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Here's look at new baseball cards

Gooden, McGee, Coleman are N.L.'s top players

Here's a sneak preview of what's coming your way in the next couple of weeks when the new Strat-O-Matic Baseball cards are released.

Even though it's not a full set of teams, the Review has had a look at a few of the National League teams, including the pennant-winning St. Louis Cardinals. Also, Dwight Gooden's card - and it's a goody! - is displayed for your enjoyment on the following page.

Remember, when looking over the cards, the changes that have been made for 1986: clutch hitting (the horseshoe symbol), ball park adjustment (inverted triangle, including open, and diamond symbols) and the different look to the card patterns. All of this was noted in the Jan. issue of the Review.

One thing that was not noted, however, was that S-O-M plans on expanding pitchers' hitting cards from four to eight.

Now, back to those selected N.L. cards.

Willie McGee of the Cardinals was, of course, the N.L.'s Most Valuable Player. McGee's card is also on the next page. A quick tally of on-base chances will show that McGee reaches base 45.6 times against left-handed pitchers and 48.3 versus righties - and that's out of 108 chances on each side of the card. That's why he batted .353.

McGee's also a "1" in center field, with a "0" throwing arm. He's also rated an ei0, that being his only negative feature. As far as batting, McGee will stroke a triple on 1-6 vs. LHP, a straight double on 1-7 and has a split reading of HRd 1-14, TR 15-20 on 1-5.

While on the topic of the Cardinals, shortstop Ozzie Smith is rated a "1 ei4" and Andy VanSlyke, although he's sub-nothing against lefties and won't play much against them, has a super card vs. righties and is a 1 (-3) ei in right and left field.

Vince Coleman, the N.L.'s Rookie of the Year, is an AAA stealing (S-O-M reported, but we haven't on-paper proof, that Coleman is a 2-6 (or 7) and 12 when trying for a good lead in supplementary stealing. And if Coleman gets the lead, then he's a 20 (automatic!), or if he doesn't he becomes a 17.

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Tommy Herr is a 2b-2 e13 and welds a potent bat and John Tudor has a super card, too. All in all the Cards look mighty tough on paper.

Gooden's card (at right) reflects his 24-4, 1.53 ERA, 198 hits inn 277 innings and 268 strikeout stats. Against right-handed batters, Gooden has 47 card chances (out of 108) for a

strikeout and vs. lefties he's got 34 card chances for a "K."

McGee's action card is to the left while below

DWIGHT GOODEN

throws RIGHT e11 #4NR pitcher- starter(9)●

58% AGAINST LEFT-HAND BATTER			42% AGAINST RIGHT-HAND BATTER		
4	5	6	4	5	6
2-gb (p) B	2-fly (rf) B	2-GB (ss) X	2-gb (2b) C ●	2-gb (p) B	●2-fly (lf) B
2-FLY (lf) X	3-gb (1b) C	3-GB (p) X	3-FLY (lf) X	3-gb (1b) C	3-GB (p) X
4-DO**	4-strikeout	4-CATCH-X	4-N-HR 1.9	4-gb (2b) C	4-CATCH-X
5-SINGLE 2.20	5-gb (2b) C	5-fly (lf) B	fly(lf)B 10.20	5-SI	5-strikeout
5-SINGLE (rf)	5I	6-strikeout	5-DO** 1.5	lo(ss) 2.20	6-strikeout
6-WALK	lo(2b) 2.20	7-strikeout	6-SI** 6.20	6-strikeout ●	7-strikeout
7-GB (2b) X	6-strikeout ●	8-strikeout	6-SI* 1.9	7-GB (ss) X	8-strikeout
8-strikeout ●	7-GB (ss) X	9-fly (lf) B	lo(ss) 10.20	8-strikeout	9-strikeout
9-SI*	8-strikeout	10-GB (3b) X	7-GB (2b) X	8-strikeout	10-GB (3b) X
lo(2b) 2.20	9-fly (rf) B	11-GB (1b) X	8-strikeout ●	9-strikeout	11-GB (1b) X
10-FLY (cf) X	10-fly (cf) C	12-gb (p) B	9-WALK	10-fly (cf) C	12-GB (ss) X
11-FLY (rf) X	11-SINGLE (lf)		10-FLY (cf) X	11-SINGLE (lf)	
12-fly (cf) C	12-WALK		11-FLY (rf) X	12-N-HR	
			12-gb (p) B		

S WILLIE MCGEE			ch-1(0) e10		
stealing AA			bunting: C hit & run: C running 1-17		
34% AGAINST LEFT-HAND PITCHER	Power: N		66% AGAINST RIGHT-HAND PITCHER	Power: W	
1	2	3	1	2	3
2-lo(3b) max	2-fly (lf) B ?	2-gb (ss) A+	2-lo(2b) max	2-gb (3b) B+	2-gb (ss) B
plus injury	3-fly (rf) B ?	3-gb (ss) A+	plus injury	3-strikeout (1b)	3-poopout (1b)
3-SINGLE**	4-fly (lf) B ?	4-fly (cf) B ?	2-gb (ss) B	4-fly (rf) B ?	4-gb (p) B
4-strikeout	5I	5-SINGLE*	4-WALK	5-gb (1b) B	5-SINGLE*
5-HR 1-14	lo(ss) 9.20	6-SINGLE**	5-HR 1.8	6-SINGLE**	6-SINGLE**
TR 15-20	5-strikeout	7-strikeout	6-TR 1.8	7-fly (cf) B ?	7-fly (rf) B ?
7-DOUBLE(cf)	6-SINGLE**	8-strikeout	8-TR 1.8	8-gb (3b) B	8-gb (2b) A+
8-DO** 1-2	7-strikeout	9-SI*	9-gb (1b) B	10-gb (2b) A	10-strikeout
SI** 3-20	8-strikeout	lo(ss) 2.20	7-DO** 1.7	11-lineout (1b)	11-SI*
10-SINGLE (lf)	9-strikeout	10-SINGLE (rf)	SI** 8.20	12-gb (1b) B	12-SI*
10-fly (cf) B ?	10-fly (cf) B ?	11-HR 1.18	11-SINGLE (cf)	12-fly (lf) B	12-SI*
11-gb (ss) A+	11-gb (ss) A+	fly(lf)B 17.20	10-SINGLE (lf)	11-SINGLE**	11-SINGLE**
11-strikeout	12-gb (ss) A+	112-SINGLE**	11-gb (ss) B	12-foulout (c)	
12-foulout (c)			12-foulout (c)		

S VINCE COLEMAN			lf-2(-2) e8 cf-3 e8 rf-3 e8		
stealing AAA			bunting: B hit & run: D running 1-17		
33% AGAINST LEFT-HAND PITCHER	Power: W		67% AGAINST RIGHT-HAND PITCHER	Power: W	
1	2	3	1	2	3
2-poopout (3b)	2-lo(3b) max	2-lineout (3b)	2-gb (ss) B	2-strikeout	2-gb (ss) B+
3-poopout (2b)	plus injury	3-lineout (3b)	3-gb (ss) B	3-fly (rf) B ?	3-gb (3b) B
4-poopout (2b)	3-fly (rf) B ?	4-gb (3b) B	4-gb (p) B	4-WALK	4-gb (1b) B
5-WALK	4-fly (cf) B ?	5-DOUBLE(lf)	5-WALK	5-gb (3b) B	5-HR 1-2
6-strikeout	5-gb (ss) B+	6-TRIPLE	6-strikeout	6-strikeout	fly(lf)B 3.20
7-strikeout	6-gb (ss) B	7-strikeout	7-strikeout	10-SINGLE (lf)	6-TR 1-3
8-gb (ss) A	10-SINGLE (cf)	8-strikeout	8-strikeout	8-gb (2b) A+	SI** 4.20
9-DO	8-gb (ss) B	10-SINGLE**	9-gb (1b) B	7-SINGLE**	
fly(lf)B 3.20	9-gb (3b) B	10-fly (lf) B ?	10-fly (cf) B ?	10-SINGLE*	
10-fly (cf) B ?	10-gb (3b) B	SI	11-SINGLE (cf)	9-SI*	1.4
11-SINGLE (rf)	11-gb (ss) A+	lo(ss) 9.20	12-lo(2b) max	lo(2b) 5.20	
12-SI*	12-foulout (c)	11-poopout (ss)	plus injury	10-fly (rf) B ?	
lo(ss) 9.20	12-poopout (1b)			lo(2b) 12.20	
				11-gb (1b) B	
				12-gb (ss) B	

that is Coleman's card. You will notice that Coleman has some big numbers on 3-5 (double) and 3-6 (triple) vs. LHP, but that overall he doesn't have anything resembling a super card for getting on base. Remember, you can't steal first base!

Nevertheless, Coleman is sure to be picked in the top three in any draft of N.L. players.

Notice also on McGee's card, vs. either RHP or LHP, he has 10 card chances with horseshoe symbols for clutch hitting. Every one of the numbers has a base hit - which means in clutch situations (at least one runner in scoring position and two outs) McGee's hits turn into outs. He's obviously not good in the clutch.

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Tudor's card, getting back to the Cardinal southpaw, may be the best of them all in the N.L. (see below) - well, next to Gooden's, anyway. Tudor only has 15.9 on-base chances facing

lefty batters and 16.4 against righties. Notice the home run split chance against Tudor on 5-12 both ways. Gooden, if you will turn to the next page, has a straight home run on 5-12 vs. RHB, with the ball park adjustment part of the reading.

Sid Fernandez of the Mets, a lefty fireballer who struck

out 180 in only 170 innings has a strikeout card that is overall better than Gooden's. Fernandez has 37 strikeout chances vs. RHB, but a whopping 57 against LHB (see card below, left).

JOHN TUDOR					
throws LEFT			e16	#2WL	pitcher: starter(8)●
15% AGAINST LEFT-HAND BATTER			85% AGAINST RIGHT-HAND BATTER		
4	5	6	4	5	6
2-strikeout ●	2-gb (p) B	2-WALK	2-gb (p) B ●	2-fly (lf) B	2-WALK
3-FLY (lf) X	3-gb (1b) C	3-Gb (p) X	3-FLY (lf) X	3-gb (1b) C	3-Gb (p) X
4-FLY (cf) X	4-fly (rf) B	4-N-HR 1-6	4-FLY (cf) X	4-lineout (1b)	4-N-HR 1
5-strikeout	5-strikeout	fly(rf) B 7:20	5-lineout (ss)	5-fly (rf) C	fly(rf) B 2:20
6-strikeout	6-strikeout	5-DO** 1-2	6-fly (cf) B	6-strikeout ●	5-TR 1
7-Gb (ss) X	7-Gb (2b) X	SI** 3:20	7-Gb (ss) X	7-Gb (2b) X	SI** 2:20
8-strikeout	8-strikeout	6-SINGLE (cf)	8-popout (3b)	8-strikeout	6-DO** 1-6
9-gb (2b) C	9-strikeout	7-SI* 1-4	9-popout (2b)	9-fly (cf) B	SI** 7:20
10-fly (lf) C	10-CATCH-X	lo(2b) 9:20	10-popout (ss)	10-CATCH-X	7-SI* 1-14
11-FLY (rf) X	11-SINGLE (lf)	8-strikeout ●	11-FLY (rf) X	11-SINGLE (cf)	lo(ss) 15:20
12-gb (p) B ●	12-N-HR 1-6	9-strikeout ●	12-gb (p) B	12-N-HR 1-4	8-strikeout ●
	fly(rf) B 7:20	10-Gb (3b) X		fly(rf) B 5:20	9-gb (2b) C
		11-Gb (1b) X			10-Gb (3b) X
		12-Gb (ss) X			11-Gb (1b) X
					12-Gb (ss) X

SID FERNANDEZ					
throws LEFT			e0	#3WL	pitcher: starter(7)●
15% AGAINST LEFT-HAND BATTER			85% AGAINST RIGHT-HAND BATTER		
4	5	6	4	5	6
2-strikeout	2-gb (1b) C	2-fly (rf) B	2-fly (cf) C	2-fly (cf) B	2-fly (lf) B
3-FLY (rf) X	3-gb (2b) C	3-Gb (1b) X	3-FLY (rf) X	3-gb (p) B	3-Gb (1b) X
4-Gb (3b) X	4-N-HR 1-13	4-fly (cf) C	4-Gb (3b) X	4-N-HR 1-8	4-fly (cf) C
5-strikeout	fly(rf) B 14:20	5-strikeout	5-gb (2b) C	DO 9:20	5-strikeout
6-strikeout ●	5-strikeout	6-strikeout ●	6-WALK	5-DO 1	6-WALK
7-Gb (2b) X	6-WALK	7-strikeout	7-Gb (2b) X	fly(rf) B 2:20	7-strikeout
8-strikeout	7-Gb (ss) X	8-strikeout	8-strikeout ●	6-WALK	8-strikeout
9-strikeout	8-strikeout	9-strikeout	9-strikeout ●	7-Gb (ss) X	9-strikeout
10-FLY (cf) X	9-strikeout	10-CATCH-X	10-FLY (cf) X	8-strikeout	10-CATCH-X
11-strikeout	10-WALK	11-FLY (lf) X	11-gb (1b) C	9-strikeout	11-FLY (lf) X
12-DO 1-12	11-Gb (p) X	12-Gb (ss) X	12-fly (lf) B	10-WALK	12-Gb (ss) X
fly(rf) B 13:20	12-N-HR			11-Gb (p) X	
				12-N-HR	

L DARRYL STRAWBERRY					
stealing: A			bunting: D		
40% AGAINST LEFT-HAND PITCHER			60% AGAINST RIGHT-HAND PITCHER		
1	2	3	1	2	3
12-gb (ss) A	2-lo(2b) max	12-foulout (c)	12-gb (2b) A	2-WALK	12-fly (cf) A
3-gb (ss) A	3-WALK	3-fly (rf) B ?	3-gb (ss) A +	3-strikeout	3-gb (2b) A +
4-fly (rf) B ?	4-fly (cf) B ?	4-gb (2b) A +	4-strikeout	plus injury	4-gb (2b) A
5-WALK	5-strikeout	5-SHR 1-19	5-WALK	114-fly (cf) B ?	5-SHR 1-19
6-strikeout	6-strikeout	fly(rf) B 20	6-WALK	7-WALK	fly(rf) B 20
7-strikeout	7-strikeout	6-WALK	7-WALK	7-strikeout	6-SI* 1-4
8-HOMERUN	8-DO** 1-4	7-WALK	8-HOMERUN	7-strikeout	lo(2b) 5:20
9-HR 1-17	SI** 5:20	8-SI* 1-12	9-HR 1-18	8-TR 1-4	8-DO** 1-14
TR 18:20	9-strikeout	lo(2b) 13:20	TR 19:20	SI** 5:20	SI** 15:20
10-fly (cf) B ?	10-gb (2b) A +	9-fly (rf) B ?	10-fly (rf) B ?	9-strikeout	9-fly (rf) B ?
11-SINGLE (lf)	11-strikeout	10-strikeout	11-SINGLE (lf)	10-fly (cf) B ?	10-strikeout
12-SINGLE (cf)	plus injury	11-gb (2b) A	12-SINGLE (cf)	11-fly (rf) B ?	11-gb (2b) A +
SI 1-4	12-fly (cf) A	12-gb (ss) A	SI 1-8	12-lo(2b) max	12-fly (rf) B ?
lo(2b) 7:20			lo(2b) 9:20		12-foulout (c)

Darryl Strawberry, another Met, has a great card for pumping out home runs (HR chances on 1-8, 1-9 (1-17) and 3-5 (1-19) vs. LHP and 1-8, 1-9 (1-18) and 3-5 (1-19) vs. RHP. He's also a good fielder (rf-2 -2 e3) and a solid clutch hitter (seven out chances become hits in clutch situations against LHP). Only bad thing about Strawberry is that he was hurt for a long stretch of the season and batted only 393 times officially.

Dodger fans are going to cheer when they get a look at Fernando Valenzuela's card, as well as Orel Hershisier's card (only a HR-1, fly out 2-20 chance (continued))

vs. RHB and no home run chances at all when facing left-handed batters. And Pedro Guerrero's card is super in all ways, especially blasting home runs (he has identical 1-5, 1-6 (1-12) and 1-10 home run chances against both types of pitching.

Guerrero also has four positions listed on his card. He must not have played any of them well as he's a 1f-3 (+1) e9, 1b-4 e25, 3b-4 e33 and cf-4 e9.

Cub fans will click their heels in glee over Ryne Sandberg's all-around card (he's a "1" at second, with an e13). But don't try to play him at shortstop, as he's a ss-4 e28.

Keith Moreland of the Cubs is one of the more versatile players who are regulars in the lineup. Moreland can play the outfield (rf-3

-1 e7), infield (1b-4 e25, 3b-4 e37) or catch (c-4 +2 e16). Outside of right field, though, he doesn't play any of the positions well.

Two center fielders who have fallen on hard times in fielding are Mookie Wilson of the Mets (cf-2 +4 e16, 1f-2) and Bob Dernier of the Cubs (cf-1 0 e13). Dernier, interestingly, is a "1" when it comes to range, but has a penchant for dropping the ball once the two meet up.

Glenn Wilson of the Phillies is bothered by the same affliction as he's rated rf-1 (-4, yes a 4 arm!) and e13.

That ends the Review's sneak preview.

R PEDRO GUERRERO			H3(+1) e9/ 1b-4 e25/ 3b-4 e33/ cf-4 e9		
stealing: B			bunting: D		
Power: N			hit & run: C		
running 1-14			Power: N		
25% AGAINST LEFT-HAND PITCHER	3	2	75% AGAINST RIGHT-HAND PITCHER	3	2
2-fly (cf) A	2-gb (ss) B+	2-popout (2b)	2-lo(3b) max	2-fly (cf) B ?	2-gb (3b) A+
3-WALK	3-HBP	3-gb (3b) A	plus injury	3-fly (rf) B ?	3-gb (3b) A
4-fly (cf) B ?	4-gb (3b) A	4-gb (ss) B	3-HBP	4-gb (ss) A	4-gb (3b) A
5-HOMERUN	5-gb (ss) A	115-SINGLE (cf)	4-strikeout	5-WALK	5-SINGLE (lf)
6-HR	6-SINGLE (rf)	6-WALK	5-HOMERUN	6-SINGLE (cf)	6-WALK
fly(f)B 13-20	7-strikeout	7-WALK	6-HR	7-strikeout	7-WALK
7-TR	8-gb (ss) A	8-gb (ss) A+	DO 13-20	8-gb (ss) A+	8-fly (cf) B ?
SI** 3-20	9-gb (3b) A	9-WALK	7-DO** 1-8	9-gb (ss) A	9-WALK
10-DO** 1-9	11-fly (rf) B ?	11-fly (rf) B ?	SI** 9-20	10-gb (3b) A	110-SINGLE**
SI** 10-20	12-gb (ss) B	12-gb (ss) B	11-gb (ss) A	11-gb (ss) A	12-SI*
11-HOMERUN	11-strikeout	11-SINGLE (lf)	12-lo(3b) max	12-foulout (c)	lo(ss) 2-20
12-foulout (c)	12-foulout (c)	plus injury	12-fly (rf) B ?	12-fly (cf) A	

FERNANDO VALENZUELA

throws LEFT e0 #3NL pitcher- starter(8)*

17% AGAINST LEFT-HAND BATTER			83% AGAINST RIGHT-HAND BATTER		
4	5	6	4	5	6
2-GB (ss) X	2-gb (1b) C	2-fly (rf) B	2-gb (p) B	2-fly (rf) B	2-WALK
3-FLY (lf) X	3-strikeout	3-GB (p) X	3-FLY (lf) X	3-gb (1b) C	3-GB (p) X
4-lineout (1b)	4-N-HR 1-8	4-GB (3b) X	4-fly (lf) B	4-N-HR	4-GB (3b) X
5-fly (lf) B	DO 9-20	5-fly (cf) C	5-fly (rf) B	fly(f)B 2-20	5-fly (cf) C
6-WALK	5-DOUBLE(cf)	6-SI*	6-WALK	5-DO** 1-6	6-WALK
7-GB (2b) X	6-DO 1-5	lo(2b) 15-20	7-GB (2b) X	6-SI* 7-20	7-strikeout
8-WALK	fly(f)B 6-20	7-strikeout	8-strikeout	lo(ss) 13-20	8-strikeout
9-strikeout	7-GB (ss) X	8-strikeout	9-gb (2b) C	7-GB (ss) X	9-fly (cf) B
10-popout (ss)	8-strikeout	9-fly (cf) B	10-popout (ss)	8-strikeout	10-FLY (cf) X
11-FLY (rf) X	9-gb (2b) C	10-FLY (cf) X	11-FLY (rf) X	9-strikeout	11-GB (1b) X
12-gb (1b) C	10-CATCH-X	11-GB (1b) X	12-gb (p) B	10-CATCH-X	12-GB (ss) X
	11-SINGLE (lf)	12-SINGLE (rf)		11-SINGLE (cf)	
	12-N-HR 1-16	SI 1-12		12-SINGLE (rf)	
	fly(f)B 17-20	lo(2b) 13-20		lo(ss) 13-20	

R RYNE SANDBERG

2b-1 e13/ ss-4 e28

stealing: AA

bunting: B

hit & run: B

running 1-17

25% AGAINST LEFT-HAND PITCHER			75% AGAINST RIGHT-HAND PITCHER		
1	2	3	1	2	3
112-SINGLE*	2-lo(3b) max	2-popout (ss)	2-fly (lf) B ?	2-lo(3b) max	2-fly (cf) B ?
3-fly (cf) B ?	plus injury	3-popout (3b)	3-strikeout	plus injury	3-gb (ss) B
4-gb (ss) B	3-gb (ss) B+	4-popout (ss)	4-gb (ss) B	3-fly (rf) B ?	4-gb (ss) B
5-HR 1-11	4-gb (ss) B	5-fly (cf) B ?	5-HR 1-17	4-gb (ss) B	5-WALK
DO 12-20	115-SINGLE**	6-strikeout	TR 18-20	115-SINGLE (lf)	6-WALK
6-DOUBLE(cf)	6-SI* 1-18	7-strikeout	6-TR 1-5	6-SINGLE (cf)	7-strikeout
7-SINGLE (rf)	lo(ss) 19-20	8-gb (ss) B	DO 6-20	7-SINGLE**	8-gb (ss) A
8-gb (ss) A	7-WALK	9-gb (3b) A	7-DO** 1-4	8-fly (cf) B ?	9-gb (3b) A
9-strikeout	8-gb (ss) A	10-fly (rf) B ?	SI** 5-20	9-gb (ss) A	10-fly (lf) B ?
10-HR 1-15	9-gb (ss) A+	11-SINGLE (lf)	8-strikeout	10-SI* 1-8	SI 1-5
fly(f)B 16-20	10-fly (lf) B ?	12-DO** 1	9-gb (ss) A+	lo(ss) 9-20	lo(ss) 6-20
11-fly (rf) B ?	SI 1-5	SI** 2-20	11-fly (lf) B ?	11-gb (ss) B+	11-SINGLE (rf)
12-WALK	lo(ss) 6-20		12-foulout (c)	12-foulout (c)	12-HR 1-8
	12-foulout (c)		112-SINGLE (rf)	fly(f)B 9-20	

Review's MVP Contest begins

Dust off your crystal ball, it's time again for the Review's annual Most Valuable Player Contest in baseball to begin.

The cost is a bargain - the price of a stamp and envelope - and the time depends on how much thought and research (also crystal-ball gazing) you want to expend.

This will be the 15th year of the MVP Contest. To enter, all you have to be is a subscriber to the Review (only one entry per subscriber is permitted) and have your entry postmarked no later than May 10.

What do you have to do? Just pick who you think will be chosen MVP in both the American and National leagues. And also, for purposes of breaking ties, select the four division winners and their percentages.

What do you win? A new set of the Strat-O-Matic Baseball cards plus extra players.

Last year's winner (see Jan., 1986 Review) was Tim Retchless of Olean, NY. He was one of five that picked Don Mattingly as the A.L.'s MVP, but he won the contest by being the only one of the five to name two of the division winners correctly (Kansas City and Toronto). Nary a contestant picked Willie McGee as the N.L. MVP.

There's plenty of time to get your ballot in. Some gamers wait until the last moment, or to see how players do in the month of April. We were flooded with MVP votes for Dale Murphy because of his great start. But one month does not a season make. Maybe your first choice - or hunch pick - is better. The main thing is to enter the contest!

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER BALLOT

Most Valuable Player:

American League _____

National League _____

Division Winners & Percentages:

American League East _____ % _____

American League West _____ % _____

National League East _____ % _____

National League West _____ % _____

Print Clearly

Your Name _____

Address _____

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How to play S-O-M Basketball by mail

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Dick Hunt of Ovid, MI, is a frequent contributor to the Review, particularly in the area of basketball playing tips.

He's the commissioner of the newly formed American Tabletop Basketball League, which just got off the ground recently, and says his first task was to explain how Strat-O-Matic Basketball could be played by mail.

"Let's face it," says Hunt, "the key to playing by mail is the instruction sheet. I would love to help familiarize fanatics everywhere with play-by-mail S-O-M Basketball. It's an awful lot of fun."

Hunt's a 12-year veteran of S-O-M gaming, married and the father of two children. He's employed by General Motors.

Below is the standard ATBL game plan sheet that all the members of the league are using:

LINEUPS

"There are a couple of different ways for making substitutions that you may want to try. The easiest way is to set a lineup for each quarter and stick to it. But foul trouble could ruin your plan and sometimes you'll want to coordinate your offense so that all your stars are not resting at the same time.

Hint: Always have at least one "1+" shooter on the floor. Without one, your team will replay itself to death (three replays results in a turnover). Although your starters will usually be your stars, stagger their rest breaks so that all the bench bums aren't on the floor at the same time.

Also, remember the ATBL rest system. Unlike S-O-M's setup, we have 3-minute rest increments, giving us 3, 9 and 15 minute rests. Why rest a guy 18 minutes if he only needs to rest 15?

INSIDE ON OFFENSE - Remember here that the visiting team's coach can designate a player (or players) to play inside on offense UNLESS he is covered by the block man, in which case he moves outside.

DEFENSIVE BLOCK MAN - A good idea when listing who your defensive block man should cover would be to list all your opponent's players, in the order you want them covered. If you list only one or two players, your opponent could wind up picking your block man for you.

FOUL TROUBLE - Each coach may set this up differently as not everyone agrees what constitutes foul trouble and often it depends on the players involved.

3-POINT SHOTS - Simply list who shoots 3-point attempts and when. Remember, no player may shoot more than five 3-pointers in one game.

PRESS - List when to use press.

FASTBREAK - List when to use; usually it will depend on who is at right guard, left guard and right forward.

SHOT CHART

This chart is the integral part of the game plan and what makes S-O-M FBM basketball work so well. Basically, it lists what type of shots each player should take under the circumstances. There are four things to consider:

- (1) The defense - Normal, close or sag? Which one you're up against will affect the type of shots (O, P, I) taken.
 - (2) Shooter's status - Is the shooter open or is it just a position shot? Many players shoot well either way. The shooter's status will often determine which shot you want a player to take.
 - (3) Switches - Are tricky because, although they are always open
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shots. the defender is not the one who usually covers your shooter. Magic Johnson can kill a small guard with inside shooting. but when a switch puts Mark Eaton on him. Magic may get embarrassed going inside. So. when listing switch shots. list according to who is covering your shooter.

Steals - List what each player should do if he gets a steal. Either put FB Shot if you want him to take a fastbreak shot off the steal. or put Control if you want the team to look at the next action card for the control reading.

"When to Shoot Who": Here list how you want your opponent to handle "pass to any 1+" and "pass to any player" situations.

Notice that the "any 1+" section of the instruction sheet says to "alternate shots between the first two players listed who are in the game." This keeps the defense from having to cover only one player.

Incidentally. the reason the enclosed strategy sheet says you should not alternate shooters on "pass to any player" shots is simply that the "any player" shots don't come up nearly as often as the "any 1+" shots. The "any player" shots are your chance to watch your favorite shooters become stars (hopefully).

Defensive guard matchups - This lets your opponent know which of your guards you are trying to protect from foul trouble. Remember. you can automatically "switch" your guards on defense. That is. your offensive left guard can always be your right guard on defense and vice versa.

Sample game plan for the ATBL (examples are for the 1984-85 Golden State Warriors. coached by Hunt):

----- at ----- Series --- Date ---

Lineup	(1st Q.)	(2nd Q.)	(3rd Q.)	(4th Q.)
C:	Whitehead	Aleksinas	Whitehead	Whitehead
LF:	Smith	Plummer/Smith	Plummer/Smith	Plummer/Smith
RF:	(If player is listed alone he plays entire quarter. unless			
LG:	in foul trouble. Use a slash (/) if playing time is to be			
RG:	divided between two players. and indicate minutes for each)			

Inside On Offense (always play two players inside. in order of priority): 1. Whitehead. 2. Smith. 3. Aleksinas. 4. Plummer. 5. Short.

The Defensive Block Man Should Cover (in order): 1. List opposing players.

Team Defensive Cards 1. Close if I lead by 5+ points in last 2 minutes; 2. Sag if all opponent's 1+ shooters are inside; 3. otherwise normal.

Foul Trouble: 4 in the first half (take player out until second half) or 5 in the third quarter. take him out until the game's last 6 minutes).

Foul Subs:

C: Whitehead. Aleksinas. Plummer

LF: Smith. Johnson. Plummer. Thibaux

RF: Short. Johnson. Thibaux. Smith

LG: Conner. Wilson. Bratz. Burt. Floyd

RG: Floyd. Bratz. Wilson. Conner. Burt

Before moving player who is already playing at one position to sub at another position. use a player from the bench. Also. don't use a starter to sub at another position because of foul problems. unless the starter has already been rested.

3-Point Shots: If trailing by 7-14 points in last 2 minutes. put Short at RF. Johnson at LF and Floyd at RG and have them shoot 3-point

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attempts. If Warriors catch up, go to normal lineup and strategy.

Press: 1. If Warriors are down by 10-20 points in 4th quarter: 2. If Warriors are down by 10-15 in last 6 minutes: 3. If down by 5-10 in last 4 minutes: 4. If down by 3 on last card.

Fastbreak: Use with Floyd, Wilson, Bratz or Conner at RG and Short at RF. Don't use fastbreak if Warriors lead by 15+, but use it again if lead drops to 10 points or less.

PLAYER	VS. NORMAL		VS. SAG		VS. CLOSE		SWITCH E or C	TO G	STEAL ++
	POS.	OPEN	POS.	OPEN	POS.	OPEN			
Floyd	P	O	O	O	P	P	P	I	FB Shot
Short	O	O	O	O	O	P	P	I	Control
M. Johnson	O	O	O	O	P	P	P	I	Control
Burt	P	P	P	O	P	P	P	I	FB Shot
Bratz	O	P	O	O	P	P	P	I	Control
Thibeaux	O	O	O	O	P	O	P	I	FB Shot
Conner	P	P	P	O	P	P	P	I	FB Shot
Wilson	X	X	X	O	X	X	X	X	FB Shot
Plummer	O	O	O	O	O	O	I	I	Control
Aleksinas	O	O	O	O	O	O	I	I	Control
Whitehead	O	O	O	O	O	O	I	I	Control
Smith	X	P	O	O	X	P	I	I	Control

Key: O - Outside shot; P - Penetration shot; I - Inside shot (players positioned inside must shoot inside shots); X - Attack the defender's worst X-Column rating (flip a coin on ties). ++ - On last play of any quarter (no cards left to flip), any stealer shoots a FB shot.

When to Shoot: For any 1+ shots, alternate between the first two players listed who are in the game.

Pass to Any 1+ vs:

Close Defense - Floyd, Johnson, Short, Burt.

Normal Defense - Short, Floyd, Johnson, Burt.

Sag Defense - Short, Floyd, Johnson, Burt.

Position Shot For Any 2 or 3 Shooter (use the any 1+ list):

Pass to Any Player vs (Do not alternate shooters on these):

Close Defense - Thibeaux, Bratz, Whitehead, Aleksinas, Plummer, C.

LF.

Normal Defense - Thibeaux, Bratz, Whitehead, any 1+ list, LG, RF.

Sag Defense - Short, Thibeaux, Floyd, Johnson, Bratz (3-pointer),

LG, RF.

Defensive Guard Matchups: (example, vs. Indiana, 1984-85 cards)

Have (1) Floyd, then (2) Conner cover - 1. Sichting, 2. Brown, 3. Stanbury, 4. Durrant, 5. Thomas, 6. Fleming. If neither Floyd or Conner is playing, match 'em up straight (LG vs. LG, etc.).

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GKSML makes it 30 full seasons!

Review co-editor Warren Newell is World Series king

Make that 30 full 154-game seasons completed by the Greater Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League (GKSML). With the completion of the American League season for 1985 (based on 1984 real-life statistics), the GKSML has made it an even 30 in the replay category.

The GKSML, for the unfamiliar, is a 10-manager, face-to-face baseball draft league that replays a 154-game season for both American and National leagues. Review co-editors Warren and Del Newell are the only pioneer members of the league, which started with an actual teams replay of the 1964 American League season that was conducted in 1969.

A draft replay of the 1969 N.L. followed the next summer...and ever since it's been both leagues replayed.

The 30th season was noteworthy for a number of reasons:

(1) Gary Tien, who captured the East Division with a 96-58 record, slammed 225 home runs (in 154 games) and had 10 players in double digits in the main power column. Fred Lynn's 29 was tops.

(2) Tien had predicted before the season his team would win 95 games. Hopefully, somebody smashed his crystal ball in the off-season.

(3) Two of the teams had co-managers, with one of them, managed by GKSML veterans Jeff Kik and Pat Stemas, winning the West Division. The Kik/Stemas duo won 95 games, thanks mainly to a pitching staff that produced an amazing three 20-game winners: Mike Boddicker (21-10), Tom Seaver (21-3 - yes, 21-3!) and Dan Petry (20-12).

(4) A total of seven pitchers won 20 or more games, an amazing feat when it's realized the A.L. was considered a hitters' league.

(5) Two Detroit Tigers had super seasons for Jeff Green as Lance Parrish blasted a league-high 41 home runs and knocked in 94 runs - not bad for a player who batted ninth - and shortstop Alan Trammell committed only five errors. Some players are charged with five errors in a three-game series.

(6) Don Mattingly had an amazing season for Dave Heffner who, because he attends University of Michigan in the spring, only plays in the A.L. Mattingly batted .344, slashed out 208 hits, had 100 RBI and scored 92 runs. Oh, and he also cracked 55 doubles.

WARREN NEWELL WINS SERIES

Despite how awesome appearing the A.L. teams seemed, it was Warren Newell's N.L. champions that captured the World Series in the Kalamazoo MI-based league.

In the A.L. playoffs, the Kik/Stemas duo ousted Jeff Green in two games, 7-6 (10 innings) and 5-2. Then the same twosome won the A.L. title by defeating Tien (4-3, 3-2, 6-2).

But in the World Series, against Warren's team that didn't appear a good match for the pitching rich A.L. kingpins, Kik/Stemas fell in six games (1-4, 2-4, 5-4, 4-0, 5-14, 5-7). Boddicker, who had been magnificent during the regular campaign, got roughed up in the Series, twice suffering losses.

Seaver split two decisions, losing the opener and pitching a three-hitter and blanking Warren in game four, 4-0. The last two games, Warren scored 21 runs and banded out 30 hits, five of 'em home runs. A leadoff homer by Andy VanSlyke and a three-run shot by 'banjo' hitter Tim Flannery, both in the first inning, sealed Kik/Stemas' fate early in game five.

John Candelaria was Warren's main man with the game on the line as he was credited with one save, twice was awarded an MVP vote (each game two votes were awarded) and was called on to pitch in all but the fourth game.

Kik and Stemas, who alternated weeks during the regular season,

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were far from despondent over their fate in the Series. "What was so real about this team is that it was built from expansion five years ago," says Kik. "Three years in the cellar, a halfway decent season in 1983...and now our dream year."

First-round draft choices of the past - Cal Ripken, Dave Righetti and Boddicker - all meshed at the same time for Kik/Stemas, who managed a harmonious relationship in the dual-manager role.

A LOOK AT THE GKSML

The GKSML, as mentioned many times over the years, is a draft league whereby managers protect 15 players from the previous season and then draft in reverse order of finish from that season.

Most of the managers are veterans, but there were three new faces in the summer of 1985: Russ Johnson and John Mann, another duo that co-managed, and Brian Shaw. As is usually the case for 'rookie' managers, they didn't fare so well. Shaw was a respectable 73-81, although he had pegged himself to finish much higher, while Johnson/Mann finished far back at 57-97.

Warren Newell, as has been noted before, is a junior high band director at Otsego, while Del Newell is a sportswriter at the Kalamazoo Gazette, Kalamazoo, MI, and also the GKSML's elder statesman at age 44. Todd Newell, 22, is Del's son, while Mike Pryson (in his second year) is the other manager.

As far as the draft, Shaw took Doyle Alexander first (he was a disappointing 12-16 with a 4.04 ERA) and Tien choose Mark Langston No. 2 after landing the high draft pick in a blockbuster trade with Todd Newell.

Todd gave up his first and third round picks in 1985 and first round in 1986 for Dwight Evans. Evans batted a respectable .308, with 29 home runs, 108 RBI, 112 runs scored and 104 walks, plus he made only one error. But three high draft picks...Todd gave up a lot of the future for a player on the downslide.

Willie Hernandez, one of Detroit's many real-life heroes, was "re-acquired" by Del Newell. Del had Hernandez on his N.L. team the year before and was allowed to use his No. 1 draft pick to 'reacquire' one player. Tom Seaver was another player who was 'reacquired' (by Kik/Stemas).

Standings and leaders:

East	Won-Lost	GB	West	Won-Lost	GB
1. Gary Tien	96 58	-	1. Kik/Stemas *	95 59	-
2. Warren Newell	74 80	22	2. Jeff Green	91 63	4
3. Brian Shaw	73 81	23	3. Dave Heffner	87 67	8
4. Johnson/Mann +	56 98	40	4. Todd Newell	76 78	19
5. Mike Pryson	47 107	49	5. Del Newell	75 79	20
+ Co-managers: Russ Johnson/ John Mann			* Co-managers: Jeff Kik/Pat Stemas		

Playoffs: Kik/Stemas d. Jeff Green, 2-0. Kik/Stemas d. Gary Tien, 3-0.

BATTING	Home Runs	RBI
Winfield MP .347	Ln.Parrish JG 41	Hrbek J/M 116
Mattingly DH .344	Kingman BS 39	Dw.Evans TN 108
Easler JG .341	Hrbek J/M 37	Lynn GT 104
W.Wilson TN .313	Baylor MP 33	Kingman BS 103
Dw.Evans TN .308	Thornton K/S 31	Mattingly DH 100

H1 Mattingly DH 208	SB1 R.Henderson DH 63/77
2B1 Mattingly DH 53	W1 Dw.Evans TN 104
3B1 Moseby K/S 14	E1 Gutierrez TN 33

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R:	Dw.Evans TN	112				
Won-Lost			ERA		Strikeouts	
Smithson JG	24-10		Boddicker K/S	2.68	Witt WN	199
Stieb DH DH	22-7		Seaver K/S	2.70	Stieb DH	189
Seaver K/S	21-3		Saberhagen JG	2.87	Langston GT	180
Dotson GT	21-8		Stewart TN	3.00	Blyleven BS	166
Boddicker K/S	21-10		Langston GT	3.04	Hough DH	162
Blyleven BS	20-12		Burris DN	3.15		
Petry K/S	20-12		Stieb DH	3.20		
					SA: Howell BS	39
IP: Stieb DH	276		G: Filson JG	90	Saberhagen JG	38
W: Langston GT	128		SH: Blyleven BS	6	Hernandez DN	26
CG: Beattie TN	17		HRA: Hurst J/M	37		
Tanana TN	17					

Dream team turns into nightmare

For years the wearing of the New York Yankee pinstripes meant power and prestige. It was dynasty without Joan Collins.

Take it one step farther - put all the best Yankee players on one team. And you then have a collection of talent that John M. Borack, organizer and longtime commissioner of the Hacienda Heights Strat-O-Matic League, had at his disposal.

It was an abbreviated season with only 84 games, but it was long enough for Borack to sing the blues many times over. The HHSOML had been a draft league for 15 seasons but decided to change the format for season No. 16. Every manager had a super collection of talent. There were a total of eight teams, including the A's (featuring Jimmy Foxx and Reggie Jackson), Dodgers (Jackie Robinson, etc.), Cardinals and four others.

Borack, a 24-year-old aspiring video producer who dabbles in freelance writing, was excited about managing the Yankee powerhouse. "On paper it looked great," enthused Borack.

The paper Yankees were such legendary players as Mickey Mantle, Lou Gehrig, Joe Dimaggio, Babe Ruth, Lefty Gomez, Jack Chesbro and modern day players such as Ron Guidry and relief ace Rich Gossage.

After 63 games of an 84-game season, the Yanks were 37-26, two games behind the A's and fighting for first place. The next 21 games, however, were a nightmare. Everything went wrong as the Bronx Bombers bombed, losing 17, including a three-game series to the lowly Detroit Tigers at the end of the season.

Borack went from age 24 to 48 in that final series. In the second game the Tigers scored 11 unearned runs in an 11-9 victory. Ruth, who Borack dubbed the "Sultan of Drop," made four errors in that infamous game. And Ruth was a "2" fielder.

Despite everything going wrong, the Yanks still tied the Boston Red Sox for second place with a 41-43 record, forcing a one game playoff for the right to advance and face the Dodgers in the National League.

The Yanks surprised everyone, including their manager, by blanking Boston, 8-0. Then they turned on the Dodgers, sweeping three straight and setting up a World Series clash with the Cardinals. "Hey, maybe these guys are on their way back," chortled Borack. "Maybe I can actually beat the Cardinals. I was starting to get pretty confident."

It was all in the Cards - the St. Louis Cards - in the Series as they rallied for four runs in the bottom of the 11th inning to erase an

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11-8 Yankee lead and capture the opening game, 12-11. That set the pattern as the Cards swept the next three games and the Series.

Most Valuable Player of the Series was ex-Yankee Roger Maris, who went 5-for-13, clouted three homers and drove in five runs. Maris had been with the Yankees earlier in the season and had batted only .111 before Borack released him.

A look at the averages and ERAs tells a sad tale for the Yanks as Gehrig batted only .233, shortstop Phil Rizzuto .231 plus he made 12 errors, most all coming in clutch situations and Ruth had only two game-winning RBI, batted a puny .186 and had 12 home runs and 34 RBI. Gomez was 5-10 with a 6.67 ERA, Guidry 6-7 and 5.22 and Gossage, the expected stopper, was 4.12 in the ERA department.

That was the bad news. The good news in the HHSOML, as far as John M. Borack, was that the league will be going back to a draft format for its 17th season.

Replay takes four years to complete

Seaver betters real-life '77 season; compiles 32-7 record

No matter how long it takes, Mike Ryan always accomplishes his Strat-O-Matic replay missions. The 32-year-old gamer from Wrentham, MA set out four years ago to replay the 1977 National League season.

"The reason I replayed it was I wanted to see if Tom Seaver could win 30 games for the Cincinnati Reds," says Ryan, who's married, the father of a two-year-old daughter and employed as a public information officer for the state court system.

Seaver, readers will recall, started the 1977 season with the New York Mets, and then was traded in June to the Reds in exchange for Steve Henderson.

Seaver's performance made four long years worth the rolling as he compiled a 32-7 record and captured MVP and Cy Young awards. The Reds edged the Dodgers by three games in the West and Philadelphia was two games ahead of fast-starting Pittsburgh at the finish in the East.

"The Bucs lost their first game and then won 16 in a row," notes Ryan. "An injury to league batting champ Dave Parker (.379) hurt Pittsburgh down the stretch."

Ryan, who also completed a replay of the 1977 American League season (see Strat-O-Matic Review, March, 1981), said the Reds had the best lineup in the league. In addition to Seaver, Cincy had George Foster, who just missed out on winning the triple crown after belting a league-high 45 homers and driving in 145 runs. Foster finished second in batting with a .348 mark.

The Dodgers had Burt Hooton (21-8, 2.46 ERA), but the rest of the pitching staff was ineffective, particularly the bullpen. L.A. did bomb 207 homers, with Steve Garvey producing 42, Reggie Smith and Dusty Baker 36 apiece and Ron Cey 30.

Also in the West, Houston finished a strong third as Jose Cruz hit .328 with 213 safeties and Bob Watson drove in 122 runs. Rollie Fingers appeared in 84 games but that didn't save San Diego from finishing 32 games off the pace. Atlanta, meanwhile, made a bid to replace the 1962 New York Mets among the worst teams of all time as it finished 53-109 (the Mets lost 120 games). Phil Niekro lost 25 games.

In the East, Philadelphia rode the hitting of Mike Schmidt (38 home runs) and Greg Luzinski (35) - the duo combined for 219 RBI - and a bullpen that saved 39 games to the title.

Pittsburgh had a trio of .300 hitters - Parker, Al Oliver and Renie Stennet - and the best reliever in the N.L. (Rich Gossage: 39

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saves). New York got 273 strikeouts from Jerry Koosman and Henderson, who came over in the Seaver deal, homered 26 times and knocked in 110 runs. Injuries slowed Chicago to a crawl and St. Louis' pitching, aside from Buddy Schultz (22 saves, 1.93 ER), faltered.

In the playoffs, Cincinnati won the N.L. pennant. But the Reds were outlasted by the Texas Rangers (the Rangers won Ryan's A.L. replay) in a seven-game World Series.

Ryan, who started rolling S-O-M dice in 1967 and has played all of its games except college football ("Baseball is my favorite, but the football game is the best face-to-face sports game I've ever played."), hasn't disclosed what his next mission will be.

But, no matter how many months, years and decades it may take, the mission will be accomplished!

Standings and leaders:

East	Won	Lost	GB	Batting	Home Runs
1. Philadelphia	99	63	-	Parker PIT .379	Foster CIN 45
2. Pittsburgh	97	65	2	Foster CIN .348	Garvey LA 42
3. Montreal	84	78	15	Templeton SL .336	Valentine MON 39
4. New York	75	87	24	J.Cruz HOU .328	Schmidt PHI 38
5. Chicago	74	88	25	Stennet PIT .328	R.Smith LA 36
St. Louis	74	88	25		Baker LA 36

West	Won	Lost	GB	RBI	2B
1. Cincinnati	97	65	-	Foster CIN 135	Rose CIN 51
2. Los Angeles	94	68	3	Garvey LA 129	Templeton SL 22
3. Houston	86	76	9	Watson HOU 122	Parker PIT 223
4. San Francisco	74	88	23	Valentine MON 117	Morgan CIN 75
5. San Diego	65	97	32	Simmons SL 112	
6. Atlanta	53	109	44		

ERA	Wins	IP	K	CG	SH	SA	GA	L
Seaver CIN 2.00	Seaver CIN 32		Koosman NY 273	Seaver CIN 33	Seaver CIN 10	Gossage PIT 29	Fingers SD 84	P.Niekro ATL 25
Hooton LA 2.46	Rooker PIT 21							
Rogers MON 2.68	Hooton LA 21							
J.Niekro HOU 2.95								
Lonborg PHI 3.00								

Questions & Answers

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

QUESTION: Does one only shoot free throws on "F(1)" and offensive calls if the fouling team is out of fouls? Is the only time, then, that you shoot one free throw on a continuation foul?

ANSWER: We're not sure what you mean by continuation foul. But the only time you shoot free throws on a "F(1)" roll is when the foul is the team's fifth of the quarter (or second in the last two minutes if the team fouling hasn't already reached the limit). Offensive fouls are not shooting fouls but rather are charged as a turnover to the team committing the foul and a foul to the individual. Offensive fouls are

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not team fouls, however.

QUESTION: In Strat-O-Matic's baseball game, advanced side of the cards, why are fielders throwing ratings listed as (0)? If there is no rating, why put the zero in parentheses?

ANSWER: Every outfielder or catcher has a throwing rating - plus, minus, or zero. That's just the way S-O-M has created the cards.

QUESTION: When Strat-O-Matic put out its college football game it included 24 all-time teams. Since then has it printed any other teams to be used with this set?

ANSWER: No. Once S-O-M came out with the all-time team set, there have not been any changes, or new teams.

QUESTION: I have a baseball rules question concerning playing the infield in. With the bases empty, can the defense play the infield in? An opponent of mine has done this to lessen my chances of bunting for a base hit to open an inning. If he can play the infield in, does the "+" rule also apply?

ANSWER: Yes, according to the advance strategy chart the defense can play in even though there is not a runner on base. Also, yes, when the infield is in the "+" rule is in effect.

QUESTION: There are two contradictions in the S-O-M Baseball rules: First, on the advanced strategy sheet next to sacrifice, it states a bunter's rating is decreased by 1 if the infield is in, yet the game's instructions say the infield can be brought in only with a runner on third and a sacrifice can't be used with a runner on third. The same contradiction occurs with hit-and-run.

ANSWER: Go by the advanced strategy sheet and the answer to the question above. The rule that states the infield can be brought in only with a runner on third is for the regular game and has been misunderstood by those without an advanced strategy sheet in their possession - including the editors of the Review, who were under the same assumption for a long time.

QUESTION: What's the latest on computer version of S-O-M Baseball? I heard it was going to be introduced soon. My dad bought an IBM PC Jr. for his office and if a version is available for that equipment I may buy it.

ANSWER: Check the January, 1986 issue of the Review for all the information about the computer version of S-O-M Baseball.

S-O-M league, replay scene

NATIONAL TEXAS LEAGUE - Season No. 9 has been history for some time, with commissioner John Blomstrom's Houston Astros winning their fifth league championship. Houston's opponent in the finals was Tony Brizzolara's Pirates, an expansion team that Brizzolara, who's had pitching stints with the real-life Atlanta Braves, has taken to the playoffs for the first time in four seasons...Astros won World Series, 4-2, as John Denny was MVP after winning two games, posting a 1.00 ERA and giving up 15 hits in 18 innings...Denny was acquired in a preseason trade that saw Blomstrom part with the last two of the original Astros - Steve Garvey and Tom Seaver, with Seaver having the distinction of being the No. 1 pick when the NTL was founded...NTL is a part PBM, part face-to-face draft league that allows trading (25 were consummated in season No. 9)...Blomstrom's wife, Cheryl, also manages a team (Phillies) in NTL...Other managers during season No. 9 were Mike Turnis, Monticello, IA (Cards); Steve Olson, Dubuque, IA (Dodgers); Rick Blount, Houston, TX (Expos); Craig Becker, Austin, TX (Giants); Jack Biggars, Jr., Houston (Reds); Brent Godwin, Houston (Braves), and Kirk Gassman, Monticello, IA (Cubs). Blomstrom and Becker are the only original members left...18 games of 162-game schedule were played at NTL's convention at the outset of the season. Giants and Braves were tied for first with 12-6 records at that juncture...Nolan Ryan of Astros hurled a no-hitter for nine innings against Braves - only to lose a two-hitter in 10th inning when George Hendrick committed a two-base error...Bill Madlock of the Dodgers became first player in NTL history to win two batting titles (.330)...MVP was Dale Murphy of the Astros who had 14 game-winning hits, slugged 36 homers, drove in 114 runs and scored 100. He also stole 18 bases in 20 attempts, although his batting average of .272 was the lowest ever for an MVP...Steve Carlton (20-12, 2.96 ERA, 4 shutouts, 292 strikeouts) of the Astros was Cy Young winner, with Alejandro Pena (19-9, 2.74, 4 shutouts) of the Phillies Rookie of the Year and Brizzolara chosen Manager of the Year...The Giants' Tom Niedenfuer (11-5, 1.80, 27 saves) was the top Fireman...Carlton, in addition to being the NTL's only 20-game winner, also cracked two home runs...Phillies had the misfortune to hit into two triple plays...Leon Durham of the Cubs drove in 78 runs, but no one knows how as he hit only .219 with nine homers.

Standings, playoff results and leaders:

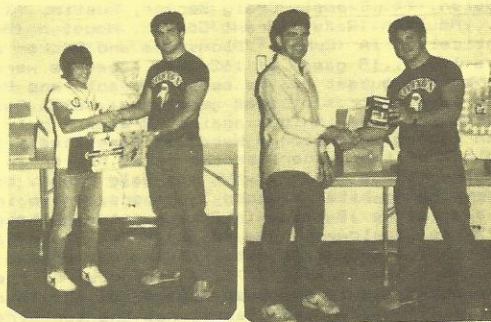
	Won-Lost	GB	Home	Away	Playoffs:
Astros	99 63	-	53-28	46-35	Pirates d. Giants, 7-2, 4-3, 10-4.
Pirates	95 67	4	51-30	44-37	World Series: Astros d. Pirates, 3-4, 5-1, 5-9, 10-2, 9-3, 4-1.
Giants	93 69	6	51-30	42-39	
Cards	91 71	8	54-27	37-44	
Braves	89 73	10	51-30	38-43	Batting
Dodgers	88 74	11	46-35	42-39	Madlock DOD .330
Phillies	73 89	26	36-45	37-44	Herr BRAV .324
Expos	66 96	33	29-52	37-44	Hernandez AST .320
Reds	59 103	40	33-48	26-55	Oberkfell GIA .316
Cubs	57 105	42	31-50	26-55	Horner AST .310
Home Runs					2B: J.Davis PHIL 44
Schmidt BRAV	39	RBI	Garvey BRAV	120	3B: Moreno CARD 15
Murphy AST	36	Youngblood GIA	119	R: Raines BRAV 115	
Garvey BRAV	32	Murphy AST	114	SB: Raines BRAV 94	
D.Evans CARD	29	Schmidt BRAV	106		
Youngblood GIA	29	J.Davis PHIL	93		

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Won-Lost	ERA	Strikeouts
Carlton AST 20-12	Welch DOD 2.20	Carlton AST 292
Pena PHIL 19-9	McWilliams PIR 2.40	Ryan AST 231
Rogers CARD 19-10	Pena PHIL 2.74	McWilliams PIR 206
Lea PIR 18-9	Lea PIR 2.76	Soto CARD 205
Candelaria GIA 18-11	Soto CARD 2.77	Candelaria GIA 193
Soto CARD 17-10	Ryan AST 2.77	Perez GIA 190

BIG APPLE STRAT-O-MATIC TOURNAMENT - Held in White Plains, NY, on Oct. 5, 1985, with Sal Mangiapane of Clifton, NJ, and Jim Colquin, N. Massepequa, NY, as co-directors...Advanced tournament consisted of three six-team divisions, with each team playing a home and home series with divisional opponents. Top two teams in each division and next two teams with best records qualified for playoffs...1976 Reds won both tournaments with Kevin Doyle guiding Reds in advanced tournament and Dave Alexander in basic version...

In the advanced version quarter-finals, the '81 Yanks (Mangiapane) defeated the '80 Yanks (Brian Peluso), 2-0; the '71 Pirates (Colquin) d. the '83 Orioles (Jim Emmons), 2-1; '69 Orioles (John Popyk) d. '80 Phillies (Ed Harris), 2-0; and '76 Reds d. '70 Reds (Dave Hess), 2-1...In the semi-finals it was the '76 Reds d. the '71 Pirates, 2-1; and the '69 Orioles d. '81 Yanks, 2-1. Brooks Robinson homered in the bottom of the ninth inning off Goose Gossage to give the '69 Birds a 2-1 victory over the '81 Yankees in the most dramatic finish of any playoff game...Finals belonged to the '76 Reds as they ripped the Orioles, 4-1, outscoring Baltimore, 36-22. George Foster blasted three home runs and drove in nine runs and Joe Morgan stole five bases and tallied nine times to pace the Reds...In the basic final, Dave Alexander's '76 Reds emerged the winner in a 25-game round-robin..."Some gamers did not show up due to inclement weather," mentions Mangiapane, "but I think everyone that participated had a great time. I hope to double the amount of participants next year and eventually be as successful as the Bostock Tournament. There is no reason why we can't, since we are in Strat-O-Matic's own backyard."



SAL MANGIAPANE PRESENTS 'SPORTS KNOW HOW' GAME TO DAVE ALEXANDER (LEFT), POLAROID CAMERA TO ADVANCED TOURNEY CHAMP KEVIN DOYLE

1984 CHICAGO CUBS REPLAY - Daryl Spors, an admitted Cubs fan, had the thrill of his young lifetime (he's 15, but has played S-O-M for four years after being introduced to the game by his father Roy while recovering from a broken thumb, an injury suffered while catching) as

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the Wrigley Field denizens won the N.L. East Division, beat the Padres in the playoffs and then defeated Detroit in an I-94 World Series...It was the first full-season replay for Sports, who calls Kaukauna, WI, home...The Cubs won the East by a game with a 91-71 record, compared to a real-life mark of 96-65 that was 6 1/2 games better than runnerup New York...Against San Diego, the Cubs got thrashed in the opener, 11-0, as Eric Show allowed only two hits. After that it was all Chicago, however, as the Cubbies won game two, 7-6, on Jody Davis' one-out homer in the 10th inning (Davis went 5-for-5 with three doubles and four RBI); blasted the Padres in game three, 12-1, scoring six runs in the first inning off loser Ed Whitson; and then wrapped up the playoffs with a 5-0 win in game four behind Rick Sutcliffe's pitching (4-hitter) and batting (3-4)...First two games of World Series were split, the Cubs winning the opener 4-3 behind Dennis Eckersley and the Tigers the second, 3-2, behind two home runs by Lance Parrish. The Cubs got to Tiger relief ace Willie Hernandez in the next two games, bombing him for three runs in each. Tigers also lost Kirk Gibson to injury in game four as Cubs wrapped up Series in fifth game, with Eckersley hurling a four-hitter...Highlights among many included Scott Sanderson pitching a no-hitter against Houston. He faced only 28 batters, struck out three and walked one, although the Cubs made two errors...Most of statistics were amazingly close, such as Ryne Sandberg hitting .320 (.314 real-life) with 25 homers (19), 15 (19) triples, 113 (114) runs scored and 105 RBI. Gary Matthews batted .322 with 18 homers and drew 118 walks. Leon Durham hit .274 (.279) with 23 (23) homers, while Ron Cey batted .242 (.240) with 23 (27) doubles, 26 (25) homers and 91 (97) RBI. Eckersley was the pitching ace, not Sutcliffe, though. Eckersley had an 18-5 record with 2.93 ERA, Sanderson was 15-9 and 3.37, but Sutcliffe was a disappointing 8-8 with a 3.34. Lee Smith was the big man out of the bullpen with 30 saves and a 2.37 ERA.

MASPETH TRIO BASEBALL LEAGUE - This mini league proves that a small number of gamers can get together and play a baseball schedule, replete with trading, standings and statistics, in a little over one month...Trio in this case refers to Phil Uvino (Molson Lights), Joe Tura (Chilly B's) and James Hopf (Ralph Sex Dolls), all from Maspeth, NY, who set up a league using 1979 cards and played a 100-game schedule...Another interesting sidelight was that trades were later rated as to which manager got the better of the deal. Worst trade was Tura sending Jack Clark to Hopf for Steve Kemp - with Tura, surprisingly, getting the better of the deal. Kemp batted .306 with 12 home runs and 55 RBI while Clark got off to a slow start and only batted 32 times, with one homer and a .156 average...Uvino, a 16-year-old high school student who's been playing S-O-M for six years, won the league with a 59-41 record. The league was, because of its all-star rosters, a hitters delight. Molson batted .302 and scored 593 runs...The Chilly B's were second (51-49) and Hopf's crew was 40-60, with the Molson Lights winning a seven-game playoff over the B's...MVP was the Lights' Jim Rice, who batted .318 with 30 homers!, 88 RBI! and 84 runs scored...Co-Cy Young winners were Dennis Eckersley (Lights: 10-3, 3.04 ERA) and the B's Mike Flanagan (12-6, 3.17)...Tura, 18, attends Queens College and is a 10-year gaming veteran; Hopf, 16, is also a high school student...

Batting	Home Runs	RBI	Wins
Rose RSD .351	Rice MOL 30	Rice MOL 88	Flanagan CB 12
Hernandez MOL .349	Kingman RSD 24	Lynn MOL 65	Kern MOL 11
Hendrick MOL .337	Winfield MOL 21	Jackson CB 60	Eckersley MOL 10
ERA: Eckersley MOL 3.04	Strikeouts: Ryan CB 186	Richard CB 184	
Flanagan CB 3.17			

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WANTED: Any/all complete baseball seasons, 1971-earlier. Willing to pay reasonable, but not outlandish price. Will also pay any/all postage. Garry Goetz, 509 Camellia, Ontario, CA 91764 (714-391-3105)

WANTED: Desperate! I need: 1971 Twins with extras; 1970 Yankees, Dodgers reprints. Will pay! Herb Hewitt, 101 W. Cavalier Road, Scottsville, NY 14546

WANTED: 1963 Phillies, Twins, Giants, Orioles, Cardinals; 1962 and '67 Orioles; 1982 Jets. Please state price and condition. Mike Merwine, 1135 Brook Ave., Allentown, PA 18103 (215-791-3253)

WANTED: To rent (for 2-4 months) or buy. Used, reprint version (with advanced side) of 1970 baseball season. Condition not important as long as it's legible. I'll pay postage. Please send prices or rental fees to: David Icenogle, 11144 Jerry Place, Cerritos, CA 90701

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FOR SALE: Purists - at last, easy-to-use systems to improve S-O-M hit-and-run and Catcher's Card. Both systems add realism and strategy without increasing play time. Hit-and-run uses results directly from player cards, giving each player truly

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FOR SALE: Eight complete football seasons, 1974-1981 - \$35 per season. Very good to mint condition. First come basis. Shipped UPS paid. Gary Wnek, P.O. Box 132 Cromwell, CT 06416 (203-635-2961)

FOR SALE: Get your copy of the S-O-M Baseball "Kit," a valuable addition to any gaming situation but especially for solitaire players. Includes complete system for organizing solitaire play, outline for setting up leagues and miscellaneous rules and variations. Money back guarantee. \$4.50 postpaid. Gopher Graphics, Rd-2 Box 323, Greene, NY 13778

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

FOR SALE: Defensive rating comparison chart. Is a 3 e12 at first better than a 4 e4? This chart allows you to easily compare
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defensive ratings such as these. Good year after year. Only \$2.00. (A 4 e4 is better than a 3 e12!) Rohn Morin, RFD #4, Box 399, Auburn, ME 04210

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1969-1984 (with extras); football - 1968-1984. All teams are in good to excellent condition. Will consider bids on individual seasons. But will give preference to multiples. Send bids, telephone number and SASE to: Pat Gibbons, 195 Buckingham Way, San Francisco, CA 94132

FOR SALE: Super-advanced rules enhance the realism and detail of S-O-M Baseball while preserving the speed of play that makes it fun. Includes easily memorized rules for more realistic base advances on hits, outs and errors; outfield throwing errors and misplayed hits; trail runners sometimes advancing on throws (or being thrown out on cutoffs); injury chart with rare plays; balks, pick-offs, pickoff errors, rundowns; infielders positioned in or back individually; outfield shallow; suicide squeeze, safety squeeze and sacrifice charts where fielder's ability and runner's speed play a part; hit-and-run method that also takes into account pitcher's abilities and characteristics, fielding, runner's speed; and much more, all blended into the game so as not to disturb statistical accuracy or ease of play. Fully tested and refined in face-to-face league play. \$8, with money-back guarantee. Richard Robb, #305 7100 Gilbert Rd., Richmond, B.C., Canada V7C 5C3

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FOR SALE: Computed on-base percentages from all 1985 hitters (vs. LHP and RHP) and pitchers (vs. RHB and LHB). Great for lineups, pinch-hitters, relief pitchers. Last three years' purchasers were very satisfied. Send \$2, stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Eric Koziol, 15 Stagecoach Road, Bridgeton, NJ 08302

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FOR SALE: Complete 1986 baseball on-base percentages and for the first time a statistical ratings for each card against lefties and righties that will give you that extra edge in your drafting and playing. This ratings system has met the challenge of time; in eight years its sole user has won his league championship five times. The ratings system is comparable to the NFL quarterback ratings system in that key statistical elements are factored in to come out with one number to compare against all other cards. You may purchase for \$7 all the OBP and for \$12 OBP and ratings. If you're unconvinced, send away just for the OBP and we'll send the ratings (with an explanation of its use) for one of the positions for free. If you're satisfied, send us another \$5 and we'll forward the rest. We'll send out data two weeks after cards are released. Send check to: Marc Silver, 3017 Holiday Pk. Drive, Merrick, NY 11566

FOR SALE: Complete football game with 10 teams, six from 1980 and four from 1981; \$15 postpaid. D.M. Schmidt, 9137 Latin Road NW, East Canton, OH 44730

FOR SALE: I have six sets for sale - sold as complete sets, not individual teams. 1967 all, most complete, \$65; 1974, \$40; 1980, \$30; 1982, \$30; 1983, \$25; and old timers, \$20. Will sell all six for \$210. I will pay postage. Contact: Kevin McKim, 1373 Isabell, Memphis, TN 38122 (901-327-8959)

FOR SALE: For the basic game aficionado, original 1970

baseball, complete, no extras, \$12. Includes postage. Individual 1970 teams, \$1.25 each: Oakland, Detroit, San Diego, Twins, Phillies, Orioles, Reds, Pirates. Also, will trade 1974 extras for 1975 extras. Richard Gulezian, 1 Robin Hood Rd., Windham, NH 03087

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FOR SALE: Individual S-O-M Baseball teams from 1956-1984. Send for new list and include SASE to: Chris Rosen, 731 Bergen Street, Philadelphia, PA 19111 (215-745-5247). Will trade for other S-O-M Baseball teams.

FOR SALE: Football - all teams complete and most teams in excellent condition. 1971 teams available are Bengals, Broncos, Falcons, Eagles, Cardinals; 1972 teams are Chargers, Jets, Colts, Saints, Broncos, Patriots, Lions, Eagles, Falcons, Bengals, Cardinals, Bills, Oilers, Giants, Rams, Bears; 1973 teams are Redskins, Eagles, Giants, Broncos, Packers, Lions; 1974 teams are Browns, Falcons, Rams, Bills, Oilers, Chargers, Broncos, Packers; 1976 teams are Raiders, Bengals, Dolphins, Rams, Cardinals, Redskins, Browns, 49ers, Colts, Cowboys, Vikings, Jets; 1977 all teams available except Steelers, Broncos, Colts, Dolphins, Rams, Cowboys. Baseball - all teams (continued)

complete with extras and most teams in brand new condition; 1978 all National League teams available except Pirates. Hockey - all teams complete with extras and most teams in excellent condition; 1977-78 all teams available except Canadiens and Blues; 1979-80 teams available are Kings, Bruins, Flames, Canadiens, Islanders, Flyers, Sabres, North Stars. Send bids for all teams to: David Allen, 8 Chadwick Ave., Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5P 1Z8

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League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: Coaches wanted for super-advanced, continuous ownership football league in Detroit/Tri-County area. OFL is starting 9th season. No experience necessary. Please write: Mark Chadwick, 406 Pontiac State Bank Building, Pontiac, MI 48058 (313-334-7999)

LEAGUE FORMING: The Mid-Atlantic Table Sport Association (MATSA) needs managers for its upcoming 7th season. We are a dependable 10-man, continuous, draft league of National League players only. We play a reasonable 126-game schedule from April to August. For more info, write: Ed Grant, 17A Chatfield Drive, Stone Mountain, GA 30083

LEAGUE FORMING: Join the Game Towne Sports leagues in San Diego. Baseball - 162-game season; Baseball - short seasons; Football - short seasons. All are face-to-face draft leagues, with draft and World Series/Super Bowl parties. Contact: Game Towne, 3954 Harney St. Old Town, San Diego, CA 92110 (619-291-1666)

LEAGUE FORMING: Bay Area Association is looking for experienced managers and backups. We play advanced version, PBM draft league, National League. Many already established teams available. Many unique features with this league. Call or write: Tom Millard, 732 Dolphin Drive, Danville, CA 94526 (415-820-0704)

LEAGUE FORMING: The Universal S-O-M Baseball Federation is looking for many good managers to act

as backups in this 22-team FBM, advanced-rule league. Reliability and PBM experience are a must. I anticipate a few openings before the season starts. For more information, contact: Peter Tao, 2 Ross Road, Lexington, MA 02173 (617-863-1929)

LEAGUE FORMING: Now undergoing plans for face-to-face football league in the mid-Michigan area. Will start in the fall of '86. Experienced commissioner for five years in old CMFL. Weekly newsletters, Super Bowl trophy and more. For additional info, contact: Jim Perkins, 4503 N. Peoples Road, Edmore, MI 48829 (517-762-5413)

LEAGUE FORMING: The Bay Area Replay Teams Association (BART) is looking for managers and coaches for face-to-face baseball and football dice-rolling. There will be no dues. Format for league play is flexible and will be determined by league members. Interested gamers should contact: David Black, 215 Red Rock Way #J-303, San Francisco, CA 94131 or call 415-648-3607.

LEAGUE FORMING: The ALT will begin its first season this year and some reliable managers are needed. The inaugural draft will use the A.L. cards plus lots of other unique rules, such as injuries from HBP, shallow outfielders and more. If you're interested and feel you can make the commitment, send a sample strategy sheet, brief resume and references to: Jack Biggars, 8 Constitution Road, Lexington, MA 02173 (617-862-8103)

LEAGUE FORMING: DELCA, entering our 8th season, is looking for two managers to take over existing franchises. This is a PBM baseball league using American League players only, playing 162 games. Don't miss this opportunity to join a quality league. Contact: Gordon Willett, 1021 Edward Taylor Road, Ocean City, (continued)

MD 21842 (301-524-0965) or
 Rod Melotte, 221 North 5th
 St., Madison, WI 53704 (608-
 249-2794)

LEAGUE FORMING: The Garden
 State Baseball Association will
 begin its first season when the
 new cards come out. I need
 gamers who live in the Union-
 Essex area for this face-to-
 face, perpetual draft league.
 Contact: Sal Mangiapane, 23
 W. Lincoln Ave., Cranford, NJ
 07016 (201-546-9698)

LEAGUE FORMING: Fantastic new
 happening for New York metropol-
 itan area Strato players. Two
 leagues have merged from two
 different states (New York and
 New Jersey). We will hold a
 common draft with New York
 players meeting each other and
 New Jersey players meeting each
 other in separate playing sess-
 ions with a couple of interdiv-
 isional sessions along the way
 and, of course, the grand finale,
 the winner of each division meet-
 ing for metro area bragging
 rights. If you feel up to the
 challenge and commitment needed
 to take part in this unique
 Strato experience, call in New
 Jersey (Bob, 201-591-0386) or
 call in New York (Mark, 516-379-
 6953)

LEAGUE FORMING: The new Greater
 Los Angeles Baseball League is now
 forming. Seeking experienced S-O-M
 enthusiasts to play in face-to-
 face league. We will have a 25-
 player draft and use advanced
 rules. Please write: Andrew
 Trilling, 3240 Inglewood Blvd.,
 Los Angeles, CA 90066

LEAGUE FORMING: We are looking
 for two reliable S-O-M Baseball
 managers to take over two of our
 existing teams. We play in the
 South Shore area of Massachus-
 etts, with an eight-team, all
 draft league. One of the avail-
 able teams has such players as
 Dale Murphy, Fernando Valenzuela
 and Jeff Reardon; the other has

Leon Durham, Ron Guidry and Bruce
 Sutter. If interested, please
 contact: Joe at P.O. Box 77,
 Hanover, MA 02339 (617-826-6985)

LEAGUE FORMING: A friend of mine
 and I are interested in forming a
 face-to-face, advanced baseball
 league in the Toronto, Ontario
 area. While we would prefer to
 form a draft league, we are open
 to any suggestions. We are inter-
 ested in beginning the league
 shortly after the new cards come
 out this spring. For more infor-
 mation, write or call: Kelly
 Filson, 2307-40 Homewood Avenue,
 Toronto, Ontario M4Y 2K2 (home:
 924-3485; work: 925-3311, Ext.
 3501).

LEAGUE FORMING: The Jounier Play-
 By-Mail League is in need of sev-
 en managers and one manager to be
 vice president. We will play the
 basic baseball game and draft
 players from the past. The cost
 is \$5. For more info write: Mike
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 Laurel, MD 20707

LEAGUE FORMING: Great American
 Baseball Association (GABA) is
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 April and will be using the new
 cards. We need 16 reliable mana-
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