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Brett 'unbelievable' against righties

New Baseball cards hitters delight

If hitting excites you when it comes to Strat-O-Matic, you'll be in ecstasy when the new baseball cards come out later this month.

"People are really going to enjoy it [the new set of cards]," said James Williams of S-O-M. "It's a good hitting set and not much pitching." Harold Richman, the founder and guiding genius of S-O-M, adds that "George Brett's card is unbelievable against right-handers. He bats over .300 against lefties, but against righties he's well over .400. You won't be able to get him out!"

That's good news for those managers who have Brett on their teams, but bad news for those on the opposing side who have to figure a way to stop him. How about the intentional walk? That limits him to one base.

S-O-M also, while not divulging all the interesting cards that will be in the new set, did point out that Oakland will be vastly improved and an "interesting team to play," that St. Louis has three "1" infielders (Ken Reitz at third, Garry Templeton at short and first baseman Keith Hernandez), six .300-plus hitters, but an awful pitching staff, and that Rick Cerone of the Yankees and Gary Carter of Montreal are the best defensive catchers--both with "1" fielding ratings and -4 throwing arms.

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Oakland will have a much improved perimeter defense in that Dwayne Murphy in center and right fielder Tony Armas are both "4" fielders and Rickey Henderson is a "2" in left. Also, Oakland's pitching will be highlighted by the trio of Mike Norris, Matt Keough and Rick Langford all having endurance ratings of "9."

Milwaukee, if one is inclined toward hitting, will be another joy to manage. But the Brewers will be woefully weak on the hill, too.

The game company also passes along word that gamers may start sending in orders (a mailing should arrive soon, notifying all that the new cards are available), but, please, not to besiege Glen Head, NY, with calls as to when the cards will be shipped.

Cost of the cards, at least the preseason price for past customers, will be \$11.25 for the 26 teams. The extra players will be an additional \$3.30. And there will be a \$4.50 handling charge for single orders.

Oh, and one last bit of new card news: If you're planning on flying out to pick up the new cards (or even if you plan on riding a train, going by bus, car, taxi, or even jogging), the official 'opening day' will not be until Jan. 22.

Meanwhile, the wait goes on...on...and on...

36 TEAMS INCLUDED IN FIRST REPRINTS

Along with the new set of baseball cards, Strat-O-Matic also will be putting out its first set of reprints. The first set will consist of 36 teams--as you, the readers, asked for them in a poll in the Review--and the cost will be \$12 for the entire set.

The teams will not be sold separately; only as a complete unit. They will be about 60 percent the size of the original cards--thus collectors will be protected to some extent--and the cards will come on perforated sheets.

Looking for back issues of Review?

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

1980

Jan., Feb., April, July, August (very limited), Sept., Oct. Cost: 60¢ each.

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1978

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

1977

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

1976

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

1975

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

Here are the most frequently used³ power-play, penalty-killing lines

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Here are the most frequently used power-play and penalty-killing teams used last year in the National Hockey League. Like last year's [March, 1980] list, these lines are arbitrary and based on the plus/minus stats of a player and his line.

Read the lists the same way as last year: a slash means to alternate these two players, parentheses around a name means to use this player if one doesn't have the extras or if this player "didn't dress," and a semi-colon ends one line and starts another, with the forward lines reading LW-C-RW, from left to right.

Also the numbers in parentheses before the power-play and penalty-killing lists represent the number of power-play goals scored or allowed. The percentage tells a team's power-play percentage or short-handed effectiveness, so the use of these teams should give you the same figures in most cases.

Now here are those power-play and penalty-killing lines for the 1980 (based on 1979-80 real-life) season:

<u>ATLANTA</u>	PP [51, 23.6%]:	Vail-Chouinard-MacMillan; Lever- <u>Nilsson</u> -Houston
	PK [52, 80.9%]:	D - Reinhart-Rautakallio Pronovost-Clement D - Marsh-Russell/Murdoch
<u>BOSTON</u> *	PP [60, 24.4%]:	Cashman (Jonathan)-Ratelle-Middleton; Lalonde-McNab-O'Reilly
	PK [63, 83%]:	D - Bourque-Redmond/Park (no sub) Miller-Lalonde D - Bourque-Smith; Milbury-Redmond
<u>BUFFALO</u>	PP [67, 24.5%]:	Martin-Perreault-Gare; Ramsay-Smith-Van Boxmeer
	PK [42, 83.3%]:	D - Dunn-Schoenfeld/Ruff (no sub) Ramsay-Luce D - Schoenfeld-Hajt
<u>CHICAGO</u>	PP [64, 23.9%]:	Bulley/Sedlbauer-Ruskowski-Mulvey; Trimper-Lysiak-Preston
	PK [56, 80.8%]:	D - Murray-Wilson Preston-Ruskowski; Marks-Koroll (Lysiak) D - Wilson-O'Connell; Murray-Fox
<u>COLORADO</u>	PP [53, 17.5%]:	Delorme-Robert-McDonald; Pierce-Valiquette-Schmaltz
	PK [52, 77.6%]:	D - McEwen-Ramage/Morrison (no sub) Robert-McKechnie/Smith (no sub) D - Christie-Johansen/Ramage
<u>DETROIT</u>	PP [61, 22.1%]:	Ogrodnick-McCourt-Foligno; Thompson-Mahovich-Nedomansky or Labraaten
	PK [64, 76.3%]:	D - Huber-Larson Wood-Thompson; Mahovich-McCourt D - Long-Larson/Huber
<u>EDMONTON</u> **	PP [61, 21.6%]:	Callighen-Gretzky-McDonald; Messier or Lumley-Weir-Murdoch or Lumley
	PK [74, 76.5%]:	D - Siltanen-Price; Hicks-Lowe (no subs; alternate Price and Hicks, partner with Siltanen) MacDonald-Weir; Hunter-Gretzky
<u>HARTFORD</u> *	PP [42, 19.4%]:	D - Hicks-Price; Fogolin-Campbell M.Howe-Rogers-Stoughton; Douglas-Keon-Boutette or Rowe

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	PK (64, 74.3%):	D - Sims-Roberts Keon-Boutette/Carroll
<u>LOS ANGELES **</u>	PP (83, 26.7%):	D - Sims-M.Howe; Roberts-Ley Sinner-Dionne-Taylor; Jensen-Harris-Murphy
	PK (94, 66.7%):	D - Halward-Henery/Selwood Murphy-Jensen; St. Laurent-Carlson
<u>MINNESOTA *</u>	PP (75, 23.7%):	D - Halward-Selwood; Palmer-Gibbs (Lewis) Payne-B. Smith-MacAdam; Young-Eaves-Sherpley or Zenussi
	PK (43, 82.1%):	D - Hartsburgh-Sargent/Maxwell Youngens-Polich
<u>MONTREAL</u>	PP (77, 29.3%):	D - Barrett-Hartsburgh Shutt-Larouche-Lefleur; Lambert-Mondou-Napier
	PK (46, 81.3%):	D - Robinson-Lapointe Jarvis-Gainey/Lambert
<u>N.Y. ISLANDERS*</u>	PP (63, 23.8%):	D - Robins-Savard (Lapointe); Engblom-Langway Gillies-Trottier-Bossy; Kallur-Goring-Nystrom
	PK (71, 77.5%):	D - Persson-D. Potvin/J. Potvin (no sub) Bourne-Kallur/Henning (no sub)
<u>N.Y. RANGERS</u>	PP (79, 26.0%):	D - Lorimer-D. Potvin/Langevin Don Maloney-Esposito-TaleFous; Vickers- Nilsson-Hedberg
	PK (54, 82.2%):	D - Beck-Greschner Tkaczuk-Johnstone; Duguay-Miller
<u>PHILADELPHIA</u>	PP (44, 16.3%):	D - Beck-Marois; Dave Maloney-Vednais Barber-Clarke or MacLeish-Leach; Propp or MacLeish-Linseman-Holmgren
	PK (79, 79.2%):	D - Dailey-Wilson Barber-Clarke; Leach-MacLeish or Bridgman
<u>PITTSBURGH</u>	PP (52, 19.8%):	D - Busniuk-Watson; Dailey-Watson Schutt-Malone-Kehoe; Marshall (McAdam)- Kindrachuck-Lee
	PK (64, 74.1%):	D - Carlyle-Stackhouse/Faubert or Tallon (Bladon) Ferguson-Kindrachuck; Lonsberry-Sheppard
<u>QUEBEC</u>	PP (63, 21.1%):	D - Stackhouse-Stewart; Anderson-Bladon Tardif-Ftorek-Cloutier; Goulet-Bernier (Leduc)-Baxter (Fitchner)
	PK (71, 73.3%):	D - Hoganson-Lacroix Fitchner-Plante
<u>ST. LOUIS</u>	PP (53, 18.3%):	D - Lariviere-Hart Sutter-Federko-Chapman; Zuke-Dunlop-Babych
	PK (40, 84.8%):	D - Brownschidle-Micheletti Klassen-Monahan; Patey-Crombeen
<u>TORONTO</u>	PP (68, 24.4%):	D - Kee-Lapointe Hickey-Sittler-Paiement; Anderson-Gardner- (Vaive)-Derlago
	PK (69, 78.8%):	D - Turnbull-Salming Kaszycki/Sittler-Ellis (Salming)
<u>VANCOUVER</u>	PP (53, 17.0%):	D - Burrows-Salming (Turnbull) Gillis-Gradin-Smyl; Williams-Boldirev-Manno (Bresar)
	PK (69, 75.5%):	D - Lindgren-McCarthy Oddleifson-Gillis/Butler
		D - McCarthy-Snepsts; Lindgren-Hughes

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<u>WASHINGTON</u>	PP (54, 18.4%):	Walter-Charron-Gartner; Sirois-Maruk (Ed- berg)-Gustafsson D - Picard-Green
	PK (65, 73.8%):	Walter-Gustafsson/Jarvis D - Picard-Green; Svensson (Bouchard)- MacKinnon
<u>WINNIPEG</u>	PP (63, 18.8%):	Lukowich-Sullivan-Lindstrom; Wilson (Mark- ell or Manery)-Christian (Wilson)-Marsh D - Norwich-Sjoberg
	PK (63, 22.8%):	Drouin-Moffat D - Sjoberg-Campbell; Cameron-Melrose

* The first power-play line should play twice for each time the second power-play line plays.

** The first power-play line should play three times for each time the second power-play line plays.

Players underlined were on the ice for a very large percentage of his team's power play goals. To account for this, allow them occasionally to play defense during power plays.

A few problems arose here: first, the lack of half-decent left wings on Winnipeg and Washington caused a few position switches. Second, the lack of defensive ability of Toronto, added to the trading of Jerry Butler and Walt McKechnie, will probably distort the Leafs' penalty killing effectiveness.

One last note about these lists: Don't be afraid to mix things up and experiment, and don't let these lists always dictate who plays. You'll notice that Dale Hoganson is not listed as a Quebec penalty-killer.

In this corner...the editors Lance Rentzel, I presume

Explorer Henry Stanley had an easy time finding Dr. David Livingstone in Africa--if his task was compared with trying to find a Lance Rentzel S-O-M Football card based on the 1970 season.

In fact, for anyone the assignment of uncovering such a card would be a mission impossible. That's because a 1970 Lance Rentzel card was never printed. There were cards in 1968 and '69, yes, but not for 1970.

In a recent issue of the Review, your favorite authors answered a question by informing all that there was really a 1970 card of Rentzel. Actually it was a 1969 card (based on '69) and was part of the S-O-M Football set issued in 1970.

Complicating matters further, as if they needed it, was the fact that S-O-M's roster sheets have two years at the top, but the roster sheet actually refers to cards based on the year before's real-life statistics. In other words, the 1969-1970 S-O-M roster sheet has Lance Rentzel, 1968 vintage, listed; the 1970-71 roster sheet has 1969 Rentzel and so on.

Many readers have questioned why no Rentzel card for '70 when he was thought to be listed on the roster. But he wasn't listed on the roster--not the 1971-1972 [based on 1970], anyway.

Now, as to why Rentzel, 1970, did not receive a card, even though he caught 28 passes, is a mystery that hasn't been cleared up yet. He was traded to the Los Angeles Rams and, if the trade was consummated during the season and Rentzel finished the year with the Rams, perhaps that's the explanation. The Review has written S-O-M, however, and is either trying to confirm it or find out the real reason for why Lance Rentzel and his 28 receptions resulted in a "phantom" card for 1970.

* On another subject front, please, when submitting photos to the Review, be sure they are either in black-'n-white or are extremely clear if in color. Most color photos, especially those with dark backgrounds, don't reproduce very well.

But modern-day teams are not soft touches

1958 Colts win football replay

The modern-day football powers don't always get pummeled when going up against the greats of yesteryear. The 1977 Dallas Cowboys and 1975 Pittsburgh Steelers, both rulers of the National Football League in those seasons, in fact, fared well butting heads [or cards] with the six old-timer teams.

Tim Tucker of Mayfield, KY, replayed a 14-game season with the 'new' two and 'old' six and Dallas won the West Division and Pittsburgh finished runner in the East to Baltimore, 1958 vintage.

Dallas eventually lost to the Colts in the championship game, 14-10, but even that was somewhat a 'victory,' considering the explosive Baltimore offense. The Colts scored in the first quarter on a 14-yard pass from Johnny Unitas to Lenny Moore and in the third on a six-yard run by Alan Ameche. Dallas, meanwhile, got on the scoreboard in the second period on Efran Herrera's 44-yard field goal, and then again in the fourth on Tony Dorsett's two-yard run.

Baltimore effectively shut down Dallas' running game, limiting the Cowboys to 60 yards in 18 carries [Dorsett had 42 of it in 10 attempts], although Roger Staubach riddled the Colt secondary for 18 completions in 31 attempts for 204 yards. Ameche was the game's top runner with 97 yards in 19 carries, while Unitas was 13 of 28 passing for 146 yards.

TIGHT RACE IN WEST

While Baltimore was running away with the East [12-2 record], Dallas, with the best defense of the eight teams, held off Green Bay, 1962, to claim the West by a game. Vince Lombardi's Packers had the most explosive offense, producing 334 points, 30 more than the next nearest offensive-minded team.

Pittsburgh was second in the East--but a very distant second, posting only a 5-9 record. Still, the Steelers had five other victories with- in grasp, losing all of them by four points or less. Once, against Green Bay, the Steelers led 20-9 with six minutes to play, only to have Jim Taylor score twice and succumb, 23-20. In another memorable game, Pittsburgh was beaten on a last-play 70-yard 'bomb' pass from Frank Ryan to Walter [The Flea] Roberts, Cleveland pulling out a 24-23 thriller-chiller.

Other highlights of Tucker says is the first full-season replay he's ever finished (he's primarily a baseball gamer), included:

* Baltimore intercepting eight Cleveland passes en route to a 34-0 shutout triumph.

* Green Bay's 36 first downs [23 passing] in a 56-13 crushing of Philadelphia.

* Tony Dorsett rushing for 210 yards in 19 carries against Philadelphia for the best individual rushing performance.

* And Norm Van Brocklin of Philly completing 30 of 53 passes for 377 yards against Baltimore.

Standings and leaders:

East	W	L	PF	PA	West	W	L	PF	PA
'58 Baltimore	12	2	288	213	'77 Dallas	9	5	286	174
'75 Pittsburgh	5	9	243	274	'62 Green Bay	8	6	334	241
'60 Philadelphia	5	9	304	369	'63 Chicago	7	7	202	209
'58 New York	4	10	209	281	'65 Cleveland	6	8	244	349

Rushing	Att-Yds.	Avg.	TD		Att-Yds.	Avg.	TD
Taylor GB	281-1668	5.9	21	Ameche BAL	212-986	4.7	9
J.Brown CLE	279-1540	5.5	14	Newhouse DAL	189-844	4.5	4
Harris PIT	248-1278	5.2	10	Moore BAL	82-616	7.5	4
Dorsett DAL	212-1230	5.8	8	Triplet NY	142-600	4.2	5

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Passing	Att-Comp	Pct.	Yds.	TD-Int.	Rating	Scoring	
Jurgensen PHI	165-95	57.6	1303	10-3	95.8	Taylor GB	132
Staubach DAL	290-193	66.6	2218	16-13	88.8	Walston PHI	94
Unites BAL	257-135	52.5	1716	11-11	70.2	Brown CLE	84
Ryan CLE	291-147	50.5	1951	9-14	62.4	Herrera DAL	80
Bradshaw PIT	291-162	55.7	2041	9-19	60.9	Summerall NY	75
VanBrocklin PHI	282-142	50.4	2045	14-21	60.3		
Wade CHI	394-190	48.2	2274	13-19	57.4		
Starr GB	299-157	52.5	1965	6-23	47.9		

Receiving	No.-Yds.	Avg.	TD	KO Returns	No.-Yds.	Avg.	TD
Ditke CHI	72-758	10.5	5	Lyles BAL	23-808	35.1	1
McDonald PHI	57-1014	17.8	8	Adderly GB	29-822	28.3	2
Collins CLE	56-855	15.3	7	Punt Returns			
Moore BAL	56-978	17.5	6	Kelly CLE	20-331	16.6	2
Swann PIT	53-763	14.4	4	Wood GB	52-619	11.9	1
D. Pearson DAL	51-760	14.9	4				
P. Pearson DAL	51-470	9.2	2				

Advertisements

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

Wanted

WANTED: Football teams. Must be in good condition and complete: 1967 Houston; 1968 Kansas City; 1975 Cincinnati, Minnesota. Name your price. Mark Woloszyn, 1052 Hudson Ave., Rochester, NY 14621

WANTED: 1977 Milwaukee Brewers and Montreal Expos; in any condition. Send asking price to: Richard Madison, Jr., 1002 N. Poplar, Creston, IA 50801. Will answer all letters.

WANTED: 1970, '71, '72, '73, '74 Miami Dolphins; in good condition. Send asking price to: Michael Sergio, 4345 Webster Ave., Bronx, NY 10470

WANTED: Need 1967, '68 and '72 Football teams. Willing to buy, or trade for 1973, '69 and '74 baseball; in excellent condition. Write or call: Cpt. R. Mowatt-Larssen, 5206 A Phillips St., Fort Bliss, TX 79906

WANTED: Baseball - 1970, '71, '73 Pirates; 1970 Reds; 1973 Braves; 1969 Red Sox. Extras, if possible. Will pay any reasonable price. Send prices to: Jim Fioriti, 323 N. Broadway, Upper Nyack, NY 10960

WANTED: 1970 Lance Rentzel card. 1967 Falcons, San Francisco, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Jets, Raiders. Also, 1968 and 1969 Oakland. 1972 Dallas, 1971 Chiefs. Willing to trade. I have over 200 teams from 1967-1979. Frank Bontumasi, 7678 Highway 90 W#29, San Antonio, TX 78227 (phone: 512-675-0230, before 4 p.m.)

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

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WANTED: Offers on football teams from 1967 to 1976. Send to: Dan Comendoley, 15 Aberdeen Dr., Dundee, IL 60118

WANTED: 1973 Yankees. Also 1975 and 1977 A's, Orioles, Astros, with or without additional players. Send price and condition to: Jeff Tsetseranos, 149 Beech Hill Dr., Manchester, NH 03103 (phone: 603-627-1479)

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

WANTED: All S-O-M Baseball rosters before 1978. 75¢ each - original or copy. Payment plus postage paid upon receipt. If condition unacceptable, will return at my expense. Brian Smith, 2872 E. Broad St., Bexley, OH 43209

WANTED: Would like to meet people in the Gary, IN, area who love the games as I do and would be interested in playing any of the games in their spare time. Refreshments are on me. Write or call: James Sanders Jr., 5806 Kennedy Terrace Apt. 103, Gary, IN 46403 (phone: 1-219-938-6137). I have many old teams in my collection.

WANTED: 1966 Dodgers, Pirates, Mets and Phillies; 1967 Reds; 1968 Red Sox. Must be good-excellent condition. Am willing to trade 1964 Tigers, 1968 Cardinals and Tigers, 1976 Yankees, Royals, Phillies, Reds and Pirates for these teams or will purchase outright. Contact: Harold Coleman, 41 Augustine Place, Crofton Bear, DE 19701 (phone: 302-328-8642)

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

WANTED: 1972 Phillies, with additional players. Write: Pete Manzolillo, 2526 S. St. Marks Ave., Bellmore, NY 11710

WANTED: Traders of individual 1960's baseball cards. Let's help each other finish up our incomplete teams. Luke Kraemer, 2550 Yeager Rd. 7-8, West Lafayette, IN 47906

For Sale

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

FOR SALE: Why lose those tight games because of an error in the late innings. Know your fielders! I have compiled a complete list showing the percentage of a batter reaching base whenever the x-chart is involved. Yes--a percentage for every e-rating for each fielding rating at each position. These charts are valid for years to come--not outdated with each new card set. Get the easy out. Send \$2.25 to: Tony Auter, 3505 Mina Ct., Louisville, KY 40220

FOR SALE: 1975 football and baseball teams, no extras, and several players missing. Bid by player, team, or set. Also 1976, 1977, 1978 complete baseball teams with extras; bid by sets only. All cards in good condition, some have pen marks but they're not in the way. Send bids and SASE to: Bob Currier, 200 Bagley Road, Massena, NY 13662

FOR SALE: The following assorted baseball cards with price in parenthesis - 275 1971 cards [\$12], 300 1972 cards [\$12], 325 1974 cards--A's are complete [\$12], 425 1976 cards [\$15], 400 1977 cards [\$15]. 1974 set with extras, but missing 19 cards [\$25]. Baseball cards have some writing on them. 1978 A's, Mariners, Indians, K.C., Tigers, Angels, Twins, Blue Jays, Phils, Dodgers, Reds, Braves, Mets, Baltimore, Red Sox, Rangers and White Sox in average condition w/o extras [\$12]. Football - 1972 Miami Dolphins [\$3], 1973 set in

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excellent condition (\$30), 1976 set in average condition (\$20) and 1978 set in excellent condition (\$15). First response gets cards; please include SASE. Send bids to: Jeff Williams, 8052 Westcamp Rd., Fair Oaks, CA 95622, or call 916-967-3518.

FOR SALE: 1977-78 Golden State Warriors and Houston Rockets. 1977 Pittsburgh Steelers and New York Jets. 1976 Cleveland Indians and Chicago White Sox. 1978 Philadelphia Phillies and Kansas City Royals. All teams in great condition. Send offers to: Mike Goldstein, 8449 N. First Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85021, or call: 1-602-997-9259.

FOR SALE: 1968 football teams [very good] - Patriots, Jets, Broncos, Bills, Bengals, Dolphins, Chargers, Oilers. Bid in baseball teams from 1962-66, '68, '69, '72-74 or cash. Would prefer bids on the entire set, but will accept offers on individual teams. Luke Kraemer, 2550 Yeager Rd. 7-8, West Lafayette, IN 47906

FOR SALE: All 1976 football teams, except Buccaneers, 49ers, Colts and Cards. Broncos, Falcons, Chargers, Dolphins, Patriots and Eagles are missing from 1 to 6 players. 1973 Oakland A's also. Send to: Dan Comendoley, 151 Aberdeen Dr., Dundee, IL 60118

FOR SALE: Football - 1970 complete [fair to good], Detroit poor; 1971 Cowboys, Redskins, Vikings, Lions, 49ers, Dolphins, Chiefs [excellent], Colts [good]; 1974 all teams except Packers and Chiefs [very good]; 1975 Cowboys, Cards, Vikings, Rams, Colts, Steelers, Bengals, Browns, Raiders [excellent]; 1976 complete [excellent]. Baseball 1973 NL and AL, no extras [good]; 1974 Giants, Braves, Orioles, Red Sox, Yankees, Rangers--no extras [excellent]. Highest bids accepted. Full years only. Bob Forrest, 1168 N. Heliotrope #1, Los Angeles, CA 90029. SASE please to ensure reply.

FOR SALE: Getting married. It all has to go! Call 215-538-0241 to reserve your set or mail

check or money order to: Steve Smith, 236 W. Broad St., Quakertown, PA 18951. Losing checks returned promptly. I pay postage. Baseball: Set A - 1967 Giants, Red Sox; fair condition; \$1. Set B - 1969 24-player teams; Pilots, Cards; fair condition; \$1. Set C - 1970 20-player teams; Braves, Dodgers, Angels, Reds, Dodgers, Royals, Giants, Phillies, Astros, Brewers, Padres; fair condition, writing on several; \$5. Set D - 1971 20-player teams; Reds, A's, Orioles, Phillies, Red Sox; exc. condition; \$2. Set E - 1971 24-player teams; Astros, Phillies, Brewers, Red Sox, Twins; good to exc. condition; \$2.50. Set F - 1971 20-player teams; Mets, Phils, Cards, Expos, Cards, Tigers, Cards; fair condition, writing on several; \$2. Set G - 1971 extra players for all teams except Pirates, Dodgers; \$1. Set H - 1972 20-player teams; Tigers, Cubs, Orioles; fair condition; \$1. Set I - 1972 24-player teams; Twins, Yanks, Royals, Rangers, Orioles, Tigers, Red Sox, White Sox, Angels, Indians, A's, Brewers; good to exc. condition; \$5. Set J - 1972 24-player teams; Astros, Cards, Reds, Mets, Pirates, Dodgers, Expos, Padres, Phils, Giants, Braves; fair condition; \$5. Set K - 1973 20-player teams; Padres, Expos, Cards, Orioles, Cubs, Dodgers, Astros, Phils, Braves, Giants; exc. condition; \$5. Set L - 1973 24-player teams; Royals, Dodgers, Twins, Rangers, Astros, White Sox, Tigers, Indians, Brewers, Pirates, Angels; exc. condition; \$5. Set M - 1975 24-player teams; National League; exc. condition; \$10. Set N - 1975 24-player teams; American League; exc. condition; \$10. Set O - 1976 24-player teams; National League; exc. condition; \$10. Set P - 1976 24-player teams; American League, all teams except Tigers; exc. condition; \$9. Set Q - Assorted 60 players from '70, '71, mostly Giants; fair condition; 50¢. Set R - Old Timers, '20 and '30 eras, '40 era, '50 and '60 eras, '60 Series B, 28 teams; exc. Condition; \$10. Set S - Old Timers, '50 and '60 era teams, plus '09 Tigers, '09 Pirates, '11 A's, '19 White Sox, '27 Yankees, '34 Cards, '46 Red Sox, '67 Red Sox; 16 teams, plus four Hall of [continued on next page]

Fame teams; exc. condition; \$10.
Basketball: Set T - 1972-73
Sixers, Suns, Blazers, Kings,
Hawks, Bucks; exc. condition;
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Colts, Bears, Browns, Cowboys,
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skins; 1974 Bills, Rams, Dol-
phins, Raiders, Cardinals, Red-
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until 15th of this month. Winners
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Falcons, Lions, Eagles, Oilers,
Broncos, Chiefs, \$5; Raiders,
Brown, \$7. 1969 Steelers, 49ers,
Rams, Falcons, Broncos, Cardi-
nals, Oilers, Dolphins, Jets,
Giants, Patriots, \$4; Raiders,
\$6; Chiefs, \$10. 1970 all teams,
\$3, except Dallas, Baltimore,
\$9. 1971 Packers, Rams, Bengals,
Chiefs, Lions, Steelers, Jets,
Cardinals, Giants, Raiders,
Colts, 49ers, Bills, Chargers,
Patriots, Browns, Broncos, \$3;
Dallas, Miami, \$9. 1974 com-
plete, \$48. 1975 complete, \$48.
1976 complete, \$35. 1975 com-
plete, baseball, \$50. 1976 com-
plete, baseball, \$45. All cards
are in very good to mint condi-
tion. All buyers pay postage.
Richard Gulezian, 1 Robin Hood
Road, Windham, NH 03087

FOR SALE: 1964 Braves, poor
condition; 1965 Yanks; 1966
Braves; 1969 A's; 1970 Mets;
1976 Reds, Yanks, Phillies,
Royals. Football - 1971 Cow-
boys, Giants, Bengals, Packers,
Broncos, Saints; 1972 Dolphins;
1976 Raiders. Best offer by end
of month. WANTED: Will pay top
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NY Giants. All letters will be
answered. Contact: D. DeGrasse,
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ME 04445

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Bids must be received by Jan. 30.
SASE guarantees reply. Football -
1974, 1975, 1976, 1977. Basketball
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only]. Baseball - 1967, 1968,
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FOR SALE: As a complete set only
(no individual teams or years will
be sold). Football - 1967 and
1969-73 complete sets; 1968 com-
plete except for Cincinnati, Denver,
Detroit, Pittsburgh and Washington
(which were all non-contenders
that year). All teams are complete
--there are no missing cards.
Absolutely no writing on cards.
Teams are in very good to mint
condition (80% mint). No auctions,
no "I have a price in mind" none-
sense--\$800 takes all (I pay post-
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game with complete 1972-73 and
1973-74 sets in excellent condi-
tion--\$60. Serious inquiries only,
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St. #7, Suncook, NH 03275

FOR SALE: How would you like to
get your Strat-O-Matic Baseball
cards autographed? I'll send you
actual home mailing addresses of
any three baseball players (active
or retired) of your choice for only
\$1, plus a stamp. Send to: Ira
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Park, PA 16802. Free bonus address
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month.

FOR SALE: NFL--1974, all 26 teams.
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1975-76, all teams plus game box
and game parts. All teams excell-
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Boardman, OH 44512

FOR SALE: 1974-75, '75-76, '76-77,
'77-78, '78-79 Sixers, 60¢ each.
Write to: C.W. Steinmetz, 2114
Oakmont St., Philadelphia, PA 19152

FOR SALE: Mail for our new Strat-
O-Matic Baseball playing tips,
which feature a draft list on the

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1980 season in our first issue. Send just 50¢ to: Frank Martine, 14 Lanfair Rd., Marlton, NJ 08053

League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: Looking for 16 coaches to start draft PBM hockey league. New cards with extras, super advanced rules. Send \$5 entry fee to: Bob Doty, 9 Poplar St., Danvers, MA 01923

LEAGUE FORMING: Face-to-face draft, advanced play; new cards. San Diego area. Call: Rich Vioral at 714-284-8679 (night), 714-235-2212 (day).

LEAGUE FORMING: Replacement managers needed for third season of Louisville Sluggers Baseball Association (see May, 1980 Review, page 19, for league organization). Only responsible and honest managers need to reply. If chosen, entry fee will be \$10. If interested in joining a successful league, send Strat-O-Matic experience to: Tony Auter, 3505 Mina Ct., Louisville, KY 40220

LEAGUE FORMING: Experienced player wants to form football league in Lynn/North Shore area. Format will be face-to-face, either draft or actual teams. Players over 18 preferred. Please call or write: Brian Fitzgerald, 22 Portland St., Lynn, MA 01902 (phone: 598-4133)

LEAGUE FORMING: Here's your chance to evaluate and draft current major leaguers and future all-stars. You'll have the opportunity to draft a team from a list of 240 players who range from superstar to average player. If this suits you, then SOMLBA is for you. We are expanding to form a parallel league which will utilize the playing rules and structure of SOMLBA, a well-established, thriving, play-by-mail league. Regular-season play consists of 88 games against members in your league, beginning in April and ending in September. We feature inter-league exhibitions, trades, drafts, waivers, all-star game and championship series. If you

are interested, send resume of personal data and playing experience to: Tom Stadtheus, 913 N. Washington Avenue, Green Brook, NJ 08812

LEAGUE FORMING: Emergency call!! Anyone who responded to ad in Nov. Review concerning 1982 league before Nov. 4, should get in touch with me as soon as possible. All names and addresses were lost on election night. Please re-contact me. The AL is set but we have a couple more openings for NL. Back-up managers are also needed. Stan Awtrey, 1010 E. Belmont Park Dr., Smyrna, GA 30080 (phone: 404-432-9516)

LEAGUE FORMING: Need coaches for a face-to-face football league in the Toronto area. Will use current 1980 cards based on '79 season. If interested, phone Kent Scott at 416-481-5857. Address: 1901 Bayview Ave., Apt. 402, Toronto, Ont. M4G 3E4

LEAGUE FORMING: Wanted! A few managers willing to wait for an opening in the ultimate PBM baseball league, ECBL. My waiting list is low and I need a few very experienced, mature managers to stand by if an opening occurs. No opening currently exists, but you can get your name in if you ever want to get a chance to join a league whose average age is 24, with 11 years average S-O-M experience. Write: Cpt. R. Mowatt-Larssen, 5206 A. Phillips St., Fort Bliss, TX 79906

LEAGUE FORMING: A new PBM baseball league is forming. The league will be based on the upcoming S-O-M release in January. Straight teams with trading. A 162-game schedule, all-star game, and a yearbook are some of the extras this league will have. Send a list of 10 teams, in order of preference, also a small resume, to: Michael Telesca, 44 Rudder Dr., Holtsville, NY 11742 (phone: 516-472-1526). League fee is \$12.

LEAGUE FORMING: Several coaches wanted for continuous PBM draft baseball league. I want this to be a respected league, with reliable, long-time managers. New cards,

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New baseball cards are coming his way

Norman Swift wins MVP Contest

Later this month, a set of the new Strat-O-Matic Baseball cards, plus extra players, will be sent to Lake Wales, FL, compliments of the Review.

Recipient of the cards will be Norman Swift, who won the Review's most recent Most Valuable Player Contest. Swift, along with Kevin Jacques of Kent, OH, named both MVPs correctly. But, whereas Jacques didn't hit on one of his four selections as far as division winners, Swift got one right--Philadelphia in the N.L. East--and came away the winner.

Overall, 41 votes had been cast for George Brett, the A.L.'s MVP, and only 14 for Mike Schmidt in the N.L. Big favorite in the preseason voting had been Dave Parker, who had his name penned in on 48 ballots.

Because both Jacques and Swift picked the MVPs correctly, the Review had to go again to the tiebreaker, with the winner becoming the one who selects the most division champs. If still a tie after that, then the next step is to resolve it by which percentages (won-and-lost for the division winners) came closest to real-life.

Swift, for the record, picked Baltimore in the A.L. East, Texas in the West, Los Angeles in the N.L. West and, of course, hit the jackpot with Philadelphia in the N.L. East.

Jacques, meanwhile, misfired on all four of his choices: Milwaukee and California in the A.L. East and West, respectively, and Pittsburgh and Los Angeles in the N.L. East and West.

Last year's winner, in case you may have forgotten, was John Dorman of Philadelphia, who also had to go the tiebreaker route to win a set of the baseball cards.

Next contest will be coming your way in the March issue of the Review. Watch for it. And, meanwhile, we hope that Swift, who should be receiving those new cards soon, enjoys himself. Roll 'em!

Another hot time for Pioneer Hot Stove S-O-M Baseball league

Most baseball leagues are awaiting the day when the new cards arrive and the first pitch can be thrown out, launching a new season.

But not the Pioneer Hot Stove League, a play-by-mail, draft baseball league that has Willis Ringen of Beattie, KS, as commissioner. Oh, sure, the Pioneer League will be anxious to see the new cards. But its October-to-March league will go on just the same.

The Hot Stove League, just as the name implies, is played during the "Hot Stove" or off season. Right after the World Series is the starting date and the last pitch is hurled, or dice rolled, along about April.

Right now the league is closing in on the halfway point of its 1980-81 season (using the 1980 cards, based on the 1979 season). It's a two-division alignment, with one all National League players, the other American. And players, when drafted, are restricted to the league in which they played in real-life. A 162-game schedule is played, with teams playing those in their division 18 times and 12 games against every team in the other division.

DAVE PARKER IS MVP

Dave Parker of the Giants (guided by Deron Ringen, 13-year-old son of Willis) won Most Valuable Player honors in the Hot Stove League's fourth season, batting .342 with 135 runs-batted-in. Because of the presence of Parker, plus Jeff Burroughs (.317), Willie Stargell (.292, Reggie Smith [36 home runs, 100 RBI], Burt Hooton [20-5], Steve Carlton [19-12] and Rollie Fingers [Fireman of the Year], the Giants easily won the N.L.

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title and went on to defeat the Red Sox in a six-game World Series.

Not only did the Giants win 107 games during the regular-season, but they turned on the Red Sox in three of the Series games and won by lopsided scores such as 11-4, 7-2 and, believe it or not, 28-1. That was "no mistake," said Willis Ringen of the last-game massacre in his league report.

As far as the league's membership rolls, there's another Ringen in Terry, who not long ago won back-to-back MVP Contests. He's the oldest son of Willis, also farms in Beattie, and manages the Royals.

Ron Carlson (Phillies) and Doug Crandall (Red Sox) are students at Kansas Wesleyan University; John Gay (Dodgers) attends college in Riverside, CA; Kenny Bennett (Padres) is at University of Arizona, and Adrian Schwan (Tigers) attends Western Ontario.

Mike Huckleberry (Cubs) resides in Covina, CA; Harley Kernal (Reds) is a member of the Air Force, stationed at Lowry, CO, Steve Cornman (Brewers) calls Ithaca, NY, home, and Gary Wnek (White Sox) is a pharmacist in Cromwell, CT.

Willis Ringen, although planning on concentrating solely on his duties as commissioner, was pressed into service as manager of the Angels when the former manager retired unexpectedly.

DEADLINES ADHERED TO

The Hot Stove starts smoking if statistics are not into the league office on time (first and 15th of each month), or when deadlines are not met. For instance, instructions are to be mailed out for a series one week in advance. If they don't arrive by three days after the series was scheduled to start, then the home team manager plays the games, sans instructions. The home team manager always submits a report of the series to the league office.

Willis Ringen has the power to impose penalties and, except for a manager dropping out occasionally, the Hot Stove League hasn't been left out in the cold yet as far as completing a season.

GUIDRY WINS CY YOUNG

Ron Guidry, the property of the Brewers, won the Cy Young Award for posting a 24-9 record and 2.39 ERA. Teammate Ed Figueroa had a 14-10 record—but threw two no-hitters! J.R. Richard of the Cubs also spun a no-hitter.

The Reds, last again in the N.L., losing 103 games, were an exciting team, running at every opportunity. Kernal, who must have been a frustrated sprinter, watched his club swipe 457 bases (111 by Gene Richards and 88 by John Stearns). The Reds also had the league's lowest batting average (.247) and highest ERA (4.22), however.

Biggest jump in the standings was made by the Red Sox, with Crandall taking over a team that had finished last the season before and piloting it into first.

Other highlights included: Ellis Valentine smashing 37 homers, batting .323 with 123 RBI and finishing MVP runnerup; George Foster of the Dodgers leading in home runs with 42; Craig Swan going 20-5, with a 2.13 ERA for the Phillies, the same team that Valentine performed on; and Bob Knepper going 21-13 for the Cubs.

Lowlights included Vida Blue (9-23) and Dennis Lamp (7-20) for the Reds, naturally; and Reggie Jackson (.258, 21 HRs, 71 RBI) and Jim Palmer (14-20) and Nolan Ryan (13-7) having sub-par seasons for the disappointing Tigers.

Standings and leaders:

National	W	L	GB	American	W	L	GB	Batting
Giants	107	55	-	Red Sox	86	76	-	Parker GIA .342
Phillies	87	75	20	Royals	85	77	1	Valentine PHI.323
Dodgers	83	75	22	Brewers	84	78	2	Burroughs GIA.317
Cubs	78	75	26	White Sox	81	81	5	Carew ROY-ANG.315
Padres	69	79	31	Angels	72	84	11	Lezcano BREW .310
Reds	50	103	50	Tigers	69	93	17	[continued]

RBI		Home Runs		R: Parker GIA 109	
Parker GIA	135	Foster DOD	42	2B: Rice ROY 50	
Valentine PHI	123	Valentine PHI	37	3B: Yount ANG 20	
Foster DOD	120	Hisle WS	37	SB: Richards RED 111	
Rice ROY	108	R. Smith GIA	36	H: Parker GIA 215	
		G. Thomas BREW	34	CG: Guidry BREW 24	
ERA		Wins		L: Blue RED 9-23	
Hiller WS	1.95	Guidry BREW	24-9	HRA: Carlton GIA 45	
Swan PHI	2.13	Knepper CUB	21-13		
Guidry BREW	2.39	Swan PHI	20-5	Strikeouts	
Halicki GIA	2.44	Hooton GIA	20-5	Richard CUB	328
Tiant ROY	3.10	Caldwell AS	20-13	Guidry BREW	311
Rogers DOD	3.17	Seaver DOD	20-16	Seaver DOD	249

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advanced version. Newsletters, yearbook, etc. Send resume [with any playing experience in PBM] to: SOMSBA, Andrew Shelofsky, 34 Devon Drive, Orangeburg, NY 10962

LEAGUE FORMING: Looking for reliable managers for a face-to-face baseball draft league. We will play 162-game season and the amount of teams depends on response. All managers will vote to see if we will use the 1977, '78 or '79-year cards. Advanced version. This league is in the Enfield, Connecticut area, or surrounding towns. Please have letters in by Jan. 15. All letters will be answered. Send letters to: John Avery, 30 North St., Enfield, CT 06082

Contests

CONTEST: I challenge all you so-called S-O-M Baseball managerial wizards to enter the 1981 M-B-C (Munson-Bostock-Clemente) Memorial Superstars Tournament! What for? Well, does the tune of \$500 ring a bell? Yes, if you become the first ever M-B-C Memorial champion, you will receive this cash award, not to mention the fame you will receive. Below is an itemized list of the format particulars. 1. Play-by-mail, advanced baseball; 2. All the greatest cards from 1971 to the upcoming 1980 set will be used; 3. Since I

will play all games [ala Gold Cup], you do not have to own all the card sets; 4. 64 teams will compete in best 3-out-of-5, double-elimination tourney [the loser's bracket will be best two-out-of-three, so all entrants will be guaranteed a minimum of five games]; 5. The entry fee is \$10, but as you can see it's well worth it and in addition the four finalists will all receive substantial awards of cash; 6. The teams will be created [you give your nickname to your own] through a 20-round draft [20-man rosters] that I have already assembled. The 64 greatest player cards at each position, including four starting pitchers each team and four relievers each and four super subs each. For example, I can tell you now that all 10 Ted Simmons' cards are to be used [1971-1980]. No two entrants will have the same player cards. 7. Both fielding charts will be used. 8. A four-man pitching rotation. 9. We will not use the DH system. 10. There will be no injuries beyond the game in progress. So, to receive your complete players eligible for the super star draft, and your tournament rules, just mail a check or money order to the following: Thomas Swank [Gambit creator], 37 Charles Street, Bloomfield, NJ 07003, or phone for more information first: 201-743-9721. Remember the entry fee is \$10.

Basketball Playing Tip

Substituting by the numbers

One of the major problems when playing Strat-O-Matic Basketball solitaire is making substitutions. Do you adhere to the number of minutes played listed on each player's card? Do you sub only when a player is in foul trouble, or having an "off" game? Do you leave the starters in for 90 percent of a game--particularly the superstars?

All of these have a direct bearing on how a game comes out. If the stars aren't rested, they, of course, will score a plethora of points. Many teams have a strong starting five, but weak benches; how you sub will determine that type of team's fate.

The problem of when to sub, and whom to sub, has plagued the Review editors, too. We usually try to match the playing time listed on the card, sub freely in the second and third quarters (the starters always play the entire first quarter and the final five-seven minutes of the fourth) and deviate only when the foul situation calls for it.

But now Rick Goldman, Los Angeles, CA, has come forth and offered what we think is a better idea. His method is in two parts: [1] rating the players for amount of playing time and [2] using a system for subbing.

RATING THE PLAYERS

First off, all the players must be rated, according to their M.P.G. (minutes-per-game). Goldman divides a 48-minute pro game into eight six-minute sections (two sections per quarter) and then checks the chart below for how many sections each player (based on his MPG) can play:

M.P.G.		Sections	M.P.G.		Sections
1-9	-	1	28-33	-	5
10-15	-	2	34-39	-	6
16-21	-	3	40-45	-	7
22-27	-	4	46+	-	8

Next, note that on each team the guards and forwards will each combine to play a total of 16 sections (eight sections x two) and the center eight sections.

Hypothetical team (example):

Centers	MPG	Sections	Guards	MPG	Sections	
Walton	33	5	Hollins	34	6	* Note that Steele also can play forward.
Owens	21	3	Davis	27	4	
Forwards			Twardzik	24	4	
Lucas	31	5	Steele *	17	3	
Gross	30	5				
Neal	19	3				
Calhoun	12	2				

The centers total eight--just right; the guards total 17--one extra; and the forwards total 15 sections--one under. But since Steele plays both guard-forward, give him two sections at guard, one at forward. If all the players at a position add up short (i.e., the centers totaling only seven sections), then give one more section to the player who comes closest on the rating chart above. If Walton had only a 27 MPG (four sections) and Owens a 19 MPG (three sections), then make Walton a "5" since his MPG is only one minute away from such a rating, while Owens is three minutes away from a "4" rating.

IMPLEMENTING THE SYSTEM

Now to use the system. Write on the scoresheet the number of sections each player can play. After every six-minute segment, deduct one section from the players in the game. "It's up to you who to take out and put in at these times," says Goldman. "But you should base your sub-

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stituting on the score at the time, matchups, foul problems, what part of the game it is, and how much time each player has left. Keep in mind that once a player uses up his allotted sections, he's out of the game."

If a player must be subbed for in the middle of a section (30 rolls of the dice comprise a section), take one roll off the player going out is 16 or more rolls into the section, or one off the player coming in if 15 rolls or less into section.

In the last two minutes of the game (last 10 shots), everyone can play, says Goldman, even those down to zero. But, of course, players who have fouled out can't return.

And if you must use a player down to zero sections left because of foul problems, consider that player to be tired and assign him a "4" defensive rating.

Readers roll 'em

FRYER'S ON TARGET

I was checking out the May, 1980 Review recently, specifically Larry Fryer's article "Who Should You Draft in Baseball?" and found that he was again right on target.

Some of his forecasts: Rickey Henderson ("Future great"), Willie Aikens ("great bat"), plus he was on target with Bob Horner, Pedro Guerrero and Joe Charbonneau, just to name a few.

I wonder where Larry buys his crystal balls?

John M. Borack
1932 S. Pontenova
Hacienda Hts., CA

FOOTBALL 'MODIFICATIONS'

After reading Matt Lorenz's column in the November Review, I can only say one thing: great!

I totally agree with all the "modifications" proposed by Matt. The greatest by far has got to be the team penalty card. Finally someone comes up with an idea for penalties not based totally on chance.

It would be one of the best improvements to any of the games in years. I sincerely hope that the game company uses this idea for incorporating penalties into the game; hopefully keeping the price to the bare minimum.

Steve Dull
8933 Highland
Highland, IN

ANOTHER VIEW ON PENALTIES

It's been a long time since my first Strat-O-Matic game (over 10 years ago) and I've been one

of the faithful to the S-O-M approach.

Your guest columnist, Matt Lorenz, put his authority on the line and should bow to some objective, constructive criticism. First off, I would like to say his ideas for individualized fumbles, receiver fumbles, short gains in the short pass zones, are all suggestions the S-O-M gods should give some consideration to.

However, Matt should consider a more realistic approach to the ideas on penalties. S-O-M Football has been successfully marketed for 12 years now without penalties. Penalties induced once every six rolls would all too much change this successful format. They would also lengthen game time and lessen statistics. S-O-M will not, I'm sure, will not attempt such a method for involving penalties.

Nor will it stop automatically including interceptions on the pass defense cards. Joe Ferguson has little to say about the roll of the dice. Since 1972, S-O-M has rated interceptions on QBs cards in direct ratio with the 14 or 16 opponent defense cards.

My deepest sympathy for the ripped-off Eric Torkelson is also in order. Any diehard S-O-M Footballer knows that backups are weighed to the record of the team and ability of the starters (more recently Roland Hooks and Dennis Johnson of Buffalo. They could start for about half the teams in 1978, yet only together totaled 131 rushing attempts).

Finally, suggestions of my

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own. Why doesn't S-O-M make universal defensive punt return and kickoff returns. Example:

Punt	Kickoff
7. +7	7. +25
8. +5	8. +24
12. -2	12. +16

This could allow thorough inter-year play.

Also adjusting time usage could help. Example:
 (1) Plays of over 20 yards - 45 seconds; (2) Punts, kickoff returns, complete plays - 30 seconds; (3) Incomplete passes, scoring, fair catches, punt TB - 15 seconds; (4) Timeouts - lessen all plays by 15 seconds.

Bruce Bundy
 Brooklyn, OH

THANKS REVIEW

Thank you for the Strat-O-Matic Review.

You just never know when a great game will pop up. Earlier this year I was working as a pilot for a commuter airline in Puerto Rico. I lived with three other pilots in a house in the country and our evenings were pretty boring.

Well, I sent off for a complete baseball game. I wanted a high scoring game so I pitted California against Milwaukee. The first game out of the box, Nolan Ryan pitched 8 1/3 innings of no-hit ball before Gorman Thomas singled.

By the time Thomas got the hit, however, all of my roommates were circled around me. Things were never boring again. Soon we also got the basketball game.

Henry Smith
 Inglewood, CA

PRAISE FOR THE 'WOLFMAN'

I hate to think where we would be without the Review. I can remember when you didn't know anybody and couldn't get old teams or sell them.

The Review has been good for S-O-M but I have to agree with Randall Witt: why does the Review always fail to show for a convention?

I also believe Rick (Wolfman) Shapiro deserves some special recognition for all he's

done for these conventions. I had the best time at this last one and without him, it would probably have never gone over.

We're going to need someone to take his place and get something started for next year. It won't get done without help from the Review. Mini conventions are great fun, but we need the big convention. Nobody would come to Arkansas, but I'm sure somebody out in the middle of the U.S. could help us out.

One more thing. How about figuring out how much it would cost to add more pages to the Review. When you find out, have a poll asking who would pay for that many more pages. You have polls for the company, why not one for yourselves? If you don't get enough yes votes, then we can only blame ourselves.

Anthony Johnston
 1916 Alden Lane
 Little Rock, AR

Editor's note: As far as adding pages to the Review, it would have to be done in multiples of four and printing and mailing charges would shoot up approximately 33 1/3 percent. We are at the minimum weight for such mailing, and anything more would put us in another mailing class.

Regarding the convention, we still have not heard how the tournaments came out this summer.

PRICE IS RIGHT

The Review has been criticized by some gamers in the last few issues. Actually, though, the Review has improved tremendously over the last few months.

I feel it has improved because of such articles as Guest Columnist, who should you draft by Larry Scotti and the playing tips.

Some people have complained about the price going up, but the Review I feel is right. My reason is that the Review is only 60 cents, while other gaming magazines sell for a dollar an issue or 10 to 11 dollars a year. Sixty cents, in comparison, isn't much for an excellent magazine.

Robert Genova
 120 Broadway
 Malden, MA

Questions & Answers

Editor's note: Questions regarding individual and team ratings will not be answered in most cases, unless a mistake has been made on the card. The game company cannot, for reasons of security, divulge its card-making 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: In the directions it says that the longest gain with a dot rule applies only to runs (i.e. 30). Should this apply also to passes and, if not, why not? There are dots on certain receivers' cards in football.

ANSWER: S-O-M says the "dot rule" should apply also to passes. It does not say it in the rules--but the game company says it should have.

QUESTION: In the all-time great college football set, Texas (1977) doesn't have ratings for special teams chart for opponent punt, kick-off and interception returns ratings. What should they be?

ANSWER: Ratings should be: A = 0; B = -1; C = -2. These are for all three types of returns.

QUESTION: With a runner on second base and the batter rolls on the X-Chart (basic) and the result is "Single and error, batter on second," is the batter given credit for an RBI? Or does the runner score on the error?

ANSWER: This is an arbitrary decision on the part of the gamer. Our suggestion would be score it as an RBI if there are two outs, figuring that the runner would be moving with the hit. If there are less than two outs some gamers play a hit to right or center as an RBI, that the runner would have scored regardless of the error, but count a hit to left as a one-base advance for the runner on second and the error permitting him to score. But, like we've said, it's entirely up to each gamer how they score such a play.

QUESTION: If a defensive back (other than the free safety) blitzes in the football game, does someone have to move into the short pass zone in order to keep at least three men there?

ANSWER: There must always be at least three men in the short pass zone, that's true. The free safety is the only one, because he doesn't have assigned coverage (i.e., tight safety covers tight end, etc.) as the other three backs. But if the defensive team employs five backs, then it could be that extra back, not necessarily the free safety, who blitzes.

QUESTION: In football when a "must run" occurs on third or fourth down, when linebacker run containment would normally be in effect, is the full yardage given if it is enough for a first down?

ANSWER: S-O-M says, "yes," the full yardage is given.

QUESTION: After the dice have been rolled for a three-point field goal attempt in basketball, does a roll of "7" still refer to passing situation and "8" to rebounding?

ANSWER: Yes.

QUESTION: In hockey, on the power play, when a player who has an outside shot, whose defense rating does he use if he doesn't have an opponent (using the new penetration chart)?

ANSWER: Use his penetration rating against a "1" defensive rating.

QUESTION: In hockey, if a team has pulled its goalie and the extra player has an outside shot, whose defense rating does he use? If a team scores without a goalie, and the assist reads "any player 8," is this referring to the extra player?

ANSWER: For penetration, use system above. For a shot result, assume player to be unguarded. And if a defensive rating occurs, the result is an automatic inside shot only if his rating is "8" or more.

QUESTION: Baseball situation: No outs with runners on first and third only. What happens on a groundball 8? (If infield is back we play it a forceout at second, run scores, batter safe at first; if infield is in, batter going to first is out, runner on third holds and runner on first goes to second. Are we right?)

ANSWER: According to S-O-M, if the infield is back, there's a force-out at second, runner scores, and batter is safe at first. If the infield is in, runner on third is out at the plate, runner on first moves to second and batter goes to first.

QUESTION: In baseball, if a runner is being held on first base is the batter's bunting rating affected?

ANSWER: No, according to S-O-M.

QUESTION: I have a question concerning the basketball game. Team defense cards were issued beginning with the 1974-75 season, and with them a revised referral chart must have been issued because I recently bought some '76-77 teams and number "6" on the defense cards says "see referral chart." The most recent referral chart that I have is from the '73-74 season and it has no "6," only numbers 2, 10, 12. Was the referral chart changed? Was the split deck changed also?

ANSWER: Yes, the referral chart was changed in 1974-75 season. The split deck was also changed at that time.

QUESTION: On this year's advanced basketball cards, the offensive rebounding ratings for some players is greater than "6." Some examples are: Spanarkle (76ers) = guard, -8; Erving (76ers) = guard -13. They will always be greater than or equal to the white die. Has there been a rule change?

ANSWER: No, almost every year a couple of players are given rebounding ratings exceeding "6." By giving such a rating, S-O-M makes it possible for strong rebounders to pick up all the extra rebounds. Erving, an outstanding rebounder as a forward, thus becomes a superstar rebounder if switched to the backcourt.

QUESTION: Does the game company plan on releasing any more college football teams on a yearly basis?

ANSWER: No plans are currently in the works at S-O-M to issue new teams.

Pittsburgh and 'Pops' show performs even better in S-O-M

"We are Family" was an incessant refrain for David Fox of Newark, too. Strains of that adopted theme song had to fill the air around the table top when he threw the dice during a Pittsburgh Pirate replay of the 1979 real-life season.

The 'Family' togetherness prevailed in the impersonal world of card and dice--almost to perfection. The real-life Pirates won 98 games and lost 64; in S-O-M the record was 97-65. And the Pirates made both Cincinnati and Baltimore walk the plank in post-season play, disposing of the Reds, three games to one, and Baltimore in only five in the World Series.

Unlike real-life, where Pittsburgh had to battle back from a 3-1 deficit, Fox saw the Bucs bash six home runs while scoring 6-2, 7-6 (14 innings), 1-0 and 3-2 wins. Only loss was in game No. 4, 6-1, as Scott McGregor tossed a four-hitter.

"POPS' BOPS 'EM

Willie (Pops) Stargell, after a sub-par regular-season, came to life in the Series, smashing two home runs in the opener, three in five games, driving in five runs and batting .428 (9-21). Pops was chosen Most Valuable Player, naturally.

The Pirates simply pummeled the Reds in the N.L. playoff, scoring 39 runs in four games. Pittsburgh scored five runs in the opening inning of the first game, en route to a 9-6 triumph and then, after dropping the second game, 6-3, roared back to capture the next two by lopsided 12-0 and 15-6 scores. Bruce Kison pitched a two-hitter in game No. 3 and went four-for-five at the plate, while Dave Parker led a 17-hit onslaught in the finale by socking two homers. Catcher Steve Nicosia chipped in with four hits, three RBI and three runs scored.

PARKER IS TEAM MVP

Parker, although he didn't match his real-life performance, still led the Bucs in enough offensive categories to be chosen MVP. He batted a team-high .298 (.310 real-life), hit 25 homers and drove in 94 runs, while scoring 93. He also was charged with only two errors in right field.

Omar Moreno swiped 74 bases in 87 attempts (the Bucs were 144 of 193 as a team), while Bill Madlock and Phil Garner checked in with .291 and .285 batting averages, respectively; slightly below their real-life paces. As a team, Pittsburgh batted .270, while the pitchers had a composite 3.47 earned run average.

Jim Bibby, 12-4 in real-life, was 13-4 in the replay and Bert Blyleven, 12-5 'real,' finished 17-10, although with a balloon-like 4.46 ERA. Kison, called on to hurl 66 more innings than in real-life, responded with a 13-8 record and team-low 2.60 ERA. John (Candy) Candelaria was sour on many occasions during the regular-season, going 13-15 and serving up 36 homers, but he bounced back to distinguish himself, pitching a three-hitter in a 1-0 win over Baltimore in game three of the Series.

Fox, who reported the full replay took five months to complete, listed every Pittsburgh score plus complete team and individual statistics. Blyleven and Kent Tekulve combined to no-hit the Mets; John Milner hit two grand-slam homers, Moreno and Parker one apiece; Pittsburgh hit 149 home runs, yielded 150; Tekulve saved 17 games and, although giving up 128 hits in 129 innings, still finished with a 2.65 ERA (2.75 real-life); and the champs committed 133 errors, 24 by Foli and 22 by Madlock.

Fox also put out a list of opposing hitters, with Ken Griffey of the Reds topping that with a .551 average (16-29). Dave Concepcion of the Reds was also hard on the Bucs, batting .425 (20-45). And, if S-O-M cards had faces, Ron Cey (7 HRs, 16 RBI) and Bob Horner (8, 15) would have worn big smiles.

S-O-M league, replay scene

COLLEGE FOOTBALL REPLAY - Tony Carey, Randolph, NJ, took eight teams from the 1976 college football season, expanded the schedule to 14 games, and let them go at it...Pittsburgh, to no one's surprise, finished first with a 12-2 record; Michigan was second, Ohio State third and Southern Cal a distant fourth...But since the top four teams made the playoffs, both Ohio State (7-6-1) and USC (7-7) were in...Michigan turned back arch-rival Ohio State in one playoff game, 27-14, and USC stunned Pitt, 23-20, in the other...In a "National Championship" game, USC roared out to a 24-0 lead and overwhelmed Michigan, 41-12.

Standings:

	W-L-T	OFF	DEF		W-L-T	OFF	DEF
Pittsburgh	12-2-0	26.5	16.3	Maryland	6-7-1	17.3	15.9
Michigan	9-3-2	29.2	18.5	Colorado	5-7-2	19.0	21.4
Ohio State	7-6-1	21.3	16.2	Georgia	4-10-0	17.9	22.8
Southern Cal	7-7-0	21.2	20.2	Houston	3-11-0	8.6	29.7

1969 KOS-FOS LEAGUE - Kevin Korsmo of Seattle, WA, and Keith Fosness of Detroit Lakes, MN, played transcontinental baseball from April to August this past summer...the duo took six American League teams from 1969 and played a 160-game season; Fosness playing all games except those involving the Yankees, which Korsmo played...the DH rule was used, each player was limited to 110 percent of his at-bats or innings [except for six players who were allowed to exceed those quotas]...Baltimore won 105 games, four more than runnerup Minnesota, and captured the title. The Birds led the league in pitching (2.93) and finished runnerup in batting (.275) and home runs (175). Enough said.

Standings and leaders:

	W	L	GB	AVG	ERA	Batting	
Baltimore	105	55	-	.275	2.93	Carew MIN	.351
Minnesota	101	59	4	.278	3.09	F.Robinson BAL	.342
Boston	80	80	25	.231	3.98	Oliva MIN	.320
Washington	74	86	31	.245	3.87	Reese MIN	.311
N.Y. Yankees	69	91	36	.231	3.24	Powell BAL	.301
Oakland	51	109	54	.233	4.22		
Home Runs							
Killebrew MIN	45					2B: Oliva MIN	44
F.Howard WAS	44					3B: R.White NY	11
Petrocelli BOS	42					H: Oliva MIN	218
Epstein WAS	41					R: Blair BAL	110
Jackson OAK	40					SB: Campaneris OAK	77
Powell BAL	40					GWH: F.Robinson BAL	21
						SH: Bosman WAS	7
						SA: Perranoski MIN	31
						CG: Stottlemire NY	28
Wins							
Cuellar BAL	28					Strikeouts	
McNally BAL	23					Culp BOS	214
Boswell MIN	22					Coleman WAS	198
Palmer BAL	21					Boswell MIN	190
Stottlemire NY	20					Cuellar BAL	172
Peterson NY	20						

BEST TEAMS FOOTBALL REPLAY - Bob Batz of Aliquippa, PA, played a 16-game season, plus playoffs, with the top nine teams (where was Denver?, Bob) in the NFL in 1979...Philadelphia, perhaps hinting at what's to come in real-life, defeated Los Angeles in the playoffs, 20-14, and then walloped San Diego in the Super Bowl, 31-17...San Diego, like at times during the regular-season in real-life, was indomitable, compiling the best record of the nine, 13-3, and turning back a challenge from perennial champion Pittsburgh in the playoffs, 17-13...Wendell Tyler of L.A.

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was king of the rushers [1,568 yards], beating out Walter Payton by 48 yards, while Earl Campbell of the Oilers powered to 1,251...Tyler scored 19 touchdowns, Campbell 18 and Payton 17...Dan Fouts of San Diego was the No. 1 passer, completing 60.4 percent of his throws, with John Jefferson his favorite target, latching onto a league-leading 82...Terry Bradshaw was second in passing (56.2 percent) and Jimmy Giles of Tampa Bay was number two in receptions (78)...Roger Staubach completed only 45.9 percent of his passes, but still netted 2,865 yards via the airplanes. Tony Hill of the Cowboys had a great first half, catching 50 passes in eight games, but then slumped in the second and caught only 20 the final eight.

Standings:

NFC	W	L	PTS	PTA	AFC	W	L	PTS	PTA
Los Angeles	11	5	347	255	San Diego	13	3	318	213
Philadelphia	9	7	277	259	Pittsburgh	9	7	336	334
Dallas	7	9	229	261	Miami	7	9	250	285
Chicago	6	10	325	346	Houston	5	11	279	336
Tampa Bay	4	12	186	292					

BURLINGTON COUNTY S-O-M LEAGUE - Five-member baseball league that has completed two seasons; draft league; latest season based on 1979 real-life...three of the teams won 90 or more games which means that at least one manager didn't do very well. Norm Steady was a steady loser--or the bullied team in the Burlington league--winning a mere 35 games and being beaten 127 times!...League champ was Robin Buyers' Burlington Red Sox (108-54), with Jim Mimugh's Florence Brewers second (103-59) and Barry Buyers' Willingboro Senators third (94-68). Jody Buyers (Somerset Padres, 65-97) rounded out the league's managerial lineup...The winning Red Sox had a galaxy of standouts, including MVP Keith Hernandez (.391), Mike Schmidt (41 homers), Fred Lynn (133 RBI), Phil Niekro (20-14) and a bullpen of Jim Kern (10-7, 19 saves) and Sparky Lyle (1.66 ERA). The Red Sox scored 934 runs, hit 215 home runs and stroked 597 extra-base hits, plus the pitching staff had a 3.38 ERA, lowest in the league...Injuries hurt the second-place Brewers as Jim Rice (31 HRs) missed 34 games. Paul Molitor batted .330 and Tom Seaver (20-6) and Cy Young winner Mike Flanagan (19-9) headed a respectable mound staff...Davey Lopes of the Senators surprised everyone by belting 40 home runs, driving in 112 runs and scoring 110. Rick Sutcliffe went 20-8 for the Senators, but Ron Guidry was a big disappointment, going 14-12 with a 4.31 ERA and allowing 38 homers. The Senators also had the Fireman of the Year in Kent Tekulve, who, although only 7-8, had a league-high 29 saves.

Leaders:

Batting	Home Runs	RBI	* Note that
Hernandez RS .391	Schmidt RS 41	Lynn RS 133	Norm Steady's
Lezcano RS .355	Lynn RS 40	Schmidt RS 116	team was named
Molitor BREW .330	Lopes SEN 40	Brett SEN 112	Seattle Marin-
Rice BREW .321	Horton MAR 33	Lopes SEN 112	ers.
Wins	ERA	Strikeouts	
Seaver BREW 20-6	Sutcliffe SEN 2.68	Richard SEN 292	
Sutcliffe SEN 20-8	Flanagan BREW 2.75	Shutouts	
Niekro RS 20-14	John RS 3.01	Flanagan BREW 5	

OLD TIMER BASEBALL LEAGUE - Eric Frankel, Oakland, NJ, is a believer when it comes to the 1927 New York Yankees being the greatest baseball team of all time...Not only did the '27 wrecking crew win a 16-team old timer league that Frankel played from September, 1977 to July of 1979, but the Bronx Bombers repeated the feat, even more convincingly this time, against a different collection of teams...Providing the opposition

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in the latest 154-game replay were six teams from 1901-1919, eight teams from 1921-1939--the newest old timer set--as well as the '53 Dodgers and '27 Yanks...The 1922 Browns, because there were nine A.L. teams and only seven N.L., were put in the N.L....It didn't make much difference to the '27 Yanks, however, as they were good enough to whip an All-Outer Space team, breezing to the A.L. pennant by winning 109 games (24 ahead of runnerup 1911 Philadelphia), and then disposing of the outclassed 1905 Giants in the World Series, 4-1...Lou Gehrig was Series MVP, batting .500 with four home runs and 10 RBI. Only game the Giants won was No. 4, 9-0, as Christy Mathewson threw a shutout...Biggest surprise was in the N.L. where the '05 Giants and '27 Pirates both finished ahead of the '53 Dodgers, who suffered from the pitching blahs... Lou Gehrig, '27 version, was MVP after batting .363, blasting 46 homers, driving in an amazing 196 runs and scoring 133. Teammate Babe Ruth bashed 54 roundtrippers and drove in 145 runs, while Waite Hoyt (21-6, 2.13), Urban Shocker (22-7, 2.85) and Cy Young winner Wilcy Moore (22-9, 2.16, 28 saves) provided a big three on the mound...Other highlights included: Tris Speaker of the 1920 Indians batting .386 with 230 hits; George Sisler, '22 Browns, rifling hits at a .415 pace; Rogers Hornsby batting .347 with 139 RBI, 127 runs scored and 41 homers for the '29 Cubs; 1921 Babe Ruth crunching 59 homers, driving in 155 runs and scoring 141, and, on the lowlight side, George Mullin of the 1909 Tigers losing 29 of 34 pitching decisions.

Standings and leaders:

American	W	L	GB	AVG	ERA	National	W	L	GB	AVG	ERA
'27 Yankees	109	45	-	.299	3.27	'05 Giants	95	59	-	.272	3.30
'11 A's	85	69	24	.282	3.79	'27 Pirates	90	64	5	.293	3.56
'20 Indians	77	77	32	.286	4.11	'53 Dodgers	88	66	7	.270	4.26
'09 Tigers	74	80	35	.262	3.60	'09 Pirates	82	72	13	.255	3.32
'21 Yankees	70	84	39	.271	4.34	'22 Browns	72	82	23	.275	4.01
'36 Yankees	70	84	39	.272	4.48	'29 Cubs	71	83	24	.280	4.05
'34 Tigers	69	85	40	.276	4.05	'06 Cubs	66	88	29	.253	3.43
'19 White Sox	62	92	47	.264	4.10	'33 Giants	52	102	43	.243	3.62

Batting	Home Runs	RBI
Sisler BROW	.415	Ruth 21YANK 59
Dickey 36YANK	.398	Ruth 27YANK 54
Cobb 09 TIG	.394	Gehrig 27YANK 46
Speaker IND	.386	Hornsby 29CUB 41
P.Waner 27PIR	.370	Gehrig 36Y 40
Donlin 05GIA	.369	Wilson 29CUB 37
E.Collins A's	.368	Snider 000 33

Wins	ERA	R
Mathewson 05GIA	26-11	Mathewson 05GIA 1.95
Hill 27PIR	24-10	Hoyt 27YANK 2.13
Coombs A's	23-18	Moore 27YANK 2.16
Cicotte WS	22-14	Cicotte WS 2.22
Moore 27YANK	22-9	Pfiester 05GIA 2.44
Shocker 27YANK	22-7	Cannitz 09PIR 2.64
Summers 09TIG	22-10	M.Brown 06CUB 2.68

2B: Meusel 27YANK 58
3B: Combs 27YANK 26
H: Sisler BROWN 260
R: Ruth 27YANK 147
CG: Mathewson 05GIA 6
Cicotte WS 25
SH: Cicotte WS 8
SA: Moore 27YANK 28
K: Ames 05GIA 254
Mathewson 05GIA 225

BALTIMORE ORIDLES 1979 REPLAY - So, who needs Earl Weaver? Steve (Boom) Johnson of Lima, OH, believes, going by the results of a replay of the 1979 season, that the Birds would have flown high even without Weaver's managerial magic...In Johnson's replay--he took Baltimore through a 159-game schedule--Baltimore was even more awesome than in real-life, winning an amazing 117 games and losing only 42...Baltimore did specialize in the late-inning rally, as it was wont to do in real-life, but overall the hitting and pitching were much superior to real-life and the

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record showed it...Johnson tried to adhere to the real-life number of at-bats and innings pitched as much as possible, although some players (Jim Palmer, John Lowenstein and Pat Kelly) were used more...Palmer was one of the team's shining stars, winning 27 of 29 decisions and posting a minuscule 1.75 earned run average...The Orioles, as a team, had a 2.83 ERA and threw 17 shutouts...Ken Singleton carried the biggest bat, hitting .315 with 36 homers and 114 RBI. Gary Roenicke clouted 31 homers in 369 at-bats and Eddie Murray 27 to go with 110 RBI. The Birds batted .283 as a team and clubbed 209 home runs...Johnson played 35 of the games against an opponent, going 27-8, while solitary the Birds compiled a 90-34 mark... Baltimore feasted on Toronto (11-2), Seattle (10-2) and California (9-3) and had a losing record against only New York (5-6).