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### GKSML members at latest tournament

## Latest TBA stops include Michigan

Three more Table Baseball Association tournaments are long gone - and three more remain before the 1987 season is history.

The three most recent tournaments were held in Boston, Kansas City and Detroit (actually Ann Arbor was the site). The latter was attended by three members of the Greater Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League (GKSML), the long-running baseball league in Kalamazoo, MI, which includes co-Review editors Warren and Del Newell.

The trio on hand in Ann Arbor were Jeff Kik, from Kalamazoo; Bruce Mulder, who lives in Grand Rapids, and Pat Stemas, who now lives in Royal Oak, a suburb of Detroit.

A total of 40 gamers participated in the action in Ann Arbor, with Bob Charkovsky of Chicago ultimately wearing down Dave Rohde, a college professor at Michigan State who lives in Okemos, in the finals.

### Coming next month...

You won't want to miss the January, 1988 issue of the Review as it will contain the new fielding ratings for the 1988 baseball cards (based on 1987 season)...In addition, also coming your way will be a new supplemental playing option for the baseball game, one that has been long-clamored for by the gaming populace.

One of the highlights of the TBA tourney at Ann Arbor was Mark Gubicza of Kansas City pitching a no-hitter for Lew Gianino, who lives in nearby Ypsilanti. "Gubicza pitched the no-hitter in Boston," says  
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an amazed John Kreuz, director of the TBA. "He had the highest triangle park in the whole set. It was almost mathematically impossible for him to pitch a no-hitter. But it was done."

Another no-hitter was witnessed by Kreuz, this one in the Kansas City tournament. Ron Cory of Kansas City was the gamer at the controls and he utilized five pitchers, including three relievers in the ninth inning, to pull out a 1-0 no-hitter. Eric King of Detroit started and went the first five innings, Kansas City's Bud Black worked the next three innings and then the one-out trio came on.

As far as the Kansas City tourney, Rich Domovic of Cicero, IL, came away the winner of a TBA gathering for the second time. He defeated Paul Patrick of Goodard, KS, in the championship series.

In Boston, Chuck Pugsley of Dorchester, MA, defeated John Hathaway of Lansdale, PA, to capture honors and be among those who earned a berth in the World Championships in Chicago, the weekend of Jan. 22-24, 1988.

"There's an outside chance we may get 100 people at the 'World'," enthuses Kreuz, who's taken the TBA from its unhappy infancy days and built it into a highly respected organization. Kreuz, it should be pointed out, was not running the TBA at its inception. "The prize money could be in the thousands of dollars," he adds.

#### SLOW...BUT NOT MOTIONLESS

The GKSMML trio didn't reach the playoffs in Ann Arbor, with all three being eliminated in Saturday's day-long play. Stemas, who won his last six games, finished with the best record: 9-9. Bruce was 7-11 and Jeff Kik wound up 5-13, although eight of the losses were in extra innings.

Kik did sound a couple of discordant notes about the Ann Arbor tourney, however.

"I don't want it to sound like sour grapes, because my record wasn't very good, but some of the people were treating it like a business, rather than a game. Most of them had notebooks and constantly were checking them; one guy even going to the extent to re-figure the on-base averages for his entire lineup each time a pitching change was made.

"This same person sat for five minutes and never said a word before finally making a decision."

"I guarantee it'll never happen again," responded Kreuz. "That's money you can take to the bank. There was one player who was the slowest I've ever seen. He's been warned that he'll have to conform to the norm (as far as speed of play). One person like that, no matter how good a player he might be, ruins it for everyone else. I played against him and our (three-game) series took as long as the Bears-Packers game that was on TV."

Kreuz also has empathy for Kik in regards to the notebooks. "Next year's (TBA) rules will allow only a piece of paper on the table. The notebooks will be put away."

Notebooks can be used while drafting, of course, as can any other data a gamer wishes to consult.

Kreuz is fearful of imposing too many stringent rules, but the slowness of play is a major concern with him. "I went to Ann Arbor to throw dice and play baseball," said Kik.

"I did think the rules for relief pitchers were excellent. In fact, we should look at that for our league (GKSMML). Some rules should also be used for batters. A player that batted 250 times shouldn't be, just because he wasn't an extra player, allowed to play as a regular. John Grubb was drafted in the fourth round."

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## TBA TOURNAMENT RULES - RELIEF PITCHERS

Innings Pitched in Game #:	1	2	3	4
	0--1	0--1	0--1*	M
	0--1	1.1--2	M	
	0--1	2.1--3	M+1	
	0--1	3.1--4	M+2	
	0--1	4.1--5	M+3	
	1.1--2	0--1	M	
	1.1--2	1.1--2	M+1	
	1.1--2	2.1--3	M+2	
	1.1--2	3.1--4	M+3	
	1.1--2	4.1--5	M+4	
	2.1--3	M		
	3.1--4	M+1		
	4.1--5	M+2		

Key: "M" - May not pitch in that game "0" - Pitcher entered  
 "+" - Additional games of "M" the game but failed  
 "\*" - May not pitch more than one inning to retire a batter

- A reliever may not pitch more than 5 innings unless all other available pitchers have been used; if this is the case, then add an extra missed game for each additional inning pitched.
- No relief pitcher may ever pitch 4 innings in a row.
- A relief pitcher may pitch three consecutive games only if in each of the three he goes no more than one inning.
- If pitches 2 or more innings in a game, miss at least one game.

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Now for the latest points rankings and the TBA schedule for Dec.:

## NATIONAL RANKING POINTS

(Through Nov. 7-8)

	Points	Ranking Last Month
1. Jay Rader, Yonkers, NY	168	(Tie 1st)
2. Jim Battista, Yeadon, PA	161	(Tie 1st)
3. Bill Fenlon, Chicago, IL	152	(3)
4. Bill Meinhardt, Malden, MA	145	(4)
5. Jeff Watson, Upper Darby, PA	132	(9)
6. Rich Domovic, Cicero, IL	130	(-)
7. Jeff Schwarze, Palatine, IL	120	(5)
8. Keith Desposito, LaHabra, CA	111	(6)
9. Phil Weiss, Livingston, NJ	107	(7)
10. Bill Crissman, Lakewood, CA	103	(8)

## UPCOMING TBA TOURNAMENTS

Dec. 4-6, 1987 - San Diego, CA \* Jan. 22-24, 1988 - World  
 Championships, Chicago, IL.

For more information or to register for a TBA tournament write or call:

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## Guidelines for instruction sheets

By KEN HOLLAND, Columbia, MO

"Steal whenever I get a good lead."

Does this mean Tim Wallach is going to try to steal home every time he reaches third base? I doubt it, but...

Veteran play-by-mailers know the frustration that this type of instruction can cause. The agonizing (and often angry) attempt to interpret someone's instructions ruins the fun of playing for the well-meaning gamer. When someone writes a vague instruction like this, they know what it means. Unfortunately, his road opponent has no clue what it means. The instruction writer was not specific enough.

There are so many possibilities that can occur in a baseball game that no set of P-B-M instructions can cover them all. Therefore, certain basic guidelines must be established in a good instruction sheet.

You have to accept that your team, on the road, will do things that it might not do at home, when you have a gut feeling about a situation. I hope my suggestions, combined with a few hours of careful planning, will help my fellow gamers write more effective instructions and eliminate much of the frustration felt by PBEMers trying to understand their opponents' desires.

Each of the following points listed below must be covered in a set of PBM instructions:

1. NAME OF YOUR TEAM AND OPPONENT - I've received instructions that were meant for another player. They simply got put into the wrong envelope. If the manager had not stated the name of the opponent these instructions were meant for, I would have played the entire series with the wrong instructions.
2. CURRENT ROSTER - Your opponent needs to know of any trades, players called up from minor leagues, options used, or other changes since you last contacted him. Use first and last names of all players.
3. STARTING ROTATION - List starters for each game of series.
4. WHEN TO REMOVE STARTERS - Point of weakness only? or when getting shelled in the third? And what is your definition of 'getting shelled'?
5. RELIEF PITCHERS - This can be a standard list depending on the inning and situation, or it can be broken down game by game. I had one opponent send sealed envelopes with directions for when to open them printed on each one.
6. WHEN TO REMOVE RELIEVERS - Point of weakness, player by player, a certain score, etc.
7. HOLDING RUNNERS ON BASE - Only on first? If you're ahead by six runs?
8. INFIELD IN - What situations? Does infield in have priority over holding runners, or vice-versa?
9. CUTOFFS FROM OUTFIELD - If your league uses a cutoff rule, when do you want (or not want) your opponent to do this?
10. LATE INNING DEFENSE - What does the score have to be and what inning before I bring in your defensive specialists? Who are they? Do you prefer a 2e36 or a 3e20?
11. SACRIFICE - What situations? What score? With whom?
12. HIT AND RUN - Same as sacrifice. Note: For sacrifice and hit and run use adjusted ratings and state this in your instructions. You have a B bunter up and you tell me to sacrifice with all B bunters. If I bring my infield in do you still want to bunt now that the batter is a C?
13. STEALING - Second base only? Third base? Home? If you trail by four runs in the eighth?

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14. PRIORITY OF OFFENSE - Does sacrifice, hit and run, or stealing have priority over the others?

15. PINCH RUNNING - For whom? With whom? When?

16. PINCH HITTING - Same as pinch running. What if pinch hitter was injured in previous game, or is already in lineup because of injury to another player? Do I still pinch hit? With whom?

17. TAKING EXTRA BASE - Third and home. What running ratings? What score? How many outs? What inning?

18. BATTING LINEUPS - Can be a list for each possible pitcher or a standard list against lefties and righties. If you use a different order for each pitcher, then you must include a standard righty-lefty list also, in case I made a trade for a new pitcher that you didn't know about.

19. CHECKING WITH THE MANAGER - Tell your opponent when you can usually be reached at home in case he has to contact you about some freak situation. A series of injuries to a certain lineup would be one reason for checking with the other team's manager.

These are only guidelines for what to put in a PBM instruction sheet. Your managerial preferences will be different than mine. If they weren't, this would be a very boring game. The point of all this is... BE SPECIFIC. Please don't tell me to use my best judgement. I want to know what you want me to do. If I wanted to use only my judgement, then I'd play a solitaire replay.

Editor's note: We feel Ken Holland's tips for PBM instruction sheets have a lot of merit. However, we also realize there is a fine line separating instruction sheets that are specific enough and those that are loaded with so much detail that they run four or five typewritten pages and take longer to read than to play the game.

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## How to play by mail

The baseball season, believe it or not, is not far off - if you're playing on a table top and Strat-O-Matic is your game!

With that in mind, and also that many gamers will be embarking on play-by-mail, the Review is again presenting a how-to-do-it instruction sheet for PBM leagues.

Used by the WTSA, a 10-member PBM league that includes John Laman-na, an expert at relating real-life baseball statistics to S-O-M, and Jeff Green, a big winner in the long-running GKSM (Greater Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League that includes Review co-editors Warren and Del Newell).

Here is the WTSA's instruction sheet:

SERIES _____	OPPONENT _____
Lineups vs. _____	Lineups vs. _____
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
6.	6.
7.	7.
8.	8.
9.	9.

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Special instructions \_\_\_\_\_

Pinch hit:

<u>vs RHP PH for:</u>	<u>PH with:</u>	<u>When:</u>	<u>Defensive change:</u>
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____

<u>vs LHP PH for:</u>	<u>PH with:</u>	<u>When:</u>	<u>Defensive change:</u>
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____

Other PH instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

OFFENSEI. Stealing 2ndA. Not held on 1st

1. If I have a \* good lead, steal with: \_\_\_\_\_ Against these catchers \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

2. Attempt to get a good lead with: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

3. If I don't get a good lead, steal with \_\_\_\_\_ if the total chances are 1-\_\_+.

B. Held on 1st

1. Attempt to get a good lead with: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

2. If I don't get a good lead, steal with \_\_\_\_\_ if the total chances are 1-\_\_+.

II. Stealing 3rdA. Not held on 2nd

1. Steal with the following \*'s \_\_\_\_\_
- or try to get a good lead with \_\_\_\_\_
- if the total chances are 1-\_\_+.



1. Attempt to get a good lead with \_\_\_\_\_ if the total chances are 1-\_\_+.

III. Stealing home, held or not held, steal with \_\_\_\_\_ if the total chances are 1-\_\_+.

Sacrifice:

Runners:

Situation:

Suicide Squeeze:

Runners:

Situation:

Hit and Run:

Runners:

Situation:

Extra Base:

3rd  
home

DEFENSE

\* Holding on:

# outs

on 1st base

on 2nd base

on 3rd base

0 out

1 out

2 out

\* Infield in:

runners

0 out

1 out

\* Cut-off throw:

# outs

third

home

0 out

1 out

2 out \_\_\_\_\_

other: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Defensive Replacements: \_\_\_\_\_

1b- _____	lf- _____
2b- _____	cf- _____
3b- _____	rf- _____
ss- _____	c- _____

PITCHING
Starters/When to relieve:    POW    RUNS    OTHER

1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____

Relievers/When to relieve:

<u>vs RHB</u>	<u>POW</u>	<u>RUNS</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>INNING</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
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1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

vs LHB

1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

vs SHB

1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Special pitching instructions:



## Review raises rates

### First increase in over three years

Unlike the stock market, the Review has remained a constant throughout its close to 17-year history. From content to rates for ads and subscriptions, the Review has tried to maintain a steady course - it neither rapidly ascends or descends.

Prices have increased over the years, however, as they have for everything worth having on this planet. Printing costs for the Review, for instance, have been raised four times in 1987 alone. The cost of printing and mailing flyers has jumped, too.

The Review, because of all the increases, has had to raise its rates, both for subscriptions and advertisements.

In neither case has the Review increased prices in almost three years. The last subscription rate increase went into effect in March, 1984.

The new rates for subscribers will be as follows: 3 months - \$3.75 (up from \$3.00); 6 months - \$5.80 (up from \$4.50); 1 year - \$9.00 (up from \$7.25). First-class mailing remains 22 cents per issue and is added to the subscription cost if the customer desires the quicker service.

The cost in Canada, Puerto Rico, Hawaii and Alaska will now be: 3 months - \$4.40 (up from \$3.85); 6 months - \$7.30 (up from \$5.90); 1 year - \$12.00 (up from \$9.85). The cost for Canada, Puerto Rico, Hawaii and Alaska does include first-class mailing.

The cost per issue for a year's subscription in the continental United States will now be 75 cents, in other words. It figures out to \$1.25 per issue for three months and 96.6 cents for six months. It is mailed third-class.

### ADVERTISING RATES ALSO INCREASED

The advertising rates, which for years have also remained very low, have been increased as follows: 25 words or less - \$1.00; 50 words or less - \$2.00; 75 words or less - \$3.00; 100 words or less - \$4.00. The old rates were \$1 for 50 words or less, \$2 for 51-100 words and \$3 for 101-150 words.

Maximum ad should run 100 words or less, according to the new rates. This is designed to cut down on voluminous ads that list dozens of teams.

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## Hockey tip

Strat-O-Matic delivered on its promise to have separate goalie cards for 1987 (based on 1986-87 real-life season). All teams have at least two goalie cards, and a few even have three.

No longer will hockey gamers who play in leagues have the problem of trying to separate the "Siamese" goalies for draft leagues, etc.

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## Tale of two solitaire versions

### Denver defeats Giants in both Super Bowl replays

Contrary to what happened in last season's Super Bowl, the New York Giants' defense isn't really so tough. It's certainly not 19 points (39-20) better than the Denver Broncos.

At least in Strat-O-Matic Pro Football it's not. Using two versions of solitaire play, Review co-editor Del Newell watched the Broncos gallop off with victory in both cases.

One of the solitaire versions was S-O-M's (found in the instruction booklet), whereby the dual-team coach directed the defense against an offense that had its play selection dictated by down, yardage and the roll of three dice.

The other version tried appeared in the September, 1986 Review and was a playing tip presented by Larry LaRochelle, Bath, ME. In LaRochelle's solitaire version, the defense is set according to what down it is, yardage situation, and then by rolling three dice (one die is for whether the defense has called the play "right" or not and the two dice are for determining number of players in the defensive zones).

In LaRochelle's system, the coach handles the offense.

#### MORE OFFENSE WITH S-O-M'S VERSION

In the Super Bowl replay using S-O-M's solitaire chart, Denver, behind the passing of John Elway, riddled the Giants' defense. Elway completed 23 of 32 passes for 341 yards and two touchdowns. New York picked off nary a pass.

Equally troubling to New York's defense was the rushing of Sammy Winder, who carried 31 times for 98 yards. All told, Denver piled up 448 yards to New York's 343. Denver led 17-13 at halftime and then, after the Giants had tied the score on Joe Morris's 21-yard run with seven minutes left in the third quarter, Winder's 4-yard TD run put the Broncos in front to stay.

Elway connected on a plethora of third-down pass plays that kept drives alive and Winder racked up 20 of his carries in the second half when ball-control was controlled by Denver's offense.

The "option" play call repeatedly hurt New York, which never sacked Elway nor ever got anything resembling maximum use out of its solid corps of linebackers (three "6s" and one "5").

Using LaRochelle's solitaire chart, Denver again came out a winner - this time by a 17-14 margin - thanks to Winder's 2-yard touchdown run with 1:45 remaining.

The Giants moved swiftly back down field after the kickoff and almost tied the game, missing out when Raul Allegre's 41-yard field goal misfired on the game's last play. The ball was on the 24, so 2-6, 11 or 12 would have been good. The dice roll, however, was a "7" and New York's fate was sealed, again.

#### GIANTS' DEFENSE STUFFS RUNNING GAME

Elway again had some big numbers (19/34 for 329 yards), but New York totally shut down Denver's rushing attack, including Winder. The Broncos had only 32 yards running the football in 18 carries, with Winder netting 10 yards in 12 attempts.

Actually, New York outgained Denver, 353-343, and ran off 18 more plays (72-54).

Despite both offenses moving the ball, the first half was scoreless. Whereas everything wound up in the end zone using S-O-M's version the goal line was off limits most of the game using LaRochelle's method. Most of the scoring (21 of 31 total points) was packed into the



final quarter.

As far as ease of play (remember, only one game was played using each method and one game is far from a good gauge), Del enjoyed LaRochelle's chart better, mainly because it was cumbersome to move the defensive squares with S-O-M's. It was difficult to wear two hats at the same time, in other words.

Why did Denver win both games? Mainly because of Elway's passing. Phil Simms was very good, too, although he didn't complete 22 of 25 passes like in the real-life Super Bowl. Simms was 17 of 30 for 252 yards and one TD in the 37-26 loss and was 19 of 42 for 254 yards and no TDs in the 17-14 outcome.

Here is a further comparison of both games:

#### S-O-M

Denver 3 14 10 10 - 37  
 NY Giants 3 10 7 6 - 26  
 D - Karlis, 19, FG, 3-0  
 NY - Allegre, 21, FG, 3-3  
 D - Jackson, 69, Elway pass, 10-3  
 NY - Bavaro, 9, Simms pass, 10-10  
 D - Elway, 10, run, 17-10  
 NY - Allegre, 37, FG, 13-17  
 D - Karlis, 16, FG, 20-13  
 NY - Morris, 21, run, 20-20  
 D - Winder, 4, run, 27-20  
 NY - Allegre, 30, FG, 26-30  
 D - Mobley, 14, Elway pass, 37-26

#### First Downs

Denver - 24 New York - 21

#### Rushing Yardage

Denver - 38/107 (Winder, 31/98)  
 New York - 25/91 (Morris, 16/67)

#### Passing Yardage

Denver - Elway (23/32 341 2-0)  
 New York - Simms (17/30 252 1-2)

#### Receiving

Denver - M.Jackson (3/104, 1 TD),  
 Watson (6/69), Winder (5/69);  
 New York - Bavaro (8/115, 1 TD),  
 S.Robinson (3/66)

#### Total Yards / -Sacks

Denver - 448 -0 = 448 (70 plays)  
 New York - 343 -0 = 343 (55 plays)

#### Turnovers Recovered

Denver -3 (2 interceptions, 1  
 fumble recovery);  
 New York - 3 (all fumbles)

#### Field Goals Missed

Denver - 0  
 New York - 0

#### LAROCHELLE

Denver 0 0 3 14 - 17  
 NY Giants 0 0 7 7 - 14  
 D - Karlis, 36, FG, 3-0  
 NY - Morris, 3, run, 7-3  
 D - Mobley, 10, Elway pass, 10-7  
 NY - Morris, 4, run, 14-10  
 D - Winder, 2, run, 17-14

#### First Downs

Denver - 18 New York - 20

#### Rushing Yardage

Denver - 18/32 (Willhite, 6/22)  
 New York - 28/117 (Morris, 22/111)

#### Passing Yardage

Denver - Elway (19/34 329 1-1)  
 New York - Simms (19/42 254 0-0)

#### Receiving

Denver - Watson (7/146), Jackson  
 (2/61), V.Johnson (2/57),  
 Willhite (5/34);  
 New York - S.Robinson (5/115),  
 Bavaro (6/44), B.Johnson (3/44)

#### Total Yards / -Sacks

Denver - 361 -18 = 343 (54 plays)  
 New York - 371 -18 = 353 (72 plays)

#### Turnovers Recovered

Denver - 0  
 New York - 2 (1 interception, 1  
 fumble recovery)

#### Field Goals Missed

Denver - 0  
 New York - 1 (Allegre, 50)



# Readers roll 'em

## HOW DOES PEM WORK?

I would like to see an article in your Review about how a play-by-mail baseball league works.

If you have published something in the past, I would appreciate a reference to it.

ROBERT DILLSTROM  
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Springfield< MO

**Editor's note:** Usually the Review reprints an article once a year dealing with how a PEM baseball league operates. Since many such leagues are currently gearing up for another season - and a number of new PEMers are asking the same question as reader Dillstrom - the Review has reprinted in this issue an article that last appeared in April, 1986.

## RUNNER ADVANCEMENT

I've been following with great interest the debate about runner advancement on singles and doubles. It's beginning to sound as if the batter can never advance on any throw.

If this is true, I feel this would be a major mistake in both realism and strategy. On the first count, I score many major league games and have access to all play-by-play accounts for all games for the last three years. Batters do indeed advance an extra base on a regular basis. This usually occurs when the outfielder misses the cutoff man, throws to the wrong base, or there is a collision at home.

As for the loss of a great, gut-wrenching managerial decision, picture a 1 to 16 runner on second. Batter hits a single with no asterisks. Offense is sending the runner home. The defense now automatically throws to the plate every time. There is no choice because there is no penalty. In the past, the defense had to

consider the cost of the batter gaining an extra base.

Personally, I will continue to play the cutoff rule and the batter will advance on all throws.

LUKE KRAEMER  
Cupertino, CA

## PERFORATED BASEBALL CARDS

**Question:** Will the 1987 S-O-M Baseball cards be perforated? I hope not.

The football cards are flimsy and it would be a pain to tear hundreds of baseball cards.

The football cards are still too small to read. For those with good eyesight, it's probably no problem. I liked the larger cards.

As Pat Paulsen would say:  
"Picky, picky, picky."  
MIKE RYAN  
Waltham, MA

**Editor's note:** S-O-M plans on issuing all of its card sets on perforated sheets, including next year's baseball cards. There's pro and con regarding perforated cards. True, it is time-consuming separating the cards, and they do have 'rough edges.' But the real test as far as the gaming public will be how much earlier will the new baseball cards be ready in Jan. 1988?

## S-O-M IS THE 'BEST'

Strat-O-Matic Baseball is the best sports board game in existence.

But the clutch ratings are incredibly inaccurate. The concept is good, but I wish S-O-M would use the best statistics available and not an inferior in-house formula (i.e. "Elias's Baseball Analyst" numbers for average with runners in scoring position and two outs).

S-O-M Basketball is still a very flawed game. The basic game is too basic and the advanced (continued on next page)



version tries to do too much.

Keep up the good work with the Review.

TOMMY FIELD  
Chapel Hill, NC

Editor's note: S-O-M sticks by its system determining clutch hitting. As far as S-O-M Basketball, the Review has heard only good things about the game. Adding blocked shots, individual defensive ratings, fast-break offense and pressing defenses have made the game a tabletop replica of the NBA. Just as importantly, the basketball game captures the ebb and flow of a typical NBA contest, replete with realism. The few minor complaints we've heard have been directed at the action deck (home team has too much of an advantage, home team doesn't have enough of an advantage, etc.).

#### 'CLUTCH' PITCHING REVISITED

A couple of months ago you printed a letter of mine in which I suggested that the baseball game should have a clutch pitching feature to complement the clutch hitting which currently exists.

I was a bit shocked the next month to read four letters rejecting my idea.

Someone please correct me if I'm wrong, but does it not make sense that a pitcher is capable of making the big pitch, or big blunder, in the clutch just as a batter can make the big hit or out?

Good examples this past season are Danny Cox of the Cardinals and Jeff Dedmon of Atlanta. Cox was among the worst in the league in combined hits and walks per inning, but got a lot of the big outs and finished with a 3.88 ERA. In contrast, Dedmon had a better hits/walks per-inning ratio and a similar 3.91 ERA. He will have a better card bestowed upon him than Cox, despite having only four saves in 89 innings.

Another thought I had concerns the controversial ball park feature.

It seems crazy to me that the game attempts to play a "what if" game on this one (i.e., what if player A played his games in "that" stadium instead of "this" stadium?). using largely speculation, while ignoring the factual clutch pitching information.

If S-O-M wants to make real ball park distinctions, how about a look a pitchers home and away records?

Atlee Hammaker and Walt Terrell are two examples of pitchers who are excellent at home and terrible on the road. However, because they play in real-life in "hitters' parks" (San Francisco and Detroit, respectively), they will tend to give up more home runs in those parks in S-O-M than they gave up in real-life in those parks.

ED GRANT  
Marietta, GA

#### VOICE OF S-O-M 'FANATIC'

I would like to let you know that there is another S-O-M "fanatic" who enjoys the Review. I have been playing S-O-M since 1975 when I purchased the football game and two years later I bought the baseball game. It was probably the most important discovery I ever made.

The only regret I have over the years is that I waited so long to subscribe to the S-O-M Review. I'm sure that I missed out on some very fascinating articles and replays, which I enjoy the most.

I have a few thoughts that I would like to pass on.

I think that the advanced baseball game is a fantastic creation. It is very intriguing to say the least. The lefty-righty matchups and managerial opportunities are outstanding. It is almost like being a real manager.

I have made a few rules additions, such as cutoffs and runners advancing on groundouts. It has given me some real enjoyment over the years. My hat is off to S-O-M.

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I was, however, a little disappointed to see that the game company made some changes in the 1985 cards. Now we have the dreaded "ball park single." I would have liked to see the old format continued.

The best thing the game company did was print complete past seasons. Now we can play the old against the new as I did with the 1986 Red Sox and 1969 Orioles. The Orioles won the series, 4-1, by scores of 0-3, 2-0, 7-4, 4-2, 7-0. The Sox batted a paltry .145, with no homers. Roger Clemens did pitch a one-hitter in game one.

By the way, I have never experienced a no-hitter. How frustrating. I have been close many times, only to have one broken up in the ninth. Willie Randolph did it against the '85 Mets and Ron Darling, who finished with a three-hitter and relief help from Jesse Orosco in a 5-1 win over the '85 Yankees.

Your "Replay" section is the best part of the Review. Even the "short shakes" are interesting.

I hope the game company does not ruin the game by making too many changes too fast.

FRANK C. DYER  
APO Miami, FL

#### REALIGNING 'POW'

I believe with all the confusion regarding the pitcher point of weakness (both starters and relievers) that the game company should consider the following as a solution:

- Pitchers should have a definite inning listed on their card where upon reaching that inning they should be considered weak. Pitchers like Gooden, Valenzuela and Scott would be listed with a POW of 9 or 10, or possibly even 11. Nolan Ryan would probably be an 8 since he seldom goes farther (with the present

system and the good cards Ryan has, he could pitch effectively into the 8th or 9th without giving up the combination of hits/walks that would cause him to weaken).

- Spot starters such as Rick Horton of St. Louis would be listed as a 6 or 7. This would eliminate the confusion as to when the POW actually begins.

- Relievers, on the other hand, would be listed in regards to the number of batters they face. For example, a short reliever such as Todd Worrell may have a POW anywhere from 6 to 9, whereas a long reliever may have it listed as the number of batters or possibly even the number of innings. Keeping track of batters, especially for short men, is not that difficult.

Either way, I believe this method is better than the current one, particularly for new gamers when one considers the fact that some of us that have played for years are still a bit unsure.

Granted that the POW feature is a very good feature of the game, but the glaring weakness I see is that even though a pitcher gives up some hits it does not necessarily mean he is tiring. Check-swing hits, bloop doubles, bad bounces and high choppers are all hits, even though the pitcher may still be strong.

One can also argue with my system that a starter with a POW of 9 or 10 can be shelled in the 7th or 8th and not be weak. If that happens, I believe he should be relieved anyway.

One more thing: Any possibility the Review could print a listing of the final standings for the re-released 1968 season?

MIKE CRANEY  
Loogootee, IN

Editor's note: Final standings for the 1968 baseball season are found on the back page. We usually don't run standings, statistics, etc., from major league baseball, however.

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## Wanted

WANTED: 1982-83 76ers, Celtics, Bucks, Lakers, in excellent to mint condition. Call or write: Matt Mirza, 4120 West Touhy, Lincolnwood, IL 60466 (312-674-4572)

WANTED: 1971 Miami Dolphins, Dallas Cowboys; 1968 Baltimore Colts, New York Jets. State condition and price. Richard Gulezian, One Robinhood Road, Windham, NH 03087

WANTED: Coaches needed for PBM basketball league. We are reorganizing and have three immediate openings. We use the advanced version and play a 76-game schedule during the fall and winter months. If interested, contact: Doug Crandall, Box 161, Deerfield, KS 67838 or phone 316-426-2532.

WANTED: Baseball - Advanced version only - 1971 Baltimore; 1971-73 Oakland; 1975 Cincinnati; 1976 Cincinnati; 1977 Philadelphia, Kansas City; 1980 Philadelphia, Kansas City; 1981 St. Louis; 1982 Milwaukee; 1984 Detroit. I need all these teams for all-time team league already formed. Write with prices. Contact: Chris Malitsky, 3528 Sussex Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19114

WANTED: 1966 baseball season, in reasonably fair condition. Frank Green, 1109 Oriana Road #25, Newport News, VA

WANTED: The Strato League of Turlock, CA, is looking for a reliable manager to take over an

existing team beginning in 1988. We are a 16-team, 2-division face-to-face draft league just completing our seventh 162-game season. Teams hold over 15 players each year and a 25-round draft is held in March to complete our rosters. Season runs from March to October with eight teams making playoffs. Of the current franchises, 11 are located in Turlock, two in Oakdale and one each in San Leandro, Richmond and Red Bluff. Except for head-to-head games among the last three teams mentioned, all games are played in Turlock or Oakdale. If you are interested in joining a quality league for a long term, please write or call: John Vercammen, 1900 Loyola Way, Turlock, CA 95380 (209-667-5597)

WANTED: Gary Carter cards for the 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978 and 1980 seasons in excellent-mint condition. Would be willing to purchase entire Montreal Expos team sets for those years. Write first describing condition of card(s) and price. Include SASE. Fred Lenger, 13362 Vergennes Road, Lowell, MI 49331

## For Sale

FOR SALE: Hockey teams, all excellent condition, 1978-79, 1979-80 NHL teams only, with extras. Football, in excellent condition, 1976 Cowboys, Steelers; 1977 Broncos, Jets, Giants, Rams, Falcons. Baseball, good condition, (continued)



1969 Twins, Royals, Red Sox, Cubs; 1973 A's, Reds, Mets, Dodgers, Orioles, very good condition. 1977 American League; 1985 National League with extras. Looking to sell or trade. Will sell as sets (preferred), or individually. Send bids to: Steve Pyatt, 2667 Shirley Lane, Bellmore, NY 11710

FOR SALE: Tiny dice. Wee 5-millimeter (3/16-inch) dice are easy to store, carry and conceal. They're so quiet others won't know you're at the ballpark. One set of three only \$2.65, two sets \$4.50 and three sets \$6. David de la Fuente, 471 Dandel Street, Kent, OH 44240

FOR SALE: Football teams, 1968-1979. Fair-to-excellent condition (most teams). If you meet my price I will sell immediately. Lower bids decided at the end of the month. Mike Bordelon, 9291 Westwood Village Dr., No. 36, Houston, TX 77036

FOR SALE: Apple version S-O-M computer game with 1985 season disk. \$35. Also basketball game with following teams: 1980-81 Cavaliers, Knicks, 76ers, Kings; '83-84 Lakers, Nuggets, Jazz, Pistons, Celtics, \$15 complete. Marv Westendorp, 1125 Sixth Avenue, Lake Odessa, MI 48849 (616-374-7216)

FOR SALE: Have your league forms and strategy sheets typeset for copying. Desktop Publishing makes it all possible. \$4 for first page, \$2 for second page and \$1 for each additional page. Send SASE for sample or your rough draft to: Joe Hornback, D.C., 4707 East McDowell Road #1179, Phoenix, AZ 85008

FOR SALE: Individual baseball teams, very good-mint condition, 1930-1985. Send legal size SASE for list. Richard Gulezian, One Robinhood Road, Windham, NH 03087

FOR SALE: Over 350 individual S-O-M Baseball teams from 1930-1986. Over 10,000 assorted S-O-M Baseball cards from 1930-1986. Over 2000 assorted S-O-M Baseball extras from 1969-1986, all inventoried on an IBM PC that will cut response time in half on your orders. Send a SASE for the teams list and/or your list of loose cards to: Chris Rosen, 731 Bergen St., Philadelphia, PA 19111 (215-745-5247)

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1977 Yanks, \$5; 1978 Red Sox, \$4.50; 1979 Pirates, \$4; 1980 Phils, \$4; 1981 Dodgers, '83 Phils, White Sox, Tigers, Orioles, 1984 Tigers, Cubs, \$3.50/each. Excellent condition. Postpaid. Leonard A. Wright Jr., Rt. 1 Box 84 A, Clay City, KY 40312 (1-606-663-4649)

FOR SALE: Complete, 1975, '76, '79, '80, '85 baseball seasons with extras and roster sheets. 1977 and '81 football teams. All cards excellent-mint condition - none missing. Will sell baseball as set or individual season only. Best offer. Mike Cieslinski, 414 -784-8158 2700 Woodbridge Rd., Brookfield, WI 53005

FOR SALE: Hockey ratings for the 1985-86 and '86-87 cards. Players rated for overall offensive and defensive capabilities. Goalies rated on quality saves. Have an edge in your draft. Send \$2.95 per season, or \$14.95 for the formula, to: Phil Ledesma, 13805 Kornblum Ave., Hawthorne, CA 90250

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FOR SALE: Baseball (original sets) - 1967, 1969-1976. Football - 1967-1976. Most sets complete, many duplicate teams. Basketball - Many complete sets, 1970s. Hockey - Some complete sets, late 1970s. Most teams excellent to mint condition. Send SASE for list of available teams. Steve Forester, 7441 Windsor Woods, Apt. 2-D, Canton, MI 48187

FOR SALE: Complete advanced game ratings for all 1986 real-season player cards (latest set of cards). These ratings have been instrumental in developing excellent draft teams in league play and tournaments. I factor in HR, 3B, 2B, 1B, BB, gb(a), steal and running ratings, N or W ratings, defensive position and defensive skill including throwing arm. Each player receives an on-base, slugging, total offense and overall rating against both righties and lefties. 1961, 1969, 1984 and 1985 season ratings also available. For your easy-to-read printout, send \$6 per season to: Paul Patrick, 3 Shenandoah, Goodard, KS 67052 (316-794-2353)

FOR SALE: Baseball schedules. Great for S-O-M replays. Both A.L. and N.L. Every season available. Send \$1 per season and a postage stamp. 20-sided dice. Durable, easy to read. Send \$3 to: Richard Breest, 1332 Greenlea Drive, Holiday, FL 34691

FOR SALE: I have the following game sets available for sale: (1) Detroit Tigers - 1934, 1961, 1975. (2) New York Yankees - 1927, 1950, 1961. (3) Philadelphia/Oakland A's - 1931, 1975. (4) Phillies - 1950, 1975. (5) Milwaukee Braves - 1957. (6) Cincinnati Reds - 1975. (7) New York Mets - 1975. (8) complete sets, 1976-1981. Interested parties should contact me by mail at the following address: Marc Harrison, 6 Valley Forge Road, Bordertown, NJ 08505. Any reasonable offer will be accepted by me.

FOR SALE: Unbreakable 20-sided

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FOR SALE: 1956 baseball season with complete game/box. Excellent condition. \$12 (stats written on some cards). Charles DeFazio, 812 Turtle Street, Syracuse, NY 13208

FOR SALE: Super-advanced rules for S-O-M Pro Football. These rules have been developed from the experiences of the Greater Madison Football Association. More than 50 players have conducted nearly 1500 games in draft and real team leagues. These rules include a detailed sequence of play, 30 offensive and defensive formations, new offensive plays, audibles and defensive adjustments, fatigue rules, rules that realistically deal with attempts, new injury charts, various effects of grass and artificial turf, the two-minute offense, ways to improve defensive player ratings, new free safety blitz rules, rules for blitzing defensive backs, squib kicks, trying to block kicks, fumble returns and much, much more. These rules have been extensively play-tested and they definitely add more coachability and fun to S-O-M Football. For a complete set (over 25 pages) of rules, diagrams and charts, send \$7.25 to: Robert Decheine, 301 N. Pinckney St. #4, Madison, WI 53703

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## League Forming

**LEAGUE FORMING:** EBSOMBL will be starting its 10th season and is looking to expand (now 14 managers) for '88 season ('87 cards). Face-to-face league. Entry fee is \$50. Call Tom Simpson at 415-487-063 after 7:30 p.m., or write: 2118 Grackle Ct., Union City, CA 94587

**LEAGUE FORMING:** American Texas League - Head-to-head Houston draft baseball league looking for qualified and interested managers. We play Feb. to Oct., every other Tuesday night at rotating homes. Members ages: 25-37.

We are currently in seventh season. Seven of eight teams have made playoffs in the past. We have three teams make the playoffs yearly. If interested and knowledgeable about baseball, call us. If you don't know baseball well, you will get beat like a drum. We have a lot of fun with regular in-depth computerized stat reports. If you want the best and have the time and interest, call me, today: John Blomstrom (855-4735)

**LEAGUE FORMING:** The Chicagoland S-O-M Baseball League is looking for managers to participate in a strong test of your S-O-M gaming skills. We are an established face-to-face league in our fourth year. 162-game season using most advanced rules (no ball park or clutch hitting). Plaques awarded for division and world series winners. Our draft is in November so please respond as quickly as possible. Detailed constitution covering all rules. For more information, please call/contact: Steve Gersch at 736-8617.

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Wanted - One super reliable manager. The ECGA, a 12-year-old, face-to-face, PBM baseball league, is looking for a manager in the New Jersey, New York city, Philadelphia area to join our league for 1988 before our rookie draft. We are a 10-team league with two divisions. Approximately half our 162-game schedule is played FTF within each division. Must be over 21 and able to follow a time-table. Constant newsletters throughout the year. Once a player's yours, he's yours. Franchises continued; it's as close to being a real G.M. as you'll get. Go for youth and build your own team through trades and our rookie draft. Unbelievable talent available. 40-player roster limit. All cards used to 120% of real-life stats. No one-year wonders need apply. Chris Franco, 954 New Dover Road, Edison, NJ 08820 (201-549-4835)  
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**LEAGUE FORMING:** Sportsman's Baseball Association entering fourth season. PBM, advanced rules. Emphasis on sportsmanship, communication, promptness. For 1988 membership application and details, write: Burke Ittenbach, 104 Macon Drive, Mobile Estates, Cary, NC 27511

**LEAGUE FORMING:** The WCBA, a PBM baseball league now finishing its second season, has had several managers go on strike. Those managers have been locked out and will not be invited back. We are looking for experienced gamers, 21 or older, who are willing to cross the picket line. We are considering expansion, so let me know if you prefer an existing or expansion team. This is a draft league, using all of the cards in both leagues. Write or call: Mark Panagos, 3602 Livorno Ct., Chino, CA 91709 (714-597-5844 or 213-942-5044)

**LEAGUE FORMING:** The Southern New England Baseball League, face-to-face draft league, is looking for six to eight charter G.M./managers. Greater Providence, RI, area about one hour from all major southeastern New England cities. All replies answered, but only initial quota will be awarded on first-come basis according to deadline date on information sheet. Send SASE to: Dave Sirois, 117 Denver St., Pawtucket, RI 02860 (401-722-4269)

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Two teams available in Chicago Area Draft Football League. Call Larry Braus at 439-3261 before 9 p.m.

**LEAGUE FORMING:** The North Coast Baseball League (NCBL) is looking for managers in the northeastern Ohio area. We currently play the American League season in the spring-summer and National League season in summer-fall. We are a draft league with a partial carry-over of players from year to year. The league features the super advanced rules with a few minor additions and modifications. The league fee is \$10 per league

season. If interested, please contact Tim Powalie, 8504 Ryan Road, Seville, OH 44273 (216-769-2838) in the Akron/Canton/Mansfield area, or Tom Powalie, 1226 Teakwood, Brunswick, OH 44212 (216-273-2068) in the Cleveland area.

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Players wanted for a face-to-face, super-advanced, draft baseball league. New and experienced players welcome. In the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton-Phillipsburg area. Call 215-867-0871 and ask for Wayne. Call before 5 p.m. or write: Wayne Foulke, 927 N. New, Bethlehem, PA 18018

**LEAGUE FORMING:** We're looking for a few devoted managers to take over existing franchises in the CTCAL, a PBM super-advanced baseball league entering our fourth season. We use mostly A.L. cards, which we retain from year to year. Features include an annual draft, bi-weekly newsletters, a quarterly magazine with full league stats, in-season trading and an overall system that really works. Only mature, dedicated managers committed to excellence should apply. For an application and a copy of our constitution, send name, address and an SASE to: Lawrence Zeller, 76 Claire Drive, Bridgewater, NJ 08807-1853

**LEAGUE FORMING:** The Federal Hockey League will begin its sixth season in December and is looking for coaches and backups. The FHL is a super-advanced, 16-team league that uses the Lopeck penalty system, five defensemen plan, league instruction manual and optional phone draft, etc. If you are knowledgeable, reliable and hungry for first class competition, write to: Galen Fetsch, Box 96, Calvin, ND 58323 (701-697-5137)

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Salt Lake City and intermountain area Strat-O-Matic Baseball fans. Come out of the woodwork. Call me and let's  
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form a coalition. We can form leagues, have conventions, or just visit to share ideas. I will serve as clearinghouse and will even compile a directory if necessary. Surely I can't be the only S-O-M player in the Rockies. Paul Zuckerman, 361 Ramona Avenue, Salt Lake City, UT 84115 (801-485-1896)

**LEAGUE FORMING:** The ASC Baseball League (see Oct. issue) is looking for a few enthusiastic, knowledgeable, mature and reliable managers and backups. We're a 24-team draft league entering its 18th season. We play a 162-game schedule using the advanced version with liberal player restrictions and feature a monthly newsletter. A unique feature is that we conduct a second league with our backups playing a full schedule with actual ASC teams to acclimate them to the ASC and keep them involved in one of the finest and most stable leagues around. A team may be open now. Write to: Tom Fish, 23-A Winrock Center NE, #525, Albuquerque, NM 87110

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Are you a keen judge of baseball talent? Do you subscribe to the "It's not whether you win or lose" theory? If so, the NABL has a spot for you. Two teams are managerless as we head towards our 13th season. One team is weak but workable. The other, call it the ultimate challenge. There's the possibility of one or two other teams becoming available and we're interested in backup managers. The league is play-by-mail and runs from March to Oct. Write now to get in on the roster cutdowns and pre-draft trading period. Write: Gary Thomas, 58 1/2 Frances St., Auburn, NY 13021

## Contest

**CONTEST:** Attention gamers. The first annual Great Southwest Strat-O-Matic Shootout will be held May 20-22, 1988, in Longview, TX. There will be a baseball tournament played

under TBA (Table Baseball Association) rules. There is a good possibility that this tournament will be sanctioned by John Kreuz (current TBA director) as an official TBA tournament. There will also be a sports trivia contest, with a possibility of a College Football tournament and/or a pro football tournament. Entry fee is only \$10. For more information, write or call: Allen Pliler, Rt. 1 Box 588, Longview, TX 75602 (214-753-3442)

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## S-O-M league, replay scene

GREAT LAKES BASEBALL LEAGUE - Eight-manager play-by-mail baseball league that uses American League players only and has expanded to 10 managers for fifth 162-game season...Highlight of every year is pre-season gathering for tournament and draft at home of commissioner Craig Artl, West Allis, WI...Four different champions have been crowned in the four years of the league, with Don Chandler's Wyoming (MI) Cowboys the latest winner...

Latest replay was based on 1985 real-life season...All-time records include Carlton Fisk's 56 home runs, Eddie Murray's 138 RBI, Wade Boggs' .379 average and Mike Moore's 2.63 ERA...In the draft for season No. 5, Cory Snyder, Mark Eichorn, Ruben Sierra, Tom Candiotti and Edwin Correa were the top five picks...All but one manager attended latest gathering at Artl's, including Bill Moonan, who flew in from Fullerton, CA



FRONT ROW (FROM LEFT): DON CHANDLER, CRAIG ARTL, CHRIS ANDERSON; (BACK) ROD MELOTTE, DON MARTINIAK, BRET WEIGEL, FRED LAMBRECHT, DOUG ROOT, BILL MOONAN.

### Standings and leaders:

East	Won-Lost	GB	West	Won-Lost	GB
Wyoming Cowboys	96 66	-	Urban Shockers	93 69	-
West Allis Warhawks	81 81	15	Madison Capitols	89 73	4
Michigan Panthers	79 83	17	Mad City Thunderheads	79 83	14
Racine Regals	54 108	42	California Gold. Bears	77 85	16

Playoffs: Wyoming d. Madison, 4-1; West Allis d. Urban, 4-0.  
World Series: Wyoming d. West Allis, 4-2.

Batting	Home Runs	RBI
Boggs MICH .379	Fisk URB 56	Fisk URB 136
Brett WYOM .355	Brett WYOM 42	Brett WYOM 135
Gibson WYOM .322	Mattingly CAL 41	Mattingly CAL 124

<u>R:</u>	Henderson WA	112	<u>ERA</u>		<u>Wins</u>	
<u>H:</u>	Brett WYOM	215	M.Moore MAD	2.63	M.Moore MAD	21
<u>2B:</u>	Gibson WYOM	44	Key WA	3.10	Stieb MC	20
<u>3B:</u>	W.Wilson MICH	18	Seaver MAD	3.25	Blyleven CAL	20
<u>SB:</u>	Henderson WA	74	<u>Strikeouts</u>			
<u>GWHIT</u>	Brett WYOM	20	Blyleven CAL	222	<u>CG:</u>	Blyleven CAL 24
			Tudor WYOM	209	<u>SA:</u>	Hernandez MICH 20
			Morris URB	200	<u>SH:</u>	M.Moore MAD 10

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CLINTON S-O-M BASEBALL LEAGUE - Now has played 10 seasons, with latest based on 1985 cards...Face-to-face league based in Clinton, MA...Pitching dominated latest replay as league batted only .241, although three teams hit 199 or more home runs...All advanced features are used,  
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except supplementary stealing system...Some managerial changes were necessitated, with one the loss of charter member Joe DiMauro because of personal reasons. Steve Wentzel replaced him at the 52-game mark (32-20) and guided team to best overall record (103-57). In another change, Dan Tomasello returned after a year's hiatus, replacing Paul Bourdeau for the last 32 games...Other league members (and their ball parks) included: Dennis Foley (San Diego), Dick O'Malley (California), Rich Kennedy (Yankee Stadium), Kent DeGroot (Philadelphia), Charles Pugsley (Houston), Steve Wentzel (Detroit), John Joyce (Wrigley Field), Fran Sheehy (Milwaukee), Mark Bourdeau (Montreal) and Dan Tamassello (Oakland)...Highlights included: Dwight Gooden going 25-11 and Fernando Valenzuela 23-10 for Foley, who won a record 12 straight games at the finish; Gary Carter hitting 42 homers to lead O'Malley, whose team had 223 roundtrippers; Mike Witt going 23-14 for Kennedy; Ted Higuera (20-13, 3.11) winning Rookie of Year honors for Pugsley; Bert Blyleven (20-14) and Charlie Hough (22-10) each winning 20 games, Jack Morris 19 and George Brett (41) and Dave Parker (40) hitting 40 or more homers for Wentzel; and Darryl Strawberry slamming a league-record 50 homers, Mike Schmidt 43 and the team belting out 249 for Joyce, who had six straight first-place finishes...Sheehy had the speedsters, swiping 183 bases while hitting only 124 home runs...In the playoffs, Tim Wallach's solo homer in the top of the 10th inning gave O'Malley a 5-4 win over Wentzel in the seventh game of one series and Joyce whipped Foley, 4-2, in the other, thanks to three Strawberry home runs...Joyce won the World Series, 4-1, as John Tudor, a disappointment during the regular season with a 16-15 record, won two games, Orel Hershisier hurled a shutout in the opener and Ryne Sandberg decided game three with a three-run homer in a 5-3 victory.

#### Standings and leaders:

Division I	Won-Lost GB	Batting	Home Runs
Dennis Foley	88 72 -	Boggs SW .320	Strawberry JJ 58
Dick O'Malley	82 78 6	Brett SW .307	Schmidt JJ 43
Rich Kennedy	80 80 8	McGee FS .303	G.Carter DOM 42
Kent DeGroot	78 82 10	Henderson DF .300	Brett SW 41
Charles Pugsley	64 96 24		Parker SW 40
Division II		RBI	
Steve Wentzel	103 57 -	Brett SW 124	Ri Schmidt JJ 116
John Joyce	90 70 13	Strawberry JJ 117	Hi McGee FS 203
Fran Sheehy	81 79 22	Parker SW 109	2B: P.Bradley KG 44
Mark Bourdeau	68 92 35	Guerrero SW 106	3B: McGee FS 16
Paul Bourdeau/	66 94 37	Schmidt JJ 102	SB: Raines FS 68
Dan Tamassello			
ERA	Wins	Strikeouts	
Gooden DF 1.90	Gooden DF 25-11	Gooden DF 317	
G.Harris JJ 2.46	Valenzuela DF 23-10	S.Fernandez DF 240	
Krukow DT 2.49	M.Witt RK 23-14	Stieb 235	
Hershisier JJ 2.63	Hough SW 22-10	Morris SW 226	
Valenzuela DF 2.76	Hershisier JJ 21-15	M.Witt RK 220	

CG: Gooden DF 32; SH: Gooden DF 11; SA: Niedenfuer MB 36  
B.Fisher SW 29

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OLD-TIMER REPLAY - John Krzyskowski of Oak Park, IL, was on the dice-rollin' end of this eight-team, 154-game replay using old-timer baseball teams... '27 Yankees won 18 of last 24 games to pull away from '31 A's, '27 Pirates, '31 Cardinals and '29 Cubs on final turn... Other teams included '30 Phillies and a couple made up by Krzyskowski... Hitters delight as 32 batted .300 or more, 10 had 200 or more hits and 16

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drove in 100 or more runs...MVP was Babe Ruth, who finished with .320 average, 46 home runs, 130 RBI and 149 runs scored...Charlie Root of the '29 Cubs had a near-miss no-hitter, allowing a one-out, ninth-inning single to the '26 Cards' Chick Hafey.

Standings and leaders:

	Won-Lost	GB	Batting	Home Runs
'27 Yankees	90 64	-	Simmons A's .380	Ruth NY 46
'31 A's	84 70	6	Bottomley 31SL .374	Gehrig NY 32
'27 Pirates	84 70	6	P.Waner PITT .373	Wilson CUB 32
'31 Cardinals	81 73	9	RBI	Klein PHI 32
'29 Cubs	80 74	10	Stephenson CUB 139	
'26 Indians	76 78	14	Ruth NY 130	H: P.Waner PIT 237
'26 Cardinals	73 81	17	Gehrig NY 129	R: Ruth NY 149
'30 Phillies	48 106	42	Simmons A's 129	2B: Burns CLE 60
				3B: Combs, NY 22
				SB: Cuyler CUB 30
<u>ERA</u>	<u>Wins</u>		<u>Strikeouts</u>	
Grove A's 2.71	Hill PIT 25-6		Grove A's 186	
Kremer PIT 2.74	Grove A's 24-10		Malone CUB 186	
Alexander 26SL 2.82	Earnshaw A's 22-13		CG: Earnshaw A's 27	
SA: Moore NY 8	SH: Kremer PIT 6		Grove A's 26	

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MICHIGAN MAJORS - Latest yearbook sent in was for 1985 season (using cards based on 1984) for this 24-team PEM league that was founded by Don Miron Jr., who works for General Motors and lives in Flushing, MI...Ten managers guided two teams, four piloted one team...Ira Feuerlicht's Kansas City squad defeated Bill Krolikowski's Los Angeles, 4-2, in World Series...Managerial lineup (teams): Don Miron, Flushing, MI (Detroit/Cubs); Bob Blanchard, Presque Isle, ME (Boston/Atlanta); Mike Swain, Holly, MI (White Sox/Montreal); Ira Feuerlicht, New York, NY (Kansas City/San Francisco); Richard Molino, Yonkers, NY (St. Louis); Dave Gineo, Southington, CT (Yankees/Houston); Ed Wehling, Eugene, MN (Oakland); David Rizzo, Yonkers, NY (Milwaukee); Alan Rizzo, Yonkers, NY (San Diego); Ron Brooker, West Haven, CT (California/Philadelphia); Steve Eccleston, Middleburg Hts., OH (Cleveland/Cincinnati); Michael Shaver, Reed City, MI (Texas/Mets); Bill Krolikowski, Floral Park, NY (Minnesota/Los Angeles) and Doug Campbell, Grand Blanc, MI (Baltimore/Pittsburgh)...Ages range from the Rizzo brothers, who are 17 (David) and 18, respectively, to Krolikowski, who's 46 and a high school teacher and sports official...Blanchard is a high school guidance counselor while Brooker owns hot dog and ice cream vending carts...Kansas City's Bert Blyleven was a big winner with a 30-7 record, Bud Black chipped in with a 21-16 mark and three other pitchers had 12 or more wins. George Bell bashed 38 home runs and Mike Easler (.331), Johnny Ray (.324) and Bob Brenly (.311) were the top hitters for the league champs...Detroit, which won 104 games in the regular season, had 10 hitters with 10 or more home runs and a trio of pitchers that was a big winner: Rich Dotson (21-7), Jack Morris (20-12) and Dan Petry (19-14).

League standings:

A.L. East	Won-Lost	GB	A.L. West	Won-Lost	GB	N.L. East	Won-Lost	GB
Detroit	104 58	-	Kansas City	98 64	-	Montreal	89 73	-
New York	85 77	19	California	85 77	13	Pittsburgh	86 76	3
Baltimore	84 78	20	Chicago	78 84	20	St. Louis	85 77	4
Boston	80 82	24	Oakland	66 96	32	Philadelphia	81 81	8
Cleveland	69 93	35	Texas	62 100	36	Chicago	81 81	8
Milwaukee	58 104	46				New York	58 104	31
<u>N.L. West</u>	<u>Won-Lost</u>	<u>GB</u>						
Los Angeles	95 67	-	Houston	88 74	7	San Diego	76 86	19
San Francisco	92 70	3	Atlanta	77 85	18	Cincinnati	64 98	31

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Here are the standings for the real-life 1968 baseball season:

AMERICAN	Won-Lost	Pct.	GB	NATIONAL	Won-Lost	Pct.	GB
Detroit	103 59	.636	-	St. Louis	97 65	.599	-
Baltimore	91 71	.562	12	San Francisco	88 74	.543	9
Cleveland	86 75	.534	16.5	Chicago	84 78	.519	13
Boston	86 76	.531	17	Cincinnati	83 79	.512	14
New York	83 79	.512	20	Atlanta	81 81	.500	16
Oakland	82 80	.506	21	Pittsburgh	80 82	.494	17
Minnesota	79 83	.488	24	Los Angeles	76 86	.469	21
California	67 95	.414	36	Philadelphia	76 86	.469	21
Chicago	67 95	.414	36	New York	73 89	.451	24
Washington	65 96	.404	37.5	Houston	72 90	.444	25