



STRAT-O-MATIC REVIEW

Devoted exclusively to the Strat-O-Matic Game fan. The Review is printed with the consent of the Strat-O-Matic Game Company

* VOL. 19, NOVEMBER, 1989 *

TBA on home stretch of another season

'World' tournament again planned for late January

Jim Jasper continues to pile up the points on the Table Baseball Association's touring tournament circuit. In fact Jasper, who hails from Schaumburg, IL, has added another TBA tourney win and is starting to outdistance a strong field of challengers in the 1989 points race.

His lifetime total, where Jasper has a huge lead, is up to 531 points, while this season he's at 183 and counting after recently winning the Chicago tournament.

"We had one tournament left in October (in Sacramento, Oct. 13-15) and then three in November and one in December," says TBA director John Kreuz of what's remaining on this season's schedule.

"The World Tournament will be in Chicago on January 19-21, the week before the Super Bowl," continues Kreuz. The four tourneys still remaining will be held in Baltimore (Nov. 3-5), San Diego (Nov. 10-12), Chicago (Nov. 17-19) and Newark, NJ (Dec. 1-3).

Since the Review last reported on the TBA-style shaking and rolling, six more tournaments have been played.

Jasper, as previously mentioned, won out in Chicago, with Alan Ellenby, the attorney from Deerfield, IL, who is remembered for winning the World TBA Championship in 1988, finishing runner-up.

Jasper and Ellenby, it should be noted, also faced each other in a memorable face-to-face duel of the champions (July, 1989 Review). It should also be noted that on the day Jasper won the TBA tourney it was his 53rd birthday.

At St. Louis, Tim Berry of Roseville, MN, took away the first prize money. Terry Rowan of Roberts, WI, finished second.

In Los Angeles it was Kreuz handing the first-place money to himself. Kreuz admits that he doesn't enter a tournament for the money, but rather to test his vast gaming skills against what he considers the best S-O-M players in the world. In some tournaments he doesn't have time, because of the myriad of detail he has to attend to, for such tabletop endeavors.

(continued on next page)

Meanwhile, back at L.A., Steve Knight of Riverside, CA, picked off second place.

At Philadelphia, it was Rick Jones of Quakertown, PA, finishing first and John Christie, Newark, DE (not New Jersey), the runner-up.

Jasper, as previously noted, won out in Chicago over Ellenby. At Toronto, in Blue Jay country, Rick Kuchma of Hamilton, Ontario, was the big winner. Bill Fenlon, who made the trek eastward and over the border from Chicago, was runner-up.

And finally, in Boston, Bob Scofield of Stratford, CT, was first and the omnipresent Kreuz came in second.

MINIMUM OF 20 GAMES

Asked what the minimum number of games would be for a participant in a TBA event, Kreuz said: "There would be at least 20 games. And for someone who makes the playoffs (and about one-third of the gamers do), it could be as many as 32 to 36 games."

"For \$60 a player really gets lots and lots of action," enthuses Kreuz, who is closing in on running his 100th TBA tournament.

1989 POINT STANDINGS

1. Jim Jasper, Schaumburg, IL.....183
2. Will Roberts, Acton, MA.....171
3. Jim Schwanebeck, Towson, MD.....166
4. Kevin Vedrine, Mt. Prospect, IL.....160
5. Bob Scofield, Stratford, CT.....156
6. Ed Scofield, Stratford, CT.....149
7. tie, Tim Berry, Roseville, MN.....146
- Joe Janssen, Hastings, MN.....146
9. Rick Fox, Jacksonville, IL.....140
10. Bill Fenlon, Chicago, IL.....139

Upcoming TBA Schedule

- Nov. 3-5 - Baltimore, MD
- Nov. 10-12 - San Diego, CA
- Nov. 17-19 - Chicago, IL
- Dec. 1-3 - Newark, NJ

LIFETIME POINT STANDINGS

1. Jim Jasper, Schaumburg, IL.....531
2. Bob Scofield, Stratford, CT.....430
3. Bill Fenlon, Chicago, IL.....414
4. Bill Meinhardt, Allston, MA.....406
5. Kevin Vedrine, Mt. Prospect, IL.....400
6. Jeff Watson, Upper Darby, PA.....358
7. Jim Battista, West Chester, PA.....357
8. Will Roberts, Acton, MA.....323
9. Ed Scofield, Stratford, CT.....313
10. Jim Schwanebeck, Towson, MD.....297

For more information about the TBA, or to enter a TBA tournament, write:

John Kreuz
4732 Laurel
Glenview, IL 60025
(1-312-635-6747)

Questions & Answers

QUESTION: Could you ask S-O-M to clarify the following hockey questions: (1) Why didn't Hartford rookie Scott Young receive a card? (2) What are the correct ratings for Mike Allison and Tommy Lehmann? (Michael Rodriguez, New York, NY)

ANSWER: These questions were answered in the October issue of the Review. Young's card (which has been sent by S-O-M to all gamers who ordered the hockey cards) was printed in the Review. As for Allison and Lehmann, the defensive rating at the top of the card - "3" for Allison and "2" for Lehmann - is the correct one.

'58 Colts win football 'star wars'

3

But Baltimore has nary an individual statistical leader

The 1958 Baltimore Colts didn't have anyone in the top 10 in any offensive category in a replay of the oldies (teams prior to 1982) by the Dryden Strat-O Football League.

Only accomplishment by the '58 Colts, quarterbacked by Johnny Unitas and with Lenny Moore and Alan Ameche in the backfield, was winning the championship from a super-talented field that included such powerhouses as the '78 Steelers, '80 Raiders, '81 49ers and '62 Packers.

Three coaches took 24 teams from the pre-super advanced version days and played a 12-game schedule. The league was further broken down into two conferences and six four-team divisions.

On the dice-rollin' and strategy making end of the action were Pete Schihl, Rodney Westich and Philip Jones. Each coach had his favorite teams, with Schihl getting a boot out of guiding '77 Denver, '74 Miami and '58 Colts; Jones the '63 Bears, '76 Oakland, '60 Philadelphia and '81 Cincinnati, and Westich the '62 Packers and '80 San Diego.

SO MUCH FOR STATISTICAL CHAMPS

Jim Taylor of '62 Green Bay led the Dryden League in rushing, Dan Ross of the '81 Bengals was tops in receptions and Ken Anderson, also of '81 Cincinnati, collected the most yardage with his passes, 3054.

Ameche of the '58 Colts was no better than the 12th-best runner (he had 942 yards in 258 carries for a 3.7 average and nine touchdowns) and Moore was no higher than 18th in receptions, pulling in 47 for 913 yards, a 19.4 average, and nine TDs). In a listing of the top 17 quarterbacks, Unitas was nowhere to be found.

So much for statistics!

Baltimore had an 8-4 regular-season record and then gathered steam in the playoffs. First it slipped past the '81 New York Jets, 17-14, scoring 10 points in the final quarter to erase a 14-10 deficit.

In the conference final, it was more high-wire walking as '81 Cincinnati grabbed a 14-0 halftime advantage. Later, trailing 17-14, the Colts moved 76 yards in the last two minutes, with a 42-yard run by Moore and a Unitas-to-Moore pass covering 34 yards the big plays in a 21-17 thriller.

Finally, in the Super Bowl against the defensive-minded '63 Bears, Baltimore had an easy time, taking advantage of five Chicago turnovers in the first half, three on punt returns, to rack up a 42-14 win.

During the regular season the Bears had allowed a league-low 135 points and had the best turnover ratio (+29). Chicago also won its last six games to get into the playoffs.

FAST GETAWAY FOR COLTS

Baltimore got out of the starting gate the fastest of any of the teams, winning seven of its first eight games. Highlight of that early surge was a 35-0 trouncing of the vaunted '78 Steelers.

Later Baltimore lost two of its last three games and its playoff chances were dimmed.

Here's a capsule look at all the teams in the Dryden Football League:

'81 CINCINNATI - Had league's MVP in quarterback Ken Anderson and strong kicking game.

'62 GREEN BAY - Fullback Jim Taylor was league's leading rusher and defense was solid. Lack of production from halfback slot (Paul Hornung) hurt.

(continued on next page)

'65 CLEVELAND - Jim Brown had an excellent season, rushing for 1198 yards in 239 carries for 4.8 average. Rest of offense was so-so, however.

'77 MINNESOTA - Excellent pass defense was nullified by horrible defense against run. Injuries hurt. Did upend Green Bay, 19-10.

'81 NEW YORK JETS - Richard Todd threw a league-low four interceptions. Jets were exposed for being vulnerable to strong rushing attacks and lost three of final four games.

'80 BUFFALO - Poor start (1-3) hurt and Bills never recovered. Joe Cribbs rushed for 1137 yards and Joe Ferguson passed for 2479.

'58 NEW YORK GIANTS - Possessed strong defense, but also had league's weakest offense.

'80 DETROIT - Featured rushing of Billy Sims (204-965, 4.7) and good kicking game. Sims, however, was only offensive threat. Only had 4-8 record but was competitive in every game, except for 43-3 trashing by Denver.

'80 ATLANTA - Had +17 turnover ratio and got great performance from QB Steve Bartkowski (18 TD/9 interceptions). Edged out Miami for playoff spot via tiebreaker.

'74 MIAMI - Larry Csonka was sixth best rusher in league, but lack of passing game in crucial situations hurt the cause immensely.

'78 DALLAS - Average season for everybody, as attested to by 6-6 record.

'79 TAMPA BAY - Good defense couldn't hold up the Bucs forever. Tampa was -18 in turnover ratio. Rickey Bell carried league-high 296 times, but averaged paltry 3.2 yards per attempt.

'58 BALTIMORE - Solid offense and big-play defense.

'78 PITTSBURGH - Terry Bradshaw supplied most of offensive punch. Defense was good, although rushing attack was bad. Went 8-4, losing twice to both Baltimore and Philadelphia.

'60 PHILADELPHIA - Thanks to Norm VanBrocklin, Eagles had best aerial game in league. Blitzed Pittsburgh in first meeting of two teams, 48-21, and then won defensive duel second time around, 10-7.

'78 NEW ENGLAND - Kicking game was sub-par and had poor turnover ratio. Did win four straight at mid-season, but then finished back in pack by losing five of last six games.

'63 CHICAGO - Had great defense (only 135 points allowed). Won six in row at end of season to qualify for playoffs.

'76 OAKLAND - Strong team on paper, but Ken Stabler had 31 interceptions and Raiders had -17 turnover ratio. Did defeat Denver twice, although losing twice to Chicago.

'77 DENVER - Three of four losses were to Chicago and '76 Oakland. Had league's stingiest defense as far as yards allowed.

'80 HOUSTON - Earl Campbell, despite sitting out two games with injuries, managed to score 13 touchdowns. Houston's division had three outstanding defensive teams.

'80 OAKLAND - Easily won division, thanks to 1-2 running punch of Mark VanEeghan and Kenny King and strong start and finish. Biggest win was over Baltimore (24-17).

'80 SAN DIEGO - Finished strong, going 4-0. But 1-7 start grounded Dan Fouts' aerial show early.

'77 LOS ANGELES - Had trouble against pass, although offense was okay. Most losses were by a touchdown or less.

'81 SAN FRANCISCO - Another team that lost a lot of close games. Defense broke down in key situations and that, more than frequent injuries to Joe Montana, ruined 49ers' season.

PLAYOFFS

(continued on next page)

Oakland 7, Denver 3 - Raider defense holds Denver to 142 yards.
Chicago 28, Atlanta 17 - Falcons self-destruct, committing seven turnovers, four of which were turned into Chicago touchdowns.
'80 Oakland 9, '76 Oakland 3 - All scoring was on field goals as Ken Stabler of '76 Raiders was sacked seven times and intercepted five.
Chicago 28, '80 Oakland 21 - Chicago overcame 14-0 first-quarter deficit and took advantage of +3 turnover ratio to win conference.
Pittsburgh 21, Green Bay 19 - Green Bay won the battle but lost the war. Packers dominated the stats as Bart Starr threw for 338 yards and Taylor rushed for 108. Two turnovers in fourth quarter led to Pittsburgh scores and pulled out victory.
Baltimore 17, N.Y. Jets 14 - Colts scored 10 unanswered points in fourth quarter to decide defensive duel.
Cincinnati 24, Pittsburgh 21 - Jim Breech's field goal in final minute decided game. Isaac Curtis of Bengals had six catches for 101 yards and two TDs.
Baltimore 21, Cincinnati 17 - Cincinnati played super game, leading 14-0 at halftime and 17-14 with less than two minutes to play. Then Moore took over, dashing 42 yards and hauling in a Unitas pass for a touchdown covering 34 yards on the game's final play.

Standings and leaders:

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

West	W-L	Midwest	W-L	South	W-L
'80 Oakland	8-4	'63 Chicago	9-3	'80 Atlanta	7-5
'80 San Diego	5-7	'76 Oakland	8-4	'74 Miami	7-5
'77 Los Angeles	4-6	'77 Denver	8-4	'78 Dallas	6-6
'81 San Francisco	3-7	'80 Houston	3-9	'79 Tampa Bay	4-8

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

East	W-L	Midwest	W-L	North	W-L
'58 Baltimore	8-4	'81 Cincinnati	8-4	'81 NY Jets	7-5
'78 Pittsburgh	7-5	'62 Green Bay	8-4	'80 Buffalo	6-6
'60 Philadelphia	7-5	'65 Cleveland	4-8	'58 NY Giants	5-7
'78 New England	5-7	'77 Minnesota	2-10	'80 Detroit	4-8

Rushing	Att.-Yds.	Avg.	TD	Receiving	No.-Yds.	Avg.	TD
J.Taylor GB	271-1327	4.9	7	Ross CIN	80 809	10.1	6
J.Brown CLEV	239-1198	4.8	5	Walston PHI	77 901	11.7	8
J.Cribbs BUF	258-1137	4.4	4	R.Kramer GB	76 716	9.4	3
Campbell HOU	239-1065	4.5	13	Casper OAK80	75 714	9.5	3
McCutcheon RAM	246-1055	4.3	9	Ditka CHI	75 656	8.7	6
Csonka MIA	243-1048	4.3	8	Cribbs BUF	74 595	8.0	3
K.King RAID80	200-1043	5.2	5	Casper OAK76	70 647	9.2	3
Dorsett DAL	214-988	4.6	3	Mandich MIA	70 592	8.5	4
Muncie SD	223-985	4.4	5	Giles TB	68 811	11.9	5

	Att-Comp	Yds.	TD/In		Att-Comp	Yds.	TD/In
K.Anderson CIN	425-252	3054	15/14	VanBrocklin PHI	352-189	2636	15/15
Grogan NE	376-187	2955	14/26	J.Ferguson BUF	360-208	2479	12/11
Bradshaw PITT	209-108	2827	19/21	Staubach DAL	337-181	2414	12/13
Fouts SD	393-219	2772	16/26	Bartkowski ATL	307-167	2271	18/9

The Review staff

Editors: Warren Newell (Otsego, MI); Del Newell (Kalamazoo, MI).
 Production: Karen Newell (Otsego, MI).
 Printing: Oliver & Tobias (Kalamazoo, MI) >
 Mailing: The Review is mailed monthly, third-class, from Otsego, MI.

Readers roll 'em

MORE COMPUTER IDEAS

In response to your inquiry about proposed changes for the Strat-O-Matic computer baseball game, I have the following recommendations based upon considerable play with both the first and second versions of the diskette.

The roster expansion to 40 is apparently already in the works and the September Review contained some good suggestions from Gordon Holcomb, which hopefully will be incorporated into the program.

A few additional suggestions follow:

(1) Problem: Very infrequent advancement after fly outs. Advancement from second to third should be permitted on a "B" fly out to right field. On a "B?" the runner should be permitted to try for third, subject to the outfielder's arm as in a sacrifice fly situation.

(2) Problem: No adjustment on throws depending on where the ball is hit or fly out as mentioned above. An adjustment should be made depending on the field to which the ball is hit. If to right, add +2 to the outfielder's arm; if to left, adjust -2.

(3) Problem: No variety in infield force plays. On grounders with more than one runner on, the force play, or first out of the double play, is always at second base. Random variety should be programmed so that some forces occur at the lead base instead of second.

For example, on a bases loaded "B" grounder to the pitcher, some force plays should be at home instead of second.

(4) Problem: Lead runner vanishing into twilight zone. With runners on first and third, if the runner on first steals successfully with an error by the catcher on the throw, the runner on third vanishes into limbo. This is an obvious glitch.

(5) Problem: Lack of unusual plays. Although not of great statistical significance, the presence

of unusual or "freak" plays would add greatly to the flavor and realism of the game.

A randomized generator could be used to trigger unusual plays not otherwise provided for, such as rainouts, interference, ejections, dropped third strikes with batter reaching first, rundowns, etc.

BRUCE BLATCHLY
Gardiner, NY

AND MORE SUGGESTIONS

I read several suggestions for improvements to the Strat-O-Matic IBM Baseball game in the Sept., 1989 Strat-O-Matic Review. Please consider my comments also:

(1) When a play such as "DO 1-4, Fly (RF) 5-20" occurs, make that outfielder's arm rating refer to the right fielder, not the center fielder, as is the case now.

(2) Make the game properly account for a steal and catcher's throwing error in a first-and-third situation.

(3) Make 1985 pitchers' with "N" batting power able to hit homers off their opponents' cards.

(4) Put in an option that would allow gamers to see the fielding chart results readings, so that we know when a "great catch" has occurred.

(5) Base relief pitchers' weakness inning on number of outs and not innings, just as the manual version of Strat dictates.

(6) Allow gamers an editing capability to fix errors on the computer disks, such as the 1988 Damon Berryhill stealing asterisk error.

(7) Grant gamers the ability to import player ratings and all statistics directly into Lotus 1-2-3 for further analysis. Or, offer 1-2-3 disks of player ratings each year as an additional product.

Thanks for the opportunity
(continued on next page)

to share my concerns with you.
RICK ZABORSKY
Dublin, OH

MORE INFO ON CARDS

Please do what you can to get the Strat-O-Matic Game Company to print the full name of baseball teams on each card.

Since 1987 the cards look cheap and incomplete. I've been a gamer since 1962 and I value greatly the appearance of the cards.

Also, I'd like to see righty and lefty batting averages on the advanced side. Any chance for on-base percentage?

I also think RBIs should appear on basic side of cards. How about awards printed in red, or something?

DAVE SCHEER
Spencerport, NY

Editor's note: I was only in the last couple of years that S-O-M has listed the name of the team and not the nickname. The players' associations have been asking for royalties for use of the nicknames and that's when the game company discontinued printing them. Your suggestions for righty-lefty batting, etc., like all those that find their way into the Review, will be read by S-O-M.

SCOUTING REPORT FOR '27

Thank you for another fine year of coverage on S-O-M Baseball. Your last scouting report on the latest season was most thorough (except for that near heart attack over Jose Canseco being a "4").

One thing that I would like to see would be some sort of scouting report over the soon-to-be-released 1927 season (and any subsequently released past seasons).

If it matters, please be informed that I would purchase any and all baseball seasons that S-O-M chooses to release. In this matter, I am sure that

many gamers would heartily echo my sentiments.
Just another rabid S-O-M fan.
DANIEL A. BAILEY
Germantown, MD

Editor's note: Almost all the ratings and statistical data that appears in the January issue is sent to the Review by the game company. A review of the 1927 card set can be done, but a detailed, comprehensive listing of ratings prior to the release of past-season card sets isn't possible. The Review does not have access to that information, like it does for the new card sets.

FUTURE PLANS?

What are the current plans for printing all-time NFL teams? If sack stats are difficult, I'd think "The Football Sports Encyclopedia" would help.

Even with some minor problems, all-time NFL teams would be a big seller.

What is the schedule for baseball season reprints for the next couple of years?

Does S-O-M plan to reprint a few all-time NBA and NHL teams? Small sets would sell well.

ALAN COHEN
Arlington, VA

Editor's note: S-O-M, because of all the effort put into the new computer baseball game, still has no plans for all-time NFL, NBA and NHL teams. The next past season in baseball the game company plans to come out with is 1927.

ANXIOUS FOR COMPUTER GAME

I'm looking forward to an update for the computer game.

The game needs more stats (fielding, lefty/righty averages, on-base percentage, team stats w/ rankings, expanded leader stats and, most important, 40-man rosters, ability to trade and keep stats and automatic game displaying all results.

GEORGE BRIGMAN
Baltimore, MD

1983-84 hockey season is finally completed

Perseverance pays off for replay gamer

By LARRY FOSTER, Stone Mountain, GA

After what has seemed like an eternity, my 1983-84 hockey replay and playoffs are complete. In between the beginning and end of this replay, I have started two other hockey replays, and they should be finished around the year 2000!

I have been a Strat-O-Matic fanatic for 15 years, beginning with the original basketball game back in 1973. I also began playing the other games that year as well, with baseball becoming my favorite.

I have completed seven actual team replays in baseball and one in basketball, besides starting many others. The computer baseball game, which has become my game of choice, is excellent for completing many of the replays I had started but had yet to finish.

HERE COMES HOCKEY...

However, using the cries for more hockey as motivation, I put aside the baseball for a while and finished up the hockey replay. For the record, I used the super-advanced rules and adhered to the real-life number of games for each player.

The most glaring weakness of the game came from the number of power-play opportunities, which were down by 18.7 percent, despite the fact that I intimidated every time (which should have led to more penalties). Goals scored were also down by 14.6 percent (this could have been a negative effect of intimidating every time).

I'm sure that different offensive modes and passing/penetration frequency have an impact, but I think some revisions are necessary if the game is to be as realistic as possible.

As the game is now, I see very little reason not to intimidate with a I-D (intimidation rating) penalty player. They will not take the puck away by their rating, but they have the least chance for a penalty and can still get an "automatic" take away from the split-deck.

TEAMS ARE CLOSE IN STANDINGS

As for the standings, most teams were within seven points of their real-life record, with the exceptions coming from the Norris Division where St. Louis improved by 17 points and Toronto was 17 points worse. The Norris also provided the best race as only 11 points separated first from fourth place.

Edmonton's big three of Wayne Gretzky, Paul Coffey and Jari Kurri totaled 523 points between them and improved the Oilers record by nine points. As it did in the regular season, Edmonton dominated the playoffs to win the Stanley Cup by defeating surprising Philadelphia, 4-1.

The playoffs were filled with upsets as Edmonton was the only regular season division winner to reach the conference finals. In the Wales Conference, Philadelphia came out of the Patrick Division over the favored New York Islanders and faced Buffalo, which had surprised Boston in the Adams.

Edmonton breezed through the Campbell Conference without a loss, beating Vancouver in the opening round, then Calgary, before taking care of Minnesota, which had surprised St. Louis, 4-0, in the Norris Division final.

The Stanley Cup opened with a 3-1 Edmonton win as Glenn Anderson had two goals. Philadelphia rebounded in game two to hand the Oilers their only playoff loss, 4-2. Three second period goals by Darryl Sittler, Bobby Clarke and Ilkka Sinisalo, along with excellent goaltending

(continued on next page)

by Bob Froese, were the keys.

Game three saw Edmonton score five unanswered goals to jump to a 6-1 lead going into the final period. The Flyers rallied as Ron Sutter scored a pair of goals and Clarke another, but they fell short, 6-4.

Edmonton scored quickly again in game four as Gretzky notched two goals in a 4-2 victory.

Game five was the most exciting game of the series as Philadelphia scored three goals in the first period (two by Dave Poulin) to tie the game at three and send it into overtime. Near the midway point of the overtime period the "Great One" (who else?) scored on a breakaway to win the game and series.

In all, Gretzky finished with 41 playoff points on 17 goals and 24 assists in 16 games. Kurri and Anderson both scored 13 goals, while Pat Hughes was the surprise of the playoffs, scoring 12 goals.

Standings, playoffs and leaders:

WALE CONFERENCE

Patrick	Won	Lost	T	Pts.	GF	GA
NY Islanders	50	22	8	108	301	206
Philadelphia	45	30	5	95	312	258
Washington	45	31	4	94	266	222
NY Rangers	37	31	12	86	276	257
Pittsburgh	17	52	11	45	218	298
New Jersey	16	56	8	40	171	294
Adams						
Boston	48	27	5	101	322	268
Quebec	44	27	9	97	308	253
Buffalo	43	26	11	97	279	225
Montreal	34	38	8	76	261	290
Hartford	26	47	7	59	249	290

Playoffs

NY Islanders	3
NY Rangers	2:
Philadelphia	3
Washington	1:
Boston	3
Montreal	2:
Buffalo	3
Quebec	2:
St. Louis	3
Chicago	0:
Minnesota	3
Detroit	2:
Edmonton	3
Vancouver	0:

CAMPBELL CONFERENCE

Norris	Won	Lost	T	Pts.	GF	GA
St. Louis	41	33	6	88	259	245
Minnesota	41	34	5	87	265	262
Detroit	37	37	6	80	278	289
Chicago	33	36	11	77	254	240
Toronto	21	57	2	44	198	321
Smythe						
Edmonton	62	14	4	128	410	260
Winnipeg	36	36	8	80	284	283
Calgary	36	41	3	75	258	272
Vancouver	29	42	9	67	241	298
Los Angeles	27	51	2	56	246	325

Calgary	3
Winnipeg	0:
Philadelphia	4
NY Islanders	1:
Buffalo	4
Boston	2:
Minnesota	4
St. Louis	0:
Edmonton	4
Calgary	0
Conference Finals	
Philadelphia	4
Buffalo	2:
Edmonton	4
Minnesota	0

Points

Gretzky EDM	225
Coffey EDM	154
Pederson BOS	148
Kurri EDM	144
Bourque BOS	130
Middleton BOS	126
Federko SL	122
Propp PHI	116
Poulin PHI	115
Bossy NYI	109

Goals

Gretzky EDM	94
Kurri EDM	70
Goulet QUE	62
Middleton BOS	61
Bellows MIN	58
Pederson BOS	53
Bossy NYI	52
Gartner WAS	51
Kerr PHI	50
Nicholls LA	50

Assists

Gretzky EDM	131
Coffey EDM	117
Pederson BOS	95
Bourque BOS	90
Poulin PHI	84
Federko SL	83
Propp PHI	81
Christian WAS	76

Power Play Goals

Gretzky EDM	19	Housley BUF	16
Duguay DET	19	4 tied with 15	

(continued on next page)

<u>Short-Handed</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Goals Against</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	
Gretzky EDM	11	Fuhr EDM	32	Barrasso BUF	2.37
Bellows MIN	7	Moog EDM	30	Melanson NYI	2.47
Carbounn. MON	7	Bouchard QUE	29	Riggins WAS	2.53
		Liut SL	29	Smith NYI	2.66
		Peeters BOS	27	Bannerman CHI	2.90
		Froese PHI	27	Jensen WAS	2.98
<u>Shutouts</u>					
Barrasso BUF	6				
Liut SL	5				
Melanson NYI	4				
		<u>Power Play %</u>		<u>Penalty Killing %</u>	
		St. Louis	25.8	St. Louis	85.1
		Edmonton	25.4	Buffalo	82.8
		Philadelphia	25.2	Minnesota	82.5
		Boston	25.2	Washington	82.2
		Detroit	24.9	Chicago	81.0

Goalies given 'home-ice' advantage

By KEN DONNELLY, South Bend, IN

It's home, home on the range at the Montreal Forum for unstoppable goaltender Patrick Roy of the Canadiens. Roy, as you may remember, posted a stupendous 25-0-4 record at the home of Les Habitants during the '88-89 season.

What I've done is to give each goaltender separate cards for the Stanley Cup squads for both home and away games to give the home team more of an advantage than a slight edge on even faceoffs and offense "2".

The formula is very simple. Each goalie has one fewer goal and rebound chance at home. These are added to the faceoff chances. Conversely, on the road each netminder gives up one more goal and rebound split and has two less faceoff chances.

Roy, however, was so dominating at home I decided to give him minus and plus two.

These are not based on actual stats. It would be nice if the game company could make the cards that way. If expert gamers such as Steve Dull, Phil Ledesma, Judy Goldberg, etc., know better, I'd be glad to see their ratings.

STOPOVER FOR THE STARS

Living only a few miles from the University of Notre Dame, I've had the opportunity to see numerous NHL stars before they hit the big time, including most members of the 1980 U.S. Olympic team.

I even had some of the former Notre Dame stars now in the NHL autograph their S-O-M cards at a recent summer reunion benefit game. Dave Poulin, Greg Meredith, Jack Brownschidle and Don Jackson were among the players who penned their pasteboards.

Jackson was curious about the cards and wondered out loud if Gretzky and Co. could have beaten the Boston Bruins and Broad Street Bullies (N.Y. Rangers) of the '70s. I told Jackson that those teams were not available from S-O-M.

Of course, I would love to see some hockey old-timer teams and maybe even Olympic teams, such as the 1980 U.S. team and even the 1976 Russians.

My favorite team is the Chicago Blackhawks. I'd also like to see Strat-O-Matic put out the last six-team NHL season ('65-66?).

On the next page are the cards for goaltenders I have created:

PATRICK ROY - MONTREAL

Actual		"Home"		"Away"	
1-6	- Goal	1-4	- Goal	1-8	- Goal
7-11	- Save-Reb.	5-8	- Save-Reb.	9-14	- Save-Reb.
12-15	- Save-Face.	9-15	- Save-Face.	15	- Save-Face.
16	- Save-DLW	16	- Save-DLW	16	- Save-DLW
17	- Save-DC	17	- Save-DC	17	- Save-DC
18	- Save-DRW	18	- Save-DRW	18	- Save-DRW
19	- Save-DLD	19	- Save-DLD	19	- Save-DLD
20	- Save-DRD	20	- Save-DRD	20	- Save-DRD

BRIAN HAYWARD - MONTREAL

Actual		"Home"		"Away"	
1-4	- Save-Face.	1-6	- Save-Face.	1-2	- Save-Face.
5	- Save-DLW	7	- Save-DLW	3	- Save-DLW
6	- Save-DC	8	- Save-DC	4	- Save-DC
7	- Save-DRW	9	- Save-DRW	5	- Save-DRW
8	- Save-Any D.	10	- Save-Any D.	6	- Save-Any D.
9-12	- Save-Reb.	11-13	- Save-Reb.	7-11	- Save-Reb.
13-20	- Goal	14-20	- Goal	12-20	- Goal

MIKE VERNON - CALGARY

Actual		"Home"		"Away"	
1-5	- Save-Face.	1-7	- Save-Face.	1-3	- Save-Face.
6-8	- Save-Reb.	8-9	- Save-Reb.	4-7	- Save-Reb.
9	- Save-DLW	10	- Save-DLW	8	- Save-DLW
10	- Save-DC	11	- Save-DC	9	- Save-DC
11	- Save-DRW	12	- Save-DRW	10	- Save-DRW
12	- Save-DLD	13	- Save-DLD	11	- Save-DLD
13	- Save-DRD	14	- Save-DRD	12	- Save-DRD
14-20	- Goal	15-20	- Goal	13-20	- Goal

RICK WAMSLEY - CALGARY

Actual		"Home"		"Away"	
1-9	- Goal	1-8	- Goal	1-10	- Goal
10	- Save-Reb.	9-15	- Save-Face.	11-12	- Save-Reb.
11-15	- Save-Face.	16	- Save-DLW	13-15	- Save-Face.
16	- Save-DLW	17	- Save-DC	16	- Save-DLW
17	- Save-DC	18	- Save-DRW	17	- Save-DC
18	- Save-DRW	19	- Save-DLD	18	- Save-DRW
19	- Save-DLD	20	- Save-DRD	19	- Save-DLD
20	- Save-DRD			20	- Save-DRD

Questions & Answers

QUESTION: Could you explain Catcher-card X when runner is on second and a passed ball or wild pitch occurs, following a GB C or B. When does the infield move in, or can it? (Danny Myers)

ANSWER: We are assuming you're referring to the old X chart, before all such plays you describe were turned into either popouts or foulouts. This eliminated those situations where a runner could score from second on a passed ball/wild pitch.

Guest columnist

What ever happened to 'real' replays?

By DICK HUNT, BAR HARBOR, ME

Editor's note: Dick Hunt is a frequent contributor to the Review, a 17-year S-O-M veteran of baseball and, in his words, "an S-O-M Basketball freak." He's commissioner of the 16-team, PEM draft Tabletop Basketball League. He's married (for nine years), with two children. He and his wife, Julie, both work at Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor, which is one of the world's leading providers of genetically pure laboratory mice.

Personally, I have the feeling that the good old fashioned Strat-O-Matic beast known as a replay is quickly becoming a real dinosaur. This article is an attempt to rectify that problem.

After all, what is the cornerstone of S-O-M Baseball? Realistic statistical results achieved with cards and dice, right? And to truly appreciate the realism which can be attained with S-O-M, I feel that one simply must conduct at least one replay during his or her's S-O-M lifetime, or career.

Between the popularity of draft leagues and the ease which the computer lends itself to their operation, we replay buffs are getting fewer and farther between.

I admit that I am like most people in that I prefer a draft league anytime when it comes to face-to-face play. But for solitaire gamers like myself, give me that full-season replay every time. I even prefer the replay to play-by-mail baseball, having severed all my PEM baseball ties some years back.

COMPUTER AIDS IN REPLAY EFFORTS

At one time in the S-O-M world, a full season replay was something every gamer dreamed of some day doing. Most people never even attempt it, simply because of the time required. Even replaying one six-team division requires a lot of dice rolling for one person.

With the addition of the computer to the S-O-M tool kit, however, a solitaire replay is more of a possibility than ever. With a little research, a person can really dive into some of the recent and even not-so-recent card sets put out by the game company.

First, let's define the term replay. In the strictest sense, it's just that: a replay of a given season, using the real life schedule and reflecting as many of the real life roster moves as possible.

In a more conventional setting, a replay may not follow the exact schedule, although the formula should be the same (12 games vs. teams in the other division, 18 games vs. the teams in your own, or whatever the formula is for a given league/division/year).

It's also up to the individual gamer as to how strictly his roster moves will be monitored. For instance, the 1930 Hughie Critz card is with the New York Giants. The casual replay gamer leaves it there, but the serious student will put Critz with the Reds for the season's first month, which is where he started out the real life 1930 season.

In either case, the basic premise of the replay is to use the straight S-O-M teams as opposed to a draft league.

The first, and one of the most important steps to conducting any replay, of course, is to decide which year/card set you are going to use. To help with this decision, I am providing a list of my top choices:

1987 MAJOR LEAGUES - The 1987 season represents S-O-M's finest
(continued on next page)

achievement in baseball card sets. The biggest advantage of this set is that it's the only one of my choices that has all of the game's features, including ballparks, clutch hitting, supplementary stealing and pitcher's holding on. The only feature lacking is the new wild pitch and balk feature, which is an unproven system anyway.

But the set's real attraction is the 1987 pennant races. The NL has only two teams with less than 73 wins and the AL has only two teams with fewer than 75 wins. The best divisional race in S-O-M's history, the '87 AL West, is also included. All seven teams finished within 10 games of first in that division.

Close races are the replay gamer's best friend because they keep him from getting discouraged with the amount of games required. And best of all, '87 was the year of the alleged "juiced" ball. Home runs really fly as the AL alone has over 20 players with 30+ homers.

Disadvantage: Doing 1987 will require one to play over 2000 games.

1982 MAJOR LEAGUES - Among the 26 teams in 1982, only five won fewer than 73 games. This kind of parity can only mean one thing: close pennant races. The biggest challenge offered here may be getting St. Louis to win its division, let alone repeating its World Series triumph.

The 1982 World Series is the only one in which the most powerful team in a season (Milwaukee, 216 home runs) faced off against the weakest (Cardinals: 67 homers). The fourth-place team in each NL division finished only eight games back, so there should be some wild pennant races. And in the AL East there was only a 17-game spread from top to bottom.

Disadvantages: Besides requiring 2000+ games, the '82 card set has no ballpark factors, clutch hitting or pitchers' holding ratings.

1981 MAJOR LEAGUES - Placing the dreaded strike season third on my list may not be a popular ranking with some, but I did it because '81 offers all sorts of fantasy possibilities that other card sets lack.

First of all, you could play the entire 162-game schedule, projecting your at-bats and innings pitched limits from their real life levels. Or you could simply replay the games which were actually played that season. A wilder possibility could include entering each player's '81 stats into your records as if the games had been played - and then finishing the season by playing the games canceled by the strike.

This season also offers Cincinnati Reds' fans who were cheated so badly in real life (the Reds didn't make the playoffs despite the best record in the majors) a chance to make amends.

But even if you stick to the real life schedule and results, the pennant races are fabulous. The top five teams in the AL East finished within 2 1/2 games of first.

Another unique feature about 1981 is that it was the first season offered with the supplementary stealing system. There were no asterisk (automatic-good-lead-if-they're-not-held) runners. Because of this, there are a lot of strange (by '80s standards) good lead ratings to get used to.

Disadvantages: Although the number of games depends on what you want to do, you must still do without the ballparks, clutch hitting and pitchers' holding ratings.

1950 MAJOR LEAGUES - Of the four full-season, full-major league replays which I recommend, the 1950 season is the most playable because it requires "only" 1,232 regular-season games. If that seems like a lot, remember it's only slightly more than half the length of my top three replays.

(continued on next page)

The major drawback: With each league consisting of only eight teams, the NL is a five-team race and the AL a four-team race. In the American, the fourth-place Indians were only six games out of first, but the fifth-place Senators were a whopping 31 games back.

Of the 16 teams, seven of them didn't win 70 games in real life, but the tightness of the races among the contenders could make up for that, especially if you want a break from the more recent card sets.

Also, the nostalgia factor (DiMaggio, Kiner, Snider, Musial, etc.) makes this an attractive season to replay.

Although there is no supplementary stealing for the past seasons sets produced by S-O-M, the stolen base was of such diminished importance (and use) when compared to recent sets that you'll never miss it.

Disadvantages: No ballparks or clutch hitting.

1930 NATIONAL LEAGUE - This is that infamous hitting set that caused such a stir when the game company printed it a few years ago. The league hit a whopping .303, and these teams are a ball to watch. It's an eight-team league (only 616 games) with five teams finishing within 12 games of first place.

The 1930 NL offers a real treat: the last place Phillies. Philadelphia's team ERA was an unbelievable 6.71! The hitting was great, but simply couldn't make up for that pitching staff and the team finished dead last with a 52-102 record.

But I can guarantee you that you'll never enjoy playing the lousy teams in any replay more than you'll enjoy the 1930 also-rans. The hitting is so great that even the meaningless games (every replay has some) are fun to play. These teams have got to be seen to be believed.

Disadvantages: No ballparks or clutch hitting. The stealing features won't be missed, because the hitting is so good in 1930 that the stolen base was more risk than it was worth.

1983 NATIONAL LEAGUE - No team was more than 22 games out of first in the NL in '83, a very good finish for a last place team in the 1980s. This set may offer the best races of any year S-O-M has printed.

The Wheeze Kids took the East and the Dodgers won out West, but with tight races like these, neither of those teams could coast through a replay. Remember: the closer the real life race, the better your chances are of crowning a different champion than the real life majors did. This league is a dream of "what if" situations.

Disadvantages: No clutch hitting or ballparks, no pitchers' holding. 972 games.

1962 AMERICAN LEAGUE - The 1962 AL offers a very good spread, with nine of the league's 10 teams finishing within 24 games of first place. That is excellent for a 10-team league with no divisions.

The Yankees won the pennant with 96 wins and with a little improvement by the mediocre teams, the standings could get quite jumbled. For instance, the Tigers led the league in walks (651) and homers (209) and if you could improve their .248 batting average just a little (the league batted .255), the increased run production could help Detroit make a dramatic rise from its real life fourth-place finish.

This replay offers a lot of potential for this sort of standings climbing. Can the mighty Yankees defend their crown?

Disadvantages: The usual - no supplementary stealing, ballparks, clutch hitting or pitchers' holding. 810 games.

Three more replays that Hunt would rank in his top 10 are the following: 8. 1968 NATIONAL LEAGUE; 9. 1970 NATIONAL LEAGUE EAST; 10. 1980 NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Advertisements

Rates per issue are as follows: 25 words or less - \$1.00; 26-50 words - \$2.00; 51-75 words - \$3.00; 76-100 words - \$4.00. When sending in ads, specify either **WANTED**, **FOR SALE**, **FOR TRADE**, **LEAGUE FORMING** or **CONTEST**. And name card sets by the year upon which they were based. Note also that only advertising for Strat-O-Matic products, or closely related merchandise, will be accepted and that merchandise competing with S-O-M products may not be offered for sale. Also, no photo-copied or reprinted cards should ever be offered for sale. Ads, to be included in the next issue, must be in to the Review by the third of the previous month. Late ads will be held over for inclusion the following month.

Wanted

WANTED: 1983, 1984 football w/extras, rosters. Will respond to all offers. Send price/condition to: Frank Dyer, 417 S. Wasson Lane #206, River Falls, WI 54022

WANTED: 1976 baseball complete set. Must have extra players and be in good, excellent or mint condition. Will consider purchasing just the 1976 Phillies under same conditions. Contact: Rene J. Silva, 9401 SW 4th Street, Apt. 309, Miami, FL 33174 (305-220-1853; evenings and weekends only. No collect calls, please)

WANTED: S-O-M gamer needs your help in developing player cards for football, baseball and basketball. Will pay all reasonable costs for copies of charts, formulas, etc. on rating players/player cards. Write: Bruce Tangeman, 512 West Perry St., Papillion, NE 68046

WANTED: The Universal Baseball Association, a 20-team PEM league, has successfully completed its 10th season. One or two teams may be available for next year. Computer users preferred. Write or call the commissioner, Patrick A. Curtis, 520 West Roscoe, Chicago, IL 60657 (312-871-2518)

WANTED: 1978 Willie Stargell or 1978 Pittsburgh Pirates. Also, the following extra players: 1979 Dave Roberts (Pittsburgh), 1979 Tim Stoddard and Pat Kelly (Baltimore), 1982 Jeff Lahti and John Martin (St. Louis), 1983 Bob Dernier (Philadelphia) and

1983 Juan Agosto and Jerry Hairston (Chicago White Sox). I will buy entire teams if necessary. Will pay good price for cards in good condition. Contact: Don Benner, 2747 Harrison Avenue N.W. Canton, OH 44709

WANTED: 1972 advanced baseball teams. Complete set and/or any 1972 teams any condition. Contact: Chuck McMullan, 500 Yew Court, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714

WANTED: Copies of the baseball roster sheets for the 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987 and 1988 seasons. Contact: Robert J. Kay, 711 Avenue T, Brooklyn, NY 11223 (718-376-8513)

WANTED: Strat-O-Matic IBM game disk and any player disks available. Jim Whitaker, 6311 Hillgale Lane, Hamilton, OH 45011

WANTED: 1968 Rams, most 1969 football teams. Have most baseball and football teams of the 1960s and 1970s to trade for above. Robert Henry, Box 13424, Reading, PA 19612 (215-373-7368; no collect calls)

WANTED: Football - 1967 Bills, Falcons, Lions, Vikings, Giants, Eagles, Steelers. Contact: Ray Field, 8701 N. Huron #5-210, Thornton, CO 80221 (303-650-9489)

For Sale

FOR SALE: Standard defense cards for basketball. Each set includes (continued)

three cards each for home and visitor. \$1 plus SASE per set. Anthony Giacobbe Jr., 15 Welles Ct., Staten Island, NY 10301 (See September, 1989 Review, pages 13-16)

FOR SALE: I am now holding at about 1100 individual S-O-M Baseball teams from 1930-1987. I now have over 30,000 assorted S-O-M Baseball cards from 1930-1988. I also have a new assortment of complete sets. Send a SASE (with 85 cents postage on it) for my Giant 1989 Teams List and/or send your list of assorted cards that you want to: Chris Rosen, 731 Bergen Street, Philadelphia, PA 19111 (215-745-5247). Special note: I have a lot of new stock and am interested in buying more.

FOR SALE: Baseball schedules. Great for S-O-M replays. Every season available. \$1 per season and SASE. 20-sided dice, \$2. Richard Breest, 1332 Greenlea Drive, Holiday, FL 34691

FOR SALE: To make mortgage payments, lifetime gamer forced to disband complete Strat-O-Matic baseball, football and hockey empire. All teams in excellent to mint condition. Too many teams to list here. Send \$1 and SASE for complete list to: David Holubec, 1865 Martingrove Road #306, Rexdale, Ontario, Canada M9V-3S7

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

FOR SALE: Football - 1967

Broncos; 1969 Broncos, Rams; 1970 Rams; 1971 Vikings, Chiefs, 49ers Chargers, Packers; Broncos; '72 Dolphins, 49ers, Browns; '73 Dolphins, Vikings, Steelers, Rams, Redskins, Raiders, Broncos, Eagles; '74 Steelers, Redskins, Broncos; '75 Steelers, Vikings, Bills, Broncos; '76 complete season except for Cowboys, also extras of Steelers, Broncos, 49ers, Redskins, Cardinals; '79 complete season; '80 complete season; '81 complete season. Contact: Ray Field, 8701 N. Huron #5-210 Thornton, CO 80221 (303-650-9489)

FOR SALE: 1986 and 1987 baseball sets. Hockey sets from '85-'86 to present. All five sets include extras in very good to excellent condition. Bids start at \$25/set, postage paid. Also available, optional hockey rules/goalie penalty system, only \$1. Write: Phil Ledesma, 815 N. Woodlawn #142, Wellington, KS 67152

FOR SALE: Exact schedules and pitching rotations for all seasons, 1901-1988. Write for quotes - all sets \$8 or less each. Add realism to your replays. Rich Pray, 533 Timber Ridge Drive, Pensacola, FL 32514

FOR SALE: Your S-O-M Baseball will be even more true-to-life and fun with my super-advanced rules, which add realism and detail while preserving the game's speed of play and accuracy. Simple rules provide outfield throwing errors and misplayed hits; more realistic base advances; injury chart with rare plays; improved wild pitch, balk and pickoff system, including errors; rundowns; infielders positioned in or back individually; outfield shallow; suicide squeeze, safety squeeze and sacrifice charts that incorporate fielding ability and the runner's speed; hit-and-runs involving the pitcher, fielders and runner's speed; and much more all smoothly blended into S-O-M. Over 300 satisfied customers. \$9, with money-back guarantee.

(continued)

Richard Robb, #305-7100 Gilbert
Road, Richmond, B.C., Canada
V7C 5C3 (or P.O. Box 1776, Pt.
Roberts, WA 98281)

FOR SALE: 1971, 1973 football
seasons (\$60 each). 1974, 1975
and 1976 football seasons (\$50
each). 1977 through 1981 foot-
ball (\$40 each). 1980 baseball
season complete with extra
players (\$50). All football and
baseball cards are enclosed in
clear adhesive plastic. 1978-79
hockey season (\$50). Gerard
Smedinghoff, 2319 Meadow Spring
Circle, Columbus, OH 43235
(614-792-7698)

FOR SALE: Several S-O-M complete
sets (in near mint condition and
with all extra cards, charts and
rosters): Basketball - 1980-81,
1981-82, 1982-83, 1983-84, 1984-
85, 1985-86, 1986-87, 1987-88
sets. Football - 1978, 1981,
1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987.
Baseball - 1983, 1984, 1986,
1987. Also, 90 percent of 1977
baseball individuals for sale
plus 1927 Yankees, 1934 Cardinals,
1961 Tigers, 1962 Giants, Mets;
1965 Dodgers, AL Hall of Fame
Group A and NL Hall of Fame Group
A and B. Please make best offer
in writing to: Steven Wright,
604 Cuyahoga Court, Columbus,
OH 43210

FOR SALE: Single plastic card
protectors for your S-O-M cards.
Size: 5" x 3". Great fit; no
more worry or damage. Keep your
cards in great shape for years.
Each 100 for \$6, which includes
shipping and handling. Shawn
Frye, Route 1 Box 546, Munford,
AL 36268

FOR SALE: Reprint sets (all mint
and unused unless indicated): 1930
(barely used) - \$16; 1956 - \$18;
1961 - \$16; 1962 - \$17; 1970 - \$16.
Also, 1987 set (NL used, AL mint)
- \$16. All sets (except 1956) have
light pencil marks on players
traded during season. Also, 1988
Mets, Padres, Red Sox, Yanks, A's,
Orioles - 75 cents each. Football:
1978 Rams, Oilers. Seahawks. Jets.

Chiefs - \$3 each. 1977 Buccaneers
- \$5. Include SASE. Pete Manzo-
lillo, 2526 South Saint Marks
Avenue, Bellmore, NY 11710

FOR SALE: Commodore version com-
puter disk, \$10. Season disks,
1986 and 1988, \$5 each. Football
for sale - 1969 Houston, Giants,
Cincinnati; 1968 Pittsburgh, Green
Bay, Denver, Miami, Philadelphia,
49ers, Redskins, Boston, all in
good condition; 1976 football
season; have most teams; best
offer on each individual team. I
pay postage. Keith Fosness, 13046
NE 88th, Kirkland, WA 98033

FOR SALE: Baseball, complete
with extras. Good condition:
1972-1976. Football; 1973, 1975.
Craig Meyer, 6411 Lakeview Blvd.
#12, Middleton, WI 53562

FOR SALE: Football - teams comp-
lete and in excellent condition:
1971 Bengals, Broncos, Cardinals,
Eagles; 1972 Chargers, Saints,
Colts, Broncos, Patriots, Lions,
Eagles, Bengals, Cardinals,
Bills, Oilers, Giants, Rams; 1973
Giants, Redskins, Lions; 1974
Browns, Falcons, Rams, Oilers,
Bills, Chargers, Packers; 1976
Dolphins, Bengals, Redskins,
49ers; 1977, all except Raiders,
Steelers, Broncos, Dolphins, Cow-
boys, Colts, Rams. Baseball -
teams complete (extras) and in
new condition: 1978, all National
League. Hockey - teams complete
(extras) and in excellent condi-
tion: 1977-78, all teams; 1979-80
Kings, Bruins, Canadiens, Island-
ers. Send bids to: David Allen,
8 Chadwick Avenue, Toronto, Ont-
ario, Canada M5P 1Z8

FOR SALE: Selling out 1985 and
'61 baseball (mint) with all game
parts - \$50. Includes basketball
and hockey games (excellent) and
miscellaneous S-O-M items. J.P.
Kuchar, 33 Sheridan Avenue,
Metuchen, NJ 08840 (201-549-6468)

FOR SALE: Complete baseball game
with 1986 cards and extras.
Excellent condition. \$50. Cal
(continued)

Whitbeck, 117 Peachtree, Mason,
MI 48854

FOR SALE: Football - complete, excellent condition, 1984, \$45; 1985, \$45; 1986, \$40. Prices include postage. Basketball - 1985-86, \$45. Baseball - 1974, \$80; 1977, \$80; 1978, \$75; 1986, \$35. Money orders only. Richard Gulezian, 1 Robinhood Road, Windham, NH 03087

FOR SALE: Baseball - complete sets 1967 (original), 1968 (original), 1969 (original), 1970 (original), 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987. All sets are in mint to excellent condition. Chris Rosen, 731 Bergen Street, Philadelphia, PA 19111 (215-745-5247)

League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: Franchises available in the United League of Moderate Gamers (PBM draft league) as it expands from 12 to 16 teams for its second year. We also need reliable backups and replacements for current corps of GMs. Super-advanced rules, 162-game schedule that requires you to play 3-5 games per week with no waiting on others. Call: 216-678-8116, or send information and SASE to: Todd Burkes, 1002 Lake St., #F-433, Kent, OH 44240

LEAGUE FORMING: The Can-Am League, an existing, well-established play-by-mail league in existence for eight years, is looking for experienced play-by-mail managers to take over existing franchises in a 24-team league of A.L. and N.L. players. We have a 162-game schedule, utilizing all super-advanced rules, annual draft, trading, etc.; as close as you can get to the real-life thrill of owning your own major league team. If interested, write or call: John Pilla, 91-17 110 Street, Richmond Hill, NY 11418 (718-

849-7774)

LEAGUE FORMING: We need more managers to start a face-to-face league in Contra Costa County, CA. Four games a night, one night a week. This will be a draft and continuous ownership league. Call: John Felles (415-947-2340 days; 415-370-7267 nights).

LEAGUE FORMING: Well established face-to-face super-advanced football league is looking to expand and continue our past success. We will be starting our 12th season and have been well documented in the Review. We are located in the beautiful Sullivan County Catskill Mountains in Liberty, NY. We play on the average of once a week and are flexible. If you're looking for a well organized league (run by local businessmen), great stats, halftime festivities and a great time, give us a call. Everyone gets a shot at a solid playoff team. Wayne Benton (914-292-4119) or Norm Evansky (914-292-5799)

LEAGUE FORMING: Managers wanted for forming a new PBM league. Continuous rosters, drafting as soon as all managers are aligned. Super-advanced rules. Any honest manager who can meet a deadline consistently is welcome. Contact: Mike Davis, 2211 23rd Street, Rockford, IL 61108 (815-398-9016) or Darin Davis (815-874-3429)

LEAGUE FORMING: The Coast-To-Coast BL (CTCBL) is a highly successful 22-team super advanced PBM league with a separate N.L. and A.L. We are seeking mature, fanatic, creme-de-la-creme managerial talent to serve as backup managers. Interested? Contact: Robert Smith, 2124 East 69th St. (side door), Brooklyn, NY 11234

LEAGUE FORMING: The ICBL is entering its third season by expanding to 26 teams. Managers are needed for expansion franchises, along with one or two established teams. We are a mail league that (continued)

uses an unusual play chart along with a couple other innovations. If you are mature, dedicated and know your baseball, this is the league for you. If interested, contact: Paul Ziemba (508-224-4708)

LEAGUE FORMING: PBM 16-team winter league, draft from all cards plus minor leaguers, super-advanced rules, computer or board game format, continuous rosters, 162-game schedule, based on 1989 season, draft in January, 1990, prior to new cards being issued. Season will start September, 1990. Commissioner is currently head of league that has completed its 13th season. If interested, send resume with playing experience (if any) and personal data to: Jim C. Klugh, P.D., 1618 North Jupiter Road #2028, Garland, TX 75042. You will be contacted promptly.

LEAGUE FORMING: Sportsmen's Baseball Association entering sixth season. PBM. Advanced rules. Emphasis on sportsmanship, communication, promptness. For 1990 membership application and details, write: Burke Ittenbach, 104 Macon Drive, Mobile Estates, Cary, NC 27511

LEAGUE FORMING: Managers and coaches for Michiana Indoor S-O-M League. Call: Ken Donnelly, South Bend (234-9381); Pat Tafelski, Mishawaka (259-3657); Kevin Frick, Walkerton (656-4827)

LEAGUE FORMING: Hockey fanatics. The National Strat-O-Matic Draft Basic Hockey League, entering its fourth season, is looking for a few totally dedicated coaches and backups as well for the upcoming season. The NSOMDBHL is a PBM league using the basic version and features an 80-game schedule. Reply now, for early response is critical for total organization. Experience not necessary, but dedication is. Contact: Donald Renyhart, 3 Madeley Lane, Stony Brook, NY 11790 (516-751-7069)

LEAGUE FORMING: The Wah-Wah League of Orange County is looking for one or possibly two managers for our next season. We have bid a fond farewell to Ken Armstrong and his Cardinals, who just finished running away with the 1988 season. Kansas City's gain is our great loss. By the way, Ken, I need your address to forward your winnings. We have a nice face-to-face war going and would like to hear from experienced, committed fanatics. David Wadsworth, P.O. Box 301, Huntington Beach, CA 92648, or (714-960-3608)

Contest

CONTEST: Two separate northern Indiana tournaments. Your choice or try them both. December 3 - Advanced and super-advanced baseball. January 21 - Pro Football. Contact: Ken Donnelly, 55657 Fairview Lane, South Bend, IN 46628 + 1107 (219-234-9381). Enclose a long SASE, please.

Looking for back issues of Review?

The following back issues of the Strat-O-Matic Review are available at a cost of \$1.25 per issue. Send to: Strat-O-Matic Review, P.O. Box 27, Otsego, MI 49078.

1989

Feb., March, April, May, June, July, August, Sept., Oct.

1988

Jan., Feb., March, May, June, July, August, Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec.

1987

Jan., Feb., March, April, May, June, July, August, Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec.

1986

Jan., Feb., March, April, May, June, July, August, Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec.

Strat-O-Matic league, replay scene

BELLEVILLE CONVENIENT LEAGUE - Face-to-face football league that calls Belleville, IL, home...Has completed 10 seasons of league play in which five of the coaches have teams in both the AFC and NFC and two others just one team...Kathy Friederich, "Bushwhacker" Friederich, Kathy's husband, and Al Skidmore are the charter members of league... Kathy, a registered nurse and remembered for winning the football tournament at a Lyman Bostock Memorial a few years back, guided Washington; Bushwhacker had Green Bay and Seattle, and Skidmore Chicago and Buffalo...Other coaches and their teams: Ralph Friederich (San Francisco/Denver), Mark Evansco (New Orleans/New England), Dale Hund (Philadelphia/Cleveland) and Don Smith (Indianapolis)...In the Super Bowl, Evansco's New Orleans team edged Cleveland, 20-13, marking the second year in a row that Evansco had won Super Bowl honors and Hund finished runner-up...Bernie Kosar was 25 of 40 passing for 372 yards in a losing effort in the Super Bowl...New Orleans' defense was the key to the success of the Saints as it had 49 sacks and forced 45 turnovers...While Evansco's Saints were going 9-6-2, his other team, New England, won its first four games, then lost 11 in a row...Ralph Friederich, Bushwhacker's brother and a U.S. Assistant Attorney, had the best composite record: 20-10 (Denver 9-6, San Francisco 11-4)...Kathy Friederich has a spotless 14-0 record in football games against opponents outside the Belleville League...Don Smith's Eric Dickerson rushed for over 2,000 yards.

Standings and playoffs:

AFC	Won-Lost-Ties	NFC	Won-Lost-Ties
Cleveland	11 4 0	San Francisco	11 4 0
Denver	9 6 2	New Orleans	9 6 2
Seattle	7 8 4	Green Bay	8 7 3
Buffalo	7 8 4	Washington	7 8 4
Indianapolis	4 11 7	Philadelphia	7 8 4
New England	4 11 7	Chicago	6 9 5

Playoffs

Seattle d. Buffalo, 44-14	Washington d. Philadelphia, 21-3
Seattle d. Denver, 27-10	Green Bay d. Washington, 34-3
Cleveland d. Seattle, 28-24	New Orleans d. Green Bay, 31-3
	New Orleans d. San Francisco, 35-10

CORONA FOOTBALL LEAGUE - Based in Corona, NY, this face-to-face draft league plays a 10-game regular season plus playoffs...All 10 first-round draft picks were quarterbacks, with Joe Montana being the No. 1 overall selection...Basic rules were used, except for keying on running backs and double-teaming receivers...Eight of 10 teams qualify for playoffs, and that's one of reasons coach John Guirrerio's Los Angeles Hatchers won the Super Bowl despite a 3-7 regular-season record. Other reasons were the play of castoff QB Ken O'Brien and Eric Dickerson in the playoffs. The Hatchers trailed the New York Dealers 19-0 at halftime, and then scored 45 unanswered points in a semifinals win... Coaches and their teams included: Gigi Vano (San Francisco Chargers, Joe Montana); Danny Campiverde (New York Dealers, Bernie Kosar); Billy Farley (New York LT's, Jim Kelly); Danny Miller (Tampa Bay Blondies, John Elway); Gus Tshas (Miami Playboys, Dan Marino); Frankie Demma (Cleveland Demma-Littons, Neil Lomax); John Cranco (Chicago Crushers, Randall Cunningham); John Guirrerio (L.A. Hatchers, Warren Moon); Bobby Santiago (New Orleans Latin Saints, Jim McMahon); and Jason Cuevas (Indianapolis Knights, Phil Simms)...New York Dealers dealt for Cunningham, who proceeded to rush for 816 yards (14.1 per carry) and average

(continued on next page)

11.6 per pass. Kosar was shipped to Chicago in the trade...New York averaged 202 yards rushing, 392 passing, but also had worst pass defense in league...Montana had eye-opening 75.3 completion percentage. ..Neil Lomax of Cleveland was sacked 60 times...Phil Simms passed for 548 yards in a game.

Standings, playoffs, leaders:

	Won-Lost	Playoffs
San Francisco	8 2	NY Dealers d. Chicago, 43-14
N.Y. Dealers	7 3	Los Angeles d. San Francisco, 27-13
NY LT's	6 4	Cleveland d. NY LT's, 30-27 (OT)
Tampa Bay	6 4	Miami d. Tampa Bay, 24-20
Miami	6 4	Los Angeles d. NY Dealers, 45-26
Cleveland	5 5	Cleveland d. Miami, 30-24
Chicago	4 6	<u>Super Bowl</u>
Los Angeles	3 7	Los Angeles d. Cleveland, 31-20
New Orleans	3 7	
Indianapolis	2 8	

Passing Att-Comp Pct. Yds. TD-Int.

Montana SF	252 190	75.3	2805	19	7
Kosar NYD/CHI	209 156	74.6	2886	20	7
Marino MIA	216 135	62.5	2335	23	8

Rushing	Att-Yds.	Avg.	TD	Receiving	No.-Yds.	Avg.	TD
Ferrell CLE	179 867	4.9	4	Quick SF	149 2058	13.8	14
Cunningham CHI/NYD	58 816	14.1	6	Lofton CLE	104 2006	19.3	14
J.Williams SF	167 812	4.9	7	Rice LA	101 1605	15.9	8

NORTH AMERICAN CORRESPONDENCE ASSOCIATION (NACBA) - Year-round league that plays National League from October to March and American League from April to September...League has 15 managers in the two leagues...Birth cries of league were in 1986, after an ad was placed in the Review...Play-by-mail, with annual draft meetings, post-season awards, super-advanced rules and player use limited to 110 percent of actual appearances...Latest report for NACBA is National League season. ..Paul Minor's Trevoise Tribe, featuring MVP Darryl Strawberry (49 home runs, 158 RBI, .313) and Mike Schmidt (43, 154, .310) won the NACBA championship, defeating Olaf McDavid's New Orleans Bayou Bengals in the finals, 4-2...Orel Hershisier of Dennis Schimmel's Minneapolis Millers was pitcher of year with 26-3 record and 2.23 ERA...Tony Gwynn of Iowa City flirted with .400 - he was hitting .402 after 84 games - and finished with a .388 average...Nolan Ryan of New Orleans no-hit Cincinnati for the only no-hitter, although Dwight Gooden of Findlay lost a no-hit bid when Leon Durham of Blue Hills stroked a two-out double in the ninth...Strawberry had 32 homers and 94 RBI at the halfway point of the season...Gary Carter of New Orleans hit three homers in a game against Cincinnati...And Jim Morrison of Blue Hills hit for the cycle against Michigan...Commissioner of NACBA is Scott Hapner, who doubles as manager of the Findlay Cardinals. Other managers and their teams include: Reese Fesmire (Erie Clippers), Bill Krolikowski (Kielce Kielbasas), Malcolm Baker (Blue Hills Bombers), Chad O'Kelly (Iowa City Colonels), Al Telgenhof (Michigan Wheels) and Jim Gramke (Cincinnati Coppers).

Standings, playoffs, leaders:

Eastern	Won-Lost	GB	Western	Won-Lost	GB	Playoffs
Trevoise	103 59	-	Minneapolis	108 54	-	New Orleans d.
Erie	91 71	12	New Orleans	77 85	31	Erie, 2-0.
Kielce	84 78	19	Iowa City	73 89	35	Trevoise d.
Blue Hills	78 84	25	Michigan	68 94	40	Kielce, 3-1.
Findlay	76 86	27	Cincinnati	52 110	56	(continued)

Playoffs Con't

New Orleans d. Minneapolis, 3-2.
Trevose d. New Orleans, 4-2.

Batting

Gwynn IC .388
Raines MIN .351
Guerrero BH .336
W.Clark ERIE .333

Home Runs

Dawson KIEL 51
Strawberry TRE 49
W.Clark ERIE 47
Murphy FIND 47

RBI

Strawberry TRE 158
Schmidt TRE 154
Dawson KIEL 144
W.Clark ERIE 143

Wins

Hershiser MIN 26
Welch BH 22
Show MIN 18
D.Martinez ERIE 17
Moyer KIEL 17

ERA

Hershiser MIN 2.23
Ryan NO 2.63
Welch BH 2.65

Strikeouts

Scott NO 263
Ryan NO 243
Hershiser MIN 227

H: Gwynn IC 244
2B: Wallach IC 50
3B: Gwynn IC 20

R: Hayes TRE 149
SB: Coleman KIEL 144
SA: Burke TRE 34
SHO: Hershiser MIN 5
CG: Welch BH 14

ENTERTAINMENT BASEBALL ASSOCIATION (EBA) - A couple of interesting sidelights to the EBA are that a husband-and-wife duo manage teams in the league and points are awarded for wins, with two points being credited for an away-game victory and one at home. Having a mortician as its commissioner makes the EBA unusual, too...Mack Smith, of Silver Lake, KS, is the undertaker (no, he's never boasted that he would "bury his opponents"). He's 34, has played S-O-M Baseball for 24 years and is married to Suzette Smith, who also manages in the EBA...Mack's Topeka Leggins won the 1988 league title, defeating the surprising Milwaukee Admirals in the World Series, 4-3. Milwaukee, managed by David Tonn, had a 74-78 regular-season record, although it did produce 114 points (80 of them coming via a 40-36 record on the road)...Alan Trammell of Columbus was the MVP after batting .377 with 24 home runs and 111 RBI, while Roger Clemens of Oklahoma was the Cy Young choice after going 22-8, striking out 279 and posting a 2.64 ERA...Also in the EBA's managerial lineup were: Scott Salmon (Olney Blue Sox), Tommy Manna (Middlesex County Cobras), Suzette Smith (Shawnee County), Kent Kennedy (North Dakota Roughriders), Mike Walker (Richland County Royals), Mike McDonald (Dawson Springs Titans), Mike Young (Seaford 1-11's), Greg Young (Freeport Phantoms), Jerry Cozzi (Morris County Mets), Joe Palcsak (Columbus Sultans), Robert Dyer (Oklahoma Bandits) and Jim Grimes (Mt. Pleasant Patriots)...The Youngs are brothers, with Mike a private pilot and FAA air traffic controller who loves to beat his brother and then chronicle the results in the EBA's yearbook...Ages range from 21 (Salmon, Greg Young) to Cozzi's 35...Manna obviously has table-game mania as, in addition to EBA, he belongs to NDL, NASBL and GHMBBL...Palcsak has played S-O-M for 22 years...Grimes, an elementary school teacher in North Charleston, SC, has played in only the EBA, even though he's been an S-O-M gamer since 1972...Mark McGwire of Richland set an EBA record by smashing 61 home runs.

Standings, playoffs and leaders:

Eastern	Home	Away	Pts.	Western	Home	Away	Pts.
Columbus	43-32	38-38	119	Topeka	49-27	49-27	147
Milwaukee	34-42	40-36	114	North Dakota	47-29	45-31	137
Freeport	42-34	34-42	110	Oklahoma	46-30	36-40	118
Dawson Springs	42-34	33-43	108	Richland Co.	40-36	36-40	112
Morris County	34-42	35-41	104	Shawnee Co.	33-43	37-39	107
Mt. Pleasant	44-32	30-46	104	Middlesex	38-38	29-47	96
Seaford 1-11's	36-40	33-43	102	Olney	29-47	32-44	93

Playoffs North Dakota d. Oklahoma 3-1; Milwaukee d. Freeport 3-1;
Topeka d. North Dakota 4-3; Milwaukee d. Columbus 4-3. World Series:

(continued on next page)

Topeka d. North Dakota 4-3 (Bob Welch, 2-0, was World Series MVP).

Batting	Avg.	Home Runs	RBI
Trammell COL	.378	McGwire RICH	61
Boggs TOP	.344	Dawson MORR	51
Gwynn OKLA	.341	D.Murphy DS	42
T.Fernandez TOP	.330	Strawberry FREE	40
Steinbach OLNEY	.326	Schmidt TOP	40
		G.Bell TOP	40
R: B.Butler COL	123		
H: Gwynn OKLA	201		
2B: Boggs TOP	48	ERA	Wins
3B: Gwynn OKLA	19	Clemens OKLA	2.64
BB: J.Clark SHAW	134	D.Alexander OKLA	2.75
SB: Coleman MORR	110	Higuera TOP	3.13
GWRBI: Boggs TOP	23	Hershiser DS	3.25
		M.Scott MIL	3.36
		Saberhagen TOP	3.40
			Leibrandt ND
			19-6
Strikeouts			
Clemens OKLA	279	CG: Langston MIL	17, Scott MIL 16
Ryan FREE	258	SHO: Viola TOP	4
Langston MIL	243	L: Morris RICH	19, DeLeon OLNEY 18, Gubicza MORR 18
M.Scott MIL	224	SA: Henke TOP 44, Garrelts COL 36, D.Smith ND 35	
Morris RICH	219	IP: Clemens OKLA 286, Hershiser DS 271	

1961 AMERICAN LEAGUE REPLAY - George Brigman of Baltimore, MD, put the '61 teams through the paces (he's currently working on a replay of the N.L. '61 season) and the Yankees, just as in real life, finished on top...Brigman admits that he was rooting for Baltimore, which did end up second and even drew within two games of the powerful Yanks with six games left...New York won all six, including three from the Orioles ...Roger Maris did not get his 61 home runs, however. Maris was runner-up in the home run derby with 56 - a whopping eight behind teammate Mickey Mantle's 64! Mantle also led in RBI with 165 on the way to an MVP season...Brigman used a DH, advanced rules (no supplemental stealing) and cut-off rules...Yanks, although they had 11 fewer wins in the replay than real life, still won out by seven games over second-place Baltimore...Washington (80-82 in the replay compared to 61-100) made the biggest improvement, while Detroit (101-61 for real and 88-74 in the replay) was the biggest disappointment.

Standings and leaders:

	Won-Lost	GB	(Real)	Batting
New York	100	62	-	Cash DET
Baltimore	93	69	7	Kaline DET
Detroit	88	74	12	Mantle NY
L.A. Angels	84	78	16	Versalles MIN
Minnesota	81	81	19	
Washington	80	82	20	Home Runs
Chicago	80	82	20	Mantle NY
Cleveland	78	84	22	Maris NY
Boston	72	90	28	Gentile BAL
Kansas City A's	54	108	46	Blanchard NY

<u>RBI</u>		<u>H:</u>	Versalles MIN	227	<u>ERA</u>		
Mantle NY	165	<u>2B:</u>	Versalles MIN	49	Pascual MIN		3.02
Gentile BAL	142	<u>3B:</u>	G.Green WAS	16	Ford NY		3.11
Sievers CHI	135	<u>R:</u>	Maris NY	156	H.Brown BAL		3.11
		<u>SB:</u>	Aparicio CHI	81	Pappas BAL		3.12
(continued on	next	page)			Donovan WAS		3.19

(continued on next page)



THIRD CLASS



STRAT-O-MATIC REVIEW
P.O. BOX 27
OTSEGO, MI 49078

If the number before your name reads 89/11, this is the last issue of your current subscription. To renew, check the number of months below and enclose proper amount (check, money order, U.S. funds, but please no coins). First-class mailing is available for an additional 25 cents per month. Also, when renewing, please list your subscription expiration date as it expedites the process.

_____ 3 months, \$3.75; _____ 6 months, \$5.80; _____ 1 year, \$9.00.

Note the cost in Canada is: _____ 3 months, \$4.65; _____ 6 months, \$7.60; _____ 1 year, \$12.60. In Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico the cost is: _____ 3 months, \$4.50; _____ 6 months, \$7.30; _____ 1 year \$12.00. Rates for Canada, Puerto Rico and the two states include first-class mailing.

Strat-O-Matic league, replay scene

(continued from page 23)

Wins	Strikeouts	Saves
Stafford NY 20	Pizarro CHI 236	T.Fox DET 26
Pappas BAL 19	Pascual MIN 233	T.Morgan LA 23
Pascual MIN 19	Ford NY 173	Arroyo NY 22
Pizarro CHI 19	Duren LA 170	Lown CHI 21

CG: Pascual MIN 22 SHO: Barber BAL 4, Pappas BAL 4, H.Brown BAL 4
IP: Pascual MIN 301 HRA: Terry NY 40

MVP: Mantle NY Cy Young: Pascual MIN

Biggest Disappointments: Monbouquette BOS (8-18 record compared to 14-14 real life and 5.04 ERA compared to 3.39); Kirkland CLE (only 10 homers compared to 27 in real life, and .206 average compared to .259)