



STRAT-O-MATIC REVIEW

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New baseball cards have new look *Game company wants your reaction to changes*

As everyone is probably aware, Strat-O-Matic has made some changes in the newest set of baseball cards.

"The batters' cards have been changed somewhat as far as patterns," says Harold Richman, creator of S-O-M. "But on the pitchers' cards there's been a dramatic change. Now, everyone has the same pattern. A 4-4 is a home run chance on every pitcher's card, for example."

Richman adds that the groundball x and flyball x chances will still vary on each pitcher's card, as in the past, and that the cards will all be statistically correct.

"It will now be a lot easier to compare pitchers," explains Richman as to why such a change was made. "Many people new to the game didn't really understand, or pay much attention to pitchers' cards. Now, with all the hit possibilities in the four column everyone can quickly tell the better pitchers."

"People who have played the game a long time will be the most upset by what we've done," predicts Richman. "People usually dislike, or are afraid of change. But what we're asking is for everyone to give it a fair test--then respond to the changes. Don't play a game or two; but

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rather play a number of games and then we would like to hear from you, through the Review."

Richman also mentioned that the change was not necessarily a permanent one. "If the response is unfavorable, we can always go back to the old patterns for pitchers."

It should also be noted that S-O-M is the only baseball table game that has both righty and lefty batting and pitching. Some game companies have the righty-lefty factor--but only as it pertains to batters. Pitchers are not rated as to how they fared against both types of batters.

Looking at the card of Dennis Leonard [left], one has a sample of what the

DENNIS LEONARD			throws RIGHT	e6	#18 pitcher-starter(7)9
34% AGAINST LEFT-HAND BATTER			46% AGAINST RIGHT-HAND BATTER		
4	5	6	4	5	6
2- gb (p) B	2- fly (rf) B	2- strikeout 0	2- fly (rf) B	2- popup (1b) B	2- gb (p) B
3- FLY (rf) X	3- gb (1b) C	3- GB (p) X	3- FLY (rf) X	3- gb (1b) C	3- GB (p) X
4- N-HR 1-14	4- popup (3b)	4- GB (2b) X	4- N-HR	4- FLY (cf) X	4- CATCH-X
DO 15-20	5- WALK	5- fly (cf) C	5- N-HR 1-9	5- GB (ss) X	5- fly (cf) C
5- TR 1-6	6- GB (2b) X	6- fly (rf) B	DO 10-20	6- strikeout 0	6- fly (rf) B
DO 7-20	7- strikeout 0	7- strikeout 0	6- TR 1	7- strikeout 0	7- strikeout
6- DO** 1-11	8- GB (ss) X	8- fly (cf) B	SI** 2-20	8- fly (rf) B	8- lineout (ss)
SI** 12-20	9- gb (2b) C	9- fly (lf) B	7- DO** 1-10	9- gb (2b) C	9- fly (cf) B
7- SINGLE (rf)	10- CATCH-X	10- FLY (cf) X	SI** 11-20	10- strikeout	10- GB (ss) X
8- SI* 1-14	11- GB (ss) X	11- GB (1b) X	8- SI* 1-8	11- GB (2b) X	11- GB (1b) X
10(ss) 15-20	12- WALK	12- GB (2b) X	10(2b) 7-20	12- WALK	12- gb (p) B
2- WALK			9- GB (2b) X		
10- popup (2b) X			10- GB (3b) X		
11- FLY (rf) X			11- FLY (rf) X		
12- gb (p) B			12- popup (1b)		

new pitchers' cards look like. Notice that Leonard, who gave up 30 home runs, is hit harder by right-handed batters [straight home run on 4-4, partial on 4-5] than he is by lefty swingers [4-4, 1-14].

But Leonard, who issued 80 walks, surrenders free passes much more frequently to left-handed hitters than he does to righties. Every pitcher has the so-called "bad" 4-column, with the hardest hit/or wildest also giving up hits/walks in the 5-column.

By checking the numbers in the 4-column and the hit probabilities for each as well as the type of hits, a gamer can easily tell the superior ones from those likely to be shell-shocked after the batting bombardment.

The Review editors, Warren and Del Newell, have played a few games with the new cards--not enough to form an opinion one way or the other, however--and found the 4-column syndrome causing no consternation. Only dismay was when the opponent had the hot hand for rolling the 4-column when you were on defense.

Now, let the readers express their thoughts on the matter. Before you do, however, be sure and give the new cards a good test. Then, let us hear from you.

Roll 'em!

Opening day at Strat-O-Matic

BY PEGGIE LEWIS
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My husband is a real fanatic about Strat-O-Matic Baseball and was eagerly awaiting the big day--January 22nd.

Living "only" one-hour away from the game company, he wanted to pick his cards up and I decided to go along for the ride. It proved to be very entertaining, and for those that missed out, I would like to describe the scene--from a wife's point of view.

Pulling into railroad station the scene looked almost normal, with the exception of a few guys running. As we drove up closer, and could see where they were running, the scene became not so normal. There, to my amazement, were about 150 guys (at a minimum) lined up waiting their turn [and all this time I thought my husband, William, and Dan Lefflin were the only nuts in this world!]

After finding a parking place, my husband took his place in line,

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while I waited in the van with our girls.

The scene I witnessed reminded me of Christmas in an orphanage! There were guys running out of the building, grinning ear to ear, clutching boxes and bags full of stuff. They got in their cars, started the engine and there they sat--spreading cards all over the dash and comparing their players.

While this is going on, more men are running to get in line, others are yelling from their cars, fully delighted with their cards (or fully disgusted). There was cheering, screaming, jumping and running.

Also amusing was how far these guys traveled. There were some guys from Missouri who were threatening to buy the place out, from what I was told.

After a "mere" 45-minute wait, we were ready to head home. Little did I know the comedy wasn't over yet. We were coming onto the Throgs Neck bridge when we came upon a slow, white van in front of us. As my husband pulled out to pass, I went into hysterics. The reason the van was slow? Strat-O-Matic Baseball at the wheel! Maybe Strat-O-Matic gamers should have warnings on their bumpers--like those that say "I brake for animals," etc.

The day proved to be quite enlightening and I would like to suggest that next year other wives ride along with their husbands for several reasons:

(1) You'll get a good laugh.

(2) You'll know your husband's mania is world-wide.

(3) And you'll have something to hold over his head the next time he doesn't want to wait five minutes in a line for you to buy that beautiful dress.

I wish you all a good season!

Editor's note: And that's the way at Strat-O-Matic Game Company on 'opening day,' 1981. There will be more on opening-day festivities and frolicking next month in the Review. S-O-M has promised to send along photos of the first 'fanatics' to enter the game company after being part of a line that snaked away from the table-gaming world's mecca.

A clipping was also sent along (by Larry Kidd of Staten Island, NY). It's from the New York Daily News, the Wednesday, Jan. 21, 1981 edition:

Early bird catches the cards

Think table-top baseball games aren't big business? There'll be a crowd of 50 to 60 people congregating at the Strat-O-Matic company in Glen Head Thursday afternoon, and they'll all be there for the same reason. Strat-O-Matic is releasing its 1980 player cards that day, and people are coming in from as far away as West Virginia to be the first on their block to get the new cards.

Coming next month...

...Will be a pictorial look at the avid gamers who descended on S-O-M en masse...corrections on the new baseball cards will be noted...the new baseball cards will be examined, with a detailed look at George Brett's wonderous hitting card...the GKSM's American League draft will be presented, along with a look at the longtime league's managerial lineup (both of the latter two were held from the March issue because of late-breaking events at S-O-M, as well as Peggie Lewis' entertaining letter) ...and, as usual, much, much more will be coming your way in April.

YOUR REACTION WANTED!

Remember, also, to give the new cards a thorough test--and then send your comments to the Review regarding the new look to the baseball cards.

Deadline for entries is May 10

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MVP Contest again under way

Here's another chance to emulate Jimmy the Greek.

All you have to do, providing you are a subscriber to the Review, is look ahead and correctly forecast who the Most Valuable Players will be in baseball in 1981.

In other words, it's time for the Review's annual MVP Contest to get under way.

Nothing to it really; cost is only the price of a 15¢ stamp to send in your entry (only one entry per subscriber, please). And if you forecast the MVP winners correctly, the prize is a set of the new baseball cards, plus extras, come the latter part of next January.

Norman Swift, Lake Wales, FL, is the latest recipient of the new cards as he won the 1980 contest (January, 1981 Review). He should be well into a replay by now.

Swift is the latest MVP winner, replacing John Dormer of Philadelphia who captured the cards in 1980 (based on 1979). Before that, Terry Ringen of Beattie, KS, won the MVP Contest two years in succession--the only time that's ever happened in nine years.

Now for this year's contest and your forecasts. First of all, fill in the blanks below, listing your choice for MVP in each league, the division winners and their percentages and, of course, be sure to print your name and address clearly.

If there is a tie after picking the MVPs, then the division winners and their percentages will be used as a tiebreaker. Entry deadline will again be May 10. Entries received after that date will be automatically disqualified. And be sure to send all entries to the Strat-O-Matic Review, P.O. Box 27, Otsego, MI 49078, and NOT the Strat-O-Matic Game Co.

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 - _____

PRINT CLEARLY

Your Name _____

Address _____

City & State _____ Zip Code _____

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.

In case you were curious as to who previous winners of the MVP Contest have been, turn to the next page for a list of all the peerless prognosticators.

Past MVP Contest winners

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1980 - Norman Swift, Lake Wales, FL.
 1979 - John Dormer, Philadelphia, PA.
 1978 - Terry Ringen, Beattie, KS.
 1977 - Terry Ringen, Beattie, KS.
 1976 - tie, Neil Orser, Sydenham, Ontario.
 Vince Trivelpiece, Berwick, PA.
 1975 - James Lewis, Wellesley Hills, MA.
 1974 - Mark Roblez, Salt Lake City, UT.
 1973 - Pete Condorelli, Windsor, NY.
 1972 - Mike Borzenski, Lansing, MI.

Baseball playing tip

Do-it-yourself clutch hitting

Baseball buffs desiring to incorporate clutch hitting into their dice-rolling endeavors may want to give the following playing tip a try. Proposed by Vinny DiGeronimo, and used in the AMNASOM, a play-by-mail league, clutch hitting is accomplished by use of a chart (below). The chart, as DiGeronimo, points out, can be used with the new cards and also the old. "Plus," he adds, "the good part about the chart is that it does not change the batting average of the good clutch hitters that much.

Ratings for what consists of a "clutch hitter" are still arbitrary, however, but it's assumed a gamer knows who they are otherwise he wouldn't be interested in utilizing such a playing tip.

There are some obvious restrictions on its use: one being that at least one runner must be as far as second base for the chart to be in effect. A runner on first only? Then it's no go with the 'clutch' show.

Here's how the chart works: Rate all hitters as follows - GOOD, or BAD (pinch-hitters are rated the same way). For a GOOD hitter, consult the chart on any flyball reading on the hitter's card and any flyball X off the pitcher's card. For a BAD hitter, consult the chart on any groundball C and also any flyball B. Make a flyball B reading for a BAD hitter automatically a strikeout.

Now for the chart: (roll three dice)

No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	No.
2	FC	SO	SI**	FC	SO	SI**	2
3	SO	SI**	FC	SO	SI**	SI**	3
4	SI**	FC	SO	SI**	FC	SI**	4
5	FC	SO	SI**	FC	SO	DO**	5
6	SO	SI**	FC	SO	SI**	DO**	6
7	SI**	FC	SO	SI**	FC	SI**	7
8	FC	SO	SI**	FC	SO	DO**	8
9	SO	SI**	FC	SO	SI**	DO**	9
10	SI**	FC	SO	SI**	FC	HR	10
11	FC	SO	SI**	FC	SO	TR	11
12	SO	SI**	FC	SO	SI**	SI**	12

KEY: FC - Follow result on card
 SO - Strikeout
 SI - Single

DO - Double
 TR - Triple
 HR - Home Run

Readers roll 'em

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IS EVERYONE HAPPY?

After reading the Review for one year I have observed that the subject matter has often been commented on and even criticized by some subscribers.

I'm sure all of us would prefer to see more space allocated to the subject of our choice and, with this in mind, I suggest that other subscribers submit material that they feel would be of interest to others. It would be nice to read about other gamers' experiences and ideas instead of having to see pages and pages of want ads.

My reply to Larry Scotti's remarks (Nov., 1980) concerning a short replay using actual and S-O-M statistics for all 26 baseball teams is that 162-game schedules are gratifying to complete, however from my past experiences with full-season replays they involve playing the game for hours each day.

My suggestion was aimed at those playing baseball at the solitaire level, who have a limited amount of playing time and also a desire to finish what they start. I also found that a little bit of improvisation creates more interest for myself and perhaps others.

Rod Peltonen
Thunder Bay, Ontario

LOOKS FORWARD TO REVIEW

This being the first time I have written to you in your great magazine, I'd like to compliment you on publishing such a fine booklet. I look forward to it each month.

I'd like to also compliment you on your work to help get reprints of previous seasons.

Also that the analysis of the new hockey cards (Nov., 1980) by Larry Scotti was appreciated by this corner. I hope he continues to do this in future issues. I will use his advice wisely.

Lastly, I would like to see more emphasis placed on the college football game.

Marc Wasserman
Brooklyn, NY

CRITIQUE OF REVIEW

I would like to make what I feel is constructive criticism of the Review. I was a regular subscriber during the early years of the Review and have subscribed only sporadically over the last few years.

What amazes me is that little has changed in your magazine over the time it has been in existence. It is crammed full with lots of schlock--meaningless statistics on obscure replays, playing tips that very few people are interested in, pages of questions and answers which to me should be solely the responsibility of the game company, etc.

Perhaps kids love to wallow through stats, comparing them to their own; maybe an occasional playing tip is of some value; maybe some enjoy reading with a magnifying glass articles that are many times in the form of notes rather than sentences (league scene); maybe some enjoy five completely different games being covered in 24 pages; I don't!

My suggestions are as follows:

[1] There should be two different magazines, one for baseball and one for the winter sports. If this would be too much of a burden for you, perhaps someone else could take over the other end.

[2] All articles should be written in larger type, even if it means having less material in each issue. Advertising should be the only part that should be in small print.

[3] Playing tips and question and answer should be eliminated completely. Statistics should be kept at a minimum and should be presented in analytical form only, and only when pertinent to an article on a league.

[4] Increased emphasis should be given to letters to the editor, leagues around the country and other contributions by the readers. Anyone who has a constructive opinion on an issue should be given space as the exchange of ideas is very important. Leagues of all types (play-by-mail, solitaire and and group participation) should

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have full-length articles (not just notes), with less emphasis on statistics and more on the league members, unique features of the league and memorable happenings that occurred during the past season (more from a human nature point of view than simply a season roundup). Most importantly, you need to solicit quality, creative articles by readers. There have been some in the past but they are few and far between. The editors function should be more of a custodial one; i.e. directing rather than producing.

(5) Efforts should be made to make the magazine more physically appealing. There should be less typing errors, more creative headlines and better organization. Each section should be in a specific part of the magazine and should not be continued 10 pages later. A logical order would be editor's column, letters to the editor, league highlights and other reader's contributions, advertisements.

(6) Somehow the game company must be convinced to play a more active role on a monthly basis. If not a monthly column, perhaps at least highlights from their personnel that only they could offer.

The Review has the potential to be of interest to all Strat-O-Matic players rather than the comparatively small percentage of seven-day-a-week fanatics. However, it will take a major change in philosophy, new imagination, higher quality appearance, and most of all, the active participation of interested readers.

Ed Grant
St. Petersburg, FL

Editor's note: Shucks, Ed, after that how-to-produce-the-Review report, we expected your replay you sent in to be something far more imaginative. Instead it had a familiar look to it, replete with those "schlocky" stats.

Seriously, Ed, you touch on some things that have concerned us for a decade now--that's how long the Review has been publishing. The most popular item

to cross our desk each month is the oft-maligned replay and, despite our pleas to give them a human touch, most are jammed with statistics, and little else. As far as our philosophy, it's shaped by trying to give everyone some slice of the pie (space in the Review). We are not, when it comes to manpower and resources, the Sporting News, Sports Illustrated, Inside Sports, or any combination thereof. We are a three-man operation (make that one woman and two men), with the writing (including unimaginative headlines), editing of letters and replays, etc., being handled by one person. The Review is typed on a standard 8 x 11 page, headlines affixed and then shot by camera and reduced to booklet form--thus we do not have a small-sized type, or what is commonly called agate.

Some of your ideas have merit--but most would drive the Review out of business. We do agree with you regarding reader input, however. So, perhaps your critique might spur some into action. But, please, no more 'schlock.' Okay?

REVIEW PRAISED

You guys are doing a tremendous job. I wish you and everyone connected with the Review the best of luck for 1981.

You're the best "mag" around for gamers.

P.S. My old sets (pre 1975) now total approximately \$750-plus. I have 1968-69 football; '69 [minus extras] through 1974 [complete] baseball. I also own all current cards. I'd like to get that stuff insured!

Jim Currie
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Parsippany, NJ

Editor's note: We believe it is possible to take out special insurance (or have a rider on homeowner's insurance) that would insure those valuable cards.

EARLY RESPONSE

I was one of the lucky "first orders" this year. Last year, S-O-M switched Dennis and Tippy Martinez' cards around. This year it was Dave and Dan Ford. It's a little more confusing because they

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Baseball trivia quiz is back

Trivia quiz, one that pertains to baseball, is certainly nothing new. Not so long ago, the Review had a monthly trivia quiz, featuring questions asked and answered by Robert Henry.

Henry now teaches tax law at the Delaware Law School and, even though he's still involved in figures, he's not the activist he once was when it comes to S-O-M gaming in general, the baseball cards in particular.

Marc Jacobson of Philadelphia has attempted to fill the void by submitting a trivia quiz that appeared in the August, 1980 issue. He's got another quiz for your cursory inspection--this one dealing with the earlier old timer teams in baseball.

So pinch-hitting for Henry, or the designated triviamaster, here's Marc Jacobson!

- [1] QUESTION: Why did the 1905 New York Giants have only 17 player cards? And why did the 1906 Chicago Cubs have only 19 cards?
- [2] QUESTION: Again, speaking of the 1905 Giants and 1906 Cubs, what do these two old timer teams have in common?
- [3] QUESTION: And what do all pre-1920 S-O-M Baseball teams, except the 1905 Giants, have in common?
- [4] QUESTION: What distinction does 1906 Tom Walsh have in S-O-M trivia lore? How many games did he actually play that year?
- [5] QUESTION: Who were the best players from the pre-1920 set to come off the bench as batterers?
- [6] QUESTION: Which S-O-M old timer team has no backup rated for first base?

- [1] ANSWER: The only other players who finished the season with the 1905 Giants and did not receive cards were Offa Neal, John McGraw and Moonlight Graham, none of whom had a hit all season. The only other player finishing the season with the 1906 Cubs was Bull Smith (one at-bat, as a pinch-hitter). Teams used less players then, obviously, especially pitchers. In fact, if S-O-M had made the 1904 Red Sox, it could have had a maximum of only 16 cards.
- [2] ANSWER: Because of the smaller rosters, the 1905 Giants and 1906 Cubs both received cards for players who played all infield and outfield positions (Sammy Strang and Solly Hofman, respectively).
- [3] ANSWER: All pre-1920 S-O-M teams, except the 1905 Giants, have three catchers.
- [4] ANSWER: Tom Walsh of the 1906 Cubs holds records for fewest at-bats on an S-O-M card (1) and lowest average on an S-O-M card (.000). He appeared that season in two games as a catcher and S-O-M leagues everywhere have fun at his expense ever since the game company put his name on its card stock.
- [5] ANSWER: The earliest great S-O-M subs were Ham Hyatt of the 1909 Pirates (four triples in just 67 at-bats) and Jack Lapp, 1911 A's, who batted .353 in 167 at-bats.
- [6] ANSWER: The great 1927 New York Yankees had Lou (Ironman) Gehrig rated at first base. Gehrig's real-life backup, Cedric Durst, did not receive a card from S-O-M.

Those gamers with baseball trivia questions may contact Jacobson at 11990 Ferndale Street, Philadelphia, PA 19116. If an immediate reply is wanted, include a SASE.

Baseball playing tip

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Here's method of awarding defensive 'stars'

By LARRY HAYES and
STEVE VALENTINO,
San Francisco, CA

Almost no Strat-O-Matic gamers keep nor desire detailed Fielding averages. This is because of the huge amount of time required for such tabulations. Most gamers simply record total errors only.

When it comes time to evaluate each fielder's contributions with the glove, most managers base their judgements solely on error totals or even worst, on reputations.

With all due respect to the "X" and Advanced Fielding Charts (which give an excellent reflection of a player's fielding ability), here is a simple playing idea which not only produces the chance for an outstanding defensive play and allows a manager to easily keep track of them, but gives us an added dimension by which to compare fielders' abilities.

Now for the playing tip:

Whenever there is reading of flyball (X), groundball (X), or catcher's card (X), you follow S-O-M's rules to determine the actual outcome (hit, error, out, advancement, etc.), by drawing, or rolling a split number.

Besides finding the result by the corresponding number on the fielding chart, make note if the split number is a 19 or 20.

If the split number was a 19 or 20 and you were using the fielding rating of a fielder rated 1 or 2, you would award one (1) "defensive star" to that player, thus making the assumption that this player made an extraordinary play on a tough chance.

If you were using the fielding rating of a fielder rated 3 or 4, only a split number of 20 would indicate the accomplishment of a fine play and earn that player one (1) "defensive star."

If there were two outs, with runner(s) on base, and the split number was 19 or 20, you would award two (2) "defensive stars" to any player, regardless of fielding rating.

While this method is very basic, it does provide for a quick, but fairly meaningful way to envision great sliding, tumbling, crashing, diving plays. It would also be easy to keep track of these "star" plays by recording small star symbols next to the player's name or in his error box on the scoresheet. This procedure would give a manager another way to evaluate a player's fielding worth by the number of big plays he has.

Forgettable moments in S-O-M gaming

Here are some moments, contributed by Dick Hunt of St. Johns, MI, that a gamer would just as soon forget when it comes to playing his favorite pastime:

- * When people roll the white die to see where to look (batter or pitcher) and then finally, after what seems like an eternity, roll the red dice.
- * When calculator batteries die out at statistics time, and all the stores are closed.
- * Thirteen-inning games--on S-O-M's type B scoresheets.
- * Rookie gamers who beat you 8-1 and don't even understand the game.
- * Pinch-hitting for a light hitter, and then finding out that his single is a strikeout for the pinch-hitter.
- * Reading about some guy whose first no-hitter occurred after his fourth or fifth game--and you just finished your 5000th without one!
- * Losing a game and having the enemy pitcher not only shut you out, but also go three-for-four and knock in two runs.
- * Walking a slugger intentionally--only to have a light hitter follow with a home run that beats you.

Advertisements

Rates per issue will be as follows: First 30 words--60¢; 31-60 words--\$1.00; 61-100 words--\$1.50; 101-150 words--\$2.00; 151-200 words--\$3.25. When sending in ads, specify either WANTED, FOR SALE, LEAGUE FORMING, or CONTESTS. And name card sets by the year upon which they were based. Note also that only advertisements for Strat-O-Matic products, related merchandise (baseball guides, etc.) and leagues will be accepted. Merchandise competing with S-O-M products (i.e., score-sheets) as well as photo-copied cards may not be offered for sale. Ads, to be included in the next issue of the Review, must be in by the third of the month. Late ads will be held over for inclusion the following month.

Wanted

WANTED: 1967 Bears, Packers, Rams, Raiders; 1968 Colts, Cowboys, Jets, Raiders; 1969 Vikings; 1970 49ers, Cowboys; 1972 Packers; 1973 Bills; 1968 Detroit Tigers. Contact: John Napier, 62 S. Wolf, Apt. 312, Wheeling, IL 60090

WANTED: 1971 complete baseball set, excellent to mint condition [including extras]. Will pay \$150.00. My original set was lost in a flood. Robert S. Eads, Box 3863, 401CRS, SN 235-82-9167, APO NY 09283

WANTED: Hockey, 1978-79 season, player cards--complete set. Will pay any reasonable price. Ron Rudek, 916 Clear Creek Dr., Texarkana, TX 75503

WANTED: Baseball - 1968 Yankees, Tigers and Cardinals; also the complete 1972 A.L. and N.L. season. Would like to get the extra players if possible, but don't have to have them. Please send condition and prices to: Kevin Schoenecker, 5673 Alder Ave., Littleton, CO

WANTED: Baseball teams, 1969 Pilots, 1969-71 Senators, 1975-76 Yankees, 1977 Mariners, Blue Jays; 1978 Yankees, Dodgers, Red Sox. All replies answered. Marc Wasserman, 235 Clover Lane, Princeton, NJ 08540

WANTED: Let's help each other finish up those incomplete baseball teams. I have plenty of cards to trade for players I need from the 1960's. Am especially interested in cards from 1964, 1967 and 1968 expansion. Luke Kraemer, 2550 Yeager Road 7-8, West Lafayette, IN 47906

[phone: 317-463-4031]

WANTED: Sporting News Baseball Guides from 1969, 1970, 1971, 1974, 1975, 1978 and the Sporting News Football Guide from 1975. I prefer books in good or better condition. Please note: the years I want are the dates on the cover of the books with stats from the previous year. Send offers to: Gerry Smedinghoff, 459 Forbes Hall URM, Champaign, IL 61820

WANTED: Baseball teams from 1962, '63, '65, '66, '68 and '69. I have Football and basketball teams to trade. These teams are listed in my For Sale ad in this same issue. Luke Kraemer, 2550 Yeager Road 7-8, West Lafayette, IN 47906

WANTED: I will trade new, unplayed LPs [your choice] for Strat-O-Matic Baseball teams from 1971 to 1977. Wide selection available. For details, contact: Jerry Micco, 2639 Dodd Road, Willoughby Hills, OH 44094 (216-942-7266)

WANTED: Baseball - Astros 1962-68; Braves '60-65; Cards '60-66; Cubs '60-66, '68; Dodgers '60-61, '64, '66-68; Giants '60-61, '64, '66; Mets '63-68; Phillies '60-68; Pirates '61, '63-65; Reds '60, '63-68. Football - '71 Colts; '70, '71 Kansas City; '68 Minnesota; '67, '70 Oakland; '67-76 Rams; '72 Packers; '67 Houston; '76 Redskins; '76 49ers. Have football teams for trade. Contact: Cecil Van Reenen, 3721 Staunton Ave. SE, Charleston, WV 25304. Call: weekdays, 1-304-422-9825 after 6 p.m. or weekends, 1-304-925-5479.

WANTED: 1962-1980 Mets except '73, [continued on next page]

'74 [especially 1969 World Series team]. Also '69 playoff teams. Please send bids to: Mark Deifik, 249-57 60 Ave., Little Neck, NY 11362. SASE insures response. No old-timer teams [original only].

WANTED: Football, 1967 Packers; 1968 Jets, 1969 Chiefs, Vikings; 1972 Dolphins; 1973 and '76 Vikings; 1976 Raiders. Send list of teams with condition and asking prices to: Dan Verdun, P.O. Box 88, Odell, IL 60460

WANTED: 1976 Oakland Raiders. Must be complete team and in good condition. Write: Ted Hilinski, 1348 Wickerham Drive, Monongahela, PA 15063

WANTED: S-O-M Football collect- or needs only three more 1967 teams: Oakland, Pittsburgh and Cleveland. Buy or trade. Pete Montenegro, 56 Coolidge Ave., Spencerport, NY 14559 [phone: 1-716-352-5388]

WANTED: 1971 Orioles, A's, Pirates, Giants; 1972 Tigers, Reds, A's; 1973 Braves, Orioles, Mets; 1969 Mets; 1975 A's, Red Sox. I would like to trade my for sale teams for teams that I want. Best trade or bid accepted. Send SASE to: Eddy Adams, 101 Crawford St., Apt. 116, Terre Haute, IN 47807

For Sale

FOR SALE: College Football game [all-time bowl teams]. Baseball - Most old timer teams; 1970 Orioles, Twins; 1974 Orioles, Reds; 1975 Dodgers [24], Yankees [24], Pirates [24], Braves [25]; 1976 Yankees [24]; 1977 Expos, Braves; 1978 Rangers, Dodgers, Phils, Royals, Angels; 1979 Cardinals, Cubs, Giants, Red Sox. All good to excellent condition. Eddy Adams, 101 Crawford St., Apt. 116, Terre Haute, IN 47807

FOR SALE: Football - 1967 Rams [good condition]; 1967 Redskins, Giants, Cowboys, Chiefs, Saints, Packers, Raiders, Vikings, Jets, Browns, Bills, Colts [excellent]; 1968 Jets, Bengals, Oilers [excellent]; 1969 all teams [near mint condition!]. Also entire

1972-73 basketball, cards and parts [near mint condition]. Make offer: Glenn Thompson, 1025 Vina, Long Beach, CA 90813

FOR SALE: Must sell everything. Baseball - 1976, all teams; good to fair condition, some writing in pencil. Extras included. 1977 - all teams, fair to excellent condition. N.L. extras. Some writing in pencil. 1978 - all teams, perfect condition, unused. All extras. Football - 1977, all teams; excellent condition. Basketball - 1978-79, all teams. Mint condition. Game parts will be included free with the sale for basketball and football teams. Can either be bought as a whole or you can buy individual teams. Best offer accepted as soon as possible. Send to: John Mccaull, 111 Randolph Road, Ithaca, NY 14850

FOR SALE: 1977 American League baseball teams with extra players. Highest bidder will be notified by mail. Bidding closes in early March. Send bids to: Mark Oleksiw, 7672 Millet Street, St. Leonard, Quebec H1S 2N2

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: Baseball teams - 1970 Reds; 1972 Cards, Dodgers, Tigers, Phillies, Braves, Angels; 1973 Braves; 1974 Cubs, Yankees; 1975 Indians, Tigers, A's, Pirates, Brewers, Royals, Reds [2], Orioles, White Sox [2], Yankees, Red Sox; 1976 Royals. Highest bid by end of month wins. Carlos Figueroa, 6709 Sycamore Lane, Ft. Lewis, WA 98433

FOR SALE: Football teams in fair condition. Best offer. 1967 - Green Bay Packers, Colts, Browns, Rams, Steelers, N.Y. Giants; 1969 - Vikings, Raiders, K.C. Chiefs, Browns; 1973 - Steelers, Buffalo Bills, Dolphins, N.Y. Jets, Eagles. Michael Rothstein, 8923 Douglas St., Pittsburgh, PA 15217

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FOR SALE: Want to know an easy way to accurately rate baseball cards, both basic and advanced versions? Based on actual mathematical odds. Send \$1.25 and SASE to: Joel Salzman, 3911 Carrel Blvd., Oceanside, NY 11572

FOR SALE: Football teams - 1969, 1972, 1973, 1974 Miami Dolphins; 1974 Minnesota Vikings, St. Louis Cardinals; 1973, 1975, 1978, 1979 Pittsburgh Steelers. Plus individual cards of the following players: 1970 John Unitas, 1973, 1976 O.J. Simpson. All cards in excellent condition. Will sell complete set, or individual teams. Send replies and bids to: Terry Battistine, Brownsville Route 1 Box 358 WI 53006

FOR SALE: All teams excellent-mint: Football - 1969 Lions, Cowboys, Chiefs, Rams, Vikings; 1970 Colts, Bengals, Cowboys, Lions, Dolphins, Vikings, Giants; 1971 Falcons, Bears, Pats, Eagles, Steelers, Chargers; 1974 Bills, Browns, Saints, Cardinals; 1975 Colts, Bengals, Cowboys, Rams, Vikings, Raiders, Steelers, Cardinals; 1976 complete. Basketball - 1972-73 Hawks, Bullets, Celtics, Bulls, Warriors, Lakers, Bucks, Knicks; 1974-75 Braves, Pistons, Cavaliers, Rockets, Kings, Super-sonics; 1976-77 complete. Luke Kraemer, 2550 Yeager Rd. 7-8, West Lafayette, IN 47906 (phone: 317-463-4031)

FOR SALE: Back issues of the Strat-O-Matic Review, in excellent condition (no torn or missing pages), 30¢ each. December 1972 [missing half of back cover], January 1973, January 1977 through October 1977. I pay postage, payment refunded if the issue(s) you request have already been sold. Tom Wanuga, 127 Shoreview Drive, Liverpool, NY 13088

FOR SALE: Hockey based on 1978-1979 season [complete set] - parts and all [never used]. Highest bidder above \$17 and postage. After notification, only certified checks or money order. To: Mark Deifik, 249-57 60 Avenue, Little Neck, NY 11362. SASE

ensures response.

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1970 A.L., very good condition, no extras, \$55, 1974, 1975, 1976 Football, excellent condition, \$50 each. 1975, 1976 baseball, with extras, mint condition, each \$55. 1970 Football, excellent condition [minus Miami, San Francisco], but will include 1971 Cowboys, Dolphins, \$65. 50-plus football teams, all complete, very good to excellent condition, from 1967-1972. All 50 for \$65. Correspondence by letter only. SASE. No personal checks. Buyers pay postage. Richard Gulezian, 1 Robin Hood Road, Windham, NH 03087

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FOR SALE: 1967 Tigers, Senators, Twins; 1969 Yankees. All in good condition. Best bid by end of month wins. Carlos Figueroa, 6709 Sycamore Lane, Ft. Lewis, WA 98433

FOR SALE: Football - complete game parts (\$5), teams: 1976 Bears, Dolphins, Cardinals, Bengals, Raiders, Steelers, 49ers, Rams, Cowboys, Browns, Colts (\$2 each); 1977 all teams (\$22); 1978 Oilers, Dolphins, Steelers, Patriots, Cowboys, Rams (\$1 each). Call weekdays after 6 (807-577-1522). Address: Greg Listoe, 753 N. James St., Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada P7C 5M7

FOR SALE: 1965, 1971 Dodgers; 1965, 1967, 1971 Giants; 1965, 1967, 1969, 1971 Pirates; 1965, 1967 Twins; 1965, 1966, 1969, 1971 White Sox; 1966, 1969, 1971 Braves; 1966, 1971 Orioles. D.M. Corry, 320 Vernon St., Gaffney, SC 29340

FOR SALE: S-O-M Baseball: 1970 - 11 teams; 1971 - 5 teams; 1972 - 17 teams; 1973 - 22 teams. Send SASE for exact list. Also, S-O-M Football: 1975 - complete set. Basketball - 1976-77 complete set. I will trade both football and basketball sets for a pre-1969 baseball set. Also, I would like to buy pre-1969 baseball sets. Send offers to: A.M. Edwards, III, Box 255, Jackson, (continued on next page)

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FOR SALE: The 1980 baseball advanced version scouting report. The report includes lefty-righty batting averages, power points and on-base points for batters and pitchers. Save valuable time and become an expert manager by knowing each player's strengths and weaknesses. Plus a free bonus: the on-base percentage for each fielding rating on the X-chart. To order yours, send \$5 to: David L. Smith, 11213 Fairfield Road, W., Minnetonka, MN 55343

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FOR SALE: It's time to build your pennant winner! Winning Strat-O-Matic Baseball will help you win more games than ever before. Grammed full of good tips and theories in building winning Strat-O-Matic teams, the manuscript is also good reading ["I have read it over five or six times already and enjoyed it each time I did"--a satisfied customer]. Winning Strat-O-Matic Baseball will give you methods for rating players, estimating team run production, identifying truly useful pitchers, drafting, trading, tactics and other insights for both games, basic and advanced. Valuable knowledge is not cheap. I am charging \$9.50 for this 70-page manuscript because I believe it worth every cent. If you are not completely satisfied, return it within 10 days for your money back. Hurry your

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FOR SALE: Never miss out on that crucial base hit or walk again. I have statistically computed the real percentages of the 1980 S-O-M Baseball player cards (including extra_players) for both on-base percentage and hitting percentage. For computer basic and advanced game analysis of all batters on 26 major league teams, send check or money order for \$5 to: Dave Hess, 65 Doherty Drive, Clifton, NJ 07013. Please include self-addressed, stamped envelope for quick delivery.

League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: The Atlantic Draft Association, a 10-team PBM league entering its third season, is looking for a manager and a backup manager for the upcoming season. We will use the new cards plus the additional players. We use both National and American League players and the DH. We conduct our draft by phone. Write to: John Coggan, 49 Posthand St., Yarnouth, ME 04096

LEAGUE FORMING: The response to my ad for replacement managers for the Louisville Sluggers Baseball Association was unexpectedly large. Vacancies were filled and admission requests kept coming. A waiting list was made with the order being determined primarily by experience with some exceptions. For a copy, send a SASE to: Tony Auter, 3505 Mina Ct., Louisville, KY 40220

LEAGUE FORMING: The Mid-Atlantic Table Sports Association needs new managers for our forthcoming second season. We are a 10-team baseball draft league using advanced rules and National League players, including extras. Our 126-game schedule runs from April through August. For more information, please write to: Ed Grant, 6262 Emerson Avenue South, Apt. 4, St. Petersburg, FL 33707

LEAGUE FORMING: 11 managers from Eastern U.S. wanted to form the Eastern Strat-O-Matic Baseball Association (ESOMBA), a 162-game PBM draft league using all the 1980
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cards. Advanced version will be used. Frequent newsletters, season-ending yearbook and a unique playoff system will accompany your membership. Draft will be held in late March, with play starting in April. Unreliable managers won't be tolerated! Entry fee will be \$3.50. If interested, write: Chris LaSala, 2010 McMinn St., Aliquippa, PA 15001

LEAGUE FORMING: Would you like to join a PBM S-O-M Baseball league? It will use upcoming cards. There will be two leagues, with two divisions in each, N.L. and A.L. (6 teams per division). If interested in joining and for more information, write: Ben Lacrosse, 6191 Highway 73, Evergreen, CO 80439. Give name, address and phone.

LEAGUE FORMING: The North Shore Baseball League will begin its fourth season of face-to-face play in early March. This Boston area draft league consists of teams made up of N.L. East players using the advanced version of the game. Managers retain the rights to some of their players acquired through draft or trades for the following season. New team(s) will draft a limited number of players from existing rosters and get priority in this season's draft. League meets once weekly in member's homes with teams playing between two and four games per night. Existing teams in Arlington, Dorchester and Medford and ages of managers range between 27 and 34. We are seeking (a) reliable manager(s) who desire(s) to play in a formal league that stresses camaraderie, intense competition and fair play. For further information and application please write enclosing a SASE: Norman Shacat, 81 Woburn St., Medford, MA 02155, or call 391-5726.

LEAGUE FORMING: I want to join or form a basic version, face-to-face baseball league in the Rockville Centre, NY, area. Call: Joel Salzman, 516-536-5728 from 6-10 p.m., or write me at: 3911 Carrel Blvd., Oceanside, NY 11572

LEAGUE FORMING: Greater Brockton S-O-M Baseball League looking for managers. No experience necessary. We are an advanced version face-to-face draft league. We will be using the 1977-79-80 cards. Brockton, MA, area only. Limited transportation available. Send SASE to: Robert Hanflig, 31 Cynthia Drive, Brockton, MA 02402 (phone: 587-3517). All inquiries will be answered.

LEAGUE FORMING: North Jersey play-by-mail league is looking for reliable managers to start its first season. You should have played in a league before or know how to play-by-mail to respond. The league will have 12 National League teams and 12 American. The advanced version will be used and teams will be drafted by a money system and being able to draft out of both leagues. It will be a continuous league from year to year and we will use the newest cards. You must be on time!! This league will be run on time at all costs. The commissioners of the league have 7 years of play-by-mail experience. 162-game schedule; league entry fee is \$7. Newsletters will also be printed with the money. For more information call: 201-825-1259. Dave Haubner, 582 Wyckoff Ave., Mahwah, NJ 07430, or call 201-327-2259, for Paige Fielding, 22 Dogwood Ct., Mahwah.

LEAGUE FORMING: Established 22-team PBM baseball league (draft), TASOMBA, accepting applications for backup managers. Two A.L. teams will be open for next season beginning in March. League offers 162-game schedule, using advanced rules. Some features are newsletters, yearbook, inter-league trading and next season we may be going with the use of 'fictitious money.' Membership from coast to coast. Applicants (preferred over age 20) send resume to: Pete Larsen, 218 Elmview Road, Regina, Sask., Canada, S4R 6B4. With rookie draft coming up soon--immediate response is necessary.

LEAGUE FORMING: Wanted, 20 experienced, reliable and enthusiastic managers for a newly formed S-O-M

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play-by-mail league. First come, first serve basis. January's newly released cards [1981] will be used. Send background information along with your name, address and phone number to: Stan Kwak, 41 Island Road, Mahwah, NJ 07430. Immediately!

LEAGUE FORMING: Looking for eight managers for a PBM draft baseball league using the 1980 players from the American and National leagues. This will be a year-to-year league. Experience not required, but reliability is. If interested, call 315-676-2077. Calls will be taken daily. Cliff St. Denis, 6178 Muskrat Bay Road, Brewerton, NY 13029

LEAGUE FORMING: A new PBM league is forming, need 11 managers for baseball league. Using the new cards, there will be a draft; there will also be 162-game schedule, all-star game, newsletters, yearbook. There will also be a \$10 entry fee. If interested, write or call [805-735-2127]: Larry Hernandez, 532 North "M" Apt. 8A, Lompoc, CA 93436

LEAGUE FORMING: A new PBM baseball league is forming. The league will be based on the upcoming S-O-M cards [1980] when they come out [American and National League]. Straight teams, with trading and a 162-game schedule. Entry fee will be \$5. This covers newsletters you will receive and trophy to the World Series winner. Send a list of 10 teams, in order of preference, also a small resume, to: Patrick Tafelski, 54755 Elder Road, Mishawaka, IN 46544 [phone: 219-259-3657]

LEAGUE FORMING: The NASOMFBA is looking for three managers to take over an established team in a highly competitive league. It is a draft league and the new managers will participate in the new card draft. We play the advanced version with American leaguers plus extras. Send resume to: Robert Piser, 43-16 170 St., Flushing, NY 11358. All letters will be answered.

LEAGUE FORMING: The Professional Gamers League is looking for

several managers for its 8th baseball season. We have quality managers who complete 162-game schedules. Cost is \$4 for dues, \$6 for comprehensive journal plus \$10 refundable bond. Contact: Martin Stoops, 11247 Polaris, San Diego, CA 92126 [phone: 1-714-271-4251]

LEAGUE FORMING: The HSL, an old timer, 154-game, draft replay, is starting its fifth year this summer and several established clubs now have managerial openings for responsible people. League dues are \$10 per year, with full trading allowed. For full details, send information about yourself and your league experience to: Mike Cummins, RR#3 Box 99, Pana, IL 62557

LEAGUE FORMING: A new PBM basic version baseball league is forming. The league will be based on the 1980 season cards. It will have straight teams, with trading. This will be a 12-team league with a 110-game schedule. An all-star game and monthly stats will be some of the extras in this league. Send a list of 10 teams in order of preference. There will be an entry fee of \$2, which will be awarded to the World Series winner. Send your name, address and phone number to: Scott Winchester, 1190 Cranbrook Dr., Saginaw, MI 48603

LEAGUE FORMING: The Eastern States Strat-O-Matic League (ESSL) is now looking for backup managers for the current season, two-thirds complete, who will be considered for full-time managers when we expand in May. We are a PBM baseball draft league. Each manager owns two teams, one from the N.L. and one from the A.L. Both leagues are played simultaneously, using the advanced version. We currently have eight teams and will add two teams in the expansion. Interested managers should contact: Bruce Kutler, 4431 Baltimore Ave. #2F, Philadelphia, PA 19104 [phone: 215-387-4241]

LEAGUE FORMING: Attention all Arizona gamers. Forming a PBM draft football league. This league will be a 16-game schedule, plus playoffs. League play will be based on the 1979 cards. The draft will be held in person, probably
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in the Phoenix area. Looking for 10 coaches with responsibility and dependability to compete in a 12-team league. Send resume to: Pat Mitchell, 3905 E. Thrush, Flagstaff, AZ 86001 or David Kruper, 1104 W. Palo Verde Dr., Chandler, AZ 85224. Also looking for those interested in all Strat-O-Matic games in Arizona for face-to-face or PBM leagues.

LEAGUE FORMING: Experienced manager wanted for 12-team PBM league. Our league has been in existence for three years. We have successfully overcome the problems of any new league and are now one of the finest PBM leagues in the country. This is an advanced baseball league, using the newest cards plus extras with 16 players being held over. The team available will be extremely competitive and with the proper drafting and managerial skills could take it all (I wish I could say the same for my team). The draft will be in mid-April at our Milwaukee convention (phone draft for those unable to attend). A league's biggest asset is its managers and in this respect we are rich. So, don't delay, this is a real opportunity to meet some of S-O-M's greatest fanatics. For more information, write: Bill Roberts, 2828 Mt. Mary Cr # 8-up, Green Bay, WI 54301, or call 414-468-1741 (Sundays only)

LEAGUE FORMING: New S-O-M super advanced PBM hockey league is forming. This will be a draft league with trading allowed. Draft held in April. League to start May 1; 80-game schedule will be played. Send \$5 entry fee and team preference sheet to: Russ Racette, John Dyer Road, Little Compton, RI 02837

LEAGUE FORMING: Would like to form or join face-to-face baseball league in Queens-Metro, NY-Long Island area. Advanced 1980 season cards preferred, other rules to be voted. Face-to-face offers the ultimate in strategy, excitement and laughs, so let's do it. Call or write: Bill Redmond, PO Box 6, College Point, NY 11356 or

phone 1-212-463-5933. 16

Contests

CONTEST: Gold Cup IV! \$600 in cash prizes! The Gold Cup Challenge Series is S-O-M's answer to the World Series, Super Bowl and Stanley Cup. It's the original and unique play-by-mail, advanced baseball tournament, with a special system devised to give all participants a fair chance to "win the gold." The next world Strat-O-Matic champion will be awarded \$528. Don't miss out on this innovative tournament. For information and rules about participating, write: Gold Cup IV, c/o Steve Beren, 34-30 78th St., Apt. 6A, Jackson Heights, NY 11372. Phone: 212-458-8867. Be bold--go for the gold!

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L.A. outclasses Philly in NBA championship contest

Poof! 'Magic' makes 76ers disappear

Poof! Just like 'Magic,' the Philadelphia 76ers disappeared after only five games of the NBA playoffs.

In Strat-O-Matic's version of the 1979-80 Final series, replayed by Review co-editor Del Newell, the Magic Man, Earvin Johnson, was again a sensation, particularly with his passing as L.A. shot down the 76ers in one less game than needed in real-life.

Of course, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Jamaal Wilkes gave Magic a little help--almost 50 points per-game worth! Jabbar led all scorers with a 26.8 average and also was the leading rebounder, averaging 14. Shooting, he was uncanny, connecting on 61 of 88 shots--most from inside, of course--for a deadly 69.3 percent mark.

Wilkes, after pouring in 32 in the opener, went on to average 21.6 (shooting 52.3 percent from the floor, 44-84) while Johnson averaged 18.2 and shot at a 50.6 percent clip (38-75). He also grabbed off 7.2 rebounds. And critics of Magic said he couldn't shoot well enough to make it big in the pros.

One deviation from real-life was that Jabbar, who sat out the sixth game because of an injury, played all five games. The series never got to a sixth game. Spencer Haywood, however, did not play at all, so the L.A. roster was reduced to nine players.

EARLY STRIKE KEY FOR L.A.

The pattern for the series was set in the opener when the Lakers roared out to a 40-22 lead after one quarter and coasted in with a 130-88 victory. It was a scene that would be repeated in games two and three: the Lakers jumping out to a quick lead and Philly futilely playing catch-up ball thereafter.

Only in the fourth game did the 76ers break from the pattern. In this one, L.A. lost three players on fouls, including Jabbar and Wilkes, and had a total of 36 fouls whistled on it. Philly led after one period, 35-31, and put the Lakers away with a 41-point burst in the final quarter, posting a runaway 136-100 win.

The Fifth game was the closest of 'em all as L.A. had to score 70 points in the second half to pull out a 120-115 victory after trailing the majority of the game. It wasn't until the last three minutes that L.A. grabbed the lead for good.

THE DOCTOR OPERATES FOR 24.4

Philadelphia, although unable to match the passing wizardry of Magic (1-4 Dazzler, 5-6 Turnover) and Norm Nixon (1-3 Dazzler, 4-5 Percentage Shot, 6 Turnover), had its heroes, too. Julius Erving, the good doctor, operated like a surgeon throughout the series--despite being guarded by Wilkes--averaging 24.4 points. He had 31 in a vain attempt to stave off defeat in game five. Erving netted 53 percent of the 100 field goals he attempted.

And Caldwell Jones, the lanky center-forward, matched Jabbar in rebounding with 70--14 per game--and Darryl Dawkins, the 76ers' Gargantuan-sized center, shot 50 percent, averaged 20.6 points and 9.8 rebounds. Guard play was spotty at best, however, for the 76ers and the floor shooting, except for game four, was always under 50 percent.

Here is a capsule summary of each playoff game:

GAME 1 - Lakers shot down Philly behind 64.7 percent accuracy in the first half, building a 71-48 advantage, and coasted to 130-88 win...L.A. meshed 33 of 51 shots in first half, 58 of 103 (56.3 percent) for game... Wilkes had 32 points after 25-point first half, Jabbar 26 and Johnson 25. ..Jabbar led L.A. to 59-45 rebounding advantage with 18...Philly, which shot coolish 36.7 percent, was led by Erving's 26 points.

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GAME 2 - Fast start again was key for L.A. as it led 38-23 after one quarter and 71-52 at halftime...Lakers shot phenomenal 60.2 percent (53-88) from floor and sank 23 of 30 free throws...Jabbar had 27 points and 16 rebounds, Mark Landsberger 16 rebounds, while seven players cracked double figures scoring...Erving had 24, Maurice Cheeks 21 and Dawkins 20 for 76ers, who shot 43.6 percent (45-103). Final: Los Angeles 129, Philly 109.

GAME 3 - L.A. was up by 19--39-20--after one quarter and again game was all but over...76ers, surprisingly, did pull within two points twice in third quarter before being outscored 36-24 in final period and succumbing, 120-97...Jabbar had 32 points, 12 in opening quarter, and pulled down 17 rebounds, with Johnson chipping in with 22 points, Nixon 19...Dawkins had 20, Erving 19 and Caldwell Jones 15 rebounds for losers.

GAME 4 - 76ers erupted and dominated all facets of play...Dawkins had series-high 31 points, Erving 22, Caldwell Jones 20 to go with 13 rebounds as seven players scored in double figures en route to smashing 136-100 triumph...Philly shot 56.6 percent (51-90) and also paraded to free throw line, sinking 34 of 45 chances...Jabbar had 23 points but only five in second half before fouling out; Wilkes 18, all in first half.

GAME 5 - Philly's reprieve was short-lived, however, as L.A. shot 54.6 percent (53-97), outscored it 42-32 the last quarter and wrapped up the series, 120-115...Wilkes led L.A. with 27 points, 10 coming in the final period, Jabbar had 26, 12 in the last quarter during which the Lakers connected on 19 of 29 shots in the clutch...Erving poured in 31, 11 in the fourth, for Philly, which shot 49.5 percent (51-103); Dawkins had 20 and Caldwell Jones snatched a game-high 16 rebounds.

Summaries:

GAME 1

LOS ANGELES (130)

Wilkes 14-22 4-4 32, Chones 2-9 0 4, Jabbar 12-16 2-5 26, M. Johnson 11-19 3-3 25, N. Nixon 5-14 0 10, Byrnes 1-2 1-1 3, Landsberger 5-7 1-3 11, Holland 4-6 0 8, Cooper 4-8 3-4 11. Totals--58-103 14-20 130.

PHILADELPHIA (88)

Erving 11-22 4-6 26, C. Jones 5-9 2-2 12, Dawkins 5-14 2-2 12, Hollins 3-11, 0-2 6, Cheeks 3-11 4-4 10, Mix 3-10 1-2 7, B. Jones 3-10 2-4 8, Richardson 0-2, 0 0, Bibby 1-6 0 2, Spanarkel 2-3 1-1 5. Totals--36-88 16-23 88.

Total Fouls: Los Angeles 19, Philadelphia 23. Fouled out: none.

Los Angeles 40 31 35 24 - 130

Philadelphia 22 26 16 24 - 88

GAME 2

LOS ANGELES (129)

Wilkes 6-12 3-4 15, Chones 6-8 2-2 14, Jabbar 12-17 3-4 27, Johnson 5-14 7-11 17, Nixon 8-11 1-1 17, Byrnes 0-1 2-2 2, Landsberger 7-9 2-3 16, Holland 4-8 0 8, Cooper 5-8 3-3 13. Totals--53-88 23-30 129.

PHILADELPHIA (109)

Erving 11-26 2-2 24, C. Jones 3-12 0-1 6, Dawkins 7-14 6-9 20, Hollins 4-11 2-2 10, Cheeks 9-13 3-4 21, Mix 5-6 0-2 10, B. Jones 3-7 3-4 9, Bibby 3-9 2-3 8, Richardson 0-4 0 0, Spanarkel 0-1 1-2 1. Totals--45-103 19-29 109.

Total Fouls: Los Angeles 21, Philadelphia 27. Fouled out: Chones; B. Jones.

Los Angeles 38 33 26 32 - 129

Philadelphia 23 29 26 31 - 109

GAME 3

PHILADELPHIA (97)

Erving 9-16 1-1 19, C. Jones 5-10 0 10, Dawkins 10-20 0 20, Hollins 2-9 0 4, Cheeks 5-12 2-3 12, Mix 6-13 1-1 13, B. Jones 5-10 0 10, Bibby 1-6 0 2, Richardson 2-3 1-3 5, Spanarkel 0-1 2-2 2. Totals--45-100 7-10 97.

LOS ANGELES (120)

Wilkes 7-18 2-6 16, Chones 4-6 1-1 9, Jabbar 14-21 4-4 31, Johnson

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10-17 2-3 22, Nixon 6-15 7-8 19, Byrnes 0-1 0 0, Landsberger 2-8 1-2 5, Holland 2-6 1-1 5, Cooper 4-6 4-4 12. Totals--49-98 22-29 120.

Total Fouls: Philadelphia 30, Los Angeles 14. Fouled out: Erving.
Philadelphia 20 25 28 24 - 97
Los Angeles 39 25 20 36 - 120

GAME 4

PHILADELPHIA (136)

Erving 8-13 6-6 22, C.Jones 8-10 4-4 20, Dawkins 12-19 7-10 31, Hollins 3-10 2-2 8, Cheeks 5-9 0 10, Mix 3-5 9-13 15, B.Jones 5-9 4-6 14, Richardson 0-5 1-2 1, Bibby 7-9 1-2 15, Spanarkel 0-1 0 0. Totals--51-90 34-45 136.

LOS ANGELES (100)

Wilkes 6-14 6-6 18, Chones 4-12 2-3 10, Jabbar 10-14 3-3 23, Johnson 4-11 2-2 10, Nixon 7-14 2-2 16, Byrnes 0-3 0 0, Landsberger 2-2 0 4, Holland 4-12 2-2 10, Cooper 4-7 1-1 9. Totals--41-89 18-19 100.

Total Fouls: Philadelphia 22, Los Angeles 36. Fouled out: Wilkes, Jabbar, Landsberger.

Philadelphia 35 35 25 41 - 136
Los Angeles 31 29 12 28 - 100

GAME 5

PHILADELPHIA (115)

Erving 14-23 3-4 31, C.Jones 5-14 0-1 10, Dawkins 8-17 4-8 20, Hollins 5-12 0 10, Cheeks 5-10 1-1 11, Mix 4-6 1-4 9, B. Jones 4-8 0 8, Richardson 3-6 2-2 8, Bibby 2-4 0 4, Spanarkel 1-3 2-2 4. Totals--51-103 13-22 115.

LOS ANGELES (120)

Wilkes 11-18 5-6 27, Chones 3-7 0 6, Jabbar 13-20 0 26, Johnson 8-16 1-1 17, Nixon 6-10 2-2 14, Byrnes 1-2 0 2, Landsberger 4-9 2-2 10, Holland 4-8 1-1 9, Cooper 3-7 3-4 9. Totals--53-97 14-16 120.

Total Fouls: Philadelphia 21, Los Angeles 19. Fouled out: none.

Philadelphia 28 22 33 32 - 115
Los Angeles 23 27 28 42 - 120

Strat-O-Matic spotlight

S-O-M HOBBY FOR GARY POLICEMAN

Strat-O-Matic Football provides James Sanders with a much-needed break from his perilous job--as a patrolman on the Gary, IN, police department street beat. "When I'm not fighting crime in the streets of Gary," relates Sanders, "I spend lots of time in my apartment rolling dice."

Sanders, a bachelor, says that S-O-M provides him with an outlet from the stress and strain associated with being a law enforcement officer in a large industrialized urban setting. He also goes on to say that he first became aware of S-O-M after spotting an ad in a magazine while serving in Viet Nam in 1969.

He's been playing the football game ever since, even teaching a lady friend--who's caught on quite quickly--the rudiments of the table top version of the sport. "For me to stop playing would take a decision by the Supreme Court," adds Sanders. "And even then I would still play."

Most of his endeavors are of a solitaire kind, including a recent Tournament of Champions that pitted eight of the greatest S-O-M teams. Matchups included: 1972 Miami vs. 1971 Dallas, 1968 New York Jets vs. 1969 Kansas City, 1958 Baltimore vs. 1962 Green Bay and 1979 Pittsburgh vs. 1976 Oakland.

In the first game, the '72 Dolphins, unbeaten in real-life in 17 games, outpointed Dallas, 33-27, storming back from a 13-0 first-quarter deficit. Larry Csonka scored twice and rushed for 100 yards for the winners.

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The second game was decided when Mike Garrett of the Chiefs fumbled a punt on his own two in sudden-death overtime and Emerson Boozer scored from a yard out for a 32-26 victory by the Jets. Joe Namath completed 19 of 35 passes for 282 yards for the Jets, while Otis Taylor had eight receptions for 197 yards for K.C. The third contest was, well, no contest as 1958 Baltimore ran over Green Bay, 34-9. Alan Ameche rushed for 143 yards in 21 carries for the Colts, who held Jim Taylor to only 45 yards overland. A 40-yard touchdown pass from Terry Bradshaw to Lynn Swann gave Pittsburgh a thrilling 21-17 win over Oakland in the last first-round game. Bradshaw passed for 263 yards and hit game-winning strike with two minutes left. John Stallworth had eight catches for 161 yards for the victors.

In the semifinals, '72 Miami rolled over the Jets, 37-17, as Csonka again thundered to over 100 yards (165 in 20 carries) and the Dolphins amassed 239. Namath completed 20 of 32 passes for 262 yards. The other semifinal was much closer, with Pittsburgh edging Baltimore, 31-28, in what might be considered a mild upset. Bradshaw was sensational-plus, racking up 407 yards and completing 22 of 30 passes--Stallworth catching 10 throws for 190 yards, Swann six for 159. Lenny Moore rushed for 179 yards in only nine carries for the Colts, who missed a 30-yard field goal as time expired.

The final matched '79 Pittsburgh and '72 Miami. And, as might have been expected, a defensive struggle resulted. Miami, which led 10-3 at halftime, pulled out a 16-10 victory and became the 'greatest' of the great. Csonka got only 36 yards in 20 attempts, but Miami's defense was the key as it shut the Steelers down with only 75 yards rushing and limited Bradshaw to 147 passing (8-20).

SHORT SHAKES

It was truly all in the cards for Bill Fedoch when personal S-O-M records were established in a solitaire game between the 1979 Cards and 1978 Reds. Keith Hernandez went 5-for-5 and reached base six times in a 9-inning game, Tony Scott stole home and the Cards left 18 runners on base in a 6-2 triumph...What started as just a routine face-to-face baseball game between Jim Becher, Haledon, NJ ('79 Giants) and Tom Swank, Passaic, NJ ('79 Dodgers), was anything but by the time it finished--23 innings after the first pitch was uncorked. John Curtis pitched a three-hitter for nine innings, Burt Hooton of L.A. a six-hitter through 10, but still there wasn't any score. Eventually the Giants used six pitchers, L.A. seven and each team deployed 20 players. Finally, in the top of the 23rd, ageless Willie McCovey slapped a two-out single that scored Bill North, giving the Giants a hard-earned 2-1 marathon win...Strat-O-Matic Fanatic T-shirts aren't as popular as yellow ribbons but they do serve as calling cards to other gamers. John M. Borack of Hacienda Heights, CA, spotted just such a T-shirt on a player during a softball game at California State Fullerton (which he attends). Curious, Borack struck up a conversation, found out his classmate rolled S-O-M dice in a few leagues, and that a number of others in the softball class were also table-gamers. It's a small world so often!...In a baseball version of 'Star Wars,' Chris LaSala of Aliquippa, PA, and his cousin, Paul LaSala, Philadelphia, took the 1979 All-Star teams and played a five-game series, alternating teams every game. Paul won the first two, with the N.L. in the opener, 8-3, and A.L. in the second, 4-3. Then Chris tied the series, his A.L. team winning 5-4 and N.L. 5-3, thanks to Willie Stargell's grand-slam homer in the fifth inning. In the finale, with Jim Kern pitching in relief for the A.L., Bruce Sutter for the N.L., the N.L. (guided by Paul) triumphed in a 14-inning classic, 6-5. Dave Winfield's double and a sacrifice fly by George Foster brought in the deciding run. Sutter was selected series MVP after winning one game, saving another, hurling 12 1/3 innings and striking out 14...Bob Galvin of Maumee, OH, took the playoff baseball teams from 1976-1979, played a double-elimination tournament and found the 1977 Yankees the class of the field. The Yanks, behind timely home runs, defeated the 1977 Dodgers in the final two games. Out of 31 games played, 20 were decided by one run. That's close!

S-O-M league, replay scene

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1979 NEW YORK GIANTS REPLAY - Rob Hamilton of Woodville, TX, thought he could improve on the Giants' sorry 6-10 real-life mark; he couldn't, winding up matching it...He had a lot of fun doing it, however, and says that he's also put aside his fantasy that "I could lead my favorite team to a respectable season"...Phil Simms did play more than in real-life (attempting 120 more passes) and his statistics were amazingly close. He passed for one more touchdown than real-life (14-13), had a slightly better completion percentage (52.5-50.6) and a little lower interception percentage (4.9 to 5.3)...New York's defense was consistent, and often great, allowing only one 100-yard rushing game by an individual (Otis Anderson, 114) and nary a 200-yard passing game...Thanks to the defense, the Giants lost five games by a TD or less...Running game was non-existent, though, as Doug Kotar had 3.2 average compared to 3.9. Only once (Kotar, 116 yards against New Orleans) did N.Y. runner produce 100-yard game...Highlights included two defeats of Dallas (41-17, as N.Y. scored 24 points off Cowboy turnovers) and the other in which the defense held Dallas to a paltry 200 yards. Most exciting game of them all was a 21-20 loss to Los Angeles as N.Y. battled back time after time.

CAPE ELIZABETH ALL-STAR LEAGUE - Consists of three managers, all of whom are sophomores at Cape Elizabeth High, Cape Elizabeth, ME. Draft league that plays only 80-game season but uses both A.L. and N.L. players...Everyone qualifies for playoffs--and as a result for second straight year third-place team won it all...Billy Green's Tampa Bay Buckeyes won it all, defeating regular-season kingpins, David Burleigh's Phoenix Blazers, in the final...Other manager is Mark Hare (Denver Mustangs)...Paul Molitor of the Mustangs was MVP after leading league in average (.332), hits (99) and triples (11)...Jim Rice of Phoenix was home run champ (18) while teammate Dave Winfield led in RBI (56) and runs (46)...Cy Young Award went to J.R. Richard after he posted 13-5 record, 3.19 ERA and struck out 215 in 169 innings. He pitched for Phoenix and, after winning the opening game of the Series against Tampa Bay, lost game No. 4 (4-1) and got batted out after only four innings in No. 7, again absorbing the loss.

Standings:

	Won-Lost	GB
Phoenix	47 33	-
Denver	40 40	7
Tampa Bay	36 44	11

Playoffs: Tampa Bay d. Denver, 4-7, 1-4, 2-1, 7-6, 9-8;
Tampa Bay d. Phoenix, 2-3, 8-6, 0-4, 4-1, 1-2, 10-3, 7-2.

1979 ALL-STARS REPLAY - Greg Crouse, Cuyahoga Falls, OH, conducted a unique replay whereby he selected a 25-player all-star team from the 1979 cards (everyone was represented except for the White Sox) and played it 162 games against the other '79 teams and 81 regular teams from 1971-1978...Advanced game was used and players were limited to real-life at-bats and innings pitched...All-Stars, not surprisingly, won 138 and lost only 24 games...Two personal firsts for Crouse were: Dave Kingman of the 'Stars hitting four home runs in a row against '72 Oakland and J.R. Richard hurling a no-hitter against '79 Philadelphia...Richard also won his first 18 decisions while other highlights included Dave Winfield hitting safely in 11 consecutive at-bats over a three-game span; Mike Schmidt unloading four grand-slams; Rick Burleson collecting six hits in a game against '76 Montreal; Kingman having two seven-RBI games as well as homering twice in a game seven times; a triple steal, with Davey Lopes swiping home, against '76 Baltimore; 41 saves by Jim Kern, and a 23-game win streak...J.R. finished with a 28-4 record, 2.37 ERA and struck out 324 in 292 innings, while Mike Flanagan (26-6, 2.64), Nolan Ryan (24-2, 3.19) and Ron Guidry (23-7, 3.32) formed an indomitable starting rotation.
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Keith Hernandez led the *Stars in hitting with a .372 average, with Winfield batting .325, socking 41 homers and driving in 134 runs. Kingman had 47 roundtrippers and 120 RBI as the team hammered 282 homers and batted .287.

REPLAY OF 1971 WORLD SERIES - Barry Baumbach, Fennville, MI, was on the dice-rollin' end of this Series replay that went the full seven games and had Pittsburgh, as in real-life, winning...Willie Stargell of the Pirates batted .385 with five home runs and eight RBI and was MVP...Four of the seven games were decided by one run, including the finale which was won by Pittsburgh, 7-6, as Stargell hit two homers and Roberto Clemente and Richie Hebner one apiece...Baltimore won the opener, 3-2, as Dave McNally hurled a seven-hitter for the Birds. Pittsburgh won the next two, 7-6 and 3-2, as Clemente's double in the 13th inning broke up game two and Bob Robertson's two-run homer decided three...Then it was Baltimore's turn--winning game four, 6-2, as Jim Palmer tossed a two-hitter, and game five, 7-5, as Andy Etchebarren clouted two homers for the Orioles and Robertson two for the Bucs...Clemente had five hits in six at-bats, Hebner a double, triple and home run in game six, won by the Bucs, 8-5.

1977 AMERICAN LEAGUE REPLAY - The Texas Rangers, with the best team "on paper" according to many baseball folks, broke with their real-life tradition of sub-par performances by winning a replay of the 1977 season that was conducted by Mike Ryan, Norwood, MA...Project took two years for Ryan, who was attending graduate school for journalism at Boston University, to complete...The Rangers got their man, er championship, this time as the big four rotation of Bert Blyleven (20), Doyle Alexander (21), Gaylord Perry (19) and Dock Ellis (17) won 77 of the team's 102 victories...Boston, sparked by ageless Carl Yastrzemski, the league's MVP after hitting 35 homers, batting .326 and driving in 111 runs, won the East by one game over New York. Boston's belters unloaded 222 home runs and batted .285...All told, A.L. sluggers crashed 2,094 homers, with 18 hitting 30 or more. Eight had 200 or more hits, the collective batting average was .270, with 19 hitting .300 or more, while 15 drove in 100 or more runs...Conversely, only three pitchers had an ERA under 3.00 and the average was a balloon-like 4.34...Other highlights/lowlights included: Four Boston players--Yastrzemski, Jim Rice, Butch Hobson and George Scott--batted 30 or more homers; Cleveland was a surprising third in the East, thanks mainly to Wayne Garland winning 23 games, Jim Bibby 22 and Andre Thornton's 33 home runs; Detroit had plenty of hitting (Jason Thompson, 37 HRs, 126 RBI; Ron LeFlore, 236 hits, .346; Rusty Staub, 31 HRs, .344) but little pitching; Milwaukee suffered as Moose Haas (23) and Jim Slaton (22) lost over 20 games each; Dennis Leonard of Kansas City was Cy Young winner with 23 wins, 333 innings, 252 strikeouts, seven shutouts and 28 complete games; Rod Carew led in hitting, batting .363; .377 (compared to .388 real-life), while teammate Lyman Bostock hit .363; Oscar Gamble of White Sox had 25 homers, 104 RBI--as a platoonner--while Lee Stanton of Seattle won home run crown with 38.

Standings and leaders:

East	Won-Lost	GB	Avg	ERA	West	Won-Lost	GB	Avg	ERA
Boston	94 66	-	.285	4.58	Texas	102 58	-	.261	3.65
New York	93 67	1	.278	3.87	Kansas City	93 67	9	.262	3.66
Cleveland	90 70	4	.282	4.01	Chicago	86 74	16	.284	4.49
Detroit	83 77	11	.280	4.06	Minnesota	80 80	22	.290	5.11
Baltimore	81 79	13	.265	4.26	California	79 81	23	.273	4.16
Toronto	62 98	32	.258	5.02	Oakland	66 94	36	.249	4.41
Milwaukee	55 105	39	.252	4.51	Seattle	55 105	47	.253	5.08

Texas defeated Boston in three straight games in playoff.

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<u>Batting</u>			<u>Home Runs</u>			<u>RBI</u>			<u>Hits</u>		
Carew MIN	.377		Stanton SEA	38		Thompson DET	126		Bostock MIN		
Bostock MIN	.363		Bonds CAL	37		Rice BOS	122		248		
Singleton BAL	.355		Thompson DET	37		Zisk CHI	119		Doubles		
LeFlore DET	.346		Yastrzem'i BOS	35		Cowens KC	118		Bostock MIN		
Staub DET	.344		Thornton CLE	33		Bostock MIN	117		Staub DET	46	
Bochte CLE	.331		Nettles NY	33		Hisle MIN	114		Triples		
									Rice BOS	20	
<u>ERA</u>			<u>Wins</u>			<u>Strikeouts</u>			<u>Steals</u>		
Leonard KC	2.27		Leonard KC	23		Ryan CAL	370		Scott OAK	70	
Guidry NY	2.72		Garland CLE	23		Blyleven TEX	276				
Blyleven TEX	2.74		Bibby CLE	22		Leonard KC	252		<u>IP</u>		
Coleman OAK	3.03		Ryan CAL	22		Tanana CAL	244		Leonard KC		
Ryan CAL	3.17		Palmer BAL	21		Perry TEX	221		333		
									Blyleven TEX		
									332		
<u>Shutouts</u>			<u>Saves</u>			<u>Losses</u>					
Leonard KC	7		Campbell BOS	27		Jefferson TOR	25				
Ryan CAL	6		Johnson MIN	27		Haas MIL	23				
			Romo SEA	22		Slaton MIL	22				

1979 BASEBALL REPLAY - Jeffrey Jackson of Cape Elizabeth, ME, took the three best teams in each division, replayed an 81-game regular-season and playoffs, and found Boston bouncing on top at the finish after brushing aside Pittsburgh, 4-2, in the World Series...two of the division races were extremely close: Boston edging Milwaukee and Baltimore by a game in the A.L. East and Los Angeles doing likewise against Cincinnati in the N.L. West...Steve Garvey of the Dodgers was N.L. MVP with 20 homers, 54 RBI and .319 average, while Jim Rice of Boston captured similar honors in the A.L. with 61 RBI, 21 homers and a .300 average...J.R. Richard (12-9, 2.85, 222 strikeouts in 188 innings) and California's Dave Frost (15-5, 3.19 ERA) were Cy Young winners.

Standings, playoffs, leaders:

<u>American League</u>					<u>Batting</u>				
<u>East</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>GB</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>GB</u>		
Boston	41	40	-	California	46	35	-	Oliver TEX	.338
Milwaukee	40	41	1	Kansas City	39	42	7	Downing CAL	.336
Baltimore	40	41	1	Texas	37	44	9	Brett KC	.326
<u>National League</u>					<u>Home Runs</u>				
<u>East</u>				<u>West</u>					
Pittsburgh	46	35	-	Los Angeles	40	41	-	Schmidt PHI	27
Montreal	42	39	4	Cincinnati	39	42	1	Stargell PIT	24
Philadelph.	39	42	7	Houston	37	44	3	Baylor CAL	23
<u>ERA</u>					<u>Wins</u>				
Tekulve PIT	1.72							Frost CAL	15-5
Kern TEX	1.79							Gura KC	14-5
Sambito HOU	1.93							McGregor BAL	12-4
Bibby PIT	1.96							Hume CIN	12-7
Hume CIN	2.09							Sutton LA	12-8
								Richard HOU	12-9
<u>Playoffs</u>									
AL: Boston d.									
California, 3-2									
NL: Pittsburgh d. Los Angeles, 3-2									

1978 NEW YORK YANKEE REPLAY - John Czuba, Elmwood Park, NJ, played 1979 season's schedule with 1978 cards, including making all trades and acquiring free agents, etc., and found the Yankees to be winners 99 times in 162 games...Reggie Jackson had a big season, walloping 39 home runs, driving in 129 runs, batting .306 and also striking out 141 times, while Ron Guidry was the 'ace' of the pitching staff, going 23-5 with a minus-cule 2.38 ERA and 277 strikeouts in 272 innings...Yanks had four pitchers with 15 or more wins: Rich Gossage (19-9), Tommy John (16-10) and Ed Figueroa (15-12) although only Guidry, among regulars, had ERA under 3.00. Other batting highlights included Graig Nettles' 33 homers and 103 RBI, Willie Randolph batting .309 and swiping 147 bases (178 attempts).

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Readers roll 'em

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play different positions.

But, on to more pressing matters. Why did S-O-M give all pitchers the same type of card? I think this will make for a lot of dull, predictable pitching. I know the individuality is still there, but it's just not the same.

Just think, probably half the games won by anyone playing this year will be won by that manager who's lucky enough to avoid that four column. I say "half" because the hitters' cards will win quite a few games, too.

Speaking of hitters, they've been changed a lot, too. I'm speaking in terms of card patterns here, also. George Brett's average vs. righties didn't surprise me nearly as much as that one column full of extra base hits. He's on my team in the

GLSML (substitute Lansing for Kalamazoo), along with Eddie Murray and Al Bumbry.

Speaking (again?) of the Greater Lansing Area S-O-M League, it's a young face-to-face league with members in Lansing, St. Johns and Olivet, MI. We're currently in our second season, but it'll be done by the time the March Review comes out.

But telling you about our league is the president's job, so I'll let him do it. I just wanted to get my two cents--2.36 cents due to inflation--in about the new cards.

I hope S-O-M goes back to the old patterns that everyone used to complain about.

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