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New baseball cards will soon arrive

Latest word from Strat-O-Matic is that everything is all "go" for this year's baseball card set--in other words, everything is on schedule --and that a pro football set of cards will be out in late summer.

The football statistics, of course, will be based on the nine-game schedule played in the National Football League. S-O-M will have a set of cards based on the strike-shortened season, though, and that's good news.

Harold Richman, creator of S-O-M games, doesn't feel statistical realism will suffer that much, although he does admit the "out of shape games" could have an impact. "A 16-game season is actually too long," he relates, "because there are 'down' games. There aren't 'down' games in a 12-game season [the old schedule] and as many in a 14-game schedule."

As far as the baseball cards, S-O-M reports that everything is on schedule as far as printing the 1983 card set. Everything, including the 1961 season, should be available the latter part of January or early February.

Cost of the new baseball cards will be \$12.35 for all 26 teams, \$3.15 for the 104 extra players and the handling charge. For the 1961 season, the cost will be \$14 and that includes all 18 teams and extra players.

"We are getting some teams back from the printer now," said Richman in a phone discussion in mid-December. "Unless something goes wrong we should be out with the cards on schedule."

S-O-M does, however, urge gamers not to besiege it with phone calls asking about the availability of the new cards. Everyone on their mailing list will be notified in early January when the cards are ready for shipping.

Utah students have year-around league

S-O-M provides 'Rocky Mountain High'

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There are nine gamers who are getting their "Rocky Mountain High" from Strat-O-Matic Pro Football at this time of the year.

The nine, averaging 22 years of age and mostly students at the University of Utah, are members of the year-around Rocky Mountain S-O-M Sports Association, which celebrated its second anniversary last month.

Organized by Russ Lemmon, a transplanted Hoosier attending college at Utah, the league plays all three major sports games - baseball, football and basketball. The launching pad for the RMSOMSA was an ad placed in the student newspaper by Lemmon.

After suffering through a dismal first season, the league leaped ahead during the second, thanks in great part to the efforts of Bill Richardson, another from Indiana who migrated westward for academic and gaming endeavors.

Richardson, it should be noted, has moved back to Indiana, but Californian Steve Garrett has stepped in and replaced him for the football campaign that's currently in progress.

Nine members took part in the basketball league - which was a draft, face-to-face league that played 24 games plus playoffs - while only seven were engaged in baseball - which encompassed a 162-game regular season and playoffs. Both were draft leagues.

INDIANA REIGNS AS BASKETBALL KING

Indiana, coached by Lemmon, won both the regular-season and playoffs in basketball, even though it had only the league's 13th highest scorer and fifth-best rebounder. Larry Bird (19.3) was that scorer, however, and his many talents are well documented. Dan Roundfield was No. 5 on the list of "Chairmen of the Boards," averaging 10.2 rebounds.

Magic Johnson of Florida and Moses Malone, Illinois, were the co-MVPS. Malone led the league in scoring (31.2) and rebounding (20.6), while Johnson was No. 1 in steals (5.0 per game), second in assists (9.2) and averaged 20.3 points.

In the finals of the playoffs, Indiana edged Mike Harrison's Washington outfit, 4 games to 3, winning the championship game, 95-90, as Bird scored 21 points, grabbed eight rebounds, had six assists, three steals and blocked one shot. High for Washington, which lost the game because of 31 turnovers, was Reggie Theus, who bagged 13 of 16 field goal attempts and finished with 34 points.

Other members of the basketball league and their teams were: John Taylor (Minnesota), Jay Blain (Hawaii), Steve Weiser (Arizona), Phil Miller (Illinois), Rick Rodrick (Iowa), Bill Richardson (Utah), and Andy Ross (Florida).

A yearbook was published, detailing every facet of the league's activities. Every statistical category, team and individual, was listed, plus the yearbook had complete boxscores on the championship playoff series.

Standings and leaders:

	W	L	GB	Scoring	Rebounding
Indiana	17	7	-	Malone IL 31.2	Malone IL 20.6
Iowa	15	9	2	Jabbar MN 28.9	Jabbar MN 10.8
Washington	15	9	2	Dantley FL 28.7	Sikma IA 10.6
Minnesota	13	11	4	MarJohnson AZ 24.5	L.Smith IA 10.3
Florida	13	11	4	B.King WA 22.8	Roundfield IN 10.2
Illinois	10	14	7	Birdsong IA 21.8	R.King UT 10.1
Hawaii	9	15	8	Assists	Steals
Utah	9	15	8	P.Ford UT 9.3	MagJohnson FL 5.0
Arizona	7	17	10	MagJohnson FL 9.2	Richardson IN 3.0
Blocks				K.Porter IL 6.9	Cheeks IN 2.7
Perrish FL 5.0				Playoffs:	Utah d. Hawaii 2-1
Tyler AZ 4.3					Illinois d. Arizona 2-1 (con't)
Jabbar MN 4.0					

Playoffs con't: Iowa d. Utah 3-0; Washington d. Illinois, 3-1
Minnesota d. Florida, 3-2

Semifinals: Washington d. Iowa, 3-0; Indiana d. Minnesota 3-0

SCHMIDT, HOOTON MVPs IN BASEBALL

The baseball season was also initiated by a draft, with the following players going in the first round: 1. Mike Schmidt; 2. Nolan Ryan; 3. Bob Knepper; 4. Dave Righetti; 5. Fernando Valenzuela; 6. Andre Dawson; 7. Dwight Evans. Five pitchers were taken in the second round so, as is always the case, hurlers - or good ones - were at a premium.

Trading was allowed and one blockbuster trade was made early when Schmidt, who had been drafted by Jay Blain's Hawaii team, was swapped to Minnesota (John Taylor), along with Dusty Baker and John Denny, for Dave Winfield, Steve McCatty and Hubie Brooks.

Schmidt went on to become MVP, smashing 55 home runs and driving in 130 runs, as Minnesota won the regular-season pennant.

Arizona, which had finished nine games behind Minnesota, rose up and knocked off second-place Indiana (4-2) and then Minnesota (4-0) in the championship series.

Steve Weiser guided Arizona, which featured Dawson, Rod Carew and Gary Carter on offense and Jack Morris and Dave Smith on the hill. Dawson had the best season of the trio, batting .313 with 35 homers and 111 RBI, credentials good enough to place him second in the MVP balloting.

Indiana's Burt Hooton was the Cy Young winner, racking up a league-high 24 wins with a 2.91 ERA, which was No. 3 on the list.

Again the RMSOMSA's yearbook was all-encompassing, with even categories for the "worst" in many batting and pitching areas.

Managers in baseball included Lemmon (Indiana), Blain (Hawaii), Mike Harrison (Washington), Andy Ross (Wyoming) and Phil Miller (Illinois). Since two of the coaches in basketball didn't make the move to baseball, the diamond sport was played with only seven managers, thus further giving it an all-star look.

Standings, leaders and playoff results:

Minnesota	92	70	-	.259	3.58	<u>Batting</u>	
Indiana	88	74	4	.264	3.39	L.Smith IN	.344
Arizona	83	79	9	.266	3.49	D.Iorg HA	.325
Washington	81	81	11	.240	3.74	Madlock IN	.324
Hawaii	81	81	11	.260	3.72	C.Washington AZ	.318
Illinois	80	82	12	.267	3.57	Schmidt MN	.316
Wyoming	62	100	30	.242	4.30		
<u>Home Runs</u>				<u>RBI</u>			
Schmidt MN	55			Schmidt MN	130	<u>2B:</u> Brett WY 52	
Dawson AZ	35			Dawson AZ	111	<u>3B:</u> Leonard AZ 18, Wilson AZ 18	
Grich MN	33			Madlock IN	105	<u>R:</u> G.Matthews WA 105	
Evans WA	31			Buckner IN	97	<u>H:</u> Brett WY 192	
J.Clark HA	25			Grich MN	92	<u>SB:</u> Raines IN 89, Henderson WY 63	
						<u>GWRBI:</u> Madlock IN 19, Dawson AZ 17	

<u>ERA</u>		<u>Wins</u>		<u>Strikeouts</u>	
Morris AZ	2.68	Hooton IN	24	Valenzuela IL	353
Bibby WA	2.90	Seaver IN	23	Ryan WY	321
Hooton IN	2.91	Darwin MN	21	Carlton WY	296
Sutton IL	3.09	Gullickson HA	21	Burns IL	214
J.Niekro MN	3.11	Stieb IN	20		
<u>Playoffs:</u>				<u>GA:</u> D.Smith AZ 64	
Washington d. Wyoming, 3-0				<u>SH:</u> Sutton IL 6	
Hawaii d. Illinois, 3-1				<u>W%:</u> Darwin MN 21-8 (.724)	
Indiana d. Hawaii, 4-2				<u>SA:</u> Fingers WA 29, Gossage IL 28	
Arizona d. Washington, 4-2					
Arizona d. Indiana, 4-2					
<u>THE WORST:</u>					
(324 min. AB) - <u>Avg.</u>				G.Thomas WA .174, Trammell IN .187	
				<u>RBI:</u> Singleton MN 29, Trammell IN 29	
(162 IP) - <u>ERA:</u>				Reuss WA 5.08, Barker HA 5.00	

Gamer has completed 13 leagues

'Best of Decades' latest project by Tony Brixius

Tony Brixius of Wells, MN, can't understand why so many people complain about a "superb table game (Strat-O-Matic Baseball)." Brixius doesn't have time to complain; he's too busy playing the game.

He started in 1965 and, despite being slowed by family responsibilities, his interest hasn't diminished. To date, he's played 11 American League abbreviated seasons and two old-timer seasons, with a third currently in progress.

Brixius has witnessed seven no-hitters, including a double no-hitter, has watched 6,898 home runs sail out and recorded 5,161 stolen bases in a 16-year playing career.

His real reason for writing to the Review was to answer critics of S-O-M's stealing system. "In all my years of playing, my stats have never been out of line compared to actual stats. And stealing is the only facet of the game where the manager has control of the stats. Why abuse it by having a player steal so often. If a situation calls for a steal, by all means send him to help the team. But don't steal just to build up stats."

Brixius cites an old-timer replay where Maury Wills swiped 238 bases as being unrealistic - in other words, a manager should never have sent him that many times.

'BEST OF THE DECADES'

Brixius also sends along one of his old-timer replays, dubbed the "Best of the Decades." It featured the 1927 Yankees, '53 Dodgers, '09 Tigers and '76 Cincinnati Reds, among others.

The '27 Yanks, as expected, captured first place, compiling a 95-61 record and finishing eight games ahead of the '53 Dodgers. Rip Collins of the 1934 Cardinals was the MVP after batting .361 with 43 home runs, 143 RBI, 114 runs scored and 205 hits.

The Yankees prevailed despite not having Babe Ruth, who was injured, for 30 games. Ruth just missed hitting 60 homers, finishing with a high of 57. Another league leader who missed a portion of the campaign was Ty Cobb, who batted .395 but sat out 20 games with an injury.

The replay took two years and, even though there was a lot of hitting, 60 shutouts were tossed and Carl Erskine of the Dodgers had a pair of one-hitters.

Tony Perez of the Reds made the most of a .255 average by driving in 117 runs, while Ducky Medwick of the Cardinals was the biggest flop, needing a late surge to jack his batting average up to .257.

Standings and leaders:

	Won	Lost	GB	Batting	Home Runs
'27 Yankees	95	61	-	Cobb .395	Ruth 57
'53 Dodgers	87	69	8	Gehrig .389	Maris 51
'34 Cardinals	85	71	10	R. Collins .361	Campanella 49
'76 Reds	74	82	21	Furillo .358	R. Collins 43
'11 A's	72	84	23	E. Collins .345	Gehrig 40
'09 Tigers	72	84	23		
'46 Red Sox	71	85	24		
'61 Yankees	68	88	27		
				RBI	H: E. Combs 228
				Gehrig 145	2B: Gehrig 55, Furillo 54
				Campanella 144	3B: Medwick 21, Gehrig 20
				R. Collins 143	SB: Cobb 72, Bush 67
				Snider 139	R: Ruth 141
				Crawford 138	
Wins				Strikeouts	ERA
Erskine 26				Erskine 242	Summers 2.95
Hoyt 25				Ford 212	Erskine 2.95
Da. Dean 22				Da. Dean 210	Da. Dean 2.97
Shocker 21				Di. Dean 197	Hoyt 3.07
Summers 18				Plank 194	Killian 3.09
					Saves
					Haines 21
					Labine 20
					Johnson 20
					Thomas 19
					Eastwick 17

Football playing tips

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Here are variety of short/long gain chances

If you're looking for more variety when you roll for a short or long gain in Strat-O-Matic Pro Football, you may want to give the following playing tips by Martin Chittum a try.

Chittum, who calls Wauwatosa, WI, home field for his gaming endeavors, has play-tested the charts for over five years and reports, "They have greatly improved the game's realism, particularly when used with the dot (•) rule."

Chittum adds "That both are statistically accurate and will not alter players' performances over the course of the season. The Short Gain chart solves the problems of the old chart. The game company's chart makes it more likely to run 15 yards than to run 10 yards (six times more probable). My chart makes it increasingly more difficult to run for more yards. The average gain is still 15 yards, but the distribution is different."

As you will notice when checking the Short Gain chart, some of the gains are for more than 20 yards - the longest gain via the old chart - but Chittum says that just adds to the excitement, while not detracting from realism.

Here are the charts: (always roll three dice)

SHORT GAIN

Colored Die		White Die Reading					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
2	-	+29	+30	+31	+32	+33	+34
3	-	+10	+22	+10	+10	+10	+20
4	-	+19	+17	+15	+14	+16	+18
5	-	+15	+19	+17	+16	+18	+14
6	-	+14	+16	+19	+18	+17	+15
7	-	+12	+11	+12	+11	+12	+11
8	-	+16	+15	+14	+10	+13	+17
9	-	+13	+13	+18	+19	+10	+10
10	-	+11	+12	+11	+13	+11	+13
11	-	+20	+10	+10	+10	+21	+10
12	-	+28	+27	+26	+25	+24	+23

LONG GAIN

Colored Die		White Die Reading					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
2	-	T0	T0	T0	T0	T0	T0
3	-	+60	+61	+62	+63	+64	+59
4	-	+47	+48	+49	+50	+51	+52
5	-	+39	+42	+43	+44	+45	+46
6	-	+37	+35	+36	+35	+38	+39
7	-	+35	+36	+37	+39	+40	+41
8	-	+36	+38	+40	+41	+42	+43
9	-	+47	+48	+49	+50	+51	+52
10	-	+53	+54	+55	+56	+57	+58
11	-	+65	+66	+67	+68	+69	+70
12	-	T0	T0	T0	T0	T0	T0

Readers roll 'em

STEALING SUCCESS O.K.

In response to the Nov. issue of the Review, I, too, have noticed a tendency for some proficient base stealers to attempt many more steals than they actually did under the "new stealing system."

However, the percentage of stolen bases to caught stealing seems to be fairly accurate, no matter how many attempts. The number of stolen base attempts is determined by the individual manager and the makeup of the rest of the team.

For instance, who thinks that Rickey Henderson would've stolen 135 (or whatever) bases in 1982 had he been playing for Earl Weaver, or had been followed in the lineup by Robin Yount, Cecil Cooper and Gorman Thomas?

The obvious way to cut down on the ridiculous number of steals is to limit the number of attempts to those the player actually made in real-life (as listed on the supplemental steal chart), much as most S-O-M leagues do with at-bats and innings pitched.

It is precisely these limits that keep a Cliff Johnson from hitting 85 home runs or a Nolan Ryan or Steve Carlton from going 50-10 with 500 strikeouts!

DAVE OWENS

MORE ON STEALING...

My name is Dennis Gray of Memphis, TN. This year I participated in the NASOMA baseball league which is headquartered in Grand Prairie, TX. My team, the Memphis Pilots, won the National League, but lost in the World Series. That, however, is not the point of this letter.

I would like to show my support for the advanced stealing system and would like to see it again in 1983. I base my decision on performances of my players during this year. Our league plays 168 games and figures at-bats and innings accordingly.

Here are some stealing examples from my team in the NASOMA:

	SB	CS	Pct.
Tim Raines [Real]	71	11	.866
[S-O-M]	111	23	.828
Jerry Mumphrey	13	9	.591
	11	5	.688
Tomy Scott	18	10	.643
	23	11	.676

As my evidence, I point to the stolen base percentages, especially Tim Raines'. I sincerely do not feel that Raines would have had an accurate stolen base percentage using the old stealing system.

The advent of speed is making major league baseball more exciting. I feel that the advance stealing system brings this excitement accurately to the game.

DENNIS GRAY
Memphis, TN

WHAT ABOUT POOR STEALERS?

I am writing concerning the new stealing system. I feel it is 100 times better than the old one.

I have completed abbreviated schedules for both the N.L. and A.L. and here are some of the results: Tim Raines stole 63 out of 65 times (successfully), Tommy Herr 13 out of 17, Mookie Wilson 19 of 31, Miguel Dilone 28 out of 32 times and Paul Molitor 5 out of 9.

One of the few problems with the new stealing system, however, is that you steal too much with the good stealers and not enough with the bad. The Alfredo Griffins should sometimes have to steal, too.

TIM FOX
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Peckville, PA

HOCKEY CARDS ARE TARDY!

I wish to comment about the way the game company sends out its hockey cards each fall.

There is a race to see which will arrive first - the cards or the regular season. To compare, if orders are sent in soon enough, baseball cards arrive in late Jan., football cards arrive in mid-July, both well in advance of their respective seasons.

So, to the game company: How about sending the hockey cards a little sooner - at least a few

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weeks before the season starts. Why make gamers wait for such a good game?

TIM AUSTIN, Roanoke, VA

Editor's note: We don't know the exact reason for why the hockey cards are shipped out late, in comparison to the other sports, by S-O-M. Other hockey gamers have raised the same question, especially since this is the second year in a row the cards were tardy in arrival.

NEXT STEP - HOLDING RATINGS

To me it seems a small step from the new baseball stealing system (way to go, S-O-M) to a pitcher's holding-runners-on-first-rating. Just have a pitcher with a good pickoff move add or subtract to a guy's "getting a good jump" dice roll.

For example: a pitcher's rating is minus 2. If the batter has a 2-7 chance on the dice of getting a good jump, the minus 2 makes it a 2-5. Of course, minus 2 would be one heck of a fantastic pickoff move.

Or, give the pitcher a dice number for a pickoff. An average pitcher might get a 12. When you roll to see if the stealer gets a good jump, he's picked off if a 12 comes up. An excellent pickoff move may get an 11 for a pickoff roll. Fabulous might get both 11 and 12.

Pickoffs happen very seldom, but the pitchers who are good at them (I imagine five in a season would be great) would certainly make a manager wary when it comes to flashing the "go" sign.

DICK HUNT, St. Johns, MI

Editor's note: Keep in mind every extra dice roll adds a little more time to playing the game. Your suggestions--providing statistics are available--would be easy to implement, provided one doesn't mind the extra dice roll. What would be the limitations on use of pickoff?

VOICE OF A COLLECTOR

Strat-O-Matic Baseball is perhaps the greatest table game ever created. But its creator--Harold Richman--is about to tear

down the game completely. The game is great the way it is. Create new seasons, yes, but don't de-value the previous seasons.

Stamps and coins do not lose their value; so why should Strat-O-Matic cards lose their value?

I've been a Strat-O player and collector for the last 15 years. I take great pride in my collection. I've spent a lot of money on the game and cards. To bring down the value of the cards would be a disaster.

Mr. Richman, think of ways to improve the game. But don't hurt the very people who have put Strat-O-Matic on top. A lot of gamers out there really value their cards.

Print past seasons (1956, '61, etc.), but don't issue reprints.

L.D. MELITO, North Salem, NY

DUAL RATINGS FOR LINEBACKERS?

I would like to suggest that S-O-M consider dual ratings (against running and passing) for linebackers, many of whom are good against one but not the other.

Also, would S-O-M find a way to get backs who catch the ball a lot but don't run it, into the game?

I'd also like to join those asking for more football old-timer teams from the 1940s, '50s and '60s.

JOHN HOFFMAN, Mill Valley CA

Editor's note: The pro football game is undergoing extensive testing at this time. We cannot divulge any more about it, but the "new" game, if you want to call it that, will be "modernized" in all facets of the on-field version of the game.

AGAINST FOOTBALL CHANGES

I'm against S-O-M making major changes in its football game. I play basic, not advanced, but I like the basic game because it's quick and easy to play.

I feel the principle of the game is sound, although solitaire play has enjoyment taken out of it because of the incomplete solitaire chart. It's too general, especially late in the game. On a third-and-short play, for instance, it is easy to throw a flat pass for a

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first down. This would not happen in real-life because the linebackers and defensive backs would be closer to the line of scrimmage.

The penalty system is fairly good, although it has some minor flaws. One is when a quarterback "must run." When there is a penalty on the defense of Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, to what do you refer? I assumed the quarterback becomes a runner and I call it a "personal foul."

Another issue I'd like to discuss is reprints. I think S-O-M should reprint the '60s baseball teams, with "e" ratings, "T" ratings, advanced side, etc. S-O-M's intent was, and still is, for a game, not a moneymaker for collectors.

If ad prices were not so high, I might think differently. Ads are still too spacious (6 1/2 pages in the Oct., 1982 Review). How about cutting them down, advertisers?

Finally, I'd like to comment on the polls. They are too numerous and take up space that could be used for more interesting things. Why not make one poll with five or six different issues in it and more readers may respond?

BOB BATZ, Aliquippa, PA

Editor's note: The quarterback becomes a runner in "must run" situations. We have cut back on polls in recent issues. Most polls, however, are the result of questions posed by S-O-M.

REPLY TO ELLIOTT

In reply to the column by Jim Elliott (Dec., Review), I'd like to say that I think his opinion is self-centered and that we can do without letters like his.

Leave the money end out of the business; let Harold Richman (S-O-M's creator) take care of that. As far as \$11...my little brother spends that on a weekend out with his friends and he's 13.

I own everything there is to own in Strat-O-Matic Baseball. I didn't start out as a collector, but the more I played the more I wanted; so I went out after more cards. I paid the high

prices to build my collection. If they want to reprint 1961-1970, let them. Let everybody have the fun that I have playing S-O-M's past years. It might even help sell the game better as there will be more to offer.

CHRIS ROSEN
Philadelphia, PA

HOCKEY TRENDS NOTICED

Now that I am well into a hockey replay, using the 1978-79 cards (but using the 1979-80 schedule to accommodate the four WHA teams), the following trends come to light:

1. Goal-scoring is about the same as in real-life and the high scorers in real life do the same in replay action. The scoring system for assists is also quite realistic.
2. Defense and penalties are about the same as in real life.
3. There are many more shots on goal in S-O-M. While the NHL single-game average for two teams is between 40-60 shots, I average between 70-90 shots in S-O-M.
Surprisingly, just because one team outshoots another, that does not guarantee victory. In one case, Montreal recently butchered Chicago, 9-2, sparked by Guy Lafleur's six goals and, as expected, outshot Chicago, 41-26. But in another case, Los Angeles nipped New England, 5-4, despite being outshot 46-34.

In a solitaire replay, I strive for "equal opportunity coaching" to enhance realism. For example, in playing Los Angeles against Edmonton, it would be unfair to Edmonton if Marcel Dionne was on the ice for two line shifts, but Wayne Gretzky was on for just one shift. To prevent coaching favoritism, I've established the following guidelines:

1. No team may use more than three separate forward and two separate defensive lines per period.
 2. No player may appear on more than one line per period.
 3. When a team appears on two consecutive calendar days on the schedule, I require that team to start its backup goalie on the second day. The backup goalie must play at least one period. This has proven quite effective in minimizing
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ing overuse of good goalies.

A few notes concerning Jim Elliott's column (Dec., 1982): He provides us with some good insight into potential economic problems caused by re-issuing the 1962-70 baseball sets, but I feel he may be overstating and oversimplifying the problem on two points:

1. His statement "A gamer with the 1962 set wouldn't have much interest in the 1963 set." Maybe that gamer wouldn't want the entire 1963 set, but might be attracted to some of the 1963 teams. For example, the only complete sets I have are 1977 and 1981, but in between I have purchased the Angels, Padres, Dodgers and A's each year, supplementing them with about six other teams with unusual characteristics.

What about that four-team baseball replay printed in the Dec. Review in which the person buys the same four teams each year?

2. His statement "S-O-M could be forever re-issuing past sets, thus curbing new development." I do not intend to be facetious, but if, for example, the oil companies followed that analogy, they would have stopped producing leaded fuel the moment the first cars using unleaded fuel appeared on the market.

The point is, continued manufacture of inferior or dated technology does not impair the development of new technology. I don't think S-O-M is or will be in any mortal economic danger, considering it was able to open up a toll-free number. It deserves a big, big, big tip of the hat for that.

CARL LOERBS
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Minesville, GA

Editor's note: We believe Jim Elliott was concerned with the time that would be spent on re-issuing teams from the past and how it would detract from improvements in the games. Elliott, we believe, foresees a dwelling on the past at the expense of creativity toward the future. Economics is part of it - but the lost time appears more important to Elliott, who's

an avowed fan of baseball seasons of the past, particularly the 1950 season.

MORE ON PAST SEASONS

I'd like to convey my feelings on the game company's printing of past seasons.

First of all, I'm very pleased with the 1956 set of cards. Also, I think printing the 1961 season is a wonderful idea.

I would, however, like to see the past S-O-M seasons reprinted with the advanced features (i.e., the 1962-1970 seasons). This would probably be very successful for S-O-M as these past seasons are virtually obsolete for many fans.

Also, in response to Pete Whitty's suggestion for S-O-M to print past teams from the Negro Leagues, I think it's an excellent suggestion, if at all possible to do.

BILL FEDOCK

Editor's note: Statistics on the Negro Leagues remains a major problem.

KUDOS FOR DRAFT LEAGUES

I'm writing because of all the complaints about draft league replays, especially Keith Miller's comments in the Oct., 1982 Review.

Draft leagues provide excitement because you pick your team and you will have some good players and some bad ones. All draft leagues aren't all-star leagues, as Miller indicates.

I'm commissioner of the SOMFBL (Strat-O-Matic Fanatic Baseball League) and out of the 24-man rosters per team, about half the players are good/bad. Draft leagues are fun and the other five members of my league will agree (Skip Hawkes, Dick Hunt, Steve Weiner, Anthony Giacobbe and Jeff Schwarze).

LAIRD LEATHERS
St. Charles, IL

Editor's note: Draft leagues, despite the criticism, are still the main vehicle for enjoying S-O-M games by most people. Most gamers don't have time for solitaire replays, or don't want to be stuck with a poor team in an actual-teams league, and thus turn to draft leagues where one team, rather than 14, 12 or 26, has to be taken through a season.

Study the action deck closely

BY DAVID DE LA FUENTE, Kent, OH

The new basketball game has had a year to sink in and, while the enthusiasm may have died down for many, for those members of leagues (like myself) that fire is just starting to burn. If you are a member of a league or are contemplating starting or joining one, then this information is for you.

The first thing I can tell anyone who wants information about the game's workings is to study the split deck. While the action cards may appear to be threateningly complex at first (similar to the hockey game's action deck), one can acquire a great deal of knowledge about every factor of the game after about an hour's work of tallying and analyzing.

For example: a great myth among gamers is that it is essential to have a good control passer at right (point) guard. After all, he sets up your whole offense, right? Wrong. You are a goner if you don't have that passer at the point during the fastbreak, but during the normal (control) offense, everyone participates equally in the setting each other up.

While most starting right guards are excellent control passers, you can live with anyone at right guard if there is enough passing in the rest of your lineup (perhaps a Larry Bird or Alvan Adams) to offset your Quinn Buckner or Dennis Johnson.

TWO ACTION DECKS BETTER THAN ONE

For all of this computing and tallying, however, keep one thing in mind; by no means am I suggesting that you become a card-counter. Just because you know what the cards contain does not mean you should shift Larry Bird from right to left forward because all the right-forward passing results already came up.

I noticed myself doing this during solitaire exhibition games and promptly ordered another split deck. I now mix all 120 cards and draw out 60 for each quarter and it works fine.

LATER ROUNDS OF DRAFT IMPORTANT

More important than the action cards, however, are the cards of the players themselves. Everyone has heard the axiom that "anyone can pick the stars, but it's the later rounds of the draft that separate the men from the boys." In basketball, this is no exception.

In our league we have a long season (76 games) and depth is important. We have 12-man rosters (ample depth) plus a two-man taxi squad, so everyone is looking for those players with potential, no matter how bad the card looks now.

Editor's note: David De La Fuente is a member of the World's Best Basketball League, which was featured in the November issue of the Review (page 4).

Basketball playing tip

If you are still concerned about fouling in your S-O-M Basketball games (key players who don't normally draw fouls being in early foul trouble), then you might want to try the following playing tip contributed by Gary Duke of Akron, CO.

Duke, 29, the father of three children and an officer in a bank, has devised a number of playing tips for S-O-M games. Most of them were created to save valuable gaming time--which is extremely limited with Duke's busy schedule.

Pertaining to basketball, and more precisely fouling, Duke suggests:

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Toronto League first-class operation

A cursory glance of the Toronto Tabletop Baseball League's standings and statistics would indicate nothing out of the ordinary. It has 12 members (that might be somewhat unusual), is face-to-face and plays a 75-game schedule, with at-bats and innings pitched limited to 50 percent of real-life totals.

But the standings and leaders only tell a part of the story for the two-year-old league. It goes first-class all the way, whether it is drafting, purchasing trophies or meeting the M.T.B.L. (Montreal Tabletop Baseball League) winner in the Galactic Series.

"The draft and Galactic Series are held in a hotel ballroom," proudly says Murray Zabitsky of Thornhill, Ontario, who's a member of the T.T.B.L., managing the Raleigh Rebels.

Expenses for the 1980-81 season, for instance, ran \$85 for the hotel room rental, \$57 for the league's championship trophy, \$26 for scoresheets and stats forms, \$17 for the new S-O-M cards and \$16 for miscellaneous such as stamps, envelopes, etc. That's a tab of \$201.00 that the league takes care of through franchise fees, which that season required every member to pay \$20.

Costs jumped in 1981-82, with \$80 going for room rental (a reduction), but \$92 being spent on league trophies and engraving. For the 1982-83 season, the cost per manager will be \$25 - with the increase necessary because the TTBL is hosting the '83 Galactic Series.

Oh, in case you are curious, the MTBL's annual franchise fee is \$40 plus a \$20 bond (redeemable upon completion of the season and submitting of final team statistics). The MTBL has been operating now for 11 years.

In last season's Galactic Series, the upstart Final Frontier II, managed by Russ Gage, edged the Stone Cold Dead of the MTBL in Montreal. The Final Frontier II appeared like it would never go far in the playoffs, especially after finishing with a 39-36 record - fifth best in the TTBL - and lagging in all statistical categories. Frontier, for example, was seventh in team batting at .257 and ninth in pitching with a 4.10 earned run average.

RAINES, VALENZUELA FIRST PICKS

The TTBL allows managers to protect only eight players, making the draft a wild time. The newest draft saw Tim Raines picked No. 1, Fernando Valenzuela No. 2, Dale Murphy No. 3 and Dave Righetti No. 4.

The rest of the top 12, or first-round picks, were: 5. Tony Pena; 6. Doug DeCinces; 7. Pedro Guerrero; 8. Bill Almon; 9. Jack Clark; 10. Gene Garber; 11. Rick Monday; 12. Lance Parrish.

As far as the managerial lineup of the TTBL, it's a three-division alignment set up as follows: Final Frontier II, Lindell A.C. (Steve Losztyn), The Blues (Bob Prysak), Whitby Whippets (John Feret); Beach Bombers (Tim Holland), Bazookas (Val Mancuso), Tigers (Adrian Thatcher) and Rod's Rowdies (Rod Barnebei); Forest Hill Avengers (Peter Oldfield), Raleigh Rebels (Murray Zabitsky), The Connection (Phil Shugar/Brian Venis) and Toronto Blue Lakers (Mel Broitman).

Prysak came to the TTBL from the MTBL after compiling a glittering record in Montreal and even having his team rated the team of the decade in the MTBL. But the Blues found rougher going in the TTBL, finishing with only a 36-39 record. The Blues did, however, set a league record with 216 stolen bases, a mark that will probably stand for many years.

Standings and leaders:

	W	L	GB		W	L	GB	Playoffs
Final Frontier	39	36	-	Beach Bombers	46	29	-	Final Front-
Lindell A.C.	37	38	2	Bazookas	39	36	7	ier d. Beach
The Blues	36	39	3	Tigers	35	40	11	Bombers, 3-0.
Whitby Whippets	27	48	12	Rod's Rowdies	25	50	21	

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	W	L	GB	Playoffs con't
Forest Hill Avengers	45	30	-	Raleigh Rebels d. Forest Hill Avengers,
Raleigh Rebels	42	33	3	3-0.
The Connection	40	35	5	Final Frontier d. Raleigh Rebels, 4-0.
Toronto Blue Lakers	39	36	6	

Batting	Home Runs	ERA
Brett REB .372	Horner ROWD 23	Sanderson LIND 2.12
Cooper TIG .350	Oglivie LAKE 23	R.May BOMB 2.27
Baker BOMB .344	Jackson AVENG 20	Soto CONN 2.51
Wins: R.May BOMB 10	AB1: Oglivie LAKE 67	R: Wilson BOMB 62
Sutton REB 10	SB: Henderson REBEL 68	
Strikeouts: Carlton WHIP 133	2B: Stapleton BLUE 28	
Saves: Quisenberry BLUE 15	3B: Wilson BOMB 7	

Guest columnist

Trivia quiz, Gold Cup, no-hitters defended

BY LARRY KIDD, Staten Island, NY

I am positive that the article written by Neil Lanctot in the Nov., 1982 issue of the Review will draw quite a bit of response, but nevertheless I'm going to add my two cents.

Mr. Lanctot did not mention his age, or length of S-O-M experience, but some of his comments reflect on his maturity, if not his actual age. Anyone who has not attempted something the scale of the Review should never make the statement "...there is much room for improvement." This statement shows a lack of experience in dealing with the public.

There isn't a newspaper, magazine or booklet, or for that matter one single article in any of the above, that will please everyone. It just cannot be done. I am not a big fan of the trivia quiz, but I do enjoy it and find myself poring over the old cards sometimes to find the answers or check the facts.

An in-depth analysis of any card set would be almost impossible. This could run from a paragraph to volumes, depending on the person doing the analysis. What angle do you take: from player-to-card? or from statistics-to-card?

GOLD CUP RESULTS ARE INTERESTING

Having been closely associated with Steve Beren, I know how much work he puts into the Gold Cup Challenge and, having attempted it myself, I know what it means to an individual gamer to see the fruits of his labor (results), even if he got blitzed in the initial round. Numbers (70%, 3.5, etc.) mean little. I have checked every issue that had results, looking for gamers I have competed against to see how they fared and chart their progress. To me, it's interesting.

Regardless of Mr. Lanctot's reaction to playing tips, if someone picks up on the tip and uses it, the Review has supplied a needed service. If someone goes to the trouble to 'diagram' personal 'tips' they must be using them and enjoying the results. And that's the bottom line in gaming - enjoying the results.

DEFENDS NO-HITTER COLUMN, TOO

Why should the no-hitter column go? How many pitchers have managed this feat? How many have never come close? It is the ultimate accomplishment in baseball and deserves the very little space it gets, at least. I'd like to know what is the average amount of time spent playing S-O-M Baseball before a no-hitter is seen? It took me seven years to see my first and I have seen four in the past two years. It's an experience I wouldn't want to miss.

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Who is to say what "...impossible odds" are? Is Mr. Lanctot going to offer his services to wade through every letter the Review receives from an enthusiastic gamer and decide which games we, the interested public, will get to see each month?

There are only so many S-O-M games. How many opinions can two people have on them. The editors of the Review are obvious in their opinions; they named their publication the Strat-O-Matic Review.

I have opinions on improvements to the Review, but as soon as I think of them the next issue is out and I am poring over it to see what other fanatics are up to. Though I may quickly pass a certain article and go to something that interests me first, eventually I will read every word of each and every Review, including the disgusting 'For Sale' ads.

PBM LEAGUES HEART AND SOUL OF S-O-M

Play-by-mail draft leagues are the heart and soul of S-O-M. It is everyone's dream, somewhere along the line, to manage the stars of his particular sport. What better way than in a face-to-face or PBM league, where he/she can pick the players and have them respond to his/her coaching tactics?

Through the 20 leagues I have been involved with in my seven years of activity, I have seen many different approaches to the game (baseball and hockey), and feel it is up to each individual gamer to pursue as many leagues as possible until he finds the group of gamers that think the way he does.

I suppose that is why there are so many League Forming ads in the Review - everyone is searching for that 'perfect' league for them. That is why ESSOM, GKSM and PGL, plus other long-running leagues, are still going strong. They have the nucleus of 'like thinkers' that make such leagues a success.

For general information, I am 39 years old and have enjoyed Strat-O-Matic since the original game was introduced. I have been seriously involved in PBM leagues for the past seven years and have built a strong reputation for reliability with the gamers I have been involved with.

Basketball playing tip

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"During the first half, if a player picks up three fouls, you may choose to have him play cautiously until halftime. This is done by changing all F(2) readings into baskets (X) and not fouls at all. Fouls from the players card, offensive fouls and X * F(1) fouls will remain as always. This gives you the chance to continue playing someone like Moses Malone who doesn't foul often. However, a player whose card reads F(1) 29-43 would probably pick up his fourth foul if you continue playing him.

"I use the same type of system in the second half after a player picks up his fifth foul. Only difference is that the F(2) readings are passed on to another player on the floor with less than five fouls who has the highest chance to pick up a foul.

"As far as realism, this will probably keep a Moses Malone from fouling out after playing only 20-25 minutes of a game. Also, it should not have much effect on the high-frequency fouler who would foul out off his own card."

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Wanted

WANTED: 1962, '63, '64, '65, '66, '71, '72 and '75 S-O-M complete baseball sets (plus extras where applicable). Will pay top dollar. Send price and particulars to: John F. Anderson, Field Office M, AP San Francisco, CA 96369

WANTED: 1971 Royals, Indians, Senators, White Sox; good-excellent condition only. Also wanted, 1971 A.L. extra players; good-excellent condition only. All offers answered. Write to: Ed Pulaski Jr., 350 Richmond Terrace Apt. 6M, Staten Island, NY 10301

WANTED: 1981 split season schedule for all 26 teams. Send offers to: F. Guevara, 1472 Lakeside Drive, Wantagh, NY 11793

WANTED: Managers and backups for upcoming hockey season (winter). Send letter to: Ken Boie, 6825 Russell Ave. S., Richfield, MN 55423

WANTED: To form or join face-to-face football-hockey and/or basketball leagues this winter. Also, wanted to join PBM hockey league and baseball league using 1961 season cards. Contact: Ken Donnelly, 18644 E. Cleveland Road, Villa Apts. #11, South Bend, IN 46637, or call 219-277-6098.

WANTED: 19-year-old male who wishes to play in S-O-M Football league in the northern New Jersey area. Any kind of football league will be fine except for a play-by-mail league. Write: Ken Kowalsky, 22 Fox Hill Road, Fairfield, NJ 07006

WANTED: These baseball teams: 1968 Detroit Tigers; 1969 Atlanta, New York Mets, Chicago Cubs; 1971 Baltimore and Pittsburgh; 1973 Oakland; 1975 Boston, Cincinnati. Will pay any reasonable price. Please state condition of team. Mike Segrest, 630 N. 11th, Eunice, LA 70535 (phone: 318-457-1912)

WANTED: 1971 extra set; 1972 Pirates plus Pirate extra players 1970-1981. FOR SALE: Baseball reprints, 75¢ a team. 1980 extra player set, \$3. Football, 1973 San Francisco; 1979 Colts, Bills, \$1. I pay postage; trades possible. 2 x-charts, \$1 each. Jeff Wilson, Box 128, Ballhead City, AZ 86930

WANTED: Baseball extra players from 1967-1972. Complete sets for each year not necessary. Also rosters 1962-1972, '75. Contact: Ron Barber, 4109 Nicklas, Oklahoma City, OK 73122, or call 405-787-9841 after 6 p.m.

WANTED: 1978 Hal Dues card and 1978 Rudy May card. Both players were from Montreal Expos. Cards have 1978 records at bottom. Will pay \$5 each, or \$10 for both of them. Write to: Kevin Sablay, 627 South Scott, Oshkosh, WI 54921 c/o UW-Oshkosh

For Sale

FOR SALE: The creator of the Florida Gold Coast Hockey Association (FGCHA), Bob Lopeck, would like to offer at no charge a very realistic penalty chart system for your consideration. In a comprehensive study of all 840 boxscores from the 1981-81 NHL season, I

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have been able to derive the most factual penalty combination tendencies (including misconducts) and set them down on three easy-to-read charts. The FGCHA Penalty Chart system incorporates S-O-M's AA, A, B, C, and D ratings, is as easy to use as the S-O-M version (in most cases requiring only the selection of one split card), but takes into account the situations not covered in S-O-M's penalty chart (such as 5-0, 5-5, 10-0, 10-10, etc.). Please remember that this entire package is being offered at no charge. For those interested, please write to: Bob Lopeck, P.O. Box 380824, Miami, FL 33138

FOR SALE: Early baseball card sets with extras: 1968, 1969 [both in good condition] and 1970 [good to excellent condition]. Also individual teams in good condition: 1966 Yankees, Pirates, Cardinals, Mets, Dodgers, Orioles, Senators; 1969 Padres; 1970 Angels, Chisox. Send offers to: Marc Jacobson, 11990 Ferndale St., Philadelphia, PA 19116

FOR SALE: 1962 Twins, Giants, Braves, White Sox, Tigers, Reds; 1963 Yankees, Red Sox, Dodgers, Cardinals; 1969 Cubs [extras], Braves [extras], Reds, Athletics, Yankees, Pirates, Red Sox, Twins, Tigers, Senators, Orioles; 1970 complete set; 1971 all with extras, Mets, Twins, Brewers, Dodgers, Royals, Astros, Tigers, Indians, White Sox, Angels, A's, Yankees, Red Sox, Orioles, Padres, Braves, Senators, Cardinals, Giants, Phillies; 1972 [with extras] Tigers, Braves, Mets, Dodgers, Astros, Expos, Twins, Brewers, Royals, Reds, White Sox, Cubs, Red Sox, Yankees, Rangers, Cardinals, Giants, Padres, Phillies, Pirates, Angels, Indians; 1973 all teams [with extras], no Brewers; 1980 complete set. 1969 Buffalo; 1970 Dolphins, Vikings, Chiefs, Eagles, Saints, Jets, Giants, Steelers, Raiders, Patriots, Bills, Bears. Bids accepted until 15th of this month. Winners pay postage. Steve Ludwiski, 234 Country Forest Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46818

FOR SALE: Complete football card sets from 1972-81. Many separate

teams from some years. Two complete college football games with 16 teams from 1976 and 24 great teams. 1979 complete baseball game with 1978 Yankees. 2 complete hockey games from 1977-78 [first set] and 1978-79. All teams and game parts in good-excellent condition. Will sell to highest bidder. Highest bids for hockey and football get pad of scoresheets. For complete list of separate teams and 16 college teams and more information, send SASE and bids to: Robert Kondracki, 237 N. 6th St., Reading, PA 19601

FOR SALE: Eight great S-O-M Hockey playing tips that will surely enhance your winter sports pleasure. Neatly typed and ready for distribution. Hurry. This is something you don't want to miss out on. Just send \$1 and large SASE to: Ira Wolins, 1230 Passmore St., Philadelphia, PA 19111

FOR SALE: The complete 1976 and 1978 football sets in good and good-to-excellent condition, respectively. Sold as sets only. The 1979-80 basketball game with the NBA Western Conference teams, all game parts and scorepad. Good condition. The 1978 baseball teams with extras. Every team except: St. Louis, Los Angeles, Houston, Milwaukee, New York, Baltimore, California, Kansas City, Minnesota and Texas. All 16 for \$10, or buy individually. I will pay postage. Sold to the highest bidders. Will try to answer all bids as soon as possible. Write: Neil Lahammer, RR. 1 Box 49, Bath, SD 57427

FOR SALE: 20-sided dice, 50¢ each without inked digits or \$1 each with inked digits. Because a plus sign has been molded in front of half of the numbers, it is possible to use the die as a D-2 for heads or tails, D-10 for generating percentile numbers as well as 1 through 20. A plain 4 is read as 4, but +4 is the same as 14 because you simply add 10 to any digit preceded by a plus sign, when one through 20 numbers are required. These are genuine gamescience high impact dice, which are guaranteed to survive at least 2 years of normal wear. No other company dares to offer such an extended lifespan because they

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know their dice can't last that long. There is no such thing as 90% high impact or hard impact, etc. Our dice are used by the U.S. Naval War College. We have 11 standard color opaques and 18 standard color gem style dice. Gems cost 75¢ each without ink and \$1.25 each with ink. Please include \$1.50 with order to pay for postage, handling, etc. Lou Zocchi, 01956 Pass Road Box STRA, Gulfport, MS 39501

FOR SALE: (or TRADE) Over 2,000 loose players (baseball), 1964-1981. Send your want list and trade list to: Chris Rosen, 731 Bergen St., Philadelphia, PA 19111. Phone: 215-745-5247.

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FOR SALE: Minnesota Viking teams: 1969 (12-2, NFL champs), \$12; 1972, \$5; 1973 (12-2), \$7; 1975 (12-2), \$6. All teams good/excellent condition. Will accept trades for '67 Raiders; '70 Colts; '71 Dolphins, Cowboys; '73 Dolphins; '76 Colts. Please send proposed deals to: Bradley Rawiszer, 78 Miton Road, Rye, NY 10580

FOR SALE: Unbreakable 20-sided dice. Forget split decks - 20-sided dice are more random and easier to use. Available in a variety of colors: white, red, yellow, violet, lime green, burnt orange. \$1.25 postpaid, same day service. Paul Wooden, 5971 East 25th Place, Tulsa, OK 74114

FOR SALE: Basketball cards for sale. Complete sets for the following years: 1974-75, '75-76, '76-77, '78-79, '79-80, '80-81. 1977-78 Buffalo Braves and Houston Rockets also for sale. Extra players Bill Walton and George McGinnis intact for '74-75 season. Extra individual players from Kentucky, St. Louis, Virginia from '75-76 season also available. Each season comes with a roster sheet. All cards in good condition. Contact: Ray Martinez, by phone (415-278-5115) or by writing (17947 Via Valencia St., San Lorenzo, CA 94580) with your offers.

FOR SALE: Baseball, 1977 to 1980. Excellent condition, with extras. Best offer. Will not split sets. Send SASE to: Larry Braus, 3414 W. Foster #1A, Chicago, IL 60625

FOR SALE: Repeat of a prior sell out. Winter housecleaning on baseball and football sets and individual teams from 1960s and '70s. No bidding; cash and carry prices. Send SASE to: Larry Fryer, 45 N. 2nd St., Hamburg, PA 19526 [phone: 1-215-562-2431, before 9 p.m.]

FOR SALE: Football, good/excellent condition. 1972 Miami, \$17; '72 Oakland, Washington, Pittsburgh, Dallas, \$10; '72 New England, NY Giants, Green Bay, Cleveland, San Francisco, \$6; '74 St. Louis, Miami, Minnesota, \$6; '75 Cincinnati, \$4.50. Deals/trades can be made. Send all bids to: Leon Kalayjian, 39 Gramercy Ave., Rye, NY 10580. No phone calls, please.

FOR SALE: 330 different basketball cards from 1975-76 and '76-77 seasons, \$7.50. 1968 season (baseball) in fine shape, \$70. 1967 season in average shape, \$75. 1965 baseball teams, all in exceptional condition: LA, SF, Pitt., Cleve., Yanks, Chisox, \$7 each; 1974 baseball teams: Montreal, Phil., SL, Mets, Cubs, Houston, Atl., SF, Det., Milwaukee, Cleve., KC, White Sox, \$3.50 each; 1972 baseball teams, Milwaukee, SF, Mont., \$4 each; 1978 baseball teams with extras, SD, Cinc., SF, LA, Atl., Houston, Phil., Mets, Pitt., SL, \$3 each (Yanks fair condition, \$2.50). 1977-78 hockey set, complete with box, all parts and all

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teams [never been used], \$17. All items sold on first come, first serve basis. All items postage paid. Bill Salter Jr., 22001 Inkster Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48024 (313-474-5328)

FOR SALE: Baseball sets. 1965 [only Don Schwall missing]. Complete 1967. Complete 1956. Complete 1973, 1979, 1980, 1981 sets with all extra players. All sets have the original rosters. All in excellent [perfect] condition. 1977-78 hockey game, 1981 pro football game, college football game. Every old-timer, Hall of Fame and re-issued team [including undersized set]. The Review from April of 1979 until present. I must sell...so you might as well take a chance and send at least a low bid. Paul Shive, 203 Shearer St., North Wales, PA 19454

FOR SALE: The following football teams: 1969, all AFL teams; 1970-1972, all 26 teams. 1976 Bears, Bengals, Bucs, Colts, Cowboys, Dolphins, Patriots, Raiders, Rams, Steelers, Seahawks, Vikings. 1977, same as 1976 except Broncos instead of Bengals. Ed Grant, 6175 4th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33707 (phone: 813-343-6808)

FOR SALE: Football teams, 1971-79. Will take bids on all teams or as a set. Good to excellent condition. Bidding will end at the end of the month. You pay postage. Send SASE. All SASEs will be answered. Send to: Doug Peterson, 2027 Crawford Dr., Walla Walla, WA 99362

FOR SALE: Try Super Stats second annual computer baseball card ratings for the 1982 cards. Complete listing of on-base %, walks and power for all cards plus extras. Guaranteed first-class mailing on week after the new cards are printed. Be the first in your league to have your ratings. Send \$6 to: C. Super 1333 N. Martel Ave., Suite 108, Los Angeles, CA 90046

FOR SALE: Football - 1967 Packers, Rams; '68 loose players [near 200]; '69 individual teams [20+]; '70 individual teams [18]; '70 complete; '73 complete; '74 through '79 Super

Bowl winners and '79 Cowboys; other miscellaneous teams '72 through '77. Baseball - 1965 individual teams; '76 individual teams with extras; '79 complete with extras. Also, willing to trade for and/or buy '74 through '76 Street and Smith's Pro Football Magazine '77-back [Sept.-Jan. issues] and for '69 Chiefs, Jets, Redskins. SASE ensures reply. Jerry Fry, Box 161, Walnut Grove, MO 65770

FOR SALE: Football teams [sets only] 1974-1975, \$25; 1976-1980, \$40. Baseball teams [sets only], 1974, \$30; 1975, \$20; 1977-81, \$10 each. Basketball game, 1977, \$10. Teams in excellent condition. Orders on first come, first served basis. I will pay postage. Tom Sherman, 1449 N. 14 Way 202, Hollywood, FL 33020

FOR SALE: Football - 1978, '79, complete, mint, \$20 per season. 1970 SF, Oakland, Balt., \$1.50 per team. Old-timer set, \$5. Hockey - 1977-78, '78-79, '79-80, complete, extra players, mint condition, \$12 per season. Special: \$30 takes all 3 seasons. Basketball - 1972-73, '73-74, '75-76, '76-77, '77-78, '78-79, '79-80. All seasons complete, excellent condition, \$8 per season. \$45 takes all 7 seasons. All prices include postage. First come, first served. Thomas J. Pierzchala, 15 Sandra Road, Peabody, MA 01960

FOR SALE: Complete set of 1979 and 1980 football cards. Both sets in excellent condition. \$15 each. Contact: J.J. Records, 3721 Lafayette St., Wilmington, DE 19808, or call 302-994-5998.

For Trade

FOR TRADE: 1968 AFL Football complete in excellent condition. I need 1971 and 1975 baseball extras complete in like condition. Cal Whitbeck, 206 North Ct., Mason, MI 48854 (phone: 517-676-5145)

League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: Southwestern Basketball League is now forming. 8 managers are needed for an advanced, PBM league. Draft will be held [continued]

in mid-January, league play starts Feb. 1. There will be continuous newsletters and updates to keep everybody informed. For more information, reply quickly to: David Kruper, 1104 W. Palo Verde Dr., Chandler, AZ 85224. Also, all valley of the sun S-O-M gamers interested in forming a face-to-face baseball, basketball, football or hockey league please contact.

LEAGUE FORMING: Tired of leagues that are here one year and gone the next? Then the FBNBA is for you. Entering its ninth year, the Fly-By-Night Baseball Association is anything but fly-by-night. What we are is a 16-team draft league, utilizing the advanced version of both N.L. and A.L. players (including the 104 additional players). What we need are a few more strong, responsible members to serve as managers and backup managers for our 1983 championship campaign. So, if you want to be a part of the FBNBA excitement this next season, send a brief description of yourself and your S-O-M baseball play-by-mail experience to: Craig Haines, 18 Honey Locust #6, St. Charles, MO 63301. All replies will be answered.

LEAGUE FORMING: Managers needed for unique PBM hockey draft league. We will start with 1977-78 set and play every season thereafter. 80-game schedule plus playoffs. Many optional rules will be used, including overtime periods. 17 teams maximum the first year, although expansion will occur in 1978-79. No experience necessary, only a desire to compete fairly and the commitment to be involved in a viable league. For more information call 309-556-2711 or write: Reid Rozen, 1301 N. East St., Bloomington, IL 61701

LEAGUE FORMING: Anyone within an hour's drive of northern Delaware is welcome to join a face-to-face, 20-member S-O-M baseball league starting its fourth season in late March. Contact: J.J. Records, 3721 Lafayette St., Wilmington, DE 19808 or call 302-994-5998.

LEAGUE FORMING: The ESML advanced PBM baseball league needs managers and backups. Use free agent system, special schedule with double-headers and rainout system. Our 45-page yearbook just was released. League will start April 1. All letters answered. Send to: Cliff Delgins, 67 Old Country Rd., New Rochelle, NY 10804

LEAGUE FORMING: Looking to start PBM draft basketball league. Will use the new cards and take as many people as possible. Can have Gervin, Jabbar, Magic, Erving. Don't miss out. All letters answered. Send to: Ricky Dodd, 15 Short Lane, New Rochelle, NY 10804

LEAGUE FORMING: Face-to-face S-O-M league to start in St. Louis area; 162-game schedule, 16 teams, 16 managers, advanced baseball league. Will use both AL and NL straight teams with 16 players protected and rest will be drafted. Trading will be permitted. Also use of DH in both leagues. Please respond ASAP to: J.E. Kienzle, 4075 A South Grand, St. Louis, MO 63118 (1-314-752-7310, 6-11 p.m.). All replies will be answered.

LEAGUE FORMING: Unbelievable! Slots still open in the Big League. Trophies, attendance, salaries, but not enough coaches. We want a full league which means a lot more coaches. All of you talented, punctual coaches write: Henry Vance, Big Leagues, 164 Lancaster St., Portland, ME 04101

LEAGUE FORMING: Has your football league ended? Then join the PBM off-season football league. We have a replay and draft with both NFC and AFC players separately. Will take as many coaches as possible. All letters answered. Send to: Cliff Delgins, 67 Old Country Road, New Rochelle, NY 10804

LEAGUE FORMING: If you want to join, or are in, a face-to-face S-O-M league in the Chicago, IL, area, call Mike Gahalla, 437-6854, or Pete Shelly, 980-1237.

LEAGUE FORMING: Here's S-O-M's equivalent of the decathlon - the All-City League. If you own all four S-O-M games, you can play. There will be 7 players, each
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representing a city [Boston, New York A-B, Philadelphia, Detroit, Chicago, Los Angeles] in all four games. We'll use 1981 football (12 games), 1981-82 basketball and hockey (48 games) and 1982 baseball (72 games) cards - playing a different game each week with standardized PBM instructions to facilitate play. Extras will be used in baseball and hockey and no trading or drafting will be permitted. A \$15 entry fee will be charged for weekly stats and standings. Interested? Hurry! Contact: Vincent J. Paterno Jr., 20128 Green Run Court, Gaithersburg, MD 20879 (301-258-5021). Become part of something new and exciting.

LEAGUE FORMING: Federal Hockey League is in need of backup managers for its first season. Backup managers have a very good chance of getting a team this year. The FHL is run by the same people who have run the long-lasting and well-known Federal Baseball League, which is headed by Kurt Smeby. The FHL is a super-advanced, 18-team straight league with trading, rookie draft and special systems to keep the league running smoothly. Backup managers receive all newsletters to keep in touch with the league. For further information, call or write: Bill Modelski, 15178 HanFor, Allen Park, MI 48101 (phone: 313-383-3101)

LEAGUE FORMING: Although new card time at S-O-M is still weeks away, the American Table-top Baseball League has begun its search for new managers. The ATBL uses the basic game with a few rule variations and additions. For example, we use the advanced game stealing rules [catcher's arm, etc.]. There are openings in both the AL and NL (8 teams in each). We're a draft league which protects only a few players from season to season, so don't worry about getting stuck with a crummy team. We'll draft in Feb. and start in March. For more information, send an SASE to: Dick Hunt, 612 N. Dewey St., Owosso, MI 48867

LEAGUE FORMING: Managers and backup managers needed for the second season of the S-O-M Can-fluence, a PBM advanced baseball league. 12-15 teams. Some good players available. League organized by Frank Bautus and run by Dr. Richard Fox, 2820 S. 29th Ct., LaCrosse, WI 54601. Resume required. \$15 entry fee and \$15 refundable deposit. Write: Frank Bautus, 6613 W. Bancroft, Toledo, OH 43615 [Apt. 50G]

LEAGUE FORMING: The SOMMBL, a PBM draft league, is looking for new managers to take over already existing teams; plus a manager for an expansion team. Experience is not necessary, but reliability is. For more information, send SASE or call: Harold Tellefsen, 4722 Buckingham, Warren, MI 48092 (313-573-4442). It is advisable to call to insure you of a team. If I am not home ask for Marc.

LEAGUE FORMING: The American Draft Association is looking for backup managers. Our league is a PBM baseball league that plays the basic version, with some advanced features. We are about to start our 8th season and are looking for people who are willing to wait for a team in an established league. If interested, write to: Dwight Sterling, 22-6 Normandy Village, Nanuet, NY 10954

LEAGUE FORMING: Wanted to form or join face-to-face baseball or football league. Looking for people who want to manage one or more teams. No previous experience required. Contact: Lloyd Haas, 522 Glenway Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba, R2G 1H4. Open to suggestions.

LEAGUE FORMING: SOMLBA is looking for competent managers for our 8th PBM season. Our playing season (96 games and playoffs) will begin in April, but our preseason activities (rookie draft, etc.) will begin immediately. We use all player cards, including extras for the current season. We have many rules which increase the interest and excitement in the league. If you're interested in a slower paced league which demands about two hours a week, write or call: Tom Stadthaus, 706 Coolidge Ave., North Plainfield, NJ 07063 (201-757-8976).

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Strat-O-Matic spotlight

TEN COMMANDMENTS OF CARD PROTECTION

James Sanders, the Gary, IN, policeman who organized and so smoothly ran off the Lyman Bostock Memorial Tournaments, is back with some tips on protecting one of your most important investments -- Strat-O-Matic cards!

Sanders has over 26,000 cards and he reports that his card-caring methods have all in "great shape" when it comes to his collection.

If gamers can afford it, suggests Sanders, the best way to protect your cards is to order a game box along with the new cards. Keeping the cards in a box is much better than allowing "freedom" of movement where all types of disaster can befall them.

That's commandment No. 1 on Sanders' "Ten Commandments" list. Here are the others:

2. Remove rubber cards from cards immediately.
3. Always keep teams in individual envelopes.
4. When playing, do not hold your cards in your hand. Keep on table and pickup and hold only when necessary.
5. Before playing always wash your hands. That's card cleanliness.
6. Keep your cards in a fireproof container. If the house burns down, at least the cards will be saved.
7. Never leave your cards in an automobile. The car--and your cards --could be stolen. You can replace the car. But you may not be able to replace cards that are collector's items.
8. If getting a divorce, or separating from a girl friend who's very volatile, keep cards in a safety deposit box at a local bank to ensure their protection. An angry wife, or girl friend, could destroy the thing [cards] that is dearest to your heart.
9. No matter what happens in a game, never tear your cards up. Take out frustrations on dice, of which every avid gamer has a jar full. Dice are expendable, and replaceable; cards are not.
10. When through playing, always put cards away so they will not be exposed to the elements (food, coffee, wind, sleet, snow), pets or human beings.

SHORT SHAKES

...There's another Auburn besides the football team and college. It's the Auburn Maine S-O-M Baseball League (AMSOMBL), an eight-team, continuous league with 126-game season and playoffs. Highlight of play recently was Nolan Ryan pitching a one-hitter (1982 cards) against power-packed lineup of Rickey Henderson, Andre Dawson, Mike Schmidt, Eddie Murray, Tim Lincecum and Tony Armas. Armas got lone hit--an eighth-inning single--to break up no-hit bid. Dick Tidrow, '76 cards, once threw a no-hitter, but that was lone pitching gem by AMSOMBL, reports Ron Morin...Rich Meyerson, East Meadow, NY, played a 104-team elimination baseball tournament and reports that the '27 Yankees again emerged the 'greatest.' The Yanks defeated the surprising 1964 Phillies in the finals, four games to one. John Callison was the MVP after the Phillies' slugger batted .500, hit six home runs and drove in 21 runs in 16 games. Longest game consumed 21 innings, with the '79 Pirates claiming a 5-2 win over the '50 Yanks in a best-of-three sectional playoff...A game that Jerry Fry, Olathe, KS, will never forget occurred not long ago when the New York Jets and Minnesota squared off in a replay game of the 1970 football season. Minnesota, although it was upset in real-life by the Jets, 20-10, figured to win the game and, thanks to four field goals by Fred Cox, had a 26-24 lead with just minutes remaining. The Jets, with Al Woodall at the controls, were in trouble as first Woodall was sacked and then a pass was incomplete. Third-and-18 from the Jets' 33. Long pass to George Sauer resulted in a roll that read "receiver." Snake eyes was rolled and (right or wrong) the result was 67 yards. Fry started moving the marker down the field when suddenly he realized it was a touchdown. The Jets had pulled out a 31-26 victory in one of the great S-O-M games of all time...

S-O-M league, replay scene

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INTERNATIONAL STRAT-O-MATIC BASEBALL LEAGUE - Eight-team, advanced, PBM league that had eight managers first season and now has 10 for second...ISOMBL features father-son team and has managers in three cities... All cards are used, but +65 at-bat and +25 innings-pitched limitations are in effect...first season was based on 1980 real-life season...ISOMBL is truly international, with half of managers in U.S., other half in Canada...Murray Zabitsky, manager of Toronto Titans, is commissioner. He lives, of course, in Toronto...other managers, their home towns and teams, include: Doug Winslow, Toronto (Ariel Benders); Keith Rowland, Bloomfield Hills, MI (Bloomfield Bengals); Ron Iwaszkiewicz II, Bloomfield Hills, MI (Hickory Bark Bulldogs); Scott Cormany, Chesterfield, MO (Rocky Mountain Grizzlies); Steve Taylor, Regina, Sask. (Regina Bisons); Ron Iwaszkiewicz I, Bloomfield Hills (Hampton Barons), and Rob VanStrone, Regina, Sask. (Regina Roughriders)...new members are Matt Iwaszkiewicz and Mike Regimbal...Zabitsky's Titans smashed 272 home runs and easily won Division I pennant honors. Nine players slammed 20 or more round-trippers, with Mike Schmidt's 55 leading the way...Schmidt was MVP of World Series, leading Titans to 4-2 victory over the Rocky Mountain Grizzlies by hitting .478 with five home runs, nine RBI and 11 runs scored...Frank Pastore was the beneficiary of a 909-run attack, posting a 24-6 record with a 3.34 ERA.

Standings and leaders:

Division I				Division II			
	W	L	GB		W	L	GB
Titans (TT)	105	57	-	Grizzlies (RMG)	89	73	-
Bengals (BB)	93	69	12	Bisons (RB)	74	88	15
Benders (AB)	84	78	21	Barons (HB)	68	94	21
Bulldogs (HBB)	71	91	34	Roughriders (RR)	63	99	26

Batting		Home Runs		RBI		Wins	
Brett RMG	.348	Horner AB	57	Schmidt TT	129	Pastore TT	24
Cooper BB	.320	Schmidt TT	55	Horner AB	125	Rogers BB	21
Rivers AB	.318	OA.Murphy AB	42	Murphy AB	124	Clancy TT	20
Cedeno BB	.317	Jackson RMG	39	Cooper	111	Bibby AB	19

ERA		Strikeouts		2B:		3B:	
Sutton RMG	2.85	Carlton HBB	260	Murray HBB	40	Wilson RMG	18
Pastore TT	3.34	Ryan AB	248	Henderson AB	137 (61), 69.2%		
Burns BB	3.39	Norris BB	193	Gossage RR	25, Corbett TT 23		
Rogers BB	3.44	Soto AB	184	LOSS: Carlton HBB 23, Blue HB and J.Niekro RR 22			

1975 NATIONAL LEAGUE BASEBALL REPLAY - Murray Zalitsky of Thornhill, Ontario, sends along another copy [the first, submitted two years ago, did not have a name on it] of an actual teams replay...After three years of dice rollin', Cincinnati won the West Division, as in real-life, and Philadelphia captured the East. The Phillies had finished second behind the Pirates in real-life, but Pittsburgh wound up a disappointing fourth, 22 games behind, in S-O-M...At-bats and innings pitched were not, as Zalitsky quickly admits, not adhered to. "We did not change the roles of the players," says Zalitsky, "and I think our results were fairly realistic."

Standings and leaders:

East Division				Batting			
	W	L	GB (Actual)			Home Runs	
Philadelphia	98	64	- [86-76]	Madlock CHI	.370	Kingman NY	53
St. Louis	87	75	11 [82-80]	Rose CIN	.349	Foster CIN	41
New York Mets	77	85	21 [82-80]	Foster CIN	.337	Schmidt PHI	32
Pittsburgh	76	86	22 [82-69]	Joshua SF	.322	Parker PIT	31
Chicago Cubs	72	90	26 [75-87]	Parker PIT	.320	C.Johnson HOU	30
Montreal	64	98	34 [75-87]				

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West Division	W	L	GB (Actual)	RBI	H: Madlock CHI
Cincinnati	110	52	- [109-54]	Foster CIN 157	243
Los Angeles	88	74	22 [88-74]	Kingman NY 151	R: Morgan CIN
San Francisco	88	74	22 [80-81]	Bench CIN 137	144
San Diego	80	82	30 [71-91]	Rose CIN 123	2B: Bench CIN 49
Houston	70	92	40 [64-97]	Simmons SL 123	3B: Thomas SF 22
Atlanta	62	100	48 [67-94]		SB: Morgan CIN
ERA		Wins			88/29
Eastwick CIN	1.98	Montefusco SF	27	Strikeouts	Lopes LA
R. Jones SD	2.13	Seaver NY	24	Montefusco SF	68/36
Halicki SF	2.14	Hooton LA	23	Seaver NY	308
Lockwood NY	2.14	R. Jones SD	22	Richard HOU	247
Seaver NY	2.56	Messersmith LA	22	Carlton PHI	235
Christensen PH	2.75	Billingham CIN	20		
W/L%		SA: Eastwick CIN 21, Hbrabosky SL 15			
Christensen PHI	.750 [19-6]	CG: Montefusco SF 31, Jones SD 26			
Gullett CIN	.750 [19-6]	Note: Kingman struck out 213 times and			
Hbrabosky SL	.739 [17-6]	Garvey hit into 37 doubleplays.			

HACIENDA HEIGHTS S-O-M LEAGUE - Six-manager baseball league that's latest achievements include playing 12th and 13th seasons. The 12th was a 150-game National League draft using Hall-of-Famers, old-timers and various players from teams from 1962-1981; the 13th being the same format except American League cards were used...Managers include John M. Borack, 20, college student at Cal State Fullerton and commissioner of HHSOML and stat-keeper (having a hand in every game, whether by rolling dice or keeping score); John F. Borack, 56, father of John M. and warehouse foreman who often allows his sibling to take long lunch breaks to catch up on S-O-M gaming; Pat McKinney, 34, married with three sons, plays S-O-M for the fun of it; Brian Norman, 19, college student and known as the league's "complainer;" Anthony Reets, 21, another Cal-Fullerton student; and John King, 23, married with two daughters...King later enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was stationed in upstate New York, so Ben Woo, 21, another Cal State student, took his place and engineered blockbuster trade that brought Walter Johnson, Christy Mathewson, Joe Jackson and Charlie Gehringer onto the team...McKinney once played a game while driving home from work, defeating John M. with one hand on wheel and other on S-O-M dice...National League highlights included Rube Waddell (Brian Norman) pitching a no-hitter against John F. Borack, striking out eight and walking three; five players bashing three home runs in a game and five others collecting five hits in one contest; and Burleigh Grimes having a no-hitter (he eventually pitched a one-hitter) when Honus Wagner led off with a single in the first inning...American League highlights included Rico Petrocelli (McKinney) smashing a HHSOML record five home runs in a game; George Brett, Al Simmons and Frank Robinson all hitting grand slams as Brian King's team slaughtered Anthony Reets' squad, 18-3; and Walter Johnson pitching a no-hitter for 9 1/3 innings--the last 9 1/3 innings--for a no-hitter of sorts in a 16-inning marathon.

Standings, leaders and playoff results:

#12 (NL)	W	L	GB	Batting
Brian Norman	87	63	-	Speaker JR .350
Anthony Reets	77	73	10	John F. Borack 65 85 25 Wheat JFB .336
Pat McKinney	72	78	15	John King 59 91 31 Terry PM/JR .326
Home Runs		RBI		2B: Hornsby JR 40 R: Speaker JR 104
Mays JR/BN	47	Mays	120	3B: P. Waner JR/BN 15 SB: Speaker 112
Banks AR/JR	43	Snider AR	104	H: Wheat JFB 200 GWH: Ceden BN/JR 14
Musial JFB	37	Hornsby	103	
Kingman JFB	36	Musial	103	
		W-L		
		McGinnity JR	24-10	Vance JR/PM 17-18
		C. Young JR	22-15	Wyatt JR 16-10

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<u>ERA (NL)</u>			<u>Strikeouts</u>			<u>CG: Young JB 30</u>		
Young JB	2.86		Gibson JK	268		<u>SHO: Young</u>	4	
McGinnity JB	3.52		Vance JB/PM264			<u>L: Koufax JFB 16-21</u>		
Vance JB/PM	3.75		Koufax JFB 257			<u>SA: Sutter JB 22</u>		
<u>#13 (AL)</u>			<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>GB</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>GB</u>
John King	104	46	-	John M. Borack	101	49	-	
John F. Borack	66	84	38	Pat McKinney	68	82	33	
Anthony Reets	64	86	40	Brian Norman	47	103	54	
<u>Batting</u>			<u>Home Runs</u>			<u>RBI</u>		
Sisler JK	.344	Simmons JK	46	Simmons JK	164	28: Lajoie JB 46		
Cobb PM/JB	.343	O.Allen BN	37	Gehrig AR/JB137		3B: Cobb PM/JB 20		
Lajoie JB	.332	Gehrig AR/JB 35		Williams JB 122		H: Cobb 220		
						R: Cobb 141		
						SB: Sisler JK 132		
						Cobb 130		
<u>W-L</u>		<u>ERA</u>				<u>GWH: J.Jackson AR/JK</u>		
Alexander JB 27-4		Mathewson JK 2.60				21		
Johnson BN/JK 23-11		Alexander JB 2.67						
Mathewson JK 21-3		Brown JK 3.18						
<u>Strikeouts</u>			<u>CG: Alexander JB 26</u>			<u>AL playoffs: John King d. John M.</u>		
Blue JFB 244		<u>SHO: Alexander</u>	5			Borack, 3-0.		
Johnson 240		<u>L: Ruffing BN 12-23</u>				<u>NL playoffs: Brian Norman d. John</u>		
		<u>SA: Mingori JB 14</u>				M. Borack, 3-1.		

World Series: John King d. Brian Norman, 4-1. George Brett (8-18, 7 RBI, 3 home runs) was MVP while Lefty Gomez won two games.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL BEST TEAMS REPLAY - Steve Harvey, Colonial Heights, VA, sent in one of the few college football replays to cross the desk of the Review...He took what he considered the eight "best college football teams," split them into two divisions and played a 10-game schedule plus a championship playoff...Notre Dame emerged the national champion as it went 8-1-1 and then avenged its only regular-season loss by defeating Pittsburgh in the championship game, 28-22. The Irish jumped out to a 22-0 lead over Pitt, survived a long field goal and touchdown passes of 22 and 40 yards, which cut the score to 22-19, and then wrapped up the win with a late TD...Notre Dame was the most consistent team, with its defensive unit allowing only 13.9 points per game, tops in the league... The Irish lost to Pitt, 16-6, while it took a 42-yard, last-play field goal to pull out a 24-21 win over Nebraska in the opener...Nebraska had the best offense (25.9) but five of its losses were by a total of 13 points...Southern Cal was a disappointment, whipping Texas in the opener, 38-21, but then winning only once after that...Pitt won last four games to qualify for championship matchup with Irish...Army surprised Texas, 41-3, and Oklahoma, 58-3--two major upsets, to be sure!--but won only one other game...Penn State was biggest flop as 1-6 start did it in. Pitt defeated Penn State on a 49-yard field goal, 23-21, in the opener, setting the tone for the rest of season for the Nittany Lions...Texas featured great kicking game and excellent offense and had third-best record overall (6-3-1)...Oklahoma was another that sank swiftly out of sight in the standings, giving up 28.4 points a game and going 2-7-1.

Standings:

<u>Division I</u>					<u>Division II</u>				
	W	L	T	Off.	Def.		W	L	T
Notre Dame	8	1	1	20.1	13.9	Pittsburgh	7	3	0
Texas	6	3	1	21.3	21.6	Army	3	6	1
Nebraska	4	6	0	25.9	19.3	Penn St.	3	7	0
USC	3	5	2	17.8	20.6	Oklahoma	2	7	1

Harvey has been playing S-O-M games for four years and feels the college football game is the best of them all. He, of course, would like to see more college teams made available.

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MVP Contest winner revealed

Paul Bressoud of Arcata, CA, is the winner of the Review's latest Most Valuable Player Contest in baseball and, as a result, will receive a set of the 1983 baseball cards (including extras), compliments of this publication.

Bressoud was one of 10 gamers who picked Dale Murphy in the National League. His American League choice was Eddie Murray. Only one person, Mike McConchie, Baltimore, MD, tabbed Robin Yount correctly in the A.L.

Out of the 11 who had one MVP correct, Bressoud fared the best in picking the division champs--forecasting Milwaukee in the A.L. East and St. Louis and Atlanta in the N.L. East and West, respectively. No one else had more than two division winners correct.

Congratulations to Paul Bressoud, your prize will be at your doorstep the latter part of January.

Contests

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CONTEST: 1982-83 Hockey Challenge Tournament is a play-by-mail super advanced tournament to decide who's the best hockey coach in the S-O-M world. This year's guaranteed purse has been increased to \$200, \$100 to the winner. The 1982-83 Hockey Challenge Tournament uses

a system which gives all participants a chance to win. All games are played by the organizer, using both coaches' instructions. The tournament is open to all. For rules and information, write to: Larry King, 102-45 62nd Road, Apt. 4P, Forest Hills, NY 11375