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### Happy days are here again

New baseball cards plus '69 season have arrived

BY JEFF GREEN, Kalamazoo, MI

When first looking at the new Strat-O-Matic Baseball cards this year, you notice, among many things, the deterioration of infield defense in the National League. There are a lot of outstanding cards, like Dwight Gooden's, Dale Murphy, etc., but for those managers in draft leagues the lack of "Big D" is certain to be a concern.

There are only single rated 1's at first base, second base and shortstop and none at third base in the N.L. Compare this with the American League where there are three 1's at first, two at second, two at shortstop and one at third base.

It is interesting to look at shortstop, especially in the N.L. where there are only two 2's while in the A.L. there are eight. So, if you are looking for a decent fielding shortstop in an A.L. draft league this year the position is well fortified - but in the N.L. it's a disaster area.

#### 1984: YEAR OF THE TIGER

The story of last baseball season was the Detroit Tigers and when you look at the cards you can see how they did it. Once again Detroit has 1's up the middle in catcher Lance Parrish, second baseman Lou Whitaker, shortstop Alan Trammell and center fielder Chet Lemon.

Detroit also has a well-balanced offense, topped by Trammell and Kirk Gibson, and great relief pitching by Willie Hernandez, who has only 16 on-base chances by right-handed batters and eight versus left-handed batters against him.

As for the rest, let's highlight the hitters first.

Boston, as one might expect, is awesome. Tony Armas has 14 home  
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run chances vs. righties while only three vs. lefties. Dwight Evans just might have the best card in the set as he is a 1 in RF, -5 arm, e2, while he is a 64 to get on vs. lefties and 45 vs. righties, enhanced by a 1-8 and partial 1-9 HR both ways.

Mike Easler is a 51 against righties, with a 3-6 and partial 2-5 HR, while Wade Boggs has 50 on-base chances vs. righties.

The two frontrunners for the A.L. batting crown, Don Mattingly and Dave Winfield, are great. Mattingly is a 1 at first base, with 46 chances vs. lefties and 44 vs. righties (OB), while Winfield is a 48 vs. lefties and 49 vs. righties while being a 1 in left and right fields.

For Baltimore, Cal Ripken is a 1 at shortstop while being a 46 both ways with a 3-6 HR and partial 2-5. Eddie Murray is a 50 to get on vs. RHPs with a 1-5 and 1-6 (1-15) HR chances.

Toronto has a balanced attack led by George Bell, Cliff Johnson, Dave Collins, Willie Upshaw, Lloyd Moseby and Jesse Barfield. While none has a great card, all have good ones.

Kent Hrbek is a 45 vs. lefties with 1-5 and 1-6 (1-18) HR shots. And against RHPs he is a 44 with almost the same HR chances.

Rickey Henderson has his typical card as he is 47 vs. lefties and 55 vs. righties to get on while being an AA stealer and a 1 in left field.

Buddy Bell, in addition to being a 1 at third base, has 53 on-base chances vs. lefties and 45 vs. righties. And Ken Phelps, while not a household name, has 14 home run chances vs. righties as he hit 24 HRs in only 290 at-bats.

#### GWYNN HAS GLITTERING CARD

In the National League, Tony Gwynn of San Diego is a 1 in right field plus has 47 on-base chances vs. lefties and 53 vs. righties.

Dale Murphy of Atlanta has 1-5, 1-6 and 1-7 HR shots vs. lefties and against righties he has a 1-5 and 1-6 (1-14) chance. He is also a 1 in center fielder with a -3 arm.

While Jack Clark only batted 203 times in an injury-plagued season, he has a great card with 64 on-base chances and 1-5, 1-6 and partial 1-7 (1-4) HR chances vs. lefties. Against RHPs, he has 55 on-base chances.

As was seen in last month's Review, Ryne Sandberg has a great card. Also for the Cubs, Gary Matthews is tough, being a 51 vs. lefties and 59 vs. righties, although he again has problems in the field, being rated a 4 in left with an e14.

Keith Hernandez of the Mets has a card that reflects his coming in second in the MVP balloting. He is a 1 at first base, with 49 on-base chances vs. lefties and 54 vs. righties.

#### SCHMIDT'S POWER SUPPLY NEVER-ENDING

Year after year, Mike Schmidt, it is thought by many, has the most consistent cards. And this year is no exception. For those lucky enough to have him on their team, he has nine HR chances vs. LHPs and 11 vs. RHPs. He did drop to a 2 at third base this year, however.

Gary Carter has the best card for a catcher in either league as he has a 1-5 and partial 1-6 HR shots both ways, while being a 51 vs. LHPs and 42 vs. RHPs. He also has a -2 arm.

#### GOODEN'S CARD IS GOLDEN

Among the starting pitchers the best card, of course, belongs to Dwight Gooden, who was also featured in last month's Review. He's a (continued on next page)



"franchise" draft acquisition for the lucky manager who has rights to the teen-age whiz.

Among the others are Alejandro Pena, Mario Soto, Rick Sutcliffe, Joaquin Andujar, John Denny, Rick Rhoden, Orel Hershisier, Mike Boddicker, Bert Blyleven, Dave Stieb, Frank Viola and Bud Black.

The best of the firemen, besides Hernandez, are Bruce Sutter, Dan Quisenberry, Goose Gossage, Jesse Orosco, Dave Righetti and Bill Caudill.

#### BEST OF THE ROOKIES...

When drafting for rookies, snatch up the likes of Alvin Davis, Mark Langston, Roger Clemens, Mike Young, Tony Fernandez, Bret Saberhagen, Kirby Puckett, Marty Barrett, Tim Lincecum, Gary Pettis, Mike Mason, Phil Bradley, Terry Pendleton, Jeff Stone, Eric Davis, Ron Darling, Juan Samuel, Dan Gladden, Gerald Perry and Jay Tibbs as quickly as possible.

Of course, Gooden and Hershisier are at the top of your rookie draft list.

All in all it is a very interesting card set and should keep S-O-M managers entertained all spring, summer and fall.

**Editor's note:** Jeff Green is a member of the GKSM (Greater Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League), of which Review co-editors Warren and Del Newell are also members in good standing, plus he's also a highly successful manager in a play-by-mail league. He's a student of the cards, like so many, and his 61.7 percent won-and-lost mark in the GKSM's American League is the longtime league's current highest.

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#### May 10 is again deadline for entries

### Review's MVP Contest begins

Okay gamers, take a long look into your baseball crystal balls. It's time again for the Review's Most Valuable Player Contest to begin. No money on your part - just some 'expert' predictions for the upcoming baseball season.

To enter just send in to the Review (P.O. Box 27, Otsego, MI 49078) your choices for MVPs in the American and National League, plus also list the division winners (and their percentages). Ties will be broken on the basis of division winners/percentages.

Last year, Jonathan Lewis of Benton Harbor, MI, won the MVP Contest by picking Ryne Sandberg of the Chicago Cubs in the N.L. No one got Willie Hernandez of Detroit in the A.L. and Lewis, in fact, was the lone gamer to select Sandberg in the N.L.

But a new season is at hand and everyone is created equal again. To enter the contest, you must be a Review subscriber. Only one entry per subscriber is permitted and entries are to be postmarked no later than May 10.

This will be the 14th year of the MVP Contest and only once during that time span - 1977 and 1978 - has one gamer won more than once. The two-time winner was Terry Ringen of Beattie, KS.

Other winners have come from California, Ontario in Canada, Utah, New York state, Pennsylvania and Florida. Four times the winner has come from Michigan.

Turn to the back page of the Review for an entry blank for the 1985 Strat-O-Matic Review's Most Valuable Player Contest.

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# 'StatsMaster I' is now available for baseball 4 How to figure stats via computer

If you have a computer and are looking for a method (program) to keep baseball statistics with it, **StatsMaster I** may be just what you're looking for.

The program, designed for baseball or softball stat-keeping, at Little League through Major League levels, is put out by TNA Software, 1266 White Oaks Drive, Suite 101, Campbell, CA 95008. It sells for \$39.95 plus \$2 for shipping and taxes.

So much for those numbers. The real numbers are those you can obtain with **StatsMaster I's** easy-to-follow instruction booklet for setting up stats for your team or league.

Stats can be set up for an entire league or one team and totals can be arranged for seven innings (for most softball, high school and Little League games) or nine innings.

As the printout of the National League stats for Review co-editor Del Newell's GKSM (Greater Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League) National League's team shows, most of the basic categories are included.

Initially, of course, all the data has to be fed into the computer - but then the program takes over and totals all team results. "Right now this program is set up for these stats only," reports Jeff Aronoff of TNA. "But we can add to it if customers want more."

Aronoff spent four years working on the program and instruction booklet (24 pages of large-sized printing) and the 32-year-old Californian says other such stat programs will soon be in the offering for the other major sports.

As far as the GKSM, the stat program covered all categories except for stolen base attempts, walks and errors committed for batters and games started, shutouts and home runs allowed for pitchers.

Slugging percentage is included in the program, although the GKSM does not keep that statistic. Each team has up to 40 player listings.

The only depressing thing about **StatsMaster I** was the final stats it had to print out about Del's team - which finished last in the N.L.

The GKSM plans on using it for its 1985 N.L. season, which just got under way. We'll give you an update on **StatsMaster I** later in the "season."

In the meantime, below is a sample of the stats kept by the program:

	G	AB	R	H	Del Newell REB	2B	3B	HR	SB	Avg	SlPct
Oberkfell	126	422	61	129	35	30	3	4	8	.306	.419
Puhl	124	427	65	129	44	26	4	10	25	.302	.452
R. Hodges	95	247	22	69	22	16	4	0	0	.279	.377
Driessen	126	356	55	99	48	17	1	16	0	.278	.466
Dawson	152	613	97	169	85	37	8	23	21	.276	.475
P.Rose	104	266	35	73	26	6	2	0	6	.274	.312
D.Baker	150	527	67	136	87	29	2	19	6	.258	.429
Bilardello	117	268	29	69	27	20	2	8	0	.257	.437
J.Morgan	24	383	60	95	49	20	2	15	10	.248	.428
D.Berra	144	534	42	127	47	34	2	7	4	.238	.348
Flynn	105	223	14	53	29	8	4	0	0	.238	.309
Garner	113	262	32	60	31	7	2	9	7	.229	.374
Cedeno	104	238	27	53	33	12	0	9	4	.223	.387
O.Virgil	82	105	8	20	12	4	0	6	0	.190	.400
T.Scott	56	90	2	16	4	2	0	0	2	.178	.200
Pitchers Hitting	154	379	26	58	24	9	1	1	0	.153	.190
&&Totals	154	5340	642	1355	603	277	37	127	93	.254	.391



	G	CG	W	L	Sa	Inn	H	W	SO	ER	ERA
K. Gross	16	2	6	5	0	96	78	42	72	30	2.81
McMurtry	32	7	17	11	0	232	201	100	120	76	2.95
R. Camp	30	3	7	10	0	146	163	36	49	54	3.33
C. Diaz	47	0	10	9	6	81	69	26	45	30	3.33
W. Hernandez	56	0	8	4	4	117	123	27	92	46	3.54
M. Madden	55	0	3	2	2	92	91	38	40	37	3.62
Ruhle	32	3	5	8	1	121	125	28	44	49	3.64
Montefusco	50	0	2	8	1	97	106	27	56	40	3.71
Jenkins	27	3	5	11	0	174	186	43	109	77	3.98
D. Smith	54	0	0	5	5	68	65	33	37	31	4.10
Rainey	32	0	2	16	0	158	205	80	76	96	5.47
&&Totals	154	18	65	89	19	1382	1412	480	740	566	3.69

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## Sanders' tournament will be held at Purdue University

For bragging rights in the Strat-O-Matic world - and just plain having a lot of fun - the fifth annual Lyman Bostock Memorial Tournament could be what you're looking for come this summer.

Some of the best (or at least most interested) gamers in the mid-west will be on the scene at Purdue University, July 6-7, for the annual tourney organized by James Sanders, the policeman from Gary, IN. Everyone is invited to participate and Sanders envisions the day the LBMT will be recognized as the site where national S-O-M champions are crowned.

Whether you're interested in winning tournaments and taking away glittering trophies sponsored by Strat-O-Matic, or just the camaraderie of fellow/female gamers, the fifth LBMT looms as the best gathering yet.

The tournaments will take place at Purdue in West Lafayette, IN, with the actual site the Purdue Union Building (Stewart Center Room 306).

Four events will be on the tournament agenda, including:

- (1) Advanced Baseball
- (2) Super Advanced Football
- (3) Super Advanced Hockey
- (4) Elementary Baseball

All of the defending champs will be back, reports Sanders, plus so will champs from years past. Last year's winners were Rich Richardson (Advanced Baseball), Kathy Friederich (football), Brian Harwood (hockey) and John Pattin (Elementary Baseball).

Housing will be available on campus for a nominal fee (double rooms: \$14 per night), plus parking is available as well.

Entry fee for the tournament(s) is \$9.50.

"For gamers who arrive early enough on Friday, July 5, we will try to have a softball game and a bowling tournament," adds Sanders of other activities on the agenda.

Gamers wishing more information on the tournament can contact Sanders by writing (and enclosing a SASE): James Sanders, Director S-O-M Tournament, 5806 Kennedy Terrace, Apt. 103, Gary, IN 46403.



## 'What if' you are the manager of Montreal and Toronto?

Strat-O-Matic is many times called the "What if games?" What if you were the manager, coach, etc., in other words. This is your chance to manage the good, bad and the downright ugly teams.

Most of the replays sent the Review don't involve the 'what if' aspect. Most are crammed with statistics and not much else.

Two individual team replays sent in by Charles Van DenCorput, of Dundas, Ontario, Canada, do focus on the 'what if' - what if he had managed the 1983 Montreal Expos and Toronto Blue Jays?

Both improved their real-life won-and-lost ledgers, but Van DenCorput doesn't pat himself on the back for the improvement.

In the case of the Expos, the team scored 80 more runs than in real-life and allowed 70 fewer. But, despite the big difference, only six more wins were registered.

The pitching staff was about on par with real-life, although reliever Jeff Reardon had a bad season, losing 11 games with a 3.30 ERA. Steve Rogers, as expected, was the ace of the staff with a 19-7 record and 2.46 ERA. Bill Gullickson (16-14) and Charlie Lea (14-14) were the other primary starters.

Offensively, the Expos were about on target, as Andre Dawson (.291 29 homers, 128 RBI), Gary Carter (.269, 18, 109), Tim Wallach (.270, 16 92), Tim Lincecum (.293, 100 walks, 128 runs, 84/16 stolen bases) and Al Oliver (.309, 88 RBI) stood out.

Only real major difference in the attack was in doubles, with the real-life Expos hitting 297 and the paper Expos 346.

Van DenCorput's major managerial move was on defense, where he installed Doug Flynn at shortstop full-time and platooned Bryan Little and Manny Trillo at second base. Flynn batted a respectable .259 and committed only 15 errors.

"Little and Trillo both had decent years," points out Van DenCorput, "so the infield problem wasn't as accentuated as it was in real-life."

Van DenCorput does point to Bill James' (Baseball Abstract) pythagorean projection, however, that, based on runs scored and runs allowed, the Expos should have won 102 games, rather than going 88-74.

Oh, well. The Expos did beat on San Diego and Cincinnati (10-2), but got beat on by Atlanta (2-10).

### TORONTO HAS TWO 20-GAME WINNERS

Toronto, thanks to 20-win-plus seasons by Dave Stieb (24-9, 3.17) and Luis Leal (21-10, 3.27) and an awesome hitting attack, improved its record from 89-73 to 97-65 - exactly James' pythagorean projection.

The team ERA dropped from 4.12 to 3.75 because of Stieb's Cy Young type of season (22 complete games in 36 starts, 293 innings, 233 strikeouts and only a paltry .228 batting average against).

Toronto's relievers got little work under Van DenCorput as starters hurled 65 complete games. Jim Clancy (13-17, 33 home runs allowed) did have a bad season, but that was offset by surprisingly solid seasons turned in by Doyle Alexander (13-8) and Jim Gott (13-10).

Gott, however, did provide the relief corps with plenty of work as he finished only two of 30 starts.

As far as the offense, which exploded for 856 runs, an average of 5.2 per game, Van DenCorput says, "A trained monkey could have operated this team's offense." Only difference between he and Bobby Cox, says Van DenCorput, was that Cox liked to run more.

Almost everyone shared in the hitting spoils as Willie Upshaw (.295, 24 homers, 113 RBI), Damaso Garcia (.321, 102 runs, 217 hits),

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Lloyd Moseby (.309, 16, 95), Barry Bonnell (.350, 17, 64), Jesse Barfield (.29, 85), Dave Collins (38/6 stolen bases) and Cliff Johnson (.293, 21, 93) all performed up to expectations. The platoon players did, too, as Rance Mulliniks/Garth Iorg (58 doubles, 92 RBI) and Ernie Whitt/Buck Martinez (31 homers, 107 RBI) added to an awesome attack.

The Blue Jays sent 172 baseballs into the seats, an increase of five over real-life.

Boston was Toronto's "cousin," dropping 11 of 13 games to the Blue Jays. In one game, with Toronto leading 8-0, Boston struck back for eight runs in the ninth inning...only to lose in the 12th to Toronto.

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## Guest columnist

# How to draft future talent

BY THOMAS ANGEL, Astor, FL

In the Greater Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League (GKSML, which includes Review co-editors Warren and Del Newell and has played through 28 full-season 154-game replays) in 1979 I drafted Alan Trammell, Lou Whitaker, Lance Parrish, Jack Morris, Carney Lansford, Gorman Thomas, Paul Molitor, Jim Beattie and Rick Honeycutt.

How was I able to land such a wealth of future talent in one highly competitive draft? Here are the methods I used:

### HOW TO EVALUATE NEWLY ELIGIBLE DRAFTEES

The next couple of sections are the most important parts of this column. You must be able to identify the most talented of all the draftees who are available. Otherwise, little in this column will have value.

(1) Researching stats - Obtain or compile the minor league histories of all draftees from the "Sporting News," "Baseball Register" and "Baseball Guides." Current season's stats on any minor leaguer can be obtained from "Baseball America" (a sports newspaper). Compare the stat records of the available draftees. Rank the draftees' talents from best to worst.

(2) Interpreting statistics - When evaluating a player's potential, look for the following: (a) standout seasons with exceptional stats; (b) unusually rapid progress even if with poor stats; (c) uninterrupted success, or a string of good years without an intervening poor season; (d) youth, or about 25 years old or younger; the younger the better. Youth is especially meaningful in conjunction with rapid progress; (e) big size. This reassures that the potential shown in the minors is for real, indicates home run power and may indicate endurance for pitchers; (f) home runs per 500 at-bats.

(3) Gossip and rumors - Tidbits of information from "The Sporting News," "Baseball America," and a book called "The Scouting Report: 198-" may reveal information on a fielder's range, throwing arm and a pitcher's velocity, movement, what pitches he throws and their effectiveness.

### DRAFT STRATEGY

Draft strategy is the second, most important, part of this column. This separates the good drafters from the excellent drafters.

Draft the best player regardless of need or card value. If you  
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can resist temptation and if you can draft a bad card with few at-bats or innings pitched in the first round because your research shows that he is the most talented, then you have arrived.

On the other hand, if you draft to get the best cards, or to fulfill your team's needs, and/or to enhance your chances for winning the title, then you are in trouble because you are letting your competitors draft the most talented players.

The most talented players usually start off with poor cards (as do most rookies who are receiving S-O-M cards for the first time). Examples are: Dale Murphy (65 at-bats), Dave Winfield (141 AB), Mike Schmidt (.196 average), Lance Parrish (.219), Kent Hrbek (.239) and Jack Morris (4.33 ERA).

Amassing ever more potential stars: Do not let up on the procedures outlined in this report. Apply them unmercifully by continuously adding to your team's increasingly larger pool of star players with each annual draft.

One year later: If a player you had drafted a year earlier regressed, consider trading him.

However, if he is continuing to make good progress, then keep him even if he has poor major league stats. Remember, that it took Dale Murphy and Winfield four or five years to really blossom after they received their first cards.

Editor's note: Thomas Angel is the author of the article "How to create your own cards" that appeared in the December, 1984 issue of the Review. He's been a winner within a short time in almost every play-by-mail or face-to-face league he's participated in, including the GKSM. Although Angel had to leave Michigan, and his well-drafted teams, after one season, the foundation was laid for future success. Both his teams (National and American League) finished last the first year...but the next year both were vastly improved, with the A.L. squad winning a pennant and World Series!

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## What's available at S-O-M?

Strat-O-Matic has sent along an updated version of its list of what past baseball seasons and teams are still available. No teams are available before 1977, however. Here are the teams available and prices: (send to: Strat-O-Matic Game Co., Inc., 46 Railroad Plaza, Glen Head, NY 11545)

1977

New York Yankees. Price: 70 cents.

1978, 1979 & 1980

No teams are available.

1981

California, Chicago White Sox, Cleveland, Seattle, Texas, Chicago Cubs, St. Louis, San Diego, San Francisco. Price: 80 cents each. 104 additional players (price: \$3.45).

1982

All 26 teams, except Boston, Milwaukee, Baltimore. Price: \$12, or 85 cents each. 104 additional players (price: \$3.65).

Handling charges: Under \$5.00 = \$1.00; \$5.01-10.00 = \$1.50;  
\$10.01-15.00 = \$2.00; \$15.01-20.00 = \$2.25; \$20.01-25.00 = \$2.50;  
\$25.01-30.00 = \$2.75; Over \$30.00 = \$3.00.



# How to rate value of hockey cards

BY PHILLIP LEDESMA, Hawthorne, CA

Here is a simple method for rating the overall value of Strat-O-Matic Hockey cards. Each card is rated in four basic categories: Projected Goals, Passing J K L, Ratings and Minus Penalty Minutes.

Using the 1983-84 Mike Gillis card as an example, here's how it works:

First, we want to find out how many goals Gillis would probably score if he played 80 games. He scored six in 50 games. Multiply his six total goals by 80, then divide by 50. The equation six times 80 equals 480; 480 divided by 50 gives the projected total goals of 9.6. That is Gillis' base rating.

Next give 10 points for each inside shot in the three passing sections. Gillis has one inside shot on J, so add 10 points to his base rating and you get 19.6.

The Ratings category is calculated by adding up the offense, defense and breakaway/penetration ratings to total one number. If this total is more than nine, then add 10 points for each number over nine; if under nine, subtract 10 points.

Gillis has a total of four (two offense, one defense and one breakaway/penetration), so you would subtract 50 points to get a new total of -30.4 (not too good).

Now look at the Intimidation rating. Add five points for each forward's intimidation number and add six for each defenseman's. Gillis gains another 15 points to make his rating -15.4 (1-3 intimidation).

The final category, Minus Penalty Minutes, is figured just like total goals, but you figure the projected penalty minutes for 80 games.

Multiply Gillis' 35 penalty minutes (PM) by 80 to get 2800, then divide by 50 (his games played), and you get 56. Now slide the decimal point one spot to the left (56.0 to 5.6) and subtract that total from the rest of the calculations and you have a -21 rating for Gillis.

Players who played all 80 games will not need as many calculations because the total goals and penalty minutes are already based on that number of games.

## HOW TO RATE GOALIES

To rate goalies, award points for each save split on the goalie card as follows:

- \* Save - to a player.....9 points (DLD, DRD, DLW, DRW, DC or any 'D')
- \* Save - faceoff.....8 points
- \* Save - rebound.....7 points

Using the system above, goalie Doug Keans would be rated 92 and Pete Peeters 88.

## DEFENDS PLAYING TIP

On another hockey matter, I wish to defend my playing tip (Nov., 1984 Review, page 20) and your critique that it "eliminates" the work of individual defensemen. The use of the word eliminates will have an impact on your readers because of the faith they have in your consistent objectivity.

I am one such reader. However, for the first time I must disagree and present my defense.

When the idea of the penetration chart came to me I was a Los  
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Angeles Kings season ticketholder. I didn't see the man-to-man situations that Strat-O-Matic's penetration chart illustrated. It was thoroughly play tested, then sent to the Review.

After reading the Nov. issue I grabbed the split deck to examine power-play passing situations that might give a basis to your observation. My calculations still tell me that my chart does not necessarily encourage excessive penetration in power-play situations.

The error factor of the chart could be as high as five percent on power-play situations, so if any change should be made, simply adjust the total combined defense rating (TCDR) by one to slightly discourage penetration by a power-play team.

However, I still swear to the accuracy and realism of this chart as it is and believe that it neither eliminates nor does it even alter the effectiveness of the hard-hitting defensemen.

Editor's note: What do the readers think? That's what is most important here. The Review critiqued the penetration playing tip, thought it eliminated the work of individual defensemen, and reported it thusly. Like all playing tips, however, some are loved, others hated and others ignored because of lack of interest, or time, by gamers. That's still one of the primary functions of the Review: to present a variety of ideas, tips, etc., and let the readers decide their preferences.

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## Strat-O-Matic spotlight

### KUDOS TO NICK FRESE

Nick Frese of Audubon Park, NJ, thought the Review needed a new "face" and the new look appeared on the cover of the February, 1985 issue.

"I personally thought it would give the Review a more professional image," writes Frese. "Your editorial matter is already top-notch."

We agree that the new masthead is more appealing and more professional-appearing...and we are going to use it in the months ahead.

The new masthead, or logo, avoids the clutter-look that marked the cover of the Review, particularly on the left side. But there's a balanced look upfront now and it's a definite improvement.

Thanks Nick Frese, we needed that!

### ROOKIE ROLLER ROMPS

Joe Emmert of Fillmore, CA, felt confident of victory when a friend, Nelson Somers, challenged him to a best-of-seven series with the 1981 Dodgers and 1983 Detroit Tigers.

After all, Emmert was a veteran of over 1,500 Strat-O-Matic Baseball games, and Somers had never played the game before.

Emmert had the '83 Tigers and Somers piloted the Dodgers.

The first game - considered a fluke by Emmert - was won by the Dodgers, 6-4, as Rick Monday and Mike Scoscia homered in the first inning and Detroit starter Jack Morris was kayoed in the sixth inning.

Game two also went to the Dodgers as Monday hit a two-run homer in the fourth inning and Dusty Baker put it out of reach with a three-run shot in the sixth. Baker also threw out two runners trying to score from third as Los Angeles had five doubleplays, three on plays at the plate.

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A two-run lead early gave Emmert hope in the third game, but a five-run Dodger uprising in the bottom of the third turned the game around and sent L.A. to a 7-2 win.

Detroit finally won a game, whipping Fernando Valenzuela - who was making his first start in the series - 5-3 in game four. John Wocken-fuss' two-run homer was the big blow for Detroit.

Monday ended the series in game five when, after striking out four times, he homered in the bottom of the 11th inning to break a 2-2 tie. Monday was voted MVP after smashing three home runs, two of 'em game-winners and batting .412. Baker hit .474 with two homers and seven RBI.

"The defeat taught me that no matter how good of a manager you think you might be, there is always room to improve and complacency will do you in every time," said Emmert after the series was history.

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#### SHORT SHAKES

...There's no tablegame generation gap in the Richard Cottrell household in Parma, MI. Richard played S-O-M Baseball as a teenager in the mid-'60s and still has the old teams. Now his son Jeff is taking up the dice-rollin' game. Both are awaiting the new cards to find out which Tiger team was the greatest: 1968 or 1984?...Chuck Dobson of Oakland hurled a no-hitter against Milwaukee in a 1970 replay game played by Brian Fitzgerald of Jamaica Plain, MA. Dobson walked three and fanned four in the memorable game. Aside from Dobson's gem, biggest surprise has been the pitching of Boston's Ray Culp, who was 5-0 with a 0.95 ERA after 38 innings...Tom "Hondo" Ackerson, Webster City, IA, reports his longtime hero Frank "Hondo" Howard will soon attain the staggering feat of blasting 1,600 home runs in S-O-M for him. Ackerson has played big Frank through 20 seasons of S-O-M...Add to the list of "Profiles in S-O-M" the name of Larry Braus, 25, of Mt. Prospect, IL. Plays baseball (since '72), football and hockey games; manages Sultans of Swing in Strat-O-Matic Memorial Baseball League; and has frequently competed in S-O-M tournaments held in the midwest...Another no-hitter crossing the desk of the Review was spun by 1982 Tom Seaver of the Reds. Seaver shut down the '82 Braves, 1-0, walking one and striking out four. Chris Sinatra of Gretna, LA, was on the nail-biting end of Seaver's performance. It took Johnny Bench's double in the bottom of the ninth inning to chase home Dan Driessen and break up the game...

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## Laker balance too much for Celtics

### Bird averages 30.8 but Boston bows in five games of playoff replay

Larry Bird averaged 30.8 points per game.

And Robert Parish pulled down an average of 14.6 rebounds.

That was the good news for the Boston Celtics in a solitaire replay of the NBA championship series conducted by Review co-editor Del Newell.

The bad news was that the Los Angeles Lakers, real-life losers in seven thrilling games, emerged triumphant, almost sweeping the Celtics and winning in five games that were also of a thrilling kind.

Balance was the key for the Lakers, and also Boston's downfall in the mini series, as six L.A. players averaged in double figures, led by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's 22.6. Jamaal Wilkes tossed in 18.2 per game, Magic Johnson 16, James Worthy 13.8, Bob McAdoo 12.8 and Michael Cooper 12.6.

Bird was by far the most prolific scorer, racking up 154 points in the five games, with a high of 41 in the lone Celtic victory. His shooting average was a so-so 46.8 percent (67-143), but Bird did have to contend with a strong L.A. defense as well as launching most of his shots from outside.

#### L.A. IS MAGICLAND

Magic Johnson, although he didn't come close to matching Bird in the scoring department, was the series' MVP. He averaged eight rebounds to go with the 16 points, plus had to have averaged 12-15 assists a game (via dazzler), even though assist stats were not kept.

The first game set the pattern for the series as L.A. moved out to a 37-26 first-quarter lead and sailed off with a 127-100 victory. Seven Lakers scored in double figures, while Bird had 31 in a one-man performance for Boston.

Another pattern was set in game one as L.A. outboarded Boston, 65-47. Five Lakers had seven or more rebounds, while Parish had 13. Bird 11 for Boston. Again balance offset individual performances.

Game two was the real turning point as L.A. trailed most of the way - including by eight points with four minutes left - yet rallied to pull out a 116-113 win.

Boston turned the ball over three times in the last crucial minute and L.A. again had seven players score in double figures. Bird had 26 and Gerald Henderson came back with 25 (13-of-18 floor shooting) after being held to eight in the opener (3-13).

#### RUN, RUN, RUN...

Both teams employed fast-break offenses with normal defenses throughout the series. The games were fast-paced and, if you were a Laker fan, an exhilarating experience.

Boston seemed at times snakebit as it turned the ball over, missed crucial shots or lost key rebounds in the final minutes of almost every game.

For the series, L.A. outshot Boston from the field, 48.2 to 46.8 percent. Not a great difference, perhaps; but the Lakers did connect for 25 more baskets. L.A. also won the rebounding war, 55.8 to 51.4, although Boston got the better of the shot-blocking, 25-18.

Game three was more of the same as the Lakers led the entire game, dashing Boston's last hope with a 30-22 fourth-quarter advantage en route to a 113-101 win.

Jabbar jammed in a series-high 31 points and six Lakers again tallied in double figures. Bird connected on 14 of 24 shots for 28 points.

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The Johnsons - Boston's Dennis and Magic of L.A. - both had sub-par games. Dennis was 1-11 from the field for a miserly four points and Magic was 6-17 for 12 although grabbing 11 rebounds. L.A. proved it could win even when Magic was off his game.

Boston stayed alive by capturing game four. The Celtics fell behind - almost out of sight! - 41-28 after one quarter. Later, after Boston caught up at 79-all going into the fourth quarter, the Celts outscored L.A. 34-25 to claim a 113-104 win.

Bird flew high all-around in game four, pouring in 16 of 34 field goal attempts, 9 of 9 free throws and grabbing 17 rebounds (Parish had a one-game series high of 19). Bird had 26 of his total in the second half, including 14 points in the fourth.

That was Boston's last-hurrah, however, as L.A. didn't let a big early lead slip in game five, holding off the Celtics 126-121. L.A. led by 21 points - 44-23 - after one quarter. Seven Lakers scored in double digits, again offsetting blue-chip performances by Parish (30 points, 13 rebounds) and Bird (28, 15 rebounds).

Making the last game amazing was that Jabbar, heretofore having been whistled for six fouls in four games, fouled out with over 10 minutes to play. Six points by Cooper in the final minutes staved off a final Boston counterattack.

Summaries:

#### GAME 1

At Boston

LOS ANGELES (127)

Wilkes 8-15 0-0 16, Worthy 7-13 0-0 14, Jabbar 10-20 2-2 22, M. Johnson 6-15 5-6 17, Cooper 1-2 2-3 4, McAdoo 5-11 4-5 14, Rambis 1-5 2-2 4, Nater 1-7 1-2 3, McGee 10-11 0-0 20, Scott 3-7 7-8 13. Totals: 52-106 23-28 127.

BOSTON (100)

Bird 12-23 7-8 31, Maxwell 3-4 2-2 8, Parish 5-17 2-2 12, D. Johnson 7-12 2-2 16, Henderson 3-13 2-2 8, Carr 1-3 0-0 2, Wedman 2-4 0-0 4, McHale 3-6 3-6 9, Buckner 0-2 0-0 0, Ainge 5-15 0-0 10. Totals: 41-99 18-22 100.

Los Angeles 37 27 34 29 - 127

Boston 26 29 22 23 - 100

Total fouls: Los Angeles 18, Boston 23. Fouled out: none. Rebounds Los Angeles 65 (Rambis, Nater, M. Johnson 9), Boston 47 (Parish 13, Bird 11). Blocks: Los Angeles - McAdoo 1, Worthy 1, Rambis 1, Jabbar 1; Boston - Parish 3, Bird 2, Maxwell 2, McHale 2, D. Johnson 1.

#### GAME 2

At Boston

LOS ANGELES (116)

Wilkes 10-16 0-0 20, Worthy 8-15 1-2 17, Jabbar 8-15 0-0 16, M. Johnson 9-16 4-4 22, Cooper 6-10 0-0 12, McAdoo 6-16 0-0 12, Rambis 1-4 1-4 3, Nater 0-1 0-0 0, McGee 2-4 0-0 4, Scott 4-5 2-2 10. Totals: 54-102 8-12 116.

BOSTON (113)

Bird 12-26 2-2 26, Maxwell 2-3 4-4 8, Parish 7-15 2-2 16, D. Johnson 6-14 2-2 14, Henderson 12-18 1-1 25, Carr 0-0 0-0 0, Wedman 1-1 0-0 2, McHale 8-11 2-2 18, Buckner 0-1 2-2 2, Ainge 1-2 0-0 2. Totals: 49-91 15-15 113.

Los Angeles 25 35 26 30 - 116

Boston 28 28 31 26 - 113

Total fouls: Los Angeles 19, Boston 16. Fouled out: none. Rebounds: Los Angeles 52 (Rambis 9), Boston 41 (Parish 14). Blocks: Los Angeles - Wilkes 1, Jabbar 1; Boston - Parish 2, Maxwell 1, McHale 1.

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## GAME 3

## At Los Angeles

## BOSTON (101)

Bird 14-24 0-0 28, Maxwell 4-8 5-8 13, Parish 3-8 2-2 8, D.Johnson 1-11 2-2 4, Henderson 8-13 5-6 22, Carr 0-2 0-0 0, Wedman 1-2 0-0 2, McHale 5-9 1-2 11, Buckner 0-1, 1-2 1, Ainge 6-7 0-0 12. Totals: 42-85 16-22 101.

## LOS ANGELES (113)

Wilkes 7-11 2-2 16, Worthy 4-13 0-0 8, Jabbar 13-18 5-9 31, M. Johnson 6-17 0-0 12, Cooper 7-13 2-2 16, McAdoo 5-9 0-0 10, Rambis 0-2 0-2 0, Nater 0-1 0-0 0, McGee 4-7 0-0 8, Scott 6-11 0-0 12. Totals: 52-102 9-15 113.

Boston 25 29 25 22 - 101

Los Angeles 33 24 26 30 - 113

Total fouls: Boston 19, Los Angeles 21. Fouled out: Parish, Boston. Rebounds: Boston 51 (Parish 14, Bird 13); Los Angeles 48 (M. Johnson 11). Blocks: Boston - Bird 2, Parish 1, McHale 1, D.Johnson 1, Henderson 1; Los Angeles - Jabbar 1, Wilkes 1, McAdoo 1, M.Johnson 1, Cooper 1. Three-point goals: Henderson 1, Boston.

## GAME 4

## At Los Angeles

## BOSTON (113)

Bird 16-34 9-9 41, Maxwell 3-7 2-2 8, Parish 6-14 0-0 12, D.Johnson 10-17 2-2 22, Henderson 4-9 2-2 10, Carr 0-0 0-0 0, Wedman 0-2 0-0 0, McHale 5-15 2-2 12, Buckner 3-8 0-0 6, Ainge 1-3 0-0 2. Totals: 48-109 17-17 113.

## LOS ANGELES (104)

Wilkes 9-16 2-3 20, Worthy 9-15 1-1 19, Jabbar 10-22 5-7 25, M. Johnson 6-17 4-5 16, Cooper 4-9 4-4 13, McAdoo 2-10 3-4 7, Rambis 0-1 0-0 0, Nater 1-1 0-0 2, McGee 0-2 0-0 0, Scott 1-6 0-0 2. Totals: 42-99 19-24 104.

Boston 28 27 24 34 - 113

Los Angeles 41 17 21 25 - 104

Total fouls: Boston 21, Los Angeles 16. Fouled out: none. Rebounds Boston 68 (Parish 19, Bird 17, McHale 13); Los Angeles 52 (Jabbar 11). Blocks: Boston - Parish 1, McHale 1; Los Angeles - Jabbar 1, Nater, Rambis 1, Worthy 1. Three-point goals: Cooper 1, Los Angeles.

## GAME 5

## At Boston

## LOS ANGELES (126)

Wilkes 9-14 1-2 19, Worthy 5-7 1-1 11, Jabbar 7-15 5-6 19, M.Johnson 5-12 3-5 13, Cooper 7-14 4-4 18, McAdoo 8-18 5-6 21, Rambis 1-3 0-1 2, Nater 3-5 0-0 6, McGee 5-10 1-5 11, Scott 2-5 2-3 6. Totals: 52-103 22-33 126.

## BOSTON (121)

Bird 13-36 2-3 28, Maxwell 4-4 4-5 12, Parish 13-18 4-5 30, D. Johnson 2-14 10-11 14, Henderson 5-13 0-1 10, Carr 0-0 0-0 0, Wedman 1-2, 0-1 2, McHale 6-7 7-9 19, Buckner 1-3 0-0 2, Ainge 2-4 0-0 4. Totals: 47-101 27-36 121.

Los Angeles 44 29 29 24 - 126

Boston 23 31 42 25 - 121

Total fouls: Los Angeles 31, Boston 26. Fouled out: Jabbar, McAdoo Los Angeles. Rebounds: Los Angeles 62 (M.Johnson 11); Boston 50 (Bird 15, Parish 13). Blocks: Los Angeles - Worthy 1, M.Johnson, Cooper; Boston - Parish 2, Bird 1. Note: Wilkes hit first seven shots in opening quarter and Boston's Dennis Johnson went 0-for-8 in first quarter.



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## League Forming

**LEAGUE FORMING:** SOMMBL, an advanced baseball league, is looking for managers and backup managers for the 1985 season. Twenty teams are in the league and every one is looking forward to SOMMBL's 6th season. For more information, contact: Harold Tellefsen, 4722 Buckingham Dr., Warren, MI 48092 (or call 1-313-573-4442)

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Do you live in the San Francisco/Oakland Bay area? If so, why not join the East Bay Strat-O-Matic Baseball League? Our managers range from beginners to advanced and there's no league night for flexible scheduling. It's a 162-game face-to-face league with no league draft. Instead, we bid on our players. With high player salaries and contracts, you too can complain just like Calvin Griffith. Serious players only! Contact: Kevin Kataoka (415-276-3740) or Tom Simpson (415-487-0632) after 7 p.m.

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Managers and backups needed for CCBA, a 24-team PBM advanced baseball league (continued)



just finishing its 7th season. Rookie draft with continuous ownership of players. At least one opening exists. Write or call: Steve Klein, 23016 Osage Ridge Road, Valencia, CA 91355 (805-259-1753)

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Calcan National League looking for a couple experienced managers and backups. We are entering our third exciting season. We play PBM, have a unique draft and format. Those interested, contact: Tom Millard, 111 Cleaveland Rd. #151, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 (415-939-5214)

**LEAGUE FORMING:** The Coast to Coast American League, an established PBM baseball organization using mostly AL cards, has openings available for the upcoming June-September season. Though we stress punctuality and neatness, ample time is allotted for game playing and statistics. To take part in our annual late winter draft, send for complete details as soon as possible. Remember: this is a well-organized league with established (and good) teams available, so don't miss out. Robert Gebeloff, 9 Evergreen Road, West Caldwell, NJ 07006 (201-228-2765). S-O-M experience gets preference, but no PBM experience necessary.

**LEAGUE FORMING:** The Continental Baseball League needs a few good managers to begin its first season. It is a 20-team, advanced baseball league that will use the 1984 cards to begin play. All managers will begin with the same 24-man roster as S-O-M prints for his team. What they do from there is up to that manager. Managers who send in their preference list soon will have an equal opportunity at teams not already assigned. A draft of the players from the six remaining teams will be held after the league is filled. A 162-game schedule is planned for this year. The league publishes an instruction manual in order to speed play. A regular news-

letter is planned with manager articles and statistics from the games. Trading between the teams will be allowed. Send dues of \$20 and team preference list to: Jeff Weinke, 107 West Chicago St., Algonquin, IL 60102

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Here's a chance to join an enjoyable and well-established baseball league. The Mid-Atlantic Table Sports Association (MATSA) will be starting its 6th season in April. We are a 10-team, continuous draft league using National League cards only and play a comfortable, yet exciting, 126-game schedule. We are looking for three mature, dependable people who will enjoy the challenge of building a team over a period of years. For more information, please contact: Rick Southeimer, 808 Rollingwood Trail Columbia, SC 29210 (803-772-4052)

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Forming a face-to-face baseball league in the San Bernardino/Riverside area. It will be a draft league with teams keeping their players from year to year. For more information, call or write: Tom Spalding, 25960 Date St., San Bernardino, CA 92404 (714-862-0684)

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Seventh-year PBM baseball league (advanced) needs backup managers. This is a draft league, stressing realism, using all teams plus extra players. 140-game schedule (approximate), beginning in April. Carl Kieke, 1417 N. 7th #2, Abilene, TX 79601 (915-673-3552, call anytime)

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Two new leagues forming (yes, two!). The best of both worlds Strat-O-Matic league's will be 8-team PBM leagues, playing basic from March-August and advanced from Sept.-Feb. (yes, that's right, the best of both worlds and year-round play). Will start in '85 (using '84 cards). League one will be a pure draft league. League two will be a combination of stock teams and draft. Other main features  
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include: yearly phone draft of rookies, non-carded prospects and free agents. Continuous ownership of players. Minor league system (ran by backup managers). Yearbook, DH and newsletters galore. Dues will be \$10 per league per period. We are looking for eight good managers and backups. No PBM experience necessary. If interested, send a personal resume to or call: John M. Shoemaker, 13171 Phal Road, Grass Lake, MI 49240 (517-522-4619)

LEAGUE FORMING: The Off Season Football League is looking for experienced coaches in the northwest suburbs of Chicago. This will be a face-to-face, continuous draft league using super advanced rules. Looking for 8 to 12 teams; 16-game schedule and playoffs. If interested, call or write: Jim Keenan, 1437 N. Smith #203, Palatine, IL 60067 (312-991-1246). P.S. Also looking for anyone interested in a super-advanced hockey league for fall-winter.

LEAGUE FORMING: 1985 advanced, face-to-face baseball league forming in Doylestown, PA area. If interested, please contact: Gerald Barry, Box 508, Lahaska, PA 18931

LEAGUE FORMING: PBM or head-to-head draft baseball league beginning play in April with new cards. Size of league dependent on interest. Serious gamers only. All members will have equal input as to all league operations. League organizers have 15 years of table gaming experience behind them. As I do constant traveling up and down east coast, I especially encourage replies from NY, NJ, CT, RI and MA. Reply to: Bob Spellerberg, 46 Skipper Dr., West Islip, NY 11795 (516-669-3621).

LEAGUE FORMING: Newly founded Sportsman's Baseball Association. PBM; advanced rules. If you have your 1985 NL and AL cards plus the 104 (actually 109) additional play-

ers cards, there is still time for you to be a part of a top-flight organization. For membership application and details, contact promptly: Burke Ippenbach 104 Macon Dr., Mobile Estates, Cary, NC 27511 (919-469-1347)

LEAGUE FORMING: The Strat-O-Matic Fanatic Baseball League (SOMFBL; see 'Fanatic League' in Aug., '84 S-O-M Review, page 24) is starting its 4th season and is looking for responsible managers. Experience is preferred and reliability is a must. The basic side is used, but all other aspects are as realistic as possible, including injuries, the cutoff rule, supplementary stealing system and strict AB and IP limitations. The \$15 entry fee covers monthly newsletters, a massive yearbook and trophies. The new season starts approximately June 15 and runs until late December, but call or write now to get a better choice of teams available. This league has the possibility of being the best run PBM basic baseball ever. Be a part of it. Contact: Jeff Schwarze, URH 1202 Oglesby Hall, 1001 College Ct., Urbana, IL 61801 (217-332-5384)

LEAGUE FORMING: PBM baseball league beginning 10th season needs managers and backups. A.L. only, extra players not used. Franchise fee required on acceptance. Send brief biography, S-O-M and PBM experience, if any, and SASE to: Will Jennings, 120 South Drive, Copperas Cove, TX 76522

LEAGUE FORMING: Chicago area face-to-face baseball league is looking for three managers in a 12-team draft league. 162-game season with trophies awarded to division and World Series winners. Season to begin in March. For additional information and constitution, please call: Steve Gersch (736-8617)

LEAGUE FORMING: 1969 draft  
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league forming. Looking for 12-24 managers who would be willing to make this league a success. We will draft from both leagues and play with advanced rules. Write for details: Roger Simmons, 84 Luquer Road, Manhasset, NY 11030. Please enclose a \$10 entry fee.

LEAGUE FORMING: The Ted Uhlaender Baseball Association (TUBA) is making its debut this spring. I am a relatively new Strato fanatic looking for managers from the NY-metro area interested in forming a face-to-face league. We will play by basic rules with some advanced mixed in. As long as you are responsible and punctual, I'll take you! We will use the new set of cards (1984 season) with draft-style 28-man teams. I'll supply the trophies and cards if you supply the team. For more information, write to: Mike Brisco, 51 Parkway East, Yonkers, NY 10701 or call 914-963-3772.

LEAGUE FORMING: Chicago area south and southwest side of city and suburban; face-to-face, advanced draft league wants to expand by adding three teams. New managers will draft own team and take part in rookie draft. For more information write or call: Mark Miller, 5112 S. Cicero #1, Chicago, IL 60638 (312-582-7226). Season runs Sept.-March.

LEAGUE FORMING: TASOMBA is looking for reliable managers for its PBM summer A.L. Your organization will be a combination of major/minor leaguers, with a yearly cut down to 40 players and a 10-round draft of minor leaguers. All AL teams are used and will play their actual schedules. Chance for all armchair managers to build an organization, not just a team. Advanced cards used, by-monthly newsletters, trading, etc. Top teams available. Contact: Steve Nordberg, Box 281, Dalton, NE 69131 (308-377-2262)

LEAGUE FORMING: Managers wanted

for established PBM baseball draft league. League starts late March using this year's cards. \$20 league dues include newsletters, stat sheets, etc. Contact Karl Klaiber, 2500 Harley Dr., Greensboro, NC 27406 (1-919-853-3885)

LEAGUE FORMING: Managers needed for PBM baseball league beginning in mid-march. It is straight-team with trades allowed. We have a 162-game schedule, monthly newsletters and all-star game. Contact: Jeff Turnbull, 603 Sunnycrest Ct., Urbana, IL 61801

LEAGUE FORMING: Attention all potential franchise owners. Now forming for its inaugural season of PBM play: the United States Baseball Federation. I'm looking for eight extremely reliable managers (experienced preferred). For the initial season only National League cards and extras will be drafted, but expansion will follow next year with the addition of the American League cards. I will 'not' run a franchise myself so I can devote my full attention to the smooth operation of the USBF (which will include frequent newsletters). So c'mon - let's get some serious gamers together to form a new league that will last: The United States Baseball Federation. For inquiries, write to: Tom Zoeller, 99 Montcalm Ave., Plattsburgh, NY 12901 or call 518-563-6713 after 7. Federation Fever - catch it!

LEAGUE FORMING: The North American Hockey Association (NAHA) is looking for managers and backup managers. There are currently two openings. Both teams were top contenders last year and should repeat. NAHA is a six-year-old PBM summer league that runs from April through August with liberal scheduling allowances. We use the S-O-M super-advanced rules with some modifications. There are 14 teams in two divisions of seven each playing a 76-game schedule. If interested, send name, age and

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experience to: David Oldham, 1903 Dumas Place, Newark, DE 19702

**LEAGUE FORMING:** The North American Baseball League is entering its 10th season. We currently have openings for two managers. Backup managers are also required and will have first opportunity to take over any managerial positions that become available. The two openings currently available are for established teams which are very competitive. The NABL is an 18-team PBM league with teams kept from year to year. Newsletters, yearbook, handbook and rookie and free-agent draft are only part of the NABL. Our season is 162 games and runs from April to October. Interested managers should write: Rick Helwig, 400 3rd St., Hanover, Ontario N4N 1B3 (phone 519-364-1705)

**LEAGUE FORMING:** 18-year S-O-M veteran. Like to meet same, in Coco Beach area. Will like to form baseball and football draft or/and great teams league. Call: Bill III (1-305-452-0992) or write: Bill Golden III, 435 Deb Lane, Merritt Island, FL 32952

**LEAGUE FORMING:** The Continental Baseball League still needs a few good managers and backup managers to begin its first season. It is a 20-team, advanced baseball league that will use the 1984 cards to begin play. All managers will begin the same 24-man roster as Strat prints for his team. What they do from there is up to that manager. A draft of the players from the six remaining teams will be held after the league is filled. A 162-game schedule is planned for this year. The league publishes an instruction manual in order to speed play. A regular newsletter is planned with manager articles and statistics from games. Trading between the teams will be allowed. Send dues of \$20 and team preference list to: Jeff

Weinke, 107 West Chicago Street, Algonquin, IL 60102 or call 312-658-4333 day or night.

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Anybody in the Minneapolis area interested in a short face-to-face S-O-M Baseball league using the new 1984 season cards. We are an established league going into our third year of competition. Our season runs between June 3 and Aug. 17, with a tentative 30-game schedule, plus playoffs. There are only three teams available. The teams are excellent due to the fact that we only have a six-team league. There will be a draft for players that are not saved or did not play on a team in our league last year. Trades are allowed during the season. Must be reliable and experienced players will get preference. For information, write or call: Eric Pearson, 6819 Newton Ave. So., Richfield, MN 55423 (861-6357)

## Contests

**CONTESTS:** Enter the fourth annual Stan Coveleski Memorial Northern Indiana Tournament (N.I.T.). Super advanced football and advanced baseball. To be held April 27-28. For more information contact: Ken Donnelly, 18644 Cleveland Road #11, South Bend, IN 46637. Enclose SASE. Or call 219-277-6098.

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## Correction

Oops, the Strat-O-Matic Game Company passes on word that the answer to a football question in the Jan., 1985 Review (pages 13-14) was wrong.

The extra defensive back, when utilizing five backs, can be in either the short or long pass zone - and is not restricted to the short pass zone as stated. James Sanders, the policeman from Gary, IN, was one of many who caught the S-O-M Football faux pas.



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