



STRAT-O-MATIC REVIEW

Devoted exclusively to the
Strat-O-Matic Game Fans, with
the consent of the Strat-O-
Matic Game Co.

Devoted exclusively to the
Strat-O-Matic Game Fan, with
the consent of the Strat-O-
Matic Game Co.

VOL. 9-9, November, 1979

S-O-M conducts past-seasons poll

The Strat-O-Matic Baseball fan has another opportunity to let his/her voice ring out.

The game company, after observing the increased demand for printing past seasons, has decided to let a poll be conducted to gauge the interest in just such a project. Nothing for sure, but S-O-M wants to feel the "pulse," so to speak, of the gaming public.

What S-O-M wants to know, in essence, is whether or not the bulk of the S-O-M world is interested in past seasons and, if so, what seasons? "This would include seasons 1961 and before," relates Harold Richman, creator of the S-O-M games. "We are thinking seriously about printing seasons of the past but want to know if enough people are interested."

Richman also pointed out that creating seasons of the past would be quite time-consuming, particularly the research, and that other S-O-M projects would have to be put on the shelf during that time--thus perhaps many gamers might not really desire such seasons.

"The cards would probably be just the basic version (not two-sided)," adds Richman, noting that complete statistical data (such as righty-lefty batting and pitching) is not available for most seasons of the past. Some of the advanced game components may be offered, though.

Now for the poll.

Either fill in the questionnaire found on the next page, or list your preferences on another sheet of paper, and then send to the: Strat-O-Matic Review, P.O. Box 27, Otsego, MI 49078. If you do not want past seasons,
(continued on page 2)

you may indicate that choice as well. If you are interested, though, be sure and let your voice be heard. If the response is light, S-O-M will probably feel that the interest doesn't warrant the expenditure of time and money, and drop the project.

The Review has close to 1,500 subscribers currently--so a response from 500 should give S-O-M an adequate gauge of the interest.

Also, as far as past seasons, start with 1961 and prior to that season when indicating your choice(s).

First question below refers to whether or not you are interested in having past seasons printed. The second asks you to list three decades, in order of preference, that you would like those seasons to come from. And the third question asks what season from each decade you would like.

And now for the poll...and your voice.

PAST SEASONS POLL

_____ Yes, I would like to see S-O-M print past seasons in baseball.

_____ No, I do not want to see S-O-M print past seasons in baseball.

If answer above is yes, the decades ('50's, '40's, etc.) I prefer are:

(1) 1940's (3) 1920's
(2) 1950's

The season I would like to see printed from each decade is:

(1) 1949 (3) 1927
(2) 1951

Comments:

1949 was a year of an
extremely close A.L. pennant chase -
we all know about 1951 - 1927
so we could see how the "Babe" could
do us. his contemporaries

Remember again, to send your reply to the Review, P.O. Box 27, Otsego, MI 49078. The Review will forward all results to the game company. Also, please respond as soon as possible. S-O-M wants to know how you feel on this subject and, if past seasons are wanted, to begin work researching the season as quickly as possible.

No response on your part will be tantamount to a negative response; in other words you don't want past seasons printed. So, if interested, let your voice be heard.

What's available at S-O-M?

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

BASEBALL

- 1974 - Only 96 additional players still available. Cost: \$2.70.
- 1975 - Only Cincinnati still available. Cost: 65¢.
- 1976 - Milwaukee, Cincinnati, Houston still available. Cost: 65¢ each.
- 1977 - All teams available except Seattle, N.Y. Mets. Cost: \$10.75 for set, \$1.35 for 2 teams, 70¢ per team.

(continued on the next page)

- 1974 - Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Detroit, Green Bay, New Orleans, San Francisco, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Baltimore, Cleveland, Houston, Pittsburgh, San Diego are all available. Cost: \$5.25 for entire set, \$1.25 for 2 teams, 75¢ for one team.
- 1975 - Atlanta, Detroit, Chicago, New Orleans, Philadelphia, N.Y. Giants, San Francisco, Washington, Cleveland, Denver, Houston, Kansas City, Miami, N.Y. Jets, Pittsburgh, San Diego, New England. Cost: \$7.00 for entire set, \$1.25 two teams, 75¢ per team.
- 1976 - All except Tampa Bay, Seattle. Cost: \$10.75 for set, \$1.25 two teams, 75¢ per team.
- 1977 - All teams available. Cost: \$11.25 for entire set, \$1.25 two teams, 75¢ one team.

Montreal overpowers Rangers

New cards used for Stanley Cup replay

Yes, the goaltending will really make a difference in the new set of S40-M Hockey cards. And, yes, the Montreal Canadiens are going to be mighty tough to defeat--as real-life performance dictates they should be.

Review co-editor Del Newell came to those conclusions after replaying the Stanley Cup series with the new cards, which arrived Thursday, Oct. 4. As pointed out in the September Review, more action would be coming from the goalie cards in the second set of hockey cards issued by the game company. No longer would a check of a goalie's card bring a yawn from a gamer. Whereas before a save was a routine happening when consulting a goalie's card, and a goal a rarity, now the goalie is an action man, indeed.

Ken Dryden's card, for instance, has save chances on split numbers 1-10 and 17-20--but 11-16 is a goal! John Davidson of the New York Rangers, who allowed 3.52 goals-per-game compared to Dryden's 2.30 yield, has a card with saves 1-7 and 18-20 and a goal 8-17.

When the last card is turned up and the result calls for "Goalie Rating," there will be thrills and chills galore this season.

MIGHTY MONTREAL IS TOO TOUGH

The Canadiens, emulating real-life, captured the Stanley Cup series, although it took six games to subdue the stubborn Rangers. The basic version of the game was used, with the advanced face-off and penetration [new] charts.

Montreal appeared bent on making short work of the Rangers at the outset of the series, winning the first three games by scores of 4-1, 6-2 and 5-1. The high-scoring first line of Guy Lafleur, Jacques Lemaire and Steve Shutt was awesome, being on the ice when 11 of the 15 goals were scored. In game two, won by the Canadiens, 6-2, Lafleur blasted home three goals--producing the only hat trick of the series--and Lemaire had five assists.

But New York didn't fold its tent despite the bad start, instead striking for four rapid-fire goals in the first period of game four and going on to a 4-1 triumph. Then in game five, after falling behind 3-0 midway through the second period, the Rangers rode roughshod of the Montreal defense and wrested away a 4-3 win. Don Murdoch scored twice in the final period for the Rangers.

Montreal finally finished off the Rangers in game six, scoring five times in the second period en route to a 7-4 victory. Lafleur, not so surprisingly, was the top scorer, goaling seven times and assisting on 10 others for 17 points. He triggered the five-goal fusillade in game six, assisting on two goals and scoring a third.

Linemates Lemaire and Shutt had 16 and 11 points, respectively, while

[continued on the next page]

the trio produced all six of Montreal's six power-play goals. Lemaire finished with a series-high 11 assists. Meanwhile, Murdoch and Anders Hedberg scored three goals apiece for New York, which didn't have anyone with more than five points.

The goalie's rating, and eventual performance, had a big impact on the outcome as Dryden allowed 14 goals (out of a total of 16) off his own card, while making 24 'difficult' saves. Davidson was riddled for 21 goals via his card, made 22 'tough' saves and surrendered 26 goals. Davidson's best performance was in game No. 5 when he made seven spectacular (off his own card) saves and was beaten only twice.

GAME-BY-GAME SUMMARY

NO. 1

N.Y. Rangers 0 1 0 - 1 Saves: Davidson 11 8 8--27
Montreal 1 2 1 - 4 Dryden 6 9 7--22

Scoring:

[1] Montreal: Lambert (Tremblay, Lupien) [3] Montreal: Lafleur
[2] Montreal: Lemaire (Robinson) (Robinson, Shutt)
New York: Hedberg (unassisted)
Montreal: Risebrough (Tremblay, Lambert)

NO. 2

N.Y. Rangers 0 1 1 - 2 Saves: Davidson 11 14 7--32
Montreal 2 2 2 - 6 Dryden 13 4 9--26

Scoring:

[1] Montreal: Robinson (Shutt, Lemaire) [3] Montreal: Lafleur (Lemaire, Shutt)
" Lafleur (Lemaire)
[2] " LaPointe (Lafleur, Lemaire) " Risebrough (Tremblay)
Lafleur (Robinson, Lemaire)
New York: Tkaczuk (Vickers, DeBlois) New York: Esposito (Murdoch, Greschner)

NO. 3

Montreal 2 1 2 - 5 Saves: Dryden 10 11 13--34
N.Y. Rangers 0 1 0 - 1 Davidson 6 7 7--20

Scoring:

[1] Montreal: Shutt (Lafleur, Dryden)
" Lafleur (Lemaire, Shutt) Montreal: Shutt (Lafleur, Lemaire)
[2] New York: Hedberg (Hickey, Nilsson)
Montreal: Lambert (Tremblay, Risebrough)
[3] " Lafleur (Shutt, Lemaire)

NO. 4

Montreal 0 0 1 - 1 Saves: Dryden 11 5 12--28
N.Y. Rangers 4 0 0 - 4 Davidson 10 14 9--33

Scoring:

[1] New York: Nilsson (Hedberg) New York: Duguay (Vickers, McEwen)
" " Murdoch (Esposito, Greschner)
" " Vickers (McEwen, Duguay) [3] Montreal: Shutt (Lemaire, Lafleur)

No. 5

N.Y. Rangers 0 2 2 - 4 Saves: Davidson 16 14 14--44
Montreal 2 1 0 - 3 Dryden 12 14 6--32

Scoring:

[1] Montreal: Lemaire (Lafleur, Shutt) New York: Maloney (Murdoch, Greschner)
" Lemaire (Lafleur, Dryden) " " Vadnais (Esposito)
[2] " Lambert (Jarvis, Lupien) [3] " " Murdoch (Esposito)
" " Murdoch (Vadnais)

No. 6

Montreal 2 5 0 - 7 Saves: Dryden 10 12 12--34
N.Y. Rangers 2 0 2 - 4 Davidson 12 10 10--32

Scoring:

[1] Montreal: Shutt (Lemaire, Lafleur) Montreal: Lambert (Jarvis, Robinson)
New York: Hedberg (Hickey, Nilsson) " Mondou (LaPointe, Houle)
Montreal: Lemaire (Lafleur) New York: McEwen (Duguay, Marois)
New York: Maloney (McEwen, Esposito) " Vickers (Duguay, DeBlois)
[2] Montreal: Shutt (Lafleur)
" Lemaire (Lafleur, Chartraw)
" Lafleur (Lemaire)

Strat-O-Matic spotlight

5

SUPER HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Bob Lopeck and his associates in the Florida Gold Coast Association have embarked on a new S-O-M venture, this one an attempt to find out who is the best hockey coach in North America.

Many of you will remember that it's been the FGCA that has sponsored the popular baseball drafting contest for the past two years.

Now comes hockey. There won't be any entry fee for contestants--but there will be one major qualification: he or she must be a league champion/representatives from various play-by-mail and face-to-face S-O-M Hockey leagues. In other words, the FGCA wants only the best coaches, those who have proven themselves in league competition.

Guidelines for determining representation from each league/club will be: 4-10 members, 1 representative; 11-20 members, 2; 21-30 members, 3; and 31 or more members, 4. Each representative will be sent three strategy sheets. He or she will then select two teams from either last year's card set, or the new cards, or one from each, as long as the combined point totals don't exceed 160.

The strategy sheets are to be used for the two teams, with the third sheet being used for a combined team comprised of nine players from each of the two teams--11 forwards, 5 defensemen and 2 goalies. The filled-out strategy sheets (similar to that which appeared in the Sept., 1979 Review), then will be sent to Lopeck, P.O. Box 2031, Opa-Locka, FL 33055.

Lopeck hopes to get the tournament under way by mid-November, with entry deadline Dec. 31, 1979 if not sooner. Each entrant will play 18 games, six with each strategy sheet, with the best two records facing off in a final best-of-seven-game series.

Advanced version of the game will be used. And instructions regarding how to fill out the strategy sheets, plus the sheets themselves, will be sent out when Lopeck has received an official entry from either the commissioner or representative of a league/club. A plaque will be donated by the FGCA, symbol of hockey supremacy, S-O-M-style.

IN THE NEWS WITH S-O-M

Latest newspaper article dealing with Strat-O-Matic that crossed the desk of the Review editors was one that appeared in late summer in the Rochester Post Bulletin, Rochester, MN. Kirby Rahn of Altura, MN, sent along the clipping of a column by Tim Cain entitled: "Table Games Seem Addicting."

Although the column is not devoted solely to S-O-M, Hal Richman [S-O-M's founding father] is quoted frequently. Richman pays sports gamers a compliment, saying, "There are probably around a million people who buy sports games, which isn't small by any means, but it is a cult group. But people in the market know the games--they buy them all, and they know which ones are the best. They're fanatics."

Richman also notes that although the company produces five sports games, baseball is the No. 1 seller. "Baseball adapts best as a statistical game," explains Richman in the column. "It's talked about the whole year round, rather than basketball, football or hockey, which are more seasonal. For some people, baseball is enjoyed more statistically than it is by watching it."

SHORT SHAKES

Greg McGill reports another superlative performance by [Ron] Guidry the Great. In a solitaire game at the outset of McGill's 1978 replay, Guidry mowed down the Baltimore Orioles, 4-2, striking out 18, including the final 13 Birds he faced...another memorable achievement was Bobby Bonds cracking four home runs in a single game for managers John Seward's Dynasty II in the Post Office Draft Baseball League in Kalamazoo, MI. Seward's team smashed seven roundtrippers in the game, 11 over a two-game span...Thanks, trusty calculator! Kevin Lawless, Kansas City, MO (con't)

admits the team won-and-lost totals that appeared in the Sept. Review were incorrect. His manual calculations were far from perfect. But, using a calculator, he says the following is the way it really should have been: Hornets 77-73; Cobras 76-74; Cougars 74-76; Vultures 73-77...While mentioning Lawless, he has an unwritten gaming law that he plays 10 games per day solitaire...Cathy Skidmore puts out an S.O.S. for John Pilla's address. It seems he runs a PBM league and Cathy [Post Office Box 1032, West Concord, MA 01742] wants to get in touch with him. John, are you reading? ...Dan Bukowski of Neenah, WI, who calls the Milwaukee Brewers "his team," was almost in ecstasy when he matched the Brewers against the Boston Red Sox in a best-of-seven mini-series. Almost...that is. His beloved Brewers won the first three games. But then Dennis Eckersley twirled a no-hitter--in fact it was a perfect game--and the Red Sox turned the series around and went on to win the next three and the mini matchup, 4-3...Steve Gaines, Dayton, VA, is currently replaying the 1978 Pittsburgh Pirate season. And at the halfway mark he reports Dave Parker is batting a mighty .346, has 22 homers, 79 RBI, 68 runs scored and tripled 11 times. In the calendar month of June, Parker rapped out 52 hits, batted .403 and cracked nine home runs...Help! Help! Ken Donnelly, 2605 Frederickson, South Bend, IN 46628, lost the '77 Steelers and a calculator at last summer's national convention and is appealing for their return...George Soika, Oxford, OH, answered a 'League Forming' ad in the Review and promptly hitched on as a fill-in manager when the original mentor abandoned the club. Dubbed the Gambling Gamers, the team, 2-7 when Soika picked up the reins, finished dead last, losing 101 games. Nonplussed by it all, Soika instead said he enjoyed the venture immensely--particularly the overall performance of Enos Cabell and a memorable one-game that saw Jorge Orta hit for the cycle and go 6-for-6. Cabell swiped 104 bases in 130 attempts as the Gamers, although lacking in all other areas, turned on the back burners and stole 404 bases in 598 tries.

Gold Cup Challenge Tourney continues

First-round results from Steve Beren's Gold Cup Challenge Series continue to roll in. Here are the latest happenings:

* Brian Smith, Albany, NY [1977 Astros, .500; 1977 Cubs, .500] vs. Bob Lopeck, Opalaca, FL [1977 Reds, +14; 1977 Angels, -14]. Lopeck wins 5-1 and advances, while Smith is eliminated.

Summary: Reds swept Astros, 2-1, 4-0 (Fred Norman, shutout) and 8-4, with '77 Angels defeating Cubs, 4-0 and 8-1, behind Frank Tanana and Nolan Ryan, respectively. Only Cub win was 2-0 (Bill Bonham) in game five. Lopeck outscored Smith, 26-8. Three of games were played in 15 minutes or less.

* Greg Bucurestean, Grosse Pointe, MI [1978 Tigers, +10; 1977 Tigers, -14] vs. Roger Labossiere, Gardner, MA [1978 Pirates, +15; 1976 Cards, -18]. Bucurestean won 4-2 and advances, while Labossiere is eliminated.

Summary: Labossiere outscored Bucurestean, 28-26, but lost long-ball war, being outhomered 7-1. 1978 Tigers lost opener to Pirates, 6-1, then won next two games, 5-3, 3-2. 1977 Tigers also lost first game to Cards, 7-3, but then swept next two, 6-5, 8-5. Jason Thompson of Tigers cracked two home runs in last game and three of team's total in series.

* Jerome Banko, Erie, PA [1977 Cards, +4; 1975 Twins, -7] vs. Ken Kirk, Wilmington, NC [1978 Padres, +6; 1978 Expos, -10]. Kirk advances via 4-2 series triumph and Banko is eliminated.

Summary: Kirk's Padres won first two games (8-7, 2-1) and that was difference in series that saw both score 23 total runs but Kirk outhome opponent, 5-1. Banko's Cards won third game, 3-0, Twins did the same, 9-3, with Kirk's Twins victorious in first two games of series, 6-1, 4-2.

* Jim Schwanebeck, Baltimore, MD [1974 Red Sox, +6; 1973 Braves, -9] vs. Michael Martin, Sheboygan, WI [1978 Brewers, +24; 1974 Angels, -26].

(continued on page 20)

Pro Football solitaire defensive chart

Playing Strat-O-Matic Pro Football face-to-face is one of the ultimate thrills. Nothing can top matching strategy against another armchair quarterback.

But would do you do when playing solitaire. How can you call the plays both ways--and yet be impartial? Obviously you can't. So that's where Frank Kastelic's solitaire defensive chart--probably the most popular football playing tip to appear in the Review--comes in. All that's needed is an extra die to determine whether the defense called the play right or wrong, as well as the number of men in the zone.

The chart first appeared in 1973 and has reappeared at two-year intervals since. Many new subscribers, obviously, are unaware of it, plus perhaps older subscribers may appreciate having their memories jogged.

The solitaire defensive chart has stood the test of time, as well as realism, well. It doesn't provide for the 1-man (lineback, end run) or 0 men (off-tackle) occurrence, however, so when playing you will have to stick with the standard four-man front line, rather than the 3-4 setup that some teams use today.

Now, here is the chart, along with a solitaire pass rush chart that is also activated by the roll of one die:

[Select play, then roll one die to determine defensive call and number of men in attacked zone]

Down & Yards To Go	Line Buck		Off-Tackle		End Run	
	Right	3-Men	Right	2-Men	Right	2-Men
1 11 to 16	12	12	12	1	12	12
1 10	1234*	12	1234*	1	1234*	1
1 9 or less	1234*	123	1234*	12	1234*	1
2 11 to 16	12	12	12	1	12	12
2 8 to 10	1234*	12	1234*	1	1234*	12
2 7 or less	1234*	123	1234*	12	1234*	1
3 16 or more	1	12	1	12	12	12
3 6 to 15	123*	12	123*	12	123	12
3 3 to 5	1234*	12	1234*	12	1234*	12
3 2 or less	12345	1234	12345	123	12345	1

* Guessed right only when inside opponent's 10-yard line.

Down & Yards To Go	Flat Pass		Short Pass		Long Pass	
	Right	1-Man	Right	4-Men	Right	1-Man
1 11 to 16	1234	1234	1234	1234	1234	1234
1 10	123	1234	123	12	123	12345
1 9 or less	123	1234	123	123	123	1234
2 11 to 16	1234	1234	12345	1234	12345	1234
2 8 to 10	123	1234	123	123	123	1234
2 7 or less	123	1234	123	123	123	1234
3 16 or more	12345	12	12345	12345	12345	12345
3 6 to 15	1234	12	12345	12345	12345	12345
3 3 to 5	123	12345	123	12345	123	12
3 2 or less	12	123	123*	123	12	1234

* Guessed right only when inside opponent's 10-yard line.

[continued on next page]

Pass Rush Chart --Advanced (Roll white die to indicate number of players blitzing)

1, 2 -- no linebackers blitzing; 5 -- 2 linebackers blitzing
3, 4 -- 1 linebacker blitzing; 6 -- 3 linebackers blitzing

Now receivers can run reverses

How about reverses for wide receivers and tight ends in S-O-M Pro Football?

It's an increasingly popular play, but one that hasn't been incorporated into the game as yet. But now you can add it to your S-O-M play-book--thanks to David Klonsky. He breaks his chart for such a run into four categories: A, B, C and D. And which category to use depends on the receiver's yards-per-catch average [perhaps you may wish to use your own system for rating running receivers].

Klonsky also suggests such a play be used a maximum of three times a game. And since it is an end run, that should be checked when the defensive card is needed to determine the result. If the white die reads 1, 2, or 3, then the chart below is used.

Another way of rating receivers for their running ability on a reverse would be to check actual results of the previous season, and then determine how the receiver should be classified. For instance, Luther Blue of Detroit tried reverses five times last season and wound up with nine net yards, a 1.8 average. He would obviously be a "D" or "C."

Common sense, based on actual statistics, would prevail with this method.

Here is Klonsky's ratings, according to yards-per-reception average:

D Class - 10-12 yards; B Class - 16-18 yards
C Class - 13-15 yards; A Class - over 18 yards

RECEIVER CHARTS FOR REVERSES

Die#	A CLASS	B CLASS	C CLASS	D CLASS
2	Long Gain	Short Gain	-12	Short Gain
3	Onside G +7 or -2	Onside G +3 or -3	Onside G +3 or -3	Onside G +4 or -4
4	Short Gain	Short Gain	Short Gain	0
5	F +2	F +1	F -1	F -5
6	+12	+8	-1	-6
7	0	0	0	-3
8	-3	-6	-8	+10
9	Onside End +6 or 0	Onside End +5 or 0	Onside End +4 or 0	Onside End +3 or 0
10	Short Gain	-4	Short Gain	-5
11	Onside Tackle +5 or -3	Onside Tackle +4 or +1	Onside Tackle +4 or -2	Onside Tackle +2 or -2
12	+20	Long Gain	-10	Short Gain

Football playing tip

Another playing tip adding excitement to football is for the defense to put on a big rush in an attempt to block a punt. The defense simply announces that it's "going for the block," and if a 11 or 12 are rolled the punt is blocked, -9 yards and defense recovers. If unsuccessful, the punt return is reduced by 10 yards, which could lead to a safety.

Shooters galore in basketball cards

Strat-O-Matic Baseball and Football cards are annually given an in-depth examination and analysis by the Review staff, as well as the more avid gamers who roll 'em in those particular sports.

But one S-O-M game--basketball--has seldom had its new cards given even a cursory look.

Now stepping into the so-called basketball breach is Tom Nahigian of Arlington, MA, a self-confessed Boston Celtics fan who's been playing the S-O-M version of the hardwood sport since its inception. "I think S-O-M has an excellent basketball game," lauds Nahigian, "and I think the reason it isn't played as often as the other games is because it takes so long to play."

Nahigian, however, breezes through an average game, replete with statistics, in an hour, so he's no slow-poke. But, as he quickly points out, the baseball game can be played in 10-15 minutes and football, with its much shorter number of games, takes only about an hour.

A LOOK AT THE NEW CARDS

Nahigian, nevertheless, plays beat-the-24-second-clock whenever he can, thoroughly enjoys the game and is looking for a great deal of improvement from his beloved Celtics in the upcoming real-life season.

Tom is also a student of the basketball cards, poring over the new cards every year, comparing them with the past sets and noting the "good, bad and ugly" among them.

The 1978-79 S-O-M set, for instance, contains many outstanding shooters and passers, but lacks the robust rebounders and team defense. New York Knick fringe player Mike Glenn, San Antonio's George [Iceman] Gervin and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar of the Lakers all have great shooting cards. "They're totally awesome," praises Nahigian. Gervin, the Spurs' reed-thin 6-7 guard, does most of his scoring from outside while Jabbar gets his points inside, or within sky-hook range.

PORTER'S 'PERFECT'

Guard Kevin Porter of the Detroit Pistons was a perfect passer, being rated Dazzler 1-6 after averaging 17.0 assists, an all-time best in the National Basketball Association. Rick Barry [1-3 Dazzler, 4-5 Percentage Shot, 6 Turnover] was outstanding as a passer also, especially considering he was a forward.

In the lane it was Moses Malone of the Houston Rockets taking charge and becoming the NBA's premier big man. Malone was rated a staggering "-24" as an offensive rebounder and "-5" off the defensive board. Interestingly, nary a pivotman received a "-6" rebounding rating on defense, although there were a number of "-5s."

Malone was also a good scorer and superb defender (a "6" inside which gives the Rockets an intimidating look). His card and ratings reflect his MVP-winning season, for sure.

On the elementary side of the cards, Jabbar was rated a "4" on defense for the seventh time and Dave Cowens, after six straight "4" ratings, fell to a "2." Dennis Johnson, 6-4 guard with the defensive-minded, world champion SuperSonics, received the best defensive card ever for a guard. He was rated a "5" outside, "6" against penetration and "3" inside. Only Don Chaney [1974-75] was rated better (6-6-2), but was also a forward and not solely a backcourt performer.

MOST TEAMS SHAKY ON 'D'

Most of the team defensive cards are aptly suited for high-scoring games, with Boston and Cleveland having two of the worst of all-time. Seattle, of course, is good on defense, but the best team overall, at least in Nahigian's opinion, is still Washington, which he claims is "good and
(continued on next page)

deep and excels in all aspects of the game."

He also notes that Jim Brewer (Pistons) has a poorer free throw percentage than field goal and that only the following players, from S-O-M's original set in 1972-73, remain on the same team now as they were then: Randy Smith (San Diego), Larry Steele (Portland), Bingo Smith (Cleveland), Sam Lacey (Kansas City), Earl Monroe (Knicks), Calvin Murphy (Houston), Mike Newlin (Houston), Elvin Hayes (Washington), Wes Unseld (Washington), Dave Cowens (Boston) and Fred Brown (Seattle).

Nahigian closed his analysis of the new cards by saying that next year's set should be even better, what with the addition of Larry Bird, Bill Walton with San Diego after a year's layoff and Earvin (Magic) joining Jabbar in L.A. It will also be interesting to see how S-O-M handles the three-point shot.

Readers Roll 'Em

RECHECK THE RECORDS

I have noticed in the Sept. Review two leagues that had mistakes in their won-and-lost records for teams. When the four teams of John Reid's league are added up the won-and-lost record comes out 247 wins and 301 losses.

And in Kevin Lawless' league, the four teams won-and-lost record added up to 293 wins and 307 losses.

It should come out even -- the same number of wins as losses -- when everything is added up.

I think all commissioners should make sure of things like this. The "wrong" team might win a championship.

Bob Baurkot
4800 Henry St.
Easton, PA

Editor's note: The Review appreciates the surveillance of the records, as too many replays are sent to us to closely check the won-and-lost marks. But knowing gamers such as Bob Baurkot are watching closely might prompt others to recheck records before submitting them to the Review.

HIT PATTERNS

In response to inquiries by readers regarding hitting patterns, I have a suggestion that might placate all involved. Why not simply have different patterns for each side of the batter's or pitcher's card?

In my opinion, it would be almost like having 24 hitters'

patterns, or 20 pitchers' patterns. Since it has been established that players receive their patterns based on their batting average, or ERA, why not sub-divide the patterns to have two different ones on a card?

By having to think about both patterns of a hitter's card (righty and lefty would be different as far as type of pattern), the monotony (and I use that term very loosely) would be broken up, and an already great game would be even better.

Louis Rakita
Montreal, Canada

Editor's note: Reader Rakita is referring to making each side of a batter's card (righty-lefty) a different pattern.

ANOTHER VOTE...

Put me down as another gamer in favor of a full season old-timer baseball set. As others have suggested, I think a poll would be in order to: (1) see if a majority of gamers want a complete set and, if so, what year? (2) see if another old-timer set of teams from an era is desired; and (3) see if more Hall of Fame cards are wanted.

I think if a set is made from one year, it should be a year prior to 1960 when both leagues had tight pennant races. My own preference would be the 1950 season, as there were tight races in both leagues.

Trying any old-timer season, even on a limited printing basis, would seem, to me, worthwhile for S-O-M.

Jim Elliott
Orange, CA

Strat-O-Matic profiles

STRAT-O-MATIC NORTH AMERICAN DRAFT ASSOCIATION (SOMNADA) - Twelve-team, two-division baseball league now in its third season...plays advanced version of game, using 25-man rosters, 5-man taxi squads and 3-man reserve list [used mainly for players who have had bad years, but could bounce back...168-game schedule with 10 percent overuse of players...Ten of 12



FRONT ROW (FROM LEFT): Brian Hardy, Don Chandler, Jim Klugh, Butch King. SECOND ROW: Bob Mavin, Fred Lambrecht, Rick Bowman, Chuck Brannon, David Kline, Mark Skean.

Bourbons [Mark Skean, student, Bowling Green, KY] and Smyrna Flyers [Chuck Brannon, 21, student, Smyrna, GA].

league members gathered for convention [see picture] in Memphis, TN, earlier this year. Members traveled close to 12,000 miles round-trip to meet fellow SOMNADA compatriots...managerial lineup includes: Northern Division - Racine Travelers [Rick Bowman, 25, Fireman, Racine, WI], Racine Firefighters [Fred Lambrecht, 22, Fireman, Racine, WI], Gamesh Titans [Bob Mavin, 32, accountant, Kitchener, Ont.], Team Vermin [Brian Hardy, 22, archeologist, Kitchener, Ont.], Wyoming Cowboys [Don Chandler, 22, graduate student, Wyoming, MI], and Waterloo Hawks [Bruce McNaughton, Waterloo, Ont.]. Southern Division - Dartmouth Comanches [Jim Klugh, 30, pharmacist, Richardson, TX], Texas Gators [Butch King, 35, industrial salesman, McKinney, TX], Texas Turkeys [David Kline, 18, student, Dallas, TX], Dallas Striders [Frank Habern, Duncanville, TX], Kentucky

TIM HORTON MEMORIAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (THMHL) - PBM draft hockey league with 12 members...currently playing 44-game season, but plans to expand to 76 games next season...super advanced rules used...members: Wayne Wheeler [commissioner], Box 203, Cardston, Alta., Canada; Joe Garcia, 6354 N. 11th, Fresno, CA; Eoin MacLean, 301 Ave. Y No., Saskatoon, Sask.; Farquhar MacLean, same address; Glen Zacharias, 214 Ave. Y No., Saskatoon, Sask.; Nigel Hoppensack, 368 Kingston Crescent, Winnipeg, Manitoba; George Murphy, Kappa Sigma Fraternity, Box 42, Baldwin City, KS; Tom Lyne, 915 Avon Dr., Cambridge, OH; Larry Gavlak, RD 1 Box 410, Houtzdale, PA; Steven Caler, Box 6, Turbotville, PA; John Rustum, 36 Madison Ave., Maplewood, NJ, and Pat Isada, P.O. Box 340, Burin, Newfoundland, Canada.

LOUIS ISRAEL RAKITA, 4675 Circle Road, Montreal, Quebec, H3W 1Z2; age 20; has been playing baseball since 1973, hockey since its inception; has been in four face-to-face leagues, compiling 157-133 record overall and never finished lower than second--took first place once but never advanced beyond semifinals in playoffs; loves to play "Showdown" with S-O-M Baseball cards, whereby batters are pitted against each other, each batter is given three swings and results are on following basis: home run = 5; triple = 3; double = 2; single or walk = 1. Errors or walks count 0. Pitcher of choice is used and defense is considered "normal." Runs all such tournaments double-elimination to alleviate luck factor as much as possible.



(continued on next page)



PAT STROMAN, 1463 University Terrace, Ann Arbor, MI 48109; 22; occupation: student/courier; has played baseball (advanced) nine years, hockey one year; plays mostly solitaire; member Strat-O-Matic Hockey Federation, 16-team PBM league.

EMPIRE STATE STRAT-O-MATIC LEAGUE (ESSOML) - Ten-member, PBM draft baseball league that plays 156-game schedule; trading allowed; plays kept from year to year...Actually two leagues: Spring (mostly NL players), Feb.-July, which is in sixth season; and Fall (Mostly AL players), July-Jan., which is completing fourth season...trades not allowed between leagues, however...overall commissioner: Larry King, 401 East 102 St. Apt. 6D, New York, NY...Spring league members include: Lloyd Douglas (Portsmouth, RI), Larry King, Tom Perella (Providence, RI), Albert Goldson (Bronx, NY), Jeff Widman (Penfield, NY), Paul Alexander (Staten Island, NY), Jeff Nelson (Minneapolis, MN), Anthony Paldino (Brooklyn, NY), Andy Hirschhorn (Old Westbury, NY) and Harold Coleman (Bear, DE)...Fall league members: Larry King, Jeff Nelson, Harold Coleman, Tom Perella, Jeff Widman, Paul Alexander, Todd Sharek (North Dartmouth, MA), Andy Hirschhorn, Don Malaguti (Aushnet, MA) and Brian Fischel (Dover, DE).

Looking for back issues of Review?

The following back issues of the Strat-O-Matic Review are still available. To purchase, note issues desired and send to: Strat-O-Matic Review, P.O. Box 27, Otsego, MI 49078.

1979

Only October and January are available, all other months have been sold out. Cost: 60¢ per issue.

1978

All months available. Dec., Nov., Oct., Sept. and August sell for 60¢; all other months for 50¢ each.

1977

Dec., Nov., Oct., Sept., Aug., July and April. Cost: 50¢ each.

1976

Nov., Oct. and Jan. only months left. Cost: 50¢ each.

1975

Sept., Aug., July, June, Feb. and Jan. only months available. Cost: 45¢ each.

Gamer waits 3,916 games and then...

Okay, you malcontents among us, quit your grumbling. No-hitters only come along once in a while as far as seeing the Review's pages...and they happen even more seldom in Strat-O-Matic Baseball.

For most gamers, in fact, no-hitters are a long-awaited, cherished experience. Some gamers may argue that to read about them is a bore, but they're certainly not that to those who have experienced a rare mound gem.

The Northern Kentucky Baseball Association, for instance, waited 3,916 games before witnessing a no-hitter. James Hartley, secretary of the league and resident of Independence, KY, said "The no-hit thing has been strange for us [the NKBA]. This year alone, [J.R.] Richard went 8.1 and 8.2 innings on consecutive starts, only to be knocked out both times. And recently [Ron] Guidry went 8.2 before giving up a homer to Enos Cabell. We thought it would never happen."

But it did. In fact the draft league had two quick no-hitters.

Nolan Ryan got the first, hurling for the Billies against the Cake-aters, a 3-0 whitewash that was marred only by his walking eight and hitting a batter. Ryan even walked two in the ninth to keep it tense to the end. He finished with 10 strikeouts against a lineup that included the likes of George Foster, Steve Garvey and Gary Carter.

Even before the Billies' management had time to savor the no-hitter, the team got another when unsung Rick Langford turned in a six-strikeouts, three-walk performance against a team called the Amoebae.

Another vigil ended recently when David Bohlander, Glenham, SD, a 10-year S-O-M vet, got his first via Paul Splittorff, Kansas City hurler who stopped Toronto. Luiz Gomez's bid for a hit [S1* 1-13 - LO (ss) 14-20] was the only close call. Splittorff fanned three, walked four. The newest cards were used.

1,000 GAMES LATER...

Scott Roscovius, Tomah, WI, is another to whom no-hitters are anything but an everyday occurrence. He's had two in 1,000 games, along with a pair of one-hitters. The no-hitters were: Ken Brett, subbing for injured Jim Rooker, setting down the hard-hitting Cincinnati Reds in a matchup of 1975 teams, walking two and striking out seven; and John Candelaria, '77 Pirates, duplicating a real-life feat by no-hitting the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Jim Bibby was the subject of toasts from Rich Caracciolo, Syosset, NY, a member of the Louisville Sluggers Baseball Association, a PBM league that has Tony Auter of Louisville as commish. Mr. Bibby set down a hard-hitting team managed by Bob Dormer. He struck out six, walked two and came away a 4-0 victor. Bibby came back in his next outing and won a two-hit shutout, not giving up a safety until two were out in the sixth inning. For Caracciolo, the no-hitter was the first in four years and 500-plus games.

Chris Wilbur, Berlin, MA, only waited three years to witness a no-hitter. It happened in a PBM draft league when his J.R. Richard claimed a 2-0 win, striking out 11, walking five and working around three errors.

OTHER NO-HITTERS

Also reporting no-hitters in recent months were:

* Scott Jordan, Columbus, GA, who couldn't believe his eyes as Bill Lee of the '75 Boston Red Sox shackled the prodigious hitting '75 Reds in a World Series matchup. Boston won the game, 2-0, and the Series, as Jordan called it "the most exciting game I've played in four years of S-O-M."

* In a game pitting a couple of oldies -- 1964 Houston Colts and St. Louis Cardinals -- Bob Gibson of the Cards corraled the Colts, striking out 10, walking two and escaping unscathed the only serious threat when short-stop Dick Groat ("3") scooped up Bob Lillis' grounder in the ninth. Watching the action was Emery Kurts of Phoenix, AZ.

(continued on page 14)

* While most gamers are lucky to experience one no-hitter, Keith Markman reports that he had two back-to-back pitching gems recently, both by Waite Hoyt of the '27 Yankees. The first was against the '76 Yanks, 4-0, and the second was a shackling of the '75 Red Sox, 8-0. He allowed only two walks in each game. For Markman, who resides in Great Neck, NY, the no-hitters were Nos. 2 and 3 of his table-gaming career.

* Towering J.R. Richard got one for Greg McGill, breaking the young gamer's string of near misses. Richard set down the hard-hitting Cincinnati Reds, 1-0, with Terry Puhl's homer off Fred Norman the decisive blow. J.R. struck out seven and, as customary, managed to walk six. A groundball to "4" shortstop Craig Reynolds was the closest call, but a "7" split number bailed Richard out.

Close calls suffered through by McGill included: Frank Tanana ('76) giving up a leadoff single to Ralph Garr of the White Sox and then retiring the next 27 batters; Jerry Koosman serving up a two-out homer in the bottom of the ninth to Mike Schmidt in another battle between teams from '76; and Phil Niekro ('77) lost out on his bid with one out in the ninth when Rowland Office couldn't catch up with a fly ball off the bat of Ellis Valentine.

* The close-but-no-cigar award this time around, however, goes to Pat Isada, Burin, Newfoundland, who hasn't witnessed a no-hitter in six years of rollin' S-O-M dice. Closest he came was this past summer when Burt Hooton of the Dodgers blanked the injury-riddled New York Yankees, 7-0, allowing one hit. Platoon player Gary Thomasson, pinch-hitting, came on in the ninth with one out and lined a single. And the wait goes on for Pat Isada...

Advertisements

Rates per issue will be as follows: First 30 words--60¢; 31-60 words--\$1.00; 61-100 words--\$1.50; 101-150 words--\$2.00; 151-200 words--\$3.25. When sending in ads, specify either WANTED, FOR SALE, LEAGUE FORMING, or CONTEST FORMING. And name card sets by the year upon which they were based. Note also that only advertisements regarding Strat-O-Matic products, related merchandise (baseball guides, etc.) and leagues will be accepted. Merchandise competing with S-O-M products (i.e. scoresheets) also may not be offered for sale. Also, no photo-copied cards should ever be offered for sale. Ads, to be included in the next issue of the Review, must be in by the third of the month. Late ads will be held over for inclusion the following month.

Wanted

WANTED: Complete sets of baseball 1971 and 1972, with extras; in good or better condition. Complete sets of football 1967, 1968, 1969 and 1970 (1970 season need not include 49ers), in good or better condition. Please state price and condition of cards. All replies answered with SASE's given priority. Write to: Gerry Smedinghoff, 317 N. Maple St., Mount Prospect, IL 60056

WANTED: The following football teams: 1976 Tampa Bay, 1973 Buffalo and 1972 Miami. Send price and self-addressed, stamped envelope. Please state the condition of cards. Send bids

to: Scott Toman, 210 S. Yale Ave., Arlington Heights, IL 60005

WANTED: Extra players for 1972 baseball season; complete 1971 and '73 seasons with extras. Also need 1969 and earlier teams. Send price and condition to: Marty Chittum, 2420 N. Oousman, Milwaukee, WI 53212

WANTED: All teams plus extras from 1971 on. I am also interested in the 1968 Cardinals. Write to: Derryl Moore, Lot 15 3624 State St., Bettendorf, IA 52722. Phone: [not collect] 319-355-2260.

WANTED: Football, 1970 Giants or complete 1970 set. Send price and condition to: A. Reggiano III, 34 Intevale Rd., Stamford, CT 06905

WANTED: 1971-72-73-74 and '75 baseball teams, with extra players; fair to excellent condition only. Will pay \$125.00 [total]. Write: Tony Combine, 1471 Nicholson St., Erie, PA 16509

WANTED: 1972, '73 Cincinnati Reds with extras. Also 1971, '74, '75 Cincinnati Reds extras. Send price and condition to: Dennis Anderson, 3127 76th Ct., Elmwood Park, IL 60635

WANTED: 1962 White Sox, 1966 Orioles and Phillies. Send price and condition to: John Protolipac, 2648 White Oak Ave., Whiting, IN 46394

WANTED: 1971-74 Orioles, '75 Cubs, '73 Braves [all teams must be with extras], '75 Frank White and '75 extras to the Yanks, Reds, Braves, Phils and Cards. Junu Kim, 1756 Highland Ave., Wilmette, IL 60091.

WANTED: Extra players from the following teams: 1977 Dodgers, '77 Royals, '76 Phillies, '75 Reds, '75 Red Sox, '73 A's, '73 Mets, '73 Orioles, '72 Tigers, '70 Reds, '70 Orioles, '70 Twins, '69 Mets and the '69 Braves. I am willing to pay up to 25¢ for each card. Write to: Ray Vanderhoff Jr., 17 Lakeside Ave., Bloomingdale, NJ 07403

WANTED: Baseball - 1968 Tigers, Cardinals; 1969 Mets, Orioles; 1970 Orioles; 1971 Orioles, Pirates; 1972 A's; 1973 A's, Braves; 1974 A's, Cardinals. Football - 1972 Dolphins; 1973 Bills. Also willing to buy baseball teams from 1964-75. Send prices and conditions of cards to: Richard Evans, 234 Bessborough Dr., Toronto, Ont., Canada M4G 3K3

WANTED: Baseball, 1968 Cardinals and '68 Tigers. Good or better condition. 1970 Cubs, Giants and '75 Indians. Very good to excellent condition. Extras not necessary. Send prices to: Greg McMillen, 8427 14th Ave., Kenosha, WI 53140

WANTED: New or used S-O-M Baseball cards. Complete set of 1976 teams, American and National League. Also, 1977 Seattle and Cleveland teams. Contact: Rick

Frasure, 1636 Millicent St., Millbury OH 43447 [phone: 1-419-836-7324]

WANTED: Complete baseball sets from 1971, 1975, 1976 seasons. Also want the 1977 Los Angeles Dodgers. Will accept first reasonable offer. Include in your letter if the set includes extra players. Send replies to: Joseph Mleczo, 1802 Dunmere Rd., Baltimore, MD 21222 (or call 301-282-8376)

For Sale

FOR SALE: Annoyed by the high death rate of PBM leagues? Want to insure that the league you join will finish the season? Commissioners--keep a constant supply of backup managers for your league! Subscribe to the League Manager's Service. Managers looking for placement in a league, send in background info on yourself, your experience, the type of league you wish to join, and a \$2.00 placement fee. Commissioners looking for managers, send in background info on your league, requirements for managers and \$2.00 fee per manager to be placed in your league. These fees cover long distance phone costs and mailing costs. Insure your place in the PBM scene now! Write: Gary Feldman, 214 South Centre Avenue, Rockville Centre, NY 11570

FOR SALE: Are you having trouble figuring out who is your best quarterback? I will rate your passers using the NFL's own rating system. This system incorporates all phases of quarterbacking. Just send passer's attempts, completions, touchdowns passed for, interceptions, yardage and \$1 for each 10 passers (28 for \$2.50) to: Passer Ratings, 34 Devon Drive, Orangeburg, NY 10962. Seven-day service.

FOR SALE: S-O-M Football cards, 1967-1974; condition good to excellent. I will sell to the first bidder who meets my price, or to the high bidder by the end of the month. Send bids to: Mike Bordelon, 5445 Braesvalley, #724, Houston, TX 77096 [phone: 713-721-5465].

FOR SALE: How to play by mail! Comprehensive six-page report ready now. Send \$2.00 to: Bob Warsinski, [continued on next page]

17471 Revere St., Southfield,
MI 48076

FOR SALE: S-O-M Basketball game. Almost new; contains entire 1977-78 26-team set. \$13 or best offer. Contact: Jeff Widman, 167 Brentwood Dr., Penfield, NY 14526

FOR SALE: Tired of rolling cumbersome and time consuming dice? With a touch of a button, you can replace your dice with totally random, electronic dice. Offer includes circuit schematic, parts list and instructions. Send \$3.25 to: James Zuplich, P.O. Box 624, Elyria, OH 44038

FOR SALE: 1969 Football; excellent condition; asking price \$40. Baseball - 1973 cards, without extras, good condition, asking price \$25; 1975 baseball cards, excellent condition, with extras, \$18; 1976 baseball cards with extras, fair to poor condition, \$11. Will sell to one who matches or tops asking price. Leave phone number and address. Call or write: Dan Gentile, 5023 S. Tripp, Chicago, IL 60632 [phone: 312-735-8764].

FOR SALE: All Football teams from the 1977 season. Also the 1962 Packers. Will sell as a complete set or individually. Send bids to: Kevin Goldman, 5 North Woods Road, Wayside, NJ 07712

FOR SALE: 1967 Phillies, A's, Red Sox, Cardinals, Yankees [19], Giants [19], good to poor condition, 1969 Cubs, Astros, \$5.50; Twins, Braves, \$7.00; excellent condition. 1970 [20 cards each], excellent condition, Pirates, Twins, \$6.00; Mets, Cubs, Phillies, Angels, White Sox, Royals, A's, Senators, Tigers, Yankees, Boston, Brewers, Indians, Astros, Dodgers, Giants, Braves, \$5 each. 1971 complete set [24 cards per team], mint condition, \$49. 1973 [20 cards] Angels, Cardinals, Boston, Royals, Twins, Giants, Pirates, \$3.50 each. 1974 [24 cards each] Tigers, Brewers, Indians, Angels, Royals, \$3.25. Football - 1968 Cowboys, Vikings, Chiefs, \$7.

Browns, Raiders, \$8; Atlanta, Broncos, Eagles, Redskins, Lions, Saints, Bills, \$5. 1969 Boston, 49ers, Broncos, Dolphins, Giants, Steelers, Cardinals, Falcons, \$4; Cowboys, Rams, Jets, Oilers, \$6; Raiders, Browns, \$7. 1970 Lions, Bengals, \$5; Raiders, \$6; Cardinals, Broncos, Giants, Eagles, Steelers, Jets, Saints, Falcons, Browns, Rams, Bears, Patriots, Bills, Oilers, Chargers, \$3. 1972 complete set, mint condition, \$48. 1973 complete set, mint condition, \$44. All above cards in excellent condition unless so stated. Richard Gulezian, 1 Robin Hood Road, Windham, NH 03087 [phone, after 4:30, 603-893-1017].

FOR SALE: Sold as sets, S-O-M Pro Football cards: 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977 seasons. Good to excellent condition. Send bids to: Joseph Kolengowski, 4501 W. 150th St., Cleveland, OH 44135

FOR SALE: Percentile dice precision crafted in high impact plastic. Ideal for generating random numbers when playing S-O-M games. A single number like 1-2-3, etc., is engraved on each surface. Roll two dice of contrasting colors for numbers up to 100. Roll three dice like red, white and blue for numbers up to 1,000. Choose red, orange, yellow, green, blue, violet, black, brown, or white, and please list extra color choices so we can substitute if necessary. Send 75¢ per die without inked digits. Send \$1 per engraved die with inked, easier to read, digits. Include \$1 per order to cover postage. Our catalogue included with each dice order, if requested. Eight, 12 and 4-sided dice cost the same as 20's and are also available. Lou Zocchi, 7604 Newton Dr., Box STRA, Biloxi, MS 39532

FOR SALE: Over ten valuable baseball 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: Back issues of S-O-M Review, Nov., 1973 to September, 1979. Will sell all together or separately, if necessary. Will accept any reasonable offer.
(continued on next page)

Steve Carrico, USS Semmes (DDG 18), OC Division, FPO, NY 09501

FOR SALE: For all of its excellence, S-O-M Pro Football still lacks many of real football's better moments. Missing are: penalties, option plays, end arounds, plus more. What can be done? Many have answered this question with the S-O-M Pro Football "Kit." This 21-page collection of 40 rules and variations has been purchased by over 200 gamers. It is used in leagues across the country and is recommended by Rick (Wolfman) Shapiro. For only \$3.00 plus 75¢ postage, maybe the "Kit" is your answer, too. Order from: Jamie Potter, Rd-1 Box 89-D, Oneonta, NY 13820. Satisfaction guaranteed or your money back.

FOR SALE: Attention S-O-M Baseball fans! Spice up your face-to-face leagues and organize your solitaire play with the S-O-M Baseball "Kit." Consisting of 14 pages of rules, charts and information, the "Kit" contains: (1) a statistically-sound system for solitaire, (2) an outline for face-to-face and solitaire leagues, and (3) miscellaneous rules and variations. It's designed for solitaire and/or league gaming situations, but it has something for everyone. So, don't delay, send \$3.00 plus 50¢ postage to: Jamie Potter, Rd-1 Box 89-D, Oneonta, NY 13820. As always, money refunded if you're not satisfied.

FOR SALE: College Football game based on the 1976 season. Excellent condition. Includes 24 teams and all game parts. You pay postage. Bidding ends December 10th. For list of teams, or for your bid, send a SASE to: Scott Toman, 210 S. Yale Ave., Arlington Heights, IL 60005. All who enclose SASE will be notified.

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1975, all teams, includes extras; 1976, all teams, minus White Sox, includes extras; 1977, all teams, includes extras. Have 17 duplicates in 1975 teams. Chuck Holman, 5210 N. Pueblo Villas, Tucson, AZ 85704 (phone:

888-4419). Bids on '75, '76, '77 and duplicate [additional, not photo-copied] teams of '75.

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, all complete sets. Also, 1970, all except Milwaukee, Atlanta and San Diego. 1972-73 basketball - complete game. Teams will be sold as set or individually. Send bids to: Tom Sullivan, 69 Sunrise Dr., Torrington, CT 06790

FOR SALE: 1965 Cubs; 1969 Reds, Pirates, Dodgers, Giants; 1970 Cubs, Expos, \$8.95 per team. 1971 Giants, Cubs, Braves, Astros, Reds, Pirates, Padres, Angels, White Sox, Royals, Senators, Indians, Twins, Yanks, A's, Red Sox, Phils, Cardinals, \$7.95 per team. 1972 all A.L. teams, \$6.95 per team. 1973 and 1974 and 1975 all baseball teams, \$5.95 per team. Football - 1972 Dolphins, Redskins, Packers, Steelers; 1974 Dolphins; \$8.95 per team. 1970 Oilers, Rams, Redskins, Packers, Chiefs, Eagles, Falcons, Saints, Giants, Pats, Chargers, Bears, Vikings, Cardinals, Bengals, Cowboys, \$6.95 per team. 1971 Steelers, Giants, Saints, 49ers, Vikings, Lions, Eagles, Oilers, Chargers, Patriots, Raiders, Cardinals, Redskins, Bills, Bengals, Browns, Jets, Falcons, \$6.95 per team. Prices listed are expected prices. Higher bids will be accepted. Items sold to highest bidders. Send bids to: John McNabb, 226 College Ave., DeKalb, IL 60115

FOR SALE: Complete set of 1967 football teams, with doubles of Oakland Raiders and Green Bay Packers, along with the 1968 Boston Patriots, Denver Broncos, St. Louis Cardinals, Dallas Cowboys, Oakland Raiders, Buffalo Bills, Philadelphia Eagles, Baltimore Colts, New York Jets, Kansas City Chiefs, Miami Dolphins, Cincinnati Bengals and New York Giants. Cards in excellent condition. Complete set of 1967 football teams is \$100; separate teams \$4.50 each. The 1968 cards as a set, \$35. Separate teams \$3 each. If interested, contact: Fred Baumbach, 5433 128th Ave., Fennville, MI 49408. Send SASE, please.

(continued on next page)

League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: The Greater Monongahela Strat-O-Matic Baseball League is looking for players. This is a PBM league. We will draft players from both leagues and we will use the basic side. No experience is necessary. We will begin drafting near the end of October. If interested, send a brief resume to: Nick Blyshak, R.O.#3, Box 3, Monongahela, PA 15063, or phone 412-258-8167.

LEAGUE FORMING: Wanted: 16 managers for PBM Draft Baseball League using advanced version of both A.L. and N.L. players. Illustrated newsletter with up-to-date stats, standings and league information. Good communication between managers and commissioner. Send a brief outline of past Strat-O-Matic experience. Play begins when new cards are ready. Draft to take place after current season is over. If interested, contact: Brad Long, 517 East No. D St., Gas City, IN 46933, or call 1-317-674-1428.

LEAGUE FORMING: The CanAm Strat-O-Matic League is looking for a reliable manager to take over a managerial position in our league. We have just begun our sixth season, which will run until March. CanAm is a 10-team draft baseball league with two divisions. The successful candidate will take over the team immediately. If interested, please apply to: Gary Fell, 22 Macaulay Ave., Apt. 4, Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada E2K-2K5, or phone 1-506-642-2873 after 5 p.m.

LEAGUE FORMING: Attention Massachusetts South Shore adults! We have the beginning of an adult face-to-face Strat-O-Matic Baseball league forming. If you live in the communities of Hingham, Cohasset, Scituate, Weymouth, etc., don't waste a single moment. Get in touch and get in on the fun. Remember this is for adults only. At this writing, our participants are ages 24, 46 and 47. The sooner we know who's interested, the

sooner we can organize further. Call or write: Bob Cusack Sr., 62 Elm St., Hingham, MA 02043 (phone: 617-749-9189). Call evenings or weekend.

LEAGUE FORMING: Want competent managers interested in long term commitment to form advanced baseball PBM league. This will be a draft league with a twist--the twist being all managers will start with 1978 actual team rosters and draft from there. Play will start March 1 with 1979 cards in three-division, interleague play setup. This league will not fail! I have been playing S-O-M since 1966. Entry fee will be \$10, partly refundable only upon completion of season. If interested, contact: Jesse Seegmiller, 24-29 23 Street, Long Island City, NY 11102 (phone: 212-932-7820). Tell me about yourself and include all acceptable team picks in order of preference. Here's your chance to build a loser into a champion, or keep a winner strong. Sorry, Yankee fans, I reserve them for myself.

LEAGUE FORMING: Are your summer leagues going to run out soon? A long lonely winter at school all you have to look forward to? If so, the Greater Columbia Baseball League may be just what the doctor ordered. A first-year PBM American draft league that offers a little more to its members. Guaranteed expansion for the first five years to a maximum 20 teams. Manager of the Year award (next year's cards) based on preseason evaluations. All members involved in playoffs. Detailed newsletter and more. We are looking only for dedicated gamers. Experience not necessary if you plan on sticking it out. For more information, write: GCBL, 171 Casbel Court, Hopkins, SC 29061

Contest Forming

CONTEST FORMING: Three to four years ago I was going to have a double-elimination tournament. But there was not enough response to have such a tournament. I would like to try once again to have such a S-O-M tournament. Send for details: Don Doris, Box 534, Clay City, IL 62824

Clif Sage repeats as National League king

GKSML completes 17th baseball replay

It's 17 and counting for the Greater Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic Baseball League (GKSML).

The continuous draft league involving Review co-editors Warren and Del Newell, has now completed 17 full-season, 154-game replays, the latest the 10-manager National League.

As was pointed out earlier in the spring [April, 1979 Review], the GKSML expanded from eight to ten teams in the N.L., with Warren Newell and Tom Angel (who moved from Florida to Michigan with the lure of S-O-M drawing him to the frigid northland in the heart of winter) guiding expansion teams.

Also, as you may remember, established teams were allowed to protect nine players from their rosters (rather than 15), expansion managers then picked nine players from the pool of talent unprotected and then, after each team protected or picked one more player, a draft was held, in reverse order of finish from the previous season. The expansion teams drafted ninth and tenth in the first round, led off the second and then drafted ninth and tenth the remainder of the draft.

All told, 276 out of a possible 288 players were on teams. Even Pepe Frias--all 15 at-bats worth--was drafted.

NO. 3 FOR CLIF SAGE

Clif Sage, schoolteacher, basketball official and longtime GKSML member, captured the N.L. pennant again, winning for the third straight time and fourth overall. A quick getaway aided Clif as he had a 11-game lead in early July. Dale Holland, perennial runnerup, came on strong the second half, but dropped his final three games and finished two behind Clif. The year before, Dale wound up one game to the rear.

Clif then polished off GKSML newcomer, Jim Weissert, who had won the East (while Clif was winning the West Division), in three straight games in the playoffs. The West proved to be a much stronger division, as all five teams finished above .500. Meanwhile, only two teams topped the .500 plateau in the East.

Clif led in a number of offensive categories--runs scored (753), home runs (154), hits (1,514)--was runnerup in batting (.274) and pitching (2.97) and his defense committed the fewest errors in the league, 96.

He presented an awesome lineup for opposing pitchers to try and work through: Dave Winfield (.319, 28 homers, 112 RBI), Steve Garvey (.315, 91 RBI), Jack Clark (.298, 28 HRs, 112 RBI, 106 runs), Ted Simmons (.296, 32 HRs, 98 RBI) and Pete Rose (.292, 100 runs). Bob Knepper (21-10, 2.42), Steve Carlton (20-10) and Dennis Lamp (18-6) were the heart of the starting pitching rotation.

ANGEL UNAWARE

Transplanted Floridian, Tom Angel, received a rude introduction to S-O-M Baseball, GKSML-style anyway, finishing in the cellar of the East with a 50-104 record. But Tom was undaunted throughout, vowing that next year--with a lineup featuring Gary Matthews, Lee Mazzilli and Dale Murphy, among others--"we are expecting a big comeback...with at least a divisional title, and perhaps a pennant."

Warren Newell, meanwhile, surprised everyone, especially the two established teams that finished beneath him, with the showing of his expansion club. It finished 10 games over .500 (82-72) as Larry Christenson just missed winning 20 games (19-8), an almost unheard of feat for an expansion team, and Dave Kingman (wait until next year!) crashed 33 home runs, Bob Hoerner 21, both in limited at-bats.

On other fronts, Dave Parker (Doug Towne) was the MVP after leading the league in hitting (.346), hits (200), triples (15) and runs scored (113).

(continued on next page)

Dale Holland's George Foster blasted 43 home runs to rule that category again, while Ed Halicki (Jim Weissert) compiled an amazing earned run average of 1.56 while going 20-6.

Next month: The GKSM's American League resume and World Series. Standings and leaders for the N.L.:

East	Won	Lost	GB	Avg.	ERA	E	Batting	
1. Jim Weissert	83	71	-	.271	3.54	-	Parker DT	.346
2. Gary Tien	77	77	6	.277	3.63	107	Matthews TA	.333
3. Todd Newell	74	80	9	.267	3.92	139	Puhl DN	.322
4. Dick Knowlton	58	96	25	.185	3.99	105	Cromartie TN	.320
5. Tom Angel	50	104	33	.237	4.16	157	Winfield CS	.319

West	Won	Lost	GB	Avg.	ERA	E	Home Runs	
1. Clif Sage	94	60	-	.274	2.97	96	Foster DH	43
2. Dale Holland	92	62	2	.255	2.76	111	Luzinski GT	37
3. Warren Newell	82	72	12	.249	3.54	112	Parker DT	36
4. Del Newell	81	73	13	.260	3.99	115	Kingman WN	33
5. Doug Towne	79	75	15	.259	3.37	112	Simmons CS	32

RBI	Hits:	Parker DT 200; Garvey CS 199; Bowe DH 192.
Clark CS 112	Doubles:	Maddox DH 51; Parrish TN 49; Clark CS 48.
Winfield CS 112	Triples:	Parker DT 15; Herndon DK 12.
Dawson DN 112	Runs:	Parker DT 113; Dawson DN 112.
Burroughs DN 111	Steals:	Moreno GT 79/100; DeJesus GT 66/92.
Luzinski GT 110	Walks:	Burroughs DN 126; Luzinski GT 103.

Won-Lost	ERA	Strikeouts
Blyleven DN 21-8	Halicki JW 1.56	Richard TN 298
Knepper CS 21-10	Rogers DH 2.06	P.Niekro GT 259
P.Niekro GT 21-13	Swan DH 2.09	Seaver DT 220
Richard TN 21-13	Knepper CS 2.42	Blyleven DN 196
Halicki JW 20-6	R.Reuschel DK 2.48	Blue GT 193
Carlton CS 20-10	Hooton DT 2.76	
	P.Niekro GT 2.78	

Complete Games: Richard TN 23; Seaver DT 19. Home Runs Allowed:

Innings pitched: P.Niekro GT 342; Richard TN 288. Montefusco DH 30;

Shutouts: Swan DH 7; Rogers DH & Zachry DT 6. Blue GT 29.

Saves: Welch DH 28; Forster GT, Reed GT,

K.Forsch DN, all with 17.

Gold Cup nears end of first round

[continued from page 6]

Schwanebeck won series, 4-2, and advances, as Martin was eliminated.

Summary: Schwanebeck's Red Sox defeated Brewers in opener, 5-4, lost to them, 9-2, and then won 7-1 in games that averaged 28 minutes to play. The '73 Brewers scored 11-0 [Carl Morton] and 3-2 wins, losing the finale 6-0 [Andy Hassler]. Schwanebeck outthomered his opponent by a 7-3 margin. * Steve [Boom] Johnson, Lima, OH [1971 Angels, -10; 1973 Cards, .500] vs. Gary Fell, Saint John, New Brunswick [1976 Red Sox, +4; 1978 Expos, -10].

Johnson advances via 4-2 series triumph, while Fell is eliminated.

Summary: Johnson's Cards won last two games, 4-1, 5-0 [Rick Wise] from Expos to decide series. Earlier, Angels downed Red Sox in games No. 2 [4-0; Clyde Wright] and 3 [2-1], after losing opener, 9-2. Fell's Expos also won opener of second series, 5-3. Fell's charges outthomered Johnson, 8-3, but 'Boom' lowered the boom in the run-scoring department, holding a 20-16 advantage. Gary Carter cracked a pair of homers for Fell in game four.

Beren's also reports that the first-round, the long, long first-round, is finally nearing completion. Five more series remained to be played. Then it's on to the second round...and drawing closer to the gold.

S-O-M League, replay scene...

21

COLLINGSWOOD ALL-STAR S-O-M LEAGUE - Home base for 12-team replay of 1977 football season is Collingswood, NJ; commissioner, Dale Plummer... Plummer rode Rob Carpenter's 1,257 yards rushing and some clutch returns by Billy "Whiteshoes" Johnson to championship in face-to-face league... Houston defeated Pittsburgh in Super Bowl, 17-14, despite being limited to 86 yards total offense and Dan Pastorini being sacked nine times and completing only three passes. But Johnson's 92-yard TD punt return and 246 total yards off six returns turned the tide in favor of the Oilers...Randy Weidner guided Pittsburgh and his brother, Todd, coached Oakland, which fell to Pittsburgh in the playoffs, 30-21...Highlights included: Drew Pearson latching on to 300 yards worth of receptions in Dallas' 54-7 rout of Philadelphia; Carpenter crunching to 220 yards as the Oilers gushed forth with a 57-14 triumph over Minnesota;and Raymond Clayborn returning six kickoffs for TDs.

Standings and leaders:

East	W	L	Central	W	L	West	W	L
Pittsburgh	11	3	Houston	12	2	Oakland	8	6
Denver	9	5	Dallas	9	5	Seattle	6	8
Tampa Bay	6	8	San Diego	8	6	Atlanta	5	9
New England	4	10	Philadelphia	3	11	Minnesota	4	10

Rushing	Att-Yds.	Avg.	Receiving	No.-Yds.	Avg.
Foreman MIN	330-1478	4.5	Pearson DAL	72 1440	20.0
Carpenter HOU	299-1257	4.2	Casper OAK	69 759	11.0
Harris PIT	282-1187	4.2	Branch OAK	69 1209	18.9
Cunningham NE	275-1157	4.2	Largent SEA	60 1460	24.3

Passing	Att-Comp	Pct.	TD-Int	Yds.
Staubach DAL	338-201	60.1	18 7	2858
Tarkenton MIN	425-248	58.0	24 35	2258
Bradshaw PIT	300-168	56.0	21 24	2431
Zorn SEA	384-187	48.8	25 31	3009

Scoring:	Fritsch HOU	134.
TDs:	Largent SEA and Burrough HOU,	13.
KO Ret:	Clayborn NE	32.0.
Sacks:	Houston	54.

SOLITAIRE FOOTBALL REPLAY (based on 1975-76 season) - Defense was the name of game in Ed Schnaath's full-season replay as Los Angeles gave up third fewest points (171) and had second-best defense (allowing 204.4 yards per game) and wound up Super Bowl king...Schnaath, who resides in Poway, CA, reported that L.A. parlayed four field goals into a 12-10 win over Houston (Billy Johnson got the TD on an 85-yard punt return) in the Super Bowl...Pittsburgh was stingiest team of 'em all, giving up only 167 points. Steelers reached AFC title game, losing to Houston, 14-9...Best offensive club was St. Louis, which rolled up adding-machine 461 points and averaged NFL-high 357.2 yards per game...St. Louis got thumped by L.A. in the playoffs, though, 37-17...Whiteshoes Johnson was again a terror on returns, running back seven punts for TDs and averaging 15.6 yards; all told he had eight six-pointers via returns...

Standings, playoff results and leaders:

AFC East	W	L	AFC Central	W	L	AFC West	W	L	Playoffs
Miami	11	3	Pittsburgh	11	3	Oakland	10	4	Houston 43
Baltimore	10	4	Houston	10	4	Denver	6	8	Miami 0
Buffalo	8	6	Cincinnati	9	5	San Diego	6	8	Pitt. 28
NY Jets	3	11	Cleveland	6	8	Kansas City	4	10	Oakland 20
New England	3	11							
NFC East	W	L	NFC Central	W	L	NFC West	W	L	
St. Louis	11	3	Minnesota	12	2	Los Angeles	10	3*	Dallas 20
Dallas	9	5	Chicago	6	8	New Orleans	6	8	Minn. 17
Washington	8	6	Detroit	4	10	Atlanta	4	10	L.A. 37
NY Giants	4	10	Green Bay	2	12	San Fran'co	4	10	St. Louis 17
Philadelphia	3	10*							

(continued on next page)

* tie game. AFC title: Houston 14, Pittsburgh 9
NFC title: Los Angeles 19, Dallas 17

<u>Rushing</u>	<u>Att-Yds.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Receiving</u>	<u>No.-Yds.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Avg.</u>
Simpson BUF	305-1795	12	5.8	Foreman MIN	70 526	9	7.5
Harris PIT	262-1193	12	4.5	Mitchell BAL	60 577	8	9.6
Mitchell BAL	274-1174	7	4.2	Rucker CLE	54 1029	6	19.1
Otis SL	258-1147	9	4.4	Burrough HOU	52 1181	8	22.7
Riggins NYJ	237-1137	5	4.7	Branch OAK	51 980	11	19.2
<u>Passing</u>	<u>Att-Comp</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>TD-Int</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>Rating</u>		
Hart SL	317-170	53.6	29 21	2810	86.6		
Anderson CIN	370-204	55.1	26 17	2903	85.0		
Jones BAL	335-179	53.4	26 15	2307	82.5		
Tarkenton MIN	389-235	60.4	21 16	2728	82.5		
Griese MIA	227-121	53.3	17 15	1833	77.6		

POST OFFICE DRAFT BASEBALL LEAGUE [American League] - Third-year, face-to-face draft league that calls Kalamazoo, MI, home...Dynasty II, guided by John Seward, "delivered the mail" first, arriving home with a 30-20 record, despite an 0-5 start...Pitching was main strength of Dynasty outfit as Ron Guidry (8-2, 1.60 ERA), Larry Gura and Ferguson Jenkins (7-3) made for formidable staff. Bobby Bonds (14 home runs, 27 RBI), Carl Yastrzemski (.316), Graig Nettles and Reggie Jackson helped team clout 52 homers...Wes Williams, jumping from last to second, had awesome one-two punch in Jim Rice (13, 33) and Jason Thompson (.303--but duo, along with Fred Lynn, was tamed by Dynasty hill corps in playoffs, losing 3-0 as trio collected mere three hits in 40 at-bats...Dick Kraai's The Force was first out of starting blocks, going 11-1, but staggered and fell at finish, winning only 14 of last 38 games...Other members of league included Ed Nufer (Rising Sun), Rick Steigenberg (Blitzkreig) and Jim Hagey (Glass Bead Game). Sun got solid performance from Dave Rozema (7-2, 1.94), but set when Rod Carew hit disappointing .255...Ron Leflore swiped 21 bases for Blitzkreig while Andre Thornton clubbed 16 homers and Lou Whitaker batted league-high .368 for Glass Bead Game.

Standings and leaders:

	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>GB</u>	<u>Batting:</u>	Whitaker GB .368; Yastrzemski DYN .316.
Dynasty II	30	20	-		
The Boys	26	24	4	<u>Home Runs:</u>	Thornton GB 16; Bonds DYN 14.
The Force	25	25	5	<u>RBI:</u>	Cooper BLI 35; Rice BOY 33.
Rising Sun	24	26	6	<u>ERA:</u>	Guidry DYN 1.60; Gura DYN 1.74.
Glass Bead Game	23	27	7	<u>Wins:</u>	Guidry DYN 8.
Blitzkreig	22	28	8	<u>Strikeouts:</u>	Ryan BOY 76; Guidry DYN 74.

DETROIT RED WINGS REPLAY - Solitaire effort by Jerry Scribner, 10-year S-O-M vet who lives in Midland, MI...basic version used, although Scribner plans to use super advanced rules in future endeavors with hockey game...Scribner is 21, married, with six-month-old daughter. He's attended last two nationals, finishing among the top four in hockey at this summer's gathering in Champaign-Urbana...Red Wings improved under his handling, winding up with 36-33-11 record and 83 points...the Wings won five of seven games against Pittsburgh, lost five of eight to NHL champs, the Montreal Canadiens, and dropped all four games against Boston and Buffalo...Reed Larson was the leading Detroit scorer, netting 17 goals and assisting on 80 others for 97 points. Dale McCourt banged home 56 goals, including 16 off the power-play, and had 90 points, while Andre St. Laurent totaled 78, 29 via goals...The Wings capitalized on the manpower advantage, scoring 45 goals via the power-play, but mustered nary a goal while short-handed...In goal, Jim Rutherford was 24-22-8 with six shutouts and a 3.23 goals-against-average, and Ron Low was 12-11-3 with a 3.56 yield. Rutherford's real-life GAA was 3.26, three-tenths more than in S-O-M.

(continued on next page)

ALL-TIME ALL-STAR DRAFT BASEBALL LEAGUE - Brothers Bob and Pete Fray of Nazareth, PA, both drafted two teams of all-stars and played an 80-game season...one of the team's, the title-winning Demons, featured seven "1s" on defense. The Demons, managed by Bob, also swiped 167 bases...Pete's 76ers, meanwhile, had six .300-plus hitters, but still finished runnerup... Babe Ruth was a disappointment, batting meager .235, although hitting 26 home runs...Rod Carew, '77, beat out George Sisler for batting title by fraction of points, .4259 to .4257...it was a hitter's league, as only six front-line pitchers had ERAs under 4.00, led by Hal Newhouser, 13-4, who had 2.54 mark for 79ers...Sisler of the Demons, however, was MVP, ranking No. 1 in steals [51-57], hits [149], runs [69], doubles [27] and triples [12].

Standings and leaders:

	Won	Lost	GB	Batting	AB
Demons (Bob)	50	30	-	'77 Carew 79	.4259 '39 Dimaggio DEM 78
76ers (Pete)	43	37	7	'22 Sisler DEM	.4257 '31 Simmons DEM 76
Bombers (Bob)	38	42	12	'01 Lajoie 79	.395 '24 Ruth 79 58
Oldtimers (Pete)	29	51	24		

Home Runs	Won-Lost	ERA
'53 Campanella OT 28	'08 Mathewson 79 13-2	'46 Newhouser 79 2.54
'77 Nettles DEM 27	'46 Newhouser 79 13-4	'08 Mathewson 79 3.17
'41 T. Williams OT 27	'77 Guidry DEM 10-5	'08 Walsh BOMB 3.69
'21 Ruth BOMB 26	'04 Chesbro DEM 10-5	'15 Alexander 79 3.75

NAPERVILLE S-O-M BASEBALL LEAGUE - Face-to-Face six-team draft league that has now completed six seasons...Latest venture was 81-game schedule using 1977 cards...Jerry Ruzicka's Huns, a so-so 41-40 in regular-season, swept through the playoffs, defeating Bruce Bade's Naper Rapers in the finale, 4-2 in games...records tumbled when Graig Nettles of manager Andy Etchebarren's Reeses walloped 27 home runs and drove in 61 runs and Bruce Sutter won 14 games for Neal Vecchio's Finleys, finishing 14-4...Jim Palmer of the Finleys notched the league's first perfect game and Dave Goltz of the Rapers hurled a no-hitter...Bake McBride (.319) of Finleys was top hitter; Nettles was home run and RBI king, while Rennie Stennett of Reeses stroked 108 hits and Dennis Leonard of Irish (manager: Pat O'Reilly) had the most whiffs, 153.

Standings:

	Won	Lost	GB		Won	Lost	GB
Naper Rapers	45	36	-	Yogis	39	42	6
Reeses	42	39	3	Finleys	38	43	7
Huns	41	40	4	Irish	28	43	7

1978 AMERICAN LEAGUE REPLAY - Solitaire and face-to-face effort that took seven months to complete...dice-rollers included Keith Miller, Kent Miller, Gary Miller, Paul Gase and Kathy Miller, all from Willard, OH... League's handle was officially Northwest Ohio League...stats were kept in three notebooks...Jim Rice was MVP after batting .352, smashing 60 home runs, knocking in 156 runs and collecting 217 hits...New York swiped whopping 247 bases, Kansas City 237...Royals won West, as expected, but Milwaukee surprised New York in East, winning by six-game margin.

Standings and leaders:

East	Won	Lost	GB	West	Won	Lost	GB	Batting
Milwaukee	97	65	-	Kansas City	95	65	-	Rice BOS .352
New York	90	70	6	Texas	91	69	4	Bochte SEA .327
Detroit	87	73	9	California	84	74	10	Piniella NY .320
Baltimore	85	75	11	Chicago	76	85	19 1/2	
Boston	82	80	15	Seattle	72	88	23	Home Runs
Cleveland	74	86	22	Minnesota	69	91	26	Rice BOS 60
Toronto	60	100	36	Oakland	57	103	38	Bonds CLE 38
								Thornton CLE 37

(continued on back page)

Strat-O-Matic Review
P.O. Box 27
Otsego, Michigan 49078

BULK RATE
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 32
OTSEGO, MICH.

THIRD CLASS

If the number before your name reads 11/79 this is the last issue of your current subscription. To renew, check the number of months desired below and enclose proper amount (check or money order; please no coins, and, for those in Canada, please send U.S. funds). Send renewals to address listed above in left-hand corner. If first-class mailing is desired, enclose an additional 15¢ per issue. Also, when renewing, please list your expiration date as it expedites the process.

_____ 3 months, \$1.80; _____ 6 months, \$3.25; _____ 1 year, \$5.75.

S-O-M League, replay scene

(continued from page 23)

<u>RBI</u>		<u>ERA</u>		<u>Wins</u>		<u>Hits:</u>	Rice BOS
Rice BOS	156	Guidry NY	1.87	Guidry NY	23		217
Thompson DET	103	Jenkins TEX	2.17	Caldwell MIL	21		
Singleton BAL	102	Caldwell MIL	2.19	Sorensen MIL	21	<u>Steals:</u>	Randolph
<u>Strikeouts</u>		<u>Shutouts</u>		* Note that Koosman			NY 90;
Guidry NY	295	Guidry NY	10	was switched to			Wills TEX
Ryan CAL	285	Leonard KC	7	Minnesota, team he			76
Koosman MIN*	177	Waits CLE	7	played with in '79.			

The Review Staff

Editors: Warren Newell [Otsego, MI], Del Newell [Kalamazoo, MI].
Production: Karen and Mary Newell.
Printing: Oliver S Tobias [Kalamazoo, MI].
Mailing: Third-class unless first-class is otherwise requested.