

STRAT-O-MATIC REVIEW

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Countdown to opening tipoff under way

Strat-O-Matic's newest creation, the revamped pro basketball game, will be coming your way soon.

And it should provide you with everything you always wanted in a basketball game, but were afraid to ask for them for fear of how long it would take to play.

The Review editors have not played the new game, nor have they actually seen it. But we have had an opportunity to examine the playing instructions, see the new cover that will go on the game box, and pore over some of the sample cards, both individual and team.

First major change noticed is that a 60-card action deck activates play, rather than dice, and that the dice are used only in shooting situations. The concept is similar to that used in the hockey game.

The action cards are loaded with action, too, as the upper portion is divided into "Home" and "Visitor" sections as to what type of action is occurring ("Switch-Defender LG (C) Any open shot," or "Inside shot only for player positioned inside"). There's also a section if the opponent is pressing. And, finally, there's a "control" section, whereby the offensive team is in a normal situation or fast-breaking or even in possession after a successful press.

It's not a case of one result per action card, either, as many times the cards will be referred to on the current play and then the following play.

The action deck is also used to time a game, with 60 cards consisting of a quarter (two minutes equals 10 cards). Cards are always dis-

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carded face up "as additional information on crucial plays and control for the next shot will be obtained from that card."

MANY CHOICES ON 'D'

On offense, a coach can position a maximum of two players inside while any number can be positioned outside. The right forward and left guard are assumed to be your better shooters at those positions.

On defense, however, the choices are many. A team can play close, normal or sag. Also, one player should be designated to play inside (usually the player with the highest block rating).

Here's S-O-M's description of the defenses:

Close - reduces the offensive team's outside shooting efficiency and increases its penetration effectiveness.

Sag - increases the offensive team's outside shooting efficiency and restricts its inside effectiveness.

Normal - all-purpose defense that does not weaken itself in one area in order to stop a specific type of shot or player.

A fourth option is a pressing defense in which a team is deployed after a successful field goal or free throw or any stoppage of play. The defense moves a disc on the playing board on to the press circle and it's in effect. Results again come from the action card.

MORE OFFENSE, TOO

The game has not only been expanded as far as defense; offensively it has been opened up, too.

Players are rated for outside shooting, penetration shots, rebound and inside shots, and fastbreak shots. Each shooting category is a single column, with the former close and back columns being dispensed with.

At the top of each player card there is also a free throw shooting rating and also a rating for three-point field goal attempts--with those similar to the former game.

The dice used for field goal shots (other than a three-point attempt) are different. Two white dice are still combined to find out a number reading. But a larger black die has various readings. The black die has two "D" results, one "X" and three blanks.

A blank reading results in the white die being combined and checking the appropriate column on the shooter's card for the result. If the die yields a "D" reading, then refer to the opposing team's defensive card to the column that describes the shot attempted.

A die yield of "X" means refer to the "X" column of the defensive player guarding the shooter. In other words, here's when a defender's defensive prowess, or lack of, comes into play. Defenders are rated against outside shots, penetration, inside shots and fastbreak--plus ability to block shots.

PASSING ALSO IMPORTANT

The players are also rated for rebounding, assists, shooting tendency (inside, outside, etc.) and passing. Passing this time falls into two categories: (1) normal play situations, and (2) fastbreak situations.

Overriding all the changes, however, is the fluidity of play. This was S-O-M creator Harold Richman's No. 1 goal in restructuring the basketball game. Testing results always brought out the 'flow' of the game.

"We're sure everyone who likes basketball will like the new game," says Richman. "It has everything that pro basketball has--fast-breaking, pressing, blocked shots--and the flow is beautiful. 'I'm very excited about it."

Richman also admits that the exhaustive amount of testing done on the basketball game has caused the game company to fall far behind in some of its other projects. The hockey cards, for instance, will be out later than usual, probably very close to the time the basketball cards and game become available.

And then there's the 1956 baseball season--S-O-M's project for the winter--which the game company plans to have ready by early next year.

This PBM league has some better ideas

With the opening face-off soon to occur, it might be of value to many gamers to understand some of the innovative ideas incorporated by the Florida Gold Coast Hockey Association (FGCHA).

First off, Bob Lopeck, Miami, FL, is and has been commissioner for the three years of the FGCHA's existence. What's unique about Lopeck is not only that he is super-organized--to the zenith degree, in fact--but that he does not coach a team in the PBM league that he organized.

"I have never coached any team in the FGCHA and have no intention of coaching (or holding) any franchise," he says. "Second, no coach that is in the FGCHA lives within 1,200 miles of me, therefore creating no conflicts of interest."

As far as the FGCHA itself, it's a draft league that plays 80 games, has no entry fees or dues and will start its fourth season with 16 coaches, and 12 of the original 14. As far as the draft, 15 players are protected from the previous season's roster and then rookies, free agents and players out loose are drafted.

Another innovative idea that has worked extremely well is that coaches fill in a strategy sheet at the beginning of the season and at the half-way point. They're sent to Lopeck who checks them out to make sure they conform to FGCHA and S-O-M rules, and then Lopeck photo-copies them and sends copies to every coach.

"Every team plays 40 games at home each season," adds Lopeck. "These 40 games are broken down into 10 playing periods (each one is 13 days long). The four games that each coach plays each playing period are against four different teams." Lopeck adds that this method eliminates the constant sending back and forth of strategy sheets.

All scoresheets for each playing period are sent to Lopeck who then prepares a newsletter/report containing all results as well as league notes, etc.

RANGERS GET THEIR MAN -- AND TITLE!

Lopeck swings into action, as far as rolling dice, with the playoffs, as he plays all games through the first three rounds. All the coaches get into the playoff act after that and through a draw may play one or two games after that.

The latest FGCHA champion turned out to be Steve Scott's California Rangers -- Cinderellas on ice, really -- as they rose up from last place in Division 2 during the regular-season (with a 24-40-16 record) to skate through the playoffs.

Ten of the 15 teams in the FGCHA qualified for the playoffs last year, with points the determining factor. The Rangers, although finishing fifth in Division 2, had more points (64) than the third-place Islanders (60) in Division 3.

The opponent for the Rangers in the Cloverleaf Cup Playoffs finals was the Thurston Eagles, coached by Carey Allen of Redford, MI, a team that wound up runnerup (44-25-11) in Division I and featured the awesome forward line built around Gay Lefleur and a defense featuring Tony Esposito in goal.

Main strength of the unheralded Rangers was in the forward line of Orest Kindrachuk, Richard Martin and Dave Taylor.

In the best-of-seven-game series it was the Rangers winning in a surprising five games. They dropped the opener, 4-2, then evened the series at 1-1 by capturing a double-overtime thriller, 4-3, after Taylor had scored twice to erase a 3-0 Eagle lead and tie the count at 3, Bill Barber ended matters with a goal at 1:17 of the second overtime.

Barber, Martin and Taylor each scored twice in an 8-5 romp in game No. 3; the Rangers unloaded 43 shots on goal in a 6-2 runaway in No. 4 and then wrapped it up, 6-3, tallying five times off nine shots in the opening period.

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Martin rang up a sensational 24 goals in 22 playoff games and totaled 35 points, while Taylor had 18 goals, 26 assists and topped playoff scorers with 44 points. Kindrachuk had 33 points. The "Terrible Trio" obviously played a key role for the Rangers.

FGCHA SPANS COAST TO COAST

The FGCHA coaching lineup features gamers from Canada (naturally!), Pennsylvania, Michigan, New York and California--in other words many of the franchises are separated by close to 3,000 miles.

A new addition this season is Stephen Herring, who promises to make the FGCHA even stronger. Herring "runs what I consider to be the best FBM hockey league around, the Western Canada Summer Hockey League (WCSHL)," says Lopeck.

Here is the FGCHA's coaching lineup, replete with home towns and team names:

John Helmbrecht, West Springfield, PA (Springfield Aces, Cloverleaf champions in 1979-80); Jerry Banko, Erie, PA (Erie Blades); Dave Lubera, Grosse Pointe Shores, MI (Grosse Pointe Norsemen); Mark Hunter, Pembroke, MA (Pembroke Red Wings); Bob Dornier, Philadelphia, PA (Dacron Dumptrucks); Peter Stein, Flushing, NY (New York Islanders); Joe Nixon, Mount Vernon, NY (New York Nighthawks); Mark McLaughlin, East Weymouth, MA (East Weymouth Skatamoks)...

Cam Sebastian, Calgary, Alberta (Saint Albert Barons); Gary Trudell, Moosonee, Ontario (Moosonee Mallards); Neal Walters, St. Albert, Alberta (Alberta Northern Lights); Carey Allen, Redford, MI (Thurston Eagles); Dennis Martin, San Diego, CA (San Diego Gulls); and Andy Hirschhorn, Roslyn Heights, NY (expansion team).

Most Valuable Player for 1980-81 was Bob Sauve of the Moosonee Mallards. Overall he appeared in 43 games and had a 2.60 goals-per-game average in the nets. He had seven shutouts, was credited with assists 17 times and had a 28-5-8 record. And on the road, where it's always difficult to win in PBM leagues of any kind, Sauve had a remarkable 21-3-7 record.

Standings and leaders:

<u>Division 1</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Home Rec.</u>	<u>Away Rec.</u>	<u>Goals</u>	
Mallards	55	12	13	123	29-7-4	26-5-9	Gare MM	71
Eagles	44	25	11	99	25-9-6	19-16-2	MacAdam EB	71
Barons	42	30	8	92	25-11-4	17-19-4	Middleton MM	71
North.Lights	26	45	9	61	10-25-5	16-20-4	Lafleur TE	70
Beachcombers	19	50	11	49	6-25-9	13-25-2	Shutt SDG	70
<u>Division 2</u>							<u>Assists</u>	
Gulls	40	26	14	94	22-10-8	18-16-6	Ruskowski OD	92
Blades	40	28	12	92	22-10-8	18-18-4	Gretzky EWS	86
Norsemen	38	31	11	87	21-15-4	17-16-7	Walter ANL	83
Aces	36	29	15	87	24-12-4	12-17-11	K.Nilsson MM	82
Rangers	24	40	16	64	12-16-12	12-24-4	Dionne EWS	81
<u>Division 3</u>							<u>Ratelle SDG</u>	<u>81</u>
Skatamoks	40	29	11	91	19-15-6	21-14-5	<u>Points</u>	
Dumptrucks	36	25	19	91	21-12-7	15-13-12	Middleton MM	150
Islanders	26	46	8	60	13-24-3	13-22-5	K.Nilsson MM	149
Red Wings	20	43	17	57	14-16-10	6-27-7	Trottier SAB	140
Nighthawks	21	48	11	53	11-26-3	10-22-8	Dionne EWS	139
<u>Goals Avg.</u>					<u>Power Play Goals</u>		<u>MacAdam EB</u>	<u>134</u>
Sauve MM	2.60				Dionne EWS	28	<u>Gretzky EWS</u>	<u>130</u>
B.Smith EB	3.50				Lafleur TE	27	<u>Lafleur TE</u>	<u>126</u>
Cheevers OD	3.59				K.Nilsson MM	25	<u>Game-Winning Goals</u>	
D.Edwards GPN	3.65				<u>Shutouts</u>		Gare MM	11
Gilbert EWS	3.66				Sauve MM	6	MacDonald SAB	11
Esposito TE	3.71				Esposito TE	4	<u>Shutt SDG</u>	<u>11</u>
Meloche EWS	3.74				<u>Shots/Goal Avg.</u>			
Millen SDG	4.00				Sauve MM	10.50		
					D. Edwards GPN	8.86		
					Esposito TE	8.77		

Readers roll 'em

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NO TINKERING...

Now that the players' strike is over, I guess it's a moot point. But just in case there is any question, I would like to see the game company put out a set of 1981 cards pro-rated for a full regular season.

It looks like most teams will get in close to 100 games, so they may be able to put out a set based on those stats without any tinkering. One way or another, I would like to see a 1981 set of cards.

Carl Kieke
118 Orange, #2
Abilene, TX

STILL WILL PLAY 162 GAMES

Strat-O-Matic should put out a set of baseball cards regardless of how many games are played.

My friend and I have decided we will figure the percentage of games played of 162 and multiply that by the number of at-bats or innings pitched and still play a 162-game schedule.

David Lamski
1919 Bluebird Lane
Munster, IN

'WASTE OF PAPER'

I am against having S-O-M print cards next year based on this year's strike-shortened season. My gut reaction is that it would just be a waste of paper on S-O-M's part.

I'd rather see it do something creative, like print an entire past season, or even a minor league or two.

Furthermore, in hockey, I'd love to see the 1980 U.S. Olympic team put on cards, so that we hockey fans could recreate Lake Placid over again.

Barry Gross
1471 Winslowe Dr.
Palatine, IL

'STRAT-O-MATIC STRIKE'

My idea for what S-O-M should do if the strike destroys the baseball season is for it to come out with a new game called "Strat-O-Matic Strike."

You would get cards for Marvin Miller, Ray Grebey and Kenneth Moffett. You also buy a 26-card set of player representatives and 26 team owner cards. Also included is a miniature negotiating table and a 40-card deck of "rejected proposals cards."

The only problem I foresee with this game is the playing time...it would take two months.

Dennis Menard
447 Elm St.
Montpelier, VT

Editor's note: Reader Menard is just kidding...we think.

RATE 'EM ALL!

We now know the strike is over, but that doesn't have any bearing on my answer.

I believe S-O-M should rate every player who plays in the major leagues, no matter how many times he bats or how few innings he pitches.

I will limit the players' games [at-bats, innings, etc.] in my league. To sum up, even if baseball was limited to 10 games in one year, S-O-M should rate every player and let the gamers decide how to use them.

Carlton Andrews

NEW CARDS FOREVER

Whether the season is based on 54 games, 100 or whatever, S-O-M should print a card set. I will buy the set no matter how many games it is based on.

Bob Giles
Frankfort, KY

AVERAGE THE STATS

I will briefly try to relay the opinions of my father, brother and myself.

We believe that the only fair way to put together a fair set of cards based on 50 to 70 games would be to take the stats from the shortened season and average them with last year's stats.

In the case of a rookie, project them to what they would realistically be for a normal playing year.

In closing I would like to
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say that the strike not only hurt baseball and America, but also hurt Strat-O-Matic fans. Mostly we are anxious for the strike to end and looking forward to what S-O-M comes out with for baseball cards next year.

Terry Ringen
Beattie, KS

Editor's note: Ringen's letter was penned before the strike had ended, as were some of the other letters.

SHORT SEASON TOO SHORT

I think next year's cards should be based on a player's past performance, not just what he did during this short season.

Rookies should be estimated, much like what S-O-M did with the 1976 expansion teams.

One more thing, prices (for items for sale) in the Review are too high for most of us to afford anything. I think something should be done about this. Just two years ago I bought a complete football game, based on '72 season, for only \$5. Now, some of those teams alone are being sold for five times that much.

David Stewart
Rt. 2
Roby, TX

SLOW MAIL IN THE WEST

I read in a recent Review about a west coast reader having trouble bidding for teams because they're already sold.

Well, I too live on the west coast and have the same problem. I wish the Review would send the west coast Reviews out a day earlier.

Also, does Strat-O-Matic ever plan to increase the number of "old timer" teams that it offers? A few suggestions for additional teams might be: 1914 Boston Braves, 1933 Washington Senators, 1948 Boston Braves, 1950 Boston Red Sox and the 1959 Chicago White Sox.

Paul Bressoud
Arcata, CA

Editor's note: Because of complaints from a number of west coast readers, the Review will likely be sending first-class copies out one day earlier. As

far as more old timer teams, S-O-M will not be coming out with new sets until at least 1983--the 1956 season is the project for 1982.

60-75 PATTERNS?

I think S-O-M should go back to its variety of card patterns. But instead of 12-13 card patterns, why not 60-75 patterns or more?

Steve Pauck
Milwaukee, WI

GRID CARDS UNATTRACTIVE

Please, please, let's do something about the football cards. For at least the fifth straight year the specialist cards look bad.

Why doesn't S-O-M make the cards like it did before 1975, or thereabouts? I'm talking about the kickoff/punt return numbers for the opposition (7, 8, 12). The cards from '74 look extremely sharp and more streamlined than those of today.

Granted, this is a very petty affair, but it almost seems as if the company doesn't care about the cards. Also, I spend hours every year trimming cards down with a rule and knife to get them to a uniform size.

As for the baseball strike, I don't care anymore. It has turned me off to even the tabletop game and I have a renewed interest in the football game now. The football game is definitely the best on the market, although it could use a few shots in the arm concerning penalties, more kicking strategy and appearance.

Also, let's push for more of the out-of-the-ordinary. Quarterbacks' running cards do not always have "must run" chances; yet most of them have run at one time or another.

O. dela Fuente
Irving, TX

Editor's note: As far as card appearance, S-O-M, like anyone who has their printing done outside of the company, is at the "mercy" of that party. Since you have registered a complaint about card appearance, perhaps S-O-M will pass it on to the printer.

S-O-M NEEDED NEXT SUMMER

Even though the season may last just over 100 games, the game
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should print the 1981 baseball season. Cards could be adjusted by past performances, like second-string quarterbacks in the football game.

Leagues wanting to play 162 games could play 140 or 150% of real-life at-bats or innings pitched. A shorter season may not be 162 games, but without Strat-O-Matic Baseball the summer just wouldn't be the same.

Bob Baty

NO TO ROSTER SHEETS

I think it would be a waste of space in the Review to reprint old roster sheets. What I would do, however, is make the reprinted sheets available to gamers at a cost of maybe 25¢ per sheet.

You may also want to publish something like a "Roster Directory," which would have all the old roster sheets reprinted. My vote is for the Review to reprint old roster sheets, but not in the Review.

With regard to the changing of the batters' patterns, I think the best part of the '81 cards is the weird hitting cards on the Pirates, Braves, etc.

I think the game company should keep the same 12 or 13 hitting patterns, but change what pattern the best hitter gets for each team so not all the best hitters have the same type of card; something like the N.L. of '81, which were great cards.

Bruce Kutler
4431 Baltimore Ave.
Philadelphia, PA

LOST SEASON

Here is my suggestion to the S-O-M Company for the baseball season of 1981.

S-O-M should print the cards, with stats for as many games that will have been played and to offer them to all gamers at a reduced price.

I feel the season has been a "loss" for all baseball fans, including S-O-M, and I think we should all play it as such. The company should suffer the loss also, as we gamers are. This season of 1981 will always be remembered as "The Year of the

Strike."

Ed Tafelski
54755 Elder Rd.
Mishawaka, IN

Editor's note: Printing costs and expenses related to utilization of computers, etc., to construct the cards, have nothing to do with length of season. Asking the game company to take a loss would be far more harmful to S-O-M than lost revenue to the owners because of the baseball strike. The owners are still in baseball--but it's doubtful that S-O-M would be if it took a financial "loss."

DISLIKES BASIC FOOTBALL

I am writing to complain about the basic version of S-O-M Football. I have played a number of games since I bought the set from a local department store. The two teams that were included were the '78 Seahawks and '78 Vikings.

It seems like every game I played (with a friend), the winner scored over 30 points every time. At first I thought that it was because we (the defense) never read the offense.

But the last game we played was it! My Vikings read his Seahawks over 75 percent of the time and vice-versa, yet he still got long gain after long gain (by rolling a "5" on Minnesota's defensive card). And when he didn't read my runs, I would always roll fives off my own card (fumble).

I think there should be serious changes made with the game (at least the basic version).

Anonymous
Peoria, IL

Editor's note: The last game "Anonymous" refers to ended up Seattle 83, Minnesota 34. Since we do not (and have not) played the basic version, we cannot comment on the realism of the basic game. The advanced and super-advanced versions are realistic--we can vouch for that--as well as very challenging to the coaches. Our only suggestion would be, if dissatisfied with the basic version, move on to the advanced.

TOO MANY ADS

The Review should cut down selling and buying ads and devote more space to letters and replays.

Larry Kidd

James Sanders gets money's worth⁸

Gary policeman spent \$800 to stage Bostock Memorial

It may have been just one small step on the tournament trail, but James Sanders' Lyman Bostock Memorial Tournament opened an avenue-full of friendships.

The tournament, held August 8 in Gary, IN, where Bostock was shot to death a few years ago, attracted only 19 gamers. But they came from five states and showed such enthusiasm that Sanders, rather than being dejected, was so elated by the happenings that he's already at work mapping out plans for another tourney in April.



JAMES SANDERS (CENTER) IS SHOWN WITH TOURNEY WINNERS AND RUNNERS-UP (FROM LEFT): MIKE KASHICH, PAT TAFELSHI, RANDY BIGELOW, CRAIG DASHUT

around the outfield grass. "It was made by a personal friend of mine. The next tournament will also feature a "Lyman Bostock Football Field."

Two of the tournament participants, Steve Brown and Gary Peck, arrived Friday night from Ohio. "When they arrived that evening and knocked at my door," relates Sanders, "I pretended to have no knowledge of James Sanders or the Strat-O-Matic Tournament. As they were disgustedly turning to leave, I flashed a million dollar smile and welcomed them."

The two spent the evening talking S-O-M and poring over Sanders' vast collection of football teams.

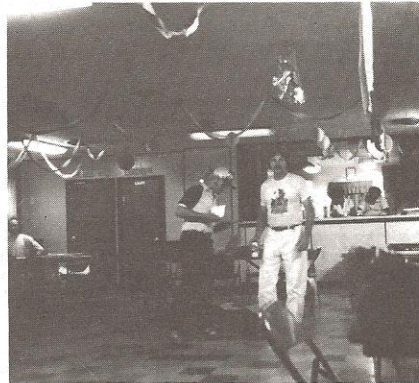
As far as the actual tournaments, actual teams were used in both baseball
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"I personally spent over \$800 setting up the tournament, rental of the site, trophies, food and drinks, telephone calls, etc.," says Sanders. "The people I met and the great time we had was well worth the price."

Accommodations were first-class all the way as not only was the tournament held in a spacious hall, but refreshments were provided and the hall decorated. Only thing missing was musical entertainment.

A first-class tournament, for sure!

Sanders, the Gary policeman and S-O-M enthusiast who made it all happen, says that many old timer teams were on display, plus all the Super Bowl football teams. Sanders also, as part of the mood setting, constructed the "Lyman Bostock Field," which was built on a 4' x 4' piece of plywood and was replete with grass (green carpet) and a plastic home run fence glued really nice," adds Sanders. "It was



JIM PERKINS (LEFT, EDMORE, MI) AND GARY PECK (HAMILTON, OH) LOOK OVER CARDS IN DECORATED HALL IN GARY

[advanced] and football [super advanced]. All the teams, in other words, were powerhouses.

In the baseball, each team played the others once and then the two managers with the best records met in a best-of-seven World Series. Sanders didn't enter this tournament, opting instead for football, but two Californians--Joe Garcia from Fresno and Brad Bains from the same city--were participants. The California duo obviously traveled the farthest of anyone to roll 'em.

Finalists in the baseball turned out to be Mike Kasrich of Lake Station, IN, with his '75 Reds and Pat Tafelski, also from the Hoosier state, residing in Mishawaka, and his '77 Reds. Pat breezed through the Series in four games, winning by scores of 6-1, 8-5, 2-1 and 2-0.

Luke Kraemer, another Hoosier (West Lafayette), ran the baseball tournament for Sanders. The two had met through the Review, reported Sanders.

'68 JETS FOOTBALL CHAMPS

The football tournament attracted eight coaches and many of the greatest teams ever, including the '62 Packers (coached by Brown) and '58 Colts (coached by Peck). Also entered were '72 Miami (Joe Craig, Gary, IN), '71 Dallas (Jim Perkins, Edmore, MI); '69 Kansas City (Randy Bigelow, Edmore, MI), '79 Pittsburgh (Joe Dragovich, East Chicago, IN) and '68 Baltimore (James Sanders).

Coaching the '68 Jets was Craig Dashut of Clarendale, IL.

It was double-elimination--and that was a good thing for '69 Kansas City as the Chiefs, after being humbled 48-17 by the Packers in the first round, came out of the losers bracket and almost won it all.

Sanders didn't originally plan to play, but filled in when another gamer couldn't make the scene. Oh, and Sanders proved to be an excellent host when it came to gaming, being eliminated early as the '68 Colts lost to the '68 Jets (40-27) and '69 Chiefs (26-16).

The Super Bowl turned out to be a classic, pitting the once-beaten '69 Chiefs and unbeaten '68 New York Jets. The Jets had reached the finals by routing '68 Baltimore, nipping '62 Green Bay (25-23) and squeezing past '72 Miami (32-31).

It all came down to the last play of the Super Bowl in a fitting windup as the Jets, trailing 20-16 and with the ball on Kansas City's 31, struck for the winning touchdown when Matt Snell, the Jets' fullback, hauled in a pass from Joe Namath.

Sanders describes the scenario as follows: "Randy went into a 3-man line with an extra defensive back placed in the long pass zone. Craig rolled a pass rush on long pass and rolled an '8', the only number he could have rolled to win!"

WIDE RANGE OF OCCUPATIONS

Sanders, in closing, pointed out that voluminous stats were kept but that he didn't feel the rest of the S-O-M world would be interested. "Stats are nice. But to me it was more important that people traveled so far for this event and had such a great time. Everyone who participated has vowed to come back and to bring friends who couldn't make it this time."

Gamers in attendance ran the gamut as far as age and occupations. Youngest gamer was 15 and the oldest (Ed Tafelski, Pat's father) 46. Occupations ranged from students in high school (is that an occupation?), policeman, postal carrier, computer analyst, farmer, steelworker to pin-ball machine repairman.

Here are the results of the advanced football tournament:

Winner's bracket - '72 Miami 13, '71 Dallas 10; '79 Pittsburgh 17, '58 Baltimore 14; '62 Green Bay 48, '69 Kansas City 17; '68 Jets 40, '68 Baltimore 27. '72 Miami 39, '79 Pittsburgh 24; '68 Jets 25, '62 Green Bay 23. '68 Jets 32, '72 Miami 31.

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Advertisements

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Wanted

WANTED: Baseball - 1966 Orioles and Dodgers; White Sox, years 1973, 1974, 1975. Will pay reasonable price. Send to: Ben Gerber, 319 Gentry Park Forest, IL 60456

WANTED: Our league, the Blue Hen Play-By-Mail Baseball Association, would like to challenge our all-star team against any other league's all-star teams. Half the series would be played by your league, the other half by our league. For more information contact: David Fox, 122 Halloween Run, Newark, DE 19702 [1-302-368-3512]

WANTED: Pittsburgh Steeler S-O-M teams 1976 and older. Especially want 1972, 1974 and 1975 teams. Also buying Brewer teams 1975 and older. Condition isn't a major factor. Please state price, year and condition in your letter. Contact: Kent Kirchstein, 112 Helen St., Sauk City, WI 53583

WANTED: Complete 1973 baseball set with extra players. Teams must be in good condition. Send prices to: Steve Johnson, 519 Willow St., West Barnstable, MA 02668

WANTED: 1976, 1977 and 1978 S-O-M Baseball cards (with extra players). The condition doesn't matter. I'm willing to trade (see my For Sale ad). Contact: Mike Goldstein, 8449 N. 1st Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85021, or phone 602-997-9259.

WANTED: Baseball, complete sets, 1961-69 seasons. Extras if available. Will pay any reasonable price. Send prices to: M. Hines, 4619 Sunflower Road,

Apt. 125, Knoxville, TN 37919

WANTED: 1963 Minnesota Twins, Chicago White Sox, New York Yankees; 1964 Chicago White Sox, New York Yankees, and any loose players from 1963-1980. Chris Rosen, 731 Bergen St., Philadelphia, PA 19111 [215-745-5247]

WANTED: The Sporting News Baseball Guides - 1978, 1971, 1970 and prior to 1969. The Sporting News Baseball Registers - prior to 1978. The Sporting News Football Guides--1975, 1972 and prior to 1970. The Sporting News Football Registers--1977, 1976, 1975, 1973, 1972 and prior to 1971. Send offers to: Gerard Smedinghoff, 341 Townsend Hall 1010 W. Illinois St., Urbana, IL 61801. All letters answered.

Editor's note: The above ad was printed because it was the second of a two-month ad. The Review, because the crush of ads received the past few months, will no longer be able to print ads that do not directly relate to S-O-M products.

WANTED: Desperately need the following football teams: 1972 Dolphins, Raiders, Redskins, Steelers; 1973 Dolphins, Vikings, Rams, Redskins; 1975 Raiders, Bengals, Oilers, Bills, Dolphins, Cardinals, Cowboys, Redskins; 1976 Vikings. Will pay any reasonable price. Contact: Chuck Nyren, 5615 Gatewood Lane, Greendale, WI 53129 (phone: 414-529-3617)

WANTED: All S-O-M American League teams from 1972 through 1977. Also 1978 Milwaukee Brewers. Send inquiries to: Gavin Reid, 3710 SE Concord Rd. #74, Milwaukie, OR 97222 (phone: 503-654-9035)

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WANTED: Either 1967 or 1968 S-O-M Baseball sets, American League only. Would like roster sheet included, if possible. Will pay your price. Send conditions and price to: Matt Cohn, 875 East-over Drive, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48013

WANTED: Any readable condition baseball - 1975 teams or complete set; 1974 Milwaukee, Kansas City; 1976 Milwaukee, California, Oakland. I have some 1971-74 teams for sale or trade. Rob Schellhaas, 13 Anderson, Ft. Stewart, GA 31313

WANTED: 1970 Phillies; 1971 Phillies; 1973 Dodgers, Giants, Red Sox, Orioles, Twins; 1974 Phillies. Send terms on team[s] to: Ron Brammer, 2504 NE 52nd Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64118

WANTED: 1973 and 1977 complete baseball teams with extras. Must be in excellent condition and reasonable price. Need fast money? Give me a call at 219-337-5087 anytime. Or write: Ted Hansen, Co. Rd. 60 R. 1, St. Joseph, IN 46785

For Sale

FOR SALE: Football, complete with game parts. Just '79 season but in mint condition. Instructions and roster sheet included. Will respond to all bids. Send to: Steve Schulmeister, 237 Wellington Ct., Crystal Lake, IL 60014

FOR SALE: 1967 Orioles, Tigers, Yankees; 1968 Angels, Indians, Orioles, Senators, Tigers, Twins; 1970 A's, Twins, Orioles, Cards, Cubs, Braves, Giants, Pirates; 1971 Brewers, Red Sox, Tigers, Reds, Padres; 1972 Braves, Reds, Brewers, Padres, Pirates, Red Sox, Rangers, Royals, Twins; 1973 A's. Will sell to highest bidder or will trade for 1967-1970 football teams. Reply before Nov. 1, 1981. Martin Chittum, 2420 N. Dousman St., Milwaukee, WI 53212

FOR SALE: 388 basketball cards from 1975-76 and '76-77 seasons, \$16. 605 baseball cards from 1977 and '78 seasons, \$18. 1976 football season, \$29, and 1977 football season, \$26. 1977-78

hockey season, \$22. 1968 baseball teams have about 40% of cards with writing on them, Cubs, Reds, Phillies, Atlanta, Los Angeles, \$4.25 each; 1971 baseball teams in good condition, Boston, Los Angeles, California, Houston, Montreal, Cleveland, Detroit, A's, Cincinnati, San Diego, \$4 each; 1971 baseball teams, Milwaukee, Cleveland, Texas, Kansas City, St. Louis, San Francisco, Montreal, \$3.50; 1973 baseball, Los Angeles, Houston, \$3.50; 1974 baseball, Montreal, Philadelphia, Mets, Atlanta, San Diego, San Francisco, Texas, Minnesota, California, White Sox, Kansas City, Baltimore, Boston, Detroit, Milwaukee, Yanks, Cleveland, \$3.25 each; 1975 baseball, Yanks, Baltimore, Boston, Detroit, Milwaukee, Texas, Oakland, Kansas City, White Sox, Minnesota, California, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Atlanta, San Diego, Houston, \$3.25 each; 1976 baseball, Cleveland, Texas, California, Minnesota, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Houston, San Diego, San Francisco, \$2.75 each. All items postpaid and sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. Bill Salter, 31270 Wildwood Apt. 2209, Wixom, MI 48096 (phone: 313-669-4945)

FOR SALE: 1970 complete, Football teams; 1972 Dolphins; 1973 and 1976 miscellaneous football teams. Send bids to: Ron Brammer, 2504 NE 52nd Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64118

FOR SALE: Baseball, complete 1978, 1979, 1980 A.L., N.L. with extras. 1977 A.L., N.L., few missing players; 1976 all teams except Reds, Padres, Phils; 1974 Tigers, White Sox--no extras. Bid on sets only, or take the whole bunch for \$75 (includes postage). Send bids to: Keith Miller, 318 Dale, Willard, OH 44890 (phone: 419-935-1760)

FOR SALE: Baseball 1971-74, '66-69 Pittsburgh. Send for list of teams to bid. Enclose SASE. Rob Schellhaas, 13 Anderson St., Ft. Stewart, GA 31313

FOR SALE: How to play by mail! Comprehensive six-page report ready now! Send \$2 to: Bob Warsinski, 17471 Revere St., Southfield, MI 48076

FOR SALE: Hockey, complete (hardly used), 1978-1979 New York Islanders, (continued)

New York Rangers, Detroit Red Wings, Toronto Maple Leafs, Atlanta Flames, Montreal Canadiens. Best offer as of Oct. 31, 1981 will win. Once bid is outbid, I will inform you of the highest bid, so include SASE. Send bids to: Bob Kourtakis, 28944 W. King William Dr., Farmington Hills, MI 48018

FOR SALE: Following complete baseball seasons without extras: 1968, 1969, Baseball seasons with extras: 1970, 1971, 1972, 1976, 1977. Following 1967 teams: California, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago Cubs, San Francisco, Washington, Baltimore, Minnesota, Atlanta, NY Yankees, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Cleveland. All cards mint condition. Following complete football seasons: 1968, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1973. Teams from 1970: Detroit, San Francisco, Minnesota, Dallas, Denver, Oakland, Miami, Washington, Kansas City, St. Louis, NY Giants, Baltimore. All cards mint condition. Complete original 1972-1973 basketball game. All game parts, never used, in original shipping carton. All old timer and original Hall of Fame baseball teams. Bids accepted for two weeks from Review delivery date. Enclose SASE for reply and instructions. Set bids will have priority over single-team bids. Bonus: 88 assorted individuals from 1965 season as a bonus to highest single bid. Mike Nadeau, 3663 Partridge Path #6, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 [phone: 313-971-9221]

FOR SALE: Baseball, 1973-1979; hockey, 1977-1979; football, 1972-1973; S-O-M Reviews, 1978-1981--you name it, I'll sell it. I need room for new cards and I don't use the old ones, so they are on the open market. All cards except 1974-75 are complete, with extras, in excellent to mint condition, and are sold each year separately [some 1974 and 1975 players are missing; so you pay one price for both years]. Please bid on full-year sets only, not individual teams. The Canada-wide postal strike, now over, has forced me to re-open the bidding. All cards must be sold, but no cards will be sold

until all bids are in--so everybody is guaranteed a fair and equal chance to buy the cards. I will answer all offers. Winning bidders receive special bonus. Working deadline is Friday, Oct. 16. Serious bidders only please. Write: Louis Rakita, 4675 Circle Road, Montreal, Quebec, H3W 1Z2, or if you prefer, call 514-487-2428. Why delay? Write today.

FOR SALE: Complete 1969 baseball [mint, no extras]; complete 1970 baseball [mint, no extras]; complete 1972 baseball with extras [mint]; complete 1976 baseball with extras [mint]; complete 1977 baseball with extras [mint]; complete 1977 baseball [mint, no extras]. Highest bids win. Bids close 10/30-/81. Send bids to: Joel Salzman, 3911 Carrel Blvd., Oceanside, NY 11572, or call me at: 516-536-5728 between 6-10 p.m.

FOR SALE: Five-page S-O-M super advanced football playsheet. Covers everything from 2-minute offense to defense inside the 20 to ball-control offense. You can't lose [unless your opponent has a sheet like this, too]. Send \$3.50 to: Anthony Giacobbe, 15 Welles Ct., Staten Island, NY 10301

FOR SALE or TRADE: 1963 complete baseball plus over 400 football and baseball teams. Will trade for Topps baseball cards. SASE ensures reply. Ron Smith, 4414 Walton Farms Dr., Richmond, VA 23229 [phone: 804-270-9390]

FOR SALE: 1969 baseball set [no extras]. In good condition except for writing on a couple of cards. Will accept from highest bidder. Jim Becher, 381 Mason Ave., Haledon, NJ 07508

FOR SALE: Convert your 1971-1976 advanced Strat-O-Matic teams to use the advanced fielding chart. "E" ratings are given for all players and positions. The cost is \$1.25 for all players in one year or \$6 for all six years. Joe D'Aniello, 749 Wethersfield Ave. B2, Hartford, CT 06114

FOR SALE: 1969 Orioles, Dodgers, Yanks, Cubs [all good condition]; 1970 Orioles [mint], Red Sox [fair]; 1971 Pirates, A's, Yanks [all mint]; 1972 NL and AL [mint]; 1973 NL and AL [mint]; 1974 NL and

AL (mint); 1975 NL and AL (mint); 1976 NL and AL (mint); 1977 NL and AL (mint); 1972-77 sold only as sets. Will accept highest bids. Will respond to all bids. Dave Mendonca, 3198 Mattos Ave., San Jose, CA 95132

FOR SALE: S-O-M Basketball card sets, 1974-75 and 1979-80 (in excellent to mint condition; many are unused). Also, various 1976-1978 football teams. And, various 1975-1978 baseball teams including the '77 and '78 Yanks; the '75 Reds and several more. I'm willing to trade [see my wanted ad]. Send all offers to: Mike Goldstein, 8449 N. 1st Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85021, or call 602-997-9259

FOR SALE: Want the edge over your opposition for the upcoming football season? Acquire THE rating system for the new 1980 individual cards. This system assigns a numerical rating for every QB, running back and receiver. Who has a better card--Campbell or Payton? No guesswork necessary with THE system. The higher the number--the better the card. THE system allows for cross comparisons of talent. It will answer who is more valuable, Sipe or Campbell. THE system developed by instructor having a Masters Degree in Science. Send \$5 to: Brian Bacik, 11804 Glamer Dr., Parma, OH 44130

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1920s/1930s old timers (6 teams - \$3); 1940s old timers (6 teams - \$3); 1950s/1960s old timers (8 teams - \$4); 1966 Dodgers and Orioles; 1967 Cards, Red Sox, Cubs and Tigers; 1969 Mets and Orioles, and 1971 Orioles (8 teams - will accept best offer); A AL and NL Hall-of-Famers (2 teams - \$1); 1927 Yanks (1 team - 50¢). Football - Old timers (6 teams - \$3). David Clarke, Jr., 9821 Cypress-made Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043

FOR SALE: S-O-M Football teams, 1968-1977. The teams will be sold individually, not as complete sets. Most teams are in good to excellent condition. If you meet my price, I will sell immediately. Lower bids will be decided by the end of the month. J.

Borden, 5445 Braesvalley, #724, Houston, TX 77096 (713-721-5465)

FOR SALE: 1974 football, all teams, mint; '73 football, all teams, excellent; '72 football, all teams, excellent; '72 Miami [very good]; '70 49ers [very good]; '69 Eagles [good]; '69 NY Giants [vg]; '68 Lions [good]; '68 Joe Namath [vg]; '68 Vikings [minus Billy Martin], vg. Baseball: 1971 Pirates, Braves [both vg]; '68 White Sox, Red Sox, Angels [19], Indians, Orioles, Tigers, Yanks, Twins [19], Pirates, Dodgers, Cubs, Cards, San Francisco, Reds, Oakland, Mets [overall vg]; '67 San Francisco [good], Baltimore [good], Twins [fair]; '66 Twins [good], Indians [good], San Francisco [fair], Pirates [fair]. Preference given to those bids which are for sets. Send offers to: Gary Boetticher, 3401 Brook Road, Richmond, VA 23227

FOR SALE: The 1981 advanced version football scouting report. The report includes: (1) average yards gained and fumble ratings for running backs and team defensive cards; (2) completion percentage and average yards gained per completion for quarterbacks, receivers and team defensive cards; (3) average kick return for returners and team defensive cards; (4) average yards per punt; (5) kicking ratings for extra points and field goals. To order yours, send \$5 to: David L. Smith, 11213 Fairfield Rd. W., Minnetonka, MN 55343

FOR SALE OR TRADE: I will buy, or trade from my assortment of S-O-M Baseball (1966-1980). I also have extras from 1971, '74, '75, '76, '79 and a large assortment of loose players from 1965-1980 that are available. Chris Rosen, 731 Bergen St., Philadelphia, PA 19111 (phone: 215-745-5247)

FOR SALE: Teams based on the following seasons. Football: 1968 Packers, Cowboys [missing Bob Hayes], poor condition; 10 1969 AFL teams, fair; 1972 Redskins, Bears, Dolphins, Steelers, good; 26 1974 NFL teams (Colts missing Raymond Chester), good. Baseball: 1971 A's, Giants, 20 players each, fair condition; 1972 Red Sox, White Sox, 20 players each, fair; 24 1973 teams, 24 players each,

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plus 4 extras (580 total players), Fair. Basketball: Complete 17 1972-73 NBA teams, fair condition; complete 17 1973-74 NBA teams, fair; complete 18 1974-75 teams, good; complete 18 1975-76 NBA teams, good. Back issues of S-O-M Review: 1972 Jan., April, May, June, July, August, Sept., Dec., condition fair; 1973 Feb., April, June, fair; 1974 May, June (missing last page), July, August, Oct., Nov., poor; 1975 complete, April and June missing last page, fair; 1976 complete, May and June missing last page, good; 1977 complete, good; 1978 Jan., Feb., good. All teams and issues will be sold individually to the highest bidder except 1969 AFL, 1974 NFL and 1973 baseball, which will be sold in sets. Bidding ends Oct. 30. We pay postage. Send bids to: James Prevett, 1335 West Malone, San Antonio, TX 78225

FOR SALE: Football - 1967 Cards, Eagles, Redskins, Giants, Bears, Cowboys, Lions, Rams, Saints, Falcons and Browns; 1968 Raiders, Browns and Vikings. \$ each. Also 1968 Jets and 1967 Steelers and 49ers all of which are missing specialist cards. \$2.50 each. Will consider any reasonable offer or possibly trade for any Packers except: '67, '68, '72 and '77 on, or for the '73 Braves. I'm also looking for any avid S-O-M fans that are attending the University of Iowa and would be interested in forming a league or having a tournament. All inquiries will be answered. SASE appreciated. Jim Klein, 1438 Burge Hall, Iowa City, IA 52242 (phone: 319-353-1580)

FOR SALE: Following will be sold in sets only: 1978 baseball and 1979 baseball. Both sets with extras and very good condition. 1977-78 and 1979-80 hockey (never used). 1977 football, very good condition. 1975-76 and 1974-75 basketball, very good condition. Also 1973-74 Golden State and Philadelphia basketball teams, \$3.50 each (first come, first serve on these only). Send bids to: Bob Natale, 380 Mountain Road, Union City, NJ 07087

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1970 American League, Astros, Braves,

Cards, Cubs, Dodgers, Expos, Mets, Giants, Padres, Phils; 1971 A's, Braves, Brewers, Cubs, Expos, Indians, Reds, Red Sox, Senators, Twins, White Sox; 1972 Reds; 1978 Yankees; 1979 complete. Hockey - 1977-78, 1978-79, 1979-80 complete sets. Basketball - 1974-75 complete. Football - 1967 Bears; 1968 Bears, Chargers, 49ers; 1971 Steelers; 1972 Browns, Chargers, Cowboys, Raiders, Rams, Vikings, Redskins; 1973 Bills (writing on one card), Cowboys, Cards, Dolphins, Rams, Redskins, Steelers; 1974 Bills, Chargers, Cowboys, Rams, Raiders, Vikings, Steelers; 1975 Bills, Steelers, Cowboys; 1976 all teams except Broncos. All cards are in good to excellent condition. Everything must go; send bids to: John Walsh, 453 Cornell Ave., Pemberton, NJ 08068

FOR SALE: Computer statistically developed chart and ratings of each team's punter of 1980 pro football season, permitting you to be statistically accurate when attempting to punt the football inside opponent's 20-yard line. With ratings, chart, no longer does a poor punter have an advantage. Send \$1.85 to: Larry Duisberg, M.A., 2712 Tomoka Avenue, Titusville, FL 32780

League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: LBOESOML needs managers for Reds, Cardinals and Mets. No fees. 60-game schedule. Write for details and state preferred teams, to: Mark Guerra, 1125 Bell Ave., Yeadon, PA 19050

LEAGUE FORMING: Canadian Strat-O-Maticians! Get in on the action. Join M.A.S.H., Montreal's largest Strat club--over 25 members in 1980. Now beginning our third year of operation. Face-to-face baseball with the best. Fame, fortune and fun await you. Season begins in late September, but registration begins now. For information, write: M.A.S.H. headquarters--M.A.S.H., 3480 MacTavish St., c/o Room 105, Montreal, Quebec H3A 1X9, or when in the Montreal area, call Louis Rakita at 392-8922 (days) or 487-2428 (evenings). Come on and roll 'em!

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LEAGUE FORMING: Coaches needed immediately for a face-to-face football league in the Ohio State/Columbus area. All 28 teams will be used in a replay of the 1980 season. \$7 league fee will go towards weekly newsletters, yearbook and trophies. Please mail name, address and phone number to: Mark Cooper, 4319 G. Golden Gate Square East, Columbus, OH 43224

LEAGUE FORMING: We are looking for 2 to 6 coaches for a face-to-face football league in the Buffalo-Niagara Falls area, using the advanced version. Each coach will be responsible for 3 to 4 teams in a stock replay league, giving everyone a fair shot at Super Bowl I. Remaining teams will be played by the league. A small weekly fee will go towards post-season awards and yearbook costs. League will start as soon as enough interested parties reply. If interested, please call Dave (693-2891) or Ron (691-6111) for more details.

LEAGUE FORMING: Live in the Lehigh Valley area? Interested in making a contact with several others who play S-O-M advanced baseball? Please call: Joe Zatko at 215-264-1560 after 6 p.m.

LEAGUE FORMING: Experienced player wishes to form or join face-to-face baseball and/or football league in Greater Boston/North Shore area. Write: Brian Fitzgerald, 22 Portland St., Lynn, MA 01902

LEAGUE FORMING: The Western Baseball League is looking for managers to take over existing teams in the current season. This is a 10-team, face-to-face continuous draft league using the current cards. No fee is required. For more information, contact: Doug Smith or Dennis Murray, 341 W. Alton #F, Santa Ana, CA 92707 (phone: 714-557-4249)

LEAGUE FORMING: Looking for responsible pairs of managers for a PBM football league. Aiming for complete 1980 season replay. Super advanced version

will be used, full statistics will be kept. Additional rules and play-options will be at coaches' disposal. Managerial pairs must be dependable and be available to play each other on a weekly basis. Teams will play 2 games (one home, one away) weekly. Newsletters, trading and an upcoming rookie draft. If you've got 3 to 4 hours a week, and are craving to play S-O-M Football to its fullest, this is for you. List 12 teams in order of preference (first-come, first-served). Send list, along with \$10 entry fee, to: Stefan Feuerherdt, USF#803, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL 33620. Note: We're starting late and I'd like to get things under way as soon as possible, so please respond not much later than Nov. 1.

LEAGUE FORMING: Face-to-face draft league forming--advanced rules. This league will be located in northern New Jersey and parts of Rockland County, NY. If you're like me, and you don't like play-by-mail leagues very much, this league is for you. You'll be able to draft, manage, trade and play your own players. There will be 18 teams in this league, 3 divisions of 6 teams each. The 3 division winners and the team with the next best record will make the playoffs. Because of the strike, the league's first season will be 108 games long. You will be playing teams in your own division 12 times (12 x 5 = 60). You will be playing the other 12 teams 4 times (48) which will provide for an equal number of home and road games against each team. In later seasons the 162-game schedule will work out just as good. All players issued by S-O-M will be drafted until there are less than 18 left (34-35 per team). If you want to be part of this permanent league, please contact me. Serious players with transportation only. Bruce Grossberg, 16 Penna Court, Mahwah, NJ 07430 (phone: 201-891-4183)

LEAGUE FORMING: I need 10 managers for a new, basic PBM football league using the new cards. I only want honest, reliable managers. It will consist of 16 games. There will be 12 teams with the additional 16 along with the rookies going
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into next year's draft. There will be a \$3 entry fee for a Super Bowl prize. The league will start as soon as I get enough coaches. Send your top 10 teams you want to coach to: Laird Leathers, 301 Prairie St., St. Charles, IL 60174 (phone: 312-377-1291 after 3:30)

LEAGUE FORMING: Join the Federal League--a daring new adventure in PBM. Six-team league, super-advanced, players to be drafted from the AL East. I'm looking for 5 reliable, mature managers with a long term perspective. Send for free league booklet--let me convince you to join the Federal League. c/o Steve Beren, 34-30 78th St., #6A, Jackson Heights, NY 11372 (212-458-8867)

LEAGUE FORMING: Looking for reliable managers for a face-to-face baseball draft league. We will play 162-game season and amount of teams depends on response. We will use 1977, 1980 year cards, advanced version. This league is in Enfield, CT area, or surrounding towns. Please have letters in by Nov. 1. All letters will be answered. Send letters to: Blaine Buck, 15 Powder Ridge Road, Enfield, CT 06082

LEAGUE FORMING: Established advanced PBM baseball draft league looking for reliable backup managers for 1982 (based on 1981) season. Strike will not cancel season! Managerial spots now vacant. Teams originally based on major league rosters. We require reliability, not experience. Interested managers send resume with phone number to: Jesse Seegmiller, 1025 East 31 Street, Brooklyn, NY 11210. Information: 212-377-5280.

Contests

CONTESTS: 1981-82 Hockey Challenge Tournament--a brand new play-by-mail, super advanced elimination tournament to decide who's the best hockey coach in the S-O-M world. \$120 in guaranteed prizes, \$60 to the winner. 1981-82 Hockey Challenge Tournament uses a system which

gives all participants a chance to win. All games are played by the organizer using both coaches' instructions. The tourney is open to all. For rules and information on the tournament, write to: Larry King, 401 East 102 Street, Apt. 6D, New York, NY 10029

Baseball playing tip

The Milwaukee gang of eight, headed by Kary Kintzel, passes along a playing tip regarding a pitcher's point of weakness.

Kintzel has been playing S-O-M Baseball since 1975 and has been experimenting with ideas trying to program the game for computer use.

Meanwhile, he and his friends play a draft league every year with the newest cards. It is from that that the playing tip springs forth.

What Kintzel and friends do is to double the stamina number. A pitcher who becomes, or can become, "weak" in the 8th inning would thus become a "16."

Second step is to subtract one point for each walk, hit, HBP and earned run. One point, however, is added for a strikeout and a perfect inning (up to his starting limit only). Each reliever must have two games off to regain his points, but may be used before that with points left over from his last outing.

Of course, once the point total reaches 0, regardless of the actual inning, the point of weakness has been reached. Thus a pitcher with a "9" (18) or "8" (16) weakness inning could be bombed out early, as occasionally happens in real-life.

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Football playing tips

If you're waiting for the latest out-of-bounds punting ratings from Chuck Gilardi of San Mateo, CA, you're going to be disappointed. The bad news is that Gilardi, because of an extremely busy schedule, won't be sending in such ratings.

But the good news is that B.J. Fischer, Bowling Green, OH, has sent along the ratings. Fischer contacted Gilardi, obtained the ratings and has forwarded them to the Review.

The system remains the same. It can be used only inside the 45-yard line, and ratings are determined as follows: 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".

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	"A" Punters
2 -	1	1	2	2	Bob Grupp, Kansas City
3 -	2	3	4	5	Mike Bragg, Baltimore
4 -	4	5	6	7	Rick Partridge, San Diego
5 -	7	8	9	9	Mike Hubach, New England
6 -	10	10	11	11	Frank Corral, Los Angeles
7 -	11	12	13	TB	Russell Erxleben, New Orleans
8 -	12	TB	TB	TB	John James, Atlanta
9 -	TB	15	TB	17	David Beverly, Green Bay
10 -	TB	TB	TB	TB	"B" Punters
11 -	14	TB	TB	TB	George Roberts, Miami
12 -	TB	TB	16	TB	Herman Weaver, Seattle
					Craig Colquitt, Pittsburgh
					"C" Punters
					Luke Prestridge, Denver
					Chuck Ramsey, NY Jets
					Pat McNally, Cincinnati
					Johnny Evans, Cleveland
					Tom Blanchard, Tampa Bay
					Danny White, Dallas
					Bob Parsons, Chicago
					Mike Connell, Washington
					"D" Punters
					Ray Guy, Oakland
					Ray Guy, Oakland
					Greg Cater, Buffalo
					Dave Jennings, NY Giants
					Larry Swider, St. Louis

THIS SACK CHART HAS REALISM

Another football playing tip, this one contributed by Stefan Feuerhart, a student at the University of South Florida in Tampa, deals with quarterback sacks.

Feuerherdt has long felt that most of the charts printed in the Review did not adequately give credit to the proper defensive player. "The only charts to appear in the Review concerning this were very limited," he points out, "with the same players always being credited time and time again."

So Feuerherdt rolled up his sleeves, sharpened his pencils and drew up a sack chart that he believes fills the bill.

To determine which defensive player gets credit for any sack which occurs (except on safety blitzes, where the blitzing defensive back is credited), roll three dice. References to specific linebackers in parentheses call for the sack to be credited to the LB only if he was blitzing on the play. Readings in parentheses which do not call for a specific LB, call for credit to be given to the highest rated linebacker, or highest rated outside linebacker (OLB), that was blitzing on the play. If no LB's were blitzing, or if specific LB was not blitzing on play, refer to second reading.

The sack chart is found on the following page.

Key: A - Highest rated end
 B - " " tackle
 C - Lowest rated end
 D - " " tackle

No.	1	2	3	4	5	6
2	A	B	B	(LLB) A	(MLD) A	(RLB) B
3	A	A	C	C	A	C
4	A	(LB) A	A	D	C	A
5	C	D	C	A	A	D
6	(RLB) B	(LLB) A	(MLB) B	(RLB) A	(LLB) B	(MLB) A
7	(LLB) A	(MLB) B	(RLB) A	(LLB) B	(MLB) A	(RLB) B
8	(MLB) B	(RLB) A	(LLB) B	(MLB) A	(RLB) B	(LLB) A
9	C	D	B	B	C	D
10	B	B	C	(LB) D	(LB) B	B
11	B	(LB) B	D	(LB) D	Ø	(OLB) D
12	(OLB) D	(MLB) C	(OLB) D	(OLB) C	(MLB) D	(LLB) C

Feuerherdt also has another football playing tip, this one dealing with the wide receiver reverse. He admits it's not frequently used, but feels the play should be part of every gamer's playbook. The chart below is based on true-life receiver's rushing averages.

To run with a wide receiver or tight end, simply call the play and roll three dice. If white die reading is 1, 2, or 3 consult chart below; if 4, 5 or 6 refer to defensive card under end run section. Use receiver's real-life rushing average (statistics can be found in The Official NFL Guide) to determine which chart to use:

	6.1 + up	2.0 - 6.0	1.9 + less
2	Long Gain	Long Gain	Long Gain
3	+11	Short Gain	+8
4	Short Gain	+9	+1
5	Fumble, -4	Fumble, -5	Fumble, -7
6	-11	-13	-15
7	0	0	0
8	+4	+3	+3
9	Off. onside T, +4 or 0	Off. onside T, +3 or -1	Off. onside T, +2 or -2
10	0	0	0
11	-3	-3	-3
12	+26	+18	Short Gain

Note: When referring to defensive card for results of receiver end run, there is one modification. If defense is wrong (pass defense is called), subtract one player from end run zone (i.e. if one man in zone, refer to "0 Men" column). If defense is right, there is no change.

Gary tournament big hit with gamers

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Loser's bracket results: '71 Dallas 24, '58 Baltimore 10; '69 Kansas City 26, '68 Baltimore 16; '69 Kansas City 27, '71 Dallas 24; '62 Green Bay 26, '79 Pittsburgh 10; '69 Kansas City 21, '62 Green Bay 19; '69 Kansas City 26, '72 Miami 23.

Super Bowl: '68 NY Jets 23, '69 Kansas City 20.

Questions & Answers

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

QUESTION: If a punt is blocked into the end zone and does not go out of the end zone, is it regarded as a fumble and a roll of 7-11 [defense recovers] results in a touchdown and 2-6, 12 [offense recovers] a safety? Or is it an automatic safety or touchdown?

ANSWER: A blocked punt that rolls into the end zone is treated as a fumble as far as recovery and result.

QUESTION: In baseball, who rolls the dice, the team at bat or the defense? Also, who rolls when a split number is called for, or a play on the X-Chart for fielding?

ANSWER: An interesting question. Most gamers, we thought, had the offense rolling the dice for all situations. But that may not always be the case. Playing directions don't stipulate who rolls 'em. Really, it's an individual gamer [or league] decision. The GKSM has always had the offense doing the rolling. For a couple of weeks this season, however, it did experiment with the defense [or pitcher] rolling. But the experiment was short-lived and all 10 members went back to the more familiar style of play.

QUESTION: What should Tommy Aaron, 1962 Milwaukee Braves, be rated in left field? The card I have is not clear.

ANSWER: Tommy Aaron should be rated a "3" in left field.

QUESTION: What should Lineback, No. 4, guessed wrong be on 1976 Walter Payton's card?

ANSWER: Early printings had "+27" as the result on No. 4. It should be "+22" instead on No. 4, guessed wrong on a lineback.

QUESTION: In the 1979-80 hockey cards I'm wondering if the two goalies for the Philadelphia Flyers are correct. Myre's chances are goal 1-12 with a 3.57 average and Peeters is 12-20 goal with a 2.73 average. Compared to any other goalies with similar averages, the Flyers goalies seem slighted.

ANSWER: According to S-O-M the ratings are correct. S-O-M also mentions that goals allowed is not the only criteria for such ratings: the number of shots taken against the team also plays a big role. Goals allowed against actual shots taken is the main criteria.

QUESTION: On the Super-Advanced Power Play, when you pick a split card and the first number reads "Outside shot for center," does this mean outside shot only, or can he advance, pass, etc.? If there is a rebound, on the first number, do you play it or do you go to #2?

ANSWER: This question is best answered by remembering the game is an
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abstraction of a real hockey game. Keeping this in mind, the center, of course, can advance or pass and that a rebound, if it occurs, can be played normally. The action cards only give clues to the action on the ice and indicate direction of the play. Each event must be played out to its logical conclusion.

QUESTION: In hockey do you have to get a goalie rating in order to score on an empty net reading? I recently had a game in which a breakaway occurred and had an X (shot stopped). Who stopped it?

ANSWER: If the shot is taken on an empty net--which occurs when a coach pulls his goalie near the end of a game to gain an extra attack--the rules state that any "goalie rating" is scored as a goal. "Goalie rating" covers any action by the goalie. He is not in the net and, therefore, anything on his card doesn't count. The same goes for an X result. In normal play an X is scored as a save, but if the goalie is not there a save cannot be made.

QUESTION: In regards to last year's edition of hockey cards, I question some of the positions assigned to numerous players. I checked the Sporting News Hockey Register and The Hockey News and found 10 players listed at different positions than those assigned them by S-O-M.

ANSWER: Probably the best way to get around this question is for the coaches (if involved in league play) to have someone, preferably the commissioner, check hockey guides to see what positions should be assigned to the players in question. Dual positions could be assigned and noted on the card. S-O-M likely picks the predominant position for a player. Over a long season, once-in-awhile use of a right winger on left wing, etc., shouldn't alter statistics. No matter what the position, the player's rating remains constant within the statistical framework that is the basis of the game. I would not, however, shift a player from wing or center to defense. Nor would I shift a defenseman to a forward position. Such changes would make a difference in the stats.

QUESTION: In baseball, when there are runners on first and third does the defensive manager have to designate which runner he intends to hold for steal purposes, or does holding a runner only include baserunners on first? Can you hold a runner on second?

ANSWER: Yes, you as a defensive manager have to indicate which runner(s) is(are) being held. A runner can be held on second and third. Remember S-O-M strategy permits the defensive manager, with runners on first and third, to hold the runner at first and play the infield deep to set up a possible double play.

QUESTION: When one bunts for a hit (with no other runners on) do you simply refer to the sacrifice hit chart?

ANSWER: Yes.

QUESTION: Does a HBP count toward the tiring of a pitcher when he is at his endurance inning?

ANSWER: S-O-M Baseball rules don't mention HBP (rather hits and walks), but the GKSML count them toward "weakness." To the GKSML, a HBP is the same as a walk, only harder on the batter!

Editor's note: Hockey questions were answered by Dave Hager, reporter at the Kalamazoo Gazette, Kalamazoo, MI, an avid S-O-M Hockey gamer.

S-O-M league, replay scene

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BURLINGTON SOLITAIRE LEAGUE - Charles VanDenCorput, Burlington, Ontario, replayed the 1978 NFL season and found that San Diego's offense was for real, that Philadelphia had arrived a year earlier than in real-life and that Pittsburgh could be beaten...VanDenCorput didn't stage an actual replay, deviating from the standpoint of putting teams in divisions according to geography (i.e. AFC West - San Diego, Oakland, Los Angeles, etc.) and striving for balance in each division...Real-life Super Bowl foes Pittsburgh and Los Angeles had mixed success, with the Steelers finishing runnerup to New England in the NFC East with an 11-5 record and L.A. winding up third in the AFC West at 7-9 and failing to qualify for the playoffs...Pittsburgh fell to Philadelphia in the NFC title game, 23-17, and then San Diego, behind MVP Mike Thomas' 88 yards rushing in 14 carries, and one TD, nipped Philadelphia in the Super Bowl, 24-20...Dan Fouts was a one-man wrecking crew for the Chargers, completing 81.2 percent of 541 passes for a league-high 30 TDs...other highlights included: Walter Payton missing the 2,000-yard rushing plateau by a scant 15 yards; Wendell Tyler of L.A. averaging 6.2 yards per carry; 19 players accounting for over 1,000 receiving and 14 rushing for over 1,000; Steve Grogan of New England throwing only seven interceptions and falling under 100 in passing rating on the last game (he finished at 99.9), and Houston winning its first nine games...lowlights included Terry Bradshaw throwing 27 interceptions; Atlanta, although possessed of one of the stingiest defenses, winning only three times because of an inept offense; and Pittsburgh failing to reach the Super Bowl when two passes were "dropped" (rolls of "7") in the final minute of the NFC title game...VanDenCorput, although admitting to having a lot of fun, added that "nothing beats face-to-face football. Nothing."

Standings, leaders and playoff results:

AFC East		AFC Central		AFC West	
W	L	W	L	W	L
Dallas	11 5	Houston	13 3	San Diego	14 2
Denver	9 7	Washington	9 7	Oakland	8 8
Seattle	9 7	Minnesota	9 7	Los Angeles	7 9
Detroit	4 12	NY Jets	6 10	Cincinnati	6 10
Atlanta	3 13			Green Bay	4 12

NFC East		NFC Central		NFC West	
W	L	W	L	W	L
New England	12 4	Chicago	10 6	Philadelphia	9 7
Pittsburgh	11 5	Miami	9 7	New Orleans	9 7
Cleveland	10 6	Buffalo	8 8	Tampa Bay	8 8
St. Louis	8 8	Kansas City	5 11	San Francisco	6 10
Baltimore	6 10			NY Giants	1 15

Rushing		Att-Yds.		TD Avg.	
Payton CHI	376-1985	18	5.3		
Anderson SL	331-1875	15	5.7		
Campbell HOU	372-1754	17	4.7		
Montgomery PHI	337-1710	13	5.1		
Tyler LA	245-1525	10	6.2		
Bell TB	288-1320	10	4.6		

Receiving		No.-Yds.		TD Avg.	
J.Washington BAL	83	740	2	8.9	
Rashad MIN	82	1200	9	14.6	
Joiner SD	78	1123	9	14.4	
Largent SEA	73	1498	8	20.5	
Francis ATL	73	1083	9	14.8	
Stallworth PIT	72	1343	8	18.7	

Passing		Att-Comp		Yds. Pct.	
Grogan NE	394-211	3562	53.6		
Staubach DAL	464-268	3651	57.8		
Fouts SD	541-331	4244	61.2		
Zorn SEA	490-275	3817	56.1		
Stabler OAK	509-305	3748	59.9		
Manning NO	428-250	3176	58.4		

TD-Int.		Rating	
27-7	99.9		
26-7	95.5		
30-16	91.6		
24-17	83.1		
25-20	82.8		
25-19	82.7		

Playoffs	
Washington	17,
Denver	14
Pittsburgh	27
Cleveland	17
Houston	27, Dallas 20
San Diego	31,
Washington	10

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Pittsburgh 24, Chicago 16; Philadelphia 30, New England 21.

AFC title: San Diego 30, Houston 3; NFC: Philadelphia 23, Pittsburgh 17.

Super Bowl: San Diego 24, Philadelphia 20.

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FAVORITE TEAMS REPLAY - Jay Melnarik of Culver City, CA, took his four favorite baseball teams--Pittsburgh, Chicago White Sox, Baltimore and Houston--and played a 162-game season, using the basic version of last year's cards...Houston and Baltimore, the pitching rich clubs, tied for first with 95-67 records. Baltimore won a best-of-five playoff, 3-2, as Steve Stone was the winning pitcher in two of 'em, including 4-1 in the finale...A traffic light was needed because of all the activity on the basepaths; Omar Moreno swiped 171 bases, Al Bumbry 156, Caesar Cedenio 144 and all told nine players had 60 thefts or more. Houston, as a team, pilfered 430 bases...Bill Robinson of the Pirates led in home runs with 31 while Wayne Nordhagen of the Sox collected six hits in a single game, including four doubles...The Chisox "whupped" the Pirates, 24-1, in another memorable game...Houston's Joe Niekro was Cy Young winner with a league-low 2.47 ERA and seven shutouts...Baltimore had 94 complete games...The Sox, meanwhile, had four 20-game losers.

Standings and leaders:

	W	L	GB	Betting	Home Runs
Houston	95	67	-	Easler PIT .369	Robinson PIT 31
Baltimore	95	67	-	Lacy PIT .338	Crowley BAL 30
Pittsburgh	80	82	15	Crowley BAL .317	Easler PIT 28
Chicago	54	108	41		Murray BAL 28

	RBI	ERA	Wins	Strikeouts
Robinson PIT	99	Niekro HOU 2.47	McGregor BAL 23	Ryan HOU 245
Crowley BAL	92	Proly CHI 2.51	Stone BAL 22	Stone BAL 198
Easler PIT	91	Ruhle HOU 2.70	Ruhle HOU 20	
		K.Forsch HOU 2.79	Forsch HOU 20	

OLD TIMER SERIES - S.J. Adams of Bakersfield, CA, was the dice-roller for a mini-series pitting the A.L. and N.L. Group B old-timer teams against each other. It was to be best-of-nine games...It turned out a ninth game wasn't necessary as the A.L., behind the hitting of Joe Jackson (.428), Harry Heilmann (.416), Al Simmons (.382) and Frank Baker (.354), overpowered the N.L., winning 5-3...Jackson, who had 15 hits in 35 at-bats, was MVP. He went four-for-four twice, personally destroying the N.L. in games three (4-3) and five (5-3)...Series summary: (1) Yogi Berra hit two-run homer and Stan Coveleski hurled six-hitter as A.L. won 2-0; (2) N.L. evens series with 2-1 win; (3) Jackson's batting offsets home run by Hank Aaron as A.L., with Lefty Grove pitching superb in relief, wins 4-3; (4) A.L. goes up 3-1 after 5-3 win; Charlie Gehringer steals two bases, including home; (5) Jackson again drills four hits as A.L. wins 5-3 and leads series 4-1; (6) Willie Mays' grand-slam decides contest, 8-4; (7) N.L. wins 11-inning thriller, 8-7, as Frank Robinson goes three-for-six and knocks out in four runs; Mickey Mantle homers twice and has five RBI for A.L., which now leads only 4-3; (8) Al Simmons is hero of series-clinching 5-4 victory by A.L., socking three doubles, going five-for-five and driving home three runs.

1980 MONTREAL EXPOS REPLAY - If Dick Williams had been able to manage Montreal like Dave Kafer did in an S-O-M replay, he--well--he would have been managing the Expos still today...Kafer, a resident of Walnut Creek, CA, got the maximum-plus out of Montreal, winning a whopping 112 games, losing only 50, and turning out a pitching staff with four 20-game winners...Kafer does admit to overplaying Ellis Valentine and the starting rotation (everyone hurled 341 innings or more), but defends his overuse by saying he wanted to find out how the team would do if everyone was operating at peak efficiency...Scott Sanderson, who in real-life pitched 211 innings and had a 16-11 record, responded to 330 innings of toil by going 25-7 with a 2.84 ERA...Bill Gullickson was 22-4, 3.13 for 311 innings, Dave Palmer 21-10 and 3.42 and Steve Rogers went 20-8, had a 2.56 ERA and started and finished a club-high 24 games...Ron LeFlore was the

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No-Hitters

Sometimes in the hustle and bustle to play games, the big happenings go unnoticed. Even no-hitters, believe it or not, sometimes go undetected.

Two such happenings came to the attention of the Review. One was in the NSSML (North-South Strat-O-Matic League), a first-year PBM league with members in Michigan (North), Pennsylvania and Texas (South), with Mario Soto taking the bows for a no-hit performance. The other, by unsung Doc Medich, occurred in a 1981 solitaire league operated by Jeff Jackson of Cape Elizabeth, ME.

Commissioner Steve Schumacher of Houston, TX, acquired Soto in a free-agent draft and thus he was pitching for Montreal against Philadelphia when the big happening took place. "It was the third no-hitter of my 15-year S-O-M career," said Schumacher afterwards. "And would you believe I didn't even know he had a no-hitter until I compiled the stats after the game?"

Soto walked four and struck out 10 in a 5-0 victory.

Medich's no-hitter was even better--in fact it was perfect! He shut down California, pitching for Texas, and didn't allow a runner to reach base. Not bad for a hurler who entered the game with a so-so 6-7 record.

At first Medich's accomplishment didn't sink in with Jackson, but after tallying the stats he jumped for joy and soon the whole town of Cape Elizabeth knew about Medich's perfecto.

COMBINED NO-HITTER

Another interesting no-hitter to cross the desk of the Review editors was one reported by Bill Fedock of Baltimore, MD. It was the 1977 Phils, with Randy Lerch pitching, against the 1978 Reds and Paul Moskau.

Lerch, despite setting the Reds down in order, wasn't to see the second inning. He was injured and Ron Reed came on in the second, eventually pitching the last eight innings, yielding nary a hit, striking out seven and walking two. A combined no-hitter--a rarity, indeed!

Oh, and while the Reds couldn't muster even one hit, Philly batters pounded out 24, including eight home runs, and romped 18-0.

Fedock, who's been playing S-O-M since 1971 and now has been witness to three no-hitters, also mentioned a pitching gem by Richard Dotson of the Chicago White Sox. It was a solitaire game, with Oakland providing the opposition, and Dotson walked the leadoff batter, Rickey Henderson, retired 26 batters in succession, and then walked Henderson again before getting the final out.

CHIPS IN WITH HOME RUN, TOO

Other no-hitters reported recently include:

* Larry Dierker of the 1976 Houston Astros blanking the '76 Brewers, 4-0, and hitting a home run to boot. Dierker walked one, Charlie Moore opening the ninth, and struck out nine. The game was played basic by Greg Bucurestean.

* Matthew Legere, manager in a PBM league, had two no-hitters in a span of four games--by Bill Travers and Moose Haas. Only six teams comprised the league, says commissioner Kevin Colton, so every pitcher has to face all-star batting orders.

* William Lewis, Jersey City, NJ, reports all the news, good as well as bad, whenever it comes to noteworthy items in the PBM CanAm league. The good news was that Lewis reported the no-hitter, by Craig Swan (1979 card). The bad news was that it was against his Highlanders in a home game. Swan fanned seven and walked two and had only one close call; when Barry Bonnell had a 1-12 chance for a single, but a "19" was drawn. Ironically, Lewis has been party to one other no-hitter in 15 years of gaming--that by his 1978 Craig Swan. But it occurred in an away game and Lewis only heard about it rather than experiencing the visual thrill.

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roadrunner of the team, batting .330 and swiping 154 bases. Rodney Scott had 94 steals and Andre Dawson batted .323 and drove in 123 runs. Gary Carter had 27 roundtrippers and totaled 122 RBI, while "overused" Ellis Valentine had a team-high 29 homers to go with 118 RBI...Larry Parrish also got into the act, matching Dawson with 23 homers and knocking in 116 runs.

1980 MONTREAL EXPOS - Charles Van Den Corput also got more out of the Expos than did Dick Williams. Although he didn't overuse the players to the degree of Dave Kaufer, he guided the Expos to 100 wins...Steve Rogers was the best pitcher, as he should be, hurling 285 innings and producing a 20-10 record with a 2.72 ERA...Scott Sanderson was a more mundane 15-10 after 247 innings, while Bill Gullickson was limited to 158 innings but did respond with a glittering 14-4 record...Gary Carter [35 HRs, 111 RBI, .296] and Andre Dawson [.308, 109 RBI, 48 doubles] were co-MVPs, while Ron LeFlore again ran wild on the bases, swiping 121 in 135 attempts...Highlights included a combined no-hitter by Gullickson (who got injured) and Stan Bahnsen against the Los Angeles Dodgers.