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In this corner...the editors

S-O-M SWITCHES TO 1956 SEASON

First the good news (at least to many it will be) this month. Strat-O-Matic has decided, after an outpouring of letters, to re-evaluate its selection as to what past season in baseball would be printed soon.

You will remember that S-O-M creator Harold Richman had decided on the 1961 season after poring over the results of the poll conducted by the Review. The first choice of the fans--1930--was ruled out by Richman because the baseball was "doctored up" in the National League, making in essence a mockery of the hitting in that season as a result.

So, Richman and S-O-M settled on the No. 2 choice, 1961, since it was runnerup in the voting and because it was a natural successor to S-O-M's first season (1962) in which it reproduced all the teams for the first time.

But a couple of snags developed in the meantime. One, that the voice of the fan was clearly heard in favor of the 1950s decade, even more so than for the choice of season desired. Many gamers wrote to both the Review and S-O-M wondering why, after such a show of support, the first season to be printed didn't come from the '50s?

Secondly, and as many gamers pointed out, there were already three old timer teams available from the 1961 season, including many of the game's individual standouts. That season wouldn't really be "new" they argued. And Richman agreed.

As a result, S-O-M, when it does print an entire season from the past, will be doing the 1956 season--which was third in the balloting, but from the decade most wanted.

Highlights of the 1956 season, in case you don't remember, included
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the New York Yankees winning the A.L. pennant by nine games over Cleveland; Mickey Mantle of the Yankees hitting 52 home runs, driving in 130 and batting .353 en route to winning the Triple Crown; Cleveland having three 20-game winners; and a thriller of a pennant race in the N.L., with the Brooklyn Dodgers edging Milwaukee and Cincinnati by one and two-game margins, respectively.

Richman, in a phone conversation just as the October issue was being readied for the printer, revealed the switch in seasons. His feeling was that because of the overwhelming preference for the 1950s, and because there isn't an old timer team from 1956, that printing 1956 would give S-O-M Baseball a new look.

REVIEW IS FORCED TO RAISE PRICES

The bad news this month (at least it will be to some) is that the Review, after well over two years of holding the line, has been forced to raise its prices for subscriptions. Increased costs of every facet of the operation have necessitated the price boost.

Starting in December, as a result, a three-month subscription will cost \$2.40 (70¢ per issue), six-month \$3.50 (58.3¢) and a year \$6.25 (52.2¢). The old prices were \$1.80, \$3.25 and \$5.75, so you can see the boost was nothing drastic.

The Review will continue to be mailed third-class unless an extra 15¢ per month is sent in for first-class delivery. But the Review is offering a year's subscription and first-class mailing for only \$7.80. That amounts to an increase of only 25¢, spread over 12 months, over the old rates for a year's subscription plus first-class mailing (\$7.55).

In case you're curious as to why the special offer for \$7.80, it saves an immense amount of clerical work.

Hopefully the rate increases won't turn anyone off to the Review. We think it's still a good buy--what other publication can be purchased for 70¢ or less per month?--and hopefully you will agree.

The Review borders on a non-profit organization status now, but we cannot afford to operate in the red.

Remember the rate increases don't go into effect until December 1, so there's still time to renew under the old rates or add to your subscription.

CRITIQUE OF OTHER GAMES

Occasionally we receive well-intended critiques of rival games by readers, who ask that they be printed in the Readers roll 'em column or as an editorial.

But it's always been our policy to steer away from rival game companies and their products. Most of those arguments are always dead-end--plus they take up valuable space that could be put to better use, such as for playing tips, replays, etc. We know the gamers who send in such critiques mean well, but we feel that S-O-M stands on its own merit and that the Review should be devoted entirely to it.

Football card corrections

Corrections on the newest set of pro football cards are very few. In fact, Strat-O-Matic passes along word that only two changes, to its knowledge, need to be made.

One, and it is one that readers have questioned, is that no backup flanker is listed for the San Diego Chargers. S-O-M says it should be John Floyd, who has only split end listed on his card but should have both.

The other change is on Archie Manning's card, under short pass, guessed wrong. No. 11 should read 2-7, 11-12 intercepted, and X B-10, or incomplete.

Strat-O-Matic spotlight

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1971 PIRATES WIN 'DREAM SERIES'

Kenneth Kirk currently lives in Cambridge, MA. But his roots go back to Pittsburgh, where he spent his early years and became a fan of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Kirk was overjoyed when the 1979 Pirates captured the World Series. Now he could match the '79 Pirates against the "darling of my Strat-O-Matic doings," the '71 Pirates who were also World Series winners. The '71 Pirates, reports Kirk, had "beaten the likes of the 1927 Yankees, 1931 A's and 1934 Cardinals in various tournaments and series. Thus this series was not only for the hypothetical championship of Pittsburgh, but also for the full extent of my unending loyalty."

A 17-game series was set up, with the winner the first team to win nine games. The '79 club promptly won the opener. But then the '71 unit won three straight. Never more than two games were to separate the two, however, as the series went 16 games, with '71 prevailing by a 9-7 spread.

The series was like a trip to Fantasy Island for Kirk, as far as providing thrills as eight of the games were decided by one run, three went extra innings and on four occasions the winning team came from behind after the sixth inning.

Willie Stargell, '71 version, was the undisputed star of the Series. He blasted nine home runs, hit .351, drove in 19 runs and scored 16--all highs for the Series. Luke Walker went 3-0 for the 1971 team and Al Oliver batted .351 for the same squad. Only shutout was John Candelaria's five-hitter in game eight for '79, a 5-0 triumph.

100 INNINGS WORTH OF STAR WARS

The North Arlington Strat-O-Matic Baseball League (NASOMBL) decided to do something a little different when it staged its all-star game for its current three-team league. Instead of the customary nine-inning affair, league members Mark Foley, John DiScerni and Rob Foglisis (all of whom live in North Arlington, NJ) decided to play a 100-inning marathon.

And they did. And, after 2 hours, 12 minutes and 15 seconds, it was done. The winning team was comprised of Mike Schmidt (who hit four home runs and was MVP), George Foster, Joe Morgan, Carlton Fisk, Zolio Versailles, among others. They defeated a collection of players from ten old timer teams, 52-19.

Steve Rogers, who hurled 15 innings, was the winning pitcher. Other highlights included: Foster hitting three doubles, J.R. Richard striking out 16 and clouting a home run, and the old timers being held scoreless during one 31-inning stretch.

SHORT SHAKES

...Gary Graber of Phoenix, AZ (he's currently a student at Arizona State University), reports that Kareem Abdul-Jabbar has scored close to 8,500 career points (not including playoffs) in the Phoenix S-O-M Basketball Association. Since most basketball leagues last only a season or two, he doubts if any player can top that total currently. The Phoenix Association, by the way, is now playing its eighth season...Steven Edell, 27, immigrated to Israel within the last year, but reports he's still keenly interested in S-O-M and the Review. In fact, he's currently got three projects going: a replay of the 1978 Montreal Expo season; 1978-79 hockey replay and an old timer baseball replay. A friend in Brooklyn, Mark Rottenstein, keeps him abreast of S-O-M happenings by mailing him the Review each month...It was the Dodgers, vanquished in real-life, who won a replay of the 1978 World Series, as conducted by Chris Case of St. Clair Shores, MI. It took L.A. only six games to down the Yankees, with Burt Hooton and Don Sutton tossing shutouts for the Dodgers and Steve Garvey the MVP after hitting three home runs, two in one game, and in another collecting three hits. Both teams hit only slightly over .200 in the pitcher dominated Series, both L.A.'s ERA was 2.21, compared to 3.63 for New York.

Readers roll 'em

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DEFENDERS INCREASE IN '1s'

Having subscribed to the Review for a year now, I've decided to make a few comments. I have no real complaints except that of many other readers, that the Gold Cup Challenge series receives too much space.

I understand that there is another side to this coin and that the people involved like to see it printed. My only suggestion would be that it should be set up in a more interesting article format.

The baseball playing tips--I am mainly a baseball fan--are very interesting, even if I don't use them, but many of them do find their way into my replays.

I would like to comment on the article by Stan Awtrey in the July, 1980 issue of the Review. His claim is that there are too many "1" fielders in S-O-M. He cites such names as Doug Flynn, Terry Puhl and Buddy Bell.

Let's look at some 1979 season stats: Bell had an excellent year at the plate, but he also is and has always been an excellent defensive third baseman. He won the Gold Glove award.

Flynn, although he is definitely not in the Mets' lineup for his bat, made only 13 errors and had a .983 fielding percentage in 1979. And Puhl would have to be a "1." He was in 152 games, had 359 chances and didn't make an error.

Mr. Awtrey claims you should be great to earn a "1" and then proceeds to rattle off names such as Aaron, Mays, Robinson, Kaline and Clemente. Cooperstown material for certain, but why? For their bats--that's what comes to mind first.

S-O-M is doing the right thing in awarding the coveted "1." All those players deserved it. Let's not let great bats get in the way of great gloves!

Dennis Menard
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KEEP UP GOLD CUP COVERAGE!

Keep up your coverage of the

Gold Cup! It is the least that can be done for Steve Beren, who spends more time on the Cup than anything else besides his job and he does not even make a profit from all those entry fees.

It is not only that he should have his name printed for working hard in Strat-O-Matic (he is in a baseball, football and hockey league, too), it is also a matter of giving publicity to a tournament which gives baseball gamers from all over (one is from England this year) the chance to compete against some of the better strategists. Without the exposure, Steve's will to run the Gold Cup would surely falter.

Once again entries for the Gold Cup have increased and as long as it is given its fair share of space, entries will continue to increase as more and more Strat-O-Matic fanatics come to realize what a fine tournament it is.

If anything, I wish you would cut out some of the ridiculously over-critical letters to the Review.

Glen Strong
Cranbury, NJ

Editor's note: Steve Beren is, in our opinion, a "doer" in the S-O-M world. Highly organized and obviously deeply devoted to his projects, he has always completed what he started. He has done a great deal to boost interest in S-O-M Baseball as well as pioneered the concept of large-field tournament play.

REPRINT 'EM ALL

I am writing in regards to Strat-O-Matic's decision to reprint the 1961 season. This whole project was started to bring down the ridiculous prices some of our greedy fellow gamers are charging.

The solution is very clear: All Strat-O-Matic has to do is reprint old seasons between 1961 and 1979. Not as much research would be needed and it certainly would kill those outrageous prices.

Henry Vance
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Editor's note: The 1961 season does not fall under the category of a reprint, since it has never

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been printed in its entirety. It is a "past season" that S-O-M probably will print sometime in the future. S-O-M's plans for the immediate future are to reprint selected [according to a poll of readers] teams from 1962-1979.

NO ANSWER...

I would like to know if anyone else tried to do business with the Houghton Beach Club Tournament. Both my brother and I tried to contact them four times--three with SASE--and they never replied.

I have purchased many teams from various people. Even the people who didn't sell me teams [when I sent them a SASE] had enough class to send me a reply.

Matt Costantino
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Editor's note: We've had similar inquiries from readers wondering about the Houghton Beach Club. Apparently, it hasn't answered anyone--perhaps it doesn't exist. No fraudulent dealings have taken place to our knowledge, however, so our suggestion is simply to have nothing to do with HBC. Perhaps members of the HBC, if they read this, will respond and explain why the organization has not answered the inquiries.

CLUTCH HITTING REVISITED

You printed a letter of mine [regarding clutch hitting] in the July Review. I thought it was a new idea, but judging by Bill Daughtry's letter [same issue] it wasn't.

In Bill's letter he asked, "How clutch can you get?" Well, you could get more clutch!

Bill's letter did open my eyes to the RBI value of ** hits in prime locations, but that doesn't help Roger Maris or Reggie Jackson when the winning run is on in the bottom of the ninth or, in Reggie's case, when October rolls around. They won't get any more RBIs in those cases than they will when their teams are up by 10 runs or playing an insignificant game.

I have to agree with your titling my letter "Dot...Dot...

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Dot..."[too many dots could get confusing and difficult], but perhaps you should have followed the title with a question mark, because the idea is at least worth looking at.

Possible solutions would be:

[1] Maybe clutch hitting could be improved on existing cards. In certain situations [besides infield in or runner being held], the ** could be used. But do these ** correspond to player's ability to clutch hit? [2] Use an extra dot or star on people like Maris or Mr. October for those situations, like with winning run on base; [3] Ask your readers what they think?

Dave Gilbert
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HAPPY WITH NEW CARDS

I am very pleased with the new football cards. They capture all the excitement without venturing outside of your living room.

I am currently at midway point of a replay of the full schedule of the 1979 season and will send full statistical summary when completed.

Maurice Rasheed
Troy, NY

'CRIPPLE STICK' STRIKES

I have enjoyed your publication for a couple of years. It is a great way to share the excitement of S-O-M with people from all over.

Because of the Review I have been able to meet people from all over the U.S. and Canada while playing in PBM leagues. Up until now, I've kept silent--enjoying the experiences of others but not sharing any of my own. Something happened yesterday which has caused me to let the rest of the S-O-M world take part in.

It has to do with injuries. It seems that in PBM leagues I've had more than my share of multiple injuries. However, in 15 years of S-O-M Baseball, I've never seen the "cripple stick" do a number on a team as it did yesterday.

In head-to-head action with my brother-in-law (replaying the 1979 Brewers), I saw four Toronto players carried off on stretchers for a combined total of 26 games. The four victims [Cerone, B. Davis,

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Griffin and L. Gomez] left me with no catcher or shortstop. We settled on a makeshift "5" fielder and I went on to lose the game, 6-5, in 12 innings.

Perhaps I'm the only person fascinated by this but if not, I'm wondering if you or other readers can top this injury performance?

Well, for what it's worth, that's my only contribution to the S-O-M world in 15 years. I've never seen a no-hitter (although Craig Swan authored one for me on the road in PBM action), but if I ever do, you'll hear about it. By the way, I like the no-hitter column; it's my only way to enjoy the rarity.

Just a note about myself: I'm pastor of Trinity Baptist Church (159 Bowers St., Jersey City, NJ). I'm 31, presently in two PBM draft leagues, one PBM old timers replay and the face-to-face replay of the Brewers. I only play baseball and have a wife and four children--all of whom play some S-O-M Baseball.

Rev. William G. Lewis
WANTS INTERCEPTION RATINGS

I think now that S-O-M has come up with a new error chart for baseball, it should start improving the other games.

For one thing, I think it should have team interception return ratings in place of the onside kickoff section on the pro football cards. The onside kickoff is the same on all cards, so why not put it on the X-Chart?

S-O-M has interception returns for college, why not make pro the same way?

Also, I think that fumbles should be individualized. It's obvious that a Greg Pruitt or Wendell Tyler is going to fumble more than a Larry Csonka or Cullen Bryant. It's part of strategy to run a man with a lower fumble rating when you are near the goal line, or it's a close game and a turnover could mean victory or defeat.

The game company says it makes all fumbles the same so they are accurate with real life stats. But that's strategy. If you pass more with a team you

alter statistical accuracy. So, why shouldn't you be able to alter fumbles by running one back more than another?

Also, I think the defenseman should come into play more in the hockey game. The only time their defense rating is used is when another defenseman is penetrating or the team is short-handed. What about stopping penetrating wings or intercepting passes, not just from the split deck? The way the game is now, I think a defenseman who can score is worth more than another with a better defense rating.

Robert Kondracki
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Reading, PA

Editor's note: Team fumble ratings are used in S-O-M Pro Football because many of the fumbles occur in real-life on the exchange between the center and quarterback. Those kind of fumbles can not be reproduced in S-O-M, thus the team rating to ensure realism. If you want to alter the individual ratings, that's your prerogative, the same as it would be if you wished to pass more with a team than it did in real-life. For an individual runner who didn't fumble much, reduce the chance of his fumbling.

ACCOLADES FOR REVIEW

I would like to take this opportunity to say that, in my opinion, I think both of you guys (Warren and Del Newell) are doing an excellent job as co-editors of the Review.

In every issue I read, someone is always complaining about too much of this or not enough of that. Well, I think the Review is being handled in about the best and most efficient manner possible.

The Review tries to be as fair as possible and that's about all anybody can realistically ask for. You guys really do have a fine publication.

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Editor's note: Thanks for the kind words. We'll continue to do our best.

Football playing tips

With football season in full swing now would be a good time to spice up your play even more by considering the following playing tips submitted by Larry Hayes of San Francisco, CA:

FUMBLE RECOVERY CHART

[1] Roll two dice to determine whether offense (2-6, 12) or defense (7-11) recovered; [2] roll two dice to determine which player recovered; and [3] roll two dice to determine length of defensive return or offensive advance.

#2	Defense recovers	Offense recovers
Roll		
2	- Tight Safety	2 - Flanker
3	- Left Cornerback	3 - Left Tackle
4	- Left Tackle	4 - Left Guard
5	- Right Tackle	5 - Tight End
6	- Middle Linebacker	6 - Halfback
7	- Onside Linebacker	7 - Quarterback
8	- Free Safety	8 - Fullback
9	- Left End	9 - Center
10	- Right End	10 - Right Tackle
11	- Right Cornerback	11 - Right Guard
12	- Free Safety	12 - Split End

#3 Length of Return

2 - TD if recovery by LB or DB, otherwise only +3	2 - Roll again - if dice total 2-9, advance is only +10. If total is 10-12, fumble is advanced for touchdown
3 - +50	3 - +3
4 - +10	4 - 0
5 - 0	5 - +1
6 - +3	6 - -2
7 - +2	7 - 0
8 - +2	8 - 0
9 - 0	9 - -2
10 - +5	10 - +1
11 - +15	11 - +7
12 - +20	12 - +15

QUARTERBACK SACK CHART

[1] If using advanced pass rush chart, to determine which player[s] made sack, use following method:

- * - Sack made by player with highest defensive rating among right linebacker and both tackles.
- ** - Sack made by player with highest defensive rating among middle linebacker and both ends.
- *** - Sack made by player with highest defensive rating among left linebacker and right defensive end.
- No * - Sack made by highest rated lineman.

[2] If not using advanced pass rush chart, determine player making sack by following method:

Roll two dice:

2-6 highest rated end 9-10 lowest rated end
7-8 highest rated tackle 11-12 lowest rated tackle

BLOCKED KICK ADVANCE CHART

[1] On field goal attempts, before rolling to see if kick is successful, roll two dice:

2 or 12 - Kick blocked, go to next step in kick advance chart.

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3-11 - Kick not blocked, proceed to results of field goal using kicker's rating.

On punts, if reading is "blocked," go directly to No. 2.

[2] To determine if offense or defense covered blocked kick, roll two dice:

2-4 - Kicker recovers at point of block, no advance. Defense takes over at point of block.

5-12 - Reserve defensive back blocks kick.

To determine which reserve DB blocked, use following method:

If 3 reserve DB on roster/if 4 DB on roster, roll one die, and 1-2 is first name on roster; 3-4 second; 5-6 third is three backs. And 1-3 is first name, 4 second, 5 third and 6 fourth if four backs.

[3] To determine who recovered and advanced ball, roll two dice:

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| 2 - Kick blocker | 7 - Kick blocker |
| 3 - Top rated reserve LB or, if tie, by reserve TE | 8 - Top rated reserve offensive lineman or, if tie, No. 2 punt or kickoff returner |
| 4 - Top rated reserve defensive lineman or, if tie, No. 2 punt or kickoff returner | 9 - Top rated reserve defensive lineman or, if tie, reserve fullback. |
| 5 - Top rated reserve offensive lineman or, if tie, reserve center | 10 - Reserve tight end |
| 6 - Top rated reserve linebacker or, if tie, reserve offensive halfback | 11 - Reserve fullback |
| | 12 - Kick blocker |

[4] To determine length of blocked kick yardage, roll two dice:

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|---------|----------|
| 2 - TD | 8 - +10 |
| 3 - +50 | 9 - +14 |
| 4 - +15 | 10 - +23 |
| 5 - +13 | 11 - +29 |
| 6 - +10 | 12 - +35 |
| 7 - +5 | |

Chuck Gilardi of San Mateo, CA, is back with his latest ratings for punting out of bounds. His system remains the same: total number of punts inside the 20 is divided by total of touchbacks and punts inside the 20. A percentage of 74-and-up is an "A" rating, 66-73 a "B", 57-65 a "C" and 0-56 a "D".

The system can only be used inside the opponent's 45-yard line.

Code: Yardage listed is where punt went out of bounds; TB - touchback, ball goes into end zone and is brought out to 20 to start next series.

No.	A	B	C	D
2	1	1	2	2
3	2	3	4	5
4	4	5	6	7
5	7	8	9	9
6	10	10	11	11
7	11	12	13	TB
8	12	TB	TB	TB
9	TB	15	TB	17
10	TB	TB	TB	TB
11	14	TB	TB	TB
12	TB	TB	16	TB

"C" Punters

Pat McInally, Cincinnati
Eddie Hare, New England
Larry Swider, Detroit
Dan Melville, San Francisco

"A" Punters

Cliff Parsley, Houston
Herman Weaver, Seattle
Bucky Dilts, Baltimore
John James, Atlanta
Steve Little, St. Louis
Bob Parsons, Chicago

"B" Punters

Bob Grupp, Kansas City	Ken Clark, Los Angeles
Ray Guy, Oakland	
Chuck Ramsey, NY Jets	
Craig Colquitt, Pittsburgh	Jeff West, San Diego
Luke Prestridge, Denver	
Dave Jennings, NY Giants	Greg Coleman, Minnesota
Danny White, Dallas	
Rick Partridge, New Orleans	
Dave Beverly, Green Bay	[continued on next page]
Max Runager, Philadelphia	

"D" Punters

Johnny Evans, Cleveland Tom Blanchard, Tampa Bay
George Roberts, Miami Mike Bragg, Washington
Rusty Jackson, Buffalo

Gilardi also suggests a playing tip incorporating fake punts and field goals into S-O-M Pro Football. Anytime a coach wants to fake a punt or field goal he declares it and then consults the chart listed below:

Roll

- 2 - Tight End, short pass--wrong
- 3 - Flanker, long pass--wrong
- 4 - Kicker (FG) or punter (punts) run
- 5 - Quarterback (FG) or punter (punts) short pass--wrong
- 6 - -14 sack
- 7 - 2-5: interception +12; 6-12: incomplete pass
- 8 - Quarterback (FG) or punter (punts) run
- 9 - Quarterback (FG) or punter (punts) run
- 10 - Incomplete pass
- 11 - Split End, long pass--wrong
- 12 - Any running back, flat pass--wrong

A roll of 2 would tell you to look at the short pass--wrong column on the tight end's card and roll again for the result. The passing attempt would be credited to the backup quarterback for fake field goals, or the punter for fake punts.

A roll of 5 would require looking at the short pass--wrong column on backup quarterback's card if a fake field goal, or if it is fake punt to consult punter's passing card if he has one (i.e., Danny White). Otherwise pass would be considered incomplete.

A roll of 4 means to consult chart below. Top column refers to quarterback or punter's rushing average (such statistics can be found in The Official National Football League Guide, which is available at most newsstands). A punter's rushing average should be penciled on the specialty card next to his name. If he never ran ball that season, then use "1.9-less" column below.

#	5.1-up	2.0-5.0	1.9-less
2 -	+23	Short gain	+10
3 -	+7	+6	+5
4 -	Short gain	+10	+8
5 -	+2	+2	+1
6 -	+9	+7	+3
7 -	0	0	-1
8 -	-5	-7	-9
9 -	+3	+3	+2
10 -	+6	+5	+4
11 -	+1 fumble	+1 fumble	0 fumble
12 -	Long gain	+34	+21

Note: If kicker doesn't have an average (rushing), then use 1.9-less column.

Sideline pass added to 'playbook'

The Teaneck Football League in New Jersey also has a football playing tip worth sharing. It deals with the "sideline pass," that time-saving maneuver so prevalent in pro games, particularly in the closing minutes of each half.

The Teaneck League proposes three possible sideline plays, for use when there is only two minutes or less left in the first half, or three minutes or less left in the game. The plays are: flat, short and long pass, the same as in Strat-O-Matic Football. But the clock only moves 15

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seconds [as the receiver, obviously, goes out of bounds] and there's an option to go for more yardage [and not to go out of bounds], but with additional time [15 seconds] being consumed.

SIDELINE FLAT PASS

Cannot be throw look-in. Same rules as regular flat pass. But, if the play is completed, player has option to take play or go for added yardage. If the added yardage is taken, the extra 15 seconds are added to the play. Chart below is for the additional yardage:

Dice Roll	Yardage	Dice Roll	Yardage
2	- Long gain	8	- +3
3	- Short gain	9	- +6
4	- -2	10	- +17
5	- +5	11	- F -4
6	- +2	12	- -1
7	- +5		

SIDELINE SHORT PASS

Always three men in the zone on the defensive card. Take five yards off what was gained on the play if completed. Player has same option as on flat pass; if the added yardage is taken add the extra 15 seconds. See chart for added yardage:

Dice Roll	Yardage	Dice Roll	Yardage
2	- Long gain	8	- +4
3	- +8	9	- +8
4	- +16	10	- +11
5	- F +3	11	- +2
6	- +3	12	- +15
7	- 0		

SIDELINE LONG PASS

Always one man in zone on defensive card. Take 10 yards off what was gained on play. Option to go for more yards is same as with short and flat passes.

Dice Roll	Yardage	Dice Roll	Yardage
2	- Touchdown	8	- +5
3	- +30	9	- +13
4	- +5	10	- +10
5	- F +2	11	- +8
6	- +4	12	- Long gain
7	- +1		

Denver defense decisive in 1976 grid replay

Ouch! Oakland out of playoffs again

Those of you who checked the "S-O-M league, replay scene" section closely last month probably noticed that Oakland, 1976 Super Bowl champ, was missing when Mike Walters conducted the playoffs of his 1976 season solitaire replay. The Raiders, rippers of Minnesota, 32-14, in real-life, finished with a lowly 8-6 record--and failed to qualify for the playoffs.

The Raiders staged a rerun in another complete season replay of 1976, turning in another 8-6 log in Peter Andreil DeVore's Southwestern Strat-O-Matic League venture. The replay, which took 15 months to complete (plus another month to compile stats), also saw Minnesota finish far down in the NFC Central, contrary to real-life.

Denver, perhaps ahead of its real-life schedule, edged Oakland in the AFC West and then went on to capture the Super Bowl, nipping Los Angeles, 17-16, in a defensive thriller. James Harris rallied the Rams, who trail-

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ed 17-3 entering the final quarter, by throwing touchdown passes of 50 yards to Harold Jackson (MVP of game with seven receptions, 127 yards and one TD) and, with 1:45 to play, to Ron Jessie for 10 yards. But Tom Dempsey missed the extra point--his 12th misfire of the season--and the Rams were doomed to a runnerup finish.

Denver's defense actually won the game as L.A. quarterbacks completed only 17 of 40 passes and were sacked five times, and the ground game netted only 56 yards in 26 carries.

For DeVore, a 3.59 student and tight end in football his senior season at Silver High (he's attending the University of New Mexico now), it was "one of the most exciting games on record."

Now, here are team highlights and lowlights of the 1976 S-O-M season:

NEW ENGLAND - Rushed for 3,005 yards (5.1 average) as Sam Cunningham had 1,667 on 297 carries for 5.6 average... "Sam" also scored 17 times... second against run (94.1) and third in total defense (266.1)... Mike Haynes returned three punts for touchdowns.

BALTIMORE - Bert Jones was sensational, passing for 3,036 yards, 25 TDs and having only eight picked off... Roger Carr caught 66 for 1,751 yards and whopping 26.5 average... Lydell Mitchell rushed for 1,270 yards.

BUFFALO - O.J. Simpson racked up 1,639 yards off 336 attempts and scored 14 times... Marv Bateman led NFL in punting with 45.1 average and Mario Clark returned intercepted pass 98 yards for TD.

MIAMI - Defense was downfall as it was last in total yardage allowed (397.1) and next-to-last in points surrendered (28.1)... Bob Griese had great season, completing 58.1 percent of passes for 2,661 yards and 23 TDs... Duane Harris led league in kickoff returns with 33.8 average!

NEW YORK JETS - Lowlights were scoring only 164 points (27th) and intercepting mere six passes.

CINCINNATI - Great one-two rushing punch in Archie Griffin (1,250 yards) and Bobbie Clark (916)... Ken Riley intercepted league-high 14 passes and team swiped 35... Bengals were No. 1 in total defense (256.5) and second in points allowed (196)... Ken Anderson threw for 2,307 yards and 12 TDs; Isaac Curtis had 54 receptions.

PITTSBURGH - Passing game was sub-par... Franco Harris rushed for 1,283 yards, Rocky Bleier 1,051... Defense was brilliant, finishing No. 1 against run (85.8) and for fewest points allowed (189)... Mike Wagner intercepted 13 passes.

CLEVELAND - One-man team as Greg Pruitt rushed for 1,768 yards (6.0) and scored 13 TDs... Pruitt had 314 yards in 40-28 rout of Miami... last in pass defense (225.3).

HOUSTON - Disappointed at 5-9... Ronnie Coleman was bright spot with 1,062 yards and Ken Burrough caught passes worth 1,091 yards.

DENVER - Even though Otis Armstrong rushed for 1,134 yards (5.0), scored 13 times and fumbled only five, defense was key to success... "Orange Crush" was second overall (263.5) and fourth against run (113.9)... Rick Upchurch returned five punts for TDs; conversely fumbled 10 punts... Jim Turner won scoring title with 105 points.

OAKLAND - AFC MVP Ken Stabler completed 61.8 percent of passes for 3,262 yards and 32 TDs... Cliff Branch led league in receiving with 79 catches for 1,685 yards, 21.3 average, and 12 TDs... second in scoring (28.2)... once slaughtered Chicago, 52-10... but 20th in total defense.

SAN DIEGO - Dan Fouts was exceptional, passing for 2,808 yards and 28 TDs... Rickey Young galloped to 1,325 yards and Charlie Joiner caught 68 passes for 1,493 more... scored 28 points but gave up 25.5 per game.

SEATTLE - Next-to-last in both run defense (201.0) and total defense (368.1)... gave up league-high 34.6 points-per-game... averaged only 3.3 yards per rush.

KANSAS CITY - Mike Livingston, despite being sacked 50 times, still threw for 19 TDs and 2,813 yards... last in rushing defense (228.4).

DALLAS - Defense was second in sacks (56), but team was generally inconsistent. Roger Staubach had 18 TD tosses, only seven interceptions.

PHILADELPHIA - Mike Hogan galloped to 1,383 yards and had 17 TDs...

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Philly defense had only 15 sacks.

WASHINGTON - Defense was third in points allowed (15.6)...Mike Thomas (995) and John Riggins (859) provided ample overland attack and scored 22 TDs between 'em.

NEW YORK GIANTS - Craig Morton led league by throwing 37 interceptions--three games having five picked off...Giant QBs were sacked 63 times...Larry Csonka rushed for 990 yards and Giants were second in NFL in pass defense (116.7).

DETROIT - Dexter Bussey (1,020) and Lawrence Gaines (882, 15 TDs) supplied ground attack...Lem Barney (17), Levi Johnson (12) helped Lions to league-high 36 interceptions...won division despite outscoring foes by only 285-281 margin.

CHICAGO - NFC MVP Walter Payton ripped off 2,022 yards on 328 carries for sensational 6.2 average...Roland Harper chipped in with 1,041 yards...Payton had 17 TDs, Harper 13.

TAMPA BAY - Bucs were surprisingly good as Steve Spurrier completed 53.4 percent of passes for 12 TDs, 1,876 yards...highlights were twice defeating Chicago, 10-6, 33-27.

MINNESOTA - Chuck Foreman was Mr. Versatile, rushing for 1,090 yards, catching 49 passes and scoring 13 times...defense was No. 1 against pass (113.6) but Fran Tarkenton had off season, completing only 50 percent of passes.

GREEN BAY - Won one of last 13 games after upsetting Dallas in opener, 31-21...offense was non-existent...defense did have 52 sacks.

LOS ANGELES - Led league in scoring (398 points) and sacks (59)...Lawrence McCutcheon rushed for 1,250 yards and quarterbacks James Harris, Pat Haden combined for 2,596 yards passing and 23 TDs...best team on paper.

SAN FRANCISCO - Delvin Williams zipped to 1,469 yards on 315 carries...defense was very strong: No. 3 against run (106.9), No. 2 in sacks (55).

NEW ORLEANS - In almost every game as Tony Galbreath rushed for 965 yards and Bobby Scott completed 54 percent of passes...Rich Szaro booted league-high 26 field goals.

ATLANTA - Surrendered 182.1 yards via airplanes every game...offense was inconsistent.

Standings, leaders and playoff results:

<u>AFC East</u>			<u>Central</u>			<u>West</u>		
W	L		W	L		W	L	
New England	12	2	Cincinnati	8	6	Denver	9	5
Baltimore	10	4	Pittsburgh	8	6	Oakland	8	6
Buffalo	8	6	Cleveland	8	6	San Diego	7	7
Miami	7	7	Houston	5	9	Seattle	5	9
N.Y. Jets	4	10				Kansas City	3	11

<u>NFC East</u>			<u>Central</u>			<u>West</u>				
W	L		W	L	T	W	L	T		
Dallas	8	6	Detroit	10	4	0	Los Angeles	11	3	0
Philadelphia	8	6	Chicago	9	5	0	San Francisco	10	3	1
St. Louis	7	7	Tampa Bay	5	9	0	New Orleans	5	9	0
Washington	7	7	Minnesota	4	9	1	Atlanta	4	10	0
N.Y. Giants	3	11	Green Bay	2	12	0				

<u>Rushing</u>		<u>Att-Yds.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Receiving</u>		<u>No.-Yds.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TD</u>
Payton CHI	328-2022	6.2	16	Branch OAK	79-1685	21.3	12		
G.Pruitt CLE	295-1768	6.0	9	Joiner SD	68-1493	22.0	10		
Cunningham NE	297-1667	5.6	17	Gray SL	68-1415	20.8	5		
Simpson BUF	333-1639	4.9	14	Carr BAL	66-1751	26.5	10		
Williams SF	315-1469	4.6	6	Curtis CIN	54-966	17.8	5		

<u>Passing</u>		<u>Att-Comp</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Yards</u>	<u>TD-Int</u>	<u>Playoffs</u>	
Stabler OAK	325-201	61.8	3262	32-21	Denver 27, Baltimore 17		
Griese MIA	298-173	58.1	2661	23-19	New England 30, Cincinnati 21		
Jones BAL	320-184	57.5	3036	25-8	Denver 16, New England 10		
Haden LA	140-79	56.4	1288	13-5	San Fran'co 23, Detroit 17		
Fouts SD	331-184	55.6	2808	28-23	Los Angeles 24, Dallas 22		
Scott NO	261-141	54.0	1663	11-10	Los Angeles 23, S. Fran. 7		
Staubach DAL	306-164	53.6	2368	18-7			

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Wanted

WANTED: Pre-1976 S-O-M rosters and any pre-1967 Tiger team sets. Please no facsimiles and tell me your asking price. Bill Salter, 31270 Wildwood Apt. 2209, Wixom, MI 48096

WANTED: 1974 Cubs and Phillies. Also need the 1975 Brewers. Please send asking price and list of teams to: Bill Fulton, 1934 Remington Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46227

WANTED: Need 1976 Tigers, White Sox, Royals, Rangers, Brewers, A's, Astros, Braves, Giants, Padres, Expos, Cardinals; 1977 Rangers, Tigers, Indians, Expos, Brewers, Mets, Braves, Giants, Padres; 1978 Cubs. Please send asking price and list of teams to: Gary Graves, 4208 Hewitt Ave., Louisville, KY 40220

WANTED: I would like to buy any pre-1971 baseball teams. These teams can be in full sets or separate. I will pay your price if it is reasonable. Send your list of teams and the prices you set. Writer or call: Allan Stoltz, 1895 Bunker Hill Road, Dubuque, IA 52001 (phone: 319-557-8504)

WANTED: Sold two 1964 teams to someone over a year ago. At the time I lived in Santa Cruz. The person who bought them did not leave his address. Please send me your address and the names of the two teams I sold you. I will send teams and pay necessary postage. Write: Al Hartley, 2546 So. Sepulveda #4, West Los Angeles, CA 90064

WANTED: 1968 Detroit Tigers, St. Louis Cardinals; 1970 Baltimore Orioles; 1973 Oakland A's; 1975

Boston Red Sox; 1976 New York Yankees and 1977 Philadelphia Phillies and Los Angeles Dodgers. Contact: Pete Fortoria, 764 Spruce Road, Frankfort, IL 60423

WANTED: 1968-1977 Detroit Tigers. Condition not a major factor. Will purchase or trade complete 1978-79 hockey set and game parts (excellent condition). Send offers to: Pat Stroman, 1463 University Terrace #1222, Ann Arbor, MI 48109 (phone: 313-995-2839; before 8 p.m.)

WANTED: 1974 baseball teams with extras; roster sheets, 1971-1977. Send asking price for any items to: Kris Kesterson, 636 North Main, Centerville, IA 52544

WANTED: Backup managers needed for an established PBM hockey league (NAHA). It runs from May to August and current backup list is empty. Contact: Anthony Paldino, 1515 W. 5th St., Brooklyn, NY 11204 (phone: 212-231-3260)

WANTED: Would like to buy sets from 1968 through 1974, or any additional teams up to 1974 in baseball. Also 1975 extra players. Send SASE to: John LaPre, 1502 Mendon Road, Woonsocket, RI 02895. Will answer all letters.

WANTED: Complete sets of 1972, 1973 baseball cards with extra players. Will entertain offers for single teams, extra players, single players from these years, or earlier. Willing to include 1975 football set as part of payment for complete sets. Write: Dave Young, 1524 Portland #204, St. Paul, MN 55104

WANTED: Individual cards (very good to mint condition) from 1964 and 1967 baseball to complete my sets.

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Send for my list. Luke Kraemer,
2550 Yeager Road 7-8, West
Lafayette, IN 47906

WANTED: 1965, '69, '70, '71
and '72 Pittsburgh Pirates. Must
be in very good condition or
better. Send price and SASE to:
Eric Stroka, 430 Mace St.,
Greensburg, PA 15601

WANTED: To trade 1974 Redskins
and \$1.00 for '72 Redskins;
1975 Bengals for 1973 Bengals.
Cards in excellent shape. Scott
Troxler, 171 Rozwood Dr.,
Charlotte, NC 28216

WANTED: 1968 New York Yankees.
Contact: Tommy Jones, The
Montgomery Academy, 3240 Vaughn
Road, Montgomery, Alabama 36194

WANTED: Football teams, must be
complete and in good shape.
Teams - 1967 Houston Oilers (\$3);
1968 Kansas City Chiefs (\$4);
1975 St. Louis Cardinals, Cincin-
nati Bengals (\$3 each); 1977 Oak-
land Raiders (\$3). I'll pay
prices indicated in parentheses
or will trade the following
teams for them, or will sell the
following teams as a set only
for \$5. Teams are complete and
in good shape. 1960 Philadel-
phia Eagles; 1963 Chicago Bears;
1965 Cleveland Browns; 1967 San
Diego Chargers; 1971 New Orleans
Saints; 1974 Buffalo Bills; 1976
Chicago Bears, Denver, San Fran-
cisco; 1978 New Orleans, San
Diego, Philadelphia, Tampa Bay.
Mark Woloszyn, 1052 Hudson Ave.,
Rochester, NY 14621

WANTED: Baseball - 1974 or 1975
complete set; extras preferred.
Also individual teams. All 1974:
A's, Braves, Brewers, Expos,
Rangers, Yankees, plus 1972 or 1974
Reds. Extras not necessary for
individual teams. All cards must
be in good condition. SASE
guarantees reply. Send prices
to: Mark Foley, 326 Franklin
Ave., Belleville, NJ 07109

For Sale

FOR SALE: 1973 complete foot-
ball set, in good to excellent
condition; 1976 football set,
except for Oakland Raiders, in
average condition. Also for
sale are additional 1973 football

teams in average condition. They
are missing two or three players,
The New York Giants; Chicago Bears,
New Orleans Saints, New England
Patriots and K.C. Chiefs are com-
plete. The entire Oakland Raiders
are missing. Send bids along with
SASE to: Jeff Williams, 8052
Westcamp Road, Fair Oaks, CA 95628

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1962 Nation-
al League [all teams complete - 98
% mint, 2% good]; 1970 N.L.; 1972
N.L.; 1975 A.L. [with extras];
1976 N.L. [with extras]; 1977 A.L.
[with extras]. All 1970s sets are
in excellent to mint condition.
Bid on complete sets or individual
teams of above. Also, 1971 Cin-
cinnati; 1975 Philadelphia, Cincin-
nati, Los Angeles, St. Louis, Pitt-
sburgh; 1976 Kansas City, Cincin-
nati, Philadelphia; 1977 Los Angeles,
Philadelphia. Winners pay postage.
Submit all bids or inquiries to:
Rick Hicks, 425 New York St.,
Huntington, WV 25704

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1966 Twins,
Red Sox [fair to good condition];
1969 Tigers, Red Sox, Indians, An-
gels, Royals, Phillies, Expos,
Reds, Dodgers, Astros, Padres
[fair condition, writing on five
or six]; 1970 20-player teams,
Red Sox, Tigers, Indians, Angels,
A's, Royals, White Sox, Senators,
Cubs, Phillies, Expos, Dodgers,
Giants, Braves, Astros, Padres
[fair to good condition]; 1971 Red
Sox, Tigers, Indians, White Sox,
Angels, Twins, Cardinals, Cubs,
Phillies, Reds, Astros; N.L. good
condition, A.L. excellent condi-
tion; 1972 20-player teams, A's,
Red Sox [excellent condition];
1973 24-player teams, Tigers, Red
Sox, Orioles, Yankees, Indians,
White Sox, Twins, Royals, Angels,
Rangers, Cubs, Cardinals, Expos,
Phillies, Astros, Dodgers, Braves,
Giants, Padres [excellent condition];
1973 20-player teams, Red Sox,
Padres, Expos, Pirates, Astros,
Cardinals, Cubs, Giants, Reds, A's,
Dodgers, Orioles [excellent condi-
tion]. Basketball - 1972-73 Hawks,
Blazers, Kings, Bucks, Sixers, Suns
[excellent condition]; 1973-74 Suns,
Lakers, Bucks, Warriors, Kings,
Braves, Cavaliers, Sixers, Bulls,
Hawks, Pistons, Blazers, Sonics,
Rockets [excellent condition]. Bid

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by team or season, in any combination. Bidding ends Oct. 15. Winners and SASE answered. Call 215-538-0241, or mail to: Steve Smith, 236 W. Broad St., Quakertown, PA 18951

FOR SALE: Sold as sets, S-O-M Pro Football cards - 1973, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978 seasons. Good to excellent condition. Send bids to: Joseph Kolengowski, 4501 W. 150th St., Cleveland, OH 44135

FOR SALE: 1971 and 1972 complete sets of baseball, including additional players. Both sets in mint condition. Send bids to: David Kessinger, Lovers Lane, Riviera Apts. A-6, Bowling Green, KY 42101

FOR SALE: 1972 Dolphins; 1973 Dolphins; 1974 Patriots, Steelers, Raiders, Chargers, Cowboys, Eagles, Cardinals, Lions; 1975 Bills, Steelers, Chiefs, Broncos, Cowboys, Vikings, Bears, 49ers, Rams; 1976 Colts, Dolphins, Bills, Steelers, Browns, Oakland, Broncos, Chargers, Redskins, Vikings, Bears, Lions, Rams, 49ers; 1977 Colts, Patriots, Dolphins, Steelers, Bengals, Oilers, Browns, Broncos, Raiders, Seahawks, Cowboys, Redskins, Eagles, Cardinals, Vikings, Bears, Rams, Saints; 1978 Patriots, Dolphins, Jets, Bills, Steelers, Oilers, Browns, Broncos, Chargers, Cowboys, Chiefs, Eagles, Bears, Falcons, Saints, all six old timer teams ('58 Colts, Giants, '60 Eagles, '62 Packers, '63 Bears, '65 Browns). All teams are in good to excellent condition. Teams may be purchased separately or in a group of your choice. All teams which are still available at Strat-O-Matic are each 50¢. All the teams can be purchased as a group. The person who bids the most will receive a S-O-M Pro Football Free! I have a price in mind for each team and I will sell to the first person who meets my price or to the highest bidder by the end of the month. Send bids to: Greg Alexopoulos, 3826 Crestwood Drive, Northbrook, IL 60062 (phone: 312-498-3686 or 312-498-4195). All six old timer teams can be purchased for \$2.75 or individually

For 50¢.

FOR SALE: Basketball - 1973-74 season (first year issued by S-O-M), mint condition (all game parts available). Football - 1971 season (four non-starters missing), fair to excellent condition. S-O-M Reviews dating back to 1971. Available: 1971 May, Aug., Oct.-Dec.; 1972 all except June, Oct.; 1973 Jan., Feb., April, June, July; 1974 Nov.; 1975 all; 1976 all except July; 1977 all except May; 1978 all except Feb., March; 1979-80 all available. Send bids to: Mike McConchie, 905 Plateau Lane, Raleigh, NC 27609

FOR SALE: 1975 baseball set with extras; excellent condition. Brooks Robinson and Tony Oliva cards autographed. Only \$26.00 [postpaid]. Write: Ira Wolins, 517 Stuart Hall, University Park, PA 16802

FOR SALE: 1968 Dolphins, Bengals, Packers, Chargers, Browns, Raiders, Giants; 1969 Patriots, Falcons, Eagles, Oilers, Chargers, Packers, Broncos, Bengals, Saints, Lions, Browns, Bills, Giants, Steelers, 49ers, Cards, Bears; 1970 Broncos, Saints, 49ers, Falcons, Bills, Raiders, Chargers, Rams, Oilers, Browns, Patriots, Bears, Jets, Steelers, Packers, Eagles; 1971 Raiders, Dolphins, Lions, Colts, Rams, Patriots, Chiefs, Bills, Steelers, Chargers, Falcons, Bengals, Browns, 49ers, Redskins. Minimum bid is \$1.50. Teams are in good condition. Bids answered after the 15th. Scott Brown, 9 Millstone Road, Randallstown, MD

FOR SALE: 1977 through 1979 full baseball sets. Will sell individual teams at \$1 a team or individual players at 30¢ a player. Players include: Rod Carew (.388), Lyman Bostock (.338), Tommy John (20-7, 2.78), Nolan Ryan (2.77, 341 strikeouts). Buyer must pay postage. John Howard, 811 Oak Court, Port Hueneme, CA 93041

FOR SALE: Selling off old S-O-M Football teams, all in good to excellent condition. Teams may be bid upon individually or by set, specifying league and year of set

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bid upon. Teams being sold include: 1969 Cincinnati, Atlanta; entire set of AFC/NFC 1970 and 1971; NFC only 1972; both AFC/NFC 1973, and the following 1974 teams: Miami, Buffalo, New England, Oakland, Denver, Pittsburgh, Minnesota, Los Angeles, Dallas and St. Louis. Send bids to: Tom Shirley, 358 Bonesteel St., Rochester, NY 14616. SASE guarantees reply. Bid deadline Oct. 31.

FOR SALE: 1975 Sporting News Baseball Guides. Both for \$24. Write: Ken Castro, 22 Baker St., Bristol, RI 02809

FOR SALE: Football - complete sets 1970, 1971, 1973; 1967 Saints, 49ers, Steelers, Eagles, Cardinals; 1968 Falcons, Lions, Vikings, Giants, Cardinals, Redskins, Eagles, Broncos, Patriots, Dolphins, Bills, Saints. Baseball - complete sets (extras included) 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974; 1940 Reds; 1950 Yankees, Phillies; 1953 Dodgers; 1954 Giants, Indians; 1957 Braves; 1960 Pirates; 1961 Yankees; 80 Hall of Famers; 1974 extras. Have many assorted football-baseball singles. Comprehensive list available. Basketball - 1972-73 Bullets, Knicks, Lakers, Bucks, Celtics; condition excellent to mint. Games available, too. Send bids by end of month. John Visser, 1564 Temple Drive, Ambler, PA 19002 (phone: 215-646-2026)

FOR SALE: S-O-M Baseball game. Includes all game parts, 42 old timer teams, Four Hall of Fame teams and 69 teams from 1975-1979. Price: \$35.00, includes postage and handling. S-O-M Pro Football game. Includes only teams, six old timer teams and 143 teams from 1970-1978. Price: \$50.00, includes postage and handling. S-O-M College Football game. Includes all game parts, 24 old timer teams and eight bowl teams from 1977. Price: \$10.00, includes postage and handling. If interested, call or contact: Jim Kniaz, 8615 Dale, Center Line, MI 48015 (phone: 1-313-756-1695)

FOR SALE: Original basketball

teams in excellent condition representing 1972-73 season. Football teams in good condition for '74 season. Hockey sets in excellent condition for 1977-78 and '78-79 seasons. The following baseball sets all including extra players: 1971, '72, '73, '74, '75, '76, '77, '78, '79. 1971 and '72 seasons in fair condition; all others good to mint condition. Individual teams will not be sold from any season for anything appearing in this ad. Highest bidders will be notified only. Deadline for bids November 1. Robert Jostes, 1447 Burr Oak Rd., Homewood, IL 60430

FOR SALE: Here's a deal that you cannot pass up. 1974 Tigers and White Sox [excellent condition]; complete 1979 cards with extras; 1978 cards with extras; 1977 cards with extras; 1976 Royals, Orioles, Red Sox, Twins, A's, Yankees, Indians (two sets of each), plus all other assorted players and teams from the 1976-77 seasons. I will even throw in 18 old timer sets free. I have invested \$50-60 originally; will sell as a complete set for \$45. All inquiries will be answered. Send check or money order. I will pay postage. Keith Miller, 318 Dale, Willard, OH 44890

FOR SALE: 1971, 1972 baseball sets; no extras; mint condition. Bid on entire sets only. Will accept best bid by Oct. 1. Send bids to: Alan Stern, 2582 Clovermere Road, Oceanside, NY 11572

FOR SALE: I have complete football sets from 1967 to 1976. Also more than 30 additional teams from that era ['67-76] available. Prices start at \$2 per team and are negotiable. I'm also interested in any baseball teams or individual cards from 1960 to 1967. Robert A. McGregor, 443 Churchill Road, Girard, OH 44420

FOR SALE: I have miscellaneous players for sale. They range from 1975-1979. I will sell them on teams to the first offers [please list alternate choices in case they are already sold]: Mariners, 25 players, 75¢; Indians, 30 players, 75¢; Yankees, 35 play-

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ers, \$1.00; Twins, Braves, Astros, Cardinals, Expos, Angels, White Sox, all 40 players, \$1.00; Mets, Red Sox, Padres, Blue Jays, Pirates, Brewers, all 45 players, \$1.25; Dodgers, Phillies, Rangers, 50 players, \$1.25; Orioles, A's, Tigers, Giants (Orioles, Tigers - 55 players; A's, Giants - 60 players), all four \$1.50 each. Write: James T. DeCicco III, 920 Fairview Dr., Toms River, NJ 08753 (or call: 201-270-0614)

FOR SALE: The 1973 NFL football teams. They are complete and in good condition, but two teams are missing, San Francisco and Buffalo. Would prefer trade for 1962-1968 baseball teams. I'm looking for the 1963 Dodgers and Giants, 1964 Cardinals and the 1966 Orioles. Send offer to: Bob Flaherty, 3 Lakeview Avenue, Ellington, CT 06029

FOR SALE: Complete S-O-M Baseball game with two sets of 1979 cards with one set of additional players. Old timer teams: 1965 Twins, 1962 Mets, 1961 Yankees, 1965 Dodgers, 1961 Reds, 1967 Cardinals, 1962 Giants, 1960 Pirates, 1961 Tigers and 1967 Red Sox, plus all four sets of Hall of Famers; all of this for \$25 postpaid. If interested, send check or money order to: Richard York, 1291 Christine Terrace, Madison Heights, MI 48071

FOR SALE: Football - 1973 Detroit, Miami, Cincinnati, Los Angeles, Pittsburgh, Minnesota, Washington, Dallas, Oakland and Buffalo (missing two Bills' cards, backup quarterback and backup running back; I don't know names). Sold as a set only. 1975 football complete; sold as set. 1976 football complete; sold as set. Baseball - 1973 complete A.L., except for Cleveland; includes extras; some writing on cards; sold as set. 1974 - Yankees, Texas, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Detroit, Minnesota, Pittsburgh, Atlanta, St. Louis, Houston; no extras; sold as a set only; some writing on cards. 1977 - complete baseball with extras; some writing on cards; sold as set. 1979 - complete baseball with

extras; sold as set. Basketball - 1976-77 basketball, complete; sold as set. Send bid and SASE to: Tom Pranschke, 45 Mill St., Westwood, NJ 07675. No reasonable bid will be ignored. All letters answered.

FOR SALE: 1979 baseball; American League, plus Pirates, Mets, Cubs. In excellent condition (no extras). Will sell to highest bidder by 15th of month. Highest bidder will receive, as a bonus, the 1975-76 Cincinnati Reds and assorted players from the 1977-78 season. In good-excellent condition. Also selling 1978 football--all teams for sale except Vikings. Teams are in excellent condition. Will sell for \$13.00. Please contact: Ivan Chang, 12401 63rd Avenue North, Maple Grove, MN 55369

FOR SALE: "S-O-M Baseball Newsletter" which includes a more than 450-word report on playing tips. It explains what moves you should make and why. Plus information on the new national Strat-O-Matic Fan Club, and more. Send just 50¢ to: Joe Duffy, 60 Blanchard Road, Marlton, NJ 08053. Ask for newsletter #1.

FOR SALE: S-O-M Football teams, 1967 through 1975. Condition good to excellent. I have a price in mind for each team and will sell either to the first person who meets my price, or to the highest bidder by the end of the month. Mike Bordelon, 5445 Braesvalley #724, Houston, TX 77096 (phone: 713-721-5465)

League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: Need five managers in a six-team PBM league. You get one team and 15 draft choices. List 10 teams in order of preference. We'll be playing 160-game schedule. Only apply if you're reliable and got time. Send to: Kim Keene, 438½ North 15th, Sebring, OH 44672 (phone: 216-933-9771). Entry fee is \$10.

LEAGUE FORMING: Looking for 12 managers for a PBM draft baseball league using the 1979 players from the American and National Leagues. This will be a year-to-year league with rookie drafts. Experience not required, but reliability is. If

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you are interested, call: 704-279-5444 weekdays before 2 p.m., weekends before 6 p.m. Rick Foster, Rt. 7, Box 552, Salisbury, NC 28144

LEAGUE FORMING: Burlington County, NJ, area; face-to-face league looking for managers to draft teams. We use cards based on most recent season only. Presently have six teams for 1981 season. League starts play approximately March 1, 1981. Call: Barry Buyers (609-871-7451) or Jim McHugh (609-499-9032).

LEAGUE FORMING: Looking for managers for a face-to-face, advanced baseball league in the Rhode Island area. We will be using A.L. with extras. A 162-game season will be played. Costs will be minimal. Trophy to be awarded to World Series winner. Many additional rules to be decided upon at first league meeting. Send a small resume on how many years you have been playing S-O-M, age and let me know if you are dependable on coming to play every week. Write: Steven Venditelli, 22 Lavaughn Street, Providence, RI 02909 (phone: 401-272-1721, after 5:30 p.m.)

Contests

CONTESTS: The World Basketball Tournament is here! It is a play-by-mail, triple-elimination tournament. The basic version will be used. No previous play-by-mail experience is necessary. I will use each coach's play sheet and play all of the games. A special ranking system will be used to give coaches of poor teams just as good of a chance to win the championship as the coaches of strong teams. You need to own only the 1979-1980 team you plan to coach. The first prize is \$15. I will send you full details as soon as I receive your \$2 entry fee, the name of the team you plan to coach, a self-addressed stamped envelope, and a list of the 1979-1980 teams that you do not own. Send to: Chuck Gilardi, 1066 Annapolis Drive, San Mateo, CA 94403. All entries must be

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HOCKEY

1977 - 18 teams. Cost: \$8 for set, 65¢ per team.

Good time had by all at convention

Summertime was again convention time for the East Coast Baseball Association, a PBM league in its seventh year of S-O-M gaming. Ten of the 12 members gathered at the home of current commissioner, Larry Fryer, in Hamburg, PA.

And again a good time was had by all as the managers "lived baseball" for a week-end.

Average age of the league members is 23. All but three of the managers have been in the league three or more years, attesting to the stability of the ECBA.

Making the trip to Hamburg were, from New York, Dan Hoffman ('Father of the ECBA,' with over 700 career wins), Larry Mendelsohn, Bill Cox and Ralph Hebb (whose one great love is the Boston Red Sox).

Attending, and from near Hamburg, were, in addition to Fryer, Tom Beltz, Jim Beltz, Ken Reaser, Kevin Fisher and Rick Zapf.

Fryer admits to being addicted to stolen bases and walks, plus he's a big fan of Keith Hernandez. Tom Beltz will long be

remembered for the time he gave up 10 draft picks to obtain Chet Lemon. Jim Beltz, meanwhile, always has good pitching and and 1's up the middle. Ken Reaser is the proud owner of 23 sets of dice, ranging in size from microscopic to semi-boulder. Kevin Fisher wore a different hat each day of the convention, while Rick Zapf was chastised by his dice-rollin' comrades for missing opening day at the convention...to be with his girl friend.

Only members not able to attend were Benny Min and Jeff Gromis, both of whom reside in California. Enough said.

Highlight from a playing standpoint was a no-hitter by Bill Caudill of Reaser's Berks Thunderbolts. Reaser was heard to say afterwards, "I don't care what happens the rest of the year, this makes my whole summer!"

Another highlight was Mike Schmidt (property of Hoffman) slamming his 200th ECBA career home run. There was also a softball game, with a couple of the wives partaking of the action.

It was another memorable convention and, as Fryer put it, "another chapter entered in the [ECBA's] 'Archives of Success.'"



EAST COAST BASEBALL ASSOCIATION: DAN HOFFMAN (PRONE POSITION); FIRST ROW, FROM LEFT, LARRY FRYER, JIM BELTZ, LARRY MENDELSON, BILL COX, TOM BELTZ. SECOND ROW, KEVIN FISHER, RICK ZAPF, RALPH HEEB, KEN REASER.

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Tournament scoreboard

Here are the latest results from Steve Beren's Gold Cup Challenge series [see August Review, page 14]: The following are first-round results.

- * Scott McGregor, Liberty, MD ['77 Reds, +14; '77 Angels, -14] vs. Michael Keeley, Maplewood, MN ['75 Cards, +2; '73 Pirates, -2]. A 2-2 split so both advance into second-round. McGregor swiped 20 bases in 20 attempts, while Keeley outscored McGregor, 17-12, outthimered him, 6-1.
- * Brian Shea, Baltimore, MD ['79 Orioles, +45; '77 Blue Jays, -53] vs. Rick Guzman, Phoenix, Arizona ['78 Tigers, +10; '78 Expos, -10]. Guzman won 3-1 and advances, Shea is eliminated, although both scored 15 runs and Shea had 5-4 home run advantage.
- * Robert Lind, Rockland, ME ['77 Dodgers, +34; '77 Mets, -34] vs. Keith Fosness, Detroit Lakes, MN ['71 Pirates, +32; '71 Padres, -39]. Fosness wins series 3-1 and advances; Lind is eliminated.
- * James Keeley, Owosso, MI ['79 Tigers, +9; '78 Astros, -14] vs. Robert James, Los Angeles, CA ['78 Dodgers, +28; '78 Mets, -30]. Keeley won 4-0, including one-hitter by J.R. Richard in game No.3, a 3-0 victory over the Mets. Keeley, district manager for H & R Block [the tax people], had 10-8 record in 1979 Gold Cup Series.
- * Adam Karasik, Brooklyn, NY ['71 Pirates, +32; '79 Mets, -36] vs. Jim Schwanebeck, Baltimore, MD ['74 Red Sox, +6; '73 Braves, -9]. Series was split so both advance. Schwanebeck was Gold Cup runner-up last year. Phil Niekro and Tom Hausman went distance in 15-inning marathon won by Braves, 2-0.
- * Tom Swank, Passaic, NJ ['78 Dodgers, +28; '79 Mariners, -28] vs. John Roggie, Bay Shore, NY ['79 Pirates, +34; '79 Mets, -36]. Swank wins 3-1 and advances. His pitchers had string of 26 scoreless innings.
- * Keith Adams, Rockford, IL ['79 Indians, +1; '79 Cubs, -2] vs. Scott Argo, Media, PA ['79 Rangers, +2; '77 Indians, -19]. Argo sweeps series 4-0 and becomes only second Gold Cup rookie to do so.
- * Michael Lindlau, East Orange, NJ ['77 Astros, .500; '77 Cubs, .500] vs. Steve [Boom] Johnson, Lima, OH ['71 Angels, -10; '73 Cards, .500]. Johnson, defending Gold Cup champion, wins 3-1 and advances. Johnson now has 33-14 record in Gold Cup competition.
- * Tom Mills, Santa Monica, CA ['79 Cards, +10; '71 Angels, -10] vs. Skuli Johnson, Winnipeg, Manitoba ['79 Rangers, +4; '79 Dodgers, -4]. Johnson sweeps series 4-0 and advances. Johnson, an 18-year-old student of administrative studies, was 6th last year in Gold Cup.

Here are the final results from Chuck Gilardi's [San Mateo, CA] 1980 World Football Tournament. Entry fee ranged from \$1.50 to \$1.75, depending on quality of team selected. Tourney attracted eight entries, with inner, Anthony Johnston, receiving \$10 first prize.

- * Championship game - Miami [Anthony Johnston] d. N.Y. Giants [Arthur Reggiano III], 37-31. Johnston finished with 4-0 record, Reggiano 2-2 in double-elimination meet.
- * Third and Fourth-round results - Miami [Brent Novak] d. Green Bay [Larry Scotti], 26-13. Miami [Johnston] d. Houston [Mark Reinbolt], 38-6. N.Y. Giants [Reggiano] d. Miami [Novak], 24-20. Houston [Reinbolt] d. Green Bay [Scotti], 22-3.
- * Second-round results - Green Bay [Scotti] d. Dallas [Doug Petty-piece], 13-7. Philadelphia [Gilardi, who was subbing for coach who dropped out] d. Houston [Steve Beren, Gold Cup Series organizer], 20-9. N.Y. Giants [Reggiano] d. Houston [Reinbolt], 37-0. N.Y. Jets [Gilardi] d. Miami [Novak], 24-10. Miami [Johnston] d. Kansas City [Gilardi], 36-20.

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S-O-M league, replay scene

NORTH AMERICAN BASEBALL LEAGUE - Recently completed its fourth and best season--all managers who started season, finished it--reports Rick Helwig, Hanover, Ontario...NABL is continuous draft league, with 25 players protected each year...advanced version is played, with some innovations, such as Bryan Baker's popular split-number dice system... NABL is divided into American and National Leagues, with the N.L. a two-divisional setup...managerial lineup: A.L. - Jim Dewey (Spokane Fat Cats), Jeff Lewis (Fresno Reds), Rick Helwig (Hanover Jay's), Stephen Woods (Oak Bay Lancers), Brian Webster (Van Isle Totems), Dave Black (Hanover A's) and John Botting (Neustadt Cardinals); N.L. - Jeff Moritz (Spokane Mets), Barry Willmore (Stratford Festivals), Jeff Lewis (Fresno Stars), Rob Norris (Hanover Barons), Webster (Victoria Shamrocks), Brian Cheffins (Cdn. Club), Stewart Arneil (Oak Bay Del.) and Helwig (Hanover R.R.'s)...Webster, Dewey, Moritz and Helwig are all charter members... 23-page yearbook included everything one would want to know about NABL-- it was a slick, well-organized production...all three division winners won by 14-game spreads...Jim Rice of Spokane Fat Cats won MVP laurels for second straight year, hitting .387 with 46 homers, 19 triples, 152 RBI and 110 runs scored...Mike Caldwell (24-6, 2.11) of the Fresno Reds was Cy Young Award winner...Tommy John of the Spokane Mets had the only no-hitter, the Fifth in NABL history...the playoffs saw Van Isle rise up from fourth-place and knock off the Reds for the A.L. title, with the Spokane Mets stopping Stratford in the N.L...in the finals it was the Mets winning out in seven games with Dave Winfield MVP after collecting 11 hits in 28 at-bats and driving in nine runs.

Standings and leaders:

N.L. East					N.L. West						
W	L	GB	Avg	ERA	W	L	GB	Avg	ERA		
Spokane Mets	105	57	-	.291	3.21	Victoria	93	69	-	.271	3.68
Stratford	91	71	14	.269	3.88	Oak Bay	79	83	14	.256	4.08
Fresno Stars	78	84	27	.273	4.20	Canadian Cl.	74	88	19	.268	3.65
Hanover Barons	73	89	32	.257	3.55	Han. Road.	65	107	38	.244	4.54
A.L.					Batting						
Spokane Fat Cats	112	50	-	.266	3.15	Rice SFC	.387				
Fresno Reds	98	64	14	.270	3.04	Winfield MET	.3514				
Hanover Jays	90	72	22	.257	3.90	Madlock FEST	.3513				
Van Isle	85	77	27	.260	3.52	Parker CC	.327				
Oak Bay Lancers	82	80	30	.252	3.72	Boone MET	.320				
Hanover A's	53	109	59	.232	4.93	2B: Clark FEST 52; Fisk JAY 49 3B: Rice SFC, Templeton CC and Parker CC, all 19 R: Rice SFC and Bonds JAY 110 SB: DeJesus OAK 68/94; Lopes BAR 64/80					
Neustadt	47	115	65	.240	4.68						
Home Runs					RBI						
Rice SFC	46	Rice SFC			152	Wins Palmer SFC 27-13 Caldwell RED 24-6 Seaver MET 23-11 Swan FEST 20-3 Goltz SFC 20-5 Strikeouts: Richard CC 329; Guidry TOT 270; Seaver MET 265 Saves: Welch FEST 34; Fingers SHAM 29; Tekulve					
Foster BAR	46	Winfield MET			141						
Bonds JAY	43	Foster BAR			106						
Jackson LAN	42	Fisk JAY			104						
Thomas JAY	39	Nettles SFC			103						
		Jackson LAN			103						
ERA (based on 100 IP)											
Caldwell RED	2.11										
Garber RED	2.24										
Guidry TOT	2.33										
Richard CC	2.34										
Comer STAR	2.41										
John MET	2.55										

Playoffs: Semifinals (NL) - Spokane Mets d. Oak Bay Delicious, 3-1; Stratford d. Victoria, 3-1. Semifinals (AL) - Van Isle d. Spokane Fat Cats, 3-1; Fresno Reds d. Hanover Jays, 3-1. N.L. final - Mets d. Stratford, 4-2. A.L. final - Van Isle d. Fresno Reds, 4-2.

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MAINE LINE - Face-to-face baseball league that calls Portland, ME, home...eight managers, 162-game season...draft league using players from 1970-1979 real-life seasons...has now completed seven seasons--with charter members being Ron Dionne, Kevin Malia, James Vance and Steve Muslawski...biggest news emitting from Maine Line was Rod Carew hitting .406 and sharing the spotlight was Champ Summers clubbing 64 home runs and driving in 166 runs (Champ was obviously not limited as to at-bats).

Standings and leaders:

	W	L	GB	Batting	Home Runs
Red Sox [Henry Vance]	105	57	-	Carew RS	.406 Summers RS 64
Reds [Rene Custeau]	100	62	5	Summers RS	.361 Foster RED 49
Angels [Steve Muslawski]	87	75	18		Thomas RED 49
Dodgers [James Vance]	81	81	24	RBI	
Yankees [Charlie Hartman]	77	85	28	Summers RS	166
Twins [Kevin Malia]	70	92	35	Rice DOD	139
Rangers [Ron Dionne]	66	96	39		
Royals [Hank Hartman]	62	100	44	2B: Brett ROY 47	
				3B: Carew RS, Templeton RS. 22	
				R: Morgan RED 154	
				SB: Lopes DOD 86, Morgan DOD 81	
ERA		Wins		K: Ryan YANK 392, Richard ROY	347
Blyleven RS	1.72	Blyleven RS	32	SA: Sutter RS 42	
Guidry RED	1.87	Seaver RS	25		
Seaver RS	2.07	Guidry RED	23		
Richard ROY	2.11	Lolich RS	23		

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS 1978-79 REPLAY - Randall Witt of Franklin, TN, kept complete statistics in guiding the Penguins through an 80-game season...those cold weather birds wound up 33-34-13 overall, although going 21-15-4 on home ice...Peter Lee led the Penguins in scoring with 38 goals and 34 assists for a 72-point package; Greg Malone was 32-38 for 70 points as Witt's stats were more realistic than many of the inflated scoring totals turned in for individuals in most replays...four of Rick Kehoe's 28 goals came in one memorable game...Pittsburgh whipped Colorado in all four of their meetings and was 2-1-1 against the world champion Canadiens, but the Islanders were its nemesis, plucking the Penguins four times without a loss...Dennis Herron logged most of the action in goal, playing 3,273 minutes and producing a 3.38 goals-allowed average. Herron was 22-20-12 in the nets, while Greg Millen was 11-14-1 with a 3.64 average...Pittsburgh had 260 power play opportunities, converted 23.1 percent, while opponents had 209 and converted 28.2 percent...Pittsburgh was outscored 3.48 to 3.35 per game...Lee, along with being the leading scorer, also had 14 power play goals and five game-winning goals.

HACIENDA HEIGHTS S-O-M LEAGUE - Latest venture for this face-to-face league that operates out of Hacienda Heights, CA, was eighth 60-game replay...all teams were drafted from vast collection of cards owned by commissioner John M. Borack...His father, John F. Borack, won regular-season playoff, defeating Brian Norman, 5-3, and then in the playoffs (for which all six teams qualified), John F. disposed John King in the finals, four games to one...Roy Campanella of Borack's team was playoff MVP after batting .371 (13 for 35), smashing six homers and driving in 10 runs...During the regular-season, Joe Morgan batted .305, scored 52 runs and hammered 17 homers, Bobby Murcher had .309-15-41 stats and Willie Stargell had 16 HRs, 46 RBI to lead John F. Borack to the title. Sandy Koufax was 'ace' of staff with 9-5 record...other highlights and lowlights included: Roger Maris' 19 homers, 17 by Ernie Banks, Luis Tiant going 10-4 and Roberto Clemente hitting .345 for Brian Norman; Elston Howard and Bill Madlock batting .325 each for John King, but Mickey Mantle, Willie Mays, Willie McCovey and Hank Aaron were major disappointments with averages of .226, .250, .251 and .240, respectively...Rod Carew of John M. Borack's team was league's leading hitter with .371 average; George Foster tied for HR crown with 19 and led in RBI with 55; but

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George Brett and Frank Robinson were sub-par....221 team batting average spelled disaster for Randy Cross' team, despite pitchers such as Tom Seaver (6-7, 4.19) and Nolan Ryan (5-9, 7.04)...Hank Reets finished last as Dave Parker, team's 'superstar,' batted mere .261 with seven homers... Larry Dierker (John King's team) hurled only no-hitter, shutting down league champs. Dierker finished with a 3-6 record and 4.41 ERA.

Standings:

	Won-Lost	GB		Won-Lost	GB
John F. Borack	34 27	-	John M. Borack	30 30	3½
Brian Norman	33 28	1	Randy Cross	27 33	6½
John King	32 28	1½	Hank Reets	25 35	8½

CANADIAN STRAT-O-MATIC FOOTBALL LEAGUE - Ready to embark on 11th season after the Dallas Cowboys, coached by commissioner Allan Ropchan, breezed through the face-to-face league's 10th campaign undefeated...Cowboys defeated AFC champion New England in the Super Bowl, 23-13, to complete the perfecto...Canadian League is largest face-to-face league in S-O-M world and Ropchan said the latest season "was perhaps the best yet"...Pittsburgh, in case you're wondering what happened to the real-life champs, did win the AFC Central with a 14-1-1 record, scored a league-high 531 points, but fell to Miami in the playoffs, 20-17...Tom Newton guided Tampa Bay to a 7-8-1 record and was rewarded by being named Rookie Coach of the Year...Ropchan won the best defense award, as the Cowboys allowed only 188 points, and was selected Coach of the Year by his peers... Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, is "home" for the Canadian League.

Standings and playoff results: (based on 1978 cards)

NFC East	W	L	NFC Central	W	L	T	NFC West	W	L
Dallas	16	0	Chicago	8	0	0	Atlanta	12	4
Washington*	8	8	Tampa Bay	7	8	1	New Orleans*	8	8
Philadelphia	7	9	Detroit	7	9	0	Los Angeles	6	10
NY Giants	7	9	Green Bay	7	9	0	San Francisco	3	13
St. Louis	7	9	Minnesota	5	11	0			
AFC East	W	L	AFC Central	W	L	T	AFC West	W	L
New England	12	4	Pittsburgh	14	1	1	Seattle	13	3
Miami *	12	4	Houston *	10	5	1	Denver	10	6
NY Jets	10	6	Cincinnati	6	10	0	Oakland	7	9
Buffalo	6	10	Cleveland	5	11	0	San Diego	6	10
Baltimore	0	16					Kansas City	5	11

* Wild card

Playoffs NFC - New Orleans 24, Washington 20; Atlanta 24, Chicago 17; Dallas 42, New Orleans 0; Dallas 33, Atlanta 3.

AFC - New England 20, Seattle 19; Miami 25, Houston 7; Miami 20, Pittsburgh 17; New England 24, Miami 7.

MINI 1978 BASEBALL REPLAY - Bob and Pete Fray of Nazareth, PA, took six teams and played 48-game season...Phillies, thanks to a 12-game win streak, won out by two games over second-place New York Yankees...Dave Kingman of third-place Chicago Cubs dominated the hitting categories, belting 21 home runs and knocking in 47...Lou Piniella of the Yankees led in average with .361 mark while Ron Guidry had the most wins (10), strikeouts (92) and lowest ERA (1.29)...Rod Carew of the Twins swiped 36 bases.

Standings:

	W	L	GB		W	L	GB
Philadelphia	31	17	-	Minnesota	22	26	9
NY Yankees	29	19	2	San Diego	20	28	11
Chicago Cubs	29	19	2	California	13	35	18

New York had best team batting average (.285) and also lowest ERA (3.14). Kingman's home run and RBI totals, as well as Guidry's wins and ERA were all league records.

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Tournament scoreboard

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* First-round results, World Football Tournament: Miami (Johnston) d. Los Angeles (Gilardi), 30-24, in overtime; Houston (Reinbolt) d. Dallas (Pettypiece), 41-14; Miami (Novak) d. Houston (Beren), 28-13; Green Bay (Scotti) d. N.Y. Giants (Reggiano), 12-7.

In the championship game (which Gilardi submitted a play-by-play, the same as used by the pros and colleges), Bob Griese threw two touchdown passes for Miami and Joe Pisarcik hauled a pair and scored once on a short run for the surprising New York Giants.

Other tournament highlights included Miami tight end Andre Tillman catching 18 passes for 145 yards (for Brent Novak) in 28-13 win over Houston...Griese completing 22 of 44 passes for 333 yards and three TDs (for Anthony Johnston) as Miami crushed Houston, 38-6...and Johnny Perkins of Giants catching 10 passes for 228 yards, two TDs in 24-20 loss to Miami.