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Baseball Replay Reflects Changes In '77

Most table-game buffs can't wait to get their hands on the new cards and replay last season. James Beauchemin couldn't wait to get his hands on the new cards to replay the current season.

Beauchemin, a nine-year S-O-M player from Plattsburgh, NY, juggles the rosters, inserts old cards for new players, makes the trades--and then commences to play the new season just as it unfolds in real life.

He doesn't play all the teams, rather selects six from each league and then goes through a full season. "Lacking for a truly interested and psyched partner, I am playing solitaire," reports Beauchemin. The name of the league? Lone Star League, which seems apropos. He also plays the advanced version of S-O-M.

Now, let's take a look at the progress of the teams, keeping in mind all the millionaire free agents that were signed and the shuffling of the 'stars'.

AMERICAN DIVISION

MILWAUKEE -- (21-15) Off to comparable start as in real-life...Hot bats supplied by Von Joshua (.336), Sixto Lezcano (.319) and Sal Bando (.307)... Pitching strong, too, because of Jim Slaton (5-1) and Ed Rodriguez (5-2).

CALIFORNIA -- (21-15) Acquisitions paid off as Don Baylor has 20 stolen bases and Joe Rudi and Bobby Grich have been timely hitters...Tony Solaita has been biggest offensive weapon, however, with 6 home runs, .339 average... Frank Tanana is 7-1, Nolan Ryan back in old form.

CLEVELAND -- (20-16) Reclaiming Rico Carty was great move as he's hitting

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.343 with 6 homers, 29 RBI...Johnny Grubb has .288 average, 6 HRs, 25 RBI, while Ray Fosse is hitting respectable .292...Pitching has been particularly good with Dennis Eckersley (4-1, 67 strikeouts), Jim Bibby (4-1, 2.32 ERA) and relief duo of Jim Kern (6 saves, 41 strikeouts) and Dave LaRoche (6 saves, 39 strikeouts).

NEW YORK YANKEES -- (19-17) Slowed by batting slump, despite Reggie Jackson's .362 and 7 homers...Thurman Munson, Chris Chambliss and Graig Nettles have composite .227 mark to date...Dock Ellis, recently traded, has been best pitcher at 5-2. Don Gullett (2-5, 5.58) has been just one of disappointments.

BOSTON RED SOX -- (18-18) Team ERA of 5.09 tells early-season story...Red Sox are potent on attack, however, as Fred Lynn (.342), Jim Rice (9 HRs, 27 RBI) and Carlton Fisk (.316, 10 HRs) have been murderers row...Reggie Cleveland has been ace of pitching staff with 6-1 record, 1.87 ERA.

OAKLAND -- (9-27) Defense has been lacking and hitting also in short supply...Dick Allen is off to hot start (.409), Manny Sanguillen has helped with .329 average, but Bill North is struggling at plate, hitting only .207...Vida Blue, expected to be the stopper, is only 1-7, despite some good efforts.

NATIONAL DIVISION

PHILADELPHIA (24-16) Awesome hitting: Mike Schmidt (13 HRs, 43 RBI), Greg Luzinski (8 HRs, 29 RBI), Jay Johnstone (.347, 15 doubles) and Garry Maddox (.372)...Tom Underwood's 7-1 record, 2.68 ERA and Gene Garber's relief work (6 saves) have saved mediocre pitching staff from disaster up to this point.

SAN DIEGO (22-18) Solid team thanks to George Hendrick (11 HRs), Gene Tenace (9 HRs) and Dave Winfield (.295)...Randy Jones (8-2) and Dave Friesleben (6-3) have done their part, while Rollie Fingers (7 saves, 3 wins) has been stopper out of bullpen.

CHICAGO CUBS (18-14) Off to surprisingly good start...Greg Gross leads league with .397 average, Steve Ontiveros (using 1975 card) is at .330 and Bobby Murcer has 12 home runs...Bruce Sutter is shining star in bullpen with 3 wins, 8 saves, but pitching is obviously disaster area.

LOS ANGELES (17-19) Is no where near matching real-life pace which had Dodgers 7½ games ahead of Cincinnati as of this writing...Injuries have decimated team...Rick Monday is off to good start in home run derby with 12, while Reggie Smith has produced much of his .312 average in the clutch...Pitchers, particularly Rick Rhoden and Burt Hooton, have suffered from serving up too many gopher balls.

NEW YORK METS (16-20) Bothered by weak defense, erratic offense and lack of team speed...Joe Torre (.300) and Ed Kranepool (.304) are leading hitters--also in grounding into double plays--while Dave Kingman has homered 12 times and struckout 41 thus far...Pitching holds the Mets together.

MONTREAL (13-23) Pitching of Steve Rogers and surprising Joe Kerrigan (8 saves) and offensive punch supplied by Jerry White and Ellis Valentine have been only bright spots for Expos...Got off to horrendous start as pitching wavered and crumbled under opponents' onslaughts.

Convention Update!

They'll be rollin' dice in numbers ranging from 100 to 150 people come the end of July this summer. The mass rattling of the cubes will signal the start of another national Strat-O-Matic Convention at Champaign-Urbana on the University of Illinois campus.

Rick Shapiro and Dales Barnes have already mapped out most of the plans for the summer gathering, which will begin on July 29 and conclude on Sunday. In the meantime, of course, there will be tournaments (plus trophies provided by Hiram A. Raldiris of New York) galore.

Two elementary baseball and one advanced football tournament will kickoff the schedule on the 29th, with advanced baseball and super advanced football

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Split-Number System Revisited

Baseball, because of its long season and this year the addition of two expansion teams, always presents a problem if one is attempting a full-season replay. Any shortcuts are, obviously, appreciated.

One of the more popular "aids" to gamers was the advent of the split number system, first introduced by Larry Thompson of California and refined most notably by Bryan Baker of Flint, MI.

Every season Baker's method is a "must" for printing in the Review. Many gamers, particularly recent subscribers, haven't had a look at it. Along with printing Baker's time-tested system (which the GKSML uses), another method, similar to Baker's is also presented below, as well as the use of "icosahedral" dice in lieu of the split deck.

Why are these methods, which replace the split deck, needed? David Minch of Atlanta, GA, sums up by saying, "Since S-O-M seeks to re-create baseball using the individual player's managerial ability, a good or bad memory should not reward or punish a player." In other words, unless the split deck (Nos. 1-20) is shuffled often), a manager with a good memory could recall splits already drawn and use it to his advantage when deciding strategy.

"The outcome of events that use the split deck should not be affected by the outcome of previous events," says Minch, "yet the split deck makes it so." Rather than shuffle the split deck after every draw (which is the only way to make a 1-20 possible each time), Minch has turned to icosahedral (20-sided) die.

'ICOSAHEDRAL' SIDE OF THE MATTER

Such dice are numbered 0 to 9 on the faces, each number appearing twice. This is how, according to Minch, to convert such dice into a replacement for the split deck: "Take some paint and place a small dot on one of the faces marked with each number. To read a number you have rolled, '0' should be read as 10 and 10 should be added to each number with a dot--'*7' is 17 and '*0' becomes 20."

And, presto! One roll and you always have a chance of coming up with anything from 1 through 20.

BAKER'S SPLIT NUMBER SYSTEM

The following chart is especially handy because it also subdivides the columns (columns 1, 2 and 3, for instance, always refer to split numbers 1-10; columns 4, 5 and 6 always refer to numbers 11-20).

Always roll three dice in lieu of drawing a split number. Numbers along right and left sides refer to two-die total (red dice) and numbers across top refer to one-die total (white die).

NO.	1	2	3	4	5	6	NO.
2 - *	*	*	*	*	*	*	2
3 - *	*	4	7	11	14	17	3
4 - 1	4	8	11	15	18	21	4
5 - 1	5	9	12	16	19	22	5
6 - 2	6	10	13	17	20	23	6
7 - 3	7	11	14	18	21	24	7
8 - 2	8	12	15	19	22	25	8
9 - 3	9	13	16	20	23	26	9
10 - 1	10	14	17	21	24	27	10
11 - 4	11	15	18	22	25	28	11
12 - *	12	16	19	23	26	29	12

* Roll dice again. This is necessary to guarantee that each number, 1-20, will have the same chance of occurring.

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In addition to Baker's split system, the MONY (Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York) Strat-O-Matic Baseball League has a new version based on an old idea. The league, incidentally, is a six-team setup that plays a 35-game schedule plus playoffs each year. Among the league members, are Hal Brigade and his wife Barb. Husband-and-wife combos, as we all know, are rare in the S-O-M world.

Back to the split chart: (again roll three dice)

Single Die		Two Dice		Split Roll (Result)
Any	-	2 through 5	-	Read single die [#1-6]
Any	-	6 or 8	-	Single die, plus 6 [#7-12]
Any	-	7 or 9	-	Single die, plus 12 [#13-18]
1 or 2	-	10 or 11	-	19
3 or 4	-	10 or 11	-	20
5 or 6	-	10 or 11	-	Roll again
Any	-	12	-	Roll again

Stamina Rating For Pitchers

George Stellings, who rolls his S-O-M dice at 4927 Shady Pine Dr. in Greensboro, NC, wants to make it possible for a starting pitcher to reach his endurance in the early innings, or before the inning listed on the card.

The following tip is mainly for solitaire gamers, although it could be used by face-to-face managers and in league play as well.

Incidentally, Stellings' method has been tested in over 500 games of S-O-M, played solitaire.

First of all, give each pitcher a stamina rating, based on actual performance. Thus you need to know earned runs allowed, hits and walks. Next multiply the information as follows: Earned Runs x 3 Points, Hits x 2 Points, and Walks x 1 Point. Add the three point totals together and divide by innings pitched. This gives you the pitcher's stamina rating.

Now, multiply the stamina rating by his endurance factor found on the advanced side of the card and you have his actual stamina rating. This rating is adjusted only for the following ERAs:

Between 2.51 - 2.99 -- increase rating 1 point.
Between 2.00 - 2.50 -- increase rating 3 points.
Under 2.00 -- increase rating 5 points.

Example: (Seaver, '71 season, 1.76 ERA)

Earned runs = $56 \times 3 = 168$ points
Hits = $210 \times 2 = 420$ points
Walks = $61 \times 1 = 61$ points
649 total points

$\frac{649 \text{ total points} \times 9 \text{ endurance factor}}{286 \text{ innings pitched}} = 20.42 \text{ stamina rating}$
+ 5.00 points for ERA
25.42 points (or 25 points)

When playing, as a result, just subtract 1 point for every walk, 2 points for every hit and 3 points for every earned run. When the pitcher's total reaches zero, or below, he must be replaced, or his endurance is up.

This system can also be used for starters and relievers, such as the example listed below and on the next page:

Example: Bill Lee ('73 season, 2.75 ERA)

Earned runs = $87 \times 3 = 261$ points
Hits = $275 \times 2 = 550$ points
Walks = $76 \times 1 = 76$ points
887 total points
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$\frac{887 \text{ total points}}{285 \text{ innings}} = 3.112 \text{ raw stamina rating}$

$3.112 \times 8 \text{ endurance factor [starter]} = 24.896 + 1 \text{ point for ERA}$
 $3.112 \times 4 \text{ endurance factor [relief]} = 12.448 + 1 \text{ point for ERA}$

Lee's final rating is 26 points as a starter and 13 points as a reliever, regarding stamina.

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Wanted

WANTED: S-O-M Baseball teams before 1973 and/or football teams before 1972. State: teams, years and complete price list. Write to: Robert Martino, 6 Farley Dr., Rensselaer, NY 12144

WANTED: Following S-O-M Baseball teams -- 1964 Cardinals, Phillies, White Sox; 1966 Orioles; 1968 Tigers; 1969 Orioles, Cubs; 1974 Dodgers. Football -- playoff teams preceeding 1973. Contact: John Napier, 190 Wildwood, Wheeling, IL 60090

WANTED: Complete sets of S-O-M Baseball (including extras for those years printed). Will pay very good price. Send offers to: Robert Sipper, 306 Brook Hollow, Hanover, NH 03755

WANTED: To buy 1967-1969 complete football sets for \$15 to \$25 each. Write first about condition. Peter Grina, 167 Elm Tree Lane, Elmhurst, IL 60126

WANTED: I would like to buy or trade for 1972 S-O-M National League baseball playing cards. Have 1970 American League cards to trade. Contact: Michael Naddo, 5317 E. Ludlow Dr., Scottsdale, AZ 85254

WANTED: Would prefer to trade for but will buy the following teams. Baseball -- 1964 Phillies, White Sox; 1966 Orioles; 1968 Tigers; 1969 Mets, Twins, Orioles, Cubs, Senators; 1970 Reds. Football -- 1967 Raiders, Rams, Oilers; 1968 Jets, Cowboys. Available for trade or sale are the following: Baseball -- 1971 except playoff teams; 1972, 1973, 1974 complete sets. Football -- 1969 except Chiefs; 1970 Colts, Giants, Bengals; 1971 complete set; 1972 except Steelers, Redskins; 1973 complete set. Please send SASE to: R. DeGrasse, RFD#1, Hampden Hlds., ME 04445

WANTED: 1967 Oakland Raiders and 1967 San Diego Chargers. I'll pay \$10.00 for each team. They must be complete teams. Contact: Mark Woloszyn, 1052 Hudson Ave., Rochester, NY 14621

WANTED: I would like to buy or trade for 1973 S-O-M Baseball playing cards (extras not necessary). Have cash, college football game and pro football game (cards based on 1975) in exchange. Write: Kevin Jacques, 19532 Battersea, Rocky River, OH 44116

WANTED: Getting entire '62 set. Need someone to share cost (\$50). Send list of 10 teams you want to: Mark Guerra, 1125 Bell Ave., Yeadon, PA 19050 (phone: 215-622-0475)

WANTED: 1973 American and National League with extras. Excellent condition only. Hopefully with roster. Will pay \$30.00, or trade 1968 season Football teams. Randy Rogers, Box 266, Farmland, IN 47340

WANTED: Pre-1974 Cub and Cardinal original team sets. In urgent need of '71-73 seasons. Will reply to all SASE. Robin Hager, Box 65, Ashland, IL 62612. Phone: (217) 476-3456

WANTED: 1960-1961-1962-1967-1966 baseball leagues. I can meet your price. Contact: J.R. Cunningham, 106 Carson Drive, Shreveport, LA 71115 (Call collect: 318-668-2830)

WANTED: To buy or trade for the 1961-62 and '64 Orioles. FOR SALE: I have the following teams to sell or trade -- 1965 Senators, Red Sox, White Sox, A's, Angels; 1966 Twins, Red Sox, White Sox, Senators, Tigers, Angels, Yankees, Pirates, Reds, Cubs, Giants, Astros, Phillies, Cards, Dodgers; 1967 American League, Pirates, Cards, Braves, Giants, Cubs, Astros, Phils, Dodgers; 1968 complete set. Send offers to: Scott Brown, 9 Millstone Road, Randallstown, MD 21133

WANTED: Baseball -- 1972 Expos, Mets, Phillies, Pirates, Padres, Giants, Dodgers. Also, pre-1968 baseball. Send offers to: James E. Perkins, Rt. 1, Kendaville Rd., Edmore, MI 48829

For Sale

FOR SALE: To S-O-M Baseball fans. My revised X-Chart eliminates those annoying "select another split card" and features pickoff plays and more realistic "catcher card X" results. Also offering a better "infield in" chart, and "infield halfway" chart, rules for realistic cut-off plays, better hit-and-run chart, plus other changes which unquestionably add to the realism of the game. All for just a \$1.50. Send check or money order to: Andrew Fischer, Rydal East, Apt. 211, Rydal, PA 19046

FOR SALE: 1974-75 S-O-M Basketball game [complete, with scorepad]; mint condition; will sell for \$12

or trade for 1974 baseball cards [with extras]; very good to mint condition. Please notify: John Rustum, 36 Madison Ave., Maplewood, NJ 07040

FOR SALE: 1968 pro football game in excellent condition. Have only played maximum of 15 games. All parts included. Also interested in buying 1968 and/or 1966 baseball teams [sets only]. Will accept bids until end of month. Send SASE to: Paul Cavanagh, 16000 Terrace Rd., Apt. 909, East Cleveland, OH 44112

FOR SALE: 1906 Cubs, '09 Tigers, '19 White Sox, '34 Cards, '35 Cubs, '50 Yanks, '57 Braves. 60¢ each. Set: \$3.30. Highest bids accepted. Jeff Hersh, 1335 Harms Rd., Glenview, IL 60025

FOR SALE: 1962 baseball, complete set, excellent condition. Please send SASE or self-addressed, stamped postcard to be guaranteed a reply. Send bids to: Jim Farnsworth, 86 Coolidge Ave., Spencerport, NY 14559

FOR SALE: Set I - 1962 Yanks, Reds, Giants [originals]; '64 Cards; '65 Twins; '66 Orioles; '67 Red Sox, Cards [originals]; '68 Tigers, Cards; '72 A's, Reds. Set 2 - '63, '67, '68, '73 Mets. Set 3 - 1973 Mets, Expos, Braves, Phillies. Set 4 - 1969 N.L. plus extras. Set 5 - 1970 plus extras. Set 6 - 1971 plus extras. Set 7 - 1972 plus extras. Set 8 - 1973 plus extras. Set 9 - 1974 [no extras]. Set 10 - 1975 [no extras], \$10.00. Set 11 - 1976 [no extras], \$9.00. Set 12 - Original Reviews--Vol. I No. 1 [March, '71], 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12; Vol II 1, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12; Vol. III 1, 2. All merchandise in very good to excellent condition. Each set sold separately. However, bids on more than one set accepted. Bidding ends July 2. Send bids to: Joe Segall, 70-57 153 St., Flushing, NY 11367

FOR SALE: Football cards, 1973, 1974, 1975, complete sets, \$15.00 each. Baseball, 1974 complete game, \$20.00. I pay postage. Contact: Bill Guerra, 6005 West Fern St., Tampa, FL 33614 (813-884-7743)

FOR SALE: Baseball sets based on the following seasons: 1969 [\$32.00], 1971 [\$25.00], 1972 [\$20.00], 1974 [\$15.00]. All sets are mint and contain extra players and rosters. First check will take them. I will pay postage and will return losing checks immediately. I am also selling the following basketball

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sets: 1972-73 (\$18.00), 1973-74 (\$12.00). Bob Ehrhard, 26 Route 9W, Piermont, NY 10968

FOR SALE: To the highest bidder, the following 1972 football teams: Cleveland Browns, Chicago Bears, Oakland Raiders, Buffalo Bills, New England Patriots, Houston Oilers, Kansas City Chiefs, St. Louis Cardinals, San Diego Chargers, Philadelphia Eagles, New Orleans Saints, Green Bay Packers, New York Giants, Baltimore Colts and Cincinnati Bengals. The cards are in mint condition. Used only 2 months. I will sell them separately or all 15 teams as one set. All SASE's will be answered. Reply as soon as possible. Louis Pezzella, 113-Sixth St., Garden City Park, NY 11040

FOR SALE: S-O-M Football teams, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970. Condition good to excellent. I have a price in mind for each team and will sell either to the first person who meets my price or to the highest bidder by the end of the month. Mike Bordelon, 1700 Carl Road, #209, Irving, TX 75061 [phone: 214-438-7274]

League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: P-B-M league to begin late summer. 1975 cards and a straight teams league. There are eight teams in each league: Boston, New York, Oakland, Texas, Cleveland, Kansas City, Detroit and California; and Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, N.Y. Mets, Padres, Montreal, St. Louis, San Francisco and Chicago. Although this does not start until late summer, I need the list of managers. Send teams, preferably top four you want, in order. \$2.00 entry fee. Send resume of yourself. Hurry! Write: Jim Amos, 25 Eisenhower Road, West Peabody, MA 01960

LEAGUE FORMING: The Hot Stove League starts its second year of play on July 1, and we are expanding this year. The HSL is a draft replay of the Old-Timer teams from the years 1905-1961. For added excitement in this second draft, we are adding 20 of the Hall of Fame players. A card set of your choice is given

if you should win the World Series, but we offer lots of extras. This year, for example, prizes are being awarded for individual leaders in the way of engraved money belts and key chain knives. The best part of all is that it costs a mere \$10.00. The HSL is divided into 2 divisions--American and National. You draft only the players from your league, but inter-league trading is allowed. You are allowed to freeze 14 of your 24 men before each draft. For the first time we are expanding to a 154-game schedule that is not fast-paced, and you do not keep your own stats, thus have the time to enjoy playing your games. Our requirements are that you be sincere about helping the league be a success in that you will play out your full schedule. When replying, please give a summary of past league experience (if any), and the reason you want to be a member, and what you think you can contribute to our success. Don't reply if you can't be for sure of finishing the season! Write to: Mike Cummins, Mobile Park Est.#58, Pana, IL 62557

LEAGUE FORMING: I am looking for 8-12 managers to start a new PBM league using 1977 cards. No extras. Will have prizes and awards at the end of season. League is open on a first come, first serve basis. So, mail immediately to: Jerry Liguori, 14 Harp Lane, Sayville, NY 11782. Include SASE. Experience would be liked, but not needed. Entry fee will be decided on later. Probably \$5-10.

LEAGUE FORMING: Baseball. No experience necessary. We will use the new cards with the extra players. We will play the basic game. No entry fee. It will be a PBM draft league. We need four managers plus some backups. Write: Kevin Gertsen, 2960 25th Ave., Marion, IA 52302

LEAGUE FORMING: Wanted, managers for a face-to-face football league, located 5 miles outside of Harrisburg, PA. Would like answers from the following towns and cities: Harrisburg, York, Lancaster, Reading, Lebanon, Camp Hill, Carlisle, Middletown, Hershey, Steelton, Elizabethtown, Chambersburg, or any other surrounding communities. We provide cards, scoresheets, etc. No entry fee, even willing to work something out transportation-wise. Only sincere people need reply. We play on the All-Star basis,

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Oklahoma U. Students Finish 1976 Replay

It was only fitting that a band of Strat-O-Matic Baseball players from Oklahoma University finish a replay of the entire 1976 season "Sooner" than anyone else. Six members of the Oklahoma University S-O-M Association [OUSOMA]--Mick Cornett, David Hines, Tom Caraway, Gary Reece, Kerry Robb and Kenny Shore--have the distinction of reporting first, "We made it!"

While others were visiting far-off places, or exotic lands during spring vacation, the sextet rolled dice and checked cards for results. Even after school resumed they continued to shake, rattle and roll 'em. The result was that one week of school was "skipped" and that sounds of S-O-M dice reverberated in their dorm rooms from 10 each morning until 10 each night.

"After six more days and 21 order-out pizzas and around 10-12 submarine sandwiches which we had finished, we opened the door and the dust had cleared," reports Shore. "The Cincinnati Reds were again world champions. We were proud and exhausted, split deck weary and suffering from fielding chart fatigue, but happy to have had the experience."

RED MACHINE ROLLS ON

Cincinnati, led by National League MVP George Foster (.324, 46 home runs, 127 RBI), outclassed the league, winning a whopping 116 games. The Reds also rolled over Philadelphia in the playoffs, three games to one, and took out the New York Yankees in the World Series, although needing six games to do it. The 116 wins was a record, as was Mickey Rivers' 63-game hitting streak. Remember Joe DiMaggio had a 56-game real-life streak.

Other notable achievements were: Vic Correll hitting for the cycle, going five-for-five and clubbing a home run against Houston; Mark [The Bird] Fidrych winning Cy Young honors and Rivers being selected MVP in the A.L. and John Montefusco taking Young laurels in the N.L.; the Montreal Expos managing, somehow, to lose 118 games; Jerry Koosman of the Mets being given the "Mickey Mantle Injury Award" after being struck by a liner in his first start and being sidelined for eight games, then returning and failing to duck quick enough again and missing eight more; and the "Windmill Award" going to Dave Kingman, also of the Mets, who slashed at the wind 199 times without making contact with the ball.

OUSOMA LINEUP

Each of the members of the league took four teams, guiding each through a 162-game regular-season: Cornett had the S.F. Giants, Chicago Cubs, Boston and Kansas City; Hines (who was chosen Manager of the Year) guided Texas, Baltimore, San Diego and the N.Y. Mets; Caraway, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Milwaukee and the Chicago White Sox; Reece, N.Y. Yankees, California, Atlanta and Pittsburgh; Robb, Houston, Montreal, Minnesota and Detroit; and Shore, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Cleveland and Oakland.

Standings and individual leaders:

American East	Won-Lost	GB	Pct.	American West	Won-Lost	GB	Pct.
New York	101-61	-	.624	Texas	96-66	-	.593
Baltimore	90-72	11	.556	Kansas City	93-69	3	.574
Boston	79-83	22	.488	Oakland	91-71	5	.562
Cleveland	70-92	31	.432	Chicago	83-79	13	.512
Detroit	68-94	33	.420	Minnesota	75-87	21	.463
Milwaukee	59-103	42	.364	California	67-95	29	.414
National East				National West			
Philadelphia	97-65	-	.599	Cincinnati	116-46	-	.716
St. Louis *	83-79	14	.512	San Diego	92-70	24	.568
Pittsburgh	83-79	14	.512	Los Angeles	90-72	26	.556
New York	72-90	25	.444	San Francisco	85-77	31	.525
Chicago	52-110	45	.321	Houston	82-80	34	.506
Montreal	44-118	53	.272	Atlanta	76-86	40	.469

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* St. Louis was awarded second place because it defeated Pittsburgh in 10 of 18 games. Also, New York defeated Texas, 3-1, for A.L. championship.

A.L. Batting			Home Runs			RBI		
Rivers (NY)	.351		Jackson (BAL)	35		Jackson (BAL)	115	
Carew (MIN)	.340		Nettles (NY)	32		Munson (NY)	108	
Bostock (MIN)	.323		Rice (BOS)	28		Lynn (BOS)	105	
Belanger (BAL)	.318		Bando (OAK)	22		Chambliss (NY)	100	
Lynn (BOS)	.318		Munson (NY)	21		Rivers (NY)	97	
N.L.								
Rose (CIN)	.354		Foster (CIN)	46		Foster (CIN)	127	
Madlock (CHI)	.348		Kingman (NY)	40		Schmidt (PHI)	116	
Griffey (CIN)	.344		Schmidt (PHI)	37		Morgan (CIN)	109	
Foster (CIN)	.324		Luzinski (PHI)	35		Kingman (NY)	108	
Morgan (CIN)	.321		Monday (CHI)	34		Luzinski (PHI)	98	
A.L. Doubles			Triples			Stolen Bases		
Rivers (NY)	38		Brett (KC)	18		Rivers (NY)	163	
Carew (MIN)	32		Carew (MIN)	15		Leflore (DET)	95	
Munson (NY)	27		Rivers (NY)	13		Carew (MIN)	80	
Brett (KC)	27		Garner (OAK)	12		North (OAK)	70	
N.L.								
Rose (CIN)	45		Parker (PIT)	16		Morgan (CIN)	89	
Foli (MON)	41		Geronimo (CIN)	13		Lopes (LA)	81	
Morgan (CIN)	37		Davis (SD)	12		Cedeno (HOU)	77	
Garvey (LA)	35		Cabell (HOU)	12		Brock (SL)	76	
Johnstone (PHI)	35							
A.L. ERA			Wins			Strikeouts		
Fidrych (DET)	1.94		Fidrych (DET)	27		Ryan (CAL)	284	
Palmer (BAL)	2.00		Palmer (BAL)	25		Blyleven (TEX)	249	
Campbell (MIN)	2.19		Garland (BAL)	24		Tanana (CAL)	241	
Blue (OAK)	2.45		Figueroa (NY)	24		Eckersley (CLE)	214	
Blyleven (TEX)	2.68		Tiant (BOS)	20		Blue (OAK)	196	
N.L.								
Montefusco (SF)	2.14		Montefusco (SF)	26		Seaver (NY)	249	
Jones (SD)	2.38		Zachry (CIN)	25		Candelaria (PIT)	219	
Seaver (NY)	2.61		Jones (SD)	24		Montefusco (SF)	208	
Matlack (NY)	2.84		Seaver (NY)	24		Carlton (PHI)	198	
Barr (SF)	3.02		Matlack (NY)	23		Richard (HOU)	193	

Questions & Answers

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

QUESTION: What is a suggested throwing rating for a player forced to play the outfield because of injuries?

ANSWER: S-O-M suggests a rating of +2. The Review, however, suggests a rating equal to the highest given in the set of cards you are playing. A +2, in many sets, is not the poorest rating.

QUESTION: On the X-Chart in baseball, a groundball to second base, fielder 2, split card 13 or 14, results in out-4. The chart says the runner being forced is out, but what is the result if a runner is on second base and not forced?

ANSWER: If ball is hit to second or first, runner moves to third base; if hit to third or shortstop, runners holds at second, according to S-O-M.

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QUESTION: When were additional cards issued in baseball?

ANSWER: The additional cards were first issued in 1968, based on the 1969 season. The 80-player set made it possible to have a 20-player squad for each of the 24 teams, including four expansion clubs--Kansas City, San Diego, Montreal and Seattle. First set of 96 additional cards was issued in 1970 and based on 1969 season.

QUESTION: Regarding the baseball game, elementary version, it states that an AAA stealer is not affected when being held. Is there any difference then if you don't hold them? If there isn't any difference, wouldn't it be better not to hold, thereby eliminating the risk of a "++" single?

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

QUESTION: I would like some suggestions on how to remedy a problem faced during my 1973-74 New York Knick replay. In a passing situation you pick a split card to discover who is throwing and receiving the pass. However, when a split card reading of "Opponent forced Defensive Turnover Rating," you refer to the defensive team's Forced Defensive Turnover Rating section of its play selector card. Now, here's the problem: It seems ironic that a team such as the '73-74 Knicks should only force a turnover on a 1-2, while Atlanta, '73-74, forces a turnover on a 1-5 in this situation. The Knicks rated first on defense that season (98.5 points per game), while the Hawks allowed 110. Is this correct?

ANSWER: Yes. There is no real correlation between points allowed and defense as the more deliberate offensive teams take fewer shots, score less points, and give up less points.

QUESTION: I noticed in your March issue the 1962 "Pitching Card" of Chuck Essegian. I have the 1972 Dodgers, but no Chuck Essegian. How did this happen? Were there two different versions of the '62 Dodgers?

ANSWER: Chuck Essegian was with the Cleveland Indians in 1962. His card does not have the team name on it, however. You may have thought he played for the Dodgers because the other card with Essegian's belonged to Sandy Koufax of the '62 Dodgers.

QUESTION: Is there an error on Bob Montgomery's 1976 baseball card? According to his batting record on the front of his card, he hit one triple for the Boston Red Sox. Yet, on his advanced side, he has a chance to hit a triple against both left-handed and right-handed pitchers. Obviously, he couldn't have hit a triple against both. Would you please explain this?

ANSWER: S-O-M says the card is correct. In the case of batters (or pitchers) with few at-bats (or innings), hits are on a percentage basis--thus the triple chance against both types of pitching.

QUESTION: When going for a two-point conversion in the college football game, do you look in the blind draw section or in the regular play section?

ANSWER: Refer to the regular play section for the result. Remember, the two top split deck cards, the first for offense, second for defense, are drawn to find the result.

Readers Roll 'Em

A LOOK AT RATINGS

Many readers usually argue that a fielding rating isn't high enough, but I have turned it around. The new baseball cards have these surprising changes from last year: Johnny Bench [-3] throwing from [-4] and Dan Oriesen (1B-3) from (1B-2). I agree with these changes, but does the team as a whole figure into ratings like football.

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Editor's note: Yes, the team as a whole does figure into fielding ratings, but not anywhere near the degree as the team does in football.

ONE DIE AT A TIME

I have introduced several friends to S-O-M, two being actively involved in leagues today. One of the first things I noticed about beginners (I'm 14, and I'm calling people beginners?) is that all three dice are rolled simultaneously.

I roll the white die first for the player's column. I have absolutely no idea what per cent (if any) of S-O-M gamers roll all three die simultaneously, but for you who do, listen up.

As far as I'm concerned, you're missing out on too much excitement. I throw my worst fits when I miss a column with just one or two outs. If you've ever missed a column with three dice, it's maddening. But, when 1976 Steve Garvey's one column is staring you in the face and you miss it, it will break your heart.

I have found myself rolling the dice "harder" if a 10, 11 or 12 is needed, and "softer" if a 2, 3 or 4 is needed. Stupid, isn't it? But, that's the way I do it.

So, for all you simultaneous rollers, try it my way. You'll love it--or hate it.

Todd Sharek
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Editor's note: We weren't aware that there were gamers who rolled dice one at a time. There are many, however, who have the defense roll the dice whenever a split number is needed off the X-Chart (of course, you have to be using a dice method in lieu of the split deck).

FAIR OR FOUL?

Wouldn't it be a good idea to add this to S-O-M cards? The dice roll is a 2-7 on Mike Schmidt's 1975 card. The reading is as follows:

1-16 Home Run; 17-20 Foul Ball

I think this concept would give Strat-O-Matic an additional touch of realism. What do you think?

Ira Wolins
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Editor's note: We think it would, as the game is presently designed, alter the statistical accuracy--perhaps not much, but some. Remember, after you've purchased the game, you can alter it as you desire. Try it and see what effect, if any, such a change would have on home run totals over a full season.

'OH' SHOULD BE LISTED

It was essential that Strat-O-Matic print all the positions which a player played on his card. This was not only essential for the game to be a success, but for realistic play. In order to stress realistic play, positions should be listed in order how much a player was used at that position.

In the past, S-O-M put players who were used as pinch-hitters for a majority of their at-bats were listed as pinch-hitter (Tony Taylor, 1975, and Manny Mota, 1976).

My point is that the OH, as used in the American League, is just as important a position and should be listed on the card. Gamers trying to play games as realistically as possible should know who was the OH most of the time.

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Editor's note: Perhaps S-O-M will take the cue from your letter and list OH on next year's cards. It shouldn't be that difficult to include.

MORE ON TWO-CARD THEORY

You [The Review] posed a very valid question at the end of the letter printed in the April, 1977, issue. Of course, you're quite correct that draft leagues are the current rage in S-O-M. I'm presently involved in a face-to-face, eight-manager league now. It too is a draft set-up.

However I do continue to replay seasons at the same time; it definitely brings out the accuracy of S-O-M Baseball and provides a different type of challenge.

Anyway, there are a couple of ways to handle the two (or more) card players in a draft league. One method, the most logical from a realistic point of view, would be to use the one card for its allotted part of the season, and the other for the remainder.

For example: Jim Bibby, '75. He had a 5.00 ERA with Texas, 68 innings, and 12 starts. Use him for 68 innings with Texas. Then switch him to Cleveland (3.20 ERA in 112 innings, 24 games) and use his second card there. In drafting, if you wanted Bibby badly enough, it would mean suffering through his 5.00 ERA in order to have him for his 3.20 ERA.

Then again, and it's unlikely, but S-O-M could still print a third, composite card, for Bibby. That's, in effect, what S-O-M is doing now.

Another example: Gary Maddox, '75, was hitting a dismal .135 in 52 at-bats for San Francisco. He was traded to the Phillies and proceeded to rap out a .291 average in 374 at-bats. If you drafted Maddox, you would suffer through that .135 for about 15 games.

The possibilities are there to work with and it really can't be as difficult to arrange as sometimes made out to be.

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Editor's note: Although it would be more realistic to have a card for each team a player was with, the cost of the set of cards would

would be increased, corresponding to the number of additional cards needed. S-O-M, through its basic 20-player teams, and 96 additional, has tried to keep the cost at a minimal level and yet the rosters representative. Cost and confusion over rosters make the two-card theory a long-range idea, at best, at S-O-M.

RECORDS REMAIN INACCURATE

On page 16 of the Feb., 1977 issue, my views (on the balancing out of won-lost records in a league replay printed in the Nov., 1976 Review) were cited.

However, the problem continues:

Example No. 1 -- War Between the States League (p. 22, March, 1977). Five teams, total record: 363 wins, 427 losses. Discrepancy of 44 games.

Example No. 2 -- Solitaire Baseball Replay by Richard Rzusa (p. 22, March, 1977). Twelve teams, total record: 515 wins, 517 losses. The discrepancy of two games lies somewhere in the West Division.

Example No. 3 -- Great Lakes League (p. 10, April, 1977). Twelve teams, total record: 908 wins, 903 losses. Discrepancy of five games.

Example No. 4 -- J.A. Baseball Replay by Jim Amos (p. 22, April, 1977). Twelve teams, total record: 533 wins, 535 losses. The discrepancy of two games lies somewhere in the American Division.

Example No. 5 -- GKSM (p. 11, Feb. 1977--the issue in which my views were cited). Eight teams, total record: 617 wins, 615 losses. Discrepancy of two games. Since only one game separates Cliff, Joel and Jim in the standings, draft choices may have been affected.

Example No. 6 -- Greater Peabody Oldies League (p. 21, Dec., 1976). Eight teams, total record: 400 wins, 390 losses. Discrepancy of 10 games appears to be related to record of San Francisco.

Example No. 7 -- Father-Son basketball league by Willis and Terry Ringen. Eighteen teams, total record: 154 wins, 152 losses. Discrepancy of two.

In four of the seven cases, the discrepancy of two indicates (probably) simple mathematical carelessness. But I wonder about the other three.

Hopefully, this problem will be eliminated in the future.

By the way, I'm the manager of the Indiana Blue Sox in Scott Miller's Inter-Queens Baseball Association (Queens, NY),
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which started its third season recently. It's a head-to-head league that includes 20 managers.

Steve Beren
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Editor's note: Example No. 5 can be cleared up by citing that Review co-editor Del Newell's record should have been 78-76, rather than 79-75. Final league standings had the latter, but final team stats (including records of pitchers) had former. GKSM final standings had, unfortunately, already been mimeographed off. The error, although corrected on some copies (penciled in), was not on that used for the Review story.

Now, how about those others?

AND IN THIS CORNER...

Baseball, like most sports, is a very tense and competitive game. It is no small wonder that fisticuffs occasionally occur. It makes me wonder what S-O-M would be like if such action could be incorporated into the game.

How about these great matchups? Rose vs. Harrelson; Greif vs. Ferguson; North vs. Jackson; LaGrow vs. Campaneris; Red Sox vs. Yankees, etc.

It may be too much to ask of S-O-M, but it probably has a much of a chance of being adopted as other ideas I've heard in the past.

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using cards from the 1967 season to the new cards that just came out. Season starts Sept., 1977. We are currently a five-member league. Write or call: Terry Neiss, 5801 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112 (phone: 1-717-652-4844)

LEAGUE FORMING: The Inter-Queens Strat-O-Matic Baseball Association has just completed its second full season. Our second league has just finished its first full season. We are looking for competent managers to take 1976 teams. We hereby challenge all S-O-M players 16 and up to join our league. We meet near Queens College every other Friday between 6 and 10 p.m. Write: Scott Miller, 144-48 26th Avenue, Flushing, NY 11354, or call (212) 886-1461. Include age and return phone number.

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Oakland Ahead Of Schedule

Edges L.A. Rams For AWA Football Title

The Oakland Raiders made it a year ahead of schedule, at least as far as the popular AWA Football League was concerned. The ten-member league just completed its sixth full season of head-to-head play and Oakland, guided by John Koeplin, emerged the Super Bowl king after taking a hard-fought 12-7 win over the Los Angeles Rams.

As is the custom, the AWA's latest season was marked by a number of thrilling games and exciting races to make the playoffs. In fact, the league was so competitive that, going into the final week, 14 teams were still in playoff contention.

A little background on the AWA is necessary before proceeding into the gridiron wars. The league is made up of young men [football fanatics] in their 20s; most having been with the AWA since its inception. Mike Applegate, San Jose, CA, got the ball rolling for the league and is now the self-proclaimed "commissioner, chief statistician, popcorn maker, housekeeper and general slave." The actual teams are used for the replay, with each coach having either two or three teams. A 15-game regular season schedule is played, plus playoffs. And teams are retained from year-to-year.

Jeff Applegate, Mike's brother, for instance, returned from the navy after a three-year stint and immediately picked up the reins of the Cleveland Browns. Before departing for the service, Jeff had promoted sub Mike Phipps to starting status and terrorized the league with a ho-hum Brown team. Jeff didn't lose any of his dice-rollin' touch while away, as he guided the Browns--even worse off than before--to an unbelievable 11-4 record and a spot in the playoffs.

Since the Los Angeles Rams and Minnesota Vikings were also in the same division, someone had to miss out. It was Earl Yagi's Vikings, 10-5, who wound up third, despite the presence of Fran Tarkenton, who completed an amazing 313 of 483 passes for 64.8 per cent, accounted for 3,550 yards and fired 26 touchdown tosses.

The passing games were on-target all over the league [Bert Jones of the Colts fired 30 TD passes!], while overland O.J. Simpson led a march of nine 1,000-yard-plus runners with 1,345 yards for a 4.5 average in 301 carries.

Division races, as mentioned, were extremely tight. For instance, Dallas, Miami, Minnesota and Pittsburgh [real-life Super Bowl champ] all failed to make it to post-season play.

OILERS 'SKIP' TO TITLE

Houston won the Snodgrass Division, despite stumbling at the start. Thanks to an unyielding defense and the accurate toe of Skip Butler, the Oilers shook off a determined Green Bay team to slip into the playoffs. Billy Johnson was a disappointment for Houston, however, returning only one kick for a TD.

Steve Udom almost personally helped Green Bay finish 9-6, returning five kickoffs for scores. Miami had the league's best defense, but lost a number of close games and wound up 7-8. San Diego and Kansas City, first and second after seven weeks of action, both lost their last eight games.

'UNLUCKIEST ROLLER'

Steve Barrett calls himself the "unluckiest dice-roller who ever played." And not without justification. After guiding Dallas to an 8-2 record, Barrett watched the Cowboys upset by Detroit, Philadelphia (26-21) and Cleveland (37-13), and then get nipped by Washington, 9-7, on Mark Moseley's last-second 36-yard field goal.

Washington, 10-5, as a result slipped ahead of the Cowpokes, who dropped to second at 9-6--and dropped out of playoff sight.

RAMS WIN BLACK 'N BLUE

Los Angeles crushed the Jets in its opener, 51-10, and kept on rolling over the opposition. Mike Simmonds' club reeled off 13 wins and was easily the

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class of the Black 'N Blue Division. Cleveland lifted eyebrows by blasting Buffalo in its opener, 43-17, and continued to impress by tripping Minnesota [16-14], Baltimore [19-14] and Dallas along the way--all that despite Greg Pruitt [867 yards, 4.1 average] having a sub-par season.

Minnesota, despite the No. 2 offense and defense in the league, finished a dismal third. Tarkenton was terrific, but Chuck Foreman faltered frequently. The Vikes closed with a rush--almost--trouncing Buffalo [52-14], and St. Louis [23-9], before bowing to L.A. in the finale, 10-7.

JONES RIFLES 30 TD PASSES

Bert Jones' passing [202 of 379 for 2,748 yards, 30 TDs] sparked Baltimore to a 13-2 record and Granada Division honors. Cincinnati took second, thanks to a 24-20 win over Baltimore in the last game, highlighted by Ken Anderson's three fourth-down pass completions on a TD drive in the waning minutes.

OAKLAND JUST MAKES IT

Oakland edged out San Francisco for the No. 1 spot in the Mongo Division. Both were 9-5-1, but Oakland, after losing 24-23 to the 49ers, won the rematch, 7-3. San Francisco won seven of its first eight games and could have captured the division by defeating New England in the finale. Instead the scrappy Pats battled the 49ers through five periods to a 20-20 tie.

Ken Stabler was less than sensational [10 TD passes, 28 interceptions], but Oakland still had enough firepower to win the division. Buffalo, meanwhile, had a shot at first-place laurels, but an injury to Simpson and an ensuing losing streak [the Bills were butchered by Minnesota, 52-14, and beaten by the 49ers, 23-17] finished it off.

ST. LOUIS EDGES STEELERS

St. Louis, surviving an early-season case of the bobbles by Terry Metcalf and a 28-27 loss to Pittsburgh, won the Apple Division. The Cards had the No. 1 offense, featuring Jim Hart [3,197 yards, 20 TDs] and receiver Mel Gray [54 catches, 23-yard average, 11 TDs].

Since both the Cards and Steelers ended 9-6, sole possession of first place would go to the victor in their second meeting, the last game of the season. It turned out to be St. Louis' greatest day as Metcalf galloped to a touchdown with the opening kickoff and the Cards dealt Pittsburgh a crushing 52-21 defeat.

Pittsburgh wasn't 100 per cent offensively most of the season, as Franco Harris missed four games with injuries and Terry Bradshaw killed numerous drives with his 24 errant throws.

PLAYOFFS WON BY RAIDERS, RAMS

Cleveland 24, Washington 23 - Phipps connected with Steve Holden on a 47-yard TD strike with 1:15 left to pull out the win. Phipps was 22 of 36 for 276 yards passing.

Los Angeles 35, Houston 10 - Surprisingly the Oilers led 10-7 at halftime. Lawrence McCutcheon scampered to four touchdowns, Harold Jackson caught 11 passes and James Harris was 23 for 30 for 287 yards and three scores for L.A.

Los Angeles 34, Cleveland 12 - It was no contest in Coliseum Conference championship game as Rams outgained Browns, 422 to 162. McCutcheon had 104 yards in 22 trips; Harris passed for 279 yards and three TDs.

St. Louis 27, Baltimore 21 - Hart threw three incomplete passes, then next three went for scores--six, and 51 and 68 yards to Gray. Still, St. Louis had to win game in overtime, with 14-yard pass to Gray deciding matters with 8:45 left. Lydell Mitchell's injury severely hampered Colts. Jones was 18 of 33 for 231 yards, two TDs, and also rushed for 95 yards.

Oakland 33, Cincinnati 21 - Clarence Davis [19-130] and Pete Banaszak [24-102] keyed 287-yard Raider ground assault that overwhelmed Bengals. George Blanda booted four field goals. Anderson fired three TD passes for losers.

Oakland 37, St. Louis 13 -- Raiders stunned Cards by seizing 21-0 lead

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in opening four minutes--off Stabler-to-Siani 36-yard pass, blocked punt and 56-yard interception return by George Atkinson.

OAKLAND WINS SUPER BOWL

Both Oakland and Los Angeles had reached Super Bowl in last two replays, Raiders bowing to Minnesota, 27-17, in Super Bowl V, and Rams to Cincinnati the year before that, 30-20. This time Oakland combined running of Mark Van Eeghen (121 yards in 22 carries) with a defense that picked off four of Harris' passes to spill the Rams, 12-7.

Oakland scored on a 39-yard Blanda field goal, Van Eeghen's three-yard plunge in the third period and when Otis Sistrunk spilled Harris for a safety in the fourth. Van Eeghen swept to 93 of his yards in the second half alone, a performance that won him MVP laurels.

Standings and leaders:

COLISEUM CONFERENCE

Snodgrass Division			Duck Division		
	Won	Lost-Tied		Won	Lost-T
Houston (Dave Jackson)	9	6 0	Washington (Daryll Alt)	10	5 0
Green Bay (Earl Yagi)	9	6 0	Dallas (Steve Barrett)	9	6 0
Miami (Neil Christie)	7	8 0	Detroit (Ken Morse)	7	8 0
San Diego (Ken Morse)	4	11 0	Philly (Neil Christie)	6	9 0
Kansas City (Mike Applegate)	3	11 1			

Black 'N Blue Division		
	Won	Lost-T
Los Angeles (Mike Simonds)	13	2 0
Cleveland (Jeff Applegate)	11	4 0
Minnesota (Earl Yagi)	10	5 0
New Orleans (John Koeplin)	2	12 1

CITADEL CONFERENCE

GRANADA DIVISION		
	Won	Lost-T
Baltimore (Earl Yagi)	13	2 0
Cincinnati (Neil Christie)	10	5 0
Atlanta (Daryll Alt)	6	8 1
N.Y. Jets (Jeff Applegate)	1	14 0

Mongo Division		
	Won	Lost-T
Oakland (John Koeplin)	9	5 1
San Francisco (Mike Applegate)	9	5 1
Buffalo (Steve Barrett)	9	6 0
New England (Mike Simonds)	4	10 1

Apple Division		
	Won	Lost-T
St. Louis (Jeff Applegate)	9	6 0
Pittsburgh (Ken Morse)	9	6 0
Denver (Steve Barrett)	5	10 0
NY Giants (Mike Applegate)	5	10 0
Chicago (Dave Jackson)	4	11 0

Rushing			Receiving		
	Att-Yds.	Avg.		No.	Yds.
Simpson (BUF)	301-1345	4.5	Foreman (MIN)	78	728
Morris (MIA)	263-1264	4.8	McGeorge (GB)	74	916
McCutcheon (LA)	265-1168	4.4	Young (PHI)	73	685
Payton (CHI)	274-1138	4.2	Caster (NYJ)	64	1046
Otis (SL)	261-1101	4.2	Curran (SD)	64	616
Harris (PIT)	215-1070	5.0	Sanders (DET)	60	538

Passing			TD-Int.		
	Att-Comp	Pct.	Yds	TD	Int.
Dawson (KC)	228-151	66.2	1562	14	4
Tarkenton (MIN)	483-313	64.8	3550	26	16
Jones (BAL)	379-202	53.3	2748	30	12
Spurrier (SF)	171-96	56.1	1257	9	6
Morton (NYG)	430-229	53.3	3148	20	13
Staubach (DAL)	395-224	56.7	2895	21	19

Scoring - Cockcroft (CLE) 122
MVP - Bert Jones
Rookie of Year - Walter Payton
Coach of Year - Jeff Applegate
(Cleveland)
Coaches Cup - Earl Yagi
(32-13, .711%)

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Michigan Emerges As No. 1

Michigan, which has suffered defeat in its final game of the season for longer than all Maize and Blue loyalists would ever dare admit, got revenge of sorts not long ago. It took Strat-O-Matic's College Football game and Rich Viorad's dice-rolling to do it, but Michigan finally ended a season on a winning note.

The occasion was a six-game regular season schedule for all the college grid games, topped off by a playoff. Michigan, it turned out, went 5-1 during the regular season, then clipped Penn State (32-14) and Nebraska (34-15) in the playoffs, setting the stage for a rematch with Oklahoma, the team that it lost to in real-life in the Orange Bowl, 14-6.

This time it was the U-M defense--forcing three lost fumbles and four pass interceptions--that turned the tide and provided for a 24-14 victory. The Sooners got on the scoreboard the quickest, picking off an errant U-M pass in the first quarter and dashing 82 yards for a touchdown. Michigan bounced back, however, and, after a 7-7 halftime stalemate, took advantage of the Sooner miscues.

U-M wound up with 266 yards rushing, compared to Oklahoma's 207, while through the air the Wolverines had a slim 43-20 advantage and totaled 309 yards compared to 227.

Oklahoma, 4-2 during the regular season, reached the playoff final by whacking Mississippi (23-14) and crushing previously unbeaten Arkansas (37-0). Texas ASM fell by a 24-6 count to the Sooners, too.

Here are the regular season records for all the college teams and the playoff scores:

RECORDS

Arkansas 6-0	Oklahoma 4-2	Georgia 3-2-1	Florida 1-5
Michigan 5-1	Pittsburgh 4-2	Arizona St. 2-3-1	Michigan St. 1-5
Texas ASM 4-1-1	Penn St. 4-2	Illinois 2-3-1	Notre Dame 1-5
Ohio St. 4-1-1	Mississippi 4-2	Texas 2-4	UCLA 0-4-2
Nebraska 4-1-1	Alabama 3-2-1	Colorado 1-4-1	California 0-6

PLAYOFF RESULTS

Texas ASM 37, Arizona St. 10	Oklahoma 23, Mississippi 14
Alabama 23, Pittsburgh 3	Penn St. 28, Georgia 19
Texas ASM 35, Ohio St. 21	Oklahoma 37, Arkansas 0
Nebraska 20, Alabama 14	Michigan 32, Penn St. 14
Oklahoma 24, Texas ASM 8	Michigan 34, Nebraska 14

Revised Football Penalty Chart

Hold onto that flag! Penalty flag, that is.

It turns out all is not well with Richard Noonan's penalty system that appeared in the March, 1977 issue of the Review. The listings for 1975 were okay, but some miscalculations were made for the penalty odds for 1974. "The alert inquiries of Kevin Cummings (Moorhead, MN) detected errors in my system," admitted Noonan. "The error had overestimated the frequency of penalties."

Noonan's penalty system still remains, in our opinion, a good one, as it incorporates the ingredient missing in most proposed penalty methods--basing penalties on real-life frequency, rather than just on the luck of the dice.

"I apologize for the inconvenience of my error and hope it has not caused too many called-back TDs," adds Noonan. Informed of his miscues, Noonan once again pored over the total plays and frequency of penalties for the 1974 season and came up with these corrected team penalty odds. The penalty odds are found on the next page. For an explanation of Noonan's system and the penalty chart, refer to pages 16-18 of the March, '77 Review.

PENALTY ODDS 1974 NFL SEASON

Washington	M	2-7, 10	Miami	O	2-7, 12
Dallas	K	2-8, 12	N.Y. Jets	M	2-7, 10
N.Y. Giants	Q	2-6, 8	New England	K	2-8
Philadelphia	N	2-7, 11	Baltimore	Q	2-6, 8
St. Louis	N	2-7, 11	Buffalo	K	2-8
Chicago	J	2-8, 12	Cincinnati	L	2-7, 9
Detroit	J	2-8, 12	Pittsburgh	G	2-9
Minnesota	T	2-6, 11	Houston	I	2-8, 11
Green Bay	T	2-6, 11	Cleveland	M	2-7, 10
Los Angeles	S	2-6, 10	Oakland	I	2-8, 11
San Francisco	Q	2-6, 8	San Diego	I	2-8, 11
New Orleans	N	2-7, 11	Denver	N	2-7, 11
Atlanta	L	2-7, 9	Kansas City	P	2-7

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1975 - All teams available. Cost: \$11.00 set, \$1.25 for 2 teams, 75¢ each.

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1975 - All teams available. Cost: \$10.00 set, \$1.25 for two, 65¢ each. Extra players - \$2.70 for set.

BASKETBALL

1974-75 - Complete set. Cost: \$7.00.

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beginning the next day. Flyers (included with S-O-M's June mailing) will soon be out to further update you on the convention happenings.

Dale Barnes is handling all correspondence relating to the convention. He can be reached at 509 Davis St., Park Forest, IL 60466. If planning on attending, enclose a \$3.00 entry fee and choice of tournaments (one per day) you wish to participate in. Send Barnes an SASE and he will send back an entry card and times of the tournaments. Additional details (a map of the campus), routes to the campus, recreational activities, etc., will also be provided by Barnes.

Early arrivals can hit Conventiontown on Tuesday, July 26. Tourney officials will be there beginning Wednesday. So, if you already haven't set those dates aside, plan on doing so and joining in the summer S-O-M fun frolic.

GKSML Hangs Head After Loss To 'Valley'

It was strictly no contest!

That was what happened when manager Frank Dolansky's Cincinnati Reds, representing the Merrimac Valley Strat-O-Matic League (Merrimac, MA), tangled with the 1976 GKSML (Greater-Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League) kingpin in a best-of-seven-game playoff.

The lads from Merrimac made merry--at the expense of Al Brinkert's A.L. champions. It took only five games to decide the issue as Dolansky combined solid hitting with a 1.15 team earned run average to smother Brinkert's troops.

Dolansky actually played the games, after being sent detailed lineup and instruction sheets from Review co-editor Warren Newell. Brinkert, who won the A.L. title last year and then defeated a N.L. rival in the World Series, rode off into the sunset after last season's success.

Dolansky had plenty of advantages beside one of the "home field." Joe Morgan, Lou Brock, Willie Montanez, Bobby Murcer, Mike Schmidt, Andy Messersmith, Don Sutton, Phil Niekro and Skip Lockwood were certainly other notable 'advantages.'

It should also be noted, although it is not intended as an alibi, that Al's GKSML team came out of a 10-team league--hence the talent was diluted--while the MVSL king emerged from a four-team N.L. setup.

On to the action...

Game one set the mood for what was to follow throughout the abbreviated series as Andy Messersmith of the MVSL stymied the GKSML on only three hits in a 3-0 shutout. Morgan banged out two hits in four trips and scored twice for the winners.

Don Sutton duplicated Messersmith's feat in the second game, firing a four-hitter in a 4-0 triumph. Montanez knocked in two runs while Sutton didn't permit a GKSML runner to reach second base.

The third game broke with tradition as the MVSL prevailed in a wild, 12-inning thriller, 6-4. Both teams used eight pitchers and a total of 44 players got into the contest. Four hits in the 12th won it, but not until Steve Braun had collected three

hits, including a home run and a clutch single in the ninth that tied the game. Bert Campaneris' shoddy fielding hurt the GKSML cause as he booted two resulting in four runs.

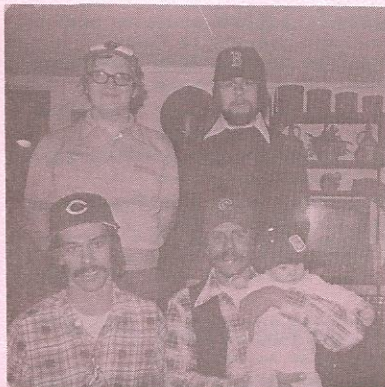
The GKSML kept its faint hopes alive in game four when Jim Palmer and Rollie Fingers combined to outduel Messersmith, 2-1. A two-run homer in the second inning by Elrod Hendricks was the decisive blow.

Jose Cardenal finished off the GKSML in game No. 5, singling in the winning run in the eighth inning after a two-out error by Campaneris set a rally in motion. Sutton went eight innings, gave up but two hits, and won his second game--as well as MVP honors.

Brock was the top hitter as MVSL stroked the ball at a .270 clip (to only .139 for the GKSML), producing a .417 average. Montanez hit at a .400 clip and Cardenal .300. Sutton, meanwhile, gave up only one earned run in 17 innings, Messersmith two in an equal number of innings and Brent Strom saved a pair of games.

Brightest spot for the GKSML was the play of Buddy Bell, who compiled .375 average--the only one over .300--with six hits in 16 at-bats.

(Line scores are found on back page)



MERRIMAC VALLEY LINEUP

Front, from left: Frank Dolansky, George Dolansky, Joey Dolansky (age: six months); back: Bob Ryan, Dan Hoyt.

S-O-M Baseball Trivia Corner

Robert Henry has successfully made his way back home to Detroit, after attending school in New York the past nine months. So, his base of operation for researching and answering those Strat-O-Matic Baseball trivia questions is once again 15919 Ferguson St., Detroit, MI 48227.

Remember, though, if you're seeking a personal reply to a question submitted to Henry, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Turning quickly to the answers, here they are for the questions raised in the May, 1977 issue of the Review:

QUESTION: Which batter holds the record for most consecutive cards without any strikeouts?

ANSWER: As a result of the newest set of cards, Tommy Helms established the record with his 11th strikeout-free card (1966-76), breaking the record of 10 which he shared with Glenn Beckert (1965-74) and Jay Alou (1965-74). Helms has never received a strikeout on any card, and Beckert never did. Alou received two strikeouts on his 1964 card. Close behind Helms among current players is Felix Millan who has 10 consecutive strikeout-free cards (1967-76) and also never received a strikeout,

QUESTION: Which modern hitter holds the record for most total bases via hits on his card (i.e., one base for a single, two for a double, etc.)?

ANSWER: 1968 Gates Brown leads the way with 93.9 total bases (10 HRs, 3.3 triples, 10.7 doubles and 22.6 singles), followed closely by 1971 Hank Aaron with 91.8 total bases (16.2 HRs, .5 triples, 4.4 doubles and 16.7 singles). They are the only modern players to equal or exceed 90 total bases.

QUESTION: Which modern teams have had two regular starting pitchers with 40 or more strikeout chances each?

ANSWER: Only the 1965 Cleveland Indians with Sam McDowell (46 strikeout chances) and Sonny Siebert (40 Ks) fall into the category. But the 1968 Indians came extremely close with Luis Tiant (41 Ks) and McDowell (39 Ks).

QUESTION: Mickey Stanley (1976) is rated 2 or better at four positions (LF-1, RF-2, CF-2 and 1B-2). Can any other modern player make that claim? Also, what is the record for which a player is rated 1 at most positions on a single card (question submitted by Ken Schmidt)?

ANSWER: The only modern player rated 2 or better at four positions who comes immediately to mind is 1964 Ruben Amaro (SS-1, 2 at the other three infield positions). Record for most positions for which a player is rated 1 on a single card is three--all three outfield positions. Modern players to receive the 1 rating at all three positions, on one card, are 1962 Mickey Mantle, 1962 Bill Tuttle, 1962 Jim Landis, 1963 Willie Mays, 1963 Vada Pinson, 1973, 1974 and 1976 Rick Miller, and 1976 Dave Winfield. No player has been rated 1 at more than one infield position or at a combination of infield and outfield positions. Nor has any 1 catcher been rated 1 elsewhere.

QUESTION: Which modern teams have had two or more players, each with 12 or more home run chances (based on 108 card chances) on their cards?

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ANSWER: 1961 American League All-Stars--Jim Gentile (14.4) and Harmon Killebrew (12.6), 1961 New York Yankees--Roger Maris (16.6) and Mickey Mantle (15.15), 1962 San Francisco Giants--Willie McCovey (13.75) and Willie Mays (12.6), 1964 Minnesota Twins--Don Mincher (13) and Harmon Killebrew (12.6) and 1973 Atlanta Braves--Hank Aaron (16.5) and Dave Johnson (12.15).

QUESTION: Which modern pitcher worked the most innings without receiving any strikeouts on his card?

ANSWER: 1960 Lew Burdette held one of the longest standing records in S-O-M with no strikeouts on his card for 276 innings pitched. But, more recently, 1975 Carl Morton worked 278 innings without any strikeouts.

Next Month's Trivia Quiz

QUESTION: What are the records for most triples and for most doubles on a modern batter's card?

QUESTION: When was the first additional player set issued (submitted by Dave Scheer)?

QUESTION: How many pitchers received cards with ten or more home run (chances) during the 1960s?

QUESTION: Only one player has demonstrated sufficient baserunning ability and power during a season to rate stealing AA, running 1-17, and also to receive a Flyball A. Who is he?

QUESTION: Has any player been rated stealing-E one season and stealing-A the next?

QUESTION: What is the record for most 1-rated players on a modern team? Count players rated 1 at more than one position as only one for purposes of this question.

QUESTION: Some time ago, one answer identified 1966 Sam McDowell as the last pitcher to receive a triple split. Which other pitchers have received a triple split?

QUESTION: Has any player received the result "Groundball B++" when there was room on Groundball A results?

TRIVIA UPDATE

John Roseboro, a 1-15 swift back in 1963 despite being a catcher, wasn't alone with that type of speed on the bases. Henry says Roseboro's running rating (as listed on page 20 of the May issue of the Review) is correct. But, he adds, 1963 Choo-Choo Coleman also was a 1-15 runner--so Roseboro wasn't alone. Henry also notes that Cesar Tovar, 1968, was a 1-16 running, but he was a catcher for only one inning. Surprisingly, Tovar was rated a "3" catcher.

Baseball Playing Tip

Mikeel Kashket sends along a baseball playing tip regarding whether a player should be able to steal or not, when playing S-O-M solitaire.

Use the following chart:

	Rating	He Does	He Stays
(ROLL ONE DIE)	AAA	1-2	6-8
	AA	1-3	4-6
	A	1-4	5-6
(ROLL ANOTHER DIE--IF EVEN,	B	1-5	6
CATCHER HOLDS RUNNER; IF	C	Anytime	--
ODD, HE DOESN'T HOLD]	D-E		

S-O-M League, Replay Scene...

WORLD BASEBALL LEAGUE (WBL) -- Founded by Mike Hudak, 12-year veteran of S-O-M Baseball wars, and dominated by Doug Hudak, winner of five of the last six championships spanning all three sports...Commissioner Rock Russell supplied report of league's fifth face-to-face baseball season...Two-division, ten-team setup that played 162-game season...Canton, OH, is home base for WBL...28 players are drafted in December and open trading is permitted until new cards arrive. Another trade period occurs at mid-season...Doug Hudak, after eliminating rookie mentor Marc Whitman in a playoff, ousted brother Mike in the World Series, 4-3...Mike won the National Division by a game--Rock dropping 30 of his last 40 games and finishing a game out...Rookie manager Dennis George set a new low for most losses--finishing second 103 times. A series of disastrous trades spelled disaster for his Barcelona club.

Final standings, managers and league leaders: (based on 1975 season)

Bizzaro Division		Won-Lost	GB	Batting	
Leningrad (Doug Hudak) *		92-70	-	Madlock (CUBA)	.365
Timbuktu (Marc Whitman)		92-70	-	Joshua (TIM)	.351
Panama (Bill Bunn)		84-78	8	Carew (FREE)	.338
Marakesh (Mike Hudak)		83-79	9	Powell (FREE)	.335
Cuba (Ron Unkefer)		81-81	11	McBride (LEN)	.331
National Division				Home Runs	
Freeport (Mike Hudak)		83-79	-	Luzinski (BAR-TAH)	40
New Haven (Rock Russell)		82-80	1	Bench (CUBA)	37
Golden (Jim Hoy)		81-81	2	Schmidt (MAR)	31
Tahiti (Mark Hudak)		73-89	10	Bonds (TAH)	30
Barcelona (Dennis George)		59-103	24		
ERA		Hits: Cash (GOL) 210		ERA	
Garvey (PAN) 114		Doubles: Rose (PAN) 56		Sutton (LEN) 2.32	
Bench (CUBA) 99		Triples: Parker (PAN) 14		Messersmith (GOL) 2.33	
Luzinski (BAR-TAH) 99		Runs: Morgan (TIM) 105		Forsch (FREE) 2.66	
		Stolen Bases: Morgan 126		Jones (TAH) 2.69	
				Morton (TIM) 2.69	
Wins		Strikeouts		Saves	Home Runs
Sutton (LEN) 25		Seaver (BAR-LEN) 248		Todd (LEN) 23	Rau (PAN) 36
Messersmith (GOL) 24		Tanana (NH) 234		Losses	Win %
Forsch (FREE) 21		Byllevan (NH) 232		Hunter (NH) 20	Forsch (FREE)
Palmer (PAN) 20		Perry (LEN) 204			.677 (21-10)

1973-74 NEW YORK KNICK REPLAY -- Conducted by Richard Reiss, Passaic, NJ, who admits he may be no Red Holzman after guiding his favorite NBA team to a 37-45 record--not as good as in real-life...Defense, or lack of it, was a Knick problem area as they gave up 106.1 points per-game while the offense was producing 105.7...Injuries also cut a swath through the N.Y. lineup, as at times three players were out and only seven available...Walt Frazier averaged 19.9 points, Earl Monroe 19.3, Dave Debusschere 16.6, Bill Bradley 15.8 and Phil Jackson 13.8 to lead the team in scoring...Dean Meminger (226-470) and Phil Jackson (364-811) were the deadliest from the field with 48 and 47 per cent goaling averages, while Bradley netted 85 per cent and Frazier and Monroe 84 of their free throw chances...Most points scored by the Knicks was 137 against Atlanta while fewest allowed was 80 against Detroit.

NORTH EASTERN STRAT-O-MATIC LEAGUE (NESOML) -- A 35-page, hand-printed yearbook tells of the enjoyment experienced by the 12-team, play-by-league league that recently completed its third season...Commissioner Tom Natoli of Parsippany, NJ, hand-picked managers for the league (at least 20 managers had to be turned down because no teams were available)...Manager Mike Bogen's Massachusetts Rifles shot down the rest of the league, winning 119 of 162

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games. Team could hardly help but winning, what with pitching staff of Jim Palmer (30-3, 1.52 ERA, 15 wins in a row and 12 shutouts), Catfish Hunter (28-9, 2.25 ERA) and Frank Tanana (15-14, 228 strikeouts), plus offense built around Reggie Jackson, Johnny Bench, Rod Carew and Bobby Grich...George Amrhein's Pittsburgh Soots, sparked by Hal McRae, Toby Harrah, Gene Tenace, Boog Powell and Al Hrabosky (10 wins, 17 saves, 1.95 ERA), also won a division championship...The Rifles sent the Soots up in smoke, too, winning the World Series by scores of 7-2, 6-2, 7-4, 5-6 and 3-1 (the last in 16 innings). Tanana was the MVP, winning two games and in one striking out 14.

Standings and leaders: (based on 1975 cards)

West	Won-Lost	GB	Batting	
Massachusetts (Mike Bogen)	119-43	-	Orta (ARZ)	.354
Arizona (Rod Maroney)	93-69	16	Brett (NOR)	.345
Quakertown (Tim Shelly)	81-81	38	Gross (NOR)	.332
Lackawana (Dennis Madej)	67-95	52	Lynn (LACK)	.331
Syracuse (Scott Edick)	59-103	60	Simmons (NJ)	.318
West Virginia (Randy Ross)	59-103	60		
East			Home Runs	
Pittsburgh (George Amrhein)	94-68	-	Scott (NOR)	44
Penfield (Pete Ernst)	86-76	8	Bonds (SIM)	41
Norristown (Matt Naulty)	85-77	9	Kingman (SYR)	39
Simmonsville (Mark Haskins)	81-81	13	Tenace (PIT)	38
New Jersey (Tom Natoli)	76-86	18	Jackson (MAS)	28
Sheboygan (Mike Martin)	72-90	22	Bench (MAS)	28
			ERA	
RBI: Scott (NOR) 134; Simmons (NJ) 110.			Seaver (QUAK)	1.47
Runs: Tenace (PIT) 115; Scott (NOR) 104.			Palmer (MASS)	1.52
Hits: Brett (NOR) 217; Munson (SHE) 210.			Hunter (MASS)	2.25
2B: Lynn (LACK) 50; Simmons (NJ) 47.			Eckersly (LACK)	2.51
3B: McBride (WVA) 18; Madlock (NJ) 15.			Jones (NOR)	2.52

Wins	Strikeouts	Seaver (QUAK) 259; Tanana (MASS) 228.
Palmer (MASS) 30	Innings: Hunter (MASS) 332; Messersmith (LACK) 307.	
Hunter (MASS) 28	Saves: Demery (SIM) 18; Hrabosky (PIT) 17.	
Seaver (QUAK) 21	Lost: Perry (NJ) 21; Carlton (SYR) 20; Torrez (WVA) 20.	
Mess'smith (LACK) 20	Home Runs: Jenkins (SIM) 51; Blyleven (PEN) 37.	
Niekro (SIM) 20		

NATIONAL TEXAS LEAGUE (NTL) -- Eight-manager, part PBM-part face-to-face baseball draft league...Four members--John Blomstrom (Astros, age 26), Tom Blomstrom (Pirates, 37), Mike Dalvies (Dodgers, 25) and David Blomstrom (Reds, 39)--reside in Houston...Results were based on 1975 season...13 trades involved 47 players as managers shuffled their decks after holding draft...Other league members included: Dennis Madej (Mets, 28, Buffalo, NY), Dave Brandeweil (Cubs, 16, Bexley, OH), Sam Cortese (Braves, 24, Chicago, IL) and Craig Becker (Giants, 18, Austin, TX)...Dodgers, after finishing third in regular season, rose up and captured playoffs and World Series...Dodgers took six games to dispatch regular season king, the Astros, in Series, with reliever Bob Apodaca the MVP after pitching five games, going 2-0 and saving two wins. He allowed only one run in 13 innings...Astros had entered post-season play riding the wave of success created by pitchers Randy Jones (23-12) and Tom Seaver (22-11)...Regular season MVP was George Foster of the Dodgers who hit 33 home runs, drove in 107 runs and batted .285...Jones was the Cy Young choice while Al Hrabosky of the Dodgers was top Fireman, hurling 183 innings in 85 games, compiling 16-12 record, saving 17 games while posting 2.80 ERA.

Standings and playoff results:

Won-Lost	GB	Won-Lost	GB	Playoffs
Astros 93-61	-	Reds 76-78	17	Dodgers d. Braves, 3-1.
Braves 87-67	6	Giants 76-78	17	(3-4, 4-2, 6-4, 2-1)
Dodgers 82-72	11	Pirates 68-86	25	
Cubs 81-73	12	Mets 53-101	40	Dodgers d. Astros, 4-0
				(3-2, 1-4, 3-2, 0-7, 4-3,
				8-3)

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(Game 1)

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MVSL 000 201 00x - 3 6 3
Palmer, Fingers (7) and Hendricks;
Messersmith and Sanguillen.

(Game 2)

GKSML 000 000 000 - 0 4 0
MVSL 010 001 02x - 4 7 0
Goltz, Hiller (6), Fingers (8)
and Hendricks; Sutton and Sanguillen.

(Game 3)

MVSL 000 003 010 000 2 - 6 13 3
GKSML 000 101 002 00 0 - 4 9 2
Niekro, Demery (6), Lockwood (6), Apodaca (9), McEnaney (9), Hooton (10),
B.Forsch (11), Strom (12) and Sanguillen; Holtzman, Fingers (6), Rodriguez (6),
Mitchell (8), Hiller (8), T.Johnson (10), Hamilton (10), Lee (12) and
Hendricks, Duncan (6), Stinson (9). HR - Braun.

(Game 4)

MVSL 000 010 000 - 1 5 0
GKSML 020 000 00x - 2 3 0
Messersmith and Sanguillen; Palmer,
Fingers (6) and Hendricks, Duncan (5).
HR - Hendricks.

(Game 5)

MVSL 002 000 020 - 4 10 1
GKSML 000 000 300 - 3 2 1
Sutton, Strom (9) and Sanguillen;
Goltz, Kirkwood (4), Rodriguez (4),
Mitchell (6), Hiller (7), Hassler (8),
Fingers (8) and Hendricks.