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National Convention Aug. 1-2

The ninth annual Strat-O-Matic National Convention isn't far off. In fact, Aug. 1-2, at Evanston, IL, on the campus of Northwestern University, is when S-O-M's most talented dice-rollers in the midwest will gather to, face-to-face, crown national champions.

Rick [Wolfman] Shapiro, organizer of all the previous tournaments (and with Dale Barnes, Bob Anderson, etc. is again putting on the 1980 gathering at Evanston), reports that entries still can be submitted--but that time is running out fast.

The dorms will open Thursday, July 31, at noon (dorm fee is \$28.50 per person no matter how many nights one stays), and the first die will officially be cast Friday. All the tournaments will be conducted in the Student Union.

Super Advanced Football and Elementary Baseball A and B (A: 1905-1957; B: 1960-79) are the opening tournaments, commencing at 9:30 a.m. Each tournament--and a contestant can enter only one each day--will be played in rounds, with no elimination. At 5 p.m. play will be halted and the eight players with the best records will advance into a single-elimination playoff to be played that evening. Finals in all tourneys will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Sunday.

Here's the remainder of the tournament schedule:

* Saturday, Aug. 2 - 9:30-5 p.m. - Advanced baseball and football plus hockey tournaments. Teams used for advanced baseball are from 1971 to 1979; for advanced football from 1967-1973 and for hockey from 1978-79 only.

Every contestant must supply his own teams (and game components). Two team choices is preferred, thus if someone else has your team you can
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used your second choice. And remember, the tournaments are designed to find out how good a manager you are, not how good the teams you selected are. With that in mind, rules of play call for teams to be switched after one game of a two-game baseball round, at halftime in football and after two of a four-period game in hockey. Rules of the tournament are elaborate and well-designed, and strictly enforced.

Playing S-O-M, although it will consume much of the time spent at Evanston, isn't the only activity. There will also be a bowling tournament, softball game (Thursday afternoon for the early arrivals), as well as use of the campus pool, tennis courts, gyms, etc.

Entry fee for the tournaments is \$5 (\$3 for members of the Chicagoland Strat-O-Matic Game Club). Both the entry fee and dorm fee are payable in advance and should be sent to: Chicagoland S-O-M Game Club, 9161 Kilpatrick, Skokie, IL 60076. Send a SASE so that confirmation, as well as tourney information, can be sent back. Questions regarding the tournament should be directed at Shapiro, who can be called at either 674-3941 or 342-9832.

Deadline for money was to be June 30, but latest word from Shapiro and the convention organizers has July 15 as absolute deadline date for dorm reservations.

Shapiro also passes along word that this may be his last S-O-M National Convention, at least as far as coordinating the annual event. Demands on his time have cut into his S-O-M activities and he's looking to step down and turn the role over to someone else next year. If there's a successor in the crowd, be sure to let the Wolfman know.

Curtain closes on MVP Contest

Kansas City's George Brett and Pittsburgh's Dave Parker will be honored as baseball's Most Valuable Players come this fall--at least in the opinion of the bulk of the Review readers.

The two were the top choices in their respective leagues, Brett in the American League, Parker in the National, in the Review's annual MVP Contest. Parker was a runaway winner in the N.L. with 48 votes, with Dave Kingman of the Chicago Cubs a distant second with 21, while Brett polled 41 votes in the A.L., 10 better than runnerup Jim Rice of Boston.

All told, 80 players received votes, 31 in the American League. Brett and Rice were followed by Sixto Lezcano (27) and Fred Lynn (26) in the A.L. And after Parker and Kingman in the N.L. came George Foster (19), Steve Garvey (18) and Dave Winfield (17)--all of whom were far off Parker's 48-vote tally.

Remember, the gamer that selects both MVPs correctly (and, if a tie, comes closest picking the pennant races), wins a set of the new baseball cards when they come out in January. Last year's winner, for those who've forgotten, was John Dornier of Philadelphia, who won on a tiebreaker.

There were some surprises in the picks for pennant winners. Pittsburgh was a runaway choice to hold off Montreal again in the N.L. East, with the Pirates polling 101 votes to Montreal's 62. Philadelphia was an almost out-of-sight third with 32 votes. Over in the West, however, it was Houston far outdistancing the Dodgers, 109 votes to 77 for L.A. Cincinnati was a going...going...gone! third with 23 votes.

As the July issue of the Review went to the printer, Montreal had a one-game lead over Pittsburgh in the East and ditto for Los Angeles over Houston in the West. Houston's vote total was tops in the poll.

Anyway, over in the American League, Milwaukee was the choice to whip New York and defending champ Baltimore in the East, with California the pick in the West, over Kansas City. Milwaukee garnered 91 votes, the Yankees 56 and Baltimore had only 35.

California had 85 votes, Kansas City 67 and Texas 50 in the West. Oh, at the time of this writing, New York had a 3½-game lead over Milwaukee in the East and, hold onto your dice, Kansas City was leading the West, with California dead last, 11½ games behind.

Luverne League celebrates

Anniversaries and birthdays are always something special. With that in mind, we salute the Luverne Strat-O-Matic Baseball League and congratulate it on completion of its latest endeavor and printing of its 10th year anniversary issue.

Compiled by Curt Laudon Jr., the latest yearbook is another work of art, being jam-packed with the latest season league results, all-time team and individual records, and a reprinting of the league's by-laws, rules as well as a 1979-80 schedule.

Even a table of contents and a preface are included. It's a 44-page masterpiece. And it's also a great guide for gamers contemplating starting a face-to-face baseball league.

All the members of the Luverne [which is in Minnesota] League, for instance, reside within 15 miles from the city--and that proximity is mandatory for membership in the league. If someone moves out of the area, their team belongs to the league again.

Card facsimiles of Dave Parker [MVP], Nolan Ryan [Cy Young] and Rich Gossage [Fireman of Year] on the cover of the yearbook, giving it a distinct S-O-M flavor. The latest league, 1978 cards based on 1977 statistics, was 162 games and was won by Gregg Gropel, whose Yankees defeated Laudon's Cardinals in the World Series, 4-3 in games.

The Luverne League is divided into two four-team divisions and six of the eight teams qualify for the playoffs. Gropel's Yanks finished second in the South, but then rose up and won it all.

Now here is a look at the standings [the league has a regular and rookie draft before each season, in reverse order from the finish of the previous season, and a 25-player roster with a "minor league"] and leaders for the Luverne league's most recent replay:

North				South				Playoffs	
Won	Lost	GB		Won	Lost	GB			
Cardinals	98	64	-	Twins	91	71	-	Royals d. Orioles, 3-0	
Royals	85	77	13	Yankees	81	81	10	Cardinals d. Royals, 3-2	
Orioles	80	82	18	Phillies	78	84	13	Yankees d. Phillies, 3-2	
Tigers	73	89	25	Cubs	62	100	29	Yankees d. Twins, 3-2	

Batting		Home Runs		RBI	
Parker YAN	.367	Luzinski CUB	40	Foster TIG	115
Carew PHIL	.327	Foster TIG	40	Parker YAN	112
Griffey TIG	.313	Nettles TIG	38	Bostock CARD	110
Stennett ROY	.304	Smith YAN	38	Soderholm TWI	107

H:		ERA		Wins	
2B:	Parker YAN 234	Hooton TWI	2.42	Ryan YAN	26-15
3B:	Bostock CARD 38	Palmer PHI	2.79	Hooton TWI	23-16
R:	Randolph ORIO 21	Blyleven TWI	2.83	Seaver YAN	20-16
SB:	Schmidt CARD 116	Ryan YAN	2.92	Candelaria CUB	20-16
	Lopes TWI 68				

Strikeouts		Won-Lost %		SH:	
Ryan YAN	374	Bibby CARD	18-7 (.720)	SA:	Blyleven TWI 7
Koosman PHIL	283	R.May TWI	15-6 (.714)	IP:	Lockwood ROY 20
Tanana ORIO	276	Gossage CARD	15-7 (.682)	CG:	Ryan YAN 363
Seaver YAN	241	Fingers ORIO	16-8 (.667)		Hooton TWI 30

And now, statistics aside, let's take a look at how the Luverne S-O-M League operates.

Purposes of the LSOMBL are stated in its by-laws and they include: Building of friendship among players, playing a 162-game season per team, having a playoff and world series, keeping accurate statistics and giving recognition to managers for outstanding team and individual player accomplishments. The philosophy of the league is to "provide an activity, game and statistics, for those people interested in baseball, and to continue

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to revive that interest. The activity, or league play, should be conducted in a fun, friendly atmosphere."

The LSOMBL has a commissioner, who serves a one-year term and is the only officer. Rules changes require a favorable vote of at least five members and new members must be voted in by at least six members. All league meetings are conducted under Robert's Rules of Order, with the commissioner, of course, presiding.

OFFICIAL PLAYING RULES

Although the LSOMBL's yearbook has a nine-page section regarding rules of play, the Review has condensed the material into a list of rules that other gamers/leagues might be interested in. Some of them pertain to mundane rules (rolling dice) while others are unique playing tips that the rest of the S-O-M world might wish to incorporate into their gaming endeavors.

First of all, regarding dice: (1) If one or more dice lands on the floor, all dice must be retossed; (2) Cocked dice must be retossed; (3) All dice must be tossed simultaneously. And all player cards must be on top of table before dice are cast.

Clarifying S-O-M's rules, the LSOMBL also: (1) Regarding ground-balls on X-Chart and reading "gb A," if runners are on second, third, or both, runners do not advance if ball is hit to pitcher, shortstop, or third baseman. Runners do advance if ball is hit to first baseman or second baseman. (The "Infield In" chart is checked if the infield is "in"). (2) On a steal of home, a catcher's arm does not come into play when determining the outcome.

For pitchers, the endurance factor begins in or after the inning indicated on the card. Walks, not intentional walks, and hits build toward the pitcher's endurance (but errors and hit-by-pitches do not). As far as endurance factor for relief pitchers, it is to be based on number of innings reliever appeared in, not by the total number of outs credited to his statistics.

Scoring rules are also touched on in the rules-of-play section, including the fact that an RBI is not recorded when a run scores on a double play, because of a wild pitch or passed ball, or because of an error. An earned run is charged against the pitcher, however, if a run scores because of a wild pitch; although not after a passed ball.

A SEPTEMBER START

The LSOMBL officially opens its season the first Thursday in September, or sooner that month. And all games, including playoffs, are to be completed by April 10. Each manager receives a copy of the schedule, which includes team names, what divisions the teams belong to (North or South).

The schedule itself lists the number of each series (most are five or six games, a few three-game sets), date series is to be played, a schedule of games for all teams, blanks for scores of each game, blanks for the names of injured players who can return during series, and another blank for the name of the pitcher. Rest days are also included, as well as instructions as to when to turn in stats and when all-star team ballots are due.

If there's a tie for either first or second place in either division, a one-game playoff will be used to break the deadlock. First-round of the regular playoffs will match second and third place teams, with the winner taking on first place team for division championship. All are best three-of-five series.

USE OF PLAYERS

Batters with 440 or more at-bats listed on their card have unlimited number of at-bats for the season, while those with 439 or less are limited to 20 percent more than number of at-bats listed on card. Pitchers

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with 220 or more innings on their card are able to pitch any number of innings (provided starters only start the same number of games as in real-life), while pitchers with 219 or less innings are limited to 20 percent more than indicated on card.

If, because of injuries, a manager doesn't have anyone that can play a position, the opposing manager may choose any player (except pitchers) to play that position. But any reading from a pitcher's card that calls for the X-Chart to be consulted regarding a play at that position automatically becomes a single with runners advancing two bases.

Each manager has a so-called minor league team and players may be brought up to the big-league team, although a manager will be assessed 25 cents for each such player brought up. After game No. 140, five players may be added to the parent club at no charge.

TRADING

All players involved in trades must have their names written on an index card and the card must be signed by both managers and the commissioner before the trade is officially consummated. After game No. 130, no inter-division trades may be made. And after game No. 140, no intra-division trades are allowed.

And teams, to be able to make a trade, must have played the same number of games at the time of transaction.

USE OF PITCHERS

The LSOMBL uses the following rules:

(1) Relief/Starter or Starter/Relief pitchers can start only as many games as started during real-life season.

(2) Relief/Starter or Starter/Relief pitchers, when starting a game, must have two games rest before relieving if he pitches 12 outs or more as starter.

(3) Starting pitchers should not be used in relief unless absolutely necessary. If used in three innings or 12 outs of relief work, pitcher must rest two additional games before making next start. This applies only to pitchers with "Starter" on card.

(4) The endurance factor for relief pitchers is based on number of innings for reliever, not by the total number of outs credited with.

OUTFIELD RULES

The LSOMBL does allow, however, outfielders to be used at outfield positions not listed on their card. But the penalty for doing so is a reduction of one from the outfielder's fielding rating. For instance, if Cesar Cedeno, a "1" in center fielder, was moved to right or left he would automatically become a "2."

And the outfielder's throwing rating would be lowered one, too. Cedeno, a -4 in center, becomes a -3, and a +1 becomes a +2.

The "out-off rule" is also used, whereby the defensive manager has the option of trying to go for the lead runner on a base hit (SINGLE, DOUBLE) with no asterisks, or letting the runner advance the extra base but holding the batter to whatever type of hit on card and not allowing him to move up on throw to either third or home.

CORNERS-IN, ANYONE?

The most rule, or playing tip, in the LSOMBL's yearbook, is the "corners-in" rule. It simply means the first and third basemen are playing in; the second baseman and shortstop in double play depth.

Having the corners-in provides: (1) all groundballs ++ are base hits and runners advance two bases; (2) the defensive manager cannot hold any runners; (3) with runners on first and third and a groundball to the pitcher, first or third baseman, the runner is out at plate and other runners advance one base; (4) groundball "B" hit to second baseman or shortstop results in force out at second, runner from third scoring and batter safe at first; (5) a groundball "A" hit to pitcher, first or third basemen

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results in batter being thrown out at first, runner on first going to second and runner on third holding; (6) groundball "A" hit to second baseman or shortstop results in double play; (7) for results on X-Chart, assume infield to be in with ball hit to first, third or pitcher, and infield back with ball going to second or shortstop.

ALL-STAR GAME

All managers vote for divisional teams. Each roster has 25 players: 18 fielders and 7 pitchers. Two top players at each position are selected. Managers vote for three players at each position -- on an eight, four, two-point basis--except for pitchers, in which they vote for 12--24 points, 22...4, 2, etc.--with division winners managing all-star teams.

STATISTICS

The following statistical categories are kept by the LSOMBL: batting - games, at-bats, hits, runs scored, RBI, hit-by-pitch, stolen bases, sacrifices, walks, doubles, triples, home runs, and batting average. For pitchers - games, games started, games completed, won-and-lost record, percentage, saves, shutouts, innings, hits allowed, earned runs, walks, strikeouts and earned run average.

The LSOMBL also has the following committees, selected by the commissioner: Trophy, roster, top ten, standings, record and rules.

Now, here is a sample from the league's schedule sheet that each manager has a copy of and fills in as the season progresses:

Date	Series No.	Schedule	Scores		Injured player returns	Starting Pitcher
			We	They		
Sept. 3	1	4 vs. 1	---	---		1. _____
6 games		2 vs. 3	---	---		2. _____
		a vs. d	---	---		3. _____
		c vs. b	---	---		4. _____
vs: _____			---	---		5. _____
			---	---		6. _____

Baseball playing tips

S-O-M split number cards from 'A' to 'T'

Jim O'Farrell of Phoenix, AZ, has a unique idea for a split number system for Strat-O-Matic Baseball.

What he does is create a 20-card split deck, with letters "A" through "T" on each card. The last six letters of the alphabet are left off. On each card and next to each letter is a different number from 1-20. The letter "A" for instance will have possibilities of numbers 1-20, as will "B" and so on through "T".

Cards will look like these examples: On the first card, the letter A will have 1, B - 2, C - 3, etc.; on the second card, letter A has a 2, B - 3, C - 4, etc.; on the third card, letter A has a 3, B - 4, C - 5, etc.; and, on the last card, the 20th card, letter A will have a 20, B - 1, C - 2, D - 3, etc.

Now, what do all the numbers and letters mean?

Let's use Reggie Jackson batting as an example. If the dice result is a 2-8 (basic side of card), take the top card from the split deck (face down) and look next to "J" for Jackson. Read the number next to the letter and that is your result. Then put the card in the discard pile, face down, and continuing playing until the next split number situation arises.

Let's say the next situation has Davey Lopes attempting to steal second base. Again pull a card, but this time check under "L" for the number and result.

Another example, according to O'Farrell, is "Jim Rice facing Rich

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Gossage. Rice's dice result is a 5-10 (basic version). Repeat the procedure on the preceding page, looking next to "R" for Rice. The number here is the number that is used to cross index the fielder's rating on the Fielding Chart to obtain a result for that play."

The same is true for a runner attempting to "stretch" a hit. Check the runner's last name for the result. If it was Mike Schmidt trying to go from first to third on a "SINGLE" then you would look under "S" on the split card. You do not look under the outfielder's name, however.

Now for those situations not quite so simple as above.

What if Carl Yastrzemski is the batter and rolls a 1-9 (basic side)? The letter "Y" is not listed on the card, right? Right. So in such cases you look under the player's first name. For Carl Yastrzemski, you would look under "C" then.

Another example: Vic Wertz is on third base with less than two outs. The batter hits to right field (Fly [RF] 8?). Wertz tries to come home on the flyball. But there are no "Ws" or "Vs", so what do you check? In such a case you would check the second letter of the last name. For Vic Wertz, you would check under "E".

"The offensive manager always picks the split cards," adds O'Farrell, "and always uses the particular offensive player's last name who is involved in the action."

O'Farrell also says he usually goes through the 20-card deck before reshuffling, although if both managers agree to do it earlier that can be done. O'Farrell's card set is made from durable cardboard.

Profiles in S-O-M gaming

LARRY GAVLAK, RD# 1, Box 410, Houtzdale, PA 16851 (phone: 814-378-6030)...has played pro football and baseball since 1972, college football and hockey since they were introduced...enjoys hockey the most, both on table-top and on ice...member of two PBM leagues: T.H.M.H.L. Hockey league and O.U.T. baseball...anxious to start own PBM hockey league.

BARRY BAUMBACH, P.O. Box 573, Fennville, MI 49408 (phone: 616-561-2915)...15 years old and just winding up freshman year in high school...two-year veteran of S-O-M Baseball...also plays hockey and pro football.

NORMAN SHACAT, 139 Warren Street, Medford, MA 02155 (phone: 617-391-5726)...age: 29...has played S-O-M Baseball, advanced version, since its inception...participated in two face-to-face leagues (Capital Baseball League in Washington, D.C., and North Shore Baseball League in Boston, MA.

NORTH SHORE BASEBALL LEAGUE - Face-to-face baseball league now in its third season...Norman Shacat (see above) is commissioner...players used are from National League East only...uses advanced version of game...next season [1981] could see further expansion and addition of two more franchises.

ANDY SCHWARTZ, Shaker Heights, OH...15 years old; just completed sophomore year of high school...most memorable feat was winning 1978 Florida Gold Coast Baseball Classic Drafting Championship, for which he received \$100 and a plaque...introduced to S-O-M Baseball by a friend when seven years old...orders all teams every year and plays game mostly solitaire; makes all trades and transactions as in real-life and feels that helped immeasurably in Drafting Contest.

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Let's stop the deluxe-fielder inflation

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Too many '1' fielders in S-O-M

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Editor's note: Stan Awtry is a sports writer who's been playing S-O-M games for 10 years. He is currently a sports editor for the Atlanta Journal's weekly tabloid that reaches into the suburbs of Cobb County.

Strat-O-Matic Baseball has changed drastically over the years. Each change has resulted in a better, more complete game.

But one change which has occurred over the past 18 seasons has me and other hardcore gamers upset. It might not be so noticeable to the new players, but us veterans realize it. I'm speaking of the proliferation of the "1" fielder.

The "1" fielder is no longer a novelty. You don't have to be an established defensive whiz to earn the game's top rating. The company has almost destroyed the mystique of the "1" fielder.

Maybe it just seems more blatant to me, since I got my first card set back in 1970. That set had the fewest number of "1" rated players in the history of the game. The 1970 set had only 17 "1" fielders. Nine of those were in the American League and eight in the National.

A historical probe revealed that the first set, based on 1962, had 22 "1" fielders.

The number of "1" fielders hovered around 20 until 1971, when the figure began climbing skyward. There were 25 in the 1971 set, 26 in 1972, up to 37 in 1977 and all the way to 41 in 1979--the all-time high.

Now many of these present-day players are worthy of their top rankings. Johnny Bench, Steve Garvey, Larry Bowa and Mark Belanger are constantly at the top of their class. But can you honestly say that there are twice as many excellent fielders today than there were in the early 1960s? But then you had to be a superstar with the glove to get a "1" rating. In 1962 they had people like Hank Aaron, Willie Mays, Brooks Robinson, Al Kaline, Roberto Clemente, Bobby Richardson and Bill Mazeroski as "1" fielders.

I mean you expect to see those names in Cooperstown, or at least in the running every year. But can you say the same thing about a few of this year's "1" crop--Mike Squires, Doug Flynn, Buddy Bell, Eddie Murray or Terry Puhl. I know they're all good fielders, but you should be great to earn a "1".

Here's what I'm asking. Stop the "1" inflation. If the game company won't cut back on its "1" production, it should at least stop the inflationary process right now.

Please, let's make the "1" sacred again.

Readers roll 'em

A LEAGUE COLUMN

We are all aware of the fact that leagues, especially PBM, are the in thing. We are just as aware though that many gamers hate to read about them in the Review, unless the league has some significant meaning to them.

However, articles like Larry Fryer's "Who Should You Draft in Baseball?" pertain to leagues and have significance to almost everyone, and thus are big hits.

Why don't you consider running a column in the Review exclusively about leagues, but not in the form of the League Replay Scene section in the Review. In this column there would be found articles such as that by Larry Fryer and also tips on the running of successful leagues. Perhaps ideas could be shared between gamers on running and managing in a league.

I feel a column like this would

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be interesting to most gamers and hopefully enjoyed as well.

I am not suggesting this to take the place of the League, Replay Scene section, but I think it would be a worthy addition to the Review. If space is the problem, why not cut down on the unpopular articles in the Review, such as those on the Gold Cup Tournament.

I would also like to thank Larry Fryer for an excellent article.

Oh, and before I go, I would like to ask what ever happened to the hockey figure that was going to be put on the cover of the Review? I've been looking for it.

Barry Baumbach
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Fennville, MI

Editor's note: We wished you hadn't asked about that hockey figure. We forgot about it. Wait until next year...

KINGMAN IS KING

I would like to take this opportunity to compliment your fine magazine. Although I feel too much space was given to the Gold Cup, the tournament is apparently worth the added space.

As for reprints and past seasons, I am all in favor. It is my opinion that the S-O-M gamer should have access to as many teams as possible. Like many gamers, however, I feel advanced features are essential.

Finally, I can attest to Dave Kingman's strength just as the GKSM can. After only 15 games of a solitaire season, Kingman has crashed eight shots into the seats! Although too early to tell, it looks like my solitaire home run records will be needing revisions.

Paul Karr
Newport, NH

Editor's note: Although lack of space prevented the GKSM's National League replay from making the July Review, it can be revealed that Kingman belted 60 home runs--a GKSM record--for co-editor Warren Newell.

CLUTCH HITTING BUILT IN

All of this talk about pro-

visions for clutch hitting on player cards is really unnecessary.

When a batter has a ** hit on the prime numbers of his column(s), such as 6, 7 or 8, how much more clutch can you get? The same can be said for extra base hits on those numbers.

Some of this year's clutch hitters include: Johnny Bench, Ken Griffey, Fred Lynn, Keith Hernandez, Dave Parker, Reggie Jackson, Dave Winfield, and several others.

As I said, 'How clutch can you get?'

Bill Daughtry
Bronx, NY

LIKES GOLD CUP

David LaForest commented in a recent letter that there was too much Gold Cup in the Review. Not so.

The tourney that Steve Beren puts on every year is great for S-O-M and definitely deserves good coverage. It is the best thing for S-O-M since the Review.

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STARTED S-O-M AS A PREP

I have been playing Strat-O-Matic ever since seventh grade when I started in Mr. "K's" (Mr. Krolikowski) League. He appeared in your April issue; the tall one in the picture on the bottom right of page 2.

He bought the cards and did not charge any fee. Even though he never looked at the cards before the drafts (he usually picked whatever Polish players were available), he usually had the best team. I could probably write a book about my junior high S-O-M experiences.

Why is it that some people get so upset and threaten to cancel their subscription if, for one month, you have too much or too little of a particular subject? I happen to like readers' letters the best, but I would be upset if I could only read their complaints all the time and could not read another part, like the For Sale section, where price increases are three times the U.S. inflation rate.

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DOT...DOT...DOT

I was reading about Ken Reitz recently in the newspaper. It was about his hot start hitting (over .400 for a period).

But what caught my attention was something he said: "I'd rather hit .260 with 70-80 RBI than hit .300 with 50."

It made me think of the 1967 Roger Maris card where he hit .261 and had about 28 game-winning hits. Strat-O-Matic is great, but it makes no allowance for Maris' '67 season and Ken Reitz' not-so-unique philosophy.

S-O-M makes no allowance for the guy who hits in the clutch. So, here's my idea: Put dots on hitters' cards (like on pitchers' cards for endurance factor) that count as "Single*" with men on second or third base.

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DISAGREES WITH LABEL

I read with interest in the May Strat-O-Matic Review that Mr. (Harold) Richman feels that the 1930 National League season was an "aberration" and will not be considered for publication. While I agree that the 1930 season was a little slanted towards hitting, the term "aberration" is an exaggeration.

Let the records speak for themselves. See the chart below:

	Home Runs	Average
1929 N.L.	754	.294
1930 N.L.	892	.303
1931 N.L.	492	.277

It appears that rather than the National League having "livened" up the ball in 1930, it appears to have "deadened" the ball in 1931.

The American League figures are also revealing:

	Home Runs	Average
1929 A.L.	595	.284
1930 A.L.	673	.288
1931 A.L.	576	.278

Compared to the league batting averages of today, 1930's American League was an offensive "aberration." Perhaps Roger

Maris' 61 home runs in 1961 (the preferred year) was an "aberration," considering his later record (and considering Yankee Stadium's right field fence).

Mr. Richman, the people who care about Strat-O-Matic Baseball have spoken. They want a truly "old-time" season. Please heed our wishes. Better yet, print both seasons, and I'll buy them!

Steven Healy
728 S. Ridgeland
Oak Park, IL

URGES ALL TO PARTICIPATE

I feel that while a lot of dice-rollers would like to band together into some type of super organization, they have not been provided the proper vehicle in which to do so.

I would like to see more of Steve Beren's Gold Cup Contest gracing the pages of the S-O-M Review, and not less as was suggested in the March issue. I would also like to see more participation in the few tournaments and contests that are being run.

While many readers share my distaste for doling out money for entry fees, or franchise fees, or tournament fees, I would like to suggest that the reader check into the venture carefully before paying anything. I believe the three major contests being operated (the Review's MVP, Steve Beren's Gold Cup and FGCB's Drafting Contest) offer the fun and excitement of participating in a national tournament or contest without the high cost. A lot of folks cannot pick up and take off to regional or national conventions, so these PBM contests look like the best substitute.

I would also like to thank S-O-M for the excellent job it did on the hockey game. Our PBM league, the Florida Gold Coast Hockey Association, is almost through our second season, with absolutely no problems. All 14 coaches enjoy the game very much. My only suggestion would be to further revise goaltenders' cards so that there is a 1-20 split card decision for all three types of shots on goal, instead of the current combining the shots.

Robert Lopeck
Opa-Locke, FL

Seattle stunned in NBA playoff replay

Bullets anything but blanks

Next year it'll be the "Magic Show" making Philadelphia disappear in seven games or less. But that's a long way off, or so it seems.

In the meantime, while waiting for the new S-O-M Basketball cards, replete with the three-point field goal and such indomitable rookies as Earvin [Magic] Johnson and Larry Bird, the Review staff undertook a replay of the 1978-79 playoff series matching the real-life kings, the Seattle Supersonics, and the Washington Bullets.

But, whereas the Sonics won handily in five games on the hardwood, the tabletop was a far different arena, one that the Bullets were to prevail on in six games. The Bullets were anything but blanks after game No. 3 as, after trailing 2-1, they took advantage of cold Seattle shooting to win the next three games and the series.

Now, here is a game-by-game summary of that championship series:

Game 1 - Washington 110, Seattle 88. Bobby Dandridge scored game-high 33 points, 12 in the opening quarter, leading Washington to victory... Dandridge was 15-of-19 shooting from the field as Washington connected on 44.9 percent (48-107) of shots... Seattle trailed only 77-72 entering last quarter but was outscored 33-16... Elvin Hayes had 20 points, 14 rebounds and Wes Unseld 19 points and 18 rebounds for winners, while Lon Shelton was Seattle's high scorer with 16 and Jack Sikma grabbed 17 rebounds.

Game 2 - Seattle 112, Washington 104. Rerun of real-life appeared in making as Sonics bounced back behind Shelton (25 points) and Sikma (23 and 24 rebounds)... Seattle also got 19 points from Gus Williams, shot 46.7 percent (43-92) from the floor and netted 26 of 31 free throw chances... Shelton-Sikma duo had 28 of Seattle's 29 final-period points... Dandridge had 21, Hayes 20 for Bullets, who meshed 44 of 104 shots (42.3 percent).

Game 3 - Seattle 109, Washington 98. Seattle appeared to be taking charge of series as it jumped out to 65-46 halftime lead and coasted in with easy win... Sonic defense smothered Bullet offense as losers launched only 83 shots and made 33 for a frigid 39.8 percent... Bullets did swish 32 of 38 free throws, otherwise it would have been a blowout... Shelton scored 18 of game-high 24 points in first half, Sikma 15 of 19; Williams added 15 and Sikma claimed 24 rebounds for second straight game... Dandridge's 20 topped Bullets, who also got 18 from Hayes, with Unseld pulling down 17 rebounds.

Game 4 - Washington 100, Seattle 98. Pivotal game in series as Washington held Seattle to 13 points in third quarter to claim narrow win... Dandridge again led all scorers, including tossing in 10 points in fourth quarter, with 25 and Hayes snatched 17 rebounds before fouling out in final period... Bullets shot 40 percent from floor (36-90), but netted 28 of 40 free throws... Seattle was 22 of 25 from line, but had 15 fewer chances... Sikma scored 20, Freddie Brown 14 for Seattle, which was guilty of 22 turnovers.

Game 5 - Washington 105, Seattle 99. Seattle let an eight-point half-time lead slip away, shot a stone-cold 6-of-25 from the field in the fateful fourth quarter and succumbed again... Shelton was one of game's goats as he misfired on all seven of shots in fourth... Mitch Kupchak came off bench to score 19 for Washington, while Hayes had 18 to go with 13 rebounds and Dandridge 16 tallies... Brown had 20 points, Williams 17, Dennis Johnson 16 for Sonics.

Game 6 - Washington 107, Seattle 90. Washington delivered coup de grace swiftly and mercifully, seizing 57-41 halftime advantage and coasting to 17-point win... Dandridge and Hayes led balanced Bullet attack with 17 points each, while Sikma had 20 and 17 rebounds trying to stave off defeat for Seattle... Sonics shot chilly 37.1 percent and turned ball over an unchampion-like 24 times... Hayes sank eight of nine shots as Bullets were on-target 45 out of 99 shots.

Questions and Answers

Editor's note: Questions regarding individual and team ratings will not be answered in most cases, unless a mistake has been made 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 football, if the free safety correctly double-teams the tight end and the middle linebacker is in the act of blitzing when a look-in pass is thrown, are readings of LB in zone and receiver considered incomplete? How would the same situation be treated if the pass were thrown to the fullback?

ANSWER: Yes is answer to first part of question; second is that the pass would be automatically complete for the stated yardage as the middle linebacker is blitzing, according to S-O-M.

QUESTION: When using the 3-4 defense in pro football, does the pass rush rating go down one number even if the team regularly used a 3-4 during the season (such as Houston, New England, etc.)?

ANSWER: According to S-O-M, ratings do not change for these teams.

QUESTION: If I'm using the nickel defense and double-team the tight end with the free safety, the split end with the right linebacker and the flanker with the left linebacker, and leave the fifth defensive back in the long pass zone, what happens if it's a long pass to the flanker and the roll results in a reading: "Defensive back in zone X or +28." Is this considered incomplete since the receiver is being double-teamed (even though only by a linebacker), or do you consult the numerical rating of the back in the zone?

ANSWER: Use rating of defensive back in zone. Linebackers do not move into the zone where the pass is thrown.

QUESTION: The situation: linebackers vacate their zones and double-team the flanker and split end. A flat pass is thrown to the flanker. When referring to the quarterback's card, do you look under guessed right or receiver double-teamed?

ANSWER: Refer to guessed wrong column on both quarterback and pass receiver's cards.

QUESTION: Bert Roberge, 1979 Houston Astros, advanced side, has 4-10 and 5-4 readings versus a righty batter that read "SINGLE," but no field, no stars. Should there be additions? If so, what?

ANSWER: No--it is a single and the center fielder makes the throw, if need be.

QUESTION: On my card of Keith Hernandez (St. Louis Cardinals), the way he bats is cut off. Is he a lefty, right, or switch-hitter?

ANSWER: Keith Hernandez bats left-handed. He is a "1" at first base as well as an "e8."

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QUESTION: Is there such a thing as a one-shot foul in pro basketball?
On most of the players, No. 3 has a "foul (1)" listed.

ANSWER: A one-shot foul is a non-shooting foul until a team gets into the bonus situation [the opposing team has more than four team fouls in a quarter]. Once in the bonus situation, however, an additional free throw is given. In the case of a two-shot foul, the shooter has three chances to make two shots.

QUESTION: On the advanced fielding chart, under pitcher, only a "2" is listed. What about 1, 3 and 4?

ANSWER: All pitchers became "2" fielders years ago in S-O-M. The game company could some day use the other categories, but it's unlikely with the advent of "e" ratings. Only numbers 1, 2, 3, 18, 19 and 20 are used off the chart, all other split number results refer to the "e" section. When S-O-M did come out with the advanced fielding chart [replete with "e" ratings], however, pitchers were listed as 1, 2, 3, or 4. But only the "2" was used. The new chart [in existence the last couple of years] has only a "2" category, and the others, which weren't used anyway, were eliminated.

QUESTION: Why isn't Dick Tidrow included in the New York Yankees this year?

ANSWER: Tidrow's card was with the Chicago Cubs, the team he finished the season with. Tidrow only appeared in 14 games and pitched 23 innings for New York. He was in 63 games, pitched 103 innings for Chicago.

QUESTION: I recently saw two different Norm Siebern cards from 1963. One had "1B, 1F-4" while the other had "1F-3, 1B-4" ratings. Which is correct?

ANSWER: Robert Henry, where are you? We don't have a complete set of the 1963 baseball cards, and neither does S-O-M. Perhaps one of the many S-O-M card collectors could supply the answer.

QUESTION: According to S-O-M's Hockey instructions, when a team pulls its goalie during the final stages of a game, you are supposed to refer to the power play section of the action deck. Does this mean that player card readings such as "goalie rating + or goal 1-6+" are to be treated as power play shots? What about + ratings when a delayed penalty has been called and the attacking team has the extra skater? Do we draw a split card to determine the result or are they just considered a save and face-off?

ANSWER: They are considered a save and face-off, reports S-O-M.

QUESTION: In hockey, how would you measure out a seven-minute penalty on the super advanced power play? The chart is only in two-minute intervals.

ANSWER: Two-minute penalty would be timed off the penalty timing chart and the five-minute penalty is worth 8 action cards.

IF YOU WISH a personal reply to a question, be sure to include a self-addressed, stamped envelope when submitting question to the Review.

No-Hitters

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Luck of draw preserves pitching gems

Steve Stone personified the meaning of the Luck of the Draw League (a solitaire draft league) by drawing the right number at the right time and preserving a no-hitter in a game played by Bill Daughtry of the Bronx in New York. Stone, hurling for Toronto, set down a lineup that had Al Oliver, Bill Madlock, Cesar Cedeno and Al Bumbry.

Closest call occurred in the eighth inning when Bumbry rolled a single 1 chance off a 2-7. But the split number was "3" and Stone had a 1-0 victory. For Daughtry, it was his third no-hitter in 15 years of playing S-O-M. The others were by Larry Dierker, 1969, and Rudy May, 1974.

First no-hitter reported with the new cards was one by Pittsburgh's Jim Bibby. It occurred only five days after the arrival of the new cards. Managing Pittsburgh was S-O-M newcomer Craig Jansson, of Bloomingdale, NJ, who was playing only his sixth game.

Bibby shackled the 1973 Oakland A's (manager: Roy Moorhead, Butler, NJ), 3-1, striking out 10 and walking three. Fielding lapses cost Bibby a shutout. Gene Tenace almost spoiled the no-hit party when he rolled a HR 1-5, for [1f] 6-20 chance. But the split number was a "10" and Bibby retired the game's last batter to notch the no-hitter.

Ray Vanderhoff Jr., of Bloomingdale, reported the happening, as well as a no-hitter by Ron Guidry [1978] against the same Oakland A's of '73, this time managed by Vanderhoff. Jerry Burke managed the Yanks as Guidry fanned 11 and walked two en route to a 1-0 win.

Other no-hitters reported in the last few months included:

- * Nolan Ryan, 1979 card, outdueling Tom Seaver, 1979, and winning a 1-0 thriller. Ryan struck out seven and walked four. Joe Tate was the excited gamer viewing the pressure-packed game. Tate hails from Marietta, GA. The advanced version was used.

- * Using the new cards, Lyle Authier watched as Joe Niekro mowed Los Angeles down with nary a hit chance coming up, claiming a 2-0 no-hit win. Niekro did allow five walks, however. Authier, who played the game solitaire, is a six-year S-O-M veteran.

- * Two pitching gems from Steve [Boom] Johnson, winner of last year's Gold Cup Tournament: The most recent was by Jim Palmer, using the new cards, with the Orioles' standout blanking Cleveland (managed by Johnson's cousin, Steve Lewis), 7-0. Palmer had only one close call (4-10 against left-handed batter, 1-3 HR chance), but a "5" was rolled. The other no-hitter was during a replay of the '62 season when Bill Stafford of the Yankees breezed through Washington's lineup without a hitch. Stafford gave up a lone walk in easily handling manager Bob Holman's Senators.

- * The most thrilling of the no-hit games wasn't a no-hitter. It was a near-miss by Nolan Ryan in a draft league. Terry Hoofman of Muskegon, MI, watched nervously as Ryan, his pitcher, set down the other team without a safety through eight innings. Ryan didn't even give up a walk, which was an unusual feat in itself. No hits, no walks and no errors--the makings of a perfect game.

But Ryan walked the leadoff batter in the ninth inning. So much for the perfect game. The next hitter promptly hit into a double play. But then, Pete Rose, the last chance to spoil Ryan's no-hitter, did just that. Rose rolled a 5-9, which translates into a 1-3 HR, flyout 4-20. A "3!" was rolled. Tie game...so long no-hitter. "I think my heart stopped for just a second," said a crestfallen Hoofman. "I could have cried." To make matters worse, Ryan went on to lose the game in 13 innings, 2-1. His card could have cried, too.

- * Craig Pfaltzgraff, 20, a six-year S-O-M gamer from Cedar Falls, IA, also reported a near-miss by--yep, you guessed it--Nolan Ryan. In this encounter of a one-hit kind, Ryan, pitching for the 1974 Angels against the 1965 Dodgers, was nicked for a safety in the second inning by Jim LeFebvre. He went on to whiff nine and walk 10. Pfaltzgraff also reported that Elam VanGilder of the '22 Browns carried a no-hitter into the ninth against the '65 Twins, only to have Earl Battey's single spoil a perfect game.

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 CONTEST FORMING. And name card sets by the year upon which they were based. Note also that only advertisements regarding Strat-O-Matic products, related merchandise (baseball guides, etc.) and leagues will be accepted. Merchandise competing with S-O-M products (i.e. score-sheets) also 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: Badly need 1965 Indians, 1965 Braves, 1969 Astros, 1970 Reds, 1970 Cubs and 1971 Mets. Please send asking price and list of teams to: Thomas Wolfe, 1830 Walnut Ave., Anniston, AL 36201

WANTED: Baseball 1963-1976 Cubs, '74-76 Brewers, '75-76 Mets, '74-76 White Sox, '76 Orioles, Yankees, '75 Red Sox. Send prices to: Chuck Freimund, 4829 W. College Ave. #141, Greendale, WI 53129

WANTED: 1977 Toronto Blue Jays. I will pay good money for this team. If you can help please contact: Mike Richardson, 5414 N. Long, Chicago, IL 60630. It will be worth your while!

WANTED: I am willing to pay a good price for the following football teams: 1967 Green Bay Packers, New York Giants, Dallas Cowboys; 1968 Baltimore Colts, New York Jets, Cleveland Browns, Dallas Cowboys and Los Angeles Rams. I have the following teams available for trade: 1967 Chiefs (excellent); 1970 49ers (good); 1975 Steelers (excellent), Raiders (fair) and entire 1976 season in mint condition. Also looking for Baseball Guides based on seasons 1971-1976. Please state price and condition of cards and all inquiries will be answered. Write or call: Gerry Smedinghoff, 317 N. Maple St., Mount Prospect, IL 60056 (phone: 312-253-7152, after 7 p.m.).

WANTED: 1971 American League, San Diego, Philadelphia, Mets, L.A., Houston, Atlanta; 1972 San Francisco, Yankees, Milwaukee,

California, Baltimore, Marty Pattin; 1973 A.L. without extras; 1974 A.L. without extras; extras for 1971; 1972 extra players. Neil Lanctot, 1566 Merton Rd., Woonsocket, RI 02895

For Sale

FOR SALE: How to play by mail! Comprehensive six-page report ready now. Send \$2 to: Bob Warsinski, 17471 Revere St., Southfield, MI 48076

FOR SALE: S-O-M Football teams, 1967-1975. Individual teams and complete sets. Send SASE for list of teams or send bid. Teams go to highest bidder at month's end. James Murphy, 6441 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90048 [phone: 213-933-2086]

FOR SALE: (or trade) Baseball - 1969 Mets, Orioles; 1968 Tigers, Cards; '62 Yankees, Twins, Reds, Dodgers, Giants. College Football - complete set, all cards, based on 1977 season. Pro Football - 1969 Broncos, Rams, Browns; 1970 Broncos, 49ers, Rams. All cards are in good condition. Will trade for pro football teams 1976 or before (except '69 or '70 teams). Send bids or trade offers to: Ray Field, 3523 Wyandot #3, Denver, CO 80211. Deadline for bids is August 1. All SASE bids will be answered.

FOR SALE: 1971 through 1978 baseball sets with extras. All teams in excellent condition. Also the following teams with no extras: 1970 - 19 teams; 1969 - 17 teams; 1968 - 2 teams; 1967 - 6 teams. Will sell complete set only and will

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throw in 1979 set and all the Old Timer teams for free to highest bidder. Write for details to: Bill Carter, 35 John Street, Cranford, NJ 07016

FOR SALE: Over 10 valuable baseball playing tips to spice up your game. These tips will make you manage your team more. Price - \$1.25. Write: Tony Combine, 1471 Nicholson St., Erie, PA 16509

FOR SALE: Over 100 S-O-M Baseball and Football teams from the years 1971-1977. All teams in very good condition and most baseball teams have additional players. Complete sets of basketball teams, 1973-1974, 1974-1975 and 1976-1977. Also many Old Timer teams for sale. Send a stamp and I'll forward a list of teams for sale. I also have many individual baseball cards from 1972-1976 for sale; if you need players to finish teams, please send me a list of players you want and I will give you the price if I have them. All teams must be sold by July 1. Please write to: Jon Bourdon, 5 Joseph Ave., Lee, MA 01238. All teams are very reasonably priced.

FOR SALE: I am interested in selling my collection of S-O-M Baseball cards. I have all of the cards beginning with the original 1961 set through the 1977 season. All cards are glued to index cards to insure longevity. Also, I have the S-O-M Reviews available for sale beginning with the First Review through the Feb., 1978 edition. Steve Constant, 405 N. Carrizo #21, Midland, TX 79701

FOR SALE: 1969 baseball set with extra players; mint condition. 1971 National League in good condition. 1970 Yankees, Boston, Detroit. Write: Keith Fosness, 1049 Washington, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501 (phone: 218-847-2961)

FOR SALE: 1964 Braves; poor condition. 1965 Indians, White Sox. 1966 Dodgers, poor condition. 1974, 1975, 1976 complete baseball sets, extras, roster sheet. Teams in good condition

except where noted. Best offer by end of month accepted. Write to: O. DeGrasse, RFD 1, Box 205 A, Hampden Hlds., ME 04445

FOR SALE: Baseball teams, all in excellent condition: 1974 Mets; 1975 White Sox; 1976 Orioles, Mets, Giants; 1977 complete set, Red Sox; 1978 complete set, Red Sox. Also, back issues of the Review - Dec., 1978; Jan., 1979; June, 1979; Oct., 1979 to March, 1980. Will sell to first reasonable bid. Send bids to: Jim Schuler, Fountain Road, Old Zionsville, PA 18068

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1970 Reds, Orioles; 1971 American League, Pittsburgh; 1972 A's, Reds; 1974 Red Sox, Orioles, Rangers, Phillies, Pirates, Yankees, A's, Reds, Cardinals. I need 1971 Dodgers; 1974 Expos; '68 Cardinals; '66 Dodgers; 1970 Braves, Dodgers and other pre-1970 teams. Send bids and/or list of teams for sale or trade to: John Borack, 1932 S. Pontenova Ave., Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

FOR SALE: 1962 baseball teams, excellent condition. 1965 complete set, good condition. Also have many single teams. Bidding for '65 set starts at \$80. Send SASE to: Steve [Boom] Johnson, 2275 N. Cabie Road #122, Lima, OH 45807. Also, need the name and address of the man in Littleton, CO, I sold '71 Yanks and Twins to. Call after 3:30 p.m. (419-331-0643). I lost his address.

FOR SALE: Pro Football, complete 1978 season, also '77, '76, '75 Dallas, '77 Los Angeles, '75 Pittsburgh, '74 Oakland and 6 Old Timer teams. Game includes extra set counters, unused scorepad and Jamie Potter's football kit. Game is in mint condition. Will sell for \$20, or will trade for complete '76 baseball season (extras not necessary). Many other items available; send SASE for list. Pete Velkers, 18618 Jersey Ave., Artesia, CA 90701 (phone: 213-865-5542)

FOR SALE: All teams 50¢ each: 1906 Cubs, 1962 Mets, 1978 Mets, 1979 Mets. Football - 1978 Dolphins. WANTED: 1973 New York Mets. James Burns, 2 Daisy Lane, Smithtown, NY 11787

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FOR SALE: Looking for some controversial reading before you head back to school to hit the books? Well look no further! The recently completed (and hot off the Xerox machine) "Winning in Strat-O-Matic Baseball" is ready for your enjoyment. Always informative, often controversial, occasionally witty, this treatise examines the baseball game in ways that you probably have never imagined. Yes, it's all here -- effective strategy and tactics, trading tips, drafting ideas, charts, ratings, etc. Everything needed to speed your pennant express to the top. Don't delay--some of your opponents may already be implementing the concepts in their franchises-- mail \$9.00 today to: Dave Surdam, 1925 Harris #4, Eugene, OR 97405. Money back if you're not satisfied. Such a deal!

FOR SALE: 1977 all extras and Mets, Reds, Dodgers, Phils, Yanks, Royals, Orioles, Red Sox (all in very good condition); 1976 most extras, all teams (most have 18 or more players; used condition). Bids on all or part. SASE. WANTED: S-O-M roster sheets, 1962-1969 (or copies of roster sheets), and list of players that made up original Seattle, Toronto. Write: Joseph Shtab, 91-17 153 Ave., Howard Beach, NY 11414

FOR SALE: Baseball, football, hockey, you name it, I'll sell it. I have the 1972-73 football cards, including box, instructions, etc.; the original hockey cards (1977-78) as well as last year's (1978-79); and baseball: 1973 (all teams, excellent condition), 1974 and 1975 (most teams good condition), 1976, 1977, 1978 sets (excellent-mint). All sets include extra players. Minimum bid for 1974 and 1975 together, \$20; for others, \$15 or highest bidder. Discounts offered for bidders of two or more sets. Send bids to: Louis Rakita, 4675 Circle Road, Montreal, Quebec H3W 1Z2, or call after 6 p.m. (514-487-2428). Must sell--I need room for new cards. Will answer all with SASE or phone. Why wait? Write today!

FOR SALE: 1966 Red Sox, Yanks, Indians, Tigers, Angels, A's: \$9.75 per team; 1965 Cubs, 1969 Pirates, Reds, Dodgers, 1970 Cubs, Expos: \$8.95 per team; 1971 Cubs, Padres, Royals, Angels, Indians, Phils, Reds, Cardinals, Giants, White Sox, Braves, Astros, Dodgers, Twins, Senators, Yanks, Pirates, Red Sox, Expos: \$7.95 per team; 1972 Rangers, A's, Twins, Indians, White Sox, Royals, Angels, Tigers, Red Sox, Yanks, Orioles: \$7.50 per team; 1973 Tigers, Orioles, Reds, Royals, Indians, Yanks, Expos, Giants, Red Sox, White Sox, Angels, Rangers: \$7.25 per team; 1974 all baseball teams: \$6.95 per team; 1975 all baseball teams: \$6.75 per team; 1968 Lions, Bills, Falcons, Bears: \$9.25 per team; 1969 Bengals, Colts, Falcons, Lions, Jets, Dolphins, Oilers, Bills, Broncos, Eagles, Giants, Cardinals, Bears, Redskins, 1972 Packers, 1974 Steelers: \$8.95 per team; 1971 Jets, Patriots, Falcons, Bengals, Raiders, Bills, Lions, Cardinals, Steelers, Giants, Saints, Browns, Eagles, Oilers: \$7.95 each team. Prices listed are expected prices, however, bids may be accepted. Send bids to: John McNabb, 226 College Ave., DeKalb, IL 60115

FOR SALE: 1967 A.L. and N.L., good condition; one card missing from Mets. 1968 A.L. and N.L., average/good condition; missing one card from Red Sox. 1969 A.L. and N.L., average condition; missing two cards from Expos and two from A's. 1970, excellent condition; missing Braves, Red Sox and Angels. Would prefer trade for any 1971-74 football sets or will sell by team. Send bid with SASE to: Dave Tyner, 4841 Ponce De Leon Blvd., Coral Gables, FL 33146 (phone: 305-667-5531)

FOR SALE: 16 separate items. No. 1 - The 1967 baseball set; 20 teams (3 players missing: J. Price, S. Whitaker, J. Hamilton); condition, 50% fair, 50% poor; no extras; roster included. No. 2 - The 1968 baseball set; 20 teams (4 players missing: T. Seaver, D. Maxvill, O. McNally, O. Chance); condition, 20% good, 40% fair, 40% poor; also included are the 80 extras (sorry, 1 missing). No rosters available. No. 3 - The 1969 (continued on next page)

baseball set; 24 teams (4 players missing: P. Rose, R. Santo, F. Howard, R. Carew); condition, 35% good, 35% fair, 30% poor; no extras; roster included. No. 4 - The 1970 baseball set; 24 teams, no players missing; condition, 50% good, 25% fair, 25% poor; no extras; roster included. No. 5 - 6 teams; 1971 Pirates, Giants, Braves, A's, Orioles and '72 Detroit; 20 players per team; condition, 90% excellent, 10% fair; no extras; no roster. No. 6 - 48 issues of S-O-M Review, dating from March 1971 to August 1977; included are the first 5 issues of Review; condition, excellent 90%, fair 10%. No. 7 - The 1968 football set (sorry, but 2 teams are missing: Kansas City and Houston); 24 teams, no player missing; condition, 80% good, 20% poor; no roster. As a bonus I am giving to the high bidder of the 1968 football set, a complete set of the 1971 football cards; 26 teams, no players missing, condition 50% very good, 40% fair, 10% poor, roster included. No. 8 - The 1969 football set; 26 teams, no players missing; condition, 60% excellent, 30% good, 10% fair; no roster. As a bonus to the high bidder of the 1969 football set, I am giving a set of the 1970 football cards; 26 teams (4 cards missing: Miami specialist card, Cincinnati specialist card, Oakland specialist card and K. Sweetan), condition 90% good, 10% poor, no roster. No. 9 - The 1970 football set; 26 teams; no players missing; condition, 75% excellent, 20% good, 5% fair. No. 10 - The 1971 football set; 26 teams; no players missing; condition, 50% excellent, 40% very good, 10% fair; roster included. No. 11 - The 1972 football set; 26 teams; no players missing; condition, 90% good, 10% fair; roster included. No. 12 - The 1973 football set; 26 teams; no players missing; condition, 95% excellent, 5% good; roster included. No. 13 - The 1974 football set; 26 teams; no players missing; condition, 99% excellent, 1% good; roster included. No. 14 - The 1975 football set; 26 teams; no players missing; condition, 90% excellent, 5% good, 5% fair; roster included.

No. 15 - The 1976 football set; 26 teams; no players missing; condition, 100% very good to excellent; roster included. No. 16 - The 1975 college football game; 24 teams from the 1975 college football season; all game parts included; condition, very good. I have tried to be very fair in rating the condition of the cards; in all cases I downgraded when there was any question of the condition. If you bid on more than one item, state the bid for each item separately. Every item will be sold to the highest bidder on each set. So send your bids and you might own one or more of these great S-O-M sets. Bidding ends Aug. 15, 1980. If you want to be sure of a reply, send a SASE with your bids. Send to: Harry Ferguson Jr., 2728 Joel St., Ashland, KY 41101 (phone: 606-325-4396)

League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: Managers needed for PBM, draft baseball league using new American League. League is entering fifth season. Send SASE to: Will Jennings, 1508 Terrace Drive, Killeen, TX 76541

LEAGUE FORMING: Move right in to an established league. We need backup managers. Join up and it's only a matter of time before you get a team of your own. Our league is a 10-team league. A play-by-mail draft league, we use both A.L. and N.L. players and play the basic version (with modifications). The season is 152 games and we are now midway through our fifth year. For more information, write: Dwight Sterling, 24-4 Normandy Village, Nanuet, NY 10954

LEAGUE FORMING: Baseball advanced, take a trip through memory lane. We are entering our third season. Play two seasons a year--A.L. summer through fall and N.L. winter through spring. Draft league--continuous rights from year to year; rookie draft each year. Send a summary of S-O-M experience. Only honest and dependable need reply. \$10 entry fee; if not selected, will be returned. Must have all cards and extras 1974 through present. First response selected will get first

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choice of teams. You manage one A.L. and one N.L. team. Write: Steve Harvey, 41 N. Adams Apt. 6, Akron, OH 44304, or call 216-253-3419 Fridays 5:30-8:00 p.m.

LEAGUE FORMING: The Mid-Central Indiana Play-By-Mail League is looking for 24 managers plus backup managers for a new play-by-mail league that is forming. The 1979 S-O-M cards (advanced version) will be used. There will be 12 A.L. and 12 N.L. teams. This league will be well organized and will feature newsletters and a multiple playoff. This will be a straight team league with trading allowed. This league will be operated by three commissioners and there will be a \$6 entry fee to cover the cost of the operation of the league. For more information, send a list of 12 teams in the order of your preference, plus a 50-word autobiography (include S-O-M experience) to: Dennis Bailey, Box 51, Arcadia, IN 46030 (phone: 317-984-3462, or 317-984-3703)

LEAGUE FORMING: Need 8 reliable managers for a new PBM baseball draft league. It will be a continuous league using the 1979 season cards. Only the American League cards, with extras, will be used. A 160-game season will be played, using the advanced version. Experience is not necessary, but is helpful. Only reliable and punctual managers that are willing to play a fast-paced schedule need apply. Entry fee is \$. Send SASE to: Kevin Ashman, 1322 Chapel Hill Drive, Baltimore, MD 21237. All letters will be answered.

LEAGUE FORMING: The Western Hemisphere Hockey League is looking for three or four coaches to serve as backup or active coaches for its upcoming season. The WHHL is a draft, continuous-type league. We use the super advanced version of S-O-M Hockey and play an 80-game schedule. The WHHL currently has 10 teams and is expanding to 14. We want gamers who would be willing to serve as backups if they are not awarded an expansion franchise. Anyone who serves as a backup this season will be award-

ed a 1981 expansion franchise, so you will not have to serve as a backup for more than one year. The WHHL has trading, an annual rookie draft, voting for league MVP's, rookies, etc., and voting for coach of the year, league all-stars and an annual all-star series. Annual dues are \$5.00 plus \$2 dropout fee (refundable on completion of the season) for active coaches and \$2 for backups. PBM experience is not essential, just reliability, dedication and a desire for some first-rate competition. If interested, send a short resume to: Mike Hoppensack, 368 Kingston Crescent, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada R2M 0T8

LEAGUE FORMING: A new PBM baseball league is now forming. We will need a total of 14 managers. We will use A.L. cards with extras. This will be a draft league. We will be using advanced version. Players will be kept from year to year. Send small resume to: Rick Perry, 41 Dale Drive, Plantsville, CT 06479, or call 203-628-2468 after 2:30 p.m. All letters answered.

LEAGUE FORMING: The OOPS Football League will begin its 12th season September 6 (we have been using S-O-M cards since 1975). We are a face-to-face league in the Los Angeles-Orange Counties area. We are also an on-going draft league (when you acquire the rights to a player, either through the draft or by trades, you have him for life). New teams have priority draft picks, so everyone has a chance (our 1977 championship was won by a first-year team). We will play a 16-game schedule on alternate weekends, two games per meeting, plus playoffs and OOPS Bowl X. To receive further information, a membership application and club by-laws, please write: Paul Mankiewicz, P.O. Box 4141, Downey, CA 90241, or call 213-861-2151 anytime (ask for Paul).

LEAGUE FORMING: I need seven managers to start a super advanced PBM hockey league with the upcoming new cards. I'll also need a few backup managers. In your letter to me mention if you would like to be a backup manager if all of the positions are filled. Send short resume to: Larry Gavlak, A.D.#1, [continued on next page]

Box 410, Houtzdale, PA 16651

LEAGUE FORMING: I would like to start a S-O-M Baseball league at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, for the fall of 1980, or get into one already started. If there is anyone interested, or has any information, please send me your name and ideas. Send to: Jeff Dywasuk, 850 Abseguami Trail, Lake Orion, MI 48035. All letters will be answered.

Contest Forming

CONTEST FORMING: What a way to start the '80's! Enter the first-ever 'Tournament of Silver'. Scheduled for late summer or early fall 1980. The tournament will have an extra twist as Old Timer teams will be involved, along with the 1973 era-up. Basic version of S-O-M will be used. Prize money will be awarded. Amount depends on number of entries [there is no limit!]. Anyone in the S-O-M world may enter, whether you are a beginner or veteran of S-O-M. Who knows, you could be the silver champion of the 20th century for S-O-M Baseball. For more information, write: Greg Balas, Box 622 Pontiac, Saskatchewan, Canada S0N 1Z0 (phone: 306-625-3765)

CONTEST FORMING: The Florida Gold Coast Baseball Classic (FGCBC) Association would like to announce the running of the 3rd Annual FGCBC Drafting Contest. This contest is held for the benefit of the S-O-M gamester. We are looking for the person who can draft the best 25 players in the major leagues (based on the 1980 card set), because we believe that drafting a baseball team is just as important to the success of that team as managing it. If you think that you can draft and place in correct drafting order the top 10 pitchers and 15 hitters of the 1979 regular-season cards, then challenge FGCBC and our computer. Every player [except additional players] has been assigned a precise overall rating, based on every aspect of both sides of his card (including his age, as of 4/1/79).

It is up to you to place, in order of preference, those 25 players who you feel are the best. When making up your draft list, please place them in the order of preference (not alphabetically, by position, or by team). The prize list will consist of \$200 to be paid off to the top 10 finishers: \$100 to first place, \$40 for second place, \$20 for third, \$10 for fourth, and so on down the line. Of course, there will be no entry fees required at any time. The deadline for entries to be received is July 12, 1980. Only one entry per person and/or address, please. If you wish to be informed of the results of your entry, please enclose a loose 15¢ stamp with your entry. Contest results will be mailed out on July 15, 1980. Please mail all entries to: Bob Lopeck, P.O. Box 2031, Opa-Locka, FL 33055. I want to take this opportunity to wish all entrants the best of skill and luck in this contest.

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S-O-M league, replay scene

1965 BASEBALL REPLAY - Greg Gougian, Squantum, MA, purchased a set of the hard-to-find 1965 cards from a friend in 1977...his replay of National League season took three years to complete..."The whole replay was very realistic," reports Gougian, "but, as a rule, batters struck out more, hit more home runs and had slightly lower batting averages than they actually did in 1965"...Batters had to bat more and pitchers hurl more innings than real-life, however, as each team had only 20 players...Gougian is 25 and finishing up his senior at University of Massachusetts-Boston, majoring in computer science...San Francisco won three-team scramble for title, but it had to whip St. Louis three straight at end of season to accomplish feat...Willie Mays of Giants hit 57 home runs, Willie McCovey 47, while Billy Williams of Cubs was MVP (most versatile player), hitting league-leading .334 with 41 homers, 114 RBI and 48 doubles...Sandy Koufax of Dodgers was great second half of season, winning 16 of 19 decisions en route to 23-13 record, 401 strikeouts and miniscule 1.92 ERA...Juan Marichal of Giants, Don Drysdale of Dodgers, Bob Gibson of St. Louis, Cal Koonce of Chicago and Joe Nuxhall of Cincinnati all pitched no-hitters; Koufax was Cy Young Award winner.

Standings and leaders:

	Won	Lost	GB	Batting	Home Runs	
San Francisco	96	66	-	Williams CHI .334	Mays SF	57
Cincinnati	95	67	1	J.Alou SF .332	McCovey SF	47
Pittsburgh	94	68	2	Clemente PIT .328	Williams CHI	41
Los Angeles	92	70	4	Hart SF .316	M.Jones MIL	39
Milwaukee	90	72	6			
St. Louis	83	79	13	RBI	Runs:	Mays SF 129
Philadelphia	77	85	19	D.Johnson CIN 123	2B:	Williams CHI 48
Chicago	68	94	28	Mays SF 117	3B:	Clemente PIT 21
Houston	63	99	33	Williams CHI 114	SS:	Wills LA 125
New York	53	109	43	Glendonon PIT 112		
				ERA		
Wins				Koufax LA 1.92		
S.Ellis CIN 23-10				Ellsworth CHI 7-22		
Koufax LA 23-13				Bruce HOU 8-21		
Cloninger MIL 21-10				L.Jackson CHI 12-21		
Marichal SF 21-11				Fisher NY 14-20		
Short PHI 20-16				A.Jackson NY 12-20		
				Culp PHI 2.51		
				Shaw SF 2.28		
				Drysdale LA 2.32		
				Law PIT 2.45		

Strikeouts: Koufax LA 401 Shutouts: Koufax LA and Cardwell PIT 6

WISCONSIN TABLE GAME PLAYERS ASSOCIATION (WTGPA) - Draft league using National League players that has completed first season...Home for WTGPA is Tomah, WI...eight teams in augural season; will expand to 12 for next season...Jack Berger, manager of the Minneapolis Millers, won the first league title, defeating J.R. Weeks' Kites in the playoffs, 4 games to 3. Three times Miller came from behind in the ninth inning to pull out wins. ..championship game was a memorable 13-inning marathon, won by Millers, 11-10, but not until after Gary Matthews of the Kites missed a 1-18 home run split shot in the 10th, settling for a double and giving the Millers new life...other managers and their teams included: Scott Roscovius, commissioner (Indians), Robert Nelson (Swamprats), Glen Wetzel (Braves), Fred Lambrecht (Firefighters II), Rich Lambrecht (newtimers) and Al Chaney (Redbirds), the latter of whom did not complete the season...Reggie Smith of the Millers was MVP, Bert Blyleven of Firefighters Cy Young choice.

Standings and leaders:

Standings and leaders:									
North	Won-Lost	GB	South	Won-Lost	GB	Batting			
Millers	45	36	-	Kites	47	34	-	Rose NT	.357
Indians	44	37	1	Firefighters	47	34	-	Murcer KIT	.318
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North con't	Won-Lost	GB	South con't	Won-Lost	GB	Batting
Swamprats	39 42	6	Newtimers	45 36	2	Buckner IND .316
Braves *	13 62	32	Redbirds *	20 19	6	
* Didn't finish season.						
Home Runs	Wins		ERA			RBI: Smith MIL
Kingman IND 20	Blyleven FIR 13		Halicki FIR 1.44		28: Clark ⁶⁸ SWA	
R.Smith MIL 19	P.Niekro KIT 12		Reuschel SWA 2.20		28	
Horner IND 17	Richard IND 11		Blyleven FIR 2.29		38: Templeton	
	Reuschel SWA 11		SHO: Halicki FIR 4		SWA 11	
			K: Richard IND 178		SB: Lopes MIL	
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BURLINGTON SOLITAIRE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE - Dallas, with the No. 1 offense (392 points), and Baltimore, with the No. 3 most potent scoring punch, met in the Super Bowl of Charles Van DenCorput's (Burlington, Ontario) replay of the NFL season. Dallas won a defensive duel, 13-6... replay was begun in July, 1978, and took 19 months to complete...two friends, Steve Mullan of Burlington, and Jim Coghlin of Pointe Claire, Quebec, helped play some of games, 80 percent of which were solitaire efforts...Dallas had best regular-season record, 12-2, and outscored foes by 198 points...this was Van DenCorput's first football replay after five baseball seasons...Walter Payton of Chicago (NFC) and Lydell Mitchell, Baltimore (AFC), were MVPs...highlights included: Billy Clayborn returning four kickoffs for scores; New England outlasting Buffalo, 49-28; Houston blanking Cincinnati, 7-0, in the lowest scoring game; Tony Dorsett rambling for 172 yards, including a 77-yard scamper on the game's first play, and Payton blasting to 181 as Dallas smothered the Bears in the playoffs, 27-3; Charlie Joiner's 93-yard TD reception from James Harris and James Scott (1082, 50 catches) and Wesley Walker (1022, 42) both topping the 1,000-yard plateau as receivers...lowlights included the generally inept quarterbacking by Steve Grogan, Ken Anderson and Dan Pastorini, Kansas City serving up over 30 points a game and Chuck Foreman fumbling 23 times as Minnesota stumbled in with a 6-8 record.

Leaders and standings:

Leaders and struggling						Playoffs			
NFC East	W	L	NFC Central	W	L	NFC West	W	L	Oakland 17
Dallas	12	2	Chicago	10	4	Los Angeles	10	4	Pittsburgh 6
St. Louis	10	4	Minnesota	6	8	San Francisco	7	7	Baltimore 14
Philadelphia	7	7	Detroit	5	9	New Orleans	7	7	Denver 13
Washington	6	8	Green Bay	4	10	Atlanta	5	9	Los Angeles 21
NY Giants	4	10	Tampa Bay	3	11				St. Louis 7
AFC East	W	L	AFC Central	W	L	AFC West	W	L	Dallas 27
Baltimore	10	4	Pittsburgh	9	5	Oakland	11	3	Chicago 3
Miami	10	4	Houston	8	6	Denver	10	4	Baltimore 31
New England	9	5	Cincinnati	5	9	San Diego	5	9	Oakland 17
NY Jets	5	9	Cleveland	5	9	Kansas City	4	10	Dallas 20
Buffalo	4	10				Seattle	4	10	Los Angeles 14
Rushing	Att-Yds.	TD	Avg.	Super Bowl					
Payton CHI	339-2035	16	6.0	Dallas 13					
Mitchell BAL	279-1476	11	5.3	Baltimore 6					
Foreman MIN	269-1348	10	5.0	Receiving	No.-Yds.	TD	Avg.		
Harris PIT	299-1326	12	4.4	Mitchell BAL	73 694	5	9.5		
McCutcheon LA	289-1304	11	4.5	Chandler BUF	62 918	6	14.8		
vanEeghen OAK	301-1245	8	4.1	Moore MIA	57 1016	10	17.8		
				Gaines NYJ	55 479	2	8.7		
				Carmichael PHI	54 943	8	17.5		
Passing	Att-Comp	Pct.	TD-Int.	Yds.	Rating				
Jones BAL	373-229	61.4	23 5	2809	89.9				
Staubach DAL	356-208	58.4	23 7	2612	94.7				
Griese MIA	330-187	56.7	22 16	2537	83.7				
Tarkenton MIN	298-168	62.8	12 14	2249	79.6				

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OTSEGO S-O-M FOOTBALL LEAGUE - Ten-team, face-to-face draft football league that calls Otsego, MI, home of the Review, its stadium...Warren Newell, co-editor of the Review, is a member of this well-organized, highly competitive league that's been in existence for five years...Each coach protects three players from last year's roster and then a draft is held, a draft that encompasses specialty, defense and player rating cards... A coach that picks a strong offensive line, for instance, may also wind up with an inferior defense (as far as individual ratings) because of the flip side of the card...newest champion was Gerry Bentley, whose basement was the gathering site for the league every Sunday night from September to late in Nov...Bentley had only the fifth most explosive offense (5,308 yards), but ranked second defensively (4,568). His team, led by Wilbert Montgomery and Franco Harris plus Brian Sipe, did produce a league-high 485 points while yielding 309, third-lowest in the league...16-game regular-season was spiced with playoffs as six of 10 teams qualified... In the Super Bowl, Bentley edged Jim Weissert's offensive-minded team in a 22-20 thriller...Walter Payton led league in rushing with 1,543 yards in 333 carries, 4.6 average, plus scored a whopping 38 touchdowns for 228 points...Payton and quarterback Archie Manning gave Jim Myers a great one-two punch, but he still finished 7-9...Myers and Dale Holland met every week and compiled all statistics, with the result a comprehensive yearbook at season's end...other league members included: Bob Gagnon, Steve Nelson, Chuck Gilbert, Dick Knowlton and Renny Ransbottom, almost all of whom reside in the Plainwell-Otsego area, 18 miles north of Kalamazoo.

Standings and leaders:

East	W	L	T	PF	PA	West	W	L	T	PF	PA
Jim Weissert	12	4	0	457	347	Gery Bentley	12	4	0	485	309
Dale Holland	11	5	0	362	250	Warren Newell	8	8	0	374	296
Bob Gagnon	8	8	0	334	388	Jim Myers	7	9	0	398	359
Steve Nelson	8	8	0	360	355	Dick Knowlton	7	9	0	355	433
Chuck Gilbert	3	13	0	245	525	Renny Ransbottom	4	12	0	264	372

Rushing	Att-Yds.	Avg.	TD	Receiving	No.-Yds.	Avg.	TD
Payton JM	333 1543	4.6	22	Largent GB	71 1099	15.5	12
Montgomery GB	258 1472	5.7	10	Swann SN	57 956	16.8	11
Campbell BG	290 1398	4.8	5	Jefferson JM	85 1037	18.9	1
Dorsett DK	256 1171	4.6	3	Rashad RR	54 1209	22.4	2
Vaneeghen JW	270 1166	4.3	14	Carmichael GB	54 964	17.9	4

Passing	Att-Comp.	%	Yds.	TD-Int	Playoffs:	Warren Newell	39
Manning JM	471-283	60.1	3341	22 22		Bob Gagnon	17
Griese JW	235-141	60.0	2066	12 10		Dale Holland	16
Sipe GB	345-186	53.9	2567	27 11		Jim Myers	9
Zorn DK	319-166	52.0	2581	18 12		Gery Bentley	27
Hart DH	444-221	49.8	3137	16 17		Dale Holland	17

Super Bowl: Gery Bentley 22, Jim Weissert 20

HALL OF FAME REPLAY - Steve Wiencek, Milwaukee, WI, took the 80 HOF cards, divided them into five teams (16-18 players on each) and played a 160-game season...Hitting was only slightly above average, with the league average .272, compared to 3.99 ERA, and pitchers giving up 8.79 runs per game...Pitching and batting (but not power) were keys to success as Cleveland, led by MVP Ed Walsh (2.61, 24-13, 5 shutouts), Kid Nichols (21-13), Carl Hubbell (3.91, 13-13) and Sandy Koufax (14-7) won the pennant... Cleveland only hit 89 homers but had league-high .292 average, as Joe Jackson (.339, 225 hits, 116 RBI, 19 triples), Nap Lajoie (.330) and Cap Anson (.302) gave it machine-gun attack...Teams, by the way, were picked randomly...Runnerup was Pittsburgh which led league with 3.72 ERA. Grover Alexander was the ace with 2.99 ERA, 22-18 record and Red Ruffing had solid 21-12, 3.32 credentials. Alexander, though, went head-to-head with

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Walsh three times, giving up 2, 3 and 6 hits--and lost all three by one-run margins...New York had most power, smashing 199 homers and scoring 750 runs, but still finished nine games back. Hank Aaron had league-high 43 homers, 119 RBI...Babe Ruth walloped 42 homers, Jimmy Foxx 43, but they couldn't make up for Philadelphia's 4.32 team ERA...Ty Cobb was a sparkler for Detroit with .342 average and 45 doubles, but Christy Mathewson (18-25) and Ed Plank (18-25) nullified his efforts.

Standings and leaders:

	Won	Lost	GB	Batting	Home Runs	RBI
Cleveland	90	70	-	Cobb DET .342	Aaron NY 43	Aaron NY 179
Pittsburgh	81	79	9	Jackson CLE .339	Foxx PHI 43	Jackson CLE 116
New York	81	79	9	Lajoie CLE .330	Ruth PHI 42	Ruth PHI 115
Philadelphia	75	85	15	Speaker PHI .311	Gehrig NY 37	Foxx PHI 115
Detroit	73	87	17			
ERA			Wins		Hits: Lajoie CLE 230	
Walsh CLE	2.61		Walsh CLE	24-13	2B: Cobb DET 45	
Alexander PIT	2.99		Alexander PIT	22-18	3B: Jackson CLE 19	
Ruffing PIT	3.32		Ruffing PIT	21-12	R: Wagner PIT, Cobb DET 110	
Grove NY	3.45		Nichols CLE	21-13	K: Waddell NY 218	
Johnson NY	3.60		Waddell NY	20-14	Vance PHI 205	
Vance PHI	3.69				Sho: Walsh CLE 5	