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Past seasons, reprint polls continue

Welcome to the 1980's! And ushering in the new year--unless the mails are unseasonably speedy, January should be only a few days away--is, as always, the anxiety generated from the thought that new card time isn't far off. The end of January is again the target date for Strat-O-Matic to begin sending out the baseball cards.

But while you're waiting for the new cards to arrive, why don't you take a few moments and cast your 'vote' as to whether or not you want S-O-M to print past seasons in baseball and reprint teams of the past? The November and December issues of the Review announced S-O-M's plans for both--pending favorable votes from the gaming public.

The past seasons poll, you will recall, asked you to vote yes or no regarding you wanted such seasons printed. If the answer was yes, then you were asked to select, in order of preference, three decades (1950's, '20's, etc.) and then the season most desired from each decade. Seasons eligible for printing would include anything prior to 1962.

As of early December, just as the Review was about to go to the printer, 173 votes had been cast for past seasons--162 yes and 11 no. But the

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game company feels a response should be forthcoming from at least 500 subscribers, otherwise the past seasons project may have to be abandoned. So, if you haven't already done so, be sure to let your voice be heard. No response will be likened to a no vote.

Oh, and in case you're curious, the 1950's was by far the most popular decade, with the favorite seasons, according to the early returns, being 1930, 1961, 1927, 1959, 1956 and 1950.

The other part of the poll, introduced last month, was S-O-M's revealing that it would reprint individual teams of the past. Again there has to be enough interest by gamers to warrant such printing. And, in order to somewhat protect investments of collectors, the reprints will be of teams only, not seasons, and the cards will come on perforated sheets and thus on slightly inferior card stock compared to the originals.

But the reprinted teams will come with advanced sides where applicable. They will, as the name implies, be "reprints." Nothing will be added to the cards from what was on them originally.

But before S-O-M acts on this [target date is 1981 regarding reprints] it again wants a favorable response from the gaming public. A large vote will likely convince S-O-M there is a market for reprints, while a light vote will undoubtedly cause the game company to shelve such plans.

Remember also, the reprints are of teams previously printed by S-O-M. Teams prior to 1962 cannot be classified as reprints, since, except for Old Timer teams, they've never been printed by S-O-M before. Early responses indicate the 1969 New York Mets, 1968 Detroit Tigers, 1964 Philadelphia Phillies and 1963 Los Angeles Dodgers are the teams most in demand to be reprinted.

And now step into the 'voting booth.'

PAST SEASONS POLL

____ Yes, I would like to see S-O-M print past seasons in baseball.

____ No, I do not want to see S-O-M print past seasons in baseball.

If answer above is yes, the decades ['50's, '40's, etc.] I prefer are:

(1) _____; (2) _____; (3) _____

The season I would like to see printed from each decade is:

(1) _____; (2) _____; (3) _____

TEAM REPRINTS

Here is my list of past S-O-M Baseball teams I would like to see the game company reprint:

(1) _____	(11) _____
(2) _____	(12) _____
(3) _____	(13) _____
(4) _____	(14) _____
(5) _____	(15) _____
(6) _____	(16) _____
(7) _____	(17) _____
(8) _____	(18) _____
(9) _____	(19) _____
(10) _____	(20) _____

____ No, I am not interested in S-O-M reprinting baseball teams.

Comments:

Readers react to S-O-M's baseball polls

This is what I and many other S-O-M players have been looking forward to for a long time. S-O-M is far and away No. 1, but the company has lagged behind in this one area.

I have an idea that I feel should be considered concerning a new approach to the printing of past seasons. S-O-M should print only one league for certain years, plus the pennant winner from the other league. 1959, 1948 and 1930 are all good examples of close races in one league and a fairly mediocre race in the other. By printing only nine teams, S-O-M could reduce costs almost 50 percent.

George Bromley

I think S-O-M should print more football teams. Baseball already has more printed, so let football catch up.

Doug Peterson
Kennewick, WA

It is my desire that S-O-M reproduce all the teams from 1962 on up and with all the present advanced game features on full-size cards.

I think this is a positive step in S-O-M gaming. But I believe that the choosing of the season is of maximum importance because the choosing of a weak season will result in less sales (including my own).

Kevin Jacques
Kent, OH

The war years were especially interesting because of the kids, old men and 4Fer's who played while the stars were in the service.

Robert Grant
(age 52)
Quaker Hill, CT

I would also like to see S-O-M print additional players from these old timer teams, so each team could have more depth and versatility. Also, please don't print them in blue ink, which freaks me out.

James Handford
Gimli, Manitoba

I am 38 years old and can identify with the '50's. I really do not care for earlier sets. But if the game company printed the years 1950-59, I would buy every season. I think the '50's were one of the greatest era's in sports.

As for full seasons, 1961 would be my first choice because of Roger Maris' great year.

Joe Burdett
Midland, TX

I have played both S-O-M and baseball since 1963 and to my knowledge S-O-M is superior in every phase, but for the fact it does not print full seasons from the past. I also do not particularly care for all-star leagues and find that players only perform realistically when used against a full league of players from the same year.

Gaylen Faughender
Geddes, SD

No, I do not want to see S-O-M print past seasons in baseball. I would rather see the company devote its time to improving the games already on the market.

Mark Pembroke

I started collecting in 1963, but while moving in 1972 I lost 10 full seasons in an accident. I really miss the old cards and hope S-O-M resumes making them.

I am going broke trying to buy past S-O-M teams and sets.

Don Baylor choice on three ballots, but...

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John Dormer wins MVP Contest

Who would have guessed Don Baylor in the American League and co-winners, Keith Hernandez and Willie Stargell, in the National League--when the Most Valuable Players were announced in baseball?

Certainly most readers who entered the Review's annual MVP Contest didn't predict the troika to capture post-season honors. No one--not even two-time MVP champ Terry Ringer--chose either Stargell or Hernandez in the N.L., and only three people picked Baylor in the A.L.

Selecting Baylor were John Dormer, Philadelphia, PA; Ken Bennett, Sierra Vista, AZ, and John Joyce, Clinton, MA. But since no one won the contest outright--named both winners--the Review had to go to tiebreaker rules to determine a winner. Next check was to see who picked the most pennant winners correctly. And then, finally, percentages had to be checked to come up with a winner.

Both Dormer and Bennett selected the California Angels to win the A.L. West. Dormer also picked the New York Yankees [A.L. East], Los Angeles [N.L. West] and Philadelphia [N.L. East], while Bennett went with Boston, Houston and Philly. Since each had only one winner, then the percentages were checked--with Dormer finally being proclaimed MVP champ for 1979!

Dormer said the Angels would have a .540 percentage, Bennett figured they would do even better and gave them a .611. The Angels finished with an 88-74 record--or .543 percentage, meaning Dormer was only three points from being on-target.

So, John Dormer, a member of a face-to-face, actual teams baseball league in the Philly area, will be the recipient of a new set of baseball cards [plus extras] later this month, courtesy of the Strat-O-Matic Review.

Congratulations again to John! And accolades also to Bennett and Joyce who came so close. Joyce did not forecast any of the four division winners correctly.

In case you were wondering about Ringer, he picked Dave Parker and Jim Rice. Parker was the runaway choice last spring in the N.L., being chosen by 68 voters, while Rice garnered 57 votes. As far as the division winners, the Yankees (103), California (116), Philadelphia (154) and Los Angeles (94) were the choices.

Oh, well, wait until next year...

Basketball cards need correction

Strat-O-Matic passes along word that there should be one correction on the new basketball cards. An "X" was omitted on the card of Cedric Maxwell of the Boston Celtics. On his basic card, under man-to-man defense, add an "X" on No. 6.

What's available at S-O-M?

The following teams are still available from the Strat-O-Matic Game Co., Inc., 46 Railroad Plaza, Glen Head, NY 11545. The year listed is the year upon which the cards were based. Please include 75¢ handling charge when ordering.

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Gamer recalls *THE DAY* the cards came!

New card countdown under way

BY LARRY FRYER
Hamburg, PA

With January just around the corner, Strat-O-Matic fans eagerly anticipate the arrival of the new baseball cards. This event, like no other, is provocative of wild ecstatic enthusiasm. Such is the case with Jim Beltz (Shoemakersville, PA) and Larry Fryer.

The past couple of years have seen a friendly rivalry develop between Jim and I over who would get the coveted cards first. It seemed the honor always went to Jim as Somehow, somehow, UPS managed to visit his house days, and even weeks, before mine: this despite our sending in orders on the same day.

Every year Jim would come to my house all beside himself over the arrival of the cards, and the team that he would lead through the summer in a play-by-mail league we're in. We'd "feast" on the cards, exchange proclamations ("Look at this card, it's awesome!") and play a few pre-season games. Watching us, it's like little kids hovering over a brand new toy.

Well, last year Jim and I decided that we couldn't wait for UPS to deliver the cards; we were going to drive up to the Strato Game Company to make our investments in person. A phone call to S-O-M confirmed the first day of issue was to be Jan. 25, 1979, a Thursday...

On that day we decided to knock off school and make a "mecca" run to New York. With images of Pete Rose, J.R. Richard and Larry Hise dancing in our heads, it seemed nothing could stop us from that journey. But I, being the "safe person" I am, thought it best that we send in an order for two sets, just in case. Either way, we'd get our sets the same day; we'd no longer be rivals, rather members of the same team.

Thursday, Jan. 25, 1979 - We wake up to a snow-covered ground. Snow...no! Can we risk a 200-mile trip to Strat in the foulest of weather? Our better judgement says NO, but Strat-O-Matic fever says YES! But better judgment wins...we spend the afternoon playing S-O-M Football, my Colts whipping Jim's Packers, 33-14, in an Old-Timers game as the Pack made seven turnovers. Vince Lombardi must have rolled over in his grave during that one.

Alas, to bed that night with the realization that new card time is at least another week away. Woe is me. Woe is us.

Friday, Jan. 26, 1979 - Larry Fryer sleeps a fitful sleep after working all night. Suddenly, at 11:15 a.m., I am awakened by the doorbell. Could it be??? My heart is pounding as I race down the steps.

But how could the cards be here already--they were just released yesterday. Not even my optimism allows me to seriously think that UPS is behind the ringing of the doorbell. I open the door and am greeted by a man--who on this day I'd cast a vote for President. It's the man from UPS, handing over a package from Strat! The heart races, the adrenalin flows and I go wild with enthusiasm, proclaiming to the delivery man, "I love ya man, I love ya!" He laughs and points to where I'm to sign.

That evening I go to Jim's house (he doesn't know about the cards, of course) and we sit at the kitchen table discussing idle thoughts. Suddenly, with a triumphant sweep of my hand, I lay upon the table an Ozzie Smith (Jim's favorite) card, 1978 vintage. Jim Beltz goes bananas! Happy days are here again!

Editor's note: At last report, Strat-O-Matic was on schedule regarding research and preparation of the 1980 edition (based on 1979) of the baseball cards. It's anticipated that the cards will be ready for shipping the end of January. No snags in production so far...and that's all good news. You will be notified by mail by S-O-M when the new cards are available and hopefully the Review can give you a precise date next month.

Questions and Answers

Editor's note: Questions regarding individual and team ratings will not be answered in most cases, unless a mistake has been made. The game company cannot, for reasons of security, divulge its card-making formula, which would be necessary in some instances in order to answer such questions completely. If your question regarding ratings does not appear in the Review within four months after being submitted, you may assume the rating is correct.

QUESTION: Why does Hank Aaron's lifetime card have only 733 home runs compiled into it? I bought it recently and thought it would be up-to-date.

ANSWER: According to S-O-M, at the next printing Aaron's card will be updated.

QUESTION: Why didn't Wilson Washington receive a card with the New Jersey Nets? He played more games, minutes and had a higher scoring average than Phil Jackson and Harvey Catchings, both of whom played the same position.

ANSWER: Washington was hurt part of the season. Catchings was the back-up center and Jackson played a significant role on the team, reports S-O-M.

QUESTION: On the 1977-78 edition ('76-77 season) roster sheet there is the following statement: Due to a change in the flat pass cards, revise the pass prevent defense adjustment rule to assume all white die readings to be applicable. What does this mean? What cases does it refer to?

ANSWER: S-O-M says: "Since receiver is now on the flat pass defense cards, if the linebacker has vacated his zone you refer to the guessed right column on pass receiver's card if receiver comes up. Since receiver was not on the defense cards [flat pass] before, receiver only appeared on the quarterback's card.

QUESTION: Are the error ratings for John Milner and Manny Sanguillen correct for 1979 (based on 1978 real-life season)? According to stats I've found, Milner made three errors in 26 games at first base and zero errors in 65 games in left field. He's rated the worst possible at both positions. Sanguillen played 38 games at first without an error and is rated a "25."

ANSWER: Sanguillen's rating is correct, says S-O-M. And Milner's rating at first base is correct, but he should be an "e-4" in the outfield. So, one change is needed.

QUESTION: On the basic fielding chart in baseball when you are asked to refer to the number 3 on the bottom of the chart it says, "Runner on first is out going to second (providing there is one completion of double play. Other runners advance one base." My question is: Does this mean the double play is void if there has been no previous double play? If so, what happens to the runners?

ANSWER: Whether there had been a double play preceding the groundball-3 doesn't matter; with a runner on first it's still a double play. As far as runners, other than on first, they would advance one base.

Advertisements

Rates per issue will be as follows: First 30 words--\$0.60; 31-60 words--\$1.00; 61-100 words--\$1.50; 101-150 words--\$2.00; 151-200 words--\$3.25. When sending in ads, specify either WANTED, FOR SALE, LEAGUE FORMING, or CONTEST FORMING. And name card sets by the year upon which they were based. Note also that only advertisements regarding Strat-O-Matic products, related merchandise [baseball guides, etc.] and leagues will be accepted. Merchandise competing with S-O-M products [i.e. scoresheets] also may not be offered for sale. Also, no photo-copied cards should ever be offered for sale. Ads, to be included in the next issue of the Review, must be in by the third of the month. Late ads will be held over for inclusion the following month.

Wanted

WANTED: Following baseball teams: 1964 Phillies, Cardinals, Orioles, Yankees; 1963 Dodgers, Yankees; 1962 Dodgers. I am willing to pay \$10 to \$15 each for teams in good condition. Call 904-737-6377, or write: Mike Merwine, 5800 Barnes Rd. S.#12, Jacksonville, FL 32216

WANTED: Complete sets of baseball 1971 and 1972, with extras in good or better condition. Complete sets of football, 1967, 1968, 1969 and 1970 [1970 season need not include 49ers] in good or better condition. Please state price and condition of cards. All replies answered with SASEs given priority. Write to: Gerry Smedinghoff, 317 N. Maple St., Mount Prospect, IL 60056

WANTED: 1971-72-73-74 and '75 baseball teams with extra players; fair to excellent condition only. Will pay \$125 [total]. Write: Tony Combine, 1471 Nicholson St., Erie, PA 16509

WANTED: New or used S-O-M Baseball cards. Complete set of 1976 teams, American and National League. Also 1977 Seattle and Cleveland teams. Contact: Rick Frasure, 1636 Millicent St., Millbury, OH 43447 [phone: 419-836-7324]

WANTED: Face-to-face baseball league and/or football. In Rockaway, NJ area. I have two years experience in both games and play the advanced version. Please call or write: Al Greuter, 99 Upper Mountain Ave.,

Rockaway, NJ 07866 [phone: 201-625-9261]

WANTED: 1975 Red Sox, 1974 Dodgers, 1974 A's. Send prices to: Barry Cowan, 6220 Aura Avenue, Reseda, CA 91335

WANTED: Football teams: Miami Dolphins from 1972, 1973 and 1974; Cincinnati Bengals from 1974; Oakland Raiders from 1973, 1974 and 1975. Teams wanted in fair to good condition with standard 11-card deck. Am willing to purchase. Send to: Mark Soward, Star Route, Cost, TX 78614

WANTED: Football - 1968 Jets; 1969 Chiefs; 1970 Colts, 49ers; 1971 Dallas, 49ers; 1972 Miami, 49ers; 1976 Oakland; 1977 Dallas. Send offers to: Arnold Kalnitsky, 7792 Kildare Rd., Montreal, Quebec, HYW 1CS

WANTED: Baseball - 1975 J.R. Richard card; 1974 Atlanta Braves team with extras. Also complete baseball sets with extras, 1973 and before, especially the 1970 set. Any complete football set 1975 and before. Want cards in good to excellent condition. Will pay for shipment. Send prices and address to: Dave Dombrowski, 23300 Edinburg, Southfield, MI 48034

WANTED: The 1962, '66, '73, '74 and '78 Minnesota Twins, plus the additional players if possible. I also need the additional players from the 1975, '72 and '70 and earlier Twins' teams. Will pay any price, providing cards are in

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good condition. Write to: James Handford, Gimli P.O., Gimli, Manitoba, Canada

WANTED: Topps baseball cards (1950's and '60's) and plastic (Hartland) statues. Have for trade following S-O-M teams and sets: Baseball - 1963 [complete-poor], 1966 [complete-very good], 1967 [complete-very good], 1969 complete [very good], 1970, 1971 [most], 1972 [complete-very good], 1973 [most], 1974 to present. All sets have extras. Football - 1972 [complete-very good], 1973, 1974 [most], 1975 to present [complete-excellent condition]. Write for more details [SASE appreciated]. Let me know what you have, condition, and what you're asking. Will also make up some difference in cash. Wayne Benton, Loomis Road, Liberty, NY 12754

WANTED: Complete years [American and National leagues] of S-O-M Baseball cards for the following years: 1962-1973 [12 consecutive years]. I wish to purchase every team for every year and extra player sets where applicable. I do not wish to pay outrageous prices. I am a fair person and expect to pay an honest price. I also expect to make a purchase and not lose it to a higher bidder once a deal is made. I'm also looking to buy the following individual cards: 1963 and 1964 Dick Radatz, 1963 Sandy Koufax, 1964 Brooks Robinson, 1966 Frank Robinson and 1972 Steve Carlton. Will accept fair to best condition for any sets. Send to: Gary T. Kelleyhouse, 52 Old Fort Road, Newport, RI 02840 [phone: 401-849-7211 after 5 p.m. or weekends]

WANTED: Any or all of 1960-1976 Cubs and Braves at reasonable price [extra players are preferred]. Specify price, condition and number of players per team. John Rock, 922 S. College, Springfield, IL 62704

WANTED: 1970 and 1976 Milwaukee Brewers. Good or better condition. Extras not necessary. Send replies to: Greg McMillen, 8427 14th Ave., Kenosha, WI 53140

WANTED: Football - 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1976. I'm especially interested in the pre-1970 seasons and am willing to pay well or possibly trade some of my 1970-1978 football teams. I'm also interested in 1976 baseball teams. Send price and condition to: Kurt Conlan, 901 S.W. 74 Ter., Plantation, FL 33317 [phone: 305-791-1569]

WANTED: Adult [over 21] opponent in Northern Virginia to play face-to-face S-O-M Hockey. No diehards; just for fun once every week or two. Call 356-0877 after 5 p.m., or write: John R. Hooper, 7420 Colshire Drive, Apt. 4, McLean, VA 22102

WANTED: Paying up to \$7 for 1964 American League teams, depending on condition. Send price and condition to: Marc Jacobson, 11950 Ferndale St., Philadelphia, PA 19116

WANTED: Football teams in excellent or mint condition. Will pay for complete sets only: 1967 [\$30], 1968 [\$30], 1970 [\$25] and 1972 [\$25]. I will pay no more than the above prices. Send to: 1LT. Rolf Mowatt-Larssen, 3733 Acosta Rd., Fairfax, VA 22031. I will also trade old 1968-1975 baseball for football if desired. Send bids and I guarantee reply! I have complete sets from many old years.

For Sale

FOR SALE: Football cards, 1967-1974; condition good to excellent. I will sell to the first bidder who meets my price, or to the high bidder by the end of the month. Send bids to: Mike Bordelon, 5445 Braesvalley, #724, Houston, TX 77096 [phone: 713-721-5465]

FOR SALE: How to play by mail! Comprehensive six-page report ready now! Send \$2.00 to: Bob Warsinski, 17474 Revere St., Southfield, MI 48076

FOR SALE: 1971 Dolphins, Jets, 49ers, Colts. \$10 for set of four. Cards are in excellent condition. Send bids to: Richard Halpern, 26 Cambridge Rd., Great Neck, NY 11023. Priority given to SASE.

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FOR SALE: Tired of rolling cumbersome and time consuming dice? With a touch of a button, you can replace your dice with totally random, electronic dice. Offer includes circuit schematic, parts list and instructions. Send \$3.25 to: Jim Zuptich, P.O. Box 624, Elyria, OH 44038

FOR SALE: Football teams for sale to first reasonable offer. All teams complete and in good-mint condition. Teams available include all 1968, 1967 (AFC), 1969 (a few) and 1973 (a few). I also have a variety of teams from 1974-78 for sale at 50¢ each. For complete list send SASE. Also list alternates whenever possible. Send bids or questions to: Gary Traxler, 1444 Laurel Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1967 Angels, Tigers, Indians, White Sox, Pirates; 1968 Senators, Red Sox, Giants; 1970 Pirates (with extra players). \$3.00 per team. Basketball - 1977-1978, all teams; 1978-1979 SuperSonics, Lakers, Pistons, Spurs, Nets, Bullets, Bucks, Kings, Jazz, Nuggets, Pacers, Clippers, 30¢ per team. All teams complete and in excellent condition. Write to: T.R. Lesanto, 62 James St., W. Newton, MA 02465. Please send SASE.

FOR SALE: Over ten valuable baseball playing tips to spice up your game. These tips will make you manage your team more. Price: \$1.25. Tony Combine, 1471 Nicholson St., Erie, PA 16509

FOR SALE: 1968 complete football set, in mint condition, never used. Asking price \$60; will go to highest bidder. If interested, call or write: Dan Gentile, 5023 S. Tripp, Chicago, IL 60632 (phone: 312-735-8764). I will not pay for postage.

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1972 Cincinnati, Houston, Boston, St. Louis, \$2.50 each. 1972 Chicago White Sox (19 cards), \$2.00; 1977 Toronto, \$1.50. Football - 1977 Miami, St. Louis, Chicago, Oakland, San Francisco, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Minnesota,

\$1.25 each; 1974 N.Y. Giants, \$1.50; 1971 Minnesota, minus defensive cards, \$1.50; 1975 Detroit, San Diego, Chicago, \$1.50 each. Will sell or will trade for football or baseball teams before 1971, or any for basketball teams. Will answer all replies. WANTED: 1967 Green Bay Packers. Larry Gavlak, RD#1, Box 410, Houtzdale, PA 16851

FOR SALE: Percentile dice precision crafted in high impact plastic. Ideal for generating random numbers when playing S-O-M games. A single number like 1-2-3 etc. is engraved on each surface. Roll two dice of contrasting colors for numbers up to 100. Roll 3 dice like red, white, Blue for numbers up to 1,000. Choose red, orange, yellow, green, blue, violet, black, brown or white and please list extra color choices so we can substitute if necessary. Send 75¢ per die without inked digits. Send \$1 per engraved die with inked, easier to read digits. Include \$1 per order to cover postage. Our catalogue included with each dice order, if requested. Eight, 12 and 4-sided dice cost the same as 20's and are also available. Lou Zocchi, 7604 Newton Dr., Box STRA, Biloxi, MS 39532

FOR SALE: New S-O-M Football game (game box and parts), \$5.00, or best offer. 1970 Football cards (all teams except Colts, Cowboys, Giants), \$35.00, or best offer. 1968 Packers, 49ers, \$4 each or best offer. 1968 Vikings, Chargers, Saints, Redskins, \$3.50 each or best offer. All six 1968 teams for \$22 or best offer. 1967 Detroit Lions, fair condition, \$3.50 or best offer. 1977 Chicago Bears, New Orleans Saints, \$2 each or best offer. Complete package - \$65 or best offer. All teams in good condition, unless otherwise noted. 1977 teams are in mint condition. All letters answered. Write to: Barry Baumbach, P.O. Box 573, Fennville, MI 49408. Please send SASE.

FOR SALE: 1967 baseball, very good to excellent condition; Yankees, Reds, A's, Tigers, Cubs, Cardinals, Twins, Bosox, Angels (19, missing Cardenal), Pirates (19, missing Fryman), Dodgers (19, missing Hunt),

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Chisox [14 different]. Bid on individual teams by Jan. 8. S-O-M Review - First 12 issues - March, 1971-Feb., 1972; make an offer. Mark Westendorf, 764 Trade Square West, Troy, OH 45373

FOR SALE: Football - 1967 [the original 16 NFL teams]; 1969-1973 [complete sets]. Basketball - 1974-1975 and 1975-1976 and all game parts. All cards range from good to mint. Send bids up through Feb. 29, 1980. SASE will guarantee response as to your standing in the bidding. Write: Richard Zaborsky, 320 W. Judson Ave., Youngstown, OH 44511.

FOR SALE: Announcing the final sale of the popular S-O-M Football and Baseball "Kits." My wife and I are about to undertake an extensive trip that will make handling "Kit" orders an impossibility. For this reason these "Kits" are now available for the last time. As you probably know from our numerous past advertisements, the Football "Kit" is a 21-page collection of 40 rules and variations to S-O-M Pro Football, while the Baseball "Kit" combines miscellaneous rules and variations with a system for solitaire and a league outline. Both are used across the country and both have received the recommendation of Rick [Wolfman] Shapiro. Altogether, over 300 "Kits" have been sold. If you wish to take advantage of this final opportunity, send \$3.00 plus 50¢ postage for each "Kit," or buy both at once and send only \$6.00. I'll pay the postage. Please order by Jan. 15. Order from: Jamie Potter, Rd-1 Box 89-Q, Overhill Farm, Oneonta, NY 13820. As always, money refunded if you're not satisfied. My thanks to the 300+ buyers, S-O-M creator Harold Richman, Rick Shapiro and the staff of the Strat-O-Matic Review.

FOR SALE: 1978 baseball cards, all teams available except Phillies; 60¢ each or all 25 teams for \$14.00. 1977 football, all teams available; 60¢ each or all 28 teams for \$15.00. Comp-

lete basketball set for \$7.00, includes order coupon and 1974-75 Knicks and Warriors. 1962 Green Bay Packers for 70¢. Send SASE if interested in any item. Write to: Kevin Goldman, 5 North Woods Road, Wayside, NJ

FOR SALE: I am selling all my S-O-M Baseball sets as follows: 1971 without extra player set. The following years are complete with extra player sets: 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978--N.L. only. 1972-1974 in good condition; 1975-1978 in good to excellent condition. Send your bid on the years you want. Enclose a SASE if you want a reply after the bidding is over. I'll pay postage on cards. Bidding ends Jan. 14. I will consider selling the entire set if the price is right. David Lutes, 13105 E. 43rd St., Independence, MO 64055

FOR SALE: S-O-M Baseball teams - 1975 Reds, no extras, condition good; 1976 set of all teams, including Toronto and Seattle, with extras included, condition fair with some writing on cards; 1978 set of all teams, no extras, condition excellent, only been used a couple of times. S-O-M Hockey teams - 1977-78 season, all teams, condition excellent. S-O-M Football cards, all teams, condition good, some writing on cards. I also have some issues of the Review for sale, including Dec., 1978 and Jan. to Nov., 1979, plus one report on how to play by mail. I will sell these items to the first bidder who gives a fair price. Send bids to: Bruce Bonham, 21 Joymar Dr., Streetsville, Ont., Canada L5M 1E8

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1965 complete set [missing Kirkland, Nuxhall, McBean, however]; most cards in good condition except approximately 60 cards which have been marred in spots [mostly names] and restored. Also [mint except where noted] 1968 American League, excellent except Detroit [fair]; 1969 National League; 1975 American League [2 sets--one with extras]; 1976 complete set with extras; 1976 National League, 2 sets, with extras; 1977 American League, 2 sets, with extras. Individual teams--1966 Houston [missing Heath], excellent; 1969 Detroit, Oakland; 1970 Balti-

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more, Minnesota; 1971 Cincinnati; 1972 Oakland, Detroit; 1975 Cincinnati (2), Pittsburgh (2), Los Angeles, St. Louis, Philadelphia; 1976 NY Yankees (2), Kansas City (2), 1976 American League extras; 1977 National League extras. Will trade any or all for 1962-63-64 baseball or Sporting News Baseball Guides 1970 or earlier. Send bids and SASE for response to: Rick Hicks, 1618 Wake Forest Drive, Richmond, VA 23226

FOR SALE: 1972 baseball set without extras, very good condition, \$37; 1977 baseball with extras, good condition, 14 cards have pen marks, \$15; 1977 hockey set, very good condition with roster sheet, \$17. 1972 baseball and 1977 hockey come with schedules. I also have 1978 baseball set. Please bid. First response gets set. Andrew Shelofsky, 34 Devon Drive, Orangeburg, NY 10962

FOR SALE: All teams 50¢ each. Football - 1973 Packers, Falcons; 1974 Bills; 1975 Colts, Cardinals, Redskins; 1977 Dolphins, Bears, Steelers, Patriots, Seahawks; 1978 Dolphins, Steelers. Baseball - 1978 all National League teams plus Yanks, A's. Basketball - 1976-77 Celtics, Rockets; 1977-78 Celtics, Supersonics, Portland. Also, many numerous 1973-76 baseball players. Send 25¢ for list. James Burns, 2 Daisy Lane, Smithtown, NY 11787

League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: I want the best managers in the east to compete in a baseball PBM league being formed at ground level. I am 25 years old, with 10 years S-O-M experience, and looking for the ultimate challenge in gaming! This league will feature a draft of both leagues from most recent cards (advanced version). All managers will participate in setting up the guidelines, but once we are set, this league will set the standard for excellence! Only mature, serious, reliable gamers need apply. I am looking for 8 more managers, so write now! If

you can beat me in a PBM league, you are surely the best in the east! We will also have a plaque and other awards, and newsletter with a professional touch. Play-offs will be face-to-face. Send resume with age, experience and any other info, to: 1LT Rolf Mowatt-Larssen, 3733 Acosta Rd., Fairfax, VA 22031

LEAGUE FORMING: NNSOMBL is now taking applications for its second PBM season. No experience necessary. Two expansion teams need managers. Entry fee is \$8. Contact: Randy Ross, Rt. 1, Box 116, Branchland, WV 25506 (phone: 304-736-4889)

LEAGUE FORMING: S-O-M super-advanced hockey league forming. The league will be face-to-face where possible and play-by-mail in all other cases. This will be a continuous league (players kept from year to year). Twelve teams have been randomly chosen from the 'veteran' NHL players. There will be a 'rookie' draft and trading is allowed. The league will start in late April (76-game season), using the 1978-1979 cards (with extras) and will also incorporate a special feature to allow players who did not get cards to play. Please send complete address, age, S-O-M experience and the numbers 1 to 8 in the order of preference (to determine which team you get), to: Stephen Herring, 419 Willow Grove Crescent, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2J 1N5. All letters answered. Please send early as we would like to have time for trading and exhibition games before the regular season starts.

LEAGUE FORMING: New face-to-face draft baseball league now forming in Clinton, NJ, just a few minutes off I-78. Will use new card set and hope to begin around March 1. All advanced rules used. All interested gamers call either: Jim Jurgensen (201-985-4807) or Peter Pump (201-735-6222). Call Monday-Saturday after 6 p.m., Sundays after 2 p.m.

LEAGUE FORMING: New league forming. It will be a PBM draft league. Based on the 1978 season cards, both AL and NL players. This will
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Rude welcome for John F. Borack

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53-year-old joins S-O-M league

The sixth Hacienda Heights Strat-O-Matic League baseball replay wasn't a mundane happening. For one thing, John M. Borack, organizer of the California-based, face-to-face (basic version used) draft league, didn't win the championship.

And, for another, John's father, John F. Borack, joined the league for the first time. He, at 53, is one of the older gamers in the country. The rest of the HHSOML gave him a rude welcome to S-O-M league play, too, as the senior Borack finished last in his division with a 23-37 record.

Another newcomer partook of the action in Mike McKinney, brother of regular league member Pat McKinney. Both McKinneys wound up with 23-37 records--finishing tied for last in their division of the seven-team, two-division league.

The latest HHSOML venture involved the 1978 National League cards. Borack--John M., that is--won another divisional title, going 44-16 and setting a league record for wins. Pitching was the key for him as Ed Halicki led the league with an earned run average of 1.88 and Bob Knepper won Cy Young laurels, going 12-0 with a 2.55 ERA. His staff shut foes down with a 2.36 ERA yield per game.

The other division was won by Henry Reets, who featured the batting prowess of MVP Dave Winfield (.323, 74 hits, 44 RBI). When the two came to grips in the World Series, it was Reets who prevailed, however, winning the decisive seventh game when Winfield clubbed a home run in the seventh inning to send the team on to a 6-4 triumph. Jose Cruz of the winner's was the MVP after batting .357 and stealing four bases.

Other highlights of the league included: Four of the seven teams having ERAs under 3.00; conversely the highest batting average was .260 produced by Mike McKinney...Brian Norman's roadrunner squad swiped 142 bases--but batted only .231...Brian's J.R. Richard tossed a one-hitter against Mike, the closest thing to a no-hitter; and he also fanned a league-high 114 batters...In another close-call no-hit bid, Pat McKinney's Burt Hooton twirled a one-hitter against his brother, with Ken Griffey's third-inning single the only safe blow...Reets, although not possessing the big "stopper," got plenty of mileage out of the starter-reliever trio of Vern Ruhle (7-0, 0.78), Ken Forsch (5-0, 1.72) and Bruce Kison (4-2, 1.86).

Final standings:

	Won-Lost	GB		Won-Lost	GB
Henry Reets	35 25	-	John M. Borack	44 16	-
Ben Woo	31 29	4	Pat McKinney	23 37	21
Brian Norman	31 29	4	Mike McKinney	23 37	21
John F. Borack	23 37	12			

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be the first time for me at forming a PBM league. Any ideas are welcome. No experience is necessary. For more information, write to: Harold Tellefsen, Eastern Michigan University, 224 Best Hall, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

WANTED: Member of Greater Kal-amazoo Strat-O-Matic League is looking for substitute for both

A.L. and N.L. Franchises for just one year. I will do the drafting and conduct any trades; the sub will only manage team. Good opportunity to get foot in door for franchise of your own. Circumstances beyond my control prevent me from attending. Both teams are pennant-bound contenders. For more information, write: Thomas Angel, RR5 Box 204 B, Owensboro, KY 42301 (502-229-0138)

Readers roll 'em

PENALTIES, PLEASE!

I would like some information about penalties for the football game.

I think this matter has been talked about extensively in your magazine, but alas I have not gotten it in a long time so I wouldn't know about the penalty systems devised.

Could you send me addresses to write to, or could you send me some information about how I could use penalties in my S-O-M Football game?

Nick Milford
31 Gaston Ave.
Raritan, NJ 08869

Editor's note: See Jamie Potter's Football "Kit" in the For Sale section of this month's Advertisements. It may be what you're looking for. Most playing tips sent to the Review regarding penalties are based on luck and thus, we feel, not realistic. In order for a penalty system to be incorporated into the game, and realism not be adversely affected, it has to take into account real-life frequency of penalties for each team.

A MATH TEST?

While looking over the GKSM stats in the Nov., 1979 Strat-O-Matic Review, I noticed that Dick Knowlton's team had an incredible batting average of .185!

If this isn't a misprint, it must have been a long season for Dick. Who were some of his regulars and what were their averages?

Also, you mentioned that 276 of a possible 288 players were used. Who were the unlucky dozen who had to find other means of employment that season?

Pete Manzolillo
Bellmore, NY

Editor's note: There is a suspicion, sorry to say, among GKSM members that Knowlton may have flunked a math course some-

where along the line. Joe Morgan batted, supposedly, only .198, while many of the other averages were of an all-time low nature for the GKSM.

Regarding the unwanted dozen, they may still be on the drafting table, awaiting the call. No one in the GKSM knows their fate.

'FUN' IS MISSING

Having bought the hockey game in its first season and with lack of cash to purchase the "revamped" second season, I was anxious to get a look at the improvements. I was very discouraged to see that all "fun" was taken out of it.

I'm referring, of course, to the lack of the Lafleurs with seven goals in the breakaway or inside shot columns (Paul Gardner in the 1977-78 season was a bit too much). Instead, I found no straight goals on even a Lafleur-esque player; now S-O-M has gone wild with "goalie ratings." And to make matters worse, the goalies have little chance on these "goalie ratings." Hey, why not just put the word "goal" wherever there's one of these?

This may perfectionalize goalie's statistical accuracy, but in my book I'd like to see the excitement of the word "goal" on Lafleur's card. When you get a goal by Lafleur, you see a wicked slap shot which hits the upper corner. When you get a goal on a goalie rating, you see a puck rolling in the crease and the goalie botching it up.

Last year it was too much players' goals ruining goalies' realism; now it's too much goalies' goals ruining players' realism. There's got to be a happy medium.

Todd Sharek
No. Dartmouth, MA

Editor's note: We don't feel the bulk of the hockey gamers share your view that the 'fun' has been taken out of the game. A simple "goal" reading, as the first card set had, took the 'fun' out of it for many--but the "goalie rating"

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has added to the excitement, according to our personal experiences and comments from readers.

One question: If you did not have the funds to purchase the revamped game, how do you know so much about it? And, have you actually played the new version?

LIKES HOCKEY CHANGES

I am writing this letter in response to two letters concerning goalie ratings which appeared in the December issue.

I must say that I agree with Larry Vlatak when he stated that the new system of goalie rating has improved an already excellent game. I also think the addition of extra players was a sensational move--so add my name to those who think S-O-M Hockey is even better than before.

My second point concerns the statistical accuracy of S-O-M Hockey. Using my statistical background (I'm an economics major), I applied stat tests such as average, standard deviation and sampling error to the results of 80 S-O-M Hockey games and 80 real-life hockey games (using '77-78 set). I was pleasantly surprised to find that a positive correlation between real hockey and my S-O-M league games existed in two areas: total goals per game and goals scored by individuals. What disappointed me was the poor accuracy of the goalie's averages. Hence I was happy to find this change in the goalie system for I feel it will enhance the hockey game's statistical accuracy.

As of yet I have not played a significant number of games to test this hypothesis, but when the time comes I will.

Kevin Jacques
Kent, OH

PRAISING THE PASSERS

People who play the advance version of S-O-M Basketball may have overlooked the importance of the playmaking guard. Players like Norm Nixon, Phil Ford,

Armond Hill, Tom Henderson, John Lucas, all of whom can pass very well, are also outstanding defensive players.

The top passer is Kevin Porter of the Detroit Pistons, who let's his teammates score every time he passes the ball (1-6 assist rating).

Big men like M.L. Carr, Rick Barry, John Johnson and Campy Russell also are able to pass very well. I think passing has been overlooked too long. With Larry Bird and "Magic" Johnson available in S-O-M next year, the passing is sure to be noticed even more.

So, people in draft leagues, don't pick too many shooters--you might need more than one set of dice to keep them all happy.

Jon Bourdon
5 Joseph Ave.
Lee, MA

20-SIDED DICE

I have been looking through my past editions of the Review and I would like to know what 20-sided dice are. Could you please explain it?

David Fox
122 Halloween Run
Newark, DE

Editor's note: 20-sided die is just as the name implies--it has 20 sides to it, or numbers 1-20. You might check the For Sale ads in this month's Review for sellers of such dice.

WANTS PAST SEASONS UPDATED

As a subscriber to the Strat-O-Matic Review and as a constant reader of the "Readers roll 'em" column, I must agree that past-season reprints should be made. But for the owners of the more recent sets (1962-1976), why doesn't S-O-M do something for them, also?

I was thinking that S-O-M should go back and re-rate each player's defensive ratings for use with the "new" fielding chart. Also, while they are doing the "e" fielding ratings, they could give out catchers' arm ratings and "T" numbers for the years that these factors were not included.

Then S-O-M could publish a

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Setting the defense realistically

Andy MacDonald rigidly adheres to realism in his Strat-O-Matic Hockey gaming endeavors--even when it comes to defensemen. Rather than allow defensemen to play either side--right or left--MacDonald tries to match position according to which way a player shoots.

"Because the majority of hockey players shoot left-handed," notes MacDonald, "it is rare for a right-handed defenseman to play left defense [except in power play situations]. I therefore try not to use right-handed defensemen to play left defense."

Following is a list, compiled by MacDonald, of defensemen included in this year's cards that shoot right-handed:

Boston - Doak

Buffalo - Fogolin and Stewart.

Detroit - Haber, Larson and Harper.

Los Angeles - Holt, Manery and Palmer.

Minnesota - Maxwell, Potvin and Butters.

Montreal - Chartraw

New England - Inkpen and Plumb.

Pittsburgh - Bladon and Stackhouse.

Quebec - Baxter and Lariviere.

Toronto - none.

Atlanta - Murdoch and Shand.

No Team - Norwich and Ramage.

Chicago - Murray and O'Connell.

Colorado - Beverley, Owchar,
Van Boxmeer and Johansen.

Edmonton - Hamilton and Alexander.

N.Y. Islanders - Lorimer.

N.Y. Rangers - none.

Philadelphia - Dailey.

St. Louis - Gibbs and Giroux.

Vancouver - Goodenough and Grisdale.

Washington - none.

Winnipeg - Clackson, MacKinnon
and Green.

Following is a list of defensemen who shoot left-handed but who frequently played right defense for their teams:

Boston - Redmond, Smith and Park.

Pittsburgh - Campbell and Paradise.

Toronto - Salming and Turnbull.

N.Y. Islanders - Persson, Potvin and Price.

N.Y. Rangers - Ferrish, Marois and Vadnais.

Philadelphia - Wilson.

Vancouver - McIlhargey.

Washington - Lane and Picard.

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booklet for each year, which would include the player's team, player's name, "e" rating(s) and for catchers, their throwing ratings and "T" numbers. I'm sure that people who replay past seasons or just occasionally get out those old cards would purchase a booklet for the year they need.

Andrew Shelofsky
Orangeburg, NY

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Penalty, intimidation ratings for goalies

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Pete Manzolillo of Bellmore, NY, is back again with penalty and intimidation ratings for goalies, those sometimes masked marvels, some of whom have a penchant for becoming "involved."

The procedure Manzolillo used is the same as that for the first set of hockey cards [Jan., 1978, Review], with one exception: Only when a player is rated I-0 or I-1 does the coach have the option to intimidate with his goaltender instead. Since Strat-O-Matic lowered the minimum I rating from 1-2 to 0, this change is necessary.

Manzolillo also reports that the hockey game "is even better with the altered goalie cards, as the scores seem more realistic. The advanced penetration chart has also worked well. Yet," he continues, "there's one aspect that still seems to occur more frequently than in real life -- goalie assists. I wonder if other gamers have said anything about this?"

GOALIE PENALTY, INTIMIDATION RATINGS

<u>Atlanta</u>	<u>Penalty</u>	<u>Intimidation</u>	<u>Philadelphia</u>	<u>Penalty</u>	<u>Intimid.</u>
Bouchard	C	1-6	Parent	C	1
Lemelin	C	1	Stephenson	D	1
<u>Boston</u>			<u>Pittsburgh</u>		
Cheevers	B	1-6	Herron	B	1-3
Gilbert	B	1-3	Millen	D	0
<u>Buffalo</u>			<u>St. Louis</u>		
D.Edwards	D	1-3	Stanowski	D	1
Sauve	D	1	Myre	D	1
<u>Chicago</u>			<u>Toronto</u>		
Esposito	D	1	Palmateer	B	1-6
Veisor	D	0	Harrison	B	1-2
<u>Colorado</u>			<u>Vancouver</u>		
Oleschuk	C	1-2	Hanlon	A	1-4
Plasse	D	1-2	Bromley	D	1
<u>Detroit</u>			<u>Washington</u>		
Vachon	B	1-3	Inness	D	1-2
Rutherford	D	1	Bedard	D	1
<u>Los Angeles</u>			<u>Edmonton</u>		
Lessard	D	1-2	D.Dryden	D	0
Grahame	D	1	Mic	D	1
<u>Minnesota</u>			<u>Quebec</u>		
Meloche	B	1-3	Corsi	B	1-3
G.Edwards	A	1-4	Brodeur	D	1
<u>Montreal</u>			<u>New England</u>		
K.Dryden	D	1	A.Smith	A	1-6
Larocque	D	1	Garrett	D	1
<u>N.Y. Islanders</u>			<u>Winnipeg</u>		
Resch	D	1-2	Mattsson	D	1
B.Smith	AA	1-6	Daley	D	1
<u>N.Y. Rangers</u>					
Davidson	C	1-2			
Thomas	D	0			

Note: Penalty ratings are based on percent of penalty minutes to total minutes played. Intimidation ratings, however, are arbitrary, based on reputation and personal observation.

Gold Cup completes second round

Last year's champ, Glen Strong, sidelined in first round

One thing is certain about the second annual Gold Cup Challenge Series: it will have a new champion! Last year's champ, Glen Strong, of Cranbury, NJ, fell in the first-round to Larry King, New York, NY, and joined last season's runnerup Rick Shapiro and a host of other well-known S-O-M Baseball gamers on the sidelines.

King defeated Strong in five of the six games, although three of the wins were by a razor-thin one-run margin, indicating that Strong put up a strong fight.

Steve Berens, organizer of the prestigious tournament that is offering \$136 in prize money (including \$101 to the winner), reports that the pace has been speeded up and that, in addition to first-round play (27 series worth), second-round action also has been completed and a new champion will soon be crowned.

Berens did note that an error had occurred in the Jerome Banko vs. Ken Kirk series (Nov., 1979 Review, page 20). Instead of Kirk scoring an 8-7 win in the opening game, the score should have been 7-6 in Banko's favor. The error was in crediting Kirk with five runs in the sixth inning, when he actually should have had four. So, as a result, the series was split, 3-3, and both advanced into the second-round.

Now here's a look at the last of the first-round games and the second-round results:

* Steven Walters, Potosi, MO [1977 Reds, +14; 1977 Indians, -19] vs. Ed Rychtar, Baltimore, MD [1977 Brewers, -28; 1975 Pirates, +23]. Walters won series 4-2 and advances.

Summary: Walters outscored Rychtar, 32-22, but was outthundered by whopping 10-1 margin. Reds defeated Brewers, 9-3, lost 4-3, won 8-4, while Indians won fourth and sixth games, 2-0 (Jim Bibby hurled three-hitter) and 8-4. Pirates won fifth game, 7-2.

* Larry Beller, Fitchburg, MA [1977 Dodgers, +34; 1977 Mets, -34] vs. Milton Deutsch, New York, NY [1977 Pirates, +30; 1976 White Sox, -33]. Series is split, thus both advance.

Summary: Pirates scored 1-0 (John Candelaria six-hitter), 9-5 wins, lost 10-4 to Dodgers; while Mets, after losing 7-0, bounced back for 3-1 and 7-6 triumphs to even series. It only took nine minutes to play 3-1 game.

* Glen Strong, Cranbury, NJ [1977 Cubs, .500; 1977 Astros, .500] vs. Larry King, New York, NY [1978 Pirates, +15; 1978 Cards, -24]. Defending Gold Cup champion is sidelined via 5-1 series setback.

Summary: Only 32 runs scored in series--lowest total of any series this year. King's Pirates signal the end for Strong's dream of repeating, winning three-game set by 4-2, 6-0 and 3-2 margins. Cards won first two from Astros, both by 2-1 scores, and then Strong won last game, 6-3. King outscored Strong 20-12 and had 4-1 advantage in bleacher shots.

* Thomas Richard Johnson, North Dighton, MA [1975 Yanks, +6; 1975 Twins, -17] vs. Dave Lubera, Albion, MI [1978 Tigers, +10; 1978 Twins, -16]. Johnson wins series 4-2 and advances.

Summary: First series ever involving four American League teams. Total of 77 runs scored--most ever and quite a contrast with King-Strong low-scoring series. Yanks downed Tigers in first game, 3-1, lost second, 7-6, and won third, 8-5, while '75 Twins knocked off '78 Twins in games No. 4 (6-5) and 6 (13-10), but lost No. 5 (8-5). Johnson outscored Lubera 41-36 and won long-ball duel, 9-5. Oddity was that gamer Thomas Richard Johnson had '75 Twins reliever Thomas Raymond Johnson available for use. Most dramatic game was No. 4 when Phil Roof hit two-run homer in ninth inning to give '75 Twins 6-5 victory.

The first-round--all 27 series!--is now history. Remember all the gamers with 3-3 or better records advanced into the second round. Now,

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on to the second-round results:

GOLD CUP CHALLENGE SERIES - ROUND II

* Dick Silvernail, Kenbridge, VA, 3-3 ['78 Astros, -14; '77 Reds, +14] vs. Gary Feldman, Rockville Centre, NY, bye first round ['77 Cards, +4; '73 Braves, -9]. Feldman splits series and advances while Silvernail is eliminated. Scores: '77 Cards d. '78 Astros, 5-9, 4-1, 2-0; '77 Reds d. '73 Braves, 5-13, 6-0, 7-6.

* Steve (Boom) Johnson, Lima, OH, 4-2 ['71 Angels, '73 Cards] vs. Bob Baurkot, Easton, PA, 3-3 ['75 Mets, '76 Giants]. Series is split, so Johnson, 7-5, advances and Baurkot, 6-6, is eliminated. Scores: '71 Angels d. '75 Mets, 4-3, 3-2, 0-1 [Jon Matlack hurled three-hitter for Mets]; '76 Giants d. '73 Cards, 3-10, 3-1, 2-0.

* Jay Shapiro, Elkins Park, PA, 3-3 ['77 Astros, '77 Cubs] vs. Greg Balas, Ponteix, Sask., 5-1 ['78 Expos, '75 Phillies]. Series is split, so Balas, 8-4, advances and Shapiro, 6-6, is eliminated. '77 Astros d. '78 Expos, 5-3, 7-1, 5-2; '75 Phils d. '77 Cubs, 6-0, 4-2, 5-3.

* Skuli Johnson, Winnipeg, Manitoba, 3-3 ['78 Brewers, '78 Cards] vs. Jerome Banko, Erie, PA, 3-3 ['77 Cards, '75 Twins]. Johnson wins 4-2 and advances. Scores: '77 Cards d. '78 Brewers, 6-5, 5-2, 7-9; '78 Cards d. '75 Twins, 9-3, 8-4, 18-2 [record for runs scored in one game].

* Milton Deutsch, New York, NY, 3-3 ['77 Pirates, '76 White Sox] vs. Ken Kirk, Cambridge, MA, 3-3 ['78 Padres, '78 Expos]. Series is split and both are eliminated, as 7-5 record is needed to advance. Scores: '78 Padres d. '77 Pirates, 5-4, 3-2, 2-6; '76 White Sox d. '78 Expos, 2-0, 4-3, 2-6.

* Greg Bucurestean, Grosse Pointe, MI, 4-2 ['78 Tigers, '77 Tigers] vs. Larry Kidd, Staten Island, NY, 3-3 ['78 Mets, '78 Giants]. Kidd wins series 5-1 and advances. Scores: '78 Mets d. '78 Tigers, 4-5, 4-1, 14-2; '78 Giants d. '77 Tigers, 2-0, 7-3, 5-3.

* Ken Brinkley, Poplar, CA, 5-1 ['78 Giants, '72 Expos] vs. John McCaull, Berkeley Heights, NJ, 4-2 ['77 Cards, '77 Angels]. Series is split, both advance. Scores: '78 Giants d. '77 Cards, 8-2, 16-4, 3-5; '77 Angels d. '72 Expos, 1-3, 7-5, 2-0 [12 innings].

* Bob Fafata Jr., Pittsburgh, PA, 5-1 ['73 Pirates, '73 Expos] vs. Dave Donovan, Pleasanton, CA, 3-3 ['77 Reds, '76 Giants]. Fafata wins series 4-2 and advances. Scores: '73 Pirates d. '77 Reds, 5-4, 3-1, 5-11; '73 Expos d. '76 Giants, 4-6, 6-5, 5-3.

* Joe Paldino, Brooklyn, NY, 4-2 ['77 Cards, '77 Mets] vs. Rich Viorel, U.S.S. Sterett, San Francisco, CA, 3-3 ['77 Astros, '77 Cubs]. Paldino wins series 4-2 and advances. Scores: '77 Astros d. '77 Cards, 6-1, 5-2, 3-5; '77 Mets d. '77 Cubs, 8-4, 3-1, 5-4.

* Bob Routier, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD, 3-3 ['75 Yanks, '74 Royals] vs. Bate Hamilton, Overland Park, KS, 4-2 ['78 Astros, '78 Expos]. Series is split as Hamilton advances. '78 Astros d. '75 Yanks, 2-3, 2-0, 4-3; '74 Royals d. '78 Expos, 6-3, 9-1, 2-5.

* Tom Nahigian, Arlington, MA, 3-3 ['74 A's, '76 Cards] vs. Steven Walters, Potosi, MO, 4-2 ['77 Reds, '77 Indians]. Series split, Walters advances. Scores: '77 Reds d. '74 A's, 2-3, 1-0 [Seaver four-hitter], 6-4; '76 Cards d. '77 Indians, 4-1, 5-8, 3-2.

* Tom Swank, Little Falls, NJ, 6-0 ['76 Pirates, '71 Padres] vs. Larry Bellar, Fitchburg, MA, 3-3 ['77 Dodgers, '77 Mets]. Swank splits series and advances. Scores: '76 Pirates d. '77 Dodgers, 6-7, 5-0, 5-3; '77 Mets d. '71 Padres, 3-2, 4-5, 6-5 [16 innings].

* Bob Lopeck, Opalocka, FL, 5-1 ['77 Reds, '77 Angels] vs. Jim Lash, Cyuhoga Falls, OH, 5-1 ['78 Orioles, '78 Indians]. Series is split, both advance. Scores: '78 Orioles d. '77 Reds, 5-2, 0-4, 5-1; '77 Angels d. '78 Indians, 3-0, 2-14, 6-5.

* Ed Daley, Casper, WY, 4-2 ['71 Giants, '77 Indians] vs. Dana Bloom, Topeka, KS, 5-1 ['73 Pirates, '73 Cards]. Daley wins series 4-2, but both advance. Scores: '71 Giants d. '73 Pirates, 5-6, 4-0, 8-1; '77 Indians d. '73 Cards, 10-4, 3-0, 7-8.

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* Jim Schwanebeck, Baltimore, MD, 4-2 ('74 Red Sox, '73 Braves) vs. Larry King, New York, NY, 5-1 ('78 Pirates, '78 Cards). Schwanebeck wins series 5-1 and eliminates King, who previously eliminated Glen Strong, last year's tourney champion. Scores: '74 Red Sox d. '78 Pirates, 6-4, 3-5, 10-2; '73 Braves d. '78 Cards, 14-1, 5-1, 10-4. Schwanebeck outscored King, 48-17.

* Neal Walters, St. Albert, Alberta, 4-2 ('78 Rangers, '78 Astros) vs. Tom Johnson, North Dighton, MA, 4-2 ('75 Yanks, '75 Twins). Series is split, both advance. Scores: '78 Rangers d. '75 Yanks, 9-2, 4-3, 4-6; '75 Twins d. '78 Astros, 1-2, 13-0, 2-0. Blyleven retired first 21 batters in game No.5 and finished with two-hitter.

* Jim Keeley, Corunna, MI, 4-2 ('78 Tigers, '78 Astros) vs. Keith Fosness, Moorhead, MN, 3-3 ('71 Mets, '74 Royals). Keeley wins series 4-2 and advances. Scores: '78 Tigers d. '71 Mets, 9-2, 4-8, 9-8; '78 Astros d. '74 Royals, 6-5, 2-1, 8-9.

* Gary Feldman, Rockville Centre, NY, 3-3 ('77 Cards, '73 Braves) vs. Steve Maljian, Glendale, CA, 4-2 ('77 Reds, '77 Angels). Maljian splits series and advances, Feldman is eliminated. Scores: '77 Reds d. '77 Cards, 8-7 (15 innings), 7-1, 1-2; '73 Braves d. '77 Angels, 4-5, 6-1, 4-3.

Strat-O-Matic Spotlight

1 IN 21.98 BILLION!!

Strat-O-Matic games are all based on percentages and probabilities. If a batter hits .300 in real-life baseball, percentages and probabilities are good that he will emulate that performance, or come close, in S-O-M.

But once in a while the odds take a beating, as Bruce Herman, a 16-year S-O-M gaming vet, will attest to. The probability-defying happening involved Cesar Geronimo (e9) in a play-by-mail baseball league that Herman was participating in.

Geronimo hadn't committed an error in the team's first 114 games. Suddenly, he made an error in the second inning. And then, as Herman recalls so vividly, "After 12 more rolls of the game (eight of which were for the opposition), Geronimo then made errors on three consecutive plays! More, incredibly, he made all the errors by my rolling a 4-10 on Tom Seaver's card vs. left-handed batters."

Herman was stunned by the strange turn of events and soon after called fellow gamer Jeff Abbott of San Diego, who owns a degree in computer science, and asked him to calculate the odds of such a happening.

Abbott reported the odds of Geronimo making an error on any roll of the dice to be 1 in 665...the chance of his making three consecutive errors is 1 in 293,569,678...and the chance of making four errors in the space of 12 opposition at-bats is a mind-boggling 1 in 21.98 billion!

SHORT SHAKES

Chip Sears reports that most of six-year S-O-M career has involved mundane tabletop happenings; that is until he matched the 1976 St. Louis Cardinals and Baltimore Colts in football. St. Louis was guilty of 11 fumbles, losing eight, while between 'em the two teams combined for 761 yards passing (Bert Jones had 412, St. Louis' Jim Hart 349). Oh, the Colts won the game, 52-28...Kevin and Robert Grant, a father-son team, have added the three-point play to their basketball endeavors. Any outside shot that occurs in the last two minutes of each quarter is a possible three-pointer, providing a split number is called for on the attempt and the number drawn falls between 1-5. The Grants call Waterford, CT, home...In another unbelievable display of football firepower, Tom Lyne's (Cambridge, OH) favorite team, the Houston Oilers, blitzed Atlanta's hard-to-penetrate defense for 52 points in a 52-14 rout. Dan Pastorini completed 25 of 37 passes for five touchdowns and 444 yards, Ken Burrough had eight catches for 240 yards, Earl Campbell rushed for 117 yards and overall Houston amassed 583 yards!...Marc Wasserman reports that after 30 games of a '76 replay, Dave Kingman already has 16 homers and 47 RBI.

A look at the champs

Now the story can be told: it was the U.S. mails that was the culprit as to why the Review never received results (plus pictures) of this summer's National Convention held in Urbana-Champaign, IL.

It seems that Bob Anderson, one of the tourney's organizers, sent in resumes and pictures soon after the tourney--but none of the material reached its destination.

Last month the Review did mention four of the tourney winners. But three were omitted--Jay Yale, Bowling Green, KY, who won the elementary baseball Old Timers Tourney, and Mike Reitz, Cleveland, OH, winner of the elementary baseball Modern Era Tourney; and, finally, Jeff Harris, Romeoville, IL, who defeated tourney organizer Rick (Wolfman) Shapiro in the finals of the Super Advanced Football Tourney.

All told, seven tournaments, or special games, were conducted.

In the meantime, however, no word reached the Review.

Early in November it was finally discovered that the mails had not come through--and Anderson quickly dispatched more pics and summaries, and via registered mail this time.

So, belatedly, here are pictures of the winners and runnersup in each of the tournaments, excepting the hockey, which was introduced to the tourney lineup for the first time.

Among the 'uncrowned' champions (check Dec., 1979 Review for a summary of four of the tournaments, including the special Gary Nusbaum Memorial College

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ADVANCED BASEBALL: JEFF MERKLIN (LEFT, RUNNERUP), RODNEY YODER (WINNER)



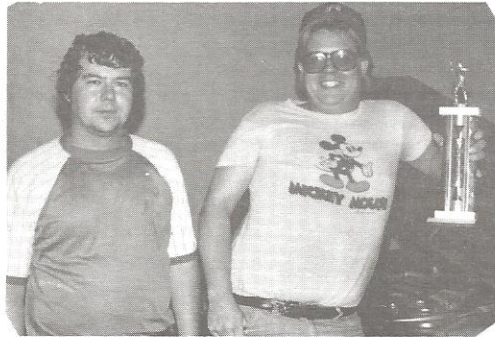
ELEMENTARY BASEBALL (1960-1978): MIKE REITZ (LEFT, WINNER), JEFF GREEN (RUNNERUP)



ELEMENTARY BASEBALL (1905-1957): JAY YALE (LEFT, WINNER), STEVE MARSCHKE (RUNNERUP)



SUPER ADVANCED FOOTBALL: JEFF HARRIS (LEFT, WINNER), RICK SHAPIRO (RUNNERUP)



ADVANCED FOOTBALL: VOIGHT ALBRIGHT (LEFT, RUNNERUP), DAVE SHIRES (WINNER)



GARY NUSBAUM MEMORIAL COLLEGE FOOTBALL GAME: TOM NELSON (LEFT), STEVE PAREWSKI (WINNER)

Football Game between Tom Nelson and Steve Parewski] are Reitz, Yale and Harris.

Reitz defeated Jeff Green, Bowling Green, KY, in the finals of the Elementary Baseball Modern Era Tourney, the two switching off the '73 Athletics and '76 Indians. Reitz' 4-0 win in the second game, using the Indians, was the key to an overall 6-2 triumph. Light-hitting Frank Duffy cracked a three-run homer in that decisive second game.

Meanwhile, in the Elementary Baseball Old Timers Tournament, Jay Yale cruised past Steve Marschke (Milwaukee, WI), 10-3. Yale's '53 Dodgers whipped the '34 A's, 5-1, in the opener, and then the A's, this time guided by Yale, prevailed in the second game, 5-2.

The Super Advanced Football Field featured some of the top gamers in the country, including defending champ Steve Rigdon, Tom Nelson and Seth Sherman from New York, Mike and Kevin Dunn and a host of members of the Chicagoland S-O-M Club, including Shapiro.

In the finals it was Shapiro and his '78 Bears against Jeff Harris and the '74 Vikings. At the half it was Harris and the Vikes on top 13-0.

The switch of teams at halftime didn't help Shapiro much, however, as Harris directed the Bears to three second half touchdowns and made off with a 34-7 victory and the first-place trophy.

In tournaments mentioned previously, Rodney Yoder defeated Jeff Merklin in Advanced Baseball; Dave Shires edged Voight Albright in Advanced Football and Tom Fees captured the first hockey championship by defeating Andrew Lykos.

S-O-M league, replay scene

FARRELL HOCKEY LEAGUE - Solitaire league conducted by Paul Saxe of Farrell, PA...ten-team, two-division setup with all teams playing 44 games...hockey cards based on 1977-78 season were used...Montreal, although finishing a lacklustre third in its division, flashed its real-life prowess in the playoffs and skated off with title, whipping Philadelphia in four straight games...Guy Lafleur was second in scoring with 75 points, but Ken Dryden had disappointing 3.49 goals-against-average. Montreal was fearsome on power play, however, scoring 44 goals in such situations...There were 38 hat tricks and two five-goal games--by Mike Walton (Vancouver) and Bill Clement (Atlanta)...wildest game was 9-9 goalfest involving Montreal and Pittsburgh...Brian Trottier of Islanders scored in 15 straight games and had five hat tricks...Montreal launched 54 shots on goal in burying Vancouver, 12-1, and Buffalo unleashed a similar number in defeating Philadelphia, 6-4...Philly had longest unbeaten streak, 12 games, and also struck for most short-handed goals, six.

Standings, leaders and playoff results:

Blue Division	Won-Lost	T	Pts.	Gold Division	Won-Lost	T	Pts.
Philadelphia	23	15	6	52	N.Y. Islanders	22	10
Buffalo	23	17	4	50	Atlanta	21	15
Montreal	20	15	9	49	Boston	17	17
Chicago	18	16	10	46	Pittsburgh	10	28
Toronto	17	18	9	43	Vancouver	11	31

Scoring	G	A	Pts	Goalies	Avg.	Playoffs
Trottier NYI	46	31	77	Esposito CHI	2.81	(1) Buffalo d.
Lafleur MON	35	40	75	Bouchard ATL	3.20	Chicago, 2-0;
Perreault BUF	37	30	67	Grahame BOS	3.26	Montreal d.
Robert BUF	20	42	62	Parent PHI	3.34	Atlanta, 2-1.
Clement ATL	44	17	61	Palmeater TOR	3.43	(2) Montreal d.
Chouinard ATL	33	28	61			Islanders, 3-2;
Clarke PHI	23	38	61			Philly d.
Phillipoff ATL	8	53	61			Buffalo, 3-2.

GRUDGE LEAGUE - Comprised of three members, all of whom take favorite baseball team and play 40-game, face-to-face schedule...members: Mike Olson (Baltimore), Kevin Abing (St. Louis) and Glen Wetzel (Milwaukee)...league started when trio was sophomores in high school; all are now sophs in college--Olson and Abing attend Wisconsin-Latteville, Wetzel Wisconsin-Eau Claire...in latest endeavor, members played 40-game schedule in six nights...St. Louis won first two leagues, Baltimore the third and Wetzel's Brewers won most recent title as Larry Hisle won MVP laurels. Hisle once clubbed three homers and drove in eight runs in 1979 game...other highlights included Mike Tyson hitting league-record .378 in 1977 and winning MVP honor and Jim Wohlford going 6-for-6 in 1977 contest...Former MVPs included: Ted Simmons, St. Louis, 1976, and Jim Palmer, Baltimore, 1978. Simmons has highest 'career' batting average---.326.

MUSIC CITY S-O-M BASEBALL LEAGUE - Expanded to eight managers for fifth season, adopted detailed constitution and, for first time, had continuing league...National League, 1977 cards, was used and top draft choices included Rennie Stennett (1), Tom Seaver (2), Garry Templeton (3), Mike Schmidt (4) and Joe Morgan (5), with eventual league winner Kelly Huey selecting Johnny Bench, George Foster (7) and Dave Concepcion (8) rounding out the first-round...Draft took 4 hours, 3 minutes to complete; there were 82 players traded; and league took four months to complete, with no dropouts and only six games forfeited...Basic version of cards was used, but with catcher's throwing arms and throwing errors included...

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Huey guided power-laden New York Mammoths to championship as team hit 188 homers and had 521 extra base hits; Bruce Sutter's 27 saves didn't hurt cause, either...David Boyd, newcomer to league, had second-best record with his Baltimore Braves (92-70) as Schmidt homered 41 times, Greg Luzinski 36...Best record of 'em all, however, was turned in by Richard Brennessholtz' Iron Horses (97-65). Mainstays were MVP George Foster (.340, 49 homers, 131 RBI), Dave Winfield, Stennett, Willie McCovey and a defense that included five "1s"...Most unusual team had to be Tim Whitby's Boston Bricks who busted the ball at a .307 clip as a team and had Cy Young winner in Phil Niekro (19-11, 2.89, 230 strikeouts)--yet team finished at .500... Other managers and teams included Danny Biles (Florida Oranges), Mark Ziegler (Las Vegas Silversox), Dave Ziegler (Cleveland Elephant) and Randall Witt (Grim Reapers)...home base for MCSMBL is Nashville, TN, which isn't surprising.

Standings, leaders and playoffs:

Casey Stengel	Won-Lost	GB	Roberto Clemente	Won-Lost	GB
Iron Horses	97 65	-	Baltimore Braves	92 70	-
Florida Oranges	85 77	12	New York Mammoths	86 76	6
Boston Bricks	81 81	16	Grim Reapers	83 79	9
Las Vegas Silversox	49 113	48	Cleveland Elephant	75 87	17

Playoffs: New York d. Iron Horses, 3-1; Florida d. Baltimore, 3-0.

World Series: New York d. Florida, 4-2.

Batting	Home Runs	RBI	ERA
Griffey BOS .362	Foster IH 49	Foster IH 131	Seaver FLA 2.59
Foster IH .340	Schmidt BAL 41	Winfield IH 105	Koosman FLA 2.66
Madlock BOS .340	Luzinski BAL 36	Garvey FLA 102	Espinosa NY 2.83
Oliver LV .336	Garvey FLA 34	Luzinski BAL 99	P.Niekro BOS 2.89
Matthews BOS .331	McCovey IH 32	McCovey IH 95	Knepper FLA 3.04

Wins	Strikeouts	Saves
P.Niekro BOS 19	P.Niekro BOS 230	Lavelle GR 33
Koosman FLA 17	Carlton BOS 221	Gossage FLA 28
Hooton BAL 17	Koosman FLA 214	Sutter NY 27
R.Reuschel BOS 17	Richard BAL 201	Fingers BAL 23

1978 NATIONAL LEAGUE WEST REPLAY - James Handford, Gimli, Manitoba, Canada, took the top three teams from the N.L. West and Atlanta and played through a 162-game season...Los Angeles, just as in real-life, edged San Francisco for honors, posting a 97-65 record and holding a four-game bulge over the Giants...Replay took four months and the elementary version was used...Pitching-poor Cincinnati was a distant 27 games off L.A.'s pace while Atlanta finished in the same position as real-life--the basement... Highlights included George Foster going 5-for-5, hitting the cycle and blasting two home runs and driving in seven runs, all in one game; Davey Lopes stealing second, third and home in one inning and Bob Horner producing 113 RBI despite batting only .224...Steve Garvey led in hitting (.310), teammate Reggie Smith in home runs (48), with Foster hammering 46 and driving in 135 runs; Tommy John (27-9), Phil Niekro (22-16) and Ed Halicki (21-7) were all 20-game winners; Halicki had the lowest ERA (2.06), while Niekro was the strikeout king with 243.

Standings:

	Won-Lost	GB	Runs	ERA
Los Angeles	97 65	-	729	3.58
San Francisco	93 69	4	657	3.01
Cincinnati	70 92	27	669	3.96
Atlanta	64 98	33	580	3.73

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What's available at S-O-M?

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BASEBALL

- 1974 - Only 96 additional players available. Cost: \$2.70.
- 1975 - Only Cincinnati available. Cost: 65¢.
- 1976 - Only Cincinnati available. Cost: 65¢. However, 96 additional players are also available. Cost: \$2.70.
- 1977 - All teams except Seattle, N.Y. Mets, Cleveland are available. Cost: \$10.25 for set, \$1.35 for two teams, 70¢ for one team.

FOOTBALL

- 1975 - Atlanta, Detroit, New Orleans, N.Y. Giants, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Cleveland, Denver, Kansas City, N.Y. Jets, Pittsburgh, San Diego, New England still available. Cost: \$7 for set, \$1.25 two teams, 75¢ per team.
- 1976 - All teams except Tampa Bay, Seattle, San Diego, Minnesota. Cost: \$10.00 set, \$1.25 two teams, 75¢ per team.
- 1977 - All teams except Oakland. Cost: \$11.00 set, \$1.25 two teams, 75¢ per team.

Note that prior to 1974 there are no baseball teams in stock, and prior to 1975 no football teams available.