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A's, Royals Are Running Wild

New Baseball Cards Are Here!

After a cursory look at the new Strat-O-Matic Baseball cards, it appears that all a manager of the Oakland A's or Kansas City Royals needs is to be able to verbalize, "Gentlemen, start your engines!"

Both American League West teams should have been on a racetrack. They don't need coaches, just traffic lights. Oakland, for instance, has four "AA" stealers--Don Baylor, Bert Campaneris, Bill North and Claudell Washington--plus two "A's" and two more in Matt Alexander and Larry Lintz, both of whom are strictly runners.

Kansas City isn't many steps behind on the thievery trail, possessing one AA (Fred Patek) and seven A's. There should be a whole lotta stealin' going on this summer--on the S-O-M diamond, of course.

Many other gamers have, no doubt, received their new cards by now. It's always a special thrill to pore over those new cards, examining each minutely and perhaps even uncovering skills you didn't know existed.

A quick look at the new cards also revealed to us the following:

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* Boston can still field an all-1 outfield, if Dwight Evans, Fred Lynn and Rick Miller occupy the perimeter posts.

* Check Joe Morgan's card for on-base chances. Against right-handed pitchers, for example, he has 69 chances--out of 108.

* Mike Tyson of St. Louis has a straight triple shot on 2-7 and 3-7 against right-handed pitchers.

* How about that Atlanta battery of pitcher Pablo Torrealba and catcher Biff Pocoroba? An announcer's nightmare, for sure.

* Although he hit a miserly .207, Jimmy Wynn of Atlanta has an excellent on-base card. He has 37 or more walk chances--again, out of 108 possible--against both types of pitching.

* Wow! Some improvement! Dave Winfield, San Diego outfielder, went from a "4" to a "1" in the span of one year. He also improved his throwing considerably, too, now possessing a "-4" rifle from any of the outfield spots.

* Check out the Cleveland Indian relief trio, Dave LaRoche, Jim Kern and Stan Thomas. LaRoche, showing how tough he is, has 57 strikeout chances against lefty batters and no straight hit numbers.

* Cincinnati is again super tough up the middle defensively, with Johnny Bench (catcher), second baseman Joe Morgan, shortstop Dave Concepcion and center fielder Cesar Geronimo all "1s".

* Bench and Los Angeles' Steve Yeager are "1s" and -3 throwers as catchers.

* Southpaw hurler Stan Wall of the Dodgers is another it won't pay to send a lefty to hit against. Wall is virtually a stonewall, having no straight hit chances and only seven total walk chances.

* Philadelphia's defense comes close to competing with Cincy's, as shortstop Larry Bowa, third baseman Mike Schmidt and sometimes first baseman Tom Hutton are all "1" fielders. And second baseman Dave Cash is a "2".

* Baltimore's defense has slipped slightly, though, with shortstop Mark Belanger, second baseman Bobby Grich and center fielder Paul Blair again rated "1", but Brooks Robinson dropping to a "2".

* Quite a contrast department: New York Yankee catcher Thurman Munson is a -2 throwing, but put him in the outfield and he becomes a +2.

* Al Bumbry of Baltimore is an AA stealer but it probably won't do him much good against top-notch lefty pitchers. Bumbry, a southpaw swinger, doesn't have a hit chance on his card against a left-hander.

* The Phillies have five relievers with earned run averages under 3.00.

* When Rich Folkers, San Diego pitcher, is called an "extra" player it could be an inference to the type of base hits he most frequently allows. Folkers serves up extra base hits in abundance facing right-handed batters, having straight home runs on 6-4, 6-5 and a 1-11 split chance on 6-6.

Those are just some of the card highlights from the newest S-O-M Baseball player set. Check 'em for yourself. There are many more.

Here comes the summer of '77! Roll 'em!

Sixth National S-O-M Convention Planned

Early spring howlings from Rick [Wolfman] Shapiro indicate that the Sixth Annual S-O-M National Convention will be a summer happening come August 5-7. Again the site will be Champaign-Urbana, IL, at the college campus.

Five tournaments will again be staged, according to Wolfman: Elementary Baseball A (1905-1957) and B (1960-76), Advanced Football, Advanced Baseball and Super Advanced Football. Play will commence Friday, with the finals slated for Sunday. A bowling and hockey tournament are also planned.

Entry fee for the three-day S-O-M fun bash will be a nominal \$3.00.

Shapiro, who has shouldered most of the responsibility for the organization and running off of past tournaments, is asking for help this time around. He would like two people (with organizational talents and plenty of patience) to contact him immediately at: 929 Oglesby, U.R.H., Urbana, IL 61801. Furthermore, all mail correspondence relating to the convention will be handled by Dale Barnes (509 Davis, Park Forest, IL 60466). Any correspondence needing an answer should include a SASE.

It's MVP Contest Time Again

It may seem like spring training is just getting into full swing, now, suddenly, you're being asked to peer far into the future. It's Most Valuable Player time again, with you, the readers of the Review, having the opportunity to pick the top players in both the American and National Leagues.

And for the gamer who can select both (plus, if necessary, pick the pennant winners correctly and also the divisional champs), a new set of the baseball cards, plus extra players, will be coming your way next February when the 1978 edition becomes available.

Those of you familiar with the Review's MVP Contest remember that there were co-winners for the first time this last time around. Vince Trivelpiece of Berwick, PA, and Neil Orser of Sydenham, Ontario, Canada, both selected Thurman Munson and Joe Morgan and also called the division winners correctly. Each is now enjoying his 1977 set of S-D-M Baseball cards.

If you want to get in on the action this year, simply send along to the Strat-O-Matic Review your choice for MVP in the American and National League. Also list the division winners and the percentages for each, in case more than one person correctly selects the MVPs. Ties will be broken on the basis of division winners and percentages.

You must be a subscriber to the Review to enter the contest. And only one entry per person, please.

This year's contest will close May 10, so don't delay in sending your entry off. Entries received after May 10 will be disqualified. Also, do not send your entry to the Strat-O-Matic Game Co, as such entries will also be disqualified.

You may send in the below entry blank, or clearly print your selections on a piece of paper. Entries must be sent to the:

Strat-O-Matic Review
P.O. Box 27
Otsego, MI 49078

MVP CONTEST ENTRY BLANK

MVP

[American League] _____

[National League] _____

Division Winners & Percentages

[American League East] _____

[American League West] _____

[National League East] _____

[National League West] _____

Your Name _____ [Print clearly]

Address _____

City & State _____

Zip Code _____

Remember again, the MVP contest will close May 10.

How To Build S-O-M Baseball Winner

With the new baseball cards either already in your home, or soon to be, the topic of league play, naturally, pops up again. Many gamers will be involved in those group sessions--many of them of the play-by-mail variety.

Regardless of whether you are playing by mail, or can view your opponent across the table, if a draft league is your game some helpful hints might be in order. If you're new to drafting, read closely. If you're a seasoned veteran, but without much success to show for your labors of love, you might also check out the following tips below.

Larry Fryer, the young man from Hamburg, PA, who authored the term paper for a college class entitled "How To Build A Winning Team In Strat-O-Matic Play-By-Mail Baseball," is your S-O-M counselor.

DEFENSE, PITCHING MOST IMPORTANT

First thing Fryer does is warn rookie managers (or unsuccessful ones) that defense and pitching, although perhaps not as glamorous as the big hitters, are the keys to success. He subscribes to the theory that pitching is 75 per cent of baseball success. And he warns, "Remember your pitching staff is only as good as your defense. You can have a starting rotation of Tom Seaver, Catfish Hunter, Randy Jones and Jim Palmer, and they will have trouble if backed by a defense of 3s and 4s."

First thing that Fryer points out, when selecting a team, is the minimum you can use at positions, as far as fielding. The following must be at least the indicated rating, otherwise trouble is soon to follow:

1st Base - 3	3rd Base - 3	Right Field - 3
2nd Base - 2	Left Field - 3	Catcher - 3
Shortstop - 2	Center Field - 2	OH - --

"For shortstop, second base and center field, you will notice I present the minimum fielding rating as being a 2. This is because most balls are hit up the middle to one of these three positions. If they have a 3 rating you are going to be in for some nightmares," offers Fryer.

"Try never to field a 4 anywhere in your lineup. That is inviting disaster. I support the theory that a .250 hitting 1 fielder is more valuable than a 4 fielding, .300 hitter.

"If your player is lacking in one of the areas and does not meet the minimum, maybe has another strength that will equalize his deficiency. Weigh out your personnel and make that judgement...By all means, again, try to stay away from the 4 fielders, unless they hit .320 and blasted 25 home runs."

GOPHER BALL PITCHERS ARE DOWNFALL

Fryer also mentions that he prefers to go with a four-man rotation as far as pitching, with the fourth spot usually being rotated among two or possibly three pitchers. Being the weakest of the quartet, the No. 4 man's role is one that needs experimentation--sometimes a surprise comes out of such efforts.

"Avoid, if possible, those pitchers who allow home runs like they are going out of style," warns Fryer. "Those three-run blasts can knock your team right out of the game, and eventually the pennant race. If the man has an automatic home run on his card and he is a starter, try to avoid pitching him to often unless he is an exceptional pitcher with a low earned run average."

Another strategical move would be to take out that gopher ball pitcher in the late innings at the first hint of trouble. Of course, that means you have to possess a solid bullpen. "By all means relief pitchers must not have any glorious home run chances on their card," emphasizes Fryer. "Where with starters it might only be an inconvenience, with relievers it will spell 'death' to your ballclub in a tight situation."

Fryer feels three good relievers are needed (pitchers whose combined innings amount to at least 350; at least two innings of relief work per game). A strikeout reliever is a definite plus. Since he often enters a game with

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runners on base, the "K" pitch comes in very handy.

BEWARE...WHEN DRAFTING

Common mistake by most managers, even the grizzled veterans, is to select the big home run belters and the high-average swingers in the opening rounds of a draft. Pitching can wait, is a common theory. But frequently that's a huge mistake. By the time of, let's say, the third round, most of the top pitchers have been plucked from the draft.

Review co-editor Del Newell remembers well the draft years ago when he selected Willie McCovey (the National League's top home run hitter) and Pete Rose (No. 1 hitter) in the first two rounds. It wasn't until the fourth round that a pitcher was taken. Del finished seventh in an eight-team race. McCovey hit his home runs, Rose batted well over .300--but the hurlers couldn't get anyone out.

Al Brinkert, the GKSML's 1976 champion, conversely, had an above-average team in hitting and starting pitcher but it became a winner because of the relief tandem of John Hiller and Rollie Fingers. Backed by a good defense, the team was able to pull out many games in the late innings because of the stifling relief work.

What will you be doing? If you're a member of a draft baseball league, the choice will soon be yours to make. Don't forget Fryer's tips--they could save your team from going 'down' faster than the Titanic this season.

Advertisements

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Wanted

WANTED: To buy -- 1971 or 1973 complete Strat-O-Matic Football team sets. Notify: Clifford H. Sears, 71 Sunset Blvd., Pittsford, NY 14534 (1-716-586-6770)

WANTED: Baseball - 1970 Yanks, Mets, Cubs; 1971 Twins, Royals, Red Sox, Angels, Yanks, Brewers, Indians, Cubs, Mets, Astros, Expos, Phillies, Reds, Padres; 1972 Expos, Mets, Phillies, Pirates, Padres, Giants, Dodgers. Also pre-1968 complete sets. Football - 1971 Dolphins; 1967 Raiders, Jets; 1968 Jets, Colts, Raiders, Cowboys; 1971, '73, '74 Raiders; 1973-74 Cowboys. Send offers to: James D. Perkins, Route 1, Kendaville Rd., Edmore, MI 48829

WANTED: I need the following teams -- 1970 Baltimore Colts and Dallas Cowboys; 1972 Pittsburgh Steelers. Send offers to: Terry Orr, 420, Woodrow Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93308. All SASE will be answered.

WANTED: Baseball - 1967 set, 1968, 1969, 1971 sets with extras. 1962 and 1963 Dodgers, 1962 Tigers, will buy individual teams or leagues, but must have extras on '68, '69 and '71 sets. Prefer to buy full sets. Will pay top price. Must be in excellent condition. Football - All 1967, 1968 and 1970 sets, especially '67 Oilers, Packers; '68 Chief, Jets, also 1971 Colts, Dolphins, Chiefs, 49ers, Cowboys. All SASE will be answered. Randall Witt, Route 5, Box 167 Moores Lane, Franklin, TN 37064. Phone 615-794-0248.

WANTED: Any Pittsburgh Steeler teams besides 1974. All offers will be answered. Send to: Bill Doughty, 105 A. Andrews, Fort Huachuca, AZ 85613

WANTED: Strat-O-Matic Baseball teams -- 1964 Cardinals, Phillies, White Sox; 1966 Orioles; 1968 Tigers; 1969 Orioles, Cubs; 1974 Dodgers. Football -- Play-off teams preceding 1973. Contact: John Napier, 190 Wildwood, Wheeling, IL 60090

WANTED: Statistics and Final standings from Old-Timer team replays. Primarily want full-season statistics, for computer research project. We need as many as we can get. Peter Denman, 3753 Chevy Chase, Houston, TX 77019

WANTED: Football teams, must be complete and in fair-to-good condition. 1967 Oakland Raiders, 1968 Baltimore Colts, 1969 Oakland Raiders. Send bids to: Mark Woloszyn, 1052 Hudson Ave., Rochester, NY 14621

WANTED: Inevitably maximum prices will be paid for following baseball teams in excellent condition. Necessary to obtain prior to end of April for continuation of Pilots Memorial-Sicks Stadium S-O-M Association. Teams required: 1968 Cardinals, Tigers; 1969 Mets, Pilots, Tigers, Astros, Senators, Brewers; 1970 Red Sox, Twins, Senators, Brewers; 1972 Phils, Dodgers. Please contact via SASE, with prices and condition to: Phil Lockwood, P.O. Box No. 207, Renton, WA 98055 (206-237-9505). Payment will be made by USPS money order cheque only, for your convenience. Please include phone number with your bids. Also searching for 1962 thru 1964 Dodgers, 1963 and 1964 Pirates and Red Sox; in whatever condition available.

WANTED: Baseball -- Complete 1971 and 1972 card sets, including extra players. Also 1968-70 Yankees; 1963 Dodgers; 1968 Cardinals, Tigers; 1969 Mets, Braves, Orioles, Twins; 1970 Pirates, Reds, Orioles, Twins. Will also consider offers of complete sets, 1961-63 and 1965-70. Send offer and SASE to: Jack Decker, 916 Thomas Rd., Columbus, OH 43212

WANTED: 1971 Pittsburgh Pirates in S-O-M Baseball. Contact: Cecil VanReenen 3707 Auburn Rd., Huntington, W.V. 25704. Phone (304) 429-2786.

WANTED: Desperately need 1968 New York Jets, complete team only. Will pay what you ask. Send all responses to: Ron Angleton, 721 Glenway Drive, Logansport, IN 46947

WANTED: Official Baseball Guide based on the 1975 season. Must be in excellent condition. Send offer to: Ira Wolins, 1230 Passmore St., Philadelphia, PA 19111

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: Baseball -- 1964 Cardinals, Phillies; 1965 Indians, Cardinals; 1966 Phillies, Orioles, Cardinals, Twins; 1967 White Sox, Reds, Senators, Tigers, Astros, Cubs, Phillies; 1968 Cardinals, Indians, Orioles, Yankees, Tigers; 1969 Senators, Orioles, Giants, Angels, Dodgers, Twins, Pirates, Red Sox, Athletics, Braves, Yankees; 1970 Yankees, Giants, Reds, Red Sox; 1971 Mets, Athletics, Dodgers, Cardinals, Pirates; 1972 Phillies, Pirates, Yankees; 1974 Dodgers, Rangers. Willing to pay \$4 to \$5 for a team listed above, whatever I think is fair. All teams should be good or better condition. Send replies to: Philip Bailey, 3555-F Clubhouse Circle E., Decatur, GA 30032

WANTED: The complete 1972 baseball set, with extra players, in usable condition. I would also like the 1973 baseball extra players. Very flexible terms. Tom Kleckner, Rm. 253 Simkins Hall, Austin, TX 78705 (512-471-5756).

WANTED: Am interested in obtaining the California, Texas, Montreal, Cincinnati and Los Angeles teams for the 1974 baseball season. James Labowski, 2050 E. 41 St., Brooklyn, NY 11234

For Sale

FOR SALE: To the highest bidder, 1972 baseball (excellent condition), 1972 football (some writing on cards), 1974 football (excellent condition). Donald Holmes, 1215 Pedro St., Apt. 22, San Jose, CA 95126

FOR SALE: 1972-1973 NBA cards, all 17 teams, 1973-1974 NBA cards, all 17 teams.

Send bids to: Marvin Lorenz,
R#2 Box 154, Greentown, IN 46936

FOR SALE: 1968 baseball teams in mint condition with extra players for \$3.00 each -- 1968 Astros, Senators, Braves, Cubs, Phillies, Dodgers, Pirates, Twins. 1970 teams, mint, with extras, \$2.50 each -- Cards, Twins, Dodgers, Orioles. First come, first served. Joe Moorehouse, 12926 Stamford, Warren, MI 48089

FOR SALE: Complete and original 1967 Cards; '68 A's; '69 Expos, Cubs, Padres, Pirates; 1970 Cards, Braves; 1971 Indians (2), Twins (2), Senators, Kansas City, Angels (3), Tigers, White Sox, Red Sox (2), Brewers (2), Padres (3), Reds, Phillies (2), Cards, Expos (2), Cubs (2); 1973 Padres. Football -- 1970 Lions, 49ers. Send bids to: Mark Rubin, 137 So. Hall, Manchester, NH 03103

FOR SALE: Early 1960's. Are you tired of being outbid for those hard-to-get pre-1966 S-O-M Baseball sets? Well, here's a good chance to get what you've wanted because many teams and sets are available as I'm finally getting rid of all extra cards that I've collected or purchased from the company. All are in good to mint condition and many deals are possible, including trading, depending on what you have. This is why I'm leaving only my phone number, it will be easier and faster. Call (716) 594-1253, ask for Warner, between 5 and 6 p.m. any day, but not before March 10. This is so those getting late Review deliveries may also respond.

FOR SALE: 1969 Major League, starting bid \$25.00; 1972 American League, starting bid \$10.00, or will trade for 1973 National League. Also the following sold separately: 1968 Tigers, A's; 1969 Orioles, Yankees, Pilots, Reds, Braves, Cubs, at \$1.50 or \$10.00 collectively. Bidding ends April 1, 1977. Teams in best condition. Tom Apostle, 53 Gurnee Ave., Haverstraw, NY 10927. All bidders will be notified if SASE enclosed.

FOR SALE: Basketball -- 1974-75 entire game, \$10; Football -- 1974

entire game, \$12; 1975 entire game, \$12; college football -- 1975 entire game, \$10. All in excellent or mint condition. Will not break up sets, but will sell without game parts for \$1 less. You pay postage. Send SASE to: Tony Cass, X134 Sandburg, 3400 N. Maryland Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53201 (phone: 414-963-7621)

FOR SALE: 1973 Football, complete set \$10.00. Also, 1974 baseball, all teams including extras only \$9.00. Or will accept highest bid. Send money to: M. Feierstein, 8 McCurdy St., Winnipeg, Man., Canada R2V 3B2

FOR SALE: I am interesting in acquiring the 1962 Yanks, 1962 Dodgers, 1964 Cards, 1965 Senators, 1966 Dodgers, 1966 A's, 1966 Senators, 1969 Padres, 1969 A's, 1970 Red Sox and 1971 Reds. I am only interested in trading, not buying. The teams I have to offer include: 1969 Dodgers, 1965 Dodgers (original), 1971 Orioles, 1971 Yankees, 1971 A's, 1971 Pirates, 1972 Yanks, Astros (2), White Sox (2). All are in good to mint condition. Dave Mendonca, 1930 Messina Dr., San Jose, CA 95132 (408-926-6331)

FOR SALE: 1974 baseball set, complete with teamless and extra players. Excellent condition. Bid on league or complete set. Send SASE to: Gary Kirchherr, 1021 Piccadilly Rd., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

FOR SALE: 1973, 1974 and 1975 complete baseball and basketball sets, with extra players. Each comes with two rosters and two order forms for each season. Everything in excellent condition. Make your bids now. I pay postage. All sales to highest bidder or on agreement. Mail your bids now to: Larry Gladstone, 905 DeMott Ave., Baldwin, NY 11510. Or call (516) 868-5550. Call now!

FOR SALE: Due to poor response to my sale advertised in the December, 1976, issue of the Review, I still have about 80 teams left to sell. Send self-addressed stamped envelope to: Jeff Morse, 8901 Judson Ct., Burke, VA 22015

FOR SALE: 1968 and 1969 S-O-M Baseball sets. 1968 complete, with the 80 expansion players; 20% mint, 50% very good, 20% good and 10% fair-to-good. 1969 complete, no extras; 90% mint, 5% very good to excellent and 5% fair to good. Rosters for both sets included.

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Also for sale, the 1968 and 1970 pro football sets. 1968 complete; 75% mint, 25% very good. 1970 complete; 90% mint, 10% very good. All sets sold separately to highest bidders. Bids close April 1, 1977. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your bids. Send bids to: Harry Ferguson, 2728 Joel, Ashland, KY 41101

FOR SALE: 1968, 1971, 1972 baseball. Will sell individual teams or complete years. Guaranteed mint condition. Send offers to: Bob Anderson, 51 E. John #6W, Champaign, IL 61820

FOR SALE: Baseball and football complete sets and individual teams. Send SASE for up-to-date price list. Also let me know of any specific wants you have; I may be able to help. Mike Barnd, 1100 Alder Lane, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056

League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: P-B-M draft league using 1975 cards with extra players. Also trying to form face-to-face league in central Iowa. Contact: Dan Woodlund, R.R. 1, Madrid, IA 50156 for details or call me days, collect, at 795-2617.

LEAGUE FORMING: Need two reliable managers for new eight-team, PBM draft league. We will draft from the 1975 American and National League cards. There will be many attractions, such as: All-Star game, World Series, MVP, Cy Young and others! Just send an entry fee of \$5.00 [\$2.50 will be refunded if you finish the season]. Don't answer if you aren't going to finish the season. Answer quickly! Write: Scott Ellis, Rt.#3, Box 139, Seaford, DE 19973

LEAGUE FORMING: Looking for reliable managers to play in the three-year-old CASOML PBM baseball league. The league will use the 1976 cards. Only National League teams will be used. Please send, in order, a list of teams preferred. Send immediately to: Mike Regimbal, 1201 Pharmacy Ave., Scarborough, Ont., Canada M1R 2H5. The teams will be awarded

on a first come, first served basis. Please include experience, if any, name, full address and age.

LEAGUE FORMING: For all serious S-O-M Football coaches! Starting a new league for the most sophisticated and avid followers. This will be a play-by-mail league with the draft system. Along with a nominal entry fee, \$1.00, a system for the payment of the individual's talents has been devised. These payments will end up to be no more than \$4.00. The total cost is \$5.00. With this system, the weaker starting teams won't pay the price that the stronger will pay. Don't let the money situation intimidate you. The fees will be for mailing and the prizes at the end of the season. This league plans to continue for many years. We will play a 14-game schedule. Need as many as 26 coaches, plus back-up coaches. People that get letters in before the end of 3½ weeks from publication will have franchises, late comers will be back-up. Only requirement is the availability of the 1975 game. All letters within 3½ weeks will be sent the drafting procedure and other information. Everyone will be answered. Send brief personal experience list and write to: Dino Coltrinari, 6022 Nelson St., Arvada, CO 80004

LEAGUE FORMING: Established American League draft league, SOMADL, needs one replacement manager. New manager gets third-best team of the 1976 league, a championship contender. Must be willing to make long-term commitment. Dues are \$3.50. Must fill immediately, so write now and include personal information. Bruce Herman, Box 6657, Reynolda Station, Winston-Salem, NC 27109

LEAGUE FORMING: Houston Baseball League needs reliable managers for face-to-face, draft league to be played with newest cards. Call Peter Denman, at 627-1985, or write to 3753 Chevy Chase, Houston, TX 77019

LEAGUE FORMING: I'm looking for 12 managers for a draft league using 1977 American League baseball cards. Will play the advanced game and use extra players. A \$5.00 entry fee, with \$2.50 to be refunded at the end of the league. If interested, write to: Guy Morrow, 384 S. Dover Ave., Brea, CO 92621, or call 714-990-2219

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LEAGUE FORMING: Play-by-mail baseball league forming. Startling rules that eliminate cheating incentives and increase playing pleasure. All major and minor league players draftable. Shirlee Carter, R.R. 1, Calhoun, KY 42327

LEAGUE FORMING: Wanted -- managers for a face-to-face football league to start Sept., 1977. We play on the all-star basis, using cards from 1967 through the upcoming season. We are currently a four-team league. All that's required is sincere managers that start and finish the season. You play your games according to your own schedule; no time limit and no expenses involved. We provide cards, scoresheets and are even willing to work something out transportation-wise. We are in the Harrisburg area and are interested in managers from any of the following cities or towns: Harrisburg, York, Lancaster, Lebanon, Carlisle, Camp Hill, Reading, Middletown, etc. Write or phone: Terry Neiss, 5801 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112 [phone: 1-717-652-4844]

LEAGUE FORMING: The Inter-Queens Strat-O-Matic Baseball Association has now begun its second year as a face-to-face league. Because of the success we are now having, a second baseball league will be formed. We are looking for at least 12 members for this league and challenge all those who have not answered our ad previously to do so at this time. There must be a horde of players in the area of New York city, so if you are looking for a challenge, please answer this ad. We meet near Queens College every other Friday, between 6 and 10. Write or call: Scott Miller [phone 212-886-1461], 144-48 26th Ave., Flushing, NY 11354

LEAGUE FORMING: The North American Baseball League is expanding and we would like some dependable new managers. This is a draft league. You will get either a new American League team or an expansion N.L. team. Write: Brian Webster, 1230 St. Patrick, Victoria, B.C., Canada V8S 4Y4

LEAGUE FORMING: Looking for 8 to 15 managers for a face-to-face

league in the Metro-Atlanta area.⁹ League will be made up of all-stars [Hall of Famers, great team players and best cards of modern players], drafted before start of league. This is not an existing league with a chance to get a mediocre team. All interested call: Phil Bailey [404-296-8595] or write: Philip Bailey, 3555F Clubhouse Circle East, Decatur, GA 30032. Please enclose a SASE.

LEAGUE FORMING: Join a First! A PBM Football league. \$2.50 entry fee and we'll play the basic game. New York people preferred. Send a list of teams by personal preference. All teams available except Colts, Cardinals, Raiders. 7-9 coaches needed. Season opens in August. Write to: Tom Cavaliere 42 DuBonnnet Road, Valley Stream, NY 11581

LEAGUE FORMING: An established PBM league is looking for reliable managers to manage these teams in a N.L. replay using the 1976 cards: Chicago, Houston, Montreal, New York, Atlanta, Los Angeles, San Francisco. The advanced game is played, using the extra players. The entry fee is \$5. If interested write to: Steve Rigdon, 205 Runyon, St. Louis, MO 63125

LEAGUE FORMING: Stop! Look! The greatest S-O-M league ever, GSOMLE, is now forming. This is a draft league with a new twist. All teams from 1971-1976 will be used in the draft, 144 teams, with a schedule probably exceeding 200 games. Requirements: you must be willing to make 25 long distance phone calls for drafting, own all 144 teams, and be willing to play the full schedule. Furthermore, when you contact me pick a number between 1-1000 to discover your drafting position. Am hoping to get many people to join, so don't dally. Call or write by March 19. Jim Rush, 707 Meetinghouse Rd., Elkins Park, PA 19117 [215-886-5445]. P.S. Also looking for two statisticians for league.

LEAGUE FORMING: Looking for 10 reliable managers for PBM baseball league using new 1976 National League cards [including extras]. Will be using actual teams and playing 162 games. An entry fee of \$5 will be charged, which will pay for top-rate newsletter. Send your list of teams in order of preference and include any PBM experience to: Blaise Castren, 3810 Vineyard Ave., Apt. E, Pleasanton, CA 94566 [phone: 415-462-4525]

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LEAGUE FORMING: Attention! Anyone in the Greater-Boston area interested in joining a face-to-face baseball league [type: draft, 1977 replay?] Type of league will depend on response of league members. This is a brand new league and hope to start in early April. If interested, call John Magnifico after 6 p.m. at 617-284-0715, or Mike Ryan after 6 p.m. at 617-769-0249, or write to Mike Ryan, 64 Cameron Rd., Norwood, MA 02062. Please include name, address, phone number, age and previous S-O-M experience.

LEAGUE FORMING: Attention baseballers in West Rogers-Lincolnwood areal Face-to-face league forming at Henry Hart J.C.C. For information call: Larry Braus (262-8577).

LEAGUE FORMING: I am interested in forming a face-to-face league in the Kalamazoo-Portage, MI, area using the best of advanced baseball. This league would play a 160-game schedule and have three divisions, each division in turn consisting of four clubs of approximate equal strength. Each division winner plus a wild-card team would be eligible for the playoffs. The division setup I have come up with is as follows: Division I - 1971 Pirates, '73 A's, '71 Orioles, '75 Reds. Division II - 1974 Dodgers, '75 Red Sox, '76 Yankees, '76 Phillies. Division III - 1972 Cubs, '73 Mets, '74 Rangers, '76 Royals. I have all these teams and would be willing to lend any of them to prospective managers. So, all that's needed for this league is reliability. If interested, contact: Gary Kirchherr, 1021 Piccadilly, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Directory Additions

* Calculating Armchair Managers Eastern League (CAMEL). Commissioner: Tom Swank, 39 Pleasant Ave., Little Falls, NJ, age 33. President: Tom Ginter, 11 Micklejohn Ave., Little Falls, NJ, age 17. CAMEL managers: Eddie Ginter, 11 Micklejohn Ave., Little Falls, NJ, age 20. Pat Martin, 722 Main St., Little Falls, NJ, age 17. Tommy

Martin, 722 Main St., Little Falls, NJ, age 13. Lew Dobkowski, 176 Harrington Rd., Clifton, NJ, age 29. Glenn Dobkowski, 117 Speer Ave., Clifton, NJ, age 13. Jeff Dirgo, 41A Linn Dr., Verona, NJ 07044, age 27. Sub: Sonny Donato, 590 Main St., Little Falls, NJ, age 12.

* Larry Lampsa, P.O. Box 175, Soudan, MN 55782, 24, member of Great Lakes S-O-M League (GLSOML) and Winter American Draft Baseball Association (WADBA), played baseball for 12 years.

* Harold Dunkle, 427 W. Bishop, Luverne, MN 56156; 14; 3 years, plays all 3 games; member of Luverne S-O-M Junior Baseball All-Star League (LSOMJABL), formerly called SOMBA (check page 22 of latest S-O-M Directory).

* Tim Emery, 604 N. Kniss, Luverne, MN 56156; 15; 2 years, plays all 3 games; member of LSOMJBAL.

* Dr. Paul Rud, 501 N. Cottage Grove, Luverne, MN 56156; 40; 3 years, plays baseball only; member of LSOMJBAL.

* Dan Duffy, 125 SW Park, Luverne, MN 56156; 13; 3 years, plays all 3 games; member of LSOMJBAL.

* Phil Geistfeld, 1014 W. Fairview, Luverne, MN 56156; 14; 3 years, plays all 3 games; member of LSOMJBAL.

* Brad Harner, 402 N. Kniss, Luverne, MN 56156; 14; 3 years, plays all 3 games; member LSOMJBAL.

* Kyle Eidahl, 316 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne, MN 56156; 14; 3 years, plays all 3 games; member LSOMJBAL.

* Blaine Barth, 119 NE Park, Luverne, MN 56156; 14; 3 years, plays all 3 games; formerly member of LSOMJBAL.

* Mike Rath, 425 W. Dodge, Luverne, MN 56156; 14; 2 years, plays just baseball; formerly member of LSOMJBAL.

* Inter-Queens Strat-O-Matic Baseball Association; face-to-face league; members from all New York city boroughs except Staten Island, also branched out into Mt. Vernon and Long Island; long-time members include Scott Miller, commissioner, 22; Larry King, 26; Mark Mettyer, 19; average age of league members is 20.

* Carl D. Kieke, Austin College, Box 1162, Sherman, TX 75090; played face-to-face and draft baseball leagues for two years; helped organize Austin College baseball league, now in its third year; also plays pro football game.

Galaxy Of Bunting Charts Possible

BY THE UNITED STATES ARMY BAND

These charts [using the advanced game] were devised so as to make bunting in Strat-O-Matic Baseball more realistic, yet without changing the basic concept of the bunt as created by the game company. With the revised bunting charts more importance is placed on the speed of the runners involved and the defensive abilities of the first baseman, third baseman and catcher. There are five charts involved:

1. Sacrifice chart.
2. Sacrifice ##chart
3. Squeeze play chart
4. Squeeze ## chart
5. Infield Position chart

INFIELD POSITION CHART

This chart gives results for all groundballs when the batter swings away. There are three possible infield variations.

1. Normal [no change from basic game].
2. Corners In -- There is no need for the entire infield to come in in a possible bunting situation, especially with a runner on first base. In this defense only the first and third basemen charge in anticipation of the bunt, with the second baseman and shortstop remaining at normal depth. If the batter bunts, his bunting rating is reduced by one letter [A become a B]. If the batter swings away and hits the ball to the shortstop or second baseman they are in position to try and turn the doubleplay.

Sacrifice situation: [men on 1st or 1st and 2nd] Results of all ground balls except gb A or out-3 are unchanged. Groundballs A and out-3 are doubleplays only if ball is hit to short or second; otherwise the result is a force at second.

Squeeze situation: [men on 1st and 3rd or bases loaded] This is the same defensive alignment as in a sacrifice situation, but the primary concern here is to try to stop the runner on third from scoring. All groundballs hit to short or second are as normal, since those fielders are in no position to throw to the plate. However, the pitcher, first and third basemen make a play at the plate on A and B groundballs. The runner scores on all groundball C results and out-1.

Corners in, in summation, is the best overall defense in a bunting situation with first base occupied, since it does not eliminate the double-play possibility.

3. Infield In -- This defense is used to prevent the runner on third from scoring. It is no more effective against the squeeze bunt than Corners In, but if the batter swings away the runner on third cannot score on any groundball results except "out-1". Since the entire infield is pulled in, there is no doubleplay possibility except "lineout max". Bringing the infield in is the best way to try to prevent a runner scoring from third.

If the infield is in any position other than normal, all *groundballs are SI**, and the batter's hit-and-run rating is increased by one letter (B becomes A).

Here's a summary of all groundballs:

gb A and out-3: Doubleplay 2nd to 1st; with first base open a runner may advance one base if the ball is hit behind him; a runner on third scores. Exceptions, corners in, infield in, offense playing safe.

gb B: Fielder's choice at second unless hit to third, in which case it is a Fielder's choice at third [only if runners originally on 1st and 2nd]; a runner on second may advance only if the ball is hit behind him [unless forced], but an unforced runner on third must hold. Exceptions, corners in, infield in, offense playing safe.

out-4: Exactly like gb B except there is no possibility of a fielder's choice at third--the force is always at second.

gb C: Batter is out at first, all runners advance. Exceptions, infield

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in, offense playing safe.
 out-1 and out on dribbler-1: A tough fielding chance which gives the
 Fielder only one play--batter is out at First, all runners advance.
 Exception, offense playing safe.

BUNTING

All bunting is done with two dice in the traditional manner. The defensive manager must indicate his infield position before the batter bats; if the defense employs one of the bunt defenses the batter's bunting rating is decreased by one letter. A result reading "##" on the bunt charts indicates a play dependent upon the fielders' and lead runner's ratings. Compute the F-R Total in this manner.

Sacrifice: Add the fielding ratings of the catcher, first baseman and third baseman, multiply by two and add this to the running rating of the lead runner. [Example: c=2, 1b=2, 3b=3, runner 1-13. F-R Total = $2(2+2+3) + 13 = 27$]

Squeeze Play: Add the fielding ratings of the first baseman and third baseman, [catcher would not field the ball with the runner breaking for home] multiply by two and add this to the runner's rating.

Once the F-R Total is figured, look for the result on the respective ## chart. Note: The ## charts are consulted only if a reading of "##" occurs on the bunt charts. When referring to the ## charts, used the batter's adjusted bunting rating.

CHART KEY

DP - Doubleplay 2nd to 1st, all other runners advance.
 FC - Fielder's choice at 2nd, all other runners advance.
 ADV - Batter out at First, all runners advance.
 HOLD - Batter out at First, all runners hold unless forced.
 HOLD/ADV - Batter out at 1st, runners advance only if ball is hit to 2b or 1b.
 FC/Home - Fielder's choice at home, other runners advance.
 DP 1 - Doubleplay 2nd to 1st if ball is hit to 2b or ss. Fielder's choice at 2nd if hit to p, 1b or 3b.
 DP 2 - Doubleplay 2nd to 1st if ball is hit to 2b or ss. Fielder's choice at home if hit to p, 1b or 3b.
 DP 3 - Doubleplay home to 1st.
 FC 4 - Fielder's choice at 3b only if ball is hit to 3b; otherwise Fielder's choice at 2nd.
 ADV 5 - Batter out at 1st, runner on 3rd advances. Runner on 2nd advances only if ball is hit to 2b or 1b.
 FC 6 - Fielder's choice at 2nd if hit to 2b or ss. Fielder's choice at home if hit to p, 1b or 3b.
 * - Playing safe not permitted if infield is normal or has corners in.

Runners Infield Position	gb A out-3	gb B	gb C	out-4	out-1 out/drib.		
1ST ONLY							
Normal -	DP	FC	ADV	FC	ADV		
Corners In -	DP1	FC	ADV	FC	ADV		
Infield In -	-	-	-	-	-		
2ND ONLY							
Normal -	Hold/Adv	Hold/Adv	ADV	HOLD	ADV		
Corners In -	-	-	-	-	-		
Infield In -	ADV	ADV	ADV	ADV	ADV		
1ST & 2ND							
Normal -	DP	FC4	ADV	FC	ADV		
Corners In -	DP1	FC	ADV	FC	ADV		
Infield In -	-	-	-	-	-		
3RD OR 2ND & 3RD							
Normal -	ADV5	HOLD	ADV	HOLD	ADV	Playing Loose	
Corners In -	-	-	-	-	-	"	"
Infield In -	HOLD	FC/Home	HOLD	FC/Home	ADV	"	"

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Runners Infield	gb A	gb B	gb C	out-4	out-1	Safe-
Position	out-3				out/drib.	Loose
3RD OR 2ND & 3RD						
Normal	-	HOLD	HOLD	HOLD	HOLD	Safe
Corners In	-	-	-	-	-	"
Infield In	-	HOLD	HOLD	HOLD	HOLD	"
1ST & 3RD						
Normal	-	DP	FC	ADV	FC	Loose
Corners In	-	DP2	FC6	ADV	FC6	"
Infield In	-	FC/Home	FC/Home	HOLD	FC/Home	"
1ST & 3RD						
Normal	-	-	-	-	-	Safe
Corners In	-	-	-	-	-	"
Infield In	-	HOLD	HOLD	HOLD	HOLD	"
BASES LOADED						
Normal	-	DP	FC4	ADV	FC	ADV
Corners In	-	DP2	FC6	ADV	FC6	ADV
Infield In	-	FC/Home	FC/Home	DP3	FC/Home	ADV

SACRIFICE CHART

No.	A	B	C	D	E
2	SI*	SI*	SI*	SI*	SI*
3	Sac	SI*	SI*	Sac	Sac
4	SI*	Sac	Sac	Sac	Sac
5	Sac	Sac	Sac	Sac	##
6	Sac	Sac	Sac	##	##
7	Sac	##	##	##	FC
8	##	##	##	FC	FC
9	##	##	FC	FC	FC
10	##	FC	FC	FC	FC
11	FC	PO	PO	PO	PO
12	PO	DP	DP	DP	DP

SACRIFICE ## CHART

F-R	A	B	C	D	E
Totals	FC	FC	FC	FC	FC
14-16	-	FC	FC	FC	FC
17-19	-	FC	FC	FC	FC
20-22	-	Sac	FC	FC	FC
23-25	-	Sac	FC	FC	FC
26-28	-	Sac	Sac	FC	FC
29-31	-	Sac	Sac	Sac	FC
32+	-	Sac	Sac	Sac	Sac

$$FR \text{ Total} = 2(c + 1b + 3b) + rr$$

SQUEEZE PLAY CHART

No.	A	B	C	D	E
2	SI*	SI*	SI*	SI*	SI*
3	SI*	SI*	SI*	SI*	Sac
4	Sac	Sac	Sac	Sac	Sac
5	Sac	##	##	##	FC
6	##	##	##	FC	FC
7	##	##	FC	FC	STEAL
8	##	FC	FC	FC	PO
9	FC	FC	FC	STEAL	FC
10	FC	PO	PO	PO	FC
11	STEAL	STEAL	S	S	STEAL
12	DP	DP	DP	DP	DP

SQUEEZE ## CHART

F-R	A	B	C	D
Totals	FC	FC	FC	FC
12-17	-	FC	FC	FC
18-21	-	Sac	FC	FC
22-25	-	Sac	Sac	FC
26-29	-	Sac	Sac	Sac
30-33	-	SI*	Sac	Sac

$$FR \text{ Total} = 2(1b + 3b) = rr$$

HIT & RUN CHART

No.	A	B	C	D	Elem	No.	A	B	C	D	Elem
2	DO***	DO***	gbC	gbC	DO***	8	gbC	gbC	gbC	Steal	gbC
3	SI**	SI**	SI**	SI**	SI**	9	FC	FC	Steal	Steal	Steal
4	gbC	gbC	SI**	SI**	SI**	10	PO	PO	FC	Steal	FC
5	SI**	SI**	FC	FC	gbC	11	gbC	Steal	Steal	Steal	Steal
6	gbC	gbC	gbC	FC	gbC	12	SI**	DP	DP	DP	DP
7	Steal	S	S	S	S						

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O.J. CAN BE 'STOPPED'

In case anyone has wondered, 1973 O.J. Simpson can be "stopped." How? By calling run, run, run and key, key, key (even with Jim Braxton in the game) and jam, jam, jam the run zones with linebackers.

This strategy worked for six games until O.J. was injured in game No. 7 on a 30-yard TD run against Denver. The pass-run containment rule was in effect and O.J. wound up the season with 156 attempts, 512 yards and a 3.2 average.

The injury sidelined O.J. for the remainder of the 10-game season, with the Bills undefeated at that point and not winning a game thereafter. Even with the excessive concentration on O.J., Braxton still averaged only 3.1 yards in 167 carries and Joe Ferguson completed but 44.7 per cent of his passes.

I've never heard anyone say anything against the pass-run containment rule, but personally don't like it and no longer use it. I see no reason to limit a runner's gain just because it is third down. I thought the cards were supposed to be computed accurately, thus there should be no need for alteration. I wonder if anyone else feels this way?

Charles Amacker
Dallas, TX

Editor's note: Strat-O-Matic had to incorporate the pass-run containment rule because of complaints that many gamers were running on third-and-long situations--and getting the yardage. Third-and-long is an obvious passing situation, thus S-O-M had to do something to prevent the overuse of the run on such plays. Most comments indicate it was a much-needed addition to the football game, and one in which many people use.

SOLITAIRE REPLAYS NOT RARE

I have been contracting insomnia for almost nine years staying up with Strat-O-Matic Baseball and Football. I was quite estatic finding out about the Review and

hoped I would find time to write a letter.

I noticed the big fuss given to solitaire-played season-length leagues. Several of my friends have done this as well. I've done it in football, completing 1968, 1972 and 1973-based, 14-game schedules, with stats. So, I don't think that solitaire playing is that rare.

Also, I enjoyed the revelations on no-hitters. I haven't had one yet, although having had many close calls.

A few suggestions for Old-Timer teams if more are created: 1969 Mets, 1968 Tigers, '59 White Sox, '18 Red Sox and the Miracle 1914 Braves.

Michael J. Ryan
64 Cameron Rd.
Norwood, MA

'SAY IT'S SO'

When I received an order form for the college football game, a form letter was included saying that the new baseball game, based on the 1976 season, would be available 1-20-77. I thought the baseball cards weren't available until March sometime.

What happened? It's great news, if true. What gives and why so soon this year?

John Rojas
So. Miami, FL

Editor's note: Notice of the new cards being available always arrives in the mail in either late December or early January. Many people, for instance, have already received their new cards, having sent in orders in early January. S-O-M does, however, state that you may not receive your new cards until March 20, because of the heavy volume of orders received. In almost all cases, the delivery date is much sooner.

YOUTH POWER IN S-O-M

I would like to know if S-O-M has any thoughts on a hockey game.

Also, I think the Review should encourage more young people to become commissioners because it is very hard for young people to get into leagues.

Thomas Cavaliere
42 Ousonnett Rd.
Valley Stream, NY

Editor's note: No word recently from S-O-M on a proposed hockey game. It still looms as its next gaming creation.

Questions & Answers

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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: If the free safety is double-teaming an opponent and the opponent throws a long pass, under which column do you read the defense advanced card: 0 men, 1 man or 2-men, if the correct receiver was double-teamed?

ANSWER: 1 man if receiver was correctly double-teamed.

QUESTION: What advantage does the defender have if he double-teams under Rule VI (Pass Prevent Defense) where instead of being able to use the double-teamed column he must use the "right" column?

ANSWER: No advantage.

QUESTION: In S-O-M Football, if you throw a flat pass for a result less than 10 yards (in the last two minutes of each half) is it okay to move the clock one space, saying the receiver went out of bounds to stop the clock?

ANSWER: You may if you wish--but S-O-M's Football rules don't provide for it

QUESTION: When did the advanced side of the baseball cards (featuring right-lefty batting and pitching) first come out?

ANSWER: With the 1971 season cards.

QUESTION: How can Sandy Koufax and some of the other pitchers mentioned in the "Trivia" quiz have more than 33 strikeout chances on their cards? There are only 33 different numbers on the card.

ANSWER: Strikeout chances refers to the possibility based on 108 card chances. There are 36 chances per column. The Koufax card thus has, with 33 strikeout chances, a .306 whiff percentage.

QUESTION: If the center in S-O-M Basketball is guarding someone and they drive or go inside against him what do I check if the following result comes up? "Def. center rating I-x or no good." Do I check his "I" or "P" rating?

ANSWER: Check his "I" (inside) defensive rating.

QUESTION: What is an SASE? It's often mentioned in the ad section of the Review.

ANSWER: SASE stands for a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

QUESTION: Why was Jim Perry included instead of Sonny Siebert on the 1975 Oakland A's pitching staff?

ANSWER: Siebert was traded at the end of the year.

Here's S-O-M Football Penalty Chart

Penalties, one of the most sought after additions to the Strat-O-Matic Football game, are coming your way this month--thanks to Richard Noonan of Patchogue, NY. Noonan, remembered for his revised pass-rush chart in the January, 1977 edition of the Review, has devised a penalty system that has as its basis frequency of penalties occurring in real-life.

This, in other words, is not a system based on luck, or just the roll of a die.

Many other penalty systems have been passed on to the Review over the years, but most, unfortunately for the sake of realism, depended solely on luck in determining the frequency of their occurrence. Some would have also greatly altered the statistical accuracy of the game as we know it.

Now, along comes Noonan's system.

First off, a fourth die is necessary. The total of this die and the lead die are totaled on each play and if a "3" or "11" occur it indicates a defensive or offensive penalty situation, respectively.

Next the indicated team rolls two die and compares the result to its penalty rating to determine if a penalty has occurred. If so, two die are again rolled and the penalty chart consulted.

HOW ARE PENALTY RATINGS DETERMINED?

The crux of Noonan's system is the penalty ratings. So how are they determined? What Noonan did was to add up the total plays (offensive, defensive, kicks, etc.) and divide by the total penalties for the year in question. This indicates plays per penalty, according to Noonan.

"The '3' and '11' rolls correspond to a 1 in 18 chance," says Noonan, "so the ratings dilute the 1 in 18 chance according to the statistics." Penalty ratings are shown below, listing the odds for each team as well as how the various statistics are computed into penalty odds.

The team ratings can be added to the specialty cards, thus penalty checks can be made quickly.

Noonan also points out that, contrary to the theory that the most frequently penalized teams are always the poorest, the New York Giants of 1975 were the least penalized team in the NFL.

INTERFERENCE CALL IS ONLY ANOMOLY

There is one area where Noonan's method varies from real-life happenings, and he suggests gamers may wish to limit the yardage in such situations. "The only anomaly in my system is the interference call on a long pass," points out Noonan. "Obviously, interference 80 yards downfield is somewhat ridiculous, even considering an arm like Bert Jones'.

"Interference calls for TD yardage are considered called in end zone--first and goal on the one."

Also, according to Noonan, the "no play" rule amounts to a jump offsides, negating the play and giving every penalty situation a chance to result in a play being negated automatically.

PENALTY RATINGS

Rating	Plays Per Penalty	Die X/36 Parts	Odds
A	18	36	2-12
B	18.5	35	2-11
C	19	34	2-10, 12
D	19.5	33	2-10
E	20	32	3-10
F	20.6	31	2-9, 12
G	21.3	30	2-9
H	22	29	3-9
I	23	28	2-8, 11

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Rating	Plays Per Penalty	Die X/36 Parts	Odds
J	24	27	2-8, 12
K	25	26	2-8
L	26	25	2-7, 9
M	27	24	2-7, 10
N	28	23	2-7, 11
O	30	22	2-7, 12
P	31	21	2-7
Q	32	20	2-6, 8
R	34	19	2-6, 9
S	36	18	2-6, 10
T	38	17	2-6, 11
U	40	16	2-6, 11
V	42	15	2-6
W	44	14	2-5, 9
X	46	13	2-5, 10
Y	48	12	2-5, 11
Z	50	11	2-5, 12

Note: This chart for penalty ratings may be used for other years than those listed below (1974 and 1975). Only homework on your part (finding the number of penalties and plays for each team is needed--then give the team a rating letter and corresponding odds.

PENALTY ODDS 1975 NFL SEASON

Miami	N	2-7, 11	Washington	N	2-7, 11
N.Y. Jets	H	3-9	Dallas	J	2-8, 12
New England	K	2-8	N.Y. Giants	V	2-6
Baltimore	M	2-7, 10	Philadelphia	N	2-7, 11
Buffalo	K	2-8	St. Louis	M	2-7, 10
Cincinnati	L	2-7, 9	Chicago	I	2-8, 11
Pittsburgh	J	2-8, 12	Detroit	I	2-8, 11
Houston	H	3-9	Minnesota	J	2-8, 12
Cleveland	M	2-7, 10	Green Bay	P	2-7
Oakland	I	2-8, 11	Los Angeles	O	2-7, 12
San Diego	L	2-7, 9	San Francisco	K	2-8
Denver	J	2-8, 12	New Orleans	O	2-7, 12
Kansas City	M	2-7, 10	Atlanta	O	2-7, 12

PENALTY ODDS 1974 NFL SEASON

Miami	K	2-8	Washington	H	3-9
N.Y. Jets	I	2-8, 11	Dallas	F	2-9, 12
New England	F	2-9, 12	N.Y. Giants	N	2-7, 11
Baltimore	M	2-7, 10	Philadelphia	J	2-8, 12
Buffalo	G	2-9	St. Louis	I	2-8, 11
Cincinnati	H	3-9	Chicago	E	3-10
Pittsburgh	A	2-12	Detroit	E	3-10
Houston	D	2-10	Minnesota	Q	2-6, 8
Cleveland	I	2-8, 11	Green Bay	Q	2-6, 8
Oakland	D	2-10	Los Angeles	O	2-7, 12
San Diego	J	2-8, 12	San Francisco	N	2-7, 11
Denver	J	2-8, 12	New Orleans	L	2-7, 9
Kansas City	L	2-7, 9	Atlanta	G	2-9

Penalty chart itself is found on next page. Please turn to it for final results in checking for penalties. Remember also, however, that a total of "3" on the lead die and the fourth, or extra, die indicates a penalty on the defensive team; a "11" indicates a penalty on the offensive team.

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PENALTY CHART

OFFENSE				DEFENSE			
No.	Run	Pass	Kick	No.	Run	Pass	Kick
2	OS -5	H -10	PF -15 +	2	OS +5	H +5 *	R +5 (X)
3	OS -5	OS -5	OS -5	3	OS +5 NP	OS +5 NP	OS +5 NP
4	PF -15	OS -5	OS -5	4	PF +15	PF +15	OS +5
5	OS -5	OS -5	OS -5	5	OS +5	OS +5	OS +5
6	OS -5	OS -5	PF -15 +	6	OS +5	OS +5	OS +5
7	OS -5	OS -5	OS -5	7	OS +5	OS +5	OS +5
	NP	NP	NP				
8	OS -5	H -10	OS -5	8	OS +5	OS +5	PF +15 +
9	H -10	H -10	OS -5	9	OS +5	I +5	R +15 (X)
10	H -10	PF -15	OS -5	10	OS +5	I +5	R +5 (X)
11	PF -15	PF -15	PF -15	11	PF +15	PF +15	PF +15
	+	+	+		+	+	+
12	PF -15	G -10	PF -15	12	PF +15	H +15	R +15
	+	@	+		+	*	*

KEY

OS - Motion, off-sides, encroachment, etc.
 H - Holding, offense interference.
 I - Interference.
 G - Grounding, illegal pass, etc.
 PF - Personal foul
 R - Roughing kicker
 NP - No play; penalty called before play is run.

+ - Apply penalty after play.
 @ - Loss of down.
 * - Automatic first down.
 (X) - Automatic first down, but OS-PF on kickoffs.
 # - Automatic first down.
 Pass +
 Flat Short Gain -10
 Short Short Gain
 Long Long Gain

Note: All yardage is indicated for offensive team. Kicking team is also offense.

*Solitaire Replay Decided In Overtime***Steelers Win Super Bowl Thriller**

Biggest drawback to turning out the Strat-O-Matic Review each month, at least as far as the editors are concerned, is that it cuts into their favorite hobby--playing S-O-M games.

Except for the GKSML (Greater-Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League) and occasional solitaire forays, the tabletop hobby oftentimes suffers.

Co-Editor Del Newell does try and play the Super Bowl, however. Most of such games, like their real-life counterparts, have been ho-hummers; not overly exciting.

But a replay of the 1976 matchup between Pittsburgh and Dallas turned out to be far different. It was a classic thriller. Pittsburgh, after leading 20-6 at halftime, finally pulled out a heart-pounding 23-20 victory in overtime.

Dallas, badly outplayed the first 30 minutes, rallied in the final quarter, scored a pair of touchdowns and forced the extra session. Dallas, in fact, won the right to receive the kickoff in overtime--and score first in the sudden-death period.

Andy Russell, the Steelers' linebacker, intercepted a Roger Staubach pass and returned it 20 yards to set up a game-winning 47-yard field goal by Roy Gerela. The thriller was history after five minutes of overtime.

Earlier, Pittsburgh had mixed the passing of Terry Bradshaw, running of Franco Harris and the reliable "Steel Curtain" defense and appeared ready to turn the game into a rout. Bradshaw fired three TD passes in the first half while the defense spilled Staubach for losses five times attempting to throw. Staubach threw only seven passes in the first half. The Cowboy ground game

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wasn't much more effective as Preston Pearson got loose for 32 yards on his first carry and then the runners spent the rest of the game acting as if they were struggling to free themselves from quicksand. Pearson wound up with 33 yards in 10 carries--meaning he had only one net yard after that big burst.

Dallas went to the air often and successfully the second half, however, as Pittsburgh, thanks to conservative tactics, was content to sit on its lead. Staubach eventually filled the air with 35 passes--28 in the second half--and completed 21 for 288 yards and one TD. Jean Fugett caught six for 55 yards, and Drew Pearson five for a whopping 119.

It was Robert Newhouse's seven-yard run up the middle that tied the score with three minutes to play, climaxing the comeback and setting up the thrilling finish.

Super Bowl summary:

Pittsburgh 7 13 0 0 3 - 23
Dallas 3 3 0 14 0 - 20

Pittsburgh: Lynn Swann, 6, pass Terry Bradshaw [Roy Gerela kick], 7-0.

Dallas: Tony Fritsch, 10, field goal, 3-7.

Pittsburgh: John Stallworth, 9, pass Bradshaw [kick failed], 13-3.

Dallas: Fritsch, 28, field goal, 6-13.

Pittsburgh: Stallworth, 12, pass Bradshaw [Gerela kick], 20-6.

Dallas: Jean Fugett, 14, pass Roger Staubach [Fritsch kick], 13-20.

Dallas: Robert Newhouse, 7, run [Fritsch kick], 20-20.

Pittsburgh: Gerela, 47, field goal, 23-20.

	PITT	DALL
First downs	16	20
Rushing	30-87	26-99
Passing	197	288
Passes	16-27-0	21-35-1
Sacks	0	8-67
Fumbles lost	1	1

Individual Leaders:

Rushing - PITT, Harris 18-73,
Gleier 8-14, Fuqua 3-0; DALL,
Newhouse 13-50, Pearson 10-33,
Dennison 2-5.

Receiving - PITT, Swann 4-83-1,
Harris 4-21, Stallworth 4-41-2,
Fuqua 1-10, Lewis 1-12, Brown
2-30; DALL, D. Pearson 5-119,
Fugett 6-55-1, Newhouse 5-41,
P. Pearson 2-12, Richards 3-61.

What's Available At S-O-M?

The following teams are still available from the Strat-O-Matic Game Co., Inc., 46 Railroad Plaza, Glen Head, NY 11545. Please include a 60¢ handling charge for each order.

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- 1974 - All teams available. Cost: \$11.00 set, 2 teams for \$1.25, 75¢ each.

BASEBALL

- 1972 - Only Oakland available. Cost: 60¢.
- 1974 - All teams available except California, Montreal, Los Angeles, Texas, Cincinnati and Pittsburgh. Cost: \$7.00 set, 2 teams \$1.25, 65¢ per team. Extra players are available in 1974 for \$2.70 a set.
- 1975 - All teams available. Cost: \$10.00 set, 2 for \$1.25, 65¢ each. Extra players are available at \$2.70 a set.

S-O-M Baseball Trivia Corner

Robert Henry is back to lay some more Strat-O-Matic Baseball trivia questions and unusual cards on you. He's sent along two cards for you to check-out this month--one that rare batting card of Chuck Essegian (which reads "PITCHING CARD") and the 1962 Sandy Koufax pitching card, jammed with strikeouts after he had fanned 216 in only 184 innings.

Enough chit-chat, here is this month's quiz:

QUESTION: Who holds the record for fewest home runs on a card for a player with a Flyball A, 1962 to the present? Exclude 1960 and 1961 from consideration because during those seasons all players received a Flyball A.

ANSWER: 1962 Dale Long received a Flyball A on 1-2, yet received only 2.5 home run chances [card chances]. He had a home run on 2-8 [1-10 split].

QUESTION: Which modern pitchers who started regularly have received 45 or more strikeouts on a card?

ANSWER: 1962 Sandy Koufax [see card below] had 48 strikeout chances, 1965 Sandy Koufax 48, 1970 Tom Hall 47, 1965 Sam McDowell 46, 1973 Nolan Ryan 46 and 1975 Frank Tanana 45.

SANDY KOUFAX		
PITCHING CARD		
PITCHER-STARTER L. A. DODGERS		
4	5	6
2-flyball (lf) B	2-flyball (lf) B	2-flyball (cf) B
3-flyball (rf) B	3-GROUND-BALL (P) X	3-GROUND-BALL (lf) X
4-HOMERUN	4-CATCHER'S CARD X	4-strikeout
DOUBLE**	5-strikeout	5-strikeout
9-20	6-strikeout	6-strikeout
5-TRIPLE	7-strikeout	7-GROUND-BALL (2B) X
1-2	8-strikeout	8-strikeout
SINGLE**	9-groundball (2b) C	9-GROUND-BALL (SS) X
3-20	10-GROUND-BALL (3B) X	10-GROUND-BALL (SS) X
6-SINGLE**	11-groundball (1b) C	11-FLYBALL (LF) X
1-3	12-FLYBALL (RF) X	12-FLYBALL (RF) X
flyball (cf) B		
4-20		
7-strikeout		
8-strikeout		
9-WALK		
10-WALK		
11-FLYBALL (CF) X		
12-FLYBALL (CF) X		
1962 PITCHING RECORD		
WON	LOST	E.R.A.
14	7	2.54
INNINGS PITCHED		
184		
HITS ALLOWED	WALKS ALLOWED	HOMERUNS ALLOWED
134	54	216
STRIKEOUTS		13

CHUCK ESSEGIAN		
PITCHING CARD		
leftfield-4 stealing-E running 1-15		
1	2	3
2-flyball (rf) B	2-groundball (3b) A	2-SINGLE
3-groundball (3b) B	3-groundball (2b) A++	flyball (cf) B
4-groundball (p) A	4-groundball (3b) B	13-20
5-groundball (ss) A++	5-strikeout	3-WALK
6-groundball (ss) A	6-strikeout	4-HOMERUN
7-WALK	7-strikeout	5-HOMERUN
8-groundball (ss) A	8-strikeout	6-HOMERUN
9-WALK	9-strikeout	1-9
10-groundball (3b) A	10-groundball (3b) A	flyball (lf) B
11-groundball (3b) A	11-flyball (lf) B	10-20
12-lineout (ss) into as many outs as possible	12-flyball (lf) A plus injury	7-DOUBLE**
		1-8
		SINGLE**
		9-20
		8-SINGLE
		9-SINGLE
		10-flyball (cf) B
		11-groundball (3b) B
		12-WALK
1962 BATTING RECORD		
ATBATS	DOUBLES	TRIPLES
336	12	0
HOMERUNS		
21		
AVERAGE	WALKS	STRIKEOUTS
.274	40	68

QUESTION: Which batter had a pitcher card?

ANSWER: Believe it or not, 1962 Chuck Essegian, an outfielder, received a pitching card. It was just a printing mistake, of course, but right below his name at the top of the card was "PITCHING CARD". The stats were his own, though, for a batter. [see card example above]

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QUESTION: Which modern teams have had three or more players each with 10 or more home run card chances?

ANSWER: 1961 Yankees [original] -- Roger Maris [16.6], Mickey Mantle [15.15], and John Blanchard [11.4].
1963 Giants -- Willie McCovey [13.25], Ed Bailey [10.35], Orlando Cepeda [10.25] and Willie Mays [10.0].
1963 Yankees -- Mickey Mantle [11.75], Roger Maris [11.55] and John Blanchard [11.5].
1968 Tigers -- Willie Horton [12.0], Norm Cash [10.1] and Gates Brown [10.0].

QUESTION: How many players were rated second base Fielding 1 in the American League From 1969-71?

ANSWER: None! Bobby Knoop was rated 2B-1 in 1968 and Doug Griffin achieved the same status in 1972. But nobody reached the top rating between those years in the American League.

QUESTION: What is the highest stealing rating achieved by a modern catcher?

ANSWER: Several catchers have been B stealers, but none has achieved an A. A few of the B stealers include John Roseboro, Fran Healy, Johnny Bench and Brian Downing.

QUESTION: Has any player demonstrated enough power to earn a Flyball A and enough bat control to receive no strikeouts on his S-O-M card?

ANSWER: Several players have done it: 1962 Yogi Berra, 1969 and 1970 Joe Pepitone, 1965 Fred Whitfield, and 1969 Hank Aaron. This list is not all inclusive, but it does show the above is not rare. Players from 1961 and 1962 were excluded from this for the same reason as in the first question.

QUESTION: Which teams have achieved perfect defense up the middle--having "1" Fielders at catcher, second base, shortstop and center field?

ANSWER: 1974 and 1975 Cincinnati Reds with Johnny Bench, Joe Morgan, Dave Concepcion and Cesar Geronimo are the only modern-day teams with perfect defenses up the middle.

Next Month's S-O-M Quiz

QUESTION: During modern times [1960-present], only six players have received 15 or more home runs on a card. One of these players achieved the feat twice, amounting to a total of seven cards with 15 or more home runs. Name the six players?

QUESTION: Players traded during the tailend of the season usually receive a card with the last team with which they play or a card without a team name. Has any player received a card with his first team? [question and answer both provided by Andy Kennedy]

QUESTION: The 1975 Oscar Zamora card opened several people's eyes in amazement over his home runs. Zamora, with 10.95 home run chances, is one of three modern-day pitchers with 10 or more home run chances on the card. Who are the other two?

QUESTION: What is the lowest running rating ever received by a modern "B" stealer?

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QUESTION: Pitchers generally receive six Groundball C chances on a card. Has Groundball C ever appeared on the tailend of a split number chance?

QUESTION: Has any player gone from being rated "1" to being rated "4" at the same position in one year?

S-O-M League, Replay Scene

BEST TEAMS FOOTBALL REPLAY -- Mike Ryan, 23, a nine-year S-O-M vet who resides in Norwood, MA, took the eight best 1975-season Football teams and guided them through a 14-game solitaire replay...True to real-life, Pittsburgh emerged triumphant in a series of battles against the best teams, too. The Steelers, only 3-5 at one point in the season, reeled off six straight wins and claimed second, good enough to make the playoffs...Pittsburgh won the Super Bowl, defeating third-place finisher Los Angeles, 23-17. Terry Bradshaw's eight-yard TD pass to Lynn Swann with three minutes left pulled out the game. Bradshaw was 16 of 25 for 188 yards and three TDs; Swann had seven catches, 113 yards and two scores...Dennis MacQuarrie, a friend of Ryan's, helped play some of the games...Team highlights included: Oakland (10-4)...43 interceptions and Ken Stabler-to-Cliff Branch passing; Pittsburgh (9-5)...Swann's 63 receptions and 1,144 yards...Franco Harris' 1,109 yards rushing...tough defense; Los Angeles (8-6)...defense allowed only 183 points...survived wave of injuries to key players to still finish third; Dallas (7-7)...Roger Staubach missed 2½ games with injuries...Drew Pearson has 71 catches for 1,220 yards; Miami (6-8)...17 injuries dealt Dolphins body blow from which they couldn't recover...Mercury Morris rushed for 898 yards; Nat Moore hauled in 62 passes for 10 TDs; Minnesota (6-8)...Defense was sub-par and offense inconsistent...Chuck Foreman did snare NFL-record 118 passes for 922 yards; St. Louis (5-9)...Poor defense and Jim Hart's 44 interceptions tell tale of woe; Baltimore (5-9)...Kicking game was bad and pass defense porous.

Playoffs - Los Angeles 10, Oakland 9 Super Bowl - Pittsburgh 23,
Pittsburgh 17, Dallas 0 Los Angeles 17

'WAR' BETWEEN THE STATES -- Unique baseball league run off by Hiram Baldiris of Middletown, NY...He researched players' backgrounds, finding out their birthplaces, and then divided them up according to states...Three states were combined to form one team, with a total of five comprising the league...162-game schedule was played, with team of Illinois-Indiana-Ohio natives winning out by a seven-game margin.

Here are the standings and batting and pitching leaders:

	Won-Lost	GB		
Illinois-Indiana-Ohio	94-68	--	Batting: Morgan [Tex.]	.342
Texas-Louis.-Oklahoma	87-75	7	Homers: Kingman [Cal.]	43
California-Oregon-Arizona	80-82	14	RBI: Schmidt [Ill.]	131
New York-Penn.-New Jersey	64-98	30	Hits: Rose [Ill.]	217
Alabama-Florida-Georgia	58-104	36	Doubles: Lynn [Ill.]	52
Wins: Seaver [Cal.]	24		Triples: Rivers [Ala.]	12
ERA: Palmer [N.Y.]	2.41		Steals: Morgan [Tex.]	78
Strikeouts: Ryan [Tex.]	323		MVP: Jackson [N.Y.]	
Shutouts: Matlack [N.Y.]	6		Cy Young: Seaver [Cal.]	
			Fireman Of Year: Hrabosky [Cal.]	

SOLITAIRE BASEBALL REPLAY -- Richard Rzusa of Ansonia, CT, took 12 teams--1950 Old-Timers, 1965 Dodgers, 1974 A's, 1975 Reds and 1975 Orioles--divided them into two divisions and played an 86-game schedule... '53 Dodgers won the East, with the 'Bums' having five .300-plus hitters, and the '54 Indians the West, with Cleveland bolstered immensely by having five hurlers with ERAs under 3.00...First and second-place teams qualified for the playoffs,

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with Dodgers and Indians meeting in finals. Brooklyn prevailed in five games.
Standings and leaders:

East	Won-Lost	GB	West	Won-Lost	GB
'53 Dodgers	53-33	--	'54 Indians	56-30	--
'50 Yankees	51-35	2	'75 Orioles	46-40	10
'75 Reds	41-45	12	'61 Yankees	41-45	15
'74 A's	40-46	13	'50 Phillies	41-45	15
'54 Giants	37-49	16	'60 Pirates	39-47	17
'57 Braves	36-50	17	'65 Dodgers	34-52	22

Batting	Home Runs	RBI
Mueller (GIA)	Campanella (DOD)	Mays (GIA)
Snider (DOD)	Mays (GIA)	Snider (DOD)
Mays (GIA)	Maris ('61 YAN)	Campanella (DOD)

ERA	Won-Lost	Strikeouts
Torrez (BALT)	Garcia (CLEV)	Koufax ('65 DOD)
Garcia (CLEV)	Erskine (DOD)	Erskine (DOD)
Simmons (PHIL)	Wynn (CLEV)	Antonelli (GIA)
Koufax ('65 DOD)		

Playoffs	World Series
Brooklyn d. Baltimore, 3-2	Brooklyn d.
Cleveland d. '50 Yankees, 3-2	Cleveland, 4-1

J.A. SOLITAIRE FOOTBALL LEAGUE -- Conducted by Jim Amos of West Peabody, MA, who took 14 teams from the 1975 season and replayed a 14-game season...Most of the top teams were used, although the World Champion Pittsburgh Steelers weren't selected, for some unknown reason...Baltimore fought off challenges by Washington and New England to win the so-called East Division, with Dallas the victor in the West over Oakland, Los Angeles and Minnesota...The Vikings, in fact, weren't even close, finishing 7-7, five games back of the Cowboys...L.A. was somewhat of a disappointment, too, despite an 11-3 record. The Rams lost twice to Oakland plus won twice by a point, once by two points and twice by three-point margins...Dallas, behind the passing of Roger Staubach, roared to many victories; i.e., 46-7, 52-0, 41-14, 47-10...Most unusual game, though, had to be Dallas' 2-0 win over the luckless N.Y. Jets.

Standings and leaders:

East	Won-Lost	West	Won-Lost	Playoffs
Baltimore -	12-2	Dallas -	12-2	Dallas d. Baltimore, 17-10;
Washington -	11-3	Oakland -	11-3	Washington d. Oakland,
New England -	9-5	Los Angeles	11-3	35-29, overtime;
Buffalo -	7-7	Minnesota -	7-7	Super Bowl
Philadelphia	5-9	Detroit -	3-11	Dallas 20, Washington 17,
N.Y. Jets -	4-10	Kansas City	2-12	overtime.
Atlanta -	3-11	Houston -	1-13	

Passing: Jones (BAL), 64.6%; Stabler (DAK), 61.7; Staubach (DAL), 59.4.
Rushing: Simpson (BUF), 1812; McCutcheon (LA), 1444; Mitchell (BAL), 1321.
Receiving: Voigt (MIN), 50; Smith (WAS), 46; Mitchell (BAL), 42.

BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES REPLAY -- Dick Hunt missed out on the 1973-74 basketball teams when they were available from S-O-M. Opportunity knocked a second time in the form of an ad in the Review, however, and the young gamer from Ovid, MI, responded by purchasing the teams from Bud Binner of PA...Hunt, upon receiving the cards, replayed the championship series between the Boston Celtics and Milwaukee Bucks...With Kareem Abdul-Jabbar averaging over 31 points and shooting 58 per cent from the field, the Bucks this time won out in a hard-fought seven-game series...Jabbar had plenty of helpers as Bob Dandridge scored at a 25.3 per-game clip and Lucius Allen found the nets for 22 each outing...John Havlicek was Boston's big gun, tossing in 28 points a game, with Don Nelson backing him with a 22.1 average...Dave Cowens

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was a disappointment, however, averaging only 15.4 points and frequently fouling out, while Paul Silas, one of Boston's premier boardmen, missed four games because of injuries.

Game summaries:

- 1 - Milwaukee 107, Boston 114 [Nelson 29, Havlicek 24; Jabbar 31].
- 2 - Milwaukee 144, Boston 132 [Jabbar 36, Dandridge 32; Havlicek 39, Westphal 37].
- 3 - Milwaukee 128, Boston 133 [Havlicek 33; Dandridge 28, Jabbar 25].
- 4 - Milwaukee 145, Boston 139 [Jabbar 33, Allen 31; Havlicek 29, White 27].
- 5 - Milwaukee 133, Boston 137 [Dandridge 31, Jabbar 25; Havlicek 35].
- 6 - Milwaukee 127, Boston 124 [Allen 31, Dandridge 30; Havlicek 28, Cowens 27].
- 7 - Milwaukee 145, Boston 117 [Jabbar 46; Bucks shot 50%, Boston 36%].