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Largest face-to-face league awaits cards

Ropchan is no longer rockin' but he's still rollin'

A lot of folks are eagerly awaiting the arrival of the new Strat-O-Matic Pro Football cards. But few are as eager as 28 gamers in the Edmonton, Alberta, Canada area.

All 28 are coaches in the Canadian Strat-O-Matic Football League, which, if it isn't the largest, would be difficult to top - unless a league has dual coaches for one or more of the stock 28 teams.

Founded by Allan Ropchan in the early 1970s, the CSFL has grown into a model of organization. It has a booklet of rules, a history of past Strato-Bowl games (beginning with the 1970 season), a roster of current coaches, where they reside and how they can be reached, and a league publication ("Red Dog Review") keeping coaches abreast of the latest results, trades and upcoming events.

Twice a year the CSFL's coaches gather for banquets - once at mid-season and after the Strato Bowl when the final awards party is held. The Kingsway Motor Inn was the party site and watching the Oilers on TV, food and drinks, entertainment and reflections on the 1987 season (using the cards based on 1986 real-life) were all on the agenda.

Ropchan, for years a rock singer who traveled the Holiday Inn circuit, has given up rockin' but he continues to roll 'em (S-O-M dice) regularly. "I'm finally honestly employed," quips Ropchan. "I'm employed as an administrator for the Alberta region of Health, Welfare Canada, Medical Services."

Ropchan's beloved Dallas team (Strato Bowl champs in 1979) finished third in the tough NFC East and didn't qualify for the playoffs. Washington, guided by Kerry Shakura, had the best record in the East at 14-2 (real-life Super Bowl champ New York was 13-3 under veteran coach Lee Carlyle).

In the playoffs, Minnesota stunned the Giants, 33-30, and was in turn ousted by Washington, 24-20. The Redskins went on to win the Strato Bowl by kicking two second-half field goals and edging Seattle,

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13-10. Strato Bowl 18 was history and the CSFL turned its attention to next year.

But, before closing the book on the 1987 season, the CSFL handed out awards at its banquet, awards that included the following: Joe Franco Coach of the Year (Hans Zeiter, Buffalo Bills, 12-4); Service award (Peter Millard, current publisher of the "Red Dog Review"); Rookie of the Year (Chanpriti Baweja, Detroit Lions, 5-11); Hard Luck award (Jim Riddell, 49ers, 11-5); Best Offense and Defense (Kerry Shakura, Redskins, 499 points/243); Memory Man of the Year (Gautam Rao, whose photographic memory enabled the Bengals and Browns to play a scheduled game without Pass Rush and Penalty charts; and Unwanted Visitor of the Year (to Randy Shakura, who played three games at the home of Millard, and won all three).

Trading was allowed, but there wasn't any limitations on player usage as evidenced by Ron Davenport leading the league in rushing.

Standings and playoff results:

NFC			
<u>East</u>	<u>Won-Lost</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>Won-Lost</u>
Washington (Kerry Shakura)	14 2	Chicago (Earl Cameron)	14 2
NY Giants (Lewe Carlyle)	13 3	Minnesota (Lawrence Riel)	11 5
Dallas (Allan Ropchan)	6 10	Tampa Bay (Gary Kinloch)	6 10
St. Louis (Howard Kuhn)	3 13	Detroit (Chempree Baweja)	5 11
Philadelphia (Lynn Howell)	3 13	Green Bay (Rob Moyles)	3 13
<u>West</u>	<u>Won-Lost</u>		
Atlanta (Kelly Weiss)	11 5	<u>Playoffs</u>	
San Francisco (Jim Riddell)	11 5	Minnesota 33, NY Giants 30	
LA Rams (Brent Schumacher)	9 7	Atlanta 27, Chicago 21	
New Orleans (Dave Perotte)	8 8	Washington 24, Minnesota 20	
		Washington 27, Atlanta 14	
AFC			
<u>East</u>	<u>Won-Lost</u>		
Buffalo (Hans Zeiter)	12 4	LA Raiders 34, San Diego 27	
New England (Frank Rose)	7 9	Seattle 24, Pittsburgh 16	
NY Jets (Tom Newton)	7 9	Buffalo 23, LA Raiders 17	
Indianapolis (Terry Royer)	5 11	Seattle 30, Buffalo 7	
Miami (Gary LeClair)	5 11	<u>Super Bowl</u>	
		Washington 13, Seattle 10	
<u>Central</u>	<u>Won-Lost</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>Won-Lost</u>
Pittsburgh (Randy Shakura)	9 7	Seattle (Gautam Rao)	10 6
Cincinnati (Pete Millard)	7 9	San Diego (Collin Opper)	9 7
Cleveland (Barry Gach)	6 10	LA Raiders (Frank Budd)	9 7
Houston (Marc Weiss)	4 12	Kansas City (Malcolm Hay)	9 7
		Denver (Dale Lassey)	8 8

Rushing	Att-Yds.	Avg.	Receiving	No.-Yds.	Avg.
Davenport KC	376 2029	5.4	Mobley BUF	242 2478	10.2
Brooks CIN	354 1786	5.0	Stamps ATL	150 1655	6.7
Williams TB	327 1603	4.9	Anderson SD	137 1180	8.6
James SD	246 1417	5.8	Didier WAS	132 1655	12.5
Jackson PIT	287 1404	4.9	Moorehead SEA	118 1221	10.3

Passing	Att-Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	TD-Int.	Yds./Att.
Schroeder WAS	537 251	46.7	4139	36-29	7.71
Kramer MIN	475 260	54.7	3868	30-18	8.14
Kosar CLE	596 280	47.0	3806	32-25	6.39
Kelly BUF	536 296	55.2	3721	26-15	6.94
Fouts SD	600 313	52.2	3298	21-34	5.50

Rushing: Best - Chicago (3194); Worst - Houston (1767)
Passing: Best - Washington (4593); Worst - Atlanta (2019)

S-O-M experience pays off for Smeby

He's now coaching American football in England

BY KURT SMEBY, Northampton, England

In 1984, almost everything I wrote and every league I ran was featured very prominently in the Strat-O-Matic Review. I started gaming at 12 years old and joined my first mail league soon after.

I formed and founded both the PGL and the Federal League. Sometimes, although I enjoyed my hobby immensely, I had my doubts whether all these activities really had any use or transference into the "real world."

I am sure many of your readers have experienced similar thoughts and some of your younger readers must try and explain to mum and dad just what redeeming qualities table games and mail leagues really have.

Perhaps my story will help everyone who doubts their sanity and their choice of a hobby. Table gaming can have interesting advantages.

A JOLLY GOOD SHOW, S-O-M

I left America in 1984 and left the Federal League. I tried to come back early in 1985, but found I could not run the Federal League from England. So, whether the Federal League (or even the PGL) still exists I do not know.

As some people my know, the sport of football (or as we now call it "American Football") came on the scene in England around 1984. British people saw edited highlights each Sunday on their channel 4 and it was not long before they wanted to try the sport themselves. So, teams began springing up all over Britain.

But who was to coach these teams?

Well, I admit that I had far more S-O-M experience than real-life high school experience (where I had dabbled as an assistant coach of linebackers on the odd occasion). However, I soon found myself as defensive coordinator of the Northampton Stormbringers.

At this time the position was unpaid and most of the innovations were S-O-M-based. At the time, no one really knew a 4-3 from a 7-1 defense, for example. And, because I'd played at least 1,000 S-O-M games I found calling defensive plays was exactly the same.

So, do not think S-O-M is all that different if you take the cards away and replace them with real people.

S-O-M, PERSONAL EXPERIENCES...AND BOOKS

After the first few months, all the S-O-M applications had been used. I was also out of personal experience.

There were no other really experienced coaches either, so I started hitting the books...any coaching book I could get my hands on. At first it was like a foreign language. Years later, it was like comic books.

The individual techniques are not taught in S-O-M and I had to brush up on these for all positions (not just the linebackers, which I already knew). But the strengths and weaknesses of defenses were just transferred from S-O-M to real-life and usually it worked.

Neither was I prepared for the individual players and their personalities (yes, you might say that S-O-M cards don't talk back to their owners, nor do they need disciplining) and this took some work; as a matter of fact it's an area no British coach can actually handle all the time.

In 1986, after the British head coach resigned, I thought: 'I'll apply to be head coach.' I would probably never have had the courage to
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just go out and jump in at the deep end, but I had started several (S-O-M) mail leagues and dealt with that kind of pressure, so why not? That accepted, I started my career.

It was now a career only, backed up by, not dominated by, S-O-M experience. The lions share of work was now in actual coaching and research. Although S-O-M provided confidence and assurance (almost as if all those teams had given me strength when they were in the mail leagues), now the attendance was more than 1,000 at each game and media coverage began in earnest.

CONFIDENCE IN S-O-M CARRIES OVER

We started out at 1-3 and the problem was we couldn't score. Oh, I could've called the right plays as I had led many S-O-M routs so many years before. But the techniques still needed mastering.

I always knew I could turn around the season because S-O-M had always given me the confidence to carry on (you see, I never lost very often at table games, either, and that attitude was never lost). At the end of the year, we finished 8-5 and were one game away from the British Super Bowl as a wild-card team. We finally lost 20-12 to the Streatham Olympians.

I was voted fourth in the Coach of the Year awards. Since that time, I have formed the British American Football Coaches Association for the benefit of coaches in this country. We are a union of sorts and I am, once again, at the forefront as the chief executive or president. Our annual budget is \$20,000 and I have turned fully professional.

I received a \$30,000 salary from the Stoke Spitfires this last year. There have been other teams (Luton Flyers, Rugby Rollers, Leicester Huntsmen) and far more experiences.

I also regularly meet, in my capacity with the BFCA, many NFL players and coaches (particularly Marty Schottenheimer, who is a member of BFCA and has done a week's clinic for our coaches) and help out with our National team (a kind of Olympic football team that plays European teams).

British football is now at a low-level college standard. This is up from high school in 1984, so the progress is astounding. I have also been selected to coach several all-star teams, so the honors keep coming.

RUMORS OF 'DEATH' EXAGGERATED

Now then, why is this so important?

First of all, to any of you 'old-timers' who remember good, old Kurt Smeby...I haven't died; I have only found the heaven beyond the cards. To all you other gamers who feel your time may be a waste if you play S-O-M, remember that life is what you make it...you can transfer your abilities in S-O-M to real-life.

Loads of mathematicians got their careers going with S-O-M. I may be the most profound case of actual sports application and the most dramatic.

But let me assure you I would not have the courage or ability to deal with people (yes, a good mail league trader is still effective trading real players) without my mail league experience.

The commitment to call plays and re-position your players is exactly simulated in S-O-M, so this is not wasted time.

Editor's note: Kurt Smeby is 32 years old and if any 'old-timers' (or for that matter, anyone curious about American football in Britain) wish to write him, the address is: 10 Appleby Walk, Lakeview Estate, Northampton NN3 1PP 0604 492214

More TBA kings crowned

Kreuz is Palladin of Strat-O-Matic world

Six more Table Baseball Association tournaments are history as John Kreuz, the Strat-O-Matic world's Palladin ("Have Tournament, Will Travel"), is traversing the country once again this summer.

The latest reports are from Toronto, Boston, Sacramento, Tampa, Newark and Detroit (actually nearby Ann Arbor) and Kreuz, who makes his home away from his tournament home at Glenview, IL, says the competition is getting better and better.

"A new format was introduced for the Sacramento tournament," says Kreuz. "Frequently before a player would come out of division play with just over a .500 record and then, because of good fortune in short series, win the championship. Under the new format, the records will carry over and the overall winner will have the best record. I call it the LeMans Format - modeled after the endurance driving race."

Under this system, the top four record teams from each division advance to Sunday morning's playoffs, with the records they compiled being carried over. A round-robin series of games (two or three, depending on the number of divisions) is then played and eventually the two teams with the best records meet in the afternoon in a three-game championship playoff.

"If one team has four more wins than the team with the second-best record, then that team is the champion," says Kreuz. "Under this format a team has to win almost 20 games (depending on the number of teams entered) to win a division."

"The response has been very, very favorable. The teams with the better records are now frequently running into each other in the later rounds of a tournament. Usually the winning team plays the second-place team a minimum of five games and a maximum of seven."

CROWNING THE LATEST KINGS

At Toronto (remember this was under the old format), Nick Oshukany of Kitchener, Ontario, defeated Ken Lucier of Windsor in the final series. Oshukany had a 20-11 record. "This was the first-ever all Canadian final," noted Kreuz.

Chuck Pugsley of Warwick, RI, walked away with the biggest share of the prize money and qualified for the TBA World Tournament by winning the Boston tournament. Pugsley defeated defending champ Jed Corman of Brookline, MA, in the finals and ended with a 24-13 record.

Kreuz, who occasionally will enter a tournament to fill out a division, captured the Sacramento tourney with a 28-8 record. "It proves you can't lose them all," laughs Kreuz. David Goldstein, San Mateo, CA, had a 24-12 record and was second.

A no-hitter was tossed at Sacramento as Mike Dunne, pitching for Murray Sharp, set down Stan Watson in a stunner. Watson is known to Review readers for his S-O-M Computer Baseball replays. And now he's known for having a no-hitter tossed against him in a TBA tourney.

Jerry Wald of Gainesville, FL, came out of the Tampa tourney with the best record (22-13) - but not until he had subdued never-say-die Willy Dominguez of Miami in a tiebreaker game when Dale Sveum knocked in the winning run off a righty pitcher in extra innings. Mark McGwire (ballpark home run chance: 1-14) almost gave Dominguez the victory in the ninth inning, but he flew out.

Because so many gamers attended the Florida tournament from Gainesville, and so few were there from the host city, Kreuz is moving the next Florida gathering to Gainesville.

At Newark, the Inwood Table Baseball League (see this issue of the Review, page 23) picked off the first three places and had four of the

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Strat-O-Matic spotlight

SOUTHWEST SHOOTOUT ON TARGET

The Court House Athletic Club in Longview, TX, was the site for the first Great Southwest Strat-O-Matic Shootout. And, like everything else in Texas, it was bigger and better than a non-Texan would think.

"A spirited and congenial group of Strat fans from Texas and Louisiana gathered to enjoy this first annual event," reports Phil Jones, who zeroed in on the Shootout's trivia contest (he won first place and \$100) and was runner-up in the baseball tourney.

Actually the tournament's director, Allen Pliler, won the baseball championship, guiding the Cubs to first in the draft setup. Pliler ("Don't worry, we checked his dice," points out Jones) won 10 straight qualifying round games and met Jones (from Austin, TX, who guided the Reds) in the final.

The Cubs prevailed in six games, although the series was tied at 2 following two dramatic Reds' rallies. In the third game, trailing 10-2, the Reds struck back and finally claimed an 11-10 win. And in game four they did it again, scoring seven runs to overcome a 6-0 deficit and win 7-6.

Nolan Ryan of the Cubs retired 24 straight batters in game five and took a one-hitter into the ninth inning. A home run by Andy Van Slyke tied it, however, at 1-1. George Bell's homer in the 11th won it for the Cubs.

Kal Daniels, a real-life Cincinnati Reds' player, led the Cubs in hitting with a .385 average to go with five homers. Teammate Kirby Puckett batted .345, while Van Slyke homered eight times and Jack Clark seven for the Reds. Mark McGwire had 25 RBI for manager Champ Kerr's third-place Oakland team.

The Cubs' bullpen ended up the major difference as the relief corps gave up only one run in 30 innings.

Chris Raymond was the football champ, with his '85 Bears mauling David Gass's '83 Cowboys in the final, 41-24.

LARGER TYPE FOR FOOTBALL CARDS

There will be a cosmetic change in the soon-to-be-released pro and college football cards. The size of the print - a concern to some gamers recently - has been enlarged.

"The print size will go from 10 to 12 point," confirms Harold Richman, Strat-O-Matic's creator and president. "This will only affect the football cards. The basketball and hockey cards will remain the same size print."

GONE, GONE, GONE, GONE!

The 1987 baseball season was definitely a hitter's dream and a pitcher's nightmare. Home runs sailed out of stadiums at a record pace. And, of course, the heavy duty long-ball mashing has been evident in the new baseball cards.

In a recent GKSML (Greater Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League) series, for instance, between longtime managers Jeff Green and Review co-editor Del Newell, 30 home runs were cranked out in five games, including one memorable contest which saw 11 roundtrippers exploded.

California's park (single 1, home run 1-13) was the site for the pyrotechnics as Del won three games (9-6 with four homers, 12-8 with three and 10-8 with seven). Meanwhile, Green, a frequent winner in the GKSML, won an 11-home run slugfest 14-7 and a 7-6 struggle that saw

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five over-the-fence wallops.

Biggest explosion took place in the 14-7 game as Green's machine blasted out seven homers and Newell's four. For Green, Dan Pasqua had baseball's hat trick - three home runs - and Mike Pagliarulo, Alan Trammell and Harold Baines one apiece.

Newell got home runs from Dave Winfield (2), Eddie Murray and Scott Fletcher. Green's John Cerutti and Newell's Rick Rhoden each served up three home runs.

All told, there were 21 runs, 27 hits and, of course, the 11 home runs.

FLORIDA CONNECTION

Thanks in part to the Review, S-O-M gamers William Golden II and Dan Laflin have become baseball-playing friends in Florida's Brevard County, where both make their homes.

Golden, 31, is actually from Springfield, IL. He's a St. Louis fan and has been since 1964. Laflin, meanwhile, is also 31, lived in New York and has always been a New York Mets' fan.

When the two discovered each other in Florida - through the Review - and their S-O-M gaming interest, they immediately began replays, most of which matched the beloved Cardinal and Met teams.

In their first meeting, in 1985, the two pitted the 1969 teams, with the Mets sweeping four straight games. Nolan Ryan's one-hitter in the last game was the coup de grace.

The next year the two hooked up again, this time using the '85 teams. Golden gained revenge by winning in seven games. Tommy Herr's two-run single in the third inning was the difference in a 2-1 pitchers' duel between John Tudor and Dwight Gooden.

In 1987 the matchup was '85 St. Louis vs. the '86 Mets. Tudor (three-hitter) and Danny Cox (four-hitter) tossed shutouts for the Cards as the Mets went scoreless 24 innings. Down 3-0, the Mets prevented a sweep with 3-2 and 3-0 (behind Sid Fernandez) wins. But St. Louis again won a squeaker against Gooden (2-1) in game six as Jack Clark homered and doubled in runs.

Gooden has not found these mini series golden as Golden's Cards are 4-0 against him. Gooden has only a 2.00 ERA and has struck out 28, but never once have the Mets score more than a run for him.

Baseball playing tips

William Golden III, who lives on Merritt Island, FL, also contributes a playing tip whereby the chart below is used for lead-off results in a replay of the 1968 baseball season.

STEALING

Rating	Dice Roll	Lead	No Lead	Stealing	3rd
AAA	2-7	20 -	16	15	
AA	2-6	19 -	15	14	
A	8-10	18 -	14	13	
B	8, 9	17 -	13	12	
C	7	16 -	12	11	
D	5	15 -	11	10	
E	3	14 -	10	9	

Holding on: -4

Since Golden believes Strat-O-Matic rates players with low on-base percentages with a higher percentage of chance to get a good lead, he adds chances for a lead.

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Readers roll 'em

BALKS CAN'T BE IGNORED

With the dramatic increase in balks this year, can S-O-M ignore balks in its next baseball card set?

With an average of almost a balk every other game, it's becoming an important factor in the outcome of games. I'm sure S-O-M can figure a way to incorporate the balk into its game.

Since S-O-M came out with its first advanced version set in 1971, it has added quite a few new features not included in the earlier sets, such as catcher's throwing arms, fielder's 'e' ratings, advanced stealing ratings and now pitcher's holding ratings.

It seems very unlikely that S-O-M will re-issue any of these sets since 1971. So why can't it make these ratings available to us gamers who wish to use them with our older sets? I'm sure there are many gamers like me who would be willing to pay for those ratings.

Also a comment on the new design on the current baseball set. Why did S-O-M leave off the team's nickname? I would much rather see "Chicago Cubs" on the cards than "Chicago (NL)."

TONY HUHN
Missoula, MT

EDITOR'S NOTE: The reason S-O-M has been leaving off team nicknames is because the game company would have to pay a royalty fee for using the nicknames. It already pays a royalty fee to the player associations (i.e. Baseball Player Association) to use the names of the players. Once the teams wanted royalty fees too, then the game company decided it was better to switch than to pay.

'FAMILY' PHOTOS A SURPRISE

I almost ran my hand through the staple when I opened the latest issue and saw our "Family." I had

no intention, or idea, you would publish my pictures. I appreciate it, though. Thanks.

How about some pictures of the Review staff? I'd like to see what the real Strat-O-Matic fanatics look like.

On to my comment. It's grass vs. artificial again. We (the gamers) need one more piece of realism. A groundball zipping through the turf of St. Louis is a lot different than one kicking, fighting and scratching its way through Wrigley. Even though I hate turf, it's an undeniable and very big part of the game.

A new bunting chart would have to be part of the change. I'm not asking for a flat "this is it" change, but a supplementary X chart just like the stealing system. Keep the old X chart, but give us a new one, too.

JOHN MCTERNAN
Belleville, IL

EDITOR'S NOTE: Some new photos of the Review staff, for better or for worse, will be coming your way soon.

ACTION DECKS II?

Does the game company plan to issue second versions of the action decks for the basketball and hockey games (in addition to the present versions) which would test each team equally and not favor the home team?

I understand many gamers play season replays, etc., and want to include home-court(ice) advantages in the schedule. No one can argue that home advantages do exist. But I, for one, often would like to play two teams against each other as if at a neutral site, so that the game is a true test of which team is better.

The present action decks give an advantage to one team (the home team) which makes a fair contest impossible.

I feel that this is one of

the reasons (and maybe the main reason) why the hockey and basketball games are not as popular as many feel they should and could be. For example, how can a face-to-face basketball or hockey tournament be played that tests each coaches ability equally?

Can the game company print and provide both types of action decks?

MELVIN KAPUTNICK

'WASTED SPACE'

My only complaint about the Review is the space wasted

on draft league stats. Leagues based on real teams replays do mean something to me. I like to see if teams did better or worse then real-life..

I like to see more playing tips, 'Readers roll 'em' and gamer's personal experiences with S-O-M.

The computer game plays fine but for the money invested, why not have graphics. A friend has a \$1,000 IBM and the only advantage is stat-keeping. What a waste of machinery.

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Questions & Answers

Editor's note: Questions pertaining to 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.

QUESTION: In the S-O-M Basketball rulebook it states, on page 9: Following a steal..."He may attempt to score off the steal. In this instance, he rolls three dice and refers to the Fastbreak column of the stealer for the shot results." Does this mean that even if the black die reads "D" you still look at the stealer's card for play results?

ANSWER: No, when the black die reading of "D" comes up, you refer to the team's defensive card.

QUESTION: Another basketball question (page 10 of rulebook): Fast-break...2) An automatic fastbreak shot could result. Let us assume a reading of "FB shot LF - roll dice." In this situation you do not draw another action deck card. Simply roll three dice and refer to the fastbreak column of the shooter (LF) for results. Again does this mean that even if the black die reading is a "D" you still look at the player's card for results, not the team defensive card?

ANSWER: You refer to the shooter's card if the dice roll is 1, 2 or 3, but refer to the team defensive card otherwise.

QUESTION: Why wasn't pitcher Phil Douglas given a card with the 1922 Giants? He pitched 157 innings.

ANSWER: S-O-M says because the team stats would have been thrown off

How about 'Jack Benny' league?

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Average age of Liberty coaches will soon be '39'

Three more years and the Liberty Strat-O-Matic Advanced Football League could be renamed the "Jack Benny League." Why? Because in three years the average age of its six current members will be 39 - the eternal age of the famed comedian.

The Liberty League, based in Liberty, NY, is certainly not the largest. And, even though eight successful seasons is impressive, it probably doesn't hold any longevity records.

But it's a good barometer of the fun experienced playing the pro football game face-to-face and, with an average of 36.1 currently, it has to have the oldest lineup of coaches.

For those that don't remember the Liberty League, all six coaches guide a team in the NFC and AFC, plus there is one league team in each conference. The league team is coached by all the league's members at various times, with the object to allow for more dice-rollin'.

Each coach has a stock team, plus is allowed to draft an offensive player, two waiver picks and a defensive player so that a team is made up of three quarterbacks, five running backs, three tight ends and four wide receivers, in addition to all the specialty cards.

The draft and waiver picks are made from the 14 teams not in the league. Trading is allowed and all the super advanced rules are used. The latest season was based on 1986 real-life, or when the New York Giants defeated Denver in the Super Bowl (39-20).

Washington, with 37-year-old Wayne Benton at the controls, captured the Super Bowl by defeating surprising Pittsburgh, 26-10.

The Steelers, with always a solid defense, acquired the missing offensive weapon when Jim Kelly of the Browns was their No. 1 draft choice.

Real-life Super Bowl king New York was 10-6 in the regular-season, finished third in the NFC, but was ousted in the second round of the playoffs by Washington, 29-17.

Here's a look at the Liberty League's lineup of coaches and a thumbnail sketch of each team:

NFC

Chicago - (13-3)

- Tim Smith, 34, draft choices: Dave Kreig (QB), Al Lewis (DB)...Walter Payton rushed for 1,361 yards and caught 94 passes and Kreig gave Bears balanced offense as they got off to 11-0 start...Defense had league-high 35 interceptions and was responsible for +17 turnover differential

Washington (11-5) - Wayne Benton, 37, draft choices: Morten Andersen (kicker), Lloyd Burruss (DB)...NFC's highest scoring team (29.3) as Andersen accounted for 172 points and Jay Schroeder threw for 29 touch-

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Liberty League Coaches, front row from left: Norm Evansky, Tom Poley, Wayne Benton; Standing: Kevin Mullen, Billy Stoddart, Tim Smith.

downs and NFC-high 4220 yards...Charles White was acquired in mid-season trade with Los Angeles Rams for George Rogers and rushed for 808 yards, somewhat negating his many lost fumbles...Dexter Manley had 18 sacks.

New York Giants (10-6) - Norm Evansky, 37, draft choices: Cris Collinsworth (WR), Leslie O'Neal (DE)...Had league's No. 1 defense, allowing only 269 points...Joe Morris zipped to 1289 yards and Mark Bavaro caught 85 passes...Inconsistent Phil Simms fired 27 passes into the hands of the enemy...Defense caused a league-high 54 turnovers.

Minnesota (8-8) - Billy Stoddard, 34, draft choices: Curt Warner (RB), Lee Smith (DE)...Warner was sensational, rushing for 2061 yards and Tommy Kramer complimented his running by throwing for 25 TDs...Lost five games by TD or less...Defense had league-high +20 turnover differential.

Dallas (5-11) - League team...Draft choices: Mike Quick (WR), Mark Lee (DE)...Herschel Walker (1401 yards rushing and 74 catches) and Quick (68 receptions for 1247 yards) sparked the offense...Defense was downfall as it gave up 453 points.

San Francisco (5-11) - Kevin Mullen, 35, draft choices: Steve Largent (WR), Fredd Young (LB)...1-8 start finished 49ers as Roger Craig (1045 yards rushing and 69 receptions) was only bright spot...Joe Montana had sub-par season and pass rush was non-existent (14 sacks).

Los Angeles Rams (5-11) - Tom Poley, 40, draft choices: Dan Fouts (QB), Bruce Smith (DE)...Smith topped league with 19 sacks, but Fouts threw 34 interceptions...Eric Dickerson plowed out 1053 yards rushing but crossed the goal line only once.

AFC

New England (11-5) - Norm Evansky, draft choices: Ruben Mayes (RB) Lee Williams (DE)...Tony Eason set Liberty record with 90.0 quarterback rating as Pats repeated as regular-season league champs...Mayes (1024) and waiver pick William Andrews (1282) gave Pats 1000-yard rushing tandem...Had AFC-high +11 turnover differential...Won last-game showdown with Pittsburgh (27-20) to clinch first in AFC.

Pittsburgh (10-6) - Wayne Benton, draft choices: Jim Kelly (QB), Deron Cherry (DB)...Kelly was sensational, passing for 35 TDs and 4234 yards...Louis Lipps' 13 TD receptions and 72 catches and John Stallworth's 73 came in handy, too...Had AFC's best pass defense (46 sacks/29 interceptions)...Reversed real-life record.

Denver (10-6) - Tim Smith, draft choices: Gerald Riggs (RB), Reggie White (DL)...Broncos topped league with 480 points...John Elway had good (26 TDs, 83.9 rating), but not great season...Set Liberty record by tallying 58 touchdowns...Mark Jackson (1209) and Steve Watson (1149) provided one-two receiving punch.

Miami (9-7) - Billy Stoddard, draft choices: James Brooks (RB); traded defensive pick to Denver for Tony Lilly and Randy Robbinis (DBs)...Dan Marino was marvelous, passing for 4931 yards and 42 TDs...Mark Duper (1464 yards) and Mark Clayton (1286) were main beneficiaries of Marino's aerial show...Dolphins had league's worst defense, however, and wound up losing five games by touchdown or less.

Cleveland (7-9) - Tom Poley, draft choices: Stump Mitchell (RB), Duane Bickett (LB)...Lost four of last five games and fell back...Mitchell rushed for 970 yards and Bernie Kosar was intercepted only 10 times...Defense was inconsistent.

New York Jets (4-12) - Kevin Mullen, draft choices: Earl Ferrell (RB), Tim Harris (LB)...League's worst defense against the pass (38 TDs) led to league-high 475 points...Won first two - then lost next six.

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Los Angeles Raiders (4-12) - League team, draft choices: Boomer Esiason, (QB), Billy Ray Smith (LB)...Esiason was a disappointment with paltry 14 TD passes...Marcus Allen did zip to 1080 yards and catch 58 passes...Todd Christensen topped league with 97 receptions...Raiders had AFC-high 52 turnovers...0-6 start finished Raiders at outset.

MANLEY SUPER BOWL MVP

The fact that a Washington defensive player (end Dexter Manley) was the Super Bowl's MVP tells you what team and which of its units (offense or defense) dominated.

Washington, with Manley registering four sacks, shut Kelly down with 14-of-32 accuracy, 190 yards, no TD passes and one interception. The 'Skins' defense dominated to the extent that Dave Butz sacked Kelly for a safety in the final minutes.

It was 21-3 at halftime as Washington rolled to a 26-10 victory. Six times Kelly went down under an avalanche of tacklers, winding up sacked six times for a loss of 55 yards.

Washington scored on its first two possessions as Benton won his third Super Bowl in the last four years.

THOUGHTS ON S-O-M FOOTBALL

Benton, looking ahead to next year, had a couple of observations - shared by the other Liberty League coaches - "on our favorite obsession, S-O-M Football:

"We would like to see S-O-M revise the two tight end, one running back rule. It's too much of an advantage not to play this way (especially with pass blocking going up). We saw too much of this alignment on third down in our league - protecting against the good pass rushes. We are considering outlawing this offense on third down.

"Also, S-O-M, please watch out on Tony Galbreath. He averaged over seven yards last year on only a few carries. No more, please.

Standings, playoff results and leaders:

NFC	Won-Lost	GB	AFC	Won-Lost	GB	Playoffs
Chicago	13 3	—	New England	11 5	—	Denver 28
Washington	11 5	2	Pittsburgh	10 6	1	<u>Miami</u> 26
NY Giants	10 6	3	Denver	10 6	1	NY Giants 41
Minnesota	8 8	5	Miami	9 7	2	<u>Minnesota</u> 34
Dallas	5 11	8	Cleveland	7 9	4	Pittsburgh 30
San Francisco	5 11	8	NY Jets	4 12	7	<u>Denver</u> 20
LA Rams	5 11	8	LA Raiders	4 12	7	Washington 29
						<u>NY Giants</u> 17

AFC championship: Pittsburgh 41, New England 34

NFC championship: Washington 31, Chicago 23

Rushing	Att-Yds.	TD	Avg.	Receiving	No.-Yds.	TD	Avg.
Warner MIN	444-2061	16	4.6	Christensen RAID	97 1031	6	10.6
Walker DAL	331-1401	8	4.2	Payton CHI	94 762	4	8.1
Payton CHI	336-1361	7	4.1	Morgan NE	93 1468	9	15.8
Morris NYG	306-1289	6	4.2	Bavaro NYG	85 738	5	8.7
Andrews NE	301-1282	7	4.3	Walker DAL	74 508	4	6.9
Allen RAID	233-1080	6	4.6	Stallworth PIT	73 1080	7	14.8

Passing	Att-Comp	%	Yds.	Int.%	TD	Rating	Sacks
Eason NE	405-214	52.8	2881	1.7	26	90.0	B.Smith RAM 19
Marino MIA	560-290	51.8	4931	4.1	42	89.9	Manley WAS 18
Krieg CHI	489-300	61.4	3424	2.7	23	86.8	<u>Interceptions</u>
Elway DEN	481-264	54.9	3767	3.5	26	83.9	McElroy RAID 11
Kramer MIN	447-217	48.6	3825	3.6	25	81.9	Fencik CHI 10

Lakers sweep past Boston

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Full-strength Celtics still no match in NBA replay

The Boston Celtics at full strength are still no match for the Los Angeles Lakers. At least that's what Review co-editor Del Newell found out when he matched the Celtics, without the limping duo of Kevin McHale and Robert Parish, as in real-life, against the fast-breaking Lakers.

Whereas in real-life it took six games for L.A. to rule the NBA championship series, this time the Lakers swept Boston in four games. And the Celtics had a hale and healthy McHale - at least his card wasn't 'hobbling' - and Parish. Boston, of course, was sans Bill Walton, who had helped it to the title the season before.

With Magic Johnson fueling the break and L.A.'s defense keeping just enough pressure on the Celtics to limit their overall shooting from the floor to 44.8 percent (159-355), the Lakers posted victories by scores of 109-102, 108-107, 114-105 and 105-100.

Most statistics were kept, although assists were not. Even so, Magic had an estimated 15-18 per game.

Larry Bird was the leading scorer in the brief series, averaging 29.3 points, including a high of 35 in game three. Bird was also the top rebounder, pulling down an average of 11.3. Kevin McHale, Bird's forward sidekick, averaged 25.5 points and 10.5 rebounds.

But the rest of the Celtics were contained by L.A.'s defense (both teams used normal defenses). Parish was a disappointment, averaging only 11.8 points (off 42.9 percent floor shooting) and 9.3 rebounds, while Danny Ainge produced 11.8 points and Dennis Johnson a dismal 8.8 per game.

The Lakers, meanwhile, had four starters score in double figures. Magic led the way with a 27.3 average, Bryan Scott had 22 per game, James Worthy 16.5 and ageless Kareem Abdul-Jabbar 15.8.

As a team, the Lakers shot a crisp 49.6 percent from the floor, plus outrebounded the Celtics by a 51.3 to 47.5 per-game margin.

The omnipresent Johnson not only led the Lakers in scoring - and everyone in assists - but he also averaged a team-high 7.8 rebounds. Jabbar swished enough sky hooks to shoot a series-high 59.2 percent (29-49). Scott was right behind at 59.1 (39-66) and Worthy netted shots at a 57.1 clip (28-49).

Boston's bright spots were Bird's scoring (he shot 45.8 percent from the floor - 44-96) and McHale's offensive performance and shot-blocking on defense. McHale, he of the elongated arms, swatted away 18 shots in four games - averaging 4.5 blocks - including a Mark Eaton-like nine blocks in game three.

Now for a brief look at each game in the series:

GAME 1

The Lakers, like so often in real-life, took command in the third quarter. After Boston had led 29-24 after one quarter and 55-52 at halftime, L.A. outpointed it 30-22 in the decisive third...Worthy had 13 of his 25 points in the third quarter...Magic Johnson led L.A. with 26 points and Bryon Scott chipped in with 22...Danny Ainge was 3-3 from 3-point range for Boston...Bird scored 24 on 11-26 floor shooting. He also had 13 rebounds. McHale and Parish each had 18 points, but the Celtics wilted down the stretch, connecting on only nine of 24 final-quarter shots. LAKERS 109, CELTICS 102

GAME 2

Again Boston led at halftime (50-48), and again L.A. used a third
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quarter advantage (36-31) to move away for good...Bird and Ainge both missed 3-point attempts in the final minute that could have turned the outcome around. A basket by Parish trimmed the final score to a one point difference...McHale and Bird combined for 64 of Boston's points, with McHale producing 34 (14-23 shooting) and claiming a series-high 16 rebounds...Boston's starters accounted for all but 10 points...L.A. was led by Magic, who had 31 points, the usual number of extraordinary assists and eight rebounds...Scott added 20 points, Jabbar 17 and Worthy 16 as L.A. shot 51.7 percent (45-87) from the floor. LAKERS 108, CELTICS 107

GAME 3

With two wins in the Forum, the Lakers invaded Boston Garden for games three and four...It only got worse for the Celtics as this time L.A. roared out to a 59-43 halftime lead, using a 29-17 second-quarter flurry to pin the Celtics down for good...Bird and McHale had 24 of Boston's 26 first-quarter points. But then the Celtics misfired on their first 11 shots in the second period and it was all over by halftime...L.A. built as much as a 21-point lead in the final quarter...Scott paced a balanced L.A. attack with 26 points, Johnson had 23, Jabbar 20 and three others were in double figures...Bird pumped in a series-high 35 points (12-24, 7-8), McHale tossed in 29 and the two combined for 24 rebounds...McHale also blocked nine shots as the Celtics totaled an amazing 17 blocks, including three by Dennis Johnson. LAKERS 114, CELTICS 105

GAME 4

Boston's last-hurrah ended with only a whimper as the Celtics went 1-12 from the field and fell back 17-2. Scott had 10 points as L.A. swished eight of first 10 field goal attempts...Boston slowly battled back and eventually took lead, 85-84, after basket by McHale with six minutes left...Jerry Sichting's 3-pointer tied score at 99 with two minutes remaining, but Lakers outscored Boston 6-1 the rest of the way to finish off series...Johnson led winners with 29 points (Scott added 20) and Bird and McHale had 28 and 21 respectively for Celtics, who shot a sad-sack 36.3 percent (37-102) with their backs against the wall. LAKERS 105, CELTICS 100

CHAMPIONSHIP BOXSCORES

Game 1 - At Inglewood Forum BOSTON (102)

Bird 11-26 2-3 24, McHale 8-15 2-2 18, Parish 7-11 4-4 18, D. Johnson 2-8 5-6 9, Ainge 5-5 2-2 15, Daye 1-2 0-0 2, F. Roberts 5-7 2-2 12, Kite 0-0 0-0 0, Vincent 0-1 0-0 0, Sichting 2-6 0-0 4. Totals: 41-81 17-19 102.

LOS ANGELES (109)

Worthy 9-13 7-10 25, A. Green 2-8 0-0 4, Jabbar 6-10 2-2 14, M. Johnson 10-21 6-8 26, Scott 11-20 0-0 22, Rambis 0-2 0-0 0, M. Thompson 3-6 2-2 8, Mathews 0-1 0-0 0, Cooper 4-7 1-2 10. Totals: 45-88 18-24 109.

Boston 29 26 22 25 - 102
Los Angeles 24 28 30 27 - 109

3-point goals: Ainge 3. Total fouls: Boston 20, Los Angeles 17. Fouled out: none. Rebounds: Boston 45 (Bird 13, Parish 11), Los Angeles 44 (Worthy 10). Turnovers: Boston 15, Los Angeles 10. Blocks: Boston 7 (McHale 5), Los Angeles 7 (Jabbar 3).

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Game 2 - At Inglewood Forum
BOSTON (107)

Bird 11-21 8-8 30, McHale 14-23 6-8 34, Parish 5-9 3-5 13, D. Johnson 5-10 0-0 10, Ainge 3-11 4-4 10, Daye 0-0 0-0 0, F.Roberts 0-0 4-4 4, Vincent 0-1 0-0 0, Sichting 3-5 0-0 6. Totals: 41-80 25-29 107.
LOS ANGELES (108)

Worthy 7-13 2-2 16, A.Green 2-8 0-0 4, Jabbar 7-13 3-4 17, M. Johnson 10-19 11-11 31, Scott 9-14 2-2 20, B.Thompson 1-1 0-0 1, Rambis 2-2 0-0 4, M.Thompson 3-9 0-0 6, Matthews 2-2 0-0 4, Cooper 2-6 0-0 4. Totals: 45-87 18-19 108.
Boston 28 22 31 26 - 107
Los Angeles 26 22 36 24 - 108

3-point goals: none. Total fouls: Boston 16, Los Angeles 23. Fouled out: none. Rebounds: Boston 41 (McHale 16), Los Angeles 44 (Jabbar 10). Turnovers: Boston 13, Los Angeles 10. Blocks: Boston 6 (Parish 4), Los Angeles 5 (A.Green 2, M.Johnson 2).

Game 3 - At Boston Garden
LOS ANGELES (114)

Worthy 6-11 0-0 12, A.Green 4-9 4-4 12, Jabbar 10-14 0-0 20, M. Johnson 6-20 11-14 23, Scott 9-12 8-10 26, B.Thompson 0-0 0-0 0, Rambis 5-8 1-2 11, M.Thompson 3-12 0-2 6, Cooper 2-7 0-0 4. Totals: 45-93 24-32 114.

BOSTON (105)

Bird 12-24 7-8 35, McHale 12-21 5-6 29, Parish 4-12 0-0 8, D. Johnson 0-7 0-0 0, Ainge 5-12 2-2 14, Daye 3-6 2-2 8, F.Roberts 1-4 1-1 3, Kite 0-0 1-2 1, Vincent 2-4 1-2 5, Sichting 1-2 0-0 2. Totals: 40-92 19-23 105.

Los Angeles 30 29 22 33 - 114

Boston 26 17 28 34 - 105

3-point goals: Bird 4, Ainge 2. Total fouls: Los Angeles 21, Boston 25. Fouled out: D.Johnson. Rebounds: Los Angeles 54 (Worthy, Rambis, Jabbar, M.Johnson, all with 8), Boston 50 (McHale 13, Bird 11, Parish 10). Turnovers: Los Angeles 9, Boston 16. Blocks: Los Angeles 3 (M.Thompson 2), Boston 17 (McHale 9, D.Johnson 3, Parish 2).

Game 4 - At Boston Garden

LOS ANGELES (105)

Worthy 6-12 1-2 13, A.Green 4-7 1-1 9, Jabbar 6-12 0-0 12, M. Johnson 11-21 7-9 29, Scott 10-20 0-0 20, B.Thompson 1-5 0-0 2, Rambis 1-4 0-0 2, M.Thompson 2-7 8-10 12, Matthews 0-0 0-0 0, Cooper 3-5 0-0 6. Totals: 44-93 17-23 105.

BOSTON (100)

Bird 10-25 8-9 28, McHale 8-21 5-5 21, Parish 7-19 3-4 17, D. Johnson 5-11 6-6 16, Ainge 3-12 2-2 8, Daye 0-2 0-0 0, F.Roberts 2-3 1-1 5, Kite 0-3 0-0 0, Vincent 0-2 0-0 0, Sichting 2-4 0-0 5. Totals: 37-102 25-27 100.

Los Angeles 31 29 22 23 - 105

Boston 22 28 22 28 - 100

3-point goals: Ainge. Total fouls: Los Angeles 26, Boston 15. Fouled out: none. Rebounds: Los Angeles 63 (Scott 12, M.Thompson 8, M. Johnson 8), Boston 54 (Parish 15, Bird 14). Turnovers: Los Angeles 18, Boston 8. Blocks: Los Angeles 10 (Green 4, Worthy 2, Rambis 2), Boston 8 (Bird 2, McHale 2, Parish 2).

The cards based on the 1986-87 season were used for the replay. Minutes on the cards were adhered to as much as possible regarding amount of playing time for all players. Boston attempted 22 3-point field goals and connected on 10, while Los Angeles was 1-for-6 in that department.

'2002: A Baseball Odyssey'

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That's the number of home runs hit in Clinton League

When the Clinton, MA, league said the theme for its 11th season was "2002: A Baseball Odyssey," it wasn't describing a futuristic replay.

Instead the "2002" stood for the number of home runs the 10-member league cracked in a draft-league replay using cards based on the 1986 season.

"The 2002 was the final home run count for the regular season," says John Joyce. "Fifty were grand slams. The league average was 733 runs scored." Shell-shocked pitching staffs had a 4.12 ERA.

Fran Sheehy, whose ball park was Boston's Fenway Park, poured 838 runners across home plate. With the likes of Wade Boggs, Tony Gwynn, Tim Lincecum, Eddie Murray and Robin Yount in the lineup, his team set a league record with a .297 average. Sheehy's singles hitters produced only 134 home runs in the 160-game regular season schedule, however.

Wielding the big bats as a team were Chuck Pugsley's sluggers, featuring MVP Eric Davis (46 homers, 110 RBI) and Jesse Barfield (44-107). Pugsley's players powered 247 home runs.

Next up in the home run derby was Dennis Foley's team, which had 245, including 39 off the bat of Rickey Henderson. Foley's squad had a 4.40 ERA, however, offsetting the power display.

All told, seven of the 10 teams had 200 or more homers. The pitching ERAs found only three teams under 4.00, with Mark Bourdeau's 3.51 the lowest. Tom Candiotti (22-12) and Mike Scott (21-16) were a Big Two for Bourdeau.

PITCHING PREVAILS

When the final die was rolled in the Clinton League's World Series it was pitching that made the difference. Dan Tomasello (ball park: Kansas City) had the league's best defense (78 errors and 195 double-plays), the second-best batting average (.272) and set a league record with 351 doubles.

Those numbers and a great record on the road added up to a league championship for Tomasello and more than made up for a 123-homer output. Tomasello, who was 37-43 at home but an amazing 52-28 on the road, also had a stopper in Bob Ojeda (26-12) and big saver in Don Aase (24 saves).

Ironically, Tomasello (team ERA of 3.71) met Bourdeau (3.51) in the World Series. Both had eliminated division winners in the playoffs: Tomasello swept Pugsley (5-3, 10-9, 7-6 and 8-4) and Bourdeau needed five games to oust Sheehy (3-4 in 10 innings, 10-6, 5-2 in 10, 2-0 and 5-4 in 10).

In the World Series the pitching dominated, with Tomasello winning the seventh and final game, 6-4. His team only scored 21 runs in the seven games. After losing the first two games by 6-4 and 5-1 scores, Tomasello won games three (4-3), four (4-3) and five (2-0), before losing No. 6 (4-0).

Bourdeau, after scoring 11 runs in the first two games, had only 12 the last five. Ojeda started three games and got the win in Nos. 4 and 7. Lee Smith had two saves and Mel Hall (10-24, .417) and Keith Hernandez (8-24, .333) were the hitting stars for the champs.

Bourdeau's park, incidentally, was Shea Stadium. Other managers in the Clinton League and their parks included: Steve Wentzel (Detroit), Dick O'Malley (California), Kent DeGroot (Seattle), Pugsley (Baltimore), John Joyce (Wrigley Field), Dennis Foley (San Diego) and Rich Kennedy (Toronto).

A few of the league's highlights and lowlights included:
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* Dave Parker hit 45 homers for Wentzel, but they couldn't offset a .232 team batting average and an offense that produced only 653 runs.

* Dick O'Malley's pitchers served up 223 homers and the team was outscored by almost 100 runs.

* Having to pitch in the Kingdome made baseball jesters out of Jimmy Key (7-19, 5.82 ERA) and Nolan Ryan (12-14, 4.06). Team ERA was 4.97 and the pitchers were ripped for 1628 hits.

* Pugsley had the largest run differential as his team outscored opponents by 158.

* Joyce failed to make the playoffs (two top teams in each division qualify) for the first time in eight seasons. He did compile a .500 or better record for the 11th straight time, though. Mike Schmidt (53 homers, 130 RBI) and Mark Eichhorn (17 wins/18 saves) had big seasons.

* Foley's team did everything but win, outhomering foes 245-180 but yet was outscored 777-771. Dwight Gooden won 21, Sid Fernandez 17, but rest of staff produced only 36 victories.

* Roger Clemens was a disappointment for Kennedy, going 19-18 with a 3.99 ERA. Mike Witt (13-22) was even worse.

Standings and leaders:

Division I	Won-Lost	GB	Avg.	ERA	HR	Batting
Fran Sheehy	93 67	-	.297	4.47	134	Boggs FS .351
Dan Tomasello	89 71	4	.272	3.71	123	Raines FS .340
Steve Wentzel	73 87	20	.232	4.00	218	Yount FS .331
Dick O'Malley	68 92	25	.239	4.31	178	Murray FS .328
Kent DeGroot	58 102	35	.246	4.97	200	
Division II	Won-Lost	GB	Avg.	ERA	HR	Home Runs
Chuck Pugsley	98 62	-	.249	3.59	247	Schmidt JJ 53
Mark Bourdeau	91 69	7	.256	3.51	212	E.Davis CP 46
John Joyce	82 78	16	.251	4.21	235	D.Parker SW 45
Dennis Foley	74 86	24	.256	4.40	245	Barfield CP 44
Rich Kennedy	74 86	24	.257	4.07	210	R.Henderson DF 39

RBI	ERA	Wins
Schmidt JJ 130	Eichhorn JJ 2.31	Ojeda DT 26-12
Boggs FS 111	M.Scott MB 2.93	Candiotti MB 22-12
E.Davis CP 110	Rhoden CP 3.51	Gooden DF 21-14
G.Davis JJ 110	Candiotti MB 3.52	M.Scott MB 21-16
Barfield CP 107	Gullickson DT 3.56	Darling CP 19-10
	Morris SW 3.57	Clemens RK 19-18

H: Raines FS 231	Strikeouts	CG: Scott MB 31
2B: Boggs FS 52	M.Scott MB 391	SH: Scott MB 7
3B: Dykstra CP, Samauel SW 12	Clemens RK 343	SA: Aase DT 24
SB: Raines FS 64	McCaskill DT 291	N.Allen DO 23
R: R.Henderson DF 127	Youmans RK 262	Eichhorn JJ 18
	Gooden DF 253	

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League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: Managers needed for the brand new Greater Phoenix Strat-O-Matic Baseball League. Super advanced rules will be used in fresh draft league. Schedule and rules open to discussion. Contact: Lou Bruno at 602-266-3710, or by mail at: 2025 W. Indian School Road, Apt. 423, Phoenix, AZ 85015

LEAGUE FORMING: A face-to-face, super-advanced football league starting this September. Using the top teams of the 1980s, such as '85 Bears, '84 49ers, '83 Redskins, or '85 Patriots, along with all others. Looking for at least 12 teams. Everyone will have a shot at the team they want. Call now: Joe Trudeau (617-826-6906), or write P.O. Box 77, Hanover, MA 02339

LEAGUE FORMING: The Oops Football League will begin its 20th year this September. We are a face-to-face competition league operating in L.A., Orange, Riverside, San Bernadino, San Diego counties. We have an NFL-style draft and play a 16-game season, including playoffs and the Ooper Bowl. Our members play the role of coach, scout, general manager and owner. If you're serious about football, S-O-M-style, give us a call. Los Angeles-North Orange County: Dave Siemienski (213-640-8008), Riverside-San Bernadino County: Tom Spalding (714-793-3308), San Diego-South Orange County: Paul Mankiewicz (619-451-6091).

LEAGUE FORMING: International Hockey League has immediate openings for head coaching positions in its inaugural season. The IHL will be a 16-team draft league with seven-year veteran commissioner who is also equipment manager for a professional ice hockey club. Many dollars spent on carbon professional scoresheets, computer software and more to get this project off the ground. If interested, send resume, with as much

information as possible, immediately to: IHL Hockey Central, c/o Jory Leedy, 9057 W. 75th Way, Arvada, CO 80005

LEAGUE FORMING: Fall draft league now forming to begin play in September. The first season will consist of eight or more teams. Your new team will be formed by the following method: You will select an A.L. or N.L. team, cutting unwanted players. You will then draft to 29 players from the list of unselected and cut players. The amount of unselected players put in the draft will depend on the amount of teams the league will consist of for the first season. This will help keep the league from being an all-star type. You also own the rights to all players from that organization that have cards in the future. To join this unique league, send a SASE with your top two choices of teams, age, past PBM history and phone number, to: Jeff Berens, 4856 "G" Sunset Terrace, Fair Oaks, CA 95628, or call (916-967-7511) to get that favorite team reserved. Hours to call: 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. (PST), weekdays, anytime weekends.

LEAGUE FORMING: Established PBM baseball league looking for new managers to take existing teams. We play 162-game schedule in fall-winter months. Draft starts soon. For information, write or call: Doug Crandall, Box 161 Deerfield, KS 67838 (316-426-2532)

LEAGUE FORMING: Twelve-year-old face-to-face league in the Philadelphia area needs managers to take over existing teams. We are a nine-team continuous ownership draft league. We play 162 games and have 44-man rosters. Call or write: Mike Brenner, 10102 Galahad Road, Philadelphia, PA 19116 (215-676-5926)

LEAGUE FORMING: Hockey fanatics:
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The Commonwealth Hockey League, in its 10th season, is looking for a coach and backups for the upcoming season. We've been around for a long time and want dedicated gamers to join us. If interested in a truly spectacular and innovative league, contact: Bob Blanchard, 101 Dyer Street, Presque Isle, ME 04769 (or call 207-764-5263)

LEAGUE FORMING: Looking for reliable managers in the Sacramento area to join a new face-to-face league. The format of the league will be voted on, as will all proposals. More than likely, a 1987 replay will be the choice. We currently have four managers and would like to start the season ASAP with eight to 10 managers. If you're interested, call Pete LeBlanc at 349-0784 or 384-2744, or Stan Watson at 391-9779.

LEAGUE FORMING: Managers needed for new PBM league. Teams will be drafted from 1988 American League cards. A short first season is expected, with a possible N.L. in 1989. Don't miss your chance to get in a league from the beginning. Draft order filled on first-come, first-served basis. Contact: Pat Eckert, 1145 Davis Drive, Gibbon, MN 55335 (507-834-6360)

LEAGUE FORMING: Gordie Howe Classic PBM hockey league is expanding to 16 teams. Currently a 13-team league playing the advanced game, with the Bob Loeck penalty system that includes realism in penalties, such as fights, goalie penalties, bench minors, penalty shots and misconduct ratings for each player that received one in the NHL last season (research done through Hockey News). Our eighth season will be starting in November with the new cards. If interested, send brief resume about yourself. Write to: Don Miron Jr., 5500 N. Elms Road, Flushing, MI 48433

LEAGUE FORMING: New PBM baseball league is looking for competitive serious managers. We will be a 16-team league using the 1987 cards, super-advanced rules, playing a 162-game schedule. If you want a fresh start, build your team and this league from the ground up, please call or write (send SASE) for more information: Eric Spitz, 761 University Avenue, Los Altos, CA 94022 (415-941-6710). I would like to begin the draft in October and begin play in November, so call or write ASAP.

LEAGUE FORMING: Gordie Howe Classic PBM hockey league is in need of two coaches for existing teams, as well as three for expansion (see other ad on this page). Thirteen original teams will protect 13 players for expansion draft. Lemieux, Carson, Robitaille and Bourque are just some of the players without a coach. Newsletters, yearbook and a NHL-type schedule are features; a free franchise fee if you complete season (\$10 deposit). Get out your pen and write to: Don Miron Jr., 5500 N. Elms Road, Flushing, MI 48433

Baseball playing tips

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Add dice roll:

.250-.260	- 12
.240-.249	- 11, 12
.230-.239	- 10
.220-.229	- 10, 12
below .219	- 10-12

If player already has dice roll of 10 included in his rating, use 4 instead.

Example: Player is an "A" stealer and his average was .235. His chance for a good lead will be 4, 8-10. The regular good lead rating for an "A" stealer was 8-10 and, since "10" is already used in the rating, a "4" was substituted.

S-O-M league, replay scene

NORTH AMERICAN CORRESPONDENCE BASEBALL ASSOCIATION (NACBA) - Year-round league that plays American League from April-September, National from October-March...Latest 162-game replay completed was second N.L., with Dennis Schimmel's Minneapolis Millers winning second straight title...10-team play-by-mail league which uses super advanced rules and some modifications...Draft of rookies and free agents is held in summer...NACBA was founded in fall of 1986; commissioner is Scott Hapner of Findlay, OH..."The league continues to have tremendous stability," enthuses Hapner, "and has not lost an owner in over one year"...Other managers include: Paul Minor (Trevose Tribe), Al Telgenhof (Michigan Wheels), Bill Krolikowski (Kielce Kielbasas), Chad O'Kelly (Iowa City Colonels), Olaf McDavid (New Orleans Bayou Bengals), Malcolm Baker (Blue Hills Bombers), Reese Fesmire (Erie Clippers), Jim Gramke (Cincinnati Coppers) and Hapner (Findlay Cardinals)...Glenn Davis (.292, 52 home runs, 143 RBI, 105 runs) of Iowa City was Player of Year; Mike Scott (22-9, 2.62 ERA, 345 strikeouts, 23 complete games) of New Orleans was Pitcher of Year.

Standings, playoffs and leaders:

Eastern			Western			Playoffs		
Won	Lost	GB	Won	Lost	GB			
Trevose	97	65	-	Minneapolis	104	58	-	Findlay d.
Kielce	88	74	9	Michigan	81	81	23	Michigan, 2-0;
Findlay	87	75	10	Iowa City	81	81	23	Iowa City d.
Blue Hills	72	90	25	New Orleans	73	89	31	Kielce, 2-1;
Erie	67	95	30	Cincinnati	60	102	44	Trevose d.
								Findlay, 3-1;
								Minneapolis d. Iowa City, 3-0;
								Minneapolis d. Trevose, 4-2.
Batting			Home Runs			RBI		
Raines MM	.343		G.Davis IC	52		G.Davis IC	143	
Sax TT	.324		Schmidt TT	47		Schmidt TT	123	
K.Hernandez KK	.316		E.Davis MM	41		Parker FC	120	
V.Hayes TT	.312		Deer CC	41				
K.Bass MM	.311		Strawberry IC	37				
Wins			ERA					
R: Raines MM	127		Scott NO	22		Scott NO	2.62	
2B: Sax TT	51		Gooden FC	20		Youmans NO	2.65	
3B: M.Webster MW	15		Hershiser MM	20		Rhoden KK	2.94	
SB: Coleman KK	134		Rhoden KK	20		Welch BH	3.02	
SH: Scott NO	5		Darling MM	19		Reuschel MW	3.04	
SA: Orosco MW	31							
Strikeouts								
Scott NO	345		Youmans NO	211				
Valenzuela FC	255		S.Fernandez MW	210				
Krukow TT	238							

LEAGUE OF VILLAGE IDIOTS - Misleading name in the sense that all five managers in the Austin, TX-based league are professional folks, ranging in age from 28-37...Latest season emulated real-life in that the expansion Strawberry Fielders played just well enough to qualify for playoffs - and then won it all!...Phil Jones guided the Fielders and he was given some extra draft picks to strengthen his team...Draft pool consisted of 1986 season cards, with a few minor players disqualified. Restrictions on at-bats and innings pitched were utilized...Jones was able to draft the likes of Andy Van Slyke, Ryne Sandberg, Wally Joyner, Tony Gwynn, Eric Davis, Dave Righetti and Mark Eichhorn. His home park was Milwaukee...Steven Marquez, the defending champ of the three-year-old league, featured Darryl Strawberry, Alan Trammell, Lou Whitaker, George Brett, Dwight Gooden and Bob Welch. His park was

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Detroit. Champ Kerr directed the Contra Freedom Fighters (home park: Baltimore), Mark Roberts the 1984 champion Golden Griffins (Seattle) and Randy Jones (no relation to Phil) the Kerwood Derbies, who had the best talent on paper in Don Mattingly, Jesse Barfield, Mike Schmidt, George Bell, Ozzie Smith, Roger Clemens and Fernando Valenzuela. California was home park of the Derbies... Competition was fierce as with 12 games left in 80-game schedule, four teams were within three games of first place... Kerwood Derbies finished first (the favorite delivered!), Golden Griffins second and the Fielders slipped into third at 41-39... Fielders surprised by ousting the Griffins in six games, and then turned on the powerful Derbies and again winning in six. Scott's one-hit gem in game four (4-0) left Derbies stumbling and far from finish line. Pitching was the difference as Fielders held two best hitting teams to 27 runs in 12 games. ERA for the champs was a nifty 2.25. Hubie Brooks was the hitting star for the winners, going 14-for-27 with two game-winning hits.

INWOOD TABLE BASEBALL LEAGUE - One of the more youthful S-O-M leagues is the New York city-based, six-manager ITBL. The oldest member is 19 and the youngest 15... First season used the 1985 cards and the first player selected in the inaugural draft was Bret Saberhagen... So many transactions were made that the player movement rules were changed for this season... All super-advanced rules are used, including a catcher X rule and relief pitcher eligibility chart from the Table Baseball Association tournament rules... ITBL has expanded to eight teams for its second season... Managers included Alex Lopez (Boston), Mike Regan (Texas), David Toro (Baltimore), Mike Sanchez (Toronto), Jose Mena/ Eddie Kneafsey (Kansas City) and commissioner Joseph Sheehan (Chicago)... Kansas City didn't play final 19 games of schedule, thus the imbalance in the league's final standings... Some highlights/lowlights included: Lopez, a freshman at Mercy College, having a team ERA of 2.67 and winning four games with squeeze bunts; Regan had two 20-game winners (Dan Petry, 22-7, 3.22; Dennis Eckersley, 21-7, 2.77), with Petry hurling league's only no-hitter, vs. Chicago. Regan reached the quarterfinals of last November's TBA tournament... Toro, 15, was youngest manager and a sophomore at prestigious Bronx High School of Science. Sheehan was trademaster without peer as over 40 players went through his revolving door. Once lost 16 of 20 games and then won seven in row... Boston won both regular-season (106-53) and World Series. Baltimore, third in the standings, reached the World Series and fell in five games, with the last a one-hitter fired by 21-game winner Joe Hesketh.

Standings and leaders:

	Won-Lost	GB	Average	Playoffs
Boston	106 53	-	Boggs CHI/BOS .378	Baltimore d.
Texas	92 67	14	Brett BAL .341	Texas, 3-1
Baltimore	85 73	20 1/2	McGee KC/TEX/BAL .334	
Chicago	79 80	27	Guerrero TEX .329	
Toronto	60 93	43		
Kansas City	43 99	54 1/2		
			<u>Home Runs</u>	<u>RBI</u>
			Brett BAL 40	Guerrero TEX 121
			Mattingly CHI 38	Brett BAL 119
			Guerrero TEX 35	Mattingly CHI 105
			Schmidt BAL 34	
				<u>H:</u> Boggs CHI/BOS 222
<u>ERA</u>				<u>2B:</u> Brett BAL 40
Hough BOS 1.89				<u>3B:</u> Griffin CHI 11
Hesketh BOS 2.34				<u>R:</u> Henderson TEX 107
Tudor BOS 2.43				<u>SB:</u> Henderson TEX 65
Reuschel BAL 2.44				<u>SA:</u> Guante BOS 14
		<u>Wins</u>		
		Hough BOS 22-6		
		Petry TEX 22-7		
		Reuschel BAL 22-12		
<u>Strikeouts</u>				
Gooden CHI 302; Reuschel BAL 237			<u>SH:</u> Tudor, Hough BOS 5	



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five best records. Alex Lopez won it with a 22-10 won-and-lost log with Ed Kneafsey and Joe Sheehan second (21-11). All are from New York and are members of the ITBL, as is Mike Regan (17-15).

Reed Vander Slik, from Wyoming, MI, won the Ann Arbor TBA with a 24-11 record. Jim Battista of West Chester, PA, had the second-best mark (22-13).

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