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### Strat-O-Matic spotlight

GAME COMPANY'S AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

We talked with the game company just before the December issue was put to bed, and it reported that work on the new baseball cards was two weeks ahead of schedule--the best ever.

S-O-M received its statistical data early and, hopefully, the new cards, which always come out the latter part of January, will also be ready earlier. Don't besiege the game company with calls inquiring as to when the new cards will be available, though, because problems could soon spring up, plus when all the employees are busy answering phones, they can't be working on card preparation.

#### THREE-POINT FIELD GOALS

The game company also said that it was a little hasty in its instructions for incorporating the three-point field goal into the basketball game. A player, according to the advanced game instructions, could only attempt a three-point field goal when his defensive opponent was playing back.

But that would be unfair to the three-point club, because all a defense would have to do is play them "close" if ahead late in the game. So S-O-M has changed the instructions on that. A three-point attempt can now be attempted regardless of whether the defense is "close" or "back."

If, when the shot is attempted, the dice roll falls on the shooter's  
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card (roll of 1, 2, or 3), accept the card reading found at the bottom. If it's on the defensive card (roll of 4, 5, or 6), then the attempt is automatically no good. If the defense is back, again accept the reading on the offensive player's card should it occur; if on the defensive card, however, check the defensive card (result is found at bottom on elementary side).

#### IN THE NEWS WITH S-O-M BASEBALL

Strat-O-Matic Games were the subject of a column by Rick Teverbaugh, staff writer for the Muncie Star, Muncie, IN. Robert Warrner of Muncie sent along a clipping of the column, in which Teverbaugh (his column is entitled "Table Top Tactics") calls Strat-O-Matic Baseball "a product which, despite huge successes, has frequently changed, much of it for the better."

He goes on to say: "Many veteran table gamers cut their baseball teeth with a 1961 creation from the Strat-O-Matic Game Company. Since that time many more table top baseball games have appeared on the market, yet few provide more satisfaction than Strat-O-Matic Baseball."

Teverbaugh does take S-O-M to task, however, over its failure to print past seasons. "The company offers over 80 past all-time teams, for use with the basic game only, yet no complete seasons, other than the most recently completed one," he wrote. This is an area, also, that S-O-M has heeded the cry from gamers, as it will soon be putting out some of those oldies but goodies.

#### 1961 YANKS MAUL MAUDLIN '62 METS

George Fishman, Highland Park, IL, wanted to experience the ultimate in hitting, so he matched the slugging 1961 New York Yankees against the '62 New York Mets, oftentimes called the worst team ever in baseball.

Both lived up to their billings as the Yanks won 132 of the 162 games, Roger Maris smashed 67 home runs and drove in 162, Mickey Mantle clubbed 66 and knocked in 160 runs and Elston Howard stroked 260 hits for a .382 average against the cannon fodder Met pitching staff. John Blanchard chipped in with 53 homers as the Yanks connected for 361 and finished with a .305 team batting average.

The Yanks, because of the lusty hitting, had three pitchers win 20 or more games and six with 14 or more wins. Whitey Ford went 28-3 with a 2.16 ERA, Bill Stafford 27-4 and 2.25, while Ralph Terry was 23-6. Meanwhile, the Mets had three 20-plus-game losers as Roger Craig was 4-32 and Jay Hook 6-29. Best ERA among the regulars was 4.91. About the only licks the Mets got in were Frank Thomas' 25 home runs and Richie Ashburn's .304 average.

#### SHORT SHAKES

...Tom and Richard Heitz of Middlebury, CT, played 24 hours of non-stop S-O-M Baseball, completing 40 games, of which Tom won 25. Over a four-day span the brothers finished 60 games...Lewis Snyder, a county deputy sheriff who calls Jamestown, NY, home, staged a single-elimination baseball tournament in which he took all the old timer teams (excluding the '62 Mets), plus pennant winning and division champs, enough to fill out a 64-team field, and then began rolling 'em. The four semifinalists were: 1968 Cardinals, '61 Reds, '19 White Sox and '53 Dodgers. Somewhat surprisingly, the Cardinals, thanks to a terrific triumvirate of pitchers--Bob Gibson, Nelson Briles and Steve Carlton, he of the speak never but pitch forever philosophy--won it all, defeating the favored '53 Dodgers in the final, 6-5...J.R. Richard, 1979 vintage, mowed down Atlanta in a replay of the latest S-O-M season. Houston won the game easily, 7-1, but the big news was J.R. blowing a third strike past 20 Braves. Dale Murphy fanned four times and three other Braves went down three times apiece. Tom Nahigian of Arlington, MA, was the gamer witnessing Richard's strikeout show...in a wild football game, played by Jeff Mrgchelbrink, Maple Heights, OH, St. Louis returned three intercepted passes for TDs and Jim Hart passed for five more in a 71-31 burying of the Browns.



## ***Corrie traveled 4,000 miles to visit gamer***

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### **Englishman describes experiences**

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Greeting from England, the lonely outpost for Strat-O-Matic.  
I thought it might be worth putting pen to paper to tell you of this Englishman's recent S-O-M experiences.

As you (the Review) reported in the September issue, fellow ISOMBA member Dave Miller visited me during May of this year. Dave is an officer in the U.S. Army stationed in Germany and for most of the weekend we played Strat and even some trading. I received Amos Otis and Joe Rudi for Dwight Evans and Otto Velez.

This certainly whetted my appetite to meet other fellow S-O-M fanatics so I arranged to visit my very good friend Jim Fell of Fort Wayne (IN) in July. We are fellow members of the great USB A run by Roy Dixon, and I am also a member of Jim's hockey league.

It certainly is a strange feeling traveling almost 4,000 miles to meet someone you only know by letter and occasional phone calls. Traveling down from Ottawa, where the first part of my holiday was spent, I studied my stats and team as I was to play Jim 10 games in our league.

Here was I, an Englishman, perhaps one of the very few or even the only one, perhaps, venturing into the USA to meet and play the American pastime. I thought if the Americans can try to play soccer, I can try to play baseball (well, at least the table version).

YES, THERE REALLY IS A LONDON MONARCHS!

I met Jim at the Toledo Bus Station, resplendent in my London Monarchs team t-shirt. I thought that would be easy for Jim to spot. Not only did he spot me, but so did many others. I was continually being asked, who are the London Monarchs?

Jim arrived and we had a great five days together. We took in a White Sox/A's doubleheader and, after having my name flashed on the Comiskey Park scoreboard, I felt I had really arrived.

What great people fellow S-O-M fanatics are. The trip was such a success that our baseball league is going to meet at Jim's on a weekend in July of next year. It will be great to meet other guys who, at the moment, are just names on paper.

Oh, by the way, the London Monarchs beat the Fort Wayne White Sox six games to four, putting the team on a great run which probably means a place in the playoffs. Who says Englishmen don't know baseball!

HOPES TO VISIT S-O-M AT NEW CARD TIME

On a more general note, I would like to echo Glen Strong's (Oct. Review) letter. No more knocking Steve Beren. Steve took the trouble and cost to phone me recently after my entry to his "Gold Cup" contest got lost in the mail. Anyone who will do that must be keen on the game we all love, so let's encourage people like Steve and not knock them. My thanks to the Review for giving so much coverage to Steve's efforts.

One final thing: My big ambition is to be first in line one year when the baseball cards are issued by the game company. I hope to save enough money to be at Glen Head for opening day in 1984.

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## Dantley, Jabbar, Gervin all fantastic

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### A look at 1979-80 basketball cards

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The 1979-80 Strat-O-Matic Basketball cards are some of the best ever. The overall team defense was much improved from last year. The shooting and passing are still outstanding, but the rebounding, especially at the center position, is still very weak.

Adrian Dantley of the Jazz, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar of the world champion Los Angeles Lakers, Walter Davis of the Suns and George [Iceman] Gervin of the Spurs have fantastic cards.

Dantley and Jabbar are deserving of special praise. Dantley has one of the best shooting cards of all-time, as he can shoot outside, penetrate and go inside with equal proclivity. Jabbar is also tremendous, as he has a "perfect" card inside (an X on 4, 6, 7 and 11, the best possible) and his outside shooting is excellent also.

#### PORTER'S A 'DAZZLING' PASSER

Kevin Porter of the Bullets was again rated 1-6 Dazzler. He is the only player to be rated as such. There are many outstanding point guards such as Porter, Maurice Cheeks of the 76ers, Quinn Buckner of the Bucks, Nate Archibald of the Celtics and Michael Ray Richardson of the Knicks. Richardson is a coach's dream as he is rated 1-5 Dazzler, 6 Percentage Shot in passing, rated 4 outside, 6 penetration and 2 inside on defense and is also a 6 offensive and 6 defensive rebounder. No wonder he's called "Sugar Ray." He and Ray Williams give the Knicks a super back-court.

Dennis Johnson of the Sonics was rated 5-6-3 in defense for the second consecutive time. Dave Cowens, the hub of the Celtics' defense, improved to a 4 in defense overall. Cowens went from a 3-1-4 in 1978-79 to a 5-2-5 this year.

Jabbar was rated "4" for the eighth time in eight years. Jabbar, Tree Rollins of the Hawks and Artis Gilmore of the Bulls are the only players rated 6 inside on defense.

#### NATER, JONES TOP DEFENSIVE REBOUNDERS

Swen Nater of the Clippers and Caldwell Jones of the 76ers are both rated 6 defensive rebounders. No one was rated 6 in 1978-79. Moses Malone of the Rockets dipped from a 4-2-6 defender to a 3-1-5 and also dropped to a 2 defensive rebounder from a 5. Malone relinquished his position as the NBA's No. 1 center to the former king, Jabbar.

The 1979-80 season was also a good one for rookies as Larry Bird of the Celtics and Magic Johnson of the Lakers were as good as advertised. Calvin Natt of Portland, Bill Cartwright of the Knicks, Michael Cooper of the Lakers and David Greenwood of the Bulls were also outstanding.

The Celtics, Bullets, Suns and Trailblazers all have tremendous team defensive cards. The Bulls, meanwhile, have one of the worst. Houston received one of the strangest defensive cards as on a roll of 4 against penetration, it has an X and foul (1) instead of the usual foul (2). Also, on a roll of 4 against the Bullets, outside, there is a foul (2). Almost every team has a foul (2) on a roll of 3 and 12.

#### TEN JOHNSONS IN NEW SET

Other observations regarding the new set of S-O-M Basketball cards:

\* Jim Brewer of Portland again has a poorer free throw percentage than field goal percentage (48.9% field goal, 48.3% free throw) and Ron Carter of the Pacers shot a miserable 28.6 percent from the line.

\* There are 10 players in the set who have the last name of Johnson.

\* Only seven players from S-O-M's original set of cards (1972-73)

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## Football playing tip

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# Here are individual fumble ratings

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Recently in your fine publication there have been several letters inquiring about the possibilities of individual fumble chances for running backs. Using the 1980 Sporting News Football Register (for fumbling statistics) I devised my own fumbling charts for this year's NFL running backs.

I only calculated the chances for each team's four running backs, leaving the quarterbacks as they were. My calculations included each running back's fumbling percentage and Strat-O-Matic's own "team fumbling chances." That is, a team like Pittsburgh which has its backs fumbling 33 out of 36 times on a roll of 5 will still fumble a lot, but the distribution will be altered.

Los Angeles is a good example of a team whose choice of running backs would alter late in the game with a lead. Instead of both Bryant and Tyler having 18 out of 36 fumble chances, Bryant now would have just eight and Tyler 29. On Seattle's cards, for another example, Sherman Smith has a 50 percent chance of fumbling on a roll of 5. However, he fumbled only once in 1979, but the reason his fumbling chances in S-O-M are so high is because of the rest of the team, which fumbled so much. On my chart, Smith has just four chances out of 36 to fumble, whereas the other three backs have a better than 50 percent chance of dropping the ball.

I used Strat-O-Matic's team chances (the chances that appear on all running cards) and from that I created my own mathematically calculated chances.

Theoretically, my chart should work. Each team would fumble just as much with my card as with S-O-M's team fumble chances, but using my chart more strategy is brought into the game and the end of the year statistics will (hopefully) have the Franco Harris and Wendell Tyler leading in fumbles and the Benny Malones, John Riggins and Cullen Bryants having coughed up the ball only a couple of times.

One thing gamers will appreciate (whether they are conducting a solo season or are playing face-to-face and in either case are looking for statistical accuracy) they will have an "excuse," if only to themselves, for using running backs such as Dave Williams of the Bears and Benny Malone of Washington. Both are pretty poor, but neither coughs up the ball readily.

Excluding all non-fumblers (there are 17, eight of which are S-O-M's own -- Houston and San Diego -- backfields), Malone is the most likely to do an end for stickum. He fumbles just once out of 36 chances. Using my chart Malone would fumble just 0.3 percent of the time. Conversely, using my chart, Franco Harris would fumble 9.6 percent of the time.

Now to use the chart below: When a fumble number is rolled, first check the runner's fumble rating. If the next roll indicates a fumble, then roll again for which team recovered. Walter Payton of the Chicago Bears, for example, would fumble on 2-4 only, but teammate Robin Earl would surrender the football via a fumble if the defense recovered after a bobble on Nos. 2-8, 11. And, using Willie McLendon as another example, he wouldn't fumble at all.

### NFL FUMBLE CHANCES

(National Football Conference)

| ATLANTA  |                | CHICAGO   |                | DALLAS   |         |
|----------|----------------|-----------|----------------|----------|---------|
| Andrews  | 2-8, 11        | Earl      | 2-8, 11        | Dorsett  | 2-8     |
| Bean     | doesn't fumble | McClendon | doesn't fumble | Laidlaw  | 2-12    |
| Cain     | 2-12           | Payton    | 2-4            | Newhouse | 2-4, 7  |
| Mayberry | 2-9            | Williams  | 2-3, 11        | Springs  | 2-7, 12 |

|                                |            |                     |            |                      |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|---------------------|------------|----------------------|------------|
| <b>DETROIT</b>                 |            | <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>  |            | <b>SAN FRANCISCO</b> |            |
| Bussey                         | 2-6, 8     | Galbreath           | 2-4        | Francis              | 2-12       |
| Kane                           | 2-12       | Holmes              | 2-5, 9     | Hofer                | 2-6        |
| King                           | 2-12       | Muncie              | 2-4, 11    | Jackson              | 2-9, 11    |
| Robinson                       | 2-10       | Strachan            | 2-3        | Simpson              | 2-6        |
| <b>GREEN BAY</b>               |            | <b>N.Y. GIANTS</b>  |            | <b>TAMPA BAY</b>     |            |
| Middleton                      | 2-8, 10-12 | Johnson             | 2-12       | Bell                 | 2-5, 11-12 |
| Simpson                        | 2-12       | Kotar               | 2-5, 10-12 | Berns                | no fumble  |
| Smith                          | 2-7, 9     | Moorehead           | no fumble  | Davis                | no fumble  |
| Torkelson                      | 2-12       | Taylor              | 2-7        | Eckwood              | 2-7, 11-12 |
| <b>LOS ANGELES</b>             |            | <b>PHILADELPHIA</b> |            | <b>WASHINGTON</b>    |            |
| Bryant                         | 2-4, 11    | Barnes              | 2-12       | Hardeman             | no fumble  |
| McCutcheon                     | 2-5, 12    | Campfield           | 2-5        | Harmon               | 2-4, 11    |
| Peacock                        | 2-4, 9     | Harris              | 2-4, 11-12 | Malone               | 2          |
| Tyler                          | 2-8, 11-12 | Montgomery          | 2-5, 11-12 | Riggins              | 2-3        |
| <b>MINNESOTA</b>               |            | <b>ST. LOUIS</b>    |            |                      |            |
| Brown                          | 2-8, 10-12 | Anderson            | 2-8        |                      |            |
| Foreman                        | 2-8, 10-12 | Brown               | 2-10, 12   |                      |            |
| Miller                         | 2-5, 9-12  | Harrell             | 2-12       |                      |            |
| Young                          | 2-4, 11    | Morris              | 2-6, 11-12 |                      |            |
| (American Football Conference) |            |                     |            |                      |            |
| <b>BALTIMORE</b>               |            | <b>HOUSTON</b>      |            | <b>OAKLAND</b>       |            |
| Hardeman                       | 2-7, 11-12 | Campbell            | no fumble  | Jensen               | 2-12       |
| Leaks                          | 2-8        | Carpenter           | no fumble  | Russell              | 2-5, 11-12 |
| McCauley                       | 2-9, 11    | Coleman             | no fumble  | Van Eeghen           | 2-3, 11    |
| Washington                     | 2-7, 12    | Wilson              | no fumble  | Whittington          | 2-5, 11-12 |
| <b>BUFFALO</b>                 |            | <b>KANSAS CITY</b>  |            | <b>PITTSBURGH</b>    |            |
| Brown                          | 2-10       | McKnight            | 2-6        | Bleier               | 2-10       |
| Collier                        | 2-12       | Morgado             | 2-3, 11    | Harris               | 2-9, 12    |
| Hooks                          | 2-8        | Reed                | 2-6        | Hawthorne            | 2-12       |
| Miller                         | 2-4, 11-12 | Williams            | 2-5, 11-12 | Thornton             | 2-12       |
| <b>CINCINNATI</b>              |            | <b>MIAMI</b>        |            | <b>SAN DIEGO</b>     |            |
| Alexander                      | no fumble  | Csonka              | 2-5        | Matthews             | no fumble  |
| Griffin                        | 2-4, 11    | Davis               | 2-5, 11    | Mitchell             | no fumble  |
| Johnson                        | 2-5, 12    | Torrey              | no fumble  | Thomas               | no fumble  |
| Turner                         | 2-12       | Williams            | 2-5, 11-12 | Williams             | no fumble  |
| <b>CLEVELAND</b>               |            | <b>NEW ENGLAND</b>  |            | <b>SEATTLE</b>       |            |
| Hill                           | 2-6        | Calhoun             | 2-4, 11-12 | Doornink             | 2-9        |
| Miller                         | 2-7        | Cunningham          | 2-6        | Hunter               | 2-7, 11    |
| G.Pruitt                       | 2-5, 11-12 | Ivory               | 2-6, 11    | Moore                | 2-10, 12   |
| M.Pruitt                       | 2-6, 9     | Johnson             | no fumble  | Smith                | 2-3, 12    |
| <b>DENVER</b>                  |            | <b>N.Y. JETS</b>    |            |                      |            |
| Armstrong                      | 2-5, 12    | Dierking            | 2-3        |                      |            |
| Jensen                         | 2-5, 12    | Gaines              | 2-3        |                      |            |
| Keyworth                       | 2-8, 11    | Harper              | 2-5, 9     |                      |            |
| Lytle                          | 2-3, 11    | Long                | 2-5, 12    |                      |            |

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## 1979-80 S-O-M Basketball cards

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remained on the same team as they were then. They are: Sam Lacey (Kansas City), Earl Monroe (N.Y. Knicks), Calvin Murphy (Houston), Elvin Hayes and Wes Unseld (Washington), Fred Brown (Seattle) and Dave Cowens (Boston).

\* One sad note in the card set is that Terry Furlow of the Utah Jazz is now deceased.



## S-O-M Pro Football replaces night out with boys in Liberty

The Liberty, NY, Strat-O-Matic Football League is one of those grass roots leagues that gaming is all about. Apple pie, the flag...and grass roots table-top gaming leagues.

Rather than a night out with the boys for poker, pool, etc., the Liberty League gathers to play S-O-M Football once weekly. The league is comprised of five local businessmen, ranging in age from 26 to 32. Each has an American Football Conference team and one from the National Football Conference. And each is allowed one draft pick of an offensive player from teams not used.

Playing tips gleaned from the Review are also used, such as the two-minute clock, revised injury charts and blocked kick and fumble returns. The league also keeps complete play-by-play statistics of every game.

The league's lineup of coaches and their teams includes: Wayne Benton, commissioner, 29, Washington (Archie Manning, draft pick) and Pittsburgh (Wilbert Montgomery); Dave Kawaucmi, 28, Dallas (Mark vanEegon) and New York Jets (Walter Payton); Tom Poley, 32, New England (Tony Reed) and Denver (Jim Zorn); Bill Stoddard, 26, Los Angeles (Ted McKnight) and Miami (Harold Carmichael), and Kevin Mullen, 27, Atlanta (Greg Pruitt) and Houston (Roland Harper).

Note that ["I hate the NFC"] Poley was allowed, by the league, to select two AFC teams.

### PITTSBURGH LIBERTY CHAMP, TOO

Benton's Steelers emulated the 1978 real-life season by going 12-2 against the best and also capturing the Super Bowl. Terry Bradshaw was the No. 1 quarterback in the league, completing 59.5 percent of his pass attempts, and averaged a whopping 8.94 yards per attempt.

Franco Harris was the leading rusher with 949 yards and Montgomery, who was frequently injured, chipped in with 776. The defense gave up a league-low 244 points and Lynn Swann had 64 receptions for 1,183 yards.

In the playoffs, Pittsburgh buried Miami, 51-24, behind a 287-yard rushing assault (Montgomery had 138 of it and scored twice) and then shut down Washington in the Super Bowl, 21-3, as Bradshaw threw two TD strikes to John Stallworth. Bradshaw was 13-of-25 for 180 yards, while the "Steel Curtain" closed on the 'Skins at 215 yards.

### TEAM SUMMARIES

NEW ENGLAND - Draft pick Reed (917 yards rushing, 5.5 average) helped immensely...Five backs gained over 250 yards...defense gave up only 246 points, second behind Steelers.

WASHINGTON - Just barely made playoffs off winning Liberty's previous two Super Bowls...Manning ran team well and John Riggins rushed for 1,010 yards in ball-control offense, but defense wasn't up to former standards.

DALLAS - Disappointment again as Roger Staubach completed only 46.9 percent of passes and wound up with just 11 TDs...Tony Dorsett was NFC's MVP, however, churning out 1,151 yards rushing...Did make playoffs.

LOS ANGELES - Got off to 6-3 start but then lost last five games--two in overtime and two by only three points!...40 turnovers could also be written on L.A.'s football tombstone.

ATLANTA - Injuries to backs decimated ranks and Falcons fluttered home 5-9...Pruitt had 784 yards rushing before being hurt...Steve Bartkowski led league in attempts (427) and lowest interception percentage (4.5), but threw for league-low eight TDs.

DENVER - Drafting of Zorn turned Broncos from strictly defensive team to one with explosive offense as they scored 368 points--tops in the league...Zorn connected 18 times for touchdowns...Two late-season

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losses dropped Denver to 8-6 record.

MIAMI - Another hurt by injuries as Delvin Williams missed last four games and Bob Griese three (all ending in defeats)...Carmichael was great addition, catching league-high 65 passes.

HOUSTON - Defensive breakdowns were demise of Oilers, who allowed 319 points (only the lowly Jets allowed more)...Earl Campbell was No. 2 rusher with 1,140 yards and 5.1 average.

NEW YORK JETS - Offense was good but 329-point defensive yield tells tale of season for Jets...Payton galloped to 1,116 yards, Wes Walker had 43 catches for 21.6 average, tops in league...Six of losses were by total of 21 points.

Standings, leaders, playoffs:

| NFC         | W | L | PF  | PA  | AFC        | W  | L  | PF  | PA  |
|-------------|---|---|-----|-----|------------|----|----|-----|-----|
| New England | 9 | 5 | 288 | 246 | Pittsburgh | 12 | 2  | 314 | 244 |
| Washington  | 8 | 6 | 282 | 304 | Denver     | 8  | 6  | 368 | 249 |
| Dallas *    | 6 | 8 | 252 | 290 | Miami      | 7  | 7  | 231 | 282 |
| Los Angeles | 6 | 8 | 307 | 259 | Houston    | 5  | 9  | 232 | 319 |
| Atlanta     | 5 | 9 | 231 | 295 | N.Y. Jets  | 4  | 10 | 312 | 329 |

\* Dallas defeated Los Angeles twice, thus won playoff berth.

| Passing      | Att-Comp | Pct. | Yds.           | TD-Int.% | Playoffs                           |
|--------------|----------|------|----------------|----------|------------------------------------|
| Bradshaw PIT | 316-188  | 59.5 | 2816           | 17-5.4   | Washington 10, Dallas 7            |
| Manning WAS  | 406-219  | 53.9 | 2856           | 13-5.4   | Miami 9, Denver 3                  |
| Zorn DEN     | 397-194  | 48.9 | 2542           | 18-6.4   | Washington 27, New England 24 (OT) |
| Haden LA     | 347-164  | 47.3 | 2331           | 14-4.9   | Pittsburgh 51, Miami 24            |
| Robinson NYJ | 253-112  | 44.3 | 1985           | 13-5.1   |                                    |
| Rushing      | Att-Yds. | Avg. | Receiving      | No.      | Points                             |
| Dorsett DAL  | 222-1151 | 5.2  | Carmichael MIA | 65       | Moseley WAS 108                    |
| Campbell HOU | 224-1140 | 5.1  | Swann PIT      | 64       | Leahy NYJ 106                      |
| Payton NYJ   | 245-1116 | 4.6  | Francis ATL    | 59       | Turner DEN 103                     |
| Riggins WAS  | 249-1010 | 4.1  | Burrough HOU   | 55       |                                    |
| Harris PIT   | 282-949  | 3.4  | Buggs WAS      | 53       |                                    |
| Reed NE      | 168-917  | 5.5  | Odoms DEN      | 53       |                                    |

## Northwestern S-O-M league files 'brief'

### Latest report from Lewis & Clark 130-plus pages

The League Book from the Northwestern Strat-O-Matic NFL Football League could hardly be considered a brief. The league, comprised of law professors, students and attorneys (Feb., 1980 Review), finally filed its league report, summarizing its eighth face-to-face season, updating all-time records, presenting a quickie course in how to play S-O-M Football (plus the league's improvisations) and even a tongue-in-cheek series of "Law Reports" in which members of the league brought suits against their counterparts for real or imagined wrongdoings.

The 'League Book' was over 130 pages long and, true to the profession, all rights (for North America, Venusian, Martian and Antarctic areas) are reserved.

League newcomer, Edward Druback, captured the league's third full-season championship. He drafted first because he was a rookie coach and promptly took Pittsburgh. Enough said.

The Steelers, after a slow start, finished 8-6, made the playoffs and then ousted the league's perennial winner, Thomas Crabtree, who was at the controls of the San Diego Chargers for the 1979 season (based on 1978 real-life). The Steelers turned back the Chargers, 24-14, as draft choice Roland Hooks scored three touchdowns for the winners.

Then, in the Super Bowl, Pittsburgh struck for the winning TD on the last play as Terry Bradshaw hooked up with Mr. Hooks, the Steelers pulling out a 27-23 thriller against Griff Steinke's New England Patriots. The Pets had pummeled Houston (coach: Don Large) in the other playoff game,

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50-7, as draftee Archie Manning passed for four touchdowns and Benny Ricardo kicked a league record five field goals. Ironically, Houston and New England had split a pair of regular-season games as each scored exactly 55 points.

#### TONY REED MVP

The rest of the Northwestern League's lineup includes Bill Williamson, last year's Super Bowl runnerup and league archivist; Preston Michie, Bernie Vale and Peter Nycum. Williamson guided the New York Jets, Michie the Dallas Cowboys, Vale the Chicago Bears and Nycum the Miami Dolphins.

The league drafted teams in reverse order of finish the previous season (thus a rookie coach got first pick) and then did the same when drafting from unused teams.

Tony Reed, draft choice of New England, was 1979-1980's MVP after leading league with 1,675 yards rushing and scoring 132 points (16 TDs rushing, six passing). In one memorial game against Houston, Reed rambled to 214 yards in 17 carries.

Meanwhile, Dan Fouts of San Diego set a league record for TD aerial strikes, striking for 36. Archie Manning of New England was runnerup in the passing derby, completing 265 of 451 attempts for 2,563 yards and 16 TDs. Following Reed in rushing was Wilbert Montgomery of San Diego with 1,528 yards in 252 carries.

In case you were wondering, each team was allowed 10 draft picks to firm up its roster.

#### Final standings:

|             | W  | L | PF  | PA  |          | W | L  | PF  | PA  |
|-------------|----|---|-----|-----|----------|---|----|-----|-----|
| San Diego   | 12 | 2 | 493 | 261 | Miami    | 6 | 8  | 313 | 316 |
| Houston     | 9  | 5 | 398 | 276 | Chicago  | 5 | 9  | 216 | 340 |
| New England | 9  | 5 | 338 | 275 | Dallas   | 4 | 10 | 242 | 392 |
| Pittsburgh  | 8  | 6 | 319 | 315 | New York | 3 | 11 | 217 | 351 |

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## Football playing tips

The Northwestern League, home base Portland, OR (with many of its members either students or professors at Lewis and Clark College) has a number of playing variations the rest of the S-O-M world may be interested in. To our knowledge the league hasn't patented any of them, so here goes:

#### ADVANCING A FUMBLE, BLOCKED FIELD GOAL/PUNT

Whoever recovers may try to advance a fumble, blocked punt or blocked field goal by rolling two dice and consulting the following chart:

| Dice # | After Fumble | After Blocked FG/Punt |
|--------|--------------|-----------------------|
| 2      | Long Gain    | Long Gain             |
| 3      | Short Gain   | Short Gain            |
| 4      | +9           | +15                   |
| 5      | F+5          | F+9                   |
| 6      | +1           | +5                    |
| 7      | 0            | 0                     |
| 8      | 0            | 0                     |
| 9      | 0            | 0                     |
| 10     | -3           | F+3                   |
| 11     | +6           | +9                    |
| 12     | Short Gain   | Long Gain             |

As a result of the chart, the league has already had a "Chester Marcol Run to Glory" as Mark Moseley, draft choice of Philadelphia using this year's cards, tried a field goal from the 25. It was blocked, but Moseley scooped it up and (aided by a snake-eye dice roll) zipped 25 yards for a touchdown. Oh, and the Eagles were trailing 6-0 when Moseley took

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off in full flight for the end zone.

A blocked field goal is measured from the point of the kick while a blocked punt is measured from the yardage indicated on the punt block. The coach of the recovering team selects who will return the ball. And, last of all, the offensive team's chance of recovering its own blocked punt or field goal is 2-4 and 12; for a fumble, 2-6, 12.

#### ...ATTEMPTING TO BLOCK PUNT

Another defensive ploy that the league employs is allowing the defense a chance at blocking a punt attempt (in addition to the reading on the punter's card). The defense must announce it is going to try for a block and then, if an "11" is rolled, the kick is blocked (-9 yards) and the defense recovers.

On any other dice roll, however, all returns are -5 yards from that given on the return player's card or the punting team's card (for Nos. 7, 8, or 12). Exceptions also include automatic touchdowns by the returner becoming long gains and fair catches remaining fair catches with no change in yardage.

#### ...PUNTING OUT OF BOUNDS

Kicking team can declare "short punt" when attempting to punt out of bounds. Deduct 10 yards from any punt, then roll two dice a second time and if 2-7, 12, the punt is out of bounds, no return; if 8-11 punt is in bounds and receiving team gets a return.

#### .....INJURIES REDUCED IN DURATION

The same as in S-O-M's rules, if a three-dice roll results in a triple number, an injury occurs. However, the duration of the injury is limited by the following chart. First obtain the result of the play. Then refer to the injury chart, roll two dice and look under the appropriate column to determine the injured player.

The final roll (two dice) determines the duration of injury according to the chart below:

| No.                 | No.                  |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| 2 - rest of game    | 8 - next 6 minutes   |
| 3 - rest of half    | 9 - next 10 minutes  |
| 4 - rest of quarter | 10 - rest of quarter |
| 5 - next 8 minutes  | 11 - rest of half    |
| 6 - next 4 minutes  | 12 - rest of game    |
| 7 - next 2 minutes  |                      |

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## Readers roll 'em

### 25 PLAYERS NEEDED

I am writing this letter for one reason and that is to take the game company to task. Why? The need for 25 players per team instead of 24.

I find it very annoying not to be able to play the games (my replay) the same as in real-life. I am referring to Terry Crowley of the 1979 Orioles. Not having Crowley limits my bench to one left-handed batter.

Your answer--cost. Why doesn't the game company print 25 per team instead of 20? Everyone who plays Strat-O baseball should want all the players,

not 20. I realize the cost of printing those extra players is high, but wouldn't it be cheaper to print all 25 at once?

Please consider it. A true Strat-O-Matic fanatic.

Steve (Boom) Johnson  
Lima, OH

### THANKS S-O-M

I would like to thank Strat-O-Matic and Mr. (Harold) Richman for taking into account the complaints of Review readers over the decision to print the 1961 season in baseball.

I still believe that S-O-M  
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# Advertisements

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## Wanted

WANTED: Would like to buy sets from 1968 through 1974 or any additional teams up to 1974 in football. Also, 1975 extra players. Send SASE to: John LaPre, 1502 Mendon Road, Woonsocket, RI 02895. Will answer all letters.

WANTED: Complete baseball seasons from 1969 and 1962. \$50 each for mint condition, \$40 for good. Also would like to purchase 1968, '69, '70 Raiders and 1970 49ers at \$10 per team. These teams must be originals and not the photo-copy version. Also the seller pays the postage. First come, first sell. Phone me at 1-707-584-5366 from 4 to 8:30 p.m., PST, or write me at: Rick Gray, 5057 Petaluma Hill Rd., Santa Rosa, CA 95404

WANTED: Teams from 1971-76. Will purchase the most reasonable offer(s). I am a player, not a collector; hence, cards in good or better condition are acceptable (please indicate condition, however). I am also interested in buying individual players from those years and the '77 extra players. Send lists and offers (include SASE for a reply) to: Derryl Moore, Lot 15 3624 State St. Bettendorf, IA 52722

WANTED: 1978 Chicago Cubs. Also additional players for the Cubs. Will pay up to \$2.00. Brian Cohen, 34 Lesage St., Dollard des Ormeaux, Quebec, Canada H9A 1Z6

WANTED: 1970-1973 Dolphins; 1971 Cowboys; 1969 Jets. Basketball teams - 1973-74 Knicks, Celtics. Baseball teams -

1970-1974 Reds, 1977 Reds, 1969 Mets, 1973 Mets, 1971 Pirates, 1977 Twins, 1977 Dodgers, 1976 Yankees. Send old rosters from 1970. Please send me no facsimiles. I will pay most any price if reasonable. Send your list of teams and the prices with your return address to: David Lacki, 55 Briarwood Path, Clark, NJ 07066. Or call between 3:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday (201-388-7836).

WANTED: Baseball teams and complete sets up to and through 1977. Especially interested in 1973-76 cards. Please state price, condition and any missing cards. Write: Ed Lateh, 1338 Torrance Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086. Will answer all letters.

WANTED: Complete sets of 1972, 1973 baseball cards, with extra players. Will entertain offers for single teams, extra players, single players from these years or earlier. Willing to include 1975 football set as part of payment for complete sets. Write: Dave Young, 1524 Portland #204, St. Paul, MN 55104

WANTED: Baseball NL 1960-68, AL 1960-70, football teams 1967-71. Teams must be readable condition. I am willing to trade (one for one) for these teams with one of my collection: 1967-present football or NL 1971-present, AL 1971-present. Send values wanted and teams you have to: Cecil VanReenen, 3721 Staunton Ave. SE, Charleston, WV 25304. Phone weekdays (1-304-422-3825, after 6 p.m.), weekends (1-304-925-5479). People

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wanting more than \$3 for single, original team, don't waste postage.

**WANTED:** Would like to meet people in the Gary, IN, area who love the games as I do and would be interested in playing any of the games in their spare time. Refreshments are on me. Write or call [I have many old teams in my collection]: James Sanders Jr., 5806 Kennedy Terrace, Apt. 103, Gary, IN 46403 (phone: 1-219-938-6137)

**WANTED:** Backup managers needed for an established PBM hockey league [NAHA]. It runs from May to August and current backup list is empty. Contact: Anthony Paldino, 1515 W. 5th St., Brooklyn, NY 11204 (phone: 212-334-3260)

**WANTED:** 1966 Dodgers, Mets, Phillies and Pirates; 1967 Reds; 1968 Red Sox. Must be good-excellent condition. Am willing to trade 1964 Tigers, 1968 Cardinals and Tigers, 1976 Yankees, Royals, Phillies, Reds and Pirates--all originals--for these teams or will purchase outright. Contact: Harold Coleman, 41 Augustine Place--Crofton, Bear, DE 19701 (phone: 302-328-8642)

**WANTED:** I need the following 1967 baseball: Carew, Gladding, Kaline, Marshall, Drabowsky, Scott, Fryman, M. Jones, P. Niekro; Twins, Tigers, Orioles, Red Sox, Pirates, Braves and American League set. Will pay your price or trade teams from 1962, '63, '66, '67, '75, or Sporting News Baseball Guides. Luke Kraemer, 2550 Yeager Road 7-8, West Lafayette, IN 47906

**WANTED:** Football cards; paying top dollar for the following teams: 1967 Giants, Patriots, Vikings, Browns, Steelers, Raiders, Chiefs, Chargers, Rams; 1968 Browns, Packers, Raiders, Chiefs, Chargers, Rams. Write or call: Pete Montenegro, 56 Coolidge Ave., Spencerport, NY 14559 (phone: 716-352-5388)

**WANTED:** I need the following individual baseball cards: 1969 Mickey Stanley (Tigers), 1969 Jake Gibbs (Yankees), 1973 Bob

Locker (Cubs), 1973 Del Maxvill (Pirates) and 1975 Bob Forsch (Cardinals). Send me your list of 1966-70 players for sale. Need 1969 [1968 season] rosters, 1980 [1979 season] roster. Wish to buy Toronto and Seattle expansion sets from 1976 season cards. John Hooper, 7420 Colshire Drive, Apt. 4, McLean, VA 22102

## For Sale

**FOR SALE:** Baseball - 1967 complete; 1969 complete; 1970 complete (no extras); 1972 National League only; 1975 and 1977 American League only. Also 1966 Astros (missing Heath); 1974 Astros; 1974 White Sox; 1975 Pirates; 1975 and 1976 Reds. Football - 1969 Chargers; 1970 Lions; 1971 Bengals; 1972 Raiders; 1973 Rams. Basketball - 1972-73 complete; '73-74 complete. All teams in excellent to mint condition. SASE guarantees reply. Winners pay postage. Rick Hicks, 425 New York St., Huntington, WV 25704

**FOR SALE:** 1964 baseball set (very good-excellent) with 24 players missing: Powell, B. Robinson, Redatz, Conigliaro, Herbert, Horlen, Howard, Kubek, Freehan, Lee, Chance, Worthington, Killebrew, Santo, Jay, Nottebart, Carty, Maye, Jackson, Baldschun, Face, Burgess, Virdon, Taylor. Would also trade for 1967 A.L. (very good-mint). Luke Kraemer, 2550 Yeager Road 7-8, West Lafayette, IN 47906 (phone: 317-463-4031)

**FOR SALE:** Baseball - 1971 San Francisco; 1972 Oakland, Houston, Detroit, Boston, St. Louis, Kansas City, Chicago, Cincinnati, Boston, San Francisco; 1975 Chicago Cubs, San Diego, New York Yankees, Baltimore, Philly, Boston, Chicago White Sox, St. Louis, San Francisco, Oakland, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Detroit; 1976 Chicago White Sox. Will sell to the highest bidder, in complete set, complete year, or individual teams. Write or call: (616-773-6651) Terry Hoofman, 1410 Quarterline Rd., Muskegon, MI 49442

**FOR SALE:** Only complete football  
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sets to highest bidder. 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974 and 1976. 1970 teams will be sold individually. Write: Tom Sullivan, 19 Shag-back Rd., Apt. D, Waterbury, CT 06704

FOR SALE: Set 1 - complete 1970 (15 have extras), all excellent condition. Set 2 - complete 1966 N.L. plus Twins, all mint condition. Set 3 - 1969 San Francisco, Los Angeles, Baltimore, Washington, Chisox, St. Louis, Kansas City, Tigers, NY Yanks, California, Minnesota, Seattle, Pilots, NY Mets, A's. All teams have some writing on, some are mint, some not good. This set is recommended for those who just want to use the cards, not for collectors. Set 4 - 14 1968 baseball teams, most have couple cards missing; good condition. Plus '67 Mets and '67 Cubs (some missing for both). Set 5 - 1966 Braves (-1), Phils (-1), Reds (-1), Astros (-1), Cleveland (-3), Bosox (-7), Kansas City (-2), Baltimore (-2), Yanks (-1), Chisox (-1); excellent condition. Set 6 - 1965 NY Yanks (-2), Reds (-6), St. Louis (-1); 1964 Angels (-3), includes Dean Chance, though, plus '65 McDowell, Colavito, Davillillo, Wagner, all of Cleveland; good condition. Set 7 - Original complete '65 Twins and '65 Los Angeles; mint condition. Everything sold as sets only. Send bids to: David Scheer, 86 Mill St., Spencerport, NY 14559 (phone: 716-352-9089)

FOR SALE: Complete 1972 baseball teams. No additional players. All cards in mint condition (one card missing, has been neatly hand printed). High bid wins. Bids close 12/31/80. Send bids to: Joel Salzman, 3911 Carrel Blvd., Oceanside, NY 11572, or call 6-10 p.m. at 516-536-5728.

FOR SALE: Want to know an easy way to accurately rate baseball cards, both basic and advanced versions? Based on actual mathematical odds. Send \$1.25 and SASE to: Joel Salzman, 3911 Carrel Blvd., Oceanside, NY 11572

FOR SALE: S-O-M Baseball Newsletter #3, which includes a draft report on the 1978 season. Plus, how you can have a S-O-M pen pal. Also, how to make solitaire more interesting and, of course, more playing tips, including when to sacrifice or hit-and-run and more. Send just 50¢ to: Jim Duffy, 60 Blanchard Road, Marlton, NJ 08053

FOR SALE: Baseball -all excellent condition - 1969 [complete with extras] Angels, Mets, Cardinals, Expos, Indians, Braves, Pirates, Tigers, Pilots, Royals, Phillies, Giants, Twins, Reds, Red Sox, Senators, Cubs, Yankees, White Sox, Astros; 1968 [complete] Astros, Twins, Angels, Pirates, Red Sox, White Sox, Giants, Orioles, Cardinals. Send to: Mark Westendorf, 764 Trade Square West, Troy, OH 45373

FOR SALE: Why lose those tight games because of an error in the late innings? Know your fielders! I have compiled a complete list showing the percentage of a batter reaching base whenever the X-chart is involved. Yes--a percentage for every E-rating for each fielding rating at each position. These charts are valid for years to come --not outdated with each new card set. Get the easy out. Send \$2.25 to: Tony Auter, 3505 Mina Ct., Louisville, KY 40220

FOR SALE: Baseball teams, 1969, '70, '71 Oakland; '70, '71, '72 Baltimore; '71, '76 Pittsburgh. Football teams, '68, '69 Minnesota; '69 New Orleans. Will deal for '75 or '76 A.L. and N.L. Please do not send money when you bid. Send to: Jay Taua, 920 Beechwood Dr., Girard, OH 44420, or call: 216-539-6172

FOR SALE: Complete sets, sold separately. Baseball - 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, mint condition; 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, excellent condition. All with extras. Football - 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, excellent condition. Also, extra teams in excellent condition; 1971 Cowboys, 49ers, Giants, Vikings, Browns, Colts, Dolphins, Chiefs; 1970 Browns, Giants, Saints; 1969 Jets. Will accept highest offer.

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Contact: Jim Colquhoun, 2900  
Chester St., Oceanside, NY 11572  
(phone: 516-764-4570)

FOR SALE: 1965 Dodgers, Twins,  
Tigers, Indians; 1966 Cardinals,  
Reds, Twins, Tigers, Indians,  
White Sox (only 18 players);  
1967 Phillies, Mets, Dodgers,  
Reds, Red Sox; 1968 Giants, Reds;  
1969 Giants, Cardinals, Pirates,  
Phillies, Dodgers, Astros, Reds,  
Pilots, Yankees, Royals, Angels,  
Indians; 1970 Padres, Cardinals,  
Phillies, Mets, Expos, Dodgers,  
Brewers, Royals, Tigers, Indians,  
Angels, Red Sox; 1971 Phillies  
(21 players), Yankees, Twins,  
Brewers, Tigers, Indians, White  
Sox, Angels; 1972 Expos, Twins,  
A's, Yankees, Royals, Indians,  
Red Sox, Angels, Orioles; 1973  
Padres, Cardinals, Pirates, Ex-  
pos, Rangers, Yankees, Brewers,  
Indians, Angels, Red Sox; 1974  
Padres, Mets, Astros, Rangers,  
A's (no extras), Brewers, Twins,  
Tigers, Indians, Red Sox; 1975  
Giants, Padres, Cardinals, Phil-  
lies, Mets, Expos, Dodgers,  
Astros, Reds, Cubs, Braves,  
Rangers, Yankees, Brewers, Twins,  
Royals, Tigers, Indians, White  
Sox, Angels, Orioles; 1976 Pad-  
res, Cardinals, Pirates, Phil-  
lies (no extras), Mets, Expos,  
Dodgers, Astros, Reds, Braves,  
Rangers, A's, Yankees, Twins,  
Brewers, Royals, Tigers, Indians,  
Angels, Red Sox, Orioles. All  
1969 through 1976 teams have  
extras, except where noted. Bids  
accepted on any or all teams  
until 15th of this month. Winners  
will be notified (and pay post-  
age). Send bids as soon as pos-  
sible to: Mike Gumkowski, 315  
Maureen Drive, Wheeling, IL 60090

FOR SALE: Big clearance sale.  
Must sell the following items.  
Baseball, 1973 Yankees, Mets,  
Dodgers, Brewers, Royals, Expos,  
Twins, Braves; 1974 complete set  
without extras; 1975 Yankees,  
Mets, Giants, Cards, Indians,  
Angels; 1976 and 1977 complete  
set with extra players. Basket-  
ball, 1974-75 and '76-77 com-  
plete sets. Football, 1975 Cow-  
boys, Dolphins, Jets, Giants,  
Packers, Patriots, Chargers; '76  
Jets, Giants, Falcons, Seahawks,  
Bills, Bucs. Collectors item:  
1971 Chiefs, Dolphins, Cowboys,

Vikings; 1974 Redskins, Cardinals.  
Also first college football game  
with 8 bowl teams. Send bids to:  
Tom Cavaliere, 42 DuBonnet Road,  
Valley Stream, NY 11581. SASE.  
All bids answered. All cards in  
good to excellent condition.

FOR SALE: Baseball teams - 1974  
Angels, Braves (including Henry  
Aaron), Cubs, Orioles, Pirates,  
Red Sox, Twins, White Sox; 1975  
Cardinals, Cubs (including Oscar  
Zamora), Dodgers, Orioles, Phil-  
lies, Pirates, Tigers; 1976 Astros,  
Giants, Mets, Pirates, Rangers.  
1976 teams include extras, but  
Rangers missing one extra. All  
teams in good to excellent condi-  
tion. Bidding ends Jan. 10, 1981.  
Send bids to: Glen Wetzel, 101  
Summit Ave., Eau Claire, WI 54701.  
Also I will pay \$3 for the 3-3-80  
issue of Sports Illustrated.

FOR SALE: 1977 Cardinals, Pirates,  
Phillies (no extras), Mets, Expos,  
Cubs, Giants, Padres, Dodgers,  
Astros, Reds, Braves, Blue Jays,  
Yankees, Brewers, Tigers, Indians,  
Red Sox, Orioles, Rangers, Mariners,  
A's, Twins, Royals, White Sox (no  
extras), Angels; 1978 Braves, Reds,  
Astros, Dodgers, Padres, Giants,  
Cubs, Expos, Mets, Phillies, Pir-  
ates, Cardinals, Angels, Twins,  
A's, Mariners, Rangers, Orioles,  
Indians, Tigers, Brewers, Blue Jays  
and all 1979 teams (National and  
American League). All teams have  
extras, except where noted. Bids  
accepted on any or all teams until  
15th of this month. Winners will  
be notified (and pay postage).  
Send bids as soon as possible to:  
Mike Gumkowski, 315 Maureen Dr.,  
Wheeling, IL 60090

FOR SALE: 1976, '77, '78, '79  
baseball teams. \$10 each set. All-  
time college football game, \$10.  
Everything excellent condition.  
David Fox, 122 Halloween Run,  
Newark, DE 19702

FOR SALE: Baseball - complete  
sets, 1962-1979. Some of the older  
cards have writing on them. I'd  
prefer to sell complete lot, but  
bids will be accepted for individ-  
ual years. Send SASE to: Ric  
O'Connor, 246 Richard St., Newington,  
CT 06111

FOR SALE: Twelve years of Super  
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Bowls. From Green Bay vs. Oakland through Pittsburgh vs. Dallas. All are in excellent condition. This set will only appreciate in time. I'm also including programs from three Super Bowls. Correspondence by letter only. Cost: \$199.00. Richard Gulezian, 1 Robin Hood Road, Windham, NH 03087

## League Forming

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Looking for potential managers for a face-to-face S-O-M Baseball league in the Asheville, NC, area. If interested, please write to: Chuck Merrell, 60 Rock Hill Road, Asheville, NC 28803. You will be placed under no obligation by writing as the league has not even been formed yet. If a league is formed, managers should be responsible and within driving distance of south Asheville. There would be no age restrictions. A self-addressed envelope would be appreciated.

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Looking for managers for PBM baseball leagues (American and National), based on 1980 season cards when they come out. This will be a draft league with players held over year to year. I will solicit ideas from managers and incorporate as many as possible into final rules--this assures managers a say in how the league is run. If you are reliable and interested (no experience necessary), send name, address and phone number for questionnaire to: Dennis Regling, 3904 Venable Ave. #304, Charleston, WV 25304 (all replies will be answered)

**LEAGUE FORMING:** The Professional Gamers League is looking for quality managers for its 8th season in baseball. This league has many quality managers who complete 162-game schedules each year. Several openings exist. Cost is \$4 for dues, \$6 for comprehensive journal and a \$10 refundable bond. Write: Martin Stoops, 11247 Polaris Dr., San Diego, CA 92126

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Federal League. Manage and build your own base-

ball team in the famous Federal League! Commissioned by veteran leader Kurt Smeby (creator of many top-notch leagues flourishing today and author of numerous gaming aides), this league represents an enjoyable, no-nonsense organization dedicated to mail league gaming at its best. If you can measure up to the "best," then apply today for your favorite team (or at least one of the top 10!). \$8 dues covers league newsletter and other expenses this office incurs. Send name, address, phone number, age, game used and top 10 choices of team to: Federal League Baseball, 1932 Wengert Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Wanted: I want to join or form a basic, face-to-face baseball league in the Rockville Centre, NY, area. Call: Joel Salzman (516-536-5728), or write me at: 3911 Carrel Blvd., Oceanside, NY 11572

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Two of my friends and I are looking for nine managers for the Longmeadow Strat-O-Matic Baseball Association. I am asking for a list of your top 300 picks. Please stress preference on the DH rule. Send information (including age) on yourself. This will be an 82-game play-by-mail league using the current cards. \$5 entry fee for the many newsletters you will receive. If devoted and reliable write: David Gene Trelease, 53 Ellington St., Longmeadow, MA 01106

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Looking for seven coaches to form draft, PBM Hockey league. New cards will be used, no extras. \$1 entry fee. Super advanced version will be used. Send draft sheet so we can start right away. Example: 1-Lafleur, 2-Trotter, 3-Potvin, etc. Send inquiries to: Tom Zoeller, 16 North Rd., Brewster, NY 10509

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Replacement managers needed for third season of Louisville Sluggers Baseball Association. (See May, 1980 Review, page 19 for league organization). Only responsible and honest managers need to reply. If chosen, entry fee will be \$10. If interested in joining a successful league, send Strat-O-Matic experience to: Tony Auter, 3505 Mina Ct., Louisville, KY 40220 (continued next page)

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Need 7 basketball-loving managers for PBM draft basketball league. 56 games, basic version. Entry fee is \$3 for newsletters, etc. Send SASE to: Steve Dull, 8933 Highland St., Highland, IN 46322, or call 1-219-923-1442 after 3 p.m. weekdays.

**LEAGUE FORMING:** How would you like to have a backfield of Franco Harris and Tony Dorsett, with Jim Zorn throwing to receivers like Swann, Casper and Jefferson? Now it's possible, thanks to the Advanced Football League. The AFL is looking for good managers and backups to start a 12-16 team PBM league as soon as possible; will play advanced version of game. You will draft your own roster, just as you would for a baseball league. If interested, send resume to: Rick Sontheimer, 808 Rollingwood Trail, Columbia, SC 29210. Requirements: thorough understanding of the advanced game rules and instructions and dedication. PBM football experience not necessary but preference will be given to experienced managers.

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Need eight managers in an eight-team, two-division PBM league. Consisting of N.L. players only and best of all, there is no limit for use of players, except amounts of starts for a pitcher. Send to: George Smilke, 23 Brumell Ave., Toronto, Ontario, M6S 4G3. Also, please suggest a new PBM league name, if you want, in your next letter. We're looking for one.

**LEAGUE FORMING:** A S-O-M advanced football league is forming. The league will be face-to-face using the 1979 cards. All teams will be assigned on a first-come, first-choice basis. A 16-game schedule, plus playoffs will be played. Trophy to the Super Bowl winner. All stats to be kept. If you are a serious gamer and live in the Rochester (New York) area, please contact: Eric Bessette, at (716) 334-8841 for more information, or write to me at: 17 Erie Manor Lane, Apt. 3, Henrietta, NY 14467

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Looking for 24 managers needed for PBM basic

version baseball league of 1981 season. 154-game schedule starting by '81 All-Star game, hopefully. Must be reliable. Please list (in order) 3 teams most preferred and 3 least preferred. Write: Rod Whitlock, 2200 Irish Circle, Salem, VA 24153

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Need coaches for a face-to-face football league in the Toronto area. Will use current 1980 cards based on 1979 season. If interested, phone Kent Scott at 416-481-5857. Address: 1901 Bayview Ave., Apt. 402, Toronto, Ontario M4G 3E4

**LEAGUE FORMING:** The Continental Baseball League is now forming. We need 7 managers to take over teams in a draft league. A \$5 entry fee is charged with \$2 refundable if you complete the 108-game schedule. We'll play advanced game with constant newsletters. All letters answered. Write to: Tom Cavaliere, 42 DuBonnet Road, Valley Stream, NY 11581. Season starts in December.

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Need 10 managers for PBML. 162-game schedule. List 10 teams, in order of preference. This will be a year to year league. Apply if you're reliable and have time. Entry fee is \$3. If you forward me a letter, I will give you more information. Trophy to winner. Bruce Kosa, 88 Avon St., Devon, CT 06460 (phone: 1-203-877-3925)

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Looking for 13 managers for a PBM draft league using 1980 American and National League players. Advanced version will be used. This will be the first of what I hope will be many years. Unreliable managers will not be tolerated. There will be frequent newsletters and stat reports. The draft is to be held in January, with the season beginning in Feb. There also will be a post-season yearbook. So do not miss this chance of a lifetime; I would like to have you. Serious and reliable replies only. No experience needed. Male and females welcome. Sorry, no one under 18 admitted. There will be an entry fee partially refundable at end of season. Trophy awarded to World Series

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## Readers roll 'em

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winner. Send me your name, address and phone number, to: Steve Venditelli, 22 Laveaghn St., Providence, RI 02909. I will send you an application to fill out. Please respond quickly so we can get organized. I will also need backup managers.

**LEAGUE FORMING:** A new PBM baseball league is forming. The league will be based on the upcoming S-O-M cards released in January. Straight teams, with trading. A 162-game schedule, all-star game and a yearbook are some of the extras this league will have. Send a list of 10 teams in order of preference, also a small resume to: Michael Telesca, 44 Rudder Dr., Holtsville, NY 11742. Phone: 516-472-1526. League fee is \$12.

**LEAGUE FORMING:** The Tim Horton Memorial Hockey League II is looking for four reliable backup managers for our season already in progress. We will possibly expand from eight to 12 teams next year. We are a super advanced draft hockey league. We are playing a 42-game schedule this year, but we are expecting to expand to 80 games next year. Larry Gavlak, RD#1 Box 410, Houtzdale, PA 16851

**LEAGUE FORMING:** I am trying to form a face-to-face football league. We will be using actual teams and playing with advanced or super-advanced rules. Call Swen Voedel at 345-0467, or write 217 West Lindo Ave., Chico, CA 95926. **FOR SALE:** Football teams from 1969 to '71. For list and prices, send SASE. Will trade for teams from 1972-78.

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Toronto area face-to-face league looking for managers for advanced baseball. Year-to-year with rookie draft, both leagues used. Contact: Peter Oldfield, 2345 Yonge St., Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4P 2E5 (phone: 481-7157)

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should print the first choice of the gamers, whether the baseball was doctored up or not. However, I feel that 1956 season will be a fine addition to the Strat-O-Matic Baseball world.

Barry Baumbach  
P.O. Box 573  
Fennville, MI

### WHY ALL THE FUSS?

I really don't understand all the fuss about what past baseball season Strat-O-Matic is to print.

If all the people who write in are the baseball fans they claim to be, then they wouldn't care which season is printed, as long as one is printed. Fans are starting to sound like professional baseball players about their contracts.

Dave Bontumasi  
1317 Aspen Ct.  
Flint, MI

### ELECTRONIC SPLIT-NUMBER SYSTEM

I have an idea on how to improve the game and would appreciate if you would think about it as possibly an article in your magazine.

I have concocted an electronic circuit which simulates a split deck by picking a number from 1 to 20 each time a switch is depressed.

The drawback to a deck of cards is, of course, that it must be shuffled after each pick to ensure randomness. The electronic split deck is random every time, of course, and uses an LED display for the result.

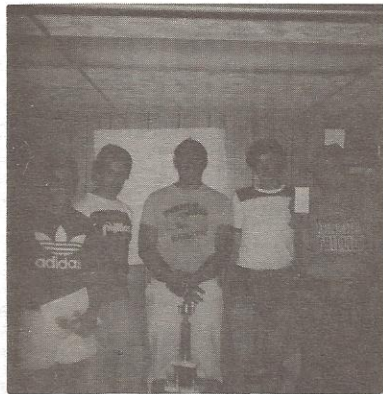
Cost of parts would be about \$10-\$15 in the U.S. and assembly is quite straightforward. If enough of your readers were interested, I could arrange for printed circuit layouts, or even ready-made printed circuit boards, to be available.

Peter Oldfield  
2345 Yonge St.#20  
Toronto, Ontario  
Canada M4P 2E5

## Phillies' fan is Gambit VIII champ<sup>18</sup>

### Ray Vanderhoff wins mini baseball tournament

Avid Philadelphia Phillies' fan Ray Vanderhoff had a dream come true, and also won a beautiful trophy and became \$50 wealthier, when he won Thomas Swank's Gambit VIII tournament this past summer. Vanderhoff



GAMERS POSE BEFORE ACCEPTING AWARDS (FROM LEFT): TONY LO CASTRO, JEFF DIRGO, TOM SWANK, GLEN STRONG, RAY VANDERHOFF



ALL EYES ARE ON CAMERA AS GAMERS TAKE A BREAK IN TOURNEY PLAY. FROM LEFT: RAY VANDERHOFF, JEFF DIRGO, RUSS CAPPORELLI, KEN MACKAY (WITH L.A. HELMET).

won it all with the 1978 Phillies, winning eight of nine games in the 64-team tourney that featured head-to-head play by 16 gaming enthusiasts.

All of the gamers had four teams from 1971-79. A single-elimination format was followed the first four rounds, with the four semifinalists engaging in two-out-of-three series.

Gaming site was the home of Jeff Dirgo, Verona, NJ. Dirgo, who directed the '77 Phillies to a second-place finish with a 6-2 record, Glen Strong of Cranbury, NJ ('75 Cincinnati Reds, 5-2) and Tony LoCastro of Little Falls, NJ ('75 Boston Red Sox, 4-2) were the semifinalists.

One of the more exciting games in the tournament was the '77 Rangers ripping the '78 Dodgers for seven home runs. Russ Capporelli was the delighted skipper of the Rangers during the home run bombardment.

Vanderhoff's one loss was to the '75 Reds, 13-7, a setback that was avenged by scores of 4-3 and 2-1--a pair of close calls, for sure. In the finals it was easier as the '78 Phils downed the '77 version by 5-2 and 4-1 scores.

Richie Hebner of the '78 Phils was selected MVP after batting .436 (17-39), hitting three home runs and knocking in 15 runs. Steve Carlton, meanwhile, was the top pitcher, going 3-0 with a 2.00 ERA. He struck out 22 in 27 innings and helped his own cause by collecting four hits in nine at-bats, including a home run.

"Gambit VIII," concluded Swank, "had its stomach 'Phil' of Phillies."

Ironically, however, Dirgo's favorite team was Baltimore, not the Phils. In fact the host for Gambit VIII selected three Oriole teams to direct in the tourney--and then watched each get bounced and the Phils remain as the only survivor from the quartet.

He'll get another chance as Swank (75 Aycrigg Ave., Passaic, NJ) is already mapping out plans for his next tournament offering.



## Tournament scoreboard

First-round play in Steve Beren's Gold Cup Challenge Baseball tournament has finally drawn to a close and here are the latest results:

\* Kevin Gertsen, Marion, IA ['73 Mets, +3; '77 Angels, -14] vs. Mike Ryan, Norwood, MA ['76 Red Sox, +4; '79 Dodgers, -4]. Ryan wins series 3-1, losing only to Nolan Ryan, and advances.

\* Steven Walters, Potosi, MO ['77 Reds, +14; '77 Indians, -19] vs. Pat Tafelski, Mishawaka, IN ['78 Astros, -14; '77 Reds, +14]. Series tied 2-2, both advance. Game three, won by Indians 3-1, took only 13 minutes to play, while game four, won by Reds 11-6, consumed 37 minutes.

\* Glen Strong, Lewiston, ME ['74 Rangers, +8; '77 Giants, -12] vs. Joe Zatko, Whitehall, PA ['73 Mets, +3; '73 Braves, -9]. Strong won 1976 S-O-M championship. Series is split, 2-2, so both advance. Phil Niekro tossed two-hitter in game four as Braves won 11-0 over Giants.

\* Roger L.E. Corrie, Essex, England ['78 Expos, -10; '78 Padres, +6] vs. Terry Miller, Dallas, TX ['79 Rangers, +4; '79 Dodgers, -4]. Corrie, first Gold Cup entry from Britain, wins series 3-1 and advances. Steve Rogers hurled two-hitter in game two for Montreal, an 8-0 win by the Expos. First game, a 2-1 pitchers' duel with Ross Grimsley besting Ferguson Jenkins, took only nine minutes to play.

\* Greg Balas, Ponteix, Sask. ['74 Tigers, -18; '74 Yanks, +16] vs. Chip Armonaitis, Jersey City, NJ ['79 Rangers, +4; '79 Mets, -36]. Armonaitis wins series, 3-1, and advances; Balas, originator of Tournament of Silver, modeled after Gold Cup Challenge Series, is eliminated.

\* Larry King, New York, NY ['76 Mets, +10; '76 Padres, -16] vs. Eric Raudenbush, Havertown, PA ['77 Cubs, .500; '79 White Sox, -14]. Raudenbush wins series, 3-1, and advances; King, commissioner of the popular, well-organized Empire State S-O-M League, bows out.

\* Ivan Chang, Maple Grove, MN ['79 Twins, +2; '78 Astros, -14] vs. Dave Lubera, Albion, MI ['71 Tigers, +20; '74 Mets, -20]. Series tied 2-2 and both advance. Solo home run by Cesar Cedeno in bottom of ninth inning of last game gave Houston 6-5 win over Mets and tied series.

\* Raymond Savoy, Waterbury, CT ['79 Cubs, -2; '79 Dodgers, -4] vs. Cathy Keeley, Corunna, MI ['77 Cards, +4; '75 Twins, -7]. Keeley, second female entered in Gold Cup, sweeps series 4-0 and advances. Cathy's husband, Jim, also is entered in the Gold Cup tourney and he also sweep his first-round series. Cathy's 21, and, as Beren's notes, "She entered the Gold Cup in a spirit of competition with her husband. Despite an unusual and unorthodox strategy sheet, she swept to victory."

\* Barry Miller, Andover, MA ['78 Orioles, -19; '78 Indians, -21] vs. Scott Wharton, Jackson, MS ['78 Dodgers, +28; '78 Mets, -30]. Miller wins series 3-1 and advances.

Tom Johnson, North Dighton, MA, was the 77th entry and received a first-round bye. Johnson, along with 51 other gamers will advance to round two where it will take at least a 5-3 overall record to move on to round three.

The 52 qualifiers include six gamers who went 4-0, 19 who compiled a 3-1 record and 26 who split four games. Beren's rating of the managers and their teams after first-round skirmishing has Tony Cass, Milwaukee, WI, Cathy Keeley of Corunna-Owosso, MI, and Skuli Johnson of Winnipeg, Manitoba, as 1-2-3, respectively, in his power poll.

Scott Argo, Media, PA, is rated No. 4, Jim Keeley, Cathy's husband, holds down the No. 5 spot and Becky Walters, Potosi, MO, is No. 6. All six are unbeaten.

Beren's arbitrary ratings, Nos. 7-10, include Dave Donovan of Pleasanton, CA (No. 7); Mike Russell of Brooklyn, NY (No. 8), Chip Armonaitis of Jersey City, NJ (No. 9) and Britain's No. 1 S-O-M gamer, Roger Corrie, in the No. 10 slot. All have 3-1 records.

Beren is busy playing the second round as this issue went to the printer. There will be more next month as the quest for the gold continues in S-O-M Baseball.

## Gamer 'adjusts' field goal ratings

Michael Ching of Honolulu is a gaming purist; he likes to have statistics adhere to real-life happenings. So, with that end in mind, he's suggested that many of the field goal ratings in S-O-M Football be altered.

His biggest complaint is that many of the kickers are more effective from longer distances than they are shorter, thus it sometimes pays a gamer to lose yardage when on offense, enabling his kicker to have a better shot at booting a field goal.

That shouldn't happen, says Ching, adding "that the closer a kicker is to the goal line, the better chance he has of successfully making a field goal."

He also adds that he realizes S-O-M has to base its ratings on actual statistics. "But," he continues, "statistics often are misleading especially when based on small sample sizes."

Ching, in an attempt to create new ratings that would eliminate the problem, first prepared a chart on the 1979 season. Here are his findings:

| RANGE              | FGM/FGA  | PCT. |
|--------------------|----------|------|
| 1 to 2-yard line   | 14-19    | .737 |
| 3 to 12-yard line  | 160-183  | .874 |
| 13 to 22-yard line | 157-236  | .665 |
| 23 to 32-yard line | 109-240  | .454 |
| 33 to 37-yard line | 14-42    | .333 |
| extra points       | 991-1097 | .903 |

Ching found out, however, that S-O-M's highest rating in the 33-37 range was 2-5 good, which is a percentage of .278. The league average was .333. So, Ching decided to explore further and this time looked up the 1977 NFL stats ("I didn't have access to 1978"). Here are his findings:

| 1977  |         |      | 1977 & 1979 COMBINED STATS |         |      |
|-------|---------|------|----------------------------|---------|------|
| RANGE | FGM/FGA | PCT  | RANGE                      | FGM/FGA | PCT  |
| 1-2   | 13-16   | .813 | 27-35                      |         | .771 |
| 3-12  | 131-166 | .789 | 291-349                    |         | .831 |
| 13-22 | 121-194 | .624 | 278-430                    |         | .646 |
| 23-32 | 87-198  | .439 | 196-438                    |         | .447 |
| 33-37 | 8-44    | .182 | 22-86                      |         | .255 |

"The accuracy from the 33-37 range now seems more reasonable with a combined percentage of .255," notes Ching. "And while the 1977 stats show a higher accuracy from the 1-2 range than from the 3-12 range, the combined stats still show a higher accuracy from the 3-12 range. Thus the data indicates that the pattern of accuracy is (from most accurate to least accurate): XP, 3-12, 1-2, 13-22, 23-32 and 33-37."

Ching is also convinced that if all kickers had enough attempts, they would follow this pattern. But many of them do not. Jan Stenerud is one example:

| RANGE | FGM/FGA | PCT  | RANGE | FGM/FGA | PCT  |
|-------|---------|------|-------|---------|------|
| 1-2   | 0-1     | .000 | 23-32 | 5-10    | .500 |
| 3-12  | 4-6     | .667 | 33-37 | 0-2     | .000 |
| 13-22 | 3-4     | .750 |       |         |      |

Stenerud is more accurate from the 13-22 range than the closer 3-12. Limited statistics indicate that's the way he should be rated...but realism indicates otherwise, says Ching. His solution is, since the problem stems from insufficient statistics, to combine stats from the zones in question. In other words, by combining stats from ranges 1-2 and 13-22, Stenerud was three of five for a percentage of .600.

Thus Ching would adjust Stenerud's card as follows:

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Stenerud's revised card:

| RANGE | PCT. | DICE ROLL       | RANGE | PCT. | DICE ROLL        |
|-------|------|-----------------|-------|------|------------------|
| 1-2   | .600 | 2-7, 12 good    | 23-32 | .500 | 2-6, 11, 12 good |
| 3-12  | .667 | 2-7, 11-12 good | 33-37 | .000 | 2-3              |
| 13-22 | .600 | 2-7, 12 good    |       |      |                  |

Ching adds that the 33-37 range needs further explanation as to how S-O-M seems to rate kickers. "Since most kickers make very few attempts from that range, S-O-M seems to rate them as follows:

| PERFORMANCE        | DICE ROLL  | PERFORMANCE    | DICE ROLL  |
|--------------------|------------|----------------|------------|
| no attempts        | - 2 good   | 1 made         | - 2-4 good |
| 1 or more attempts | - 2-3 good | 2 or more made | - 2-5 good |

Only kicker in 1979 not to follow this pattern was Tony Franklin, who was 3-of-7 from that range.

Chris Bahr is another example of a kicker more effective at a longer range. Here are his 1979 stats:

| RANGE | FGM/FGA | PCT. | RANGE | FGM/FGA | PCT.  |
|-------|---------|------|-------|---------|-------|
| 1-2   | 0-0     | .000 | 23-32 | 4-8     | .500  |
| 3-12  | 4-6     | .667 | 33-37 | 2-2     | 1.000 |
| 13-22 | 3-7     | .429 |       |         |       |

What Ching did here was to combine the 13-22, 23-32 and 33-37 zones, which produced a percentage of .529. Then he downgraded, using S-O-M's system, the 33-37 zone and came up with an adjusted card looking like this:

| RANGE | PCT. | DICE ROLL    | RANGE | PCT. | DICE ROLL         |
|-------|------|--------------|-------|------|-------------------|
| 1-2   | .667 | 2-7, 12 good | 23-32 | .529 | 2-6, 9 good       |
| 3-12  | .667 | 2-7, 12 good | 33-37 | .529 | 2-5 * good        |
| 13-22 | .529 | 2-6, 9 good  |       |      | * adjusted rating |

Following are listed the kickers whose ratings have been adjusted:

| Kicker       | 1-2        | 3-12       | 13-22      | 23-32      | 33-37 |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------|
| Mazzetti     | 2-8, 11-12 | 2-8, 11-12 | 2-5, 12    | 2-5, 12    | 2-3   |
| S.Mike-Mayer | 2-8, 12    | 2-8, 12    | 2-8, 12    | 2-4, 11-12 | 2     |
| Thomas       | 2-8, 12    | 2-8, 12    | 2-8, 12    | 2-5        | 2-3   |
| C.Bahr       | 2-7, 11-12 | 2-7, 11-12 | 2-6, 9     | 2-6, 9     | 2-5   |
| Stenerud     | 2-7, 12    | 2-7, 11-12 | 2-7, 12    | 2-6, 11-12 | 2-3   |
| Corral       | 2-10       | 2-10       | 2-5, 9     | 2-5, 9     | 2-3   |
| Danmeier     | 2-7, 11-12 | 2-7, 11-12 | 2-7, 11-12 | 2-6, 11-12 | 2     |
| Wersching    | 2-9, 11    | 2-9, 11    | 2-9, 12    | 2-8        | 2     |
| Herrera      | 2-9, 11    | 2-9, 11    | 2-9, 12    | 2-8        | 2-3   |

The following kickers were adjusted even though their cards already read the correct sequence of accuracy:

|              |            |      |            |         |     |
|--------------|------------|------|------------|---------|-----|
| Septien      | 2-10       | 2-10 | 2-7, 11    | 2-6, 12 | 2-5 |
| Fritsch      | 2-10       | 2-10 | 2-9        | 2-8, 12 | 2-5 |
| von Schamann | 2-10       | 2-10 | 2-7, 11    | 2-7     | 2-5 |
| Breech       | 2-7, 11-12 | 2-10 | 2-7, 11-12 | 2-6     | 2-3 |

Following are ratings for kickers not listed by S-O-M:

|         | XP         | 1-2        | 3-12       | 13-22      | 23-32      | 33-37 |
|---------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------|
| Linhart | 2-8, 11    | 2-5, 9     | 2-8, 12    | 2-5, 9     | 2-4        | 2     |
| Birney  | 2-8, 11-12 | 2-8, 11-12 | 2-8, 11-12 | 2-8, 11-12 | 2-7, 11-12 | 2-3   |
| Jacobs  | 2-10       | 2-8, 12    | 2-8, 12    | 2-6, 11-12 | 2-5, 11    | 2     |

The following kickers were adjusted to have their field goal ratings always lower than their extra points rating:

|        |         |         |         |            |            |     |
|--------|---------|---------|---------|------------|------------|-----|
| Leahy  | 2-9     | 2-9     | 2-9     | 2-7, 12    | 2-4        | 2   |
| Little | 2-8, 11 | 2-8, 11 | 2-8, 11 | 2-5, 11-12 | 2-5, 11-12 | 2-4 |

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Some of the following ratings are based on past performances and/or Ching's personal ratings:

|            | XP         | 1-2        | 3-12       | 13-22      | 23-32      | 33-37 |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------|
| Dempsey    | 2-8, 12    | 2-8, 12    | 2-8, 12    | 2-7        | 2-4        | 2-3   |
| Benirschke | 2-9, 11    | 2-9, 11    | 2-9, 11    | 2-7, 11-12 | 2-6, 11-12 | 2     |
| Garela     | 2-9, 12    | 2-9        | 2-9        | 2-5        | 2-4        | 2     |
| Szero      | 2-10, 12   | 2-8, 12    | 2-8, 12    | 2-7, 11-12 | 2-4        | 2     |
| Erxleben   | 2-10       | 2-10       | 2-10       | 2-9        | 2-6        | 2-3   |
| Galbreath  | 2-7, 12    | 2-7, 12    | 2-7, 12    | 2-4        | 2-3        | 2     |
| Anderson   | 8-7, 11-12 | 2-7, 11-12 | 2-7, 11-12 | 2-7, 11-12 | 2-3        | 2     |
| Olander    | 2-8        | 2-8        | 2-8        | 2-6        | 2-3        | 2     |

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## S-O-M league, replay scene

NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE BASEBALL LEAGUE (NNHBL) - Solitaire league played by Paul Karr of Newport, who for the second year has taken the seven best teams and played a 162-game season...latest season was based on 1978 real-life and Boston, for the second time, was World Series winner...A three-run homer by Carl Yastrzemski and a game-winning clout by Butch Hobson (off Terry Forster, no less) gave Boston a 6-4 triumph in seventh game of evenly matched series against Los Angeles. Boston won first three games, 3-0, 4-1 and 3-2, and then L.A. captured next three, 9-0, 4-2 and 3-2...replay took three months to complete; approximately 6.2 games were played daily to complete 567-game schedule...advanced game was played, with no limit on at-bats and innings pitched.

Standings and leaders:

| American      | W  | L   | GB | Avg. | ERA  | Home Runs          | AB              |
|---------------|----|-----|----|------|------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Boston        | 94 | 68  | -  | .256 | 2.91 | Nettles NY 53      | Parker PIT 149  |
| New York      | 85 | 77  | 9  | .266 | 3.29 | Luzinski PHI 51    | Nettles NY 131  |
| Kansas City   | 84 | 78  | 10 | .263 | 2.44 | Smith LA 50        |                 |
| National East |    |     |    |      |      | Jackson NY 48      | Average         |
| Pittsburgh    | 91 | 71  | -  | .282 | 3.54 |                    | Smith LA .363   |
| Philadelphia  | 65 | 97  | 26 | .284 | 3.34 |                    | Rice BOS .351   |
| National West |    |     |    |      |      |                    | Parker PIT .345 |
| Los Angeles   | 89 | 73  | -  | .292 | 2.56 | Wins               |                 |
| Cincinnati    | 59 | 103 | 30 | .248 | 3.02 | Eckersley BOS 32-8 |                 |
|               |    |     |    |      |      | Guidry NY 31-9     | ERA             |
|               |    |     |    |      |      | Gura KC 28-8       | Welch LA 1.40   |
|               |    |     |    |      |      | Welch LA 28-9      | John LA 1.57    |
|               |    |     |    |      |      |                    | Guidry NY 1.59  |

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FAVORITE TEAMS REPLAY - Jay Melnarik played a mini 81-game season with the 1979 Houston Astros, Chicago White Sox, Baltimore Orioles and Pittsburgh Pirates. Why? Because he liked the teams--in fact, those are the only baseball teams he likes...He didn't use the additional players and an unsung player, Jim Morrison of the Chisox, was MVP after slamming 18 homers and driving in 45 runs, second best in the league...Houston was a surprise, winning 50 games and sweeping past Pittsburgh in the playoffs, 3-1 in games...Astros had best pitching (2.48 ERA) and stole the most bases (204), including 14 against Chicago, eight in one inning...Pitching, for the most part, dominated as highest average was .237 by Pittsburgh...Cy Young pitcher was J.R. Richard, who won 13 games and struck out 200 in 178 innings. J.R. also had a minuscule ERA of 1.76...Batting champ was Lamar Johnson of Chicago (.306), while Omar Moreno of Buco swiped league-high 47 bases...only four players batted above .280.

Standings:

|            | Won | Lost | GB | Avg. | ERA  |           | Won | Lost | GB | Avg. | ERA  |
|------------|-----|------|----|------|------|-----------|-----|------|----|------|------|
| Houston    | 50  | 31   | -  | .225 | 2.48 | Chicago   | 38  | 43   | 12 | .233 | 3.02 |
| Pittsburgh | 40  | 41   | 10 | .237 | 3.17 | Baltimore | 34  | 47   | 16 | .224 | 2.88 |

Playoffs: Houston d. Pittsburgh - 1-5, 1-0, 3-1, 4-2.

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CONTINENTAL HOCKEY LEAGUE - Mel Kuczna hasn't fought her husband Jason's interest in S-O-M. Quite to the contrary. She, instead, joined him and they are, today, proprietors of the above named hockey league... Jason, a 15-year S-O-M veteran and married for the last six years, says his wife had only a passing interest in the games--that is until the hockey game hit the market...her interest was so keen that the two formed an eight-team draft league (she guided Columbia, Laramie, Alberta and Albany; Jason had Richmond, Salt Lake City, Raleigh and Calgary), using the original cards, and embarked on an 84-game season...Richmond, led by scoring champ Bryan Trottier and eight others who produced 25-plus goals, won the league championship. But Mel did all right, too, with her Columbia Flames shining brightly and finishing runnerup in the regular-season...Albany, also coached by Mel, finished in the basement, but Jason thinks his wife may have a potential powerhouse in the making, thanks to a shrewd trade and her right to the No. 1 draft pick (expected to be Wayne Gretzky). Mel traded away Danny Gare and Greg Sheppard for Mike Bossy. With Bossy joining Marcel Dionne, Steve Shutt, Pete McNab, Phil Esposito, and the expected arrival of Gretzky, Jason figures a rags to riches story is in the making...in the playoffs, Jason's Raleigh Rangers captured the championship, knocking off Richmond in five games of the best-of-seven final. Earlier, Richmond disposed of Calgary, 4-1, and Raleigh swept Columbia, 4-0...Guy LaPointe, Bobby Clarke and goalie Tony Esposito were playoff stalwarts for Raleigh.

Standings and leaders:

|               | W    | L  | T  | Pts. | GF  | GA            | Scoring       | G                  | A  | Pts. |
|---------------|------|----|----|------|-----|---------------|---------------|--------------------|----|------|
| Richmond      | 48   | 21 | 15 | 111  | 417 | 336           | Trottier RICH | 67                 | 71 | 138  |
| Columbia      | 40   | 25 | 19 | 99   | 393 | 356           | Maruk COL     | 59                 | 70 | 129  |
| Raleigh       | 41   | 29 | 14 | 96   | 365 | 332           | Sittler CAL   | 34                 | 88 | 122  |
| Calgary       | 35   | 34 | 15 | 85   | 358 | 349           | LaFleur ALB   | 67                 | 50 | 117  |
| Laramie       | 33   | 40 | 11 | 77   | 350 | 375           | Perreault LAR | 51                 | 64 | 115  |
| Alberta       | 27   | 41 | 16 | 70   | 361 | 399           | Gare SL       | 31                 | 84 | 115  |
| Salt Lake     | 29   | 44 | 11 | 69   | 359 | 414           | Boldirev ALB  | 35                 | 77 | 112  |
| Albany        | 27   | 46 | 11 | 65   | 349 | 391           | McNab ALBA    | 46                 | 65 | 111  |
| Goals-Against |      |    |    |      |     |               | Goals         |                    |    |      |
| K.Dryden COL  | 3.46 |    |    |      |     | Trottier RICH | 67            | Game Winning Goals |    |      |
| Cheevers RAL  | 3.53 |    |    |      |     | LaFleur ALB   | 67            | Goring COL         | 10 |      |
| Vachon RICH   | 3.53 |    |    |      |     | Maruk COL     | 59            | Luce CAL           | 9  |      |
| B.Smith RICH  | 3.61 |    |    |      |     | Shutt ALBA    | 57            | Boldirev ALB       | 8  |      |
| Edwards SL    | 3.84 |    |    |      |     | Bossy ALBA    | 52            |                    |    |      |

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TEANECK, NJ, FOOTBALL LEAGUE - Bum's Boys won this abbreviated re-play, a nine-game regular season, plus playoffs, based on 1978 season... three coaches divided (well, not exactly) 11 teams, with Rich Greenberg guiding Houston, Seattle, Oakland, Los Angeles and Dallas; David Klonsky Pittsburgh, Miami, New England, New York Jets and San Diego, and Mike Greenberg took the hapless New York Giants...Mike, obviously, didn't have much fun...Houston won it all as MVP Earl Campbell rushed for 1,200 yards and Dan Pastorini completed 55 percent of his passes...Oilers, with Mike Barber catching nine passes, two for touchdowns, knocked off Oakland in Super Bowl, 26-10...Pittsburgh, with rushing-less offense, was biggest disappointment, going 3-6; longest run from scrimmage was only 19 yards... Jim Zorn was sensational for Seattle, which averaged 32 points and wound up 7-2, although he was hurt in the opening minutes of a playoff loss to Oakland...Dallas once blanked Pittsburgh, 7-0, sacking Terry Bradshaw 13 times...New England was generally inconsistent, but it did demolish the Giants, 65-14...injuries finished off Miami...Oakland's season was a success after 10-6 and 10-7 wins over Pittsburgh in titanic struggles.

Standings and leaders:

Playoffs: Oakland 24, Seattle 21; Houston 24, Los Angeles 13.  
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|-------------|---|---|------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Houston     | 8 | 1 | <u>Rushing</u>   | <u>Att-Yds.</u> | <u>Avg.</u> |             |
| Seattle     | 7 | 2 | Campbell HOU     | 213-1201        | 5.6         |             |
| Oakland     | 6 | 3 | S. Smith SEA     | 140-848         | 6.0         |             |
| Miami       | 5 | 4 | vanEeghen OAK    | 140-791         | 5.6         |             |
| Dallas      | 5 | 4 | Dorsett DAL      | 150-714         | 4.7         |             |
| Los Angeles | 5 | 4 | <u>Passing</u>   | <u>Att-Comp</u> | <u>Pct.</u> | <u>Yds.</u> |
| N.Y. Jets   | 5 | 4 | Zorn SEA         | 220-131         | 59.5        | 2548        |
| Pittsburgh  | 3 | 6 | Staubach DAL     | 251-163         | 64.9        | 2152        |
| New England | 3 | 6 | Pastorini HOU    | 208-116         | 55.7        | 1644        |
| San Diego   | 3 | 6 | Haden LA         | 209-120         | 57.4        | 1838        |
| NY Giants   | 0 | 9 | <u>Receiving</u> | <u>No.-Yds.</u> | <u>Avg.</u> |             |
|             |   |   | Largent SEA      | 52-1409         | 27.0        |             |
|             |   |   | Casper OAK       | 50-607          | 12.1        |             |
|             |   |   | Dupree DAL       | 48-441          | 9.1         |             |