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REVIEW

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Father vs. son S-O-M Baseball duel

Strat-O-Matic spotlight

One of the great features of Strat-O-Matic's games is that all of them allow you, the dice-roller, to go back and match teams from the past, or look ahead and predict what will happen in the future.

Some adjustments or modifications have to be made, of course, but the matchups created are of interest to the gamer(s) involved and many times the gaming public.

Such an effort was printed in the Review last month when co-editor Del Newell, in a midnight-hour dice-rolling venture, replayed the 1984 World Series while it was in progress in real-life.

The tabletop version of the Series was won by Detroit in six games, whereas in real-life it only went five games. But it was the matchup that was the thing - S-O-M made it possible.

S-O-M also made it possible for Rodney Johnson of Tempe, AZ, to get in some dice-rollin' with his father and settle, at least in their opinion, whether or not the Cincinnati Reds were the best team in the strike-shortened 1981 real-life baseball season.

"My dad (a Dodger fan) and I (a Reds' fan) have had an argument going for years about the '81 season," says Johnson. "My claim was that the Reds should have been in the playoffs and that they would have won it all. The strike and split-season format allowed the Dodgers into the playoffs and left the Reds out, even though they had the best record in baseball."

Not so long ago, when Rodney's dad was visiting (the elder Johnson (continued on next page)

lives in Colorado), the two had a chance to settle the issue.

The teams were broken out an Tom Seaver was pitted against Fernando Valenzuela of L.A. in the first game of a best three-of-five series. Seaver hurled a three-hitter and Johnny Bench clouted a two-run homer in the eighth inning that wrapped up a 4-0 Cincinnati victory.

Game two also went to Cincinnati as Ron Oester snapped a 2-2 tie in the ninth inning with a two-run roundtripper. Bench homered again.

Bench collected his third homer of the playoff and sewed up MVP honors in the third and final game. His blast broke a 2-2 deadlock and gave Cincy a 3-2 triumph. Joe Price, coming on in relief, won his second game in a row for the Reds and was chosen co-MVP.

Ron Cey and Pedro Guerrero hit solo homers for L.A.'s only runs as Cincinnati swept the playoffs, 3-0, to lend tabletop credence to the claim of being the unrecognized No. 1 team in baseball in '81.

BANKS BASHES THREE HOMERS

Ernie Banks, 1956 vintage, was like money in the bank for Steven Edell, Jerusalem, Israel, in a replay series between Cincinnati and the Chicago Cubs.

Over the first three games Banks went 7-for-14 with five RBI and a home run. In the fourth game, however, after fouling out in his first at-bat, Banks proceeded to double, hit a three-run homer, a bases-loaded roundtripper and smash a two-run homer.

He also walked in the ninth inning with the bases loaded to force in a run. Finally tally: Ernie Banks 10, Cincinnati 3.

IN THE NEWS WITH S-O-M

Harold Richman, president of the Strat-O-Matic Game Company and creator of all of its tabletop products, and Review co-editor Del Newell were both mentioned in a feature story that appeared in the Detroit Free Press shortly after the Tigers won the World Series.

Entitled "Hold that Tiger Fever," the article mentions the various ways Tiger fans will keep that fever, especially during the long off-season. S-O-M Baseball, of course, was one way to keep the World Series fires flickering during the cold winter months for midwesterners.

Richman is quoted by Free Press writer Neal Rubin as saying he expects a "significant increase" in Michigan sales next year. "We're selling the '83 season now. It's a good Tiger team, but not THE Tiger team."

Newell, along with being mentioned as co-editor of the Review, is referred to as anxiously looking forward to the arrival of the new cards because of the great season Kirk Gibson had. Gibson is on Del's American League team in the GKSM (Greater Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League). "He was of absolutely no value to me this last season (based on '83)."

Newell also will have "protective" rights to Willie Hernandez, who was on his National League team and came over to the A.L. in a real-life trade. Newell, with absolutely no reluctance, has said he will exercise that right to make the Cy Young/MVP winner his first draft choice.

NEVER A SOLITAIRE GAME IN PBM LEAGUE

John Blomstrom of Houston, TX, founder of the National Texas League, a PBM league that's completed eight seasons of, has never played a solitaire game. Seven of the managers live in close proximity, two are in Iowa and another, major league pitcher Tony Brizzolara, in Georgia. Only Brizzolara plays solitaire. Because of vacations that included game-playing, however, Blomstrom has always played games face-to-face.

Playing the playoffs by phone

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Valley Football members reach out...and touch each other

Strat-O-Matic games are found in homes throughout the country. And many times leagues are found in cities around the world.

Now, thanks to leagues such as the Valley Strat-O-Matic Football League, it's possible to play-by-mail while playing in person.

How, you say, can gamers be in two or three cities at once? Via the telephone, that's how. The Valley S-O-M League, you see, has played the playoffs by phone...with a unique system and at a cost that is minimal.

As far as the Valley League, it was founded 14 years ago by Bob Brill while he was in high school. At its peak, the league had 18 members scattered in three western cities - Los Angeles (8), Tulsa (5) and El Paso (5).

Brill, being in the radio business, moved around a lot. Since he was one of the founding fathers of the league, and because he carried his enthusiasm wherever he went, he was allowed to set up new divisions in his occupational migrations. For a short time, there was even a Palm Springs division.

In the 'Valley, regardless of where its home base is located, the teams are drafted, right down to individual defensive and offensive players. The team with the most 6s on defense then had its choice of defensive team cards.

Over the years many changes evolved in the 'Valley.' But the most remarkable happening that kept the sometimes far-flung league together was the playoff-by-phone system.

HOW TO PLAY BY PHONE

Here's how, according to Brill, the 'Valley' reaches out and 'touches' each other:

"Four people must be involved in every game...the two opposing coaches and two people to man the phones. Coach 'A' calls Coach 'B' for the first half while Coach 'B' calls Coach 'A' for the second half. There is a coin flip to see who gets the first half since it's usually shorter.

You play on a weekend, or late at night when phone rates are cheapest. In this way, it costs each coach only about \$6-8 per game, depending on how fast you play.

Each coach sets up a game, with his and his opponents defense on the board. The other two people, in affect, play as the opponent, although the actual opponent calls the shots.

Check this scenario...

Coach 'A' has the ball on his own 20-yard line, first and 10. Coach 'B' tells the person across the table from him (who has the phone), he is replacing the right inside linebacker with an extra defensive back, playing in the short pass zone. The extra DB is a 'S.' The phoneman relays the defensive change to the person manning the phone on the other end of the line, who in turn tells the offensive coach, who is across the table from him, in the other city.

All this takes about 10 seconds. The offense decides on his play, and calls 'set.' That is relayed back over the phone to the defensive coach by the phoneman. He calls his defense, which is relayed back; the offense reveals its play and rolls the dice.

There can be no cheating since the phoneman verifies the dice roll and the result is relayed back. Time for the second play. The entire process takes maybe 10 seconds longer than playing face-to-face.

The very first offensive play against me while playing on the phone was in the 1979 playoffs when Tony Dorsett went 77 yards around

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end for a score. Since I never actually saw the dice roll, it was frustrating, but since I won the game, 26-24, to move to the championship game, playing by phone has never bothered me."

JOHN BRODIE WAS FIRST DRAFT PICK

When the league was first formed, 14 years ago, it was the usual all-star alignment. Even the defenses were all "run-excellent" and "pass-excellent," along with the individuals mostly all '6s.

John Brodie of San Francisco was the first player ever drafted. Larry Brown was the No. 2 pick...John Fuqua No. 3...Mel Farr No. 4...and Duane Thomas was No. 5, or Brill's first pick. Brill followed that up by selecting Greg Landry and his card with 61 percent completions and the phenomenal running card.

"When the season ended," recalls Brill, "Brodie led his team to the title, Brown led the league in rushing, Farr rushed for almost a 1,000 yards in a 12-game season, Thomas was riding the bench and Fuqua had been traded twice."

Soon, the league expanded to six coaches, the schedule to 15 (it's now 16) games and rosters were frozen, to be enlarged by a draft of rookies or when expansion occurred.

PAYTON PASSES THE 'JUICE'

The Valley League is anything but a fly-by-night operation, as evidenced by its longevity record and the fact it has remained in existence despite many of its key members moving to other cities.

Brill credits, along with the phone play, a five-man board of directors, by-laws and a gleaming three-foot high trophy with helping keep the league together.

The board of directors is comprised of three lifetime members and two who are elected each year. "We have kicked members out (of the league) for various reasons. We've held hearings where they can speak in their defense, and we've had protests that have overturned games," says Brill.

As one relative newcomer to the league put it, "The system must work, since you've kept the league together for so many years." The league is now at nine coaches, all residing in the Los Angeles area.

One thing that many statistical purists may disagree with, however, is the Valley league's rule of not having any restrictions on use of players. Some coaches, obviously not wanting to leave anything to chance, have been known to draft placekickers to use from different ranges.

Lifetime records are kept, too, and Walter Payton has just recently passed O.J. Simpson on the all-time 'Valley' rushing chart. Payton had 10,202 yards - 186 behind Simpson - when the current season got under way.

FOUTS, WALKER ALSO HOLD RECORDS

Dan Fouts (the property of Brill) has the league's completion record for one game when he connected on 37 of 49 passes in a 45-19 win. The old record was 34 completions, set by Mike Livingston in 1978.

Wesley Walker has the reception record with 178 for 3,207 yards and 28 touchdowns - all in one season. Dave Casper is the all-time reception leader with 653. Ray Guy is the top punter with a 44.73 average covering nine years and 630 boots. Jim Turner is the point king with 832 and Ken Riley has intercepted the most passes, 77, with five being returned for touchdowns.

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Coaches records are also kept, with Mike Smith the all-time winner with a 131-63-4 record. Money is also involved, although Brill calls it secondary as far as priority. Smith has lifetime league earnings of \$670.

The play-for-pay aspect of the league involves a \$50 per coach fee each season. Of that amount, \$5 goes into a year-end banquet fund and the rest into the league's fund. The team with the best record in the regular-season gets \$25 and all the playoff teams get back their \$50. The remaining money is divided between the playoff winner and runnerup, with the winner getting two-thirds.

The winning coach in the league's 14th season took home \$170.

ALL-TIME 'VALLEY' TEAM TO BE NAMED

This season, to celebrate its 15th anniversary of gaming, the Valley League is planning to vote for its all-time Strat-O-Matic team. There will be a first team, second and honorable mention.

There are also plans to create a league Hall of Fame. Brill has even suggested, if the 'Hall' is formed, to obtain certificates with the players' names on them and then send them to the honored players. "Crazy?" asks Brill. "No we're just proud...and we have lots of fun."

One of Brill's greatest fun games occurred in a playoff contest in which he took a 42-7 lead by halftime, and then wound up winning a 56-55 thriller but needed a bomb touchdown pass to do it with 1:45 remaining.

Fouts had passed his opponent into submission in the first half, or so it seemed.

But then Brill began, as he called it, to be "Eric Dickersoned" to death, with 2s and 12s popping up on the dice rolls frequently in the third quarter.

His opponent took the lead at 55-49 and with fourth down, the ball on the 24 and only 1:45 left, Fouts connected on a desperation pass to back Walter Abercrombie (he was using three wide receivers). A 1-12 was rolled...long gain! The next roll was a 12 for a TD. Gary Anderson capped the comeback by kicking the extra point for a 56-55 victory.

Football card corrections

Two more changes in the new pro football cards have been brought to the Review's attention by the Strat-O-Matic Game Company.

Both are on the Los Angeles Raiders' advanced defense cards.

On the lineback-off tackle card, under No. 6, the results should be changed to:

LINEBACK			OFF TACKLE		
0 LB	1 LB	2 LB	0 LB	1 LB	2 LB
F0, 2-6,	F0, 2-6,	F-2, 2-6	F+2, 2-6,	F-2, 2-6	F-3, 2-6
11, 12	11, 12	11, 12	11, 12	11, 12	11, 12
0, 7-10	0 7-10	-2, 7-10	+2, 7-10	-2, 7-10	-3, 7-10

The other change is on end run, advanced card. Here is the change (No. 6 reading):

0 LB	1 LB
F+1, 2-6	F -1, 2-6
11, 12	11, 12
+1, 7-10	-1, 7-10

'Sports Know How' is here

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BAFFLERS, BEFUDDLERS, FUMBLERS, MIND BENDERS AND STOPPERS

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?

IT'S THE NEW FANTASTIC

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STRAT-O-MATIC has designed an "incredible" sports question and answer game— incredible for many reasons. Two people can easily play a Strat-O-Matic Sports "Know-How" game in less than 25 minutes—sometimes in less than 10 minutes. Of course, more than two can play. It's possible to win with only one correctly answered question, however the player who answers more questions correctly will usually be victorious.

Confrontations may occur—if you win, your opponent is forced back. If you lose, you are forced back. The game has an exciting, defined ending—no moving back and forth from a finishing point in Strat-O-Matic Sports "Know-How". Of course, every time you answer a question correctly, you move ahead towards victory. Five categories of questions are yours to ponder: Baseball Bafflers, Basketball Befuddlers, Football Fumblers, Mixed Bag Mind Benders, and Baseball Stoppers. Almost half the questions are about baseball.

In Strat-O-Matic Sports "Know-How," you do not constantly select questions but instead receive a set of 13 questions for each game. You always control the selection of questions when posing them to your opponent. This system allows for much strategy—Do you ask your most difficult questions immediately or do you leave them for the finale? Should you eliminate your opponent's strongest categories quickly and keep his weakest categories "open"? Of course your opponent is constantly trying to offset your strategy—that's what makes the game exciting

and fun to play!

THE QUESTIONS—DEVELOPED BY CENTURY PUBLISHING

CENTURY PUBLISHING CO., publishers of BASEBALL DIGEST, FOOTBALL DIGEST and other sports digest magazines, has been posing questions to the public for almost 15 years. Their philosophy is best expressed by Baseball Digest sports editor, John Kuenster, "Questions should be informative, witty and thought provoking. Questions with obscure answers should be embellished with additional detail to make them meaningful." This is exactly what Century Publishing has accomplished for Strat-O-Matic Sports "Know-How"—and much more!

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MONEY BACK GUARANTEE OF SATISFACTION

Most frequently used power-play⁷ and penalty-killing lines in hockey

Junu Kim has again supplied the Review with its favorite hockey 'power' or energy-saving play.

It comes in the form of the most frequently used power-play and penalty-killing lines for Strat-O-Matic Hockey. And, as has become customary, Kim, who lives in Evanston, IL, relied on his knowledge of the ice sport and his trusted companion, the most recent edition of Hockey News Yearbook, to come up with the ratings.

Hockey plus-minus statistics also play a big part in Kim's formulating of the lines listed below and on the next page.

He admits, however, that the lines are arbitrary and that some gamers, particularly those that are season ticket-holders of some of the NHL teams, may disagree. But, for the most part, Kim has proven to be an excellent source for information gamers would have to spend hours researching if on their own.

The procedure is the same as before: Numbers in parenthesis are power play goals scored/given up and the percentage of opportunities scored/scorred upon. A semicolon divides the two lines, a slash indicates to alternate these two players, and a player in parenthesis is an alternate for an extra player.

<u>BOSTON</u>	*	PP (82, 24.0%)	Silk (MacTavish)-Federson-Middleton; Krushelnyski-Fergus-K. Crowder
			D: Bourque-O'Connell/Kluzak
			PK (56, 83.3%) Krushelnyski-Federson
			D: O'Connell-Bourque/Milbury
<u>BUFFALO</u>		PP (71, 21.6%)	Orv-Perrault-Cloutier; Ruff-Andreychuk-Foligno
			D: Housley-Virta
		PK (50, 81.9%)	Ramsay-Seiling; Peterson-Perrault
			D: Hajt-Ramsey/Playfair
<u>CALGARY</u>		PP (64, 21.5%)	Beers-Quinn-McDonald; Nilsson-Eaves-Loob
			D: MacInnis-Eloranta/Reinhart (no sub)
		PK (63, 80.0%)	Risebrough-Eaves/Nilsson
			D: Konroyd-Macoun/Eloranta
<u>CHICAGO</u>		PP (67, 20.1%)	Gardner-Savard-S.Larmer; Sutter-Lysiak-Cyr
			D: D.Wilson-Brown; B.Wilson-B.Murray
		PK (74, 78.2%)	Paterson-Gardiner
			D: D.Wilson-Brown; B.Wilson-B.Murray
<u>DETROIT</u>		PP (79, 22.2%)	Ogrodnick-Yzerman-Duguay; Boldirev-Kisio-Johnstone (Lambert)
			D: Larson-Park
		PK (77, 75.2%)	Foster-Duguay; Woods-Dunlop
			D: Larson-Ladouceur; Smith-Barrett
<u>EDMONTON</u>		PP (81, 25.6%)	Messier-Gretzky-Kurri; Lindstrom/Pouzar-Gretzky-Anderson
			D: Coffey-Huddy/Linseman
		PK (77, 801.%)	Hunter-Gretzky; Messier-Hughes
			D: Lowe-Fogolin; Gregg-Coffey
<u>HARTFORD</u>		PP (80, 24.3%)	Turgeon-Johnson-Neufeld; Currie (Francis)
			-Francis (Zuke)-Crawford

		D: Siltanen-Kotsopolous/Malone
	PK (68, 77.4%)	Zuke-Crombeen
		D: Quenneville-Kotsopolous/Dunn (no sub)
<u>LOS ANGELES</u>	PP (75, 20.8%)	Simmer-Dionne-Taylor; MacLellan-Nicholls-Fox
		D: Hardy-McEwen (Engblom)
	PK (82, 72.1%)	Nicholls-Hakansson; MacLellan-Jarvis
		D: Engblom-Anderson; Hardy-Wells
<u>MINNESOTA</u>	PP (91, 26.8%)	McCarthy-Broten-Ciccarelli; Payne-Maruk-Bellows
		D: Maxwell-Roberts
	PK (89, 78.1%)	MacAdams-Ferguson
		D: Roberts-Giles
<u>MONTREAL</u>	PP (58, 19.7%)	Walter-Smith-Tremblay; Shutt (Naslund)-Chabot-Naslund (Nilan)
		D: Robinson-Lafleur
	PK (56, 79.8%)	Carbonneau-Walter/Gainey
		D: Robinson-Ludwig
<u>NEW JERSEY</u>	PP (51, 14.0%)	Bridgman-Verbeek-Ludvig; Lever-Broten-Higgins
		D: Cirella-Brunwell/Russell
	PK (83, 75.3%)	Bridgman-Lever; Cameron-McAdam
		D: Cirela-Lorimer; Lewis-Russell
<u>NY ISLANDERS</u>	PP (63, 22.5%)	Gilbert-Trottier-Bossy; Tonelli-B.Sutter-Bourne
		D: Potvin-Persson/Jonsson
	PK (68, 81.7%)	Goring-Bourne/Carroll (Tonelli)
		D: Morrow-Potvin; Langevin-Jonsson
<u>NY RANGERS</u>	PP (74, 25.0%)	Osborne-Pavelich-Hedberg; Don Maloney-Larourche-Stoughton
		D: Ruotsalainen-Dave Maloney; Greschner-Rogers
	PK (76, 78.1%)	Don Maloney-Andersson; Pavelich-Rogers
		D: Beck-Laidlaw
<u>PHILADELPHIA</u>	PP (64, 20.3%)	Propp-Poulin-Kerr; Barber-Sittler-Ron Sutter
		D: Howe-Crossman; Eriksson-Dvorak (McCrimmon)
	PK (84, 76.9%)	Propp-Poulin; Clarke-Ron Sutter
		D: Howe-Marsh; McCrimmon-Dvorak (Crossman)
<u>PITTSBURGH</u>	PP (70, 20.6%)	Boutette-Bullard-Kehoe; Brickley-Taylor-Shedden
		D: Hotham-McCarthy
	PK (86, 75.9%)	Boutette-Taylor/O'Regan
		D: Hotham-McCarthy/Fox
<u>QUEBEC</u>	PP (69, 21.8%)	A.Stastny-P.Stastny-M.Stastny; Goulet-Sauve (Hunter)-Paielement
		D: Marois-McKegney/Price
	PK (70, 80.6%)	Cote-Hunter; Savard-Gillis (Paielement)
		D: Marois-Rochefort

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ST. LOUIS * PP (79, 22.8%) Sutter-Federko-Mullen; Pettersson-Gilmour
-Babych
D: Ramage-Chouinard/Pichette (no sub)
PK (91, 74.9%) Hickey-Sutter/Wickenheiser
D: Ramage-Bothwell/Johnson

TORONTO * PP (82, 21.6%) Anderson-Daoust-Vaive; Derlago-McCourt-
Frycer
D: Benning-Farrish/Salming
PK (101, 73.7%) Terrion-McCourt; Derlago-Gavin
D: Salming-Korn/Nylund (Stewart)

VANCOUVER PP (90, 24.4%) Lupul-Sundstrom-Tanti; Rota-Gradin-Smyl
D: Lanz-Halward/Bubla
PK (73, 76.6%) Lupul-Smyl; Gradin-Molin (Sundstrom)
D: Snepsts-Lanz/Halward

WASHINGTON PP (77, 20.2%) Gustafsson-Christian-Gartner; Haworth-
Carpenter-Laughlin
D: Murphy-Stevens/Veitch (Langway)
PK (39, 86.7%) Jarvis-Gould; Duchesne-Currie
D: Langway-Stevens

WINNIPEG PP (80, 21.4%) Mullen-Haverchuk-MacLean; Lukowich or
Arnier-Boschman-Deblois
D: Babych-Mantha/Carlyle (no sub)
PK (86, 74.8%) Mullen-Steen; Boschman-Wilsoo (Smail)
D: Campbell-Babych; Watters-Picard

* Allow first power play forward line to play twice before using the second line.

A few forwards are listed "out of position" on power play units. They are either listed on defense or at a position where they have had a history of previously playing.

Anyone interested in corresponding with Kim regarding the ratings may contact him at 2317 Sheridan Road, Evanston, IL 60201.

Who should you draft in hockey?

BY LARRY SCOTTI, STATEN ISLAND, NY

This year's rookie crop has to be the weakest since the introduction of Strat-O-Matic Hockey. The main area where no help at all can be found is defense.

I personally could not believe the number of "2" rated defensemen. My curiosity was aroused enough to finally break down all the defensive ratings of all defensemen in the set and here's what I found:

Defensemen ratings:

No. 4 -	13	No. 2 -	64
No. 3 -	40	No. 1 -	26

Ninety defensemen are rated "2" or less while only 53 are rated "3" or more. This shows the value of those rated 3 or 4. Besides Jamie Macoun, no defensemen are available who are good prospects. I mentioned several years ago that in S-O-M Hockey the good passing defensemen with a high intimidation rating are valuable.

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Now, let's take a look at the rookies:

GOALTENDERS

Tom Barasso of the Buffalo Sabres is the best rookie available in the draft. At age 19, Barasso is a cornerstone to build a team around.

Kelly Hrucey of the New York Islanders is a good goaltender who is playing with an excellent defensive team. Do not be frightened by his lack of playing time.

The Toronto Maple Leafs' Allan Bester is a player who is now the team's No. 1 goalie. He is going to be a bright spot for Toronto.

LEFT WING

Sylvain Turgeon of the Hartford Whalers is an excellent goal scorer, but needs to improve defensive skills. Pittsburgh's Andy Brickley is a darkhorse in the draft. He could produce 25 goals this year. With the poor prospects in the draft, will go higher than he should.

RIGHT WING

Hakan Loob of Calgary is available if you need someone to play mainly on your power play. Otherwise, Loob will never develop into a major role player.

Peter Sundstrom of the New York Rangers could improve on last year's statistics. A good skater, he should now be adjusted to North American game.

CENTER

This is the only strong position in the draft.

Steve Yzerman of the Detroit Red Wings is a great offensive playmaker. He needs to improve his defensive status. Yzerman looks like a very solid player who gives 100 percent.

Calgary's Dan Quinn sparked Flames after being called up last season. A good all-around hockey player.

Dave Poulin is Philadelphia Flyers' No. 1 center. He looks solid and is always in position. Poulin will score more and be a more effective scorer (30-35 goals) this season.

Pat Verbeek of the New Jersey Devils is my personal favorite, however. Verbeek is the guy you always want on your side. Never gives up; plays with all he's got. Will improve his scoring with better linemates this season. Bobby Clarke retired last season, but I think he was reincarnated as a player in the form of Pat Verbeek.

Brian Lawton of Minnesota, the team's No. 1 pick a year ago, will shake injuries to have banner season. Lawton is a smart player who will take advantage of solid linemates.

FUTURE DRAFTS SHOULD BE BETTER

In view of the overall draft, a smart move would be to wait until next year to draft. In other words, try to deal your picks and have as many picks as you can possibly accumulate for next year's super draft.

The blue-chippers will really be out in the next card set; names like Lemieux, LaFontaine, Muller, Flatley, etc.

One question for Strat-O-Matic is: Why are the goaltenders still getting those two-sided cards?

How to create your own cards

BY THOMAS ANGEL, Astor, FL

From the following information Strat-O-Matic gamers should be able to create their own S-O-M Baseball cards that the game company has not created or for any league and/or year.

The formula is: $(\text{stat}/\text{PA}) \times 2 - \text{L.A.} \times 2160$. But note that for walks and strikeouts insert 108 in place of 2160.

* Plate appearances (PA) - at-bats plus unintentional walks.

* League Averages (L.A.) - decimal number found by dividing league total by at-bats (AB) or PA, or both.

League decimal averages for the following stats are derived thusly:

* Singles - $(1\text{B}/\text{PA}) \times .67 + (1\text{B}/\text{AB}) \times .33$.

* Doubles - $2\text{B}/\text{AB}$.

* Triples - $3\text{B}/\text{AB}$.

* Home Runs - HR/PA .

* Total hits - total all hit decimal numbers.

* Walks (net) - $\text{BB}(\text{net})/\text{PA}$.

* On Base - add total hits plus walk decimal numbers.

* Strikeouts - Ks/PA .

EXAMPLES: SEAVER AND FLANNERY

Examples of the home run stat for Tim Flannery and Tom Seaver, 1983, are as follows:

$(3/226) \times 2 - .0195995 \times 2160 = 15$; actual = 15.

$(18/937) \times 2 - .0195995 \times 2160 = 41$; actual = 41.

Seaver's PA is his BFP minus SH, SF, HBP and intentional walks. The result is called the net BFP.

For both pitchers and batters, if the walk stat is a negative number, then add 108 to the final result and then times by 20. For example, Bobby Clark in 1982 had no walks so we use .0000001 for "stat." The result is 1,986.13. Insert 1986.13 for 2160 when working any of the hit stats for Clark. This is the walk reducing factor.

Never find the singles stat with the L.A. decimal number for singles. Always deduct the total of the extra base split chances from the total hit split chances to obtain the split chances for singles.

Before doing the total hit chances for Seaver, one must deduct the total hits yielded by the New York Mets' defense for 1983 first.

The formula per fielding position is: $(\text{net BFP}/216) \times \text{DC} \times \text{OH}$. For example, Hubie Brooks is a "3" at third base in '83. Take net BFP or 937 and divide by 216. Now, times by the dice combinations (DC) per fielding position per 216 rolls of the dice. For third base, this is "3" (second base is "6" and shortstop "7", etc.). Now, times by the odds for a base hit found on the fielding chart (3B is 4/20 or .2). Result is 2.6 hits yielded off Seaver's card at 3B. "OH" is odds for a base hit.

Do this for all fielding positions including pitcher, but not for catcher. Total for the 1983 Mets is 22.196 hits yielded, in my opinion.

ADJUSTMENT NUMBER: 15

Formula for total hits for Seaver is: $(201 - 22.196) \times 2 - .2439863 \times 2160 + 15 = 312$; actual is 312. I add 15 at the end because I have usually found myself to be too low by an average of 15 split chances.

For doubles and triples, I use a standard routine double and
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Readers roll 'em

SAVE PERCENTAGE IS KEY

The hockey cards have arrived and it looks like a great year, S-O-M-style. The cards greatly resemble the first year of the "revised" cards of '78-79. A 15-20 goal scorer is just that - not a game-breaker as in past seasons.

And now to possibly the most controversial issue among hockey gamers: the goalies.

I'm sure anyone who has gone through the cards almost swallowed his tongue when he saw that Al Jensen (2.91) was (and is) exactly the same as Andy Moog (3.77).

I offer a possible explanation. In baseball a pitcher's ERA is not the final word on his pitching ability. In my opinion, the most important stat a pitcher has is his innings pitched versus hit ratio.

In hockey, the goaltenders "innings pitched vs. hits" is his save percentage (saves made divided by total shots).

Getting back to Jensen/Moog, their save percentages were .882. Apparently there is a method to S-O-M's goaltending philosophy.

This is not to say that save percentage is the total goaltending concept. But it is a major part.

A check of the NHL goaltending statistics for 1983-84 reveals a direct correlation between save percentage and goals allowed off the goalie's card.

So, this year, while looking over the statistics of your favorite netminder, look past his mask and goals against average and to his save percentage.

JOHN McTERNAN
Belleville, IL

SOLITARY DECISIONS

I have been playing Strat-O-Matic Baseball for about four years; only the advanced game and solitaire mode.

I would like to know how others who play solitaire go about it. Do they play it by the situation as to the steal, hit-and-run, bunting, etc., as I do, or do they

have rigid rules about the same types of situations?

You can't outguess yourself and it would be nice to know how others feel about it.

STANLEY SCHROCK

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Editor's note: There are no rigid rules to go by when playing solitaire. Some gamers, when deciding whether or not to steal or attempt to take the extra base, look to the runner's rating as to whether they would realistically be attempting. You have to be both managers, really. Be first one, then the other. Charts have appeared in the Review that do offer guidelines when playing solitaire and they will be repeated at intervals.

MINOR LEAGUES, ANYONE?

At this time are you aware of any plans to make minor league sets for baseball?

I think this would be a good idea because many people live in cities with no major league team, but a AAA or AA team.

The sets would only have 200-250 players, so they would be less expensive and probably a successful item.

I also hope Strat-O-Matic makes a computer game. On my Commodore 64, I have several statistic-oriented baseball games and none of them are as good as S-O-M's would probably be.

KURT HOLLASCH
5068 Carriage Lane
Lockport, NY

Editor's note: I wouldn't look for minor league baseball teams from S-O-M in the near future. Computer baseball, yes, perhaps soon. But not the 'minors.'

REDUCING TRIPLES

While I was playing a league game last year I became upset when Greg Luzinski collected three triples against my outfield (continued on next page)

of Dwight Evans, Tony Armas and Dave Winfield.

In real life, Luzinski hit one triple in 575 plate appearances. He runs only 1-8 and I think that may be a gift. Consequently, he has no triples on his own card, but can still hit them off pitchers' cards.

In our league he finished with eight triples in a 44-game season. That statistic prompted us to formulate the following rule:

+ If a batter gets a triple off the pitcher's card, use the splits to change the results:

1 = in the park homer.
2 - (running number +3)
= triple.

(running number +3
-20 = double ***.

I think the rationale for such a rule is sound. If a batter gets a triple off his own card he deserves it. But if he gets it off the pitcher's card we should see how likely it is that he really could stretch his hit to third.

If the batter runs 1-17, he is deserving of any triple he gets, but Luzinski is so slow that he would have to get a 1-11 on the splits to earn his triple.

Obviously, all runners on base before the hit would score because only the batter's running kept him from getting to third.

Finally, the in-the-park homer is necessary for several reasons: Statistically it is needed for balance; the pitcher will be giving up less triples so he needs to give up a few more homers to keep total bases equal.

In addition, it makes sense; occasionally an outfielder will overrun a short fly ball and the baseball will roll to the wall. Almost any batter will score unless the other outfielders get a big jump on the passed ball.

What I like most about this rule is that it is so playable.

DAVID DAVIS
Moscow, ID

KEEPING UP TO DATE

I have been receiving the Review since July, 1977 and I still enjoy it every month.

Attending the University of Maine at Orono has cut my playing time down to almost zero, but your magazine keeps me up to date with all the happenings in the Strat-O-Matic world.

I would like to see the number of pages double at any price.

Also, I would like to see the "What's available at S-O-M?" column back. This would give people new to S-O-M a chance to get past seasons in mint condition at reasonable prices and veterans an opportunity to replace worn out teams.

Your publication is super and I would like to thank you for seven years of quality.

GEORGE MORSE
RFD 1, Box 108
Brownville, ME

Editor's note: The Review hopes to return with the "What's available" column soon. Back card sets, however, are extremely limited from S-O-M.

WANTS USFL CARDS

As a Strat-O-Matic and USFL fan, I would like to ask if it's possible to print football teams?

I'm sure there are more people that would like this. I hope you seriously consider this.

TIM RETCHLESS
Olean, NY

Editor's note: S-O-M hasn't given any indication it plans to print USFL cards.

BASEBALL RULES NEED REVISION

I think Strat-O-Matic should perfect its existing products before introducing new games or card sets.

The rules for baseball should be redone. There are too many items in need of clarification. The new stealing system will bring about several interesting situations in league play.

The attempted steal (for hit-
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and-run and the squeeze play) results and the complete absence of information on pitchers attempting to steal.

This last instance is not an oversight. When I called S-O-M and asked for a ruling I was told: "I don't know," but that this information was unimportant as only two or three pitchers tried to steal last year.

Fifteen pitchers did try; they were 10 for 20 (Phillies pitchers were 4-0). If Floyd Rayford has a rating, then why not John Denny.

I also think S-O-M should print the stealing ratings on cards and print more cards. The first saves us time. The second gives us more flexibility.

How can S-O-M make subjective decisions regarding which 24 players to use? I can understand ignoring players up for a "cup of coffee" in September. But look at the Brewers next year. Will Searage and Fingers be ignored in order to give Waits and Porter a card?

S-O-M has a captive market of longstanding, appreciative customers. Treat us better by tying up the loose ends of your current products before bringing out a new game on Australian football or new cards for the Federal League or USFL season replays.

ALAN ROWLAND

'CUSTOMER IS ALWAYS RIGHT'

The S-O-M Game Company has always had the philosophy that "the customer is always right."

When we gamers asked for more baseball and football teams from the past, or extra players for football and basketball, Hal Richman and his crew always obliged us.

Now, we're asking for hockey cards for Olympic players who went on to the NHL. We're not going to get them because the game company thinks that they "would distort the statistics."

As an Islander fan, I am

going to miss Pat Flatley and Pat LaFontaine, the Isles' third and seventh leading playoff scorers, when I replay the final series against Edmonton.

How about a compromise. I suggest that S-O-M print a set of nameless cards. That way we can have the Olympic players.

Also, there were some "revolving door" teams, such as New Jersey, Pittsburgh and Toronto, that had many players who were not given cards.

I think nameless players would enhance the accuracy of total team statistics, while preserving that of individual statistics.

ROGER SIMMONS
84 Luquer Road
Manhasset, NY

WANTS COMPUTER VERSION

I would be very interested in a computer version of S-O-M Baseball. Hopefully, it would be made compatible with the Commodore 64.

Things to think of in making the program would be keep the players separate so draft leagues can be played, automatic box-scores and automatic update of statistics after the game is played are possible.

A baseball diamond with the team in the field's name at their respective positions would be nice; included could be where base hits go, etc.

I would appreciate it if J.C. Beausoleil of Sillery, Quebec, could send me a printout of his program.

PETER LeBLANC
4749 Circle Dr.
Beale AFB, CA 95903

YES FOR COMPUTER

Please do produce a Strat-O-Matic Baseball computer version. I am an avid computer programmer/gamer, as well as S-O-M fanatic.

I own an Apple IIe 64K computer. I have one Apple disk drive, 80-column text capabilities, and an Apple Monitor III green monitor.

LARRY RIES, Bunceton, MO

Advertisements

Rates per issue are as follows: 50 words or less - \$1.00; 51-100 words - \$2.00; 101-150 words - \$3.00. Maximum length of an ad will be 150 words. When sending in ads, specify either WANTED, FOR SALE, FOR TRADE, LEAGUE FORMING, or CONTESTS. And name card sets by the year upon which they were based. Note also that only advertising for Strat-O-Matic products, or closely related merchandise, will be accepted, and that merchandise competing with S-O-M products may not be offered for sale. Photo-copied cards also are prohibited from being offered for sale. Ads, to be included in the next issue, must be in to the Review by the third of the previous month. Late ads will be held over for inclusion the following month.

Wanted

WANTED: 1971 baseball season with additional players. 1972, 1974, 1975 Detroit Tigers. 1972, 1974 Montreal Expos. 1972, 1974 Atlanta Braves. 1974, 1975 Pittsburgh Pirates. All teams must have additional players. Please send prices to: Grayling Shirley, 5700 W. Olympic Blvd., Apt. #106, Los Angeles, CA 90036, or call 213-936-7922.

WANTED: Minnesota Twins baseball team cards for 1962, 1963 1964, 1966, 1967 and 1968. Will pay postage. Send price and condition to: Sam Owen, 4721 SE Raymond St., Portland, OR 97206

WANTED: New to Strat-O-Matic Baseball. Interested in buying any teams and players I don't have. Full-sized cards only. Send list and price to: Leon Major, 2313 S. Walnut #90, Stillwater, OK 74074 (405-743-0172)

WANTED: Baseball - 1978 Texas Rangers. Very good to excellent condition. Extra players not necessary. \$2.00 plus postage and handling. Greg McMillen, 8427 14th Ave., Kenosha, WI 53140

WANTED: 1967-77 complete football sets in playing condition. Send your pricelist to: Neil Carlson, 1304 Kimber Avenue, Marquette, MI 49855

WANTED: I am just getting started in Strat-O-Matic Baseball. I am very interested in purchasing the 1973 and 1975 complete seasons. Please forward the price at which these teams may be sold. Monty Honeycutt, 2209 Canterwood Drive-Apt. 4, Charlotte, NC 28213

WANTED: Charter members for the Lou Gehrig Memorial League. The LGML launches its first season next spring and we are looking for honest, competent managers, preferably with PBM experience. Our league is an American League using all advanced rules. In addition, we will use some exciting new concepts to promote utmost realism. For example, the LGML will draft before the cards come out each year, in order to simulate the uncertainty of drafting players found in real-life. So, if interested, submit your name and a brief description of your

S-O-M experience to: Jack Biggars, c/o K Sherlin, 184th ORDCO, APO 09175 New York, NY. All replies will receive the first official league newsletter to be sent out in November. Hurry the inaugural draft is January.

WANTED: 1962 Indians and Yankees. Not a collector but cards should be in playable condition. Will consider entire league or set. Doug Schmidt, 9137 Latin Road Northwest, East Canton, OH 44730 (216-863-1430)

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WANTED: Baseball, '68 season with extras and with advanced and basic sides. Send prices to: David Manel, 11014 Canterbury, Sterling Heights, MI 48077

WANTED: Roster sheet for the baseball edition for the cards based on the 1973 season. I'm willing to pay \$1. Contact: Dave Black, 466 N.E. Sixth St., Apt. #3, Newport, CT 97365

WANTED: 1972, 1975, 1976 baseball sets with extras or the 1976 Reds with extras. Cards must be in playable condition with none missing. Send reasonable offers to: Jim Biggs, 7016 Putt Lane, Fort Wayne, IN 46815

WANTED: 1971 complete football set. Send offers to, or call: Dave Shane, 6 Kim Ct., Midland, MI 48640 (517-835-1964)

For Sale

FOR SALE: Complete baseball seasons w/extras. 1969-present. Selling individual teams or entire season. Send list of teams needed with SASE and bids to: Sal Mangiapane, 239 Ackerman Ave., Clifton, NJ 07011 (201-546-9698)

FOR SALE: Football teams, 1968-78. Good condition. If you meet my price, I will sell immediately. Lower bids will be decided at the end of the month. Mike Bordelon, 5445 Braesvalley #724, Houston, TX 77096 (713-721-5465)

FOR SALE: Complete baseball teams, with extras - 1930 Yankees, Red Sox, A's, Tigers, Reds. Best offer plus postage. Send bids to: Gary Traxler, 1444 Laurel Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104

FOR SALE: Exact schedules and pitching rotations for all major league clubs from each season available in sets, 1900-1983. 1983 sells for just \$8. Write me for quotes on all other seasons.

Rich Pray, 7800 LaNain Drive, Pensacola, FL 32514

FOR SALE: Baseball seasons, 1978-79, '80-81, complete with additional and in mint condition. Make offers. Include SASE to insure response: Leonard Melito, Daniel Road, North Salem, NY 10560

FOR SALE: Baseball schedules for entire 1930, 1956, 1961, 1969, 1970 seasons. Great for S-O-M replays. Both AL and NL. Send \$1 per season plus one postage stamp for each order. Specify seasons wanted. Mailed immediately. Send to: Richard Breest, 6 Wren Dr., Hauppauge, NY 11787

FOR SALE: Football - complete years - 1967 to 1983. Only card missing is 1977 Minnesota special teams. 1977 teams in fair to good condition; the others are excellent to mint. Baseball - complete years, 1975 to 1980, 1982, 1983, 1970, 1956, 1961, 1930. All teams with extras except 1982. Also have all old-timer teams and Hall of Famer sets. '75 to '80 in fair to good shape, all others excellent to mint. Bids accepted on sets or individual teams. Bidding ends 25th of this month. Write to: Ron Barber, 4101 NW Expressway CB 16-113, Oklahoma City, OK 73116

FOR SALE: Super-advanced rules enhance realism and detail of S-O-M Baseball while preserving the speed of play that makes it fun. Includes easily memorized rules for more realistic base advances on hits, outs and errors; outfield throwing errors and misplayed hits; trail runners sometimes advancing on throws (or being thrown out on cutoffs); injury chart with rare plays; balks, pickoffs, pickoff errors, rundowns; infielders positioned in or back individually; outfield shallow; suicide squeeze, safety squeeze and sacrifice charts where fielder's ability and runner's speed play a part

hit-and-run method that also takes into account pitchers' abilities and characteristics, fielding, runner's speed; and much more, all blended into the game so as not to disturb statistical accuracy or ease of play. Fully tested and refined in face-to-face league play. \$8, with money-back guarantee. Richard Robb, #305-7100 Gilbert Road, Richmond, B.C., Canada V7C 5C3

FOR SALE: 1983-84 football, \$16.50; '83-84 basketball, \$14; '83 baseball, \$16. All sets include extra players. Roger Simons, 84 Luquer Road, Manhasset, NY 11030-1016

FOR SALE: Complete '69 NFL (no AFL); missing Detroit, \$45. Complete '71 NFL (AFC & NFC), \$90. Individual teams: '71 LA, NYG, KC, Wash., Miami, Balt.; '75 LA; '76 Pitt., Dallas, Oak., Wash., St. Louis, Denver; '77 Dallas; '78 LA, NYG; '79 LA, Pitt. All individual teams \$5 each. Include 35 cents postage for each team ordered. I pay postage on complete seasons. SASE insures reply. Send check or money order to: Rodney Johnson, 956 W. Lajolla, Tempe, AZ 85282 (602-968-8065)

FOR SALE: 1977-78 Hockey cards. Complete set with roster sheet. Six teams have small numbers in upper corner. Otherwise, perfect condition. Will consider trade. Bids accepted until December 1. Nick Frese, 2 Eagle Road, Audubon Park, NJ 08106 (609-546-6482)

FOR SALE: Complete original 102-card set from 1961 with two pitchers hitting cards; 17 cards per team. Yankees, Tigers, Reds, Dodgers, AL all-stars and NL all-stars. Mostly mint condition. Send bids to: Mike Brenner, 10102 Galahad Road, Philadelphia, PA 19116 (215-676-5926)

FOR SALE (auction): Baseball cards for 1968 and 1970 season; football cards for 1968, 1969, 1970,

1971 seasons. Highest bid by unit or for all six by 11/30/84 gets these. Postage extra. Robbie White, 11629 Lockwood Dr., Silver Spring, MD 20904

FOR SALE: Baseball, complete 1982 season in mint condition, no extras. Also for sale - old-timer teams, 75 cents each or 50 cents per team per set. Send bids to: J. Seto, 2761 Briggs Ave., New York, NY 10458

FOR SALE: Replay your football season right with defensive players rated individually and accurately for interception returns. That's right - 147 players rated based on official 1983 statistics and using the same format as kickoff/punt returns. Includes fumble return chart, all for \$4. Paul Ladewski, 14340 Maple Lane, Midlothian, IL 60445

FOR SALE: Basketball - 1972-73 through 1979-80. All sets in excellent/mint condition, will accept any offer. Deadline - Dec. 31. No sets will be sold after this date. Write: Chuck Steinmetz 2114 Oakmont St., Philadelphia, PA 19152

FOR SALE: Baseball teams - 1981-83 complete with extra players; 1980 Milwaukee, KC, Yankees, Mont., Balt., Oak., LA, Cincy, Houston, Atlanta, SF, Phil.; with extra players except for Phil. '79 all except Pitt., KC. '78 all except Baltimore. '77 all except LA, Cleve., Balt., Milwaukee. '77-70 teams do include extra players. '76 Balt., Yanks, KC, Oak., Phil., LA, Mets, Pitt., SF, Boston; '75 all except Phil., St. Louis, Balt.; '74 Oak., SF; '73 Mets, SF, Montreal; '72 Oak., Cincy, SF; '71 Cubs, Balt., SF, Yanks, Minn., Boston, Detroit, St. Louis, Oak., SF, Pitt., Mets; '70 SF, LA, Balt., Cincy, Pitt.; '69 Cubs, Expos, Houst., SD, Det. Calif., Chisox, Seattle Pilots; '68 SF, Oak., Calif., Chisox, Minn.; '67 SF, Cincy (only 18 players); '65 SF. All teams in (continued)

excellent condition. Call Nick after 5:30 p.m. at 215-264-7547 or write: Nick Dimaria, 110 Orchard Dr., Apt. 9, Whitehall, PA 18052

FOR SALE: Replay research; guides for replays of any S-O-M Baseball season. Includes standings, team batting, fielding, pitching stats, schedules, all-star game. World Series records and more. Any season, \$6; any 2 seasons, \$11; 3 seasons, \$15. Oldtimer teams guide, \$8. Rodney Johnson, 956 W. Lajolla, Tempe, AZ 85282

FOR SALE: Now accepting bids on the original 1965 baseball set. Complete and in fair condition. Send bids by Jan. 15. I'll notify the winner by phone on Jan. 16. Send bid with name, address and phone number to: Kevin Gertsen, 1240 Meadowview Dr. Apt. 1, Marion, IA 52302. I also have a list of football teams, 1973 to present. I'll send you for a SASE.

FOR SALE: Baseball sets, 1971 through 1979, complete w/extra players. 1972 set in good condition. All others excellent or mint. Also available, all hockey sets, w/extras when printed. First bid to meet or exceed my price gets the cards. Favorable consideration given to bulk bids. Jay Kuczma, 6336 Boone Ave. North, #204, Brooklyn Park, MN 55428 (612-537-0706)

FOR SALE: Another first for S-O-M fanatics. In Playbook IV, pitchers play a major role with individual ratings for fielding range, stealing, bunting, hit-and-run, running and power. Expanded pitcher's fielding chart included. All pitchers are precisely rated based on official statistics and formulas similar to those used for non-pitchers. Seasons (1982, '83) are \$3 each, or \$5.50 for both. Also available: Playbook I can be used solitaire or head-t-head and involves advanced strategy where managing makes the diff-

erence. Playbook II gives you advanced hit-and-run, sacrifice/squeeze play, outfield/infield drawn in and injury charts. Playbooks I and II are \$6 each, or \$11 for both. Playbook III involves weather effects based on city, month and season. Seasons (1970, 1983) are \$3 each, or \$5.50 for both. Special: Playbooks I-IV (51 pages in all), \$20 postpaid. Thanks to our many satisfied customers. Paul Ladewski, 14340 Maple Lane, Midlothian, IL 60445

FOR SALE: Football - complete sets 1970 through 1981. No individual teams. SASE ensures reply to your bid. Also accepting bids on the following: Football - 1968 Colts, Jets, Falcons; 1969 Rams, Falcons, Vikings, Browns, Chargers, Dolphins, Broncos, Bengals, Oilers, Raiders, Jets; 1972 Cowboys; 1973 Redskins, Vikings, Bills, Cowboys, Eagles, Steelers, Dolphins. Football old-timers - all six teams available. Baseball - (no extras) 1977 Yankees, Angels; 1978 Yankees, Tigers, Orioles, Angels; 1979 Orioles, Angels; 1980 Phillies, Dodgers; 1981 Reds, Padres, Angels, Indians. Also, complete set of 1978 baseball extras. Also, 1971 baseball set with extras, Sporting News Baseball guides 1967 and older. Send SASE with bids to: Tom Yanega, 79-31 260 St., North Floral Park, NY 11004

FOR SALE: Baseball seasons. Serious bidders only. Include SASE. Will accept and respond to all bids received within 30 days of this ad. 1966 season; 1976 w/ex. plus expansion players; 1977 w/ex.; 1978 w/ex.; 1979 w/ex.; 1980 w/ex.; 1981 w/ex.; 1982 w/ex.; 1983 w/ex. Also 1956 w/ex. (remakes); 1961 w/ex. (remakes). Football - 1980 pro season. Above cards are all in mint condition. Write: Leonard Melito, Daniel Rd. #2, North Salem, NY 10560

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1956, \$11.75; '70, \$14; past season teams, \$11.75; '80 w/extras, \$30;

1983 w/extras, \$16.50; '83-84 football w/extras, \$17; '83-84 basketball w/extras, \$13. All cards rarely used and in mint condition. I pay postage. Roger Simmons, 84 Luquer Road, Manhas-set, NY 11030-1016

FOR SALE: Baseball - all teams complete with extras and most teams in brand new condition; 1978 all National League teams; 1979 just Pirates. Football - all teams complete and most in brand new condition; 1971 teams available are Giants, Bengals, Oilers, Cardinals, Bears, Vikings, Falcons, Broncos, Saints, Eagles; 1972 Vikings, Rams, Cowboys, Lions, Falcons, Giants, Eagles, Patriots, Chargers, Jets, Colts, Broncos, Saints, Bears, Bengals, Cardinals, Bills, Oilers; 1973 Eagles, Raiders, Colts, Packers, Broncos, Cowboys, Giants, Lions, Redskins; 1974 Rams, Falcons, Browns, Oilers, Colts, Chargers, Broncos, Packers, Cardinals, Steelers, Bills; 1976 complete set of teams available (teams may be purchased individually); 1977 complete set of teams available except Dolphins, Colts, Broncos, Cowboys, Rams (teams may be purchased individually). Hockey - all teams complete with extras and most teams in excellent condition; 1977 complete sets of teams available (teams may be purchased individually); 1979 teams available are North Stars, Sabres, Flyers, Islanders, Flames, Canadians, Kings, Bruins. Basketball - 1976 complete game with all teams and in brand new condition. Send bids for all teams and or basketball game to: David Allen, 8 Chadwick Ave., Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5P 1Z8

League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: Six managers needed for 12-team, reforming S-O-M PBM league. 28-man rosters will be cut to 10 men prior to first draft. Teams now avail-

able in both the American and National Divisions. Cross-league trading is allowed, draft is restricted to AL and NL divisions. \$20 entry fee, \$10 refunded at conclusion of first season. We will be starting with the 1985 cards ('84 season). Get in early - pre-draft trading is allowed. For more information, write: Ron Bolton, 9 Depot Road, Newfield, NY 14867, or call before 4 p.m. at 607-564-9031.

LEAGUE FORMING: The 15-year-old ASC is in need of new and backup managers that are reliable and serious about baseball. The ASC is a PBM, draft baseball league using 24 teams. We're a mature and very fun group. Write: Tom Fish, 35 Dawnview Dr., Box 126, Chaska, MN 55318

LEAGUE FORMING: The Mid-American Baseball League is now searching for reliable managers and backup managers for its first season to begin in April, 1985. The MABL is a 12-team, total draft, play-by-mail league that will use both American and National League players. The initial draft of players will be conducted in three separate segments beginning in December. Trading will be permitted. Newsletters will be mailed bi-weekly with statistics, standings and other league information. If you are dependable and interested, write to: Matt Lykins, P.O. Box 264, South Webster, OH 45682. All replies will be answered.

LEAGUE FORMING: The Continental Football League needs nine good coaches to begin its first season. It is a 20-team, advanced football league. All games in the CFL in essence are face-to-face, as the coach plays his own home games while his teammate plays for his opponent, using instructions from the visiting coach. Since a coach's teammates are required to be in opposite leagues, there is complete secrecy in instructions. A 12-game schedule is

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planned, with coaches articles as well as statistics. Some trading between the teams will be allowed. No single coaches are accepted and the coaches teammates should be sure to make their team choice list out together, since they are required to be in opposite leagues. Send dues of \$20 and team preference list to: Jeff Weinke, 107 West Chicago St., Algonquin, IL 60102

LEAGUE FORMING: SWBL (Strat-O-Matic Winter Baseball League) is looking for managers. This is a completely new draft league. Here's your chance to get a contending team that you put together. We are hoping to start with 12 teams. Our season will start in Jan. of 1985 and we will draft in Dec. of 1984. Teams are made up of the 1983 cards and we will always be one year behind the major league teams. The season runs only in the winter months from Jan. until April. For more information, call or write: Jim Campbell, 510 Sherman St. A3, Canton, MA 02021 (617-821-0091)

LEAGUE FORMING: The Lombardi Football League (LFL) is looking for capable coaches. We are a 14-team PBM league well established. Currently, our backup list is empty so plenty of backups are needed. Send brief resume (no experience needed) with SASE. Larry Scotti, 638 Woodrow Road, Staten Island, NY 10312

LEAGUE FORMING: Experienced face-to-face hockey and baseball leagues looking for additional managers in the Roselle and Elk Grove Village, IL, areas. For more details, call (after 5 p.m.) or write: Pete Shelly, 865 Bryn Mawr, Roselle, IL 60172 (980-1237)

LEAGUE FORMING: OLISOM, a face-to-face baseball league on Long Island, is looking for managers. We are finishing up our seventh

season, however it appears we are losing two managers. Both teams have excellent talent and all the other managers are very reliable. If interested, call (516-420-0739) or write: Jim Colquhoun, 111 Louis St., N. Massapequa, NY 11758

LEAGUE FORMING: Forming PBM advanced baseball league. 12 teams, 160-game schedule with continuous ownership. League will start April 1 and end in Sept. Small fee to cover expenses. Rookie draft along with free agent draft. Send name, address and phone number to: Jeff Winslow, P.O. Box 2, Monroeville, OH 44847

LEAGUE FORMING: Looking for anyone in the Dallas, TX, area interested in playing football, baseball, or basketball, or maybe another sport face-to-face. Please contact: Glen Eason, 7529 Larchview, Dallas, TX 75240, or call 214-387-2173. Also no dues.

LEAGUE FORMING: Louisiana - would like to start face-to-face baseball league in Baton Rouge-New Orleans area. If interested, contact: Roger Johnson, 16338 Chadsford, Baton Rouge, LA 70817 (504-292-0844). Are there any Strat fans in Cajun-land?

LEAGUE FORMING: Draft hockey league forming. Send draft list by position (G, D, LW, C, RW; use first position listed on cards), team name (include state/city/town that you represent), home and school address and \$5 entry fee to: Roger Simmons, 84 Luquer Road, Manhasset, NY 11030-1016.

LEAGUE FORMING: The IBA is looking for 10 reliable managers to form a PBM draft basketball league. A continuous draft league with an easy 76-game schedule. Contact: Dave Ritterling, Box 81, Byron, NB 68325 (402-236-8837)

LEAGUE FORMING: The Coast to Coast American League, an established PBM baseball organization (continued)

using mostly A.L. cards, has openings available for the upcoming June-September season. Though we stress punctuality and neatness, ample time is allotted for game playing and statistics. To take part in our annual late winter draft, send for complete details as soon as possible. Remember, this is a well-organized league with established (and good) teams available, so don't miss out. Robert Gebeloff, 9 Evergreen Road, West Caldwell, NJ 07006 (201-228-2765). S-O-M experience gets preference, but no PBM experience is necessary.

LEAGUE FORMING: Interested in a baseball league that's big enough it doesn't look like a collection of all-star teams, where managerial skills really matter? Then get an early start by joining the second year summer Tradewater II League (22 teams). All the available teams have a good foundation just looking for a winning manager. Reliable applicants only. For information write: Dean Monson, 3503 W. 4400 So., West Valley City, UT 84119

LEAGUE FORMING: The Fly-By-Night Baseball Association is in search of one or two managers and at least four backup managers for upcoming season. Entry fee for manager is \$15 and \$5 for backup. The 162-game season is from April to November with monthly newsletters. We have two four-team divisions in two eight-team leagues. Each manager has one team made up of 32 AL and NL players with seven inactive. Player moves are allowed three times a season. We use advance rules plus several others which we feel enhance realism as well as fun. This will be our 10th successful season. If you are interested in being part of a top-flight league please send a resume, any questions and SASE (I will send questionnaire to help decide who is

accepted) to: Steven Walters, 812 Francis St., Potosi, MO 63664, by Dec. 15.

LEAGUE FORMING: Baseball - advanced 1984; 76-game season. Basketball - 1982-83, 1983-84; 12-game season. Hockey - 1982-83, 1983-84; follow NHL schedule. Football - 1983-84; 8-game season. Half of NFL schedule is made up by cutting in half twice time teams in same division. Remaining games go first in NFL. First to fill in Strat-O-Matic League by date chronologically. Call or write: Sal DeBenedictis, 85 Cherrywood Dr., New Hyde Pk., NY 11040 (516-352-8210)

LEAGUE FORMING: Managers wanted to expand existing draft leagues. Small entry fee. Must be willing to spend at least one evening per week. Contact: David Wadsworth, P.O. Box 301, Huntington Beach, CA 92648 (714-960-3608)

LEAGUE FORMING: Summer hockey league forming. Super-advanced rules. Newsletters and yearbook. If interested, send name, address, age, experience and list of teams in order of preference to: Greg Kniaz, Eastern Michigan U., Phelps Hall, Room 207, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

LEAGUE FORMING: Molson Golden Hockey League is still in need of coaches and backups for its inaugural season. PBM, draft league featuring super-advanced rules. Draft is soon. Franchises still available - this is your big chance. Rush name, address, phone number to: MGHHL, P.O. Box 491, Levittown, NY 11756

LEAGUE FORMING: National League draft face-to-face in New Jersey area. Seasons used upcoming 1984 and 1985. Combined draft both leagues. Proposed alignment three six-team divisions, 30-player rosters. Want to start as soon as possible. If interested call Tom at 201-743-9057. Or write (I'll also accept PBM inquiries for the (continued)

same league. Thomas Swank, 37 Charles St., Bloomfield, NJ 07003

LEAGUE FORMING: The Chicago Suburban Baseball League is expanding to 12 teams and has openings for new managers. It is a continuous draft league consisting of two six-team divisions using the National League schedule format. For more information call Ken at 678-8228 (after 8 p.m. week-nights) or John at 635-6747.

LEAGUE FORMING: The RBI League, entering its third season, is looking for a few managers and backup managers. We are a 12-team, PBM league that plays 162-game seasons from April to Oct. As backup you will receive all newsletters, etc. We play at a pace of about three games per week. If you're interested, have previous PBM experience and have the time and desire to keep up with the schedule, please respond to: Dave Owens, 1410 Mangrum, Round Rock, TX 78664

LEAGUE FORMING: The Strato League of Turlock, CA, is seeking managers for the 1985 baseball season. The league has just completed its fourth season of face-to-face competition in a 162-game schedule. We play the advanced version and presently have 10 teams. It is a draft league with managers protecting 10 players from the previous season. We are looking to expand to 12 teams in 1985 and eventually build to 16 teams in the years to come. We are seeking managers for a long term commitment. Experience is not necessary, but dedication and reliability are. One or two established teams may be available. Anyone interested in northern or central California, call or write: John Vercammen, 1900 Loyola Way, Turlock, CA 95380 (209-667-5597)

LEAGUE FORMING: Chicago-area

face-to-face advanced baseball league looking for managers to take over existing teams or expansion teams for the coming season; 162-game schedule with two divisions. Detailed league constitution, with trophies awarded to divisional and World Series winners. For more information, contact: Steve Leisch (312-736-8617)

LEAGUE FORMING: We need more managers for a PBM baseball league beginning next spring. It will be a straight-team league, with trades allowed. Please send list of top 10 teams in each league. State whether you would prefer to manage in the AL, NL or both. All replies will be answered. Contact: Jeff Turnbull, 603 Sunnycrest Court, Urbana, IL 61801 (217-367-7679)

LEAGUE FORMING: Forming unique straight-teams and draft league for 1985, 1984 season cards. Would like to start laying the groundwork now and start one month after the release of the 1984 season cards. League will be 10 most wanted AL teams with and and eight-round draft of the remaining players. Trades and waiver moves allowed. You will be permitted to drop two of your original 24 players if desired and will have a five-player minor leagued. If you want more information, please send a list of the AL teams you would most prefer in order. If you would only like to join the league if you get the team of your choice, please state that. For more on the league and a rules constitution write: Peter LeBlanc, 4749 Circle Drive, Beale AFB, CA 95903 (916-788-1939). Eight manager spots available.

LEAGUE FORMING: The Oxford Valley Strat-O-Matic face-to-face baseball league is looking for a manager to take over the helm. The league is in its ninth year. Call Dean Sullivan at 215-547-1755. The league is based in Levittown, PA.

How to 'punish' your cards

BY KEVIN KATAOKA, HAYWARD, CA

Strat-O-Matic seems to have always meant more to me than real-life happenings. Be honest with me. What had you more angry, the Iranian hostage crisis, or the 1980 4-column pitchers?

S-O-M, however, can frustrate you at times. Especially certain players. Unfortunately, when these paper tigers let you down again for the umpteenth time during the season, all you can do is scream, pound tables and beat your spouse, the kids (or little sister) and kick the dog.

You can't punish the players. Or can you?

Here are my favorite punishments and tortues that can be inflicted on your cards without ripping, burning and benching your players:

THE COOLER

Gorman Thomas is striking out too much. Well, throw him in your freezer overnight and give him the cold treatment. Maybe he'll warm up after both the player and manager have had a chance to 'cool off.'

THE ROTARY CLUB

Tie your slumping team to the hubcap of your car (or spokes of your bike) and take a nice ride on the freeway.

THE SILKWOOD TREATMENT

Toss that 'choker' on your team into the micro-wave for a few minutes. It may not make him perform better, but you'll find his card a lot easier in the dark.

JOAN OF ARC METHOD

I know I mentioned earlier that you wouldn't burn your players, but this is the situation when all else has failed. To administer this 'card sacrifice,' take a bottle, or can, and a rubber band. Use the rubber band to hold the card to the bottle...and then ignite from the bottom.

THE TIPPI HEDREN TORTURE

Put the card of the culprit under the windshield wiper and eventually some bird will...well...some much for that card.

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Creating your own baseball cards...

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triple. I put the home run on rolls of 6-10 and clean doubles on 6-10 and 9. I put triple 1-3 Si** 4-20 on 6-8. If the HR split chances are so many that they spill over into 6-9, then I make clean doubles in 6-9 and 6-8 and I put the triple-3 on 5-7. What's left are singles on 4-9 and 4-7.

Pitcher's batting cards should have their walks reduced to their on-base split chances.

All batters should reduce their extra base split chances down to their total hit split chances if the total of the extra base hit split chances exceeds the total hit split chances.

Editor's note: Thomas Angel is a former member of the Greater Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League, a face-to-face baseball league that includes Review editors Warren and Del Newell in its managerial ranks. Angel now resides in Astor, FL, and reports he's recently joined the popular Federal League, that has Tom Fish, Kurt Smeby, David DeLaFuente and Bill Modelski as managers. Angel has prepared elaborate charts and formulas for creating your own S-O-M cards (such as batters' cards for good hitting pitchers, etc.) and this is a condensed version of them.