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In this corner...the editors

Tales, we are sure, abound regarding a gamer's dedication to his cards.

In case of fire at the homestead, what's saved first? Is it children, your wife, pets, antiques and then your cards? Or is it your cards, children, wife, etc.?

If a robbery occurs, do you willing give up your money, jewelry, stereo, even your Fats Domino (anyone remember him?) records, but are willing to fight to the death to save your cards?

Whether William Isaac of Parma, OH, falls into either of the above categories is a matter of conjecture. However, we do know that he becomes very despondent and distressed if something should happen to his cards.

Consider the following memo sent to the Review:

"Last night my automobile was stolen and in my automobile were the 1976 Baltimore Colts. I am very distressed to have lost this team. I would be very interested in obtaining this team in any way that I can. If there is a possibility that I might buy, trade or back order this team, I would appreciate your letting me know as soon as possible."

Nary a word about concern for the stolen car. But the 1976 Colts? Well, that's another matter.

Perhaps Isaac (address: 5510 Pearl Road, Parma, OH, 44129; phone: work, 888-0455; home, 243-1664), who operates an insurance agency, had the car insured, thus no need to worry about it. And cars can be replaced

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much easier than past S-O-M card sets, right?

Hopefully someone can help Isaac out; finding another set of the 1978 Colts, not his car, that is.

THREE TRIPLE AAAs!

Having one triple "A" stealer in S-O-M Baseball is a rarity. But this year you can multiple that rarity by three because that's the number of super speedsters who have "AAA" ratings.

Ron LeFlore and Omar Moreno in the National League, along with Oakland's Rickey Henderson in the American, all have such a rating in the new card set that will be coming your way soon.

ADVANCE NOTICE HELPS

Please, when moving, let us know far in advance. Every month a small number of subscribers write in that they did not receive the latest Review. In many cases it turns out they had moved, on short notice, and assumed mail would be forwarded. Yes, if you have first-class mailing; no, if you have third-class. Third-class is not forwarded.

So, to guarantee that you'll have no interruption in delivery when moving, either notify the Review far in advance (six to eight weeks), or pay the extra 15¢ per month and receive first-class mailing.

MORE PHOTOS, PLEASE

The Review is always curious as to what the rest of the S-O-M gaming world looks like. If you have pictures of yourself rolling 'em, or snaps of your league in action, send them along. Pictures, as the old axiom goes, say a thousand words.

Only thing we ask is that photos be black-and-white, if at all possible, are sharp and don't have a dark background.

While the Review could always use photos, abbreviated replays are something it could do without. Preference is usually given to full-season replays, then mini replays (less than 162 or 154 games in baseball, etc.), with the abbreviated replays (whereby a gamer plays a third of a season and then multiples all statistics by three) at the bottom of the preference pole as far as seeing print in the Review.

Full-season replays, of course, take a lot more time and work and provide a comparison with real-life statistics, standings, etc. Mini replays have a place, too, because the games are played. But the abbreviated replays (or projected replays) violate the basic rule of table-gaming: playing the games! Players, real-life as well as in card form, seldom, if ever, perform the same throughout a season.

Looking for back issues of Review?

The following back issues of the Strat-O-Matic Review are still available. To order, write to: Strat-O-Matic Review, P.O. Box 27, Otsego, MI 49078.

1980

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1978

All issues available. Dec., Nov., Oct., Sept. and Aug. sell for 60¢; all other months for 50¢ each.

1977

Sept., Oct., Nov. and Dec. Cost: 50¢ each.

1976

Oct. (limited), Nov. and Dec. Cost: 50¢ each.

1975

Jan., July, Aug. and Sept. (very limited). Cost: 50¢ each.

'Book' on Empire State S-O-M League voluminous

Books are as much a part of modern-day baseball as bats, balls and bases. There are books on hitters, books on pitchers--and, in the case of the Empire State Strat-O-Matic League, enough books to fill a library.

The ESSOM (Feb., 1980 Review) has a book on everything, from a booklet of newsletters (the league has both a spring and fall league), guides summarizing the latest season to the minutest detail, to a Register which includes lifetime (in S-O-M) batting and pitching averages/statistics for every player.

The Fall League's edition of the 1980 ESSOM Guide, for instance, ran a whopping 95 pages. The Register, again for the Fall League, ran 63 pages. Put 'em all together and you've got a volume that is longer than Stephen King's latest thriller-chiller.

Another King, Larry--no relation to the author--is the commissioner of the ESSOM, which is one of the best organized leagues of its kind in the S-O-M world. The league has been a model of stability, thanks in large part to the tireless efforts of its popular commissioner, and even has a waiting list of managerial hopefuls.

KING'S IN WINNER'S CIRCLE

King, a computer programmer who makes his home in New York city, had never won a league championship, until the 1980 Spring League. Whereas in most leagues the commissioner is at the top, or near the top, in the league's standings, King usually was an also-ran. That may have made the ESSOM a better league, too, since the commish was not the threat he is in most leagues.

But King did strive to win a league title--and not just keep the books--and another goal was achieved when his Manhattan Skyliners defeated Glen Sarvady's Park Ridge Roadrunners, 4-2, in the championship series. The ESSOM's Spring League (played in the spring, using mostly National League players; 156-game schedule plus playoffs) was its seventh.

There's also a Fall League (using mostly A.L. players) and the 1979 season was its fifth. The ESSOM is play-by-mail and trading is permitted, although not inter-league. Both are 10-team leagues, with the Spring season encompassing March-June; Fall July-December.

In the Spring League's playoffs (the top four teams qualify), King's American Conference champs faced the second-place Roadrunners in the finals. J.R. Richard of the Skyliners won two games and struck the decisive blow in the sixth and final game by slamming a three-run homer, pacing the Skyliners to victory. He was MVP of the playoffs after winning five games, completing four, hurling two shutouts, striking out 64, homering and stealing a base once and compiling a 1.41 ERA.

APACHES ON WARPATH

The Fall League, based on 1978 real-life, had Tom Perella's Pawtucket Apaches rising up from a second-place finish in the conference race to defeat Don Malaguti's Boston Oaks, 4-2, in the championship series. For Perella, it was the second straight ESSOM Fall League championship.

Three 20-game winners--Mike Caldwell, Vida Blue and Larry Sorensen--and hitting triumvirate of Carl Yastrzemski (30 homers, 106 RBI), Larry Hise (31, 112) and Rod Carew (.296) helped the Apaches count coup on their many victims.

MANAGERIAL LINEUPS

Here are the managerial lineups for the ESSOM's 1980 Spring Season:
Larry King - Manhattan Skyliners; Glen Sarvady, Park Ridge, IL - Park Ridge Roadrunners; Tom Perella, Tiverton, RI - Providence Wizards;

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Jeff Widman, Penfield, NY - Penfield Chiefs; Lloyd Douglas, Brooklyn, NY - Pittsburgh Bluebirds; Paul Alexander, Staten Island, NY - Staten Island Zodiacs; Harold Coleman, Bear, DE - Newark Blue Hens; Andy Hirschhorn, Old Westbury, NY - Cincinnati Reds II; John Babbitt, Ridge-wood, NJ - Brooklyn Minutemen; and Jeff Nelson, Minneapolis, MN - Minne-sota Whiz Kids.

And the lineup for the 1979 Fall Season: Paul Alexander - Staten Stallions; Don Malaguti, Abushnet, MA - Boston Oaks; Brian Fischel, Dover, DE - Penn-Del Horizons; Todd Sharek, North Dartmouth, MA - Sara-sota Spots; Larry Kidd, Staten Island, NY - Staten Islanders; Mike Newman, Maplewood, NJ - Maplewood Misfits; Tom Perella - Pawtucket Apaches; Harold Coleman - Newark Blue Bombers; Larry King - Space City Jets; and Jeff Nelson - Minneapolis Chargers.

Standings, playoff results and leaders:

1979 ESSOM FALL SEASON

American	Won	Lost	GB	National	Won	Lost	GB	Playoffs
Stallions	92	64	-	Misfits	96	60	-	Oaks d. Misfits,
Oaks	86	70	6	Apaches	91	65	5	4-2; Apaches
Horizons	78	78	14	Blue Bombers	87	68	9	d. Stallions,
Spots	64	92	28	Jets	74	82	22	4-2.
Islanders	51	105	41	Chargers	61	95	35	

Batting	Home Runs	RBI
Burroughs HOR .350	Rice OHAB 46	Hisle APAC 112
Parker MIS .343	G.Thomas BOMB 43	G.Thomas BOMB 108
Oliver OAK .316	Kingman SPOS 40	Kingman SPOS 107
Re.Jackson HOR .311	Thornton BOMB 38	Schmidt HOR 106
Munson STAL .303	Parker MIS 35	Parker MIS 106
		YastrezemskiAPA106

Wins	ERA	Strikeouts
Jenkins BOMB 24	G.Perry MIS 2.51	Ryan CHAR 280
Guidry STAL 23	Seaver MIS 2.53	Guidry STAL 248
Grimsley OAK 21	Matlack MIS 2.69	Seaver MIS 236
Eckersley BOMB 21	Caldwell APAC 2.79	
Seaver MIS 21	Grimsley OAK 2.82	
Matlack MIS 21	Sorensen APAC 2.84	

H: Parker MIS 205	SB: Randolph BOMB 70	IP: Caldwell APAC 341
R: Parker MIS 113	BB: Burroughs HOR 117	CG: Caldwell APAC 29
2B: Otis STAL 41	E: Yount JET 29	SH: Guidry STAL 7
3B: Oglivie ISL 15		SA: Kern HOR 22
Rice CHAR 15		L: Ryan CHAR 25
Parker MIS 15		

1980 ESSOM SPRING SEASON

American	Won	Lost	GB	National	Won	Lost	GB	Playoffs
Skyliners	91	65	-	Zodiacs	89	67	-	Roadrunners d.
Roadrunners	87	69	4	Blue Hens	83	73	6	Zodiacs, 4-3;
Wizards	83	73	8	Reds II	74	82	15	Skyliners d.
Chiefs	68	88	23	Minutemen	73	83	16	Blue Hens, 4-3.
Bluebirds	63	93	28	Whiz Kids	69	87	20	

Batting	Home Runs	RBI
Hernandez BH .334	Kingman BH 58	Kingman BH 144
Parker WIZ .319	Singleton ROAD46	Parrish MIN 120
Knight SKY .318	Winfield SKY 38	Winfield SKY 120
Parrish MIN .316	Stargell WK 36	Singleton ROAD119
Rose BLUE .298	Parrish MIN 35	Horner BH 101

Wins	ERA	Strikeouts
Richard SKY 24	K Forsch RED 2.55	Richard SKY 348
Ryan ZOD 22	Richard SKY 2.68	Ryan ZOD 273
P.Niekro ROAD 21	Ryan ZOD 2.79	Carlton CHIEF 217
J.Niekro ZOD 18	Kison WK 2.81	
Swan CHIEF 18	Candelaria MIN 2.87	

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H: Hernandez BH 194	SB: Lopes CHIEF 67	IP: P.Niekro ROAD 310
R: Hernandez BH 107	BB: Tenace WIZ 121	CG: Richard SKY 17
2B: Hernandez BH 45	E: Rose BLUE 42	P.Niekro ROAD 17
3B: Templeton ZOD 17	SA: Hausman BH 24	SH: Ryan ZOD 7
	L: Blyleven WK 21	Swan CHIEF 7
	Sutcliffe WK21	Richard SKY 7

CHRONICLE OF THE PAST

Not only are the ESSOM's annual Guides jammed with past history, both team and individual, as well as managerial, but the Register gives you a Who's Who look at every individual player to participate in the league.

For instance, Rod Carew has played in all five of the ESSOM's Fall (mostly A.L. players) seasons. And his exploits are listed, year by year, in the Register. His high was a .351 average in 1978 and his low a .296 carved out in 1979. Overall, Carew has a lofty .325 ESSOM career batting mark.

As far as pitchers, a cursory look through the Register reveals that Dennis Leonard has been in the league for four years (missing 1975), has a 3.64 ERA and 56-49 record. His best season was also 1978 as he hurled 320 innings and posted a 28-8 record.

Reggie Jackson has a career average of .277 (.311 in 1979 being tops) and has hit an average of 33 home runs, with 45 in 1978 being his best season. Reggie also has driven in 519 runs, with a high of 122 in 1978, and has, after five years of free swinging, struck out a whopping 600 times and walked 358.

Oh, and by the way, George Brett hasn't terrorized enemy pitchers like in real-life. Another five-year veteran, Brett has only a .277 average, with a high of .297 in 1977. That's one career average that's certain to change when the next 12 months become history are a logged in the next Register.

Strat-O-Matic spotlight

DETAILS, DETAILS, DETAILS

Jim Keeley can never be accused of being incomplete when he sends along his play-by-mail instruction sheets for baseball. He sent the Review a sample of his instruction sheets for the 1979 Detroit Tigers, all six typewritten pages.

In addition to the basics--batting lineups against right-handed and left-handed pitching, starting rotation, injury replacements, and when to relieve--Keeley has also included detailed defensive changes, depending on the amount of the lead and what inning. Keeley, for example, makes his defensive changes [Aurelio Rodriguez at third base, Jason Thompson at first and Jerry Morales, right field] after six innings if holding a lead of four runs or more, after seven innings if three or more, after eight innings if two or more and after nine or more if ahead by one or more runs.

The above changes would occur if either Tom Brookens or Phil Mankowski was playing third, John Wockenfuss first and Champ Summers right field.

As far as holding runners, Keeley has this chart as a guide:

	Ahead +2	+1, 0, -1	Behind -2
Parrish	AA S A	AA, A S B	AA S A
Wockenfuss	AA, A S B	AA, A S B	AA, A, B S C

Other instructions include: BUNTING - Runner on first, no outs, "B" or better at plate, use. But do not use if I'm down by three or more after the seventh innings. HIT AND RUN - Runner held on first, 0 or 1

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out, with an adjusted "B" or better up to bat. Do not use if down by three or more runs. Bunting gets preference over hit-and-run unless I lead by two or more. Hit-and-run gets preference over stealing unless steal chances are 1-13+. PINCH-HIT - Eighth inning on, with runner in scoring position and when behind or tied. Pinch hit Rusty Staub for Alan Trammell, bring Rodriguez in to third and Mark Wagner to shortstop (right-handed starting lineup only).

Stealing - use the following chart:

Stealing second base	0 out	1 out	2 outs
(1) I lead by 4 or more	1-11+	1-11+	1-11+
(2) " " " 2 or 3	1-13+	1-12+	1-11+
(3) Score is +1, 0, -1	1-12+	1-11+	1-11+
(4) I trail by 2 or more	1-15+	1-14+	1-13+

Taking the extra base - use the following charts:

Take 3rd when...			
(1) I lead by 3 or more	1-13+	1-14+	1-15+
(2) " " " 2 or 1	1-14+	1-15+	1-15+
(3) Game +1, 0, or -1	1-13+	1-15+	1-15+
(4) Trail by 2 or more	1-15+	1-15+	1-15+
Take home when...			
(1) I lead by 3 or more	1-14+	1-13+	1-10+
(2) " " " 2 " 1	1-13+	1-12+	1-10
(3) Game +1, 0, or -1	1-13+	1-11+	1-10+
(4) Trail by 2 or more	1-14+	1-13+	1-11+
(5) 8th inning +, tie or winning run	1-13+	1-11+	1-9+

How effective our Keeley's detailed instructions? Well, in three PBM leagues he's finished first twice and runnerup once; plus in Gold Cup competition he has an overall 14-7 record.

SISLER IS COMPUTER BATTING KING

Mike Ewen, 23, and a senior majoring in computer science at Moorhead State University, Moorhead, MN, wanted to determine who was the best hitter among the oldies who at one time batted .400 or more during a season.

His experiment consisted of taking the nine Hall of Fame cards with averages of .400 or better--1897 Willie Keeler (.432), 1924 Rogers Hornsby (.424), 1901 Nap Lajoie (.422), 1911 Ty Cobb (.420), 1922 George Sisler (.420), 1911 Joe Jackson (.408), 1941 Ted Williams (.406), 1923 Harry Heilmann (.403) and 1930 Bill Terry (.401), plus he also included, as a tenth player, Rod Carew, 1977 (.388)--and pitting them against 1913 Walter Johnson and 1979 Dave Goltz.

Computer programs were written for each batter and pitcher and then each batter was given 600 at-bats against each pitcher. "Each program," relates Ewen, "was designed to run for 10 years at a time. I gave each batter five tries against each pitcher--a total of 50 years in 10-year segments. For comparison purposes, I used each batter's best 10-year average." Each pitcher was backed by all "2" fielders.

When the smoke had cleared, and Goltz, shell-shocked as his card must have been, was carried off, Sisler emerged as the best hitter, producing a combined average of .402. No one else had a combined average higher than .388, thanks mainly to the "Big Train." Sisler had the best 10-year average against Johnson, .338, but five hitters never topped even .300. Goltz, meanwhile, was gouged for .400-plus averages by everyone except for Carew, who hit .398.

Here are the results against each pitcher:

Combined	Name	10-Year vs. Johnson	10-Year vs. Goltz
.402	Sisler	.338	.468
.388	Keeler	.324	.449
.372	Lajoie	.312	.433
.371	Cobb	.309	.435

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Combined		...vs. Johnson	...vs. Goltz
.367	Jackson	.310	.425
.363	Hornsby	.296	.432
.351	Heilmann	.291	.413
.339	Carew	.281	.398
.338	Terry	.278	.401
.335	Williams	.262	.410

SHORT SHAKES

Jim Muldrow, Monroe, NC, had an unusual series between Detroit and Texas in a mini replay of the 1979 season. Each game wound up 1-0, with a home run accounting for the lone run in each. Muldrow also reported that Burt Hooton hurled a no-hitter and that Matt Keough, 2-17 in real-life, pitched .500 ball and had three shutouts...Greg Balas, originator of the "Tournament of Silver," says there have been delays but the tournament is still progressing and should be finished soon...31 innings! That's how long it took the Chicago Cubs, managed by Tom Barie, to subdue St. Louis, guided by Henry Dressel, Etna, Pittsburgh, PA, 2-1, in a marathon game. The Cubs scored a run in the 19th, after two errors by Ken Oberkfell, only to have Tony Scott homer in the bottom of the inning. Finally, Steve Ontiveros singled home Bill Buckner with the winning run... The Ice Baseball League is alive and well, reports Joe Walker, sports writer for the Saginaw News, Saginaw, MI. The Ice Leaguers include Dennis Desrosiers, Jean-Marie Nicol and Gunner Garrett--all members of the Saginaw Gears of the International Hockey League--plus Bob Froese, who had a brief stint with the Philadelphia Flyers before being sent back to the Gears...Phil Meade and Tom Nahigian of Arlington, MA, took the top 32 NBA teams from 1974-75 through 1978-79, played a single-elimination tournament and found that in 23 out of 30 games the winning team was also the one committing the fewest turnovers. The 1974-75 Boston Celtics downed the 1978-79 Washington Bullets in the final game, 106-100. The Celtics outpointed their rivals 33-16 in the final quarter for the come-from-behind win. Dave Cowens led the winners with 32 points while John Havlicek chipped in with 20 points and 10 assists...Weather outside may have been frightful, but inside it was delightful when Steve Schumacher, Houston, TX, conducted his "Hurricane Season" old timers baseball tournament last August. Steve, along with most residents along the coast, went indoors awaiting the arrival of hurricane Allen. A combined team of 1940 and 1961 Reds' teams wound up the winner, edging a collection of Giant teams--'05, '22 and '33--in the finale, 2-1...David Wilcox, Indianapolis, IN, reports that Montreal wiped out Milwaukee, four games to none, in the playoffs of a best-teams mini-replay of the 1979 season. Montreal not only mauled Milwaukee, but also swept three straight from Cincinnati in the N.L. playoffs.

Tournament scoreboard

Second-round play is under way in Steve Beren's Gold Cup Challenge Baseball tournament and here are the latest results:

- * Steve Marsteller, York, PA ('76 A's/'79 White Sox), 2-2, vs. David Frank, Patchogue, NY ('76 Royals/'77 Indians), 2-2. Frank won series, 3-1, and advances; Marsteller is eliminated.
- * Steve Dull, Highland, IN ('79 Cubs/'79 Cubs), 3-1, vs. Keith Fosness, Detroit Lakes, MN ('71 Pirates/'71 Padres), 3-1. Series split, 2-2, so both advance with 5-3 records (at least a 5-3 record is needed after two rounds to advance). In the third game of the series, Mike Krukow of the Cubs hurled a two-hitter, Steve Arlin of the Padres a four-hitter, and the Padres came away with a 1-0 win in a game that took only six minutes--Fastest ever in Gold Cup history--to play.
- * Al Greuter, Rockaway, NJ ('79 Cubs/'78 Cubs), 2-2, vs. Mike Keeley, Maplewood, MN ('75 Cards/'73 Pirates), 2-2. Series split, 2-2, and both

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end up with 4-4 records and are eliminated.

* Voight Albright, Wyandotte, MI ('77 Astros/'73 Pirates), 2-2, vs. Skuli Johnson, Winnipeg, Manitoba ('79 Rangers/'79 Dodgers), 4-0. Albright wins series, 3-1, but both, since they have 5-3 records, advance.

* Jan Baer, Brooklyn, NY ('79 Dodgers/'79 Cubs), 2-2, vs. Anthony Johnston, Little Rock, ARK ('77 Cards/'79 Dodgers), 3-1. Johnston wins series, 4-0, and advances. Rick Sutcliffe, Ken Brett and Lerrin LaGrow combined for a 10-hit shutout in game three for Dodgers.

* Tom Johnson, North Dighton, MA ('75 Yanks/'75 Twins), bye in first round, vs. Jerry Banko, Erie, PA ('79 Tigers/'73 Braves), 2-2. Johnson wins series, 3-1, and advances; Banko, 3-5, is eliminated.

* Ivan Chang, Maple Grove, MN ('79 Twins/'78 Astros), 2-2, vs. Adam Karasik, Brooklyn, NY ('71 Pirates/'79 Mets), 2-2. Series split, 2-2, both are eliminated. Pete Falcone of the Mets pitched one-hitter in 5-0 win over Astros in fourth game; Falcone had 6 2/3 innings of no-hit ball.

* Larry Scotti, Staten Island, NY ('79 Indians/'78 Mets), 3-1, vs. Steve Maljian, Glendale, CA ('77 Reds/'77 Angels), 2-2. Scotti wins series, 3-1, and advances.

* Jim Schwanebeck, Baltimore, MD ('74 Red Sox/'73 Braves), 2-2, vs. Jim Becher, Haledon, NJ ('73 Mets/'73 Expos), 2-2. Schwanebeck sweeps series, 4-0, and advances with 6-2 record.

Beren was still furiously rolling the dice as the February Review went to press and reported that 17 more series have still to be played. There are still 43 participants in the running to capture the 'gold.'

Baseball playing tip

Here's three-dice split-number system

Here again is one of the most popular baseball playing tips ever to cross the desk of the Review--Bryan Baker's split-number dice system!

Although it's reprinted mainly for the benefit of new subscribers, it might provide 'veteran' Review readers with a refresher course on the subject.

The split-number dice system, of course, replaces the split deck and makes it possible for any number, 1-20, to occur on any roll of the dice.

Checking the split-number chart below, note that it is subdivided: columns 1, 2, and 3 always refer to split numbers 1-10, and columns 4, 5 and 6 always to numbers 11-20. Always roll three dice when using the chart. Numbers along the sides refer to two-dice totals (red dice usually) and numbers across top refer to one-die total (white die).

No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	No.
2	*	*	*	*	*	*	2
3	*	4	7	11	14	17	3
4	1	4	8	11	15	18	4
5	1	5	8	12	14	18	5
6	2	6	9	11	15	19	6
7	3	5	10	12	16	20	7
8	2	6	9	13	17	19	8
9	3	7	10	14	16	20	9
10	1	4	8	13	17	18	10
11	4	7	7	13	15	*	11
12	*	*	*	*	*	*	12

* Roll dice again. This is necessary so that each split number will have the same probability of occurring.

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Rates per issue will be as follows: First 30 words--60¢; 31-60 words--\$1.00; 61-100 words--\$1.50; 101-150 words--\$2.00; 151-200 words--\$3.25. When sending in ads, specify either WANTED, FOR SALE, LEAGUE FORMING, or CONTESTS. And name card sets by the year upon which they were based. Note also that only advertisements regarding Strat-O-Matic products, related merchandise (baseball guides, etc.) and leagues will be accepted. Merchandise competing with S-O-M products (i.e., score-sheets) as well as photo-copied cards may not be offered for sale. Ads, to be included in the next issue of the Review, must be in by the third of the month. Late ads will be held over for inclusion the following month.

Wanted

WANTED: Baseball teams - 1962 Giants, Yankees; 1963 Dodgers, Yankees. Send prices to: Dave Donovan, 3202 Burgundy Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94566

WANTED: Backup managers needed for an established FBM hockey league (NAHA). It runs from May to August and current backup list is empty. Contact: Anthony Paldino, 1515 W. 5th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11204 (phone: 212-331-3260)

WANTED: Must be complete and in good condition: 1967 Oilers, 1968 Kansas City, 1975 Bengals. Name your price. Mark Woloszyn, 1052 Hudson Ave., Rochester, NY 14621

WANTED: Baseball - 1970, '71, '73 Pirates; '70 Reds; '73 Braves; '69 Red Sox. Extras, if possible. Will pay any reasonable price. Send prices to: Jim Fioriti, 323 N. Broadway, Upper Nyack, NY 10960

WANTED: Would like to buy baseball teams or sets, 1968-1974. Also interested in roster sheets, originals or copies for these years. Cards should be excellent or better and complete with extras (as available). Send offers to: Hugh McElaney, 1300 Worcester Road, P-601, Framingham, MA 01701. Include SASE for reply.

WANTED: 1980 Philadelphia Phillies' schedule. Contact: David Fox, 122 Halloween Run, Newark, DE 19702

WANTED: 1962-67 Pirates, Reds, Phillies, St. Louis, A's, Houston, California, Senators,

Cleveland, Orioles, Dodgers, Tigers and Giants. Also, 1962-67 Yankees. 1972 Dolphins. Send bids and SASE to: Donny Browning, Box 164, Whitman, WV 25652 (phone: 239-2067)

WANTED: 1967 Bears, Packers, Rams, Raiders; 1968 Colts, Cowboys, Jets, Raiders; 1969 Vikings; 1970 49ers, Cowboys; 1972 Packers; 1973 Bills; 1968 Detroit Tigers. Contact: John Napier, 62 S. Wolf, Apt. 312, Wheeling, IL 60090

WANTED: 1974 49ers, Rams, Redskins; 1975 same teams plus Steelers. Baseball - 1968 Dodgers, Giants, Mets, Pirates. I am willing to listen to any offer. All teams must be complete. I have teams and would be willing to trade on a one-for-one basis. H. Dearborn, 89 Canoe Brook Parkway, Summit, NJ 07901

WANTED: From 1963 Mets - Duke Snider. Will pay up to \$40 for that one player. James Burns, 25 Arizona Ave., Syosset, NY 11791

WANTED: 1976 college football set of teams. Must be in good condition and have special team charts. Paul Bressoud, (707-822-5712) Chester Ave., Arcata, CA 95521

WANTED: 1968 New York Jets; will buy, or trade with the following: 1968 Braves, Cubs, Pirates, Giants; 1974 Orioles; 1978 Yankees; 1979 Expos, Orioles. Football - 1974 Oakland, Buffalo, Giants; 1975 Pittsburgh, Miami; 1978 Buffalo, Bears, Houston, Jets, Patriots, Giants, Steelers, Dallas. Send: John Herlihy, 31 Crestwood St., Syosset, NY 11791

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WANTED: To complete collection. Year listed is year on which card was based. 1969 - Buddy Bradford, Richie Scheinblum, Roger Nelson, Pedro Borbon, Billy Cowan, Alex Johnson, Mike Shannon, Ivan Murrell; 1970 - 18 A.L. players, 43 N.L., too numerous to list; 1971 - Lyle, Alan Foster, Carlos May, Ted Ford, Paul Blair, Cardenal, Dick Allen, Kendall; 1972 - Graig Nettles, Munson, Roy White, Mike Paul, Vic Harris, entire A's team including extras, Joe Hoerner, Carty, Carroll, Concepcion, Tolan, Ken Forsch, Dave Roberts (Houston), Jackie Hernandez, Kelleher, Jeter, Brewer, Healy, York, S.inson, George Foster. Secondly, seeking '68 roster sheet and any loose players from '68 and previous. Cards need not be in great condition, just readable. If you're looking for a bid, save your stamp, but if you state a fair price, I'll pay it. Jim Beauchemin, 104A Covent Gardens, Guilderland, NY 12084

For Sale

FOR SALE: S-O-M Football teams, 1967 through 1974. Condition good to excellent. I have a price in mind for each team and will sell either to the first person who meets my price, or to the highest bidder by the end of the month. Mike Bordelon, 5445 Braesvalley #724, Houston, TX 77096 [phone: 713-721-5465]

FOR SALE: 1969-71 baseball teams, complete plus additional players. 1967 N.L. Football teams. 1967 baseball teams [complete] - Indians, A's, Dodgers, Astros, Giants, Cubs, Reds, Cardinals [-1 player], Twins, Orioles, Red Sox, White Sox, Tigers, Angels, Phils, Pirates, Braves [-2 players], Yankees, Senators. Issues of Strat-O-Matic Review [Vol. I 6-12], [Vol. II 1-12], [Vol. III 1-2]. Best offers. SASE. Sheldon Wright, 13001 York Blvd., Garfield Heights, OH 44125. Or call 216-475-2945 after 5 p.m.

FOR SALE: These 34 assorted extra players: 1972 - Cecil Upshaw; 1975 - Ed Crosby, Bud Harrelson, Mike Vail, John

Milner, Roy White, Chuck Taylor, Don Carriethers, Dick Sharon, Dave Roberts, Brent Strom, Bob Davis, Tommy Helms, Larry Milbourne, Mike Cosgrove, Rawley Eastwick, Ivan DeJesus, Henry Cruz, Tom Paciorek, Ken McMullen, Ken Frailing, Vic Harris, Tim Hosley, Dave Rosello, Ollie Brown, Cito Gaston, Mike Beard, Mike Thompson, Ed Goodson, Dave Heaverlo, Jake Brown, Mike Sadek, Johnnie LeMaster; 1978 - Rawley Eastwick [excellent condition]. At 10¢ per card. Also for sale for \$2.50 are the 1975 Cincinnati Reds [good to fair condition] and the 1974-75, 75-76 and 76-77 S-O-M Basketball teams [mint condition]. Send SASE to: Paul Wallenhorst, 4364 Newberry Dr., Brooklyn, OH 44144. I will reply to all who write [phone: 216-749-0505, 4 to 10 p.m.].

FOR SALE: 1977 baseball cards, 3 sets, all with extra players, rosters, 5 extra cards beyond 109 additional cards. All sets mint, one set has one extra player missing. Set with missing player \$30 --other sets \$35 each. Selling complete sets only. Do not send checks. Notify me--then I will ask for check if you are among first three to contact me [first come, first served]. If you have not been contacted by 14th of month, then your offer was not soon enough. Phone 7-9 every night but Sundays [312-724-4390]. Please do not call collect. 1977 was one of the best hitting years since 1961. William Barclay Jr., 1955 Larkdale Dr., Glenview, IL 60025

FOR SALE: 1965 - National League, good condition; 1965 Tigers, White Sox, Yankees, Orioles, excellent condition; 1966 National League, excellent condition; 1966 Twins, Tigers, Yankees, good condition; 1970 both leagues; 1971 both leagues; 1974 both leagues; 1975 both leagues. Send bids to: J. McAdoo, Apt. 15 Arlington Ct., Charleston, WV 25301

FOR SALE: 1972 baseball season cards [no extras], \$24, condition excellent and includes lineup sheet. Pro football: 100 assorted cards from 1967, \$7.50; 1976 Dolphins, \$2.00; 1976 Bengals, \$2.00. I pay postage. Bill Kozack, 49 Commonwealth, Haverhill, MA 01830 [617-372-3896]. [Continued]

FOR SALE: 1968 baseball set, except Tigers (probably reprinted anyway), but including the rare and valuable expansion players set (a \$20 value). Cards being sold are in good to excellent condition, except that a few cards have writing on their tops. Bidding ends at the end of the month and I pay postage. Send bids to: Marc Jacobson, 11990 Ferndale St., Philadelphia, PA 19116

FOR SALE: 1971 Football, missing players from Houston, Buffalo and Atlanta. Bidding starts at \$20; 1976 football - Steelers, Bengals, Colts, Cards, Vikings, Rams, Dolphins and Raiders as set for \$8. Baseball - 1970-76. Missing players from '71, '72 and '75. Sold in separate seasons. Will sell all of the above for \$160. Bids accepted until Feb. 17, 1981 [winners pay postage]. Donny Browning, Box 164, Whitman, WV 25652 [phone: 304-239-2067]

FOR SALE: 1969 S-O-M Baseball season, complete. Some writing on cards, otherwise in good shape. Will sell for \$39 plus \$3 postage, or will trade for 1968 complete football season. Bill Salter, 31270 Wildwood, Apt. 2209, Wixom, MI 48096

FOR SALE: Baseball - all excellent condition - 1969 [complete with extras], \$4.95 each postpaid, Angels, Cardinals, Reds, Pirates, Royals, Phillies, Senators, White Sox; 1968 [complete], \$5.45 each postpaid, Astros, Twins, Angels, Red Sox, Pirates, Giants, Orioles, Cardinals. Include self-addressed, stamped-envelope. Send to: Mark Westendorf, 764 Trade Square West, Troy, OH 45373

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

FOR SALE: Selling S-O-M Football teams, good to fair condition. 1972 Falcons, 49ers, Browns, \$3 each; 1973 Dolphins, Cowboys,

Raiders, Vikings, Eagles, \$2.50 each; 1974 Redskins, Raiders, Rams; 1975 Bengals, Colts ['74-'75 \$2 each team]; 1972 Bears and 1974 Oilers, \$1.50 each; 1974 and '76 Patriots, \$1 each. And I'm selling a new Hockey game with the 18 1977-78 teams, \$15. Wayne Weaver, R.D. #6, Camp Meeting Road, Sewickley, PA 15143

FOR SALE: S-O-M baseball, complete sets or individual teams - 1976, '77, '78, '79, including extras; 500+ loose players from 1968-1976. Fair to mint condition, depending on age. Some writing on older cards, none in important areas. S-O-M Basketball, 1977-78 season, game complete with parts and all teams. Will sell or trade for items in wanted ad in this issue. First reasonable reply accepted. Jim Beauchemin, 104A Covert Gardens, Guilderland, NY 12084 [phone: 518-869-1023]

FOR SALE: 1969 baseball set; all teams and most have full extras; also 1970 Washington set; most are above average condition and some are average and fair. Make offer and send SASE to: Jeff Singman, 8343 Twin Chapel Dr., Columbus, GA 31904

FOR SALE: Baseball, 1970 season, with extras, missing four players [McDaniel, Jim Grant, Gibbs and Mikkleson], \$35. 1973 complete with extras, \$50. 1968 Pirates; '69 Giants, Expos, Royals, Twins; '71 Giants, all with extras; \$5 a team. 1967 Orioles, \$5. 1966 Pirates, Dodgers, Mets, White Sox, A's, Senators, Cardinals, Reds, Astros, Giants, Yankees, \$5 a team. 1965 Senators, Phillies, Pirates, Dodgers, Reds, Giants, Astros, Braves, White Sox, A's, Orioles, \$5 a team [all cards in good or better condition that are in this ad]. Football - 1967 Packers, \$6. 1968 Eagles, Falcons, Patriots, Lions, Giants, Broncos, Saints, 49ers, Cowboys, Bills, Oilers, Vikings, Dolphins, Bengals, Redskins, Bears, Steelers, Rams, \$5 each. Send list of teams wanted to: Larry Asbill, 2724 16th St., Sacramento, CA 95818

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1969 Braves, Orioles, Twins, Mets [Cleon Jones]

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card slightly ripped but readable--others in excellent condition). Also, 1978 Yankees (mint), 1977 Braves (mint), 1972 A's, 1974 Red Sox, 1971 American League complete (all in very good-excellent condition). Send bids to: John M. Borack, 1932 S. Pontenova Ave., Hacienda Heights, CA 91745. Sorry to the people who bid previously on some of the above items and were refused--the winning bid was not fulfilled. Also, I need '70, '71 Dodgers, '70 Braves, '74 Expos, '66 Dodgers, '68 Cardinals and other pre-1970 teams (will buy or trade).

FOR SALE: Statistician and sports writer will prepare excellent typewritten stats with creative game commentary for all your baseball, football, hockey and basketball games--based on your scoresheets. 12¢ per game but guaranteed to meet with your satisfaction. Established leagues lower. Contact: Ralph Montonaro, 2 Lookout Rd., Greenville, RI 02828

FOR SALE: S-O-M Baseball newsletter #4, which includes a report on how to play-by-mail, plus a new cutoff play. Send just 50¢ to: Jim Duffy, 60 Blanchard Rd., Marlton, NJ 08053. The first three newsletters are available for 50¢ each.

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1967 Yankees, Boston; 1968 Yankees, Boston, Reds, Orioles; 1969 Cubs, Dodgers, Yankees, Giants, Pirates, Cardinals, Boston; 1970 Dodgers, Reds, Braves, Pirates, Cardinals; 1971 Mets, Cubs, Dodgers, Phillies, Giants, Reds, Braves, Expos, Cardinals, Astros, Pirates, Padres; '72 Dodgers, Reds, Boston, Braves, Cardinals, Astros; '73 Oakland, Twins, Tigers, Indians, Boston, Reds, Braves, Giants, Dodgers and complete '75 to '79. Football - 1968 Cardinals, Giants, 49ers, Vikings, Lions, Redskins, Packers; 69 Patriots, Broncos, Lions, Oilers, Cardinals, 49ers, Bills, Falcons, Saints, Giants, Dolphins, Eagles, Bears; '70 all but Rams, Lions, Giants, Bengals, Raiders, Chiefs; '71 all but

Dolphins, Colts, Cowboys, Chiefs, Bengals, Lions, Chargers, Vikings; '72 all but Dolphins, Giants, Redskins, Raiders, Chiefs, Bears, Falcons, 49ers; '73 all but Rams, Vikings, Eagles, Cowboys, Redskins; '74 all but Redskins, Cardinals, Dolphins, Jets; '76 Cowboys, Steelers, Patriots, Redskins; '77 complete. High bid wins. Ron Smith, 9403 Becton Rd., Glen Allen, VA 23060 [phone: 804-270-9390]

FOR SALE: Baseball sets - 1967-1976, all in excellent or better condition. Football sets - 1967, 1968 and 1970-1975, all in excellent or better condition. For sale to top bidder; bids must be received by February 25 if this ad appears in Feb. Review; otherwise by March 25. Bids may be made on a set or either league (baseball and 1967 or 1968 football) or conference (1970-1975 football). Baseball sets are available with or without additional players (specify whether you want them when bidding). Robert Henry, Canterbury Court L5, Penns Grove, NJ 08069 [phone: 609-299-9264; no collect calls]

League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: Looking for managers for PBM league based on the new cards. League will be run by the WSOMBL League officers, who have 22 years experience between them. All managers will have a say in the league. There will be an entry fee to be announced later. Requirements: must be reliable, interested and have the time. There will be newsletters and trophies to the winners. Send name, address, phone number and list of teams to: Donny Browning, Box 164, Whitman, WV 25652 [phone: 238-2067, after 6 p.m. EST].

LEAGUE FORMING: Can-Am Baseball League (CABL) looking for managers in a new PBM league. Using N.L. players, using a DH and best of all, no limitations for use of players, except amount of starts for a pitcher. Send to: George Smilka, 23 Brumell Ave., Toronto, Ontario, M6S 4G3. All letters answered.

LEAGUE FORMING: Need interested, serious managers within driving [continued on next page]

distance of Union City, CA, to form face-to-face S-O-M Baseball league. Write for more information to: Tom Simpson, 2118 Grackle Ct., Union City, CA 94587. This is a "rookie" league so I need your ideas if the league is formed. Would also be interested in joining established league.

LEAGUE FORMING: Wanted, managers for face-to-face S-O-M league in Toronto, Ontario. Ideally, it would be a continuous league with an advanced draft, thereby testing players' general managers as well as managerial skills. If interested, please write or phone: Murray Zabitsky, 300 Antibes Dr., Suite 2006, Willowdale, Ontario, Canada M3J 2C4 (phone, day number, 663-3600; evenings, 636-8762). Also would like to buy 1970 and 1978 Official Sporting News Baseball Guides. State price and condition. Include phone number.

LEAGUE FORMING: Need 7 to 11 managers for a PBM old-timers league. We will draft players from the following teams: '05 Giants, '06 Cubs, '09 Tigers, '27 Yanks, '29 Cubs, '33 Giants, '36 Yanks, '53 Dodgers, '54 Cleveland, '57 Braves, '61 Yanks, '65 Dodgers, '67 Cardinals. We may also add '09 Pirates, '11 A's, '22 Browns, '54 Giants and '31 A's. Anyone can join. First come, first chance at getting a team. There will be a fee to pay for newsletters. Craig Pfaltzgraff, 1932 Primrose Dr., Cedar Falls, IA 50613

LEAGUE FORMING: A few good, dependable managers are needed as replacements in an established S-O-M Baseball league entering its third year. We play the advanced version with only minor variations from S-O-M rules. This is a draft league and new managers will participate in the new card draft. Please respond with name, address, phone number, age and S-O-M experience to: Ken Anderson, 137 Country Club Rd., Schofield, WI 54476. All inquiries will be answered.

LEAGUE FORMING: Looking for seven coaches to form a draft, PBM, basic version, hockey league. New cards will be used with extras; \$5 entry fee for newsletters, etc. Send draft sheet of 40 right and left wings, centers, 60 defensemen and 16 goalies. Send SASE to: Cliff Dolgins, 67 Old Country Road, New Rochelle, NY 10804

LEAGUE FORMING: Would like to join or establish an advance face-to-face baseball league in the Baltimore-Washington, DC, area. Call Roger Beaver (301-441-9435)

LEAGUE FORMING: The World Baseball League, entering its seventh season, needs two managers. One is for the power in the American League. The other is very competitive in the National League. If interested, please contact Paul Zucker, 3339 E. Grant #23, Tucson, Arizona 85716

LEAGUE FORMING: Looking for managers for PBM baseball league; 162-game season, including an all-star game; using 1980 cards with no extras. Depending on how many teams are not picked, will determine size of the draft. Send a list of 10 teams in order of preference. Entry fee is \$15, includes many newsletters and trophy for winner. Entry fee will be partially refundable at end of season. Send resume to: Mike Reseigno, 71-53 260 St., Glen Oaks, NY 11004 (phone: 212-347-7764)

LEAGUE FORMING: Would like to start a 1978 PBM league using both American and National Leagues. Pick one A.L. team and one N.L. This is a 160-game season, taking the A.L. first and then the N.L. Playoffs will be played in a tournament style. All-star game at end of season, according to stats. Top five picks for each league. Call or write to: Greg Bucurestean (313-824-3782), 883 Westchester, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230. This league is going to be played advance. No fee required.

LEAGUE FORMING: Need four managers for new PBM draft league. Based on 1980 season. Basic version; 162-game schedule; \$4 entry fee (partially refunded upon completion of season) for newsletters and trophy.

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Draft is from both leagues. PBM experience not necessary. Send SASE and top 150 players, in order of preference, to: David Fox, 122 Halloween Run, Newark, DE 19702

LEAGUE FORMING: Several managers needed to form a new, continuous PBM draft baseball league. We will use the advanced version of the new American League cards. Co-commissioners are survivors of past leagues which did not make it through one season. We are dedicated to making this one work and want responsible, mature managers who are also willing to make a league work. Send resume to: Gary Esneault, 5401 Brookside, Apt. D-13, Kansas City, MO 64112

LEAGUE FORMING: The North Shore Baseball League will begin its fourth season of face-to-face play in early March. This Boston area draft league consists of teams made up of N.L. East players, using the advanced version of the game. Managers retain the rights to some of their players acquired through draft or trades for the following season. New team(s) will draft a limited number of players from existing rosters and get priority in this season's draft. League meets once weekly in member's homes, with teams playing between two and four games per night. Existing teams in Arlington, Dorchester and Medford and ages of managers range from 27 to 31. We are seeking (a) reliable manager(s) who desire(s) to play in a formal league that stresses camaraderie, intense competition and fair play. For further information and application, please write, enclosing SASE, to: Norman Shacat, 81 Woburn St., Medford, MA 02155, or call 391-5726.

LEAGUE FORMING: NASOMBA, a well established draft league using N.L. cards plus extras, is preparing for the 1981 season and is in need of two full-time managers plus backups. NASOMBA is a 12-team league that was initially set up in 1975. Teams were drafted and kept from year to year, with the exception of

trades and the drafting of new players. It is an excellent league for the individual(s) who appreciates building teams and watching their trades and draft choices take effect. As stated, it is a well established league that isn't going to fold and for that reason we only want very dependable managers. S-O-M experience is an asset but reliable people is what we are really looking for. Incidentally, all backup managers have joined the league during the year they applied, or first thing the following year. That is what has happened in the past with no exceptions. The league starts in April, but planning starts way before then, so get your application to me early. Write: Doug Cochrane, 808 Rosedale Ave., Sarnia, Ontario N7V 2A3 (phone: 519-344-1258)

LEAGUE FORMING: The Eastern States Strat-O-Matic League (ESSL) is now looking for backup managers for the current season, two-thirds complete, who will be considered for full-time managers when we expand in May. We are a PBM baseball draft league. Each manager owns two teams, one from the N.L. and one from the A.L. Both leagues are played simultaneously, using the advanced version. We currently have eight teams and will add two teams in the expansion. Interested managers should contact: Bruce Kutler, 4431 Baltimore Ave., Apt. 2F, Philadelphia, PA 19104 (phone: 215-387-4241)

LEAGUE FORMING: SOMSBA needs dedicated, long-term coaches for continuous, PBM draft baseball league; advanced version; new cards. Send resume: Andrew Shelofsky, 34 Devon Drive, Orangeburg, NY 10962 (phone: 914-359-1394)

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Panthers pounce on Nebraska in title game

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1976 Pitt 'greatest' of college greats

The Pittsburgh Panthers, that unbeaten, top-ranked 1976 outfit led by All-American Tony Dorsett, emerged as the greatest collegiate grid-iron team of all time in Bob Kondracki's replay.

Kondracki, from Reading, PA, who hails the college football game as "ranking with the pro version as S-O-M's best games," took the 24 all-time great teams, played a nine-game regular-season for each and then pitted six division winners and two "wild-card" teams in the playoffs.

Kondracki picked, first of all, what he considered the six best teams from the 24. One of each was put in a different division. Next came the second six best teams and again they were spread around over six divisions. Each team would play the other three in its division twice and three outside opponents once apiece.

All the games were played solitaire and following are the results:

Division 1	W	L	T	OFF	DEF	Division 2	W	L	T	OFF	DEF
1977 Texas	7	2	0	17.3	17.2	1976 Pittsburgh	8	1	0	28.4	9.3
1975 Oklahoma *	5	3	1	19.3	17.3	1966 Alabama	4	3	2	20.2	16.0
1966 Michigan St.	3	6	0	17.1	19.5	1958 LSU	3	3	3	19.3	17.1
1965 UCLA	2	7	0	14.5	24.1	1966 Purdue	0	8	1	9.2	35.7
Division 3	W	L	T	OFF	DEF	Division 4	W	L	T	OFF	DEF
1973 Notre Dame	7	1	1	22.6	14.8	1973 Penn St.	7	2	0	27.4	7.6
1958 Army *	6	3	0	17.3	14.5	1959 Mississippi	5	4	0	20.8	13.3
1964 Arkansas	4	5	0	18.7	16.8	1970 Stanford	2	7	0	11.3	22.2
1971 Michigan	3	5	1	17.7	19.4	1959 Georgia	1	8	0	7.7	28.2
Division 5	W	L	T	OFF	DEF	Division 6	W	L	T	OFF	DEF
1967 USC	5	4	0	19.2	18.8	1971 Nebraska	9	0	0	21.5	11.5
1963 Navy	4	4	1	19.0	18.4	1968 Ohio St.	4	5	0	19.4	18.6
1959 Syracuse	4	4	1	22.6	20.6	1968 Kansas	3	5	1	17.0	14.3
1966 Florida	3	6	0	16.3	24.0	1960 Minnesota	3	6	0	10.0	14.5

* Wild card.

NEBRASKA LONE TEAM TO GO UNBEATEN

Every team, except for Nebraska, 1971 vintage, tasted at least one defeat in the nine games. Balance was Nebraska's secret, as the Cornhuskers didn't have an apparent weakness. Closest game was in the season's finale against Alabama when, after trailing 22-0 at halftime, Nebraska roared back for a 27-22 triumph.

Now, here's a quickie look at the divisions:

DIVISION 1 - Texas was far from overpowering, even though easily winning the division; the Longhorns twice got hooked and handed lopsided losses, 28-7 by UCLA and 30-3 by Pitt...Oklahoma featured great running attack but non-existent passing game; backed into playoffs after Mississippi and Alabama both dropped their last games...Michigan State was inconsistent, trouncing Oklahoma one game, 42-9, and then being upended by lowly Georgia in the next, 17-7...UCLA was ball-controlled into submission, as 24.1 defensive yield attests to.

DIVISION 2 - Pittsburgh had best offense (28.4 points) and second-best defense (9.3); pass defense particularly stifling; routed Purdue twice, 55-0 and 52-3; only loss was to Alabama, 24-10...Alabama, meanwhile, relied on strong defense in bid to reach playoffs; season-ending loss to Nebraska (after that 22-0 halftime, no less) ended Crimson Tide's season for good...LSU had knack of playing well against good times, bad against bad...Purdue's lone tie came against LSU, 27-27, but in most games Boilermakers were hopelessly out of it by halftime; Purdue gave up 35.7 points and gave up 239 more points than it scored.

DIVISION 3 - Notre Dame was another consistent team--and it had to be for Division 3 was probably the toughest of them all; only loss was to

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Army, 27-23...Army won first five games, mainly because of strong defense, but then lost three of last four...Michigan battled Notre Dame to 14-14 tie in opener, was blanked by Army, 24-0, in second and went downhill from there on; U-M was often victimized by aerial blitz and run-oriented attack couldn't muster enough firepower to keep pace...Arkansas had no great strengths or weaknesses; defense picked off four passes and returned all for touchdowns against Purdue (56-0).

DIVISION 4 - Penn State was another ball-control team, but with best defense in league; Penn State was in weakest division, though, thus stats were misleading...Mississippi did defeat Penn Staters, 20-14, but missed playoffs by losing to Minnesota in last game...Stanford had porous secondary and feeble ground attack; only victories were over hapless Georgia...Bulldogs had worst offense in league (7.7) and second worst defense, trailing only Purdue in points surrendered.

DIVISION 5 - USC started slowly, losing four of first five games, but recovered to win last four and slip into first place in another sub-par division...Navy, ironically, was strong passing, but could do little else right; Navy lost the 'service war' to Army, 20-14...specialist teams were terrible for Syracuse and the Orangemen saw red as result, finishing .500...Florida, not figured to do much against star-studded competition, instead surprised by winning three games.

DIVISION 6 - Nebraska dominated division as no one else even had winning record...Ohio State stumbled along until bushwhacking arch-rival Michigan in finale, 35-21...Kansas outscored foes but still wound up under .500; did clobber USC, 37-3, and play Oklahoma to 13-13 tie...Minnesota lost first six, then won last three, including knocking Ole Miss out of playoffs.

1976 PITT IS GREATEST OF THEM ALL

In the playoffs, Nebraska remained unbeaten by shutting down Oklahoma, 10-3; Pittsburgh pummeled outmanned Army, 38-14; Notre Dame topped USC, 17-6; and Texas nipped Penn State in overtime, 23-20, all in first-round games.

Nebraska had little trouble shutting down the Sooners, limiting them to a paltry 85 yards rushing and intercepting six passes. Oklahoma, surprisingly, led 3-0 at halftime, but Nebraska's defense took over in the second. Pittsburgh, meanwhile, drove 80 yards for a score with the opening kickoff and Army's fate was sealed quickly. Pitt rolled up 423 yards total offense, 252 via the ground, while Army's only scores came after the Panthers fumbled the ball away deep in their territory.

Notre Dame's defense kept USC under wraps most of the game, recovering two fumbles, one that resulted in a TD and the other occurring on the game's last play and the Trojans at the Irish two. Texas, trailing 20-3 at halftime and on the verge of being blown out by Penn State, stormed back in the second and tied the game on a field goal on the last play. In the overtime, Texas drove down the field and kicked a 21-yard field goal to end matters on its first possession.

In the semifinals, Pittsburgh eked out a 13-10 victory over Notre Dame, the difference a 90-yard pass play on a third-and-two gamble late in the game by the Panthers. Pitt limited Notre Dame to just three completions in 14 passing attempts for a mere 43 yards.

In the other semifinal, Nebraska rallied from a 14-0 deficit to nip Texas, 24-17. An 87-yard punt return, 84-yard kickoff return and a 21-yard interception return for a TD--all by Nebraska--wrote finis to Texas' hopes. Texas did tie the score at 17 early in the fourth quarter, only to have the key pass theft occur shortly afterwards.

So, for the championship it was 1976 Pittsburgh and 1971 Nebraska. Nebraska scored twice in the first half, on a 26-yard run and 33-yard pass play, and led 14-7 at intermission. But Pitt controlled the second half, scored once in the third quarter and 10 points in the fourth and rode off with a 24-14 victory and the mythical all-time championship. The winners rolled up 230 yards rushing and had a slim 287-264 yardage advantage, but it was the Panther defense that won the game, intercepting four passes.

Readers roll 'em

PITCHERS' HITTING CARDS?

I think it's time for S-O-M to be a bit more "generous" when it comes to assigning pitchers' hitting ratings.

In last year's set, Steve Carlton, Bill Lee and Dan Schatzeder were all rated "3" hitters. Carlton hit .223, Lee hit .216 and Schatzeder .216. These averages cannot be accurately reproduced if one uses the "3" hitting card, which doesn't even reproduce a .200 average. The above pitchers deserve a "4" hitting rating.

In fact, it's time S-O-M revised the whole concept of pitchers' hitting, because the good hitting pitchers are being discriminated against. In 1978, Steve Carlton hit .291, which is a lot higher than the average on the "4" hitting card.

I think S-O-M should make cards for pitchers who hit .240 or better and batted 50 times or more. These cards would just have the basic side, so you could put two different pitchers on each card. The cards could be sold separately, or included in the set.

There may be a small number of good hitting pitchers, but their presence does make a difference.

Mark Guerra
1125 Bell Ave.
Yeadon, PA

Editor's note: S-O-M has long maintained that because of the DH rule in the American League, and the availability of blank hitting cards for those "special" hitting pitchers, it really isn't worth the time and expense to print hitting cards for pitchers. For Carlton, 1978, for example, he could be given the blank card for a .300 hitter, perhaps with a reduction in the power categories depending on his real-life performance.

PRE-GAME MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

I thought you might be interested in our little league down here in Corpus Christi, TX. The group I play with is pri-

marily interested in face-to-face play and we have had several variations to make things more even and interesting.

One variation, for example, is to draft teams in one order and then a player (or players) in reverse order, from the undrafted teams. This hasn't been bad, but is statistically invalid and artificial.

Our best and most popular variation has been our Monday night league. We play on Mondays just before the game comes on TV. Of course, we use the cards from last year. Everyone plays the Monday night game. First we roll two dice. The high-roller gets to choose which team he wants or he can take the ball and let the other player choose the team.

At halftime the players swap teams. The score is kept by player rather than by team. (Although we do keep track of the team score for comparison to the actual game outcome)

This variation has been very popular because it tends to produce competitive games, plus it provides a buildup for the TV game to follow and an introduction to the players and teams.

I should also note that we do not use the third down long linebacker-run contain rule. We all feel like the "wrong" column on the cards is there exactly for that purpose. You can always contain the run by calling pass and blitzing the linebacker to likely draw zone anyway.

Siebert Ickler
3709 Bentwood
Corpus Christi, TX

ANOTHER CALL FOR PENALTIES

Does S-O-M have any penalty ideas for football? I can't believe it still doesn't think penalties are important enough to incorporate into the game.

Penalties would bring some of those good offensive teams with poor real-life records down to earth. Most poor teams commit more penalties than do the good teams. But often an offense looks good on

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the cards in S-O-M that wasn't quite so good in real-life because of that guard who jumps off-side a lot.

Another question I have deals with first downs. I've replayed the 1972 football season twice and noticed an incredible lack of first downs. In real-life, by season's end, nearly every team has 200 or more first downs. Yet in all my replays, no one comes near that figure.

Why do S-O-M teams have so few first downs, yet equal or surpass their real-life yardage figures? I've had many teams gain more yardage than that listed on all their offensive cards, yet not one has ever exceeded its first down total. Does the NFL get that many more first downs than in S-O-M, or is it just my league in which this happens? How are other leagues doing?

Dick Hunt
St. Johns, MI

Editor's note: Check out the January, 1981 issue (Readers roll 'em) for a good pro and con regarding whether or not S-O-M should incorporate penalties. The lack of first downs poses an interesting question. We've never really noticed it before--but we were not checking, either. The lack of penalties would diminish the first-down total, for sure, while a coach's offensive tactics would also affect such totals (i.e., the "Mad Bomber" approach, with few first downs, versus the "grind-it-out" with its plethora of first downs for the successful teams.)

We checked the 1978 season and found that, on offense, there were 723 first downs in the NFL. Divide that total by 28 teams, and there's an additional 25 first downs per club.

GOALS OR POINTS?

The new hockey cards have no mistakes on them, as far as I can tell. But I do have one question: in the 1979-80 season, Buffalo allowed only 110 goals to be scored on its defense, yet goalie Don Edwards has 125 on his card, Bob Sauve 74 on his. That's 199 goals--not 110.

I'd also like to see goalie cards split up into inside, outside and reb/bkwy. I also suggest forechecking ratings of 0, +1 and +2, where the addition of the three forecheckers' ratings provides the maximum "number of forecheckers" allowed (maximum of +3).

Turning to baseball, I think pitchers should have something to do with wild pitches (perhaps "Wild pitch plus flyball (lf) 8" on the pitcher's card). I also feel balks should be instituted into the game and that a pitcher's pickoff move should affect stealing chances.

Lastly, what is the three-dice split number system by Bryan Baker? I am a new subscriber.

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Editor's note: First of all, the correct total of goals allowed by Buffalo's goalie tandem is 199; Edwards yielding 125 and Sauve 74. There were also two goals into an empty net, so Buffalo gave up a total of 201. The 110 total you came up with refers to the number of points (based on wins and ties by the Sabres) and not goals allowed. The information came from the Hockey News 1981 Yearbook.

Regarding Bryan Baker's split-number system, it will be again reprinted in an upcoming issue. It replaces the split deck and has proven to be among the most popular playing tips, if not the most popular, to grace the pages of the Review.

HOCKEY FIGURE NEEDED

Larry Scotti's letter in the Nov., '80 Review opened my eyes to several things. I am not a hockey fan, and I do not own the hockey game, but the sport plays an integral part of the entire scheme of things at S-O-M. The Review does not need a hockey logo to represent the sport, even if just to stop reader complaints about the issue.

In another letter, on roughly the same subject, a reader complained that the logos were a "grotesque waste of space." I agree half-heartedly, but that is what sports gaming is all about--a visualizing of the action on a court, field, diamond or wherever.

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It is what the magazine is all about--bringing other people's ideas to you, with the Review tying it all together in one very neat little package.

Also, Scotti mentioned that the Review needs a little excitement. I did not immediately agree, but looking at the front page, it does need a little retouching. All sports logos, let's face it, are [horrors!] outdated. Another idea--when the baseball-and football "annals" come out, a collage of pitchers, batters, runners, exceptional catches, etc., could be drawn for the baseball issue (usually April) and used every year for that particular issue. The same goes for football.

This year the April issue's first 12 pages almost exclusively featured baseball (no complaints here). So, a mainly baseball or baseball-oriented issue in April, football in September, basketball in October and hockey in November, all replete with the corresponding collage.

Other random ideas:

All the way with Matt Lorenz! His ideas [most of which I have yearned for] may finally someday come to light. (Lorenz' ideas were printed in the Nov., 1980 Review)

GKSML coverage is just right (maybe more, even).

Reprints are a touchy subject, but they should be issued.

The trivia quizzes are okay. And lastly, where is Kevin Jacques? He is the only other gamer I know from Kent (I have never met him).

David de la Fuente
Kent, OH

1956--THE WHOLE SEASON

I am basically a new Strat-O-Matic player, although I have played another table game for 17 years.

Recently, in the Strat-O-Matic Review, on two occasions you have said the Strat-O-Matic Game Company would issue the 1956 baseball [to me this means all 16 teams] season.

I wrote to the company to ask them to put my name on their list for notification when the

1956 season would be ready. I received a card back saying they were not doing the complete 1956 season, possibly they would issue a couple of teams from that season.

Would someone let me know the truth. I would love the whole 16-team edition.

James Fish
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Editor's note: The game company will issue the whole [16 teams] season, based on 1956. Probable release date is next year.

WANTS ROSTERS PRINTED

In many of my dealings with baseball gamers they wonder about old rosters.

I wonder if you could reprint in the Review (in real small print), complete rosters from 1962 to say 1970? Maybe one year per issue. So, you could do a "roster series."

I've been playing for 17 years, I'm 31 years old and I've been getting the Review since 1973--so I realize that space is a major problem. So, if you can't do this, I'll understand.

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Spencerport, NY

Editor's note: Unfortunately, we don't have "real small print." But if readers don't mind giving up 1% pages of the Review each month, perhaps rosters can be printed. We would like to get feedback from other gamers, though, before doing so. Another problem is that the Review doesn't have roster sheets for all years. So, if the readers want rosters printed, they will have to supply a few for the missing years.

Coming next month

...A look at the new baseball cards, particularly George Brett's card (advanced) against right-handed pitching...the GKSML's American League draft will be presented, replete with pictures...Marc Jacobson's latest baseball trivia quiz will test you...the "Magic Show" will be re-enacted as Review co-editor replays the 1979-80 NBA championship series...and much, much more.

Hockey goalies were belligerent, too

Hockey goalies were especially belligerent last season, reports Pete Manzolillo, Bellmore, NY, who annually sends the Review penalty/intimidation ratings for goalies.

There were a couple of "AA" rated netminders for the first time, plus three 'involved' goalies drew "A" ratings from Manzolillo, who bases penalty ratings on percent of penalty minutes compared to total minutes played. His intimidation ratings, however, are arbitrary and based on reputation and his own personal observations.

So, here, for the third year in a row, are penalty/intimidation ratings for goalies (remember the coach has the option to intimidate with his goaltender instead of an assigned player only when that player is rated I-0 or I-1):

	Penalty	Intimidation		Penalty	Intimidation
<u>Atlanta</u>			<u>Philadelphia</u>		
Bouchard	B	1-6	Peeters	B	1-3
Riggin	D	0	Myre	A	1-3
<u>Boston</u>			<u>Pittsburgh</u>		
Cheevers	AA	1-6	Holland	D	1
Gilbert	C	1-2	Millen	C	1-2
<u>Buffalo</u>			<u>St. Louis</u>		
D. Edwards	D	1-3	Liut	D	1-2
Sauve	D	1	Stanowski	D	1
<u>Chicago</u>			<u>Toronto</u>		
Esposito	D	1	Palmateer	D	1-4
Veisor	D	0	Crha	C	1
<u>Colorado</u>			Harrison	C	1
Astrom	D	1-2	<u>Vancouver</u>		
Oleschuk	B	1	Harlon	B	1-6
McKenzie	D	1	Bromley	D	1
<u>Detroit</u>			<u>Washington</u>		
Vachon	D	1	Stephenson	B	1-3
Rutherford	A	1-3	Boutin	B	1-2
<u>Edmonton</u>			Inness	D	1
Mio	D	1	<u>Winnipeg</u>		
Corsi	D	1-2	G. Smith	AA	1-4
Low	D	0	Hamel	C	1-2
<u>Los Angeles</u>			Mattsson	D	1
Lessard	D	1-2			
Grahame	D	1			
<u>Minnesota</u>					
Meloche	D	1			
G. Edwards	D	0			
<u>Montreal</u>					
Sevigny	B	1			
Larocque	D	1			
Herron	D	0			
<u>Hartford</u>					
A. Smith	B	1-4			
Garrett	C	1-2			
<u>NY Islanders</u>					
B. Smith	A	1-6			
Resch	D	1			
<u>NY Rangers</u>					
Baker	D	1	<u>Quebec</u>		
Davidson	D	1	Dion	D	1
			Hogosta	D	0

Manzolillo also has a playing tip that provides for a penalty shot:

If a player rolls 2 or 12 on a breakaway attempt and reading is "X" (shot on goal), pick a split card. A reading of "4" means shooter has been pulled down by defender and a penalty shot is result. A reading of 2-20 means play continues.

Next, roll two dice for penalty shot: 2-6 and 12 is a goal, 7-11 is a save by goalie. No time elapses on a penalty shot.

S-O-M league, replay scene

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HALL OF FAME REPLAY - Lewis Snyder, Jamestown, NY, took the two A.L. Hall of Fame teams and played a 162-game schedule with each--but against 162 teams, picked at random, from his vast collection...The No. 1 team ran off a 151-11 record, averaged 8.67 runs per game, batted .346, had 37 shutouts and a 1.75 ERA. No. 2 unit wasn't bad, either, going 155-7, averaging 8.01 runs, batting .356, shutting out the contemporary teams 50 times and compiling a 1.62 ERA...Nap Lajoie was the leading hitter for the No. 1 squad, batting .412, while George Sisler (.397), Mickey Cochrane (.358), Babe Ruth (66 homers, 181 RBI), Joe Dimaggio (51, 194, .338) were others who fueled a high-powered attack. Four pitchers won 30 or more games: Ed Walsh (38-3, 1.62 ERA), Walter Johnson (38-3, 1.41), Rube Waddell (36-2, 2.06) and Eddie Plank (37-2, 1.95)...The No. 2 unit was even better as Joe Jackson (.403), Lou Boudreau (.382) and Harry Heilmann (.362) were the top hitters for average, and Mickey Mantle (55, 153) and Jimmy Foxx (48, 166) the bulk of the power. Chief Bender was the most amazing pitcher of 'em all, going 38-1, allowing 140 hits less than the 359 innings he pitched, sporting a 1.03 ERA and recording a phenomenal 22 shutouts...Other 30-game winners for the so-called second team were Jack Chesbro (35-0, 1.75), Hal Newhouser (39-2) and Lefty Gomez (36-3)...Modern-day pitchers got in theiricks only occasionally, although Ferguson Jenkins ('70 Cubs), Juan Marichal ('65 Giants) and Don Wilson ('72 Astros) all tossed shutouts.

AMERICAN LEAGUE REPLAY, 1979 - A nine-month project undertaken by Keith Miller, Willard, OH, and his brothers, Kent (Hicksville, OH) and Gary (Eastlake, OH)...Basic version used; mostly solitaire...one no-hitter, by Dennis Eckersley, Boston, against lowly Seattle...10 percent at-bats rule was adopted and each team used five-man pitching rotation...New York won East (not Baltimore, as in real-life) by 10 games, going 107-55, with Milwaukee third and Baltimore 13 games back in fourth. Detroit surprised by finishing second in East...Kansas City captured West, but with 86-74 record, which would have put it sixth in the East. California tied for third and finished four games from the top.

Standings and leaders:

East	Won	Lost	GB	West	Won	Lost	GB	Batting
New York	107	55	-	Kansas City	86	74	-	Lynn BOS .357
Detroit	98	64	9	Chicago	83	77	3	Rivers TEX .318
Milwaukee	97	65	10	California	82	78	4	Molitor MIL .304
Baltimore	94	65	12	Texas	82	80	5	Hargrove CLE .304
Boston	88	74	19	Seattle	73	92	15	Rice BOS .304
Cleveland	71	91	36	Minnesota	71	89	15	Singleton BAL .304
Toronto	63	102	38	Oakland	44	66	-	

*Note that some of the games-behind listings were estimated, since all the teams didn't play 162 games.

Home Runs	RBI	H:
Lezcano MIL 48	Rice BOS 134	Bell TEX 226
Lynn BOS 48	Lezcano MIL 128	R: Hargrove CLE 127
Oglivie MIL 44	Oglivie MIL 125	IP: Caldwell MIL 286
Thomas MIL 43	Lynn BOS 118	CG: McGregor BAL 21
Rice BOS 40	Kemp DET 112	SH: Burns CHI 6
		SA: Monge CLE 27; Lopez DET 24
ERA	Won-Lost	Strikeouts
Slaton MIL 2.24	Figueroa NY 19-5	Guidry NY 210
McGregor BAL 2.59	Slaton MIL 19-7	Eckersley BOS 194
Barrios CHI 3.08	McGregor BAL 18-8	Koosman MIN 179
Medich TEX 3.28	Palmer BAL 17-8	Wins
Guidry NY 3.37	Baumgarten CHI 15-9	Stanley BOS 20
		Guidry NY 20

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SOLITAIRE REPLAY OF AFC SEASON, 1979 - If this was real-life, Bum Phillips would still have his job. At least in Dan Verdun's [Odell, IL] replay, Houston managed to finish better than Pittsburgh, anyway...San Diego did win it all, however, so maybe Bum would have been, well, a bum again anyway...Houston and the Chargers had the best records in the regular season, 13-3, and wound up clashing in the AFC title game, with San Diego pulling out a 28-27 thriller...Earl Campbell of the Oilers, to the surprise of absolutely no one, won the rushing title with 1,348 yards... Other highlights included New England walloping the Jets, 51-0; San Diego clubbing the Chiefs, 65-6; Dan Fouts throwing for 494 yards against K.C.; Steve Grogan rambling 96 yards for a TD; New England and Miami each recording five shutouts, and Fouts once being intercepted seven times in one game by Houston.

Standings and leaders:

East	W	L	T	Central	W	L	T	West	W	L	T
New England	10	6	0	Houston	13	3	0	San Diego	13	3	0
Miami	9	6	1	Pittsburgh	10	6	0	Denver	10	6	0
NY Jets	7	8	1	Cincinnati	7	9	0	Kansas City	9	7	0
Buffalo	5	11	0	Cleveland	5	11	0	Oakland	7	9	0
Baltimore	2	14	0					Seattle	5	11	0

Rushing	Att-Yds.	TD	Avg.	Playoffs
Campbell HOU	296-1348	9	4.5	Pittsburgh d. Denver, 28-23
McKnight KC	201-1307	8	8.0	Houston d. Pittsburgh, 17-10
Gaines NYJ	196-1292	2	6.5	San Diego d. New England, 37-24
M.Pruitt CLE	248-1290	9	5.0	San Diego d. Houston, 28-27 [Final]

Passing	Att-Comp	Pct.	TD-Int.	Yds.	Receiving	No-Yds.	Avg.
Fouts SD	532-325	61.0	25-23	4087	Washington BAL	84-757	9.0
Bradshaw PIT	472-274	58.0	24-18	3739	Largent SEA	57-1239	21.7
Sipe CLE	536-302	56.3	27-19	3731	Upchurch DEN	56-934	16.6
Zorn SEA	507-263	51.8	20-24	3598	Casper OAK	55-777	14.1

REPLAY OF 1979 CINCINNATI BENGALS - B.J. Fischer of Bowling Green, OH, improved the won-and-lost record of the Bengals by one game, 5-11, in his solitaire replay of the 1979 campaign...Isaac Curtis set three team records: catching 72 passes for 1,555 yards and a 21.5 average...Archie Griffin was the top rusher with 814 yards...Lowlight of the season came in the last game when Brian Sipe of Cleveland riddled the Bengal defense for a whopping 490 yards.

ISLANDERS WIN ONE YEAR EARLY - The New York Islanders arrived one year early in S-O-M, at least in Neil Laritod's [Woonsocket, RI] replay of the 1978-79 season...The Islanders, who won it all last season in real-life, disposed of Boston, 4-2, and then Montreal by the same margin in the Stanley Cup to skate off with honors...Only a 20-game season was played, however, so some of the teams--namely Detroit, which went 11-7-2 and finished behind Montreal--pulled surprises...Highlights included: Charlie Simmer of Los Angeles scoring five goals in a game, Darryl Sittler of Toronto, Steve Vickers of the Rangers and Real Cloutier of Quebec each producing four, Brian Trottier of the Islanders being selected MVP of the playoffs after scoring 14 goals and having 21 assists and real-life downtrodden, Detroit, rising up and leading the league with 23 power play goals.

Standings and leaders:

Standings and leaders:					CAMPBELL CONFERENCE				
	W	L	T	Pts		W	L	T	Pts
N.Y. Islanders	10	4	1	31	Edmonton	10	7	3	23
Atlanta	11	6	3	25	Chicago	8	8	4	20
Philadelphia	7	7	6	20	Winnipeg	7	9	4	18
N.Y. Rangers	5	12	3	13	Vancouver	6	13	1	13
Washington	5	14	1	11	Colorado	5	13	2	12
					St. Louis	4	14	2	10

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WALES CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts		W	L	T	Pts	Playoffs
Quebec	11	7	2	24	Montreal	13	3	4	30	Q-Finals:
Boston	11	7	2	24	Detroit	11	7	2	24	NY Islanders
Toronto	10	7	3	23	Los Angeles	10	7	3	23	d. Buffalo 4-0
Buffalo	9	10	1	19	New England	8	7	5	21	Montreal d.
Minnesota	8	11	1	17	Pittsburgh	9	10	1	19	Los Angeles 4-1
Points	G	A	Pts	Goalies	GAA					Quebec d.
Trottier NYI	19	31*	50	K.Dryden MON	1.75					Toronto 4-3
Bossy NYI	20	28	48	Bouchard ATL	2.38					Boston d.
Gillies NYI	14	27	41	Larocque MON	2.50					Detroit 4-2
Sittler TOR	23*	16	39	Resch NYI	2.60					Semifinals:
Lafleur MON	14	22		B.Smith NYI	2.70					NY Islanders
										d. Boston 4-2
										Montreal d.
										Quebec 4-3

* Led league.

STRAT-O-MATIC LEAGUE FOR ENLIGHTENMENT OF GENERAL MANAGERS - A 22-team, actual rosters, advanced, PBM draft league that completed its first season...nicknames of actual teams were maintained while the identifying prefix could be changed...only four of original 22 managers did not complete season, although every team, except one, had a manager at finish...Jesse Seegmiller of New York, the league's originator and "dictator," credited an innovation--a set of proxy instructions to be used by home managers if instructions for a series didn't arrive within a stated time period--for the league's success...league was divided into three divisions, with the division champs and second-best team as far as record qualifying for playoffs...Most remarkable individual feat had to be Dave Kingman's 61 home runs for manager Al Greuter's Chicago Cubs, second-place finishers in the Central Division. Kingman not only led the league in roundtrippers, but also drove in 145 runs...Kingman was chosen MVP in the Central division, Reggie Jackson of the Yankees (.319, 42 HRs, 121 RBI) won similar honors in the East and Sixto Lezcano, Seattle Mariners, won it in the West after leading the league in batting (.367), swatting 32 homers and finishing third in the RBI derby with 143...league started in late 1979 and finished up in mid-1980; 1978 cards were used...Mark Reynolds' San Diego Padres whipped Terry Harlander's Seattle club in the World Series, winning a best-of-three-game set in five sets, 2-1, 2-1, 2-1, 1-2, 2-1...Seattle swiped 32 bases in the 15 games, but Oscar Gamble of the Padres was MVP after batting .344 with six homers and 18 RBI...Managerial lineup for the SOMLEG I included: Fred Lambrecht - California Angels; Harold Tellefsen - Houston Astros; Larry Scotti - Atlanta Braves; Michael Quirk - St. Louis Cardinals; Al Greuter - Cubs; Dave Young - Los Angeles Dodgers; Neal Walters - St. Albert Expos; Paul Logan - San Francisco Giants; Larry Scotti - also Staten Island Indians; Terry Harlander - Mariners; Neil Greenblum - Old Bridge Mets; Cam Sebastian - Baltimore Orioles; Mark Reynolds - Padres; Norman Swift - Lake Wales Phillies; Greg Magorien - Pittsburgh Pirates; Robert Lind - Boston Red Sox; Larry Lampsa - Cincinnati Reds; David Kinney - Kansas City Royals; Greg Magorien - Erie Tigers; David Bowling - Lexington White Sox; and Jesse Seegmiller - New York Yankees. Only the Texas Rangers didn't have a manager at the finish...Highlights, of which there were many, included: Bob Forsch of the Cards dealing Texas a no-hitter, 1-0; Floyd Bannister of the Padres, despite serving up 43 homers, compiling a sensational 22-4 record; the Mets winning 33 of their last 43 games; the Padres capturing 21 of their last 24 to slip into second place in the West, Ron LeFlore swiping 103 bases and Gamble, in a part-time role, bashing 23 homers, driving in 70 runs and batting .305, all in only 347 at-bats; Bill North of the Rangers stealing 101 bases, walking 104 times and striking out 123, and seven Red Sox players hitting 20 or more homers, five 30 or more and the team 255.

Standings, leaders and playoff results are found on the back page:

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West	Won	Lst	GB	Central	Won	Lst	GB	Playoffs	
Seattle	95	58	-	St. Louis	92	62	-	Padres d. Yanks,	
San Diego	93	60	2	Kansas City	88	66	4	3-0, 2-1, 1-2, 3-0	
Houston	89	64	6	Chicago	88	66	4	Seattle d. St.	
California	80	73	15	Cincinnati	85	69	7	Louis, 2-1, 2-1,	
Los Angeles	80	73	15	Staten Island	82	72	10	1-2, 2-1	
Texas	50	103	45	Lexington	69	85	23		
San Francisco	33	120	62	Erie	64	90	28	Batting	
				S.I. Braves	45	105	43	Lezcano SEA	.367
East	Won	Lst	GB	Home Runs				Matthews SIB	.361
NY Yankees	93	60	-	Kingman CHI	61			N Hernandez SL	.356
Boston	91	62	2	G.Thomas ERIE	55			Carew SEA	.348
Lake Wales	84	69	9	Hornor SIB	47				
Baltimore	83	70	10	Stargell PIT	46			G.Thomas ERIE	149
St. Albert	79	74	14	Schmidt LW	46			Kingman CHI	145
Old Bridge	72	81	21					Lezcano SEA	143
Pittsburgh	48	105	45	ERA					
				Richard HOU	2.33			Wins	
2B:	Bell CHI 51			Bibby CAL	2.47			R.Forsch SL	23-7
3B:	Hernandez SL 51			B.Forsch SL	2.64			R.Jones SD	23-12
	Templeton SL 27			Fulgham CHI	2.84			Bannister SEA	22-4
LF:	Lopes SIL 109			Spillner MON	2.99			Guidry NY	22-10
K:	Richard HOU 325							Rogers MON	22-13