



## STRAT-O-MATIC REVIEW

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### 1961 season most likely to be printed

The Review was hoping to have a verdict from Strat-O-Matic this month as to what its plans were for baseball reprints and past seasons. But as the May issue went to press, S-O-M creator Harold Richman was vacationing in the southwest, could not be reached, and thus a final decision is still pending.

The game company, however, has been sent the poll results [which are found on the following page] and, on the basis of a conversation with Richman the previous month, the most likely action by S-O-M would be to print the 1961 season.

Actually the 1961 season was second in the past seasons poll, behind the 1930 season, in balloting that attracted 386 votes--360 for past seasons, 26 opposing them. But, as was pointed out in the April Review, the 1930 season, while a great one for hitting, was marred by the fact the baseball was livened up in the National League. Thus, Richman feels that season was an aberration and doesn't wish to print it.

The 1961 season, of course, would be an extension of S-O-M since the first year all the teams were printed was based on 1962. The 1956 season was third on the list, 1959 fourth and 1927 fifth. All told, 75 seasons drew at least one vote. The 1950's was by far the most popular decade,

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## PAST SEASONS POLL

Yes votes - 360  
No votes - 26

Decade Preferred	1	2	3	4	Season Preferred
1970 -	6	7	7	-	1. 1930 - 120
1960 -	80	35	20	1	2. 1961 - 86
1950 -	158	110	39	2	3. 1956 - 71
1940 -	12	75	77	4	4. 1959 - 64
1930 -	52	66	66	1	5. 1927 - 61
1920 -	22	32	73	1	6. 1950 - 55
1910 -	7	11	17	1	7. 1948 - 44
1900 -	4	6	8	1	8. 1949 - 36
1890 -	7	2	6	-	* Note that 75 seasons drew at least one vote.
1880 -	1	-	-	-	
1870 -	1	1	-	-	

## REPRINTS

Yes votes - 211  
No votes - 16

## Top 20 Teams (votes and percentage of 211 votes cast)

1. 1969 New York Mets	-	135	63.9%	* Note that 264 teams from 1962- 1977 received at least one vote.
2. 1968 Detroit Tigers	-	119	56.3%	
3. 1963 Los Angeles Dodgers	-	102	48.3%	
4. 1966 Baltimore Orioles	-	98	46.4%	
5. 1964 St. Louis Cardinals	-	97	45.9%	
6. 1969 Baltimore Orioles	-	89	42.1%	
7. 1962 Los Angeles Dodgers	-	82	38.8%	
8. 1964 New York Yankees	-	76	36.0%	
9. 1968 St. Louis Cardinals	-	73	34.5%	
1963 New York Yankees	-	73	34.5%	
11. 1970 Cincinnati Reds	-	70	33.1%	
12. 1971 Pittsburgh Pirates	-	65	30.8%	
1964 Philadelphia Phillies	-	65	30.8%	
14. 1966 Los Angeles Dodgers	-	64	30.3%	
15. 1970 Baltimore Orioles	-	60	28.4%	
16. 1962 New York Yankees	-	58	27.4%	
17. 1971 Baltimore Orioles	-	49	23.2%	
18. 1964 Chicago White Sox	-	46	21.8%	
19. 1969 Minnesota Twins	-	43	20.3%	
20. 1969 Atlanta Braves	-	41	19.4%	

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attracting 158 first-choice votes.

As far as reprints of teams--and no decision has been made by S-O-M regarding this--the 1969 New York Mets (see above), 1968 Detroit Tigers and 1963 Los Angeles Dodgers drew the most votes, with 63.9 percent of those gamers who wanted reprints voting for the "Miracle Mets."

Hopefully next month a decision will be known.

## SPORTS TABLE-GAMING IS COMPETITIVE

We noticed in the newest issue of Street & Smith Baseball 15 ads regarding baseball sports table games. That's up from the 10 ads the previous year. Many of the 15, of course, won't be around next year--operating costs and money that has to be paid to the Baseball Players Association for use of their names will take a heavy toll--but the number of ads does show how competitive the gaming business has become.

## Who should you draft in baseball?

The draft scouting report on Keith Hernandez read: "At 25, one of best all-around first basemen in majors. Don't be dismayed by .255 average in '78, as whole team flopped. This Gold Glove has a textbook swing and by 1981 will be the best first baseman in the NL."

That was a year ago [May, 1979 Review] and was part of the offerings by Larry Fryer, 43-year S-D-M buff from Hamburg, PA, as to what players should be drafted in baseball in your table-top endeavors.

Fryer was a soothsayer par excellence regarding Hernandez, who went on to lead the N.L. in hitting and shared Most Valuable Player honors with Willie Stargell. Fryer also had a clear crystal ball when it came to Steve Kemp ["Kemp will become more aggressive at the plate"], Garry Templeton, Sixto Lezcano and numerous others. He wasn't so on-target on Tommy John, Harry Chappas, Bob Knepper and Mike Caldwell, however. John, Fryer cried by saying, "Best years behind him. Trade him now." John finished second with an earned-run-average of 2.97 and compiled a 21-9 record with the Yankees.

Knepper didn't live up to his billing as a "dominant force in NL for years to come," nor was Caldwell a "one-year flash" as Fryer predicted.

But overall, Fryer was "in the ballpark" and not just "out in left field" with his forecasts as to whom should be drafted, traded, or just quietly dropped from one's S-D-M roster.

And, for sure, his offerings made for interesting reading. So, here we go again, Larry Fryer's second annual "Who Should You Draft in Baseball" report:

**RICKEY HENDERSON** - This 21-year-old speedster is the AL's next Willie Wilson. Hit .336, .345 and .340 in minors and stole 33 bases in abbreviated rookie season. This guy is a future great!

**BRIAN DOWNING** - Unless you're playoff bound, trade him now. A lifetime .246 hitter before last year.

**THAD BOSLEY** - Currently being mishandled by the White Sox. If they ever let him play, Bosley will hit .300 and steal 30+ bases. Great potential.

**FRANK PASTORE** - Good live arm. Showed poise in playoffs. Excellent pitching prospect.

**JOHN MONTEFUSCO** - Anything but an excellent prospect. Good years are a thing of the past.

**GARY ROENICKE** - Showed surprising power as rookie. Great minor league stats. Figures to land starting job this year. Get him now.

**CARNEY LANSFORD** - At 23, already has two good years behind him. Will be one of the best of the '80s.

**JOE RUDI** - You should have traded him four years ago.

**TERRY KENNEDY** - A future great if he ever plays.

**SID MONGE** - At top of roller-coaster. His 2.40 ERA and 19 saves will never be repeated.

**JUAN BERENGUER & NEIL ALLEN** - Great young pitching prospects for the Mets.

**WILLIE AIKENS** - Only a team as strong as the Angels could give him up. Future home run champ. Great bat...label him untouchable.

**BUCKY DENT** - Overpaid glamour boy.

**HOSKEN POWELL** - Bona fide .300 hitter, if he plays regularly. Hit .345, .329 and .326 in minors.

**OSCAR GAMBLE** - It doesn't take a genius to realize the "Big 'O'" will never do that again! But if you're headed for the playoffs, who cares.

**BOB HORNER** - 'Dr. Strangeglove' should hit 500 home runs before he's through.

Fryer also suggests that if they're available and you have a couple of draft picks to spend on "futures," the following should be taken: Harry Chappas, Mike Scioscia, Rance Mulliniks, Dave Righetti, Rudy Law, Kirk Gibson, Pedro Guerrero and Joe Charboneau.



***He's belted 42 homers in 98 games!***

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## **Kingman off to fast start in GKSMML**

Whenever a baseball slugger gets off to a fast start and slams a flock of home runs, comparisons always begin with the home run pace of the legendary Babe Ruth and Roger Maris. Ruth, of course, hit 60 homers in a 154-game season and Maris, in 1961, walloped 61\* (\* in a 162-game season).

The GKSMML (Greater Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League) is starting to check out those old home run paces--since it has, in Dave Kingman, a long-ball specialist who might eclipse the records established by both Ruth and Maris, at least in S-O-M.

Kingman, the property of Warren Newell, Review co-editor, in the Kalamazoo, MI-based face-to-face, continuous draft league, has already stroked 42 homers and driven in 101 runs--all in only 97 games! There are still 57 games to go and Kingman has plenty of at-bats (the GKSMML strictly adheres to at-bats/innings pitched on the cards) remaining.

The current record for home runs in the GKSMML is 54 (set by Dick Allen, '72 American League season replay) and Kingman, barring a horrendous slump, appears a cinch to break that.

"If it wasn't for Kingman, I'd probably have only about 20 wins," says Warren, whose record at the 97-game mark is 50-47, leaving him in third place in the East Division of the 10-team, two-division league.

For the curious, the GKSMML has already replayed 18 154-game seasons. The current National League season will make 19 upon completion, which is slated for the second week in May. Then the American League campaign will begin.

Review co-editors Warren and Del Newell are pioneer members of the GKSMML, while Del's 16-year-old son, Todd, is in his fourth year. Regulars in the GKSMML who returned were Dale Holland, runnerup the last two years in the N.L., Gary Tien and Jeff Kik, 25-year-old salesman who joined up at the end of the N.L. season a year ago. John Madden, who played three years ago, has returned from New York, where he was going to school, and taken over a championship team left by Cliff Sage. Sage rode off into the sunset after being slaughtered in four straight games in the World Series by Warren's team late last summer.

Tom Angel, who made the trek to Michigan from Florida over a year ago, allegedly to join an S-O-M league, moved south again and turned the reins of his two promising teams over to Jeff Green, who resides in Kalamazoo and once played in a PBM league with Tom.

The GKSMML, many of you will recall, protects 15 players per team from the previous season's roster and then a draft is held of discarded players, rookies (players with S-O-M cards for the first time) or players who were traded in real-life from one league to another. And, of course, the draft is done in reverse order of finish from the previous season.

The draft pickings were mighty slim this year in the N.L.--in fact, it may have been the worst draft ever--as Jeff Leonard (going to Jeff Green) was the No. 1 pick. Here's the remainder of the top 10 selections in the GKSMML's N.L. draft: 2 - Rick Sutcliffe; 3 - Bill Lee; 4 - John Fulgham; 5 - Dick Tidrow; 6 - Dave Palmer; 7 - Scott Sanderson; 8 - Eli Sosa; 9 - Greg Minton; 10 - Enrique Romo.

And now, stepping into the batter's box, Dave (Kong) Kingman...

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### **How to 'pitch around' the sluggers**

How do you deal with a Dave Kingman in S-O-M Baseball?

Outside of giving him an intentional walk every at-bat, the "Kong" is going to hurt you (unless you have him on your team) sooner or later. Larry Hayes, an S-O-M gamer for 11 years and a recent subscriber to the Review, has a playing tip that gives an alternative to just layin' the ball in to a Kingman, or other slugger.

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What Hayes proposes is to "pitch around" a slugger. Not every at-bat, though, rather only after the sixth inning on, and then it should be restricted to use only once an inning and never on the same batter twice in a game.

What does the "pitch around" allow the defensive manager to do? First off, it's a semi-intentional walk for the batter who is feared more than the hitter on deck; secondly, it gives a manager the opportunity to semi-intentionally walk a right-handed hitter in order to face a left-handed batter, or vice-versa; third, a batter can be semi-intentionally walked to set up a double play situation; and fourth, the maneuver reduces a hitter's chances of hitting a home run.

Here's how it works:

Defensive manager announces to offensive manager he wants to "pitch around" the upcoming batter. The following changes then occur on the batter's card only:

Three-dice roll result		Change it to read	
Strikeout	-	Walk	
Home Run	-	Home Run	1-10
(no split card draw required)		Walk	11-20
Home Run	-	Home Run	1-7
(with split card draw required)		Walk	8-14
		Double	15-20

Notice that a slugger's chance of hitting a home run are reduced, but so are his chances of striking out, since the pitcher is "pitching around" or throwing "extra fine." In many instances, the batter will draw a walk, but that's the way it is in real-life.

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## Readers roll 'em

### SEARCHING FOR A LEAGUE

Could you help me out with a problem. I played my rookie baseball PBM year with the Del-Cal league. Many managers got way behind, followed stat-keeping lackadaisically, or just plain dropped out. I don't think the playoffs were ever played, and the league may have folded.

Could you recommend to me a solid American League draft league. After this miserable season, I'm in favor of a \$100 deposit, refundable partially, but from which fines for lateness may be assessed by a commissioner.

I am very dependable, keep excellent stats and love to play. But I want a PBM league with some stability and, frankly, you just can't tell what leagues are solid from reading the classifieds in the Review.

I'll take over an established team if necessary, although

I'd prefer a new team. Of course, if I had the time, I would be the commissioner of my own league, but I know I don't have that kind of time.

Dana Perlstein  
7900 Carissa Lane  
Laurel, MD 20810

Editor's note: The League Forming section is still best guide we know of for joining a PBM league. We do recommend, however, that before joining, a potential league member might want to investigate the league more as to how it operates, background of commissioner, longevity, etc. An SASE sent to the commissioner, or party placing an ad in the Review, could result in just what you are seeking as far as a PBM league's modus operandi. Another method would be to check through back issues of the Review and see what leagues have been featured, or pore over the "League Scene" section

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for leagues that pop up on an annual basis and appear to be stable.

#### REVIEW IS INTERESTING

I've only subscribed to your magazine for three months, but have found it to be uniformly interesting and informative.

I feel the baseball tips are the biggest attraction for me and would like to see more whenever possible. Even if I don't employ a specific tip, the idea is still valuable for developing ways to improve the game. Hockey is my second interest and I enjoy seeing articles about that, also.

One question, in your list of cards still available from the game company, it appears that extra player cards for 1977 season are no longer in stock. If this is not the case, perhaps you could note it in a future issue.

Kevin Daly  
P.O. Box 936  
Fort Collins, CO

Editor's note: Extra players for 1977 are no longer available from S-O-M. Many of the teams [check elsewhere in this month's Review for a listing] are still available, but not the extras.

#### REVIEW HAS DETERIORATED

Please renew my subscription for another year. I came close to not renewing the Review, as I feel the publication deteriorated in the last year.

We received three months of Reviews discussing the re-printing of cards. Pages were given to letters of why people were in favor of the cards being reprinted. These could have been sent straight to the game company and kept us from the boredom of reading them.

These pages could have been used to print replays. A lot more effort goes into the replays and I feel they more deserve to be printed.

While I'm letting off steam, I'd like to say that I also feel complete replays should be printed over partial replays. The statistical data is more accurate over a large sample than

a smaller one. Thus, 160-game replays should be printed before a 50-game replay. More effort is put into the 160-game replay also.

Tony Auter  
3505 Mina Court  
Louisville, KY

Editor's note: We will continue to strive to make everyone happy. We receive upwards of 20 replays per month so it's impossible to please everyone.

#### QUICK SERVICE

I would like to indirectly thank the game company for its speedy and reliable service. After looking over my new cards I found I was missing Dave Revering of the A's. I sent out my request for this card on a Thursday morning--and received the card the next day. That's fast service!

And, all the problems I had with the Review not arriving on time are over. For the extra 15¢ a month, first class mailing is no doubt worth it. Now I can enjoy reading the Review before the month of the issue has even arrived.

Eric Frankel  
Oakland, NJ

#### PRAISES PUBLICATION

Your publication is the best table-top sport publication that I know of.

The preseason highlights and lowlights always make waiting for the new cards even harder than it already is. The articles are always interesting and relevant. The game tips are usually worth looking at.

Our Edmonton Association S-O-M League uses many tips such as the split-number dice system by Bryan Baker. And the new "playing while injured" chart (both are found in the Feb., 1980 issue) is going to be looked into.

The league replays are the part of the Review that I enjoy the most. Please continue producing the best sports magazine about table-top games.

I am 21 years old and go to the University of Alberta, where I'm in my fourth year of physical education. I am also the commissioner of a six-team head-to-head baseball league that's in its second season.

Mitchell Stewart  
Edmonton, Alberta

Members are from U.S., Canada, England, Germany

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## Colorful cover on ETSOMBA yearbook

The International S-O-M Baseball League is another that plays all year around. It plays the National League cards in fall/winter; American League in spring/summer. The ISOMBA also, starting this year, operates internationally and truly lives up to its surname--with members in Canada, England and Germany.

The play-by-mail league, as the cover of its yearbook below shows, has just completed its American League season for 1979. Who the artist was was not mentioned, but the cover does include all 12 of the A.L. teams' surnames. It's something different and perhaps something the artistically inclined among us may want to emulate. "You may have to stretch the imagination a bit or use a process of elimination, but all 12 of the teams

are represented here," says Bob Dorner of Philadelphia, whose other noteworthy accomplishment in S-O-M last year was winning the Review's MVP Contest.

The lineup of managers for the ISOMBA's second AL season consisted of: Jim McPherson, Washington, IN (Homesteads); Scott Fidler, Camp Hill, PA (Orkins); John Dormer, Philadelphia, PA (Enforcers); Bob Dormer, Philadelphia (Whizzards); Rich O'Neill, Philadelphia (Dumprucks); and Jim Beauchemin, Albany, NY (Comets) in the East.

The West included Eric Simonson, Sudbury, MS (Swedes); Don Femmel, Indianapolis, IN (Tators); Brad Hines, East Hopkins, MN (Sabres); Dave Miller, APO NY (Hawks); Steve Fidler, Camp Hill, PA (Clippers); and Niel Johnson, Santa Cruz, CA (Kinibers).

On the next page are league standings and leaders:

# ISOMBA

## American League

### 1979 Yearbook



Bench (30 HRs), Ken Griffey, Rick Monday and had the most feared trio of pitchers in J.R. Richard (25-8, 2.46), Gaylord Perry (19-7, 2.54) and Phil Niekro (19-14, 3.52), which combined to fire a third strike past an amazing 1,089 batters--95 more than any other pitching staff in either league.

As previously mentioned, anything anyone has ever wanted to know about the LSSA is documented in the 14-page computer printout; team as well as individual statistics. A game-by-game playoff and World Series summary is included, as is an All-Star game which, surprisingly, was captured by the A.L., 4-1. Rod Carew collected two hits, drove in two runs and was chosen MVP.

Now for the standings (both leagues) and a summation of the statistics:

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Division A	W - L	GB	AVG	ERA	Division B	W - L	GB	AVG	ERA
Cyclones [KA]	97 63	-	.272	3.52	Nuggets [GB]	90 70	-	.274	3.57
Striders [RC]	86 74	11	.268	3.88	Strangler [SF]	89 71	1	.263	2.97
Dingbats [WA]	81 79	16	.257	3.59	Daydreamers [TA]	80 80	10	.258	3.65
Mustangs [JM]	56 104	41	.266	4.86	Piranhas [BD]	61 99	29	.262	4.54
<u>Batting</u>					<u>Home Runs</u>				
Oliver MU	.354	Rice SI	49	RBI	H:	Carw SI	202		
Carew SI	.327	Thomas PI	40	Rice SI	139	2B:	Brett MU	53	
Rice SI	.302	Zisk PI	38	Hisle SI	106	3B:	Yount CY	12	
Nettles SI	.295	DeCinces [CY]	37	Murray CY	100	R:	Rice SI	116	
				Nettles SI	100	SB:	Wills SI	33-42	
							LeFlore DB	150-211	
<u>ERA</u>					<u>Strikeouts</u>				
Barrios SA	1.82	Barrios SA	14-3	Guidry SA	324	SA:	Hiller		
Guidry SA	2.14	Jenkins CY	22-6	Ryan MU	271	SA:	SA 44		
Gura DB	2.42	Caldwell DB	28-10	Kravec PI	188	SH:	Jenkins,		
Jenkins CY	2.69	Clancy NU	13-5				Guidry,		
Caldwell DB	2.83	Guidry SA	23-10				Palmer 4		
Palmer CY	2.91	Palmer CY	23-11						

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Division A	W - L	GB	AVG	ERA	Division B	W - L	GB	AVG	ERA
Coral Re.[TA]	96 84	-	.265	3.35	Fruitbats [BD]	89 71	-	.260	3.52
Silverbirds [GB]	84 76	12	.253	3.66	Voyagers [RC]	78 82	11	.259	3.64
Stallions [KA]	83 77	13	.249	3.50	Bombers [WA]	71 89	18	.237	3.99
Wildcats [JM]	76 84	20	.266	3.88	Urban Shockers [SF]	63 97	26	.234	3.54
<u>Batting</u>					<u>Home Runs</u>				
Parker BD	.326	Kingman FB	37	RBI	H:	Bowa FB	218		
Bowa FB	.323	Luzinski ST	37	Parker BD	118	2B:	Clark ST	53	
Madlock WC	.314	Stargell ST	37	R. Smith SB	105	3B:	Parker BD	17	
Garvey VO	.307	Horner FB	36	Kingman FB	97	R:	Burroughs FB	104	
						SB:	North US	50-62	
							DeJesus BD	100-140	
<u>ERA</u>					<u>Strikeouts</u>				
Halicki US	2.26	Swan WC	17-5	Richard CR	339	SA:	Welch BD	25	
Richard CR	2.46	Richard CR	25-8	Seaver VO	254		Fingers US		
Perry CR	2.54	Perry CR	19-7	Niekro CR	237	SH:	Lamp FB	6	
Swan WC	2.62	Halicki US	15-6				Swan WC	5	
Montefusco BD	2.90	Barr SB	12-5						
Seaver VO	3.18	Garber ST	13-6						

Playoffs: American - Cyclones d. Nuggets, 5-0, 4-3, 2-4, 1-8, 3-2.

National - Coral Reefers d. Fruitbats, 4-2, 3-4, 2-0, 5-2.

World Series: Cyclones d. Coral Reefers, 9-7, 5-0, 5-1, 2-14, 7-5.

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### Wanted

WANTED: Following baseball teams: 1964 Phillies, Cardinals, Orioles, Yankees; 1963 Dodgers, Yankees; 1962 Dodgers. I am willing to pay \$10 to \$15 each for teams in good condition. Call 904-737-8377, or write: Mike Merwine, 5800 Barnes Rd. S.#12, Jacksonville, FL 32216

WANTED: S-O-M Baseball individuals and teams since S-O-M's conception. Teams: Braves, Tigers, Giants, Royals, Dodgers, Red Sox, Pirates, Pilots, Cubs. Send list of individuals available to: Houghton Beach Club, Tournament Offices, 22425-100th Ave. West, Edmonds, WA 98020

WANTED: Would like to buy sets from 1969 through 1974, or any additional teams. Send SASE to: John Lapre, 1502 Mendon Rd., Woonsocket, RI 02895. Will answer all letters.

WANTED: To hear from S-O-M Baseball gamers in the Okanagan Valley -British Columbia-Oliver-Revelstoke. Wayne Schreiner, General Delivery, Armstrong, British Columbia V0E 1B0 (phone: 838-7868)

WANTED: 1967 Cowboys, Browns, Giants, Lions, Redskins, Colts, Bears, Oilers, Jets, Patriots, Chiefs, Chargers, Broncos; 1969 Browns, Vikings, Colts, Jets, Chiefs. Would like to buy or rent the teams. I only need them for a short replay. Also have the following teams to trade: 1967 Packers, Rams; 1969 Raiders, Cowboys; 1970 Colts, Cowboys; 1968 Jets, Colts. All letters will be promptly answered. Contact: D. DeGrasse, RFD 1, Box 205A, Hamden Hlds., ME 04445

WANTED: Please! Help me; there has got to be someone out there who has these 1963 teams. I need them badly. Been a S-O-M owner since 1964. One of you old-time gamers should be able to help me. Will pay a good dollar for them. Must be in good-excellent condition. Teams are the 1963 Giants, Yankees, Dodgers, Cardinals, Reds, Braves, White Sox. Want them real bad! Write to: Phil Solimine, 989 Apt. 4 Clifton Ave., Clifton, NJ 07013. Or call 201-777-8625 between 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

WANTED: Football - '70 Cowboys; Colts, '68, '70, '71; Kansas City '67-71; Vikings '68, '71; Oakland '67, '70; Rams '67-70; Packers '67, '72; Browns '71; Houston '67; Jets '67; '70 Giants, Bengals. Baseball - With extras (except \*) A's '73; Red Sox '71, '73; Yankees '72-74\*, '75\*; Baltimore '69, '70, '72, '74\*; Kansas City '73, '74\*; Braves '70, '71, '73; 1970 Reds, Cards, Padres, Cubs; Astros '70, '73; Giants '70, '74\*; Phils '73; Expos '70, '74\*; Mets '70, '73. I have a lot of football teams from '67 to the present and following baseball teams for possible trade, or I can buy them off of you. Anybody wanting over \$3 for single team, forget it. Pirates '76; Reds '61, '75, '76; Tigers '76-78; Yanks '76; A's '72, '74, '76; Royals '76; Angels '70, '72; Blue Jays '78; Brewers '77; Indians '72, '76, '78; Mariners '78; Rangers '72, '76; 1975 N.L. minus Pirates, Phils, Cubs, Los Angeles, San Francisco; '75 A.L. extras minus New York, Kansas City, Baltimore, A's, Red Sox; 48 cards of '74 extras, mostly A.L. Also wanted: '68 Giant  
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specialist card; '68 Cards specialist card; '68 Giants starting split end; '73 Steeler backup halfback (behind Preston Pearson). Send your list of trade teams and those you want or what you will take for teams to: Cecil Van Reinen, 3721 Stannton Ave. SE, Charleston, WV 25304

WANTED: Extra players from the 1977 baseball season. State condition and price. I will answer all replies but will give SASE's special priority. Write to: Dan Allen, 5118 W. Berenice Ave., Chicago, IL 60641

WANTED: Baseball teams - 1962, '63, '64, '68, '69, '70, '71, '72 New York Yankees; '69, '70, '71, '72 Minnesota Twins; '69, '70, '71, '72 California Angels; '68, '69, '70, '71, '72 St. Louis Cardinals. Also complete American and National League teams, years 1970-1972. Will buy extra players if you have them. Send prices and condition of cards to: Kevin Schoenecker, 5673 Alder Ave., Littleton, CO 80123

WANTED: 1971-75 Yankees; in fair to good condition; no pen marks. Also looking for 1968-1977 Green Bay Packers. Send asking price to: Larry Scotti, 638 Woodrow Road, Staten Island, NY 10312

WANTED: I am willing to pay a good price for the following teams in good, excellent, or mint condition: 1967 Green Bay Packers, New York Giants, Detroit Lions, New Orleans Saints, Dallas Cowboys; 1968 Dallas Cowboys, Baltimore Colts, Los Angeles Rams, New York Jets, Cleveland Browns, Washington Redskins. I have the 1970 San Francisco 49ers in good condition and the 1967 Kansas City Chiefs in excellent condition available for a one-for-one trade. I also have the 1975 Pittsburgh Steelers in excellent condition, the 1975 Oakland Raiders in fair condition and the entire 1976 season in excellent to mint condition available for a three-for-one trade and a negotiable set of 1977 baseball extra players. All replies

answered. Write to: Gerry Smedinghoff, 317 N. Maple St., Mount Prospect, IL 60056

## For Sale

FOR SALE: 1971, 1972 baseball sets; no extras; mint condition; hardly ever used. Bids on each entire set only. Will accept highest bid by July 1, 1980. Mail bids to: A.J. Stern, 2582 Clovermere Road, Oceanside, NY 11572

FOR SALE: 1969 Braves, Twins, \$7; 1970 Pirates, Twins, \$6; 1970 A's, Phillies, Giants, Tigers, Dodgers, Yankees, Padres [20-card set], \$4.50; 1971 Boston, Dodgers, Cleveland, Atlanta, Montreal, Padres [24 cards], \$4.50; 1971 Pirates [20 cards], \$9; 1973 Boston, Giants, Twins, Royals, Cardinals, Pirates, Angels [20 cards], \$4; 1973 Mets, \$9; 1974 Royals, Indians, Brewers [24 cards], \$4; 1970 extra players - Brewers, Senators, White Sox, Indians, Boston, Yankees, Phillies, Mets, Giants, Braves, Padres, Cubs, Dodgers, A's, each team \$1. 1972 extra players minus Tigers, A's, Reds, Pirates, 90¢ each. 1973 minus Mets, Reds, Orioles, A's, 80¢; 1974 minus Oakland, Los Angeles, 75¢; 1975 minus Boston, Cincinnati, 60¢; 1972 complete set, \$52; 1973 complete set, \$49; 1974 complete set, \$48; 1975 complete set, \$46; 1971 Oakland, Giants, 24 cards, \$7.50; 1972 Tigers, Pirates, 24 cards, \$6.50; 1973 Reds, Orioles, 24 cards, \$8.50; 1970 A.L., \$37.00. Richard Gulezian, 1 Robin Hood Road, Windham, NH 03087 (phone: 603-893-1017)

FOR SALE: The following baseball teams with extra players - 1975 season [mint condition] and 1976 season [very good]; 1971 Angels, Royals, Brewers, Expos, White Sox, Indians, Cardinals, Senators, Padres, Astros, Braves [23 players], all the preceding in good condition, some with pencil (a few). Also in fair condition, 1969 Dodgers [21], Twins [23 players], Phils [19] and 1970 A's [25 players]. Send bids to: Bruce A. White, 141 N. 10th St., Apt. #2, Allentown, PA 18102 (phone: 215-433-5999). SASE assures reply.

FOR SALE: 1966 Red Sox, Yankees, [continued on next page]



Indians, Tigers, Angels, A's--  
\$8.75 per team; 1965 Cubs, 1969  
Dodgers, Reds, Pirates, 1970  
Expos, Cubs--\$8.95 each team;  
1971 Expos, Red Sox, Pirates,  
Yanks, Senators, Twins, Dodgers,  
Astros, Braves, White Sox,  
Giants, Cardinals, Reds, Indians,  
Phils, Angels, Cubs, Royals,  
Padres--\$7.95 each team; 1972  
Rangers, A's, Twins, Indians,  
White Sox, Royals, Angels,  
Tigers, Yanks, Red Sox, Orioles  
--\$7.50 per team; 1973 Tigers,  
Rangers, Angels, White Sox, Red  
Sox, Giants, Reds, Expos, Yanks,  
Indians, Royals, Orioles--\$6.95  
per team; 1974 all baseball  
teams--\$6.50 per team; 1975 all  
baseball teams--\$5.95 per team;  
1969 Bengals, Colts, Falcons,  
Lions, 1968 Lions, 1972 Packers,  
1974 Steelers--\$8.95 each team;  
1971 Patriots, Falcons, Jets,  
Bengals, Raiders, Bills, Lions,  
Cardinals, Steelers, Giants,  
Saints, Browns, Oilers, Eagles  
--\$7.95 each team. Prices listed  
are expected prices, however,  
bids may be accepted. Send  
reply to: John McNabb, 226  
College Ave., DeKalb, IL 60115

FOR SALE: 1972 Giants; 1974 A's,  
Pirates, White Sox, Twins,  
Yankees, Astros, Dodgers; 1924  
Senators; 1935 Cubs; 1940 Reds;  
1967 Cardinals; complete 1975  
football set. Teams sold to  
highest bidder. Send separate  
bids for each baseball team.  
WANTED: Complete baseball sets  
of 1971 and 1973 and 1972 Pir-  
ates. Send SASE to: Matt  
Costantino, 4522 N. Newcastle,  
Harwood Heights, IL 60656

FOR SALE: 1969, 1971 baseball;  
1972 football; 1972-73 basket-  
ball; first 3 volumes S-O-M  
Review. Best offer. Send SASE  
to: Richard Miller, 19 Orchard  
St., Fairport, NY 14450

FOR SALE: 1980 Price Guide for  
S-O-M cards. Part I - Baseball,  
\$2.00. Part II - Football,  
\$2.00. Both for \$3.50. Includes  
up-to-date pricing, a rating  
system for card condition and  
many hints on how to buy and  
sell S-O-M cards. This guide  
will steer you away from the  
"rip-off artists" and will pay  
for itself in no time. A must

for all S-O-M enthusiasts! Send  
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FOR SALE: S-O-M Football teams,  
1967 through 1974. Condition good  
to excellent. I have a price in  
mind for each team and will sell  
either to the first person who  
meets my price, or to the highest  
bidder by the end of the month.  
Mike Bordelon, 5445 Braesvalley  
#724, Houston, TX 77096 (phone:  
713-721-5465)

FOR SALE: Over 10 valuable base-  
ball playing tips to spice up your  
game. These tips will make you  
manage your team more. Price:  
\$1.25. Tony Combine, 1471 Nicholson  
St., Erie, PA 16509

FOR SALE: Houghton Beach Club is  
surplusing S-O-M Baseball cards,  
1964 forward. Persons requiring  
individual players or entire teams,  
send SASE to: HBC Tournament  
Offices, 22425-100th Ave. West,  
Edmonds, WA 98020. The cards are  
free.

FOR SALE: 1972, 1973, 1974 comp-  
lete set of baseball teams; 1968  
Angels, 1975 Reds; most Old Timers.  
Highest bidders win. Tom Robertson,  
1145 NW 200th St., Seattle, WA  
98177

FOR SALE: All 1977-78-based hockey  
cards; all the 1978-79-based hockey  
cards, including extra players and  
includes the game box with parts  
in mint condition. All sells as  
a unit for \$17.50. Football - 20  
teams from 1976-based football  
cards which includes the hard-to-  
get Buccaneers and Seahawks. Also  
all 1977-based football cards and  
1978-based football cards. All of  
this sold as a unit for only \$25.  
Baseball - Teams available from  
the 1976-based season are Pirates,  
Phillies, Red Sox, Twins, Orioles,  
Tigers, Yankees, Cardinals, Dod-  
gers, Reds, Mets and Angels. Also  
includes all 1977-based baseball  
cards, with extras and includes a  
game box with parts in mint condi-  
tion, all for only \$17.50. Prefer  
to sell as a unit for \$60.00 and,  
as a bonus, I will throw in the  
Directory and 20 Reviews dating  
from September, 1978 to the present,  
and a Jan., 1976 issue and an Oct.,  
1975 issue. It is a \$13.30 value  
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sold separately for \$4.50 or thrown in free with the purchase of the whole unit. Send SASE to: Larry Mignaldi, 1208 Roselawn Ave., Toronto, Ontario M6B 1C7

FOR SALE: How to play by mail! Comprehensive six-page report ready now. Send \$2.00 to: Bob Warsinski, 17471 Revere St., Southfield, MI 48076

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1963 [Fair to poor condition] Indians, A's, Angels, Orioles, Cardinals, Braves, \$8 each; 1966 [good] Twins, \$6; 1972 [fair] A's, \$5. All complete. Mike Keeley, 2524 Stillwater Road, Maplewood, MN 55119 [phone: 612-739-4206]

FOR SALE: Over 85 S-D-M Baseball teams for sale from the past six years. All teams are comprised of 24 players. Send a stamp; I'll forward a list of teams for sale. Cards in excellent condition. Chuck Holman, 5210 N. Pueblo Villas Dr., Tucson, AZ 85704

FOR SALE: 1967 football - Lions, Saints, Dolphins, Falcons, Chargers, \$7.00; 1968 Falcons, Bills, Saints, Lions, Redskins, Eagles, Broncos, Oilers, \$6.75; 1969 Patriots, Falcons, Steelers, Dolphins, Cardinals, Broncos, 49ers, Giants, \$6.50; 1970 Chargers, Broncos, Bears, Rams, Saints, Falcons, Steelers, Oilers, Browns, Bills, Patriots, Jets, Cardinals, Eagles, Giants, \$6.25; 1970 football set - minus Lions, Dolphins, 49ers, \$39. Following for trade: 1967 Rams, Cowboys, Chiefs, Jets, Oilers; 1968 Chiefs, Browns, Raiders, Vikings; 1969 Chiefs, Browns, Oilers, Rams, Raiders, Jets. WANTED: 1963 Dodgers, Yankees; 1964 Cardinals, Yankees; 1966 Orioles, Dodgers. Richard Gulezian, 1 Robin Hood Road, Windham, NH 03087 [phone: 603-893-1017]

FOR SALE: Basketball game. Willing to sell or trade for hockey game. Three years old. Please send offers to: Ed Booth, 673 Elsinoor Lane, Crystal Lake, IL 60014

FOR SALE: College football teams: 1975, '76, '77, all teams in excellent condition. Pro

Football teams: 1968 Chiefs, Bears, Colts, Rams; 1969 Chiefs, Vikings; 1971 Chiefs, Vikings, 49ers, Redskins; 1972 49ers, Redskins, Steelers, Browns, Raiders, Packers, Dolphins, Cowboys; 1973 Packers, Bills, Raiders, Cowboys, Bengals, Redskins, Rams, Steelers, Dolphins, Vikings; 1974 all teams. All in excellent condition. Baseball: 1962 71 miscellaneous players. Good condition. 1963 Yankees, White Sox, Indians, Phillies, all in good condition; 59 miscellaneous players in fair condition. 1964 Cubs, Yankees, Colts, Orioles, Indians, Phillies, all in good condition; 1965 Twins and Angels, all in good condition; 1966, all teams in good to fair condition; 1967 A's, in very good condition; 1968 Reds, in very good condition; 1969 Royals, in very good condition; 1970 all teams [no extras] plus Royals, Reds, Pirates, Giants, Cubs, all teams in excellent condition except for Royals, Reds, Giants, Pirates; 1971 all teams w/extras plus Royals, Brewers, White Sox, Twins, Astros, A's, Cubs, Angels, Dodgers, all in excellent condition; 1972 all teams w/extras plus Royals, Pirates, Reds and Astros; excellent condition. 1973 all teams w/extras plus Royals, Twins, Phillies, Cubs; excellent condition. All teams in '74, '75, '76, '77, '78 w/extras and in excellent condition. Both Old Timer sets, 20 nameless cards, '40 Reds, '41 Yankees and Dodgers, '46 Cards and Red Sox, '48 Indians, '50 Yankees, '54 Indians and Giants, '62 Giants. Pro Basketball: 1972-73 Knicks, Bucks, Lakers, Kings, Warriors, Celtics; 1973-74 all teams. All in excellent condition. Send bid along with a SASE to: Mike Sanders, 1134 Farmstead, Wichita, KS 67708. Deadline is May 20.

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1970 Reds, Orioles; 1971 American League, Pittsburgh; 1972 A's, Reds; 1974 Red Sox, Orioles, Rangers, Phillies, Pirates, Braves, Yankees, A's, Reds, Cardinals. I need '71 Dodgers, '74 Expos, '67 Senators, '68 Cardinals, '66 Dodgers and other pre-1970 teams. Send bids and/or lists of teams for sale or trade to: John M. Borack, 1932 S. Pontenova Ave., Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

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**FOR SALE:** Or trade, approximately 100 S-O-M Baseball teams; good condition, and low prices. Self-addressed, stamped envelopes will get first reply. For complete list contact: Chris Rosen, 731 Bergen St., Philadelphia, PA 19111 (phone: 215-745-3213)

**FOR SALE:** Tired of filtering through pages and pages of instruction sheets for your PBM baseball league? Now you can buy 25 instruction sheets for only \$3.00. All information on one sheet--all you do is fill in your lineups and strategy. Easy-to-read, concise. Free sample copy available if SASE is enclosed. Write to: Scott Roscovius, 800 East Ave., Tomah, WI 54660, or call 608-372-2632. Don't delay; order now!

**FOR SALE:** 1977 football teams, \$10.00; 1977-78 hockey teams, \$10; 1978 baseball, \$10. Reviews for Feb., 1978-July '79 and Sept., '79-March, '80, 50¢ each. Hockey game, \$5; baseball game, \$5. Everything is in good condition and will be sold on first come, first serve basis. However, I will accept higher bids. Write to: Scott Eberle, 5675 Vrooman Road, Jackson, MI 49201

**FOR SALE:** Being in a Strat-O-Matic Baseball league is a very enjoyable pursuit. Even more enjoyable is winning in those leagues. Now a new, exciting publication can vastly improve your chances. Winning in Strat-O-Matic Baseball is authored by a five-time pennant winner in the Pacific S-O-M League. Many of the secrets shown in this publication enabled the author to avoid worrying about pennant pressures (his teams won by an average of 25 games a season during his final four campaigns). Controversial? Of course! Several of the tactics are not currently found on the major league scene. Some are not "good baseball," but they win games. So, if you're tired of being an also-ran or just squeaking by with titles, this publication can help you avoid those unwanted ulcers caused by suspenseful races! I can't guarantee that you'll win every pennant, but you will improve your

record. Plus you will never look at S-O-M Baseball the same again. To get a copy of this publication, send \$8.50 to: Dave Surdam, 1925 Harris #4, Eugene, OR 97405. Satisfaction is guaranteed.

## League Forming

**LEAGUE FORMING:** The Mid-Michigan Baseball League is looking for 22 reliable managers to start its first season. The league will have 10 NL teams and 12 AL teams. The advanced version will be used and teams drafted using a "money" system. This league will last as long as the managers do. The league fee is only \$2. The league will be continuous from year to year and will start with the newest cards. You don't need to live in Michigan, that's just our home base. Experience is not required, but punctuality and reliability are. The first season will be a 162-game affair. And if we get too many replies, backup positions will be offered. For a lot more information, write: Dick Hunt, 205 North Scott Rd. Apt. D6, St. Johns, MI 48879

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Face-to-face draft league in Ontario-Upland area is now forming. We will be using advanced side of new cards. If interested, contact: Charles Whyte, 1404 Albright Ave., Upland, CA 91786 (phone: 714-985-6329)

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Houghton Beach Club is currently engaged in expanding its S-O-M Baseball leagues by six. One probably achieves the degree of realism and intensity you desire. Send extensive resume and brief league description to: HBC Tournament Offices, 22425-100th Ave. W., Edmonds, WA 98020

**LEAGUE FORMING:** A new PBM baseball draft league using NL players with extras. We will use the advanced version. You will keep your players from year to year. Send resume to: Dan Watkins, 31449 Alvin, Garden City, MI 48135, or call: 313-422-2690. All inquiries will be answered.

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Advanced, combined face-to-face and PBM league. If

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you've got a nearby friend who plays, apply as a pair. Special encouragement to Minnesotans. Two six-team divisions, one strictly Minnesota teams. The other teams can be from anywhere. Full schedule. Starting as soon as possible. Send resume to: Jack Berger, 4514 2½ St. NE, Minneapolis, MN 55421

**LEAGUE FORMING:** The THMHL is looking for some managers to take over some established teams in a draft league. The league is in second year of operation and has a fine nucleus of a PBM league. All those interested in taking over a team or forming an expansion team, send replies to: Eoin MacLean, Box 128, Zenon Park, Sask. S0E 1W0

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Need 10 to 12 managers for a new PBM baseball league. This will be a draft league continuing from year to year. Managers will determine league rules (player use, DH or no DH, etc.). No entry fees. Send SASE to: Larry Steinberg, 9409 N. Lorel Ave., Skokie, IL 60077. Please, only serious offers.

**LEAGUE FORMING:** First-time ever 20-team PBM hockey league. This will be a draft league. All teams will start out with '79-80 roster sheet and draft from there. We will be using the new cards that will arrive in September. League will start Oct. 1; 80-game schedule will be played. Send entry fee, \$10, and team preference sheet to: Larry Scotti, 638 Woodrow Road, Staten Island, NY 10312 (phone: 212-984-5393; call after 5 p.m. Monday-Sunday).

## Contest Forming

**CONTEST FORMING:** The Florida Gold Coast Baseball Classic (FGCBC) Association would like to announce the running of the 3rd Annual FGCBC Drafting Contest. This contest is held for the benefit of the S-O-M gamester. We are looking for the person who can draft the best 25 players in the major leagues (based on the 1980 card set), because we believe that drafting a baseball team is just as

important to the success of that team as managing it. If you think that you can draft and place in correct drafting order the top 10 pitchers and 15 hitters of the 1979 regular-season cards, then challenge FGCBC and our computer. Every player (except additional players) has been assigned a precise overall rating, based on every aspect of both sides of his card (including his age, as of 4/1/79). It is up to you to place, in order of preference, those 25 players who you feel are the best. When making up your draft list, please place them in the order of preference (not alphabetically, by position, or by team). The prize list will consist of \$200.00, to be paid off to the top 10 finishers. \$100 to first place, \$40 for second place, \$20 for third, \$10 for fourth, and so on down the line. Of course, there will be no entry fees required at any time. The deadline for entries to be received is July 12, 1980. Only one entry for person and/or address, please. If you wish to be informed of the results of your entry, please enclose a loose 15¢ stamp with your entry. Contest results will be mailed out on July 15, 1980. Please mail all entries to: Bob Lopeck, P.O. Box 2034, Opa-Locka, FL 33055. I want to take this opportunity to wish all entrants the best of skill and luck in this contest.

**CONTEST FORMING:** What a way to start the '80's! Enter the first-ever "Tournament of Silver." Scheduled for late summer or early fall 1980. The tournament will have an extra twist as Old Timer teams will be involved, along with the 1973 era-up. Basic version of S-O-M will be used. Prize money will be awarded. Amount depends on number of entries (there is no limit). Anyone in the S-O-M world may enter, whether you are a beginner or veteran of S-O-M. Who knows you could be the "Silver Champion" of 20th century S-O-M Baseball. For more information, write: Greg Balas, Box 622, Ponteix, Saskatchewan, Canada S0N 1Z0 (phone: 306-625-3765).

**CONTEST FORMING:** The 1980 Gold Cup! \$210 in cash prizes! Compete against Bob Fafata Jr., Ed Daley, Jim Schwanebeck, GKSML champ Warren

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### Quebec WHA replay champion

## Nordiques are best in the 'World'

The Quebec Nordiques are the best in the 'World'--the World Hockey Association, that is.

At least that's what Anthony Abilo of the Bronx, NY, discovered when he replayed an 80-game hockey season with the four former WHA teams. The replay, which took almost three months to complete, found Quebec edging Edmonton by four points, 93-89, with a 46-33-1 record.

Advanced game was used, according to Abilo, who added that the "hockey game is excellent; plays in 20 minutes." Abilo kept voluminous statistics, both team and individual, with Real Cloutier amassing 173 points (97 goals and 76 assists)--really!--and teammate Richard Brodeur the leading goalie with a 3.41 average.

Other highlights were: Cloutier having eight hat tricks and 33 power play goals...Mark Howe of New England once scoring five goals in a game... Quebec, which had the league's MVP in Cloutier and "MVPs" (Most Vicious Players) in such intimidators as Paul Baxter (407 penalty minutes), Wally Weir (368) and Gillies Bilodeau (225 in only 43 games), also had longest win streak, seven games, while Winnipeg had longest losing, eight.

Overtime was used, just as in real-life, thus accounting for the paltry number [two] of tie games.

And, Wayne Gretzky, Edmonton's rookie whiz, was named Rookie of Year after finishing runnerup to Cloutier in scoring with 167 points, scoring 83 goals and assisting on 84.

Here are the standings and leaders:

	Won	Lost	T	Pts.	GF	GA	Scoring	G	A	Pts
Quebec	46	33	1	93	338	287	Cloutier QUE	97	76	173
Edmonton	44	35	1	89	351	317	Gretzky EDM	83	84	167
Winnipeg	36	43	1	73	313	369	Tardif QUE	53	114	167
New England	32	47	1	65	335	364	Mk.Howe NE	77	69	146
							Lacroix NE	28	103	131
							P.Sullivan WIN	39	91	130
Goaltending	GA	SH	W	L	T	AVG	Game Winning Goals			
Brodeur QUE	139	1	22	17	1	3.41	Cloutier QUE	15		
Dryden EDM	214	2	32	25	1	3.62	Lukowich WIN	11		
Corsi QUE	148	1	24	16	0	3.62	Gretzky EDM	11		
Matteson WIN	232	1	27	27	1	4.14				
A.Smith NE	177	0	19	21	0	4.32				

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## Canadiens display real-life prowess

### *Stats realistic in full-season replay*

There were no tall tales emanating from Texas when it came to a replay conducted by Robert Hamilton of Woodville, TX. Realism was his goal with a replay of the Montreal Canadiens' 1978-79 hockey season. And that he achieved as, not only did Montreal compile a 49-21-10 real-life record, but Guy Lafleur produced 136 points (129 real-life).

"I feel that my stats were very realistic," reports Hamilton, a 21-year-old assistant manager of a grocery store who's been playing S-O-M for three years. Two players--Jacques Lemaire (24) and Pierre Mondou (31)--had exactly the same number of goals in S-O-M as in real-life, plus both were close in assists.

Only player whose stats far exceeded those of real-life, in fact, was Mario Tremblay. He had 38 goals in S-O-M, only 30 in real-life. Lafleur, meanwhile, had 59 goals (52 real-life), 77 assists (exact!) and 136 points, plus 18 power-play goals. Lafleur was a model of consistency, never scoring more than two goals in a game.

In goal, Ken Dryden was close to matching real-life performances,  
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yielding 116 goals in 47 games for a 2.47 goals-against average (2.30 real-life). Dryden's record was 30-12-4.

Defenseman Larry Robinson was third on the team (behind LaFleur and Mondou) in scoring with 74 points (17 goals, 57 assists), while Steve Shutt was third with 73 (40 via goals). The trio of defensemen, Bob Gainey, Robinson and Guy LaPointe, was particularly effective. Once, when Robinson and LaPointe were both out, Montreal struggled with a 3-6-1 record.

Buffalo and New England were the toughest on the Canadiens, with the Sabres winning three of four games, New England tying one and winning three and outscoring Montreal 12-8. Don Edwards, Buffalo's goalie, went 3-1 against Montreal with a 2.25 GGA--plus he blanked it one game, 3-0, stopping 38 shots, including 11 goalie rating shots (Edwards is a 4-11 as far as scoring a goal against).

Most exciting game, however, was against the Islanders. Montreal, trailing 2-1 and with one action card left, scored to tie the game when Yvon Lambert found the net with an inside shot. Montreal went on to go unbeaten its last 15 games.

"The hockey game, in my opinion, is the most fun and most realistic game S-O-M puts out," concludes Hamilton. "The only improvement should be the cutting down of the number of shots on goal. There seems to be more than in real-life."

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## Advertisements

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Newell, and 1979 World Strat-O-Matic champion Steve "Boom" Johnson. The Gold Cup Challenge Series is S-O-M's answer to the World Series, Super Bowl and Stanley Cup. It's a unique play-by-mail advanced baseball tournament, with a special system devised to give all participants a fair chance to "win the gold." The 1980 World Strat-O-Matic champion will be awarded \$150. Don't miss out on this innovative tournament. For rules and information about participating, write: 1980 Gold Cup, c/o Steve Beren, 34-30 78th St., Apt. 6A, Jackson Heights, NY 11372. Phone: 212-458-8867. Be bold--go for the gold!

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## Profiles in gaming—S-O-M style

\* MARK REINBOLT, Box C-1, Bourbon, MO 65441...phone 314-732-5123...plays all S-O-M games except basketball, mostly plays football (college and pro)...currently involved in two PBM football leagues and wishes to join more...owns almost all back college and pro football cards.

\* ANTHONY JOHNSTON, 1915 Alden Lane, Little Rock, Arkansas 72207...phone 501-663-3813...age 25...prefers playing baseball, but plays all S-O-M games except hockey...12 years experience...has participated in PBM leagues.

\* RICHARD HEITZ, 27 Triangle Blvd., Middlebury, CT 06762...plays baseball, basketball and football.

\* STEVEN RUDEA, 4045 Walnut St., Philadelphia, PA 19104...Former S-O-M gamer who has recently returned to dice-rollin'--is again involved.

\* DAVID LAMBSON, 4181 Mallard Drive, Clearwater, FL 33519...phone 813-725-5677.

Note that some of the names appearing are gamers who wished to have their names listed in the Strat-O-Matic Directory. Since a Directory has not been updated in almost two years, the names are listed here instead. The Review would like to run a "Profiles" section each month, however, and encourages individual gamers and leagues to send in pictures and tell us about yourself.



## Strat-O-Matic spotlight

### INTER-LEAGUE PLAY, ANYONE?

Thomas Swank [remember him from the Gambit tournaments?], Little Falls, NJ, has always had a dream about completing a full-season replay in Strat-O-Matic Baseball. But he's never come close, as he sadly admits.

Along with completing a full-season replay, Swank also wants to try his hand rolling dice for all the teams. So, what he's done is set up an inter-league method play whereby the 26 teams are broken down into six divisions--most formed along geographical lines--with winners and two wild card teams advancing into post-season playoffs, ala the NFL.

Swank passes along his ideas in case others in the S-O-M world wish to emulate him--and probably end up completing their project before he does his. Below are his divisional alignments. Each team will play the other 25 teams six games (150 total) and the remaining 12 will be divided among teams in the division. The playoffs would be best-of-five-game sets the first two rounds and the World Series, of course, would be best-of-seven.

Pittsburgh	Montreal	Milwaukee	Cleveland	San Diego
Philadelphia	Toronto	Minnesota	Cincinnati	San Francisco
N.Y. Mets	Boston	Chicago Cubs	Atlanta	Oakland
N.Y. Yankees	Detroit	Chi. White Sox	Baltimore	Los Angeles
				California
Houston				
Texas				
Kansas City				
St. Louis				
Seattle				

### S-O-M STREET HOCKEY TEAM WINS

The game they played on a chilly January Saturday wasn't Strat-O-Matic, but it was S-O-M that brought the players together.

The happening was a street hockey game matching S-O-M players in the New York area against a team called Floral Park, which competes in a regular league in the Queens area. In the S-O-M team lineup were Larry King, commissioner of the Empire State Strat-O-Matic League; Joe Paldino, another commissioner of a PBM league; Joe's brother, Anthony; Larry Kidd of Staten Island; and Steve Beren, organizer of the Gold Cup tournaments.

Most of the S-O-M lineup had played, or played, street hockey, although Kidd, 36, hadn't played since a youth and Beren had never played in his life. It looked like the U.S. against the "invincible" Russians in the Winter Olympics.

In fact, that's how the game came out--the underdog S-O-M team striking early for two goals and holding off a late Floral Park rush for a 3-2 victory. Joe Paldino, King and Goldson all scored goals for Team S-O-M, with King having a hand (make that stick) in all three goals. Harvey Klonsky was in goal for Team S-O-M, which was outnumbered eight players to six and wound up being outshot, 23-14.

### SHORT SHAKES

...Who says you can't win with lefties in S-O-M Baseball? Dan Laflin, runnerup in his division of a PBM league and a playoff qualifier, had a staff that included eight southpaw hurlers. Jon Matlack (20-13), Randy Jones (14-16; was 2-7 early, 12-9 later) and Jerry Koosman (11-10) were all starters, while Terry Forster (9-2, 18 saves, 1.06 ERA) was ace of bullpen...Dub Todd Sharek, No. Dartmouth, MA, the "Mad Trader," as he's made a whopping 32 trades in two years as a member of the prestigious Empire State S-O-M baseball league...Led by George Gervin (37.2 points per game) and Moses Malone (11 rebounds), Jon Bourdon's all-star draft team

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won nine of ten games, averaged 122.5 points and easily won a three-team mini basketball series. Scott Lindsey was 4-6 as Kareem Abdul-Jabbar averaged 31.1 points and led in rebounding (11.2), teammate Lloyd Free averaged 28.1 points. Rich Lindsey, college student at Syracuse, was third member of Lee, MA-based league. He wound up 2-8, lacking a center that could compete with Malone and Jabbar...Memorable happening for Barry Baumbach was when Bake McBride ('77 card) hit for the cycle, going 5-for-5, two singles, a double, triple and home run, pacing the Phils to an 8-2 win over the Cardinals...A 70-point favorite in football! That's what Chuck Gilardi was when he pitted an all-star team against a team comprised of the worst players of all-time (coached by Jay Hazari). Bart Starr, entering the game in the second quarter with the score tied 7-7, pitched two TD passes, completed 20 of 27 attempts for 305 yards and almost salvaged the point spread. The 'greats' scored 48 points in the second half and overwhelmed the no-talents, 72-7. Jim Brown, Franco Harris and Jim Taylor each scored twice, with Brown blasting to 129 yards in 18 carries, and John Gilliam had eight receptions for 161 yards. Oh, and Scott Bull, quarterback of the vanquished team, completed seven of 31 passes for 69 yards and was intercepted twice...Thomas Wesolowski of Buffalo, NY, recently conducted a test of strength between the pride of the NHL, Montreal, and the Winnipeg Jets. It was much closer than Wesolowski expected, however, as Montreal struggled to win the series, 4-3. Winnipeg, in fact, won the first two games, 2-0, 5-2, and held high-scoring Guy Lafleur to only a pair of goals, one an empty-net tally in game seven, which was won by Montreal, 4-2...

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## Questions and Answers

Editor's note: Questions regarding individual and team ratings will not be answered in most cases, unless a mistake has been made. The game company cannot, for reasons of security, divulge its card-making formula, which would be necessary in some instances in order to fully answer such questions. If your question regarding ratings does not appear in the Review within four months after being submitted, you may assume the rating in question is correct.

QUESTION: On 1978-79 hockey cards for Dale Tallon (Pittsburgh) is the dice roll "4" on a "Reb/Bkwy" shot supposed to read "Goalie rating+" instead of "Goalie rating"?

ANSWER: No, the reading of "Goalie rating" is correct.

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QUESTION: When a delayed penalty situation comes up in hockey the rules say: goalie can be pulled and extra skater comes on. But if advanced action card says "Inside Shot any Player--I Opp." and the extra player takes the shot, who should the intimidator be?

ANSWER: According to S-O-M, there is no intimidation on the shot.

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QUESTION: Dave Kingman's baseball card for the 1977 set was an "extra" extra player because he played with four teams. But how come his card has only his National League stats?

ANSWER: Official statistics are kept within the league and not combined.

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QUESTION: Can the defensive team blitz a safety when employing a nickel defense in football? If so, what is the result?

ANSWER: Yes. Refer to safety blitz under super advanced instructions.



## By the numbers, this league figures to be success

Anyone who enjoys Strat-O-Matic plays the numbers game. But few produce the numbers spewed out by the computers that recorded the final statistics for the Louisville Sluggers Baseball Association.

Thanks to the efforts of commissioner Tony Auter, a computer programmer analyst, the LSBA's statistical data for 1979 (based on 1978 real-life season) ran 154 inches, or 14 computer printout pages. By the numbers, it was most impressive.

Actually, stats aside, the LSBA had some unique ideas for running a PBM smoothly that are worth sharing with the rest of the S-O-M world. The basics are that the Louisville-based league is two 8-team leagues, American and National, with a manager handling a team in each. Each league is further divided into two four-team divisions.

There are 30 players per team--24 are allowed on the roster--and each team plays 160 games--80 home and 80 away. Each team plays 10 series (a series consists of 16 games, 8 home and 8 away). Teams in the same division are played two series each while teams in the other division are played once.

The DH is used in both leagues, not just the AL, and players are limited to 10 percent at-bats and innings pitched beyond the totals on their cards.

### UNIQUE FEATURES OF LSBA

Where the LSBA differs from most baseball leagues, though, is that both leagues are played simultaneously. This, as Auter explains, "helps deter managers from quitting in midseason. If a manager has one team in the cellar and his other team is competitive, he will have to continue playing his cellar-dwellers in order to keep playing his pennant contender."

The LSBA also permits trading through the first six series, but after that limits it to only players with less than 200 at-bats or 65 innings pitched on their cards. "This keeps a non-contending manager from helping a 'friend' down the stretch by trading his superstars to him," says Auter.

In case you're curious as to how the LSBA was born, it actually grew out of the ashes of a previous league--albeit unsuccessful--that Auter was party to. Determined not to be burned again, Auter started his own league. He researched the Review, looking for gamers who had complained about similar experiences; lured friends of those gamers in, as well as his own friends; and the LSBA was born.

Thus the first managerial lineup consisted of Robert Dormer (college student from Philadelphia), Scott Francis (student, Austin, TX), Wade Arnold (classmate of Francis), Rich Caracciolo (student, Syosset, NY), Kevin Alexander (college student, Newark Valley, NY), Glenn Bond (Firestone Tire store manager, Louisville, KY), and Joe Mudd (employee of the tire store).

### CYCLONES SMASH OPPOSITION

It was Kevin Alexander's Cyclones that produced the best record (97-63), won the A.L. playoff over the Nuggets (Glenn Bond), 3-1, and then swept aside the N.L. champion, Coral Reefers II (Tony Auter), in the World Series, 4-1, winning the fifth game on Bobby Bonds two-run, 12th-inning homer.

The Cyclones breezed in behind the one-two pitching force of Ferguson Jenkins (22-6, 2.69 ERA) and Jim Palmer (23-11, 2.91), relief work of Al Hrabosky (10 saves, 2.35) and offensive might generated by Doug DeCinces (37 homers), Bobby Bonds (.284, 22 HRs), Don Baylor (26) and Eddie Murray.

The Nuggets also had a pair of hurling sparklers in Jon Matlack (20-10, 3.02) and Larry Sorensen (20-13, 3.47), while over in the N.L. the Coral Reefers roughed up the opposition behind the bats of Johnny

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East	Won	Lost	GB	AVG	ERA
Homesteads	99	65	-	.287	3.73
Orkins	91	73	8	.282	3.75
Enforcers	89	75	10	.301	4.30
Whizzards	85	79	14	.261	4.07
Dumptrucks	77	87	22	.261	5.13
Comets	72	92	27	.261	4.18
West	Won	Lost	GB	AVG	ERA
Swedes	103	61	-	.260	3.62
Tators	95	69	8	.287	3.91
Sabres	85	79	18	.261	3.95
Hawks	76	88	27	.242	4.20
Clippers	60	104	43	.263	4.96
Kinibers	58	106	45	.248	4.78

RBI	ERA
Zisk TAT	145
Bonds DUM	131
Rice HOM	130
Thompson HOM	130
Gamble COM	124
Kravec SAB	2.58
Blyleven TAT	2.73
Leonard SWE	2.79
Vuckovich ENF	2.86
Palmer ORK	2.93
Guidry SWE	2.97

Betting	Playoffs
Carew DUM	.352
Singleton ORK	.342
Rice HOM	.339
Cooper HOM	.333
Garr, ENF	.324
Home Runs	Finals:
Thompson HOM	47
Thornton COM	46
Zisk TAT	44
Bonds DUM	44
R.Jackson WHI	42
Gamble COM	42

Wins	Wins
Blyleven TAT	29
Perry TAT	28
Guidry SWE	24
Torrez HAW	23
Palmer ORK	23

**Hits:** Rice HOM 230; Carew DUM 226. **Strikeouts:** Ryan TAT 389; Guidry SWE 316; Blyleven TAT 300.  
**2B:** Bumby ENF 57; Orta HOM 47. **Saves:** Campbell WHI 32; Hiller COM 28.  
**3B:** Rice HOM 23; Cooper HOM 16. **IP:** Blyleven TAT 369; Rozema KIN 369.  
**Runs:** Rice HOM 135; Harrah TAT 134. **HRA:** Rozema KIN 48; Arroyo KIN 46.  
**SB:** Carew DUM 95; Patek ORK 70.

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

The following back teams are still available from Strat-O-Matic, 46 Railroad Plaza, Glen Head, NY 11545. The year listed is the year upon which the cards are based. Please include 75¢ handling charge when ordering.

### BASEBALL

1974 - Only 96 additional players still available. Cost: \$2.70.  
 1975 - Only Cincinnati available. Cost: 65¢.  
 1976 - Only 96 additional players available. Cost: \$2.70.  
 1977 - All teams available except Cleveland, Seattle, Detroit, New York Mets, Chicago Cubs, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, California, San Francisco and Los Angeles. Cost: 2 for \$1.35 or 70¢ each team.  
 1978 - All 26 teams available. Cost: \$11.25 for set, \$1.35 for 2 teams, 70¢ each. Also 104 additional, \$3.00.

### FOOTBALL

1975 - New York Giants, New York Jets only teams available. Cost: 2 for \$1.25, 75¢ 1 team.  
 1976 - All teams available except Tampa Bay, Seattle, Minnesota, Los Angeles, New England, Baltimore, Oakland, Dallas. Cost: \$8.25 for set, 2 for \$1.25, 75¢ per team.  
 1977 - All teams available except for Oakland. Cost: \$11 for set, 2 for \$1.25, 75¢ per team.

### BASKETBALL

1974-75 - 18 teams. Cost: \$7 for set, 50¢ per team.  
 1975-76 - 22 teams. Cost: \$8 for set, 50¢ per team. 20 key players from ABA teams also available. Cost: 65¢.  
 1976-77 - 22 teams. Cost: \$8.50 set, 50¢ per team.



## S-O-M league, replay scene

1977 FOOTBALL REPLAY - It took Chris LaSala, Aliquippa, PA, a little over 14 months to complete project, but he did it...When last die was cast, Miami was the surprise winner, edging another surprising team, Los Angeles, in the Super Bowl, 18-6...Miami reached the Super showdown date by defeating Oakland, 24-21. Denver, 34-20, as Bob Griese completed 14 of 21 passes for 151 yards and 3 TDs [Denver had ousted Pittsburgh, 31-17], and then the Rams as Duriel Harris latched on to five Griese passes for 161 yards...Dolphins averaged 321.4 yards on offense and got big lift from Gary Davis [1,025 yards]...Denver had best record, 12-1-1, losing only to Pittsburgh, and had solid offense [22.8]...Pittsburgh [7-7] was shaky all season, although J.T. Thomas intercepted league-high 16 passes and team 32...Seattle scored most points in one game, bringing down Jets, 55-7...Philly was surprise of NFC East, having best passing attack [193.8] and worst rushing [91.7]. Ron Jaworski's aeriels accounted for 2,714 yards...Real-life champ Dallas staggered in with 6-8 mark, although Tony Dorsett rushed for 1,044 yards...Walter Payton of Bears led league with 2,013 yards and amazing 6.9 average; once blasting to 322 yards in overtime game against Tampa Bay. Payton led league in attempts [291], TDs [20] and longest run [73 yards]. Bears, thanks to Sir Walter, had best rushing offense [207.0] and best total offense [347.7]...Craig Morton of Denver had league-high 17 TD passes, while Atlanta's Steve Bartkowski led in pitching passes [24] to the enemy. Atlanta was 10-1, but fell back for good after losing last three games.

Standings, playoff results and leaders:

AFC East	W	L	T	AFC Central	W	L	T	AFC West	W	L	T
Miami	10	4	0	Pittsburgh	7	7	0	Denver	12	1	1
New England	8	6	0	Cleveland	6	8	0	Oakland	10	4	0
Baltimore	8	6	0	Houston	6	8	0	San Diego	7	7	0
NY Jets	5	9	0	Cincinnati	4	9	1	Seattle	4	10	0
Buffalo	4	10	0					Kansas City	4	10	0
NFC East	W	L	T	NFC Central	W	L	T	NFC West	W	L	T
Philadelphia	7	6	1	Chicago	10	4	0	Los Angeles	10	3	1
NY Giants	6	7	1	Green Bay	8	6	0	Atlanta	10	4	0
Dallas	6	8	0	Minnesota	7	7	0	New Orleans	7	6	1
St. Louis	6	8	0	Tampa Bay	6	8	0	San Fran'co	6	8	0
Washington	6	8	0	Detroit	2	12	0				

Playoffs: Los Angeles 20, Philadelphia 17; Atlanta 24, Chicago 21;

Denver 31, Pittsburgh 17; Miami 24, Oakland 21.

Semifinals: Los Angeles 21, Atlanta 10; Miami 34, Denver 21.

Super Bowl: Miami 13, Los Angeles 6.

Rushing	Att-Yds.	TD	Avg.	Receiving	No.-Yds.	TD	Avg.
Payton CHI	291-2013	20	6.9	Jenkins ATL	65-1390	3	21.3
Metcalf SL	195-1125	12	5.7	Rucker CLE	59-1059	3	17.9
McCutcheon LA	238-1099	9	4.6	Robinson NYG	57-1417	7	24.8
VanEeghen OAK	236-1068	16	4.5	Owens TB	57-1221	6	21.4
Dorsett DAL	221-1044	9	4.7	Fugett WAS	57-934	10	16.3
Pruitt CLE	231-1037	11	4.4	Odom GB	55-1127	5	20.4
G.Davis MIA	227-1025	9	4.5	Childs NO	55-1152	4	20.9
Passing	Att-Comp	Yds.	TD-Int	Pct.	KO Returns: Middleton GB		
Stabler OAK	251-140	2061	10-19	55.7	24-792-33.0		
Haden LA	249-138	1838	9-4	55.4	Punt Returns: S. Morgan NE		
Bradshaw PIT	270-148	2384	9-13	55.2	21-411-19.5		
Manning NO	274-150	2094	15-12	54.7			
Griese MIA	260-142	2211	11-10	54.6			
Jaworski PHI	293-157	2714	16-18	53.5			
Morton DEN	246-131	2126	17-14	53.2			

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NO NAME S-O-M BASEBALL LEAGUE [NNSOMBL] - First season is history for this eight-team, play-by-mail league that played 162-game season... advanced game used, no DH, with all players eligible to be drafted... Commissioner Randy Ross of Branchland, WV, guided West Virginia Atoms to title, as Jim Rice hammered 49 home runs, knocked in 144 and batted .308 J.R. Richard was ace of staff with 20-10 record, 2.59 ERA and 280 strikeouts... MVP, however, was Dave Parker (.369, 44 HRs, 125 RBI), who performed for Andrew Shelofsky's (Orangeburg, NY) Rockland Roadrunners... Rockland wound up second as Parker led in batting, hits [236] and game-winning hits [18]... Other members of league included Paul West (Lansing, MI) and his Magic Spartans; Al Greuter (Rockaway, NJ), West Orange Originals; Dan Sisneros (Norwalk, CA), Southern California Cosmics; James Logan (Los Angeles, CA), Hollywood Rebels; and Bill Jacquith (Syracuse, NY), Oxbow Bulls... The seventh-place Arkansas Warhawks were managerless most of season, but will be handled by Ron Siders (New Haven, WV), and renamed the Band Area Monarchs, in the upcoming season... Bobby Bonds had a big season for the Magic Spartans and his 55 home runs likely will mean his name will be in the No Name League's record book for some time to come... another highlight was Rod Carew (.344) finishing runnerup in hitting, despite playing for the woeful Warhawks, while a lowlight of major proportions was Oxbow having three 20-game losers (Jim Palmer, Dave Goltz and Dennis Eckersley).

Standings and leaders:

Standings		Win-Loss		GB	Batting		Home Runs	
West Virginia	102	60	-		Parker ROCK	.369	Bonds MAG	55
Rockland	90	72	12		Carew ARK	.344	Rice WV	49
Magic	87	75	15		Rice WV	.308	Parker ROCK	44
West Orange	86	76	16					
Southern Cal.	84	78	18		RBI		Game-Winning Hits	
Hollywood	70	92	32		Rice WV	144	Rice WV	18
Arkansas	68	94	34		Parker ROCK	124	Parker ROCK	17
Oxbow	61	101	41		Bonds MAG	122	Garvey ROCK	17
Wins		ERA			Strikeouts		Hits	
Blue MAG	22	Tekulve MAG		1.69	Guidry WO	300	Parker ROCK	
Richard WV	20	D. Robinson WV		1.73	Richard WV	280	236	
Hooton SC	20	Rogers ROCK		1.83	Seaver SC	272	Steals	
							Randolph MAG	
Saves: Tekulve MAG 26; Losses: P.Niekro HOL 24					112			

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KENT STATE SOLITAIRE HOCKEY LEAGUE [KSSHL] - Kevin Jacques, Kent, OH, played a 20-game regular-season using the first set of hockey cards, based on 1977-78; advanced game rules were used, as well as actual teams... Montreal finished disappointing third in one of three divisions created by Jacques. Guy Lafleur scored 20 goals, assisted on 15 others for league-high 35 points, but inconsistent goaltending hampered Montreal and was reflected in 12-5-3 record. Lafleur once scored four goals against Washington... Some of highlights were Lafleur's selection as MVP; Phil Esposito scoring 11 goals and assisting on 16 and goalie Wayne Thomas yielding only 2.08 goals per game for surprising Rangers; Mike Bossy's 17-goal production for the Islanders; Bobby Clarke's 32-point scoring package (9 goals, 23 assists) for Philadelphia; the goaltending by Don Edwards of Buffalo, who had three shutouts and 1.94 GAA; Chuck Arnason firing in four goals in one game; and surprising Atlanta defeating surprising New York (Rangers) in the Finals, 3-2... lowlights included Vancouver's defense (4.05 goals per game) and Washington's offense (only 37 goals in 20 games)... Game of the season was when the Rangers and Buffalo hooked up in a marathon playoff encounter that lasted through 80 minutes--yes, 80!--of overtime. Ed Johnstone finally goalied, giving the Rangers a thrilling 3-2 triumph. The game consumed all of 140 minutes.

Standings are found on the next page:



Sun Division	Won	Lost	Tied	Pts.	Lake Division	Won	Lost	Tied	Pts.
Atlanta	13	5	2	28	Boston	10	6	4	24
Buffalo	13	5	2	28	Chicago	7	7	6	20
Montreal	12	5	3	27	Philadelphia	6	7	7	19
Cleveland	10	10	0	20	Colorado	6	9	5	17
Detroit	8	12	0	16	Toronto	6	9	5	17
Minnesota	5	11	4	14	Washington	5	13	2	12
Kent Division	Won	Lost	Tied	Pts.	Vancouver	Won	Lost	Tied	Pts.
NY Rangers	12	2	6	30	St. Louis	7	11	2	16
NY Islanders	10	6	4	24	Pittsburgh	5	11	4	14
Los Angeles	9	8	3	21		5	12	3	13

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BLANCHE LAKE SOLITAIRE S-O-M LEAGUE - Long-suffered Detroit Lions fans will be cheered up at the results of this 28-team (from various seasons) solitaire replay by Dean Abbott of Battle Lake, MN. The '70 Lions, believe it or not, won it all, finishing runnerup to '75 Minnesota in the regular-season, then sweeping through the playoffs as a wild card and ultimately edging Denver, 24-20, in the Blanche Bowl...Abbott reports the replay took two years and the stats another month...Minnesota (14-0) or '70 Miami (13-1) should have won the title--but Detroit converted two fumbles into TDs and shocked the Vikings in the NFC final, 35-31, and Denver picked off three Bob Griese passes and stunned Miami, 27-24...Otis Armstrong of Denver ('76 vintage) won the rushing title with 1,646 yards, while the great O.J. ('74 Buffalo) was fourth with 1,581 despite a league-high 310 carries...Other highlights included: Paul Warfield catching 50 passes for 1,818 yards--a whopping 36.4 average!--for Miami; two Cincinnati runners, Pete Johnson (1,621) and Boobie Clark (1,184), rushing for over 1,000 yards; Rick Upchurch of Denver returning eight punts for TDs; Harold Carmichael of the Eagles grabbing 90 passes; Gene Washington of San Francisco almost matching Warfield with 64 receptions for 2,177 yards and a 34.0 average; and Fran Tarkenton of the Vikings completing 63.5 percent of his passes for an eye-opening 4,436 yards--and in only 14 games...Greg Landry (or "Gallopig Greg" as he was known then) completed 11 of 16 passes for 195 yards in the upset of the Vikes, then came back and completed 14 of 28 for 180 yards and rushed for 130 more in the upset of Denver.

## Standings and leaders:

								Playoffs:							
NFC East				NFC Central											
74 Washington	8	6	0	75 Minnesota	14	0	0	Detroit 34							
73 Philadelphia	8	6	0	70 Detroit	9	5	0	New Orleans 20							
75 Dallas	7	7	0	70 Chicago	5	9	0	Detroit 16							
76-77 NY Giants	5	9	0	72 Green Bay	4	10	0	San Fr'co 14							
71 St. Louis	4	10	0	76-77 Tampa Bay	2	11	1	Minnesota 34							
								Washington 3							
								Detroit 35							
NFC West				AFC East				Minnesota 31							
72 San Francisco	9	5	0	70 Miami	13	1	0	Baltimore 33							
76-77 New Orleans	9	5	0	75 Baltimore	8	6	0	Kansas City 24							
75 Los Angeles	7	7	0	72 NY Jets	7	7	0	Baltimore 37							
72 Atlanta	5	9	0	74 Buffalo	4	10	0	Cincinnati 27							
				74 N.England	4	10	0	Denver 27							
AFC Central				AFC West				Miami 24							
73 Cincinnati	9	5	0	76 Denver	9	5	0	Denver 36							
76-77 Houston	7	7	0	70 Kansas City	9	5	0	Baltimore 24							
75 Pittsburgh	6	7	1	73 Oakland	7	7	0								
72 Cleveland	6	8	0	72 San Diego	6	7	1								
				76 Seattle	3	10	1								
Rushing		Att-Yds.		Avg.		Passing		Att-Comp		Yds.		Pct.		TD-Int	
Armstrong DEN		284-1646		5.8		Griese MIA		231-142		3006		61.5		20-14	
Johnson CIN		238-1621		6.8		Tarkenton MIN		493-313		4436		63.5		37-20	
Cunningham NE		272-1587		5.8		Gabriel PHI		502-299		4050		59.6		24-10	
Simpson BUF		310-1581		5.1		Manning NO		191-110		1716		57.6		13-8	



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## Last call for MVP Contest!

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Most Valuable Player: American League \_\_\_\_\_  
National League \_\_\_\_\_

Division winners & percentages: American League East \_\_\_\_\_  
[ \_\_\_\_\_ %]; American League West \_\_\_\_\_ [ \_\_\_\_\_ %]; National League  
East \_\_\_\_\_ [ \_\_\_\_\_ %]; National League West \_\_\_\_\_  
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