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Bostock Memorial Tournament July 16-17

Countdown to convention under way

To many gamers these are the dog days of summer. Baseball replays are going full blast, true, but for the other sports the waiting period is beginning. Most baseball replays, especially the play-by-mail, are heating up now.

Many gamers are waiting for the new football cards, especially this summer with the changes that have been mentioned in the Review. The cards will have some notable changes on them and the pass/rush chart will go the way of the dinosaur.

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Most significant happening in the next month, other than the arrival of the football cards, will be the third annual Lyman Bostock Memorial Tournament, which is again organized by Gary, IN, policeman James Manders.

Date for the gathering of the Strat-O-Matic faithful will be July 16-17. And this year the tournament will be held in Hobart, IN, rather than Gary, reports Sanders, who adds that 81 people have signed up to play in one of the five tournaments slated for the weekend.

"About 40 more people have inquired, but have not committed themselves to attend," says Sanders, who's hoping for a turnout of well over 100 gamers.

100 gamers.

Baseball, as expected, is by far the most popular tourney, with 37 gamers already signed up. Football has 28, hockey 15 and, as of June 1, basketball only had one entry.

"We have many good teams left for all events," adds Sanders. "Folks can just show up and play in the tournaments, too.

"The latest happening is that Steve Schumacher (Houston, TX) will attend and bring his computer scoreboard to display. He plans to also participate in the elementary baseball tournament. As readers will recall, (continued on next page)

Schumacher has shown off many of his electronic stadiums in past reviews. "The Harold Richman Field (named after S-O-M's creator), for football, and the Lyman Bostock Field (baseball) will be on display as usual." The latter two are other projects that Sanders has been working on in his

'spare' time.

Sanders also urges gamers to bring teams that they may wish to sell, or any collection that they want to put on display. His own vast card collection will be on display. Twenty-sided dice will also be on sale, according to Sanders.
1 through 20." "And they are true 20-sided dice, with numbers

The game company, even though it is unlikely to have a representa tive at the convention, will again be supplying trophies for the winners and runnersup in each tournament.

And, as far as the Review and its editors, Del and Warren Newell one is hoping to be able to put in an appearance, job and family committments aside.

GKSML holds American League draft

Believe it or not, but pitchers were not the high-priority item in the Greater Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League's (GKSML) recent American

League draft.

The long-running league (the National League draft report is in the April, 1983 Review) is out of the starting blocks on its 26th full-season face-to-face, draft team replay. The draft was held in late May, again in the conference room of the Kalamazoo Gazette, Kalamazoo, MI, and again 10 managers, including Review co-editors Warren and Del Newell, particip-

ated.

The draft was held in reverse order of finish from the year before.

Each manager could again protect 15 players from last year's final roster.

The draft was from rookies (those players with cards for the first time),

players traded from one league to another in real-life and players drop-

ped when the pre-draft rosters were pared to 15.

The GKSML does allow a manager to use his No. 1 draft pick to re-acquire a player who has been traded from one league to another, or in this case from the National League to the American last season. Four managers exercised that option - Del Newell (Bob Boone), Warren Newell (Tim Foli), Todd Newell, Del's 19-year-old son (Bobby Castillo) and Gary Tien (Rick Sutcliffe).

Other members of the GKSML, which has as its claim to fame the 25 Other members of the BKSML, which has as its Claim to Taime Whe Confull-season replays that are already history, are: Pat Stemas, 30, a teacher at Dowagiac; Bruce Mulder, 26, student and factory worker; Tier 34, who works with First American Computer Services; Jeff Green, 25, paint manufacturer; Jim Bannon, 29, manager of Racquets West in Grand-ville; and Jeff Kik, 28, manager of Gordon Food Service's cash-'n-carry store in Kalamazoo.

Warren Newell, 38, is a junior high band instructor in Otsego, MI, home of the Review, while Del, 42, is a sports writer at the Kalamazoo Gazette. Todd is a student and is working the summer at Creative Woods,

wich specializes in making back scratchers.

The draft itself saw Cal Ripken Jr., the young Baltimore Orioles' slugger, plucked first. Pat Stemas, thanks to a last-place finish the year before, 'earned' the right to pick Ripken.

Mulder drafted second and chose Wade Boggs of the Red Sox. Then it was Larry Herndon, picked by Jeff Kik, and, the fifth choice overall

Glenn Wilson was tabbed by Bannon.

The GKSML did lose one of its members, John Gordon, from its National League managerial lineup. But Dave Heffner, who played in the A.L. last year - and, in fact, won it - returned from University of Michigan just in time to pick up the reins again. Bannon, who is in his first year in the GKSML, replaced Gordon as an American League manager. (continued on next page)

Here is the way it was in the first two rounds of the GKSML's American League for 1983 (based on the 1982 cards);

1 - Cal Ripken Jr. (Pat Stemas)
2 - Wade Boggs (Bruce Mulder)
3 - Larry Herndon (Jeff Kik)
4 - Bobby Castillo (Todd Newell)
5 - Glenn Wilson (Jim Bannon)
6 - Tim Foli (Warren Newell)
7 - Bob Boone (Del Newell)
8 - Rick Sutcliffe (Gary Tien)
9 - Bill Caudill (Jeff Green)
10 - Ed VandeBerg (Dave Heffner)
* Note that Todd Newell traded his second-round draft pick to Gary Tien.

Looking for back issues of Review?

If you are looking for back issues of the Review, but don't want to order issues you know nothing about, here is a listing of 1982 back issues. Highlights [and, of course, there are many] are listed for each month.

month.

This month the Review will spotlight 1982 and the back issues that are still available for that year. Note that May, July and October were complete sellouts that year and are not available.

1982 BACK ISSUES OF REVIEW

JANUARY - Marc Jacobson's article on how to mathematically evaluate hitters' and pitchers' cards...James Sanders' 2-minute offense for football...Penalty/intimidation ratings for goalies, compliments of Pete Manzolillo...The GKSML completes its National'League replay - it's 22nd full-season replay...Question S Answers spotlight hockey...Complete replay of 1979-80 basketball season, by Jeff Polman, Burlington, VT...Meet the Montgomery S-O-M Club, organized by recreation director Jim Dunwiddie of Montgomery Township, NJ.

FEBRUARY - A look at the 1956 baseball cards, S-O-M's first past season card set...Harold Coleman presents: "How to calculate a player's (baseball) card"....Most frequently used power play and penalty killing lines, by Junu Kim...Debra Buchanan has had eight no-hitters...guest column by Ira Feuerlicht (how to build winner in hockey).

MARCH - 1982 baseball (split) season is reviewed ...readers are polled to see what past season they want to follow 1956 in baseball...replay of 1956 World Series matching New York and Dodgers...Larry Fryer's "Who should you draft in baseball (based on 1981 real-life)"...Matt Lorenz, Hampden, CT, explains why some S-O-M Football teams don't do as well on table-top as real-life...Corrections (2) for 1956 baseball cards are listed...Past winners of Review's MVP Contest are also listed.

APRIL - Opening day at S-O-M, replete with pictures, including S-O-M creator Harold Richman...1982 baseball card correction...6KSML holds National League baseball draft...Review editors hint at big change in football game (penalties) in column...Split-number dice system is revisited (by Bryan Baker); one of most popular playing tips to ever appear in the Review...Also how to "warm up" relievers before they can appear in a game...Marc Jacobson's column on affect strike-shortened season had on S-O-M baseball statistics...Steve Pieracini, Napoleon, OH, tells how to manufacture a do-it-yourself no-hitter.

JUNE - Harold Richman's open letter to S-O-M gamers about changes that could make past card sets incompatible with new card sets...Football

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Readers pick MVPs

Brett, Dawson, Guerrero are choices

Look for George Brett, rated the best chance of any modern-day ballplayer to top the coveted .400 batting plateau, and Andre Dawson and Pedro Guerrero to win Most Valuable Player honors when the 1983 baseball season is history.

baseball season is history.

At least that's what what Revirw readers have predicted in the latest MVP Contest. Brett will leasily win such laurels in the American League, with Eddie Murray of Baltimore a distant second, while Dawson of the Montreal Expos and Guerrero of the Los Angeles Dodgers will share MVP honors in the National League.

Ninety Review readers picked Brett in the A.L., with 65 voting for Murray. Dave Winfield of the New York Yankees was an even more distant third with 28 votes. Robin Yount, last year's real-life MVP, was tied for sixth with a paltry eight votes.

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Dawson and Guerrero, meanwhile, both totaled 69 votes. Mike Sc of the Phillies was a distant third with 35 votes. And Dale Murphy, winner in real-life last summer? Well, he was about as highly regarded as Yount, finishing fifth with 19 votes.

A total of 262 votes were cast. The winner of the contest will again receive a free set of the 1984 baseball cards, compliments of the Review. And remember, in case of a tie, the gamer who picked the division winners the closest is the winner.

As far as the divisions, Baltimore and Kansas City were the picks As far as the divisions, Baltimore and Kansas City were the picks in the American League East and West, respectively, with Montreal and Los Angeles runaway favorites in the National League's East and West. Only close contest, in fact, was in the A.L. West where the Royals totaled 115 votes and last year's real-life winner, California, had 100. Paul Bressoud, Arcata, CA, winner of last year's MVP Contest after picking Dale Murphy in the N.L. (he was one of 10 gamers to tab Murphy) and calling the division winners the closest is going with Bod Carew.

and calling the division winners the closest, is going with Rod Carew in the A.L. and Guerrero in the N.L. this time around.

Bressoud is with the majority as far as picking division winners,

calling Baltimore, California, Montreal and Los Angeles the eventual champs.

Here's the voting for MVP and also division winners:

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

American League	National League
George Brett - 90	tie, Andre Dawson - 69
Eddie Murray - 65	Pedro Guerrero - 69
Dave Winfield - 28	Mike Schmidt # 35
Cecil Cooper - 11	Gary Carter - 29
Doug DeCinces - 9	Dale Murphy - 19
Robin Yount - 8	Terry Kennedy - 6
Rod Carew - 8	Steve Garvey - 5
Jim Rice - 5	Al Oliver - 4
Rickey Henderson - 4	George Hendrick = 3
Herold Baines - 4	Chili Davis - 3
Steve Kemp - 4	Jack Clark - 3
Fred Lynn - 4	13 other players had 1 vo
Cal Ripken Jr 4	more.
14 other players had f vote	

DIVISION WINNERS

or more.

American L	ea	oue East	American Leag	gue	West	
Baltimore			Kansas City	-	115	
Milwaukee			California	-	100	
NY Yankees	_	58	Chicago	-	41	
Detroit		15	Oakland	-	3	(continued on next
Boston	-	13	Texas	-	5	page)

A.L. East con't	A.L. West con't	National League East
Toronto - 2	Minnesota - 1	Montreal - 157 St. Louis - 57
National League	West	Philadelphia - 39
Los Angeles -	160	Pittsburgh - 9
Atlanta -	53	Fictabulgii - 5
San Diego -	38	
San Francisco -	9	
Cincinnati -	2	

Baseball playing tips

Ira Wolins of Philadelphia, PA, has some baseball playing tips that he and his friends think you might enjoy trying. The friends are Norman and Mike Brahen and Warren Berest and the quartet all plays in a face-

and Mike Brahen and Warren Berest and the quartet all plays in a faceto-face draft baseball league.

First off - injuries. And here's what Wolins and Co. does: "We
ignore the reading of "plus injury" on the batter's card to start with.
We feel it is utterly ridiculous how a batter could pop out to the shortstop, then pull up lame for 15 games trotting towards first base.

"We think it is more realistic for injuries to occur while on the
basepaths, in the field or when hit by a pitched ball.

"We follow the charts which we devised that appear below:

STEALING INJURY

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When the highest 'safe' split number results, roll two dice:

2, 12 - Basestealer's hurt

3 - Second baseman's hurt
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- Shortstop's hurt

- No injuries occurred

When the highest 'safe' split number results, roll two dice: Baserunner's hurt

12 - Third baseman or catcher's hurt (depending, of course)

3-11 - No injuries occurred.

FIELDING INJURY

When '20' results on an x-chart reading, roll two dice: 2-3 - Batter's hurt 11-12 - Fielder's hurt (groundball only: 11 - Fielder; 12 -

first baseman.

4-10 - No injuries occurred

HBP INJURY

When it occurs, roll two dice: 2, 11-12 - Batter's hurt
3-10 - No injuries occurred

"Although these charts don't take into account whether one player is more "brittle" than another, it does add an additional touch of realism to infirmary cases."

Other rules that have been incorporated into the game include:

* On a strikeout, roll two dice to determine if the batter swung [KS] or was called out (KC):

2 - KS (possible dropped third strike)
(Odd) 3, 5,7, 9, 11 - KS
(Even) 4, 6, 8, 10 - KC
12 - Never happened

* Pickoff attempts: Must be holding runner on; only one attempt per (continued on next page)

batter:

- Balk 2, 12

One base error by pitcher 3

Two base error by pitcher

4, 10 - Picked off runner - Runner's back safely

Baseball playing tip

Another baseball playing tip, this one contributed by Carey Miller of Saskatoon, Sask., deals with bunting for a base hit. It can be used only with no one on base. Use the same chart as for a sacrifice.

Key: K - Strikeout 2 - Catcher 5 - Third baseman 1 - Pitcher 3 - First baseman

Number		A	В	С	D	E
(If	infield	in) -1	-1	-1	-1	0
8	_	K	К	К	K	K
3	-	Speed/Range Factor	Speed/Range Factor	Speed/Range Factor	Speed/Rang Factor	e Speed/ Range/ Factor
4	_	Base Hit	Out 1-3	Out 2-3	К	K
5	-	Out 5-3	Out 5-3	Out 5-3	Out 2-3	Dut 5-3
6	-	Out 5-3	Out 3	Out 5-3	Out 3	Out 5-3
7 -	-	Speed/Range	Speed/Range	Speed/Range	Speed/Rang	e Speed/ Range
8	-	Out 3	Out 5-3	Out 1-3	Out 1-3	Out 1-3
9.	-	Base Hit	Base Hit	Base Hit	Out 5-3	Out 3
10	-	Base Hit	Base Hit	Dut 5-3	Base Hit	Out 5-3
11	-	Speed/Range	Speed/Range	Speed/Range	Speed/Rang	e Speed/ Range
12	-	Out 2-3	Base Hit	Base Hit	Out 1-3	Base Hit

When Speed/Range Factor is rolled, do the following:

- [1] Runner's running rating * fielding rating for 3B (For A & C flip split deck)
- (2) Runner's running rating + fielding rating for 18 (For B flip split deck)
- (3) Runner's running rating + fielding rating for pitcher (For D & E flip split deck)

"This system does provide realistic results in what it gives a slow, good bunter (i.e. Steve Garvey) advantages and disadvantages," says Miller. "And it also gives a fairly fast, fair bunter (i.e. Bill Madlock) his advantages and disadvantages, and it also gives a penalty to bad fielders at positions where fielding, or not fielding, a bunt is very important." *********************************

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Readers roll'em

TALE OF TWO REPLAYS

Just a comment in your May issue of the Review about the contrast in two different 1956

replays.

I just wanted to say I thought it was a great idea and I hope you can continue with different replays in the future. Strive to eliminate the "piacemeal" replays because they do not have the same flavor as the full replays.

GREG GOUGIAN

YEARBOOKS FOR SALE?

Since some leagues go to such trouble to compile a year-book, do you think some would offer them for sale in the Review?

Some seem so interesting and precise that they would be enjoyed by other gamers, I'm sure. For instance, when the season ends and the final stats are in the Review, have the league leave an address at the end of the report and the price, so we can order it.

The report (or yearbook) could even be a condensed version if it is too long.

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Editor's note: If leagues wish to sell their yearbooks, we would suggest taking out an ad (For Sale) in the Review. Some eplays do not get into the Review for months after being submitted, because of the surplus of such material at certain times of the year. And, by taking out an ad, the league is officially putting the yearbook on sale. Some leagues are pressed to reproduce enough Some leagues are hardcopies for all of the members, don't have extras, and thus don't want requests for additional copies.

DISAGREES WITH FRYER

The May issue of the Strat-O-Matic Review was very good. I particularly enjoyed Larry Fryer's "Time tunnel" drafting

I must disagree with many of

his selections, however. My opinions, position-by-position, follow below:

Catcher - Add Jody Davis to the list and move up Terry Kennedy and the list would be solid.

First Base - Where is Jason Thompson? At 29, he will be a premier power hitter for years.

Second Base - Juan Bonilla must be added to this group. Third Base - George Brett is number one in my book. And what

about Wade Boggs? Also, add Doug

Shortstop - Dickie Thon pro-bably is number two and Julio Franco should be considered. And Cal Ripken will not be at short for five years.

Outfielders - Wholesale changes required. Add these: Gary
Redus, Harold Baines, Mel Hall,
John Shelby. And Ron Kittle. Remove
these: Von Hayes, Lonnie Smith,

Tom Brunansky, Mike Marshall.

Pitchers - More wholesale
changes required: Add Britt Burns
[23 years old and 58 wins!], Charlie Lea, Luis DeLeon, Chris Codiroli, Craig McMurtry. And move up Dave Stieb and Bruce Berenyi. Delete: Floyd Bannister, Rich Gossage, Neil Allen, Joaquin Andujar, Dave Righetti.

Please consider Fernando Valenzuela good, but not number

If you choose not to print my letter, please forward it to Mr. Fryer. I respect his opinion and have greatly enjoyed all of his contributions to the Review.

STEVEN HEALY 728 S. Ridgeland Dak Park, IL

S-O-M'S A LEARNING PROCESS

I immensely enjoy playing Strat-O-Matic Baseball and reading about it in the Review.

But I also have found by playing the game I have gleaned a lot of knowledge about baseball from

S-0-M, too.

It has taught me a lot more about what positions different about what positions different about what positions and players play and who is tops and who is not. I feel I can now dis-cuss baseball a lot more intelli-(continued on next page) gently because of S-O-M. It is also a good teacher as far as what players can hit righty or lefty pitching better. BOB GILES

Ft. Lauderdale, FL

TYPESETTING CRITICIZED

This is written to be taken as constructive criticism. The quality of my 1982 S-0-M Baseball cards leaves a lot to be desired. Realizing perfection is

difficult to achieve, one would be hard pressed to convince a potential buyer that this card set is in mint condition. The typesetting of the cards is not very good. Many cards are centered too far left or too far right.

Whatever one thinks, appearance is an important quality of any product. The blue ink of the advanced side goes from light to dark to blurred to nonexistent.

One could talk about the basic side as well, or the quality of the card stock. I can live with all of the above except a blurned card. Ten of my Chicago Cub cards were practically unreadable. A key plus for the game is the speed in which the game can be played - not so with my Cubs.

I have not complained to the game company, but have contemplated returning those 10 cards in hopes of getting replacements. However, I believe any criticism should be done in good taste. Granted, 637 cards printed on both sides is a lot to ask out of perfection.

D.M. CORRY

Gaffney, SC

Editor's note: We suggest you send the blurred cards to S-O-M. The game company has always made such situations "right" when dealing with customers who have a complaint about the cards.

S-O-M REACTS QUICKLY

Hats off to Strat-O-Matic. Let me tell you about how nice S-O-M is.

I purchased the 1982 and 1961 teams when they both came out. The enjoyed both of them a lot. Well, while I was playing a game using the 1961 Twins and the 1961 Dodgers, my cat jumped up and spilled some grape juice on my Maury Wills card. I tried to erase it but smudged the card more.

Well, I wrote S-O-M and told it what happened, plus I sent it a check for 50¢ to cover the cost of a new card. Not only did I get a new card, but I also got my 50¢ back.

Mr. Harold Richman (5-0-M's creator and owner) and his company have class.

Also, I hope the 1983 season (based on '83) will be the start of the reprint of the 1962 cards. I feel if the reprint of both sides is started in 1983, it will be the biggest boon since the game came out.

VINCENT DIGERONIMO 25 Washington Pkwy Bayonne, NJ

APRIL A WILD ISSUE

Your April issue was a wild one. The story on the new football game was happy reading. I hope some of the new defense rules are not as complicated as in the old came.

To play the old game, I've had to have all the back issues of the Review next to the game board, along with an index to help me find all the rule interpretations and exceptions and changes.

The story on the St. Michel League, page 23, was also amusing. How did all those Italian managers end up in Montreal? And Andy Rincon went 24-4 with Rick Monday hitting 44 homers and driving in 95 runs in a 120-game season. I think it is interesting to see what some players do when a player usage limit is not used. After all, Strat-O-Matic is only a game.

O-Matic is only a game.

The LaSalle Illinois Football
League commissioner, Jeffrey Hammerlund, has got to be interviewed.
The article in question, pp. 22-23,
showed the following unbelievable
statistics:

Jeff's two teams going 28-0; Collinsworth catching passes for 1,954 yards, 19 TDs and a 28.3 average; Phil Simms throwing 49 TD passes, Anderson 42; Simms completing 75.5% of his passes, Montana 78.4%; and Simms piling up 5,976

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vards.

Were special rules used?
Was the defense guessing wrong, on purpose on every play? Was there a special effort to use the worst players as opponents when these "cardboard superstars" stepped onto the playing board? I would really love an explanation.

Be nice to your dice. RICK GUZMAN 3833 East Marilyn Rd. Phoenix, AZ

'GREAT DEBATE' CONTINUES

The great S-O-M debate rages on: Should past baseball seasons be reprinted? My answer, based on years of Review readers' letters, is a qualified "yes."

From all indications, the 1956 and 1961 full seasons (although not reprints), have been a boon to the company, and I assume S-O-M is currently working on another season.

So, I propose that the 1962-70 basic seasons be issued with advanced sides. Do I hear groans from Glen Head? Let me explain - I didn't mean every season, since that would give S-O-M a financial bath.

Instead, pick two or three. seasons from that span for the advanced treatment. My selections would be 1964, with two good races in both leagues; 1967, with the A.L. providing arguably the wildest race ever; and 1969, for the Miracle Mets and Seattle Pilots, among other things (like a rare winning season by the late, beloved Washington Senators).

Do one season a year as part of the past season series. Perhaps in the future, pennant winners from non-selected years could be converted into advanced versions with the other old-timen teams.

Is that a worthy compro-

mise?

VINCENT PATERNO 20128 Green Run Ct. Gaithersburg, MD

OPPOSED TO RE-ISSUING

I was interested in the feedback about my somewhat controversial column against rejissuing past sets from the '60s

(Dec., 1982 Review). The notion that a gamer would be able to buy "just a few" teams from 1963, for example, after purchasing the complete 1962 set, is not consistent with the game company's present policy of past card's

For example, if you wanted the 1956 cards, you had to buy all of the teams. If this policy is continued with the re-issues, it could make a big difference as there may be gamers who won't want to pay \$14 for just one or two teams. I personally do not feel there will be enough interest for an all-encompassing re-issue project (1952-1970) if gamers are forced to buy all of the teams in each set.

My rationale regarding the second point, that S-0-M would be forever re-issuing past sets at the expense of new developments, can be explained by looking at the past record of expansion. For example, 1973 marked the debut of probasketball. Even though the 1900-1919 baseball old-timers had been on the backburner for three years, they still had to wait until 1974 because of the basketball game.

Similarly, the pro football old-timers had to wait until 1977 due to the issuance of the 1920-30 Series B baseball set in 1976.

It wis quite clear to me that with such a singular mode of expansion per year, the re-issued sets could tie up everything for nine long years!

And, that would be a terrible waste of time, especially when there are so many other worthwhile projects that could be accomplished (like all-time, all-star rosters for the 16 original franchises in baseball). You may not agree with my point of view on this subject, but my arguments are correct, historically.

JIM ELLIOTT Orange, CA

TWO LAKER TEAMS NEEDED

I would like to say that the new basketball game is outstanding. The results are very realistic. One more player for each team would help a lot, but it isn't that important.

The reason I'm writing is to (continued on next page) help make sure next season's basketball cands will be realistic. What S-O-M should do is to make a Los Angeles Laker team to use during the playoffs as an extra team. This Laker team will draw twice as many fouls as it did during the regular season and their opponents won't have a chance.

Also, Magic Johnson should get two free throws every time the X-column is rolled, because the NBA officials protect him.

I think this would make the playoffs more realistic and Laker fans wouldn't have to worry about losing to a better temm, such as the San Antonio Spurs.

DAVID STEWART Route 2, Box 35 Roby, TX

Editor's note: Everything, including their basketball teams, is always larger in the eyes of Texans. Reader Stewart can rest more easily now, knowing that Philadelphia, bolstered by that former Texan, Moses Malone, has 'whupped' on and dried up those Lakers.

BOO...PENALTIES

Boo me if you like, but even if I stand alone in my opinion, I still want to state that the absence of penalties in S-O-M Football was a welcome relief to me, and I'm glad they are only an option.

I realize they are part of the game, but when you consider the quality of NFL officiating it's no wonder S-O-M left penalties out of it for so long.

Does anyone have access to stealing ratings for players from previous seasons? I would like to supplement for pre-1981 players.

Is anything from the revised version of the football game going to be adaptable, such as a 3-4 solitaire chart that can be used for pre-1982 teams?

From what I've read in the Review, it sounds like the new football game is going to make the old one look like a joke. That would be unfortunate for people who don't care for the modern style (1978 to present). Since 1977, football has become

nothing more than offense, passing, artificial turf, instant replays, updates, parity, officials with "inadvertent" whistles equipped with mikes and announcers who think they're comedians.

How unfortunate, since 1978 and extending through this year, football is becoming more and more of a joke.

JERRY FRY Olathe, KS

Editor's note: Penalties are still optional, of course, and that should set well with gamer Fry. Some of the problems with the actual NFL game itself, however, have nothing to do with S-O-M. Some of the changes by S-O-M, in fact, are designed to keep the game current with the different modes of play in the NFL.

RETIRES FROM S-8-M

I am regretfully retiring from Strato after 15 years of pleasure. As a graduate student in English, I really should read constantly and Strato is simply too temptingly enjoyable to keep around.

But I wanted to share some thoughts and highlights from my career with the vast community of players that your journal speaks to.

Shouldn't S-O-M reduce the doubles and triples on a pitcher with "gopher" trouble, but a decent ERA (i.e., an Eckersley, Catfish Munter. etc.)?

fish Hunter, etc.)?
 Why not a company-made "fluke
chart" (i.e. ejections, rainouts,
etc.)?

With a man on third, a manager looks to his bullpen. But if non-strikeout pitchers have harmless popouts and lineouts, why bring on a Clear or a Caudill? More gbC and flyball B needed for the non-strikeout pitchers, and more (even one or two) GBx or even a gb (A) for the true sinkerballer, like John or Stanley.

Isn't draft or teams still the hardest question at leagueforming time? In a draft league, I say draft power, not speed, early. And draft control pitchers.

JOSEPH C. EARLS Sturbridge, MA

Bird, Erving team up

Dynamic duo leads Indiana to title in mini-replay

How would you like to have Julius Erving, the famed Dr. J, and Larry Bird on the same basketball team?

should be no contest, right? Add in the likes of Dan Roundfield,

Tree Rollins and Maurice Cheeks and make it double no contest.

It was more of a contest than Russ Lemmon thought it would be, however, as the coach of the Indiana Kings in the Rocky Mountain 5-0-M Sports Association had an upward climb in the playoffs after a third-place finish in a 24-game regular-season.

Nine teams comprised the all-draft all-star Rocky Mountain Association's basketball replay so the talent was evenly distributed. Indiana with Bird and Dr. J, was loaded, of course. But so were such teams as the Minnesota Nordiques, which had Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Isiash Thomas, Kelly Tripucka and Dennis Johnson; the California Sails, with Jack Sikma, Alex English and George Gervin, and the Florida Blazers, led by Magic Johnson.

And how about the Illinois Fighting Illini, with the big two of Adrian Dantley and Moses Malone?

SUPREME COURT RULES

The winner of the regular-season turned out to be none of the above as the Washington Supreme Court, coached by Mike Harrison, rang up an 18-6 record - setting a league mark for wins - with California two games back.

Washington featured Bernard King, who averaged 28.3 points, and Reggie Theus, 22.8, on offense and the rebounding of Artis Gilmore, 9.2.
Adrian Dantley, coached by Phil Miller, was the 1983 Player of the
Year, edging Magic Johnson. Dantley led the league in scoring with a
39.6 average, while Johnson was first in steals (3.79 per game) and third in assists [10.58] plus was a surprising second in rebounding [10.5].

Indiana, meanwhile, struggled to a third-place finish as Erving averaged 23.5 points and Bird 20.6, the latter's good enough for only the 17th spot on the scoring list.

KINGS RULE IN PLAYOFFS

The Indiana Kings came alive in the playoffs, though, and dispatched the Jabbar-led Nordiques in the second round, three games to none, and then repeated the conquest of California in the semifinals, 3-0.

Washington lived up to its regular-season showing by blitzing Illinois, 3-0, in the semifinals.

Here's how the championship series came out:

GAME 1: Indiana 113, Washington 101 - Ray Williams connected on 11 of 15 field goal attempts and finished with 26 points, while Dan Roundfield added 23 points and a game-high 11 rebounds for the ners...Erving had 14 points, Bird 12...Indiana shot at a .573 [43-7] Ulip and Washington .569 [41-72] from the field...John Moore had 19 points, John

Lucas 18 for the losers.

GAME 2: Washington 121, Indiana 119 - Washington outscored Indiana by 14-12 count in overtime for margin of victory...Moore had 23 points and 13 assists for winners, who had seven players in double figures... Gilmore hauled down 12 rebounds for the Court crew, Bird had equal number for Indiana...Washington shot a blistering .625 [50-80] from field in shooting down Kings, who got 28 points from Erving [12-21 from floor], 22 from Bird and 20 from Ray Williams. Kings shot at a .561 clip [50-89].

GAME 3: Washington 120, Indiana 115 - Washington again shoots a phenomenal percentage, .671 (51-76), and gun downs Kings...Gilmore is Player of Game after sinking 11 of 13 shots for 22 points...Bernard King scored 25, Theus 21 and Lucas dishes out 18 assists...Erving had 27 points, Bird 20 for the Kings, who netted 42 of 80 shots for .525.

GAME 4: Indiana 124, Washington 107 - Theus goes wild, swishing 13

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of 20 shots from the floor and 10 of 13 free throws to finish with a whopping 36 points, but it isn't enough as Indiana evens series...Washington could squeeze off only 64 shots (sinking 38 for .594 percentage), ington could squeeze off only 64 shots [sinking 38 for .594 percentage], however, as Supreme Court.committed 28 costly turnovers...6ilmore added 22 points...Indiana was led by Bird, playing his best game of the playoffs, who pumped in 29 points and grabbed 11 rebounds. Bird netted ? of 19 shot from the field but was a Wild Bill Hickok at the charity stripe, connecting on 15 of 16 chances...Erving, 9 of 11 from the field, chipped in 21 points and Maurice Cheeks had 10 assists...Indiana also had 14 steals

steals.

GAME 5: Indiana 122, Washington 96 - Mike Gale came off the bench to give the Kings a big lift, scoring 19 points on 5-6 floor shooting and 9-10 accuracy from the line...Again Washington was plagued by turnovers, giving up the ball 27 times, and again Indiana had 14 steals, with Ray Williams and Gheeks each having three thefts...Erving (11-18) poured in 24 points and Bird had 17...King topped Washington's scoring with 20... Indiana shot .558 (43-77) and was 36 of 45 from the line.

GAME 6: Indiana 111, Washington 108 - Unsung Brian Taylor was named Player of the Game after scoring 21 points (8-11) as Indiana captures series, 4-2...Erving (7-10) had 20 and Bird (8-15) 19 points, plus Bird had 10 rebounds...Turnover trouble haunted Washington again as 24 were committed...King led the Court with 26 points (9-14) while Gilmore had 18

committed...King led the Court with 26 points (9-14) while Gilmore had 18 to go with 10 rebounds...Washington again blistered the basket, shooting a scorching .641 (41–64) but again the shot total was down because of the

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ped the scoring for the West, which got only eight points from Jabbar (4-10).

Atlanta surprises in 1973 replay

The sky was the limit for Atlanta Braves manager Sky 0'Callahan in a replay of the 1973 baseball season. The Braves, a lowly fifth in the National League West in real-life, rose up and went on the warpath, winning the division on the table-top by compliing a glittering 97-65 recommon the replay was all part of the Decade 1973 replay of the National League Season. The New York Mats, true to real-life, won the East Division

League season. The New York Mets, true to real-life, won the East Division with a 89-73 record, with Montreal finishing runnerup and three

St. Louis, runnerup in the East in real-life, slipped to fourth and Cinoánnati, division winner in the West, tumbled to third in S-O-M, winning 13 fewer games than in real-life.

In the playoffs, it was also the Braves wielding their scalping knives, with the Mets falling in four games (5-0, 1-2, 10-9, 4-3). Davey Johnson of the Braves was the MVP after homering four times, winning two games with his blasts, and driving in seven runs.

ATLANTA ATTACK AWESOME

Atlanta, under O'Callahan's tutelage, had by far the best hitting in actionia, under D'teilanen's tuterage, had by her the best nitting in the league. The Braves belted 229 home runs - 69 more than Cincinnati - as Hank Aaron led the way by walloping 51. Darrell Evans blasted 49 and Davey Johnson 45 and between 'em the threesome drove in 389 runs, including 137 by Evans, 135 off the bat of Aaron.

Ralph Garr was the popgun in a magnum force attack, stroking 238 bits and betting 335 call Manton and Phil Nickas were the transitations.

hits and batting .335. Carl Morton and Phil Niekro were the top pitchers, with Morton, who was 19-4 with a 2.18 ERA at the all-star break, finishing 23-8 with a 3.15 ERA. Niekro was 19-11 and 3.92.

The Mets, conversely, had the best pitching in the Decade replay as Tom Seaver (21-9, 2.04), Jon Matlack (15-16, 2.79), Jerry Koosman (13-15, 2.80) and Steve Stone (12-7, 2.78) combined for a 2.80 ERA, the only mark under 3.00 in the entire league. All told, six Mets had ERAs under 3.00. Mike Mayko managed the Mets, who had a .247 batting average, or second lement bitting mode in the league.

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REDS ARE PILOTLESS

One big reason for the demise of the Reds in this actual teams replay was the absence of a field manager most of the season. San Diego was another that lost its manager early and had to be directed by the league.

Most of the managers had two teams, one in each division, while John Davies (Montreal), Mack Smith (St. Louis), Mayko (New York) and Greg Gougian (Houston) had one apiece. Those piloting two teams included: 0'Callahan (Atlanta/Pittsburgh), Kent Kennedy (San Francisco/Philadelphia) and Rob Loman (Los Angeles/Chicago).

HIGHLIGHTS, HIGHLIGHTS, HIGHLIGHTS

The Decade 1973 league also included a mammoth yearbook, replete with every type of team and individual statistics as well as a highlights

Among the many highlights were these gems: # Ron Reed, Ron Schueler and Danny Frisella of Atlanta taking a no-hitter into the ninth inning against the Mets, only to have Ron Fairly hit a two-out single.

* Bobby Bonds going 4-for-5 and homering twice and Willie McComey

rapping out a homer and three hits as the Giants rocked Montreal, 20-6. # Bonds again, this one on Sept. 23 playing date as he hits grand-

slam homer and another three-run blast and accounts for seven ABI.

* Larry Bowa of the Phillies misses a squeeze bunt attempt and Tom Hutton slides in safely to win the game.

Tony Perez's grand-slam in the ninth gave Cincinnati something to cheer about - a come-from-behind 9-7 win over the Giants. (continued on next page)

FINAL STANDINGS - 1973 Decade League

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Strat-O-Matic spotlight

FATHER KNOWS BEST

Thomas Swank, a 40-year-old Strat-O-Matic Baseball buff from Bloomfield, NJ, knows best...at least when it comes to his favorite table-top pastime. Swank, playing a best-of-seven series with his 11-year-old son Bryan, made short work of the 1981 Los Angeles Dodgers with his childhood favorite, the 1956 Brooklyn Dodgers.

Actually, despite a solid attack, the Bums got great pitching in shackling the modern-day Dodgers. In fact, the '81 Dodgers only were able to muster a total of 21 hits in losing the series in five quick games.

games.

Brooklyn set the tone for the series in the opener when Don Newcombe tossed a no-hitter against stunned L.A. Big Newk walked two and hit Davey Lopes on the way to a 2-0 victory. Solo homers in the second and fourth innings by another of Swank's heroes, Roy Campanella, accounted for both runs off losing pitcher, rookie Fernando Valenzuela, who hurled a three-

Brooklyn repeated a 2-0 conquest in game two as Sal Maglie pitched a three-hitter and Campanella socked another homer. Game three took a three-nitter and Campanella socked another homer. Game three took longer, but the end result was the same as the Bums won in 12 innings, 6-5, on Sandy Amoros' home run off Dave Stewart. Lopes hit a two-run homer for the losers.

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Los Angeles did win game four, 3-2, as Valenzuela outdueled Newcombe as both pitchers fired three-hitters, while Brooklyn wrapped it up in game five as Maglie tossed a two-hitter in an 8-1 triumph. Campanella was voted MVP after stroking the three homers and knocking in five runs.

SHORT SHAKES

...In a 1956 game with the Boston Red Sox, Ted Williams crashed two home runs and drove in 8 runs, as Steve [Boom] Johnson, Lima, OH, looked on in awe. Williams was on a tear for the entire three-game series, fin-ishing with 5 homers and a whopping 16 ABI...Luke Kraemer, West Lafayette,

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S-O-M Baseball trivia quiz

If oddities on Strat-O-Matic Baseball cards are your area of interest, you'll want to check out Marc Jacobson's latest offering. Jacobson, of course, is the S-O-M Baseball trivia buff from Philadelphia, PA, whose offerings appear regularly in the Review.

This month he's going the oddities route, beginning with the 1972 and 1979 seasons. Here we go again...

QUESTIONS - 1972 & 1973

- QUESTION 1: Which pitcher was allowed to pitch every third game in both the 1972 and 1973 sets?
- QUESTION 2: Which 1972 team had four pitchers who could start every fourth game?
- QUESTION 3: Which player had cards in both leagues in the 1972 set?
- QUESTION 4: How many extra players were issued for the 1972 set?
- QUESTION 5: Which teams in 1973 had four very durable pitchers?
- QUESTION 6: How many extra players were issued with the 1973 set?
- QUESTION 7: Which 1973 card was not based on that year?
- QUESTION 8: Name the first strictly "DH" only players?

ANSWERS - 1972 & 1973

- ANSWER 1: Rubber-armed knuckleballer Wilbur Wood of the Chicago White Sox was authorized to start every third game.
- ANSWER 2: Mike Cuellar, Pat Dobson, Dave McNally and Jim Palmer of the Baltimore Orioles could start every fourth game.
- ANSWER 3: Duke Sims was issued two dissimilar cards with the Los
- Angeles Oodgers and Detroit Tigers.

 ANSWER 4: One hundred extra players were created for the 1972 set -
- 96 usual ones, the two Sims' cards and "traveling" Matty Alou and Dal Maxvill cards.
- ANSWER 5: The Giants, Cardinals, Reds and Dodgers had four "*" pitchers in 1973.
- ANSWER 6: Again 100 extra players were issued for the 1973 set 96 usual ones, plus "traveling" Matty And Felipe Alou, Bourque and McGlothen.
- ANSWER 7: Due to insufficient statistics, Bob Didier (Detroit) had a card based on his 1971 Braves' card.
- ANSWER 8: The first "DH" only cards were Jim Hart (New York Yankees), Tony Oliva (Minnesota Twins) and Orlando Cepeda (Boston Red Sox).

Baseball playing tip

Kent Scott is another gamer who believes that a manager shouldn't be allowed to bring a relief pitcher into a game without some warmup. His suggestion, which is not new but rather a refresher playing tip, is to have a relief pitcher announced while warming up.

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In other words, the team at bat is informed that a reliever[s] is now warming up. And then the reliever must "warm up" while the other pitcher pitches to one more batter. An intentional walk would consist of pitching to one more batter.

Scott also limits the number of relievers warming up to two each time.

No-Hitters

Hoeft, Cowley end long drought for gamers

Billy Hoeft of the 1956 Detroit Tigers and Joe Cowley of the 1982 Atlanta Braves are anything but household names to most baseball fans. But both obscure pitchers are favorites of 26-year-old gamer Kevin Gertsen, Marion, IA, who recently watched the pair break his 12-year drought for no-hitters.

Gertsen, who's been playing S-O-M for 12 years, was both delighted and amazed at the rapid-fire no-hitters. "After all these years of Strat," he said, "it's odd that two poor to mediocre pitchers should

provide me with my no-hitters." Hoeft, for the record, set down the Washington Senators without a

safety, walking three and striking out eight. And then Cowley, a spot starter for the Braves, shackled Cincinnati, 2-0, giving up three walks and striking out the same number.

North of the border, another long wait for a no-hitter ended when Louis Rakita of Montreal witnessed one in the Concordia University $T_{\rm B}$ ble-Rakita's team, the Edmonton Nationals, blanked John Hladky's Trail Blazers, 7-0. Only blemish on the performance of Rick Langford was a pair of walks issued Gary Matthews.

Makita said he didn't get serious about the no-hit bid until the sixth inning, primarily because three times in the last year he had suffered through watching a no-hitter shattered in the eighth inning. Rakita is a 10-year veteran of the dice-rollin' wars and has played well over 1,000 games.

Other no-hitters crossing the desk of the Review editors recently

include the following:

* A combined no-hitter by Dennis Martinez and reliever Scott McGregor for Baltimore in a 1981 game against the New York Yankees. Ralph
Llamas, Covina, CA, an S-D-M gamer since 1965, watched the tandem effort
in which Martinez, who walked three and gave up no hits in four innings,
was replaced by McGregor after being injured. McGregor pitched the last
five innings and yielded nary a hit. Between 'em, Martinez and McGregor
struck out three and walked six.

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* The Empire State S-O-M Association got its first no-hitter in its second year of operation when Manny Sarmiento stopped the Cincinnati Reds in a face-to-face game reported by commissioner David Alma. Sermiento had to go 10 innings to record the pitching gem, however, with Omar Moreno's two-out single driving in Lee Lacy for the winning run for the

Pirates in a 1-0 thriller.

* Another 1-0 masterpiece was recorded by Sandy Koufax of the '65 Dodgers, who no-hit the '68 St. Louis Cardinals, besting Bob Gibson in a pitchers duel. Only a walk to Roger Maris spoiled a perfect game bid by Koufax. Gibson, meanwhile, allowed only four hits.

* Early bird no-hitter award belongs to Brian Fitzgerald, Lynn, MA,

who arose at 5:15 a.m. because he couldn't sleep, and then had an eye opening no-hitter pitched by Vinegar Bend Mizell of the '56 Cards against the Pirates. Mizell won 4-0, walking three and striking out seven.

* Deron Ringen of Beattie, KS, continued on a no-hit roll as Burt Hooton pitched his second no-hitter in two years, blanking Gary Wnek's (Cromwell, CT) White Sox in a Pioneer Hot Stove League PBM game. The latest mound masterpiece was with the 1982 cards, based on the 1981 season. A year ago, Hooton elso had a no-hitter. And last summer, in the WBL league, Ringen had a pair of no-hitters - one a perfect game - both by Larry Gura. That adds up to four no-hitters in a 12-month period.

* The Decade's 1973 actual teems replay saw a couple of no-hitters recently, too, but by different pitchers and to the delight of different managers. Don Sutton, hurling for Rob Loman, set down the hard-hitting Atlanta Braves without a safety. It was Sutton's 14th straight win without a loss. Sky 0'Callahan was on the viewing end of the other as Jerry Koosman, his fifth starter on a five-man staff, set down Philadelphia. The Decade's league uses actual teems.

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Cards, Tigers; 1976 Yankees;

Giants, Dodgers; 1965 Indians, Dubs, Reds, Pirates. Also 1972-73 basketball game, all teams mint condition. David Standig, P.O. Box 44, Dayton, NJ 08810 [201-225-4974]. Call or write with offers. Sell to best offers by Aug. 15.

FOR SALE: 1972 football set, complete, \$60; 1969 football set, complete, \$67; 1971 football set, missing LA, \$55. 1970 baseball set, w/extras for all 24 teams, missing regular players for Atlanta, Minn., Mets, Boston, \$45. 1975 baseball, Detroit, Baltimore, Texas; 1974 baseball, Houston, Mets, Montreal, Phil., Atlanta, SF, \$3.75; 1977 baseball, SF, St. Louis, Phil., Atlanta, San Diego, Pittsburgh, Mets, Montreal, \$3.50. All items postage paid; sold on first come, first serve basis. Bill Salter, 22001 Inkster Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48024 [313-474-5928]

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1927 Yanks,
'34 Cards, '46 Red Sox [1 player
missing], '61 Yanks, Reds, Tigers'
(all old-timers), 80¢ each; '71
Giants (good, \$3.50; Senators
(fair), \$3; Pirates, Orioles (reprints), \$1.50 each; 1981 Reds,
Indians, Dodgers (no extras), \$1
each. Game box,board and instructions and basic/advanced strategy
chart, \$3. Entire package, \$17.
Loose players, 10¢ each: Speaker
('20 Indians), Marberry ('34 Tigers), Nixon ('56 Red Sox), Miranda
('56 Orioles), Mantle ('61 Yanks,
old-timer), Gabler ('61 Senators),
Lepcio ('61 Twins), K. Brett ('74
Pirates), Luzinski ('80 Phils),
Parker ('80 Pirates), Bannister
('81 Mariners). Football - Game
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teams, \$4; two scorepads, \$1.50.
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weight (first-class) if ordering
game box. Vincent Paterno, 20128
Green Run Court, Gaithersburg, MD
20879

League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: Face-to-face football league is forming in the Northeastern Ohio area. Will

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use the 1983 football cards and use the super advanced rules. I would like to start as soon as the new football cards arrive. We are looking for reliable coaches. Experience is preferred but not necessary. For more information, write or call: Dennis Seigfried, 4936 Barrie Ave. NW, Canton, OH 44708 (phone: 216-

LEAGUE FORMING: The North American Baseball League is looking for a manager to take over an established team. Several expansion teams might also be available soon. We are a 15-team, continuous draft PBM league which uses the advanced cards to play full 162-game seasons be-tween April-September. We are only interested in dependable managers for our stable eightyear-old league. Dependability, enthusiasm and good humor are the most important assets we are looking for. If you are interested, write immediately. Annual fees of \$20 help pay for regular newsletters, a large annual yearbook and many other goodies. We are interested in people located anywhere in North America. Ours is an outstanding league (see Review of Oct., 1978, Dec., (see Review of Oct., 1979, Oct., 1980, July, 1981, Oct., 1982) and will provide a challenge to any new manager. Brian Webster, 310-2233 Bowker Avenue, Victoria, B.C., Canada VBA 2E3

LEAGUE FORMING: The GWWISOMBL is now forming. The GWWISOMBL is a PBM draft basketball league using 1982-83 teams. I need about 10 managers who enjoy the most underrated S-O-M game. No PBM experience is necessary. So, c'mon all you roundball fans, find out what GWWISOMBL stands for! Contact: Rich May-erson, 2443 Cadillac Drive, East Meadow, NY 11554

Contests

CONTESTS: Third annual Lyman Bostock Memorial Tournament, July 16-17, in Hobart, IN. Featuring five events with trophies being awarded to the winners and runnersup in each

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Baseball playing tip

If you're looking for a simple injury chart, one that relates to real-life at-bats and innings pitched, then you might want to give the following baseball playing tip a try.

Sent in by the North American Baseball League, the playing tip provides for injuries to batters and relievers as well as starting pitchers. Here it is:

YBULAT				ROG PO ROS	1-13 ROG 14-20 ROS	1-18 ROG 19-20 ROS
Hitter	200	PA	350	PA	500 PA	500 PA+
Starter or starter-reliever	140	IP	180	IP	250 Ib	550 Ib+
Reliever or reliever-starter	70	IP	85	IP	100 IP	100 154

Key: IP - Innings pitched; PA - Plate appearances; ROG - Injured rest of game; ROS - Injured rest of series.
A series, in this case, consists of five games.

Lighthearted look at injuries

Now, with the serious injury news out of the way, here's a light-hearted look at injuries and there duration.[contributed by Robert Warren, Yonkers, NY]:

THE M+M INJURY CHART [M+M - Maelox and Milk]

0.11		Result
Spli	T #	Batter fouls ball off foot, leaves game.
1 2	_	Batter fouls hall off toe, leaves game, misses next game; run-
		ning 1-6, stealing 2 (6-1) first game back.
3	-	Batter fouls ball off ankle, leaves game, misses next 2 games;
		running 1-6, stealing 2 (6-1) first game back.
4	-	Batter fouls ball off knee; manager has choice: A. Let batter
		leave game and miss next 3 games; B. Let batter finish game
		and miss next 8 dames for addrevating injury.
5	_	Batter is spiked by umpire while dusting off home plate; mana-
		ger has choice: A. Let player finish game and miss next b
		games: A Leave game and miss next 3 games; C. Finish game
		and miss next 4 dames; may not play defense first two games
		back.
6	4	Batter trips over first base, sprains ankle, out next 10 days.
7	-	Batter trips getting out of batter's box, sprains wrist, mis-
		see peyt 4 names: may not play defense first 4 games back.
8	-	Potton tring and nulls hamstring running to first base, leaves
		game, misses next 6 games; running 1-6, stealing 2 (6-1) first
		two games back.
9	-	Batter twists knee backing away from pitch, leaves game, plac-
		ed on 14-day disabled list.
10	-	Batter trips over first base: 2, 12 - Sprains wrist, out for
		12 games; 3-5, 9-11 - Sprains ankle, out for 8 games; runn-
		ing 1-6, stealing 2 (6-1) first 2 games back; 6, 7, 8 - Slips
		on wet grass, sprains knee, placed on 21-day disabled list.
11	=	Batter hurts back in warmup for next game, out for 10 games.
12	-	Batter trips over fungo bat in on-deck circle for his next at-
		bat; placed on 15-day disabled list.
13	-	Batter hit in eye by popcorn, misses next 10 games.
14	-	Batter fails to show up for next dame; done to make shave com-
		mercial: 2, 12 - Suspended 15 days; (continued next page)

3-5, 9-11 - Suspended 10 days; 6-8 - Suspended 5 days; 7 -

- Gives manager part in commercial and all is forgiven.

 Batter injured in collision with first baseman: 2, 12 Breaks leg, out for season; umpire rules batter safe for interference on first baseman. All safe and advance one base. 15
- Batter is caught carrying drugs in suitcase at the end of cur-16 rent home stand or road series: 2, 12 - Batter is convicted and sentenced to 6 months; out for season; 3-5, 9-11 - Suspended by commissioner for 30 days; 6-8 - Front office saves player from penalty by sending him to drug rehab clinic for 10 days; then having him lecture high schoolers on the evils of drugs for 5 more days.
- Batter is injured in collision with first baseman: 2, 12 Bat-17 ter breaks arm, out for 6 months. Umpire rules batter safe at first for interference; all runners safe and advance one base. First baseman ejected for arguing with ump; 3-5, 9-11 - Sprielbow, out 6 games; may not play defense additional 6 games; 6-8 - Sprains knee, placed on 21-day disabled list. 3-5, 9-11 - Sprains
- Batter fails to show up for next game to make appearance on Hollywood Squares: 2, %2 Suspended for remainder of season; 3-4, 9-11 Suspended for 21 days; 5-8 Manager lets player 18
- Sit on bench for next 10 games; can only be used if last player. Batter makes obseene gestures at fans and is removed from game: 19 2, 12 - Suspended for remainder of year; 3-5, 9-11 - Suspended for 21 days; 6, 8 - Front office saves player from penalty by having him attend mental clinic to get head together for 10 days and an additional 5 days lecturing high schoolers on the evils of obscene gestures; 7 - Player suspended by front office indefinitely and asks to be traded to team where fans don't know what obscene gestures are.
- Batter goes into stands for heckling fan and is removed from 20 game: 2, 12 - Batter suspended 5 games; 3-4, 10-11 - Batter suspended for 10 games and fined \$10,000; 5-9 - Player is hurt after being struck by object thrown by fan; player is out for season.

Strat-O-Matic spotlight

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IN, is probably still shaking his head over what happened to Bob Gibson of the 1964 Cardinals in a game against the '64 Giants. Gibby didn't allow a hit for nine innings - but unfortunately the Cards didn't score,
Then in the 10th inning, Tom Haller broke up the no-hit bid, as well as
the game, by hitting a two-run homer off Gibson....Kraemer, although disappointed in not getting the no-hitter with Gibson, can take heart in the fact he's already witnessed three pitching gems - one by 1969 Tom Seaver and two by 1967 Gary Peters. . Ivan Finel reports a lot of offense on two S-O-M fronts: baseball and football. In baseball, in a replay of the '67 World Series, Carl Yastrzemski clouted six homers - one in game except the sixth contest - as Boston won out in seven games. football, the '81 Dallas Cowboys and '81 San Diego Chargers supplied the offense as Dallas prevailed by an NBA-like 41-38 score. Dan Fouts passed for 461 yards [20-43 in the completion department] and Dallas' Danny White was 31 of 45 for 453 more. A last-second six-yard pass from White to Tony Dorsett decided the outcome. White threw five TD passes while Dallas' defense sacked Fouts an amazing 15 times for 119 yards in losses. Pallas' derense sacked routs an amazing 13 times for year sacked routs an amazing 15 times for year. Finel plays S-O-M with a friend, Paul Lomtevas... In case you're curious, top draft choices in the WSOMBL (World Strat-O-Matic Baseball League), top draft choices in the WSOMBL (World Strat-O-Matic Baseball League), Greg Bucurestean, co-commissioner, were: 1. Gary Carter, 2. Dale Murph 3. Jack Clark, 4. Steve Carlton, 5. Leon Durham, 6. Pedro Guerrero, 7. Tony Pena, 8. Fernando Valenzuela.

S-O-M league, replay scene

OXFORD VALLEY S-O-M BASEBALL LEAGUE - Latest season was the sixth for 10-team part face-to-face part PBM league with headquarters in Levittown, NX...Dean Sullivan, Levittown, is commissioner of well-organized league that includes two teachers, one electrician, two foremen and two millwrights as managers...The advanced game is used, with some revisions, and the league is divided into two divions - Cy Young and Babe Ruth - and features a viable constitution...Managerial lineup consists of:
Sullivan (Cobalt Cobras), Duane Contento (Red Cedar Goat Ropers), Mike Anderson (Pettyridge Pirates), Bob Locks (Newtown Phillies), Darrell Leach (Dogwood Devils), Tony Lemmo (Fallsington Titans), Joe Coldwell (Langhorne Lancers), Gery Holmstrom (Bar Harbor Tridents), Steve Howe (Pittstown Brew Crew) and Nick Abrescia (Philadelphia Whiz Kids). Four of the managers reside in New Jersey...Highlight of the season was the post-season series between the winner of the Dxford Valley League, Dean Sullivan's Cobras, and the champions of the Burlington County, NJ, S-O-M League, the Delran Phillies. The Cobras ended up winning the "championship of the universe" in six games. Bruce Berenyi was the winner in game one, 10-1, and Jack Morris outdueled Britt Burns for the victory in game two, 2-1. Bo Diaz' two-out single that drove in two eighth-inning runs was the big strike by the Cobras. The Phillies bounced back in games three and four, with Dave Righetti and Bill Gullickson getting the wins (6-5 and 5-4). The Cobras won game five, 8-3, and then finished off the series with a 4-0 victory as Steve Rogers and Dave Smith combined for a three-hitter.

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OLD-TIMER FOOTBALL REPLAY - The defensive-minded 1963 Chicago Bears won the league championship in convincing fashion, smothering the highly-touted Baltimore Colts of 1958 in a shocker, 48-10. Billy Wade completed 18 of 33 passes for 222 yards and three touchdowns, while Gale Sayers rushed for 140 yards in only 18 carries...An unknown gamer (the name was not found on the season summary or statistical sheets) completed a 10-game regular season for each of the six old-timer teams, plus a two-game playoff...Chicago and Baltimore tied for first place with 7-3 records and the 1958 New York Giants were third at 6-4...Baltimore (continued on back page)

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S-O-M league, replay scene

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whipped the Giants, 31-10, as Johnny Unitas passed for 250 yards (16-28). ...Highlights included Sayers catching a 45-yard pass for a TD with 45 seconds left to give the Bears a 30-26 victory over Baltimore; Jim Taylor of Green Bay rushing for 141 yards against Baltimore in the final game to win the rushing title over Cleveland's Jimmy Brown (who had 119 yards in 39 attempts against New York) and Lenny Moore of the Colts being the MVP. Standings and leaders:

		W	L	Rushing	Att	-Yds.	Avg.	TO			
'63	Chicago	7	3	Taylor GB	530	1355	5.9	9			
158	Baltimore	7	3	Brown CLE	299	1347	4.5	9			
, 58	NY Giants	6	4	Moore BALT	164	1066	6.5	5			
162	Green Bay	5	5	Passing		Comp	Att.	%	Yds.	-	Int
'60	Philadelphia	3	7	Wade CHI		158	295	53.5	2305	13	11
	Cleveland	2	8	VanBrocklin	PHI	124	286	43.8	2077	13	16
				Unitas BALT		133	243	54.7	1955	13	8

Receiving: Ditka CHI (63-793, 12.5, 6]; McDonald PHI (50-1040, 20.8, 7)