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Here's look at new S-O-M cards

Last month it was a preview of the new Strat-O-Matic Baseball cards for 1987. This month? Well, you're getting a look at some of the cards. Not all of them, obviously, but enough to start rollin' practice dice in anticipation of that moment when the UPS truck comes down your street.

All of the cards presented this month (see the next three pages) are from the National League.

Before presenting some of the best cards, in our humble opinion, from the regular lineups of teams such as the world champion New York Mets, Houston, Cincinnati, Los Angeles, etc., a few corrections are in order from the ratings presented last month.

First of all, it's Kevin Bass that's Houston's outfielder (RF-3 (-1)/ CF-4 e5), not Randy. The last we knew, Randy Bass was playing in Japan, or some other local far from the continental United States. The other change had to do with Ken Oberkfell's rating at second base. He should be a 4 at second, but a 2 at third.

Now, on to those '87 cards.

All of New York's front line corps of starting pitchers is pictured, including Dwight Gooden, Bob Ojeda, Sid Fernandez and Ron Darling. Gooden, although not as awesome as the year before, still has a great card. Not figuring on the ball park factor, Gooden has only 11.6 hit chances (out of possible 108) facing left-handed batters and only 19.6 on-base chances (hits/walks).

Gooden is one of many that's tougher against what normally would be the "weak" side of the card. Notice that southpaws Ojeda and Fernandez are almost unhittable against lefty batters (Ojeda doesn't have a solid hit on that side of his card). Fernandez and Darling both have control troubles, with Fernandez having a whopping 25 free pass chances when going up against lefty hitters.

Fernandez has 28 strikeout chances against lefties and big 35 versus righties. His control is better against righties, too, as he only has 13 walk chances.

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Between 'em, the Mets' Big Four has over 900 innings of pitching. Another Mets' player, first baseman Keith Hernandez, is also pictured. Hernandez is a 1 at first, with an e6. He's a straight 2-column hitter against both types of pitching, with a lot of walks in the 3-column leading to a card that's action-packed. Only the 1-column is bad for Hernandez.

From Houston, Kevin (not Randy) Bass' card is on display. Skeptics can check out Bass' fielding and error ratings. Overall, Bass had a good card, but notice how many hits (14 card chances) will turn to

outs if clutch hitting is used. Bass, like Hernandez, is a 2-column hitter.

Glenn Davis' card is just what you might expect. He has only two chances in the clutch on each side (both on 1-11) and in both a flyout becomes a single in those infrequent situations. Against southpaws, Davis has a home run chance on 2-9 (1-19), 2-10 and 3-11 (1-19), with the latter affected by the ball park. Davis is slightly less powerful against righties, having home runs on 2-9 (1-14), 2-10 and 3-11 (1-17), with the 3-11 again affected by the ball park.

Now for a look at the starting pitcher with the best overall card as far as hits allowed and strikeouts. It's Mike Scott's card, of course.

The Great Scott has an amazing 61 strikeout chances facing right-handed batters. And against lefties, he has 28 out of 108 chances for a whiff. Notice against righties that Scott doesn't have a straight hit number. Scott has the kind of card you would expect for a pitcher that struck out 306 batters and gave up only 182 hits in 275 innings.

Review co-editor
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DWIGHT GOODEN

throws RIGHT e12 #1WR pitcher- starter(8)●

58% AGAINST LEFT-HAND BATTER			42% AGAINST RIGHT-HAND BATTER		
4	5	6	4	5	6
2-gb (p) B	2-fly (f) C	2-fly (f) B	2-gb (p) B	2-fly (f) C	2-fly (f) C
3-GB (p) X	3-FLY (f) X	3-gb (1b) C	3-GB (1b) X	3-FLY (f) X	3-FLY (f) X
4-fly (f) C	4-CATCH-X	4-FLY (f) X	4-fly (f) C	4-CATCH-X	4-FLY (f) X
5-gb (2b) C	5-fly (cf) B	5-lineout (ss)	5-strikeout	5-gb (2b) C	5-fly (cf) B
5-SI*	6-strikeout ●	6-strikeout ●	6-strikeout ●	6-strikeout	6-strikeout ●
6-2b) 2.20	7-strikeout	7-GB (2b) X	7-GB (ss) X	7-strikeout	7-GB (2b) X
6-strikeout	8-strikeout	8-WALK	8-DO** 1.7	8-fly (f) B	8-WALK
7-GB (ss) X	9-fly (cf) B	9-SI* 1.7	9-SI* 8.20	9-SI*	9-SI*
8-DO 1.5	10-GB (3b) X	10-2b) 8.20	9-TR 1	10-2b) 2.20	10-2b) 2.20
fly(f)B 6.20	11-FLY (f) X	10-WALK	10-N-HR 1.10	10-GB (3b) X	11-N-HR 1.11
9-TR 1.4	12-fly (f) B	11-SINGLE (cf)	DO 11.20	11-FLY (f) X	fly(f)B 12.20
SI** 5.20		12-GB (ss) X	11-GB (p) X	12-gb (p) B	12-GB (ss) X
10-N-HR 1.4			12-gb (1b) C		
DO 5.20					
11-GB (1b) X					
12-gb (p) B					

BOB OJEDA

throws LEFT e7 #1WL pitcher- starter(7)● relief(3)●

13% AGAINST LEFT-HAND BATTER			87% AGAINST RIGHT-HAND BATTER		
4	5	6	4	5	6
2-fly (f) B	2-popout (1b)	2-GB (ss) X	2-gb (p) B	2-fly (f) C	2-GB (ss) X
3-FLY (f) X	2-gb (p) B	3-GB (1b) X	2-FLY (f) X	2-gb (1b) C	2-GB (p) X
4-GB (3b) X	4-popout (1b)	4-N-HR 1	4-CB (3b) X	4-lineout (3b)	4-N-HR 1.7
5-fly (cf) B	5-fly (cf) B	fly(f)B 2.20	5-fly (cf) B	5-gb (2b) C	DO 8.20
6-strikeout ●	6-strikeout ●	5-TR 1.5	6-strikeout	SI*	5-TR 1.2
7-GB (ss) X	7-GB (2b) X	fly(f)B 6.20	7-GB (ss) X	lo(ss) 2.20	SI** 3.20
8-lineout (ss)	8-strikeout	6-SI* 1.6	8-fly (f) B	6-strikeout ●	6-DO** 1.3
9-popout (3b)	9-strikeout	lo(2b) 7.20	9-popout (2b)	7-GB (2b) X	SI** 4.20
10-FLY (f) X	10-fly (f) C	7-WALK	10-FLY (cf) X	8-strikeout	7-SI* 1.12
11-gb (1b) C	11-GB (p) X	10-CATCH-X	11-FLY (f) X	9-fly (cf) B	lo(ss) 13.20
12-popout (1b)	12-WALK	9-gb (2b) C	12-gb (p) B	10-fly (f) C	8-strikeout ●
		11-FLY (f) X		11-SINGLE (cf)	9-WALK
		12-FLY (f) C		12-N-HR 1.14	10-CATCH-X
				fly(f)B 15.20	11-GB (1b) X
					12-strikeout

SID FERNANDEZ

throws LEFT e7 #2WL pitcher- starter(6)●

13% AGAINST LEFT-HAND BATTER			87% AGAINST RIGHT-HAND BATTER		
4	5	6	4	5	6
2-strikeout	2-strikeout	2-strikeout ●	2-fly (cf) C	2-FLY (f) X	2-FLY (f) X
3-GB (1b) X	3-FLY (f) X	3-GB (ss) X	3-GB (p) X	3-FLY (f) X	3-WALK
4-FLY (cf) X	4-gb (2b) C	4-CATCH-X	4-FLY (cf) X	4-gb (2b) C	4-CATCH-X
5-strikeout ●	5-strikeout	5-strikeout	5-strikeout	SI*	5-N-HR 1.3
6-WALK	6-GB (ss) X	6-DO** 1.5	6-WALK	lo(ss) 2.20	DO 4.20
7-SI* 1.4	7-GB (2b) X	SI** 6.20	7-SI* 1.9	5-strikeout	6-TR 1.3
lo(2b) 5.20	8-strikeout	7-WALK	lo(ss) 10.20	6-strikeout	fly(f)B 4.20
8-SINGLE (cf)	SI*	8-WALK	8-DO 1.4	7-GB (2b) X	7-WALK
9-strikeout ●	lo(2b) 2.20	9-WALK	fly(cf)B 5.20	8-strikeout	8-GB (ss) X
10-strikeout	10-2b) 8.20	10-GB (3b) X	9-strikeout	9-strikeout ●	9-strikeout ●
11-FLY (f) X	11-fly (f) C	11-GB (p) X	10-strikeout	10-gb (1b) C	10-GB (3b) X
12-strikeout	12-SINGLE (f)	12-N-HR 1.4	11-GB (1b) X	11-SINGLE (f)	11-GB (ss) X
	12-WALK	fly(f)B 5.20	12-strikeout ●	12-N-HR 1.14	12-FLY (f) X
				fly(f)B 15.20	

Del Newell has Mike Scott on his National League in the Greater Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League (GKSML) and, for the first time in over a decade, he's looking forward to the start of the N.L. season.

Eric Davis of Cincinnati is another with loads of hits and walks... and strikeouts. Davis has power (he hit 27 homers) and is especially dangerous against southpaws with roundtrippers on 2-5 (1-13), 2-6 (1-16 with a diamond) and 3-6 straight. Davis is also a rare 1 at all outfield positions, although his e rating is a lowly 10.

Tony Gwinn of San Diego, the No. 2 hitter in the N.L., hits lefties and righties equally well, as his card

L KEITH HERNANDEZ

1b-1 e6

40% AGAINST LEFT-HAND PITCHER			60% AGAINST RIGHT-HAND PITCHER		
1	2	3	1	2	3
2-lo(2b) max	2-foulout (c)	2-gb (ss) A+	2-fly (rf) B ?	2-HBP	2-gb (ss) A+
plus injury	3-gb (3b) B	3-popout (1b)	3-WALK	3-gb (3b) B	3-lineout (ss)
3-WALK	4-gb (1b) A	4-gb (3b) B	4-gb (2b) A	4-gb (1b) A	4-gb (3b) B
4-gb (2b) A	5-DO** 1-7	5-WALK	5-gb (ss) A	5-DOUBLE(cf)	5-WALK
5-gb (ss) A	5-DO** 8-20	6-HR 1-4	6-strikeout	6-DO** 1	6-HR 1-8
6-fly (cf) B ?	6-SINGLE (cf)	DO 5-20	7-fly (cf) B ?	7-SINGLE (cf)	DO 9-20
7-strikeout	7-SINGLE (rf)	7-WALK	8-gb (2b) A+	8-SINGLE**	7-WALK
8-gb (2b) A+	8-SINGLE**	8-WALK	9-gb (1b) A	9-SI* 1-11	8-WALK
9-gb (1b) A	9-SINGLE**	9-fly (rf) B ?	10-gb (p) A	10-fly (rf) B ?	9-WALK
10-gb (p) A	10-SINGLE**	SI* 1	11-fly (rf) B ?	11-fly (rf) B ?	10-fly (rf) B ?
11-fly (rf) B ?	11-gb (1b) B	10-2b(2b) max	12-lo(2b) max	12-lo(2b) max	11-SINGLE (lf)
12-HBP	12-fly (cf) B ?	10-fly (rf) B ?	plus injury	11-gb (1b) B	12-HOMERUN
		11-SINGLE (cf)		12-fly (cf) B ?	
		12-HR 1-12			
		fly(rf) 13-20			

shows. He's also a 1 in right field, with a respectable e4.

Other observations in a cursory check of some of the N.L. cards:

* Gene Walter, left handed pitcher with San Diego, has only a 2-10 hit chance (SI 1-2) vs. left-handed batters.

* Craig Reynolds is a so-so 3 at shortstop for the Astros, but he's got an e rating of 14. He also plays four other positions and has a "4" rating at each.

* Ouch. LaMarr Hoyt gives up home runs vs. RHB on 3-5 and 3-6 (1-18).

* Shawon Dunston of the Cubs is rated a 3 at shortstop, but his e is 36.

* The Penguin strikes back: Ron Cey, who had 13 home runs in only 256 official at-bats, has, vs. LHP, home runs on 2-8 (1-17) 2-9 (1-7) and 2-10.

* His card isn't the greatest as far as hitting, but Ryne Sandberg is still among the elite players in the NL as he's a 2B-1 e5, with a running rating of 1-17.

* Gary Matthews' card against lefties is unbelievable. He has 71.3 on-base chances against southpaws. But he's still a liability in the field as he's a (continued)

MIKE SCOTT

throws RIGHT e11

#1WR pitcher- starter(8) e

52% AGAINST LEFT-HAND BATTER			48% AGAINST RIGHT-HAND BATTER		
4	5	6	4	5	6
2-gb (p) B	2-fly (lf) B	2-SINGLE (rf)	2-strikeout	2-strikeout	2-gb (ss) X
3-FLY (lf) X	3-gb (1b) C	SI* 1-14	3-Gb (1b) X	3-FLY (rf) X	3-WALK
4-N-HR 1-3	4-fly (rf) B	4-2b(2b) 15-20	4-N-HR 1-11	4-strikeout	4-Gb (3b) X
DO 4-20	5-strikeout	3-Gb (p) X	5-fly (lf) B 12-20	5-strikeout	5-strikeout
5-TR 1-2	6-strikeout	4-CATCH-X	5-TR 1-2	6-strikeout	6-strikeout
SI** 3-20	7-Gb (2b) X	5-fly (cf) C	6-DO 1-4	7-Gb (ss) X	7-strikeout
6-DO 1-8	8-strikeout	6-strikeout	7-fly (cf) B 3-20	8-strikeout	8-strikeout
fly(rf) 9-20	9-gb (2b) C	7-Gb (ss) X	8-DO 1-4	9-strikeout	9-strikeout
7-SI* 1	10-WALK	8-strikeout	9-fly (rf) B 5-20	10-CATCH-X	10-FLY (cf) X
lo(2b) 2-20	11-SINGLE (lf)	9-fly (cf) B	10-strikeout	11-fly (lf) B	11-Gb (p) X
8-WALK	12-N-HR 1	10-Gb (3b) X	11-strikeout	12-N-HR 1-8	12-strikeout
9-strikeout	fly(rf) 2-20	11-Gb (1b) X	12-strikeout	fly(lf) 9-20	
10-FLY (cf) X		12-Gb (ss) X			
11-FLY (rf) X					
12-gb (p) B					

R GLENN DAVIS

1b-4 e12

37% AGAINST LEFT-HAND PITCHER			63% AGAINST RIGHT-HAND PITCHER		
1	2	3	1	2	3
2-SINGLE (rf)	2-fly (cf) A	2-foulout (c)	2-SINGLE (cf)	2-lo(3b) max	2-fly (lf) B ?
SI* 1-10	3-fly (rf) B ?	3-gb (ss) B+	SI* 1-10	3-fly (rf) B ?	3-gb (ss) B+
lo(ss) 11-20	4-lineout (2b)	4-popout (3b)	lo(ss) 11-20	4-lineout (3b)	4-popout (ss)
3-SINGLE (cf)	5-gb (ss) B	5-gb (ss) A+	3-SINGLE (cf)	5-gb (ss) B	5-gb (ss) A+
4-popout (1b)	6-gb (3b) A	6-gb (ss) A	4-popout (2b)	6-gb (3b) A	6-gb (ss) A
5-DO** 1-5	7-strikeout	7-TR 1	5-DOUBLE(lf)	7-strikeout	7-TR 1-2
SI** 6-20	8-fly (lf) B ?	DO 2-20	6-SI* 1-16	8-fly (lf) B ?	SI** 3-20
6-SI* 1-12	9-HR 1-19	8-gb (ss) A	9-HR 1-14	9-HR 1-14	8-gb (ss) A
lo(ss) 13-20	TR 20	9-gb (ss) B	DO 15-20	DO 15-20	9-gb (ss) B
7-WALK	10-HOMERUN	10-gb (ss) B	7-WALK	10-HOMERUN	10-gb (ss) B
8-WALK	11-popout (ss)	11-HR 1-19	8-WALK	11-popout (ss)	11-HR 1-17
9-fly (cf) B ?	12-fly (lf) B ?	12-fly (lf) B ?	9-fly (cf) B ?	12-fly (cf) A	12-fly (lf) B ?
10-HBP			10-HBP		
11-fly (cf) B ?			11-fly (cf) B ?		
12-lo(3b) max			12-strikeout		
plus injury			plus injury		

4 +1 e16 in left.

* Tim Flannery of San Diego is a 2B-3 e6.

* Graig Nettles may have slipped a half-dozen steps or more on defense, but he can still hit 'em out occasionally. His card, vs. RHP, has home runs on 1-3 (1-16), 2-11, 2-12, 3-11, 3-12 (1-8).

* Johnny Ray of the Pirates is a 3 at second, but also is an e6.

* Pittsburgh shortstop Rafael Belliard does Ray one better as he's a 2B-4 e-5. Belliard is a 3 at short with an e25 rating.

* The Mets' infield

with the exception of Hernandez, is not that airtight on defense.

Rafael Santana is a 2 e23 at short, but Ray Knight (3B-3 e21), Howard Johnson (3B-4 e37), Wally Backman (2B-3 e30) and Tim Lefel (2B-4 e21) are only adequate.

* Atlanta's Bob Horner (1B-3, e10) has tons of power, vs. RHP surprisingly. His home run numbers are 1-5, 1-6 (1-2), 1-10 and 3-12.

* Catcher Tony Pena of Pittsburgh may be the best in the NL. He's again a 1 with a -3 throwing and an ell.

* Dale Murphy's a 1 in CF and RF for the Braves (-3, e6). His home run numbers vs. LHP are 1-10 (1-19), 2-9 (1) and 2-10.

* Nick Esasky of Cincinnati is a 4 in left field, at third and at first base. But he does have an e2 rating in the outfield.

The game company has indicated there will be changes on the ball park charts when the new cards come out. Speaking of the new cards, Strat-O-Matic has set Thursday, Jan. 29 as the tentative date for opening day. But at this point it still is very tentative, according to game company officials.

S KEVIN BASS

42% AGAINST LEFT-HAND PITCHER			58% AGAINST RIGHT-HAND PITCHER		
1	2	3	1	2	3
2-lo(3b) max plus injury ▼3-SINGLE*	2-fly (lf) B ? 3-HBP 4-gb (3b) A 5-HR 1-3 DO 4:20 6-fly (lf) B ? 7-DOUBLE (cf) 8-DO** 1 9-gb (3b) B 10-gb (ss) A 11-SINGLE** 12-foulout (c)	2-popout (2b) 3-lineout (3b) ▼4-popout (1b) 5-SI* 1-5 lo(ss) 6:20 6-HOMERUN 7-strikeout 8-SINGLE** 9-strikeout 10-fly (cf) B ? 11-SI* 7-9 12-fly (lf) B ? fly(lf)B 19:20 12-fly (lf) B ?	2-lo(2b) max plus injury ▼3-SINGLE (rf) 4-gb (p) A 5-gb (1b) A 6-gb (ss) A 7-gb (2b) A+ 8-gb (1b) A 9-gb (3b) B ▼10-popout (3b) 11-HBP 12-foulout (c)	2-gb (3b) A 3-fly (rf) B ? 4-lineout (1b) 5-TR 1-11 SI** 12:20 6-DO** 1-3 SI** 4:20 17-SINGLE (cf) 18-SINGLE (lf) 9-SI* 1-15 lo(2b) 16:20 10-SINGLE** 11-fly (cf) B ? 12-gb (3b) A	2-popout (ss) 3-gb (2b) A 4-popout (2b) 5-WALK 6-HR 1-8 DO 9:20 7-strikeout 8-fly (rf) B ? SI* 1-5 lo(2b) 6:20 9-fly (cf) B ? 10-strikeout 11-fly (rf) B ? 12-HR 1-12 fly(rf)B 13:20

R ERIC DAVIS

35% AGAINST LEFT-HAND PITCHER			65% AGAINST RIGHT-HAND PITCHER		
1	2	3	1	2	3
2-WALK 11-SINGLE (rf) 4-strikeout 5-strikeout 6-strikeout 7-WALK 8-strikeout 9-gb (ss) A+ 10-fly (cf) B ? 11-fly (lf) B ? 12-lo(3b) max plus injury	▼2-fly (cf) A 3-fly (rf) B ? 4-gb (ss) A 5-HR 1-13 fly(lf)B 14:20 6-HR 1-16 fly(lf)B 17:20 7-TR 1-2 SI** 3:20 8-SINGLE (lf) 9-SINGLE (cf) 10-fly (lf) B ? 11-gb (ss) A+ ▼12-foulout (c)	▼2-gb (ss) B 3-gb (ss) A 4-gb (ss) A 5-WALK 6-HOMERUN 7-WALK 8-SI* 1-3 lo(ss) 4:20 9-WALK 10-fly (cf) B ? 11-SINGLE (cf) ▼12-SINGLE** SI* 7:14 lo(ss) 15:20	△2-SINGLE (rf) SI* 7:14 lo(ss) 75:20 12-SINGLE (cf) 4-fly (cf) B ? 5-HOMERUN 6-TR 1 SI** 2:20 7-DO 1-10 fly(lf)B 11:20 8-strikeout 9-strikeout 10-fly (cf) B ? ▼11-fly (rf) B ? 12-WALK	2-strikeout plus injury 3-gb (ss) A 4-gb (ss) A+ 5-WALK 6-HR 1-18 TR 19:20 7-WALK 8-WALK 9-strikeout 10-strikeout ▼11-SINGLE (cf) 12-HR 1-4 fly(lf)B 5:20	▼2-fly (cf) A 3-gb (ss) A 4-gb (ss) A+ 5-WALK 6-HR 1-18 TR 19:20 7-WALK 8-WALK 9-strikeout 10-strikeout ▼11-SINGLE (cf) 12-HR 1-4 fly(lf)B 5:20

L TONY GWYNN

37% AGAINST LEFT-HAND PITCHER			63% AGAINST RIGHT-HAND PITCHER		
1	2	3	1	2	3
2-lo(2b) max plus injury ▼3-SINGLE*	2-foulout (c) 3-WALK ▼4-lineout (1b) 5-gb (1b) A 6-SINGLE** 7-gb (2b) A+ 8-gb (1b) A 9-gb (3b) A 10-popout (ss) 11-gb (2b) A 12-fly (rf) B ?	2-popout (1b) 3-gb (3b) B 4-lineout (2b) 5-SI* 1-15 lo(2b) 16:20 6-WALK 7-fly (cf) B ? 8-gb (ss) A 9-fly (rf) B ? 10-fly (rf) B ? SI* 7:11 11-HOMERUN 12-fly (rf) B ?	12-SINGLE* 3-WALK 4-gb (p) A 5-HR 1-2 DO 3:20 6-DO** 1-6 SI** 7:20 17-SINGLE (cf) 18-SINGLE (lf) 9-SINGLE** 10-SINGLE** 11-gb (2b) A 12-lo(2b) max plus injury	2-HBP 3-gb (3b) B ▼4-popout (1b) 5-gb (1b) A 6-SINGLE** 7-gb (2b) A+ 8-gb (1b) A 9-gb (3b) A 10-popout (ss) 11-popout (2b) 12-foulout (c)	2-popout (2b) 3-popout (3b) 4-lineout (1b) 5-SINGLE** 6-fly (rf) B ? SI* 7-7 lo(2b) 8:20 7-fly (cf) B ? 8-gb (ss) A 9-fly (rf) B ? 10-SI* 1 lo(2b) 2:20 ▼11-SINGLE (rf) 12-HOMERUN

Readers roll 'em

MORE ON SALARY FORMULA

Thanks for the writeup about the SBA basketball league in your December issue.

I just wanted to mention that if anybody is interested in obtaining our salary formula or more information about how we work it, just drop me a line along with a SASE and I'll send back a xerox of the relevant material.

I've received quite a few phone calls about the system already and would be pleased to send interested gamers all the background details necessary for its use.

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NO MORE GALBREATHS

A few comments and questions:

What happened to S-O-M's plan to make 10 old-timer football teams to go along with the new format?

Please, S-O-M, don't ever make a card like Tony Galbreath's again. What came over you? He could've gotten a good card - but that one's ridiculous!

WAYNE BENTON
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Editor's note: The status of an old-timer pro football set was explained in the January issue of the Review. Basically, it's been put on the backburner because of all the other happenings (i.e., computer baseball, revising college football, etc.). Letters such as your's and Dan Olson's (Jan. Review) may get it off the backburner in a hurry, though.

ANOTHER VOTE FOR '27

I would like to cast another

vote for Strat-O-Matic issuing the 1927 baseball season, complete with all advanced features, etc.

In addition, if possible, I'd like to see S-O-M print 1968 and continue to print all seasons not issued previously, with advanced features, such as '67, '66 '65, etc.

Your publication is a fine product. It adds a lot to the enjoyment of the great games of S-O-M.

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PLAYING TIP FROM 'JIMI'

Thanks for the plug in the December issue. For those who may be interested, my stage name is "Jimi Davis." I had to drop "Doctor K" because people got me confused with some guy - ah, er, Dwight Gooden? I guess he's a baseball player or something.

By the way, I won the preliminary contest for Mass., taking "best stage presence" award. I came in third in the New England contest, but took the "best commercial look" award.

One last thing. One of the most exciting plays in baseball is the strike-'em-out, throw-'em-out play, when the batter strikes out as a baserunner is caught stealing. I allow the offensive manager to say he's "starting the runner" (from first and second only) as the dice are rolled. If a strikeout occurs, the runner has to pick a split on the steal. If using the supplementary stealing, find out "lead" before announcing start of the runner.

Other possible occurrences: If batter popout or flyball is rolled, runner returns to original base, even if Flyball A, because he wouldn't have time to tag up. If a lineout occurs, it is a "maximum out" roll because runner(s) are caught off base. All groundballs become "C's."

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Now the good news: If a double is rolled, all runners score. If any type of single is rolled, runners advance two bases.

If HBP happens, runner following usual procedure unless HBP took off from second and no one on first, then he must return to second. If a walk occurs, follow procedure unless runner took off from second with no one on first, then he must attempt to steal third.

The tip is similar to hit-and-run, but many times it's more of a run-and-hit in real baseball and done with two strikes. It's just a way to add a little touch to the best game in the world.

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MAKE THAT FENLON

In the November issue of the Review it was stated that Bill Hanlon won the TBA's Chicago tournament.

The winner actually was Bill Fenlon. Needless to say, I should know.

Looking forward to future issues and the correction.

BILL FENLON

Editor's note: The Review apologizes for the error. Similar type errors can be eliminated in the future if gamers remember two points: (1) the Review's editors are getting older and their eyesight isn't what it used to be and (2) neither is a graduate of the University of Cairo (major: Egyptian hieroglyphics). In other words, be sure when sending correspondence to the Review that all information is either typed or printed clearly.

SUPPLEMENTARY STEALING...

I was surprised and delighted to see guest columnist John Lamanna's article on supplementary stealing in the Dec., 1986 Review.

As a big fan of old-timer replays, I have always felt cheated by the exclusion of this fine stealing system. Now, at last, a chance to come up with supplementary ratings for my 1961 N.L. replay.

You can imagine how disappointed I was when I read the article and found that the system was not explained thoroughly therein.

John, I really want that system for my old-timer replays. If the Review can't print it, would you at least send the formula to this hungry gamer?

Thanks for the forum, Review. The little guys out here really do appreciate it.

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Editor's note: The Review printed John Lamanna's complete playing tip regarding supplementary stealing ratings and would be more than happy to publish any additional information regarding his formula.

CHECKING OUT THE CARDS

I would like to ask you your opinions about S-O-M Baseball ratings.

Do you think Jody Davis will receive a -3 arm, since he had a great season behind the plate? He should have an arm greater than or equal to Gary Carter's since he had a much better season than Carter did.

I've argued about this among friends. They say that Carter's pitchers are slow to the plate and don't have good moves. I think the Cub pitchers are worse in this area.

While on the subject of catchers, what do you think Bob Boone and Rich Gedman will get for throwing ratings?

Do you think Oddibe McDowell deserves and will get a "1"? And do you think Shawon Dunston deserves a "4" at shortstop?

JOHN LEANOS (continued on
Walnut, CA back page)

The way they were

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College football game brings back fond memories for Hunts

BY DICK HUNT, OVID, MI

So Strat-O-Matic is revising its college football game. All I can say is YIPPEEE! It's about time.

I must admit, however, that the old version of the S-O-M college game was fine in my book. My only complaint about it was the lack of teams. So the 49 new teams that S-O-M is planning to put out really got me excited.

You folks may remember the article from way back in the August, 1979 Review about me teaching my girlfriend, Julie Booth, how to play the college football game. At the time, Julie and I were fresh out of high school and debating between marriage and college. Both of us had already been accepted by Michigan State University for enrollment.

Well, marriage won that debate. Julie and I have been married since January 14, 1980 and we now have two children, aged four and one. Geez, this letter is starting to make me feel old.

Anyway, Julie and I played some more college football after that article came out (she won something like eight out of 18 games), but eventually we became tired of playing the same teams over and over.

When Strat-O-Matic printed some great college football teams of the past, we didn't get too excited, as we were never into matching teams up that could never have played each other in real life ('66 Michigan State vs. '74 Pittsburgh - big deal).

But now that S-O-M is revising the game and bringing out the new teams, my interest (if not Julie's) in the college football game will certainly be rekindled.

I think the "toughness of schedule" feature will really add pep to the games. If nothing else, two coaches who are forced to play a lousy matchup (for whatever reason) can at least set a point spread and then try to beat it. Oklahoma vs. Bucknell? Holy cow!

I loved everything I read about the newly revised college football game in the December Review, but I do have one question:

What is the problem S-O-M has with using player names on the cards? Does the NCAA own some kind of copyright on its teams and players' names? This problem struck me as an odd one. It won't matter to me because of the way the cards will be based on a whole team's worth of rushing/passing/receiving stats, but it certainly got my curiosity going. I would appreciate a more detailed explanation than we got in the December Review.

Editor's note: In the past, S-O-M was prohibited from using the names of college players. The game company pays a royalty fee to the various player associations (i.e. Baseball Players Association) for allowing the names to be used. S-O-M does admit that the NCAA's policy has changed in regards to using players' names. It can be done now, although there is to be no endorsements or advertisements regarding the use of a player's name. Basically, the game company feels that most gamers who will play college football are not that familiar with the names, except for the standouts or potential All-Americans, and that the names are not necessary. A roster sheet will be included with the teams and everyone will know who the tailback is for Michigan State or Miami's quarterback. "Who really knows them (the names)?" asks Bob Yonke of S-O-M. The feeling by the game company, which incidentally pays the NCAA for all of the statistical data on all the college teams, is that gamers will be more interested in seeing the number of teams expanded (the first set of the revised game should have close to 50). Not having individual cards for every player will make this an easier goal to be achieved because not as many cards for each team will be necessary.

Revised college game eagerly awaited

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For months - years really, after the annual coming and going of fall - I've been inclined to write to the Review about college football, but procrastinated. Your article about Strat-O-Matic's revised college football game was the necessary impetus to drive me to the typewriter.

While I applaud S-O-M's latest college football effort, I still harbor some reservations, which I will address after some general thoughts about a college football game.

First, I think there is widespread interest among S-O-M gamers - if not throughout the table-gaming public - for a viable, statistically realistic college football game. There are so many features - enthusiasm, spontaneity, variety, to name a few - to the college game that lift it above its professional counterpart. Surely a market exists and I hope and think S-O-M, utilizing its creativity, will ultimately conquer that market.

Nearly a decade ago, when S-O-M first introduced its version of a college football game, I was encouraged, curious and eager to play the game. I did so and was immediately disappointed. The format of the game, though brilliantly conceived, was, I felt, too radical a departure from S-O-M's norm.

My criticisms of the game (not pertinent here) were many. So I searched elsewhere, discovering other games, all offering all-time great teams packages that limit the scope of play; for once one plays all the conceivable matchups in various formats (league, tournament, etc.), what then? Sadly (perhaps inevitably), S-O-M converted to an all-time great package. Thus I was disappointed, frustrated.

ONCE AN S-O-M GAMER, ALWAYS AN S-O-M GAMER

No college football game fulfilled my expectations and the prospects of owning one that would seem intolerably bleak. Since I lacked the time, ingenuity and resources to create my own game, I hoped that Harold Richman (S-O-M's creator) and the S-O-M braintrust would, as they had with other S-O-M products, revamp and improve the college football game.

Let's face it: S-O-M games are the best sports board games on today's market. I am a S-O-M loyalist. However, I have played various games produced by other companies. And each time I sample a competitor's product, I eagerly return to my S-O-M games, gleeful, thankful, like a traveler returning home from a long journey.

This brings me to some reservations and suggestions.

First, I am happy to read that S-O-M is returning to its time-honored dice-activated format. Too, I think the team concept is an excellent idea, since individual player cards seem more appropriate for the NFL game. However, I am dismayed that S-O-M will somewhat arbitrarily limit the number of teams to 50 or so and will, at least at the outset, ignore penalties, integral intangibles in any gridiron contest.

A major shortcoming to contemporary college football board games (as I've alluded to earlier) is the restriction imposed by narrow fields of teams offered.

Indeed, S-O-M gamers have long argued and clamored for expanded rosters, seeking flexibility and realism. I've tacitly thought for quite some time that S-O-M could widen the gap between itself and its competitors by merely enlarging its rosters to appease its customers, as well as attract new ones.

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To its credit, S-O-M has been, to a certain degree, receptive to its customers. Still, further expansion of rosters would be welcomed by the S-O-M gaming community (as witnessed by numerous Readers roll 'em responses in the Review).

Therefore, I think it is essential for S-O-M to expand the roster of teams it offers in its revised college football game, thereby avoiding the pitfall of inferior games. Not merely 50 teams, but 100 or more, enough to encompass a breadth of major college football teams.

I think gamers need and deserve enough teams to represent whole conferences (Big Ten, Pac Ten, Big Eight, Southwest, Southeast, Atlantic Coast, Western Athletic, Mid-American, Ivy League, Missouri Valley, etc.) as well as major independents (Notre Dame, Miami of Florida, Penn State, Northern Illinois, etc.).

Why? Replay. To facilitate and validate the replay. The capacity to replay (as true as possible) one's favorite team or conference is a major asset to any game. Flexibility spawned by numbers would undoubtedly heighten product appeal.

Imagine playing not only the big games - Ohio State-Michigan, Harvard-Yale, Army-Navy, USC-UCLA, Oklahoma-Nebraska - but all the games leading to the climactic confrontations.

Certainly costs and common sense must be considered. But what is the ultimate aim of any sports board game (aside from the company's profitability)? Complete gamer satisfaction. A full spectrum of teams affords a gamer countless matchups, countless options, countless hours of enjoyment. This, it seems to me, is the ideal.

TEAMS WILL NEED TO BE UPDATED

Also, by offering 100 or more teams each year, the game company can foster gamer dependency on updated card sets (a dependency other S-O-M games currently enjoy).

Picture this: gamers yearly anticipating not only the updated teams within a conference, but also wondering who will be among the major independents? Will an emerging power be represented in a new card set? Will a traditional power be dropped? Why was Team A produced and not Team B? Think of the speculation, the possible controversy. What would a card set issue be without selection controversy? S-O-M can only reap the profits of a comprehensive college football game.

One more appeal, a direct appeal to (S-O-M's creator) Harold Richman: don't rush. You admit your company is busy producing various computer versions of the popular baseball game. Too, you have other games and improvements to think about.

Please, consider the college football customer and the opportunity open to you. You have the opportunity to market the definitive college football game. Ensure its realism and playability.

The game must be fun. Yet don't overlook features (i.e., weather, home field advantage, penalties) that might enhance the game, setting it a breed apart.

Speaking of penalties, please incorporate them into the revised game. Why not limit the number of revisions that may be necessary in the near future?

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Regional qualifiers to gather in Chicago next month

TBA World Championship coming up

The countdown is well under way for the Table Baseball Association's second World Championship tournament, this one in Chicago and under the direction of John Kreuz. The date is March 20-22 and the participants will be those gamers who have qualified in regional TBA tournaments held throughout 1986 (the last was in San Diego, Jan. 16-18 of this year).

The TBA, as readers of the Review are well aware (its Ann Arbor gathering was featured in the January, 1987 issue), has been resurrected by Kreuz after a shaky start under its previous owner, and turned into a viable and respectable organization.

Main goal of the TBA is to bring the best Strat-O-Matic Baseball gamers together to match talents. The emphasis is on drafting and managing. Entry fee for most TBA regional tournaments has been \$45. And the prize money - which is always a lure - has been anywhere from \$500 to \$400 to the winner, depending on the number of entrants.

The first four finishers are in the money, while the top eight all qualify for the World Championships.

FIRST FEMALE ENTERS TBA TOURNEY

In the recent TBA tourney in Newark, NJ, history was made when the first female - Clare Davis of Cape May, NJ - rolled 'em against an otherwise all-male field of managers. "She managed her team to a .500 record," praised Kreuz, who was delighted over the 'first' for the TBA.

Winner of the Newark tourney was Jim Jalutkewicz of Pawcatuck, CT, while Bob Scofield of Stratford, CT, was runner-up.

Other notes from the TBA tournament trail:

* Youngest manager in the TBA in '86 was 12-year-old John Zawaski, Canton, OH, who was at the Philadelphia tournament.

* Frank Viola, Minnesota Twins' southpaw, turned in the most horrendous TBA pitching performance when, in the Ann Arbor tourney, he was shelled for 18 runs and 31 hits in one infamous game.

* Kreuz, his wife and family - especially his wife and family - are all hoping for a big turnout at Orlando, FL, Aug. 7-9. Kreuz's wife and family plan to accompany him on that business/pleasure trip. "It's also my wife's birthday," says Kreuz.

* Strat-O-Matic Game Company has officially endorsed the TBA and its nation-wide tournaments. But the game company also speaks highly of the organizers of Pro-Strat, who have put on two highly successful tournaments in the New York area.

SEND FORTH YOUR FINEST

When Review co-editor Del Newell was at the TBA's Ann Arbor tournament in early December, he was impressed by the spirited competition as well as the camaraderie. After most series, especially in the later rounds, the managers shook hands afterwards (no, the loser didn't jump over the table, ala tennis, to offer congratulations).

Hopefully this year all competitive gamers who wish to test their drafting and managing skills will have a chance to participate in a TBA tournament near them.

The complete 1987 TBA tournament schedule is found on the following page.

One suggestion to leagues would be to increase their league fees to pay for one or two managers' entries into a TBA tourney. A couple of dollars extra and maybe the league champ and runner-up could represent that league in a TBA tourney. That would enable the best to go against

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the best at every TBA stop. If leagues would pool their money and send forth their finest the financial crunch would not be the deterrent it might normally have been.

And, as far as lodging (most TBA tournaments are held in Howard Johnsons), doubling or tripling up in rooms is a good way to reduce costs, too.

WHAT HAPPENS AT A TBA TOURNEY?

Basically, a TBA tournament lasts 2 1/2 days, beginning with a draft Friday evening and concluding with the championship series some time Sunday afternoon.

Here's a scenario for any tournament held in 1987:

* Friday night, beginning at 7 - Ball parks will be drafted and then players, using the 1987 (based on 1986 real-life) cards. There will be anywhere from eight to 16 teams in each pool, depending on the number of entrants.

* Saturday morning, beginning at 8 - Round-robin pool play begins; minimum of 14 games usually.

* Sunday morning, beginning at 8 - Quarterfinals (final eight teams that have qualified from pool play), then semifinals and finally the championship series. Quarterfinals and semifinals are usually best-of-five-games, with championship best-of-seven.

Anticipated prizes, according to Kreuz, are \$500 for first place, \$250 for second place, \$150 for third place and \$100 for fourth place. "However, prizes may vary and will depend on the exact number of entrants," mentions Kreuz.

The payoff for the TBA's Ann Arbor tourney, which attracted 32 gamers, was \$400 to the winner, \$200 to the runner-up and \$100 each for third and fourth-places.

The 1987 baseball cards (based on 1986 statistics) will be used for all the tournaments listed below. Super-advanced rules, including clutch hitting, ball park factor, supplementary stealing, will also be used.

For information regarding any of the upcoming TBA tournaments, or rules of play, write (include a long SASE): John Kreuz, Table Baseball Association, 4732 Laurel, Glenview, IL 60025, or call 1-312-635-6747.

Here's the 1987 TBA tournament schedule:

April 3-5 - Los Angeles	Aug. 14-16 - St. Louis
April 10-12 - Philadelphia	Aug. 21-23 - Toronto
April 24-26 - Chicago	Aug. 28-30 - Boston
May 1-3 - Toronto	Sept. 11-13 - Los Angeles
May 15-17 - Boston	Sept. 18-20 - Chicago
May 29-31 - Chicago	Oct. 16-18 - Boston
June 5-7 - Sacramento	Oct. 23-25 - Kansas City
June 12-14 - Detroit	Nov. 6-8 - Detroit
June 26-28 - New York	Nov. 13-15 - Sacramento
July 10-12 - Montreal	Nov. 20-22 - New York
July 17-19 - Cincinnati	
July 24-26 - Milwaukee	Jan. 15-17, 1988 - San Diego
Aug. 7-9 - Orlando	

Entry fee will be \$45 for those who preregister and \$50 at the door. All of the TBA tournaments, except for Montreal, will be staged at a local Howard Johnson's. The Montreal tournament will be held at Ramada Inn.

Cost for signing up for four tournaments is \$160 and for six tournaments is \$225 (one tournament is free), according to Kreuz.

Hockey playing tip

Penalty/injury chart spices up ice action

If you're interested in spicing up the sport played on ice, you may wish to give the penalty/injury chart found below a cursory look or tryout in your S-O-M gaming activities.

Suggested by Russell Madle (Oak Brook, IL) and Joseph Goldstein (Des Plaines, IL), both of whom play in a hockey league using the advanced game, the chart "adds a little extra dimension to the game," according to the duo.

"We realize that this is not the most realistic chart, but felt that some of the S-O-M Review readers might find this somewhat more entertaining than the current injury cards."

S-O-M HOCKEY SPLIT-NUMBER INJURY CHART

When the offense/any player, also injury rebound card is drawn during play, refer to the split numbers for the following injuries and/or penalties:

- 1 - Defensive RD tries to block shot; puck hits him in the face and breaks his jaw; out for 4 games.
- 2 - Defensive G slashes offensive C in face; offensive C suffers broken nose and is out for 3 games; goalie receives 5-minute major penalty for high sticking (note: penalty is timed 2 1/2 times through the penalty timing chart).
- 3 - Bench clearing brawl takes place; defensive RW and offensive LD receive game misconducts.
- 4 - Offensive RW is third man in during altercation; game misconduct.
- 5 - Defensive G receives 2-minute delay of game penalty.
- 6 - Defensive G pulls hamstring making spectacular save on a shot; out 3 games.
- 7 - Visiting C trips over a stick and sprains left wrist; out 3 games.
- 8 - Visiting D (extra on bench) takes swing at home RW as he skates by; RW suffers bloody nose and possible concussion and is out for 3 games; extra D is suspended by league for 5 games.
- 9 - Home LW and RD collide going after loose puck; LW out for game and RD out for 3 games with a separated shoulder.
- 10 - Defensive G is checked by offensive C during scramble; goalie out for game plus 2; C gets 2 minutes for cross-checking.
- 11 - Unruly fan throws object on ice and hits defensive C; defensive C has possible concussion and is out for game plus 2 games.
- 12 - Coincidental minors for roughing given: defensive LD, offensive RW
- 13 - Fight erupts between offensive LW and defensive C; offensive LW gets bloody nose and is out for period; offensive LW gets 5 minutes for fighting, while defensive C gets extra 2 minutes for being instigator.
- 14 - Defensive LD blocks shot and suffers bruised ankle; out for game. Also possible breakaway for defensive (now offensive) C if rating of 3 or more.
- 15 - Offensive C tripped on breakaway, injured and out for game. Penalty shot for replacement C off bench.
- 16 - Defensive LW crashes head first into boards and suffers neck sprain; out 7 games.
- 17 - Offensive RD injures hand while attempting pass; out for game plus 1; breakaway for offensive RW.
- 18 - Visiting RW collides with goal post trying for rebound; suffers cracked kneecap; out for 8 games.
- 19 - Offensive LD and defensive LW receive major penalties for fighting with offensive LD also receiving additional minor as instigator.
- 20 - Defensive G caught holding offensive LW in crease on rebound play; goalie receives minor penalty for holding.

Playing the cards dealt you

Mickey Baughan says no to trading, yes to winning

Mickey Baughan believes in playing the cards dealt you. Or, better yet, playing the cards you dealt yourself.

Baughan dealt himself, through the draft process, the likes of Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Julius Erving, Dan Issel, Dennis Johnson, Kevin McHale and Derek Harper and never made a single trade after that...and went on to capture the championship of the first American Tabletop Basketball League.

In addition to sweeping to the championship of the 10-team, play-by-mail draft league that plays a 78-game regular season plus playoffs, Baughan was the recipient of the Red Auerbach General Manager of the Year award.

"Mickey did something I've never seen in any type of S-O-M league before," relates Dick Hunt of Ovid, MI, commissioner of the ATBL. "He drafted 12 guys and two defense cards (picking Utah's sag card in the sixth round of the draft was a major coup as well as a surprise to the rest of the coaches) and then went out and won the ATBL's first title. Mickey made no transactions of any kind."

Erving and Jabbar, the oldies but goodies duo, led Baughan's Toronto Tornados in scoring with 26.0 and 23.9 averages, respectively. McHale averaged 21.5 points, Johnson 18.6 and McHale was the top rebounder with 10.1 per game.

Another key to success was the point guard tandem of Harper and Wes Matthews, which kept the Tornados' fast-break operating continuously. Most teams had one point guard to run the fast-break and when that guard was out, the break slowed to a crawl. Not the Tornados.

As far as team stats, the Tornados were most noticeable in the steals/turnovers department. Toronto had over 300 more steals and committed 399 fewer turnovers than opponents.

WHAT IS THE ATBL?

The ATBL, the brainchild of Hunt, who's a frequent contributor to the Review and an admitted fanatic of S-O-M Basketball, was designed to avoid the all-star look. The league was started with 10 franchises (it has expanded to 12 this season) and with 11 S-O-M teams and their extra players in the original draft pool.

"This gave each team 12 players and left the league with 12 'free agents,'" says Hunt. The talent pool was, in other words, toned down from most leagues of this type where all 23 NBA teams are used.

Before this season's draft, each team was allowed to protect eight players. The draft was similar to that used in the NBA, including a lottery system for determining who gets the No. 1 pick (among the rookies, etc.) from the non-playoff teams.

Team defensive cards (close, normal and sag) are drafted every year, but only the following D cards of the original teams in the draft are used - Boston, Philadelphia, Milwaukee, Cleveland, Chicago, Denver, Utah, Dallas, Sacramento, Houston, Los Angeles Lakers, Portland and Golden State.

VARIATIONS ON S-O-M'S RULES

The team defensive cards coming from only those teams above was one of the ATBL's variations designed to maintain realism. Another is that players can play in only the same number of games as in real-life. In the playoffs, the ATBL has a provision in its constitution for regulating player usage.

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The chart below concerns a player's "rest in minutes" as used in the ATBL:

MPG*	Must Rest**	MPG*	Must Rest**
0-3	39 minutes	25-27	15 minutes
4-6	36 "	28-30	12 "
7-9	33 "	31-33	9 "
10-12	30 "	34-36	6 "
13-15	27 "	37-39	3 "
16-18	24 "	40-42	2 "
19-21	21 "	43-48	0 "
22-24	18 "		

* The player's real-life minutes per game.

** Minutes the player must rest in any one ATBL game.

"The reason for this chart," according to Hunt, "is that S-O-M's rest in minutes system is too broad. Under this system, no player may play more than eight more minutes in one game than he averaged in real-life. It keeps anyone from being grossly overplayed because of a great statistical year/card."

Injuries are ignored in the ATBL. And double-teaming is not permitted. Players are limited to four three-point field goals per game and a fastbreak offense cannot be employed by a team that leads by 20 or more points (until the lead drops to 15 or less).

COACHES CORNER

Here's the coaching lineup in the ATBL:

DICK HUNT (Ovid Romans), 25; married, two children; works for General Motors, Lansing, MI...Top players - Moses Malone (26.2 PPG, 14.9 rebounds), Paul Pressey, Purvis Short (25.0), Rolando Blackman (24.5)...Traded Jay Vincent, Phil Hubbard, Sleepy Floyd and Michael Jordan to St. Charles for Malone, Short, Pressey and Blackman.

MICKEY BAUCHAN (Toronto Tornados), 20; junior at Central Michigan University, majoring in history/political science; wants to teach and coach at the high school level...Drafting sag defense and excellent x-column defense by Jabbar, Johnson and McHale made Tornados strong.

DAN SMEGO (Cleveland Carps), 30; married; personnel manager; plays semi-pro baseball and coaches kids' sports teams...Magic Johnson (21.7, 9.1 reb., 1,226 assists) was No. 1 draft pick...Carps outscored foes by 7.1 points per game...53.9% shooting from the field was second-best in ATBL...Acquisition of Larry Smith (10.8 reb.) was key to 55-23 record and first place in Russell Division...Orlando Woolridge averaged 29.1 points, despite fouling out 25 times.

TERRY JOHNSON (Northfield Knights), 35; married, 16 years, with three children; sales representative for Colgate-Palmolive; started playing S-O-M in 1962...Had ATBL's MVP in Larry Bird (32.9 PPG, 10.8 reb.)...Great passing trio in Bird (4-15 dazzler), Darnell Valentine (2-12) and Johnny Davis (2-15)...Also featured James Worthy (21.2) and shot-blocker Sam Bowie (290).

LAIRD LEATHERS (St. Charles Skyhawks), 19; supervisor for Servicemaster, Elgin, IL; has played S-O-M nine years...Leathers was coach of year after guiding team to 47-31 record...Involved in blockbuster trade with Ovid, although record was 20-22 after acquiring Jordan (32.3 PPG, 7.1 reb.) and 27-9 before trade.

BART EWING (Ayatollahs of Slamola), 26; working on masters degree in social welfare; married...Had best defense (115.4 PPG) in ATBL, thanks to likes of Sidney Moncrief, Mo Cheeks, Wayne Cooper, Roy Hinson...Moncrief (29.2 PPG) gave Bird a run for MVP honors.

JOE HORNBECK (Mid-South Racers), 25; chiropractor in Davenport, IA married; also plays in Empire State Baseball League, Florida Gold Coast (continued on next page)

Hockey Association and North American Football Association...Had loads of firepower in Darrell Griffith (25.4), Terry Cummings (23.8) and Charles Barkley (22.8, 11 reb.), who was acquired in trade for Mark Aguirre with Rhawnhurst Rebels...Foulouts hurt as 77 times players drew the six-count.

JEFF SMITH (Rip City Racketeers), 27; TV news director in Idaho... Good seasons from Robert Parish (21.5 PPG, 11.8 reb.), Calvin Natt (25.8, 56.1 FG%) and Kiki Vandeweghe (26.1, 58.6%)...Problem was lack of rebounding from power forward position.

CHUCK STEINMETZ (Rhawnhurst Rebels), 25; accountant in Bala Cynwyd, PA...Got off to disastrous start (6-24)...Had too many "replay" players in lineup; finally sent Mark Eaton to the Ayatollahs for Wayne Cooper (11.7, 10.1 reb.)...Top scorers: Aguirre (26.6) and Jim Paxson (24.4).

RICH NEVAREZ (Richmond Rockets)...Coach dropped out, because of work commitments, after 60 games (5-55)...Final record was 9-69 as Rockets were outscored by an average of 15.8 points, outrebounded by 11.7 and outshot from floor 55.1-44.7%...Adrian Dantley did average 26.3 points.

HIGHLIGHTS/LOWLIGHTS

* James Worthy of Northfield sank all 11 of his field goal attempts, while Elston Turner of the Rebels was 0 for 11 against St. Charles.

* Michael Jordan swished 25 of 28 free throws for St. Charles against Richmond. In another game he was 19 for 19.

* Larry Smith (Cleveland) and Moses Malone (Ovid) each grabbed 25 rebounds in a game, with Malone claiming 16 off the offensive board.

* Magic Johnson had 23 assists in one game. He and Darnell Valentine also each had 11 turnovers in a game.

* Mark Eaton of the Rebels batted away 12 shots against Ovid.

* Knights had best shooting night, netting 48 of 62 attempts (77.4%) against the Ayatollahs. Rebels had worst night, hitting only 30.4%.

* Mark Aguirre of Rhawnhurst had the two highest scoring games, 66 and 64 points.

* Knights' (see above) 62 shots was fewest in a game, while Mid-South once launched 134 against the Racketeers.

* Skyhawks scored 168 points against Racketeers, who in one game opened up with a 51-point first-quarter barrage.

Standings and leaders:

<u>CHAMBERLAIN</u>	<u>Won-Lost</u>	<u>GB</u>	<u>RUSSELL</u>	<u>Won-Lost</u>	<u>GB</u>	<u>Scoring</u>
Northfield	47 31	-	Cleveland	55 23	-	Bird NK 32.9
St. Charles	47 31	-	Toronto	54 24	1	Jordan SKY 32.3
Ayatollahs	46 32	1	Ovid	38 40	17	Moncrief ADS 29.2
Rip City	33 45	14	Mid-South	38 40	17	Woolridge CC 29.1
Richmond	9 69	38	Rhawnhurst	23 55	32	Aguirre REB 26.6
Playoffs: St. Charles d. Northfield, 3-2;						Dantley ROK 26.3
Toronto d. Cleveland, 3-1; Toronto d. St. Charles, 4-0.						M.Malone OVR 26.2

Rebounding	Assists	Field Goal%	Steals
M.Malone OVR 14.8	M.Johnson CC 15.9	Worthy NK 65.1	Lever SKY 2.78
Parish RAK 11.8	B.Davis MSR 11.8	McHale TT 58.9	Jordan SKY 2.59
Barkley MSR 10.9	J.Bagley RAK 11.6	Jabbar TT 58.1	Drexler ADS 2.46
Eaton ADS 10.9	R.Green REB 10.6	Bird NK 57.8	
Bird NK 10.7	Valentine NK 10.6	Free Throw%	Blocks
L.Smith CC 10.7	Lever SKY 10.6	Bird NK 89.5	Eaton ADS 5.09
McHale TT 10.1	3-Point FG	Toney CC 88.5	Bowie NK 3.82
	Wedman CC 92/157	Vandeweghe 87.7	Hinson SKY 3.58

Advertisements

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

Wanted

WANTED: Desperately seeking the extra players for the 1980 Philadelphia Phillies. Please send asking price. Michael Nowakowski, 24 Erlandson Drive, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada R3K 0G8

WANTED: Original 1967 Packers football cards. Also PEM or FTF super-advanced football opponents. Carl J. Olson, 296 Jones Hollow Road, Marlborough, CT 06447 (203-295-8146)

WANTED: Want to buy any 1969-1970-1971 Strat-O-Matic Football cards. Must be in good shape. Call or write: Barry Lippiello, 5 Greenwood Ave., Stanhope, NJ 07874 (work: 201-665-5283; home: 201-398-7765)

WANTED: Would like to buy (or trade for) complete hockey sets from 1978-'79 through '82-'83 with extras and rosters. Send price and condition. The trade bait consists of 1956 and 1985 complete baseball sets and a 1985 complete football set. Write to: Phil Ledesma, 3626 W. 139th St., Hawthorne, CA 90250

WANTED: Complete hockey sets with extras, 1977-78 to present. Also, complete baseball sets with extras for 1976, '77, '79 and '81 seasons. Also looking for extras for 1975 set. Will pay good but not outlandish prices for these sets. Write: Lee Genereux, 1824 Robinhood Dr., Thief

River Falls, MN 56701 (or for faster response, call 1-218-681-5846)

WANTED: Baseball - 1971 Cleveland, Minnesota w/extras; Yanks w/extras; 1972 Cleveland; 1974 Yankees w/extras; 1973 Yankees. Will pay \$10 per team. Contact: Herb Hewitt, 101 West Cavalier Road, Scottsville, NY 14546 (716-889-2152)

For Sale

FOR SALE: Baseball schedules for entire 1930, 1950, 1956, 1961, 1968, 1969 and 1970 seasons. Great for S-O-M replays. Other seasons also available. Both AL and NL. Send \$1 per season and a postage stamp per order. Mailed immediately. Richard Breest, 1332 Greenlea Dr., Holiday, FL 33590-6759

FOR SALE: Defensive rating comparison chart. Is a 3e12 at first base better than a 4e4? This chart allows you to easily compare defensive ratings such as these. Good year after year. Only \$3. A 4e4 is better than a 3e12. Rohn Morin, Box 2510 Hotel Road, Auburn, ME 04210

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 (continued)

and misplayed hits; trail runners sometimes advancing on throws (or being thrown out on cut-offs); injury chart with rare plays; balks, pickoffs, pickoff errors, rundowns; infielders positioned in or back individually; outfield shallow; suicide squeeze, safety squeeze and sacrifice charts where fielder's ability and runner's speed play a part; hit-and-run system 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 Road, Richmond, B.C., Canada V7C 5C3

FOR SALE: The exact schedules and pitching rotations played by all major league teams for any season, 1901-present. 1985 sells for just \$8.00, 1956 for \$7.25. Write for quotes on all other seasons. Rich Pray, 7800 LaNain Drive, Pensacola, FL 32514

FOR SALE: I've been selling, trading and buying S-O-M Baseball cards for over eight years. Currently more stock is coming in than going out. I've got to change that. So here I go again. I'm selling individual S-O-M Baseball teams from 1950-1985. Loose baseball cards from 1930-1985. Send SASE for teams list and or your list for loose cards to: Chris Rosen, 731 Bergen Street, Philadelphia, PA 19111 (215-745-5247). If you have written before, write again...I have zackages I haven't opened yet.

FOR SALE: Durable, easy to read 20-sided dice. Send \$3.50 to: Richard Breest, 1332 Greenlea Dr., Holiday, FL 33590-6759

FOR SALE: Attention S-O-M fanatics (especially those in the New York metropolitan area). Selling

football teams, 1968-present; baseball, 1969-present; hockey, 1977-78 to present; basketball, 1973-74 to the present; S-O-M Review, back issues 1971-present. Mail SASE for complete list or call: Charles SGiannone (1-718-417-5009 between 5-8 weekdays, 11-8 weekends).

FOR SALE: 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 individual H&R ability. Catcher's Card incorporates individual wild pitch ratings for pitchers, passed ball ratings for catchers. Statistically accurate for all '86 pitchers and catchers. Works equally well playing stock teams or draft leagues. Just \$3 for each system, \$5 for both. Check or money order to: Glenn Guzzo, 317-21 N. Broad St. #835, Philadelphia, PA 19107

FOR SALE: Football teams in good condition unless otherwise stated: 1975 Vikings, Steelers; '76 Vikings, Cowboys; '79 Steelers, \$3 each. 1976 Bucs; '77 Vikings; '78 Seahawks, Bucs, Dolphins, Saints, Oilers, Bills, Giants, Broncos, Vikings; '79 Saints, Vikings, Broncos (fair), Oilers, Seahawks, Bucs, Cowboys; '80 Cowboys, Bills, Vikings (fair), Falcons, Oilers, Broncos, \$2 each. 1981 Dolphins, Vikings, Oilers, Jets, Falcons; '82 Cowboys, Chargers, Bengals, Redskins, Dolphins Seahawks, Raiders (mangled, victims of 2-10 season), Packers, Pats, Jets, Vikings, Saints; '83 Cowboys, Pats, Saints, Seahawks, Vikings, Falcons, Chiefs, Jets, \$1 each. Football game, \$5. I pay postage. Everything for \$50. Write: Kevin Laster, 7608 Cliffbrook, Dallas, TX 75240

FOR SALE: 1979, 1983 baseball extra players. 1982 A.L., no extras. 1975 Cleveland, Mets, San Francisco, St. Louis; '73 Kansas
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City, Minnesota, no extras.
Football: 1976 Atlanta, Jets, Giants; '75 Jets, Giants, New England. Basketball: 1976-77 NBA. Send SASE to: Tom Cavaliere, 42 DuBonnet Road, Valley Stream, NY 11581

FOR SALE: 1987 edition card analysis for advanced baseball. Includes OBP, power percentages and diamond chances for batters and pitchers. Also, gBA and clutch hitting percentages for batters. All this plus additional card info condensed into a quick-reference format. Great for drafting or setting lineups against certain pitchers. Improves chance of winning. I'm a 10-year gamer with a bachelor's degree in math and I've enjoyed many World Series appearances using this analysis. Many satisfied customers. Only \$6. Why not get the 'edge' this season? Rohn Morin, Box 2510 Hotel Road, Auburn, ME 04210

FOR SALE: To highest bid. Basketball: Complete seasons - 1972-73 through 1981-82, all in excellent condition (note: 1973-74 Kansas City/Omaha Kings are missing). Hockey: Complete seasons - 1977-78 through 1981-82, all in excellent condition. Baseball: 1965 AL, below average to fair. Original issue 1969 (AL excellent, NL fair); 1970 excellent. Individual teams - 1968 Cardinals, Dodgers (very good to excellent); 1969 Twins, Orioles, Reds, Braves (excellent); '74 A's; '75 Reds; '76 Indians, all excellent condition. Steve Belmont, 513 West Colgate Drive, Tempe, AZ 85283 (phone: 602-838-3212)

FOR SALE: Fanatics - make your season more realistic with Baseball Replay '86. Exact day-to-day 1986 schedules and actual starting pitchers; comprehensive list of roster changes (not just trades, but disabled players and minor-league callups); plus a unique lineup guide to assure realistic player use. Ideal for playing one team's season or a whole league. More than 100

100 hours of research at your fingertips for only \$6 for AL or NL, \$10 for all 26 teams. Also available: Baseball Replay '68, Baseball Replay '61 and Baseball Replay '85 - \$10 each (roster changes for '61 and '68 are trades only). Order now and have your replay ready when the new cards arrive. Check or money order to: Glenn Guzzo, 317-21 N. Broad St. #835, Philadelphia, PA 19107

FOR SALE: Baseball cards for 1968-1984 seasons. Complete sets, teams and individual cards available. Most in excellent condition. Obtain list of available cards or send your offer to: Cheryl Walker, 308 So. Market Street, New Athens, IL 62264. No phone calls, please. Everything must go.

FOR SALE (OR TRADE): Football teams, 1974 Vikings, Steelers, Raiders, Rams; 1975 season. Basketball teams, 1972-73, all teams except Cleveland. All in very good condition. Will trade for baseball season sets with extra players, 1971-83. Any offers? Dan Kahler, 2211 Elba Circle, Lincoln NE 68521

FOR SALE: Post-holidays football clearout - 1981 (\$3.50 each) Cowboys, Dolphins, 49ers, Oilers, Lions; 1980 (\$3.50) Bears, Bills, Browns, Cardinals, Chiefs, Colts, Chargers, Packers, Patriots, Vikings, Raiders; 1979 (\$4) Cowboys, Oilers, Rams, Redskins, Saints; 1978 (\$4) Cowboys, Oilers, Seahawks; 1977 (\$4) Bills, Cowboys; 1976 (\$4.50) Steelers; 1972 (\$5) all teams; 1970 (\$5) all teams; 1972 and 1970 also sold as set for \$75 each (act fast, before broken up). 1972+ very good condition. 1970 good. Some writing on some cards (mostly team name and 1970's). I pay postage. David Icenogle, 11144 Jerry Place, Cerritos, CA 90701

FOR SALE: Complete baseball: '69 (original); '70 (NL/original);
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'73 (NL); 35 teams from '67 to '78. Loose players also. Complete basketball: 1974-75, '76-77 and loose teams. Will sell or trade for '69 re-created/old Reviews. Send SASE for list of teams/players. Bob Baurkot, 4800 Henry St., Easton, PA 18042 (215-258-2655)

FOR SALE: 1966 AL; 1967 AL/NL; 1968 San Francisco, St. Louis, Cubs, Detroit, Boston, Baltimore; 1969 AL/NL (good); 1970 AL/NL w/extras (mint); 1974 AL/NL w/extras; 1975 AL/NL (never used); 1976 AL/NL (never used); 1979 AL/NL (mint). Back issues S-O-M Review: 1971-March (first issue), April through Dec.; 1972 Jan. through Aug., Oct-Dec.; 1973 Feb.; 1974 Jan. through June; 1975 March, April, June through Dec.; 1976 Jan., Feb. Send bids to: J. Marco, 155 Park View Avenue, Warwick, RI 02888. Include SASE.

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1985, '84, '83, '82, '81, '80, '79 seasons. American League only with extras. 1970, '69 seasons - originals. Both leagues with extras. Hockey - 1980-81 season complete with extras. All in good condition. Gordon Willett, 102 I Edward Taylor Road, Ocean City, MD 21842 (301-524-0965)

League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: South Shore, MA, S-O-M Baseball league is looking for backup and expansion managers. We are a face-to-face draft league that meets every Sunday in Brockton, MA. We have a lot of innovative rules. We are looking for backup managers for this season and expansion managers when the new cards come out in Feb., 1987. If interested, please call or write: Bob Hanflig, 31 Cynthia Dr., Brockton, MA 02402 (617-587-3517)

LEAGUE FORMING: Attention greater New York Strat-O-Matic fanatics. Forming a face-to-face league or already in one but finding it a

real drag deciding where you will meet? Well, kiss your troubles goodbye. Space available on week nights and weekends. Call: Charles SGIannone (between 5-8 p.m., 1-718-417-5009), or write me at 792-B Onderdonk Avenue, Ridgewood, NY 11385

LEAGUE FORMING: The World Baseball Association is looking for 14 reliable managers for a PBM draft league. We will use the 1977 season and use the advance side. This is a 16-team league, eight AL and eight NL teams. 162-game season. We will have a 35-player roster. \$10 entry fee. If interested, contact: Gregory Bucurestean, 7121 W. Vernor Apt. 304, Detroit, MI 48209

LEAGUE FORMING: Group of executives 28 and older looking for new members in a draft league, super advanced rules, west Los Angeles and San Fernando Valley area. Call: Tom Pichotta (818-999-3344 daytime).

LEAGUE FORMING: S-O-M face-to-face adult advanced baseball league looking for managers in San Diego area. Contact: Mike Dundovich (569-7711) or Ron Surrey (282-2818)

LEAGUE FORMING: Hockey fanatics: The National Strat-O-Matic Draft Basic Hockey League, in its first season, needs backup managers for this season. The NSOMDBHL is a league that stresses total organization and looks to build a tradition and reputation second to none. Backup coaches also have first crack at expansion teams for 1987-88 season. Are you tired of the world's fastest sport not having a great mail league? Act now. Only dedicated people committed to excellence need apply. Contact: Sp4 Al Stessman, 488-82-6378 USA RPC NBG (opd) APO NY 09696

LEAGUE FORMING: Small face-to-face advanced baseball league in Waterville, ME, looking for
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additional managers for next full season replay, beginning about March 1, with new cards. If interested, contact: Jesse Seegmiller (207-382-6737), RR #1, Box 530, Freedom, ME 04941, or visit The Hobby Shack, 135 Main St., Waterville.

LEAGUE FORMING: Looking for several managers and backups to join the CTCAL, a PBM advanced baseball league entering its third season under present ownership. Our goal in this league is to provide maximum enjoyment with minimum busy work. We use mostly AL cards, which we retain from year to year. Other features include an annual draft, bi-weekly standings report, in-season trading and an overall system that really works. We already have a solid nucleus of managers and we're looking for a few more. If interested, send name, address and SASE for an application. Larry Zeller, 76 Claire Drive, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

LEAGUE FORMING: The Trans-American Baseball League is looking for a few good men (or women). The TABL is a four-year-old, PBM, advanced, draft league which operates from March to September. We currently have 16 teams and will be using the 1986 (just issued) cards and playing 162 games. Approximately 15 newsletters and a yearbook are published each year. The annual league dues are \$15. We're also looking for backup managers. Interested parties please send for questionnaire. David Icenogle, 11144 Jerry Place, Cerritos, CA 90701

LEAGUE FORMING: The Mid-Atlantic Table Sports Association (MATSA) will be entering its eighth season beginning with our draft of new players in March. Now is the opportunity to become involved in our high-quality, ongoing PBM draft league. We are a 10-team

league using National League players and play an enjoyable 132-game schedule from April through August. For more information, contact: Ed Grant, 3000-B Woodchase Lane, Marietta, GA 30080

LEAGUE FORMING: Sophisticated, experienced managers sought for TRACBAL, a 14-team AL PBM draft league in its fourth year. League has moderately paced 162-game schedule, March through October; with deadlines strictly enforced. Players are serious, membership is stable, commissioner is dedicated. You can't find a better league. Write for application. Bruce Herman, 53 Russell Road, Wellesley, MA 02181

LEAGUE FORMING: The NABDA PBM Baseball League, which has been in existence for 11 years, is looking for five managers to manage teams for the 1987 season. All players are permanently owned. The annual draft for rookie players is scheduled for March of 1987. We are a 14-team league, featuring an all-star game, play-offs and World Series. Requirements are some PBM experience preferable, promptness and, above all, total honesty. We encourage active participation, such as trading, etc. The season runs from early April to September. We play advanced rules and stay within major league rules and regulations. If interested, please contact Tom Coleman by mail at 1921 W. Larchmont, Chicago, IL 60613, or by calling 312-549-7078.

LEAGUE FORMING: The Empire League, in its fourth year, is expanding from 9 to 12 teams. Need managers for existing and expansion teams. First come, first serve basis. 162-game season. PBM league. For more information, call: Pete (315-462-3289, between 8 a.m.-12 noon and 10 p.m.-12 p.m.

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LEAGUE FORMING: Established face-to-face baseball league in Miami-Fort Lauderdale area seeks additional managers. If interested, immediately call Ed (226-3832), Steve (751-1542) or Willie (596-9404)

LEAGUE FORMING: The Greater United States S-O-M League (GUSSOMO), an established PBM baseball league of 16 years, is currently looking for mature, responsible new managers. We are an on-going draft league, utilizing S-O-M advanced rules. If you have been considering joining a challenging PBM league, making new friends and having fun, then strongly consider GUSSOMO. Our 1987 draft will be held soon, so send a background letter with your name, age, address and phone number to: Jeff Fleischman, 5929 Southbrook Court, San Jose, CA 95138, or call 408-226-8074 evenings.

LEAGUE FORMING: A*C*T*U*A*L* (III) is preparing to get off the ground with the issuance of the 1987 Strat-O-Matic Baseball cards. We are looking for a few good players. Name of the league tells (almost) all of the story. We will be using the MLBB teams as issued by S-O-M. Many innovative ideas have been incorporated into our rules. Only requirements now are that you be at least 18 years of age and have an interest in S-O-M/PBM. Cubs, Dodgers, Giants, Braves, A's, Padres, Orioles, Brewers, White Sox, Royals, Rangers, Twins, Mariners franchises are still available. List available teams in order you would like to 'own' them and include name/address/telephone/years experience/age in the reply. You will begin receiving A*C*T*U*A*L* Happenings, our informative, regular newsletter, immediately. League office supplies most forms needed. MLBB supplies the playing schedule. All super-advanced rules are used, with

usual PBM adjustments. Ladies very welcome. Larry Kidd, 81 Birch Road, Staten Island, NY 10303. Do it now!

LEAGUE FORMING: Sportsman's Baseball Association entering third season. PBM. Advanced rules. Emphasis on sportsmanship, communication and promptness. For 1987 membership application and details, write: Burke Ittenbach, 104 Macon Dr., Mobile Estates, Cary, NC 27511

LEAGUE FORMING: The TWO face-to-face baseball league will hold its inaugural draft on Feb. 28. We still need 10 managers. We will be using the 1986 cards. We are in Grand Rapids, MI. Please inquire to: Todd Dalso, 830 Ballard SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49507, or call 247-8517.

Baseball Questions

QUESTION: Vince Coleman is on second base and the defensive manager doesn't hold him. Does he get the lead automatic, or does he have to roll for it?

ANSWER: Coleman, or anyone else, would have to roll for it. And the runner MUST get a good lead to be able to attempt a steal of third, or home.

QUESTION: If the same runner tries to steal home and is not being held, is the rating 1-7 or 1-16? And does he have to roll for a good lead?

ANSWER: The runner has to get a good lead to attempt a steal of home. On a steal of home, though, -9 is deducted from the runner's second number and, if he's held, also -4. The catcher's arm does not figure in on a steal of home. On an attempted steal of third, if the runner is held, you deduct 4 from the second number and include the catcher's throwing arm.

S-O-M league, replay scene

BASEBALL REPLAY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (BRAA) - The 1956 National League season was the first for this actual team, eight-manager play-by-mail league that has Steve Kramer, a Lutheran minister and pastor of two churches in rural Nebraska, as commissioner...BRAA was designed to accommodate managers who are in other leagues and want a slow-paced schedule (2-3 weeks between series)...Replay was begun in 1984...Managerial lineup includes: Chad O'Kelly (Brooklyn), eight-year S-O-M vet, student and part-time employee of Thomas & Betts Corp.; Wayne Alexander (Chicago), high school coach; Steve Edell (Cincinnati), computer technician who resides in Jerusalem, Israel, and has 10 years S-O-M experience; Samuel Rabi (Milwaukee), 12-year S-O-M vet who lives in Brooklyn...William Mace (New York), 23-year S-O-M vet who's currently conducting solitaire replay of '62 National League season; Chuck Perritt (Philadelphia), personnel systems manager for the navy, married with two children and has played S-O-M since 1967; Scott Kiburis (Pittsburgh), student and has replayed 1956 Yankee season solitaire; and Kramer (St. Louis), played S-O-M since 1972 and is a member of two PBM leagues...Rabi was manager of year after guiding Braves to first place ahead of Dodgers. In the World Series, Milwaukee stunned the Yankees by capturing the first three games (3-2, 5-2 and 4-1). But New York roared back and won the next three (7-4, 2-1, 8-7). In the finale, with Lou Burdette pitching against Whitey Ford, the score was tied 1-1 after nine innings. In the bottom of the 11th, with Tommy Byrne hurling for the Yankees, Joe Adcock cracked his fourth home run of the Series to win it 2-1. Adcock (.481, 4 HRs, 6 RBI) was the Series MVP...Milwaukee had both excellent pitching (3.21) and hitting (213 homers, .263) as Warren Spahn (24-9, 2.88) and Burdette (23-7, 2.73) were super and MVP Henry Aaron (.380, 37 HRs, 121 RBI), Eddie Matthews (.296, 48 HRs, 124 RBI) and Adcock (.285, 36, 113) were in the same category...Brooklyn, led by Duke Snider's 53 homers and 150 RBI, clubbed 212 roundtrippers...For those who like to check out the superstars, Willie Mays of the Giants had 38 homers, 96 RBI, swiped 49 bases but batted a sub-par .273, while Stan (The Man) Musial had .314, 29 and 122 numbers for St. Louis.

Standings and leaders:

	Won-Lost	GB	**	Avg.	ERA	Batting	
Milwaukee	99 55	-	+7	.263	3.21	Aaron MIL	.380
Brooklyn	96 58	3	+3	.271	3.55	Virdon PIT	.353
Cincinnati	80 74	19	-11	.271	4.00	Bailey CIN	.341
New York	73 81	26	-6	.251	3.73	Banks CHI	.319
Philadelphia	72 82	27	+1	.263	4.44	Snider BRK	.316
Chicago	70 84	29	+10	.255	4.73		
St. Louis	68 86	31	-8	.272	4.48	Home Runs	
Pittsburgh	60 94	39	-6	.256	3.85	Snider BRK	53
** Games won, plus or minus, compared to real life.						Kluzewski CIN	49
						Matthews MIL	48
						Bailey CIN	46
						Lopata PHI	41
RBI		ERA (154 IP)				Wings	
Snider BRK	150	Face PIT	2.58			Spahn MIL	24-9
Lopata PHI	125	Burdette MIL	2.73			Newcombe BRK	24-14
Matthews MIL	124	Spahn MIL	2.88			Burdette MIL	23-7
Kluzewski CIN	122	Maglie BRK	3.00			Antonelli NY	21-16
Musial SL	122	Ersikine BRK	3.09			Buhl MIL	20-11
H: Virdon PIT	238	SB: Gilliam BRK	50			SA: Freeman CIN	20
2B: Aaron MIL	49	GWH: Aaron MIL	22			Grissom NY	20
3B: Fondy CHI	22	CG: Roberts PHI	30			K: Haddix PHI	236
R: Ashburn PHI	126	SH: Burdette MIL	7			HRA: Roberts PHI	56

PIONEER HOT STOVE LEAGUE (PHSL) - Formed in 1976 by Willis Ringen, who's been commissioner ever since - yet has never had a team in the PHSL...League was formed to provide S-O-M activity during the baseball off-season; running from Sept. to March 1...Consists of 12 teams, six in both AL and NL. A free agent draft is held in mid-summer. Schedule consists of 162 games, with each team playing teams in their own division 18 times, the other division 12...Advanced game is used, with some super-advanced rules...Terry Ringen, 26, Byron, NB, the commissioner's oldest son, and Gary Wnek, Cromwell, CT, are the only remaining charter members of the PHSL...The managerial lineup: Terry Ringen, farmer (Royals); Wnek, 33, pharmacist (White Sox); Adrian Schwan, 25, Hamilton, Ont., studying for PH.D. (Tigers); Doug Crandall, 25, Deerfield, KS, teacher (Red Sox); Will Jennings, 25, Copperas Cove, TX, free lance writer (A's); Rookie Messick, 33, Ft. Lewis, WA, military (Blue Jays); Deron Ringen, 19, Byron, NB, farmer/student (Giants); Paul Patrick, 33, Manhattan, KS, teacher (Dodgers); Roger McAlroy, 26, Holdenville, OK, grocer (Cardinals); Sean Gunning, 37, Whitehall, PA, dog shower (Expos); Steve Dughi, 33, Cedar Rapids, IA, fast-food manager (Phillies); J.P. Wright, 19, Topeka, KS, college student (Mets); and Willis Ringen, 56, Topeka, KS, instructor for the blind...The senior Ringen has tossed his hat into the ring, so to speak, when a backup manager was needed...The 1985-86 PHSL kingpin was Doug Crandall's Red Sox, who finished second in the AL but defeated Terry Ringen's Royals in the playoffs and then Patrick's Dodgers - who also were second - in the World Series, 4-1 (7-1, 3-2, 4-3 in 10 innings, 1-15, 2-1 in 12 innings). All post-season games were played face-to-face...Awards: Manager of Year - Paul Patrick MVP - Kent Hrbek (.307, 36 HRs, 126 RBI, 37 doubles, 21 game-winning RBI) of Royals. Cy Young - Dave Stieb (2.61, 24 wins, 18 complete games, 238 Ks) of Royals. Rolands Reliever - Dan Quisenberry of Royals. PHSL records included Rickey Henderson of the Red Sox scoring 147 runs and Juan Samuel of the Mets hitting 24 triples and batting 703 times...The Royals had three 20-game winners in Stieb (24), Bud Black (21) and Mike Witt (21), while the PHSL had a total of nine pitchers who won 20 or more games.

Standings and leaders:

National	Won-Lost	GB	Home	Away	Batting	
Giants	103 59	-	55-26	48-33	Gwynn GIA	.373
Dodgers	93 69	10	45-36	48-33	Mattingly BJ	.337
Phillies	82 80	21	43-38	39-42	Sandberg GIA	.333
Cardinals	71 91	32	39-42	32-49	Trammell TIG	.329
Expos	65 97	38	31-50	34-47	J.Cruz MET/CAR	.328
Mets	54 108	49	27-54	27-54	Boggs RS	.321
American					Home Runs	
Royals	116 46	-	61-20	55-26	D.Murphy GIA	38
Red Sox	103 59	13	60-21	43-38	Strawberry EXP	38
Tigers	84 78	32	47-34	37-44	Ripken RS	37
White Sox	68 94	48	39-42	29-52	Armas A's	36
Blue Jays	68 94	48	37-44	31-50	Hrbek ROY	36
A's	64 98	52	32-49	32-49	Kittle WS	36
RBI		ERA			Wins	
Ripken RS	148	Hershiser GIA	2.49	Stieb ROY	24	
D.Murphy GIA	143	Eckersley EXP	2.55	Boddicker RS	23	
Hrbek ROY	126	Stieb ROY	2.61	Valenzuela DOD	21	
Winfield RS	119	A.Pena DOD	2.82	Black ROY	21	
Cey MET	118	Denny DOD	2.89	Witt ROY	21	
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Editor's note: The January issue of the Review contained most of the ratings you are asking about - straight from the game company. Jody Davis of the Cubs is a "1" with a -3 throwing arm and Gary Carter did drop to a "0" throwing. Whether McDowell deserves a "1" or not, he's getting a "2" from S-O-M. And Dunston will be a "3" at shortstop.

Correction

The question asked in the December, 1986 issue, referring to the batter hitting a SINGLE with runners on first and second, was incorrectly answered by the Review's editors. If the runner attempts to score and does so, the other runners do not advance, two bases (from first to third and the batter to second), according to S-O-M. Game rules call for the runner on first and the batter to end up on second and first, respectively. Many leagues play it the "wrong" way, however.