PAYTON AVERAGES 6.6!

Walter Payton, who ripped off chunks of yardage totaling 1,852 in 339 carries in real-life, blasted to an amazing 2,284 in 347 rushes in the replay--an effort worth a superlative 6.6 per-tote average. Payton was the main man, for sure, as the Bears went 10-3-1. Only once, by Detroit (63), was he held under 100 yards.

The explosive Bears were involved in the biggest offensive fireworks as they and St. Louis combined for a whopping 1,022 yards total offense in a 35-35 overtime deadlock. Payton netted 248 of his team's 369 yards rushing, while Jim Hart gained 419 yards via the airplanes with his passes, 259 of it to Mel Gray.

TEAM HIGHLIGHTS AND LOWLIGHTS

Raymond Clayborn ran back four kickoffs for TDs for New England... Miami, second in the AFC in scoring and total yardage, rushed for 403 yards in single game against hapless Buffalo... Baltimore averaged 325 yards per game--AFC high--and Bert Jones once completed 26 of 33 throws against New England in losing effort; Lyle Blackwood of Colts led in interceptions with 15... Wesley Walker averaged 30.7 yards per reception for Jets... Buffalo was pummeled frequently, as defense gave up porous 346 yards per game; Roland Hooks, on bright side, caught AFC-best 80-yard TD pass for Buffalo... Pittsburgh defense, meanwhile, grabbed 41 erratic

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enemy aerials; Terry Bradshaw, however, had poor season, being intercepted 31 times...Billy [White Shoes] Johnson ran back seven kicks for TDs for Houston as well as 372 yards in returns in 38-10 romp over Browns... Cincinnati's offense was inconsistent [plus Ken Anderson was sacked 66 times], although Anderson passed for 372 yards, off 29 completions, in one game...Weak special teams hampered Cleveland, which featured Greg Pruitt (197 yards rushing against New England) and roughed up the Raiders, 24-10...Denver was toughest to run against (91.2 yards per); Broncos also pilfered seven passes in 33-6 rout of Oakland...Raiders led in scoring (26.2) and defense (11.3); Stabler tossed single-game high six TD; wild-card entry after being upset by Kansas City in finale...Rickey Young caught league-high 11 passes in one game for San Diego, which couldn't contain Oakland, losing twice and being outpointed 76-10...Steve Largent was bright spot for Seattle, averaging 26.2 per catch...K.C. had best pass defense (98.6), shaky rush contain unit (197) and upset Oakland and crushed Cleveland, 52-7.

Real-life Super Bowl kings, the Dallas Cowboys, led NFC in scoring (26.1) and pass defense (93.7) and had, in Roger Staubach, best passer... Mark Moseley kicked league-high 25 field goals for Washington and Jean Fugett got loose on 87-yard TD pass play...Philadelphia, sparked by solid defense, surprised, knocking off Dallas, Washington and New England; but losses to lesser lights ended playoff hopes...N.Y. Giants downed Dallas (31-13) and Chicago (21-19) but were "cousins" of 'Skins, losing twice by 75-0 margin...St. Louis was disappointment as defense gave up 28.5 points; Jim Hart once passed for 417 yards against Bears...Chicago averaged 325 yards, 223 on ground; vanquished Vikings, 47-7...Tampa Bay had worst offense (11.0) but sticky defense; unheralded Gary Huff once completed 10 straight passes...Chuck Foreman accounted for 1,315 yards rushing, plus caught 40 passes, but Vikings were major disappointment as defense gave up 173.6 yards along ground...Green Bay had good pass defense, top kick-off returner in Terrell Middleton and absorbed Payton's 259-yard rushing burst and hung on for 27-21 win...Poor offense stymied Detroit, although Horace King did dash 79 yards for TD--longest run in NFC...Pat Haden once hit on 14 of 17 passes against New Orleans for Rams, who featured Lawrence McCutcheon and rushing attack that produced 168.5 yards per game...Atlanta lost last four games and playoff chance; Falcons were rugged defensively but aerial game produced only 85.6 yards each outing...San Francisco whipped Pittsburgh in opener, 34-13, but was inconsistent all season, later being held to 18 yards rushing by Giants...Saints did upset Rams, 26-20.

Standings and leaders:

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

Eastern	W	L	T	Central	W	L	T	Western	W	L	T
New England	10	4	0	Pittsburgh	9	5	0	Denver	11	3	0
Miami	10	4	0	Houston	9	5	0	Oakland*	11	3	0
Baltimore	8	6	0	Cincinnati	6	8	0	San Diego	7	7	0
N.Y. Jets	4	10	0	Cleveland	6	8	0	Seattle	5	9	0
Buffalo	3	11	0					Kan. City	3	11	0

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

Eastern	W	L	T	Central	W	L	T	Western	W	L	T
Dallas	11	3	0	Chicago	10	3	1	Los Angeles	8	6	0
Washington*	9	5	0	Tampa Bay	6	8	0	Atlanta	7	7	0
Philadelphia	9	5	0	Minnesota	5	9	0	San Fr'isco	5	9	0
N.Y. Giants	7	7	0	Green Bay	5	9	0	New Orleans	4	10	0
St. Louis	4	9	1	Detroit	3	11	0				

Playoffs: Denver 24, Pittsburgh 18 Los Angeles 20, Dallas 16
 Oakland 49, New England 35 Chicago 28, Washington 23
 (AFC) Oakland 20, Denver 6 (NFC) Los Angeles 16, Chicago 14
Super Bowl: Los Angeles 17, Oakland 14
Pro Bowl: NFC 28, AFC 13 [continued on next page]

<u>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>
Payton CHI	347-2284	6.6	23	Mitchell BAL	70 859	9.4	7
VahEeghen DAK	303-1456	4.8	10	Chandler BUF	60 854	14.2	3
McCutcheon LA	287-1382	4.8	12	Gaines NYJ	55 496	9.0	2
G.Pruitt CLE	235-1347	5.7	8	Moore MIA	53 983	18.5	11
Foreman MIN	261-1315	5.0	10	Rashad MIN	53 713	13.5	3
Mitchell BAL	298-1219	4.1	7	Scott CHI	51 885	17.4	3
Cunningham NE	242-1092	4.5	8	McCauley BAL	50 406	8.1	2

<u>Passing</u>	<u>Att-Comp</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>TD-Int.</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Staubach DAL	333-196	58.9	2565	19 5	96.0
Morton DEN	268-132	49.3	1720	16 11	72.8
Jones BAL	402-218	54.2	2561	17 15	72.3
Todd NYJ	290-147	50.7	2227	17 18	70.2
Theismann WAS	172-81	47.1	1218	7 6	69.9
Griese MIA	307-171	55.7	2300	17 21	69.7
Hart SL	357-178	49.9	2595	17 22	65.8

Scoring: Payton CHI 144; Punting: Blanchard NO 44.1; Punt Returns: Johnson, HOU 19.9; Kickoff Returns: Middleton GB 35.1.

Football playing tips

If you want to add a little more excitement to your S-O-M Pro Football endeavors, you can use a fumble recovery runback chart that's used by a head-to-head football league in Otsego, MI, home of the Review, which includes Warren Newell, Review co-editor, among its membership.

Remember, however, the fumble return chart is optional, and not provided for in the game company's instruction booklet. And also remember that the team recovering the fumble does not have to run with it, rather can opt to have the ball right at the spot of recovery.

If you wish to return the fumble recovery, roll two dice and check the chart below. Both offensive and defensive teams can return a recovered fumble.

2 - +33 yards**	6 - +2 yards	9 - +2 yards
3 - +13 yards	7 - *fumble	10 - -1 yard
4 - -1 yard	8 - +5 yards	11 - +2 yards + fumble*
5 - +11 yards		12 - Touchdown**

* - Roll dice again; ** - maximum gain for lineman is 30 yards.

The Otsego Football League also has another playing tip that has worked quite well in that when a fumble occurs on the offensive player's card and the defense has guessed "wrong," the fumble reading is ignored. Use the yardage gained or lost, but not the fumble result. Only when the above situation occurs, however, is it done. Reports from the league, which has been in existence for five years, indicate the occurrence of fumbles is more realistic using this playing tip.

Here's how to rate NFL quarterbacks

The Clouston brothers also offer a reminder tip on how to figure a quarterback's rating. It's not based on completion percentage alone, nor strictly on number of TD tosses, rather on a somewhat complicated formula which the brothers have sent in for you to check over and perhaps use in your next football league.

"Figure completion percentage (passes completed out of number attempted), plus four times the TD percentage, minus five times interception percentage, plus five times the average yard gain, plus 2.5. Then multiply that total by 5/6 (.833)."



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Wanted

WANTED: Football 1972, complete game and both NFC and AFC teams. State price and game condition. Also wanted--baseball 1968 Detroit Tigers, St. Louis Cardinals; 1971 Pittsburgh Pirates.

WANTED: Extra players for 1972 baseball season. Complete 1971 and '73 seasons with extras. Also need 1969 and earlier teams. Send price and condition to: Marty Chittum, 2420 N. Dousman, Milwaukee, WI 53212

WANTED: The following football teams: 1967 Bears, 49ers, Bills, Saints, Dolphins, Broncos; 1968 Giants, Rams, Patriots, Bills; 1969 Cardinals, 49ers, Bills; 1971 Giants, Cowboys, 49ers, Falcons, Saints; 1971-1972 baseball seasons complete with extra players. David Laude, 4800 Ceemnor Road, Downers Grove, IL 60515

WANTED: All New York Met teams from the years 1963--1975; 1969 Cubs, Twins, Braves and Pirates; 1973 A's. All New York Knick teams from the 1969-70 season to the 1977-78 season. Send asking price to: Glenn Schlactus, 24 University Ct., So. Orange, NY 07074

Editor's note: The first set of basketball cards issued by S-O-M was based on the 1972-73 season.

WANTED: Looking to buy the following baseball teams: St. Louis 1976, 1969 and 1968; Montreal 1976, 1969. Anyone wishing to sell contact: Gregg Pawlowski, 5 Candy Lane, Hamburg, NY 14075

WANTED: Complete 1969 National League with extras, 1969 Orioles and Official 1970 Baseball Guide. Available for trade either complete baseball 1968 (minus Cubs), 1971 (minus extras), 1974 (with extras), or 1975 National League (with extras), plus whatever cash transactions necessary to complete the deal. Write to: John Muntean, 3029 Hess Drive, Highland, IN 46322

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WANTED: Any Oakland A's or Boston Red Sox team or teams between the years 1970 and 1976. I'm also interested in any teams from 1965 to '77 that you would be willing to sell. Please send prices. Write: Chris Bonasma, 42 Brookside Ter., N. Caldwell, NJ 07006 (phone: 201-226-0340).

WANTED: Any S-O-M Baseball teams from 1962 to 1977. All letters answered. Send your lists to: Rusty Pritzlaff, W204 N11512 Goldendale Rd., Germantown, WI 53022

WANTED: Football teams from 1975 down that are in good to mint condition. Complete seasons. Reasonable prices only need apply. SASE guarantees reply. Please contact: Douglas Peterson, 500 N. Volland Apt.#7, Kennewick, WA 99336

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WANTED: 1969 complete football game. Will pay a good price for it. Send bids to: John McKenzie, 514 South 6th, Pekin, IL 61554

WANTED: 1971 Orioles and 1975 Red Sox. Extras not necessary. Send price and condition to: David Dusseault, 51 Pleasant View Ave., Cumberland, RI 02864

WANTED: All 1972 baseball teams plus additional players, if possible. Willing to pay top dollar. Contact: Mike Robinson, 1418 Longview Ave., Salem, VA 24153

WANTED: Baseball, 1966 St. Louis Cardinals. Please only very good to excellent cards need reply. Send self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Robert Holman, 459 Julian Ave., Lima, OH 45801 (phone: 419-228-9219)

For Sale

FOR SALE: Football, each team sold separately. 1971 Miami, Dallas, Jets, Oakland, Detroit, 49ers, Redskins, Chicago, Green Bay, Baltimore, Minnesota. Bidding starts at \$3 for non-playoff teams and \$5 for playoff teams. Respond to: Tommy Rubinson, 7480 S.W. 130 St., Miami, FL 33156 (phone: 305-235-0794)

FOR SALE: Back issues of the Strat-O-Matic Review: Feb. 1976 through Jan. 1979. Cost: 45¢ each. Will sell complete set for \$15.00 Call 305-727-1521, or write: Todd Gelb, X288 Woodlane Drive East, Palm Bay, FL 32905

FOR SALE: Baseball teams from 1970 to 1977 seasons. Send SASE for complete listing. Willing to trade multiples for 1963 or 1964 teams. Rick Hicks, 1618 Wake Forest, Richmond, VA 23226

FOR SALE: Continuing the sale of a fourth printing of the S-O-M Pro Football "Kit!" 150 "Kits" sold made this new supply necessary, especially since the "Kit" was given high recommendations by Rick (Wolfman) Shapiro. As before, the "Kit" contains over 35 rules and variations to S-O-M Pro Football. It features

option plays, penalties, tackles, measurement plays and much more--plus numerous offensive and defensive formations. This "Kit" is excellent for novice and expert alike, so don't delay, send \$3.00 plus 75¢ postage to: Jamie Potter, Rd-1 Box 89-D, Oneonta, NY 13820. No risk, money refunded if you're not satisfied.

FOR SALE: Purchased by more than 85 gamers, the S-O-M Baseball "Kit" is now in its second printing. With slight revisions, the "Kit" remains a valuable addition to solitaire and/or league gaming situations. It includes (1) a statistically sound system for solitaire play; (2) an outline for face-to-face and solitaire leagues; and (3) miscellaneous rules and variations. All rules and charts are explained in detail. Rick (Wolfman) Shapiro reviewed this "Kit" and recommends it; so don't delay, send \$3.00 plus 50¢ postage to: Jamie Potter, Rd-1 Box 89-D, Oneonta, NY 13820. No risk, money refunded if you're not satisfied.

FOR SALE: 1965 Orioles, White Sox, Twins, Dodgers, Pirates, Giants. Excellent condition. \$20 for set or \$4 per team. Larry Lampsa, Rt. 2, Box 105, Gilbert, MN 55741 (218-865-6039)

FOR SALE: 1967 Twins; 1970 Angels, Orioles, Red Sox, Yankees, White Sox, Twins, Tigers, A's, Indians. Bidding ends Aug. at end of month. Priority for offering any of '69, '70-'72 extras as part payment. Marc Jacobson, 11990 Ferndale, Philadelphia, PA 19116

FOR SALE: First year college game [Football] with 24 teams [1975], \$15.00. Teams only sold for \$12/set. First year pro basketball game with 10 teams ['72-'73], \$12. Teams only sold for \$10/set. Set includes Bucks, Pistons, Hawks, Lakers, Bullets, Suns, Warriors, Knicks, Celtics, Bulls. Baseball teams: 1970 Pirates, Orioles (no extras), \$5/set. 1972 Angels, A's, Pirates, Tigers, White Sox, Astros, Cubs, Reds, \$10/set (no extras). 1974 American League (with extras), \$15/set. 1975 Major Leagues (entire set, with extras), \$20/set. Football teams: 1968 Chargers; 1969 Cowboys, (continued on next page)

Jets, Browns, Oilers, Eagles, Bengals; 1970 Dolphins; 1971 Chiefs; 1972 Chiefs, Jets. Any football team(s), \$2.00 each. Send preferred order (without money) to: Paul Lechner, 8671 Harriet Lane, Stanton, CA 90680. I will contact first orders by Aug. 15. If you haven't heard from me by then, you'll know that somebody else got his (her) letter to me first for the same item(s).

FOR SALE: Basketball game. Contains following '76-77 teams: Knicks, 76ers, Celtics, Nets, Warriors, Lakers. Excellent condition; best offer accepted. Niel Johnson, 133 Wanda Ct., Santa Cruz, CA 95065

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FOR SALE: Football and baseball teams from 1966-78, also a large number of single baseball players. All teams in very good shape with extras included for many 1971-78 teams. Send bid (will sell to first reasonable offer) or if interested in trading, enclose list of teams available. Must enclose SASE if wish reply or for my complete lists.

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\$5.00 set). 1977 Sporting News Baseball Guide (\$4.00). Contact: B. Reisman, 717 E. 231 St., Bronx, NY 10466

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FOR SALE: 1965 (no Twins or Dodgers) baseball card set and 1966 through 1978 baseball card sets available. Send offer to: Bill Werne, 199 Grant Ave., Eatontown, NJ 07724

League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: Need manager for established FBM league. This will be our fourth season. Season to start around Sept. 6. Spot will be held open for new manager. Send resume to: J.P. Zatko, 620 6th St., Whitehall, PA 18052

LEAGUE FORMING: An established play-by-mail baseball league, now playing its fourth season, is looking for back-up managers. We play the basic version, drafting players from both major leagues. If interested, write: Dwight Sterling, Normandy Village 24-4, Nanuet, NY 10954

LEAGUE FORMING: California: The OOPS Football League will begin its 11th season September 8th (we've been using S-O-M cards since 1975). We are a face-to-face league in the Los Angeles-Orange County area. We are also an ongoing draft league (when you acquire the rights to a player, either through the draft or by trade, you have him for life). New teams have priority draft picks, so everyone has a chance (our 1977 championship was won by a first-year team). We will play a 16-game schedule on alternate weekends, two games per meeting, plus playoffs, OOPS Bowl IX, and Pro Bowl. To receive an introductory newsletter, application and club by-laws, write: Paul Mankiewicz, P.O. Box 4141 Downey, CA 90241. Or call, toll free, Monday-Friday,

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1 p.m. to 5 p.m.: 1-800-262-1780 (ask for Paul). After 5 p.m. and weekends: 213-861-2151.

LEAGUE FORMING: I am interested in forming a face-to-face league with players from the metro-Detroit area. If anyone is interested, please call me at: 1-313-886-6163, or write to: Dave Lubera, 75 Willow Tree Pl., Grosse Pointe Shores, MI 48236

LEAGUE FORMING: Immediate openings available in established PBM leagues. ISOMBA is a summer N.L. draft league and winter A.L. draft league with a slight crossover of players. Four N.L. openings and three A.L. openings. You may manage a team in each if you desire. The managers you may be replacing have been asked not to return; we want only the best. Five dollar entry fee pays for numerous newsletters and large, detailed yearbook. Mail your resume to: Robert A. Dormer, 5949 Belden St., Philadelphia, PA 19149

LEAGUE FORMING: Here is a PBM league for those who find a 162-game schedule too drawn out. The Ozone Federation PBM League is in need of eight managers to play a limited 56-game schedule. It will be a draft league using 1978 season cards. For more information, write: Jim McPherson, RR#2, Montgomery, IN 47558

LEAGUE FORMING: We need mature, dependable managers for a 16-team, play-by-mail league. Annoying complexities of many mail leagues have been eliminated. Play will begin in the fall after a draft from the upcoming card set. This league is intended for the adult gamer who accepts nothing but the best, yet wants to derive the maximum satisfaction and fun from a limited time commitment. Information and/or membership can be obtained from: Thomas R. Mink, 201 Brunson Drive, Beech Grove, IN 46107 (phone: 1-317-788-0438)

LEAGUE FORMING: The North American Hockey League is accepting applications for expansion managers in our second year PBM draft league.

We will play a 50-60 game season and playoffs. New clubs will enjoy instant parity with established clubs. Send resume of past S-O-M experience and SASE to: Jim Fell, 5012 Maple Ridge Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46815

LEAGUE FORMING: The Los Angeles-Orange County Football League is looking for coaches for its third face-to-face year. Only Pittsburgh, Dallas, Miami and Houston not available. \$10 refundable fee at end of season. You will receive weekly stats and end of year summaries. Send me a list of your top three choices. Contact: Brian Brumby, 2838 Castle Rock Road, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, or phone after 6 p.m.: 714-594-3332. All replies answered.

LEAGUE FORMING: Kennewick, Wash., and immediate vicinity. I want to form a face-to-face football league. Details will be worked out once all serious, interested parties have responded. For those worried about committing themselves, the league will be as flexible as possible. Call Doug Peterson at 783-7102 or write to: 500 North Volland Apt.#7, Kennewick, WA 99336

LEAGUE FORMING: Prince William County Virginia. I would like to start a face-to-face baseball, football and hockey league. I can't find anybody in this area that has even heard of S-O-M. League experience not necessary. Please don't delay, write to: M. Atkinson, 3107 Burbank Lane, Dale City, VA 22193

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Gradually — baseball goal is achieved

Gradualism and dedication toward a goal are obviously Mike Custer's strong suits. Time is no barrier. And patience is certainly a virtue.

Back in 1972, as a 13-year-old very much interested in sports, both on the playing field and those activated by dice, Custer began a replay of the 1971 baseball season.

Seven years later, after 'rest' breaks from Oct. to April to play football and, beginning in 1973, basketball, Custer finally completed the full season. He also played on his high school baseball team (later playing college and briefly semi-pro baseball), engaged in face-to-face S-O-M contests whenever the opportunity presented itself, and also had a steady girl friend for four years.

"One thing did keep me going, though," says Custer, admitting interest was sometimes on the wane, particularly when the new baseball cards came out. "In September of 1973 I received my first Review. In it I saw replays of baseball, including an Old Timer replay. I decided that I would someday be in the pages of the Review with my replay."

Whatever the source of the inspiration, Custer did finish the full season, plus playoffs and a World Series replay.

BALTIMORE WINS SERIES

Highlights of the replay include two no-hitters--by Luke Walker and Bill Singer--and an amazing seven grand-slams off the potent bat of Oakland's Rick Monday. Hank Aaron, still going strong in '71, walloped 56 home runs, while Baltimore had four 20-game winners, just as in real-life.

Dave McNally, Mike Cuellar, Pat Dobson and Jim Palmer all notched 20 victories and Frank Robinson took care of the Bird offense, driving in 131 runs and collecting 43 home runs. Baltimore was a runaway winner in the American League East, finishing 16 lengths ahead of second-place Detroit. Detroit featured Norm Cash (46 HRs, 119 RBI) and Joe Coleman (25 wins, 2.51 ERA, 291 strikeouts) and the third-place Yankees had a pair of high cards in Cy Young winner Mel Stottlemyre (25 wins, 2.44 ERA) and Felipe Alou (.319, 116 RBI).

In the West, Kansas City surprised slow-starting Oakland, winning by a two-game margin. The Royals had the lowest team ERA--2.94--as well as a torrid hitter in Amos Otis (.341). Meanwhile, Vida Blue got off to a slow start for the favored A's, although winding up a respectable 19-game winner with 2.31 ERA and 280 whiffs, Reggie Jackson had 35 homers to go with 98 RBI and Rick Monday knocked in 100 runs.

Tony Oliva of Minnesota was the MVP, batting .352 with 28 homers and 100 RBI. However, Jim Perry of the Twins served up 47 home runs and had a 5.54 ERA, nullifying much of Oliva's fireworks.

Bill Melton whacked 36 homers for the White Sox; California, although it didn't have a regular who hit higher than .252, was always a threat because of a 2.98 ERA; while Milwaukee was frequently mauled by all.

PLAYOFF NEEDED IN N.L.

The National League East was by far the closest of the division races witnessed by Custer. Pittsburgh, the real-life winner, was out of contention heading into its final series with pacesetter New York. But the Bucs rose up, swept the Mets three straight and forced a deadlock between St. Louis and New York. The Cards had the high cards in a best-two-of-three playoff, scoring 6-1 and 5-3 victories.

Steve Carlton was a 27-game winner for St. Louis (plus he won the playoff opener), while Joe Torre was N.L. MVP after batting a lusty .397, homering 30 times and driving in 126 runs. Lou Brock (.334) and Matty Alou (.331) did nothing to weaken the St. Louis attack, either.

Carlton (27), Bob Gibson (23) and Reggie Cleveland (23) combined

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For 73 of St. Louis' wins. Tom Seaver (23 wins, 2.55 ERA, 383 strikeouts) helped keep the Mets in contention all season, while Roberto Clemente (.343) and Willie Stargell (.318, 51 HRs, 128 RBI) were a dynamic duo at bat for Pittsburgh and bad-boy Joe Pepitone hit at a .346 clip for the Cubs.

In the West it was no contest, San Francisco running away early and winding up a winner by a comfortable 15-game buldge over Los Angeles. Gaylord Perry produced 27 wins to go with a 2.27 ERA, Willie Mays batted .313 and Bobby Bonds finished with 32 homers and 119 RBI. Enough said about the Giants.

GIANTS TOPPLED IN SERIES

Baltimore had an easy time and San Francisco struggled in winning their respective playoffs. Baltimore disposed of Kansas City in four games in their best-of-three playoff, with San Francisco having to go the full five to send St. Louis to the sideline.

Then, led by MVP Boog Powell (six RBI) and a pair of wins by Pat Dobson, Baltimore made short work of the Giants in the World Series, winning in five games.

Custer also conducted an All-Star game. He polled two S-O-M fans he had met through the Review, using lineups based on their balloting. The National League, of course, won the game, this time by a 5-4 count as Hank Aaron hit a home run and knocked home three runs.

Finally, when the last die had been cast, Custer took up the pen and compiled a 275-page yearbook of that memorable 1971 season. Here are the final standings and statistical leaders as gleaned from the copious listing of results:

AL East	W	L	GB	AL West	W	L	GB	Batting (AL)
Baltimore	106	56	-	Kansas City	92	70	-	Oliva MIN .352
Detroit	90	72	16	Oakland	90	72	2	Otis KC .341
New York	85	77	21	Chicago	78	84	14	Howard WAS .324
Boston	82	80	24	Minnesota	75	87	17	Horton DET .324
Cleveland	65	97	41	California	75	87	17	[NL]
Washington	63	99	43	Milwaukee	71	91	21	Torre SL .397
NL East				NL West				Pepitone CHI .346
St. Louis*	93	69	-	San Francisco	101	61	-	Clemente PIT .343
New York	93	69	-	Los Angeles	86	76	15	C. Jones NY .341
Pittsburgh	92	70	1	Atlanta	85	77	16	Home Runs (AL)
Chicago	83	79	10	Cincinnati	81	81	20	Cash DET 46
Montreal	66	96	27	Houston	74	88	27	Robinson BAL 43
Philadelphia	59	103	34	San Diego	59	103	42	Melton CHI 36
RBI (AL)				RBI (NL)				Jackson OAK 35
Robinson BAL	131			Aaron ATL	132			[NL]
Cash DET	119			Stargell PIT	128			Aaron ATL 56
F. Alou NY	116			Torre SL	126			Stargell PIT 51
ERA (AL)				Wins (AL)				Williams ATL 42
Blue OAK	2.31			Stottlemyre NY	25-10			May CIN 42
Stottlemyre NY	2.44			Dobson BAL	25-10			Strikeouts (AL)
Splitterff KC	2.51			Coleman DET	25-10			Coleman DET 291
Coleman DET	2.51			Palmer BAL	24-13			Blue OAK 280
Gogolewski WAS	2.60			Lolich DET	23-12			Blyleven MIN 259
[NL]				[NL]				[NL]
Nolan CIN	2.25			Perry SF	27-8			Seaver NY 383
Dierker HOU	2.26			Carlton SL	27-9			Jenkins CHI 287
Perry SF	2.27			Osteen LA	24-13			Stoneman MON 267
Roberts SD	2.29			Cleveland SL	23-9			
Seaver NY	2.55			Marichal SF	23-12			

Most realistic performance overall, in comparison to real-life, was by Leo Cardenas. Here's a comparison between real-life and S-O-M stats [brackets]: Average - .264 [.263], doubles - 25 [31], triples - 4 [4], home runs - 18 [17], strikeouts - 69 [73] and walks - 51 [48].

S-O-M league, replay scene

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ALEXANDER DORM STRAT-O-MATIC BASEBALL LEAGUE (ADSOMBL) - Face-to-face draft league at University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill...played 70-game season in third year although many pitfalls developed because three of five new managers turned out "irresponsible"...10-manager league struggled home with many problems--most correctable--and a few bright spots...One highlight was rookie manager Tony Joyce's favorite player--Jim Hunter--no-hitting roommate Tom Buske's Brewers...Buske, a second-year player, later had one of his own when Mike Caldwell no-hit manager John Williams' Dodgers...Lyman Bostock, pinch-hitter deluxe with 13 straight pinch safeties, broke up another no-hit bid when he singled off Tom Seaver with two outs in the ninth inning...Another rookie manager, Nelson Gardner, turned the Reds into a 51-19, division-winning team, despite trading away Pete Rose, George Foster and Joe Morgan (to the Royals for Frank White, George Brett and Bobby Bonds). Draft picks J.R. Richard, Dave Winfield, Jon Matlack and Ellis Valentine played a role in the Reds' resurgence, however!...Jim Rice walloped 25 home runs for Boston in the 70 games...Cincinnati captured the World Series, defeating Boston in seven games, winning the first three and then taking the seventh when Dave Concepcion singled in Frank White, who had tripled, in the bottom of the 10th inning...The Series was, according to Jim Muldrow who sent in the league report, the most exciting in the league's brief history.

WINTER AMERICAN DRAFT BASEBALL ASSOCIATION - Eight-team PBM league that has 30-player (25 active) rosters, uses only American League cards, and plays 154-game season...WADBA commissioner, David Lutes of Independence, MO, won the third replay (based on 1977 season) with his Wild West Sasperillas. The Sas' stormed back after trailing by 10 games with 50 left, and overtook Jay Jelinek (Maplewood, MO) and his Barbarians to win league title...Wild West wrecking crew averaged 5.3 runs and had nine players whack 10 or more home runs. Reggie Jackson (27 HRs), Lyman Bostock (.315, 94 runs), George Brett (103 runs), Jason Thompson (24 HRs) and Richie Zisk supplied most of offense, while Bert Blyleven (21-8), Frank Tanana (20-11) and Dennis Leonard (19-12) formed big three mound staff...Barbarians, last year's champs, also had great attack, but shoddy fielding and sub-par relief pitching took their toll down stretch...Graig Nettles hammered 42 homers, knocked home 112 runs for Barbarians, who also got solid season from Jim Palmer (22-13) but sub-par one from Jim Rice (16 HRs) and Ed Figueroa (15-20)...Larry Lamps's (Gilbert, MN) Argyle Sox tied the Barbarians for second, with Bobby Bonds accounting for 43 of the team's league record 204 homers; Gary Knight's Baton Rouge Red Sticks, sparked by Ken Singleton (.316) and Carl Yastrzemski (33 HRs, 91 RBI) were fourth and Ron Helsel's (DeWitt, MI) Wyoming Wildcats, led by Nolan Ryan (23-15, 375 strikeouts) and Andre Thornton (31 HRs) were fifth...Dave Helsel's (Lansing, MI) Mad Dogs finished sixth, the Michigan Rummies (John Seward, Kalamazoo, MI) seventh and Jerry Banko's (Erie, PA) Erie Sailors finished on the bottom deck. However, Rod Carew of the Rummies was WADBA's MVP, batting .364 with 212 hits, and teammate Ron Guidry had respectable 19-9 pitching mark.

Standings and leaders:

	Won	Lost	GB	AVG	ERA		Won	Lost	GB	AVG	ERA
Sasperillas	93	61	-	.272	4.20	Wildcats	74	80	19	.264	4.24
Barbarians	84	70	9	.274	3.68	Mad Dogs	69	85	24	.267	4.83
Argyle Sox	84	70	9	.258	3.84	Rummies	67	87	26	.262	4.38
Red Sticks	78	76	15	.249	4.26	Sailors	67	87	26	.260	4.17
Batting						ERA					
Carew RUM	.364					Nettles BAR	112				
J.Norris MAD	.322					Hisle MAD	105				
Singleton RED	.316					R.May SOX					
Bostock SAS	.315					Ryan WILD					
Home Runs						RBI					
Bonds SOX	43										
Nettles BAR	42										
Gamble SOX	36										
Yastrz'ki RED	33										

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<u>Strikeouts</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Relief</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>Runs:</u> Brett SAS
Ryan WILD 375	Ryan WILD 23	Coleman MAD 12	17		103
Blyleven SAS 249	Palmer BAR 22	Littell WILD 11	17		<u>Hits:</u> Carew RUM
<u>Doubles:</u> Burleson SOX 42;	<u>Triples:</u> Otis WILD 15;				212
<u>Stolen Bases:</u> Remy MAD 52, Bonds SOX 51					

1973 FOOTBALL REPLAY - Full-season effort was conducted by Mark Walters, Washington, D.C., who reported Minnesota ended its frustration in the big games by winning Super Bowl over Pittsburgh, 27-10...Vikings dispatched upstart Philadelphia in first-round of playoffs, 34-10, then Dallas, 24-17, for NFC crown and right to meet Steelers, who had ambushed powerful, and at the time unbeaten, Miami Dolphins, 20-13, for AFC title...Walters' most amazing game occurred in the playoffs when Los Angeles jumped out to a 21-3 lead over Dallas in the first quarter--only to suffer a 37-21 shellacking...O.J. Simpson, as expected, led all rushers with whopping 2,708 yards in 357 carries, while Roman Gabriel's passing arm was responsible for Philadelphia making the playoffs. Gabriel fired a record 542 passes and completed 265 as the Birds were always airborne on the attack...Biggest shootout was St. Louis outlasting New York Giants, 51-49, while Detroit's 57-0 demolishing of New Orleans was most one-sided game...Joe Namath's 29 TD passes was another notable accomplishment in a replay that was run off solitaire by Walters...Buffalo struck overland for 3,956 yards while Dallas was equally formidable in surrendering real estate, giving up 1,091 yards worth in 14 games.

Standings and leaders:

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE											
<u>Eastern</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Western</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>
Philadelphia	9	4	1	Minnesota	9	5	0	Los Angeles	11	2	1
Dallas	8	4	2	Detroit	6	7	1	New Orleans	7	7	0
Washington	5	7	2	Green Bay	5	9	0	Atlanta	6	7	1
St. Louis	5	8	1	Chicago	1	12	1	San Francisco	5	9	0
N.Y. Giants	4	10	0								

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE											
<u>Eastern</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Western</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>
Miami	14	0	0	Pittsburgh	9	5	0	Denver	10	4	0
Buffalo	9	5	0	Cleveland	8	4	2	Oakland	10	4	0
N.Y. Jets	6	8	0	Cincinnati	8	6	0	Kansas City	7	7	0
New England	5	9	0	Houston	3	10	1	San Diego	3	11	0
Baltimore	2	12	0								

Playoffs: Minnesota 34, Philadelphia 10 Miami 14, Oakland 12
Dallas 37, Los Angeles 21 Pittsburgh 20, Denver 17
Minnesota 24, Dallas 17 Pittsburgh 20, Miami 13

<u>Rushing</u>	<u>Att-Yds.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Receiving</u>	<u>No.-Yds.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Avg.</u>
Simpson BUF	357-2708	20	7.6	Young PHI	105-1435	7	13.7
Morris MIA	264-1702	16	6.4	Carmichael PHI	84-1400	8	16.7
Pruitt CLE	312-1628	6	5.2	O.Taylor KC	83-1294	9	15.6
Brockington GB	286-1526	6	5.3	Odoms DEN	82-1092	9	13.4
McCutcheon LA	236-1303	9	5.5	Jackson LA	77-1822	10	23.7

<u>Passing</u>	<u>Att-Comp</u>	<u>TD-Int.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>Att-Comp</u>	<u>TD-Int.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>
Plunkett SF	420-201	26-20	3621	Gabriel PHI	542-265	17-13 3795
Tarkenton MIN	422-205	24-16	2874	Johnson DEN	449-218	24-26 2997
Johnson NYG	406-204	24-15	2791	Griese MIA	307-146	24-10 2234

SILVER LAKE STRAT-O-MATIC LEAGUE (SLSL) - Four-member face-to-face baseball league (state unknown) which plays Old Timer and top modern-day teams in abbreviated 54-game schedule...Managers include Jim and Dan Lash, Joe Lynn and Keith Theiss...Total of 30 teams, five per division, were used in latest replay which was won by 1927 New York Yankees...Yanks won their division with 37-17 record--best mark among 30 teams--and then
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defeated the '34 Tigers, '20 Indians and, in the best-of-seven final series, the '62 Giants in six games, including the opener 13-10 and the last game 12-7...Rip Collins of the '34 Cardinals was MVP, batting .381 with 51 RBI, while Tris Speaker led in hitting (.385), George Foster of '77 Reds in homers (24), Rocky Colavitto in RBI (65), Maury Wills in steals (50), Red Ruffing of '36 Yanks in wins (13-1) and Burt Hooton, '77 Dodgers, ERA (1.48) and Sandy Koufax, '65 Dodgers, strikeouts (144).

Standings and playoffs:

Division 1			Division 2			Division 3		
	W	L		W	L		W	L
'27 Yanks	32	17	'20 Indians	34	20	'77 Dodgers	30	24
'48 Indians	32	22	'34 Tigers	33	21	'77 Phillies	28	26
'57 Braves	26	38	'61 Yanks	30	24	'77 Pirates	27	27
'65 Dodgers	23	31	'75 Reds	28	26	'77 Reds	25	29
'67 Red Sox	23	31	'77 Braves	12	42	'77 Padres	21	33

Division 4			Division 5			Division 6		
	W	L		W	L		W	L
'67 Cards	29	26	'62 Giants	32	22	'34 Cards	32	22
'77 Yanks	28	27	'61 Tigers	30	24	'36 Yanks	32	22
'61 Reds	22	32	'60 Pirates	29	25	'54 Indians	29	25
'77 Orioles	21	33	'31 A's	26	28	'09 Tigers	26	28
'77 Indians	20	34	'53 Dodgers	23	31	'65 Twins	25	29

Playoffs: '67 Cards d. '77 Yanks in one-game playoff.

'27 Yanks d. '34 Tigers, 3-0, and '20 Indians, 3-0.

'62 Giants d. '36 Yanks, 3-2, and '34 Cardinals, 3-2.

MINI HOCKEY LEAGUE - It was all offense and little defense in a 12-team, three-gamer hockey league that saw Toronto, after losing the first three games of the championship playoff round, storm back to edge Montreal, 4-3. Lanny McDonald scored an amazing 10 goals and assisted on eight others for the winners...League was conducted by John Thacker and Sal and Dennis D'Abbraccio all of Astoria, Queens, NY...Close to 10 goals were scored in each game by two teams--955 in 96 games...Paul Gardner of the Colorado Rockies tallied an eye-opening 44 goals, including nine hat tricks, and finished with 67 points; teammate Wilf Paiment had 59 and Montreal's Guy Lafleur 49...Montreal eliminated Boston, Toronto disposed of Colorado in first round of playoffs...Dave [Tiger] Williams was penalized 126 minutes, in 16 games.

Standings:

Golds Meir Division					Kamakazi				
	W	L	T	Pts.		W	L	T	Pts.
Toronto	9	6	1	19	Boston	8	7	1	17
N.Y. Islanders	9	7	0	18	Los Angeles	8	7	1	17
Atlanta	8	8	0	16	Philadelphia	8	8	0	16
Idi Amin					Mr. Green Jeans				
Montreal	11	5	0	22	Colorado	11	5	0	22
Buffalo	8	8	0	16	Cleveland	4	11	1	9
N.Y. Rangers	8	8	0	16	Washington	2	14	0	4

NAPERVILLE S-D-M LEAGUE - Face-to-face, six-team draft baseball league that plays 81-game schedule plus playoffs...Neal Vecchio's Finley Fireballs won second straight title, defeating Jerry Ruzicka's Huns in seven-game final, including 3-2 10-inning thriller in No. 7...MVP and Cy Young winner Tom Seaver (12 wins, 160 strikeouts, 1.83 ERA) was key man for Fireballs...Fourth-place Fighting Irish (manager: Pat O'Reilly) had best hitters as George Foster led in homers (21) and RBI (58) and Al Oliver was top hitter (.377)...other managers included Bruce Bade (Napier Rapers), Dick Ruzicka (Yogi's) and Andy Etohebarren, who replaced Dave Hoekstra at the helm of the Reese's at mid-season after the peanut cups were in the throes of a nine-game losing streak...standings: Finley Fireballs (45-36), Napier Rapers (44-37), Huns (41-40), Fighting Irish (41-40), Yogi's (40-41) and Reese's (32-49).

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Whip 1976-77 Portland in best-teams finale

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advanced version of the game was used. Other teams involved were 1975-76 Phoenix, 1974-75 Washington, 1974-75 Golden State, 1976-77 Philadelphia, 1977-78 Seattle and 1977-78 Washington.

Walton, of course, led Portland into the finals, averaging 17.8 points, 10.8 rebounds for a team that had five players average 12 points or better. Cowens was MVP, however, after averaging 20.8 points, 16.6 rebounds.

Each series was a best-of-seven, and 1977-78 Washington almost upset the eventual champs, losing 4-3 after poor shooting by its guards Kevin Grevey [.320] and Tom Henderson [.273]. The 1974-75 Bullets weren't as tough as in real-life, though, losing to Portland in seven tough games. Philly, after edging Seattle, 4-3, got blown out by Boston, 4-0, while Phoenix and Golden State, one-man teams basically, were overmatched.