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The 'Over-30 Gang' *Liberty football league finishes fifth season*

What is 30.2 years of age and probably drafted a standout running-back last year in football?

The answer: A member of the Liberty S-O-M Football League, based in Liberty, NY, which recently completed its fifth 14-game replay. Six coaches comprise face-to-face league, with four of the coaches having two teams (one each in the AFC and NFC) and the other two taking the other two teams in 10-team league.

League members range in age from 28 to 32, with 31-year-old Norman Evansky guiding Cincinnati, real-life runnerup, to the title. Each team has one draft pick (an offensive player) from the remaining squads and Cincy took Kenny King, who rushed for 1,254 yards and a 6.1 average.

Liberty league has added many playing tips, including 2-minute clock, revised injury chart, receiver fumbles, plus special one-player draft to beef up offenses.

Latest replay was based on 1981 real-life season and saw San Francisco, Super Bowl king that year, fall to 6-8 and the basement of the NFC division. Cincinnati, meanwhile, edged Miami in the AFC Final, 29-27, as Ken Anderson hit Isaac Curtis with a 60-yard touchdown strike with 45 seconds remaining, and then nipped Washington - perhaps a year early as far as Super Bowl appearance - 27-20 for the championship. Anderson was chosen MVP after completing 16 of 24 passes for 246 yards and three TDs.

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Pete Johnson chipped in with 145 yards rushing on 31 carries for the Bengals, while the Cincy defense held Dan Fouts (Washington's draft pick) to 17-for-45 accuracy and 223 yards. John Riggins, hero of Super Bowl 1983, carried 19 times but gained a meager 56 yards.

Here is the Liberty Football League lineup of coaches, their teams and draft picks: Norman Evansky, 31, Cincinnati (Kenny King) and New York Giants (George Rogers); Billy Stoddard, 28, Miami (Joe Delaney) and Philadelphia (Ozzie Newsome); Kevin Mullen, 28, New York Jets (Walter Payton) and San Francisco (O.J. Anderson); Wayne Benton, 31, Pittsburgh (Billy Sims) and Washington (Dan Fouts); Dave Kawacmi, 32, and Tom Poley, 34, Buffalo (Steve Bartkowski) and Dallas (Earl Campbell).

The offenses, as you can see, were loaded.

Cincinnati had the best balance, however, and that was a big key unlocking success as the Bengals scored a league-leading 400 points and yielded a league-low 272.

Standings, leaders and playoff results:

AFC	W	L	PF	PA	NFC	W	L	PF	PA
Cincinnati	10	4	400	272	Washington	11	3	390	349
Miami	8	6	312	290	NY Giants	7	7	302	296
NY Jets	7	7	297	350	Dallas	7	7	368	344
Pittsburgh	5	9	332	385	Philadelphia	6	8	320	308
Buffalo	3	11	286	376	San Francisco	6	8	303	340

Rushing	Att.-Yds.	TD	Avg.	Receiving	No.-Yds.	TD	Avg.
Montgomery PHI	313-1494	10	4.8	Ross CIN	81-798	12	9.9
Rogers NYG	295-1382	6	4.7	Solomon MIA	78-1320	7	16.9
King CIN	207-1254	8	6.1	D.Harris MIA	74-1413	10	19.1
Payton NYJ	281-1223	4	4.4	Cribbs BUF	74-748	5	10.1
Anderson SF	274-1204	3	4.4	Walker NYJ	73-1289	6	17.7
Campbell DAL	252-1150	7	4.6				
Sims PIT	205-1047	8	5.1				

Passing	Att.-Comp.	Pct.	Int.%	TD	Playoffs
Fouts WAS	517-290	56.1	3.1	24	NY Giants 36, Dallas 24
Theismann MIA*	314-174	55.4	4.5	18	Washington 33, NY Giants 30
Todd NYJ	475-244	51.4	2.5	17	Miami 27, NY Jets 24 (OT)
Ferguson BUF	152-91	59.9	1.3	5	Cincinnati 29, Miami 27
White DAL	406-208	51.2	3.2	23	Cincinnati 27, Washington 20
Anderson CIN	525-288	54.9	2.9	22	

* Note that Theismann was traded from Washington to Miami.

Bostock Memorial July 16-17

The last call is out for this summer's Lyman Bostock Memorial Tournament. Organized by James Sanders, the Gary, IN, policeman, the third annual gathering of the Strat-O-Matic faithful will be July 16-17 in Hobart, IN.

Five tournaments are planned, according to Sanders, who reports that as of early May close to 70 gamers had signed up for the two-day competition in baseball, football and hockey (no entries had filed for basketball as of May 1).

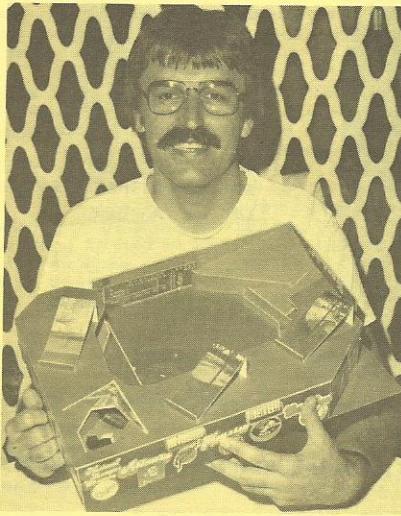
Trophies, both for the winner and runnerup, will be awarded in each tourney, compliments of the Strat-O-Matic Game Co.

Among the gamers Sanders has contacted and whom have said they will be on the scene are Larry Scotti and Tom Nelson from New York, Steve (Boom) Johnson of Lima, OH, plus defending champs Steve Poricini and Gary Peck.

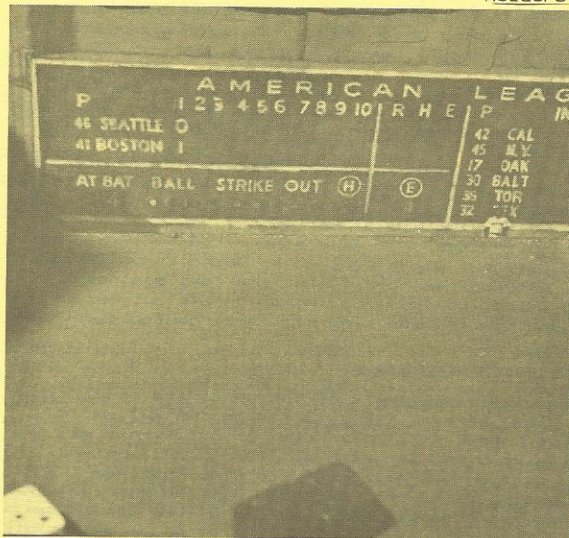
Adds Sanders: "Gamers from all over the country will be on hand to compete against one another, playing the best table-top sports games in the world."

For more information, Sanders says there's still time to enter but to hurry, write or call: James Sanders, 5806 Kennedy Terr. # 103, Gary, IN 46403 [phone: 1-219-938-6137].

Fenway becomes 'Dave-Way Park'



DAVE SIEMTENSKI HOLDS 'DAVE-WAY PARK'



CLOSE-UP SHOWS OUTFIELD SCOREBOARD, REplete WITH AT-BAT, BALL, STRIKE, OUT, AND NUMEROUS OTHER DATA.

Boston has its Fenway Park, Brooklyn used to have its Ebbetts Field and New York the Polo Grounds.

Now, Dave Siemtenski, of El Segundo, CA, has his "Dave-Way Park."

Missing the charm and odd dimensions of the 'old' ball parks, Siemtenski has re-created his favorite park, Fenway, in a miniature scale, designed for rolling S-O-M dice.

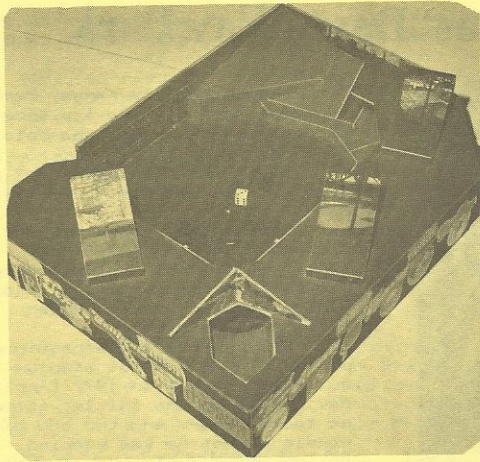
Siemtenski, who sent along pictures of his first stadium-building venture in 1977 (April Review), says the initial attempt lacked charm and the odd dimensions that he was seeking. So, he tried again - the newest stadium took approximately one week to create.

"Hopefully the photos will reveal the 'shoot' where the dice tumble down onto the field to initiate play," says Siemtenski.

"Light standards serve as holders for the cards and each division and major league team is represented on the side of the stadium. The entire project is made out of illustration board and cutout photos from magazines and is perfectly scale in field dimensions."

Siemtenski has a multitude of projects on the drawing board, when he's not rolling dice, including a re-creation of "Ebbetts" and Crosley Fields and a portable, folding football stadium.

ANOTHER PHOTO IS FOUND ON THE NEXT PAGE.



ANOTHER LOOK AT
'DAVE-WAY PARK'
- NOTICE CHUTE
FOR ROLLING DICE
BEHIND HOME PLATE,
AS WELL AS LIGHT
STANDARDS THAT SERVE
AS CARD HOLDERS.

ACTION *Every gamer's dream becomes reality*

Who says that Strat-O-Matic games are just for the kids?

Certainly not Bob Cusack, a grandfather of four from Hingham, MA, who's been rolling S-O-M dice for 19 years. "I've played a lot of games over the years, leagues and all," says Cusack, who earlier this spring completed the most monumental gaming undertaking he's ever attempted - a complete replay of the 1979 baseball season, a three-year, 2,106-game project.

It was played solitaire and the basic side of the cards was used. Cusack readily admits that it was a time-consuming project, but adds that he found the replay so exciting he was thinking about changing S-O-M's name to "Orat-O-Matic Baseball."

As expected, there were many unusual happenings over the three years. Gary Alexander, for instance, hit two grand-slam home runs in back-to-back innings against Boston's Chuck Rainey. Alexander also had a 'slam against Baltimore's Mike Flanagan, giving him three for the season.

There were several triple plays, but nary a no-hitter. Twice, however, the winning team pounded out eight home runs. Detroit did it against Toronto, winning 12-1, and Montreal duplicated the feat against Philadelphia, outslugging the Expos, 20-10. And, while on the subject of home run feats, Montreal and Los Angeles each hit three consecutive home runs.

'FRUSTRATED HERO AWARD'

Cusack handed out the usual assortment of honors at the conclusion of the 1979 replay. Jim Rice, after hitting .336 with 135 RBI and 40 homers, was chosen American League MVP. Nolan Ryan of California was the Cy Young winner after going 25-8 and striking out 280 in 295 innings.

Over in the National League, George Foster led Cincinnati to the West Division title by slamming 30 homers, batting .311 and knocking in 97 runs. Teammate Tom Hume won 18 games and compiled a 1.65 ERA to become Cy Young recipient.

Cusack gave out other awards, too. The Frustrated Hero Award went

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Standings and leaders:

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Steals - North SF 75, Scott MON 67

Readers roll 'em

SURVEY SOUGHT

Do you plan to do a survey of the current baseball player cards? I think it would be fun and interesting to rank the top 160 player cards in the new set.

Who would be the best player to choose if you had the first draft pick? The ground rules for my survey would be to consider an eight-team league, 20 players per team, and a one-year only league.

The ages of players or their expected longevity would have no bearing on their selection.

HENRY SMITH
2724 W. 166th Place
Torrance, CA

Editor's note: Larry Fryer's articles ["Who should you draft in baseball?" and "Time Tunnel baseball drafting"] in the April and May issues of the Review touch upon this area, especially the latter article.

HOCKEY, BASKETBALL NEGLECTED

I think it's outrageous that basketball and hockey don't have old-timers. Baseball gamers should have to wait until hockey and basketball get one-fourth of the old-timer teams that baseball now has.

Let's be fair, S-O-M. I encourage every hockey and basketball fan to complain.

PAUL HARASEN
804 Shannon Rd.
Regina, Sask.

PROTEST AGAINST COMPLAINERS

This letter is written as a mild protest against many of the complaints voiced by Review subscribers.

Granted, there are a number of minor problems in the various Strat-O-Matic games, any or all of which should and probably will be corrected in the future. However, maybe we should consider that it takes a pretty darn good game to allow us to nitpick at those errors.

So, how 'bout it? Let's hear three cheers for Strat! For more than 20 years, it has

been giving us the finest sports tablegaming to be found, whether you are a casual gamer who just wants to loose a few dice tosses, or a serious leguer who spends hours a day on strategy and statistics.

No complaints from this Strat-O-Matic Fanatic. Just a heartfelt "thank you" for two terrific decades and congratulations on a truly superb collection of games.

I do have one question, though. How is Strat going to ~~allow~~ for the Wayne Gretzky-Neal Broten one-rounder?

JAY KUCZMA
Brooklyn Park, MN

VOICE OF A VETERAN

To begin with, I've been playing S-O-M Baseball and football since 1967; basketball since 1972. I've managed to idle away thousands of hours playing this game.

I notice that a lot of collectors are against reprinting past baseball seasons because they think the new (reprinted) cards will devalue their collections. It seems to me this is getting away from the point of S-O-M--which is to have fun.

I have complete baseball and football sets from 1967 to 1982 and I don't feel threatened by the proposition of reprinting entire sets. In fact, I think it's a really good idea. I would love to see the 1967 baseball season, for instance, reprinted with both front and back (elementary and advanced) cards. To me, the challenge of S-O-M Baseball is in the advanced game. It would be worth any money cost in terms of the hours and hours of enjoyment it would give.

Also, I think S-O-M should reprint all the old-timers (i.e. 1927 Yankees) with backside cards. I know this would take a lot of research, but it makes it a lot easier to match up cards from different years. For example, how good are the 1906 Cubs? They have a lot of "A" stealers, but they would never beat the 1927 Yankees or anyone else in a replay because

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under basic rules all you have to do is hold the "A" (even a "4" catcher is -3) and they can't use their best team asset - speed.

ALBERT HARTLEY
Los Angeles, CA

CHANGE AD FORMAT

Ouch! Privately I grumbled about the stupid ads taking up so much space. Then the editors swipe at same; and I send in a 145-word ad. Well, reject it if you want, but this only reinforces a point I made in an earlier missive: why not change the ad format?

You know what I wrote; just state name and address, team(s), condition, price. Maybe have a separate section of classified ads for league forming, wants, sales of charts and dice, etc. And limit those to 50 words. It would be more attractive, easier to digest and might improve ad sales.

The new stealing system is great. Used to be if an AA or AAA singled or walked it was as good as a double. Now there's more tension involved because there's a real and distinct possibility that such a stealer will be caught.

Thanks for your time - and I'd really like to hear a response on a possible re-format for ads, pro or con.

KEVIN FORD
5719 W. 64th Place
Chicago, IL

BASKETBALL UNDERRATED

First, I would like to congratulate you on a great magazine.

The basketball game, in my opinion, is underrated; it is a great game. There's nothing like having a game between the champion Lakers or the Celtics versus the 76ers. In the Review you hardly ever hear about the basketball game. Nothing against the Review, I think it's the S-O-M players.

I also think lagging attendance in the NBA is rubbing off on S-O-M players.

I wish there were more ads for basketball in the Review.

Another great idea would be college basketball.

GLENN GOLDSTEIN
East Meadow, NY

Editor's note: The Review is always on the lookout for basketball replays. Most gamers don't have time (with cards for four major sports available from S-O-M) to complete full-season replays. But playoff, mini-tournaments and one-team full-season replays are always possible. Basketball gamers, where are you?

COMMISSIONER HAS VITAL ROLE

I thought I'd sit down and write a note about the S-O-M Review. The good points about your publication are numerous: you have good journalistic sense and give equal coverage to every angle.

However, one thing I've noticed is that you tend to dwell on PBM leagues where the commissioner's team isn't dominant. You act as if, by being a commissioner, one loses his right to build his team like everybody else. I therefore think a note of explanation would help you.

Commissioners generally like sports and follow it (or else they'd be casual observers, not organizers) so, obviously, they usually know their sport. When a commissioner knows a sport, he also knows the players well and can trade with success. The last factor is that most communication goes through the commissioner and he has an opportunity to trade at those times.

You really shouldn't fault the commissioner; generally his hard work is more valuable to the league than him owning, by chance, a poor team.

Regarding "collectors." My recent ad for the 1979-80 NHL cards received good response, but one person called and offered me his set for \$400 (I confess; they were probably gold-plated!).

KURT SMEBY
3553 Alto
Las Vegas, NV

Editor's note: There was never any direct criticism intended when the Review looked at replays and a commissioner's role. However, it

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a commissioner does have a super team, or if the records at home are far better than away, gamers do wonder. The Review was just 'wondering' in some of those cases, that's all.

RESTRAINT, BUT...

I would like to make my comments regarding contents of your publication.

People must use restraint on advertising, but I feel part of the purpose of the Review is to bring buyers and sellers together. I have personally made a number of purchases by responding to ads placed in the Review.

I would never have had the chance of reliving and guiding teams of the past if not for the opportunity the Review affords.

Keep your readers as much informed as possible concerning revision of the pro football game. Good news indeed.

Would like to see the Review include more playing tips and less "draft-team" replays. Since the draft teams do not reflect any real-life teams, how much interest to others could there be? The final standings could reflect the skills of the manager as much as the strength of the team members.

RALPH PATRICK
5516 Besley Court
Rockville, MD

GARVEY INJURED!

I am very disappointed this year for I am in a league and my team is the Dodgers. Steve Garvey, the guy who never misses a game, has just been injured for 15 games and I am wondering why they (Strat-O-Matic) even have an injury on his card?

Also, I would just like to say I enjoy reading your magazine and especially little articles such as the recent one "Who should you draft in baseball."

JEFF CONZATTI
Sacramento, CA

Editor's note: See the "Question & Answer" section for more on what to do if Steve Garvey, who never misses a game, is injured, and why he has an injury chance on his card.

COMMENT ON FOOTBALL CHANGES

Though I am sure the changes in the football game are good and for the better, there are a few things I am disappointed with.

First, making the old cards incompatible is sad. No more matchups between Super Bowl champions from the past and the present. The baseball game has gone through major changes, yet we can still play the good, old basic game with every team ever purchased.

Second, of all the years to change the game, the strike season is chosen. Nine total games played by each team - thanks, but no thanks.

Finally, charging \$2 if you only order a few teams. Come on, the company made the changes, let it pay for the chart, dice and directions. Why should we?

JEFF HORLEN
Richland, WA

ANSWERING AN ANSWER

In reference to L.O. Melito's letter in the May issue, I answered Chris Rosen's ad a few months ago looking for a few specific player cards.

He had only one and gave it to me for nothing. He also recommended someone else to write to. A collector to me is someone who collects, not sells or gives away. Chris is a gamer, not a collector. Also, a gentleman.

LARRY KAPIT
2611 Riverside Dr.
Coral Springs, FL

ONE MORE TIME...

I read L.O. Melito's letter in the May issue and I do agree with the statement that "Everyone puts a value on their cards."

When the game first came out I was 10 years old and at that age I didn't have the insight to collect the old cards. In fact, I didn't start collecting the cards until 1973. I now have many cards from 1962 to present, but I'm still missing many teams and extras.

If S-O-M reprinted the old sets, I would buy them and still save my old cards for sentimental value.

VINCENT DIGERONIMO
Bayonne, NJ

Here's '5' fielder

What do you do in your baseball league if a player is injured, there's no one else available and you have to insert a player at a position he doesn't play?

Make that player the worst possible fielder: a "4" with the highest possible "e" rating. And how about a +2 or +3 arm for outfielders and catchers?

But, maybe a "4" isn't enough of a penalty. There are a lot of 4s anyway, many of them with high "e" ratings, too.

The North American Baseball League (Brian Webster, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, is commissioner) has a "5" fielding chart to take care of such situations.

The chart is to be used when a player is forced to play a position not listed on his card. Error ratings are the maximum at each position and catchers and outfielders have +5 arms.

'5' FIELDING CHART

Split #	2B	SS	1B	3B	L/RF	CF	C
1	- si**	si**	si**	si**	tr***	tr***	pb & fo
2	- si**	si**	si**	si**	do***	do***	pb & fo
3	- si**	si**	si**	si**	do***	do***	pb & fo
4	- si**	si**	si**	si**	do***	do***	wp & gbB
5	- si**	si**	do**	do**	si**	si**	wp & gbB
6	- si**	si**	do**	e	do**	do**	wp & po
7	- si*	si*	e	e	si**	si**	wp & po
8	- e	e	e	e	e	si**	pb & po
9	- e	e	e	e	e	e	e
10	- e	e	e	e	e	e	e
11	- e	e	e	e	e	e	e
12	- e	e	e	e	e	e	e
13	- si*	si*	e	e	e	si**	pb & po
14	- gbC	si*	e	e	si**	si**	pb & po
15	- gbC	gbC	e	do**	si**	si**	pb & fo
16	- gbC	gbC	do**	do**	flyA	si**	pb & fo
17	- gbC	gbC	si*	si*	flyA	flyA	pb & fo
18	- gbC	gbC	gbC	gbB	si**	flyA	pb & fo
19	- gbC	gbC	gbC	gbC	si**	flyB	pb & fo
20	- gbB	gbB	gbC	gbC	si**	flyB	pb & fo

e - Check error rating.

S-O-M Baseball trivia quiz

Marc Jacobson, trivia master from Philadelphia, PA, is back with another set of baseball questions - this time the 1970 American and National League cards.

So, on your Marc, here we go...

QUESTIONS - 1970

- QUESTION 1: Which pitcher in the A.L. allowed the least amount of total bases on hits (card chances)?
- QUESTION 2: Which players in the A.L. were rated "AA" for stealing?

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- QUESTION 3: Which A.L. team had two players with defensive rating of "4" at their secondary position?
- QUESTION 4: Which A.L. player was rated at the most positions?
- QUESTION 5: Which A.L. team had two catchers with batting averages over .300?
- QUESTION 6: Which A.L. team had four players rated at catcher?
- QUESTION 7: Who was the backup second baseman who batted over .350?
- QUESTION 8: Which pitcher has the most home run chances on his card?
- QUESTION 9: Which N.L. players had to have their team name written in by the gamer?
- QUESTION 10: Which N.L. players were rated "AA" at stealing?
- QUESTION 11: What is odd about all of the pitching cards of the Phillies?
- QUESTION 12: Which N.L. pitcher gave up the most home run chances on his card?
- QUESTION 13: Which player is rated at the most positions?
- QUESTION 14: Which team has two reserve outfielders with the same average and number of at-bats?
- QUESTION 15: Who was the pitcher who had a better card in the N.L. than his ERA indicates?

ANSWERS - 1970

- ANSWER 1: Ken Sanders of the Brewers allowed only 9.25 hits on his card, all the hits being singles.
- ANSWER 2: Bert Campaneris of the A's and Pat Kelly of Kansas City are both rated "AA" at stealing.
- ANSWER 3: Boston has two players rated "4" at their secondary positions: Carl Yastrzemski (first base-2, left field-1) and George Scott (third base-4, first base-1).
- ANSWER 4: The Indians' Chuck Hinton (right field, left field, first base, third base, catcher, second base) and Angels' Ruiz (second base, third base, shortstop, left field, catcher, first base) were both rated at six positions.
- ANSWER 5: The Yankees had two catchers, Thurman Munson and Jake Gibbs, who batted over .300.
- ANSWER 6: Oakland had four players rated at catcher: Frank Fernandez, Dave Duncan, Gene Tenace and Dick Green.
- ANSWER 7: Rod Carew batted .366 as backup second baseman for the Twins.
- ANSWER 8: Denny McLain of Detroit had eight home run chances--allowing 19 home runs in 91 innings pitched.
- ANSWER 9: Hoyt Wilhelm, Jim Grant, Dean Chance and Ron Herbel were the "traveling" players of 1970.
- ANSWER 10: Bobby Tolan of the Reds, Joe Morgan (Astros), Lou Brock (Cardinals) and Bobby Bonds (Giants) were "AA" stealers.
- ANSWER 11: Strat-O-Matic adopted its present printing style in 1970. That year, however, it was only able to fit "Philadelphia Phillie" (no "s") on that team's pitching cards.
- ANSWER 12: The Braves' Julio Navarro gave up a whopping 12 home run chances--7 homers in 26 innings.
- ANSWER 13: The Reds' Johnny Bench (catcher, first base, third base, left field, second base, center field) and Jim Stewart (right field, center field, left field, third base, first base, second base) each are rated at six positions.
- ANSWER 14: Ty Cline and Angel Bravo, both backup outfielders for the Cincinnati Reds, batted .277 in 65 at-bats.
- ANSWER 15: Bob Gibson of St. Louis had a 3.12 ERA that year, but allowed just 15 hit chances on his card.

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Strat-O-Matic spotlight

A'S WIN 'SUPERTEAMS TOURNAMENT'

The Oakland A's (and the old Kansas City teams) came out of Dave Scheer's annual "Superteams Tournament" unscathed, eventually whipping Philadelphia, 4-2, in 10 innings to seize the championship. Vida Blue, '71 A's, was the winning pitcher in the final of the definitely all-star team tournament.

What Scheer, who has been conducting a superteams tournament for six years, does, is he takes the best players at their positions for each team and then pits them against each other in a single-elimination tourney. Livening up play even more this year was the addition of the 1961 players, with the Yankees using Roger Maris and Elston Howard.

The Yankees didn't get beyond the second round, however, as the Cleveland Indians, behind Sonny Siebert ('65) ousted them, 4-2.

Pitching highlight was by Sandy Koufax, '63, who hurled a one-hitter against the hard-hitting San Francisco Giants. Koufax gave up a double in the first inning and then the Dodger ace blanked the Giants over the next eight innings.

Oakland's lineup, in case you were curious as to what players Scheer considered the best at their positions, consisted of: Pitchers - Vida Blue ('71) and Catfish Hunter ('72); 1B - Norm Siebern ('62); 2B - Jerry Lumpe ('62); SS - Bert Campaneris ('74); 3B - Sal Bando ('73); LF - Joe Rudi ('72); CF - Rickey Henderson ('80); RF - Reggie Jackson ('69); C - Gene Tenace ('75) and DH - Mike Epstein ('72).

The Phillies, winners of the National League eliminations, fielded: P - Jim Bunning ('67), Steve Carlton ('71); 1B - Deron Johnson ('71); 2B - Manny Trillo ('81); SS - Larry Bowa ('75); 3B - Mike Schmidt ('81); LF - Greg Luzinski ('77); CF - Garry Maddox ('76); RF - Bill Robinson ('73); C - Bo Diaz ('82) and DH - Dick Allen ('66).

EIGHT IS ENOUGH...ERRORS

Eight is more than enough when it comes to errors in Strat-O-Matic Baseball. But that's what happened to Review co-editor Del Newell in a recent game in the Greater Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League's (GKSML) National League replay.

Nine errors were committed by two teams (the other was guided by GKSML newcomer Jim Bannon) - eight of the bobbles, believe it or not, charged to Del's beleaguered defenders. Even more in the believe it or not category is the fact that Del, despite the eight boots, which led to five unearned runs, won the game, by a 9-6 count.

Three of the players - Bump Wills at second base, right fielder Ellis Valentine and shortstop Dale Berra - were charged with two errors apiece, while Andre Dawson, the center fielder, and catcher Ozzie Virgil made one miscue each.

Berra atoned for his bobbles by banging a home run and single, while Valentine and Dawson also had two hits apiece.

SHORT SHAKES

...Steve Lombo, Philadelphia, PA, tries to squeeze in one game of S-O-M Hockey nightly after finishing his homework. Wayne Gretzky scored six goals in one memorable game and in a four-game series had 11 goals, 7 assists for 18 points. Gil Perreault challenged Edmonton's scoring whiz by netting five goals in a game...Kevin Ford of Chicago, IL, is another who delighted in watching Gretzky the Great as, in a 37-game mini-season, Gretzky scored a whopping 73 times. He had 10 hat tricks, 5 four-goal games and 2 five-goal games. His best game was a four-goal, 7-assist scoring clinic he conducted against the NHL champs, the New York Islanders...Return specialist Lenny Lyles was something special in a game played by Steve Johnson and Paul Saffell of Lima, OH. Lyles totaled 243 yards in returns, including dashing twice going 99 yards for touchdowns. The '58 Colts wound up edging '76 Minnesota, 45-38, in an overtime thriller, Lenny Moore's 55-yard TD gallop clinching victory.

Profiles in Strat-O-Matic

Who are those guys (gals) rolling the S-O-M dice?
That's what this corner will be answering in the months ahead, providing enough gamers send along biographies, chronicling their S-O-M endeavors.

Leadoff gamer in this month's Strat-O-Matic Profile column is Ira [Ike] Wolins, a 24-year-old gamer raised in Philadelphia and a recent broadcasting graduate of Penn State University...Wolins' S-O-M experience log shows that he began playing baseball in 1974, pro football in '76, basketball in '77 and hockey in '78. ..He's been in two PBM baseball leagues and one PBM hockey league...plays mostly solitaire today or with neighborhood friends, whom he thoroughly enjoys creating S-O-M cards for...Another favorite pastime is collecting autographs on old-timer S-O-M cards. Among those who have inked their own cards are Joe Dimaggio, Willie Mays, Hank Aaron, Roy Campanella, Duke Snider, Lloyd Waner, Waite Hoyt and Mark Koenig...Greatest S-O-M thrill occurred when Fran Tarkenton ('75 Minnesota Vikings) connected with Jim Lash on a last-second 64-yard TD pass to defeat the '75 Dallas Cowboys, 27-24, in a head-to-head game...Lowlight of S-O-M career was going 0-38-2 in a neighborhood, face-to-face hockey league...Attended 1978 S-O-M Convention at U. of Illinois and came away without a win in four tries in baseball (Harmon Killebrew produced 5 outs in two successive at-bats!)...Made many lasting friendships through S-O-M gaming, including one with Larry King of New York, organizer and commissioner of the Empire State Baseball League.



IRA WOLINS

Baseball playing tip

Continental League combines best of PBM, face-to-face baseball

If you're interested in playing S-O-M Baseball play-by-mail but miss the excitement of head-to-head competition, the Continental Strat-O-Matic Association, established in 1980, may have the format you've been searching for.

The CSA, according to league organizer Larry Hayes of San Francisco, CA, "is a unique PBM baseball league which combines the virtues of face-to-face play with the fun of playing by mail."

There are 12 pairs of managers, with two divisions in each of the American and National Leagues. "These pairs of managers," continues Hayes, "consist of serious S-O-M gamers who can play head-to-head on a regular basis [30-36 games per month] for roughly six months."

"The manager owning an A.L. franchise directs his [or her] team in its home games face-to-face against his partner, who pilots the other 11 A.L. squads using written instruction sheets prepared by the other A.L. managers. For the manager with the N.L. club, the opposite applies, with his partner managing on behalf of the other 11 N.L. skippers through their written instructions."

The benefits of the CSA plan are obvious: solitaire play is eliminated, instruction sheets can still be filled out but with the knowledge an impartial gamer will be carrying them out, and face-to-face play, which is always infinitely more enjoyable, is retained.

Problems would be finding two capable managers in close proximity and managers who would be willing to play a larger number of games than if they guided just one team in a straight PBM league.

Another selling point for the combined PBM/face-to-face idea is that all gamers will either manage or play against all the players in both leagues.

Questions & Answers

Editor's note: Questions regarding individual and team ratings will not be answered in most cases, unless a mistake has been made on the card. The game company cannot, for reasons of security, divulge its card-making formula, which would be necessary to answer some of the questions completely.

QUESTION: What is the correct fielding rating at second base for Wayne Krenchicki of the Cincinnati Reds?

ANSWER: The correct rating should be "2b-4, e20." Some of the early card sets, however, had Krenchicki listed as a "3" which was corrected.

QUESTION: Why does Strat-O-Matic put an injury on Steve Garvey's card? He played every game.

ANSWER: "Everybody gets an injury," is the way an S-O-M employee explains the injury on Garvey's card. "Everybody has at least one [card] chance, catchers usually two and more brittle players more than that, accordingly." But, adds the S-O-M spokesman, the computer system used to construct the cards has to have an injury reading - thus the injury chance on someone like Garvey. S-O-M recommends that for players like Garvey who are ironmen and never miss a game, the injury result be ignored. Most leagues that replay a full-season have their own injury charts, whereby the number of games a player can be injured is based on real-life at-bats (including walks) and innings pitched. A Steve Garvey, for instance, if an injury reading came up, would either stay in the game or miss the remainder of game only.

QUESTION: What are the safe chances for a "AAA" stealer to steal second, third or home? I cannot find any specific rule that pertains to this.

ANSWER: According to S-O-M: An "AAA" is treated the same as an "AA" stealer, except that the catcher can't hold the runner on. That's the basic-game version. The advance version is again the same as for an "AA" but -1 is deducted when holding the runner on.

QUESTION: I've got a question on the instructions for supplementary stealing system. The second paragraph starts, "Only one dice frequency roll may be attempted with each base running situation." My question is, what is the definition of a situation? If you try to get a good lead and fail, but the next batter makes an out (with no advance of runner), can you try once again to get a good lead because the out has changed the situation?

ANSWER: There must be a change in the position of the runner for a new situation to occur. A runner has only one attempt to get a good lead, in other words. For example: runner A reaches first base, tries to get a good lead but fails. The next batter pops out. No, there has not been a new situation created on the bases; runner A is still on first.

QUESTION: In the supplementary stealing system, if a player whose name is followed by an asterisk on the stealing sheet is not held on, must he automatically second or is it still the offensive [continued on next page]

manager's decision?

ANSWER: No, the runner doesn't automatically have to steal. If the manager of the team at-bat has decided to steal, however, then he automatically picks a split card for steal result. But no, just because a runner with an asterisk is not held, doesn't mean the runner automatically has to try and steal. That would be unrealistic. A team trailing in the late innings, and needing a big rally, isn't likely to risk stealing. The supplementary stealing rules are a little ambiguous, but they are not meant to be unrealistic.

QUESTION: When the goalie is pulled in hockey and the team with the advantage takes a shot and the reading is goalie rating*, is this a save and a face-off, or is it treated as a power play shot on goal?

ANSWER: S-O-M says to treat it as a save and a face-off situation.

QUESTION: In basketball, do you follow the same rebound procedure following a 3-point attempt, or does the ball automatically go to the other team (defensive)?

ANSWER: The same rebounding procedure would be followed as for any shot.

QUESTION: If a team is in a fast-break offense in basketball must it use it or can it switch to normal play anytime. Example - Last fast action card and fast-break reads fast-break shot RF while normal reads RG pass to any player for position shot. In this situation could the normal be used?

ANSWER: No, you cannot switch offensives during the play (i.e. when the fast action card has been checked). You can declare it during a time-out, during a break in the action (shooting a free throw) or when the other team has the ball you can notify the other coach that when you gain possession you are using a normal offense.

QUESTION: Bases loaded and no outs. The batter hits a GB P (B) with infield playing back. According to the strategy sheet, if one or more runners are forced runner on first is out, batter is safe, other runners advance one base. But in real-life the pitcher would always throw to home for the play at the plate, even if the infield isn't in because you can't play your pitcher in. Could you explain this flaw?

ANSWER: It is assumed, because the infield is playing back, that the pitcher throws to second for the hoped-for start of a double play. With no outs, the infield should be in unless the run is being conceded and a double play is being tried for. Also, remember there are three types of groundballs - A, B and C - and that a B groundball, with the infield back, hit to the pitcher could be a situation where the ball is fielded behind the mound or off to the side, perhaps after being knocked down, and the play at second is the only one available to the pitcher.

QUESTION: There appears to be a typographical error on Denny Walling's card (advanced side, against righties, 2-11) for 1983.

ANSWER: It should be "gb(2b) B+." Only a few cards had the error.

Two gamers complete hockey season

Full-season replays in basketball and hockey are usually about as rare as finding E.T. in your garage some evening.

There is, quite simply, not enough time to complete such a mammoth project - i.e., an 80-plus-game season plus playoffs. Two gamers that kept their hands on the dice for over five months and finished such an undertaking are Ron Olin and Vaughn Nordhausen. Olin lives in St. James, MN, and Nordhausen in Butterfield, MN.

The Minnesota connection played over 400 games of hockey each, all of them solitaire. Results were combined and, as Olin notes, the whole project was "accomplished in a little over five months, less than the actual schedule being played."

Season used was with the 1981-82 cards and, in a deviation from real-life, the New York Islanders, three-time Stanley Cup champs, failed to reach the finals. Montreal ousted the Islanders in the semifinals, 4-3, and then shocked a high-scoring Edmonton team to capture the Stanley Cup, 4-0.

The Oilers had won 11 straight playoff games before Montreal capped them by scores of 4-2, 7-3, 4-3 and, in double-overtime, 7-6.

Other highlights included Hartford having three scores in the top 13, led by Doug Sulliman's 164 points (60-104), Rick Middleton of Boston netting an incredible 90 goals and Wayne Gretzky, the Great One, neither leading in goals or assists but still topping all scorers with 175 points.

Olin also points out that the playoff pairings were the same as in real-life this season, except for Edmonton-Los Angeles.

Standings and leaders:

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA		W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	39	26	15	93	324	269	Chicago	29	38	13	71	307	330
Buffalo	27	40	13	67	306	340	Detroit	20	46	14	54	256	334
Hartford	25	40	15	65	330	386	Minnesota	46	18	16	108	335	260
Montreal	50	17	13	113	352	228	St. Louis	26	41	13	65	306	366
Quebec	37	33	10	84	339	327	Toronto	17	41	22	56	280	372
New Jersey	15	54	11	41	237	369	Calgary	39	23	18	96	333	295
NY Island	46	14	20	112	374	241	Edmonton	44	21	15	103	344	266
NY Rangers	42	24	14	98	351	299	Los Angeles	26	37	17	69	304	327
Philadel.	41	21	18	100	340	274	Vancouver	35	32	13	83	290	283
Pittsburgh	28	37	15	71	270	308	Winnipeg	20	42	18	58	268	352
Washington	30	37	13	73	293	328							

Points			Goals			Assists		
	G	A		G	A		G	A
Gretzky EDM	87	88	175	Middleton BOS	90	Sulliman HAR	104	
Sulliman HAR	60	104	164	Gretzky EDM	87	Larouche HAR	98	
Larouche HAR	52	98	150	Barber PHI	72	Trottier NYI	95	
Trottier NYI	48	95	143	Gradin VAN	62	Gretzky EDM	88	
Middleton BOS	90	51	141	P.Stastny QUE	62	Howe PHI	85	
Bossy NYI	59	79	138	Sulliman HAR	60	Borke BOS	83	
P.Stastny QUE	62	73	135	Bossy NYI	59	Clarke PHI	83	
Dionne LA	52	74	126	Maruk WAS	55	Taylor LA	83	

Goalie Avg.	
Wamsley MON	2.68
Melanson NYI	2.87
Fuhr EDM	2.99
B.Smith NYI	3.00
Sevigny MON	3.03
Meloche MIN	3.05
Jensen WAS	3.28
Lindbergh PHI	3.30
Vachon BOS	3.32

Montreal d. NY Islanders, 4-3
Edmonton d. Minnesota, 4-0

Playoffs:	
Montreal d. Buffalo, 3-2 (games)	
Boston d. Quebec, 3-1	
NY Islanders d. Washington, 3-1	
Philadelphia d. NY Rangers, 3-2	
Minnesota d. Toronto, 3-2	
Chicago d. St. Louis, 3-2	
Edmonton d. Los Angeles, 3-0	
Vancouver d. Calgary, 3-0	
Montreal d. Boston, 4-2	
NY Islanders d. Philadelphia, 4-3	
Minnesota d. Chicago, 4-2	
Edmonton d. Vancouver, 4-0	

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Wanted

WANTED: 1977 and 1978 complete set of American League baseball cards, in playable condition. Extra players if possible, but not necessary. Contact: Stu Black, 303 West First St. #2, Aberdeen, WA 98520. Or call: 206-532-1561.

WANTED: All baseball rosters from the years 1962-'73, all football rosters prior to '80 except for '71, the '81-82 basketball roster and all basketball rosters prior to '80-81 except for '72-73, and all hockey rosters except for '80-81 season. I will pay \$1 apiece for all rosters. Send rosters to: Brian Smith, 2872 E. Broad St., Bexley, OH 43209.

WANTED: The 1973 and 1974 Montreal Expos and Texas Rangers. Have assorted baseball teams from 1975-81 for trade or willing to purchase. Price negotiable. If you have these teams, please contact me to make a deal. Please write to: Marv Shumacher, 103 Alexis Blvd., Downsview, Ontario, Canada M3H 2P8

WANTED: 1963 Pinson, Maloney, Battey, Pascual; 1964 Radatz, B. Robinson, Santo, Drysdale; 1966 R. Allen, Torre, Bunning, Peters. Please send asking price to: Larry Kapit, 2611 Riverside Dr., Coral Springs, FL 33065 or call 305-753-8652.

WANTED: Baseball cards for the 1963 season. Need approximately 125 cards. Please send list of available players and condition of cards to: Tom Meyers, 5 N. Allen Ave., Richmond, VA 23220

WANTED: Backup managers and/or managers interested in playing in the RZML Baseball League (PBM). Our managers have been together for nearly six years. Please contact: Rook Messick, P.O. Box 345, Fort Campbell, KY 42223, or call 502-439-1743.

WANTED: Any S-O-M cards of Roberto Clemente, Willie Stargell and Terry Bradshaw. Will pay top dollar. Please send prices to: Jeff Rosen, 6333 Canoga Ave., No. 377, Woodland Hills, CA 91367 or call 213-883-7726.

WANTED: The Super Bowl years of Miami Dolphins - 1972 (17-0) undefeated and 1973 (15-2) teams. Make your own offer. Contact: Rick Curtis, 207 B Pringle Circle, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

WANTED: Players for an established (5 years) face-to-face Strat league in the New York (Nassau-Queens) area. Experienced face-to-face players only. Write or call: Strat-O-Matic Club of Long Island, 13 Seward Dr., Woodbury, NY 11797 (516-692-8883)

WANTED: 1971 National League plus the extra players. Should be in good to excellent condition. Please send price and condition to: Paul Saffell, 502 W. North St., Ada, OH 45810

WANTED: 1977 special printing of Seattle Mariners and Toronto Blue Jays for 1976 set; 1974 season Philadelphia Phillies' card of Terry Harmon and 1976 season SF Giants extra player cards for Glen Adams, John D'Acquisto, Mike Sadek and Charlie Williams. Mike Mayko, 390 Welch's Point Road, [continued]

Milford, CT 06460

For Sale

FOR SALE: Football - Six old-timer teams and all Super Bowl teams except 1968 Baltimore. I would like to sell as set for \$200. I may be persuaded to sell as individual teams if the price is right. 1978 complete set in good condition (\$15). Baseball - All teams in good condition, with extras. 1974 (\$45), 1972 (\$40), 1974 (\$37), 1976 (\$35), 1978 (\$25), 1979 (\$15) and 1975 w/o extras (\$32). I will sell immediately for price in brackets or at highest bid. Send SASE to: Jeff Williams, 8052 Westcamp Rd., Fair Oaks, CA 95628 or call 408-985-3428.

FOR SALE: Computerized football statistics - All rushing/receiving/passing stats...year and game stats...every imaginable stat (offense and defense, individual and team). For complete information, send 25¢ to: Richard Jacobson, RD 2 Guys Run Road B3, Cheswick, PA 15024

FOR SALE: Football - 1978 Bills, Dolphins, Eagles; 1980 Raiders, Bills, Chargers; 1976 Colts, Raiders, Patriots, Rams; 1974 Steelers, Bengals, Dolphins, Bills; 1973 Dolphins, Cowboys, Vikings, Bills; 1970 49ers, Colts, Dolphins, Bills, Cowboys; 1969 Chargers, Bills, Bengals, Jets, Patriots, Oilers, Dolphins, Raiders, Chiefs, Broncos. All cards in mint condition. Send offers to: Thomas Wesolowski, 1275 Clinton, Buffalo, NY 14206

FOR SALE: Strato veteran retiring, offering incredible sale. One reasonable price for whole collection; you pay postage, though. This includes: '56 and '61 seasons, 41 old-timers (not '67 Boston), 36 "little teams," all nearly mint, plus seasons: 1969-74 and '78 through '81. Extras for '78-81 only. All rosters except '69-74. A few cards missing or marked, but 99% pure. Also, shoebox of loose football cards, 1969-71, and about 20 '76 and '78 teams. Finally, an unplayed S-O-M College Football game ('79). I'm not a

collector, I'm a gamer, but this 350-team offer, plus, is worth an offer from a real bargain hunter. Write or call with offer by next issue of Review. Joe Earls, 11 Whittemore Road, Sturbridge, MA 01566 [617-347-3879]

FOR SALE: 1974 baseball cards, all 24 teams (no extras); excellent condition; plus, as a bonus, the 1973 world champion Oakland A's (no extras). Would prefer to sell all 25 teams as a package. Send offers to: Dann L. Myers, 5032 Woodcrest Rd., White Bear Lake, MN 55110 [612-426-1398]

FOR SALE: Football - 1967 Packers, Cowboys; 1968 Colts; AFL 1969 Chiefs, Raiders; 1970 Colts, Cowboys, Bengals, Raiders (fair), 49ers (fair); 1971 Cowboys, Colts, Dolphins; 1972 Dolphins, Redskins; 1973 Dolphins; 1974 Steelers, Vikings, Bills, Browns; 1975 Steelers, Cowboys, Colts; 1976 Raiders; 1977 Cowboys; 1978 Steelers, Cowboys; 1979 Steelers, Oilers, Rams, Buccaneers. College football game and all contents, excellent condition. Baseball - 1972 A's, Reds (extras); 1973 A's; 1974 A's, Dodgers, Yankees, Reds, Pirates, Orioles; 1975 Reds (two teams), Red Sox, Orioles; 1976 Reds, Yankees; 1977 Yankees, Dodgers (extras); 1978 Yankees, Dodgers; 1979 Pirates (2 teams), Orioles, Angels, Yankees, Brewers, Red Sox; 1980 AL and NL (all with extras); 1981 AL and NL (all with extras). Group A and B Hall of Famers, 36 past season teams set. All teams in very good condition except as noted; extra players only as noted. All bids considered. SASE assures reply. Bids decided upon at end of month. Ralph Patrick, 5516 Besley Court, Apt. T-6, Rockville, MD 20851

FOR SALE: 1961 baseball card ratings. On base and total base points for advanced version with extras. Send \$5 to: Bill Brubaker, 8 Orchard Ave., Owego, NY 13827

FOR SALE: Send one 20¢ stamp now for large list of baseball and hockey items available. I'm selling my entire collection. Dennis Menard, 447 Elm St., Montpelier, VT 05602

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FOR SALE: Complete Football sets, 1967-1981. Good to excellent to mint condition. Will include unused game board, play selectors and dots free of charge with each purchase. I will pay postage for shipment to you, express mail if possible. Each bid will be answered ASAP. Buy now--you're not going to find another deal like this anywhere. Tony D'Abbraccio Jr., 21-09 30th Ave., Astoria, NY 11102

FOR SALE: Over 2,000 baseball cards from '73-'74-'75-'76-'77 and '80 seasons. Most in mint condition and several teams complete w/extras. All teams are individually contained and labeled in their own protective envelope...no rubber bands are used, thus assuring maximum protection for valuable cards. Also eliminating frayed edges or bent cards. Envelopes will keep cards in mint condition. Send for free price list of what we have available. Write to: L.D. Melito Assoc., Daniel Rd. RFD #2, North Salem, NY 10560

FOR SALE: 1975 baseball teams (24 players): Giants, Phils, Pirates, Mets, Red Sox, Reds; 1980 teams (24 players) and revised pitchers cards: Mets, Yankees, Phils, Royals, Blue Jays, Orioles, Dodgers, Astros. Send me your offers with SASE. Frank Glaz, 1709 B. Fairmont Ave., Whitehall, PA 18052

FOR SALE: New random number method for serious S-O-M Baseball players. Forget annoying split decks, cumbersome 20-sided dice and dice conversion tables. RLM's 20-number spinner produces quick, accurate and 100% random number selection each and every time. This compact, durable spinner is your ticket to truly realistic statistical results. Send \$3.50 (postage included) to: RLM Enterprises, 725 Elm Court, LeSueur, MN 56058. Order now to make 1983 your best season ever.

FOR SALE: Football - 1971 Steelers; '73 Redskins; '74 Chargers, Cowboys; '75 Bears, Browns, Cowboys, Dolphins, Eagles,

Falcons, Giants, Jets, Lions, Packers, Saints, Seahawks. Baseball - 1970 A's, Indians, Cubs, Orioles, Tigers; '71 Brewers, Reds, Expos; '72 Mets; '78 Yankees; '80 Red Sox; '79 complete set; '81 American League. Basketball - 1974-75 complete set. Send bids to: John P. Walsh, 453 Cornell Ave., Pemberton, NJ 08068

FOR SALE: Complete baseball card sets: 1962 - good condition; 1968 - good condition; 1976, '77, '78 with extras - very good to excellent condition. Also 1967, 1969 football card sets - very good condition; 1974-75 basketball - excellent condition; 1977-78 hockey - near mint. Cards sold as complete season sets only. All written offers must include phone number. Rick Amor, 764 Beaumont Circle, Milledgeville, GA 31061 (912-452-8756)

FOR SALE: 1972 S-O-M Baseball cards, \$2 per team; in good condition. Also football teams from '74 through '78. Pittsburgh and Dallas type teams are gone. But if you would like some of the less known teams you can have them for only 85¢ each postpaid. Over 90 available. Send SASE to: Gerald Dunnum, 1479 Redfield St., LaCrosse, WI 54601 (608-784-9513)

FOR SALE: Baseball sets, complete with additional players and in mint condition: 1972, '74, '75, '76, '77, '78 and '79. Complete sets without additional players: 1971. All sets sold by complete years only - no individual teams or leagues sold separately. Larry Wolf, 5648-D Birchmont, Houston, TX 77091

FOR SALE: Tired of spending hours upon hours compiling stats for your league? Let us do the work for you. Spend more time throwing dice than pushing calculator buttons. We're a professional statistical company using computers to produce high quality, professional results. Stats can be done periodically or seasonally, for however many games the stats represent. Standings, leaders and individual and team stats for any S-O-M game are done quickly and accurately. Ideal for all leagues (PBM and face-to-face). Multiple
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copies can be ordered to provide for all league members. For free information and price list, write: Jarbis, Inc., P.O. Box 81, Franklin Park, NJ 08823

FOR SALE: S-O-M Football solitaire charts, statistically created to act as human beings. Over 40 hours in the making. Charts actually overcompensate for weaknesses in its own defense as well as keying runningbacks, double-teaming receivers and calling different defenses. Also plays differently when protecting a big lead. Over 20 pages in all. Also, new football yard two charts (additions to present x-chart), including reverse calls, Flea flickers, punter passes and runs, blocked punts, sideline passes and more. Send SASE for free brochure on above innovations. Football - 1970 Vikings, \$12; 1970 49ers, 1971 Colts, Chiefs, \$10; 1973 Dolphins, \$15; Vikings, \$10; Bengals, Steelers, Raiders, Cowboys, Rams, Redskins, \$6; 1974 Steelers, \$12; Vikings, \$8; Bills, Raiders, Rams, Redskins, Cardinals, Dolphins, \$6; 1975 Steelers, \$12; Cowboys, \$10; Raiders, Rams, Colts, Cardinals, \$5; 1976 set, \$24. Send to: Leon Kalayjian, 39 Gramercy Ave., Rye, NY 10580

FOR SALE: Football teams - 1968 San Diego, Washington, Philadelphia, Chicago, Boston, Denver, Detroit, Buffalo, Atlanta, New Orleans, Giants; 1969 Dallas, Cleveland, Los Angeles, Boston, Washington, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Minnesota; 1970 Oakland, Denver, Detroit, Minnesota, Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia, San Francisco; 1971 Dallas, Washington, Los Angeles, Jets, Kansas City, Baltimore, Miami, Minnesota, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, San Diego, Atlanta, Philadelphia, New England, St. Louis, Giants; 1972 - 26 teams; 1973 - 26 teams; 1974 - 26 teams plus Pittsburgh; 1975 - 25 teams except Pittsburgh; 1976 - 28 teams. Basketball - 1974-75 Phoenix, Houston, Kansas City, Cleveland, Seattle, Los Angeles, Milwaukee, Atlanta, Washington, Detroit; 1972-73 Buffalo, Seattle, Milwaukee,

Houston, Chicago, Golden State, Boston, Baltimore, Cleveland, Philadelphia, Kansas City, Detroit, Phoenix, Portland, Knicks, Atlanta. Will sell individually or sets; also will trade for any baseball teams prior to 1969. Send bids to: Robert A. McMullin III, 902 Montgomery Ave., Fort Washington, PA 19034 (215-646-2230)

League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: The NASOMSL is in extreme need of owners for its initial football season. I will compile all statistics. Also, backups desired. For our baseball league. All letters answered. Contact: Paul Weltz, Box 158, Parshall, ND 58770 (701-862-3377)

LEAGUE FORMING: The SOM World Football League is now forming. The league will be total draft and consist of 14 teams. There will be a four-week preseason, 16-game regular-season, championship award and more. For more information, write or call: Bob Monek, RD#4, Bethlehem, PA 18015 (215-838-9271)

LEAGUE FORMING: Established, advanced PBM basketball league will expand from 12 to 14 teams next year. We have 6 managers and each one manages 2 teams. The new manager will base his teams on draft picks, cuts from other teams and 1 team will receive Larry Bird and the other will receive Magic Johnson. These players are automatically on your team - guaranteed. We will be starting our 3rd season in October when next year's cards come out, however our draft will be soon so we need prompt responses. Please send a complete resume. This is a solid league which will not fold. Anthony Giacobbe, 15 Welles Ct., Staten Island, NY 10301

LEAGUE FORMING: Boston area gamers would like to expand face-to-face leagues (baseball, football). Anyone within driving distance of Waltham, MA, call or write: Dave Corbett, 45 Barbara Rd., Waltham, MA 02154 (894-1771)

LEAGUE FORMING: Experienced PBM commissioner forming new advanced baseball league. This will be a
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draft league with players retained year to year. Players from all 26 teams plus extras will be used. There will be 10 teams in each league with managers eligible to compete in both if desired. Other features such as salaries, free agents, etc., will be incorporated. Managers will determine many of the rules and procedures by popular vote. All ages from 13-up accepted, but must be mature and responsible. All suggestions welcomed. Send application to: Dennis Regling, 1331 MacCorkle Ave., Charleston, WV 25304

LEAGUE FORMING: Replacement managers needed immediately for PBM baseball league. We will play 1981-based National League (160 games) this summer, to be followed by combined 1982-based NL and AL season in the winter. Each manager will have a team in each league. We have completed 6 AL and 4 NL seasons. For complete information, write: Bob Dormer, 10874 Parlin Terrace, Philadelphia, PA 19116

LEAGUE FORMING: Try the PBM Classic Challenge and test your wits with 7 other managers. You can play if you own the old-timers teams, reprints, recent pennant winners, the '56 and '61 seasons and the Hall of Famers. We'll play 9 consecutive 8-team, 56-game leagues - 6 basic and 2 advanced (all teams pennant winners) and conclude with the HOF set. The teams will be drafted for subsequent leagues in inverse order of finish and the player with the best overall record (after 504 games) will be champion. Standardized PBM sheets will be used for easy play. League A features '09 Tigers, '27 and '62 Yankees, '31 A's, '46 Red Sox, '54 Indians, '65 Twins and '69 Orioles. Contact: Vincent Paterno, 20128 Green Run Court, Gaithersburg, MD 20879 (301-258-5021). List teams in order of preference. This is for the dedicated S-O-M fan.

LEAGUE FORMING: I still need 2 managers for an advanced PBM '61 replay league. Possible teams are: Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh or Milwaukee.

I also need 4 managers for the American League. Several respondents are very flexible so most teams are available in AL. SASE. Michael Oestreich, 5367 C Gladstone Place, Normandy, MD 63121

LEAGUE FORMING: New PBM league using 16 actual teams, 8 from each league, and a 6-round draft of the teams not picked. I have been planning this league for a year. I have 7 years of playing experience and have been in 5 PBM leagues, so I have taken some of the best ideas from those to assure a successful league. This league is for serious, honest players. The league will use advanced rules and new stealing system. Reply by June 20 and include top 10 choices of teams, in order of preference, in each league. Also, include small resume and your preference of which league you would rather play in. All replies will be answered by July 1. Play will start as soon as possible. Mike McCowen, 2615 E. Andrews Apt. D, Fresno, CA 93726

LEAGUE FORMING: Established PBM advanced baseball league needs 3 reliable managers. League employs yearly draft done completely by phone. League has members in Ohio, Missouri, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Mass., and Maine. If interested, call: 513-859-0991 [Steven Rigdon]

LEAGUE FORMING: SOMFBL II's first season was a success with Oakland defeated Cincinnati in the World Series. But more managers are needed to fill the vacancies left last year. This is a PBM basic baseball league using all 26 teams with extras and no trading. The full 162-game season is played with each division winner receiving a trophy. Most improved team also wins a trophy. Entry fee is \$10. If interested, write to: Jeff Schwarze, 1410 Westaire Ave., Peoria, IL 61614, or call 309-688-0310. If you're not dependable, don't waste the stamp.

LEAGUE FORMING: Face-to-face in the Cedar Rapids, IA, area. League type depends on managers choice. Write or call: Kevin Gertsen, 1240 Meadowview Dr.-#1, Marion, IA 52302 (319-377-9681)

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S-O-M league, replay scene

MID-AMERICAN S-O-M LEAGUE - A 12-team draft league, broken up into three divisions, that plays by mail...most recent season was based on 1981 real-life...John Roberts' Royal Oak Clowns, from Royal Oak, MI, had the best record (114-54), three 20-game winners and ultimately won the championship, defeating Greg Turner's Birmingham Bandits (Birmingham, MI) in the World Series, 4-1...Turner was league spokesman...Managers can protect 17-19 players each season...Cal Ripken was No. 1 draft for this season by John Richardson, who finished with poorest record last year, 54-114...Pitching of the Clowns was nothing to laugh at as Don Sutton (20-7, 2.99), Mario Soto (21-13, 3.12) and Nolan Ryan (23-7, 3.21) made for a formidable starting rotation. Phil Niekro chipped in with 15 wins in 18 decisions and Dave Smith (22) and Kevin Saucier combined for 43 saves...Clowns had 3.15 team ERA, lowest in league...Ryan and Soto tossed three and five-hitters against the Bandits in the World Series in 3-0 and 8-1 wins, respectively, while Garry Maddox homered twice in 9-4 romp in fifth and final game...Managerial lineup: Bob Cebalak (Madison Mothmen), Marty Chittum (Milwaukee Mavericks), Mike Martin (Sheboygan Indians), Tony Cass (Wisconsin Warriors), Steve Evseeff (Royal Oak Bubbas), John Roberts (Royal Oak Clowns), Larry Spezia (Royal Oak Spuds), John Richardson (Tokyo Rockets), Greg Turner (Birmingham Bandits), Roger Johnson (Louisiana Pelicans), Bill Roberts (Quetico Lakers) and Rick Blount (Stone Age Giants).

Standings and leaders:

Wisconsin	W	L	GB	Michigan	W	L	GB
Madison Mothmen	89	79	-	Royal Oak Clowns	114	54	-
Wisconsin Warriors	85	83	4	Royal Oak Bubbas	93	75	21
Sheboygan Indians	81	87	8	Royal Oak Spuds	90	78	24
Milwaukee Mavericks	64	104	25	Tokyo Rockets	54	114	60
Southern	W	L	GB	Batting	Home Runs		
Birmingham Bandits	101	67	-	Madlock ROB	.347	Schmidt ROS	50
Quetico Lakers	89	79	12	Lansford QL	.330	Dawson QL	45
Stone Age Giants	82	86	19	Matthews SAG	.317	Foster WW	38
Louisiana Pelicans	68	100	33	Gibson ROB	.309	Murray SAG	37
RBI	ERA	Wins					
Schmidt ROS	135	Righetti	SAG 2.49	Ryan ROC	23	Soto ROC	21
Hernandez BB	112	Medich	ROB 2.69	McCatty ROB	22	Stieb WW	20
Murray SAG	111	Sanderson	ROS 2.75	Carlton BB	22	Sutton ROC	20
Zisk ROS	108	Stieb	WW 2.76	Niekro BB	21		
H:	Lansford QL 228	CG:	Carlton BB 25	Strikeouts			
2B:	Lansford QL 60	SA:	Fingers SI 35	Carlton BB	317		
3B:	Brett WW 19	IP:	Carlton BB 321	Valenzuela SI	295		
R:	Schmidt ROS 125			Soto ROC	241		
SB:	Raines BB 111	MVP:	Dawson QL	Ryan ROC	232		
GWH:	Schmidt ROS 20	Cy Young:	Ryan ROC				
		Fireman:	Fingers SI				

1982 CHICAGO WHITE SOX REPLAY - Laird Leathers, a 16-year-old gamer from St. Charles, IL, took the White Sox through a 162-game replay and found that he was one game better than regular Chisox skipper Tony LaRussa...S-O-M Sox finished 88-74, missing out on playoffs after losing 5 of last six games, including three straight to Seattle....Leathers has played S-O-M for six years and logged over 1,500 baseball games...He admits to having to use Tom Paciorek and Steve Trout more than in real-life...Sox batted .274 and had staff ERA of 3.69...Since-departed Steve Kemp led team in hitting (.308), bettering real-life by 22 points. He had 15 home runs (19) and 95 RBI (98)...Harold Baines batted .296 (.27) and had 28 (25) homers and 122 (105) RBI...Greg Luzinski was also close in average (.285 compared to .292 real), while the "Bull" slammed 28

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homers compared to just 18 in real-life...LaMarr Hoyt, 16-15 in S-O-M, was overshadowed by Dennis Lamp (16-10, 3.49 compared to 11-8, 3.99)... Britt Burns wasn't as effective as real-life, going 15-13 and 4.10 in S-O-M compared to 13-5, 4.04 actual. Trout was 14-10, but Richard Dotson was a major disappointment, going 2-8 with a balloon-like 5.02 ERA.

VICTOR S-O-M PRO FOOTBALL LEAGUE - Home base is Victor, NY, with Timothy Mickelsen commissioner...has played four replays of varying length, beginning with 1978 teams. Six teams played 10-game schedule plus playoffs that first year, with Pittsburgh edging Dallas in final, 21-20. Dallas went 8-2, Pittsburgh 6-4 in regular-season; splitting a pair of games, Dallas winning 21-5 and Pittsburgh 20-17 in overtime... Coaching ranks were expanded from six to eight and 14-game schedule was played using 1979 teams. (see standings below). Dallas won it all this time, downing Houston in final, 16-9...1980 teams again saw 14-game schedule and eight coaches. Philadelphia and New England had great series, both going 10-4, splitting a pair of games during regular-season, Philly winning a tiebreaker, 31-30, and finally New England capturing an overtime thriller, 27-24, in the title game. In a total of four games, Philadelphia outscored the Patriots, 110-108...Use of the 1981 teams saw a mini schedule of seven games, but with expansion to 16 teams. Each coach (8) had two teams. Denver downed San Francisco in finale, 34-20. In fact, Denver outlasted Detroit (52-49) and Cincinnati (47-28) to reach the final. The comeback against Detroit bordered on the miraculous as the Broncos trailed 35-3 in the second quarter before staging a whirlwind rally. Craig Morton threw for 6 touchdowns and 494 yards.

Standings and playoff results:

1979 Teams	W	L		W	L	
Dallas	12	2	Miami	9	5	Dallas 42, Pittsburgh 24
Houston	10	4	Pittsburgh	8	6	Houston 16, Miami 0
New England	8	6	San Diego	3	11	
Denver	6	8	Washington	0	14	
1980 Teams						
Oakland	10	4	Philadelphia	10	4	New England 44, Oakland 31
San Diego	8	6	New England	10	4	Philadelphia 41, San
Miami	5	9	Dallas	8	6	Diego 17
Buffalo	5	9	Atlanta	0	14	

CLINTON MASS S-O-M LEAGUE - After six seasons of waiting, Richie Kennedy was finally crowned league champion...Clinton league features eight managers who play face-to-face through a 160-game season plus playoffs...League is divided into two divisions with top two teams in each reaching playoffs...Kennedy's secret of success was great pitching, as Tom Seaver had 25-12 record and Burt Hooton 22-10. Nolan Ryan, 2.49 ERA, chipped in 17 wins although he was saddled with 17 losses. Balance was key on offense for champs as Dwight Evans (36 homers, 103 runs, 101 RBI), Bill Buckner (.307, 99 RBI) and Bill Madlock (50 doubles, .307) led the charge...Dan Tomasello won the division that Kennedy was in, however, setting a league record with 98 wins. Tomasello's team featured MVP Mike Schmidt (46 HRs, 124 RBI). Cecil Cooper set a league standard with 61 doubles while Don Sutton (24-6, 2.20) and Steve McGatty (22-12, 2.76) gave mound staff a formidable look...Other league members included: John Joyce, Dick O'Malley, Joe DiMauro, Mark Driscoll, all in Division 1, and Dennis Foley and Fran Sheehy joining Tomasello and Kennedy in 2...Joyce had the league's top hitter, Tom Paciorek (.344), while O'Malley's Rollie Fingers had 37 saves - both league records...Steve Carlton, pitching for DiMauro, was only 12-17, but Fernando Valenzuela (his rookie season in the 'Big's') lived up to real-life reputation by winning 23 games and posting 2.84 ERA for Foley, who lost 27 games by one-run margins...Steve
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Rogers [12-22] and Danny Darwin [4-17] were major disappointments for cellar-dweller Sheehy...In the playoffs, O'Malley upset Tomaseello, 3-2 (games), scoring a 7-6 win in game five when George Hendrick, who earlier had belted a grand-slam, made an error in the 10th inning that allowed the winning run to score. Kennedy, with Ryan winning the first and last games, took out Joyce, 3-1...The final series went the full seven games, with Kennedy capturing the last game, 6-3, as Madlock hit a three-run homer in the eighth. Two home runs by Mike Easler and one by Andre Dawson (all solo shots) were in vain for the losers. Earlier in the playoffs, Dave Stieb had staked O'Malley to a 3-1 lead by winning games one (3-0, 1-hit shutout) and four (1-0) as Richie Zisk homered and Fingers picked up a save.

Standings and leaders:

Division 1	W	L	GB	Avg.	ERA	Home Runs	RBI
John Joyce	85	75	-	.266	3.74	Schmidt DT 46	Schmidt DT 124
Dick O'Malley	81	79	4	.255	3.44	Grich JJ 38	Grich JJ 115
Joe DiMauro	77	83	8	.249	4.11	Evans RK 36	Dawson DOM 113
Mark Driscoll	66	94	19	.233	3.62	Dawson DOM 34	Paciorek JJ 108
						Murray FS 33	Murray FS 103
Division 2	W	L	GB	Avg.	ERA	Batting	R
Dan Tomasello	98	62	-	.263	2.98	Paciorek JJ .344	Evans RK 103
Rich Kennedy	95	65	3	.267	3.06	Durham FS .324	28
Dennis Foley	74	86	24	.256	3.69	Madlock RK .307	Cooper DT 81
Fran Sheehy	64	96	34	.233	4.16	Buckner RK .307	38
ERA (160 IP)	W	L	GB	Avg.	ERA	Batting	R
Sutton DT	2.20					Rose MD .302	Brett MD 19
Ryan RK	2.49						H
Gullickson DOM	2.72					Seaver RK 28	Buckner RK
McCatty DT	2.76					SH	205
Hooton AK	2.83					Sutton DT 9	SB
Strikeouts	W	L	GB	Avg.	ERA	Batting	R
Valenzuela DF	320					SA	Raines JJ 105
Ryan RK	315					Fingers DOM 37	Henderson
Carlton JD	301					Garber FS 32	OF 74
Gullickson DOM	230					Fireman: Fingers DOM	
						Manager: Dan Tomasello	

Note that Seaver pitched a no-hitter against Dennis Foley and that league also had seven one-hitters.

DUNSMORE S-O-M BASEBALL LEAGUE - Commissioner Michael Cordero Jr.'s

Oakland Outlaws set a flock of records for this Pennsylvania-based league, which now has completed two seasons...Outlaws pillaged rest of league during regular-season, setting records for wins (109), pennant-winning margin (31 games), most home runs (221), most players 10 or more home runs (11), most pitchers with 10 or more wins (6), most players with 40 or more RBI (11) and most consecutive innings without an error (89)...Despite it all, Oakland lost in playoffs to fourth-place Washington (3-2 in games), with Hollywood, coached by Bill Genello and third-place finisher, 35 games behind Oakland, edging Washington in the World Series (4-3)...Hollywood won seventh and deciding game, 5-3, as Bruce Berenyi and Dave Smith combined on 7-hitter to get the better of Steve Carlton and Bruce Sutter, with Carlton being touched for four runs in the 6th inning that broke the game open...Other managers in the five-team face-to-face league included Dan Demuth (Marco Isle), John Genello (Washington) and Joe D'Arienzo (Tampa Bay).

Standings and leaders:

	W	L	GB	Batting	Home Runs
Oakland	109	51	-	Bench MI .325	Schmidt TB 46
Marco Isle	78	82	31	Youngblood HOL.319	Luzinski WAS 35
Hollywood	74	86	35	Cooper TB .293	Dawson HOL 33
Washington	73	87	36	Baker TB .280	Monday OAK 31
Tampa Bay	66	94	43	Schmidt TB .280	(continued)

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Luzinski WAS 94 Langford TB 2.69 Garber MI 20-9 .690
Ryan MI 3.13 Stieb OAK 18-9 .667
R: Evans OAK 103 SB: Henderson WAS 84 SA: Gossage OAK 51
2B: Cooper TB 44 H: Cooper TB 163 K: Ryan MI 241
3B: Leonard OAK 28 CG: Langford TB 26 Valenzuela WAS 236
Cy Young: Gossage OAK MVP: Gossage OAK (11-10, 172IP, 1.94 ERA, 51 SA)

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LEAGUE FORMING: Join the WM-PBML Baseball League, off to late start this year. Need 8-12 dedicated managers for combination draft/straight teams league (protect 10 players on desired team, then draft from leftover pool). Will use DH and advanced rules. Moderate dues and small deposit to be returned upon completion

of schedule, to insure manager loyalty. If interested, list your top five teams and the 10 players protected on each. First come, first served. Let's get this league rolling by June 20. Contact: James Sanders, 2 Peachtree Road, East Longmeadow, MA 01028 (413-525-4827)