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REVIEW

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New cards arrive...finally *Myriad of problems delays 1984 set*

Better late than never...

That, in summation, is the bottom line when it comes to the 1984 Strat-O-Matic Baseball card set, based on the 1983 real-life season.

True, the cards were the latest they've ever been. But they did eventually arrive, after a myriad of problems slowed and pushed back their departure from the game company at Glen Head, NY, by almost two full weeks.

"This is unlikely to happen again," says Steve Barkan, a game company spokesman. "Putting out three sets of cards (including the 1970 and 1980 seasons) may have had something to do with it. But the fault also was due to our receiving some advanced-game statistics late. That was the main reason the cards were late."

Jeff Green, a member of the GKSM (Greater Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League, whose managerial roster includes Review co-editors Warren and Del Newell) as well as PBM leagues, quickly looked over the new cards and passed word on to the Review of his findings.

Green, who's a student of the S-O-M cards, inspected the cards with a view toward drafting for the GKSM or his PBM endeavors. "The best rookies to take chances on," according to Green, "are Ron Kittle, Julio Franco, Matt Young, Mike Boddicker, Jose DeLeon, Charlie Hudson, Bill

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Dawley, Frank DiPino, Darrell Strawberry, Andy VanSlyke, Alejandro Pena and Carlos Diaz."

As far as leagues forming initially, Green suggests the following starters when forming a pitching staff: Lamarr Hoyt, Jack Morris, Scott McGregor, Ron Guidry, Dave Stieb, Floyd Bannister, Mario Soto, Steve Rogers, Bill Gullickson, John Denny, Bob Welch, Larry McWilliams and John Candelaria.

And when you need to turn to relief, the best cards belong to Dan Quisenberry, Jesse Orosco, Tom Niedenfuer, Lee Smith, Al Holland, Luis DeLeon and Tippy Martinez.

When it comes to individual teams, Green's most impressed by the Detroit Tiger defense and Toronto's new-found hitting punch.

"The Tigers, with 1s at catcher in Lance Parrish, second (Lou Whitaker), shortstop (Alan Trammell) and center field (Chet Lemon), are reminiscent of the Cincinnati Reds in the mid-1970s when they had Bench, Concepcion, Morgan and Geronimo. Not only can the Tiger foursome field, it can also hit.

"Trammell is a 52 (card chances) to get on against lefties and 46 versus righties. Whitaker is a 45 versus lefties and 44 versus righties. Parrish, while not possessing a very good on-base card, does have a 1-7 home run and a -3 throwing arm. Lemon is a 42 both ways to get on and also has nine chances each way to get on by a HBP."

TORONTO'S TERRIFIC TRIO

Toronto, usually a weak sister when it comes to batting punch, will have a number of lively bats in the new card set. Jesse Barfield, for example, has 13 home run chances vs. righties and 10 vs. lefties. Willie Upshaw has a 1-8 and 1-9 (1-16) home run shot against righties plus also having 45 on-base chances against southpaws.

Lloyd Moseby also had a good year, with his card showing 47 on-base chances vs. righties, a 3-6 home run shot and also being a "2" in center field. Cliff Johnson and Barry Bonnell, plus spray-hitting Damaso Garcia, add more offensive weapons.

Wade Boggs has a spectacular card vs. righties, with 62 - yes, 62! - on-base chances plus a lot of extra-base potential. Jim Rice, Boggs' teammate, has another dynamite power card with 2-5, 3-6 home run chances against both types of pitching. Rice is also rated a "2" in left field, making him even more valuable.

George Brett, his card perhaps tainted by "pine tar," and Willie Aikens have solid slugging cards for Kansas City. Brett belts them out against righties on 1-5, 1-6 and 1-7 (1-2) and Aikens does likewise on 1-8, 1-9 and 3-5 (1-9).

Dave Winfield of the Yankees is a "1" in left and right field and has another rifle arm (-5). He's also a 39 both ways as far as getting on base and has 2-9 and 2-10 home run numbers, again vs. righties or southpaws.

Elsewhere in the American League, Eddie Murray and Cal Ripken form a great one-two punch for the world champion Baltimore Orioles. Murray has a 2-5 (1-17) and 3-6 home run numbers both ways. Ripken, a "2" at shortstop, is a 44 vs. lefties and 46 vs. righties to get on base.

Rod Carew will tattoo righties, with 52 on-base chances, most of 'em hits, while Oakland's Ricky Henderson has 51 on-base chances vs. southpaws and 55 vs. righties. He is also once again an AAA stealer and a "1" in left field.

MURPHY MURDERS RIGHTIES

Dale Murphy, as expected, has a great card against righties, with home runs on 1-5, 1-6 and 1-7 (1-7). He has 56 on-base chances. But Murphy is a mere mortal against lefties. Bob Horner again is a power hitter deluxe, with 2-5 and 3-6 chances vs. lefties and 51 on-base card chances against righties.

Keith Moreland works over lefties as he has 1-5 and 1-6 (1-14) home

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run chances and also a whopping 63 on-base chances. Pedro Guerrero is another with plenty of home run and on-base chances, including eight HR chances vs. righties and 10 against southpaws. He also has 47 on-base chances vs. righties.

One of the best all-around players has to be Montreal's Andre Dawson. He's a "1" in center field, a -4 throwing and has 2-5 and 3-6 home run blasts vs. righties plus plenty of other extra-base chances.

Tim Lincecum has 55 on-base chances vs. lefties - and he's one guy you don't want to allow on base as he's also an "AAA" stealer. Another invaluable player is Tony Pena, catcher for Pittsburgh. He's a "1" with a -3 arm and has hits all over his card, including 2-9 [1-4] and 2-10 home run chances vs. righties.

Mike Schmidt has a typical Mike Schmidt card with home runs on 3-5, 3-6 and 1-9 [1-15] against righties, although having a better on-base card (50 chances out of 108) vs. lefties. Bill Madlock also mauls lefties as he has 1-5 and 1-6 [1-14] home run shots and 54 on-base chances against the portsiders.

There's much, much more. But we're not going to spoil all your fun. The rest of the poring over the cards and figuring on-base and home run chances is up to you.

Readers roll 'em

MORE FOOTBALL TEAMS...

Now that Strat-O-Matic has completely changed its football game, it is definitely time for old timers to be issued.

My preference would be for S-O-M to first issue, in the new format, all the teams who appeared in Super Bowls 1-16. This would take care of most of the teams football dice-throwers have been yelling for.

Next, they should release the necessary teams, either individually or in mini sets. Teams that I believe must be included are: 1. 1958 Colts; 2. 1962 Packers; 3. 1963 Bears; 4. 1964 Colts; 5. 1949 Eagles.

SCOTT MANSUR

FOOTBALL SUGGESTIONS

I have played the football game for over four years and consider the latest edition of the game the best. However, I have three simple suggestions that will make the game a little more realistic.

First, individual fumble ratings for each player would make the decision to run certain backs a cautious one and the decision to run others a very safe one.

Next, giving linebackers different ratings for both run and pass defense would further

develop the idea of substituting on passing downs. Finally, a home advantage using the fumble recovery chart would give a little more importance to playing at home. You could let the home team recover fumbles on a roll of 2-9, 12 and let the visiting team recover on a roll of 2-4.

You may have received suggestions similar to these in the past, but please take these into consideration.

SHANNON KENNER

HOW DOES PBM WORK?

I was wondering if you were going to print the story on how PBM works. I think I'd be interested, but would appreciate it if you could tell me what it entails.

Also, as a suggestion, I would like to see articles on "playing tips" a month or two before the cards for that season become available.

For example, Juno Kim's article in Dec., 1983 about hockey power-play lines appeared well into my hockey replay season. It would have been a bigger help if it was included in the Sept. or Oct. issue.

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Spurs surprise finalist after ousting Lakers ⁴

76ers outclass NBA playoff field

Offense can only carry a team so far, right?

If it's San Antonio in basketball that's right - offensive can spur it on to victory, at least until someone with more firepower comes along.

In a playoff of the 1983 NBA post-season games, conducted by John McTernan and Clark Schulte of Belleville, IL, the Spurs did surprise some teams with their run-and-gun style of play, most notably the Los Angeles Lakers, runnerups in real-life, who fell in four straight games of the Western Conference Finals.

San Antonio, in fact, disposed of first Phoenix, 4-1, and then L.A. before taking on the Philadelphia 76ers, real-life champs, in the finals. There the Spurs were out-offensed by the 76ers, with Philly winning in four straight games to duplicate its success against L.A. in the real-life championship series.

The Spurs saw too much Julius (Dr. J) Erving in the final, as the Doctor was MVP after averaging 30.3 points versus San Antonio and 26.4 for all playoff games. He had a high-game of 43 points against New Jersey and scored 30 or more points in seven of 14 games.

Here's a game-by-game breakdown of the Finals:

Game 1 - Philadelphia 103, San Antonio 97.- Andrew Toney and Erving each pumped in 31 points, with Dr. J collecting eight assists and seven rebounds, for the winners and Johnny Moore scoring 20 points and dishing out 14 assists for the Spurs.

Game 2 - Philadelphia 142, San Antonio 111 - 76ers shot a scorching 65 percent from the floor and had four players with 20 or more points, led by Toney who finished with 34. The Philadelphia bench also helped, outscoring San Antonio's regulars, 18-15, over the final six minutes of the opening period. George Gervin rang up 28 points for the losers.

Game 3 - Philadelphia 122, San Antonio 115 - Bobby Jones came off bench for 15 points and key bucket off offensive rebound to spark 76ers to commanding 3-0 lead. Six players, led by Erving's 25, scored 20 or more points for winners, while Gervin had 29 for Spurs.

Game 4 - Philadelphia 122, San Antonio 121 - A dunk by Dr. J, off a switch, on the final play ended the series. Philly had trailed by three points with 36 seconds left but came back to pull out victory as Mo Cheeks swished a jumper and Erving, after a 76er press forced a turnover, took advantage of a mismatch and went inside on Mike Dunleavy, rolling an "X."

Where was Moses Malone during the playoffs? He was very evident as, even though Erving was the MVP, Malone averaged 22 points and 18.9 rebounds. "He was the glue for the 76ers," enthused McTernan.

In the Western Conference playoffs, Seattle knocked off Portland and Phoenix did likewise to Denver, 2-0, in mini series games. Seattle got 29 points and 10 assists a game from Gus Williams, while Maurice Lucas sparked Phoenix by averaging 28.5 points and 13 rebounds. Dennis Johnson's shot at the buzzer gave Phoenix a 114-112 win for a sweep.

The semifinals found Los Angeles edging Seattle, 4-3, and San Antonio rolling over Phoenix, 4-1. L.A. won the last two games, 111-97 and 105-96, to capture the series with good defense. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar averaged 20.6 points, Magic Johnson 17.1 (plus 13.7 assists and 8.9 rebounds). Jack Sikma's 19 points and 12.7 rebound averages led Seattle.

Gervin averaged 32.6 points and Moore 17.8 assists in the rush past Phoenix.

SAN ANTONIO SWAMPS LAKERS

First real big surprise was San Antonio's wipeout of the Lakers, with only the second game close (115-113). Gervin again was San Antonio's triggerman, averaging 23.8 points, with Moore averaging 13.3 assists. Artis Gilmore dominated Jabbar, holding him to 12.3 points and only one offensive rebound in four games. San Antonio shot a torrid 61 percent in

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sweeping the Lakers, who got 23 points and 11.8 rebounds per game from Magic Johnson.

Over in the Eastern Conference the New Jersey Nets ousted the New York Knicks, 2-1, as Buck Williams poured in 26.7 points and averaged 14 rebounds, and Atlanta ambushed Boston, 2-1. Larry Bird's 29.7 points were not enough to save the Celtics against Atlanta, which got 20.3 points and 12 rebounds from Dan Roundfield.

Philadelphia pummeled New Jersey in the semifinals, 4-0, as Erving averaged 27 points and Malone 21.8 plus a whopping 20.1 rebounds. The other semifinal went to Milwaukee, 4-2, as the Bucks won the last three games to put Atlanta away. Sidney Moncrief averaged 27.5 points for the winners, Dominique Wilkins 19.5 for the losers.

In a hard-fought Eastern Conference championship series, Philadelphia held Milwaukee under 100 points in three straight victories and then won game six, 114-98, to end it. The 76ers won game two, 98-73. Dr. J led the winners with 23.3 points and Malone was right behind at 23.2 and just under 20 rebounds per game. Moncrief paced the battling Bucks with 25.8 points.

Scores of 1983 playoff replay:

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Mini series: Seattle d. Portland, 112-96 Phoenix d. Denver, 113-87
Seattle d. Portland, 109-106 Phoenix d. Denver, 114-112

Semifinals: Los Angeles d. Seattle, 95-82 San Antonio d. Phoenix, 103-89
Seattle d. Los Angeles, 116-100
Los Angeles d. Seattle, 132-112 S. Antonio d. Phoenix, 114-107
Seattle d. Los Angeles, 112-89
Seattle d. Los Angeles, 126-115 Phoenix d. S.A., 121-110
Los Angeles d. Seattle, 111-97 S.A. d. Phoenix, 121-103
Los Angeles d. Seattle, 105-96 S.A. d. Phoenix, 117-111

Championship: San Antonio d. Los Angeles, 127-119
San Antonio d. Los Angeles, 115-113
San Antonio d. Los Angeles, 117-103
San Antonio d. Los Angeles, 117-95

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Mini series: New Jersey d. NY Knicks, 104-100 Atlanta d. Bost., 117-111
NY Knicks d. New Jersey, 105-101 Boston d. Atlan., 123-91
New Jersey d. NY Knicks, 96-79 Atlanta d. Bost., 101-82

Semifinals: Philadelphia d. N.Jersey, 117-88 Atlanta d. Milwau., 100-98
Philadelphia d. N.Jersey, 109-99 Milwaukee d. Atlan., 105-81
Philadelphia d. N.Jersey, 115-113 Atlanta d. Milwau., 105-89
Philadelphus d. N.Jersey, 108-95 Milwaukee d. Atlan., 110-88
Milwaukee d. Atlan., 127-95
Milwaukee d. Atlan., 108-86

Championship: Philadelphia d. Milwaukee, 99-94
Philadelphia d. Milwaukee, 98-73
Philadelphia d. Milwaukee, 101-99
Milwaukee d. Philadelphia, 110-108
Milwaukee d. Philadelphia, 119-111
Philadelphia d. Milwaukee, 114-98

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What type of league is best for you?

Editor's note: Kurt Smeby is a 28-year-old elementary school teacher in Las Vegas, NV, who has operated or been a participant in play-by-mail leagues since age 15. He currently operates the highly successful Federal League, a baseball PBM loop that is soon to begin its seventh season. In addition, he's a member of the Federal Hockey League (FHL) and David Oldham's NAHA (another hockey league). Smeby, who's married and the father of two potential dice-rollers, is a frequent contributor to the Review, including the popular, "Strong commissioner is the key to successful PBM operation" article.

BY KURT SMEBY

The most frequently misunderstood concept about play-by-mail leagues is the format.

So, for those of you new to this mode of sports game enjoyment, let me pound home a universal truth: there is no "playing" by mail in a play-by-mail league! There is a vastly differing operational network whereby managers trade and exchange game instructions by mail (or phone), but the games themselves are essentially solitaire.

What you get in a PBM league is the opportunity to act the part of a general manager by acquiring talent, selecting starters, exchanging instructions to use in games (in your absence) and, in general, pitting your organizational prowess against other gamers.

As I said, methods of doing this vary greatly. But don't be misled into expecting a hybrid of the "chess by mail" production in the PBM world - it simply doesn't exist and relies on a solitaire gamer, his instructions from visitors and his honesty in playing the games.

As there are differing methods of employing a PBM system, there are varying degrees of competency in operating one. The trick is to find a PBM league that will be both competent and have a long life. It's possible for a league to look great for one year and then fold. It's also possible for a league to look quite ordinary at first and then improve greatly over the years.

GUIDE TO PICKING A LEAGUE

Here are some tips when selecting a PBM league:

1. EXAMINE YOURSELF - Don't join the league if you don't have the time for it. It's important to realize that leagues requiring you to send instructions for each series to opponents require more time (as opposed to preseason "league instruction" manuals). If you dislike writing letters or shudder at the thought of making or receiving a long-distance phone call, by all means - keep playing solitaire!

2. EXAMINE THE AD - Not to generalize, but the ad can give valuable insight into the man who will be running the organization you want to devote your time to. Short ones, even enthusiastic ones, are more risky than longer, more specific ads.

Many ads don't list league dues but the general rule-of-thumb is: "You get what you pay for." The gambit runs from the \$2 annual dues (and one-page, occasional bulletins) to \$25 (FL magazine-like bulletins of the S-O-M Review mold). And, there are more expensive ones (the highest dues in S-O-M, to my knowledge, are \$40) you might investigate. For any league over \$10 in dues, ask to inspect a recent newsletter. If the quality is poor, where does the money actually go?

A basic truth to PBM leagues: the bulletin is the soul of the league. One last point on ads: well-known S-O-M reputations (big-time leagues found in the S-O-M Review and persons of repute in the S-O-M world) are the best bets. But, leagues like this are popular...you may not always get in! Frequently, a spell on a "waiting list" is your fate.

3. THE DECISION - Okay, so you've found an ad you are intrigued with. The general procedure is to write a letter of inquiry. Be sure and

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Slow rollin' is way to play

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Jim Elliott is '90-minute' gamer

Editor's note: Jim Elliott of Orange, CA, is an avid fan of the old-timer teams, particularly the yet-to-be-created 1950 Boston Red Sox, and a frequent contributor to the Review. In the article below he comes out on the side of slow rollin' when it comes to playing S-O-M Baseball. The '50 Red Sox are his creation.

BY JIM ELLIOTT

Put me down as another 90-minute gamer. I so thoroughly enjoyed Jack Kettles' letter [Readers roll 'em, Jan., 1984], that I'd like to explain to you the very essence [and rewards] of slow rolling.

First let me say that I've been rolling 'em in S-O-M Baseball since 1962 and I used to be like everyone else, always in a hurry. In fact, I once rolled a complete nine-inning game in just seven minutes! The game was nothing more than cards, dice, pencil and paper.

But, somewhere during the intervening years I slowed way down and a strange thing began to happen - I began to "live" the games and to enjoy them as never before. Let me give you an example from my latest replay in the South Coast League.

The game was important, having first place possibilities for one of the teams and I could sense a feeling of anxiety welling up inside me even before the opening roll. The 1954 New York Giants were playing my beloved 1950 Boston Red Sox at Fenway Park.

The game developed into a pitchers' duel with Sal Maglie of the Giants matching Ellis Kinder of the Sox pitch for pitch. Finally in the fourth inning the Sox plated twice and I was really rooting for Ellie to hold them as the game moved along into the seventh. The Giants scored one run in the seventh and I could feel the tension setting in and my heart start to pound. One of the tough things about slow rolling is that you "feel" every crucial roll of the dice.

Kinder survived the seventh, but the Sox couldn't add to their advantage so it stood 2-1 after seven. Then it happened; my worst fears were realized. The Giants, who batted for Maglie, struck hard in the eighth as Willie Mays belted a three-run homer to chase Kinder. It felt like somebody had thrust a knife in me. Mickey McDermott eventually restored order, but gave up another run in the process. So, it was now 5-2 Giants with Hoyt Wilhelm pitching in relief.

'LUCKY SEVEN' SAVES SOX

The Sox went quietly in the eighth and the Giants failed to score in the ninth, leaving the score at 5-2 in the visitors favor with an impending doom starting to grip me. Wilhelm is so tough in these situations that it almost seemed like trying to climb Mt. Everest, especially after Birdie Tebbetts fanned to open the home half.

But, Billy Goodman, batting for McDermott, singled and moved to second on a groundout by Dom DiMaggio. Two down and one to go. It seemed too easy for Wilhelm.

However, Johnny Pesky answered with a double to cut it to 5-3, as I let out a sigh. Ted Williams then sent a grounder down to "1" rated Whitey Lockman at first and I figured it was "lights out." But, Lockman booted the ball, putting runners on first and third. The Sox were still alive.

The tension had escalated to such a point that my heart started to pound like a jackhammer as Vern Stephens stepped to the plate. I picked up the tiny 7-millimeter dice, nervously shook them up in the small yellow shaker and let them go. They spun like a top, round and round, for what agonizingly seemed like an eternity. Finally the white one settled with a "2" showing and the two red ones added to "7". A big smile came across my face as I knew what that result was: "Home run 1-7, Double 8-20." So, I picked up the dice and let them fly with even more confidence. The split number picked was a "5."

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I let out a real loud shout, standing as I "saw" the small white ball soar higher and higher and finally over the left field wall. I "heard" the roar of the crowd and saw the base runners circling the bases. The noise level grew in intensity as Stephens neared the plate to be congratulated by his teammates and out of the corner of my eye I saw Wilhelm walking dejectedly back to the Giants' dugout, a loser.

I just sat down, taking it all in for about 10 minutes, as the crowd noise gradually played out. Then I completed the game totals. Final score: Boston 6, New York 5 - and a share of first place for the Sox.

What a classic finish! Even now I get goose bumps just thinking about it. But, that's what it's like to roll 'em slow - every game a stress test filled with big plays. Actually, they aren't all so dramatic - thank goodness - or I'd never survive the replay! Even so, I wouldn't have it any other way, as the ultimate joy is seeing it all unfold so realistically, while savoring the big moments, that you actually feel like you're in the stadium rather than at home sitting at a table.

How to pick PBM league

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list all your questions in the initial letter and try to get a copy of a recent newsletter. Most of your questions should probe what your duties will be: "Do I send out instructions for every series or does the league publish a league instruction booklet?"

"How much time is allowed to play my games? What is the consequence if I'm late?" All of these are relevant questions (except the last one might impart an image of your lateness, so I advise specifically avoiding it). If the league you've contacted doesn't have a league constitution, or rule book - beware! It's either disorganized or the commissioner dictates everything.

4. YOUR NEW HOBBY - Perhaps you're on a waiting list - many of the truly great PBM leagues demand this. But, don't despair, the wait could be very short (ask for estimated waiting period for the league you've applied for).

If you have joined a league (and newly formed ones will accept almost anyone until the teams are gone), you'll have new responsibilities to a group of fellow gamers. The major ones are:

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| A. Play your games on time. | C. Report statistics accurately. |
| B. Play your games honestly. | D. Trade wisely. |

Although these responsibilities are essentially identical from league to league, be well read in the rules of your new league. There are far too many intricacies to delve into here - all leagues are different so be familiar with those rules you have to abide by.

PBM leagues can be enjoyable and help you meet many lifelong friends. But, like an engine in an auto, all the parts must work in unison.

Select your league carefully, then uphold your duty as a PBM member honorably. You'll like it.

Federal League completes seventh

In case you're curious - and even if you're not - as to what's happening in the Federal League, the play-by-mail league that Smeby has been the main driving force in, the FL has completed seven seasons and is eagerly awaiting the start of an eighth.

The FL is 24 managers strong and apparently getting stronger year by year. A convention spiced the league's most recent season, plus Smeby, who had won two FL titles in the '70s, once again emerged as champion as

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his St. Louis Cardinals defeated Ken Flesher's Milwaukee Brewers in seven hard-fought games. "It was a rematch of the real-life World Series in 1982," notes Smeby, "except ironically less than one-third of the two teams' makeup was actually comprised of Cardinals or Brewers. Such is the fate of older PBM leagues."

Flesher's Brew Crew entered the playoffs with the FL's best record (106-56) and an attack force that slammed 277 home runs. Robin Yount, the American League's MVP, led the assault on rival pitching by belting 43 home runs, batting .342, driving in 129 runs and scoring 129 plus spraying a total of 242 hits. Add in Dave Winfield (51 HRs, 145 RBI), Gorman Thomas (36 HRs, 83 RBI) and Fred Lynn (29, 102) and it was easy to see why the Brewers busted up the offensive records in the FL.

St. Louis countered that with an offense featuring Gary Carter (39 HRs, 121), Doug DeCinces (33, 116), Al Oliver (.312, 25 HRs, 116 RBI) and Bill Buckner (.302) plus the best pitching staff in the league in Nolan Ryan (22-9, 2.89 ERA, 303 strikeouts in 302 innings), Fernando Valenzuela (22-10, 2.85, 201), Len Barker (20-10, 2.65, 202) and Mike Witt (19-9, 3.08).

Pitching won out in the Series as Ryan captured three games, tossing a one-hitter in the opener (4-0), being backed by a 25-hit attack in No. 4 (a 17-4 win) and then winning the decisive seventh game, 4-2, with an 8-hitter. Gary Roenicke's two-run homer in the second inning, his fourth roundtripper of the Series, was the big blow in the finale.

Incidentally, since both Smeby and Flesher live in Las Vegas, NV, the championship series was played face-to-face, a rarity for PBM leagues. The win by the Cards also marked only the second time an NL team had won the league championship. Smeby had only the fourth-best regular season record (99-63) among the 24 teams and was a modest 48-33 at home.

Individual awards went to Ryan and Mike Schmidt, of the Dodgers, who crashed 53 homers and knocked in 135 runs, with Ryan Cy Young Award winner and Schmidt the N.L.'s MVP. Over in the American, Yount was MVP and Mario Soto of Detroit was the pitching choice after fashioning a 24-8 record, 3.08 ERA and fanning 347 in 332 innings.

The Federal League now has gone the full-season route all seven seasons - a credit to Smeby, the league's organization man - and not only does it complete what it starts, but it finishes the playoffs and distributes final statistics before the real-life major leagues do every year.

Standings and leaders:

AL East	W	L	GB	Avg.	ERA
Milwaukee (Ken Flesher, Las Vegas, NV)	106	56	-	.282	3.41
Detroit (John Bell, Gibson City, IL)	104	58	2	.267	3.20
Baltimore (Steve Johnson, Lima, OH)	94	68	12	.282	3.38
New York (Bill Modelski, Allen Park, MI)	94	68	12	.265	3.53
Cleveland (Joe Smith, Gardner, MA)	65	97	41	.253	4.61
Boston (Randy Shavis, Richmond, VA)	52	110	54	.267	4.97
AL West					
Kansas City (Joe Austin, Bowie, MD)	89	73	-	.274	4.32
Minnesota (Michael Bunch, Riverhead, NY)	87	75	2	.272	4.31
Texas (Keith Adams, Milwaukee, WI)	78	84	11	.274	4.12
California (Kent Kennedy, Williston, ND)	76	86	13	.269	4.64
Oakland (Tom Fish, Chaska, MN)	66	96	23	.248	3.64
Chicago (Bill Evitt, Chicago, IL)	61	101	28	.249	4.40
NL East					
St. Louis (Kurt Smeby, Las Vegas, NV)	99	63	-	.282	3.23
Montreal (Jeff Weinke, Algonquin, IL)	84	78	15	.269	4.08
Chicago (Jeff Hammerlund, Elgin, IL)	84	78	15	.278	4.14
Philadelphia (Sky O'Callahan, L.Beach, CA)	83	79	16	.261	3.47
Pittsburgh (Tim Dugan, Astoria, OR)	72	90	27	.265	3.80
New York (Michael Mayko, Milford, CT)	59	103	40	.237	5.63
NL West					
Los Angeles (Gary Miller, Atlanta, GA)	103	59	-	.278	3.67

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San Francisco (Jim Ferguson, Beach Gard., FL)	88	74	15	.262	3.91
San Diego (Dave Kirby, Savannah, GA)	84	78	19	.270	4.30
Atlanta (Bob Holman, Lima, OH)	81	81	22	.264	3.86
Houston (Paul Schieck, Las Vegas, NV)	79	83	24	.269	4.15
Cincinnati (Keith Dermond, Norcross, GA)	56	106	47	.256	3.93

BA: Yount MIL (AL) .342
 2B: Lynn MIL (AL) 51
 3B: Yount MIL (AL) 18
 HR: Winfield MIL (AL) 51
 RBI: Winfield MIL (AL) 145
 GWH: Murray BAL (AL) 20
 SB: Wilson KC (AL) 69
 ERA: Armstrong KC (AL) 2.38
 W: Andujar DET (AL) 26
 L: Stieb BOS (AL) 24
 K: Soto DET (AL) 347
 SA: Gossage NY (AL) 28
 SH: Soto DET (AL) 7

Fireman: Vandenberg MIN (AL)

Carew PIT (NL) .366
 T.Kennedy CHI (NL) 52
 Moreno CIN (NL) 17
 Schmidt LA (NL) 53
 Schmidt LA (NL) 135
 Carter SL (NL) 21
 Henderson MONT (NL) 164
 Tekulve PIT (NL) 1.36
 Rogers LA (NL) 25
 B.Forsch PIT (NL) 22
 Ryan SL (NL) 303
 Caudill HOU (NL) 24
 Barker, SL; Ryan SL (NL) 6
 Caudill HOU (NL)

Playoffs:
 Montreal d.
 Chicago, 5-1
 LA d. Montreal
 4-1 in games
 St. Louis d.
 SF Giants, 4-2
 St. Louis d.
 LA, 4-3
 Detroit d.
 KC City, 4-1
 Milwaukee d.
 Minnesota,
 4-0
 Milwaukee d.
 Detroit, 4-2

What it's like married to S-O-M gamer

Editor's note: Lynn Hammerlund is the wife of Jeff Hammerlund, manager of the Chicago Cubs in the Federal League. In the following article she describes what it's like to be married to a fanatical table-gamer and sports enthusiast.

BY LYNN HAMMERLUND, Elgin, IL

I always enjoy reading the Federal League Newsletter (that is, if I can pry it from Jeff's hand when he is sleeping) when it arrives. But I have noticed a distinct lack of female authors. So I decided it was time that we FL wives had our say. This is also a semi-rebuttal to those who have been railing against Jeff (editor's note: Apparently Jeff had turned in an incorrect account of some games and thus Lynn's coming to his defense).

You may already be questioning my mentality, considering my choice for a lifelong partner. But let me tell you my baseball tastes are not that bad. I don't know as much as Jeff thinks he knows about baseball, but then I don't know anyone who does.

I have been an avid Chicago Cubs fan since birth. My father taught me to score the games at age eight. I do not switch the channel during the rain delays because I like the interviews and the old All-Star game films. I can recite, with no help, the formula for figuring a pitcher's ERA. I read the Sporting News every week and Bill James' Baseball Abstract every year. You may gather that I am no slouch when it comes to the national pastime.

Since Jeff is the NL president, I guess that makes me NL First Lady. While my husband lets me know what's going on in the league and wants my feedback, he ultimately makes the final decisions...so blame him, not me.

I also demand to know what is going on with OUR Cubs. I will have you know that I have veto power over any trades, so when he tells you he must "think about it," you know what is going on. I rarely exercise my power because I admire Jeff's chutzpah and insight in the trading market.

I really wonder if all the criticism of Jeff in the newsletter is based on the small mistakes he has made, or if it is because of all the success he has had.

One of the jobs of a Federal League wife is to be up on the stats of the players. I know when each of his starting pitchers is going for his

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Baltimore repeats Series conquest

It didn't last five games, it lasted six instead, but the end result was still the same - the Baltimore Orioles defeated the Cincinnati Reds in a replay of the 1970 World Series.

Baltimore's front line pitching and the booming bat of Frank Robinson did in the Red Machine. Jim Palmer won two games, the first and the fourth, while Boog Powell finished off the Reds with a two-run, eighth-inning homer that broke a 5-5 tie in game six and led to a 7-5 victory.

The Series opened like it wasn't going to last long as Baltimore, behind Palmer's seven-hit pitching, downed Cincinnati, 5-2, in the opener. Dave Johnson stroked a two-run homer and had three hits and the same number of RBI. An error by Tony Perez at third base (4-e37) opened the gates for four unearned runs in the eighth inning.

Game two was all Mike Cuellar as the crafty southpaw scattered eight hits and tossed a shutout, winning 3-0. Paul Blair doubled in Don Buford, who had tripled, with one run in the fifth inning and Robinson (Frank, that is) clouted a two-run homer in the eighth to clinch it.

Cincinnati rose up in game three and pulled out a 3-2 win as Jim McGlothlin hurled a three-hitter for 7 2/3 innings and got hitless relief help from Wayne Granger. Bernie Carbo drove in two runs and had three hits. The Reds also overcame three errors.

Baltimore again rode the big inning - a five-run bottom of the eighth - to victory, this time 6-2 in game four. Paul Blair's bases-loaded double drove in three runs and was the big blow. Wayne Simpson of Cincy had a two-hitter through seven innings.

Cincinnati's power, shackled through four games and held to one home run, exploded for four home runs in a 10-2 win in game five. Johnny Bench's three-run homer in six-run fifth inning highlighted charge. Lee May (No. 2), Perez and Bobby Tolan also had roundtrippers as the Reds pounded out 13 hits off Cuellar and two relievers. Gary Nolan got the win with relief support from Clay Carroll.

Baltimore ended the Series in the sixth game, with a 7-5 win, as Powell's two-run shot in the eighth was the decisive blow. Frank Robinson, who homered in three straight games, collected three hits to finish with 10 hits in 25 at-bats and with six RBI.

And that's the way it was in a replay of the 1970 World Series - only this time it was six games rather five.

Wife of S-O-M gamer speaks out

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real-life team. (isn't ESPN wonderful?) I am really enthusiastic when Sandberg goes 4-4, or when Righetti pitches a 2-hitter. I break the news gently when Leal or Sorenson give up 10 hits in 6.2 innings. I also giggle with delight when "Fatty" Valenzuela has the same rotten stats.

Before I married Jeff, I thought S-O-M stood for "sado-masochist," and now I know I am right. I have to put Jeff to bed after he has played too many games in a row. I know when he reaches that point by looking at his hands. If his fingers are smoking, if his back has become hunched, and if his eyes have shrunk to small slits, then it is time to put the game away (usually by force as he will always whine, "but hon, they're on a roll...three in a row!").

As for the phone bills...no comment! We made a deal, Jeff and I, I will not complain about the Federal League calls if he doesn't complain about my cooking.

Life as an FL wife is not easy, but it has its rewards. At least I'm not a typical baseball wife. Heaven forbid I should suffer the fate of Cindy Garvey and divorce my husband to go live with Marvin Hamlisch. There is only so much a First Lady can take.

Something old and new in 1970 set

There's something old and something new about the 1970 baseball card set recently released by the Strat-O-Matic Game Company.

The old, of course, is that the 1970 set has been released before. But it was in the basic side only. Now, 13 years later, out comes the advanced version, too, replete with righty-lefty batting and pitching, catcher's throwing ratings and the new e ratings on defense.

Remember, beginning with the 1971 set (real-life 1971), S-O-M produced the advanced game. So, 1970 was the last of the basic game cards only.

Since the 1970 set was the first of this year's "Big Three" to arrive at the Review - the others are, of course, the 1930 and 1983 real-life seasons - it's also the first to be reviewed.

There still are only five "AA" stealers and a cursory check of theft ratings indicated there were 20 "A" stealers, including such power hitters as Carl Yastrzemski and Reggie Jackson, who was at that time performing for Oakland, and eccentric owner Charles Finley.

PITCHING CARRIES BIRDS

Refreshing memories means pointing out that pitching-rich Baltimore captured the World Series that year, defeating Cincinnati in five games in real-life. Jim Palmer, who has a good card against lefties, and a pair of southpaws, Mike Cuellar and Dave McNally, combined to win 68 games. Cuellar was 24-8, McNally 24-9 and Palmer, the only one of the trio still active, posted a 20-10 record.

Defense was also an Oriole strong suit as Brooks Robinson was a "1 e18" at third base and Dave Johnson a "2 e8" at second. Frank Robinson and Boog Powell supplied the power, while Merv Rettenmund has a super card against southpaws, with home run chances on 1-5, 1-6, 1-7 [1-14]. Add in center fielder Paul Blair, a "1", and Baltimore doesn't have any major weakness.

Over in the National League, Cincinnati can send out a murderers row, too, in Johnny Bench, Tony Perez and Lee May. Only problem here is with the defense, with Perez (4 e37) having to play third if May is stationed at first base. Bench, who belted 45 home runs, is Babe Ruth and Roger Maris rolled into one against lefties, having homer chances on 1-5 (1-8 split), 2-8, 2-9, 2-10 and 3-7. That's 19.6 card chances - out of 108 - for collecting a home run.

Bench is a -4 catcher, plus plays four other positions, while Pete Rose is a "1" in right field with an e rating also of "1." Bernie Carbo has an action card, with 59 on-base card chances against righties, and Wayne Simpson doesn't give up a straight hit versus right-handed swing-ers.

A LOOK AT THE TEAMS

HOUSTON - Denis Menke plays all four infield positions (best rating: 28-3 e8) plus right field.

SAN DIEGO - Ollie Brown is a -4 throwing arm in right field...Nate Colbert, who hit 38 homers in real-life, batters lefties with home runs on 1-7, 1-8 and 1-9 [1-17].

ST. LOUIS - Richie Allen is consistent in long ball department, hom-ering versus lefties on 1-8, 1-9 and 3-5 [1-15] and vs. righties on 1-8, 1-9 and 3-5 [1-13]...Joe Torre (.325 average) has great card against southpaws with on-base chances on 1-5 through 1-10, 2-6, 3-5-7 and 3-9-10... Bob Gibson is stingy to hit, by righties especially, having hits on only 6-4, 6-5, 6-6 [1-8] and a walk on 6-9.

MONTREAL - Bob Bailey, who hit 28 homers in only 352 at-bats, blasts 'em out vs. lefties on 2-5, 2-6 [1-16] and 3-6...Rusty Staub is a -4 in right field.

LOS ANGELES - Willie Crawford doesn't have a hit chance vs. lefties
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although batting 299 times...Don Sutton, who served up 38 homers in real-life, gives 'em up on 6-5, 6-6 (1-7) against right-handed batters...Bill Russell, ironically, is a "4" in both right and left field, but the position he later plays, shortstop, he's rated a 4 e-48.

CHICAGO CUBS - Ken Holtzman gives up 30 homers in real-life but only serves 'em up to righties in S-O-M (6-4, 6-5 (1-6))...Fergie Jenkins has good card both ways, having 17 hit chances vs. lefties and 16 vs. righties.

SAN FRANCISCO - Ron Hunt, who uses his body more than his bat as far as getting hit, has hit-by-pitch chances on 1-7, 1-8 and 2-5 vs. lefties, 1-6, 1-7 and 2-5 vs. righties...Dick Dietz has 38 walk card chances vs. lefties and 27 on the basic card side...Bobby Bonds is a -4 in right field...Wile Mays, although starting to slow down, is still a -3 in center (2 e10) plus has home run chances vs. righties on 1-8, 1-9...Willie McCovey is the big boomer, however, as against righties he rips 'em on 2-8, 2-9, 2-10 and 3-7 (1-4).

PHILADELPHIA - Larry Bowa is an e16 at short, the best of the starters at the all-important defensive position.

ATLANTA - Rico Carty, a .366 swinger, has a super card...Phil Niekro, who gave up 40 homers, is tagged for the long ball by righties on 4-8 (1), 4-9 and 4-10...Hank Aaron's longest blasts are against righties (1-8, 1-9 and 3-5 (1-17)).

NEW YORK METS - Donn Clendenon hit 22 homers in only 396 at-bats and his card reflects the power vs. lefties on 2-5, 2-6 and 3-6...Nolan Ryan has a typical Ryan card, with 32 walk chances vs. lefties and 33 strikeout chances vs. righties...Jerry Grote is a -3 catcher and Tommie Agee a -3 throwing in center field.

PITTSBURGH - Roberto Clemente has an awesome card all-around, batting .352 with -5 and RF-1 defensive ratings...Manny Sanguillen, another spray hitter, strokes hits against southpaws for 40.6 card chances (out of 108)...And "Pops," Willie Stargell, 31 homers in 474 at-bats, hits 'em vs. righties on 2-2, 2-3, 2-4 and 3-7 (1-17).

CALIFORNIA - Andy Messersmith doesn't give up a straight vs. lefty swingers, having only split number chances on 1-9 and 1-10...Alex Johnson has a great bat (.329), but is a liability in the field (LF-4 e13 +2).

WASHINGTON - Giant Frank Howard has a man-mountain home run card against righties with homers on 1-5, 1-6, 1-7 (1-11)...Tim Lullen has one of better e ratings for a second baseman (e6).

MINNESOTA - Southpaw reliever Tom Hall doesn't give up a hit vs. lefties...Twins have excellent relief corps...Rod Carew (.366) only batted 191 times and is an extra...Harmon Killebrew clubbed 41 homers and has great card vs. righties (1-8, 1-9, 3-5 (1-16)).

DETROIT - Mickey Stanley is a CF-1 e0 -2 while Bill Freehan is all 2s - C-2 e2 -2 T 1-2...Denny McLain, who was so great in 1968, gets shelved for 19 home runs in only 91 innings (vs. lefties: 4-8 (1-12), 6-5, 6-6)...Al Kaline has a walk-, action-filled card.

NEW YORK YANKS - Thurman Munson is one of few bright spots with a -4 throwing rating as a catcher.

KANSAS CITY - Strikeout whiz Bob Johnson has 53 "K" chances vs. RHB.

CLEVELAND - Duke Sims (23 HRs in 345 at-bats) hits 'em vs. RHP on 1-9 (1-14), 3-5, 3-6)...Chuck Hinton plays six positions, including catcher, and is rated "4" at all except RF-3...Sam McDowell has 41 strikeout chances vs. LHB.

BOSTON - Carl Yastrzemski has great power card (HRs vs. RHP on 1-5, 1-6, 1-7 (1-10) and is "1" in LF and -3. But he's also an e-16...Tony Conigliaro provides ample power, too, with homers on 2-8, 2-9, 2-10 and 3-7 (1-6) vs. southpaws for a total of 13.8 home run card chances...Reggie Smith is rated a -4 in center field and Rico Petrocelli is an e8 at third.

OAKLAND - Sal Bando, 118 walks in real-life, has 39 card walk chances vs. lefties...Reggie Jackson is a -4 in right field and Rick Monday has an unusual straight triple on 2-5 vs. righties.

CHICAGO - Bill Melton has home run chances on 1-9 (1-15), 3-5, 3-6 vs. southpaws...Ed Hermann hits 'em out on 2-8 (1-16), 2-9, 2-10 vs. RHP.

MILWAUKEE - Danny Walton has 42 K chances vs. RHP; 45 on basic card.

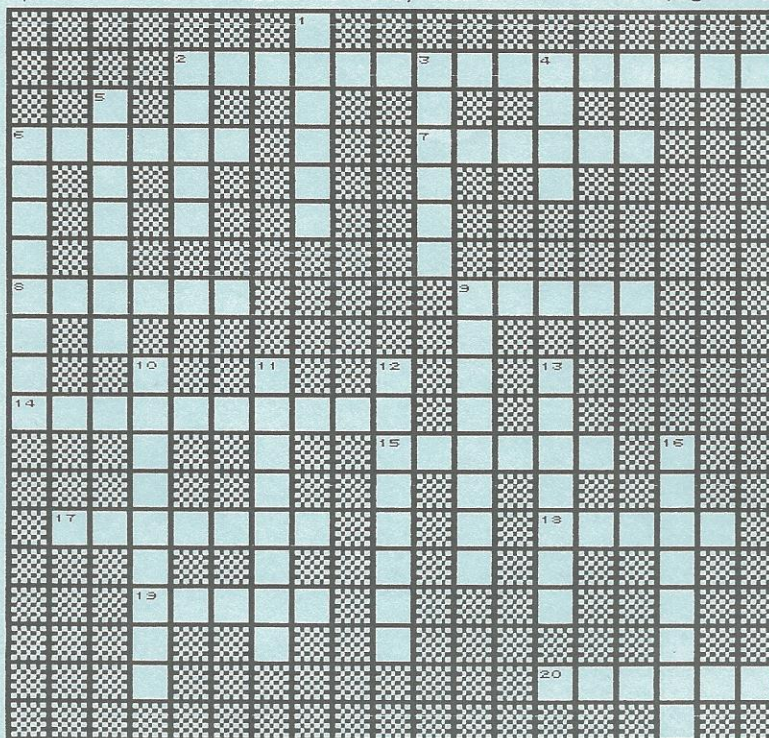
Here's S-O-M Crossword III

This is the age of sequels in movies and books. So why not sequels in Strat-O-Matic, or, more precisely, S-O-M crossword puzzles?

Dave Corbett, the 19-year-old gamer from Waltham, MA who attends Bentley College, is, in other words, back with his third crossword puzzle devoted to Strat-O-Matic games.

His first Crossword pertained to all of S-O-M's games. The second, which appeared in the Dec., 1983 Review, was all about football. Now comes basketball.

First there was Rocky, then Rocky II and now Rocky III. And now we present Crossword Puzzle Part III, too. (Answers are on page 23)



ACROSS CLUES

2. DRIVE TO THE BASKET (2WORDS)
6. WARRIOR WHO STEALS 21-33
7. SCORES A 3-POINTER 2-7,12
8. POST-UP
9. SUN'S DAZZLING CENTER
14. TEAM WITH A DAZZLING BACKCOURT
15. 2-10 FOUL SHOOTER
17. CONTROL A MISSED SHOT
18. HIS INSIDE SHOT CANNOT BE BLOCKED
19. JAZZ SHOT BLOCKER
20. FOOREST FOUL SHOOTER

DOWN CLUES

1. RESET OFFENSE
2. FORCE TURNOVERS
3. PLAYMAKER'S STATISTIC
4. UNGUARDED SHOT
5. FINE PASSING FORWARD
6. VERSATILE CLIPPER
9. CLIPPER CENTER CAN SCORE A 3-POINTER 2-4
10. A STEAL MAY RESULT IN THIS TYPE OF SHOT
11. A '61' DEFENSIVE REBOUNDER AT RF
12. HAS BUILT IN ADVANTAGE (2WORDS)
13. MOST COMMON LAST NAME IN NBA
16. GAME STARTER (2WORDS)

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WANTED: I need the address for Wrigley Field. I would also like any rosters from any Cubs teams pre-1981. Finally, I also have teams for sale from various seasons. Send a SASE for a reply. Send to: Chris Sinatra, 600 Adele Lane, Gretna, LA 70053

Editor's note: Address for Wrigley Field is: Clark S Addison, Chicago, IL 60613.

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FOR SALE: Will take first reasonable offer for following. Quality varies greatly from card to card, but most are in good or better condition. 1971 Baltimore (20 players), Calif. (17), Cubs

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FOR SALE: 1969 football season, complete set, some writing on cards, otherwise excellent shape, \$65; 1971 football (missing LA) in excellent condition, \$55; 1972 football, complete, excellent condition, \$58; 1967 football

teams, Chicago, Dallas, LA, \$4 each. 1970 baseball season (missing Boston, Minn., Atlanta) with extras, \$30; 1972 baseball, Mil., SF, Montreal; 1974 baseball, Mil., Boston, White Sox, Minn., Texas, Det., Cleve., California, Houston, Mets, Mont., Phil., Atlanta, SF; 1975 baseball, Detroit, California, Minn., A's, White Sox, San Diego, Texas, KC, Balt.; 1977 baseball, Yanks, Texas, Balt., California, A's, White Sox, Detroit, Mil., Mets, Mont., San Diego, Atlanta, St. Louis, SF; 1978 baseball, LA, Atlanta, Cincy, SF; 1979 baseball, Balt., A's, Boston, Toronto, Minn., San Diego, LA, Phil., Seattle, White Sox, Cleve., Houston, Texas, Cincy. All single baseball teams \$2.50 each or 5 for \$10. 900 miscellaneous baseball players from 1968-1980, most in excellent condition, \$9. 100 misc. basketball players in excellent condition, \$2. 9 old-timer teams plus Hall of Fame set, \$6. Complete set of reprint baseball teams, \$7. Items sold on first-come basis. Add 10% to all orders under \$10. All orders over \$10 postpaid. Bill Salter, 22001 Inkster Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48024 (313-474-5328)

FOR SALE: Baseball, 1976, 1977 cards with extras, 1979 cards without extras. Send bids to: Humberto A. Velasquez, 345 North 500 N. #7, Provo, UT 84601. All replies will be answered.

FOR SALE: 1981 baseball with all game parts, \$20. 1980-81 hockey with all game parts, \$17.50. Both in very good condition and postage paid. Write to: Scott Mansur, 55 Reservoir Ave., Meriden, CT 06450

FOR SALE: Final clearance sale - best offer. Football - 1971 Bears, Oilers; '70 Oakland, Giants, Clev., Minn., Redskins, SF, Bears, Lions; '73 Wash., Houston, Bills, San Diego, SF, Cincy, Green Bay, Atl., New Orleans, Det., New England, St. Louis, Cleve., Jets, Cowboys, KC, Giants, Bears, Denver; '72 KC, Bills, Rams, Oilers, San Diego, NY, Bears; '69 Oakland (2), KC, Bears, Packers, Giants, Cleve., Dallas, Minn.; '68 Oakland (2), Giants, Cleve., Bears; '67 Oakland (2), (continued)

Miami, Wash., Oilers, NY, Dallas;
'76 Oakland. Baseball - 1968
Pitt., Cincy, Twins, Angels, White
Sox, A's, 2 Wash. cards, 2 Detroit
cards, some of expansion teams,
Red Sox, Reds, Houston, Mets,
Atlanta, SF, Cubs; '64 White
Sox and '62 Giants; '65 Mets,
Detroit; '72 all except Yanks,
Red Sox; '70 Cards; '67 Twins (17),
LA, Pittsburgh; '66 Cleve.,
Cards, Reds; '73 A.L. and extra
players (except Yanks); '69 SF,
Seattle, Atlanta, Minn., KC,
LA; '75 extra players, N.L.;
'76 all except Yanks; '78 all
except Yanks; '71 all except
Yanks, Seattle; '82 all; '81 all,
extra players included. Basket-
ball - First three years.
Robin White, 9542 28th Bay St.
#4, Norfolk, VA 23518. Most
teams good to excellent.

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1975, '76,
'77, '78, '79, '80. All complete
sets with extra players. Will
not sell individual teams. All
cards in good condition. Also
'71 Yankees and '74 Oakland.
Football - 1975 set. Missing
Dallas offensive and defensive
rating card. Will sell as a set
or individual teams. Send bids
and SASE to: Bob Currier, 100
East Main St., HCC Apts. #29,
Mohawk, NY 13407

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1972
Reds, Orioles, Pirates, A's,
Giants. Complete sets for 1973
through 1978, all with extras
except 1973, 1975. Basketball -
Complete sets 1972-73 through
1974-75 plus '77-78. Also,
1976-77 Suns, Cavaliers, 76ers,
Bulls, Lakers, Bullets, Nuggets,
Trailblazers, Spurs, Knicks.
Football - 1972 Vikings, Raid-
ers, Steelers, Dolphins, Cow-
boys, Packers, Chiefs, Redskins.
Also, complete sets 1973 through
1978. Hockey - 1977-78 plus
game in mint condition. All
cards in good condition. Send
offers to: Steve Shuster, 1001
Trent Ct., Lindenwood, NJ 08021.
Also have S-O-M Reviews back
through Oct., 1974-June, 1976
and Sept., 1978-August, 1980.

FOR SALE: 1956 and 1961 Base-
ball Replay Guides. Includes
complete schedules and list of
all player transactions, monthly

standings and the dimensions of
all stadiums then in use. Also,
for each batter runs scored, RBI,
stolen bases, pinch-hitting at-
bats, hits and games played by
position. For pitchers, games,
games started, complete games,
shutouts, saves. Also, included
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record, at-bats, hits, home runs
and batting average. Send \$5 for
one season or \$9 for both. Also,
for sale complete set of 1977
baseball cards with extra players.
Also, 1974 Dodgers, Pirates; 1968
Mets, Red Sox, Yankees, Dodgers,
A's, Orioles; 1967 Reds, Pirates,
Angels; 1966 Pirates, White Sox;
1965 Twins (original). The 1974
teams are without extra players.
All teams are in excellent condi-
tion. Send bids to: Robert Hell-
strom, 717 Neurra Gorda, Culver,
IN 46511

FOR SALE: Football - 1967, 1972.
1967 individual teams, \$5 each:
Buffalo, Miami, Boston, Cleveland,
Pittsburgh, Kansas City, Denver,
Dallas, NY Giants, Philadelphia,
St. Louis, Washington, Chicago,
Detroit, Minnesota, Los Angeles,
Atlanta, San Francisco, New Orleans.
1972 complete set - \$60 or individ-
ual teams for \$4. Call: James
Klein at 319-354-7296, or write:
1545 Aber Ave. #3, Iowa City, IA
52240

FOR SALE: Baseball teams, \$1 each
except where noted; with extras.
1980 AL except Royals, Yankees, NL
except Phillies, Astros, Dodgers;
1981 AL except Yankees, Brewers,
A's, Royals, NL except Dodgers,
Reds, Astros, Expos, Phillies,
Cardinals; 1982 AL except Brewers,
Angels, NL except Cardinals, Braves.
Without extras: 1979 Expos; Old-
timer: 1962 Mets; 60% reprints:
1962 Angels; 1964 White Sox, Reds,
Phillies; 1965 Indians, Giants;
1966 Pirates; '67 White Sox; '69
Expos, Cubs, Pilots; '72 Astros;
'74 Rangers. Originals, no extras:
1971 NL except Pirates, Giants, \$2
each. All teams in good to excell-
ent condition. Send money order to:
Vincent Paterno, 4110 Buchanan
Hall, Iowa State University, Ames,
IA 50013 (515-294-3504). Add \$1
per order for postage and handling.

FOR SALE: 1972 baseball, no extras,

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fair to average condition. Minnesota missing Blyleven. \$4 per team. 1979 baseball with extras, excellent condition, \$2.50 per team. 1980 baseball with extras and random pitching cards, excellent-mint condition, \$2 per team. 1977-78 hockey, St. Louis and Minnesota, good condition, \$1.50 per team. 1978-79 hockey, all teams, good condition, \$1.50 per team. 1979-80 hockey, all teams and extras, good condition, \$1.50 per team. All items postpaid. Ernie Signer, 10959 Elton St. SW, Navarre, OH 44662 (216-879-2090)

WANTED: 1979-1989 baseball extra players sets; 1980 Expos. Football - 1968 Jets; 1972 Dolphins; 1973 Vikings; 1976 Raiders; 1978, '80 Oilers. Please send information on condition also. William Guesholtz, P.O. Box 364, Harrison, NY 10528

For Trade

FOR TRADE: [or sale] Complete 1981-82 and '82-83 season basketball cards; excellent condition. Want baseball game with 1956 cards, in excellent condition, or Macmillan's Baseball Encyclopedia, 5th edition. Phil Grabar, P.O. Box 176, Burgess, VA 22432

League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: Looking for managers for a face-to-face baseball league in the St. Louis area. Players drafted from the newest set of cards. Write or call: Darryl Hudson, 7021 Dover Court, University City, MO 63130 (314-725-3813)

LEAGUE FORMING: National League summer PBM super-advanced league entering its 7th season has openings for 4 new managers. Some AL cards used when traded from NL to AL. Players are retained until traded. No fancy newsletters and not very many rules or regulations to follow. Just an informal, casual-type league. Players and draft picks traded.

We draft when cards come out. AL winter league, same type league, needs backups. Write: Thomas Angel, P.O. Box 55, Astor, FL 32002

LEAGUE FORMING: Now is your chance to join an established play-by-mail baseball league entering its 5th season. The Mid-Atlantic Table Sports Association (MATSA) is a continuous 10-team National League draft league. We play a comfortable 126-game schedule from April through August, and we need new managers for the upcoming 1984 season. For more details, send qualifications to: Ed Grant, 1 Chatfield Drive, Apt. 28, Stone Mountain, GA 30083

LEAGUE FORMING: Looking to start a face-to-face draft advanced baseball league in the New Jersey-New York area. Participants should be from Rockland, Westchester and Bergen counties, though all are welcome. Transportation a must as the league will meet once or twice a month, rotating among each member's house. If interested, contact: Mitch Singer, 170 Tree-top Circle, Nanuet, NY 10954 (914-425-2597). Responsible managers only, please.

LEAGUE FORMING: LBOESOML needs managers for Cardinals, Expos, Mets, Rangers, Indians, Twins. No fees. 60-game schedule. Write for details and state preferred teams: Mark Guerra, 1125 Bell Avenue, Yeadon, PA 19050. LBOESOML will be entering its eighth season in April.

LEAGUE FORMING: Reliable managers wanted for face-to-face advanced baseball draft league in Lansing, MI, area. We are beginning our fifth 162-game season in March. For more information, phone or write: Dave Beadle, 12798 Crescent Dr., Grand Ledge, MI 48837 (627-86-90)

LEAGUE FORMING: Anyone in the Indianapolis, IN, area play the football game? If you are interested in playing a challenging opponent in a very structured league with complete statistics, write or call: Jim Gale, 6115 Westlake South Dr., Apt. C, Indianapolis, IN 46224 (317-244-2672)

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LEAGUE FORMING: A few spaces are now available for Queens-Nassau based face-to-face baseball league. In our sixth year we are looking for reliable managers to partake in an April to September season, which features an open draft and top-notch competition. If you feel you measure up and wish further details, contact: Bob (212-441-3175)

LEAGUE FORMING: The Top Rankin' Baseball League seeks 10 or more managers to guide one or two teams each in the NL and AL. All teams available. Specify 12 teams in each league in order of preference. Managers who prefer to lead only one team should specify preferred league. 1983 replay begins April 7. TRBL is a straight league using all advanced rules; no trades allowed; 24-man rosters. Mostly PBM, but FTF available in Houston and Los Angeles. Honesty is only requirement. Lenient penalties for tardiness. Backup managers also needed; fee refunded. Applicants under 19 years of age please state SOM experience. \$2 reserves a spot in league, which includes PBM package, great for beginners. Cash, check or US postage stamps okay. \$2.50 if Canadian cash; \$250 if Mexican pesos. For PBM package only, send \$1. Steve Bailey, 3223 Ripplebrook, Houston, TX 77045

LEAGUE FORMING: DELCA, a 12-team draft AL PBM league, plays 162 games using advanced rules and is looking for managers to take over existing franchises for its 6th season. For information, write or call: Gordon Willett, 13801-A Sinepuxent Ave., Ocean City, MD 21842 (301-524-0965)

LEAGUE FORMING: Two established draft baseball leagues - ATL, beginning 4th year and NTL, beginning 9th year - looking for managers in the Houston area for backup or possible immediate management of team. Contact: John Blomstrom, 4931 Whispering Falls, Houston, TX 77084 (713-463-8418)

LEAGUE FORMING: A super summer baseball league using the advanced 1983 cards. Unique league will feature 9 teams and will incorporate free agency and payroll into its 124-game schedule. Play set to begin in April and end in August. Now accepting applications for franchise and backup managers. This league will be well organized by an experienced commissioner and provides an excellent supplement to other summer leagues and activities. Interested serious gamers over 18 should call: Rick Matson (at 217-446-0557)

LEAGUE FORMING: PBM basketball, draft league, '82-'83 cards, advanced version, weekly statistics. Send top 32 at positions of power forward, small forward, center, point guard, shooting guard and top 16 "normal" defenses. Send positions for 10 rounds (2 at each position): i.e. 1. power forward, 2. center, 3. point guard, etc. Draft order drawn per round. Round-by-round draft results sent out. Contact: Joe Hornback, 121 West 8th #5, Davenport, IA 52803

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 OH rule is used and player usage is strictly limited. Most of the teams use S-O-M. The AGOL is entering its 8th year. We have no openings for managers now, but would like to have backups. Contact: Gary Lyndaker, 1728-2 S. Elpyco, Wichita, KS 67218 (316-682-4142)

LEAGUE FORMING: Attention all would-be managers living in or around the Toronto, Ontario area. I am interested in forming a face-to-face baseball league starting around May or June and running until the end of the summer. At this point a draft league seems to be our intention, but we are open to all ideas. If interested, please call or write to: Chuck VanDenCorput, 249 Cedarbrae Ave. Townhouse 19, Waterloo, Ontario N2L 4S8 (519-886-4022)

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LEAGUE FORMING: DECADE is looking for experienced managers as back-up for 1974 actual teams replay (National League). Definite position available for American League replay to be completed next. DECADE is an established league with actual schedule; no trading. A maximum of manageability at a minimum expense. Very skilled managers create extremely competitive and fun atmosphere. Excellent statistics and newsletters. Send resume to: Sky O'Callahan, 2526 E. 8th St., Long Beach, CA 90804

LEAGUE FORMING: The American Draft Association is looking for one manager to fill recently vacated managerial position for the current season. We also need backup managers. This is a PBM league starting its 9th season. We use the basic side, 152-game schedule plus playoffs, some advanced rules/ratings used, 22 players retained each year, drafting, trading, regular newsletters, 10-team league. Requirements: \$8, commitment to timeliness, accurate stats. If interested, write or call: Hob Fisher, 190 S. Locust Point Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055 (717-766-8449; after 5:30 p.m. weekdays, anytime weekends. Leave message if necessary; I'll call you)

LEAGUE FORMING: TASOMBA (PBM baseball league) seeks experienced managers. We are well established (5 years) and use all advanced rules. TASOMBA is draft-based and consists of separate National and American leagues. The American League runs in the winter; the National League in the summer. The dues are reasonable and cover monthly newsletters, yearbook, etc. Contact: Gerard Coyne, 39 Thurston St., Somerville, MA 02145 (617-625-5356)

LEAGUE FORMING: Baseball fanatics only! TASOMBA is starting two new leagues (NL/AL) with teams based on a combination of stock teams and their minor league systems. Players will be kept from year to year and the annual draft will consist of all players drafted in the last

amateur draft as well as free agents cut by other teams and unprotected minor leaguers. Your organization will be a combination of major/minor leaguers, with a yearly cut down to 50 before the draft. National League will run in winter; American in the summer. All major league teams will be used and we shall go by the actual schedules. Reasonable dues, monthly newsletters, etc. Chance for all armchair managers to build an organization, not just a team. Good stock teams still available. Contact: Gerard Coyne, 39 Thurston St., Somerville, MA 02145 (617-625-5356)

LEAGUE FORMING: The VWBL, a successful second-year, face-to-face baseball league in the Roanoke Valley, Virginia area, is considering expansion. Interested parties should list all S-D-M gaming experience, name, address and phone and send to: Joey Philpott, 4353-E Garst Mill Road, Roanoke, VA 24018

LEAGUE FORMING: If you want a good reliable baseball league starting this summer, Tradewater II is for you. American and National league positions available. Advanced, draft league with trades using 1984 cards. For information, call or write: Dean Monson, 3540 W. 4700 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84118 (801-968-5390)

LEAGUE FORMING: Advanced PBM baseball league needs backup managers. Some immediate openings possible. Draft imminent; reply quickly. Carl Kieke, 118 Orange #2, Abilene, TX 79601 (915-673-3552; call anytime). League stresses realism.

LEAGUE FORMING: Established face-to-face baseball league looking for individuals to manage existing franchises in Greater Dayton/Cincinnati area. Positions must be filled ASAP to allow for our annual re-entry draft of existing talent. About 20 players get carried over from year to year, an average of 5 to 7 per team can be released and replaced each year. If interested, mail name, address, phone to: Steve Mellor, P.O. Box 368, Dayton, OH 45404. I will send

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you more information and current rosters.

LEAGUE FORMING: Established face-to-face baseball draft league, looking for managers. Based in Queens, Bronx, Long Island area of New York. Anthony Abilo, 869 Vincent Ave., Bronx, NY 10465 (212-828-1110)

LEAGUE FORMING: The NASOMBL is looking for backup managers for the 1984 season. We have recently completed our second full season and are expanding from 12 to 16 teams this year. We use all 26 teams and allow drafting of minor league prospects. We have a 30-page constitution and trophies for division winners and World Series champ. Individual leaders (HR, BA, RBI, SB, ERA, Wins, K, etc.) also receive cash awards, maintaining interest to season's end. If you would like to be part of this league, or find out more, send your name, address and S-O-M experience to: Richard Fox, 2820 S. 29th Court, LaCrosse, WI 54601

Contests

CONTEST: I'm interested in getting together a tournament for the last weekend in May. This would be in the Chicago area for advanced baseball. Football and hockey may also be played if participants can be found. Date is not firm. Call 7-9 p.m., Chicago time, or write if interested: Larry Braus, 612 W. Demester #1A, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056 (312-439-3261)

MVP contest opens

There won't be any big money involved - just the cost of a 20¢ stamp, really - but the reward, or payoff, will once again be a set of the new baseball cards, plus extra players.

The offer, of course, is to join with other Review subscribers and enter this magazine's annual baseball Most Valuable Player Contest.

To enter, simply list your choices for MVP in the American and National leagues. And, in case a tiebreaker is needed, as is frequently the case, please also list the division winners and the percentage for each.

The winner of last year's contest was Brian Rice of Muskegon, MI, who was one of 21 folks who picked one of the MVPs correctly. Rice was also one of two gamers who picked three of four division winners right. And, in the last criteria, percentages, he edged out Rick Richardson of Delphos, OH, for the new set of baseball cards.

But now everyone is starting anew.

Remember, you must be a subscriber to the Review to enter, only one entry per contest is permitted and the entry must be postmarked no later than May 10.

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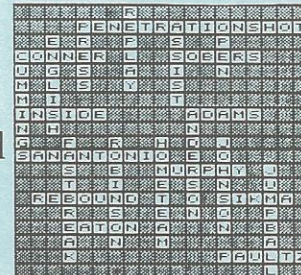
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Here's past-season football teams ballot

Here are the top 10 pro football teams from the past [1967 through 1981 real-life seasons] that I would like Strat-O-Matic to reproduce. The six old-timer pro football are also included.

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