



STRAT-O-MATIC REVIEW

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Mike Schmidt has best card

Split-season makes 1982 baseball collector's set

Some day, the 1982 set of Strat-O-Matic Baseball cards will be a collector's item. The shortened, split season in real-life - not the outstanding cards in the '82 set - will be the reason.

True, there are some super cards: Nolan Ryan, Mike Schmidt, Dave Righetti, Bill Madlock and Johnny Bench against lefty pitching, just to name a few. But overall the set pales in comparison to the recently-released 1956 set, where super cards abound, especially hitters.

Some day, however, the card set will be valuable (unless there's another strike and another shortened season), so, even though the 1981 season wasn't the greatest as far as on-field performance, the cards are a good buy.

Mike Schmidt's card, for those that have him in a draft or PBM league, is worth its weight in gold. In addition to being a "1" at third base, Schmidt has home run shots on 1-5, 1-6, 1-7 and 1-10 plus 2-5 (1-16) against southpaws. Awesome!

Nolan Ryan probably has the best card for a pitcher in the National League, with nary a home run found among all the strikeouts and walk chances. Team Ryan with Bob Knepper and Don Sutton and you have the best trio of starters on one team in the '82 set.

Over in the American League, the Yankees have the 'smoke' in the
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form of rookie Righetti (57 strikeout card chances against lefty batters), Ron Guidry, Goose Gossage (54 against righties) and Ron Davis (also 54 against righties).

Oakland, as previously mentioned, has an all-1 outfield in Rickey Henderson (left), Dwayne Murphy (center) and Tony Armas (right), while Rick Dempsey has the best throwing arm among the catchers, -4. Wayne Nordhagen of the White Sox is rated "4" e16 in left and right field, but has a -3 throwing arm, going from the worst in two categories to one of the best in another.

Other observations regarding the 1982 S-O-M Baseball cards include:
 * Lenny Randle of Seattle being rated a "4" at third base, but yet having an 8 e-rating. Rich Dauer, Baltimore's second baseman, was a "2" and also has an e8 rating.

* Shortstops rated "4" include Rick Burleson, Alan Trammell, Dave Concepcion, and Ozzie Smith, with Trammell (e14) and Concepcion (e34) having the lowest and highest "e" ratings.

* Rob Piccolo of Oakland could be a "sleeper" in any draft. He's rated a "4" at shortstop - but his "e" is a lowly 14.

* The 'Riflemen' - Dave Winfield and Dwight Evans both have -5 throwing arms.

* Frank Tanana, pitcher with the Boston Red Sox, has no hit chances on his card against lefty batters; conversely, Carl Yastrzemski has no hit chances against lefty pitchers.

* Way back...it's outa here! Rick Honeycutt, southpaw pitcher with Texas, has straight home run chances against lefty swingers on 4-8, 4-9 and 4-10. Bruce Kison of California is even worse. A righty, Kison serves 'em up against lefties on 4-4, 4-5, 4-6 and 4-7 (1-7).

* Jeff Leonard of the Giants has a straight triple across his card on No. 7 against lefties. Also, 1-8 (1-12) is a triple.

* Big 'D' doesn't stand for defense when it comes to New York Mets' shortstop Frank Taveras. Every groundball must have been an adventure for him and the fans last year as Taveras is rated a "4" e48.

* Davey Lopes of the Dodgers is also a "4." But Lopes offsets it somewhat with a e6 rating at second base.

* Gene Tenace is only a .233 hitter, but he has 58 chances (out of 108) of getting on base against lefties.

* The Dodger big three of Fernando Valenzuela, Jerry Reuss and Burt Hooton may be as good, or better, than Houston's starting trio.

* Speaking of the Dodgers, Rick Monday has an ominous looking card for southpaw pitchers to face. Monday, with 11 home runs in 130 official at-bats, has a card with home runs (in fact that's all he has against lefties) at 2-5, 2-6, 2-7, 2-8 (1) and 3-6.

* Omar Moreno of Pittsburgh is one of seven full-time players to be rated a "4" in center field. But he's got the best e ranking (2).

* Bo Diaz will 'double' his fun often as, against lefties, Cleveland's catcher has two-baggers on 2-6 (3-20), 2-7, 2-8, 2-9 and 2-10.

* Cincinnati's Tom Seaver, Mario Soto, Bruce Berenyi and Joe Price are the "Yankees of the N.L." as far as mowing down batters.

* Frank LaCorte, right-handed pitcher for Houston, will double his misery often as against lefties he can be stroked for two-base hits on 4-8 (1-5), 4-9, 5-9, 5-10, 6-9 and 6-10.

* Wayne Garland of Cleveland has a "great" card - for a batter! He's got, against lefties, 65 on-base chances.

* Philadelphia has three "1s" in Garry Maddox (CF), Manny Trillo (2B) and Schmidt, while Larry Bowa, although a "2," has a lowly e19 at shortstop.

* Speak softly or not at all Steve Carlton still does his talking with a fastball, particularly against left-handed batters where he has 45 strikeout chances.

* Tim Lincecum, as previously mentioned in the Review, was the lone AAA stealer.

* Catcher of the future could be Pittsburgh's Tony Pena. He batted .300 and has a -3 throwing arm, the best in the N.L.

What year do gamers want?

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Another past season to be printed?

Strat-O-Matic, although it hasn't made it official yet, is very likely to come up with an encore for the printing of the 1956 baseball season. The encore, of course, would be in the form of another season from the past.

Sales of the 1956 season cards have been brisk and the reaction by the public to the set - including all the advanced-game features - has been extremely good.

A lot of research went into the development of the 1956 season cards, but the game company's reaction is that it was well worth it. The 1956 season is probably the most exciting set of cards ever issued by the game company.

Phone conversations with the Folks at Glen Head, NY, have indicated that S-O-M may be ready to plunge ahead with another such season, if the gaming public's interested. And if it is, what season do-most gamers want?

The poll previously taken by the Review (May, 1980 issue), indicated these seasons, in order, were the most desired: 1. 1930; 2. 1961; 3. 1956; 4. 1959; 5. 1927; 6. 1950; 7. 1948; 8. 1949. The most popular decade, however, was by far 1950s.

The 1930 season was ruled out by S-O-M creator Harold Richman, because the baseball was "doctored" in the National League and hitting flourished unnaturally. And 1961, at first thought to be a good choice since it was a natural extension of S-O-M's first full set of cards, the 1962 season, was vetoed because at least three teams from that year were already available among the old timer teams.

So, 1956 was settled on.

The 1959 and 1950 seasons could be called an indirect, rather than immediate, extension of 1956. The 1927 season wouldn't conflict in any way, except that many gamers, if not all, would have trouble relating with most of the players of that time. And what about 1948 and 1949?

How does the gaming public feel about which season from the past should be printed? S-O-M would like to know - and quickly, as research has to begin early this spring in order to be completed in time to be ready for next year.

So, if you're interested in another past season, replete with advanced features, send a postcard to the address listed below (include your top three choices for seasons, in order of preference):

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

The past season(s) I would like to see printed are:

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| 1. _____ | 3. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 4. _____? |

Coming next month...

Next month the Review begins its 11th year of publications--a rare feat considering the depressed economy today and changing lifestyles--and coming your way will be opening day at Strat-O-Matic, replete with pictures...the GKSM's latest draft--the National League--as it embarks on its 23rd full-season replay...a return of the League, Replay Scene and Questions & Answers...and, hopefully, shorter ads, as this issue contained the most advertising ever in the Review, resulting in a disproportionate ad/news content. The alternative would be to raise advertising rates. But, before we go in that direction, hopefully advertisers will take it upon themselves to write "tighter" ads so that the Review will be able to devote 25 percent of its space, but no more, to them.

Yankee power prevails in World Series

No contest!

That's what happened when Review co-editor Del Newell matched the 1956 pennant winners - Brooklyn [N.L.] and New York [A.L.] - in a World Series replay using the new Strat-O-Matic cards.

It was the Yankees prevailing in four straight games, a sharp (and jolting, to Brooklyn fans) contrast from real-life when the 'Bums' took the Yankees the full seven games before bowing.

New York's power dominated the short series as the Yanks blasted 11 home runs off shell-shocked Dodger pitching, including three by Series MVP Mickey Mantle, the triple crown winner in real-life.

The starting pitchers that performed in 1956 were used in most games. Don Larsen pitched the second game, for instance, but had to settle for a two-hitter rather than a no-hitter (albeit perfect game) that he hurled in real-life. Larsen, backed by home runs off the bats of Enos Slaughter and Gil McDougald, was magnificent, yielding only a single to Carl Furillo in the second inning and another to losing pitcher Don Newcombe in the sixth. Larsen struck out five and walked only one.

The pattern for the Series was established in the opener, however, an opener that saw the Yanks batter Sal Maglie and three relievers for 12 runs and 16 hits. Yogi Berra homered twice, Mantle, McDougald and Billy Martin once apiece as the Yanks romped 12-2.

McDougald, Mantle and Berra all connected in successive at-bats in the sixth inning. McDougald, who had four hits, drove in five runs and Mantle had three hits.

In the second game it was LARSEN! Enough said.

Game number three was a heartbreaker for Brooklyn as the Dodgers, after falling behind 4-1 after three innings, struck back and tied the game at 5 after five innings.

A two-run homer by Mantle in the bottom of the sixth broke it up, though, as the Yanks won 7-6. Jackie Robinson had a double, triple, home run and knocked in three runs for the Dodgers, while Duke Snider snapped out of a slump by collecting three hits. Mantle had three hits for the Yanks.

The finale was another crusher for Brooklyn as, leading 6-1 going into the third inning, the Bums let the lead slip away and were edged in a 9-8 slugfest. Bill Skowron's bases-loaded home run in the third inning closed the gap to 6-5 and Bob Cerv's pinch-hit single with two outs and the bases loaded in the seventh drove in the tying and go-ahead runs. Cerv's hit dropped in on Robinson in left field (LF 4) when a "49" split number was drawn. Robinson had switched from third base to left when Sandy Amoros, the regular left-fielder, was taken out for a pinch-hitter.

Mantle won MVP laurels by collecting eight hits in 17 at-bats, homering three times, driving in seven runs and collecting five extra base hits. His counterpart in center field, Snider, meanwhile was 4-for-18 (three of the hits in one game) and struck out nine times.

World Series line scores:

Game 1

Yankees 200 015 004--12 16 0
Dodgers 000 000 020-- 2 7 0

Ford and Berra; Maglie, Labine (5), Roebuck (6), Koufax (8) and Campanella.
WP - Ford (1-0). LP - Maglie (0-1).
HR - Berra 2, Mantle, McDougald, Martin, Yankees.

Game 2

Yankees 001 100 001--3 8 1
Dodgers 000 000 000--0 2 1
Larsen and Berra; Newcombe, Bessent (9) and Campanella. WP - Larsen (1-0)

LP - Newcombe (0-1). HR - Slaughter, McDougald (2), Yankees.

Game 3

Dodgers 100 310 001--6 13 1
Yankees 130 102 00x--7 9 0

Erskine, Roebuck (4), Bessent (7) and Campanella; Sturdivant, McDermott (8), T. Morgan (9) and Berra. WP - Sturdivant (1-0). LP - Roebuck (continued)

SA - Morgan. HR - McDougald (3),
Mantle (2), Yankees; J. Robinson,
Dodgers.

Game 4
Dodgers 060 000 200--8 8 2
Yankees 104 000 40x--9 10 2
Craig, Labine (4), Roebuck (7),
Drysedale (7) and Campanella; Kucks,
Grim (4), Byrne (7), Morgan (8) and
Berra. WP - Byrne (1-0). LP -
Drysedale (0-1). SA - Morgan (2).
HR - Skowron (grand-slam), Mantle (3),
Yankees; Snider, Neal, Dodgers.

Who should you draft in baseball?

Larry Fryer, Strat-O-Matic Baseball's seer without a peer, is back to take another look into the future. For the fourth year in a row, Fryer, a 15-year gaming veteran and current commissioner of the East Coast Baseball Association, tells you who to draft, trade or acquire.

And Fryer, as longtime subscribers will vouch for, knows what he's talking about. He predicted superstar status for the likes of Keith Hernandez, Rickey Henderson and Carney Lansford before their stars were even twinkling. And he also urged gamers, if they had the opportunity, to latch onto Dave Righetti, Kirk Gibson, Pedro Guerrero, Joe Charboneau, Tim Lincecum, Tony Pena and Mike Scioscia - while they were in the minor leagues, no less.

Fryer's background is that he's 25, employed as a postal worker in Hamburg, PA, where he makes his home, and that his loves are: his wife, baseball, Strat-O-Matic, bicycling and vacations, and not necessarily in that order.

He admits that the "crystal ball was clouded last year (who fore-saw the strike?), but points to his many on-target calls as a reason why gamers shouldn't doze off while reading the following:

Here's what Fryer's crystal ball envisions for 1982...

Fernando Valenzuela vs. Dave Righetti - If you have a choice between drafting these two rookies, don't hesitate to pick Righetti. Though out-nixed, Righetti will not be outpitched in the future.

Ivan DeJesus - The old stock market adage 'Buy 'em when their low and sell 'em when their high' applies here. Forget the .194 average and get him now.

Juan Bonilla - Could be a future "1" at second. Teamed with Ozzie Smith to form dynamic double play combo. Outstanding fielder in minors.

Tim Wallach & Terry Francona - Two former college Players of Year who will hit .300 in Montreal, given playing time. Both could start in '82.

Mike Krukow - Mediocrity in Chicago could turn to stardom in Philadelphia. Could be the surprise of '82.

Tom Seaver - Everybody needs pitching; give it to them. The broad-cast booth is not far away.

Dave Collins - I've got a hunch he's gonna be a free-agent bust. The Yankees want to play him at first and in Strat he has no value there. (No defense or power.)

Terry Puhl - Very underrated and a five-year vet at 25. Pick him up while he is coming off a mediocre season. Great 'D,' good speed, good hitter.

Steve Kemp - A love affair in Chicago. Look for big things from a happy Kemp.

Art Howe - As a third baseman, Howe is an asset. But the Astros!

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acquisition of Ray Knight moves Howe to first where he is worth very little to the S-O-M manager. Not enough power to help you there. Trade him now.

Garry Maddox - The departure of Dallas Green means renewed life for the best defensive center fielder in the game. Look for a return to .300.

Lance Parrish - Now is the time to pick him up. Great bat and rifle arm.

Rollie Fingers - Unless you're in a pennant race, get rid of him in return for some young talent. Another who's seen his last great card.

Rod Carew - If someone thinks he's getting old, agree and start working out a deal for him. Carew will hit .315-.330 for at least three more years.

Pedro Guerrero - Unlimited offensive potential. Check his pro career stats.

Some good minor league draft picks: Mike Marshall, Ken Hrbak, Tim Lardner, Cal Ripken Jr., Julio Franco, Gene Roof, Geoff Combe, and Bob Dernier.

Strat-O-Matic spotlight

'BATTLE OF THE BAD'

Last summer, while everyone else was playing the All-Star Game with Strat-O-Matic, or matching great teams of the past in replays, Don Casalone of St. Louis, MO, was conducting a unique mini replay.

Rather than take the powerhouse teams of the present or past, Casalone took the four teams from the present and past that he considered the "all-time worst." In the National League it was the 1962 Mets (40-120 record) playing the 1969 Montreal Expos (52-110) and in the American it was the 1969 Seattle Pilots (64-98) against the '79 Toronto Blue Jays (53-109). Casalone dubbed the entire series the "Battle of the Bad (BOB I)."

Setting the tournament further apart from all the rest was that the losers, not the winners, would advance into the championship series. And the loser in that would 'win' the BOB I.

In the first series, matching Seattle and Toronto, the Pilots, thanks to Wayne Comer's grand-slam home run, won the fifth and deciding game, 11-6. Toronto won the opener, 8-0, as Tom Underwood pitched a six-hit-ter; Seattle the second game, 4-3, on Steve Whitaker's eighth-inning home run; Toronto, behind homers by Rico Carty, Rick Cerone and Otto Velez, won game three, 9-3; and Seattle evened the series at 2 games apiece by winning the fourth contest, 4-2. Toronto, of course, advanced to the championship series after losing the fifth game.

In the National League, the Mets prevailed in four games, winning the finale, 10-9, as seven homers were swatted by the two teams. Rusty Staub homered three times for Montreal. The other games saw Montreal win the opener, 2-1, and the Mets bounce back to take the next three: 7-0 (Roger Craig pitched a five-hitter) and 7-6.

So it would be Montreal and Toronto in the BOB finals.

Toronto won the first two games, 6-2 and 4-1. But Montreal, with Rusty Staub leading the way and going 4-for-4 in game four, quickly evened the series, posting 6-5 and 7-2 victories. Toronto won game five, 6-2; Montreal the sixth, banging out 18 hits in a 12-5 romp; and, in the showdown seventh game, it was Montreal mauling the Blue Jays, 12-0.

Staub was the hitting star of the series, batting .517 (15-29), but, in keeping with the philosophy of awarding only the bad, John Mayberry of 'champion' Toronto was the "Golden Goat Award" recipient after batting .207.

So, Toronto is the first winner of the BOB. This June, Casalone plans another tournament, with the field expanded to eight teams - all bad, of course.

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Cleveland Browns didn't mirror 1980 statistics

Some S-O-M teams are not 'paper tigers'

BY MATT LORENZ, Hamden, CT

I've been meaning to write to the Review for some time but have hesitated. That's because when I wrote the last time (April, 1981), the Review made a slight but extremely embarrassing change in my letter - a letter intended to clarify my proposals for improving S-O-M Pro Football.

What I originally wrote was this: "Under the penalty system as I envisioned it...there would be a penalty possibility once every six rolls; penalties would actually occur far less frequently than that..." What Review readers saw was this: "...there wouldn't be a penalty possibility once every six rolls; penalties would actually occur far less frequently than that..." Because of the change, I appeared to contradict myself in the next paragraph. The end result, I'm afraid, was confusion rather than clarification - most unfortunate, since the main purpose of the letter was to make the distinction between "P" readings (penalty possibilities) and actual penalties.

I'd like to think the alteration was just a typo. If not, it was one of the Review's few oversights. It was the first I've noticed in 10 years of reading the publication.

PASS DEFENSES NOT 'MISRATED'

On to other, more important things - like Kurt Smeby's letter in the December issue. Kurt claims that S-O-M has "misrated" the pass defenses of Dallas and Cleveland, among others. He uses a lot of statistical jargon, but doesn't offer any statistical evidence to support this contention. In fact, the Browns gave up more yards passing (241.6 per game) than any other team in the league last year. Dallas finished 15th in pass defense, even though fewer passes were thrown against the Cowboys than against the average team.

If it's tough to win with the Browns, it's because they were one of those unusual teams that was not good on paper but triumphed over statistics. Strat-O-Matic really doesn't have a "clutch factor" to overcome a winning team's deceptively bad numbers.

The 1979 Bears are another example of such a club. In S-O-M, they have nothing going for them except Walter Payton; Mike Phipps has a horrible card, and the defense is mediocre. In real life, however, Chicago got hot at the end and wound up in the playoffs with a 10-6 record. The keys down the stretch were - you guessed it - Phipps and the defense. To reproduce that kind of season, you'd have to have two separate teams, the late-season Bears and the early-season Bears. Otherwise, you'd probably get nothing more out of them than consistent mediocrity. The 1980 Browns would need different cards for the fourth quarter and overtime in order to duplicate their 11-5 mark.

S-O-M PREDICTS TURNAROUNDS...

Interestingly, the real-life Browns have fallen back into losing ways, as did last year's Bears. One of the amazing things about S-O-M is that, because it captures the statistical character of the teams so precisely, it tends to predict turnarounds and surprising performances in actual play.

In my solitaire replay of the 1974 baseball season, Kansas City is 20 games over .500 in late August. The Royals finished 74-88 that year, but in 1975 they won over 90 games and made a run at Oakland. It's just a matter of time before teams start to play the way the stats - and Strat-O-Matic - indicate they should.

As for Kurt's going 7-9 with New Orleans by overpassing, it's difficult to pass too often with a team that threw 566 times and ran just 348. Besides, S-O-M is advertised as a game in which coaching can make a difference.

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erence; and I rather suspect that Kurt is a smart and resourceful coach.

I've said before that S-O-M Football could stand improvement. Its statistical accuracy does leave something to be desired, at least as far as individual player cards are concerned. (In my leagues, the completion percentages of quarterbacks are usually too low, the rushing averages of outstanding runners too high, the averages of middling runners too low; and backups naturally have abysmal numbers all around) But in our quest for statistical realism, we'd be going too far if we demanded a game that had no choice but to conform exactly with actual play. We don't want to render coaches obsolete.

Editor's note: It was a typo - it should have read "there would be a penalty possibility once every six rolls..." The Review regrets any confusion that resulted from the mistake.

Strat-O-Matic spotlight

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SHORT SHAKES

Mike Vargo of Lock Haven, PA, is currently replaying the 1980-81 hockey season and reports the New York Islanders have lost only twice in the first 20 games (17-2-1). Wayne Gretzky leads Marcel Dionne in the scoring race, 37 points to 34...Didja know that the Strat-O-Matic Baseball game that was used in Cleveland last summer when the table-top All-Star game was played, is now in the Baseball Hall of Fame at Cooperstown? ...Sellers of S-O-M card sets and teams should remember that they are responsible for the delivery of all items sold. If cards are damaged in the mail, it's still the sellers responsibility to make it right, not the buyer...Paul Marasen of Regina, Sask., Canada, took the eight best teams as far as records and played a mini tournament with the 1979-80 hockey cards. The winner was Philadelphia, which blanked Minnesota, 4-0, shut down the New York Rangers, 7-1, as Reggie Leach accounted for seven points; and, in a best-of-three final, defeated the New York Islanders, 3-1 and 4-2. Goalie Pete Peeters was chosen MVP...Thanks to "The Unknown Roller," the Acworth Football League was in operation in Georgia this past fall and winter. Comprised of five members, most of whom have been playing S-O-M Baseball and football for four and five years, the league appeared imperiled because of softball ("The Million Dollar Infield") and other pursuits. Enter the "Unknown Roller," who sent league members a letter urging them to get back together again. It worked - and Bill Hayes, David Bowman, Jeff and Alan Skinner and Stan Awtrey are rolling 'em together again...Add Chris Payne, American Embassy, US Del/ UNESCO, APD, New York, New York (Paris, France) to the list of 'students of the cards' who sent in excellent articles dealing with figuring card chances in baseball...Just a thought, but if S-O-M ever decides to add penalties to the football game, it should measure not only the number of penalties and yardage walked off against a team, but also the frequency of penalties committed by the opposition. Kansas City, for instance, was seldom penalized compared to other NFL teams, but opponents of the Chiefs were also tagged with fewer penalties. That would have to be measured as well in order to be truly realistic. Just a thought...

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S-O-M convention planned June 5-6

After an absence of one year, there will be a national Strat-O-Matic convention in 1982. Directing the gathering, which is slated for Saturday and Sunday, June 5-6, in Gary, IN, is the Gary policeman and well-known gamer, James Sanders.

Last year, you will recall, Sanders put on the Lyman Bostock Memorial Tournament, spending \$800 for a first-class gaming spectacular that was well-received by those in attendance.

Now, Sanders is going national with the Lyman Bostock Memorial Tournament. And the Strat-O-Matic Game Company is pitching in to help. S-O-M, reports Sanders, is sending flyers advertising the event to gamers in the midwest, plus is buying the trophies for the four tourney winners and runnersups.

Sanders, who's been working on this year's tourney ever since last August when the first Lyman Bostock Memorial concluded, invites one and all to attend. Entry fee for the tournaments is \$7.50. The tournaments include: [1] Advanced Baseball (mini-league play Saturday, playoffs and World Series Sunday); [2] Super Advanced Football (double-elimination Saturday, playoffs and Super Bowl Sunday); [3] Super Advanced Hockey (mini-league play Saturday, playoffs and Stanley Cup Sunday); and [4] Elementary Baseball (Sunday only).

Gamers may enter only one tourney Saturday and, for those who lose early and don't reach the playoffs, Sunday's Elementary Baseball tourney provides an opportunity to take home a trophy.

Teams selected for use in the various tourneys will be on a first-choice, first-served basis, according to Sanders, who urges gamers to get their choices in early. The 1956 baseball season cards will also be used in the tournament.

All the championship series will be best-of-seven games, with trophies going to winners and runnersup (a total of eight). Sanders, in his few spare moments, has also constructed "stadiums" to play the World Series and Super Bowl on, adding a special touch to Sunday's finals.

Sanders reports, even before the flyers were distributed, that 26 gamers have already indicated they will attend. "To break even I need about 50 in attendance," he says. "Any amount over that will be profit and the money will be used on the next tournament."

Site of the tournament will be the Community Share Club, 635 Clark Road, Gary, IN. A crowd of 210 can be accommodated.

For more details on the tournament, team selection as well as travel information, Sanders can be contacted by phone (no collect calls, please) at 1-219-938-6137 or by sending a SASE to: James Sanders, Director S-O-M Tourney, 5806 Kennedy Terrace, Apt. 103, Gary, IN 46403.

Last year's winners, Pat Tafelski (advanced baseball) and Craig Dashut (super advanced football) have indicated they will return to defend their championships. And Rick (Wolfman) Shapiro - who now is known as "Joshua" - may also attend. Shapiro was the organizer of the earlier conventions in the midwest.

Two changes needed in 1956 set

Two changes may be needed on the 1956 set of baseball cards - depending on which set you received. The earlier sets had a mistake on Jim Pyburn's card with the Baltimore Orioles, and also Bill White's card, advanced side was difficult to read because of light printing. Pyburn should be a 2-11 SINGLE on the basic side, rather than 2-11 FLYBALL (HF)X as the early card sets had.

On Bill White's advanced side, the positions and ratings should be: 1b-2 e18/1f-4 (+2) e16/rf-4 e16. White is with the New York Giants.

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; 150-200 words (maximum length for ad)--\$3.25. When sending in ads, specify either WANTED, FOR SALE, FOR TRADE, LEAGUE FORMING, or CONTESTS. And name card sets by the year upon which they were based. Note that only advertisements for Strat-O-Matic products will be accepted, and that merchandise competing with S-O-M products may not be offered for sale, nor may photocopied cards. Ads, to be included in the next issue of the Review, must be in by the third of the previous month. Late ads will be held over for inclusion the following month.

Wanted

WANTED: Someone help! I need the 1972 Minnesota Twins with extras (24 players). I will pay any reasonable price, or trade for, from my assortment of S-O-M baseball teams (1965-1980). Please state condition. Send to: Chris Rosen, 731 Berlen St., Philadelphia, PA 19111 (215-745-5247)

WANTED: Baseball team sets, 1974 or older. Require good/excellent condition, extra players, no missing teams. Send asking price to: Gary Knight, 1152 Ingle-side, Baton Rouge, LA 70806

WANTED: The Strato League of Turlock (CA) is looking for managers for the 1982 baseball season. We currently have a 10-team league and play a full 162-game, face-to-face schedule which runs from April through October, including playoffs and World Series. One of the 10 established teams needs a manager and we are also looking for at least two managers to form expansion teams. Player draft will be held in mid-March. If interested, please phone John Wercammen (209-667-5597) or Jim Dupre (209-632-1279) as soon as possible.

WANTED: Baseball cards - 1973 Yanks, Indians, Astros, Giants; 1975 White Sox, Brewers, Cubs; 1978 Expos, Cards, Pirates, Cubs, Braves, Astros, Padres, Brewers, Orioles, Indians, A's, Tigers, Angels, Royals, Blue Jays, Rangers, Twins, Mariners, White Sox. Send terms and condition. Extras if available. Only reasonable prices, please. Also willing to trade for teams listed in another ad--see my for sale ad. L.D. Melito, Daniel Rd., North Salem, NY 10560

WANTED: Very badly! Following S-O-M Pro Football teams: 1971 Dallas; 1972, 1973 Miami; 1974 Minnesota; 1968 New York Jets; 1969 Kansas City; 1973 Buffalo. Will pay any price. Contact me immediately. Thomas Cancro, 65 Glenn Avenue, Norwood, NJ 07648

WANTED: Baseball, complete sets, first year cards were issued through 1967. Extras if available. Will answer all reasonable offers. Michael Hines, 8901 Barlow Circle, Knoxville, TN 37923

WANTED: I am interested in buying pre-1977 baseball teams, especially Cardinals. Also need some individual players. Send available teams and prices to: Ben Atkins, 11680 Jefferson, Osceola, IN 46561

WANTED: The 1978 Chicago Cubs w/o extras, complete baseball seasons with extras and complete football seasons for any year before 1978. Must be in good condition and all cards unmarked and undamaged. Seller pays postage. State your price; no bids here. Those wanting more than \$50 per year can contact someone else. No photo-copies or facsimiles. For a quick, no-hassle sale, send SASE, price and particulars. Also wish to meet avid gamers of any playing level living in the San Gabriel Valley. Write to: Ralph Llamas, 18725 E. Arrow Highway 34, Covina, CA 91723

WANTED: S-O-M gamers who are currently attending Purdue University or who will enter the university next year, please contact me as soon as possible and tell me about your S-O-M activities. I will be enrolled in the university next fall. Darren Blankenship, 1321 Turret Road, Bel Air, MD 21014

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WANTED: The following merchandise with the price I'll pay: 1971 - Phillies, Cardinals w/extras, \$5. 1973 Twins, Giants, Orioles--without extras, \$4. 1973 Dodgers w/extras, \$4.50. 1973 Phillies, additional players only--\$2. The following individual cards I'll pay \$1 each: 1973 C. Wright (Cal.); 1974 Laxton (SD); 1975 R. Hernandez (Pit.), Madlock (Cubs), Bonds (NYY), Garcia (Mil.), Briggs (Min.), Gossage, Orta (Chisox), Rudolph, Sizemore, Hernandez, McBride (St. Louis), Gross M. May, Crawford, D. Roberts (Hous.). 1977 Holtzman, S. Thomas (NYY), Brusstar (Phil.). 1976 J. Garvin expansion card. Ron Brammer, 2504 NE 52nd Ter., Kansas City, MO 64118.

WANTED: 1975 football season. And the following football teams: 1967 Rams, Colts, 49ers, Bears, Packers, Raiders; 1968 Chiefs, Jets, Raiders, Cowboys, Colts; 1969 Raiders, Chiefs, Jets. I will pay any reasonable price. Please state condition and year of team or set. Send offers to: Greg Lee, 535 Pomo Drive, Ukiah, CA 95482

WANTED: I am looking for some specific Royals years. I need the '69, '71 and '74 cards. I will pay \$3 apiece for the teams. I would like to get all the teams from the same person if possible. Doug Crandall, 1807 College Heights #3, Manhattan, KS 66502

WANTED: 1965 and 1966 Yankees in good condition--\$20 each. Will respond to all offers with SASE. Norm Farrington, 12 Elliott St., Hampton, NH 03842

WANTED: For the Gateway S-O-M Baseball League, reliable managers to take over managerless teams in an established 20-team PBM draft league. If interested, send name, address, phone number and experience: Mike Dunn, 8259 Harcourt #130, Indianapolis, IN 46260

WANTED: Baseball teams in mint, excellent or very good condition: Cleveland Indians--1920, 1962, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969 extras, 1970 w/extras, 1972 extras, 1973 extras, 1976

1976 extras, 78 extras, '80 w/extras; Los Angeles Dodgers--1962, '63, '64, '66, '68, '69 w/extras, '70 w/extras, '71 extras, '72 extras, '73 extras, '74 extras, '75 extras, '78 extras, '80 w/extras. Please: No teams with missing players and note that I need some teams with/extras, and some teams I need only the extra players. Also, I will trade any of these, mint shape: 1905 NY Giants, 1906 Chicago Cubs, '09 Pittsburgh, '09 Detroit, '11 Philadelphia, '19 White Sox, '22 NY Giants, '24 Washington, '27 NY Yankees. This is only a hobby. Don't ask exorbitant prices, please. I will answer all mail. Jim Maher, 15125 Esther Avenue, Lakewood, OH 44107

WANTED: 1980 season baseball teams: Baltimore, Boston, Cleveland, Milwaukee, Kansas City, Seattle, NY Yankees. Good to excellent condition. Send price list to: Jim Criscione, 11042 McGirk, Elmonte, CA 91731 (213-443-9169)

WANTED: 1974 Bengals, '68 Jets, '72 Dolphins, '76 Colts, '70 49ers, '77 Raiders, '75 Cardinals and any pre-1976 S-O-M Football teams. FOR TRADE: 1976 Reds, '77 Orioles. Write to: Phil Bailey, Box 14, Phenix, VA 23959

WANTED: Strat-O-Matic fanatics in the St. Louis area. If you're interested in face-to-face play and swapping S-O-M tales, call: Keith Walker at 314-532-5301. My address is 15436 Elk Ridge Lane, Chesterfield, MO 63017

WANTED: 1972 extras; 1973 cards with extras; 1975 cards with extras; 1977 Dusty Baker, Royals with extras, Yankees (extras only); 1978 Lee Stanton; 1980 Dent, Wilfong, Revering, Heath, Sundberg, Lowenstein, Reggie Jackson, Eddie Murray, Buddy Bell, Gorman Thomas, Garth Iorg, Dan/Dave Ford, John Johnson. Will pay money or negotiate for stealing charts (see For Sale ad). Tony Auter, 3505 Mina Court, Louisville, KY 40220 (502-454-4410)

For Sale

FOR SALE: S-O-M Football teams: 1970 season (to be sold by teams or as whole set); 1975 New England. All are complete, mint condition. Send [continued]

bids for teams or complete season. If you meet my price, I will sell immediately. Gary Traxler, 1444 Laurel Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104

FOR SALE: S-O-M Football sets. \$42 for 1976, \$36 for 1977, \$72 for both, or best offer. 1975 Steelers, \$5. Paul Botts, Box 3279 Yale Station, New Haven, CT 06520 (203-432-1576)

FOR SALE: Hundreds of baseball teams from 1968-1978. If you're looking for one team, one league, one season, or more, send a postcard asking for my list of available teams. Keith Walker, 15436 Elk Ridge Lane, Chesterfield, MO 63017

FOR SALE: Computer printout charters for new stealing rules for 1982 cards (based on 1981 season). Leaves nothing to compute. A stealing chart for each player. All situations considered--stealing of 2nd base, 3rd or home; good or bad lead; held or not held; -4, -3, -2, -1, 0, +1, +2 catcher's arm. A rating for each situation. Good lead frequency numbers also listed. One quick and easy reference for stealing. 26 pages (one page per team). \$3.00. Tony Auter, 3505 Mina Court, Louisville, KY 40220 (502-454-4410)

FOR SALE: Baseball and football teams from 1967 to 1980. Send for listing of all teams and years available. Please send a stamp to insure immediate answer to your inquiry. Write to: Rook Messick, P.O. Box 88, Marina, CA 93933

FOR SALE: 1973 Patriots, Colts, Chiefs, Cardinals, Packers, Jets, Lions; six Old Timer teams; 1979 Chargers, Saints, Rams, Seahawks, Steelers, Cardinals, Oilers, Browns, Bucs, Cowboys, Eagles. All cards in very good condition. Will sell to highest bidders or trade for my items under Wanted in this issue. Send bids to: Ron Brammer, 2504 NE 52nd Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64118

FOR SALE: Baseball, 1979 complete set with extras; 1978 complete set with extras; 1977 complete set with extras; 1976: Reds,

Padres, Dodgers, Angels, Rangers, Twins, Pirates, Mets, Royals, Orioles, Yankees, Cubs, Cardinals, Giants, Indians, Red Sox (no extras); 1975 Reds; 1974 A's; 1971 Cubs (only 14 players), A's, Pirates, Mets, Phillies, Expos, Orioles, Cardinals, Giants, Tigers, Hall-of-Fame A & B, all original 42 championship teams [except '36 Yankees]. All cards have some writing on them, but all are in good condition. Winning bidder pays postage. Send bids along with SASE to: Scott Toman, 210 S. Yale Ave., Arlington Hts., IL 60005

FOR SALE: Football - 1968 Oakland, Cinn., Houston, Buffalo, Miami, Boston; 1975, '76 and '77 complete sets. Basketball - 1974-75, 1975-76, 1976-77, 1977-78 complete sets. Baseball - 1974, 1977, 1977 complete sets with extra players. Send SASE to: Martin Ports, 1140 Sander Ct., Escondido, CA 92026

FOR SALE: The 1956 and 1981 S-O-M Baseball advanced version scouting reports. Each report rates each batter against left- and right-handed pitching for the following: 1. Batting average; 2. Total on-base percentage; 3. Walks received; 4. Home runs hit. Each report rates each pitcher against left- and right-handed batting for the following: 1. Batting average allowed; 2. Total on-base percentage allowed; 3. Walks allowed; 4. Home runs allowed. Each report includes a free surprise bonus. To order, send \$5 (designate 1956 or 1981 season) to: David L. Smith, 11213 Fairfield Road W., Minnetonka, MN 55343

FOR SALE: Unbreakable 20-sided dice. Forget split decks; 20-sided dice are more random and easier to use. Available in a variety of colors: white, yellow, dark green, black, violet, red, royal blue, lime green, burnt orange. \$1.25 post-paid, same day service. Paul Wooden, 5971 East 25th Place, Tulsa, OK 74114

FOR SALE: What has fewer pages than War and Peace? What has fewer tables than a large metropolitan restaurant? What has fewer grammatical and syntactical errors than its illustrious predecessor? The second edition of Winning Strat-
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FOR SALE: S-O-M Football teams, 1968-1977. The teams will be sold individually, not as complete sets. Most teams are in good to excellent condition. If you meet my price, I will sell immediately. Lower bids will be decided by the end of the month. J.M. Bordelon, 5445 Braesvalley, #724, Houston, TX 77096 (phone: 713-721-5465)

FOR SALE: Must sell (all are asking prices) - 1977 N.L., fair, \$10; 1979 both A.L. and N.L., excellent, \$15; 1980 A.L. and N.L., excellent, \$15. Old Timers (complete set), \$12 (good-excellent). Football - 1978 NFL, good, \$15; 1979 NFL, excellent, \$15; 1980 NFL, excellent, \$15. Old-Time Football set, perfect, \$4. Write: Dennis Lyons, 129 Randle Ave., Oak Hill, FL 32759 or call 1-904-345-3216.

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1977 Cards, Giants, Astros, Expos (24 players each), Twins (22), \$3 all; 1972 Cubs, Braves, Tigers, Indians, Braves, Yankees, Red Sox, Orioles, Royals (2 teams), White Sox, Twins (all 20 players), A's

Dodgers, Rangers, White Sox (all 19 players), Angels (17), \$2 apiece; 1971 Cubs, Cards, Mets, Phillies, Expos, Pirates (2 teams), Dodgers, Giants (2 teams), Padres, Reds, Astros, A's (2 teams), Tigers, Orioles, \$2.25 apiece or \$30 all; 1970 Cubs, Reds, Dodgers, Orioles, Twins, \$2.50 apiece or \$10 all; 1967 Cards, 1965 Dodgers, 1961 Yankees, 1957 Braves, 1953 Dodgers, 1946 Red Sox, 1941 Yanks, 1934 Cardinals, 1927 Yankees, 1924 Senators, \$15 all. Football - 1972 Rams, Cards, Packers, Lions, Chiefs, Bengals, Dolphins, Oilers, \$10 all; 1971 Rams, Vikings, Redskins (2 teams), Cowboys (2), Chiefs (2), Browns, Miami (2), Colts, \$2.50 apiece or \$20 all; entire 1972 full set, \$75; 1970-style board with all charts, accessories, \$10. Basketball - 1972-73 game, completely mint condition, \$15; 1972-73 original teams: Pistons, Knicks, Bulls, Lakers, Hawks, Bucks, Warriors, Bullets, Celtics, \$15 all; special packages: all baseball \$80; all football plus game, \$90; all basketball plus game, \$25; everything above only \$150. Doug Tallinger, 100 Kiniry Dr., Rochester, NY 14609 (716-288-2466)

FOR SALE: The following baseball teams in good to excellent condition: 1966 Senators; 1967 Cubs, Tigers, Angels, Indians; 1968 Tigers; 1969 Padres, Expos; 1970 Angels, White Sox, Tigers; 1971 Tigers, Yankees, Red Sox; 1972 Royals, Brewers; 1973 Tigers, Royals, Indians; 1975 Dodgers, Padres, Phillies; 1976 Royals, Dodgers, A's, Yankees; 1977 Reds, Phillies, Angels, Pirates, Royals, Blue Jays, Tigers, Cardinals, Rangers, Yanks, A's, White Sox, Orioles, Padres. In fair condition: 1967 Astros; 1971 Pirates, Orioles, Astros, Senators. Send offers to: Marc Jacobson, 11990 Ferndale St., Philadelphia, PA 19116

FOR SALE: 1920s-30s baseball old-timers (6 teams) - \$1.50. 1940s baseball old-timers (6 teams) - \$1.50. Football old-timers (6 teams) - \$1.50. Write or call: David Clarke Jr., 9821 Cypressmede Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043 (301-465-8461)

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FOR SALE: S-O-M Football, game with 1979 Browns, Seahawks, Jets, Buccaneers. \$5 plus postage. Baseball - 18 old-timer teams, blue, basic only - \$5 for whole set. 1980 cards with extras, \$15 plus postage. Keith Miller, 318 Dale, Willard, OH 44890

FOR SALE: S-O-M Basketball and Football cards. All in mint condition. A grab bag of loose cards. Basketball 1973-74 and 1974-75 seasons. Football, 1973 and 1974 seasons. Add them to your collection. Basketball - many teams complete. Cleaning house. Must make room. Best offer takes all. Send inquiries. Also SASE appreciated. L.O. Melito, Daniel Rd., North Salem, NY 10560

FOR SALE: Baseball teams; number of players in parentheses: \$3 each: 1966 Mets (20); 1967 Mets (20); 1968 Mets (21). \$2 each: 1969 Padres (20); 1971 Braves (20), Padres (24), Mets (22); 1973 Mets (21). \$1 each: 1972 Padres (20); 1973 Padres (20); 1976 Padres (20); 1978 Red Sox (24), Angels (24), Padres (24); 1979 A's (24), Expos (25), Pirates (24), Padres (24); 1980 Rangers (26), Angels (24). 50¢ each: 1974 Angels (20), Padres (20)--these 2 teams have writing on some cards and paper pasted on some. \$1 each: 76 1978 additional players; 78 1979 additional players; 61 1980 additional players. Please add sufficient postage. Pete Manzolillo, 2526 S. St. Marks Ave., Bellmore, NY 11710

FOR SALE: Baseball [number of players in parentheses] - 1973 Braves (24); 1974 Dodgers (20); 1975 Mets (23), Reds (24), Phillies (24), Rangers (21), Angels (19), Braves (21), Cards (19); 1976 Dodgers (14), Padres (18), Braves (18), Giants (17), Mets (20), Expos (19), Cards (19), Red Sox (25), Tigers (25), Rangers (19), Royals (24), A's (24), Yanks (23), Twins (25), Indians (26), White Sox (25), Angels (18). The above teams will be sold individually or take all. All in mint condition. I will sell immediately--make offers. Send SASE. Also will

trade for my wants. See Wanted ad. L.O. Melito, Daniel Road, North Salem, NY 10568

FOR SALE: Complete 1972 baseball set, with additional players, mint condition. Complete 1976 baseball set, with additional players, mint condition. Complete 1977 baseball set, no additional players, mint condition. Complete 1978 baseball set, with additional players, mint condition. High bids win. Bids close 3/31/82. Send bids to: Joel Salzman, 3911 Carrel Blvd., Oceanside, NY 11572 or call 6 p.m.-10 p.m. at 516-536-5728.

FOR SALE: 1976 and 1979 baseball cards, complete with extras, in mint condition. Have conducted clearinghouse for 4 months and these are the only cards left in stock. The '76's must go (asking minimum price--\$40); for the 1979's, make me an offer. Also, Strat-O-Matic Reviews--1978-today, mint condition. Write: Louis Rakita, 4675 Circle Road, Montreal, Quebec, H3W 1Z2 (enclose your phone number, please--I will call you back) or call 514-487-2428 (best time between 9 p.m. and midnight, EST. Why delay? Do it today!)

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1973 National League and 1974 American League--all sets complete and in excellent condition. Highest bid takes both or will trade for 1978 and 1979 seasons. D. Steltenpohl, 1920 Russell St., Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

FOR SALE: Attention S-O-M Hockey Fanatics. My foolproof computer-generated (FORTRAN) formula tells you which players to draft. Get the drop on your draft-league mates and pick the best. Players are grouped into regular forwards/defensemen, extra forwards/defensemen. Also overall-ranked 1-420. Takes into account: regular/power-play scoring %, defense, penetration, passing, intimidation vs. penalties. All reduced to one simple scientific rating. 1979-80, 1980-81 seasons available. \$3.00 each or both for \$5. Free intimidation success % chart with all orders. I pay shipping. Paul Siegel, 9533 Columbus Ave. South, Bloomington, MN 55420. Satisfaction guaranteed. [continued]

FOR SALE: Complete run of S-O-M Review from Vol. IV-1--March, 1974, to Vol. XI Feb., 1982. 96 consecutive issues. First money order for \$22.50 gets them all. I pay UPS and insurance. Chuck Holman, P.O. Box 35127, Tucson, AZ 85740. Phone: 1-602-888-4419. Overall condition: excellent to mint.

FOR SALE: Baseball, 1974 season complete with extras. '72 season complete with extras. '27 Yanks, '53 Dodgers, '61 Yanks, '71 Pirates, '73 Mets, '73 A's, '73 Expos. Both Group A Hall of Fame teams. Various S-O-M Reviews from Nov., '74 [Vol. IV, #9] to Dec., '78 [Vol. VIII, #9]. Send bids to: Seymour Herscher, 4975 Isabella, Montreal, Quebec, H3W 1S8 or call 514-731-9503

FOR SALE: Super-advanced rules and charts for S-O-M Baseball provide rare plays and many simple, realistic innovations. Your \$5 refunded if not satisfied. Richard Robb, #1004-1395 Beach, Vancouver, B.C., Canada

FOR SALE: I would like to sell one S-O-M Hockey game, excellent condition. Includes 1977-78 cards. Complete set for \$22 or best offer. I would also like to sell the 1976-77 and 1977-78 S-O-M Basketball cards. I will only sell them in complete yearly sets. Each year's cards will be sold for \$15 apiece, or best offer. The cards are in good condition. I will pay postage for the merchandise if in the continental U.S. Doug Grandall, 1807 College Hts. #3, Manhattan, KS 66502

FOR SALE: S-O-M Football teams, 1976, '78-'80. 1976 cards are in poor to average condition. 1978, '79 cards are in good condition, '80 in excellent condition. S-O-M Basketball teams, 1976-77, 1978-79, 1979-80. '76-77 are in poor condition, '78-79, '79-80 in good to excellent condition. Send bids to: Bill Donnelly, 82-062 Mountain View, Indio, CA 92201 or call 714-342-2068 between 2-5 p.m. on Tuesday or Thursday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday. Bids close on March 30, 1982.

FOR SALE: 1973, '74 and '75 S-O-M pro football seasons. Will not break up sets. Also, '73 baseball season and '72 Miami Dolphins. Sold to highest reasonable offer. Duane Denioli, 1113 W. Plum St. #B-107, Fort Collins, CO 80521

FOR SALE: 1967 NFL Football game. All 16 teams in very good condition. Game will be sold to the highest offer I receive by bid until the next Review is published. All SASE bids will receive a reply. Pat McKay, 14 Calgary St., San Francisco, CA 94134

FOR SALE: 1976 Oakland Raiders, '77-'79 Football year sets and great football teams of the past available. Game box and boards included for \$50 or best offer. Will trade for pre-'77 baseball sets. Write or call: Jerry Simpson, 400 Youngs Rd., Southern Pines, NC 28387 (919-692-8629)

FOR SALE: 1969 Packers, Chargers, Bills; 1970 Yankees, Eagles; 1971 Lions, Colts, Packers, Eagles, Chiefs; 1972 Lions, Bears, Packers, Vikings, \$3 each. SASE appreciated. Stan Bogart, 2824 Third St., Trooper, PA 19403

FOR SALE: Complete 1978 baseball with extras; 1978-79 hockey with extras; and 1977-78 basketball and 1977 football complete. I will sell them only as sets. Send bids to: Jon Cohn, 47 Monroe Ave., Roseland, NJ 07068

FOR SALE: Thinking about a replay? Why not use the exact schedule and pitching rotation for all the major league teams from that season? I have all sets available from 1900-present. 1956 is just \$7.25, 1981 is available for just \$8. On other sets prices vary; write me for quotes or information. Money back if not satisfied. Rich Pray, 7800 LaNain Dr., Pensacola, FL 32504

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1967 Cards; 1968 Cubs, Tigers, Cards; 1969 Indians, Pirates; 1970 Mets; 1971 White Sox, Phillies (21 players); 1972 Orioles, Red Sox, Angels, Reds (no extras), Royals, Twins, Expos; 1973 Red Sox, Reds (no extras), Indians, Brewers, Yankees, Pirates, Cards, Padres, Rangers; 1974 Red Sox, Tigers, Dodgers; 1975

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Braves (no extras), Red Sox (no extras), Angels, Reds, Indians, Tigers, Royals, Twins, Yankees, Giants; 1976 Reds, Yankees, Pirates; 1977 Tigers, Dodgers (no extras), Yankees; 1978 Angels, Orioles, White Sox, Mets, Tigers, Dodgers, Twins, Yankees, Padres, Mariners, Rangers, Blue Jays; 1979 complete set. Football - 1977 Chiefs; 1978 complete set with roster sheet, 1967 roster sheet, 1974 roster sheet. All teams are originals and 1969-1979 teams have extras except where noted. All teams in very good-excellent condition. Bids accepted until 13th of this month. High bidders will be notified and pay postage. Mike Gumkowski, 315 Maureen Drive, Wheeling, IL 60090. P.S. I will accept individual team bids from the 1979 baseball and 1978 football complete sets, although complete set bids will be looked upon more favorably.

FOR SALE: Available now. Available now. Available now. Super Stats presents its 1982 ratings of Strato Baseball cards. These ratings are based on the actual S-O-M cards not the player's stats. These ratings are designed to allow you to pick your mathematically best hitters and pitchers against any opponent. The super ratings are for use with the advanced game only and are available for all 26 teams and the 104 additional players. Each player is rated for both the left and right side separately. Additional special info on each player is also provided. For your complete computer print-out of all players (no single team orders), with full instructions on how to use the ratings, send \$4 plus 50¢ postage (\$4.50 total) to: C. Super, 1333 N. Martel Ave., Suite 108, Los Angeles, CA 90046. Allow 2-3 weeks for delivery.

FOR SALE: 1969, '70, '75 football cards, '70 (2 sets), '71 (2 sets) and '75 baseball cards. All cards in excellent condition. Also, Vol. I-6, 8, 10, 12 and Vol. II-1 through II-11 of S-O-M Review. Make offer to: Tom Clark, 27 E. Third St., Lakewood, NY 14750

FOR SALE: 1971 Baseball: Angels, Royals, Yankees, Cardinals, Red Sox, Giants, Pirates, White Sox, Dodgers, Braves, Cubs, Orioles, Tigers, Reds. All complete, no extras; mint condition. Will try to sell teams as set. Send bids and SASE to: Amiel Lieber, 1220 NE 172 St., Miami, FL 33162. Bidding closes March 31. Will reply all SASE [after winner fulfills bid.

FOR SALE or TRADE: 1979-80 basketball game, never used, \$15. Will consider trade for 1971 complete baseball teams in good to excellent condition. Contact: Randy Clark, 539 B Fulton St., Wheeling, WV 26003 [304-233-6638, evenings or weekends]

FOR SALE or TRADE: Football - 1974 Raiders, Oilers, Cardinals, Dolphins and Redskins, \$2 each, or trade the following teams: 1972 Redskins, Steelers; 1975 Bengals, Dolphins, Redskins; 1967 Raiders. First come, first served. Contact: Chuck Nyren, 5615 Gatewood Lane, Greendale, WI 53129 [414-529-3617]

FOR SALE: Football - 1976 complete set, G-VG; 1978 23 teams, G-VG [missing Atlanta, St. Louis, Clev., Eagles, Giants] 1977 VG Dallas, Baltimore, San Diego; 1973 VG Cinn. 1969 good Rams, Oilers, Cinn. 1968 good Denver, Packers, Steelers, Wash., Miami, 49ers, Clev., Giants; 1967 good Cleve.; 1968 good Eagles (special team card missing); 1968 good Boston (2 cards missing). Baseball - All cards in excellent condition. 1977 AL & NL, 1978 AL & NL, 1976 AL, 1975 AL & NL, 1974 NL & AL with 9 teams (missing NY, Cleveland, California); 1973 NL 10 teams (missing NY & Phil.); 1972 AL & 1972 L.A. & St. Louis. Please send bids to: Keith Fosness, 1015 Madison Ave., Detroit Lakes, MN 56501. I pickup the postage to mail the teams.

FOR SALE: Convert your 1971-1976 Strat-O-Matic teams to use the advanced fielding chart. No calculating is needed as "E" ratings are given for all players and positions. The cost is \$1.25 for all players in one year or \$6 for all six years. Joe D'Aniello, 28A Nooks Hill Road, Cromwell, CT 06416

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FOR SALE: S-O-M Football game-- complete with all 1980 teams; excellent condition; hardly been used; \$7 (plus postage of \$2)--total of \$9. Darren Blankenship, 1321 Turret Road, Bel Air, MD 21014 (301-879-7818)

FOR SALE: Which would you rather be doing in April--playing S-O-M Baseball or spending your time figuring out all the new player card ratings? For only \$4, you can have the ratings for all the 1981 hitting cards, both basic and advanced versions, rated against right-handed and left-handed pitching. Also rated are all the 1981 pitchers cards against right and left-handed hitters. All 104 extra players will also be rated in this manner. My rating system takes into account not only the player's on-base percentage, but also his power capabilities. Thus, all players can be compared with one another--an invaluable aid for the "whom should I draft now" question. So, beat your friends to the draw and have the ratings in your hands as they while away the hours with pencil and calculator. Being the kind, generous soul that I am, I will throw in the ratings for all the Hall of Fame series players at no charge. I expect to send the rating sheets out in late April or a week or two after I receive the cards. Send \$4 to: Robert Harlan, 7072 Parma Park Blvd., Parma Hts., OH 44130

FOR SALE: S-O-M Baseball World Series teams--1965 L.A., 1965 Minnesota, 1967 Boston, 1967 St. Louis--\$2 each; good condition. Football - 1963 Bears, \$2. Darren Blankenship, 1321 Turret Road, Bel Air, MD 21014 (301-879-7818)

FOR SALE: 1978 Football game with parts (all teams). Teams (sold separately): 1971 Cowboys; 1974 Broncos; 1975 Cowboys; 1976 Raiders, Vikings; 1977 Cowboys, Broncos; 1979 Steelers, Rams, Chargers, Patriots, Oilers, Cowboys, Eagles, Bucs, Falcons, Cardinals; 1980 (all teams). Baseball: 1980 game with parts, Phillies, Royals, Yankees, Orioles, Astros. All teams and game sets in good to mint con-

dition. Bidding closes at end of month. Send bids to: Garrett Allnutt, Box 247 Indian Hills, CO 80454

FOR SALE: 1980-81 S-O-M Hockey shooting report. This report tells the percent chance a player has of scoring a goal on all three types of shots. For your copy, send just \$1 and a postage stamp. Darren Blankenship, 1321 Turret Road, Bel Air, MD 21014 (301-879-7818)

FOR SALE: Football - 1977 set plus 1973 Dolphins, Vikings, Cowboys, Steelers, Bengals, Rams, Raiders, Redskins; 1974 Steelers, Vikings, Cardinals, Dolphins, Bills, Rams, Raiders, Redskins, Colts, Bengals; 1975 Steelers, Cowboys, Rams, Bengals, Colts, Raiders, Cardinals, Vikings; 1978 Cowboys, Steelers. All in excellent condition. Set only. \$115, includes insured postage. Money order only. Baseball - 20 cards - 1970 Giants, Phillies, Dodgers, A's, Tigers, Padres; 1971 Pirates; 1975 Reds. 24 cards - 1969 Braves, Twins; 1974 Tigers, A's, Orioles; Brewers, Indians, Pirates, Dodgers; 1972 Tigers, Pirates; 1970 Pirates, Twins; 1971 Boston, Montreal, Atlanta, Padres, Dodgers, Giants, A's; 1980 Dodgers, Yankees, Astros; 1973 Orioles, Reds; 1979 Angels, Reds; includes assorted extras from 1972, '73, '74, '75, '76, '80. All cards in excellent to mint condition. Sold as set only, \$172; includes postage; money order only. Correspondence by mail. Richard Gulezian, 1 Robin Hood Rd., Windham, NH 03087

League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: Face-to-face advanced baseball league now forming in the Chicago area. We are looking for dependable managers who live in the Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove, Des Plaines, Mt. Prospect, Park Ridge, Palatine and Wheeling areas. If you are willing to drive from farther away, that's fine. We will be playing on Sunday afternoons. We need 5 more managers. We will be using the new 1986 season and also drafting our teams. Call or write soon to get your franchise: Joe Damore, 9032 Washington Apt. 1-D, Des Plaines, IL 60016 (824-1401)

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LEAGUE FORMING: Need 12 managers for a PBM league to start in May. Will use 1981 A.L.--100-game season. Interested in having college students who are ready to get into S-O-M after finals are over. Write to: Ray Bielizna, Box 319, Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT 06430

LEAGUE FORMING: Summer hockey league. Eight teams using super advanced game and current card set (with extra players). No experience needed. Will hold draft as soon as all teams are filled. Write to: Paul Meehl, 6713 Thomas Ave. So., Richfield, MN 55423

LEAGUE FORMING: Here's your chance to play George Steinbrenner and Billy Martin. The Federal League is preparing for its second season of 20-team play-by-mail baseball and is looking for dependable managers and backups with over 18-year-olds preferred. Dues pay for monthly newsletter and yearbook and league features trades, re-entry draft and honest away-game results. Send a letter outlining your league and S-O-M experience to: Mike Mayko, 390 Welch's Point Road, Milford, CT 06460

LEAGUE FORMING: Queens-Metro New York face-to-face advanced baseball draft league, FREEBASE, enters its second year willing to take a few more good managers. We emphasize parity by starting anew each season and play 3-4 3 or 4-game series during April-October; draft mid-March. Bill Redmond, PO Box 6, College Point, NY 11356 (516-463-5933)

LEAGUE FORMING: I am forming a face-to-face baseball league that will use the new set. League will be using basic version with some advanced rules. Looking for reliable managers from the Oceanside-Rockville Center-Baldwin area. If interested, call: Joel Salzman at 516-536-8728 6 p.m.-10 p.m. Target date for starting is mid-April.

LEAGUE FORMING: The North American Baseball League is looking for several interested and act-

ive backup managers. We embark upon our seventh season in May and all of last year's good backups now have teams. We are a continuous draft league which uses the advanced side of all the most recent cards. We have a very good and stable league and want the same in backups. We have a \$10 annual fee for regular managers, but no charge for backups who get all newsletters. There is a chance that one excellent applicant might get a team immediately. Only apply if you know the game well and are serious about joining our league. You must have patience to be a backup. If you think you fit the bill, write today: Brian Webster, #310-2233 Bowker, Victoria, B.C., Canada V8R 2E3. Especially interested in someone from the western U.S.

LEAGUE FORMING: Federal League has several managerial openings for the 1982 season beginning this summer. The Federal League has been in existence since 1975, when it broke off from the PGL, and has amassed years of successful seasons. We are seeking qualified, serious-minded (yet easy-to-get-along-with) managers, preferably 18 years or over. Managers should be able to make long-term commitments and "pitch in" to help the league overcome any setbacks that may occur (occasionally they happen to everyone). The Federal League features permanent trading, rookie draft and a new equitable method for promoting league balance. Managers stating they would be willing to take a weaker team have a better chance of getting accepted. Please don't apply if you're not a first-class manager. League dues, \$20. Send name, address, phone, top 20-team choices, outline of your "team-building philosophy" and any other germane information. Kurt Smeby, 3553 Alto Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89115

LEAGUE FORMING: The American Tabletop Baseball League is looking for three new managers for its upcoming second season. The league is a basic-game draft setup and all new managers get their own team, not someone else's castoff bums. This is an ideal league for gamers new to play-by-mail baseball.

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We play a 100-game season and will use the new cards and extra players (1981 cards, not '56). For more info, contact: Dick Hunt, 306 South Lansing St. #4, St. Johns, MI 48879

LEAGUE FORMING: The Mid-Atlantic Table Sports Association needs managers for its third season, which will begin in April. We are a continuous draft league using National League players only. For more information, please write to: Rick Southeimer, 808 Rollingwood Trail, Columbia, SC 29210

LEAGUE FORMING: San Francisco S-O-M Baseball Fanatics interested in forming a league. We want to use the advanced rules and the 1956 and/or 1981 season cards. There are three of us now and we're interested in drafting players, but playing teams as constituted is okay, too. Call Dale at 415-653-0402. Adults only.

LEAGUE FORMING: Fourth-year, PBM baseball league needs at least 2 managers for season approaching. 1981 season stats, both leagues, advanced game (plus extra players). Realistic limits on player use. Manager required to keep team stats and submit report quarterly. Carl Kieke, 118 Orange, #2, Abilene, TX 79601. Phone: 915-673-3552; call anytime.

LEAGUE FORMING: Looking for more managers for already established PBM draft baseball league. The RCNBL is a 10-team A.L. and N.L. draft league. We play during the winter months. We are about halfway through the present season and need one more manager to finish out the season. If you are interested in the team, please contact me immediately. Doug Crandall, 1807 College Hts. #3, Manhattan, KS 66502

LEAGUE FORMING: Old-timer replay league using actual teams from the early 1960s needs replacement and backups immediately. We've already completed the 1962 season and the 1963 replay is almost complete. There are openings for 1964. Here's your chance

to manage Al Kaline, Willie Mays, Henry Aaron and other greats in their prime. Don't worry about cards, they will be supplied. If interested, write or call Stan Awtrey for more details (404-432-9516, 1010 El Belmont Park Dr., Smyrna, GA 30080. FOR SALE: Actual schedule used for 1956 season is available. Other interesting statistical data, too. Send \$1, plus SASE for material to: Stan Awtrey, 1010 El Belmont Park Dr., Smyrna, GA 30080

LEAGUE FORMING: Northern Delaware (Newark, Wilmington area) play in person S-O-M Baseball league seeking new managers for existing league. Call or write: J.J. Records, 3721 Lafayette St., Wilmington, DE 19808 (302-994-5998)

LEAGUE FORMING: Need one manager for PBM basic draft baseball league in second season. Only serious managers please. Send resume to: David Fox, 122 Halloween Run, Newark, DE 19702

LEAGUE FORMING: The Delcal play-by-mail baseball league needs two responsible managers immediately. Delcal is an advanced, American League in its 4th year. Entry fee is \$35. Well-organized, bi-weekly newsletters. If you apply, please plan on staying with us for years to come. Two teams available, both in need of knowledgeable managers to make them full-fledged contenders. Send resume, stating PBM experience, to: Larry Hirt, 3762 Ivy NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505, or phone 616-361-5116

LEAGUE FORMING: The Any Game Draft League is a continuous ownership PBM league. The league has 10 teams divided into two divisions. Each team plays a 140-game schedule, 10 series of 7 games at home. The DH-rule is used and player usage is strictly limited. Most of the teams presently use S-O-M. The AGDL is entering its 6th year and has an opening for one qualified manager. For further information, contact: Gary Lyndaker, Rt. 2 Box 729, Gravois Mills, MO 65037 (314-374-7455)

LEAGUE FORMING: Dependable managers needed for several openings (continued)

in an established PBM league using current American Leaguers and rights to minor league players. Please reply immediately so you can participate in the draft. For further information, contact: Tom Brannagan, 830-4B Station No. 1, Charlottesville, VA 22904 (804-971-2903)

LEAGUE FORMING: I am looking for 11 responsible coaches to form a 12-team PBM football league. It will be a straight-team league using the elementary rules and the current football cards. If you are reliable and are interested, write: J. Phillip Lantz, 1010 E. Lovejoy St., Buffalo, NY 14206 or call 716-893-0611 for more information.

LEAGUE FORMING: National Texas League beginning 7th season looking for 2 managers--1 to start immediately, 1 as a backup. League is all draft, using National League players. You continue with same players each year. Combination play-by-mail and face-to-face. Prefer managers within driving distance of Houston, but will consider out of state. Of current 8 owners, 4 live in Houston, 2 in Austin, TX, one in Hopkinton, IA, and one in Richmond, VA--who travels frequently. Would prefer someone close to one of these areas. Looking for honest managers with long term interest only. Our league is well-established and one of the most fun in the country, as we do a lot of trading. Carlton, Madlock, Kingman, Youngblood and others have been traded before cards even came out. This is a great league. Please contact: John Blomstrom, 4931 Whispering Falls, Houston, TX 77084

LEAGUE FORMING: Attention! All lower Westchester County gamers. A face-to-face league is starting. We will use the basic version. The league will have many votes. This will be a team draft with some draft choices to go along with your team. So, anyone in driving distance of Scarsdale write to: Steven Weiner, 150 Inwood Rd., Scarsdale, NY 10583 (914-472-3412)

Contests

CONTESTS: The California Classic Challenge Series is a unique PBM baseball tournament. It will be double-elimination so even if you lose one series you are still in the running for the money. Cards from the 1976 to 1980 season will be used. There will be at least \$150 of prize money guaranteed, but as more people enter that pot can grow. This is your opportunity to test your skill against other gamers from around the world. The entry fee is only \$4 and the tournament begins in March. If interested, write to: Jeff Williams, Box 1031, University of Santa Clara, Santa Clara, CA 95053

CONTESTS: The 2nd Annual Lyman Bostock Memorial Tournament will be held the weekend of June 5-6 in Gary, IN. Featuring advance baseball, super advanced hockey and football, and elementary baseball. Trophies awarded to winners and runnersup of all four events. Actual teams will be used; chosen on first-choice basis (yes, you can use 1956 season). Admission: \$7.50. For a weekend of fun and excitement, give it a try. Tournament is back and supported by S-O-M Game Company. For further information, call or write: James Sanders, 5806 Kennedy Terr. #103, Gary, IN 46403. Phone: 1-219-938-6137. Enclose SASE and I will send flyer.

Looking for back issues of Review?

The following back issues of the Strat-O-Matic Review can be ordered by writing: Strat-O-Matic Review, P.O. Box 27, Otsego, MI 49078.

1981

Oct., Sept., August, July, June, April, March, Feb. Cost: 70¢ each.

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Dec., Nov., Oct., Sept., July, April (limited number), Feb. Cost: 60¢ each.

1979

Dec., Oct., Sept., August (limited), June, April, Feb. (very limited). Cost: 60¢ each.

1978

Dec., Nov., Oct., Sept., Aug., July, June, May, April, March, Feb., Jan. Cost: 60¢ each.

Entry deadline is May 10

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Most Valuable Player Contest opens

So what if you didn't pick the Super Bowl opponents correctly back in September. Not many folks forecast San Francisco and Cincinnati as meeting in the Super Bowl.

But that's football. Now it's baseball time. And time for you, a subscriber to the Review, to cast your vote in this publication's annual Most Valuable Player Contest for baseball.

All you have to do to enter is fill in the blanks below (or a facsimile of the entry blank) and send to the: Strat-O-Matic Review, P.O. Box 27, Otsego, MI 49078. Do not, however, send to the Strat-O-Matic Game Co., Inc., as the contest is run solely by the Review.

Here's what you do: select who you think will be the MVP in both the American and National leagues; pick the teams that will be division winners and also give the percentage for each winner. Division winners and percentages will be used to break ties, as happened last year when three people tied after selecting Mike Schmidt as MVP in the N.L.

Duane Tunink of Lansing, KS, had the most accurate composite winning percentage of the four division winners--all three gamers who picked Schmidt also had the division winners right--and his reward for winning the contest was a new set of the baseball cards, plus extras, compliments of the Review. Tunink, in fact, should be well into a replay right now, if solitaire gaming is his game.

Rules for the contest are few: (1) you must be a subscriber to the Review; (2) you can only enter once per contest; (3) and the entry must be post-marked no later than May 10.

MVP CONTEST ENTRY BLANK--1982

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 _____

Remember the MVP Contest closes May 10; entries received after that date will be automatically disqualified. Send all entries to the:
Strat-O-Matic Review, P.O. Box 27, Otsego, MI 49078.

Past winners of MVP Contest

1981 - Duane Tunink, Lansing, KS.	1979 - John Dormer, Philadelphia, PA
1980 - Norman Swift, Lake Wales, FL	1977 - Terry Ringen, Beattie, KS
1978 - Terry Ringen, Beattie, KS	1975 - James Lewis, Wellesley Hills, MA
1976 - tie, Neil Orser, Sydenham, Ontario	1973 - Pete Condorelli, Windsor, NY
Vince Trivelpiece, Berwick, PA	
1974 - Mark Roblez, Salt Lake City, UT	
1972 - Mike Borzenski, Lansing, MI	

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PRE-SEASON ROSTERS?

Would it be possible for the game company to produce a list (roster) of the baseball cards it plans to print prior to the actual printing of the cards?

This would facilitate an easier trading period, protected list, pre-season trading and final 40-man rosters if a manager was able to know, say in Nov., what players would, in fact, have cards.

Not knowing whether a certain player you own will have a card can certainly leave you in the dark. Here I am citing the players who have approximately 100 at-bats or pitchers who have barely enough innings to be considered for a card. This is especially true if the league you're in starts up shortly after the cards have been printed.

Paul Logan
P.O. Box 590
Lashburn, Sask.

CY YOUNG, TOO

I believe voting for the Cy Young Award should somehow be incorporated in your baseball MVP Contest as a tiebreaker and/or as part of the A.L.-N.L. balloting, as opposed to winning percentages.

D.M. Corry
320 Vernon St.
Gaffney, SC

CLUTCH HITTING

I would like to suggest to the game company a new rule for clutch hitting - based on game-winning hits, a player is given a dot similar to a pitcher's point of weakness for a late inning when a runner is in scoring position.

A one to three split number would be an N-HR, 4-6 a triple, 7-10 a double, and 11-20 a single, for example.

Derryl Moore
Bettendorf, IA

NEW BASKETBALL PRAISED

I have received and played my new revised edition of S-O-M Basketball. I am not really an avid hoop fan, but with this

game, I am thrilled. As far as I am concerned, it is the closest thing to NBA, tabletop-style.

My first game was the Boston Celtics vs. the 76ers, the final being 118-108 in favor of Philadelphia. Larry Bird fouled out in the third period and Boston was nearly blown out.

S.J. Adams
Bakersfield, CA

'THANKS FOR BEING THERE'

I've enjoyed your magazine so much. It has helped me join two fine leagues, win the Gold Cup, attend two conventions and provided many hours of enjoyment.

Without the Review, none of this would have happened. Thank you for being there!

Steve (Boom) Johnson
Lima, OH

S-O-M ACROSS THE SEAS...

Since writing to you in the summer, so much has happened I can hardly keep up with my S-O-M events. I visited my good friend Dave Miller in West Germany for a "Strat" weekend in October. Dave is a captain in the USA army. We both play in Bob Dormer's IGA. As with all my Strat ventures, we had an excellent weekend and it added another corner of the world to my S-O-M travels.

A few weeks ago I discovered, purely by chance, a few people, who like myself, are addicted to table sports games. Regrettably they were not of the Strat variety, but at least they liked games.

Since then I have been extremely busy bringing to them the joys and fine qualities of the Strat games. So much so I am more than pleased to report that the very first English Strat league started in January.

Already six people have joined a hockey league which I will help to operate. It may only be a small beginning, but it's a start. When baseball comes out, we hope to be able to start a baseball league. Several of the people involved live in the London area and we now meet (three of us) twice a week for face-to-face play.

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Just one month ago I thought I was all alone in rolling my dice playing PBM, but it's great now to get involved with fellow fanatics.

A final word on the new basketball game: Well done, Strat-O-Matic. An excellent product. Its excellence has, in fact, shown up how poor the previous version was.

Roger Corrie
12 Rochford Close
South Hornchurch
Essex, England

FOOTBALL REPRINTS WANTED?

Why doesn't Strat-O-Matic reprint the football teams (at least the playoff teams) that it has published in the past? A higher rate could be charged for them and they could be printed just the way they originally were, without worrying about changes in field goals and kick returns, etc.

It would seem S-O-M would make quite a financial killing. There certainly would be a market if the price was reasonable.

I've also wondered if S-O-M has considered bringing out a Hall-of-Fame series for football, with the player's best year, and perhaps a series of some outstanding defenses?

Bob Brinton
Lee, MA

Editor's note: No word from S-O-M regarding all-time greats in football. As far as old teams being reprinted, definitely not at this time. The controversy over reprinting old baseball teams once printed by S-O-M swirled over the pages of the Review for years before recently being resolved.

POTPOURRI OF COMMENTS...

I was leafing through the Dec. issue of the Review and decided to comment on it.

First, I am pleased about the new stealing system and that we readers found out first. Secondly, I don't want to make enemies with the Modern Time Milkers (ILOMTM), but I don't think the Review should have given them much more coverage. When you overuse players like that and use a drafting system

based on luck, you can't expect to get much space (because everybody else plays a little different). I don't mean to be critical because it's your business.

Although I am not an S-O-M Hockey buff, I'm glad you put in the hockey logo and the features about the cards. I'd like to see more replays and less ads. One thing I dislike is a one hour and 40-minute effort (Philadelphia vs. Los Angeles basketball game) getting more space than some replays. I also think almost all replays should at least get some space.

In my opinion there should be a change in punting in S-O-M Football. For example, so far this season Pittsburgh's Craig Colquitt had less than 40 percent of his punts returned. He'll probably get the same average, but what about the net yards? It will most likely be lower than real life.

I also wish you would put Chuck Gilardi's out-of-bounds punting ratings in the August issue instead of October. By the time I get them, I've already started my replay.

I'm done reviewing the Review. Don't get me wrong because this is a great publication and a bargain in these inflationary days.

P.S. Here are a couple of records that beat the ENCSOMFL (all were set in a 1980 game vs. Pittsburgh, played solitaire): Most yards passing - Jim Plunkett, 432; Most yards receiving - Cliff Branch, 325; Most TD passes - Plunkett, 8; Most TD receptions - Branch, 6.

Bob Batz
Aliquippa, PA

Editor's note: Regarding when some of the playing tips appear in the Review, it mostly depends on when they are received. For instance, last month (Feb. issue) saw the printing of the most frequently power-play and penalty-killing lines for hockey. Late, true. But the Review received them late, too. We still felt they were worth printing, but hopefully gamers planning on submitting playing tips or who-should-you-draft articles, can make them as "seasonal" as possible in the future.

MORE HALL-OF-FAMERS?

Is there any plan in the near
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future to expand the Hall-of-Famers set of cards? With so many outstanding former great players not yet available in card form--such as Lou Brock, Al Kaline, Bob Gibson, Juan Marichal, Hack Wilson, "Smokey" Joe Wood, etc.--why not add another supplementary set?

Mike Rochelle, Bill Soyars,
Jerry Smith, Tim Stokes,
Hopkinsville, KY

Editor's note: S-O-M has no plans at this time to expand Hall-of-Fame set. Next project appears to be printing another

past season as far as baseball.

AMENDS HOCKEY PLAYING TIPS

I would like to amend one rule in the hockey playing tips I sent you in the Jan. issue.

After a 5-minute major occurs, immediately pick a split card to determine if the "bench-clearing brawl" occurs. Eliminate the rule that says: "If 5-minute majors occur, pick a split card. If between 1-10, give a 10-minute misconduct to every AA, A and B on the ice...etc."

Pete Manzollilo
Bellmore, NY