

# STRAT-O-MATIC REVIEW

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## Opening Day is again a baseball hit

They again came from nearby and from afar to be on the scene at Glen Head, NY, when opening day took place at Strat-O-Matic. It was "Jubilant January" in other words, or the gaming world's answer to basketball's "March Madness."

Pickup orders were the first order of business at S-O-M on Friday, Jan. 20, and the trio of Frank Lamberti, Allen Saper and John Lamberti were the first arrivals again, forming a waiting line at 7 a.m. They're all in a Brooklyn-based league.

The busiest gamer to pick up his cards opening day had to be Mack Smith, an undertaker in Top-eka, KS. Smith plays in eight - count 'em, eight - S-O-M leagues.



FIRST ARRIVALS: FRANK LAMBERTI,  
ALLEN SAPER, JOHN LAMBERTI

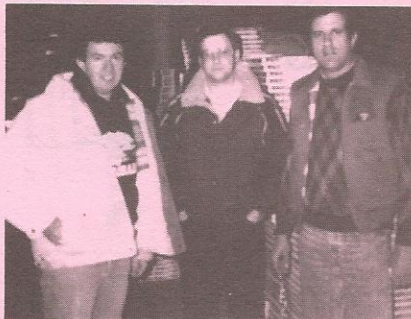
An oldies-but-goodies trio at S-O-M was Peter Ronay, Richard Simon and Gene Andreazza, members of a 10-man league comprised of businessmen. Some second-generation players (sons) will be joining the league (Bergen-Rockland, NJ) in the  
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near future (or as soon as they qualify for a driver's license).

Also among the opening day gamers picking up the long-awaited cards were: Mike Gadonas and Jim Battista, members of a league in Yeadon, PA, that's been roll-in' for 15 years; David Amori of



PETER RONAY, GENE ANDREAZZA,  
RICHARD SIMON ARE IN 10-MAN LEAGUE



MIKE GADONAS, JIM BATTISTA  
(STACKS OF S-O-M CARDS IN  
PACKAGES ARE BEHIND THEM)

Scranton, PA, who plays in an eight-manager all-star, face-to-face league; George Desroches Jr., David Franco, Todd Wexler, Fred Crisostomi, James Horn and Don Desjarlais, all members of the Home Run Shop League in Cranston, RI; Mark Farrell and Jack Sebesta, who drove from Morrison and Algonquin, IL - a 15-hour journey one way - to pick up cards for four leagues totaling 74 players (including one manager in England); Scott Jackson and James Woods, who flew in from Houston, TX (ex-major league pitcher Tony Brizzolara plays in one of their leagues, one of which has been in existence for 17 years); and Tony Hickman (Decatur), Steve Dasenbrock (Effingham) and Lenny Lucktefeld (Marion), all of whom made the trek from Illinois (they belong to a face-to-face, eight-man league that's starting its 12th year).

Of course, there were many, many others that flew, drove or rode a bus in to pick up the cherished cards.

Along with snapping pictures and taking names, addresses and league information, S-O-M also found a few moments to pass along to the Review some card corrections for the 1989 set and also the 1962 reprinted season.

Main correction in the 1989 set would be to eliminate the asterisk on Damon Berryhill's card for stealing. The Chicago Cub catcher is a -3 throwing - that's not a mistake - but he shouldn't be an asterisk ("\*2/- (20-6)" on the supplementary stealing.

Two other minor changes need to be made on the basic side of the cards for Detroit's Luis Salazar and Chet Lemon. Lemon should have just right field listed on his basic side for position(s) played. So eliminate second and first base.

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DAVID AMORI OF SCRANTON, PA  
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And on Salazar's basic side, add first base (1b-4), second base (2b-4) and shortstop (ss-4) to the ratings he already has for the three outfield positions and third base.

In the 1962 set, four cards have different (transposed) basic and advanced sides: Rollie Sheldon (pitcher, New York Yankees); Tom Morgan (pitcher, Los Angeles Angels); Howie Bedell (outfielder, Milwaukee); and Georges Maranda (pitcher, Minnesota).

Some of the corrections may have been made in later card sets.

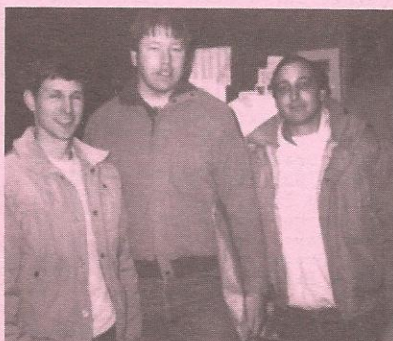
In addition, S-O-M also has for sale the 3 1/2-inch computer disk for the 1962 season (cost: \$15).



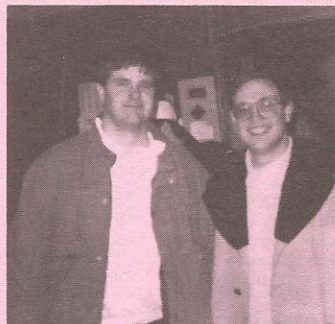
GEORGE DESROCHES JR., DAVID FRANCO, TODD WEXLER, FRED CRISOSTOMI, JAMES HORN, DON DESJARLAIS OF HOME RUN SHOP



MARK FARRELL, JACK SEBESTA MADE 15-HOUR ONE-WAY TRIP FROM ILLINOIS TO PICK UP CARDS FOR 74 PLAYERS



TONY HICKMAN, STEVE DASENBROCK, LENNY LUCKTEFELD ALSO MADE 15-HOUR CAR TRIP FROM ILLINOIS TO PURCHASE CARDS FOR FACE-TO-FACE LEAGUE THAT'S BEEN ROLLIN' 'EM FOR 11 YEARS RUNNING



SCOTT JACKSON, JAMES WOODS FLEW IN FROM HOUSTON TO PICK UP CARDS FOR THREE LEAGUES, ONE THAT INCLUDES EX-MAJOR LEAGUE PITCHER TONY BRIZZOLARA AND ONE THAT HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR 17 YEARS



# Who are baseball's best at each position?

## Jeff Green of GKSMML again rates the new player cards

Who's the best first baseman in the National League? Is it Andres Galarraga, or Will Clark?

And how about MVP Kirk Gibson, is he the top left fielder in the N.L.? Or is Jose Canseco the best right fielder in the A.L.?

What stars do you have on your play-by-mail or face-to-face draft league roster?

And what about the rookies? Who are the stars of the future?

All of these questions and many more are answered - perhaps not to your liking - in the position-by-position listings below and on the following pages.

Again, like last year, Jeff Green, the super successful manager in a long-running PBM league and the face-to-face Greater Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League (GKSML), has evaluated the new cards and come up with his ratings.

The player ratings are for each position and include, in order, a listing of fielding rating (1-4), 'e' number, throwing arm and on-base chances (hits, walks, hit-by-pitch, etc.) against left- and right-handed pitchers.

Pitchers have their holding-on rating listed and on-base chances they give up to left- and right-handed batters.

Rookies are also rated in both leagues. "Only first-ever cards are considered rookies," points out Green. "Also, rookie ratings are based strictly on future potential, not strength of card this year."

Oh, by the way, Green rates Will Clark slightly better at first base than Galarraga. And Gibson, because of defensive deficiencies, is only ranked No. 3 among N.L. leftfielders, behind Barry Bonds and Kevin McReynolds.

Rookies to go for first if you're in a draft league are Gary Sheffield of Milwaukee in the American League and Greg Jefferies in the N.L.

Here are Green's player ratings for the 1989 baseball card set (remember the first on-base number is against LHP/second against RHP).

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

#### First Base

1. Kent Hrbek 2e5	38/45
2. Fred McGriff 3e6	28/46
3. George Brett 3e13	41/40
4. Mark McGwire 3e10	35/36
5. Alvin Davis 4e9	57/44
6. Don Mattingly 1e10	34/37
7. Jack Clark 4e25	53/36
8. Wally Joyner 1e9	31/39
9. Eddie Murray 2e18	23/42
10. Pete O'Brien 2e9	30/38

#### Second Base

1. Harold Reynolds 1e18	39/37
2. Julio Franco 3e15	61/36
3. Lou Whitaker 2e13	38/42
4. Johnny Ray 3e25	33/40
5. Marty Barrett 2e8	26/38
6. Tom Herr 2e10	38/37
7. Jim Gantner 2e12	32/31
8. Willie Randolph 2e11	32/34
9. Frank White 2e5	27/19
10. Fred Manrique 2e13	25/22

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

#### First Base

1. Will Clark 3e13	35/42
2. Andres Galarraga 1e16	33/39
3. Glenn Davis 4e7	26/36
4. Mark Grace 2e22	45/42
5. Pedro Guerrero 4e4	40/42
6. Gerald Perry 3e20	28/38
7. Keith Hernandez 1e4	35/33
8. Von Hayes 3e16	11/49
9. Sid Bream 2e8	12/38
10. Nick Esasky 4e9	39/31

#### Second Base

1. Ryne Sandberg 1e12	37/32
2. Jose Lind 1e12	32/35
3. Bill Doran 2e11	41/31
4. Roberto Alomar 2e19	35/34
5. Robby Thompson 2e19	50/31
6. Steve Sax 3e15	36/33
7. Jose Oquendo 2e4	35/38
8. Wally Backman 3e8	34/51
9. Ron Gant 4e34	36/30
10. Juan Samuel 3e17	32/28



Shortstop

1. Alan Trammell 1e14	49/40
2. Cal Ripken 2e21	51/36
3. Tony Fernandez 1e16	31/33
4. Ozzie Guillen 1e21	29/27
5. Jody Reed 3e21	28/52
6. Scott Fletcher 3e14	52/39
7. Walt Weiss 2e18	21/35
8. Dick Schofield 2e14	29/33
9. Kurt Stillwell 3e18	25/31
10. Greg Gagne 2e22	38/19

Third Base

1. Wade Boggs 2e12	62/64
2. Gary Gaetti 1e10	45/31
3. Kevin Seitzer 4e29	55/42
4. Carney Lansford 2e8	20/41
5. Steve Buechele 2e18	32/36
6. Jack Howell 3e20	23/31
7. Rance Mulliniks 4e35	37/46
8. Brook Jacoby 3e11	22/30
9. Jim Presley 3e25	26/23
10. Mike Pagliarulo 2e27	8/20

Left Field

1. Rickey Henderson 2e15 (+2)	64/42
2. Mike Greenwell 4e7 (0)	32/53
3. Dan Gladden 2e4 (-1)	43/27
4. Bo Jackson 3e10 (-2)	25/19
5. Luis Salazar 2e3 (-2)	36/22
6. Mickey Bradley 2e7 (-2)	18/32
7. Stan Javier 1e9 (+1)	26/34
8. Tony Armas 3e5 (0)	35/25
9. Pete Incaviglia 4e4 (0)	27/30
10. George Bell 4e16 (0)	23/28

Center Field

1. Kirby Puckett 1e3 (-4)	51/43
2. Dave Henderson 2e9 (-2)	42/40
3. Ellis Burks 1e11 (0)	49/38
4. Joe Carter 1e7 (-1)	33/25
5. Robin Yount 2e2 (+1)	41/41
6. Lloyd Moseby 2e7 (+1)	38/34
7. Devon White 1e13 (-3)	24/27
8. Claudell Washington 3e8 (0)	30/37
9. Dave Gallagher 3e5 (0)	34/44
10. Gary Pettis 1e7 (+1)	19/26

Right Field

1. Dave Winfield 1e3 (-4)	48/44
2. Jose Canseco 3e8 (-3)	48/44
3. Dwight Evans 1e4 (-4)	54/36
4. Rob Deer 3e4 (-2)	39/26
5. Cory Snyder 2e6 (-4)	43/26
6. Danny Tartabull 4e12 (-2)	47/36
7. Ruben Sierra 2e8 (-2)	26/21
8. Chet Lemon 2e9 (0)	37/36
9. Jesse Barfield 2e5 (-5)	18/31
10. Joe Orsulak 3e9 (-1)	32/35

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Shortstop

1. Ozzie Smith 1e24	40/39
2. Barry Larkin 3e33	53/37
3. Jose Uribe 2e23	39/21
4. Shawon Dunston 2e23	21/28
5. Rafael Ramirez 3e25	37/29
6. Alfredo Griffin 1e28	17/15
7. Kevin Elster 2e17	22/23
8. Garry Templeton 3e26	21/23
9. Andres Thomas 3e31	19/27
10. Luis Rivera 2e29	21/26

Third Base

1. Vance Law 2e21	40/43
2. Chris Sabo 2e17	36/33
3. Tim Wallach 1e20	29/29
4. Bobby Bonilla 4e33	38/36
5. Dave Magadan 4e23	49/47
6. Howard Johnson 4e19	26/31
7. Mike Schmidt 4e30	52/29
8. Terry Pendleton 2e20	40/18
9. Randy Ready 4e22	44/40
10. Jeff Hamilton 2e27	16/29

Left Field

1. Barry Bonds 1e8 (+1)	46/36
2. Kevin McReynolds 1e5 (-3)	27/41
3. Kirk Gibson 3e14 (+2)	39/42
4. Phil Bradley 2e3 (-1)	42/41
5. Tim Lincecum 2e5 (+1)	29/35
6. Kal Daniels 4e6 (0)	48/44
7. Billy Hatcher 2e6 (-1)	38/34
8. Vince Coleman 2e10 (0)	35/30
9. Rafael Palmeiro 4e6 (+2)	46/36
10. Kevin Mitchell 4e16 (0)	20/38

Center Field

1. Eric Davis 1e8 (-3)	39/36
2. Brett Butler 2e6 (0)	48/49
3. Andy VanSlyke 1e4 (-3)	17/46
4. Gerald Young 1e3 (0)	38/35
5. Willie McGee 1e11 (0)	35/34
6. Marvel Wynne 2e6 (-1)	43/28
7. John Shelby 2e7 (-2)	24/33
8. Milt Thompson 2e8 (0)	31/38
9. Mitch Webster 2e8 (0)	28/41
10. Len Dykstra 2e2 (0)	28/34

Right Field

1. Tony Gwynn 1e6 (-2)	41/39
2. Dar. Strawberry 3e10 (-2)	30/40
3. Andre Dawson 1e3 (-4)	34/36
4. Tom Brunansky 3e1 (-2)	46/35
5. Dale Murphy 2e3 (-2)	36/23
6. Mike Marshall 3e10 (-2)	21/34
7. Kevin Bass 3e7 (0)	36/21
8. RJ Reynolds 3e9 (-1)	33/19
9. Paul O'Neill 3e6 (-2)	23/28
10. Hubie Brooks 4e11 (-1)	41/29



Catcher

1. Carlton Fisk 3e2 (+2)	44/35
2. Bob Boone 1e4 (-2)	32/45
3. Terry Steinbach 3e13 (-1)	51/26
4. Matt Nokes 3e6 (-1)	15/27
5. Andy Allanson 2e4 (-1)	26/29
6. BJ Surhoff 2e1 (-1)	18/27
7. Tim Lardner 3e2 (+2)	40/26
8. Dave Valle 2e8 (-1)	32/18
9. Ron Hassey 3e5 (0)	6/33
10. Ernie Whitt 3e2 (+2)	36/33

Catcher

1. Benito Santiago 1e2 (-4)	26/29
2. Mike LaValliere 1e3 (-2)	24/38
3. Tony Pena 2e3 (-2)	42/25
4. Mike Scioscia 1e3 (-2)	27/29
5. Damon Berryhill 2e3 (-3)	24/25
6. Ozzie Virgil 4e4 (+1)	40/29
7. Bo Diaz 3e2 (-2)	18/17
8. Lance Parrish 3e2 (+2)	31/23
9. Gary Carter 2e1 (+2)	30/33
10. Nelson Santovenia 4e9(+1)	40/22

Starting Pitcher

1. Ted Higuera (-1)	14/13
2. Roger Clemens (+1)	22/8
3. Mark Gubicza (0)	22/16
4. Frank Viola (-5)	18/22
5. Dave Stieb (+1)	21/20
6. Greg Swindell (0)	25/18
7. Mike Moore (-4)	21/17
8. Jeff Robinson (-3)	22/18
9. Bob Welch (+1)	22/22
10. Mark Langston (-2)	20/25

Starting Pitcher

1. Pascual Perez (0)	14/9
2. Orel Hershisier (-2)	16/11
3. Danny Jackson (-4)	21/17
4. Mike Scott (+1)	14/16
5. David Cone (-1)	30/9
6. Tim Belcher (0)	15/22
7. Bob Ojeda (0)	5/20
8. Eric Show (0)	24/10
9. Jose Rijo (-1)	25/15
10. Bryn Smith (+2)	22/16

Relief Pitcher

1. Dennis Eckersley (-3)	9/10
2. Doug Jones (-5)	8/16
3. Mike Henneman (0)	15/15
4. Paul Mirabella (-2)	12/17
5. Dan Plesac (-2)	8/19
6. Craig McMurtry (-3)	21/12
7. Bryan Harvey (+8)	4/26
8. Jeff Reardon (-3)	24/14
9. Steve Farr (-5)	27/17
10. Gene Nelson (+1)	24/20

Relief Pitcher

1. John Franco (-6)	0/18
2. Randy Myers (-6)	14/10
3. Jay Howell (+3)	11/21
4. Mark Davis (+2)	20/16
5. Rob Dibble (+5)	21/14
6. Todd Worrell (+4)	17/20
7. Craig Lefferts (+2)	19/15
8. Greg Harris (-2)	18/21
9. Juan Agosto (0)	3/26
10. Brian Holton (-1)	26/13

Rookies

1. Gary Sheffield (Milwaukee)
2. Jody Reed (Boston)
3. Walt Weiss (Oakland)
4. Bryan Harvey (California)
5. Jack McDowell (Chicago)
6. Melido Perez (Chicago)
7. Brady Anderson (Baltimore)
8. Jay Buhner (Seattle)
9. Mike Schooler (Seattle)
10. Dave Gallagher (Chicago)

Rookies

1. Greg Jefferies (New York)
2. Roberto Alomar (San Diego)
3. Mark Grace (Chicago)
4. Chris Sabo (Cincinnati)
5. Tim Belcher (Los Angeles)
6. Ricky Jordan (Philadelphia)
7. Kevin Elster (New York)
8. Damon Berryhill (Chicago)
9. Pete Smith (Atlanta)
10. Scott Terry (St. Louis)

It's interesting to compare the recent GKSML National League draft with Green's rookie ratings. The first player chosen was Tim Belcher, who was listed No. 5 on Green's rankings. But Greg Jefferies was selected second in the draft - he probably would have been No. 1 if not for limited at-bats - and Chris Sabo was picked No. 4 in the draft, the same spot he occupied on the rookie list.

Here's the way the others were drafted: Roberto Alomar (No. 10), Mark Grace (18), Ricky Jordan (28), Kevin Elster (12), Damon Berryhill (16), Pete Smith (24) and Scott Terry (15).

Remember also that the GKSML's draft always includes players traded from one league to another and players dropped from rosters in addition to rookies who have S-O-M cards for the first time.



# Will Roberts shares 'World' TBA honors

## Kreuz deadlocks for first place as 33 gamers earn prize money

Where there's a Will there's a way - to win a Table Baseball Association championship, that is.

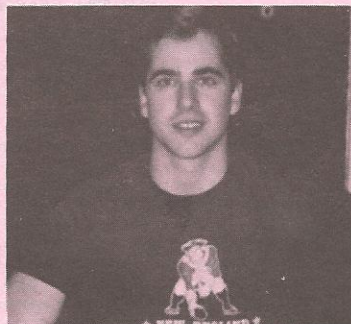
The will in this case refers to Will Roberts, from New Haven, CT, who along with TBA director John Kreuz had the will and perseverance to survive over three days of rigorous dice-rollin' against the best S-O-M Baseball managers in the land.

When the final die was cast at 11:20 p.m. at the World Championship in the conference rooms of Glenview's (IL) Radisson Suite Hotel, Rogers and Kreuz were deadlocked for first place. Each had played 18 games on that final Sunday (Jan. 15) and 63 games over a five-day span.

"Everyone was exhausted by that time," said Kreuz. "So we just called it a tie. I didn't think it would look good for the tournament if I won, so I cheerfully gave Roberts the first prize money (\$1,000)."

The two shared first place overall, with Kreuz compiling a 40-23 record for the total tournament and Roberts going 38-25. Kreuz's park, in case you were curious, was Houston, while Roberts' was Kansas City.

"Three of the people to make the finals Sunday had pitchers' parks," noted Kreuz. "Those with pitchers' parks were at the top of the standings."



WILL ROBERTS

### SIXTY COMPETED FOR \$5,750

Sixty gamers competed for \$5,750 in prize money that was awarded at the World Championships. Over 100 gamers had qualified in earlier TBA tourneys.

"This was the largest, and also longest, World we've ever had," said Kreuz, who himself had qualified and earned the right to compete.

"The 33 checks I wrote out were an all-time high. Each player paid \$100 and over half of them won money."

The 10 finalists when Sunday finally dawned were Roberts, Kreuz, Kevin Verduine (Mt. Prospect, IL), regular-season TBA champ Jim Jasper (Schaumburg, IL), Bob Scofield (Stratford, CT), Willie Dominquez (Miami, FL), Jeff Schwarze (Glendale Heights, IL), Jeff Watson (Upper Darby, PA) and Mike Wilson (Buffalo Grove, IL).

"From third through 10th place, everyone received a minimum of \$250," noted Kreuz. And there was also, for those who didn't qualify for the final 10, a consolation tournament. Alan Ellenby, last year's TBA champ from Deerfield, IL, and Vic Moise of Detroit shared first in the consolation tourney.

Schwarze, who had Atlanta or a hitter's park, was third and Watson (park: Toronto) finished fourth.

### BELIEVE IT OR NOT...

"Everything went smoothly," enthused Kreuz of the overall tournament. "Some of the games, because of such great hitting, were very bizarre."

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One of those involved Kreuz and what he thought was a pretty fair reliever in right-hander Jim Gott. In that forgettable game Kreuz led by four runs, Gott was pitching and five right-handed batters were due up. "All five reached base off their own cards," said Kreuz incredulously. "And then Chris James homered off a diamond chance. It was just unbelievable."

In another game, Kevin McReynolds, an e4 in the outfield, had three "x" chances in the first inning - yes, in just one inning! All three fell in.

And in still another, Hank Smith of Torrence, CA, watched in amazement as his Mark McGwire slammed five consecutive home runs in a game.

#### NEW TBA SEASON OPENS APRIL 7-9

Kreuz says no major changes are planned for the 1989 TBA season, which, incidentally, begins April 7-9 at Newark, NJ. A total of 26 tournaments are planned, with the last being Dec. 1-3, again back at Newark.

There's also a TBA gathering slated for Long Island, the weekend of August 4-6. "Luminaries from S-O-M will be in attendance," says Kreuz.

The 26 tournaments mean Kreuz, who's a family man, will be on the road for half the weekends this year. "I still enjoy it but there are times when I have burnout," he admits.

Partly because of that, and also because the entry fee cost is used to defray expenses, rent the conference room and pay for postage, the entry cost is going to \$60.

"Your first 1989 tournament (will cost) - \$90," says Kreuz. "All subsequent 1989 tournaments - \$60." Kreuz is also offering a special discount; if you preregister for your first two 1989 tournaments, the cost is \$120.

Based on 50 entrants for a tourney, the anticipated prizes will be \$100 for first place, \$250 for second, \$150 for third and \$100 for fourth. There will also, in most cases, be a consolation tournament in which the winner receives \$100.

"Prizes may vary and will depend on the exact number of entrants," says Kreuz.

Format for a TBA tournament is to draft on Friday night, play regular-season games on Saturday (8 a.m.-11 p.m.) and conduct playoffs and consolation tournament on Sunday. "You are guaranteed a minimum of 20 games and could get to play as many as 37 games," says Kreuz. "For most entrants the cost will be less than \$3/hour."

#### DESIGN YOUR OWN PARK

Probably the only major change in the TBA rules is that gamers can now design their own ballparks as far as triangles and diamonds. When signing up in advance, a gamer can note what he/she wants the diamond and triangle chances to be.

"Entrants paying at the door automatically receive last year's Montreal with both diamonds and triangles of 1 to 10," says Kreuz.

There will be some effort made to speed up play, too.

#### 1989 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

April 7-9 - Newark, NJ	August 4-6 - New York (Long Island)
April 14-16 - Chicago, IL	August 11-13 - St. Louis, MO
April 28-30 - Los Angeles, CA	August 25-27 - Los Angeles, CA
May 5-7 - Philadelphia, PA	Sept. 8-10 - Philadelphia, PA
May 12-14 - Toronto, Canada	Sept. 15-17 - Chicago, IL



May 19-21	- Minneapolis, MN	Sept. 29-Oct. 1	- Toronto, Canada
June 2-4	- Boston, MA	Oct. 6-8	- Boston, MA
June 9-11	- Sacramento, CA	Oct. 13-15	- Sacramento, FL
June 16-18	- Gainesville, FL	Oct. 27-29	- Gainesville, FL
June 23-25	- Chicago IL	Nov. 3-5	- Baltimore, MD
July 7-9	- Baltimore, MD	Nov. 10-12	- San Diego, CA
July 14-16	- San Diego, CA	Nov. 17-19	- Chicago, IL
July 21-23	- Dallas, TX	Dec. 1-3	- Newark, NJ

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## Dear Santa (S-O-M): about next year...

By GLENN GUZZO, Philadelphia, PA

Dear Santa Claus:

Sorry I missed you again this Christmas Eve. I tried to stay up late, but even visions of Mike Greenwell's new card and Frank Robinson's 1962 card couldn't keep me awake long enough.

Then again, I guess I wouldn't have seen you anyway. I know, I know - apartments don't have chimneys. I really don't mind you leaving presents in my mailbox. And, honest, it doesn't bother me that I get an I.O.U. on Christmas morning, redeemable in late January. Or that I have to go to Long Island to pick up the presents.

I know that Christmas is for little kids and that us, ahem, bigger kids, must suffer a little longer. It's called maturity. I've even seen it in one or two of the TBA players.

Anyway, I wanted to thank you for all the new stuff this year. There's the usual new baseball card set and it's a beaut, with the larger type and the stiffer card stock. And individual accuracy for balks, wild pitches and passed balls is icing on the brownies.

And then there's the 1962 season. I can hardly wait to get into my N.L. replay, with the Giants and Dodgers, the Mets and Astros, Aaron, Robinson, Clemente and Banks.

This note is also my Christmas list for next year. You always say it's first-come, first-served, so I'm getting this in early. Besides, it's a long list, so I figure you'll need a lot of time to fill it. I know I'm going to have to be awfully good to get all this stuff. I'll even quit complaining about the 20-sided die...Um, on second thought, maybe if you can just give me some of this stuff next year, I'll forgive you for making Barry Larkin a 3.

### BASEBALL

\* Now that we've got pitchers' hold-on, balks and wild pitches, we need only four more things to make pitchers complete.

Three of them are easy - individual fielding range (1-4), individual baserunning and individual bunting. I just can't accept that Goose Gossage and Roger McDowell are the same at preventing hits up the middle or elsewhere in the infield.

And the only thing you have to do to handle this is give us the new readings for the Pitchers' Fielding Chart (on the advanced chart, that's only a maximum of six result changes - which can be communicated on the sheet that accompanies the card shipments). And if a Tom Glavine or Orel Hershisier can help themselves with bunts and baserunning while an Al Holland doesn't bother to learn, that should show up somewhere.

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The fourth thing is a biggie: double-play frequency for pitchers. I'm not sure it's any more fair or real to have groundball/flyball frequency be identical for all pitchers than it would be to ignore DP frequency for hitters or fielders.

You could accomplish this merely by re-distributing the "X" chances on pitchers' cards. And by doing this, you'd probably account for most of the so-called "clutch-hitting" arguments as well. The guys who most frequently get the double-play grounder are probably the same guys whose ERAs are lower than their hits/walks-allowed rate would indicate.

\* An advanced computer version that, at the very least, requires fewer keystrokes in the manual game (a single key for outs other than Ks with nobody on, for example), 40-man rosters to account for all carded players and trades, an enhanced stats report with such things as on-base percentage, slugging percentage and perhaps lefty-righty breakdown. Many leagues need something that shows percentage of at-bats/innings pitched used.

Most of all, the computer game needs a computer manager and a computer-vs.-computer feature to conduct whole-season replays. If I'm replaying the '61 Yanks, I want to know where Maris ranks among the HR leaders, but I'm not sure I've got the time or patience to play all those Angels-Senators games just to find out.

\* I'd pay whatever asked for a card set that rates the all-time best players of each franchise (at least the original 16) on career stats.

Give me 25-30 players per team, spread them out among the various eras and make them with advanced-game features. I want them with career stats because we already have many of the stars' best cards available and, besides, an outfield with Mantle-Ruth-DiMaggio is awesome enough without using each of their best seasons.

Career stats will give you .300 hitters, but .270 hitters, too. And pitchers who are human. Can you imagine the Giants with a rotation of Mathewson-McGinnity-Hubbell-Marichal?

#### MORE DEFENSIVE RANGES NEEDED

\* The Larkin experience this year makes me wonder if a six-tiered defensive range wouldn't work better.

This year you've made Dave Anderson a 2e12 at short. If (Alfredo) Griffin needs to be a 1 and Anderson a 2 to make the Dodgers win enough that's fine. But acknowledging that most Strat players play draft leagues, it can't be right that Anderson, who played a half-season at short, is better than Uribe, Cal Ripken and all but the five 1s.

And it can't be right that Chili Davis, a 4e16, is just as bad as the club-footed first basemen who play one game in the outfield.

A six-tiered system would give 1s only to the Gold Glove winners and those who should have won Golds; 2s to the Joe Carters and Uribes, who starred but weren't quite among the elite, and to the Ripkens, who are consistently good without being flashy; 3s to Larkins, who are talented; 4s to the truly average, like Jeltz, Santana and many, many others; 5s to the true liabilities, like Howard Johnson and Chili Davis; 6s to the butchers, like Larry Sheets, and to the dozens who made token appearances out of position.

\* This baby boomer can hardly wait for the 1959 set - it will be like playing with my first set of Topps cards - but I'm afraid we'll have to wait forever for 1964 and '67, two of the best pennant-race seasons ever. At the very least, let's see those before '63, '65 and '66.

\* Now that you've addicted us to the Supplementary Stealing and Ballpark effects, we need those for past seasons as well. For the years  
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when caught-stealing stats are unavailable, we'd rather have something nearly accurate than those A-B-C ratings.

\* A real hit-and-run system. The current one is awful, to be ignored by all but the worst hitters.

#### FOOTBALL...BASKETBALL...HOCKEY

\* It's time for past seasons and/or great teams and Hall-of-Fame sets. Football needs cards for Jim Brown-Layne-Tittle-McElhenny-Baugh-Hirsch and so many more. Basketball needs Cousy-Russell-Chamberlain-West-Robertson and Co. Hockey needs Howe-Hull-Richard-Plante-Harvey-Orr, etc.

\* The computer versions of these games might even be more valuable than for baseball, because these games are more difficult to play solitaire. Again, the computer manager is essential. And because these games take longer to play, a computer-vs.-computer function is indispensable for replays.

\* The pro football game needs two of the features in the college game.

Like the colleges, NFL teams should have their own interception-return columns. And college punters have some results with "no return" and split chances on blocked punts. NFL punters who sacrifice distance for hang time always have been at a disadvantage in Strat and those who have had only one blocked will have too many in a full season of Strat.

\* Individual fumble ratings for ballhandlers.

Shouldn't you be able to hand off to a "safer" back in key situations? Why is it impossible to fumble after a pass reception? On teams with low interception rates, it is safer to pass when protecting a lead against many opponents than to run.

\* More meaningful rebound ratings in basketball and assist ratings in hockey.

There is no meaningful difference between a 18 or 36 in basketball and hockey's playmaking geniuses are no better than the 40-assist men. Hockey could greatly benefit from something like the "dazzler" pass in basketball.

\* A more realistic penalty system in hockey that takes into account the actual frequency of a player's minors, majors and misconducts and how often his penalties make his team shorthanded. Goalies should have penalty ratings, too.

\* Another easy one: shooting ranges for hockey players that reflect their true-life tendencies, like the basketball game.

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# Balance back in S-O-M Baseball

## Cards, ballpark charts reflect power reduction

Last year's Strat-O-Matic Baseball card set was a hitter's dream and a pitcher's nightmare. Frankly, the pitchers didn't stand a chance when it came to replays, tournaments, draft leagues, etc.

A total of 4,458 roundtrippers were knocked out by the 26 major league teams - or an average of 171.5 per team.

But the balance is back in baseball with the 1989 set (based on '88 real-life season) of S-O-M cards. Pitching and defense are going to have a big impact again as 1,278 fewer homers were hit last season than the year before.

Last year the home run average was 122.3 per team, or almost 50 fewer than the '87 real-life season.

The new cards, of course, reflect the power reduction, as do the ball park ratings in some cases. There weren't, except for Montreal and Cincinnati, any drastic power shifts, with 10 of the ball parks remaining the same with their ratings.

Montreal, which was a 1-10 home run chance the year before, dropped to 1-6, while Cincinnati, a 1-13 last summer, is up to 1-16. A decrease of four in Montreal's case and an increase of three for Cincinnati. In the American League, meanwhile, the biggest change was a plus/minus two. Seven of the A.L. parks had the same power rating.

In the ball park singles category, Philadelphia went from a 1-13 to a 1-10 and Los Angeles made the biggest gain, from 1-9 to 1-12.

This is the fourth year S-O-M has had ball park ratings and each year there have been changes.

Below is a listing of the ball parks, their ratings for each of the four years and whether there's been an increase (+), decrease (-) or the 1989 rating is the same (SA) as in '88 (last column). The numbers listed are for a successful ball park single and home run.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

	1986		1987		1988		1989		+/-	
	SI	HR	SI	HR	SI	HR	SI	HR		
Chicago	L 1-6	1-15	1-9	1-14	1-9	1-14	1-10	1-15	S	+1
	R 1-6	1-15	1-9	1-14	1-9	1-14	1-10	1-15	HR	+1
Montreal	L 1-6	1-6	1-4	1-4	1-10	1-10	1-12	1-6	S	+2
	R 1-6	1-6	1-4	1-4	1-10	1-10	1-12	1-6	HR	-4
New York	L 1-7	1-9	1-6	1-10	1-6	1-7	1-4	1-6	S	-2
	R 1-7	1-9	1-6	1-10	1-6	1-7	1-4	1-6	HR	-1
Philadelphia	L 1-4	1-10	1-8	1-9	1-13	1-6	1-10	1-8	S	-3
	R 1-4	1-10	1-8	1-9	1-13	1-6	1-10	1-8	HR	+2
Pittsburgh	L 1-12	1-10	1-10	1-9	1-5	1-10	1-4	1-9	S	-1
	R 1-12	1-10	1-10	1-9	1-5	1-10	1-4	1-9	HR	-1
St. Louis	L 1-8	1-6	1-11	1-4	1-10	1-5	1-11	1-4	S	-1
	R 1-8	1-6	1-11	1-4	1-10	1-5	1-11	1-4	HR	-1
Atlanta	L 1-12	1-12	1-13	1-13	1-12	1-15	1-12	1-15	S	SA
	R 1-12	1-12	1-13	1-13	1-12	1-15	1-12	1-15	HR	SA
Cincinnati	L 1-13	1-8	1-12	1-11	1-11	1-13	1-10	1-16	S	-1
	R 1-13	1-8	1-12	1-11	1-11	1-13	1-10	1-16	HR	+3

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		1986		1987		1988		1989		+/-
		SI	HR	SI	HR	SI	HR	SI	HR	
Houston	L	1-8	1-2	1-10	1-2	1-11	1-2	1-10	1-2	S -1
	R	1-8	1-2	1-10	1-2	1-11	1-2	1-10	1-2	HR SA
Los Angeles	L	1-11	1-7	1-11	1-6	1-9	1-3	1-12	1-4	S +3
	R	1-11	1-7	1-11	1-6	1-9	1-3	1-12	1-4	HR +1
San Diego	L	1-4	1-13	1-4	1-14	1	1-14	-	1-14	S -1
	R	1-4	1-13	1-4	1-14	1	1-14	-	1-14	HR SA
San Francisco	L	1-6	1-8	1-4	1-8	1-2	1-10	1-4	1-9	S +2
	R	1-6	1-8	1-4	1-8	1-2	1-10	1-4	1-9	HR -1

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

		1986		1987		1988		1989		+/-
		SI	HR	SI	HR	SI	HR	SI	HR	
Baltimore	L	1-3	1-9	1-3	1-11	1-6	1-14	1-4	1-13	S -2
	R	1-3	1-9	1-3	1-11	1-6	1-14	1-4	1-13	HR -1
Boston	L	1-20	1-7	1-19	1-7	1-18	1-3	1-19	1-4	S -2
	R	1-17	1-11	1-15	1-10	1-15	1-6	1-15	1-8	HR +2
Cleveland	L	1-13	1-10	1-11	1-8	1-11	1-7	1-10	1-6	S -1
	R	1-13	1-13	1-11	1-11	1-11	1-10	1-10	1-8	HR -2
Detroit	L	1-2	1-14	1-2	1-14	1-2	1-14	1-2	1-14	S SA
	R	-	1-11	1	1-11	1	1-11	1	1-11	HR SA
Milwaukee	L	1-2	1-4	1-6	1-5	1-12	1-7	1-10	1-8	S -2
	R	1-2	1-4	1-6	1-5	1-12	1-7	1-10	1-8	HR +1
New York	L	1-6	1-7	1-7	1-9	1-7	1-11	1-5	1-10	S -2
	R	1-6	1-5	1-7	1-8	1-7	1-9	1-5	1-10	HR
Toronto	L	1-10	1-12	1-9	1-11	1-8	1-9	1-8	1-9	L -1
	R	1-10	1-12	1-9	1-11	1-8	1-9	1-8	1-9	R +1
California	L	1-5	1-13	1-5	1-12	1	1-13	1-2	1-12	S +1
	R	1-5	1-13	1-5	1-12	1	1-13	1-2	1-12	HR -1
Chicago	L	1-9	1-12	1-9	1-4	1-13	1-3	1-11	1-3	S =2
	R	1-9	1-12	1-9	1-4	1-13	1-3	1-11	1-3	HR SA
Kansas City	L	1-10	1-3	1-11	1-3	1-16	1-3	1-18	1-3	S +2
	R	1-10	1-3	1-11	1-3	1-16	1-3	1-18	1-3	HR SA
Minnesota	L	1-13	1-10	1-16	1-11	1-13	1-11	1-13	1-11	S SA
	R	1-12	1-6	1-13	1-11	1-10	1-11	1-10	1-11	SA
Oakland	L	1-4	1-5	1-3	1-5	1	1-4	1	1-4	S SA
	R	1-4	1-5	1-3	1-5	1	1-4	1	1-4	HR SA
Seattle	L	1-8	1-17	1-5	1-17	1-5	1-18	1-5	1-18	S SA
	R	1-8	1-17	1-5	1-17	1-5	1-18	1-5	1-18	HR SA
Texas	L	1-11	1-5	1-11	1-11	1-10	1-7	1-11	1-9	S +1
	R	1-11	1-5	1-11	1-11	1-10	1-7	1-11	1-9	HR +2



**Entry deadline is May 10**

## Review's 18th MVP Contest begins

Who will be the Most Valuable Players in the summer of 1989?

If you think you know the answer, don't mind spending 25 cents for postage and are a current subscriber to the Review, then there's nothing stopping you from sending off an entry.

In other words, the Review's 18th annual MVP Contest is beginning. And everyone that subscribes to the Review is eligible to enter and pick the MVPs, along with the division winners in both leagues.

If there's a tie for MVP honors, then the gamer that comes the closest picking the division winners will win the annual prize of a set of the new baseball cards.

Looking back to last year, Adam Velie of Elkhart, IN, selected both MVPs - Kirk Gibson in the National League and Jose Canseco in the American - correctly. He was the only one out of over 300 entries.

Velie also forecasted that Oakland would win the A.L. West and Los Angeles the N.L. West. But his division picks didn't come into play because he batted 1,000 with the MVPs.

Now for how to enter this year's contest.

First, fill out the blank below (or put on a postcard). Select the MVPs, pick the division winners and their percentages (which is the final tiebreaker if needed) and send off to the Strat-O-Matic Review.

Remember, you must be a current subscriber to the Review and that only one entry per subscriber is permitted. All entries must be postmarked by May 10 to be eligible.

Also remember that sometimes that first hunch is the best one, so don't wait until the last minute to see who's playing well before sending in your entry.

Now for this year's contest:

### MOST VALUABLE PLAYER BALLOT

#### Most Valuable Player:

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

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

#### Division Winners & Percentages

American League East \_\_\_\_\_ % \_\_\_\_\_

American League West \_\_\_\_\_ % \_\_\_\_\_

National League East \_\_\_\_\_ % \_\_\_\_\_

National League West \_\_\_\_\_ % \_\_\_\_\_

#### Print Clearly:

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Otsego, MI 49078



# Readers roll 'em

## TYSON VS. MAHORN?

Does the game company have any plans to include systems to handle fights/technicals in basketball?

It would appear that to ignore this aspect of the game would be extremely stuffy since it does come into play and often affects the outcome.

Also, such a system could be classified as optional for those who would want a "pure" game.

I think such an addition would make this game even more realistic than it already is.

B.J. SELL  
Brook, IN

**Editor's note:** The way the player cards are set up now, only through a special, or odd, play chart could fights be incorporated into the basketball game. It fights could be added then we might have five categories: O (outside), P (penetration, I (inside), FB (fast-break) and FI (fighting).

## LIKES SOLITAIRE CHART

I might be in the minority, but I actually enjoy using S-O-M Football's solitaire chart, as long as it is seen for what it is.

And that's a chance to play defensive coordinator and modern day quarterback when playing solitaire. I say modern day quarterback as the plays are given to you by the chart, but you do have audible capabilities when "option" pops up on the chart.

Nowadays, quarterbacks do not call their own plays, except when they audible.

Of course, there are times when playing solitaire that I would like to be able to play the role of a modern day offensive coordinator, or to be magically whisked back to the days when quarterbacks like Johnny Unitas, Bart Starr and Joe Namath called their own plays.

For this, Larry Larochelle's solitaire chart (originally printed in the 9/86 issue and reprinted in the 11/88 issue) makes an excellent addition to solitaire play.

I also use this chart and S-O-M's own in what could be considered an unconventional manner.

I sometimes, when playing face-to-face (this is mutually agreed upon with and used similarly by the face-to-face opponent) will randomly utilize these charts to call a defensive or offensive play. This can throw off an opponent who is predicating his play-calling on your tendencies and patterns.

Just one other point I'd like to make. Over the years the S-O-M Review has printed many outstanding football playing tips from both individuals and leagues. These tips have added tremendous enjoyment to the playing of an outstanding game.

But I am still waiting for somebody to come up with a playing tip to simulate fumbles for receivers who do so after catching the ball. I do not know what is the percentage of this occurrence, but I do know from watching NFL games that it occurs often enough that it needs to be incorporated into S-O-M Football, either by a playing tip or by the game company itself.

STEVE OBERMAN  
Brooklyn, NY

## A FAN FOREVER

I spend many hours playing Strat-O-Matic Baseball as I am alone most every day as I have severe emphysema. I am on oxygen about 20 hours a day, so I don't get out much.

I am a Detroit Tiger fan and have been for 54 years.

I would like to see Strat-O-Matic print more past year cards and more Hall of Fame cards.

Enjoyed your articles on the original 18 all-time teams.

WILLIAM JOHNSON, Lumberton NJ



# Baseball playing tips

## PLAYS AT THE PLATE...TIRED PITCHERS

By WALLY BASS, Elmwood Park, IL

I have been playing Strat-O-Matic Baseball for about 14 years and have been very pleased with its realism.

When I subscribed to the Review I was delighted to read of others who also enjoy the game. Of special interest to me is when fellow gamers send in playing tips or rule changes they use. I'd like to pass along two that I have been using:

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First, not enough credit seems to be given to the defensive skills of catchers. My brother, Tom, suggests that the range rating of the catcher come into play on throws to the plate.

Plays at the plate, while not frequent, are the most exciting single play in the game because they mean the difference between a run or an out, and they involved prolonged suspense waiting for the result of the throw.

It seems that a quality catcher would be able to size up the play, block the plate, catch the throw and apply the tag better than someone with lesser abilities. Make the following adjustments on throws to the plate (in addition to the normal rules):

CATCHER'S RATING	1	2	3	4	5 (non-catcher)
ADJUSTMENT TO RUNNER'S CHANCE	-2	-1	0	+1	+3

EARLY 'TIRING' POSSIBLE

Another change that seems to make the game a bit more realistic is in the area of pitchers' tired ratings.

Under current rules there is no reason to remove a pitcher who is getting shelled before he has reached his tired inning since his card doesn't change. More often than not his manager should yank him early to save him for a later day.

To duplicate this, I change the meaning of the tired inning on the pitcher's card. Once a pitcher gives up hits and walks totaling the tired inning number on his card he becomes ineffective, and the tired (dot) rules apply.

If not already tired, a double play reduces the total hits/walks given up by one.

To give a slight home team advantage, home team pitchers have their tired factor increased by one.

The net effect of this change is to create a more realistic pitching situation - after all, it should be apparent even a Dwight Gooden is ineffective if he has given up nine hits in the first few innings, or that your ace reliever doesn't have his good stuff if he comes in and gives up a couple of hits right away.

This rule also encourages using all of a team's staff and not just the best five or six pitchers.

To reinforce this idea, I also increase the chance for injury or extended rest periods for tired pitchers. The original rules take precedence if a pitcher would get tired earlier under them.

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Remember to take the asterisk off Damon Berryhill's card for the Chicago Cubs. The stealing rating is correct, but remove the asterisk.



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FOR SALE: Show your team's true colors with 6-, 10- and 20-sided dice in your choice of 9 colors: red, white, blue, black, purple, orange, green, yellow and brown. Guaranteed unbreakable. Only \$2 each postpaid. Specials: 3 for \$5, 7 for \$10. Strat player's special: 3 6-sided dice plus 1 20-sided die for \$6. It's all a dice-roller needs. David de la Fuente, 41 Marshall Ave., Apt. 4, Akron, OH 44302

FOR SALE: The 1975 and 1976 Cincinnati Reds baseball teams. Complete and in mint condition (no extra players). Best offer over \$20 for the combined two teams. Send SASE to: J. Howard, 2677 Anchor Ave., Port Hueneme, CA 93041

FOR SALE: Apple version computer game disk with pitcher's hold rating included, \$14. Season disks also available: 1962, 1968, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987 and the all new 1988 disk. Your choice, \$9 each; any two for \$16. Please call or write: Michael Stucchi, 453 Potter Road, Framingham, MA 01701 (508-990-7412 or 508-877-1322)

FOR SALE: Strat-O-Matic Baseball cards all in mint condition and with extras. Cards have been wrapped in cling wrap to keep them in mint condition. Years: 1975 (\$40); '78 (\$35); '80 (\$35); (continued)



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FOR SALE: Large box of assorted teams and cards from 1973-1987. Many have never been opened - some fairly used. Over 200 teams - box very heavy. Want to sell as a group. Top offer takes all. Call or contact: John Blomstrom, 4931 Whispering Falls, Houston, TX 77084 (713-855-4735)

FOR SALE: I am liquidating my football and basketball collections. I have the following football cards for sale: 1 game and parts, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1983, 1984 and 1985 cards, plus nameless players for both types of cards. Basketball: 1 game and parts, 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86. All cards in very good to excellent condition. Would prefer to sell complete seasons, but could sell individual teams. All extras included. Please make best offer to: Tim Austin, 3723 Greenland Ave. NW, Roanoke, VA 24012 (703-366-5197)

FOR SALE: 1977, 1982, 1983, 1985 baseball cards with additional players. Also, 1984 Cubs, Tigers, Expos, Blue Jays, Padres, Mets without extras. 1982 football cards. 1978 selector basketball game. All cards in very good condition. Reasonable offers or trades for 1977-78 and 1979-80

hockey cards. Looking for S-O-M gamers in Ottawa. Stuart Neill, Apt. 610, 860 Blackthorne Ave., Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1K 3Y7 (613-744-2146)

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FOR SALE: Frequency of use charts for Strat-O-Matic Baseball available for 1987 season (1988 season available shortly). The charts allow easy use of players according to actual frequency of use. Some features are: realistic frequency of use and days rest for starting pitchers; unique relief pitching system according to inning entering game; accurate platooning of hitters and pinch hitters; use of traded players only when actually on a team. Charts available for 1987-NL, 1987-AL, 1988-NL, 1988-AL (\$6/chart plus handling charge/order) or will bill you later. Free sample chart also available. Contact Bernard Rosner, 80 Robbins Road, Lexington, MA 02173

## League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: Established, successful, super advanced face-to-face football league is looking for a few new coaches to continue our past success. We are currently in our 11th season and have been well documented in the Review. We are located in the beautiful Sullivan County Catskill Mountains in New York state. We play on the average of once per week and are flexible. If  
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you're looking for a well-organized league, great stats, halftime festivities and great times - give us a call. Everyone gets a shot at a solid playoff contending team. Wayne Benton (914-292-4119) or Norm Evansky (914-292-5799).

LEAGUE FORMING: Twin Cities Strat Club is seeking dependable adult manager/coaches for basketball and backup coaches for existing football, hockey leagues. Also seeking backup managers for next year's baseball league (16 teams). Only dependable people need apply for our face-to-face leagues. Contact: Dave at 537-5947.

LEAGUE FORMING: Play-by-mail S-O-M, 16 teams drafted from all carded players. 30-man roster. Protect 15 players yearly. All advanced rules. Players limited to AB/IP and positions on cards. Standard scoresheets/stat sheets. Bi-weekly newsletters. Penalties for late reporting/playing. Minimum of 20% games must be face-to-face. I've been playing S-O-M for 26 years and know what it takes to have a successful league. Serious and dedicated managers only need apply. Call or write: Rich Vioral, 2269 White Pines Dr., Pensacola, FL 32506 (904-944-4356)

LEAGUE FORMING: Sportsman's Baseball Association entering fifth season. PBM. Advanced rules. Emphasis on sportsmanship, communication, promptness. For 1989 membership application and details, write: Burke Ittenbach, 104 Macon Drive, Mobile Estates, Cary, NC 27511

LEAGUE FORMING: The ICBL is expanding in its second season. We are currently a 10-team league based on the National League. Starting with the new cards, we'll be drafting a 12-team American League. This will be a ground-floor opportunity for A.L. enthusiasts. Also, there is a strong chance that a National League franchise(s) will become available. If you're a mature, dedicated baseball fan, this is the league for you. If interested,

call: Paul Ziemba (508-224-3716) or write: Paul Ziemba, 6 Farmhurst Road, Plymouth, MA 02360

LEAGUE FORMING: The Central Valley Strat-O-Matic Baseball Association is looking for managers to take over some existing franchises. CVSBA is a 10-team, strictly American League with limited rosters, player restrictions, annual re-entry and mid-season drafts and year-round trading. Extensive PBM experience not necessary, but S-O-M experience, reliability and congeniality are. Send expressions of interest to: Richard Nelson, 1553 Klamath River Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95690

LEAGUE FORMING: Backup managers required for established PBM league currently in its eighth season, featuring: 162-game schedule 12 teams, 40-man rosters, AL and NL players, all super-advanced rules, computer compatible and minor leaguers draftable. The main requirement is reliability and a sense of obligation towards others. If interested and qualified, phone: 416-731-3476 and ask for Murray Zabitsky, or write for application at: 199 Mullen Drive, Thornhill, Ontario, Canada L4J 2V8

LEAGUE FORMING: ATL American League all draft league from Houston needs backup manager. We play nine games every other Thursday at rotating homes from Feb. to Oct. Nine-year league keeps players year to year, draft, trade, etc. Backup manager will play when other managers can't attend and will join full-time when someone quits or expansion occurs, Jan. 1990. Managers 21-40. Contact: John Blomstrom, 4931 Whispering Falls, Houston, TX 77084 (713-855-4735)

LEAGUE FORMING: ISOMA is converting from face-to-face play to a PBM league and is looking for experienced players to take over some franchises and to provide a  
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backup list. Strictly National League, with perpetual rosters, year-round trading and player limits - and we're computer compatible. If you think you're qualified, write: Ken Gandy, P.O. Box 1421, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741

LEAGUE FORMING: As seen in Sept. 1988 Review. The New York Metro Strat League has two openings for the 1989 season. This is a well-organized, 16-member, face-to-face operation. The league has completed five seasons. Only serious players please. Long Island, Queens area. Call: Tony (day: 516-574-3147; night: 718-631-7814)

LEAGUE FORMING: NTL looking for backup managers. Exciting and interesting play-by-mail/head-to-head format. We are a draft National League with two five-team divisions - one in Houston/the other has two in Atlanta; two in St. Louis and one in Atlanta. We meet each Feb. in Houston for our World Series, draft and first 40 games of new season. Some teams play more. Some managers travel out of town during season to play. There is virtually no solitaire. Contact: John Blomstrom, 4931 Whispering Falls, Houston, TX 77084 (713-855-4735)

LEAGUE FORMING: The HSEML II is preparing to enter its sixth season and is in need of 1-2 replacement managers plus backups. We are a 14-team draft league that uses the basic side with many advanced features. Our "limited" draft - which prevents an all-star league - will take place in late March. We ask that serious and dependable managers apply. For more details, contact: Jim McPartland, 35 Morningside Dr., Bridgeport, CT 06606-1203 (203-576-1797)

LEAGUE FORMING: Continuous 16-team, face-to-face, PBM, advanced draft league in fourth year is looking for a few quality managers. The NASBL drafts from all MLB, so many superstars on available

teams. Reply soon - season starts in March. Call or send SASE and biography please: Ian Zook, Box 16734, La Jolla, CA 92037 (619-558-7318)

LEAGUE FORMING: The ESSOM Fall League, under new management, has at least one immediate opening and needs backup managers. This 10-team draft PBM league is 15 years old and runs from Oct.-March. We use most advanced rules. The league is based on AL teams; players traded to the NL remain on our rosters. Other features: annual phone draft, 156-game schedule. If you want to join a well-run league, rich in heritage and fun to boot, ESSOM is for you. Only dedicated, mature fanatics should respond to: Harold Coleman, 401 Jackson Circle, Columbus, MS 39701 (601-327-4845)

LEAGUE FORMING: Face-to-face baseball league in Sonoma, Marin, Solano, San Francisco area is looking for gamers for draft and full-season replay. Please call: Dave (707-664-1756)

LEAGUE FORMING: The Greater Columbia Baseball Association needs at least two and possibly as many as six new managers as we begin our 11th season. The GCBA is an 18-team PBM league that drafts from all teams and uses the super advanced rules. In order to generate more interest among new managers, the existing teams not returning will be dissolved and their players thrown into a draft pool. The new managers will then draft their own roster from this pool. After that, all 18 teams will submit their protected roster for the annual rookie draft, which takes place in mid-March. But now for the bad news...the GCBA is a winter league which begins in late August. The core managers of the GCBA are exceptional. The most recent new managers have been there for five years. However, the fringe managers have been

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terrible. We're hoping for experienced managers, but our No. 1 priority is dedication. If you're still reading this ad, you might be the person we're looking for. If you've been burned by other "come and go" leagues in the past, maybe you should give us a try. Contact: Rick Sontheimer, 808 Rollingwood Trail, Columbia, SC 29210 (803-772-4052)

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Sunshine State Strat League, a stable, competitive, PBM, 10-team league in its fourth year, needs one experienced and reliable manager (over 21). We use National League players with 15-man protect roster. Rookie and unprotected player draft each year. 162-game schedule. Team is strong with Galarrraga, Bonilla, Brooks, Walk, Drabek, Gross, Sutcliffe, Worrell, Sax, Thomas, Webster, among others. Call or write to: Dave Tynner, 8340 SW 62nd Court, Miami, FL 33143 (305-661-9688) or Marty Toder (904-824-9651)

**LEAGUE FORMING:** America's League - better known as the Mid-Atlantic Table Sports Association - will be playing its 10th annual season beginning in March. We are a 10-team, continuous NL play-by-mail draft league, with an emphasis on both fun and quality, playing a sensible and exciting 132-game season through August. We are a close-knit group (we all met in Ohio for a weekend last summer), so to get in on the fun, please write: Ed Grant, 746 N. Highland Avenue NE #4, Atlanta, GA 30306

**LEAGUE FORMING:** The Federal Basketball Network is looking for four new coaches for four expansion franchises. We are a PBM draft basketball league currently in our 11th year. We feature free agent drafts, rookie drafts and very active trading among our members. We are looking for responsible coaches who are willing to make a long-term commitment. We play a 64-game schedule and our newsletters include up-to-date stats for

all clubs and league leaders in all categories. If interested please call or write: Len Greenberg, 50 Bradley Dr., Shoreham, NY 11786 (516-928-2170, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. EST)

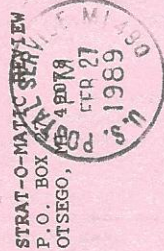
**LEAGUE FORMING:** A few eager backup managers are needed in the Democratic Baseball Association (DBA), a high-energy, 16-team, play-by-mail draft league. We're computer compatible, use super advanced rules, but feature a diverse, veteran group of managers. It's a league experience you won't soon forget. Write: Pete Stein, 199-30 28th Avenue, Flushing, NY 11358

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Tradewater II, a play-by-mail baseball league, is offering the public a very rare opportunity to join our six-year organization. Stability, reliability, realism and a simple constitution form our backbone. Don't delay, contact: Dean Monson 3503 W. 4400 So., West Valley City, UT 84119 (801-967-7182)

**LEAGUE FORMING:** The Fly-By-Night Baseball Association is entering its 15th season. 20-team, draft league, advance rules, all cards used. 162-game season, bi-weekly newsletter including: standings, league leaders, transactions and individual team reports. Play-offs, World Series, All-Star game. The FBNEA is mostly PBM, but we do offer face-to-face in Connecticut, New York, Florida. Last year 11 managers got together in Connecticut for the annual telephone draft. We are looking for backup managers. Last year four backups got regular manager jobs. Write to: Rob Bruno, 33 Stony Hill Drive, Mystic, CT 06355 for questionnaire.

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Face-to-face league in north Jersey seeks standbys for its sixth season. Wait has varied from none to just over one year. Ten-team league uses primarily AL cards and super advanced rules. Average member is  
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## Contest

CONTEST: Pensacola Open. S-O-M tournament, April 28-30; \$50

entry fee, \$45 if entered by April 14. Guaranteed \$450 for first place, \$200 for second and \$100 for third if there are at least 30 participants. Great location, surrounded by motels and eating places. Easy access to I-10. Call or write Rich Vioral for more information: (904-944-4356), 2269 White Pines Drive, Pensacola, FL 32506

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