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*Check out Lezcano, North—wow!*

### Plenty of hitting in new cards

There was the good, the bad, but never the ugly when the Review editors gave the new baseball cards a cursory look soon after their arrival. There were many good-lookin' cards, the usual assortment of I-hope-I-don't-have-to-draft-this-guy cards. But overall, everyone was tickled, we're sure, just to see the new cards arrive.

Strat-O-Matic reported that on "opening day" the line extended from the building out to the road of gamers waiting to purchase the new cards. "We put in a window especially for the purpose of selling the cards," mentions Bob Yonke of S-O-M. "It was nice weather and people didn't mind waiting. And the wait wasn't very long. In fact it went very fast.

[Editor's note: Next month the Review will have pictures and a feature story on that memorable day--"opening day"--at S-O-M.]

The Review, in case you're curious, received its order--18 sets worth!--in two days, via United Parcel Service, which may or not be some kind of record.

Now for a look at the new cards.

First of all, it's worth noting that eight players were given AA stealing ratings: Bill North, Rodney Scott, Davey Lopes, Omar Moreno,

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Julio Cruz, Willie Wilson, Ron LeFlore and Rickey Henderson, the latter of the Oakland A's. There were 37 "A" stealers and a total of 35 "1" fielders. Larry Bowa of Philadelphia was a glittering 1 and e-7 at shortstop. The Phillies, in fact, had five "1s" in Bowa, Manny Trillo (2B), Mike Schmidt (3B), Bob Boone (C) and Garry Maddox (CF).

## Baseball card corrections

Only card correction brought to our attention by S-D-M involves Dennis and Tippy Martinez, pitchers for the Baltimore Orioles. The cards are reversed on their backs--Dennis Martinez becomes Tippy Martinez on the flip, or advanced, side; likewise for Tippy. The basic side is correct, and so are the stats. It's just that the wrong flip side was put on the cards.

Many gamers won't notice anything wrong, however, since the mistake was quickly caught and the backs changed. Probably less than 1,000 orders--the first 1,000--had the mistake on them.

Otherwise the cards look "clean."

Now back to the defense. The Yankees, although experiencing an off year, could put out three "1s" in Jim Spencer (1B), Juan Beniquez (OF) and Graig Nettles (3B). And so can Boston in Dwight Evans (RF), Fred Lynn (CF) and Rick Burleson (SS).

In the thievery department, Houston is the go, go, gone team with six A stealers, while California is a close second with four. Meanwhile, most likely to deter larceny on the bases are catchers Jim Sundberg [-4 throwing] and Rick Dempsey, Gary Carter and Johnny Bench, all of whom are -3, or possess rifles in lieu of arms. Everyone, of course, is aware that Carlton Fisk, because of arm problems, was rated "+5]. That was done to prevent his overuse as a catcher, a position he played very little in 1979.

While on the topic of throwing, Dave Winfield, Ellis Valentine, Dave Parker and Dwight Evans all again have cannons, or "5" ratings, while Cesar Geronimo, Cesar Cedeno, Al Cowens, Amos Otis are rated "-4." With Otis in center, Cowens in right, Kansas City should keep opposing runners from taking any liberties on the bases.

### PITCHERS WILL TAKE BEATING

The newest set of cards can perhaps best be described as a "hitting set." Outstanding pitchers are few while above-average and outstanding cards are many.

Among the hurlers, Steve Carlton is especially tough against left-handed batters; Gaylord Perry has a good all-around 'Gaylord Perry card,' J.R. Richard has probably the best balanced (he shuts down right and left-handed batters equally well) card in the N.L., while Jim Kern, Texas' relief ace, is likely to mow down right-handed hitters. Chicago's Rich Wortham, a southpaw, doesn't yield any hits to lefty swingers off his card.

### LEZCANO, NORTH HAVE ACTION CARDS

Sixto Lezcano of Milwaukee and Bill North of San Francisco have the type of cards to make their managers dream of pennants and glory and give the opposition frequent nightmares. Lezcano, for instance, has on-base chances against lefties on 4 through 9 and 12 in the 1 column, 5-10 in the 2 and 5-10 and 12 in No. 3. Plus he's also a "1" and has a -3 arm. North is almost as good against lefties, plus he's an AA stealer and a "2" in center.

Dave Kingman, the major league leader in home runs with 48, punishes both types of pitching equally well, with home run chances on 1-8, 1-9

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3-5 and 2-8 [1-19] against southpaws and 1-8, 1-9, 3-5 and 2-8 [1-8] against righties. On the other hand, though, Kingman's teammate, Bruce Sutter, doesn't give up much of anything to anybody. Sutter doesn't even allow a straight hit chance to any left-handed batter, while the righties have only a slim shot, with the 1-5 the only straight hit chance. As far as long ball, Sutter has only a 1-4 [1-7] vulnerable area.

Over in the A.L., Jim Rice unloads on lefties on 1-5, 1-6, and 1-7 [1-17] while teammate Butch Hobson cracks 'em out against southpaws on 3-2, 3-3, 3-4, 3-5 and 3-6 [1-16]. Bob Horner's card for Atlanta is another worth cackling over, with home runs on 1-5, 1-6, 1-7 [1-18] against lefties.

Ted Simmons of St. Louis, although not normally a power hitter, definitely has a card reflecting his 26 home runs in 448 at-bats. He unloads, against lefties, on 2-2, 2-3, 2-4, 3-7 and 3-8 [1-10]. John Wockenfuss, reserve outfielder and catcher for Detroit, is another with an action card. He clubs lefties for homers on 2-2, 2-3, 2-4, 3-7 and 3-8 [1-14].

A look at Gorman Thomas' card suggests one of three things will happen when he bats: [1] he will hit a home run; [2] he will walk; [3] he will strike-out. There are few chances for much else to occur. Thomas blasts 'em into the bleachers, against righties, on 2-9 [1-16], 2-10, 2-11, 2-12, 3-11 and 3-12. Mike Schmidt has a similar type card, sans the strikeouts, however. Schmidt walked a whopping 120 times--and his card reflects it.

#### OTHER SUPER CARDS...

One could write a book on the new baseball cards, especially the power hitters (check out Jim Morrison's card with the Chicago White Sox; he's got, against lefties, home run chances on 2-8, 2-9, 2-10 and 3-7 [1-16]). This, then, is not meant to touch on every player, rather just the few that caught our eye in a cursory check.

Here are some other unusual cards worth looking over:

- \* Larry Parrish, Montreal - Has chances to hit a double, against southpaws, on 2-5, 2-6, 2-7, 2-8, 2-9 [1-4] and 3-6 [12-20].
- \* Ron Cey, Los Angeles - Another power-hitter deluxe, against lefties. He hits 'em out on 1-5, 1-6, 1-7, 1-10 [1-14].
- \* Davey Lopes, Los Angeles - More noted for his speed, perhaps, Lopes definitely packed a sting at the plate, having home runs on 1-2, 1-3, 1-4, 2-8 and 2-9 [1-15] against southpaws.
- \* Steve Yeager, Los Angeles - Never have so many home run card listings [6] amounted to so few chances [13+ chances out of 108].
- \* Versatility awards should go to Derrel Thomas, Los Angeles, and Bobby Valentine, Seattle, both of whom have six different positions listed on their cards.
- \* Check out George Brett, who hit 20 triples in '79. He's got a three-bagger, and straight, on 1-7 against righties.
- \* There-she-goes award: Has to go to Jessie Jefferson of Toronto, who, when facing right-handed batters, can watch them sail out on 3-9, 3-10 and 3-8 [1-10].
- \* Outfielder Joe Cannon of Toronto is anything but explosive when facing lefties. The southpaw swinger has nary a hit chance among the forest of strikeouts on his card.
- \* S-O-M made sure Manny Mota, who batted all of 42 times, wouldn't be used for anything other than a pinch hitter (which is listed on his card). He's got a +4 throwing arm as an outfielder.

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## Baseball MVP Contest begins

Yes! The polls are all over; at least for the time being.

Reprints and past seasons in baseball--well, the ballots are still being tabulated and the results should soon be known.

Meanwhile, the Review's annual Most Valuable Player Contest in baseball is beginning. Everyone--providing you are a subscriber to the Review--is eligible to cast a vote, but please, just one vote per person.

As you will remember, the winner of the contest receives a new set of the baseball cards (plus extra players), compliments of the Review, when new card time arrives the following January.

In fact, John Dormer, recent winner of the MVP Contest, should be out of the starting gate as far as any replay effort. John should have received the new cards late in January.

Dormer won last year's contest by picking Don Baylor in the American League. He was one of only three people to foresee the great season the California Angels' slugger would experience. No one picked either Keith Hernandez or Willie Stargell in the National League. Dormer eventually prevailed via the tiebreaker, coming closest as far as percentage in his choice of California to win the A.L. West.

Dormer's success also ended Terry Ringen's two-year reign as king of the prognosticators. Ringen, an avid gamer who calls Beattie, KS, home, was the first ever to win back-to-back contests.

Now for this year's contest. First off, select who you think will be the MVPs. Also list the winners, as you see 'em, in the four divisions and include a percentage for each. The latter two categories will be used as tiebreakers, as was the case in the 1979 contest.

Deadline for receiving the entries will again be May 10. Entries received after that date will automatically be disqualified. And a reminder that all entries should be sent to the Strat-O-Matic Review, P.O. Box 27, Otsego, MI 49078, and not the game company.

### MVP CONTEST ENTRY BLANK

#### MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

American League - \_\_\_\_\_

National League - \_\_\_\_\_

#### Division winners & percentages

American League East - \_\_\_\_\_

American League West - \_\_\_\_\_

National League East - \_\_\_\_\_

National League West - \_\_\_\_\_

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It is not necessary to cut up your Review to secure an entry blank. If you desire you may print your selections on another sheet of paper. And remember once again that the contest closes on May 10.

## Pitching decides replay matching baseball greats

What happens when baseball's greats are matched against each other?

According to James Overmeyer, Poughkeepsie, NY, the gamer on the dice-rollin' end will have a lot of fun and witness plenty of offensive pyrotechnics. Overmeyer played through just such a season--it took him 2½ years to complete a 160-game replay for six teams--and said the league average was .269, earned-run-average 4.67 and that 10.38 runs were scored per game.

Overmeyer formed his league from the 80 Hall of Fame players, plus 40 contemporary greats from 1962-1975. There were three teams comprised of American Leaguers--Connie Mack, Casey Stengel and, for the modern-day greats, Joe Schultz--and three from the National--Gil Hodges, John McGraw, and, again the modern-day band of baseballers, Leo Durocher being their leader.

Note that all were former managers, with Schultz remembered for guiding the Seattle Pilots during their infancy days in the late '60s. Overmeyer used the lifetime fielding ratings [for the Hall of Famers], but used the best-season side of the card for everything else.

Two no-hitters did pop up in the hitting carnage, with Christy Mathewson (Hodges) and Sandy Koufax (McGraw) both twirling one against Leo Durocher.

### PITCHING PREVAILS IN THE END

With all the teams possessing plenty of firepower, the pennant-winner had to come from the team that had the best overall pitching. And Gil Hodges fit that role perfectly as five starters performed admirably, plus it had Don Drysdale and Robin Roberts coming out of the bullpen. The staff had a league-low 4.04 ERA and issued only 446 walks.

Grover Alexander (18-9), Dizzy Vance (18-12), Cy Young (16-11), Mathewson (16-12) and Warren Spahn (15-8) were the starters, while Roberto Clemente (.330, 25 home runs, 93 RBI), Mel Ott (36, 90), Rogers Hornsby (.328, 104 RBI) and Stan Musial (.316, 31, 125) were the key hitters. Sebs played a key role, too, as Hodges had the best bench in the league and got maximum mileage out of the 20-player roster. Paul Waner and Jackie Robinson were the top 'relief' men.

Lack of depth in pitching proved to be the downfall of Connie Mack, which finished a close runner and had the Player of the Year, Al Simmons, and Pitcher of the Year, Chief Bender. Simmons was fantastic, belting 50 homers, driving in 176 runs--both league highs--batting .328 and scoring 112 runs. Simmons didn't start until the fifth game, and then he served notice what kind of season he was going to have by hitting two homers and driving in six runs.

Bender, meanwhile, won 23 of 28 decisions--an .821 win percentage--and Walter Johnson backed him with a 22-11 record and league-low 3.21 ERA. But after the big two the pitching staff frequently played pitch-and-duck. Red Ruffing was only 8-9 and Lefty Gomez, although compiling a 10-3 record, was shelled for 5.03 earned runs a game.

The team hit with all the authority of a Mack Truck, however, scoring a whopping 1,003 runs. George Sisler batted .365, with 295 hits and 154 runs scored, Joe Jackson .354 and Joe DiMaggio .326 (42 homers, 131 RBI). The team was so awesome that Ted Williams was relegated to a sub's role, during which he hit 16 homers, knocked in 72 runs and batted .347.

### 'BIG TWO' AND THEN...

After the so-called Big Two, the remaining four teams quickly strung out behind, with Joe Schultz and Leo Durocher both losing over 100 games. Here's a team-by-team summary of the remaining four:

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JOHN MCGRAW - Had best hitter in Willie Keeler (254 hits, .369), but hitting was downfall...Bill Terry (.329), Joe Medwick (.328, 106 RBI) and Willie Mays (37 HRs, 112 RBI) were other solid swingers, but attack tailed off after them...Three Finger Brown (20-13, 4.22) and Joe McGinnity (19-11, 3.60) were effective pitchers and Dizzy Dean saved 20 games, but others such as Carl Hubbell and Koufax were either snakebit or inconsistent: Koufax, for example, had no-hitter, 15-11 record but served up 44 home runs.

CASEY STENGEL - Picked to win it all in preseason, this team opened by losing first seven games. Never really recovered despite having five players knock in 100 or more runs...Ty Cobb was one of league's sparklers, batting .366, with 246 hits, 154 runs scored and 160 steals in 190 attempts...Nap Lajoie (121), Babe Ruth (107), Jimmy Foxx (103), Harry Heilmann (100) and Heine Manush (102) comprised the 100-plus RBI quintet...Lou Gehrig flopped, however, batting only .238 with 15 homers. He was eventually replaced by Heilmann...Ed Walsh (17-16, 3.90), Rube Waddell (17-13, 4.16) and Hal Newhouser (15-10, 4.29) formed solid trio of starting pitchers, but rest of staff was cannon fodder.

JOE SCHULTZ - Led league in home runs, 219, but most were of solo variety, thus league-low 667 runs scored...Frank Robinson (43 HRs, 103 RBI, .310) had best year of any modern-day player...Pitchers led in strikeouts, 1201, but staff had three 20-game losers (Wilbur Wood, Gaylord Perry, Sam McDowell)...Dick Radatz did whiff 163 in only 136 innings.

LEO DUDROCHER - Collected 205 homers and 318 stolen bases but had lowest batting average, .235, and highest ERA, 5.42...Willie McCovey (1969) was iron man, playing in all games and connecting for 42 home runs...Joe Morgan had 60 thefts and walked 138 times, Hank Aaron smashed 31 homers and swiped 35 bases, but pitching was flop as Juan Marichal was 6-23 and Tom Seaver 3-17 with 5.67 ERA...Oh, and Johnny Bench and Mike Schmidt hit .177 and .166, respectively, further hampering the cause.

#### Standings and leaders:

	Won	Lost	GB	Batting	Home Runs
Gil Hodges	97	63	-	Keeler JM .369	Simmons CM 50
Connie Mack	95	65	2	Cobb CS .366	F.Robinson JS 43
John McGraw	89	71	8	Sisler CM .365	DiMaggio CM 42
Casey Stengel	86	74	11	J.Jackson CM .354	McCovey LD 42
Joe Schultz	59	101	38	Clemente GH .330	Ruth CS 41
Leo Durocher	54	106	43	Terry JM .329	Foxx CS 39
				Medwick JM .328	Mays LD 38
				Lajoie CS .328	
				Simmons CM .328	
				Hornsby GH .328	
<u>RBI</u>					<u>Runs</u>
Simmons CM	176				Cobb CS 154
DiMaggio CM	131				Sisler CM 154
Musial GH	125				J.Jackson CM 121
Lajoie CS	121				Keeler JM 119
Mays JM	112				Wagner GH 116
				<u>Doubles</u>	
				Cobb CS 54	
				Lajoie CS 54	
				Medwick JM 47	
<u>Triples</u>				Cronin CM 39	<u>Hits</u>
Keeler JM	26			Musial GH 39	Keeler JM 254
Cobb CS	22				Cobb CS 246
Wagner GH	17				Sisler CM 239
J.Jackson CM	15			<u>Stolen Bases</u>	Lajoie CS 216
Terry JM	15			Cobb CS 160	J.Jackson CM 210
				Wills LD 131	
				Morgan LD 60	
<u>ERA</u>					<u>Strikeouts</u>
Johnson CM	3.21			<u>Wins</u>	Vance GH 242
Alexander GH	3.29			Bender CM 23	Waddell CS 236
Bender CM	3.36			Johnson CM 22	Koufax JM 234
McGinnity JM	3.60			Brown JM 20	McDowell JS 232
Mathewson GH	3.79			McGinnity JM 19	
Walsh CS	3.90			Alexander GH 18	<u>Shutouts</u>
Vance GH	3.97			Vance GH 18	Bender CM 3
<u>Saves</u>					Mathewson GH 3
Dean JM	20			<u>Comp. Games</u>	Walsh CS 3
Drysdale GH	14			Johnson CM 20	
Marshall LD	14			Bender CM 19	



## Here's do-it-yourself 'e' rating system

Strat-O-Matic does provide a way of converting your 'old' baseball cards to "e" ratings. In fact, the conversion table is found on a card that is issued with the 20 nameless player cards.

While not as detailed as some purists would like, the table does provide a workable guideline for rating your own players. What S-O-M has done is to set up four ratings at each position: Excellent--very few errors committed; Good--less than an average number of errors committed; Average--normal amount of errors committed; and Poor--high frequency of errors committed.

Here are the categories by position for assigning e ratings:

First Base	Second Base	Shortstop	Third Base
8 = excellent	10 = excellent	16 = excellent	13 = excellent
13 = good	17 = good	22 = good	18 = good
17 = average	23 = average	32 = average	26 = average
25 = poor	41 = poor	48 = poor	37 = poor
Outfield	Pitcher	Catcher	T-Rating
4 = excellent	0 = excellent	2 = excellent	1-3
6 = good	12 = good	4 = good	1-5
9 = average	20 = average	7 = average	1-7
16 = poor	38 = poor	16 = poor	1-15

Of course, the above system is still second-best to basing e ratings on actual errors-to-innings-played as the game company currently does. The e ratings, in case you're curious, are derived from figuring the total errors that would be committed by a fielder if he had played every inning of every game. That's the formula that S-O-M uses.

Adding e ratings to old card sets--especially precise, accurate ratings--still would be anything but a snap job. You have to find fielding statistics, for starters, and obtaining those for past years isn't easy. Next, and even more difficult, would be trying to find out the number of innings played. Finding the total games played would be relatively easy, but guesswork would be needed for the latter.

S-O-M's chart (above) is a simple and speedy way of assigning e ratings. But you would still have to know the number of errors committed to use the chart realistically.

James Handford of Gimli, Manitoba, Canada, has another chart whereby e ratings are assigned according to a fielder's fielding rating--1, 2, 3, or 4. Now we refer to that rating as the range rating, but previously it encompassed both range as well as errors committed.

Here's Handford's chart. To use it, find the fielding rating on a player's card and then make the necessary conversion to an e rating.

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
First Base -	e8	e13	e15	e25
Second Base -	e10	e17	e23	e41
Third Base -	e13	e18	e26	e37
Shortstop -	e16	e22	e32	e48
Outfield -	e4	e6	e9	e16
Catcher -	e2	e4	e7	e16
Pitcher -	eX	e12	eX	eX

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REMEMBER, NEXT MONTH PICTURES OF 'OPENING DAY' AT STRAT-O-MATIC WILL BE COMING YOUR WAY--IT'S AN ISSUE YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS! FIND OUT WHO THE GAMERS ARE, AND HOW FAR THEY TRAVELED, TO BECOME AMONG THE FIRST TO PURCHASE THE CARDS!

## Power-play, penalty-killing lines

BY JUNU KIM  
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Here is an answer to your call for the most frequently used power-play and penalty-killing teams used last year in the National Hockey League and World Hockey Association. However, these teams are arbitrary and are based on the plus/minus stats of that player and the lines of a team. Thus some season ticket holders who know better, might question them.

In the list, a slash means to alternate the two players; parentheses around a name means to use this player if one doesn't have the extra players, and a semi-colon ends a line and starts another--with the lines reading LW, C and RW, from left to right. The names below are the defensemen.

Now here are those power-play and penalty-killing lines for 1979 (based on 1978-79 real-life season):

<u>ATLANTA</u>	-	PP: Vail-Chouinard-MacMillan; Pronovost-Boldrev-Lalonde Russell-Kea/Murdoch
	PK:	Clement (Lalonde)-Gould Russell-Shand/Marsh
<u>BOSTON</u>	-	PP: Cashman-Ratelle-Schmautz; Middleton-McNab-O'Reilly Park (Milbury)-Redmond
	PK:	Marcotte-Schmautz Milbury-Sims
<u>BUFFALO</u>	-	PP: R.Martin-Perreault-Robert; Ramsay-Luce-Gare Schoenfeld-Korab
	PK:	Luce-Ramsay Korab-Schoenfeld/Fogolin
<u>CHICAGO</u>	-	PP: Bulley-Lysiak-Mulvey; Marks-Mikita-Walton (Koroll) Murray-Wilson/O'Connell (no sub)
	PK:	Marks-Koroll; Kerr-Daigle Mulvey-Logan
<u>COLORADO</u>	-	PP: Pierce-Valiquette-Paiement; Spruce-Contini (Malinowski)-Groteau Beck-Van Boxmeer/Dwchar
	PK:	Comeau-Klassen/Valiquette Beck-Van Boxmeer; Christie-Dwchar
<u>DETROIT</u>	-	PP: Thompson-McCourt-Nedomansky; Libett-St. Laurent-Labraaten Larson-Huber/Miller
	PK:	McCourt-Woods Larson-Miller; Bergman-Harper (if no extras, alternate Bergman and Miller)
<u>EDMONTON</u>	-	PP: Callighen-Gretzky-MacDonald; Sobchuck-Chipperfield-Flett Micheletti-Hamilton; Shmyr-Alexander (Langevin)
	PK:	MacDonald-Carlson Shmyr-Hamilton/Langevin
<u>LOS ANGELES</u>	-	PP: Simmer-Dionne-Taylor; Williams (Goldup)-Goring-Murphy Palmer-Manery
	PK:	Goring-Murphy Palmer-Manery
<u>MINNESOTA</u>	-	PP: Brasar-B.Smith-MacAdam; Parise (Payne)-Young-Fidler Maxwell-Sargent
	PK:	Youngmans-Polich Sargent-G. Smith
<u>MONTREAL</u>	-	PP: Shutt, Lemaire, LaFleur; Lambert-Mondou-Napier (or Larouche)

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Robinson-Lapointe  
 PK: Gainey-Jarvis  
 Savard-Robinson/Lapointe  
N.Y. ISLANDERS PP: Gillies-Trottier-Bossy; Tonelli-Bourne-Harris  
 Perrsson-Potvin  
 PK: Bourne-Henning  
 Potvin-Lewis/Perrsson  
N.Y. RANGERS PP: Vickers-Nilsson-Hedberg; Hickey-Esposito-Murdoch  
 McEwen-Marois; Vadnais-Greschner  
 PK: Tkaczuk-Duguay/Plante [no sub]  
 Vadnais-Maloney, Dave  
PHILADELPHIA PP: Barber-Clarke-Leach; MacLeish-Dunlop-Ververgaert  
 Wilson-Dailey  
 PK: Barber-Clarke  
 Watson-Wilson; Dailey-Dupont  
PITTSBURGH PP: Schutt-Sheppard-Lee; Lonsberry-Kindrachuck-Kehoe  
 Carlyle-Stackhouse  
 PK: Ferguson-Sheppard/Kindrachuck  
 Stackhouse-Bladon/Tallon  
QUEBEC \* PP: Tardif-Bernier-Cloutier; Cote-Leduc-P. Borgeleau  
 Baxter-Tremblay (Lariviere/Hoganson)  
 PK: Fitchner-Bernier/Brackenbury  
 Lariviere-Lacombe  
ST. LOUIS PP: Sutter-Federko-Babych; Zuke-Unger-Murdoch  
 Brownschidle-Gibbs  
 PK: Patey-C. Bennett/Smrke  
 Gibbs-Stewart  
TORONTO PP: Williams-Sittler-McDonald; Maloney-Gardner-Wilson  
 [McKechnie]  
 Salming-Turnbull  
 PK: Jones-Butler/Monahan [no sub]  
 Salming-Turnbull  
VANCOUVER PP: Sedlbauer-Lever-Smyl; Gillis-Gradin-Graves  
 Snepsts-Kearns; Lindgren-Goodenough [Manno]  
 PK: Oddleifson-Graves/Lever  
 Snepsts-Lindgren  
WASHINGTON PP: Sirois-Maruk-Rowe; Walter-Charron-Polis  
 Picard-Green  
 PK: Maruk-Girard/Walter  
 Picard-Svensson; Green-Lane  
WINNIPEG PP: Lukowich-Sullivan-Lindstrom; Nilsson-Ruskowski-Preston  
 or Gray  
 Long-Campbell/Terbenche  
 PK: Sullivan-Lesuk; Ruskowski-Preston  
 Long-Campbell/MacKinnon  
NEW ENGLAND PP: Mark Howe-Lacroix-G. Howe; Antonovich-Douglas or  
 Keon-McKenzie  
 Roberts-Ley/Selwood [no sub]  
 PK: Mark Howe-Hangslieben; Keon-Lacroix  
 Roberts-Ley

\* Regarding Quebec, Cloutier and Tardif were on the ice for 89.6 percent and 79 percent, respectively, of their team's power-play goals. Therefore, the two should be able to play two of every three power-play chances. Leduc and Bernier should still alternate each line.

Editor's note: Kim, while perhaps not all-knowing regarding power-play and penalty-killing lines, is a member of the same PBM hockey league that Mike Hoppensack, Winnipeg, Manitoba, is commissioner. And it was Hoppensack who sent in the power-play and penalty-killing lines that proved to be so valuable the first year of the hockey game [Feb., 1979 Review].

## **Gold Cup Challenge Series is over**

There was gold in them thar dice rolls for one of the following:

\* Bob Fafata, Jr., Pittsburgh, PA, manager of the 1973 Pittsburgh Pirates and '73 Montreal Expos...18 years old...six-year S-O-M vet... student at Technical Institute...Pirate fan; Willie Stargell being favorite player...holds Gold Cup records for runs in game (22) and in an inning (10).

\* Steve Johnson, Lima, OH, manager of 1971 California Angels and '73 St. Louis Cardinals...24, married, no children...employed by Excello, maker of aircraft engine blades...10-year S-O-M vet...First game watched Sandy Koufax, '65 Dodgers, hurl perfect game against '65 Giants...Jim Palmer is favorite active player...No. 1 among Gold Cup players with 2.73 runs-allowed average.

\* Ed Daley, Casper, WY, manager of 1971 San Francisco Giants and '77 Cleveland Indians...26, married, one child with another on way...detective with Casper police department...13-year S-O-M vet...favorite players are Mike Schmidt and George Brett...Yankee fan; hates Dodgers.

\* Jim Schwanebeck, Baltimore, MD, manager of 1974 Boston Red Sox and '73 Atlanta Braves...28, single...teacher at Delaney Valley High School... Baltimore fan, naturally...nationally-rated chess player...favorite player: Pete Rose...playing S-O-M since early 1960's.

That's the semifinals lineup in Steve Beren's Gold Cup Challenge Series, a tournament that has been featured in recent months in the Review and which ultimately will pay the winner the tidy sum of \$101. The payoff will be in the form of a check and not in gold, sorry to say.

All told, 55 gamers entered the second tournament conducted by Beren, who resides in Jackson Heights, NY. The participation was up 25 from the 30 the first year when Beren played through 206 games before Glen Strong ('77 Astros/'77 Cubs) of Cranbury, NJ, emerged Gold Cup king. Strong, incidentally, was a first-round casualty in the 1979 tourney.

### **396 GAMES LATER...**

This year's tournament began on May 20, and lasted until Dec. 31 when Beren cast the final die. All told, 396 games were played; for a total of 602 games over a two-year span.

Enough chit-chat. Here's how the semifinals came out:

Johnson, 21-9 in his first Gold Cup venture, went against Daley, 19-11, who picked off a sixth-place finish in 1978; while Schwanebeck, 24-6, a distant 11th with a 6-6 slate in '78, opposed Fafata, 23-15, who captured a fifth in '78 with a 14-10 log.

Johnson won four of the six games against Daley, with the '71 Angels defeating the '71 Giants 6-4, losing 7-3 and 5-4, and then the '73 Cards sweeping the '77 Indians, 4-3, 3-1 and 6-2. Quickest game was the last one, with Reggie Cleveland taking only 11 minutes to set down the Indians.

In the other semifinal, Schwanebeck finished off Fafata in five games, running his overall record to a glittering 28-7. The '74 Red Sox knocked off the '73 Pirates in three straight (7-2, 5-1, 7-3), and then, after the '73 Expos clipped the '73 Braves, 7-1, the Braves captured a 4-3 decision to end the series.

So now it was Johnson, 25-11, vs. Schwanebeck, 28-7, for the gold!

### **CROWNING THE NEW CHAMP**

The first four games of the championship series were split, with Schwanebeck's Red Sox winning game one, 4-1, over the Angels; the Angels capturing the second, 5-3; the Sox game three, 3-0, as Luis Tiant hurled a three-hitter; and then the Angels gaining a 2-2 standoff by winning the fourth game, 4-2.

The '73 Cardinals then went on to sweep the '73 Braves in the final three games, 6-5, 9-5 and 3-2, giving Johnson a 5-2 series advantage, an

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overall record of 30-13, and the Gold Cup Series first-place prize of \$1011. Schwanebeck finished runnerup and collected \$20, while Jaley was third and won \$10 and Fafata fourth which was worth \$5.

The rest of the top ten included: 5. Bob Lopeck, Opalacka, FL; 6. Skuli Johnson, Winnipeg, Manitoba; 7. Tom Johnson, North Dighton, MA; 8. Neal Walters, St. Albert, Alberta; 9. Greg Balas, Ponteix, Saskatchewan; 10. Joe Paldino, Brooklyn, NY.

Johnson was not only 30-13, but his Cardinals won their last 15 games. In 43 games, he outscored opponents 188-128, although foes had a 30-21 superiority in the longball department.

One other noteworthy award was the Munson Award (in honor of the late New York Yankee catcher who was killed in a plane mishap). Joe Torre of the '73 Cardinals was the first recipient of the award, which will go to the player who contributes the most offensively to his team's victories in the semifinals and finals.

Beren, although taking a much-deserved break from his dice-rollin' chores, will soon be mapping plans for Gold Cup Series III. And this time, he enthuses, the prize money will be increased to \$150 for the winner, \$30 runnerup, \$20 for third and \$10 for fourth.

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## Advertisements

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## Wanted

WANTED: The 1962, '66, '73, '74 and '78 Minnesota Twins, plus the additional players if possible. I also need the additional players from the '75, '72, '70 and earlier Twins teams. Will pay any price, providing cards are in good condition. Write to: James Handford, Gimli P.O., Gimli, Manitoba, Canada

WANTED: 1971-72-73-74 and '75 baseball teams with extra players, fair to excellent condition only. Will pay \$125.00 (total). Write: Tony Combine, 1471 Nicholson St., Erie, PA 16509

WANTED: 1972 Walt Williams and 1974 Mike Anderson cards. Name your price. Daniel Ramthun, 551 S. State, Ann Arbor, MI 48109

WANTED: 1962-1969 and 1971 Pittsburgh Pirates. Willing to pay top-dollar for good to excellent condition teams. Please state

price and condition of cards. SASE insures a response. Write to: Scott Roscovius, 800 East Ave., Tomah, WI 54660, or call 608-372-2632.

WANTED: 1962 baseball; 1963 Dodgers, Giants, White Sox, Yankees, Twins, Reds; 1965 Angels, A's, and 1973 Braves. Send inquiries to: Charles Schreiner, 1306 Westfield St., Pittsburgh, PA 15216, or phone 412-561-1781 after 5 p.m. Will pay reasonable price.

WANTED: Complete sets of baseball seasons: 1965, 1968, 1971 and 1973 (with or without extras). Also interested in the 1968 and 1969 football seasons. Cards must be in very good to excellent condition. Will pay up to \$250.00 (total), depending upon condition. All replies will be answered. Contact: Virgil DeArmond, PSC Box 6145, APO 96519

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WANTED: I would like to obtain the following pro football teams: 1969 Kansas City; 1968 New York Jets; 1970 Baltimore, Detroit and San Francisco. If one or more of these teams should be available at a reasonable price, please contact me: Don Hulsey, 4065 Sandage, Fort Worth, TX 76110

WANTED: Following baseball teams: 1964 Phillies, Cardinals, Orioles, Yankees; 1963 Dodgers, Yankees; 1962 Dodgers. I am willing to pay \$10 to \$15 each for teams in good condition. Call 904-737-6377, or write: Mike Merwine, 5800 Barnes Rd. S.#12, Jacksonville, FL 32216

WANTED: Baseball individuals and teams since S-O-M's conception. Teams: Braves, Tigers, Red Sox, Giants, Royals, Dodgers, Pirates, Pilots, Cubs. Send list of individuals available to: Houghton Beach Club Tournament Offices, 22425-100th Ave. West, Edmonds, WA 98020

WANTED: 1970 Brewers and White Sox; good or better condition. Extras not necessary. Send replies to: Greg McMillen, 8427 14th Ave., Kenosha, WI 53140

WANTED: Following baseball teams: 1970, '72, '73, '74 Reds; '70, '72 Pirates; '70 Baltimore; '72 A's; '74-77 Indians; '75 Red Sox. Please send me price and condition of cards. All replies answered with SASE's given priority. Write to: Todd Patrick, 6161 Co. Rd. 30, Mt. Gilead, OH 43338

## For Sale

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

FOR SALE: Tired of rolling cumbersome and time consuming dice? With a touch of a button, you can replace your dice with totally random, electronic dice. Offer includes circuit schematic, parts list and instructions. Send \$3.25 to: Jim Zuplich, Dept. Sr,

P.O. Box 624, Elyria, OH 44039

FOR SALE: S-O-M Football teams, 1967 through 1974. Condition good to excellent. I have a price in mind for each team and will sell either to the first person who meets my price, or to the highest bidder by the end of the month. Mike Bordelon, 5445 Braesvalley #724, Houston, TX 77096 (phone: 713-721-5465)

FOR SALE: This is the chance of a lifetime for S-O-M Football fans! Complete 1969 and 1970 Football sets in good condition. Also 1968 Jets, Vikings and Bengals, along with two sets of nameless players. Also available is complete 1972-73 basketball set. Would prefer to sell the football sets as a unit. Send bids to: Bob Bentz, 2021 University Ave., Morgantown, WV 26505

FOR SALE: 1976 baseball cards, including extras; excellent condition; \$17. Football, 1974 Redskins; 1976 Bills, Patriots, Raiders, each team for \$2.25. All in good condition. The following baseball teams in mint condition (no extras) are for sale for \$2.25 each: Yankees and Phillies. From original Football set (1967 season) over 100 cards from eight teams. Condition Fair. Sell for \$15. Note: I pay all postage. Bill Kozack, 26 Fourteenth Ave., Haverhill, MA 01830 (phone: 617-373-0511)

FOR SALE: The complete 1973 football set, in mint condition. Will sell to the highest bidder. Send bids to: Jeff Williams, 8052 Westcamp Rd., Fair Oaks, CA 95628

FOR SALE: Baseball, 1977 season all teams (mint), \$9.50; 1976 season all teams (mint), \$10.50; 1974 Dodgers, Twins, A's (mint), \$1.75 each. 1969 season Colts, \$2; 1970 Buffalo Bills, \$1.50; 1972 Browns, Bills, Packers, \$1.50 each; 1972 Dolphins, \$3.50; 1973 Bills, \$3.50; 1973 Eagles, 1973 Vikings, \$1.50 each; 1974 Bills, '74 Raiders, \$2 each. Send to: Carlos Hurtado, 191 S. Commonwealth Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90004

FOR SALE: 1965 baseball, all cards in almost mint condition. Only one card in entire set is missing. A

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Boston Red Sox; I think he's Jay Ritchie, but I'm not sure. In any case, the missing player is not too significant (not on of the major contributors). Make offers to: Dave Scheer, 86 Mill St., Spencerport, NY 14559

FOR SALE: 1979 baseball, all teams available except Phillies; extra players included--\$50¢ each or \$7 for all 23 teams. Also football teams from the 1977 season; all teams available. Complete basketball set, '72 Knicks and Warriors included. If interested, write to: Kevin Goldman, 5 North Woods Road, Wayside, NJ. Please include a SASE in case item is not available.

FOR SALE: I will compile the statistics for your football or baseball team. Complete and correct stats guaranteed. Send \$1 for every 10 games or \$12 for entire 162-game baseball season, to: Mike Pettinato, 992 Bermuda Dr., Concord, CA 94518

FOR SALE: 1965 Cubs; 1969 Reds, Dodgers, Pirates; 1970 Expos, Cubs -- \$8.95 each team; 1971 Red Sox, Pirates, Yanks, Twins, Senators, Dodgers, Astros, Expos, Braves, Brewers, Padres, Royals, Cubs, Angels, Phils, Indians, Reds, Cardinals, Giants, White Sox -- \$7.95 each team; 1972 all A.L. teams -- \$7.25 per team; 1973 A.L. teams -- \$6.95 per team; 1973 Giants, Reds, Expos -- \$6.95 per team; 1974 all baseball teams -- \$6.25 per team; 1975 all baseball teams -- \$5.95 per team. 1972 Steelers, Packers; 1974 Steelers; 1969 Bengals, Lions, Colts, Falcons, Rams; 1968 Lions, Raiders -- \$7.95 per team; 1970 Falcons, Rams, Vikings, Bengals, Bears, Cardinals, Chargers, Saints, Oilers, Redskins, Packers, Cowboys, Chiefs, Eagles, Giants -- \$7.25 per team; 1971 Eagles, Oilers, Chargers, Patriots, Falcons, Jets, Bengals, Bills, Raiders, Cardinals, Vikings, Lions, Steelers, Giants, Saints, Browns -- \$6.95 per team. Prices listed are the minimum bid.

Teams sold to highest bidder. Send bids to: John McNabb, 226 College Ave., DeKalb, IL 60115

FOR SALE: 1964 world champion St. Louis Cardinals. Perfect condition. Also 1971 Cincinnati and Pittsburgh. Will sell all for \$25 or will trade for any 4 of the following teams: 1968 California, Washington, NY Yanks, Baltimore; 1969 Atlanta, Cincinnati; 1970 Pittsburgh; 1972 Oakland, Cincinnati, Detroit, Pittsburgh; 1973 Cincinnati, NY Mets, Baltimore; 1974 Orioles; 1975 Oakland. Call or write: Robert Holman, 459 Julian Ave., Lima, OH 45801 [419-228-9219]

FOR SALE: More than 289 baseball teams. Included are various teams from 1964 through 1978, some years with complete sets and extra players. Some teams without extras, incomplete teams and more also available. Will send complete, itemized list of all, including teams and condition, to all who send a SASE. I will then accept bids on any or all that I have available. Don't miss this great chance to complete your sets or add hard to get teams to your collection. I am also interested in trading for or buying 1964 Cardinals and Yankees; 1963 White Sox, Dodgers, Yankees; and 1962 Cubs, White Sox, Dodgers, Yankees. If you have one or all, send for information on what I have and/or your price. Send all inquiries and replies as soon as possible to: Mike Gumkowski, 1453 Winslow Drive, Apt. 202, Palatine, IL 60067

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1964 (good condition) Reds, Giants, Braves (missing Tiefenauer), Dodgers (missing Moeller, Griffith), Cardinals (missing 4), Orioles (missing 4); 1970 (excellent-mint), including extras, Astros, Braves, Giants; 1972 (excellent-mint), including extras, Expos, Cardinals, Braves, Phillies, Dodgers, Pirates, Astros, Orioles, Brewers, Angels, Tigers, Twins. Send bids and SASE to: Mark Westendorf, 764 Trade Square West, Troy, OH 45373

FOR SALE: Houghton Beach Club is surplus baseball cards, 1964 forward. Persons requiring individual players or entire teams, send SASE to: Houghton Beach Club Tournament Offices, 22425-100th Ave. West, Edmonds, WA 98020 (the cards are free). Editor's note: We are

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not sure just what the "Free" means. If interested, send SASE to the Houghton Beach Club and find out--that's our suggestion.

FOR SALE: 1967 Tigers, Orioles, Yankees and 1968 Angels. Some cards have erasures and slight marks. All are 100% readable. 1968 A's, Indians, Twins, Orioles, Senators, Angels and White Sox in mint condition; 1968 Yankees in near mint condition; 1968 Tigers (not reprint) in average to good condition. All for sale to highest bidder by last day of cover month. Bid on each team individually. No minimum bids. All items will be sold. Send bids to: Marty Chittum 2420 N. Dousman St., Milwaukee, WI 53212

FOR SALE: The sale of the year! First come, first served; satisfaction guaranteed. Condition guide: Fair (F), Good (G), Excellent (E), Mint (M). 1964 Phillies (M), \$14. 1966 Mets (G), \$5; Reds (G), \$5; Red Sox (G), \$5; Yankees (F), \$3.50. 1967 Braves (E), \$4.50; Cubs (G), \$4.25; Reds (M), \$4.75; Yankees (F-G), \$4; Pirates (M), \$5.00; Cardinals (E), \$4.75; Indians (G), \$4.50; Mets (F), \$3.75; A's (G), \$4; Pirates (E), \$4.60; or all 9 different teams for \$30. 1968 Yankees (E), \$4; Yankees (G), \$3.75; Giants (G), \$3.75; Pirates (F-G), \$3.25; Cubs (F), \$3; Mets (P-F), \$2.50; Red Sox (F), \$2.75; Red Sox (G-E), \$3.90; A's (M), \$4; A's (G), \$3.60; Orioles (F-G), \$3.50; Orioles (G), \$3.75; Twins (G), \$3.50; Angels (G), \$3.25; Tigers (F-G), \$3.25; Indians (G), \$3.50; or 13 teams for \$35. 1969 NY Mets (E), \$10; Tigers (F), \$5. 1970 Braves (E), \$3.25; Phillies (E), \$3; Reds (F), \$2.50; Giants (G), \$2.85; Cubs (E), \$3.25; Twins (G), \$3; Orioles (F-G), \$2.90; Mets (E), \$3.25; Red Sox (G), \$3; Padres (G), \$2.90; Pirates (F), \$2.60; Astros (G), \$3; Cubs (G), \$3; Dodgers (F), \$2.50; or 10 National League teams \$26 or all 13 teams \$32. 1971 complete set with 79 of the additional players (G), \$40.50. Also have following extra teams

from '71: Pirates (M), \$3; Pirates (G), \$2.75; Tigers (F-G), \$2.25; A's (G), \$2.50; Expos (M), \$3; Expos (G), \$2.50; Giants (G), \$2.50; Royals (G), \$2.50; Twins (F), \$2; Mets (G), \$2.50; Phillies (E), \$3.25; Braves (F-G), \$2.35; Padres (F-G), \$2. 1972 Reds (G), \$2.25; Dodgers (E), \$2.50; Phillies (E), \$2.50; Tigers (G), \$2.25; Royals (M), \$2.50; Giants (E), \$2.50; White Sox (M), \$2.50; A's (G), \$2.50; Mets (G), \$2.25; Pirates (G), \$2.25; all 10 \$18. 1974 complete set with all additional players (G), \$30; 1975 complete set with all additional players (M), \$30. Surprise package - hundreds of loose players, pre-1966 era (F), \$7.50. Bonus - all orders over \$10 receive free assortment of loose players from late 60's and early 70's. Add 25¢ to your order for postage; all orders sent first-class. Larry Fryer, 45 N. 2nd St., Hamburg, PA 19526

FOR SALE: 1980 price guide for S-O-M cards. Part I - Baseball; \$2. Part II - Football; \$2. Both for \$3.50. Includes up-to-date pricing, a rating system for card condition and many hints on how to buy and sell S-O-M cards. This guide will steer you away from the "rip-off artists" and will pay for itself in no time. A must for all S-O-M enthusiasts! Send orders to: Marty Chittum, 2420 N. Dousman St., Milwaukee, WI 53212

FOR SALE: 1972 (\$1.50 each): Cubs, Reds, Astros, Yankees, Red Sox, A's, White Sox; 1973 complete [\$27]; 1974 complete [\$22]; 1975 complete [\$20]; 1977 complete [\$17]; 1978 complete [\$14]; 1976 N.L. [\$9]; 1977 N.L. [\$8.50]; 1978 N.L. [\$7]; A.L. extra players (\$ each): 1974, '75, '77, '78. All teams include extra players except 1972. Old timers (25¢ each): all 1900-20, Series A 1920-40, 1940 Reds, 1941 Dodgers, 1954 Indians, 1961 Yanks. Please include postage: Jeff Irwin, RFD#5, Princeton, IL 61356

FOR SALE: Football - all teams complete and most teams in brand-new condition; 1970 teams available are Packers, Browns, Oilers, Patriots, Falcons, Steelers, Bills, Cardinals, Bears; 1971 teams available are Oilers, Saints, Falcons, Bears, Cardinals, Vikings, Broncos. [continued on next page]



Eagles, Bengals, Giants, Cowboys; 1972 teams available are Oilers, Broncos, Bears, Saints, Giants, Chargers, Rams, Jets, Bengals, Patriots, Falcons, Eagles, Lions, Colts, Cardinals, Bills, Vikings; 1973 teams available are Raiders, Redskins, Packers, Colts, Eagles, Lions, Broncos; 1974 teams available are Cardinals, Rams, Broncos, Packers, Browns, Dolphins, Chargers, Falcons, Oilers, Colts, Bills, Steelers; 1976 and 1977 complete sets of teams available and teams are complete and in excellent condition [teams may be purchased individually]. Baseball - 1977 and 1978 complete sets of teams with extras and pitcher hitting cards available; teams are complete and in excellent condition [teams may be purchased individually]. Basketball - 1976 complete game with all teams and is in brand new condition. Send bids for football teams, baseball teams and/or basketball game, to: David Allen, 8 Chadwick Ave., Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5P 1Z8

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1969 very good condition; 1970 fair condition with extras; 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975 all in mint condition, with extras. Football - 1968 Raiders, Jets, 49ers, Colts; excellent condition. 1971, 1973, 1974 all in mint condition. Basketball - 1973-74, '74-75 cards in mint condition. Also a football game with all parts and a basketball game with all parts, both in excellent condition. S-O-M Review issues: Jan., 1972--April, 1977. Bids to be in by April 10. No individual teams sold and preference given to bulk orders. Forrest Wojdan, 4824 McConnell Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90066

FOR SALE: To the highest bidder, the following baseball teams: 1965 Yankees (\$5); 1969 Mets, Braves (\$4 each); 1971 A's, Orioles, White Sox [17], Yankees, Tigers, Red Sox, Mets, Braves, Astros, Pirates, Dodgers, Cubs, Reds [19], Cards (\$2.50 each); 1972 Indians, Yankees, Tigers [19], \$2 each; 1973 A's, Orioles [18], White Sox [16], Yankees, Angels, Mets, Expos [19], Dodgers, Cards (\$2);

1974 A's, Twins, Indians, Red Sox, Mets, Dodgers, Reds, Phillies [19], \$1.50 each; 1975 and 1976, all teams, with extras [\$1 each]. Money in parenthesis is minimum bid for individual teams. Bidding will close at end of month. Bidder will pay postage unless order of \$10 or more. If you think minimum bids are too high, send bids anyway. Scott Menser, 317 East Keigan, Dawson Springs, KY 42408

FOR SALE: Original 1961 baseball cards, not reprints. I have the Reds, Dodgers, Tigers, Yankees, National and American All-Stars. The cards are in very good condition, but some are missing. Total number of cards, 94. The cards look different than contemporary S-O-M cards. I would prefer to trade for at least the 1963 season. Good condition or best offer. For a complete list of players and an example of a card, send SASE to: Ralph Weessies, Box 79, Climax, MI 49034

## League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: Looking for reliable managers in the Philadelphia area to form an advanced baseball league using the new cards. This will be a face-to-face National League team replay starting as soon as we feel there are enough managers. Trading will be allowed and all other rules will be decided on by those in the league. If interested contact: Paul Walkovic, 2052 E. Victoria St., Philadelphia, PA 19134 (phone: 215-533-9371, nights and weekends)

LEAGUE FORMING: Eight managers from eastern United States wanted for the formation of a play-by-mail hockey league using 1978-79 hockey cards. Draft to be held in May. League to start in June. Please send resume and SASE to: Anthony Paldino, 1515 W. 5th St., Brooklyn, NY 11204

LEAGUE FORMING: Anyone interested in joining a face-to-face baseball and/or hockey league in the Cleveland area with the latest editions of player cards, write: Dan Smego, 19145 Parkmount, Cleveland, OH

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44135 or call 216-267-3903 as soon as possible.

LEAGUE FORMING: Houghton Beach Club is currently engaged in expanding its S-O-M Baseball leagues by six, one probably achieves the degree of realism and intensity you desire. Send extensive resume and brief league description to: Houghton Beach Club Tournament Offices, 22425-100th Ave. W., Edmonds, WA 98020

LEAGUE FORMING: The WTGPA Baseball League has just completed its inaugural season and things are looking bright for our second year. Expansion franchises will be awarded to three lucky managers who respond promptly to this ad. Backup managers needed also. Write to: WTGPA, 800 East Ave., Tomah, WI 54660. Remember, the first three responses will be awarded franchises for 1980. PBM play will start sometime in April. Do not delay!

LEAGUE FORMING: FTF baseball league needs managers. Will draft 25 players plus 11 on minors. Teams will be permanent and draft will take place in April. There will be a \$10 partly-refundable entry fee. All those who live in the South Bay area of Los Angeles County are welcome to play. Call: Mark Kato (213-757-4232)

LEAGUE FORMING: The American Basketball Association will begin its first year. This will be a PBM league using the basic version. It will be a draft league, new cards being used. I have some new ideas that will be used. If you're interested in the ABA, please write to: Jon Bourdon, 5 Joseph Ave., Lee, MA 01238

LEAGUE FORMING: The 24-team, 162-game NABL is looking for backup managers. We are an advanced, PBM, continuous rights draft league in our second successful season. This is a rare opportunity to join a league of such stature and realism and well worth the wait. Waiting time for backups is usually not too long, since unreliable managers cannot be

tolerated. We have regular, lengthy newsletters and excellent stat reports. Do not miss this chance. We would love to have you. Serious replies only, please. No experience needed. SASE unnecessary. Sorry, no one under 18 admitted. Just send name, address, number, age and a brief resume to: Doug Moog, 5454B North Campus, Ithaca, NY 14853 or call 607-256-6929. We will send a sample newsletter before asking for backup fee and answer any questions. Fee refunded if you withdraw.

LEAGUE FORMING: PBM super advanced hockey league. Nine randomly chosen teams. It will be a continuous league (same players year to year). Trading allowed. Small draft. Send address, age and pick numbers from 1 to 7, in order of preference to determine what team is your's. First seven letters answered. Send to: Raymond Keating, 19 Franklin St., Islip, NY 11751

LEAGUE FORMING: Ten-team play-by-mail advanced baseball league drafting 1979 National League players. With a 126-game schedule. If you're dependable and enjoy keeping statistics, send qualifications and phone number to: Ed Grant, 9415 Blind Pass Rd., Apt. #205, St. Pete Beach, FL 33706

LEAGUE FORMING: Houghton Beach Club is proud to introduce the S.C.R.E.W.B.A.L.L. League (Stratomatic Combination Replay Enlisting Whiz Bang Analysts Logistically Logical). It joins its most recent predecessors: the Knuckleball, Forkball, Spitball, Greaserball, Scuffball and Sinkerbail leagues. The Screwball League will be the seventh HBC league introduced this year, prompted by rapid enrollments in leagues one through six. The Screwball League will be an advanced strategy, play-by-mail, partial draft, baseball league, incorporating park dimensions, free agency, special injury, and cut-off variations; 162 games are scheduled. League fees are non-refundable and in lieu of scandalously sought trophies, a sizable (tax deductible) donation is made to Seattle area Little League in the league champion's name. Send

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extensive resumes with photo to: Houghton Beach Club Tournament Offices, 22425-100th Ave. West, Edmonds, WA 98020 [phone: 206-342-0490]. Application for enrollment into other HBC leagues, including the Fastball, Curveball, Slider and Changeup leagues, is welcome.

LEAGUE FORMING: S-O-M league expanding in its Fifth season. No experience necessary, but dependability is essential. PBM league has draft concept that we hope to complete by May 1. So write or call now! I will get in immediate touch with you. Glenn Wheeler, 906 S.E. 2nd Street, Grand Prairie, TX 75051 [phone: 214-262-5234]

LEAGUE FORMING: The Midwest Baseball Federation is now forming. The MBF will be a 16-team league using 1980 cards, including extras. We need managers who want to be in a stable league. The league constitution provides for a continuous format [players stay with teams from year to year], 162-game season, trades, DH, newsletters, etc. Entry fee is \$10, with leftover money returned after season. League commissioners are experienced S-O-M players. Send resume with name, address, phone and experience (if any) to: Midwest Baseball Federation, 1204 Trainer Drive, Apt. B, Pontiac, IL 61764

LEAGUE FORMING: Forming a draft league using the 1978 edition of baseball teams. Will probably consist of 8 teams, depending on response. Teams will consist of 25 players and will use the basic form. There will be a league constitution containing the remaining information; also there will be a fee of approximately \$10. Please send name and background information to: Kevin Lammer, 743 Rienow Hall, Iowa City, IA 52201

LEAGUE FORMING: Tidewater Winter Basketball Invitational League [TWSIL] forming: Draft league will be a continuous running league. Will be run every winter. When sending request for franchise, enclose resume, past play-by-mail invol-

vement. Draft picks will be awarded by earliest postmark. Write: Robert White, 2304 Lafayette Blvd., Norfolk, VA 23509 [phone: 804-625-6163]

FOR SALE: Baseball, football and last two or three years of basketball. Teams from: Baseball - 1967 to date. Football - 1971 to 1977. Basketball - First two years. Also have every Yankee team from 1962 to date. Sold to best offer! Send inquiries to: Robert White, 2304 Lafayette Blvd., Norfolk, VA 23509. Include SASE.

LEAGUE FORMING: I would like to start a face-to-face league; using the advance side with six teams from the American and National leagues. Each person will take two teams; one A.L. and N.L. team. Need five people only. Contact: Greg Bucurestean, 883 Westchester, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230 [phone: 313-824-3782]

LEAGUE FORMING: Looking for 12 managers for 16-team PBM draft baseball league. The league will be called the Thurman Munson Memorial Baseball League in memory of the great Yankee catcher. We will be using the new 1979 cards in a 162-game season. The league will run from year to year with players being kept. There will be an entry fee which will be asked for later. For more information, write: John Rustum, 36 Madison Ave., Maplewood, NJ 07040

LEAGUE FORMING: Established league wishes to expand. Our eight-team league has just finished its first season. We have six holdover managers and wish to form a new continuous [players remain on same teams] draft league with 10 to 12 teams. We will use advanced 1980 cards with extras and the DH rule. We will have a phone draft for the first 15 rounds, followed by a mail draft; allow trading, have a minor league [for reserves] and hold 15 players over for the next season. A \$5.00 entry fee will be charged, plus self-addressed, stamped envelopes. You get a newsletter every three weeks, a yearbook and the opportunity to be a part of a successful league. To ensure league success, you must have PBM experience. To

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receive a copy of league constitution, send SASE (legal size) to: W. Roberts, R2 Box 356 A, Gladstone, MI 49837, or call 1-906-428-3420 (Sundays only). Include resume, including address, phone number, age and PBM experience. Do not send money. All SASE receives replies. League will be held open until 20th of month. All members are currently located in Michigan and Wisconsin.

**LEAGUE FORMING:** The American Draft Association is looking for backup managers. We are a 10-team play-by-mail baseball league about to start our fifth season. We use the basic version, draft our teams from both the American and National leagues, and use the new cards. If interested, write: Dwight Sterling, Haverford College, Haverford, PA 19041

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1973

August. Cost: 45¢.

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1976 - Cincinnati. Cost: 65¢. Also 96-player set of additional. Cost: \$2.70.

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### HOCKEY

The first edition, 1977-78, is still in stock. Cost: \$8.00 for 18 teams.

# Readers roll 'em

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## ENJOYS REPLAYS BEST

The feature of the Strat-O-Matic Review that I enjoy the most is the replays of various leagues, etc. It is always with interest that I read about the GKSM.

My sons, Terry (winner of two of the last three MVP Contests) and Deron, and I manage a total of seven baseball teams and five basketball between us in play-by-mail leagues, so you can see we have lots of experience. It is interesting to see how players in other leagues compare to those on our teams.

In a recent issue, I was very interested in the note about how Ron Guidry did on a team. Terry and Deron co-manage a team called the Rustlers in the Lou Gehrig Memorial Baseball League and they have Guidry on their team. He has been less than outstanding for them. As a matter of fact, he got off to a terrible start--he won his first game then lost 8 in a row before winning again. He recently won five straight and dropped his ERA to 3.94, so he is improving.

The Rustlers are not a bad team, so that is not the reason for Guidry's showing. They have won 51 and lost 35 and are in first place currently.

Regarding the past seasons poll you are conducting: We are not interested in printings of past seasons, but would not vote against such printings if there would be enough interest by gamers.

Willis Ringen  
Beattie, KS

Editor's note: True, S-O-M cards do not have psyches. But some seem to perform better than others, and better for certain managers. Guidry, who was on co-editor Del Newell's team, did appear to be snake-bitten in the latest GKSM American League replay. He had a 17-12 record--far cry from 25-4 real-life!--and frequently was victimized by the long-ball, particularly in the late innings. A 1-0 loss, after Sixto Lezcano committed a two-base error,

characterized the type of 'luck' Guidry usually had.

## BASIC GAME PLAYED, TOO

I would like to respond to the reader who questioned "does anybody play the basic game?"

The answer is "yes," with some improvisations. Our league plays basic due to the time factor. It took us over six months to play through the American League last spring and summer.

The time of a game is shortened considerably playing the basic version. We do, however, make some adjustments; we use outfielder's arm and catcher's arm ratings, weak and normal home run ratings, and the advanced fielding charts. We also use the pitcher's endurance rating as a way to limit relief pitchers' innings.

So, yes, some do play the basic version, and enjoy it as much as the advanced.

Keith Miller  
318 Dale  
Willard, OH

## TOO MUCH GOLD CUP

I enjoy the Review very much, but I question two and a third pages of the Gold Cup Series results. It is interesting to the individuals who are listed, possibly, but I doubt if very many others are concerned.

I have been a gamer since 1970 and have had a solitaire baseball league since then. I also have basketball and hockey leagues.

The change in the hockey game, making the goaltender more responsible on the shots on goal, improved the game tremendously. An outstanding game that all hockey fans have been waiting for.

Keep up the good work.

David LaForest  
8278 Hidden Creek Ct.  
Flushing, MI

Editor's note: We have had some misgivings about the amount of space devoted to the Gold Cup Series, too. But the prize money offered, the number of entries, and the well-organized job done by Steve Beren (actually the material he sent the Review was condensed drastically),

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merited, in our opinion, such coverage. Perhaps the majority of readers don't agree, and if that's the case, the coverage of future tournaments will be cut back.

#### NOT A 'FOOLISH HOBBY'

You are doing a great job. I think about all the years I spent playing these games and thinking I was the only one. You've shown me that there are other maniacs out there who derive the same pleasure from what at first glance might seem to be a foolish hobby. But we know better.

I am 26 years old and been playing S-O-M since I was 13. Baseball was and is my first love, but the sophistication of the football game is astounding.

I've even got my girlfriend playing it and she's not bad. She knew nothing about the strategy involved when we first started, but she's improving with every game.

The fun and enjoyment we've gotten from this game can't be found in other table games, sport or otherwise. I've played other sports games, but always felt S-O-M was better because each individual player was a chart unto itself. In other games you always look to another chart.

I find the basketball game to be boring and the hockey is passable (quite improved over last year, however). But those sports will never lend themselves to a statistical table-game concept that well.

Leigh Goldstein  
328 E. 66 Street  
New York, NY

#### JAMMING THE COMPUTER

I don't know what computer Jeff Abbott of San Diego used to calculate his odds in "Strat-O-Matic Spotlight" in the Jan., 1980 issue. But I too am a computer scientist.

For three consecutive errors, one must multiply the chance of one event (1 in 665) by itself three times. Therefore, the final digit had to have been

a 5 (5 times 5 always ends in 5), not 8. The actual odds are in fact 1 in 294,079,625. And for four consecutive, multiply again by 665 to obtain an answer of approximately 195.56 billion, up about 800 percent more than Mr. Abbott's figure.

Additionally, assuming a split deck method where all numbers are reusable on all draws (such as a dice system), the odds for Geronimo committing one error on any throw are in fact 1 in 894, not 1 in 665. Recalculating, three straight errors shows 1 in 784.5 million, and four straight errors 1 in 702.26 billion.

On the other hand, if one was using the standard 20-card split deck, three straight errors comes to 1 chance in about 1.835 billion and four straight 1 chance in 190.26 trillion.

Dominic G. Flory  
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Henrietta, NY

Editor's note: Could you go over that one more time, please?

#### HOCKEY GAME IMPROVED

By adding ratings to the goalie's card, S-O-M has improved an already wonderful game by leaps and bounds. The game is fun, exciting and statistically very accurate, and netminders are now able to play to their true ability.

I would like, however, for the game company to improve the hockey game even further, by improving the Super Advanced Penalty Chart regarding majors and misconducts. And, also, how about a player's forechecking rating? Surely it is wrong for every player at the moment to be allowed to forecheck. Some just are not up to it in real life, so why in S-O-M?

I have been a subscriber now for almost a year and thanks to the Review I am in PBM leagues in both hockey and baseball.

I would, however, be really pleased to hear if there are any other S-O-M fanatics like myself in England. We have a very small association here in Essex, but would love to hear from others in England.

Roger Corrie  
South Hornchurch  
Essex, England



## S-O-M league, replay scene

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HOCKEY REPLAY - Roger Duffy, Minneapolis, MN, 17, used 10 teams (plus each was allowed one draft choice) from the newest card set and played an 18-game regular-season plus playoffs...when the ice chips had cleared, Montreal had won all honors--going 17-1-0, averaging 6.3 goals and giving up a mere 2.06, and then disposing of the New York Islanders in a mini Stanley Cup playoff...Guy Lafleur of Montreal led all scorers, netting 21 goals and producing 36 points. Bryan Trottier of the N.Y. Islanders was second in pointmaking with 32 (12 goals, 20 assists).

Standings:

Division I					Division II				
	W	L	T	Pts.		W	L	T	Pts.
Montreal	17	1	0	34	N.Y. Islanders	12	4	2	26
Atlanta	7	8	3	17	Quebec	10	9	0	20
Winnipeg	8	10	0	16	Minnesota	8	9	2	18
Detroit	5	10	3	13	N.Y. Rangers	7	8	3	17
Edmonton	3	12	3	9	New England	3	9	6	12

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NEW YORK RANGER REPLAY - Anthony Abilo of the Bronx, NY, used newest cards and rode with the (New York) Rangers from Oct. 3 to Dec. 24 as they rang up a 35-27-14 won-lost-tied record, worth 92 points, or one point away from matching real-life totals of 40-29-11...Advanced game was used, although Abilo says statistics were altered by continuous use of "3" offense...Rangers were more effective away from home, going 22-10-8 on the road, 17-17-6 at 'Madison Square Garden,' scoring 335 total goals and surrendering 298...Rangers converted on 58 of 240 power play opportunities --24.1 percent--while being victimized while short-handed 53 times in 225--23.6 percent...The Swedish connection--Anders Hedberg and Ulf Nilsson --produced a whopping 205 points, with Hedberg accounting for 103 off 44 goals and 59 assists. Nilsson had 34 goals and 68 assists, Phil Esposito 42 goals and 43 assists for 85 points, a total matched by Pat Hickey... Goalies Wayne Thomas and John Davidson had 3.66 and 3.78 goals-allowed averages, respectively, with Davidson going 23-16-6 in his starts, Thomas 16-11-8.

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MONTRORSE S-O-M LEAGUE -Second-year baseball league that calls Montrose, PA home...eight-team draft league that used 1979 cards (based on '78) ...managers range in age from 18 to 31...league is offshoot of one started in high school back in 1975...On-card at-bats, innings pitched adhered to...two-division setup has teams playing others in division 34 times, other four 15 apiece...Rob Karveller's Silver Lake Rebels rebounded from 79-83 initial season to set league record with 105 wins, easily capturing East division. Gail Herbert's Siberian Huskies ripped up the Rebels in World Series, however, winning 4-1. Rebels did battle Huskies through two extra-inning thrillers, while all games were decided by mere one run... Jim Rice poled 37 homers for Huskies, with Larry Sorenson the ace of pitching staff with 19-13 record...rest of managerial lineup and teams included: Kevin Corwin (Tasmanian Devils), Rich Gardner (Penn State Pumas), Jack Tressler (Cliff Street Bombers), Dan Richards (Cleveland Indians), Tim Holbert (Fairdale Pirates) and Chuck Pudish (Kansas City Royals)...George Foster of the Pirates captured second straight home run title, smacking 43, but it was 12 less than previous year's total. The Pirates had not only Foster, but also Andre Thornton (37)--but still finished third, 18 games under .500!

Standings and leaders:

West	Won	Lost	GB	Avg.	ERA	HR	Batting	
Siberian Huskies	91	71	-	.270	3.63	214	J.Cruz TD	.356
Tasmanian Devils	84	78	7	.267	4.12	135	Cabell SLR	.353
Penn St. Pumas	71	91	20	.255	3.93	171	Bonds SLR	.320
Cliff St. Bombers	68	94	23	.263	4.32	188	Fisk SLR	.319

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East	Won	Lost	GB	Avg.	ERA	HR	Batting (con't)	22
Silver Lake Rebels	105	57	-	.299	3.66	216	Madlock PSP	.318
Cleveland Indians	89	73	16	.259	3.63	181	Home Runs	
Fairdale Pirates	72	90	33	.243	4.51	201	Foster FP	43
Kansas City Royals	68	94	37	.263	3.94	132	Bonds SLR	42
RBI							Thornton FP	37
Hisle TAS	128				88		Hisle TAS	37
Fisk SLR	122				66		Rice SH	37
Foster FP	114				62			
Wins								
Denny SLR	22-6							
Figueras FP	22-7	Perry KC	19-9					
Richard CLE	19-8	Sorenson SH	19-13					

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BALDWINVILLE FOOTBALL LEAGUE - Joint venture by brothers Todd and Scott Gunerman of Baldwinsville, NY, who picked eight top pro teams from 1978 real-life season and played 16-game schedule...In somewhat of a surprise, Dallas rolled up best record--11-5--and then slaughtered New England in playoff, 37-6, as Roger Staubach completed 18 of 25 passes for 334 yards and four touchdowns...Real-life kings, the Pittsburgh Steelers, were biggest disappointment, winding up last in AFC Division with 6-10 record. Terry Bradshaw was injured for six games--and Steelers lost 'em all in his absence...Tony Dorsett once got loose for 246 yards rushing, carrying 30 times in game against Seattle...Fran Tarkenton's 29-of-41 passing for 419 yards and five TDs, also against New England (52-10), was best one-game aerial show...Ahmad Rashad of Vikes twice caught 12 passes in a game...Tarkenton put football in air amazing 633 times and his connections accounted for 4,320 yards...Seattle's Jim Zorn also picked apart defensive secondaries, once completing 21 straight passes and 21 of 22 in single game...Injury-riddled Dallas got great games out of Danny White (16-22) and Robert Newhouse (15 carries, 112 yards) in blasting Vikings for NFC title, 33-21, while New England rallied for 17 points in second half to outlast Miami, 24-20, in AFC. Horace Ivory rushed for 135 yards in 28 carries for the Patriots.

Standings and leaders:

NFC	Won	Lost	PF	PA	AFC	Won	Lost	PF	PA
Dallas	11	5	341	282	Miami	10	6	287	291
Minnesota	9	7	387	365	New England *	8	8	338	407
Houston	8	8	388	324	Seattle	8	8	409	410
Los Angeles	4	12	248	376	Pittsburgh	6	10	350	295

\* Note that New England had better inter-conference record.

Rushing	Att-Yds.	Avg.	TD	Receiving	No.-Yds.	Avg.	TD
Campbell HOU	355 1654	4.6	9	Young MIN	93 709	7.6	7
Dorsett DAL	319 1639	5.1	8	Rashad MIN	85 1405	16.5	11
Williams MIA	270 1321	4.9	3	Largent SEA	82 1508	18.6	13
Harris PIT	333 1308	3.9	5	Moore MIA	66 1219	18.5	9
Smith SEA	259 1306	5.0	10	Swann PIT	65 1208	18.6	12
McDutcheon LA	283 1052	3.7	4	Stallworth PIT	65 1130	17.4	11
Passing	Att-Comp	Pct.	Yds.	TD-Int.	Sacks	Punt Ret.	Avg.
Tarkenton MIN	633 378	59.7	4320	26 21	45	Haynes NE	14.2
Grise MIA	302 174	57.6	2267	11 19	27	KO Ret.	
Zorn SEA	412 232	56.3	3301	23 13	45	Poole HOU	28.2
Bradshaw PIT	361 201	55.7	2970	24 12	47		
Staubach DAL	453 241	53.2	3274	19 23	39		
Pastorini HOU	356 187	52.5	2987	12 16	26		

Best Team Defense: Dallas - 2514 (pass), 2205 (run) = 4715  
 Best Team Offense: New England - 2970 (pass), 3038 (run) = 6008.

Player of Year: Fran Tarkenton

# No-Hitters

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## 'SUDDEN SAM' STIFLES GREATS

No-hitters, a delight to many gamers but a happening many love to hate as far as seeing print in the Review, are back again.

Leading off the no-hit parade is one submitted by Jack Decker, an attorney in Columbus, OH, who matched two all-time all-star teams in a solitaire game. One team, dubbed the Giants because of the composition of its roster, featured Bill Terry at first, Willie Mays ['55] in center field, Johnny Mize at first and Bobby Bonds in right field. Going against this hard-hitting lineup, or serving 'em up, was to be Sam McDowell ['65] of the Indians. McDowell was starting for no other reason that injuries had necessitated his making an appearance.

So it was McDowell against a lineup averaging .332 and 28 home runs per player. A mismatch? No way! McDowell, despite entering the game with an out-of-sight 5.72 ERA, struck out 11 and didn't surrender a hit. Three walks were culled off McDowell, while the Indians were also charged with two errors.

Decker meticulously recorded all the details of the feat in a box score, including the time (20 minutes) and attendance (1). The no-hitter, it turns out, was the fifth experienced by Decker. Back on March 23, 1978, Ron Guidry of the '77 Yankees no-hit Kansas City, striking out 12 and walking one in a game played face-to-face; on July 8 of the same year it was Larry Gura getting revenge for the Royals by no-hitting the same Yankees; on June 1, 1979, the Yanks had their bats turn to sawdust again, this time by Cleveland's Don Hood; while the fourth no-hitter was Phil Niekro's ['74 Braves] blanking of the '74 Yankees, striking out eight and walking nary a batter with his unpredictable knuckler.

## J.R.'S PERFECT

Another no-hitter out of the ordinary was one recorded by J.R. Richard, pitching for the NL West all-stars, who set down the NL East 'stars by striking out 16 and not yielding a hit or walk. In fact, J.R. was perfect en route to a 5-0 victory. It was the first such pitching perfect for Thomas Johnson, North Dighton, MA, who also reported that it was the AL East all-stars who won his mini tournament.

## Other no-hitters:

- \* Commissioner John Stoner of the North East American Baseball League (NEABL) sends along word that Albert Tranghece, manager of the New York Yankees and 15-year S-O-M veteran, got his first no-hitter when Dennis Eckersley, acquired in a trade with Boston, shackled a league opponent without a safety.

- \* Pete Vuckovich, 1978 card, got the Empire State S-O-M Fall League's (see Feb., 1980 Review for feature story on ESSOM) fifth no-hitter when commissioner Larry King watched the young right-hander on his Space City Jets set down the Nassau Macho Niners without a safe blow. Todd Sharek of No. Dartmouth, MA, sent in an account of the happening.

- \* Ken Kirk of Cambridge, MA, has witnessed four no-hitters in his 10 years of rollin' 'em, the latest by Vida Blue, '74 Oakland A's, who set down the '74 Dodgers in a World Series replay. Blue whiffed five, walked three and was never really threatened. Other no-hitters chalked up over the years by Kirk included those by Tommy John ['69 White Sox], Dizzy Dean of the '34 Cardinals and Tom Seaver of the '69 Mets. John, however, lost his pitching gem, 2-1, to the '69 Indians.

- \* Using the 1978 cards (based on that season), Gaylord Perry notched a no-hitter for manager Joe MacPhee's squad in a Halifax and District S-O-M Baseball League game. Losing manager Jim Burke had a lineup featuring Jeff Burroughs, Ron Cey and Ron Leflore.

- \* That last out is always the toughest when a pitcher's on the threshold of a no-hitter. Case in point: Tom Seaver, '72 vintage, mowing down the Toronto Blue Jays, walking three and striking out 10. The last batter--Willie Horton--rolled a "SI\* 1-12 - 10 (ss) 13-20"...and the

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shortstop then 'speared' the ball for the final out, preserving the no-hitter!

\* Don Sutton logged the first no-hitter ever experienced by Jerry Banko, Erie, PA. Sutton was the pilot as the Erie Sailors cruised to a 5-0 victory over West End in a Winter National Draft Baseball Association game. Sutton walked four and struck out eight. Banko, currently a member of four PBM baseball leagues, went over 3,000 games before experiencing the thrill of a no-hitter.

\* Dick Ruthven of the '78 Phillies ended Marc Wasserman's vigil at 900 games when he no-hit the '78 Cubs. But Ruthven only got a big "L" for his performance as a walk, stolen base and two-base error led to the game's only run in a 1-0 heartbreaker.

\* Frank Crapo, Flint, MI, has been on the dice-rollin' end of four no-hitters, but calls the most recent one the most incredible of 'em all. John Johnson of Oakland and Buzz Capra locked in a pitcher's duel that saw neither allow a safety through seven innings. Finally, in the eighth, the A's collected a hit off the Atlanta hurler; but no runs and the game went extra innings. Johnson had a no-hitter through nine, but then gave up a hit in the 10th. He still wound up a 1-0 winner and with a one-hitter, prompting Crapo to marvel: "I've played a lot of rainy Sunday afternoon games, but never...a game like that. I'll never forget it!"