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ATTENTION! Do you want reprints?

All is certainly not quiet on the Strat-O-Matic Baseball gaming front.

Last month the game company, located at Great Head, NY, on Long Island, announced it wished to poll the table-gaming public to find out if past seasons card sets in baseball were desired.

Now, the second part of the old card doubleheader, has been announced by S-O-M: the game company will be reprinting--yes, reprinting!--a select-number of teams of the past. And, yes again, your voice will carry infinite impact as far as which teams are chosen to be reprinted.

"We've had to change our thinking about reprinting past teams," admits Harold Richman, S-O-M's creator. "I never dreamed the prices that would be asked for some of those old teams. Earlier, I had indicated that when a person bought S-O-M cards they were investing in the company, in a sense. But the prices being asked by a few go far beyond that. The value of S-O-M cards has gone higher than the price being paid for gold (on a percentage basis)."

What the game company plans, as a result, is to poll the S-O-M public

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as to what teams are most wanted (12, 24, perhaps as many as 30). The poll again will be handled by the Review, with the results then forwarded to the game company.

There will be a difference in the reprinted teams of the past, however. "They will be perforated (have to be cut apart) and about one-half the size of the originals," notes Richman. "The teams will be reprinted as they are (advance side cards will have that, too), but the cards will be smaller. The number of teams will depend on the poll and the set will have to be purchased as a set, rather than individual teams."

Richman speculates that the cost will be closely in the ball park with current card-set prices.

WHAT ABOUT COLLECTORS?

Richman is also trying to be fair to those who have spent time and money in obtaining old card sets. "The delivery date for the reprinted set of teams won't be until 1981, thus giving collectors, if they wish to sell, 1½ years to do so. Also, the reprinted teams will not resemble the originals--so, as far as collecting old teams, those that have them will remain an elite group. The price for some of those older teams may go down, but probably not that much."

Since the reprinted cards will be as teams, rather than seasons, a full-set of cards should continue to be of value to true-blue collectors.

Richman admits that the cry in the "Readers Roll 'Em" column of the Review for reprints had a lot to do with prompting his decision. "We also wanted to allow people who have purchased the game (cards) recently to be able to play some of the great teams of the past."

"Many people complained that they would never get the chance because of the high, and in many cases ridiculous, prices being asked. Robert Henry (possessor of the most extensive baseball card collection in S-O-M) told me that \$25 was the asking price for the 1969 New York Mets. And a collector in Colorado told me he sold a set of the 1962 cards for \$275, and probably could have sold the teams separately for \$30-40."

Henry was consulted by Richman before the decision to reprint was made and Henry, although having some reservations, was generally in agreement that something had to be done because of the soaring prices. It was the feeling by all parties that if S-O-M didn't respond to the drumbeat for reprints, it would soon appear the game company had turned a deaf ear toward its public.

PAST SEASONS POLL CONTINUES

So, now with reprints in the near future, Review readers have a chance to be unofficial spokesmen for all of the S-O-M world. In both polls, relates Richman, past seasons and reprints of teams will follow the voting as given to the Review.

Remember, if you haven't already responded, the past seasons poll is trying to find out whether or not you want to see past seasons (prior to 1962) in baseball printed? And, if the answer is yes, which decades are preferred, and what team from each decade is desired. A questionnaire for selecting past seasons is found on the back page of this month's Review.

The next step, if you are interested in reprints and past seasons, would be to list the teams, in order of preference, that you wish to have reprinted. Again, space is available on the back page to make your choices known.

Finally, all results submitted to the Review will be tabulated and forwarded to Strat-O-Matic. In the case of past seasons, no response will be literally a "no" vote.

The 'polls' will remain open for the next two to three months. But hurry with your response, especially if you're interested in past seasons, as S-O-M would have to begin research as soon as possible. Target date for past seasons to be readied, printed and ready for delivery will depend on how swift the response--and also, and more significantly, if the gaming public is interested in such seasons.

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Only two hockey card changes

First report from the game company is that only two minor changes are needed on the new set of Strat-O-Matic Hockey cards:

* On Paul Baxter's card, a defenseman for the Quebec Nordiques, change his faceoff rating from a "4" to a "0."

* And, regarding Jerry O'Flaherty, an additional player for the Atlanta Flames, on outside shot, dice reading No. 2, the square should say "Goalie Rating," rather than just simply "Goalie."

Nothing major, as you can tell. But virtually no news is always good news --at least when it comes to reporting card corrections

New injury chart proposed

Hockey playing tips

While on the topic of hockey, early reports indicate the changes in the game have been well received by the public, and made the game much more realistic.

Bringing the goalie into the game more was, of course, the most noteworthy--as well as universally praised--change. No more ho-hum when "Goalie Rating" pops up. Now it's a difficult shot on goal and the goalie is on the spot. And when it happens in the final moments of a game, well, the excitement really mounts.

We like the change, too, from "Any Player may shoot" to having to select the player with the highest offensive rating. Thus those players with the great percentage-cards, but not normally high scorers, can't be chosen. The scorers are going to get the call--as it is in real-life.

HOCKEY PLAYING TIPS

Stephen Herring of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, also has a few suggestions for making an outstanding game even better.

His first idea is that when a player draws a penalty, instead of inserting a penalty card into the action deck, put the offending player's card in the deck. "This way," he reports, "when there are overlapping penalties there will be no confusion as to who comes out of the penalty box first. This eliminates the use of the 'End of penalty' cards."

Secondly, Herring offers for your cursory inspection and perhaps use, an injury chart for hockey, one he feels will work with the expanded rosters in this year's card set but would not have been feasible a year ago.

An injury would occur, according to Herring, "on rebounds on split No. 2 with breakaway reading LW (RW) as well as split No. 13 with breakaway reading C (LW) if breakaway/penetration rating 3 or more--if not, lose puck to opponent, and split No. 17 with breakaway reading C (LW) if breakaway/penetration rating 2 or more--if not, lose to opponent. When an injury occurs, pick a split card to determine who gets injured."

Split card: 1-10 - Visitors; 11-18 - Home; 19-20 - Goalie under attack.

A second split card is picked to determine the duration of the injury:

1 - Rest of period	6 - Rest of game
2 - " " "	7 - " " "
3 - " " "	8 - " " "
4 - " " "	9 - " " "
5 - " " "	10 - " " "

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Injury chart con't

11 - 1 game plus remainder of game
 12 - " " " " " "
 13 - " " " " " "
 14 - 2 games plus remainder of game
 15 - " " " " " "
 16 - Roll of 1 dice + remainder of game
 17 - " " 2 " " " "
 18 - " " 3 " " " "
 19 - " " 4 " " " "
 20 - " " 5 " " " "

Note: An injury can last from "rest of period" up to 30 games. Average is 3.39 games missed per player and 135.6 games per team. Herring also reports the chart was used in a recent league he participated in and, despite his losing Mike Palmateer for 15 games at an inopportune time, everyone was pleased with it and found it realistic.

Penguins plucked in NHL replay

Offense in deep-freeze, record dips to 18-53-9

In song our generation learned it was difficult, if not downright impossible, to roller skate in a buffalo herd (don't snicker, there really was such a song).

Now, after a year of frustration, "boredom and disgust," Randall Witt found that Penguins, those whimsical-looking, frigid-weather dwellers who are nattily attired in tuxedos, can't ice skate in the NHL.

Witt, who confesses the Pittsburgh Penguins are his favorite team, replayed their 1977-78 season. "They didn't even come close to their real-life 25-37-18 record," wails Witt, "even with me pulling for them." I did feel the stats were very realistic...each player played the number of games on his card (except the centers who played all 80 because there were only three of them)."

The native of Franklin, TN, said that most of the games were played solitaire (elementary version), but a few were face-to-face (super advanced). Adds Witt: "I only took rebound shots when the split card said to, not when it just said the offense recovered. When the offense got control it had an outside shot. This held the scoring down which, in my opinion, made it more realistic."

Highlights of an otherwise dismal 18-53-9 [45 points] season were Jean Pronovost and Blair Chapman scoring two goals apiece in a 4-4 draw with mighty Montreal and an 8-2 Penguin pummeling of Toronto. Low point in the season was reached in game No. 10--a 7-3 thrashing by Washington as Bill Collins had a hat trick.

Pronovost led the team in scoring, netting 54 goals and being credited with 16 assists for 70 points. Peter Mahovlich was runnerup with 62, but only 15 came via goals. Greg Malone had 61 points, again only 11 goals, while Rick Kehoe did number 32 goals among his 53 points. Pronovost was also "Mr. Clutch," scoring the game-winning goal, or tying goal, seven times, plus he had 17 power-play goals.

In the nets, Denis Herron started most of the games, winding up with a 17-35-8 record and 3.70 goals-against average. He was beaten 222 times while being credited with 1,541 saves. His counterpart, Dunc Wilson didn't fare as well, though. He won only one of his 20 starts, losing 18 and tying one, was rocked for 4.90 goals each time he was called on to mind the nets and let almost one out of every 4½ shots directed his way lead to the blinkin' of the red light.

Outscored 325-218, the Penguins experienced the blahs in the third period most frequently, being outscored 105-62. They were at their best in the second, however, scoring 80 and giving up 110. In the power-play department, Pittsburgh was successful 59 times, opponents 73, while five times the opposition scored while short-handed, a happening that never occurred when Pittsburgh's 'prevent' defense was serving time.

One last statistic--and Witt kept a comprehensive log on the Penguins--was that 166 of the team's goals were off inside shots, 26 outside, and 13 apiece off rebounds and breakaways.

Some good choices but...

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I was interested in the game company's newest venture into the world of the old-timer--namely the 24-team set of college football teams. I think the game company has picked some interesting teams, but, sad to say, I think they could have done even better with a little more research.

So, as a college football fanatic, I offer the following observations, for whatever they're worth.

To begin with, I think the game company missed some natural matchups (or, as the press used to call them, "Games of the Decade"). Most gamesters, myself included, love to replay championship games of the various sports. Yet, in this new set, no bowl matchups are possible.

I think it is incredible that the game company missed one of the greatest "Games of the Decade" ever played--the awesome encounter between Notre Dame and Michigan State in 1966. That game ended in a 10-10 tie and both sharing the national championship.

Yet another "Game of the Decade" that was overlooked was the fantastic matchup between Nebraska and Oklahoma in 1971 (won by the Cornhuskers, 35-31). It was the most exciting college football game I've ever seen. Both scored over 500 points that season. The 1975 Sooners were a good team, but didn't have the awesome punch of the '71 club, led by Jack Mildren and Greg Pruitt.

HOOK 'EM HORNS

Texas, 1969, would have been a better choice than the 1977 team, for the simple reason the '69 squad went all the way with Charles Street, Steve Wooster and Co. to win the national championship, defeating Notre Dame in the Cotton Bowl, 21-17.

Penn State was in the midst of a 31-game winning streak during the 1968 and 1969 seasons, and either of those teams would be preferable to the 1973 Nittany Lions. The '68 squad would make it possible to replay that great game against Kansas in the Orange Bowl (won 15-14 by Penn State when Kansas was penalized for having 12 men on the field and the Lions converted a two-pointer on the second attempt).

Another team that was overlooked in the new set was Bill Yeoman's Houston Cougars of 1969. Now a respectable member of the Southwest Conference, Houston was an early-day triple-option team remembered for scoring a 100-6 victory over Tulsa--the last time a major college team has ever scored 100 points in football. Houston, 1969, and Texas, 1969, would make a very exciting matchup.

UCLA, ARMY, '56 SOONERS, TOO

If a UCLA team from the 1950's is desired, it would seem to me that the obvious choice would be Red Sanders' great 1954 squad, which went 9-0 while scoring 367 points, including a 34-0 drubbing of cross-town rival USC, which went to the Rose Bowl because of the "no-repeat" rule then in effect.

Army 1958 was a fine team, going 8-0-1, but the greatest of all Army teams had to be the 1944 Cadets, who went 9-0 while scoring 504 points! That team featured Doc ["Mr. Inside"] Blanchard and Glenn ["Mr. Outside"] Davis, and blasted Notre Dame, 59-0! As a tandem, they were unbeatable, taking Army through 39 straight games without a loss. Only blemish was a 0-0 tie in 1946 with Notre Dame in the "Battle of the Century," probably the greatest game ever played in college football history.

Another dynasty which should have been included was Bud Wilkinson's Oklahoma teams of the 1950's. Probably his finest team was the 1956 team, which won the national championship, going 10-0, and scored 466 points, including blowing Notre Dame off the field, 40-0, while Texas

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was trampled 45-0. Some great players like Darrell Royal and Tommy McDonald played on Wilkinson's Sooner teams. And, during this era, Wilkinson's Sooners established a record by winning consecutive games-- simply incredible!

On a more positive note, I was glad to see 1959 Syracuse included in the set. The Orangemen went 11-0 (including a 23-14 Cotton Bowl victory over Texas) to win the national championship, while scoring 413 points. Very few east coast teams win college football championships these days, but 1959 Syracuse and 1976 Pittsburgh (featuring Tony Dorsett) will be good teams to play with.

Well, so ends the history lesson in college football.

Hopefully, more teams will be forthcoming in future years, and perhaps some of the above will be included.

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WANTED: New or used S-O-M Baseball cards. Complete set of 1976 teams, American and National League. Also 1977 Seattle and Cleveland teams. Contact: Rick Frasure, 1636 Millicent St., Millbury, OH 43447 [phone: 1-419-836-7324].

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WANTED: 1972-73 and '77 Official Baseball Guide. Please send prices wanted. All responses answered for that month in Review. Tony Combine, 1471 Nicholson St., Erie, PA 16509

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\$15 for each baseball. Also the following complete basketball year sets in excellent condition: 1974-75 [\$9], 1976-77 [\$7]. Write: Jon Cohn, 47 Monroe Ave., Roseland, NJ 07068

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Sox, \$3; 1970 Twins, fair condition, extras, \$4; 1976 complete set, extras, roster sheet, \$21. All teams in good condition except where noted. Will sell to the first person who meets my price. SASE guarantees reply, otherwise only winning bidder will be notified. Contact: D. DeGrasse, RFD# 1, Box 205A, Hampden Hlds., ME 04445

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like 1-2-3, etc., is engraved on each surface. Roll two dice of contrasting colors for numbers up to 100. Roll three dice like red, white and blue for numbers up to 1,000. Choose red, orange, yellow, green, blue, violet, black, brown or white and please list extra color choices so we can substitute if necessary. Send 75¢ per die without inked digits. Send \$1 per engraved die with inked, easier to read, digits. Include \$1 per order to cover postage. Our catalogue included with each dice order, if requested. Eight, 12 and 4-sided dice cost the same as 20's and are also available. Lou Zocchi, 7604 Newton Dr., Box STRA, Biloxi, MS 39532

League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: Want competent managers interested in long term commitment to form advanced baseball PBM league. This will be a draft league with a twist--the twist being all managers will start with the 1978 actual team rosters and draft from there. Play will start March 1 with 1979 cards in three-division, interleague play setup. This league will not fail! I have been playing S-O-M since 1966. Entry fee will be \$10.00, partly refundable only upon completion of season. If interested, contact: Jesse Seegmiller, 24-29 23 Street, Long Island City, NY 11102 (phone: 212-932-7820). Tell me about yourself and include all acceptable team picks in order of preference. Here's your chance to build a loser into a champion or keep a winner strong. Sorry, Yankee fans, I reserve them for myself.

LEAGUE FORMING: I am looking for several managers for the all new Strat-O-Matic Summer Baseball Association. This will be a play-by-mail draft league with eight teams. Each team will play 81 home games (162 overall) using the advanced version of the new S-O-M Baseball cards. This league will begin in April with the draft and the first games will be played June 1. The season will end September 1 with a post-season yearbook. Newsletters will be frequent and

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Who were those summertime champs?

Word has finally reached the Review as to the results of last summer's tournaments at the Strat-O-Matic National Convention held at Champaign-Urbana, at the University of Illinois.

No mention was made regarding attendance or other happenings; just the tournament results. Rick (Wolfman) Shapiro passed on the communique.

One sidelight of the tourney action was the Gary Nusbaum Memorial College Football game played between Steve Parewski (who guided Oklahoma) and Tom Nelson (Texas), long-time S-O-M gaming buff from New York. Nusbaum, most of you will recall, won the 1978 College Football tournament. He died in a tragic auto accident in the fall of 1978.

Parewski, runnerup to Nusbaum in 1978, won the Memorial game as his Oklahoma team scored 28 points in the second half en route to a 31-20 triumph.

HOME OF THE CHAMPIONS

West Jefferson, OH, continued to be the home of the advanced baseball champion as Rodney Yoder and his 1977 Cincinnati Reds defeated last year's champ, Jeff Merklin, also of West Jefferson, in the finals. Merklin was at the controls of the 1974 Houston Astros in the finals.

Merklin won the second game, 6-5, but after the two had exchanged teams and Yoder had won the opener, 5-3. So, in the two-game set, Yoder outscored Merklin, 10-9, and thus was declared the new champion. George Foster, as a sidelight, bashed a home run in each game, while Manny Sarmiento had a save in both.

In advanced football, it was Dave Shires of Cleveland, OH, who too home the championship trophy. Shires, not surprisingly, picked the '69 Cleveland Browns to carry him through a tough tournament field. His opponent in the finals, Voight Albright of Trenton, MI, used the '67 Houston Oilers.

Albright ousted former Advanced Football champion Alfred en route to meeting Shires, whose Browns reached the finals by disposing of foes by scores of 26-21, 34-14 and 45-24. When the two met, however, the defenses took over, with Shires finally prevailing, 7-6. Albright's Oilers had a 3-0 lead at halftime and, after the teams were switched for the second half, the Oilers--now guided by Shires--scored a touchdown, added the extra point, while the Browns managed only another field goal.

The offenses were shut down almost completely as Cleveland quarterback Bill Nelson completed, collectively, only 13 of 37 passing attempts. Pete Beathard of Houston wasn't much better, completing a mere three of 14.

HOCKEY INTRODUCED

Hockey was also introduced to the tournament lineup and eight gamers, from all sections of the country, participated. Those seeking honors included: Randall Witt and Danny Biles (Tennessee), Craig Milady (California), Nelson and Seth Sherman (New York) and Tom Fees, Andrew Lykos and Jerry Scribner (Illinois).

There was excitement galore, reports Shapiro, with plenty of scoring and even a triple overtime thriller won by Lykos--a victory that propelled him into the championship game.

Lykos guided the New York Islanders and his opponent, Tom Fees, called the shots for the Buffalo Sabres. The game, for the sake of contest consistency, was broken up into four periods, with each coach guiding the opponent's team for two periods.

The Islanders, guided by Lykos, seized a 3-2 lead after two periods. But then, with Fees sending out the lines for the Islanders, New York outscored Buffalo 4-0 in the so-called second half, giving Fees a 6-3 triumph. Bob Nystrom, Bryan Trottier, Clark Gillies and Bob Bourne scored for the Islanders in the decisive 'second half.'

Questions and Answers

Editor's note: Questions regarding individual and team ratings will not be answered in most cases, unless a mistake has been made. The game company cannot, for reasons of security, divulge its card-making formula, which would be necessary in some instances in order to answer such questions completely. If your question regarding ratings does not appear in the Review within four months after being submitted, you may assume the rating is correct.

QUESTION: Is there an error Jim Hart's (St. Louis Cardinals) running card, 1978? On linebuck the 1-7 readings are: "Right +1, Wrong 0."

ANSWER: Wrong should be +1 also.

QUESTION: Why were Paul Warfield and Howard Twilley given "1" blocking ratings at left [split] end in 1973, instead of the customary "0"?

ANSWER: S-O-M: "They were considered excellent blockers at split end."

QUESTION: On O.J. Simpson's 1973 card, off-tackle column guessed right, it says on No. 5 "F+2, 2-4" but the rest of the split reads "+4, 5-12." Is this correct?

ANSWER: Yes.

QUESTION: In the first year of the hockey cards, one split number result for rebounds says: "Offense--any player--also injury--take shot then pick split card and refer to injury section." Is the "shot" mentioned a Reb/Breakaway one of the any offensive player type, or must he draw an action card and play until there is a shot(of any type), then draw for the injury?

ANSWER: Any offensive player can take the rebound shot. Draw split card for the injury when (1) a goal is scored; (2) a faceoff occurs or (3) the defense gains control of the puck (draw split card before picking next action card).

QUESTION: Some baseball reference books have Urban Shocker (1922 Browns) giving up 265 hits in 348 innings pitched. But his S-O-M card has him giving up 365. What is correct?

ANSWER: S-O-M says 365 is correct.

QUESTION: I am replaying the 1978 Los Angeles Dodgers. Ted Martinez has SS-3 e-37. But there is no e-37 on the fielding chart. Check it out.

ANSWER: Our Teddy Martinez card has the following fielding ratings listed: "3b-3 e37/ ss-3 e17/ 2b-3 e8" It is at third base that Martinez is listed as an "e37."

QUESTION: Please explain the meaning of the following [all are found on the Advanced Pass Rush Chart]: (1) 1*, +12, +27 or X; (2) -8* or X; (3) -4*; (4) I, +14, +34.

ANSWER: (1) If one linebacker blitzing the pass is intercepted; if no one is blitzing, then pass is incomplete. (continued)

The 12 and 27 refer to the distance of the pass (short and long) before the interception occurred. [2] If one or more players blitzing, then quarterback is sacked for -8 yards; if not, then pass is incomplete; [3] We assume that to mean if two or more players blitzing, then quarterback is sacked for -4 yards. Otherwise pass is incomplete, even though X is not noted on chart. [4] Pass is intercepted, regardless of whether or not player is blitzing; distance is 14 yards (short pass) or 34 (long pass).

QUESTION: Suppose team "A" tries an onside kickoff to team "B." The result of the dice reveals "Recovered by offense on own 35 yard line." Who has possession of the football, A or B? Let's set the record straight!

ANSWER: The straight answer is that the receiving team, team B, recovered. Team B is on offense, A on defense.

Advertisements

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there will be an \$8 entry fee to be collected later. If you want to manage superstars like Fred Lynn, Jim Rice, Dave Parker, Ron Guidry, Bruce Sutter, or any of your favorite stars, send me your name, address, phone number and a brief resume to: Andrew Shelofsky, 34 Devon Drive, Orangeburg, NY 10962. Please respond rapidly, so the draft may start on time! I will also need backups, so write now.

LEAGUE FORMING: Need eight managers to join the Puck Hockey League. This will be a PBM hockey league. We will be using straight teams with a semi draft. We will have an 84-game schedule, so hurry and send preference of best eight teams. Entry fee is \$3.00 (do not send with reply). Write to: Robert Donnenwirth, 3968 Purk Ave., Edison, NJ 08817

LEAGUE FORMING: Looking for persons either to take over a team or expand into face-to-face league out of Clinton, NJ. It plays 162 games, uses all cards and is a draft league. We are currently in the middle of a season and estimate starting the 1980 season around April. So all those that wish

to be involved in a good, competitive league and live in the Phillipsburg to Somerville area, write! A questionnaire will be sent. We're looking for dependable people. James W. Jurgensen, B-2 Preston Rd., Milford, NJ 08848

Looking for back issues of Review?

The following back issues of the Strat-O-Matic Review are still available. To purchase, note issue desired and send to: S-O-M Review, P.O. Box 27, Otsego, MI 49078. Note also that additional issues for 1979 are now available.

1979 - Feb., April, May, June, August, Sept., Oct., Nov. are available. Cost: 60¢ per issue.

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1976 - Only Jan., Oct., Nov., Dec. are still available. Cost: 50¢ each.

1975 - Jan., Feb., June, July, August, Sept. are available. Cost: 45¢ each.

1974 - Nov., Dec. Cost: 45¢ each.

Readers Roll 'Em

LIKES GOALIE RATINGS

After looking over my new hockey cards, I was really impressed about the new goalies' ratings. I think the game company really improved an already super game.

Also, creating a separate set of extra players was badly needed and the game company really came through. I congratulate the game company on the improvements.

I think that everyone in our FBM hockey league, the Tim Horton Memorial Hockey League, will have a better season because of the improvements. I really enjoy the Review, keep up the good work.

Larry Gaviak

THEY'RE CREATED EQUAL?

Why doesn't S-O-M give us fans a break? The hockey game it put out this year is no comparison to last year's exciting game.

They said they would change the game a little, but this is ridiculous! Dennis Polonich of the Detroit Red Wings, for example, is a 10-goal scorer and is about the same as Mike Bossy, a 69-goal scorer. See for yourself; us fans got ripped off.

Greg Buonocore
Howard Beach, NY

Editor's note: The only similarity between Polonich and Bossy's cards, that we can see, is that both have the same hockey figure on the back. Statistically, they are worlds apart.

HOCKEY LOGO WANTED

I find it most exciting that the game company has printed all 21 NHL teams.

But I think that it has come down to hockey being discriminated against. You [the Review] hardly print any replays. And those that you do print are some of the most terrible stats that I have ever

seen. I think you're going to say why don't we send in a hockey replay? Well, currently I and a friend are playing this year's schedule. And I will submit the replay when we are finished.

Please put that hockey logo on (no matter what those unappreciative baseball freaks want).

Larry Scotti
638 Woodrow Road
Staten Island, NY

Editor's note: You've answered your own question regarding printing of hockey replays. As far as the logo (hockey), hopefully we can add one during the season, subbing it for another logo.

A GIANT UNDERTAKING

As always I've been working on several S-O-M projects. I have completed replays of all the NBA playoffs from 1973 to 1976, with the balance to follow; similarly all the NFL playoffs for which I have cards (I'm missing some teams from 1967 and 1969 to 1973), and the complete NHL playoffs of last year.

Would the Review be interested in capsule summaries of any or all of the above?

My most grandiose project is one that I will certainly keep you informed of as I progress. I am playing a 58-team, 6-league, 162-game season involving all old timer baseball teams plus selected ringers from 1964 and 1965. Estimated time of completion: several years. I am nearing the end of April as the season schedule goes. I will send monthly reports which I hope will be of interest to your readers.

Jesse Seegmiller
24-29 23 Street
Long Island City, NY

Editor's note: The Review is always interested in any gaming efforts involving S-O-M.

ABOUT REPRINTS...

I would like to thank you for printing my replay in the Oct., 1979 Review. As soon as I saw it (continued on next page)

I almost fainted.

I would like to comment on the letter written by Martin and Gary Feldman about reprints. If they are so concerned that the values of their cards are going to go down, I really must feel sorry for them for being so inconsiderate and selfish.

Although I do buy teams from other gamers, I feel that Strat-O-Matic is a game, not an investment. Why should everyone who wants older teams have to pay in excess of \$100 for them?

The game company has the right to reprint teams, and they should, as almost 95 percent of the Review readers feel. By reprinting teams, other gamers may experience the teams they might never be able to get. Some people can't afford to pay unusually large sums of money for someone's "used" cards, when they can pay far less for mint cards. I feel Martin and Gary forgot that S-O-M is supposed to be fun, not competitive about value.

Incidentally, I am starting another football series, and you'll be the first to get a copy of all the statistics. However, this one isn't 645 games, only 234, and I don't think that I'll finish in three months like the last one.

Scott Toman
210 S. Yale Ave.
Arlington Hts., IL

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following comments have come from readers reacting to Strat-O-Matic's plan to print entire seasons of the past in baseball.

It might be noted that, with only early returns and the poll far from completed, the 1950's, with 48 percent of the vote, is the favored decade, and the 1930, 1927 and 1961 seasons are in the forefront.

But, it's far from too late to let your voice be heard, so send in your poll vote today.

I am definitely in favor of this project! I would buy

any and all seasons produced. Let me also add any hope for the addition of as many advanced features as possible--especially "e" ratings, throwing ratings and pitcher's stamina.

This is something that should have been done years ago. It doesn't really matter which decade is chosen, only that all 16 teams are included. I guess a year between 1925 and 1940 should be chosen, because those were the golden years of baseball and there were a lot of runs scored.

William Carter

The season I would most like to see is 1961.

I don't buy one-sided cards. So if they only make one-sided cards, I won't buy them. If the proper stats are not available, would S-O-M be able to estimate them? I would think so.

Marc Whitman
Canton, OH

1930 is a must with all that hitting. And 1956 has Herb Score, Minnie Minoso, Frank Robinson, Roberto Clemente and Frank Malzone, etc.

Yes, but some rules used today should be used. Outfield and catcher throwing ratings, for instance. Also the new fielding chart should be used.

If a past season is printed, it would be very helpful if that particular season's schedule was printed also.

After playing the lefty-righty version of the game, I just can't get into the old, basic version. So, I would not be interested in the pre-1971 cards.

Cards can be one-sided, but should retain advanced features:

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Bunting, hit-and-run, sacrifice and squeeze, catcher's throwing, fielding (both ratings), HBP on batter's card, outfielder's throwing and B? on batter's card.

S-O-M should incorporate as many of the advanced features as possible. (Does anyone really play the basic game?)

Above all, let's push for full rosters--minimum 24 players; 25 or more preferred. 20-man teams leave too many gaps and take a lot of managing out of the game.

Marty Chittum
Milwaukee, WI

A super ideal! My main preference would be any years from 1950's, however, I would not hesitate to purchase any past seasons that would become available from S-O-M.

I have even mentioned this idea to two of my buddies and they are already making plans to purchase their S-O-M games.

1930 would be an exciting season to replay! What a year for hitting. National League batting average was .303 and American League had combined batting average of .288. Bill Terry hit .401, Babe Herman .393, Chuck Klein .386, etc.

Al Simmons hit .381, Hack Wilson ripped 56 homers. Lou Gehrig and Babe Ruth had great years. Everyone can identify with Babe and the "Iron Horse."

Finally, a great pennant race; six games separating the top four N.L. teams.

Larry Fryer

A poll like this is long overdue.

I think the S-O-M company has finally come to its senses. These sets, if printed, would enhance a lot more leagues. My league has been waiting for this opportunity for years now.

As far as past decades or particular seasons, I would not have preference of one decade over another. I would like to see some seasons printed that had close pennant races, or several name players.

I would have to vote for 1934, 1951 or 1927, although there are several other fine choices. I think if the game company printed seasons that it already had, one or two old timer teams being included in such seasons, it might save some time on research. 1961, in fact, has three teams already in print.

I presently own 1962 on in S-O-M.

My preference is the '50's--1954, 1955, 1953, 1950, 1951, 1959 and 1969, in that order. I would be willing to buy 10 sets in any season, by sending my check in advance of the cards even being printed.

John Russo
Morgan City, LA

I will buy any old timer season produced. This is a great idea.

I am especially interested in 1930 because of the excess hitting in both leagues that year.

Tim Tucker
Mayfield, KY

My first preference is for reprinting the 1962-1970 years.

Regardless of the decade, the teams should consist of 24 players rather than 20. Again, a larger bench makes for more realistic play.

And, if the "new" teams are going to be the basic version, they should still include outfielder and catcher throwing ratings, pitcher endurance ratings and perhaps the advanced fielding ratings.

Thanks for the opportunity to voice my opinions. If only Washington were this responsive.

Doug Bukowski

This is long overdue. I hope one set is available next year.

Play S-O-M Baseball's name game ¹⁷

'Skins,' 'Animals,' 'Feminists,' all part of tourney field

Old Strat-O-Matic Baseball cards can come "alive" in many ways. All-Star (the best players from each team through the years) mini series is one way. Of course, there are many, many other types of tournaments, short replays and long replays that can, and are, conducted.

However, Mike Custer of Lyndhurst, NJ, has come up with one of the more unique single-elimination baseball tournaments that we've come across. All the teams (eight) were comprised of players with something in common with their names.

Custer, a 20-year-old college senior and 10-year S-O-M veteran, selected his teams as follows: Skis, Rich, Animals, Presidents, Piasani, Feminists, Cuties and Actors. Each team included a player at every position, a DH, manager and a ball park. Because Custer's card collection didn't rival Robert Henry's, he had to stretch the imagination in a few cases (Dave "Sky" Kingman and George "Twinkletoes" Selkirk) to fill out the team rosters.

Here's the way Custer set the lineups:

<u>Skis</u>		<u>Rich</u>	<u>Animals</u>
1B	Greg Luzinski	Norm Cash	Dolph Camilli
2B	Bill Mazeroski	Dave Cash	Fred [Chicken] Stanley
SS	John Pesky	Ernie Banks	Larry Bowa
3B	Whitey Kurowski	Don Money	Jimmie Foxx
LF	Carl Yastrzemski	Walt Bond	Ducky Medwick
CF	Art Shamsky	Bobby Bonds	Mule Haas
RF	Dave (Sky) Kingman	Rich Scheinblum	Goose Goslin
C	Carl Sawatski	Charley Silvera	Manny Sanguillen
MGR	Ted Kluszewski	Wes Stock	Bill Hunter
Park	Comiskey Park	Superdome	Tiger Stadium
P	Stan Coveleski	Kid Nichols	Ray Lamb
DH	Dick Tracewski	Dick Green	Moose Skowron
<u>Presidents</u>		<u>Piasani</u>	<u>Feminists</u>
1B	Deron Johnson	Joe Pepitone	Gail Hopkins
2B	Ike Brown	Tony Lazzeri	Sandy Alomar
SS	John Kennedy	Phil Rizzuto	Marty Marion
3B	Tony Taylor	Joe Torre	Jackie Robinson
LF	Joe Jackson	Rocky Colavito	Babe Ruth
CF	Buster Adams	Joe Dimaggio	Fred Lynn
RF	Owen Wilson	Carl Furillo	Pete Rose
C	Russ Nixon	Ernie Lombardi	Chris Cannizzarro
MGR	Darrell Johnson	Tom Lasorda	Connie Mack
Park	Kennedy Stadium	Riverfront	Connie Mack Stadium
P	G. Cleveland	Sal Maglie	Bob Shirley
DH	Alexander	Yogi Berra	Bob Allison
<u>Cuties</u>		<u>Actors</u>	
1B	Boog Powell	George Scott	
2B	Augie Galan	Jake Wood	
SS	Peewee Reese	Dave Bancroft	
3B	Pie Traynor	Jimmie Foxx	
LF	Heinie Manush	Willie Crawford	
CF	Baby Doll Jacobson	Willie Davis	
RF	Wee Willie Keeler	Jimmy Stewart	
C	Muddy Ruel	Jim Price	
MGR	Bobby Winkles	Bob Lemon	
Park	Candlestick	L.A. Coliseum	
P	Blue Moon Odom	Mudcat Grant	
DH	George [Twinkletoes] Selkirk	Ed Robinson	

Note that Jimmie Foxx was used in two roles.

Who emerged triumphant? It was the Skis, who rapped the Feminists in the championship game, 7-3, to finish with a 3-0 record. The Feminists wound up 2-1, Actors and Animals 1-1 and the others lost their opener.

The winning Skis pounded out 34 hits in the three games, including shearing Ray Lamb of the Animals for 12 runs and 14 hits.

Yes, you can win with southpaw staff

Everything turned out all right for Review co-editor Warren Newell in the Greater Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League's (GKSML) American League replay, thanks to a predominantly lefty pitching staff and the timely hitting of Larry Hisle.

With five southpaws on the eight-man staff, Warren shattered the odds--that lefties are eaten alive in draft leagues because of the preponderance of right-handed batters--and posted a 97-57 record in the GKSML's 18th full-season draft replay.

Larry Gura had the best won-lost percentage with a glittering 22-7 record, while Rick Waits was 17-7 and Geoff Zahn 17-13. As told, lefties accounted for 67 of 97 victories.

Meanwhile, Larry Hisle stroked a league-high 40 home runs and knocked in 108 runs. He also scored 100 times. Most of his long shots came at pivotal stages of games. Hisle was definitely the big play man. Graig Nettles chipped in with 28 homers and 102 RBI and Don Baylor, although batting only 334 times as Warren platooned the troops, still walloped 25 home runs.

Three "1" infielders didn't hurt Warren's cause one bit, either, as he captured his second straight A.L. championship and--do I hear cries of break up Warren's team?--third consecutive World Series. Cliff Sage, N.L. kingpin (Review, November, 1979), succumbed almost without any signs of a struggle, being polished in four games in the Series.

HISLE HAMMERS 'EM

Hisle hammered Cliff's pitching unmercifully in the Series, pounding five home runs, including three worth nine RBI in a 15-7 final-game rout, and drove in 15 runs. The first game set the tone for the Series, with Hisle clubbing a three-run homer, Baylor a two-run shot and Warren coasting to a 7-1 triumph.

In Game Two, Warren trailed 2-0 going into the sixth inning. Then Hisle unloaded a three-run shot, Nettles a two-run homer, and Warren claimed win No. 2, 5-3. It was 14-4 in Game Three, with Nettles smashing three homers and light-hitting Alan Ashby two. And, in the last game, it was 15-7 behind a 16-hit attack. Nettles had four homers and eight RBI in the quickie Series as the defending GKSML champs poured 41 runners across the plate.

WARREN WON THE 'WAR'

Warren won the war--the pennant--and lost most of the battles--statistical superiority--as is becoming his trademark. His top hitter, probably because of frequent platooning, was ninth on the leaders list. Hisle hit .289 and led in home runs and runs scored, but otherwise, for the most part, Warren finished behind many of the teams that trailed him in the final standings.

Jim Rice, property of Gary Tien, was the RBI king with 120 and tied for second with Andre Thornton in the home run derby with 38. Rod Carew of Del Newell's squad won the batting title with a .323 average and Todd Newell, Del's son, had the leading thief in the league in Ron LeFlore, who swiped 80 bases in 113 attempts.

WAIT UNTIL NEXT YEAR...

Cliff Sage, runnerup to Warren in the A.L., and others in the eight-team, face-to-face league (most of the members live in either Otsego, MI, home of the Review, or nearby Kalamazoo; and the average age is 28) can take heart in the fact that Warren does suffer some heavy losses when next year rolls around. Baylor will be dynamite, true, but Hisle missed most of the real-life '79 season, Lyman Bostock and Rusty Staub are gone from the A.L., for various reasons, and Nettles, Gura and Waits had sub-par

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seasons. Hold off on breaking up Warren Newell's team. At least until next year--and then if he tries it again...!\$Z*@!!

Clif, a school teacher at Wayland, north of Kalamazoo and a veteran of 17 GKSML draft replays, set a fielding record when his defensive wonders were charged with only 60 boots. Clif also had Thornton, who hit 38 roundtrippers and collected 107 RBI. His pitching staff was highlighted by Dennis Leonard (21-14) and Rich [Goose] Gossage, 9-8 but with 24 saves.

Tom Angel, who trekked northward in the heart of winter last year and joined the GKSML, put most of the players he inherited into a virtual slave auction, asking for bids on their services. Announcing he "wanted to build his kind of team and didn't expect to be a contender until the following year," Angel let the likes of Ken Singleton, George Brett, Ben Oglivie, Jim Sundberg, Fred Patek, Doug DeCinces, Eddie Murray and Bobby Grich get away for a multitude of draft choices, current and future.

Veteran GKSML managers shook their heads in disbelief, but then jumped eagerly into the bidding. Angel, who hails from Florida, may get the last laugh, though, as he has a number of draft choices in the early rounds next year and returns the likes of Paul Molitor, Lou Whitaker, Alan Trammell, Lance Parrish, Gorman Thomas, Carney Lansford, Sid Monge, Ken Kravec, Jack Morris and Steve Comer.

One last note on the most recent GKSML campaign: Ron Guidry, he of the super, unhittable card, checked in with a so-so 17-12 record for Del. Guidry was plagued by the late-inning blues, especially the long ball, and never attained the form expected of him. He did lead the league in earned-run-average, 2.51, and strikeouts, 285--besting Nolan Ryan by 27--so his performance couldn't be classified as shabby.

Standings and Leaders:

Standings	Won-Lost	GB	Avg.	ERA	E	Betting	
1. Warren Newell	97	57	-	.267	3.50	92	Carew DN .323
2. Clif Sage	88	66	9	.273	3.80	60	Munson CS .309
3. Dale Holland	80	74	17	.272	3.90	95	G.Brett CS .302
4. Del Newell	79	75	18	.278	3.47	107	Lansford TA .305
5. Jeff Kik	77	77	20	.250	3.50	116	Kuiper DN .304
6. Gary Tien	74	80	23	.268	4.05	136	Thompson CS .304
7. Todd Newell	67	87	30	.250	4.21	79	R.Jackson DH .300
8. Tom Angel	54	100	43	.241	4.10	151	

Home Runs	RBI	Hits:	
Hisle WN 40	Rice GT 120	Carew DN 181.	
Rice GT 38	Hisle WN 108	Doubles: Murray TN 43.	
Thornton CS 38	R.Jackson DH 108	Triples: D.Ford DN 21.	
D.Evans GT 32	Thornton CS 107	Runs: Hisle WN 100.	
R.Jackson DH 32	Nettles WN 102	Steals: LeFlore TN 80/113.	
		Walks: Smalley DH 87.	
		Errors: Yount GT 34.	

Won-Lost	ERA	Strikeouts	
Gura WN 22-7	Guidry DN 2.51	Guidry DN 285	
Matlack DH 21-12	Eckersley TN 2.99	Ryan CS 258	
Leonard CS 21-14	Waits WN 3.03	Flanagan GT 200	
Torrez GT 19-12	Gura WN 3.08		
Erickson TA 19-17	Matlack DH 3.14		
Complete Games: Guidry DN 26.	Home Runs Allowed: Tanana TN 44.		
Innings pitched: Leonard CS 302.	ERA (Relief): Hrabowsky CS 1.59.		
Shutouts: Palmer JK 5.	Games: Tidrow GT 94.		
Saves: Gossage CS 24.			

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S-O-M League, replay scene

NORTH AMERICAN BASEBALL LEAGUE - Continuous draft, 15-team, two-division play-by-mail baseball league that sent in bulging yearbook with highlights of 1978 season (based on 1977 real-life)...NABL uses 10 percent rule, limiting players to that amount of at-bats beyond real-life, while Bryan Baker's split-number dice system was also used...Rick Helwig, commissioner of NABL, won both league playoffs and met himself in the World Series, with Hanover Jays outlasting the Hanover Barons in seven games, capturing the finale, 6-4, behind Dave Rozema...Helwig, who calls Hanover, Ontario, home, guided the Barons to a league-record 118 wins as Mike Schmidt smashed 52 home runs, drove in 141 runs, George Foster set league standards with 62 roundtrippers, 161 RBI, and Goose Gossage had 24 saves... Jeff Moritz' Spokane Mets gave the Barons a battle, finishing 116-46, as Cesar Cedeño swiped 100 bases, Enos Cabell 84, the team a whopping 397 and Floyd Bannister hurled the NABL's only no-hitter...In the A.L. it was Jim Dewey's Spokane Fat Cats, behind Jim Rice (43 HRs, 148 RBI, .365) and Jim Palmer (28-11, 3.01) who won the regular-season...Lowlights, on the other hand, included the horrendous 5.20 and 5.98 team ERAs by the Neustadt Cardinals and Hanover A's, respectively, and the 58 errors Garry Templeton and Lenny Randle committed for the Canadian Club.

Standings and leaders:

East Division (National League)		Won	Lost	GB
Hanover Barons (Rick Helwig, Hanover, Ont.)		118	44	-
Spokane Mets (Jeff Moritz, Spokane, WA)		116	46	2
Quebec Olympians (manager dropped out)		65	97	53
Stratford Festivals (Barry Willmore, Stratford, Ont.)		60	102	58
West Division (National League)		Won	Lost	GB
Victoria Shamrock (Brian Webster, Victoria, B.C.)		90	72	-
Canadian Club (Brian Cheffins, Victoria, B.C.)		80	82	10
Oak Bay Delicious (Stewart Arneil, Victoria, B.C.)		74	88	16
Spokane (Jim Dewey, Spokane, WA)		45	117	45
[American League]		Won	Lost	GB
Spokane Fat Cats (Jim Dewey)		105	57	-
Fresno Reds (Jeff Lewis, Fresno, CA)		96	66	9
Hanover Jays (Rick Helwig)		91	71	14
Oak Bay Lancers (Stephen Woods, Victoria, B.C.)		89	73	16
Van Isle Totems (Brian Webster)		78	84	27
Neustadt Cardinals (John Botting, Neustadt, Ont.)		61	100	44
Hanover A's (Dave Black, Hanover, Ont.)		46	116	59

Playoffs: N.L. - Hanover Barons d. Spokane Mets, 4-0.

A.L. - Hanover Jays d. Spokane Fat Cats, 4-0.

Batting	Home Runs	RBI	ERA
Rice SFC .365	Foster BAR 62	Foster BAR 161	Knepper MET 1.29
Carew VI .356	Schmidt BAR 52	Rice SFC 148	Palmer SFC 3.01
Hargrove SFC .339	Burroughs QUE 48	Yastremski FRE 144	Johnson SFC 3.01
LeFlore VI .338	Rice SFC 43	Schmidt BAR 141	Goltz SFC 3.07

Runs - Schmidt BAR 129; Foster BAR 128. Strikeouts - Ryan JAY 418; Leonard JAY 243.

Doubles - Hisle JAY 48; Foster BAR 44. Saves - Gossage BAR 32; Lockwood MET 30.

Triples - Carew VI 16, Rice SFC 16, Cowens SFC 116.

Steals - Cedeño MET 100; Morgan VIC 85.

BEST OF '78 BASEBALL REPLAY - Chris LaSala, Aliquippa, PA, took the best 10 teams and played 36-game mini-season...Los Angeles Dodgers won it all, blasting Milwaukee, which edged Boston for American League honors, 7-6, 10-5, 7-0 and 14-2 in Series...LaSala played basic game, had inter-league play and used DH for all games...Larry Hisle powered Brewers to top by hitting 12 homers, knocking in 30 runs. He tied with Don Baylor of

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California in home run derby; Pete Rose of Reds led in batting (.339), Dave Parker of Pittsburgh in RBI (32), while Nolan Ryan of Angels fanned 80 in 65 innings...New York Yankees, meanwhile, finished only 17-19 and out of contention. Lou Piniella (.333, 20 doubles) and Willie Randolph (33 stolen bases) were only bright spots for real-life champs...L.A. got big lift from Lee Lacy, who had 10 homers, 31 RBI and scored 25 times... in the playoffs it was L.A. sweeping the West from San Francisco, 3-0, and, in the East, Milwaukee outdueled Boston, winning in five games.

Standings:

East	Won-Lost	GB	West	Won-Lost	GB
Boston	22 14	-	Los Angeles	22 14	-
Milwaukee	21 15	1	San Francisco	19 17	3
Philadelphia	19 17	3	Kansas City	18 18	4
New York	17 19	5	Cincinnati	15 21	7
Pittsburgh	13 23	9	California	13 23	9

HOCKEY PLAYOFF REPLAY - Jim Becher, Haledon, NJ, used the first set of hockey cards and replayed the entire playoffs...And, when all the ice chips had settled, it was his favorite team, the New York Islanders, did reign as Stanley Cup champions...Mike Bossy was MVP after scoring at least one goal in each of the team's 18 games, while Bryan Trottier also had a big playoff, scoring 34 points, 24 via assists...Stanley Cup foe, Buffalo, actually proved to be a soft touch for the Islanders, as New York won 4-1, with only Gil Perreault's hat trick in game two (Buffalo won, 5-3) thwarting a sweep...In case you're wondering what happened to Montreal, the cannonading Canadiens were shot down by Buffalo in the semifinals, 4-1, losing twice in overtime, 2-1 and 4-3...Bossy wound up with 32 points, the bulk of it via 26 goals, and Perreault had 26 points, including 18 goals.

Playoff results:

Preliminary rounds: Philadelphia d. Colorado, 4-1, 5-2; Buffalo d. N.Y. Rangers, 3-0, 3-5, 5-4 (Perreault had hat trick in third game); Atlanta d. Detroit, 4-3, 7-1; Toronto d. Los Angeles, 3-0, 3-1.

Quarter-Finals: Montreal d. Chicago, 6-1, 4-3, 3-2, 5-2; Boston d. Atlanta, 4-2, 6-2, 3-4 (OT), 4-6, 6-2, 5-1; N.Y. Islanders d. Toronto, 6-2, 5-2, 2-4, 3-6, 6-4, 4-3; Buffalo d. Philadelphia, 3-2, 5-2, 3-0, 4-3 (2 OTs).

Semifinals: Buffalo d. Montreal, 3-1, 4-2, 2-1 (OT), 2-3 (OT), 4-3 (OT); N.Y. Islanders d. Boston, 3-4, 2-8, 5-0, 3-4, 5-3 (Bossy hat trick), 4-2, 5-4 (Bossy goal at 11:20 of OT).

Stanley Cup: N.Y. Islanders d. Buffalo, 4-2, 3-5 (Perreault hat trick), 5-0 (Bossy hat trick), 5-3, 4-3. Note: Perreault missed on breakaway and inside shot on final two shots of last game.

REPLAY OF 1978 HOCKEY SEASON - Daniel Kleiber, Stamford, CT, can second Becher's replay results as he played a 17-game schedule for every team and came up with the New York Islanders as Stanley Cup champs, too... Kleiber, a 15-year gamer who owns all of S-O-M's products, has been rollin' the dice for five years...the hockey replay was a solitaire effort...Darryl Sittler, Toronto, and Bryan Trottier of the Islanders led league in scoring, both with 36 points. Trottier had 19 goals, although Vancouver's Mike Walton had a league-high 23...in the Stanley Cup it was N.Y. Islanders by a 4-2 margin over Toronto...Clark Gillies had four-goal game for Islanders...Boston, during one stretch, went 14 games without a loss...Ron Grahame of Bruins led goalies with 2.08 goals-against-average...Atlanta had most explosive offense, though, scoring 84 goals--just under 5 per game...Meanwhile, Minnesota lost eight in row during one span and wound up being blitzed for 89 goals...In Wales-Campbell All-Star game, Lanny McDonald's hat trick and two assists paced Wales to 9-4 victory.

Standings and leaders found on following page:

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CAMPBELL CONFERENCE

Patrick	W	L	T	Pt.	Smythe	W	L	T	Pt.	Goalies	
NY Islanders	10	3	4	24	Colorado	8	6	4	20	Grahame BOS	2.08
Atlanta	10	3	4	24	Vancouver	9	7	1	19	Edwards BUF	2.40
Philadelphia	7	7	3	17	Chicago	6	5	6	18	Stephenson PHI	2.60
NY Rangers	6	7	4	16	St. Louis	5	11	1	11	Dryden MON	2.70
					Minnesota	4	11	2	10	Esposito CHI	2.74

WALES CONFERENCE

Norris	W	L	T	Pt.	Adams	W	L	T	Pt.	Scoring	G-Pt.
Montreal	10	6	1	21	Boston	11	2	4	26	Trottier NYI	19-38
Los Angeles	6	10	1	13	Buffalo	11	4	2	24	Sittler TOR	15-36
Detroit	4	9	4	12	Toronto	7	5	5	19	Gardner COL	20-32
Pittsburgh	4	9	4	12	Cleveland	6	11	0	12	Lafleur MON	16-32
Washington	3	12	2	8						Palement COL	11-32

STATEN ISLAND-ELTINGVILLE-ANNADALE LEAGUE - Face-to-Face, actual-team replay using 1978 cards (based on)...six managers, each with team in A.L. and N.L.; with 70-game schedule...Lineup: Phil Stern (Cleveland, San Francisco), Larry Scotti (Yankees, Houston), Brian Hamlin (Milwaukee, Philadelphia), Ed Petella (Baltimore, Los Angeles), Ken Scarabaggio (Boston, N.Y. Mets) and Larry Tobin (Toronto, Pittsburgh)...Boston and New York, just as in real-life, had a playoff, with the Yankees winning, 3-2, behind Catfish Hunter and the mop-up work of Rich Gossage...Yanks edged Milwaukee in the A.L. playoffs, 3-2, while San Francisco surprised the Dodgers in N.L., shutting them out twice en route to 3-1 series win...surprising Giants also captured World Series, 4-2...other highlights: Bert Blyleven of Pittsburgh no-hit the Dodgers, 2-0, yielding a walk to leadoff batter Dave Lopes and retiring next 27; Gorman Thomas of Milwaukee led all sluggers with 24, Doug DeCinces of Baltimore had 23; Tommy John of L.A. was tops in wins with 13 and Ron Guidry of Yanks and Milwaukee's Larry Sorensen had 12 apiece; three players--John Mayberry, Carlton Fisk and Lee Lacy--hit three homers in one game...Jim Rice led A.L. in RBI (63) and hitting (.315) and Steve Garvey N.L. (60, .316).

Standings:

American	Won	Lost	GB	National	Won	Lost	GB
Milwaukee	42	28	-	Los Angeles	51	19	-
New York	41	29	1	San Francisco	34	36	17
Boston	41	29	1	New York	33	37	18
Baltimore	40	30	2	Philadelphia	31	39	20
Cleveland	25	45	17	Pittsburgh	31	39	20
Toronto	21	49	21	Houston	30	40	21

1974 MINNESOTA TWINS REPLAY - Solitaire effort by Kirby Rahn of Altus, MN, who guided the Twins to 89-73 record, an improvement of seven wins over real-life...Rod Carew was phenomenal, batting .416 with 256 hits, 139 runs scored and 78 stolen bases. His longest hitting streak was 29 games...as a team the Twins batted .285...Steve Brye had 40 doubles, Larry Hise led in RBI with 117, clouted 27 home runs, swiped 48 bases--and struck out 150 times!...Bobby Darwin had 35 roundtrippers...Bert Blyleven was heart and soul of pitching staff, completing 30 of his 34 starts, hurling 298 innings, striking out 273 and finishing with 26-7 log, 2.89 ERA and no-hitting Texas...hitting was name of Twins' game, as Dave Goltz (14-12, 5.17) was next best pitcher.

1978 DETROIT TIGERS REPLAY - Surprisingly, it was Andy Robinson of Miami, FL, who replayed a full 162-game season with the Tigers of the northland...Robinson, however, does have a Michigan connection in that he's currently attending the University of Michigan where he, at last report, may be a candidate for the yearling basketball team...Anyway, back

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to baseball...true to form, Detroit was a model of mediocrity, going 82-80, batting .264 and sporting a 3.88 ERA...Reliever John Hiller was "ace" of staff, and also team MVP, winning 15 games, saving 13 in 41 appearances...The rest of staff was shaky as Milt Wilcox was 16-12, 3.51 ERA in 282 innings, Dave Rozema 16-15, 3.56, and Jack Billingham was just awful, losing 25 of 30 decisions. Half of his charred card was enclosed with Robinson's report!...Hitting was also inconsistent as Steve Kemp and Rusty Staub batted 20 points below real-life averages. Staub did hit 34 doubles and Kemp drew 92 walks, however...Aurelio Rodriguez was steady at third, batting .270 with 28 doubles and committing only three errors, while Phil Mankowski, his platoon partner, hit a whopping .360 in 267 at-bats...Catching was also sub-par, both offensively and defensively, although Alan Trammell was steady at short despite a .246 average...Ageless Mickey Stanley twice beat Ron Guidry with late-inning home runs and provided late-inning defense...biggest disappointment, however, was Jason Thompson who cracked 33 homers and drove in 112 runs. But he wracked most of his havoc in the early innings and, as Robinson mentions, "was K and double play ball king the sixth through ninth innings." No more than five of roundtrippers occurred in late innings. As Robinson says, "If he was clutch, the Tigers would have won 90 games and J.T. would have hit .290 (instead of .269) with 140 RBI."

Baseball poll, part II

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