

STRATO-MATIC REVIEW

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New card time in baseball will soon be here

January Review to include RATINGS

It's that time again - time for the Review to present its complete package of baseball ratings.

And just as a year ago at this time, the Review will be doing just that when the January, 1990 issue comes your way.

The new ratings for fielding, "e" ratings, throwing arms and supplementary stealing will all be listed in the January edition.

If you've let your subscription expire, or are reading this after borrowing a friend's copy, send along a subscription pronto so you can enjoy poring over the ratings at your leisure.

As far as the ratings, don't call the Review or the Strat-O-Matic Game Company for special ratings. In the past the game company has been besieged with phone calls about ratings and those calls, for the most part, were eliminated last year when the Review printed a detailed list.

And that's another reason why S-O-M turns over to the Review the ratings, so it can spend valuable time preparing for the arrival of the new cards and its busiest time of the year.

The ratings will be printed the same as before and include: fielding (1, 2, 3 or 4 and for each position played), "e" ratings, throwing arms (for catchers and outfielders), running rating, an alphabetical stealing rating (for those who don't use the supplementary stealing) and the supplementary stealing ratings (good lead/picked off/ratings).

Also, the Review is trying to come up with rosters for all the teams so that many leagues can get a head start on what players will have cards. That's not definite, but the Review is checking with S-O-M to provide the names on the rosters.

The balk, wild pitch and passed ball optional system that was introduced last year, will be continued. The balk totals, of course, were way down in 1989 and that will be reflected in the optional system.

Strat-O-Matic also has a few new twists - again they will be optional, as is always the case for new developments - although gamers

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will have to wait for the January issue to read about the details. One, suffice to say at this time, does involve the "e" chart.

The additions to its baseball game, once they are revealed, will again show the game company is listening (as well as reading the "Readers roll 'em" section of the Review) to its customers.

1927 SEASON IS NEWEST OLDIE

Strat-O-Matic will be coming out with the 1927 season in January and, although that's been known by the gaming public for a long time, this old-timer season will have a different look.

"The '27 set will be the first to have the super-advanced features - including ballpark and clutch hitting," mentions James Williams, sales manager at S-O-M who's been with the game company almost since its founding.

"The cards will be perforated and wrapped, like all the new cards now," adds Williams. Old-timer or reprinted past seasons cards have always been collated in the past and packaged for shipping as individual teams.

The 1927 cards won't be the normal three colors as the new cards are, but there will be a color differentiation.

PRICES WILL BE AVAILABLE

The cost for the new cards, the '27 season and the computer team disks (also based on the 1989 season) will be revealed as well.

And, hopefully, the Review can provide some date as to when the new cards, etc., will be available for both pickup orders from Strat-O-Matic and for shipping.

Also next month, the Review will reveal the winner of its annual Most Valuable Player Contest and who can look forward to receiving a set of the new cards, compliments of this publication, when the cards are available.

Remember, no calls about ratings. And be sure your subscription is current. Persuade your friends to subscribe, too.

Roll 'em.

S-O-M card corrections

The game company has sent along three other card corrections, one for pro football and the others for pro basketball.

Football

In football, change Michael Carter of San Francisco from a pass rush rating of "3" to a "6".

Basketball

And in the basketball cards there are two changes, one of them minor:

(1) Robert Parish of Boston should have "X + 1 F (1)" on No.4 for his inside column. Parish's inside column does have an "X" but he's fouled on the basket, too.

(2) John Williams of Washington should have the position of "center" listed on the advanced side of his card. Williams is already listed as a left and right forward and a guard.

While on the subject of basketball, the Review is interested in reaction to HOOPS, which S-O-M is selling for the first time. Send along your comments.

TBA tournament beat continues

'World' tournament again planned for late January

John Kreuz's Table Baseball Association tournaments go on, regardless of rain, snow, sleet and high winds.

Add earthquake to the all-of-the-above list.

Kreuz, the man responsible for making TBA an S-O-M household acronym, put on a tournament in Sacramento, CA - a tournament that finished up just two days before the earthquake hit with 7.5 force on the Richter scale.

Kreuz and the TBA didn't actually survive an earthquake's fury - they got out of town and out of the area before it struck.

"Peter Lewis, from San Francisco, did win the Sacramento tournament," says Kreuz. "It was the weekend of the World Series and you should have seen all the portable TVs people brought in."

Kreuz, who's closing in on another complete season of TBA tournaments and a World Championship finale in Chicago, ran off two tournaments since the November issue of the Review came out.

Lewis won in San Francisco (Kreuz, incidentally, was runner-up). And Bill Turner, from Wakefield, MA, captured first-place honors at Baltimore. Will Roberts, who shared honors with Kreuz in last season's World Championship tourney, was runner-up at Baltimore.

Roberts, who hails from Acton, MA - it was ironic that two gamers who traveled all the way from Massachusetts took home first and second places in Baltimore - added 39 points to his season's total and took over first place on the points listing.

Jim Schwanebeck, the college math professor from Towson, MD, moved from third to second, with 194 points, because of a good showing in Baltimore.

NEWARK LAST TOURNEY STOP

A TBA tournament in Newark, NJ, Dec. 1-3, will wrap up another season for Kreuz and the TBA. "A very large turnout is expected," enthuses Kreuz, who projects 50 gamers to roll 'em and shake 'em that weekend.

"If we have 50, that would break the record for Newark (48 last April)," continues Kreuz. "The all-time record for a TBA tournament (aside from the 'World') is 60 at Long Island."

SOME CHANGES PLANNED

As he winds down from another successful season, Kreuz paused long enough to mention some changes coming in 1990. "We are considering, along with our regular three-day TBA tournaments, one-day tournaments for the casual player. They would be held on Saturday (drafting and playing games) and the entry fee would be around \$20.

"This would be for those casual gamers who don't care about going to the 'World', don't care about prize money and don't want to travel long distances."

Kreuz said there would still be prize money, but that it would be in proportion to the number of entrants and the total amount of fees collected.

"This will give gamers a chance to see what a TBA tournament is all about and not have to spend the entire weekend playing. And they won't have to play against the serious gamer. Hopefully, they'll enjoy it and want to play in the regular tournaments some day."

Kreuz, for his part, always tries to group gamers by experience in Saturday's pool play anyway. "Those with experience are always put in different groups than those who've never played in a tournament (or

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played very little)," says Kreuz.

In the Chicago TBA tourney (held in mid-November), Kreuz did set up two groupings of gamers: (1) Those with little experience, or the novices; and (2) the "Steel-Cage" group, or the serious gamers.

Some of Kreuz's other plans for the '90 TBA season will be in the January issue of the Review.

Now for the latest season and overall point standings:

1989 POINT STANDINGS

1. Will Roberts, Acton, MA.....210
2. Jim Schwanebeck, Towson, MD.....194
3. Jim Jasper, Schaumburg, IL.....183
4. Kevin Vedrine, Mt. Prospect, IL.....160
5. Bob Scofield, Stratford, CT.....156
6. Ed Scofield, Stratford, CT.....149
7. tie, Tim Berry, Roseville, MN.....146
- Joe Janssen, Hastings, MN.....146
- Peter Lewis, San Francisco, CA.....146
10. Rick Fox, Jacksonville, IL.....140

Upcoming TBA Schedule

Dec. 1-3 - Newark, NJ

Jan. 19-21 - Chicago, IL
(World Tournament)

LIFETIME POINT STANDINGS

1. Jim Jasper, Schaumburg, IL.....531
2. Bob Scofield, Stratford, CT.....430
3. Bill Fenlon, Chicago, IL.....414
4. Bill Meinhardt, Allston, MA.....406
5. Kevin Vedrine, Mt. Prospect, IL.....400
6. Will Roberts, Acton, MA.....362
7. Jeff Watson, Upper Darby, PA.....358
8. JJim Battista, West Chester, PA.....357
9. Jim Schwanebeck, Towson, MD.....325
10. Ed Scofield, Stratford, CT.....315

For more information about
the TBA, or to enter a
TBA tournament, write:

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VEDRINE PASSES BAR EXAM

Don't get the wrong idea about TBA gamers - they're not all play and no work. In fact, many of them have jobs that keep them so busy it's a wonder they ever have time to roll S-O-M dice.

Schwanebeck, of course, is a math professor. Alan Ellenby, a past winner of the 'World,' is a lawyer in Illinois.

Rick Fox, who is still 10th in this season's point standings, is a surgeon, and a very busy one. "He's told me," says Kreuz, "I live for these tournaments. I don't have time to be in a Strato league."

TBA tournaments give Fox and many others like him a respite from their whirlwind schedules.

Kevin Vedrine is another who, although he frequently plays in TBA tournaments (he's No. 4 on the season's points standings list and No. 5 all-time, with 400 points, only six behind Bill Meinhardt of Allston, MA), has pursued a career goal.

"Vedrine just passed his bar exam (in Illinois) and he's excited," says Kreuz.

So, on the TBA's top 10 list for points this season, there are at least two lawyers, a surgeon, a college professor and one owner (Jim Jasper) of a computer software company that grosses close to a million dollars annually.

What parent said to his young son, "If you don't quit shaking those dice, you'll never amount to anything?"

And who said it's a kid's game?

Strat-O-Matic is truly a game for all people and all lifestyles.

More on what computer game should include

By BILL SOLLITTO, Medford, MA

Comments on the IBM version of Strat-O-Matic Baseball:

(1) The glitches from the fielding chart are not all that bad, but they are inconsistent with the manual game.

The premise that a "1" infielder should always turn a doubleplay is weak. I've played over three full seasons with Ozzie Smith and Bill Doran as my combo and this glitch seems to hurt me 5-10 percent of the time.

(2) How about a new Catcher's X-chart anyway?

(3) Still on the topic of fielding, I think it may be time to revamp the error situation entirely.

Why does a SS-e12 stand a chance to make six times as many two-base errors as a SS-e31? What about the consequential difference between a throwing and fielding error? Not all outfield errors should be two-base errors. Most should involve runner movement on plays in progress (i.e. missing the cutoff man or misplaying a base hit).

How often does a catcher commit an error that allows a batter to reach base? What about giving the pitcher credit for a strikeout on some of these?

On gb(x) to the infield, and specifically, the error portion of the chart, I think gbA should be replaced by gbB (i.e. the shortstop bobbles the ball, gets the force at second, but does not turn a DP)..

Is there some way to create a multidimensional error chart that will incorporate the fielding of each player in a play? I can envision a GB(ss)X with a man on first: Ozzie Smith makes a fabulous scoop, tosses to Doran, who turns a beautiful pivot and throws perfectly to Jack Clark, who drops the ball.

Let's not complicate the playability of the game. We don't have to know how the computer figures this out, just the results that it gives us.

(4) One of the appeals of S-O-M is its simplicity. The manual game is the "user friendliest" on the market. Without compromising this, we stand a chance to improve S-O-M's weak points through the computer.

I thoroughly enjoy seeing only results from the fielding charts (my prior objections aside). Let's not make this a game of menus and charts. When I played manually I developed several charts to replace the bunting and hit-and-run plays.

(5) I agree with Chuck Osmak (9/89 Review) on the subject of computer opponent. How about being able to set different parameters for each team? This would be terrific for computerized play-by-mail leagues. Also, a randomly generated odd play is a great idea.

(6) Let's get rid of this glitch: First and third, the runner on first steals second, the catcher throws the ball away, the base-stealer advances to third - but the runner on third vanishes.

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(7) Plate appearances for league-leader purposes should include AB, BB, HBP, SAC and SF. I'm unclear as to whether it's correct in the current version. Let's get rid of GW RBI and replace it with SF. On the subject of league leaders, what about expanding to more categories and longer lists?

(8) Rosters and statistics should be focal points in revamping the game. I agree with expanded rosters, though you should be limited to 25 players for a game.

The separate vs. righty and vs. lefty lineups, including predetermined positions, would be great. My real concern is with the statistical program. Please, S-O-M, make it easier to make roster moves. Let's be able to just switch two players instead of typing in the new player's stats over the old one and having to then "add" the old one to the end.

(9) I would love to have the ability to add the stats from two disks for identical teams. We (Bucknell S-O-M League) are a face-to-face league, but we do play at different sites. This would be even more important for PBM leagues.

Compiling stats from two disks is a chore. It's not bad when you're only doing it once or twice a season, but it is laborious and there is too much room for error. You could just gather your disks and have the computer compile the stats for each team.

(10) Very small point here: Our league uses the DH. Could we have just one line of batter stats on the pitchers? Include a total of pitchers' errors and under each individual's pitching stats we can see the number of errors he's made.

Perhaps the computer could ask during the drafting process if a DH will be used for that team. This may allow for expanded rosters from a statistical point of view.

In summary, let's keep the game simple and easy to use. We should never eliminate the cards - it just wouldn't be Strat-O. We have a chance to let the computer do all the dirty work, so let's do it.

Hopefully my suggestions, as well as those from others, will be considered.

Editor's note: Bill Sollitto is commissioner of the Bucknell S-O-M Baseball League, a Boston area face-to-face league that uses IBM. The league is in its ninth year.

Questions & Answers

QUESTION: Does Strat-O-Matic have any plans to produce cards for the new Senior Professional Baseball League in the event of a full-year major league players strike? (Roland Klee, Hartford, CT)

ANSWER: Not a bad question when you consider the rumblings about the possibility of a strike in '90. S-O-M does not have any plans for the Seniors League at this time, however.

Readers roll 'em

COMPUTER CONCERN

After reading some of the letters in the October Review, I've had my sense of security undermined. I hope you can clear this up by giving me a true picture of the Strat-O-Matic situation concerning computer games.

Earlier issues of the Review clearly conveyed the idea that the game company, while not currently developing a new computer version of the baseball game for Commodore or Apple, would continue to produce the annual software (teams) for these computers.

However, the October letters referred to above gave the impression that the game company is totally abandoning Apple and Commodore owners.

My position is that I really don't care if Strat-O-Matic creates a new version of the game for the smaller computers or not - as long as it continues to produce the team disks each year.

I'm perfectly satisfied with my Commodore version and will continue to purchase seasons as long as they are available and being generated by the company.

I need to know what S-O-M's plans really are. Please, either restore my sense of security or put me out of my misery.

JAMES CUMMINS
Salisbury, MD

Editor's note: S-O-M plans on coming out with the team disks for all computers, as usual, in early February (or three-to-four weeks after the new baseball cards are ready for shipping). The game company does plan an ultra deluxe version of the game disk late in the summer, and that will be, at least at this time, available only for IBM. We will keep readers informed as word is passed on to us from S-O-M. Incidentally, the Review's editors have Apple computers, so we are very much interested in what the game

company's plans are, too.

S-O-M: FAVORITE PASTIME

I look forward to receiving the Review each month; it always has many interesting items to make Strat-O-Matic a better game.

My only complaint is when I receive it all the sale items are gone. I am on a fixed income and look forward to buying some cards at reasonable prices, but they are always gone.

I am a severe emphysema victim and on oxygen about 20 hours a day. So, Strat-O-Matic is my favorite pastime; it keeps me from getting bored and depressed, as my wife works part-time. That is why I try to get as many cards as I can.

So I can play every team each year, I play elimination tournaments until I get a champion. I have played close to 700 games and you would be surprised at some of the results. I have had just one no-hitter and I have kept every scoresheet of all my games.

There is another project I started two years ago: A Negro league. I have always been interested in the old Negro leagues and have many books about them. At present I have 16 teams, having matched each Negro player statistically as close as I could with a white counterpart. The results have been very close.

I have always been a baseball nut and have been a Tiger fan for 55 years, regardless of how they do.

WILLARD JOHNSON
Lumberton, NJ

'WISH LIST' SECONDED

I would like to make a few comments in regards to a column in the October, 1989, Review submitted by Rene Jose Silva.

I wholeheartedly agree with his request for more pre-1920 old-timer baseball teams and past
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complete seasons from the same era. I have made the same request many times through the Review.

Mr. Silva submitted an outstanding "Wish List" and I would like to second each of his requests.

I would, however, like to comment on the "editor's note" which followed the column. In the editor's opinion, S-O-M will not reprint teams for avid fans of 1910-1920s and prior if there is little market for them.

My question is, how does S-O-M know if there is or is not a market for them? In the past, all of the surveys used to determine reprints (old-timer team series B and past seasons) have been open to any era.

Because S-O-M has reprinted such a limited amount of teams, of course the popular teams with the popular players (Ruth, Mays, Dimaggio, etc.) would be chosen first. This certainly does not indicate there is no market for pre-1920 past seasons or teams.

How about conducting a survey to see if there is a market for these teams. That would certainly answer the questions. All the letters and requests you have printed regarding pre-1920 baseball teams leads me to believe a market does exist.

RAY VANDERHOFF
McAfee, NJ

Editor's note: The reference to "little market" for pre-1920 seasons and teams is based on sales of other long-ago seasons. S-O-M doesn't reveal its sales, but usually the farther back the season, the farther down the sales. The game company will read your letter, as it does all of them that appear in the Review, so perhaps something will come of your efforts.

AGREES WITH FROBOM

I want to let you know I really enjoy seeing baseball replay results and playing tips. Currently, I am in the midst of a 1969 NL East replay, trying

to manage the Cubs to a title.

Like Mark Frobom, I would like to see S-O-M keep coming out with past seasons. In my current replay, while I am a Cub fan, I have had some fun moments with the first-year Expos.

In the October, 1987 issue of the Review, Frobom gives some advice on how to complete a replay. I wholeheartedly agree with him when he says to limit the replay to four to six teams - any more would be overwhelming.

I also agree that replayers should try to enjoy the games one at a time, as opposed to firing them off.

There is one thing I would like to add to Frobom's suggestions: try to avoid getting sidetracked with other replay projects and stick to the one you're working on. I would almost be finished with my current replay if I hadn't begun an old-timers tournament.

Overall, I really enjoy playing S-O-M and look forward to replaying the '89 NL East, with the Cubs hopefully winning it all. But only after I finish my '69 project.

MARK GAST
Taft, CA

Editor's note: Another letter on how to complete replays was in the Nov., 1989, issue of the Review (pages 12-14). It was penned by Dick Hunt.

THOUGHTS ON BASEBALL

A few random thoughts on baseball:

(1) My annual pitch for a grass-turf X-chart. It seems grass vs. turf is a bigger part of a game than wild pitch, passed ball or balks.

(2) A new rule for advancement of runners on infield outs. A groundball to first or second should advance a runner from second to third. I know a lot of gamers already do this. But how about an "official" rule?

(3) A new infield in chart.
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If the infield is in, reduce all fielders' fielding ratings by one or two. Give the fielder the option to throw home, using the runner's running rating with some other adjustments. If the fielding rating adjustments go beyond a "4" an automatic hit results. If the infield is back, a groundball to second or short should score the run.

(4) A new bunting chart to reflect grass vs. turf.

(5) A comment about computer baseball:

I've been playing S-O-M since 1965. In addition to all the old-timer teams, I have a library of 28 complete seasons and one partial (my first nine-team selector set from 1964). I'm 35 and don't see myself getting a computer. The articles and information about computer baseball in the Review do nothing for me. In fact, I don't even read them.

I'm sure a lot of people share my thoughts, just as I'm sure many feel the opposite. How about every other month, or every third or fourth issue, devoted to just computer information? I know this would be a radical change and is probably impossible.

To me, computer information in the Review is like indoor soccer information in the sports pages.

JOHN MCTERNAN
Belleville, IL

HOCKEY GAME NEEDS UPDATE

I am concerned about how the game company has dragged its feet over improving the hockey game.

I know that Mr. (Harold)

Richman is running a business and that hockey is not bringing in the bucks like his popular baseball game. But I've been a loyal customer since 1972 and have purchased card sets from all the professional S-O-M sports.

I believe you have to give something to get something and I've given hundreds of dollars to Strat-O-Matic. Now when do I get my hockey game updated?

How much longer will Peter Ihnacak pass as well as Wayne Gretzky? How long will players who played more games than Chris Kontos (only seven) have their cards not included in the set?

Would Jack O'Callahan's card (36 games) have put the Devils in the playoffs? And even so, is that really a good reason to leave him out?

And does Strat-O-Matic intend to make its cards for replays when most gamers who buy the cards regularly are in draft leagues?

With all of its formulas and computer technology, I find it hard to believe S-O-M couldn't give out another card for each team and still have a product that could please both the replay authenticity as well as the draft leaguers.

In closing I don't want to leave out that penalty chart and misconduct system that has truly proven that nobody will ever see a 300-minute penalty player. Maybe Tim Hunter's misconduct split should be changed to 1-20?

Why won't S-O-M make the world's best hockey game better?

PHIL LEDESMA

Wellington, KS

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1987

Jan., Feb., March, April, May, June, July, August, Sept.

Make that 11 seasons of Liberty

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Washington defeats Denver in '87 Super Bowl

Denver made it a lot closer in the Super Bowl - but it was still coach Wayne Benton's Washington team, which averaged a league-record 32 points per game, that won the Super Bowl.

Washington, although it trailed 24-13 to Denver with eight minutes left, scored on a 22-yard run by Kelvin Bryant with 4:15 remaining and then with just two ticks left on the clock, Doug Williams connected with Gary Clark on a 2-yard touchdown throw for the winning points.

And that was the way it ended for the real-life 1987 season for the long-running Liberty Football League, a face-to-face league based in Liberty, NY, that uses super-advanced rules and now is in its 12th year of rolling S-O-M dice.

Denver, coached by Tom Smith, was only 7-7 during the regular season and just squeaked into the playoffs as a wild card. John Elway was super throughout the playoffs, passing for 266 yards and three touchdowns in a 31-28 win over Miami, connecting with Mark Jackson on a 34-yard game-winning pass with eight seconds left in a 30-28 thriller against Cleveland and, in the AFC championship game, he had 252 yards and four touchdowns in a 34-28 triumph over New England.

In the Super Bowl, Elway was 24 of 43 passing for 316 yards and one touchdown. Washington, however, rode a 365-yard rushing attack, featuring a 257-yard performance by Bryant, to outlast the Broncos.

The 1987 Super Bowl, for those who may have forgotten, was won by Washington by a 39-20 count.

14 BEST TEAMS ARE PICKED, PLUS...

The Liberty League has six coaches, each of whom guide an NFC and AFC team. The league "coaches" a team in each conference, too.

The 14 best teams are used, with each coach allowed an offensive and defensive draft pick from the remaining teams. Denver, for example, chose Bo Jackson as its offensive pick.

Four teams in each division make the playoffs.

Here's a capsule look at each team:

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON (Coach: Wayne Benton) - Draft: Roger Ruzek (placekicker) - Ruzek was good draft choice as he led league with 151 points... Doug Williams was NFC MVP as offense averaged 32 points...Draft pick Cornelius Bennett had 12 sacks as defense gave up only 269 points.

SAN FRANCISCO (Kevin Mullen) - Draft: Steve Largent (wr) - Gave up league-low 228 points...Joe Montana had sub-par season (throwing 24 interceptions)...Jerry Rice had 54 catches, Roger Craig 56 to go with 1,021 yards rushing.

LOS ANGELES RAMS (Billy Stoddard) - Draft: Jim Kelly (qb) - Kelly only completed 44 percent of passes, but still passed for over 3,000 yards...Charles White rushed for 1,105 but missed playoffs with injury.

NEW YORK GIANTS (Norm Evansky) - Draft: James Wilder (rb) - Wilder ran wild, carrying 345 times for 1,669 yards - both league highs...Phil Simms was sacked league-high 41 times...Lost four of last five games.

CHICAGO (Tim Smith) - Draft: Stanford Jennings (rb) - Bad start (1-7) and minus-16 turnover differential ruined Bears early...Jennings led team with 867 yards rushing...Richard Dent was tops with 15 sacks...Walter Payton finishes Liberty Football career with 13,021 yards.

MINNESOTA (league) - Draft: Mick Luckhurst (pk) - Darrin Nelson rushed for 1,324 yards and Anthony Carter had 60 receptions for 21.3 per-catch average...Lost last four games and missed playoffs.

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NEW ORLEANS (Tom Poley) - Draft: Mike Quick (wr) - Quick had 62 receptions for 1,108 yards...Saints had league-best +24 turnover differential...Offense produced league-low 19.5 points per game.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

NEW ENGLAND (Evansky) - Draft: Neil Lomax (qb) - Patriots won third straight AFC Liberty title and Lomax was MVP after throwing for 28 touchdowns...Pat defense was No. 1 overall in league...Anthony Toney rushed for 1,200 yards.

CLEVELAND (Poley) - Draft: Todd Christensen (te) - Christensen led league with 85 catches and Bernie Kosar passed for 29 TDs...Rushing attack was league's worst, however.

DENVER (Smith) - Draft: Bo Jackson (rb) - Defense let Denver down in regular season as Elway passed for 23 TDs and Jackson rushed for 1,245 yards...Defense was 13th against both run and pass.

MIAMI (Stoddard) - Draft: Curt Warner (rb) - Had league's worst defense, ranking last (14th) against run and pass...Dan Marino threw for 29 TDs, 3,406 yards and Mark Duper caught 61 passes for 1,528 yards for a 25.1 average...Had minus-31 turnover differential.

PITTSBURGH (Benton) - Draft: Ken O'Brien (qb) - Lost four games by three points or less...Top defensive pick Reggie White had 12 sacks.

INDIANAPOLIS (league) - Draft: Steve DeBerg (qb) - Eric Dickerson was AFC's leading rusher with 1,486 yards and 11 touchdowns.

HOUSTON (Mullen) - Draft: Kellen Winslow (te) - Mike Rozier was two-way threat, rushing for 1,250 yards and catching 64 passes...Defensive draft pick Bruce Smith had 14 sacks...Lost last three games.

NFC	Won-Lost	AFC	Won-Lost	Playoffs			
Washington	12 2	New England	11 3	NFC: LA Rams 27, NY			
San Francisco	10 4	Cleveland	8 6	Giants 17; LA Rams 30			
LA Rams	7 7	Denver	7 7	San Francisco 17;			
NY Giants	7 7	Miami	7 7	Washington 38, LA Rams			
Chicago	5 9	Pittsburgh	6 8	23. AFC: Denver 32,			
Minnesota	5 9	Indianapolis	5 9	Miami 28; Denver 30,			
New Orleans	3 11	Houston	5 9	Cleveland 28; Denver			
				34, New England 28.			
Rushing	Att-Yds.	TD	Avg.	Receiving	No.-Yds.	TD	Avg.
Wilder NYG	345 1669	6	4.8	Christensen CLE	85 741	7	8.7
Dickerson IND	327 1486	11	4.5	Bavaro NYG	74 872	6	11.8
D.Nelson MIN	235 1324	4	5.6	Slaughter CLE	72 1408	11	19.6
Rozier HOU	257 1250	6	4.9	Cosbie PIT	70 829	6	11.8
B.Jackson DEN	255 1245	3	4.9	Duper MIA	61 1528	8	25.1
Passing	Att-Comp.	Pct.	Yds	TD	Int%		
D.Williams WAS	372-214	57.5	3132	25	3.2		
Lomax NE	409-224	54.8	2563	28	2.9		
Marino MIA	374-171	45.7	3406	29	4.8		
Elway DEN	372-201	54.0	2991	23	4.3		
Kosaar CLE	494-274	55.5	3368	29	3.2		

 CONTEST: Two separate northern Indiana tournaments. Your choice or try them both. December 3 - Advanced and super-advanced baseball. Jan. 21 - Pro football. Contact: Ken donnelly, 55657 Fairview Lane, South Bend, IN 46628 + 1107 (219-234-9381). Enclose a long SASE, please.

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Wanted

WANTED: 1972 advanced baseball teams. Complete set and/or any 1972 teams any condition. Contact: Chuck McMullan, 500 Yew Court, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714

WANTED: Copies of the baseball roster sheets for the 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987 and 1988 seasons. Contact: Robert J. Kay, 711 Ave. T, Brooklyn, NY 11223 (718-376-8513)

WANTED: Will pay all reasonable costs plus extra for copies of formulas, charts, or methodologies you have developed to rate player/player cards for football, baseball and/or basketball. I need your help and advice on rating my own cards. Please write: Bruce Tangeman, 512 West Perry St., Papillion, NE 68046

WANTED: 1968 Rams, most 1969 football teams. Have most baseball and football teams of the 1960s and 1970s to trade for above. Robert Henry, Box 13424, Reading, PA 19612 (215-373-7368; no collect calls.

WANTED: Looking for S-O-M baseball or hockey league in Decatur, IL, area. Over 20 years of playing face-to-face, draft leagues. Willing to do some traveling. Age 36. Terry Starbody, 1424 E. Cantrell St., Decatur, IL 62521 (217-422-8134)

WANTED: Baseball sets with extras, 1971-1984. Playable condition; just for my own use. Send to:

Al Capozzi, 74 Homer Street, East Boston, MA 02128

WANTED: 1967 Yankees, Senators, Reds, Braves, Mets, Astros; 1966 Giants; 1965 Reds; 1964 Orioles, Angels, Twins. Cary A. Cardinale, 31805 #D 3rd Place, Southwest, Federal Way, WA 98023

WANTED: Any S-O-M gamer replayed 1987 St. Louis season (single team or entire league replay, but no computer replays)? Urgently need your final statistics. Please send copies of your stats with any comments regarding performance of individual Cardinals during the replay to: Mike Craney R.R. 1 Box 45, Loogootee, IN 47553

WANTED: 1985-86 New York Rangers, Pittsburgh Penguins and Washington Capitals, all with additional players. Send condition and prices to: Charles Knebel, 1018 Cora Drive, Flint, MI 48532

WANTED: Any leagues out there need a mature, reliable manager? I've been playing S-O-M for 20 years. I'm new to PBM leagues but I'm very eager to learn. Please write or call: Gary Kane, 1757 East Rochelle #4, Las Vegas, NV 89119 (702-732-1157)

WANTED: Looking high and low for an old (mid-'70s) Kareem Abdul-Jabbar card. Condition not important. Todd Sweeney, 7320 Corbin Ave. #B, Reseda, CA 91335 (818-349-4118)

WANTED: Complete football seasons in excellent condition. Cal Whitbeck, 117 Peachtree, Mason, MI 48854, or call 517-676-6563.

WANTED: League preparing for its fourth season needs managers for face-to-face play in the Boise, ID, area. If interested, call: Richard (336-2195) or Cam (375-7067)

WANTED: Opponent for some face-to-face games. Anyone in the Las Vegas area? Any leagues in area? Contact: Gary Kane, 1757 E. Rochelle #4, Las Vegas, NV 89119 (702-732-1157)

For Sale

FOR SALE: Baseball schedules. Great for S-O-M replays. Every season available. \$1 per season and SASE. 20-sided dice, \$2. Richard Breest, 1332 Greenlea Drive, Holiday, FL 34691

FOR SALE: I am now holding at about 1100 individual S-O-M Baseball teams from 1930-1987. I now have over 30,000 assorted S-O-M Baseball cards from 1930-1988. I also have a new assortment of complete sets. Send a SASE (with 85 cents postage on it) for my Giant 1989 Teams List and/or send your list of assorted cards that you want to: Chris Rosen, 731 Bergen Street, Philadelphia, PA 19111 (215-745-5247). Special note: I have a lot of new stock and am interested in buying more.

FOR SALE: To make mortgage payments, lifetime gamer forced to disband complete Strat-O-Matic baseball, football and hockey empire. All teams in excellent to mint condition. Too many teams to list here. Send \$1 and SASE for complete list to: David Holubec, 1865 Martingrove Road #306, Rexdale, Ontario, Canada M9V-3S7

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FOR SALE: 1986 and 1987 baseball sets. Hockey sets from 1985-86 to present. All five sets include extras, in very good to excellent condition. Bids start at \$25/set, postage paid. Also available: optional hockey rules/goalie penalty system, only \$1. Write: Phil Ledesma, 815 N. Woodlawn #142, Wellington, KS 67152

FOR SALE: Single plastic card protectors for your S-O-M cards. Size: 5" x 3". Great fit; no more worry or damage. Keep your cards in great shape for years. Each 100 for \$6, which includes shipping and handling. Shawn Frye, Route 1 Box 546, Munford, AL 36268

FOR SALE: Selling out 1985 and '61 baseball (mint) with all game parts - \$50. Includes basketball and hockey games (excellent) and miscellaneous S-O-M items. J.P. Kuchar, 33 Sheridan Avenue, Metuchen, NJ 08840 (201-549-6468)

FOR SALE: Football - complete, excellent condition, 1984, \$45; 1985, \$45; 1986, \$40. Prices include postage. Basketball - 1985-86, \$45. Baseball - 1974, \$80; 1977, \$80; 1978, \$75; 1986, \$35. Money orders only. Richard Gulezian, 1 Robinhood Road, Windham, NH 03087

FOR SALE: Your S-O-M Baseball will be even more true-to-life and fun with my super-advanced rules, which add realism and detail while preserving the game's speed of play and accuracy. Simple rules provide outfield throwing errors and misplayed hits; more realistic base advances;

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FOR SALE: Exact schedules and pitching rotations for all seasons, 1901-1988. Write for quotes - All sets \$8 or less each. Add realism to your replays. Rich Pray, 533 Timber Ridge Drive, Pensacola, FL 32514

FOR SALE: Standardized team defense cards for basketball (as seen in Sept., '89 Review). Perfect for draft leagues. Cards are printed on thin cardboard and slightly larger than S-O-M cards. Set of six (three home, three visitor) costs \$1 per set. Include SASE with all orders. Anthony Giacobbe, 435 W. 119th St., #7H, New York, NY 10027

FOR SALE: Football teams - Complete sets, 1980, 1981, 1983, top 10 teams from each of 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977. Hockey complete set, 1982-83. Hockey excellent, football good or excellent condition. Mainly interested in trading for baseball teams from 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1979, 1980, with or without extras. Send list of teams you want and those you have to trade to: Robert Rife, 10409 Menard, Oak Lawn, IL 60453

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1973-1986 all complete, with extras. Hockey - 1977-78 through 1985-86, also 1987-88 seasons, all with extras. Taking best offers. Call 218-681-5846 or write: Lee Genereux, 1824 Robinhood Dr., Thief River

Falls, MN 56701

FOR SALE: Deflections are back. For 1988-89 hockey super-advanced deflection ratings, please send SASE to: Judy Goldberg, 105 Bennett Ave., Apt. 24A, New York, NY 10033

FOR SALE: Baseball, complete sets with extras for 1981 and 1986 seasons. I pay the postage. Will accept bids to Feb. 1. Roger Johnson, 9509 Horton Avenue, Urbandale, IA 50322 (515-276-5922)

FOR SALE: Football sets - 1969 (excellent), \$85; 1973 (missing Jets, slight rubber band wear), \$50; 1972 Miami only (excellent), \$6. Baseball - 1976 w/extras (excellent), \$50. All postpaid. Jeff Lowe, 5005 Tamara Lane, West Des Moines, IA 50265

FOR SALE: Baseball sets - 1984, '85, '86, '87 seasons. Excellent to mint condition. All sets must go - no storage space left. Best offers (\$30 minimum) accepted. Complete sets only. Also S-O-M Reviews, 1984 to today, \$1 each, \$7.50 for a year. Special bonus: Buy all my cards and get all Reviews half-price. Eager to sell by Christmas. You pay postage. Call/write: Lou Israel, 4100 Bouchette #18, Montreal, Quebec, H3S 1J2 (514-737-4054). Don't delay - call today.

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FOR SALE: Complete sets. Football - 1974-1981, 1987, 1988; Baseball - 1976-1980, 1982, 1985-88. College Football - 1986-1988. Basketball - 1986, 1987. Hockey - 1977, 1986, 1987. First-come, first-serve. Send SASE for price/condition list to: Frank Dyer, 417 S. Wasson Lane #206, River Falls, WI 54022

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FOR SALE: Here it is. The sale of the decade. I am taking bids on all the best original, excellent-condition football teams from 1967-81 until Feb. 1, 1990. At that time, all must go. Send \$1 plus SASE for list. Mike Merwine, 1135 Brook Avenue, Allentown, PA 18103 (215-791-3253)

FOR SALE: Franchise in the TransAmerican Baseball League, a 16-team, PBM, draft league which runs from March through Saturday. The best part about the seven-year-old league is that you won't have to worry about your investment becoming defunct, because the league will not fold. What will this cost, you ask? All it takes is a commitment. Interested parties should contact: Drew Elliott, 9241 Rosser St., Bellflower, CA 90706, for more details.

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FOR SALE: Fanatics - Make your season replay more realistic with Baseball Replay '89. Exact day-to-day 1989 schedules and actual starting pitchers; comprehensive roster changes (trades, disabled players, minor-league callups) by date; plus a unique lineup guide to assure realistic player use. Ideal for replaying one team or a whole league. More than 100 hours of research at your fingertips for only \$12. Similar replay aids for 1927, 1956, 1961-64, 1967-68, 1985-88 - \$12 each season (roster changes for pre-1985 are trades only). Check or money order to: Glenn Guzzo, 1925 Brickell Avenue, D-1104, Miami, FL 33129

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FOR SALE: Complete baseball game with 1986 cards and extras. Excellent condition, \$50. Cal Whitbeck, 117 Peachtree, Mason, MI 48854

League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: Franchises available in the United League of Moderate Gamers (PBM draft league) as it expands from 12 to 16 teams for its second year. We also need reliable backups and replacements for current corps of GMs. Super-advanced rules, 162-game schedule that requires you to play 3-5 games per week with no waiting on others. Call 216-678-8116, or send information and SASE to: Todd Burkes, 1002 Lake St. #F-433, Kent, OH 44240

LEAGUE FORMING: We need more managers to start a face-to-face league in Contra Costa County, CA. Four games a night, one night a week. This will be a draft and continuous ownership league. Call John Felles (415-947-2340 days; 415-370-7267 nights).

LEAGUE FORMING: Well established face-to-face super-advanced football league is looking to expand and continue our past success. We will be starting our 12th season and have been well-documented in the Review. We are located in the beautiful Sullivan County Catskill Mountains in Liberty, NY. We play on the average of once a week and are flexible. If you're (continued)

looking for a well-organized league (run by local businessmen), great stats, halftime festivities and a great time, give us a call. Everyone gets a shot at a solid playoff team. Wayne Benton (914-292-4119), or Norman Evansky (914-292-5799)

LEAGUE FORMING: The ICBL is entering its third season by expanding to 26 teams. Managers are needed for expansion franchises, along with one or two established teams. We are a mail league that uses an unusual play chart along with a couple of other innovations. If you are mature, dedicated and know your baseball, this is the league for you. If interested, contact: Paul Ziemba at 508-224-4708.

LEAGUE FORMING: The TransAmerican Baseball League, scheduled to open its seventh season, is looking for S-O-M players interested in becoming managers in a PEM draft league. The TABL is a 16-team summer league in which all cards are eligible. Gamers should contact Drew Elliott, 9241 Rosser St., Bellflower, CA 90706

LEAGUE FORMING: Sportsmen's Baseball Association entering sixth season. PEM. Advanced rules. Emphasis on sportsmanship, communication, promptness. For 1990 membership application and details, write: Burke Ittenbach, 104 Macon Drive, Mobile Estates, Cary, NC 27511

LEAGUE FORMING: Managers and coaches for Michiana Indoor S-O-M League. Call: Ken Donnelly, South Bend (234-9381); Pat Tafelski, Mishawaka (259-3657); Kevin Frick, Walkerton (656-4827).

LEAGUE FORMING: The South Shore Stratosaurus Baseball League is seeking new managers for its eight-team, face-to-face draft league. This is a league that has been around for six full 80-game seasons. We play Sunday nights in the summer in the South

Shore area. Also: Strat football players looking to start a league or join one in the Massachusetts area. Call or write: Joe Trudeau (617-826-6906), P.O. Box 77, Hanover, MA 02339

LEAGUE FORMING: Peoria, Bloomington, Springfield or Champaign. If you live in central Illinois, we have the league for you. We are trying to organize a face-to-face baseball league in this area. We will play with super-advanced rules and a 162-game schedule. This league will feature continuous ownership and an annual rookie draft. If interested, contact: Jim Pacul at 217-732-3155 Ext. 585, or write: 300 Kewokuk, Lincoln, IL 62656

LEAGUE FORMING: Managers wanted to form a new face-to-face league in the Atlanta, GA, area. This is a proposed 20-team, 114-game (plus playoffs) schedule, using the 1988 baseball set. Contact: Richard McKee, 650 Telfair Ct., Suwanee, GA 30174 (404-339-1376)

LEAGUE FORMING: Hamilton Ontario area looking for managers who want to start a brand new face-to-face baseball league. We'll use super-advanced Strat-O-Matic rules. Starting spring of 1990. Draft your own team. Continuous roster and full 160-game schedule. For more information, write: Rick Kuchma, 20 Miles Court, Hamilton, Ontario, L8P 4G6. If you prefer, call 529-9043 evenings between 6 and 9.

LEAGUE FORMING: Looking to establish face-to-face league in the central Lancaster area. Gamer with 23 years experience (including the well known Oxford Valley League and the successful North Coast American League) seeks veteran/reliable gamers in this area. Will base constitution on above mentioned leagues using advanced rules. This will not be an all-star league. American or National only, no combination of the two. If interested, please (continued)

call: Lee Polk at 717-299-6887.

LEAGUE FORMING: Boston area face-to-face. The Bucknell S-O-M Baseball League seeks two mature fanatics to manage contenders. This super-advanced IBM PC league is in its ninth year and has seen five different winners over the past five years. All eight teams have a good chance as 1989 begins. If you're commutable, no need to have a PC. Call Bill Sollitto at 617-396-4590 (Medford, MA).

LEAGUE FORMING: The ASC needs two managers to fill vacancies on the 1988 AL and NL champion White Sox and Giants, plus backups. The ASC is a draft baseball league entering its 20th year in 1990. Qualities we look for include maturity and experience, a love of statistics, organization and promptness, dedication and a good knowledge of baseball and its players. If you fit, come join the fun. Apply to: Tom Fish, P.O. Box 3386, Fontana, CA 92334 (714-356-9147)

LEAGUE FORMING: The Democratic Baseball Association is entering its fourth season. What will happen next year? You never know in the DBA. Our founder could come back for the fourth time in four years. We could have major brouhahas to vote on. We are a 16-team mail draft league using most S-O-M advanced rules. Our solid core of veteran managers is our greatest strength. We need a couple managers ready to jump in right now, and a few backups. For a league experience you will not soon forget, write: Pete Stein, 199-30 28th Avenue, Flushing, NY 11358

LEAGUE FORMING: I have been playing S-O-M Football since 1970. I am presently looking to form a league or join an already existing one. I reside in the Montreal (Pierrefonds), Quebec, Canada, area. Contact: John Davis (514-626-7897).

LEAGUE FORMING: Several veteran PBM managers are reorganizing an established and highly successful super-advanced, continuous ownership A.L. PEM league as a prelude to adding a National League. We will operate the American League in 1990 and the NL will be ready for operation in 1991. Our league features a preseason rookie and mid-season veteran draft, limited drafting of minor leaguers, computerized injury determination, organized winter league meetings, quarterly newsletters, weekly standings and much more. Most importantly, we ensure excellence and enjoyment through active hands-on management of league and franchise affairs. We seek several mature, super competent managers to assume control of a limited number of existing AL franchises. Each manager will have the opportunity to mold his own team from scratch - during this reorganization year each team will be allowed to retain only 10 players. Interested? Send for our recruiting package and a list of available teams, along with a statement of qualifications to: Edward Carpenter, 709 Kensington Lane, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48013

LEAGUE FORMING: First advertised opening in two years. This may be your last chance to join DECADE's eighth season, an actual teams (non-trading) historically correct replay that gives you a chance to improve your favorite team's record. Fantastic stats and newsletter combined with a laid-back scheduling and mature, skilled managers keeps turnover low. We play advanced and have a time-tested PEM format that maximizes playability and managing, minimizing costs and mailing. Send a resume and your list of 1976 American League choices to: Sky O'Callahan, 13555 S. Leland Road, Oregon City, OR 97045

BE SURE to notify the Review at least six weeks in advance when changing address.

Football gamer is on '20-year' plan

Nameth-led Jets win replay based on '68 season

Russia under Stalin was famous for its five-year plans. Every five years there was a new plan to economically develop the country.

Max Monroe of Parkersburg, WV, really doesn't care about the economic system of the Soviet Union, or of its five-year plans.

But he's put in four "five-year plans" in a Strat-O-Matic Football replay of the 1968 season. That's right, 20 years! Two decades of dice-rolling.

Monroe first purchased an S-O-M sports game in 1965 when baseball was the only one put out by the game company. "In March of 1969 I purchased the football game from the 1968 season," relates Monroe. "And I picked my 12 favorite teams, breaking them down into two divisions of six teams each and playing a 12-game regular season and playoffs."

Monroe did make one change in the scoring, counting a kicked extra point as one point and borrowing the college rule that a run or pass for the conversion is worth two points.

20 YEARS LATER...

Seventy-eight games and 20 years later, the replay was finally completed. The New York Jets edged the Baltimore Colts by a game in the East Division (remember the real-life Super Bowl based on '68 when the Joe Namath-led Jets shocked the Colts, 16-7?) and the Los Angeles Rams won the West by a comfortable three-game margin over Dallas.

In the "Excellence Bowl," the Jets nipped the Rams for the league title. Baltimore, incidentally, lost to Cleveland in the first round of the playoffs, 25-23.

There were highlights galore, as might be imagined. Among them:

- * Fred Cox of Minnesota successfully booted 22 of 24 field goal attempts.
- * Preston Pearson ran back five kickoffs for touchdowns, including four against Cleveland.
- * Washington's A.D. Whitfield almost batted 1000 carrying the ball in one game as he rushed six times...and scored five touchdowns!
- * Paul Warfield of Cleveland caught 12 passes for 331 yards in a game against Baltimore.
- * Warfield was also on the receiving end of a 99-yard TD pass from Bill Nelsen in the same game.
- * Baltimore did register the most lopsided victory of the season: 65-9 over Washington.
- * Earl Morrall of the Colts was sacked 16 times by the New York Jets in one game.
- * Gale Sayers, Chicago's legendary running back, ran wild against Washington, gaining 346 yards on 39 carries.
- * Sayers went over 100 yards rushing in all 12 games and seven times cleared 200 yards.
- * Sonny Jurgensen of Washington had the best passing game by a quarterback, completing 32 of 57 throws for 485 yards against the Colts. Pat Richter caught 15 of those passes.

Standings, playoff results and leaders:

East	Won	Lost	T	West	Won	Lost	Playoffs
N.Y. Jets	9	2	1	Los Angeles	10	2	Cleveland 25
Baltimore	8	3	1	Dallas	7	5	Baltimore 23
Cleveland	5	6	1	Oakland	7	5	NY Jets 24
Green Bay	5	7	0	Chicago	6	6	Cleveland 10
Washington	3	8	1	Kansas City	6	6	Oakland 22
NY Giants	1	9	2	Minnesota	2	10	Dallas 19

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By MICHAEL MACHER, Middlesex, NJ, Commissioner NAFA

Thanks again for another exciting year of Strat-O-Matic news and stats. The Review, S-O-M game company and the thousands of enthusiasts make the gaming endeavor almost as challenging as running your own professional franchise.

Of course, the missing ingredients are salary squabbles and legal headaches - and luckily those are not factored into play.

The North America Football Association's seventh season is progressing well. This campaign is noteworthy as George Urwin of Ramsgate, Kent, England, brought an international flavor to our league prior to the NFL's World League of American Football.

The season features a record 20 teams, thus far 58 percent of the games being played face-to-face with all but four teams participating, and a great showing by expansion teams, measured by wins and competitiveness.

Naturally, the Review will get the complete NAFA story in February when our 1989 yearbook is published.

MINOR CHANGES ARE NEEDED

Although I am thrilled every year with S-O-M Football, I think many minor changes are necessary to keep the game at its best.

Listed below and on the next page are recommendations from our league, based on 702 NAFA games, and the basis for inclusion:

(1) QB card - Need RECEIVER guessed right/wrong like Flat Pass for Short and Long passes.

-- There is no question that current value of wide receivers suffer, because of lesser chance of this Short Pass/Long Pass reading.

(2) QB card - Need MUST RUN in 2-TM column for appropriate quarterbacks.

-- Although this seems like an appropriate time to scramble, only a thrown pass can result.

(3) Wide Receiver/Tight End/Running Back cards - Great possession receivers should have completions in 2-TM column.

-- Best quality of Al Toon is not shown as never off his card can
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he beat a 2-TM by the free safety.

(4) RB/TE/WR cards - Should have blocking rating on cards.

-- I know game is designed for replay, so use rating card. But this is not a change, simply making it easier for leagues to play draft format.

(5) WR/TE/RB cards - Receivers should have a fumble chance.

-- This play happens about as often as running plays in NFL, but is not possible in S-O-M.

(6) WR/TE cards - A few cards should have run attempts (end run only).

-- S-O-M issues cards for running backs with two attempts, so why not WR/TE (e.g. Louis Lipps, Pittsburgh; Rod Bernstine, San Diego) with five-plus attempts.

(7) RB/QB/Defensive Cards (previously mentioned in Nov., 1988 S-O-M Review). There should always be a possible fumble chance on these cards, maybe only FO, 2-3.

-- The response given then was that the fumble could come off the other team's card. How about the current set, with Eric Dickerson, Indianapolis, running against Washington's defense, with zero chance of fumbling? Why not, like for field goals, have a fumble chance where the minimum is rolls of 11-12?

To summarize, I have focused on changes necessary to the cards which require action by the game company. Leagues (and the NAFA is a leader) can provide corrections to the game rules - safety blitz, short yardage, etc.

These recommendations can only help to keep S-O-M at the top of the gaming experience.

Questions & Answers

Editor's note: Questions pertaining to individual and team ratings will not be answered in most cases, unless a mistake has been made on the card. The game company cannot, for reasons of security, divulge its card-making formulas, which would be necessary to answer some of the questions completely.

QUESTION: In a linebacker run containment situation, is one linebacker in the look-in pass zone in a 3-4 defensive arrangement sufficient to stop a play a maximum of one yard short of a first down? (Peter Evangelist, Kent, OH)

ANSWER: No. The defense must be in a normal alignment to call linebacker run containment.

QUESTION: Do you punt or subtract 15 yards from a "kickoff" on a free kick after a safety? Who returns, punt or kick returners? (Peter Evangelist)

ANSWER: A free kick following a safety is treated as a kickoff, with 15 yards added to where the kick would normally have landed. A kick to the 3-yard line would actually be to the 18, to the 10 to the 25, etc. Presume a kick that's a touchback to be five yards into the end zone, or on the 10. Kickoff return players handle the return of a free kick.

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Here are stealing ratings for 1962

Lamanna, with help from others, produces supplementary rankings

John Lamanna, the publisher of "Lamanna's Baseball Bulletin," which delves into the numbers behind the numbers in Strat-O-Matic's baseball game, has come up with supplementary stealing ratings for the recently reprinted 1962 season.

Lamanna, with the assistance of Rodney Johnson and Glenn Guzzo, has figured out the ratings for every player who had a stolen base attempt and a lot of players who never ventured off the bag to make such an attempt.

Remember that the '62 season was the first full season that S-O-M ever produced. The new card set that was issued last January had most of the advanced-game features, except for the supplementary stealing ratings.

So, thanks to Lamanna and his numbers men, here are the supplementary stealing ratings for '62: (Lamanna's address: P.O. Box 271, Goldenrod, FL 32733)

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Chicago	SB	OS	Lead	CS	Rating	Cincinnati	SB	OS	Lead	CS	Rating
L. Brock	16	7	3-6	-	*(15-11)	Kasko	3	3	6	12	(13-5)
Hubbs	3	7	2-6	7-9	*(15-4)	Blasingame	4	3	6	9	(13-2)
			10	11-12						10	
B. Williams	9	9	2-6	8	*(15-7)	V. Pinson	26	8	2-5	-	*(18-13)
Banks	5	1	3	-	(17-6)	F. Robinson	18	9	2-6	-	*(15-12)
Altman	19	7	5-6	-	*(17-12)				12		
Santo	4	1	3	-	(16-6)	Post	1	0	2	-	(20-6)
A. Rodgers	5	6	2-5	8	*(15-6)	G. Coleman	2	3	5	10	(13-3)
			11			J. Edwards	1	1	3	12	(13-5)
Bertell	0	1	4-6	-	(3-1)	Cardenas	2	5	6	9-10	(13-2)
Thacker	0	1	4-7	-	(3-1)	M. Keough	3	1	6	-	(15-6)
Landrum	11	2	5	-	*(19-11)	D. Zimmer	1	3	5-6	8-11	(13-2)
Barragan	0	2	2-9	-	(3-1)	J. Lynch	3	3	2-5	10	(13-6)
Grammas	1	1	2-6	7	*(15-7)	C. Rojas	1	1	2-5	9	*(15-6)
			10						11		
<u>Houston</u>						<u>Los Angeles</u>	144	233			
Lillis	7	3	5	-	*(16-6)	Wills	104	13	2-6	-	*(19-15)
Spangler	7	6	2-5	11	*(15-7)				10		
			10	12		Gilliam	17	7	2-4	-	*(16-11)
Larker	1	1	3	-	(13-5)				11		
Mejias	12	4	7	-	*(17-11)	W. Davis	32	7	5-6	-	*(19-13)
Warwick	4	3	5-6	12	(13-7)	T. Davis	18	6	4-5	-	*(17-11)
H. Smith	0	0	-	-	-	Fairly	1	1	3	-	(13-5)
Aspromonte	4	5	2-7	8-9	*(15-6)	F. Howard	1	0	2	-	(20-6)
			10			Roseboro	12	3	7	-	*(18-11)
Amalfitano	4	4	2-5	10	(13-6)	Harkness	1	0	4	-	(20-6)
Ranew	2	2	2-6	8	*(15-7)	Snider	2	0	3	-	(20-6)
Hartman	1	1	5-9	11	(13-6)	Moon	5	2	4-5	-	*(16-11)
						L. Walls	1	0	3	-	(20-6)
<u>Milwaukee</u>						<u>New York</u>					
McMillan	2	2	6	12	(13-5)	Ashburn	12	7	6-7	-	*(15-11)
M. Jones	5	1	4	12	(17-6)	Chacon	12	7	2-6	-	*(15-12)
Mathews	4	2	5	-	(13-5)	Neal	2	8	5-6	8	(13-1)
H. Aaron	15	7	5-6	-	*(16-11)				11		
Maye	9	3	2-4	-	*(17-11)	F. Thomas	2	1	4	-	(13-6)
			11			Throneberry	1	3	6	9-10	(13-1)
Adcock	2	0	2	-	(20-6)	Mantilla	3	1	3	-	(5-6)

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	SB	OS	Lead	CS	Rating		SB	OS	Lead	CS	Rating
Crandall	3	4	4-5	10	(13-5)	Hickman	4	4	2-5	10	(13-6)
F.Bolling	2	2	6	12	(13-5)	C.Coleman	2	4	2-6	7-9	*(15-4)
J.Torre	1	0	2	-	(20-6)				10	11-12	
T.Aaron	6	0	5	-	(20-6)	Kanehl	8	6	2-7	9	*(15-9)
Samuel	0	2	2-9	-	(3-1)				10		
G.Bell	0	1	7	-	(3-1)	Christopher	11	3	2-4	-	*(18-12)
Bedell	1	0	3	-	(20-6)	C.Cook	1	0	3	-	(20-6)
L.Johnson	6	1	2-4	-	*(19-13)	Cannizzaro	1	1	6	12	(13-5)

Philadelphia

T.Taylor	20	9	6-7	-	*(16-12)
Callison	10	3	6	-	*(17-6)
T.Gonzalez	17	8	2-5	-	*(16-12)
			11		
Sievers	2	1	4	-	(13-6)
Demeter	2	7	4-5	8-9	(13-1)
Savage	16	5	5-6	-	*(18-13)
Dalrymple	1	3	5	7	(13-1)
Wine	2	0	3	-	(20-6)
Oldis	0	1	4-7	-	(3-1)
Amaro	5	2	4-5	-	*(16-11)
Klaus	1	1	6	12	(13-5)
F.Torre	1	1	6	12	(13-5)

St. Louis

Flood	8	6	2-5	10	(13-7)
Javier	26	9	2-5	-	*(18-13)
B.White	9	7	2-5	11	*(15-7)
			10	12	
Musial	3	0	2	-	(20-6)
K.Boyer	12	7	6-7	-	*(15-11)
G.Oliver	5	2	4-5	-	(14-6)
C.James	3	4	5-6	9	(13-5)
Getay	7	3	6	-	*(16-6)
Maxvill	1	2	2-5	9	(13-3)
			12		
F.Whitfield	1	0	3	-	(20-6)
B.Smith	1	3	6-7	2-5	*(15-3)
			8-12		
Minoso	4	0	7	-	*(20-13)

Pittsburgh

Virdon	5	13	2-6	7-9	*(15-4)
			10	11	
			12		
Groat	2	1	4	-	(13-6)
Skinner	10	4	6	-	*(16-6)
Burgess	0	1	7	-	(3-1)
Clemente	6	4	4-5	12	(13-6)
Stuart	0	1	7	-	(3-1)
Hoak	4	2	2-6	-	*(15-12)
			9		
Mazeroski	0	3	4-6	-	(3-1)
Leppert	0	1	4-7	-	(3-1)
Clendenon	16	4	2-5	-	*(19-13)
			11		
Schofield	0	1	4-6	-	(3-1)
J.Marshall	1	0	3	-	(20-6)

San Francisco

Kuenn	3	6	2-5	9-12	(13-3)
Davenport	2	5	5-6	8-11	(13-2)
Mays	18	2	5	-	*(19-11)
Cepeda	10	4	7	-	*(16-6)
F.Alou	10	7	3-7	11	*(15-11)
T.Haller	1	4	7	5,9	(13-1)
Pagan	13	9	3-6	11	*(15-10)
C.Hiller	5	4	5-6	12	(13-7)
E.Bailey	1	1	3	12	(13-5)
E.Bowman	0	1	2-12	-	(3-1)
McCovey	3	3	2-5	9	*(15-6)
			11		
M.Alou	3	1	6	-	(15-6)
M.Mota	3	2	2-7	11	*(15-11)
			10		

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Baltimore

Breeding	2	2	2-5	10	(13-6)
R.Snyder	7	4	6-7	-	*(15-11)
B.Robinson	3	1	3	-	(15-6)
Gentile	1	0	2	-	(20-6)
B.Powell	1	1	3	12	(13-5)
Brandt	9	3	6	-	*(17-6)
C.Lau	1	0	2	-	(20-6)
Adair	7	7	3-6	9	*(15-7)
R.Hansen	0	1	4-6	-	(3-1)
W.Herzog	2	3	7	9	(13-4)
D.Nicholson	3	4	2-6	8-9	*(15-6)
			10	12	
E.Robinson	2	0	6	-	(20-6)

Boston

Runnels	3	4	7	8	(13-4)
Bressoud	2	3	4	10	(13-3)
Yastrzemski	7	4	4-5	-	(13-6)
Pagliaroni	2	1	7	-	(13-6)
Malzone	0	1	7	-	(3-1)
Clinton	2	1	5	-	(13-6)
Geiger	18	11	2-7	-	*(15-11)
Schilling	1	0	2	-	(20-6)
B.Gardner	0	1	4-6	-	(3-1)
C.Hardy	3	7	2-6	7-10	*(15-3)
P.Green	1	0	3	-	(20-6)

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<u>Chicago</u>	SB	OS	Lead	CS	Rating
Landis	19	7	5-6	-	*17-12
Fox	1	2	5	9	13-3
Cunningham	3	3	6	12	13-5
F.Robinson	4	2	5	-	13-6
A.Smith	3	3	6	12	13-5
Hershberger	10	6	2-5	-	*15-11
			10		
Aparicio	31	12	3-6	-	*18-14
Carreon	1	1	3	12	13-5
S.Lollar	1	0	2	-	20-6
S.Esposito	0	1	4-7	-	3-1
C.Smith	0	1	4-7	-	3-1
Roselli	1	0	4	-	20-6

Detroit

McAuliffe	4	2	7	-	13-6
Bruton	14	7	3-6	-	*15-11
Kaline	4	0	3	-	20-6
N.Cash	6	3	4-5	-	13-6
Colavito	2	0	2	-	20-6
Boros	3	1	4	-	15-6
C.Fernandez	10	3	7	-	*17-11
D.Brown	0	1	7	-	3-1
J.Wood	24	3	5-6	-	*19-14
B.Morton	1	1	6	12	13-5

Los Angeles

Pearson	15	6	4-5	-	*16-11
Moran	5	1	3	-	17-6
L.Thomas	6	1	3	-	17-6
L.Wagner	7	5	2-4	12	*15-9
			11		
B.Rodgers	1	8	5-6	2-4	13-1
			7-12		
Torres	0	0	-	-	-
G.Thomas	0	0	-	-	-
Koppe	2	1	4	-	13-6
S.Bilko	1	1	6	12	13-5
J.Fregosi	2	1	7	-	13-6
T.Burgess	2	0	3	-	20-6
E.Yost	0	2	2-12	-	3-1

New York

Tresh	4	8	2-5	8-9	13-3
Richardson	11	9	2-6	10	*15-8
Maris	1	0	2	-	20-6
Mantle	9	0	4	-	20-6
H.Lopez	0	1	7	-	3-1
E.Howard	1	1	3	12	13-5
Skowron	0	1	7	-	3-1
C.Boyer	3	2	4	-	13-6
Berra	0	1	4-6	-	3-1
Kubek	2	1	2-4	-	13-6
			11		
Linz	6	2	2-5	-	*18-13
			10		
D.Long	6	1	4	-	*19-6
Pepitone	1	1	3,7	11	13-6

<u>Cleveland</u>	SB	OS	Lead	CS	Rating
Cline	5	4	2-6	10	*15-7
Essegian	0	0	-	-	-
T.Francona	3	2	5	-	13-6
Romano	0	1	7	-	3-1
Kirkland	9	1	5	-	*19-11
W.Held	5	1	3	-	17-6
B.Phillips	4	0	3	-	20-6
Kindall	4	3	5-6	12	13-7
Luplow	1	0	2	-	*20-6
Tasby	0	2	4-7	-	3-1
Dillard	0	1	4-7	-	3-1

Kansas City

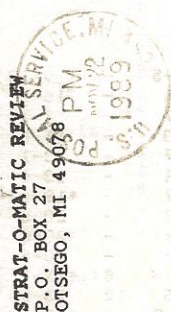
Howser	19	2	4-5	-	*19-13
Del Greco	4	1	4	-	16-6
Lumpe	0	2	7	-	3-1
N.Siebern	3	1	3	-	15-6
M.Jimenez	0	1	7	-	3-1
Cimoli	2	1	4	-	13-6
Charles	20	4	7	-	*19-12
H.Sullivan	1	0	2	-	20-6
Azcue	1	0	2	-	20-6
Causey	2	0	2	-	20-6
Consolo	3	3	2-6	8	*15-7
Alusik	1	1	6	12	13-5
J.Tartabull	19	5	6-7	-	*19-13

Minnesota

L.Green	8	4	4-5	-	13-6
Power	7	1	3	-	18-6
Rollins	3	1	3	-	15-6
Killlebrew	1	2	5	9	13-3
Allison	8	5	2-5	-	*15-11
Batley	0	0	-	-	-
B.Allen	0	1	7	-	3-1
Versalles	5	5	2-5	10	13-6
Tuttle	1	0	3	-	20-6

Washington

Piersall	12	7	2-6	-	*15-12
			12		
Cottier	14	8	4-7	-	*15-12
Bright	2	1	5	-	13-6
C.Hinton	28	10	2-5	-	*18-13
			11		
J.King	4	2	2-4	-	13-6
			11		
Retzer	2	0	2	-	20-6
B.Johnson	9	6	6-7	11	*15-9
Hamlin	7	4	2-8	9-10	*15-8
Schaive	0	1	4-7	-	3-1
Zipfel	1	2	2-5	8-9	13-3
D.Lock	4	5	2-6	8-9	*15-6
			10		
Brinkman	1	0	3	-	20-6
J.Hicks	3	1	7	-	*17-11
O'Connell	5	1	4	-	*19-6



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QUESTION: Is the run-blocking upgraded by one number in the two-tight end offense? (Dave Black, Rohnert Park, CA)

ANSWER: No, according to S-O-M, which cites the "rule revision" on the roster sheet ("second tight end's block ratings would be utilized for all readings of 'offensive onside end on the left side.'")

QUESTION: When the offense uses formations that increase the pass-blocking ratings, is the "D" roll on a free safety blitz still an automatic sack? (Dave Black)

ANSWER: It is still the same.