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If you can't beat 'em, join 'em

Voice of a Strat-O-Matic 'widow'

BY PEGGY LEWIS, Jersey City, NJ

Since my husband is a real Strat-O-Matic Baseball nut, and is in two leagues, I, too, felt like Stanley Schick's wife (Oct. Review Readers roll 'em) who says she's a Strat-O-Matic widow. Maybe I can help her as well as some other S-O-M widows.

When my husband would pull out the rough [very] stadium he made, I would shudder. I knew this meant he would sit there for hours playing. Then there would be the "after-game show" - he would walk around pouting or else he would come to bed at 1 a.m., give me his back, and fall asleep. I realized my competition wasn't the blood down the street - but Garvey, Niekro and Maddox!

After trying numerous tactics to solve the problem (favorite snack if he'd keep the 'stadium' in the closet, sexy nightgown, threaten to burn down the 'stadium,' etc.) I realized there were really only two choices left (besides divorce).

One was going to bed by myself while he sat up with Oberkfell, Gura Mumphrey, etc., while two was to employ the old "if-you-can't-beat-'em, join-'em" routine. Since the first tactic really only served to give me sleepless nights, I found the second to be most favorable.

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Because I'm afraid to follow someone else's directions, I asked my husband if I could manage his team on some home games (with his team he had nothing to lose!). Actually, I know the basics of the game - it's just certain strategies I'm unsure of.

One of these is how to set up a lineup. I found the guys he usually uses and went from there, making a few changes.

Then there's the batting order...I found I can offer wives several hints here. One - You can go by alphabetical order; two - backwards alphabetically; three - ascending order by home runs or, four - count up the letters in the guy's name and put the players in numerical order.

Next comes the questions; ask lots of them, that way you'll understand the game better (or else he'll pack it up for the night sooner).

I've offered to do his trading for him, but he refused my help. Somehow he has the idea that you trade away your best players for "what's his name" ones.

Lastly, don't make him feel too bad when you, in your ignorance and woman's "illogical" thinking, play a better game than he does. Who knows, you may like it and join the women's league that was advertised in the October issue!

Just a word on us. We are both on or about 34. I will not say who is on and who is about. We have been married for 12½ years. I am the mother of five children and zoo keeper for two dogs, one cat, one iguana, two turtles, one frog and five fish - give or take a few as our two sons see fit.

Willie is the pastor of Trinity Baptist Church (when he can fit it in around Strat-O-Matic) and has been playing since 1965 (whoever said practice makes perfect?)

...S-O-M 'husband' strikes back

I'm seriously considering using Peggie's alphabetical lineup vs. left-handed pitchers. In draft PBM seasons (including two still unfinished), I've amassed a 467-583 record. That's a mean .445 winning percentage. My best full season was 77-85 and my worst 61-99.

Actually, I consider myself a great manager and, deep down, I bet every commissioner wishes he had me in his league. After all, I never quit, always coming back to try again.

All of this background qualifies me to pass on some hints for those PBM managers who want to excel in losing causes and hopeless situations:

1. Always trade proven veterans for untested rookies or draft picks. My wife had something to say about that.

2. Emphasize personal achievements over team success. Have the league stolen base leader or a pitcher who gives up the most gopher balls!

3. Look for team success in the incidental categories (since you aren't winning many games). I set a league record in fielding - including turning the most DPs - with a team that lost 99 games!

4. Set lofty preseason goals. This will damage your image, but you'll get a few sympathetic managers to listen to your trade talk.

5. Xerox your strategy sheets. No matter how ridiculous your strategy is, the other manager will think you know what you are doing because the format is so impressive.

6. Learn to smile a lot while you are playing or trading. This does two things; one - it reminds you that this is a game, that you're having fun and it is relaxing; two - it's better than having to explain your "genius" to your wife (or 11-year-old son who picked up a team in mid-season and guided it to a winning season in the same league you lost over 80 games!).

Most frequently used power-play,³ penalty-killing lines for hockey

It didn't take long after the new hockey cards came out (and the 1983 Hockey News Yearbook was pored over at some length), that Junu Kim, Wilmette, IL, swung into action compiling his list of most frequently used power-play and penalty-killing lines for the 1981-82 season.

Earlier by two months from last season, Kim's ratings [Feb., 1982 Review contained the listing for the 1980-81 season] again reflect the plus-minus statistics of each player, the percentage of success for each team's special teams and the actual linemates of each player.

The slashes (below) again mean to alternate these two players, parentheses indicate a sub for those who don't have the extra players or if this player didn't "dress," and a semi-colon ends one line and starts another. The numbers in parentheses before each team are the number of power-play goals allowed or scored and the team's percentage of scoring or killing penalties.

Kim cautions, however, that though these lines have some statistical backing, they are for the most part arbitrary. He does feel, though, that these lines should come out with close to the same percentages.

<u>BOSTON</u> **	PP (65, 22.5%)	McNab-Pederson-Middleton
	D:	Park-Bourque/O'Connell
	PK (54, 81.5%)	Kasper-Middleton; Marcotte-Pederson
	D:	Park-Bourque/O'Connell
<u>BUFFALO</u>	PP (63, 20.9%)	Lambert-McCourt-McKegney or Seiling;
		Perrault-Sauve-Foligno
	D:	Van Boxmeer-Ruff
	PK (57, 80.1%)	C. Ramsay-Savard
	D:	Hajt (no sub)-M. Ramsey/Dunn
<u>CALGARY</u>	PP (78, 26.9%)	Bridgman-Chouinard-McDonald; Nilsson-
		Peplinski-Plett
	D:	Reinhart-Rautakallio
	PK (72, 78.0%)	Clement-Bridgman; Peplinski-Hislop
	D:	Russell-Murdoch/Reinhart
<u>CHICAGO</u>	PP (78, 24.8%)	Secord-Savard-Higgins; Preston-Lysiak-Mulvey
	D:	Wilson-Crossman/Murray
	PK (93, 75.7%)	Lysiak-Gardner; Preston-Paterson (Ruskowski)
	D:	Wilson-Hutchinson; Fox-Murray (or Feamster or Brown)
<u>COLORADO</u>	PP (46, 15.1%)	Lever-Tambellini-MacMillan; Ashton-Broten-
		Foster
	D:	Ramage-Cirella
	PK (63, 76.5%)	Cameron-Miller (Foster); MacMillan-Lever
	D:	Lorimer-Quenneville; Ramage-Kitchen
<u>DETROIT</u>	PP (42, 16.3%)	Osborne-Ogrodnick-Nedomansky; Veil-McKechnie-
		Gare
	D:	Huber-Larson
	PK (75, 73.6%)	Woods-Kirton
	D:	Larson-G. Smith; Huber-Barrett
<u>EDMONTON</u> *	PP (86, 25.2%)	Messier-Gretzky-Anderson; Hagman-Gretzky-
		Kurri
	D:	Coffey-Siltanen
	PK (67, 81.9%)	Hughes-Hunter/Gretzky
	D:	Lowe-Fogolin
<u>HARTFORD</u>	PP (68, 23.3%)	Sullivan-Larouche-Stoughton; Douglas-Francis-
		Howatt
	D:	Howe-Kotsopolous/Wesley
	PK (78, 72.4%)	Meagher-Sullivan; Francis-Miller or Larouche
	D:	Howe-Shmyr; Kotsopolous-Wesley
<u>LOS ANGELES</u> *	PP (75, 21.1%)	Simmer-Dione-Taylor; Bozek-Nicholls (Terrior)-
		Fox
	D:	L. Murphy-Hardy

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	PK [89, 71.3%]	Bonar-Jensen/Smith or Dionne
	D:	L.Murphy-Wells; Hardy-Lewis
<u>MINNESOTA</u>	PP [89, 24.6%]	Payne-Smith-Cioccarelli; Palmer-Brotten-MacAdam
	D:	Hartsburg-Roberts/Maxwell
	PK [49, 81.9%]	Brotten-MacAdam/Andersson
	D:	Roberts-Barrett
<u>MONTREAL</u>	PP [72, 24.2%]	Napier-Acton-Lafleur; Shutt or Houle-Mondou-Tremblay
	D:	Robinson-Picard; Langway-Gingras (Engblom)
	PK [57, 80.1%]	Gainey-Jarvis
	D:	Engblom-Robinson/Langway
<u>NY ISLANDERS</u>	PP [80, 28.2%]	Gillies-Trottier-Bossy; Tonelli-B.Sutter-D.Sutter
	D:	Persson-Potvin
	PK [65, 80.1%]	Trottier-Bourne; Goring-Carroll (Kallur)
	D:	Morrow-Potvin; Persson-Langevin
<u>NY RANGERS</u>	PP [68, 22.2%]	Pavelich-Rogers-Duguay; Don Maloney-Ftorek-Johnstone
	D:	Beck-Ruotsalainen/Dave Maloney
	PK [75, 76.5%]	Pavelich-Youngmans; Rogers-Duguay
	D:	Laidlaw-Beck/Dave Maloney
<u>PHILADELPHIA</u>	PP [79, 26.7%]	Propp-Flockhart-Leach; Allison-Linseman-Sittler or Kerr
	D:	Barber-Wilson/Hoffmeyer (Clarke)
	PK [102, 74.3%]	Barber-Clarke; Linseman-Sittler
	D:	Marsh-Watson; Wilson-Arthur
<u>PITTSBURGH*</u>	PP [99, 24.5%]	Boutette-Gardner-Kehoe; MacLeish-Bullard-Shedden (Ferguson)
	D:	Carlyle-Baxter/Stackhouse
	PK [92, 76.9%]	Sheppard-Boutette/Ferguson
	D:	Carlyle-Price; Baxter-Stackhouse
<u>QUEBEC</u>	PP [83, 26.4%]	A.Stastny-P.Stastny-M.Stastny; Goulet-Tardif-Cloutier
	D:	Pichette-Lacroix/Richard
	PK [71, 78.5%]	Cote-Hunter; Goulet-Aubry (Palement)
	D:	Marois-Rochefort/Dupont (Weir)
<u>ST. LOUIS</u>	PP [76, 22.1%]	Sutter-Federko-Mullen; Pettersson-Dunlop-Babych
	D:	Brownschidle-Zuke/Wilson (G.Lapointe)
	PK [83, 76.8%]	Patey-Klassen; Zuke-Crombeen
	D:	R.Lapointe-Kea; Brownschidle-G.Lapointe
<u>TORONTO</u>	PP [58, 19.9%]	Anderson-Derlago-Vaive; Martin-Aubin-Robert
	D:	Salming-Manno/Benning
	PK [99, 72.7%]	Derlago-Vaive; Luce-Zanussi (Robert)
	D:	Salming-Manno; Melrose-McGill (Korn)
<u>VANCOUVER</u>	PP [64, 19.0%]	Fraser-Gradin-Smyl; Hlinka or Williams-Bold-irev-MacDonald (Molin)
	D:	McCarthy-Lanz/Halward (Rota)
	PK [68, 78.4%]	Gradin-Molin; Smyl-Brasar
	D:	Shepsts-McCarthy/Lindgren
<u>WASHINGTON</u>	PP [93, 22.3%]	Walter-Maruk-Gartner; Carpenter-Valentine-Gustafsson
	D:	Veitch-Green/Theberge (no sub)
	PK [67, 78.3%]	Walter-Currie; Duchesne-Gould
	D:	Murray-Green/Veitch
<u>WINNIPEG</u>	PP [74, 22.6%]	Lukowich-Hawerchuk-MacLean; Dupont (Lundholm)-Steen-Lindstrom
	D:	Babych-Christian
	PK [60, 75.9%]	Smail-Christian; Trimper-Hopkins
	D:	Babych-Watters; Spring-Savard or Maxwell

* For these teams, the first power-play unit plays twice before the second
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Who should you draft in hockey?

BY LARRY SCOTTI, Staten Island, NY

The New York Islanders, in a word, are fantastic in the new Strat-O-Matic Hockey card set, based on the 1981-82 season. The first line of Mike Bossy-Bryan Trottier-John Tonelli is great offensively and on defense.

Denis Potvin received only a "2" rating on defense this year, but he signed a new contract and is healthy again. Look for a great year from him. The Islanders should easily win the team's fourth straight Stanley Cup this season.

Wayne Gretzky, as you can imagine, is unbelievable. He has a very realistic card. The game company suggests you play him on the Oilers' first and third lines.

Now for some outstanding players to draft this year:

* Brent Sutter - New York Islanders: Could develop into one of the game's great players; has knack for scoring and can throw a mean check. Look for him to score 90 or more points this year.

* Chris Valentine - Washington Capitals: Will score 40-45 goals if he stays injury free.

* Bobby Carpenter - Washington Capitals: Is an excellent player who should blossom into the Capitals' No. 1 center in the near future.

* Barry Pederson - Boston Bruins: Is the best all-around rookie available in this year's card set; he can do it all.

* Marian Stastny - Quebec Nordiques: Is a great offensive player, but never will play well on defense.

* Jim Benning - Toronto Maple Leafs: Could be worth a late pick. Played with poor defensive partners last season and learned from tough rookie season; he has all the tools necessary to make it big in NHL.

* Dale Hawerchuk - Winnipeg Jets: Is a great scorer who should improve defensively later in career.

* Dave Babych - Winnipeg Jets: A great playmaker with a good shot who is destined to win the Norris Trophy some day.

* Mike Blaisdell - Detroit Red Wings: Should score 30-35 goals this season.

* Jim Fox - Los Angeles Kings: Solid player; only question is will Los Angeles atmosphere ruin him?

* Denis Savard - Chicago Black Hawks: Put team back in contention last year with solid season; has unbelievable speed; greatest asset is playmaking.

* Neal Broten - Minnesota North Stars: His 97 points last season was most ever by an American-born player. Excellent all-around player who could top last year's season.

* Joey Mullen - St. Louis Blues: Fantastic player with great offensive skills.

* Keith Acton - Montreal Canadiens: Get him - if you want someone who will score 50 goals this year.

* Mark Pavelich - New York Rangers: Steady player who I like for his defensive skills, particularly as a penalty killer.

* Ron Francis - Hartford Whalers: A good bet to score 40 goals this season; lots of talent.

* Bernie Nicholls - Los Angeles Kings: Has the best card, but can only play in 22 games.

* Brent Ashton and Aaron Broten - New Jersey Devils: Two promising young players to watch for the future. If you are looking for a great defenseman who could play the point, draft Tapio Levo, who originally said he wouldn't play in the NHL again and then suddenly changed his mind.

Now for a couple of longshot draft picks who could pay off big in the near future: Hector Marini of New Jersey, who should score 25 goals this season because of extra ice time with a young team, and Lindy Ruff of Buffalo. Ruff could have a great year and it wouldn't surprise anyone.

Phoenix Basketball begins 10th season

Changes in Strat-O-Matic Basketball have come and gone over the years, but the Phoenix S-O-M Basketball Association (SBA) has continued to roll dice right along.

Now entering its 10th season, the SBA is probably the longest running basketball league in existence. It would be hard to top it since the league's inception was 1973, the first year of S-O-M Basketball.

It started humbly, with three coaches and teams in 1973, and gradually built to its current eight-team alignment. The SBA is face-to-face and plays a 42-game season, divided into sections to maintain interest.

Only half the NBA teams are drafted from, however, to maintain the league's status of avoiding an all-star look. Three players per team can be protected or saved after each season, with the rest put back into the draft, which is based on reverse order of finish.

Another notable achievement of the SBA is is a league guide that has career records and statistics. It's a 40-page work of art that's currently awaiting inclusion of the SBA's latest season, based on 1981-82 in S-O-M (*80-81 real-life).

NEW GAME IS MUCH BETTER

Regarding the new version of S-O-M Basketball, which coincided with the start of the SBA's most recent season, Gary Graber, one of the league's charter members, reports: "We all agree that the new version is much better than the old one. We have adopted some rule changes, though, in order to suit our requirements."

Basically, the SBA uses the basic version of the new game, but with many of the advanced game options, such as fastbreaks and passing. It's worked out quite well statistically.

As far as this past season, the Shamrocks, coached by Stuart Goodman, compiled the best record, 28-14. Moses Malone, true to real-life, ruled the scoring and rebounding statistical charts, averaging 35.4 points and 14 rebounds. Adrian Dantley was second in scoring with a 33.1 average.

The SBA, despite a succession of good happenings, did suffer one loss last season when Ron Pittman moved to North Carolina to attend school. Pittman departed after 12 games, reducing the SBA's coaching lineup to six. A replacement for the face-to-face league couldn't be found, so the season continued on.

Two Phoenix residents, Shaun Adams and Gary Butler, have signed on for the current season, however.

TEAM-BY-TEAM SUMMARIES

Here's a look at the teams in the SBA for the latest completed season:

SHAMROCKS (Stuart Goodman) - No. 1 team in offense (124.6) and rebounding (52.2)...Good balance with Artis Gilmore at center, Julius Erving at small forward...Sidney Moncrief and Billy Knight made up the backcourt and Kermit Washington teamed with Gilmore to provide upfront muscle...Goodman was chosen coach of the year.

KNOTS (Don Cornelison) - Mostly Boston Celtics players, with Tiny Archibald running fast-break and Larry Bird and Robert Parish on front line...Norm Nixon and Cedric Maxwell were the other starters...Ranked No. 1 in assists (28.9 per game), but suffered from lack of defense at times.

86ERS (Gary Graber) - Outstanding backcourt when Magic Johnson was healthy, as World Free and Michael Ray Richardson also roamed there and teamed to form SBA's best running game...Kareem Abdul-Jabbar also was 86ers' property.

COPPER STATE (Dave Cornelison) - Featured MVP Malone and forward Marques Johnson...Other positions were inconsistent, however, as Bobby Jones and Mitch Kupchak were the other forwards and Kevin Porter and

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Jamael Wilkes the backcourt, all lacking in consistency...Bad luck seemed to plague this basically solid team.

HUSSARS (Neil Graber) - Led league in defense (114.4) but had little firepower, especially from backcourt of Mo Cheeks and Quinn Buckner. ..Bernard King was main man, operating at small forward, while age was problem for center Bob Lanier and Wes Unseld.

NEW ENGLAND MUSKETEERS (Mike Goldstein) - Had great front line - in the cards, anyway - in Adrian Dantley, Dan Roundfield and Darryl Dawkins...Dantley was weak defensively, Dawkins only grabbed 8.5 rebounds per game and Roundfield couldn't carry all the load...Guards were sub-par, both in cards and in performance, as Robert Reid and Ray Williams had down seasons...A rebuilding season is apt description of Musketeers fate.

Standings and leaders: (based on 1980-81 NBA cards)

	W	L	GB	Pt. Diff.	FG%	Reb.	Scoring	
Shamrocks	28	14	~	+9.5	.501	52.2	Malone CS	35.4
Knots	25	17	3	+1.2	.525	46.3	Dantley NEM	33.1
86ers	24	18	4	+0.9	.502	43.6	Free 86ers	30.0
Copper State	21	21	7	-0.8	.492	46.7	Jabbar 86	28.8
Hussars	18	24	10	-2.3	.493	42.5	B.King HUS	25.5
Musketeers	15	27	13	-2.9	.497	44.6	M.Johnson CS	24.5
							Gilmore SHAM	24.0
							Bird KNOT	23.1
							Erving SHAM	23.0
<u>Rebounding</u>				<u>Assists</u>				
Malone CS	14.0			Mag. Johnson 86	8.7			
Roundfield NEM	11.6			Archibald KNOT	8.3			
Bird KNOT	10.9			Porter CS	6.8			
Parish KNOT	10.7			Cheeks HUS	6.5		<u>Steals</u>	
Gilmore SHAM	10.6						Cheeks HUS	3.38
							Mag. Johnson 86	3.36
							Richardson 86	2.71
<u>Field Goal %</u>				<u>Free Throw %</u>				
Gilmore SHAM	.640			Newlin HUS	.932			
Maxwell KNOT	.612			Bird KNOT	.906			
Dawkins NEM	.581			Mix 86-SHAM	.878			
Mag.Johnson 86	.566			Bridgeman SHAM	.868			
B.King HUS	.565							
							<u>3-point FG</u>	
							Grevey KNOT	41-102 (.402)

ALL-TIME LEADERS

Scoring						Rebounding		
Jabbar	10,682	29.4	Hayes	5,367	17.3	Jabbar	4,063	
McAdoo	9,114	34.4	Dandridge	5,149	16.7	Silas	3,837	
Barry	8,762	27.9	Westphal	5,124	23.7	Unseld	2,543	
Lanier	5,981	26.2	Maravich	5,110	23.3	Hayes	3,475	
Monroe	5,519	21.7	Frazier	4,945	20.4	Cowens	3,474	

Basketball playing tip: substitutions

BY JOHN BEST (Editor of the SBA Guide)

There are two broad ways that coaches generally sub in basketball games. Some substitute by the clock and some do not.

To say a coach substitutes by the clock means that men are lifted or put into the game, not on account of their play or the specific situation that is present, but because the clock is at a specific point. For these teams it is not surprising to find all their starters out of the lineup at once, usually at the beginning of a quarter, for the duration of the players' rest period.

When the starters are out, in such cases, it is hoped that the five subs on the floor can hold their own until the starters are rested. This is, of course, a general description, but it does give the feel for the substituting philosophy this type of coach utilizes.

I follow the other option when I coach. As a general rule, I try to have at least three of my starters in at all times, giving rest when it feels appropriate. Players are rested when they are not playing well, or

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Readers roll 'em

PRO FOOTBALL ENJOYABLE

I am writing in response to any changes in the pro football game. I have been playing the game since 1968 and have found the game very enjoyable.

One of the best features of the game is the opportunity to play different years' teams against each other.

Our league, the CMFL (now in its fifth year), uses teams from the past as well as the current cards. I feel that if Mr. (Harold) Richman, S-O-M's creator, makes changes for the better (if that's possible), he should ask the football players how they feel about it.

If he changes the game-- will we still be able to play the '68 Colts against the '80 Eagles or the '69 Bears against the '84 Patriots? I would hope so. If not, a lot of interesting matchups will no longer be possible.

JAMES PERKINS
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FOOTBALL OLD-TIMERS WANTED

Since the football old-timer teams came out almost four years ago, nothing has ever come about for more old-timer teams, even though it was stated (in the Review) that more would be out soon.

It seems one has to be baseball-oriented in order to get some old-timer teams. Football gamers seem to be left out in the cold.

Baseball gamers even have had the extra courtesy of having reprints of teams made from years ago.

I have a list of teams I would like to see, but no need to list them here for nothing will ever come from it. I just wanted to get this off my chest because I'm disappointed.

A cry in the wilderness.
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Editor's note: Testing of proposed (by S-O-M) changes in the football game have temporarily

shelved any plans for additional pro football old-timer teams.

TRANSACTION DATES LISTED?

I have the 1956 baseball set and intend to purchase the 1961 set. Would it be possible for the Strat-O-Matic Review to print the dates of player transactions during these seasons?

Such a listing would be extremely useful for a more realistic replay.

If the Review can't print these for some reason, I would like to hear from other gamers who might have this information, as it certainly isn't easy to come by.

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Editor's note: The Review could, provided such lists aren't too long, print player transactions for 1956 and '61. But at this time the Review does not have such lists. Any gamers want to send them along?

GREAT PLAYERS ARE THE APPEAL

I would like to respond to a few issues raised in the October, 1982 issue of the Review.

Keith Miller is all wet in his comments on using all-star teams. It is really a matter of a gamer's choice as to how he wishes to use S-O-M players. Personally, I would find a season replay boring. I am not interested in wasting my time with transitory players with .220 career averages and 5.00 ERAs.

It is baseball's history that has much of its appeal to me, so I want to use the great players of 1920 and 1930, as well as the contemporary stars. I couldn't imagine playing a season without Cobb, Ruth, Williams and DiMaggio. Besides, one of the great virtues of S-O-M is that the pitcher's card provides 50 percent of the resulting action.

My experience over nearly four full seasons of solitaire S-O-M is that both hitters' and pitchers' averages hold up realistically, even in all-star action.

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I have my .350-.375 hitters, but I also have my share of sub-3.00 ERAs.

As to the printing of past seasons, I am all for it, but I think they should be spread around: 1956 and 1961 are almost too close together for my taste. The main reason I buy new card sets is to get new players and more representative cards of players I already have.

How many cards of Mickey Mantle and Hank Aaron do I need? Give me the 1930 season so I can get more Hall of Famers and other top players not presently available (as pointed out by John Stevenson).

DOUG SIMPSON, Issaquah, WA
'VERY PROFESSIONAL'

Just thought I would relay some comments and observations. You're doing a great job and very professional. I have subscribed to other gaming papers and they don't seem to know what an issue per month means. I appreciate receiving - timely - my copy every month during the last week of the month.

As far as specific likes - August issue: pitchers holding on ratings, articles on 'e' ratings (only tell the readers how to/just don't give ratings) and dislikes - less GKSM, less draft team replays.

One last comment: there is a certain ad in the Review for 20-sided dice, advertising same-day service; don't believe it. A friend and I ordered the dice and it was at least a month before the dice arrived.

CAL WHITBECK, Mason, MI

Editor's note: We attempt, pending the Review's return from the printer, to get our monthly publication in the mail by the 22nd or 23rd. It's not always possible; but that's our goal.

INCLUDE LEFTY-RIGHTY, TOO

I have two comments:

(1) On advanced baseball sides of batter's cards, why doesn't S-O-M print the lefty-righty stats on the bottom of the card? There is plenty of room. At least a batting average?

(2) I believe that some of

the negative comments by gamers concerning money hungry collectors are unfounded. Most collectors had to pay a great price for whatever they choose to sell and are merely trying to break even or maybe take a slight loss.

Now if someone is hoarding many sets, that's different. I can understand a gamer's frustration, but if the "shoe was on the other foot," I believe you would see the same result.

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KUODS...AND THORNS

Just got the October Review and enjoyed the Readers Roll 'Em greatly.

Kudos - to Keith Miller. I also enjoy using the actual teams rather than draft. It proves more challenging, I think. On the other hand, I don't condemn those who draft "stars" teams. This is one of the best parts of S-O-M: to see how a Carew-Brett-Schmidt (e.g.) lineup would fare against a Valenzuela-Rogers-Gossage pitching staff. And trading is always fun.

Thorns - to Henry Vance. As a record collector, too, I can see how your reaction is as severe as it is. The average person can't understand how a collector could pay \$40 for, say, an original Beatles LP. However, a serious collector sees that as a way of life in collecting. Paying \$75 for a mint '67 baseball season seems a bit steep to me, too, but let the collectors worry about that. I wish I could get past teams at past prices, but that's the way things go.

Kudos - to Neil Lancot. There are just too many replay features. I'm not terribly interested myself.

The PBM column was okay, but what did it all mean? I think a column on the basics of PBM would be helpful and may stimulate interest in the advertised PBM offers.

How about a new format for For Sale items? Here's an example: Seller's address/ordering-bidding instructions in a top heading. Team...price (minimum bid)...condition. It would be easier to read.

KEVIN FORD

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HOLDING RATINGS REVISITED

I would like to make a couple of points. One is that Kurt Smeby's holding on ratings for pitchers are exactly what has to be incorporated into the game. Too much emphasis is placed on the catcher's throwing arm, when it is the pitcher's ability, or lack thereof, to hold runners that makes the difference.

Another point is that individual pitchers' hitting cards are needed in the National League for certain pitchers.

Most pitchers would still fall into one through four ratings, but pitchers such as Tim Lollar and Don Robinson deserve individualized cards. It would probably only mean giving out a dozen cards (if that) for pitchers who are a little more than above average.

J.J. MARCORRICO JR.
Warwick, RI

Editor's note: We still feel that the extra (nameless) batting cards would suffice for those few pitchers in the N.L. that deserve a different batting card. Most pitchers, even the good-hitting ones, didn't bat that much; certainly not enough to base a realistic batting average on.

CANADIAN FOOTBALL, ANYONE?

The Bowling Green Strat-O-Matic Football Association announces that in view of the football strike, next year it will play Canadian S-O-M on the odd weeks and replay this year's games on the even weeks.

B.J. FISCHER
Bowling Green, OH

Editor's note: That sounds sad.

PITCHERS' RATINGS

I have always used the DH rule until playing the 1956 season. After using the pitcher's hitting cards, I would like to make some recommendations.

I feel that the advanced game information should be printed on each individual pitching card in accordance with that particular pitcher's ability. Thus a pitcher with a hitting

rating of one could have a power rating of N or a bunting rating of A.

It would also be convenient if the pitchers' hitting cards were printed in the same format as the advanced side so as to avoid having to turn your reading angle 90 degrees when the pitcher is batting.

ROBERT EADS
1827 Carter Way
Atwater, CA

BOO ON DRAFT LEAGUES

There are a few things I would like to point out about S-O-M and the Review.

Number 1 is I don't particularly enjoy looking over stats from draft leagues, for the simple reason I don't know how good their teams are and who they have on the rosters. For example, I am sure gamers can't identify with the Zephyrs knocking off the Rockets as much as they can the Dodgers trimming the Expos in a championship series, unless it is the GKSM where there is coverage of drafts, etc., very frequently.

The second is about the flock of playing tips about endurance for pitchers. Endurance is when a pitcher tires, not when he gives up six runs in the second inning (he may be tired of being bombed, but that's it). He is only tired when he throws a certain number of pitches. So I think it should be at a certain point, no matter how many runs he allows, before a pitcher's endurance shall take effect.

I wish S-O-M would make a new game - Canadian Pro Football. Since S-O-M is the best game company, I know it could do it. And it would have the market cornered, since no other game company puts out such a game.

A couple of final suggestions: Have 25-player rosters in baseball and, as far as the Review, how about MVP contests in the other three sports?

CAREY MILLER
Saskatoon, Sask.

VOICE OF CHARTER SUBSCRIBER

As a charter subscriber to the Review and a serious gamer who owns almost every card the game company

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has published, I would like to comment on several recent issues.

First, advertising in the Review. I believe the only logical solution to cutting down the size of the ad section is to raise the price of ads. This would benefit all readers by holding down subscription costs while causing ad writers to be more economical with their words.

This would take you out of the position of choosing which products are acceptable for advertisements. I think if someone is willing to pay your ad rate, he should be able to advertise for anything - regardless of its relationship to S-O-M products. Many of these non-S-O-M items may be of interest to your readers.

Secondly, despite my extensive card collection, I would welcome reprints of past seasons so that I could pick up teams I'm missing and could play with realistically computed advanced features on teams I already have.

Although I paid relatively large sums for some card sets, I wouldn't mind having these sets reprinted in advanced form. I am a card collector because I'm a game player.

Finally, I'm somewhat amused at those who complain about high prices charged for old card sets. Obviously some one must be willing to pay a "high" price or these card sets wouldn't be sold. How much an old card set is worth is determined in the market place by the basic principles of supply and demand.

JESSE SEEGBILLER
Brooklyn, NY

BASEBALL REPRINTS AGAIN

In a recent issue of the Review, Harold Richman makes a statement on how "people would not relate to a season that far back" when referring to the 1930 baseball season.

I would like to ask, how did people relate to the 1905 Giants, 1906 Cubs, 1909 Pirates and Tigers. The 1930 season would be no different in terms of relating to than would relating to many of the 42 old-timer teams

for the present day game-player.

The gamer doesn't actually have had to live in the same era as a certain team or even have watched them actually play to be acquainted with a season or team. Being 21 years old, I have a hard time knowing more than half the players in the 1956 season.

The same would be true for the 1930 season. I just don't think that large spans of time should be very significant in determining if a season should be printed or not. Baseball has been standardized for roughly 80 years. The game is basically the same with no major changes since World War I, so I think that any team after 1919 should be considered for reprints.

What makes 1930 so taboo? Just because the hitting averages are somewhat higher (AL averages 4 points higher than in 1929; NL was 9 points higher than in '29) than in average seasons doesn't make the year a total write-off.

And what about the 1981 season, which only had a little over 100 games played by each team? Last year was not your typical season but was printed by S-O-M. My advice to S-O-M is to listen to the polls taken by the Review. They are taken by the people (gamers) who helped make S-O-M Baseball the game it is today.

My next comment is about printing advanced version for seasons already printed. This is basically a good idea but does present a few problems. The first point is, as already noted, the value of existing cards will go down, but this wouldn't effect many gamers as S-O-M Baseball teams before 1966 are very scarce and complete seasons that far back are up for sale about as often as "The Mona Lisa." And if an old season is for sale, the price wanted for it usually amounts to a small fortune.

Only 350 1960-based games were sold and the 1961-based season hardly did better. The first season with all the players and teams was 1962, but according to Harold Richman, it wasn't until about 1966 that S-O-M really started to sell.

My point is that the number of
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NFL strike 'saves' Atlanta

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San Diego charges past Falcons in S-O-M

Remember the Great Baseball Strike of 1981 and how Strat-O-Matic filled a void for many enthusiasts of the diamond sport?

Well, S-O-M's also rode to the rescue this fall and helped fill the gaps in the real-life gaming schedule. Shortly after the strike hit full force, Bill Hayes and Jeff Skinner, two gamers who reside in the Atlanta, GE, area, decided to see what would have happened had their beloved Falcons played the third game of the season against San Diego.

The press was there to cover the event as Stan Awtrey, sports editor of the Cobb Extra, a supplement to The Atlanta Constitution, dutifully reported what turned out to be a one-sided game.

Hayes, a member of the Cobb County Fire department, took the Chargers and Skinner guided the Falcons. "This game matched a couple of poor secondaries," reported Awtrey, an avowed S-O-M buff himself, so "it was a question of which secondary would allow the most points."

"I expected both teams to score a lot of points," added Hayes in a pre-game interview. "That's how both perform in real-life."

One team did score a lot of points...and also roll up a lot of yardage. But it wasn't the Falcons. Instead Atlanta got burned by Dan Fouts, who completed 20 of 31 passes for five touchdowns and 422 yards, and the Chargers roared to a 45-10 victory.

"The Falcon defense looked as bad as they did in real life against Oakland," Hayes said.

Kellen Winslow caught six of Fouts' throws for 153 yards and three touchdowns, while Charlie Joiner had five receptions for 123 yards and one score and Wes Chandler four for 118 and one TD.

Atlanta quarterback Steve Bartkowski had a more than respectable game, passing for 359 yards on 20-of-43 accuracy, but the Falcons never could sustain an attack.

"After seeing this, the fans should be glad they [the NFL players] went on strike," added Hayes. "This game might have cost Leeman Bennett his job."

And that's the way it was on a tabletop in Acworth, GA, in the third weekend of the 1982 National Football League season.

[Editor's note: Tad Schwartzberg of Marietta, GE, sent along the clipping of the story. The article appeared in the Oct. 7 issue of the Constitution]

Re-issuing past seasons poses problems

Guest columnist

By JIM ELLIOTT, Orange, CA

I've been reading the letters in the Review about re-issuing past seasons in baseball and would like to give you my thoughts on the subject from a slightly different angle.

First, I've noticed that most of the letters seem to favor re-issuing 1962-1970 with advanced features. I'm curious about a couple of overlooked points which perhaps you can enlighten me on.

Several years ago, Mr. [Harold] Richman, S-O-M's creator, printed a reply in the Review that stated, in effect, that re-issues would not be considered because of loss of "investment" to collectors. Also, it was pointed out that such re-issues would require more storage space and collation costs than would be economically feasible. What happened to create a 180-degree turnabout? Did they expand their staff or warehouse storage facilities? If they haven't expanded their facilities, how will they sort and store all of these re-issued sets? (Remember, the cards have to be printed in the thousands for each set.)

To give you an idea how ridiculous these re-issues could get, consider that the football gamers and basketball gamers will want all of

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their sport's past sets re-issued, too. If S-O-M re-issues the baseball sets, it will have to placate these other sports enthusiasts, too.

Also, what about the 1971-1982 teams that go out of print? S-O-M could be forever re-issuing past sets, thus curbing any new developments in the games (or possibly the creation of a new sports game). I'm concerned about all of this because I love S-O-M too much to see it drown in a sea of "red ink," a very likely possibility if the re-issued sets don't sell as expected. Remember, once you lose your number one ranking in business or industry, it's awfully hard to win it back.

ATTENTION GAMERS WHO WANT RE-ISSUES!

Now, I'd like to address some comments to the gamers who want these re-issued sets. First of all, I anticipated the wave of pro re-issue letters, many no doubt from younger fans who would dearly love to own these 1960's sets, but not at the expense of collector prices.

Believe me, I emphasize with you because I also collect phonograph records and have many times had to pay a collector's price to get an out-of-print record. I've been fortunate with S-O-M as I've been able to buy the sets from the '60s as they came out each year. So, as you can see, I'm not a collector, as such, and have no objections to the re-issues--if the gaming public will buy them.

And, therein lies the rub about re-issues--will they buy them, and in sufficient numbers to make printing them worthwhile? I don't want to sound too pessimistic, but I'd be willing to bet that the answer will prove to be "no." It's one thing to write a letter to the Review (at a cost of 20¢ postage), but quite another to fork over \$11 each year in addition to what you'd be spending for the newly-created regular-season card set.

And how many young gamers actually would want to own every past set? Not many I'd be willing to bet. Not only would the great expense act as a deterrent, but the lack of new talent from year-to-year would squash any lingering interest for the following year's past set. For example, if a gamer bought 1962, he probably wouldn't have much interest in purchasing 1963 the following year as he would already own 98 percent of its players.

The 1956 season, on the other hand, was such a rousing success because it represented a novelty (a past set of cards), plus it had practically all new talent.

POSTPONE RE-ISSUES IS RECOMMENDED

Okay, so what would I recommend? I would like to see a postponement of any re-issue plans until 1985 or later. That would give the younger fans plenty of time to buy the 1961 set (through 1983 and 1984). If they don't buy 1961 in record numbers, then how can gamers be expected to buy 1962-1970, even with advanced features?

As I see it, the postponement would provide a good gauge of interest, beyond the scope of the Review. If 1961 proved to be a great success, a poll could be conducted during the next two years to determine which of the other nine past sets were in great demand. Perhaps the top two or three from the poll could be issued with advanced features in separate years.

I do not, under any circumstances, recommend re-issuing all nine of those past sets (even with advanced features), as this course of action will surely prove to be a losing proposition, and perhaps even fatal, to the game company. There simply is not a great enough demand for such an all encompassing re-issue project to be a total success.

Well, I hope this letter hasn't turned people off completely, but I felt it was important for someone to mention some of the financial ramifications that could occur in a wide-sweeping re-issue project. In conclusion, I'm not totally against it, but some restraints must be applied if it is to be a success.

I would, of course, also enjoy seeing some more sets from the 1950s (especially 1950, which is my favorite season), too.

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Wanted

WANTED: Complete 1977 baseball season with extras. Also, any pre-1975 Pirate teams, Orioles 1966-1976 and A's 1968-1976; extra players preferred. Send price and condition to: Tony Runyen, 123 E. Burgess St., Oreana, IL 62554

WANTED: 1962, '63, '64, '65, '66, '71, '72 and '75 complete baseball sets. (plus extras where applicable). Will pay top dollar. Send price and add particulars to: John F. Anderson, Field Office M, APO San Francisco, CA 96369

WANTED: Any of the following complete teams: 1971-72-73 Oakland A's; 1971 Pirates; '71 Mets; '74 Braves; '75 Red Sox; '77 Expos, Cubs, Dodgers, extra players. Please state the players in the team when writing to: Paolo Giannetti, 8520 St. Michel Blvd., Montreal, Quebec H4Z 3E8

WANTED: To form or join face-to-face football-hockey and/or basketball leagues this winter. Also wanted to join PBM hockey league and baseball league using 1961 season cards. Contact: Ken Donnelly, 18644 E. Cleveland Road, Villa Apts. #11, South Bend, IN 46637, or call [219] 277-6098.

WANTED: 1971 Royals, Indians, Senators, White Sox; good-excellent condition only. Also wanted, 1971 A.L. extra players, good/excellent condition only. All offers answered. Write: Ed Pulaski Jr., 350 Richmond Terrace Apt. 6M, Staten Island, NY 10301

For Sale

FOR SALE: S-O-M Football teams, 1968-1978. Good to excellent condition. If you meet my price, I will sell immediately. Lower bids will be decided by the end of the month. J.M. Bordelon, 5445 Braesvalley, #724, Houston, TX 77096 (phone: 713-721-5465)

FOR SALE: Here it is! In response to Oct., '82 Review plea, an easy-to-use, realistic solitaire 3-4 defensive chart has been developed. It is as easy to use as the 4-3, yet totally true to the pro 3-4 even in ratings. A must for today's solitaire NFLer. I will send you the chart and a summary on the philosophy behind the pro 3-4, which inspired the solitaire 3-4. Send \$1.25 to: Quinn McKenzie, 20 Harvel Ct., Cottage Hills, IL 62018

FOR SALE: Baseball, 1969 and 1970 seasons, no extras. Would make an excellent Christmas present. The 1969 set is \$85 and the 1970 set is \$80 or both for \$160. Ron Brammer, 2504 NE 52nd Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64118 or phone 816-455-2366.

FOR SALE: (1) Football - (A) game box with charts, etc.; (B) 1971, 1974 and 1975 seasons. (2) Baseball - (A) game box with charts, etc.; (B) 28 old timers, A.L. and N.L. Hall-of-Famers, 1968 Yankees; (C) 24 issues of S-O-M Review, Dec., 1972-Nov., 1974. Best bids accepted for individual items. Richard Robertson, 7725 Canal Court, McLean, VA 22102

FOR SALE: Baseball, complete seasons with extras, all excellent-mint condition; stored in sturdy

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team envelopes. 1974 [\$37], 1976 with expansion cards [\$32], 1978 [\$26]. Prices are postpaid. Jeff Lowe, 1916 Grand Avenue, West Des Moines, IA 50265

FOR SALE: Basketball game with '80-81 cards, 100 scoresheets and handbook containing stats on '80-81 season. Highest bid over \$20 by Dec. 31st, gets it. Dave Buuck, 4710 Wedgewood Dr., Minnetonka, MN 55343

FOR SALE: Unbreakable 20-sided dice. Forget split decks--20-sided dice are more random and easier to use. Available in a variety of colors: white, yellow, violet, red, lime green, burnt orange. \$1.25 postpaid; same day service. Paul Wooden, 5971 East 25th Place, Tulsa, OK 74114

FOR SALE: Complete hockey sets from every year printed, with extras. Send bids to: Jay Kuczma, 6336 Boone Avenue North #204, Brooklyn Park, MN 55428 or call 612-537-0706. Will trade for complete baseball sets 1971-1974 or 1967 and 1968. I do not wish to break sets.

FOR SALE: Football: New x-chart for Strat-O-Matic fanatics--including newly calculated charts for fumble runbacks, double reverses, blocked punts and much more...also enclose, two new Play Selector cards with 12 new plays and four pages of added rules. All for only \$4. Write: Leon Kalayjian, 39 Grameroy Ave., Rye, NY 10580

FOR SALE: Tired of long replays? With my "instant game" cards you can replay a season easy and still have realistic stats. A game can be played with 4 dice rolls. Send SASE to: Dave Buuck, 4710 Wedgewood Dr., Minnetonka, MN 55343

FOR SALE: Conservative estimate of 3,200 S-O-M Baseball cards from 1971-79. Many complete teams. \$50 - it's a steal. If not sold by Dec. 20, I'll sell individual cards to help complete your sets. 50¢ a card (I'll pay for stamp, envelope). Call or write: Eric Corwin, 828 S. Holt #3, Los Angeles, CA 90035 (213-659-8618)

FOR SALE: 1974 with extras -

Mets, Cards; 1977 with extras - Dodgers, Reds, Twins, Red Sox, Astros, Cubs, Angels, Tigers, Orioles, Phillies, Pirates, Expos, Yanks, Royals, Rangers, White Sox; 1978 with extras - Pirates, Red Sox, Brewers, Yanks, Royals, Phillies, Dodgers; 1979 minus extras - Expos, Cards, Astros, Rangers, Red Sox, Orioles, Brewers, Pirates, Reds; 1980 minus extras - Yanks, Phillies, Royals, Red Sox, Brewers, Orioles, Pirates, Expos, Reds, Dodgers; 1981 minus extras - A's, Yanks, Phillies, Red Sox, Expos, Dodgers, Royals, Indians, Braves, Reds, Tigers, Mets, White Sox, Angels, Brewers, Pirates, Astros. Will sell as single teams or in sets. First reasonable offers taken. Send to: Jeff Cristaldi, 18 Dorothy Drive, Torrington, CT 06790

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FOR SALE: All 28 1976 NFL teams; near mint condition. All 6 old-timer NFL teams; near mint. Send bids to: Richard Zaborsky, 7053 West Blvd., Apt. 14, Boardman, OH 44512

FOR SALE: Football and baseball sets and individual teams, many from the '60's and early '70's. No set priced over \$30. For a price list, send a SASE to: Dennis Yost, 1005-A Charles View Way, Towson, MD 21204

FOR SALE: Baseball sets - 1965, 1971, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979. Football sets - 1973, 1975, 1977, 1979, 1981. Basketball sets - 1972-73, '75-76, '76-77, '77-78, '79-80, '80-81. Most sets are in excellent to mint condition. If interested, please contact me at 215-449-5848, or send a SASE to: Jim Boerckel, 48 Rodmor Road, Havertown, PA 19083

FOR SALE: Baseball sets, 1979 (no extras) and 1980 (extras). Football sets, 1978, 1979 and 1980. All sets good to excellent condition. Send bids to: Bob Adams, 53 Osborne
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Street, Bloomfield, NJ 07003
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FOR SALE: I pay the postage. Cards in great shape. Baseball - 1967 Cin., Pit., SL, SF; 1968 Atlanta, Balt., Det., SL, SF; '70 Boston, Cubs, Cleve., Houston, LA, Phil.; '72 Atl., Boston, Cin. Chisox, Cleve., Det., Houston, KC, Oak., Phil.; 1973 NL with extras; '75 majors with extras; '50 NYY, Phil.; '53 Brooklyn; '54 Cleve., NYG; '57 Mil.; '60 Pit.; '61 NYY. Football - 1967 Balt., Dall., NYJ; '68 Balt., NYJ, Oak., Phil.; '69 KC, Oak., SD, Wash.; '70 Mia., NYG, SD, SF; '71 NFL; '72 NFL. Jon Brams, 244 Waverly Road, Wilmington, DE 19803. Phone: 302-656-1316.

FOR SALE: [or trade] Over 2,000 loose players (baseball), 1964-1981. Send your want list and trade list to: Chris Rosen, 731 Bergen St., Philadelphia, PA 19111. Phone: 215-745-5247

FOR SALE: Eight great S-O-M Hockey playing tips that will surely enhance your winter sport pleasure. Neatly typed and ready for distribution. Hurry! This is something you don't want to miss out on. Just send \$1.00 and large SASE to: Ira Wolins, 265 Nimitz Avenue, State College, PA 16801

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1976, '77, '78, '79, '80, '81 season cards. All seasons have all teams and extra players. Hockey - 1977-78 cards (all teams) and game (sold as a unit). Basketball - 1976-77 teams as follows: Golden State, Nets, Knicks, Celtics, Lakers, 76ers and game (as a unit). Send bids to: Niel Johnson, 133 Wanda Ct., Santa Cruz, CA 95065

FOR SALE: Baseball, all complete with extras in at least very good condition. 1974, \$30; 1975, \$30; 1977, \$25; 1978, \$25. Mike Barnd, 509 S. 5th St., Herrin, IL 62948

FOR SALE: 330 different basketball cards from 1975-76 and '76-77 seasons, \$7.50. 1968 season in fine shape; \$70. 1967 season in average shape; \$75. 1965 baseball teams, all in exceptional condition. LA, SF, Pitt., Cleve.,

Yanks, Chisox (AL), \$7 each; 1974 baseball teams, Mont., Phil., SL, Mets, Cubs, Hou., Atl., SF, Det., Milw., Cleve., KC, White Sox, \$3.50 each. 1972 baseball teams, Milw., SF, Mont., \$4 each; 1978 baseball teams with extras, SD, Cinc., SF, LA, Atl., Houston, Phil., Mets, Pitt., SL, \$3 each (Yanks fair condition, \$2.50). 1977-78 hockey set, complete with box, all parts and all teams (never been used), \$17. All items sold on first come, first serve basis. All items postage paid. Bill Salter Jr., 22001 Inkster Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48024 (313-474-5328)

FOR SALE: Football, 1971 Colts, Chargers, Patriots, Browns, Packers, Broncos, Cowboys, Dolphins, Lions, 49ers, Redskins, Chiefs, Jets, Raiders, Rams, Vikings; 16 teams, \$25. 1974 complete, \$30; 1975 Vikings and Steelers, \$5; 1976 Rams, Cardinals, Steelers, Raiders, Colts, Cowboys, Bills, Vikings, Patriots, Bears, \$15. Baseball, 1976 complete with extra players, \$30; 1977 complete with extra players, \$25. All teams in mint condition. Old S-O-M Reviews, from Aug. '73 to June, '77; 31 issues altogether, all for \$10 or 50¢ an issue. Add \$1 to help cover postage. Write to: Glenn Reigrod, 66-22 Fleet St., Forest Hills, NY 11375

FOR SALE: Complete football card sets from 1972-81. Many separate teams from same years. Two complete college football games with 16 teams from 1976 and 24 great teams. 1979 complete baseball game with 1978 Yankees. Two complete hockey games from 1977-78 (first set) and 1978-79. All teams and game parts in good-excellent condition. Will sell to highest bidder. Highest bids for hockey and football get pad of scoresheets. For complete list of separate teams and 16 college teams and more information, send SASE and bids to: Robert Kondracki, 237 N. 6th St., Reading, PA 19601

FOR SALE: 20-sided dice, 50¢ each without inked digits or \$1 each with inked digits. Because a plus sign has been molded in front of half of the numbers, it is possible to use this die as a D-2 for heads or tails, D-10 for generating

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percentile numbers as well as 1 through 20. A plain 4 is read as 4, but +4 is the same as 14 because you simply add 20 to any digit preceded by a plus sign, when one through 20 numbers are required. These are genuine gamescience high impact dice, which are guaranteed to survive at least 2 years of normal wear. No other company dares to offer such an extended lifespan because they know their dice can't last that long. There is no such thing as 90% high impact or hard impact, etc. Our dice are used by the U.S. Naval War College. We have 11 standard color opaques and 18 standard color gem style dice. Gems cost 75¢ each without ink and \$1.25 each with ink. Please include \$1.50 with order to pay for postage, handling, etc. Lou Zocchi, 01956 Pass Road Box STRA, Gulfport, MS 39501

FOR SALE: Tired of "0" and "4" backs getting most of the interceptions in your football games? I've worked out a more accurate system for the latest set of cards [covering 1981 season] only. Send \$2 to: Bob Brinton, 143 Center St., Lee, MA 01238

FOR SALE: Incomplete sets of baseball at bargain prices. Great for draft leagues or all-star games. Cards will only be sold as sets. Set 1 - Combined 200 cards from 1969, '70, '71 lumped together to form an all-star lineup. Stars include 1969 McCovey, Dierker; 1970 Seaver, Perez, Gibson; 1971 Stargell, Blue, Aaron, Clemente, Ryan and many more. Only \$20. Set 2 - 240 cards from 1972, including Marshall, Carlton, Lyle, Cedeno, Bonds and many others, only \$24. Set 3 - 420 players from 1973 including all your favorites, only \$30. Set 4 - 330 cards from 1974, \$25. Set 5 - 290 cards from 1975, \$20; Set 6 - 250 cards from 1976, \$20; Set 7 - 190 cards from 1977, \$10; Set 8 - 165 cards from 1978, \$10; Set 9 - all 26 teams from 1979 and extras, \$39; Set 10 - 1976 A's, Angels, White Sox, Twins, Royals, Brewers, Tigers, Yanks, Indians, Padres, Astros, Reds, Braves, Cards, Pirates, Cubs, Phils; 1975 A's, White Sox, Angels; 1973 Brewers. \$40 complete set or

\$2 apiece. Set 11 - 1978 Orioles, Cubs, Red Sox, Padres, White Sox, Indians; 1977 Orioles, Expos, Royals, Dodgers, Tigers, Cubs, Rangers, A's, \$1.75 apiece. All cards in excellent condition. Please include \$2 for postage on all orders over \$8. Ken Flentge, 38 N. Roselle Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60172 [no personal checks, please]

FOR SALE: 1978 baseball, complete set with extras and 1977 Reds, Giants and Yankees. Will sell only as a complete set for \$20 plus \$2 for postage. Be the first to call: 212-633-4292 week nights and 203-372-3011 Sat. night and Sunday [day].

For Trade

FOR TRADE: I would like to trade the set of 36 past S-O-M teams reprinted for a set of 1956 teams. I also would like to trade the 1964 Yankees [original] for the 1964 White Sox [original]. Ron Brammer, 2504 NE 52nd Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64118 or phone 816-455-2366.

League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: The Garden State Baseball League is looking for managers to begin its new 1983 season. We are a face-to-face draft league just completing our first season and we are looking to expand into bigger and better things. Many new ideas will be used next year. Anyone interested and living in the central New Jersey area please contact: Phil Worby, 38 Deanna Dr., Apt. 104, Somerville, NJ 08876 or call 201-359-5067.

LEAGUE FORMING: Established PBM advanced baseball draft league needs managers for 1983 season. Each manager runs a team from AL and NL. Draft for new players upcoming. There will be small league fee. Anyone interested welcome; no PBM experience necessary. Write to: Rusty Pritzlaff, W204N11912 Goldendale Rd., Germantown, WI 53022

LEAGUE FORMING: Although new card time at S-O-M is still weeks away, the American Tabletop Baseball League has begun its search for new

managers. The ATBL uses the basic game with a few rule variations and additions. For example, we use the advanced game stealing rules (catcher's arms, etc.). There are openings in both the A.L. and N.L. (8 teams in each). We are a draft league which protects only a few players from season to season, so don't worry about getting stuck with a crummy team. We'll draft in February and start in March. For more information, send an SASE to: Dick Hunt, 612 N. Dewey St., Owosso, MI 48867

LEAGUE FORMING: Federal Hockey League is in need of backup managers for its first season. Backup managers have a very good chance of getting a team this year. The FHL is run by the same people who have run the long-lasting and well-known Federal Baseball League, which is headed by Kurt Smeby. The FHL is a super-advanced, 18-team straight league with trading, rookie draft and special systems to keep the league running smoothly. Backup managers receive all newsletters to keep in touch with the league. For further information, call or write: Bill Modelski, 15175 Hanfor, Allen Park, MI 48101 (phone: 313-383-3101)

LEAGUE FORMING: Managers needed for PBM hockey league. Unique form of drafting used. Cash prizes. Send list of 21 teams in order of preference to: Richie Angeletti, 35-42 73 St., Jackson Heights, NY 11372 or John McDonough, 34-30 81st St., Jackson Heights, NY 11372

LEAGUE FORMING: Tired of hassles, lack of communication, unreadable or lost strategy sheets, needless fines, endless stats, or do you belong to a league where the same 2 or 3 people always seem to wind up with the best record or team? Do you love playing the game enough to put up with this and still belong? Then this is for you. We are several gamers trying to form the most advanced and innovative league ever. This league will feature a 24-hour-a-day hot line and regular season interleague

play and many innovations never tried by any league before. If this sounds like your kind of people and you would like more information, send SASE to: Internationale SOM Fantico, P.O. Box 23, Yonkers, NY 10704. This league will be the model used for leagues of the future. Adults only please.

LEAGUE FORMING: Wanted to form or join face-to-face football and/or hockey leagues this fall/winter. Also wanted to join PBM baseball league next year using 1961 season cards. Contact: Ken Donnelly, 2605 Frederickson St., South Bend, IN 46628, or call 219-233-5334.

LEAGUE FORMING: Don't have much time for Strat? Then why not join the Slow-Faced Basic Baseball League (SPBBL)? We will draft from the National League plus NL extras only. We will play a 100-game schedule for this season. We will use the basic side but will use almost all of the advanced features. Send draft list and team name to: Larry Gavlak, RD #1 Box 410, Houtzdale, PA 16651 or Steve Kohute, RD #1, Ramey, PA 16671

LEAGUE FORMING: The International Baseball League is looking for managers and backup managers in the New York city-tri-state metropolitan area. We are a face-to-face league using the advanced version. All teams are based on the real teams with a constant roster, including free agent and rookie drafts. At end of season a complete stat book will be published. Mature and experienced managers only. Send inquiries, Strat experience and a brief description of self to: Tom Hudson, 649 East 9th St., 2E, New York, NY 10009

Contests

CONTESTS: 1982-83 Hockey Challenge Tournament is a play-by-mail super advanced tournament to decide who's the best hockey coach in the S-U-M world. This year's guaranteed purse has been increased to \$200, \$100 to the winner. The 1982-83 Hockey Challenge Tournament uses a system which gives all participants a chance to win. All games are played by the organizer, using both coaches

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Solitaire gamer shares baseball replay delights

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Strat-O-Matic gamers come with all sizes and shapes of goals. Some tackle mind-boggling, full-season replays, and do them alone. Thousands of others belong to play-by-mail leagues, the gaming world's answer to the hula hoop (only PBM leagues have more longevity).

For most table-gamers, however, it's the current tabletop action that is the most enjoyable; in other words the game you're playing at that moment brings you the greatest enjoyment.

Too often the Review is informed of the mind-boggling replays while the unusual happenings are seldom passed on for fear that they are too boring and wouldn't be of general interest.

Our response: pass on the unusual, or what you think is unusual.

Donald Frankfort, a veteran S-O-M gamer and frequent contributor to the Review (particularly football playing tips), did just that recently. Now residing in Gillette, WY (previous residences: Pelham Heights, NY, and Wind Cave National Park, Hot Springs, SD), his wife gainfully employed and, as he puts, himself "gainfully unemployed," Frankfort says he's been busily trying to catch up on his gaming ventures.

"When one is in the middle of the 1969, 1971 and 1972 football seasons, the 1973 baseball season and is trying to replay all of the Stanley Cup series with every set of S-O-M Hockey cards," writes Frankfort, "one tends to fall way behind."

Frankfort also admits to immensely enjoying the old "Don't you just hate it when..." articles, whereby the "4" fielding shortstop makes three errors in a game, the pitcher with a minuscule 2.20 ERA gets bombed, etc.

His list of unusual games from the 1973 actual-teams baseball replay doesn't follow that format, but it's interesting reading just the same.

Here are some of Frankfort's gaming delights that he's sharing with you from the '73 baseball season (the number of the game is listed first):

3. Texas beats Oakland, 8-7, on home runs by Vic Harris, Toby Harrah, Rico Carty, Bill Sudakis and Alex Johnson. Johnson's is a three-run shot with two out in the bottom of the ninth inning.

5. Ken Henderson hits three-run homer, Ed Herrmann a grand-slam during eight-run sixth inning for Chicago White Sox - only California overcomes the blasts for 9-8 win.

7. In the opening game of the season for both teams, Baltimore rebounds from 5-0 deficit to tie Detroit, 5-5, with a three-run bottom of the ninth inning. Baltimore wins 6-5 in the 22nd inning! Grant Jackson pitches 12 innings of three-hit relief for Birds; John Hiller pitches 10 1/3 innings of five-hit relief for Tigers.

11. Luis Tiant strikes out 14 Brewers in 4-2 Boston victory.

20. Bob Gibson goes 3-for-4 at plate as Cardinals collect 18 hits in 9-4 win over Pittsburgh.

29. Andy Messersmith pitches two-hitter for the Los Angeles Dodgers - but San Diego comes away a 1-0 victor.

31. In another opener, Houston defeats San Francisco, 2-1, as light hitters Tommy Helms and Roger Metzger homer for Astros.

51. Tito Fuentes of San Francisco goes 5-for-6 with double and home run as Giants defeat Cincinnati, 9-8. His homer broke 8-8 deadlock in bottom of ninth inning.

53. Later in the same series (No. 51 above), the Reds pound out 20 hits and romp 16-9. Pete Rose goes 5-for-6, Gary Thomasson triples twice and knocks in five runs. Teams were deadlocked at 4-4 after first inning.

66. Dave Johnson of Atlanta strikes out in each of four at-bats in 4-0 loss to Dodgers.

68. Pittsburgh pitcher Bob Moose goes 3-for-3 and pitches Pirates to 7-5 win over Montreal.

74. Pirates score four runs in bottom of ninth to defeat St. Louis, 6-5.

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75. In the next game of the series, the Pirates belt St. Louis 12-6. Weak-hitting shortstop Gene Alley goes 4-for-4, hitting a two-run single, a two-run triple and three-run homer. A sacrifice fly gave him 8 RBIs for the game.

77. In a 12-1 slaughter of the New York Mets, Phils' Greg Luzinski goes 6-for-6 with two doubles.

81. After the Giants score the first run of the game in the top of the ninth, the Padres win 2-1 on Nate Colbert's two-run homer in the bottom.

98. Oakland A's defeat Texas, 9-2, as Rangers make six errors.

110. The Boston Red Sox have a seven-run eighth inning after being one-hit for seven innings by New York's Fritz Peterson. However, Yanks hold on for an 8-7 victory.

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instructions. The tournament is open to all. For rules and information, write to: Larry King, 102-45 62nd Road, Apt. 4P, Forest Hills, NY 11375

CONTESTS: S-O-M Baseball contest: \$50 to winner, \$25 to runnerup. \$3 entry fee. You can have a 25-man team made up of two teams that have a combined record of .500 or less, or three teams with total record of below .400. Must send complete instructions. Contest starts Jan. 1. Send fee, instructions and team to: Erik Towns, 2 Happy Hollow Road, Wayland, MA 01778

Football playing tip

Quinn McKenzie of Cottage hills, IL, offers up some playing tips in football to help you enjoy, as he puts it, "The only pro grid action around" in view of the NFL strike.

He's a veteran of many pro football replays, the latest seasons being 1972, 1973 and 1980.

Here are two of his playing tips:

FRINGE PLAYERS - One set of 15 no-name players is needed for the entire NFL. Acquire a good statistical book for the year to be replayed, and go through team by team, finding out which players were not sent by S-O-M (example: the 1980 set did not include Otis Armstrong, a 400-yard rusher).

Number each nameless card

from worst to best, running cards one through 6, receivers 1-5, quarterbacks 1-4. Take six 3x5 cards, one for each division. List the teams of that division with the fringe players who might see action during the season. List actual performance and number of nameless card assigned to him. In parenthesis next to the card number, list his longest run/reception which is to be substituted in case the card renders a better result.

This idea is excellent for full-season replays, as injuries take toll (I used four QBs in the 1980 replay of Atlanta).

PASS RUSH CHART - Here's a realistic way, playing solitaire, of determining how many linebackers are blitzing. Just look at the flat pass defensive solitaire chart for the situation after a "pass rush" reading comes up and look at the number in flat zone die roll (example: 3rd and 15, a short pass thrown, "pass rush" result; look at flat pass, 3rd and 6+, man in zone "1-2"). Then throw three dice, each representing a linebacker. Every roll over "1-2" (in this instance) would be a blitzing linebacker.

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people affected by the decision to print advanced versions of already printed seasons would be very minimal. Those people who would be affected would still have the basic side.

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S-O-M league, replay scene

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GREATHER UNITED STATES S-O-M ORGANIZATION (GUSSOMO) - Continues to roll merrily along as PBM league is now in 12th season and doing better than ever, according to GUSSOMO organizer Jeff Fleischman. League started in 1970-71 and Fleischman says "many of our members have grown up with S-O-M"...Most were in high school when league was formed--now they're married and have children of their own!...Results of latest season are for second season using a draft (before GUSSOMO was a straight teams replay league)...Camaraderie is league's trademark as Fleischman, who resides in San Jose, CA, made cross-country trek last summer to visit other GUSSOMO members and their families...GUSSOMO's current managerial lineup (occupation of manager) and home town: Blaise Castren (sports writer), Fremont, CA, Fremont Phantoms; Dave Epps (teacher), Union City, CA, Bay Area Buffalos; Jeff Fleischman (sales), San Jose, CA, San Jose Sultans; Mel Andersen (teacher), San Diego, CA, San Diego Earthquakes; Bradd Stine (musician), Santa Rosa, CA, Santa Rosa Condors; Mike Lefkow (sports writer), Antioch, CA, Concord Rams; Greg Balas (farmer), Ponteix, Sask., Ponteix Pioneers; Rick Palmer (prison director), Winnipeg, Manitoba, Winnipeg Voyaguers; Rich Vioral (U.S. Navy electrician), Chula Vista, CA, Tijuana Taxis; Doug Smith (graduate student), Pittsburgh, PA, Alchemists of Sarku; Ralph Polumbo (personnel manager), Bristol, CT, Jersey Gents; Bob Galvin (accountant), Maumee, OH, Maumee Comets; Earl Brock (machinist), Manchester, CT, New England Pilgrims; Dave Hendricks (personnel manager), Moylan, PA, Moylan Monks; Larry Steinberg (lab technician), Skokie, IL, Skokie Sluggos; Nick Romano, St. Ann, MO, Italian Stallions; Dave Taylor, Decatur, GA, Georgia Crackers.

Standings, playoffs and leaders (1981 season, based on 1980):

Western	W	L	GB	Eastern	W	L	GB	Central	W	L	GB
Fremont	102	62	-	Sarku	104	60	-	Moylan	87	77	-
Bay Area	87	77	15	Jersey	98	66	6	Skokie	85	79	2
San Jose	81	83	21	Maumee	86	78	18	Stallions	80	84	7
San Diego	53	111	49	New England	55	109	49	Georgia	72	92	15
Northwest											
Santa Rosa	94	70	-								
Concord	85	79	9								
Ponteix	76	88	18								
Winnipeg	67	97	27								

Playoffs: Fremont d. Bay Area, 3-1

Concord d. Santa Rosa, 3-1

Jersey d. Sarku, 3-1

Moylan d. Skokie, 3-2

Concord d. Fremont, 3-1

Jersey d. Moylan, 3-2

Jersey d. Concord, 4-1

Batting

Brett CON	.388
Bumbry SR	.329
Cooper MAU	.328
Oliver MOY	.325

Home Runs

Schmidt MAU	42
Hornner GEO	38
Cey JER	38
R. Jackson SKO	38

RBI

Schmidt MAU	113
Cooper MAU	110
Brett CON	110
Murphy GEO	108

H: Cooper MAU

222
28: Brett CON 46
38: Brett CON 15
R: Foster SKO 108

ERA

Soto WIN	2.21
Vuckovich BA	2.94
Sutton JER	2.95
Blue SA	3.06

Wins

Sutton JER	26-9
Soto WIN	24-7
Burns BA	23-11
Vuckovich BA	22-11
Corbett FRE	22-12

Game Win. Hits

Mazzilli STAL	25
McBride SKOK	20
Oliver MOY	15
Armas BA	15

SB: Henderson
SJ 156/202
Collins STA
86/133
E: Washington
STAL 44

Strikeouts

Carlton MOY	305
Ryan MAU	208
Norris NE	206
Barker FRE	181

SA: Clear STAL 36; Corbett FRE 27

SH: Gura BA, Bibby SAR 5

CS: McGregor SJ 28; Norris NE 25

HRA: P Niekro PONT 40; Carlton MOY 39

FAVORITE TEAMS REPLAY - Jay Melnarik, Culver City, CA, made it 11 years of such replays when he took the Chicago White Sox, Baltimore, Houston and Pittsburgh through a 162-game season using the basic side of (continued)

the 1982 [1981 real-life] cards...Melnarik, who uses only the regular 20 players, begins his annual project in February and wraps it up in mid-August...One no-hitter highlighted play as Britt Burns of the Chisox stopped Houston, 3-0. Burns bested Nolan Ryan...MVPs were Jason Thompson and Bill Madlock of Pittsburgh, while Don Sutton, Houston, was Cy Young Award winner and Dave Smith, Houston, was top reliever...Houston won the regular-season but second-place Pittsburgh captured the playoffs, whipping Houston, 3-2...Dave Parker of Pittsburgh was playoff MVP after hitting three homers, batting .300 and delivering two game-winning hits.

Standings and leaders:

	W	L	GB	Avg.	ERA	Batting:	Pena PIT .335, Madlock .333
Houston	87	75	-	.243	2.29	HR:	Thompson PIT 33, Parker PIT 28
Pittsburgh	82	80	5	.255	3.27	RBI:	Thompson PIT 119, DeCinces BAL 87
Baltimore	80	82	7	.243	3.55	ERA:	Knepper HOU 2.07, Sutton HOU 2.16
Chicago	75	87	12	.256	3.57	Wins:	Knepper HOU 23, Bibby PIT 22

WARRENDALE S-O-M LEAGUE - Recently completed its third full-season baseball replay, crowning Bill Scalzi and his Baltimore Orioles as kingpins...League is comprised of eight teams and managers; it's a draft league using all 26 current teams...Highlights included Nolan Ryan of Houston throwing WSDM's first no-hitter, blanking the Yankees and striking out 12. Mike Schmidt's 48 home runs for the Angels was another highlight, as was Cecil Cooper batting .358 and Goose Gossage saving 41 games and winning 18 others for the Astros while compiling a minuscule ERA of 1.54...Doc Medich of Padres was Cy Young winner (21 wins, 2.21 ERA) and Bobby Grich of Orioles was MVP (41 HRs, 114 RBI)...Rickey Henderson of Expos was stolen base leader with 61 while Golden Glove award was given to Astros' shortstop Ozzie Smith...David Corbett of Waltham, MA, points out that southpaw hurlers were treated roughly in this all-star league, including such notables as Dave Righetti, Fernando Valenzuela and Steve Carlton. Too many right-handed sluggers, according to Corbett, who lost to Scalzi in the playoffs, 4-2.

Standings and leaders:

East	W	L	GB	Avg.	ERA	West	W	L	GB	Avg.	ERA
A's	89	73	-	.257	2.94	Astros	92	70	-	.247	2.51
Orioles	88	74	1	.267	3.01	Pirates	82	80	10	.271	3.29
Padres	81	81	7	.237	3.55	Yankees	73	89	19	.266	4.11
Angels	78	84	11	.244	4.01	Expos	65	97	27	.221	4.98

Batting	Home Runs	RBI
Cooper A's .358	Schmidt ANG 48	Schmidt ANG 127
Hargrove PAD .321	Dawson PIT 46	Dawson PIT 125
Essian A's .315	Grich ORIO 41	Grich ORIO 114
W-L Record	Pct.	ERA
Gossage AST 18-9	.686	Gossage AST 1.54
Medich PAD 21-11	.656	McCatty AST 2.20
Hooton A's 22-13	.628	Medich PAD 2.21
Strikeouts		
Soto PIT 329, Hough PAD 305, Valenzuela A's 278, Ryan AST 260, Carlton EXP 260		
Saves		
Gossage AST 41, D.Smith ORIO 37, Davis EXP 30		

NORTH-SOUTH STRAT-O-MATIC LEAGUE - Six-member PBM league that plays both leagues, but only 81-game schedule...Actual teams are used (with a free-agent draft)...Managers include Steve Schumacher (Houston, TX), who's the commissioner; Bob Willnus and Andy Willnus (South Lyon, MI); Mike, Dave and Tim Tumbleson (Houston, TX)...Highlights included George Brett batting .402 (replay was based on 1980 real-life) and Mike Schmidt smashing 26 home runs...Los Angeles won NL playoff over Montreal, 3-2, and Detroit won three straight from California in the AL. Los Angeles
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won the World Series, 4-3, over Detroit...

Standings and leaders:

National	Won	Lost	GB	American	Won	Lost	GB	Batting
Montreal	51	30	-	Detroit	45	36	-	Brett KC [AL] .402
Los Angeles	46	35	5	Milwaukee	43	38	2	Easler PIT[NL] .366
Pittsburgh	42	39	9	California	42	39	3	Home Runs
San Francisco	36	45	15	Oakland	42	39	3	Schmidt PHI[NL] 26
Philadelphia	36	45	15	Kansas City	41	40	4	Oglivie MIL[AL] 21
Houston	32	49	19	Baltimore	30	51	15	RBI
Pitching				ERA				Schmidt PHI [NL] .69
Bibby PIT [NL] 13-5				Sutton LA [NL] 1.58				Oglivie MIL [AL] .60
Langford OAK [AL] 13-6				Langford OAK [AL] 2.56				Stolen Bases
Strikeouts				ERA - Relief				Henderson OAK [AL] 70
Carlton PHI 148				Fryman MON [NL] 0.87				Moreno PIT [NL] 63
Clancy BAL 120				Clear CAL [AL] 1.00				

CHARLESTOWN STRAT-O-MATIC LEAGUE (CSOML) - Face-to-face draft league based in Charlestown, NH...Six members comprised league, which met once a week at Dave Brodeur's house...other members included: David Brodeur (team: Bouncers), Paul Silva (Devils), Larry Nielsen (Owls), Steve Stearns (Michelobes), Rich Holt (Tents), Randy Town (Buds)...Season took six months to complete, with Tents, featuring a batting attack led by Reggie Jackson (50 HRs, 122 RBI), George Brett (.325, 22 HR, 96 RBI) and Cesar Cedeno (.320, 95 runs) plus the pitching of J.R. Richard (20-18, 2.79 ERA) and Bill Gullickson (23-9, 3.35), won the playoffs. Tents, after appearing on verge of folding and down 3-0 to the Devils, won four straight games to capture championship...All teams competed in the playoffs, thus the reason for the Devils, who lost 96 games, still being in the running...Tents didn't get much help from Nolan Ryan, however, as third member of "Big Three" wound up 5-16 with a balloon-like 5.50 ERA...

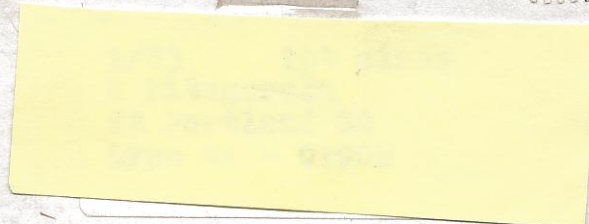
Standings and leaders:

Graduate League	W	L	GB	OldTimer League	W	L	GB
Millinocket Michelobes	95	67	-	Boston Bouncers	84	79	-
Denver Tents	93	69	2	Hooterville Owls	83	80	1
Minnesota Buds	66	96	29	Miami Devils	66	96	18
Batting				Home Runs			
R.Smith OWL .3272				Schmidt OWL 53			
Stapleton BOUN .3270				Jackson TENT 50			
Oilone MICH .326				Oglivie MICH 44			
Brett TENT .325				Horner BOUN 34			
Cedeno TENT .320				Kingman DEV 31			
SB: Henderson BOUN 116				Wins			
Oilone MICH 92				Welch BOUN 25-10			
Moreno DEV 90				Reuss MICH 23-6			
K: Richard TENT 357				Gullickson TENT 23-9			
Carlton OWL 307				Barker OWL 22-11			
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Basketball playing tip

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some other game situation comes along. This method allows a coach to develop a feel for each particular game without having to rely on some arbitrary guide (such as the clock) to regulate substitutions. Most of the coaches in the SBA follow this method.

There is one aspect of substituting that both options want to follow: having all starters rested by the fourth quarter and going with your best down the stretch.

Hockey playing tip

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unit plays.

** The Boston power-play is an interesting case. Though the Bruins scored 65 power-play goals, only six players were on the ice for at least 20 of them, and of these six, five of them were on the ice for at least 40. Of the remaining 14 skaters, only one was on for at least 10 (Cashman, 18). There is, in other words, statistical backing for only one power-play line. My solution: Let the listed forward line play four times and on the fifth power-play chance, bring on Cashman and any two forwards not previously listed.