



STRAT-O-MATIC REVIEW

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In the news with Strat-O-Matic

Strat-O-Matic Games may not be in the news like a year ago, or during the Great Baseball Strike, but they are still seeing their share of newsprint.

Two feature stories appeared during the summer months in major newspapers: one in the Los Angeles Herald Examiner [Aug. 25] and the other in the Windsor Star, Windsor, Ontario [July 19].

The Windsor Star article deals with Marcel Letourneau, a 17-year-old gamer who has taken over his uncle's (Gary Trudell) team, the Moosee Mallards, in the Florida Gold Coast Hockey Association (FGCHA), a play-by-mail league that is featured elsewhere in this edition of the Review.

"It [the FGCHA] uses charts, dice and cards instead of sticks and skates," writes Star staff reporter Marty Beneteau. "The key to the game is strategy sheets compiled by coaches at the beginning of the season, the half-way point and before the playoffs begin. They spell out line combinations, penalty killing units, offensive and defensive strategy and even the amount of intimidation the coach wishes to employ."

"For me, this has gone beyond fun," says Letourneau, who makes his home on Shawnee Road in Tecumseh. "It's the best hobby I've ever had. During the season I put in 10 or 12 hours a week." Each team, incidentally, plays 40 home and 40 away games. At least four games every 13 days is the anticipated playing pace.

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Trudell, who is called the "Sam Pollock of the FGCHA and twice voted coach of the year," says of the transfer of the franchise: "Now I don't have enough time to put into it and I knew Marcel was interested and had the time to run the team properly."

'CASEY AT THE STRAT'

Baseball was the name of the game - Strat-O-Matic Baseball, that is - in a column by Carol A. Crotta [The Crotta Chronicle] that appeared in the Herald Examiner.

"Casey at the Strat" it was dubbed and it touched all the bases, beginning with Josh, "a friend of ours," who plays in a neighborhood league that is struggling through a 64-game schedule that was begun two years ago, to all the stories about Strat-O-Matic.

"The best part about Strat-O-Matic is the stories," says Crotta. "We've heard of fanatastic pre-season draft sessions, held in closely guarded private rooms, and people putting fists through walls when a .240 hitter hits a grand slam.

"Most players," continues Crotta, "very carefully create their playing environments. They sit in the same chairs, or play a special national anthem, or even build their own stadiums. There was one notorious player who kept his stadium engulfed in a heavy fog, produced by a certain illegal weed, to render the visiting team manager happily inert."

She also relates the story of the manager who was so disgusted with his team's performance, that he piled up wood and dry brush in his driveway, put the cards on top and then "sacrificed" the entire team.

A tip of the topper to Christian Super of Los Angeles for sending along "The Crotta Chronicle."

A look at new penalty system

Avid S-O-M gamer Dick Hunt of Ovid, MI, is in ecstasy over the new football penalty system. Minor complaints, as mentioned in the September issue of the Review by the editors, or those of the game company, are trifles, according to Hunt.

"So far, the biggest complaint I've seen in the Review about the penalty system is that it adds a lot of time to the game. I hope this doesn't discourage people, because in both of these complaints [one by S-O-M and one by the Review last month], the people doing the complaining seem to have kept pretty detailed stats," notes Hunt.

S-O-M, according to Hunt, reported that the penalty system added about 15 minutes to the playing time. "But it admitted it kept very extensive penalty stats," says Hunt. "So much for adding 15-plus minutes to each game."

The Review's account of penalties in a Super Bowl replay also is dismissed by Hunt: "You told us how many declined penalties there were, how many penalty chart results ended up in no penalty being called, etc. Well, for someone who does use penalties, but doesn't bother keeping stats on every one, or close call, they add very little time to a game. At least this is true in my case."

Hunt keeps the following penalty statistics: number called on each team, yardage and penalty first downs.

"The penalty system has been just beautiful," Hunt enthuses. "Very little time is used up and I still get my realism."

"If you play the game with penalties, but without penalty statistics, you will very probably play the game as quickly as ever. Of course the new rules and timing systems take a while to get used to. But give it a chance."

Let's hear from other pro football gamers - how do you like the new penalty system? Does it increase the playing time too much? Not much? In other words, the S-O-M Review is urging gamers to express their views on a football subject...and enough of what past baseball season is needed!

Florida Gold Coast finishes fourth complete hockey season

Baseball and football replays are frequently sent to the Review. In fact, the "in" basket is usually overflowing with such efforts.

But basketball and hockey, well, they're another matter. Full-season replays in either are like uncovering dinosaur eggs in one's backyard. That's true in most cases, excepting the Florida Gold Coast Hockey Association, which plays an 80-game schedule plus playoffs via the mail.

Organized by Bob Lopeck of Miami, FL, the FGCHA has completed four full seasons and is ready to embark on a fifth. It's a 16-team league that includes coaches from coast to coast in the United States and at least four that reside in Canada.

Lopeck, an organizational man par excellence (he organized the first FGCHA Invitational Cup series - July, 1982 Review), says that the most recent league season was anything but nirvana. The failure of two league members, including one who was a charter member, to turn in all their game sheets by deadline time, left Lopeck in a position of having to play 36 games (he completed the task within two weeks) so final statistics could be completed and the playoffs begun.

The 36 games in question (20 from one coach and 16 from the other) were all home contests, thus Lopeck came "rolling" to the rescue.

THE GOLD COAST LINEUP

Despite the departure of two league members, the FGCHA remains a model of stability when compared with most play-by-mail leagues. Ten of the coaches, for example, have been with the league since it was founded by Lopeck.

Other four-year members include John Helmbrecht, West Springfield, PA (Springfield Aces); Jerry Banko, Erie, PA (Erie Blades); Dave Lubera, Grosse Pointe, MI (Grosse Pointe Norsemen); Bob Dormer, Philadelphia, PA (Dacron Dumptrucks); Peter Stein, Flushing, NY (Albany Empires); Joe Nixon, Mount Vernon, NY (New York Nighthawks); Mark McLaughlin, East Weymouth, MA (East Weymouth Skatamoks); Cam Sebastian, St. Albert, Canada (Saint Albert Barons); Gary Trudell, Moosonee, Canada (Moosonee Mallards) and Carey Allen, Redford, MI (Thurston Eagles).

Other members are Neal Walters, Albert, Canada (Alberta Northern Lights); Dennis Martin, San Diego, CA (San Diego Gulls); John Van Note, Philadelphia, PA (Philadelphia Phantoms) and Steve Scott, San Diego (California Rangers).

One coaching change has taken place in that Marcel Letourneau, Tecumseh, Canada, took over for Trudell after the latter had to drop out because of starting a new business. Actually, Letourneau stepped in and guided the team the last 20 games last season.

Letourneau, thanks in part to a runnerup finish in the FGCHA's post-season playoffs, was featured in the July 19 issue of the Windsor Star. Trudell is Letourneau's uncle so it wasn't as if the franchise was moving out of the family for good. In fact Letourneau, in respect of his uncle's contributions and dedication to PBM hockey, continued to keep the team name as Moosonee.

RANGERS REAP PLAYOFF REWARDS

The FGCHA is broken into four four-team divisions, with the two top teams in each division qualifying for the playoffs, along with two wild-card teams. That means that 10 of the 16 teams earn berths in the playoffs.

Steve Scott's Rangers (California, not Texas Rangers) brought home their second straight championship as, after a slow start, California had a 34-10-16 down the stretch, including an 11-2-7 mark on the road.

Lopeck cites the acquisition (don't the Rangers always get their man?) of Mike Gartner (Stingers), Pete Peeters (Dumptrucks) and Reed Larson (Barons) as the key to turning the season around.

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"This was a much stronger franchise than in 1980-81," says Lopeck. "The Rangers were a surprise winner in last year's playoffs (finishing last in the division and 10th overall in the team point standings), but this year they finished first in the Coastal Division and second in the total team point standings."

In the Cloverleaf Cup championship series (the Cloverleaf Cup is the FGCHA's answer to the Stanley Cup, of course), the Rangers rallied to edge the Moosonee Mallards, with Letourneau doing the coaching, in a seven-game thriller.

Pete Peeters, goalie for the victorious Rangers, and Kent Nilsson of the runnerup Mallards were chosen co-Most Valuable Players of the playoffs. Peeters had two shutouts and a sparkling 2.85 goals-per-game average, while Nilsson pumped in 24 goals, had two hat tricks and three game-winning goals in the playoffs.

After being blanked by Bob Sauve in the opener, 4-0, California tied the series at one game apiece when Mike Gartner scored two goals within 53 seconds to seal a 5-3 win. The third game went to the Mallards, however, as Bob Gainey scored the clincher with five minutes left en route to a 3-2 triumph.

Next time out, the Rangers had to go overtime before John Van Boxmeer scored 2:22 into the extra session for a 5-4 victory. Van Boxmeer's goal occurred when he converted a 1-6 goal chance from outside. Van Boxmeer drew a "4".

Tom Lysiak's hat trick - the only one of the series - gave the Mallards a 6-4 win and moved them a game away from the championship. Make it two games, though, as the Rangers struck for three goals in the third period for a 5-3 comeback win and then, in the showdown, the Rangers built a 3-0 lead going into the final period and coasted to an easy 4-2 victory.

Standings, leaders and playoff results:

	W	L	T	Pts	Home	Away	Playoffs
<u>Continental</u>							
Springfield Aces	45	22	13	103	26-9-5	19-13-8	St. Albert
Pembroke Red Wings*	41	27	12	94	23-10-7	18-17-5	Barons d. GP
Grasse Pointe Norsemen	34	34	12	80	21-14-5	13-20-7	Norsemen, 3-2;
Erie Blades	34	35	11	79	22-11-7	12-24-4	Dacron d. SD
<u>Colonial</u>							Gulls, 3-1;
Albany Empires	42	29	9	93	24-11-5	18-18-4	Dacron d. Spr-
Dacron Dumptrucks	29	26	25	83	17-13-10	12-13-15	ingfield Aces,
E. Weymouth Skatamoks	31	37	12	74	17-19-4	14-18-8	4-3;
NY Nighthawks	28	44	8	64	20-15-5	8-29-3	Rangers d. St.
<u>Canadian</u>							Albert, 4-0;
Moosonee Mallards	39	25	16	94	21-12-7	18-13-9	Thurston Eagles
St. Albert Barons	38	29	13	89	22-13-5	16-16-8	d. Red Wings,
Alberta North. Lights	31	40	9	71	15-20-5	16-20-4	4-2; Moosonee
Calgary Stingers*	19	47	14	52	12-19-9	7-28-5	d. Albany, 4-3;
<u>Coastal</u>							Rangers d.
California Rangers	41	23	16	98	24-10-6	17-13-10	Dacron, 4-2;
Thurston Eagles	36	26	18	90	20-8-12	16-18-6	Moosonee d.
San Diego Gulls	34	32	14	82	28-7-5	6-25-9	Thurston, 4-2.
Philadelphia Phantoms	11	57	12	34	7-23-10	4-34-2	

* Teams expelled from league at end of season.

Goals	Assists	Points	
Middleton MM 76	I. Turnbull CS 90	Middleton MM 135	
W. Babych SA 75	Carlyle CR 89	K. Nilsson MM 133	
Bourne SDG 74	O'Connell PP 85	Maruk TE 132	
Bossy AE 73	Salming GPN 82	Bourne SDG 129	
Kehoe GPN 71	Gretzky EWS 81	Gartner CR 124	
Goals Avg.	Power Play	Hat Tricks	Game Winners
Baron SA 2.85	Goals	Bourne SDG 8	Richard AE 12
St. Croix PRW 2.92	Bossy AE 27	Babych SA 6	McDonald MM 10
B. Smith MM 3.20	P. Stastny NYN 23	Richard AE 5	Middleton MM 10
Peeters CR 3.23	Dionne EWS 22	Simmer CR 5	
Sauve MM 3.35	Simmer CR 22		

How to make up instruction sheet ⁵

Everything you've ever wanted to know about PBM hockey

How do you play hockey by mail?

Everything you've ever wanted to know, and then some, is found below in an instruction sheet used by the Florida Gold Coast Hockey Association, a PBM league organized by Bob Lopeck of Miami, FL:

HOCKEY PBM INSTRUCTION SHEET

PLAY SELECTORS

Period	[+2/more]	[+1 Goal]	[Even]	[-1 Goal]	[-2/more]
	0-0-I-P	0-0-I-P	0-0-I-P	0-0-I-P	0-0-I-P
1st	- 3-2-x-x	3-2-x-x	3-2-x-x	3-2-x-x	3-2-x-x
2nd	- 3-2-x-x	3-2-x-x	3-2-x-x	3-2-x-x	3-2-x-x
3rd	- 3-2-x-x	3-2-x-x	3-2-x-x	3-2-x-x	3-2-x-x

LINE CHANGES	(1FLC)	(2FLC)	(3FLC)	(1OLC)	(2OLC)
1st	- 10	20	-	15	-
2nd	- 10	20	-	15	-
3rd	- 10	20	-	15	-

FORWARD LINES

	Center	Left Wing
1st FL (a)	Maruk (pen 1-9, pass) **	Payne (pen 1-9, pass)
1st FLC (b)	B.Smith (pen 1-9, pass) **	Kelly (pen 1-9, pass)
2nd FLC (c)	Walter (pen 1-9, pass) **	Gustafsson (pen 1-9, pass)
3rd FLC/Inj.	Young (pen 1-10, pass)	Hangsleben (pass)
	Right Wing	Goaltenders
	Gartner (pen 1-9, pass)	Beaupre will start three of every five games. Injury replacements - Beaupre will replace Parro; Parro will replace Beaupre. When to pull - Only when shorthanded, down by 1 or 2 goals, with 3 or less action cards left.
	MacAdam (pen 1-9, pass)	
	Pronovost (pen 1-9, pass)	
	Ciccarelli (pen 1-8, pass)	

DEFENSIVE LINES

	Left Defenseman
1st DL (x)	Giles (pass)
1st DLC (y)	G.Smith (pass)
2nd DLC/Inj.	Barrett (pass)

Right Defenseman

1st DL (x)	Roberts (pass) *
1st DLC (y)	Young (pen 1-9, pass) *
2nd DLC/Inj.	Hangsleben (pass)

POWER PLAY LINES

	1st Line	2nd Line
Center	Maruk (pen 1-13, pass; SAL)	Walter (pen 1-14, pass; SAL)
Left Wing	Payne (pen 1-14, pass; SAL)	Gustafsson (1-14, pass; SAL)
Right Wing	Gartner (pen 1-13, pass; SAL)	Ciccarelli (1-11, pass; SAL)
Left Defense	B.Smith (pen 1-14, pass; SAL)	Pronovost (1-14, pass; SAL)
Right Defense	Young (pen 1-14, pass; SAL)	Young (pen 1-14, pass; SAL)

Injury

C - Kelly (pen 1-14, pass; SAL)	LD - Kelly (pen 1-14, pass; SAL)
LW - Kelly (pen 1-14, pass; SAL)	RD - Roberts (pass; SAL)
RW - Kelly (pen 1-14, pass; SAL)	

SHORT-HANDED LINE(S)

Position	1st Line	2nd Line/Injury
Left Wing	Walter (ice; pen 1-8, shoot)	Maruk (skate; pen 1-10, shoot)
Right Wing	MacAdam (ice; pen 1-8, shoot)	Pronovost (skate; 1-8, shoot)
Left Defense	G.Smith (ice; pass)	Roberts (ice; pass)
Right Defense	Barrett (ice; pass)	Young (ice; pen 1-8, shoot)

Additional Instructions: On reading of O/I/R shot for any player (1st line) Maruk, Gartner (2nd line) Young, Ciccarelli. Short-handed - If losing by 5+ goals in 1st period, or 4+ in 2nd period, or 3+ in 3rd, use 2nd line. If losing by 3+ with 4 or 5 action cards left in game, draw an

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action card. Other instructions [first instruction on preceding page refers to power play] - Give puck to player with most asterisks. When pulling goalie, use 1st power play line [except Payne is 6th skater, and Walter is at LW]. Intimidate any opponent with at least one goalie rating between 4 and 10 inclusive. If winning by 3+ goals in 3rd period or 2+ with 20 cards left or 1+ with 10 cards left, change O-I to 2-2. If injury to center occurs, Young will replace injured center, Hengsleben will replace Young at RD of [y] line and Roberts will replace Young on power play lines. On reading of O/I/R shot for any player; [ax] Maruk, Gartner, [bx] B. Smith [by] B. Smith, Young and [cy] Young.

Key: O - Offensive indicator D - Number of forecheckers
 Pen - Penetrate ** - Player to get puck whenever possession is to go to any player

Pen 1-9, pass - Penetrate if chances are greater than 1-9. If less, then pass. This indicates how coach wants a player to perform whenever he has an outside shot with the option to penetrate or pass.

S-O-M Baseball trivia quiz

One more month of Strat-O-Matic Baseball trivia before fall and winter's hibernation set in. The trivia quiz, compliments of Marc Jacobson, the college math instructor from Philadelphia, PA, isn't being shelved; it's only taking a seasonal hiatus.

The envelope, please...

(All questions and answers are based on the 1966 card set)

- QUESTION 1: Which team featured one of the best and one of the worst fielding first basemen of all time?
- QUESTION 2: What is unusual about the card of Bill Helpler, pitcher for the Mets?
- QUESTION 3: Again, speaking of the Mets, what is odd about Ed Bressoud's fielding range?
- QUESTION 4: Which pitchers gave up the most home run chances on their cards?
- QUESTION 5: Which batter had the most home run chances on his card and what is odd about the rest of his card?
- QUESTION 6: Which player was rated for the most positions?
- QUESTION 7: Which team has seven pitchers' cards bearing ERAs under 3, yet only has three batters above .250?
- QUESTION 8: Which batter had the most strikeout chances on his card?

- ANSWER 1: For the Dodgers, it is a striking contrast to have both Wes Parker (first base 1) and Dick Stuart (first base 4).
- ANSWER 2: Helpler's card had 25 walk, 19 hit and 2 strikeout chances, a very unusual combination.
- ANSWER 3: Two of Bressoud's fielding ratings are "3b-4" and "third-base-4" -- the same position but written two different ways.
- ANSWER 4: Two Rays, Culp of the Phillies and Sadecki of the Mets, each gave up six home run chances off their cards.
- ANSWER 5: Art Shamsky of the Reds had the most home run card chances, 14, but only had 3.6 other hit chances.
- ANSWER 6: Versatile George Thomas of the Red Sox is rated at all three outfield positions, first base, third and catcher.
- ANSWER 7: The White Sox had seven pitchers with ERAs below three, but only three batters above .250.
- ANSWER 8: Orlando McFarlane (Tigers) was the big breeze in 1966, having 53 card chances to strikeout.

Reader critiques S-O-M Review ⁷

'Readers roll 'em' best part; tournaments, replays disliked

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Although I enjoy the Review, there is much room for improvement. First of all, the trivia quizzes are rather dull. Instead of a trivia quiz, a better idea would be for someone to go through each card set, starting in 1960, and give an in-depth analysis of it. I'm sure this would be more interesting to a majority of your readers.

Steve Beren's Gold Cup Challenge is a good idea and I realize that he puts a great deal of work into it. However, two to three pages of it is too much. If only 70 gamers entered the competition, that means only 3.5% of the subscribers are participating. The other 96.5% are probably not interested in the results. Perhaps a shorter column dealing with some of the more exciting games in each round would be better suited for publication.

Playing tips should be carefully screened by the Review. What people fail to realize is that many of the playing tips are detracting from statistical realism of the games. The league and replay section is good, but I believe that a full season replay in any sport should be given more space than a play-by-mail draft league that has teams and results that few people can identify with.

Polls are useless by mail and should not be used by either the game company or the Review. I realize that they are the only ways of gauging gamers' opinions, but the Review has barely been able to get 10% return on its polls.

These polls have influence on the game company, I'm sure, but what about the people who play S-O-M but do not subscribe to the Review? The game company acts as though their opinions don't exist. However, these gamers probably make up a larger segment of the S-O-M population than subscribers of the Review.

The no-hitter column definitely should go. How about a column each month about a memorable game or one that had been won against impossible odds? A writeup and a box score could be printed.

I believe that both of you [editors] stay in the background too much. Why not use your column each month to give an opinion about the games; something you seldom do. Your constant praising of the game company makes it seem like you're on the payroll.

READERS ROLL 'EM BEST PART

Readers Roll 'Em is the best part of the Review. What is needed for the Review is for more people to express their opinions about the games or their experiences with them. Replays are fine, but I would prefer to read more about the human side of the S-O-M gamer.

A different guest columnist every month, for example, would be a welcome addition to the Review.

Changes in the baseball game would be a mistake unless they were of a minor nature. The baseball game has built up a tradition over 21 years and this would be destroyed if the game was drastically changed. There is room for improvement in football, however, but the penalties are a welcome addition.

Despite my comments, I still think you do a good job. Please give consideration to my suggestions.

Editor's note: We're all for more input from readers and gamers, especially input with the human touch. And guest columns are welcome, too. But still, despite our pleas, the bulk of our mail is replays--many of them in the form of voluminous, statistically-filled yearbooks that may not be of interest to, well, to the bulk of our readers. As far as major changes in S-O-M games, the baseball will not be "tinkered" with, according to the folks at Glen Head, NY.

Readers roll 'em

GENUINE REPLAYS?

I have been a regular reader of the Review for a long time and one thing I have always wondered about was why the interest in playing in leagues that only use all-stars?

Almost every league that sends in replays (really they are not), has teams composed of players selected in a draft. Why not replay seasons using the regular lineups and the real players?

I get much more enjoyment playing with the real members of the team and trying to find ways for the team to improve from real-life standings. I could never figure out the fascination of gamers who want to play with 25 all-stars on their squads.

I also believe that some of the stats in this type of league would be off base because the players are not seeing action in a real-life situation.

KEITH MILLER

Editor's note: Draft leagues, PBM leagues, etc. (really all-star leagues) have become popular because they provide gamers with a way of completing a full season; actual teams wouldn't work because nobody wants the basement-dwellers.

AD PRICES OUTRAGEOUS

1973 Football - \$33!
1976 Baseball - \$25!

How long will people keep paying these kinds of prices to money-grabbers who charge them? The cost of the 1976 baseball season was around \$9, and they want to sell it for \$25. Give me a break!

The 1973 football season probably cost around \$8, and now only an Arab oil millionaire can afford it.

I'm sick of these outrageous prices. The game is for enjoyment; if you do not want your cards, sell 'em and get what you paid for them and let someone else enjoy them.

I am glad I bought my collection from S-O-M when it had

them in stock. But I feel sorry for fellow gamers who would like to have them now.

Grading scale: Strat-O-Matic = A+, since it fixed the "4" columns. Review = A+, what would the world be like without the Review? Greedy card sellers = Z-, and getting worse.

HENRY VANCE
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'RIDE THE BENCH...

Let the collectors ride the bench; reprint all the teams with advanced features.

Also update the first several years of advanced cards [1971-75] to include "e" ratings and catcher's throwing and "T" ratings. Plus supplementary stealing system for all years.

P.S. Also count a vote for hockey old-timers.

JOHN McTERNAN
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HAPPY WITH '61

I'm very pleased to learn the '61 season is being printed. Even though I own an almost complete set of older cards (player not a collector), I would very much like to see the 1962-70 cards reprinted with advanced play.

Would also like to be able to "e" ratings, catcher arms and steal charts for earlier, advanced cards.

I would also welcome a new, improved S-O-M game.

MICHAEL HINES
Knoxville, TN

HOOKED ON S-O-M

I have been hooked on S-O-M Baseball since college and have purchased the complete sets since 1969. The '56 set was great and I can't wait for 1961.

After that, I vote for reprinting the '62 through '70 seasons. But let's have both sides and forget about protecting the collector. The game wasn't created for that purpose in the first place, was it?

Also, I would like the creation
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of new seasons from the '50's to continue, especially '57 through '60. Why not release a reprint from the '60's and a new set from the '50's in alternate years? That should keep S-O-M busy for the next few years, not to mention those who play the game.

JOHN FALOR

ADVANCED SIDES, PLEASE

I'm all for reprints of the advanced sides of teams from the 1960's in baseball.

I have all the 1969 teams and wouldn't mind losing value to get advanced sides. It would just add to the fun because advanced is the only way to play.

A long time Strat-O-Matic collector.

E. DLECHNOWSKI
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NEXT UP...1961...and...

In response to the article on past baseball seasons in the August Review, my choice would be that after S-O-M comes out with the 1961 set with the 1963 cards, to just continue on with that, by offering the 1962 cards with 1964, etc. I would also like to see both basic and advanced versions offered.

I'm not sure how those gamers who already own those sets would feel, since something like that printed just the same way might decrease the value of their sets. But a way to alleviate that problem might be to print the cards, say, 75 percent of their original size.

I would be more interested in the more recent sets instead of teams from the 1930's or even '40's.

DAVE GIRRARD
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DISAGREES WITH S-O-M

I would prefer that S-O-M print an advance version of the 1930 season rather than one for seasons through 1961 to '71. I really don't see the point of this.

Furthermore, I must strongly disagree with Mr. Richman's contention that baseball fans and S-O-M fanatics "couldn't relate to a season that far back."

Surely, S-O-M players (and I have been one since '64) could relate to a season that had such greats as Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Al Simmons, Red Ruffing, Lefty Grove, Rogers Hornsby, Jolly Cholly Grimm, Hack Wilson (190 RBIs), Bill Terry, Carl Hubbell, Babe Herman, the Waners, Rabbit Maranville, Lefty O'Doul and Chuck Klein playing, and which had such an oddity as the Philadelphia Phillies which set an all-time record for the most hits by a single team in a season, 1,783, followed closely by the Giants with 1,769, and still managed to finish last in the National League.

Furthermore, there is some question as to the wisdom of printing old-time seasons which have so many of the same players playing. I personally would be hesitant to buy a '59 season on the heels of a '56 and a '61.

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AGREES WITH S-O-M

I would like to see the 1962 cards reprinted after the 1961 set. This is the first year of expansion and it would give us gamers more teams and more stars.

After reading the August, 1982 Review, I must agree with Harold Richman (S-O-M's creator) that most gamers would have trouble relating to the 1930 teams. I think his idea of reprinting all the 1960's teams is a very good idea.

The advance game has so much more to offer than the basic. I hope the extra players will also be reprinted.

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A '24-YEAR' PLAN

My preference for future S-O-M Baseball past seasons would be 1962 on up through 1970 and 1950 through 1960, 1919, 1927, 1930 and 1934.

I would like to see them printed both sides, advanced and basic just like 1956. If they are released one per season, it would take 24 years for these teams to all be printed. I would like to buy

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two old seasons per year.

Presently I own every baseball card S-O-M ever produced and most of those cost me a very hefty price. But I own S-O-M cards to play games with and not to make money.

As far as being able to relate to older sets like 1930, my 11-year-old's first choice would be 1934 and I would even like 1876 if S-O-M wanted to produce that season. It's the numbers we like, not just the names: 1930 had a 56 home run hitter and a .400 hitter (Bill Terry).

On this date in 1982, a .320 hitter is leading the league and, even though I know who he is, I'd prefer the .400 hitter.

JOHN RUSSO
P.O. Box 1323
Morgan City, LA

A VOTE FOR 1959

I am writing in response to your request for readers' views regarding the printing of past baseball seasons by Strat-O-Matic Game Company.

Although I think the re-printing of 1960's teams is a good idea, I'd like to see one last pre-1960 full season set, namely 1959. There are a lot of good reasons to print the 1959 season:

(1) It, along with 1930, is the most popular season not yet printed, according to the past two readers' polls.

(2) There are no old-timer teams from 1959 currently in print.

(3) 1959 was recent enough so that many of the players are recognizable, even to younger gamers.

(4) The National League featured a great three-way pennant race and outstanding individual seasons for players like Ernie Banks, Willie Mays and Hank Aaron.

(5) The American League saw the White Sox win their first pennant in 40 years.

JACK JOSEPH
18629 Jeffrey Ave.
Cerritos, CA

SOLD BY SON-IN-LAW

I have been playing Strat-O-Matic Baseball now for two years. My daughter's husband told me about the game and I in turn informed my wife when she's at a loss for a gift to give me, don't hesitate to buy it. My wife now calls herself a Strat-O-Matic widow.

My love for baseball goes back to 1933 when I first started rooting for the N.Y. Giants. The first game I actually went to see was in 1935, at the Polo Grounds, Giants vs. Braves, Schumacher vs. Frankhouse. Giants won 3-1 as Schumacher struck out Babe Ruth, then a player-coach for Boston, pinch-hitting in the ninth inning.

I have only played against myself and am now replaying the 1956 season; each team playing 42 games and using the ratio of 42 to 154 games for at-bats and innings pitched for each player.

I have been receiving your game Review since Dec., 1981; looking forward with much anticipation each month.

STANLEY SCHICK
Washington Arms Apt.
Washington, NJ

GIVES O.K. TO CHANGES

I wouldn't mind a new baseball format. Even if it does make past teams obsolete, most gamers have the present set-up and could use it as a "second" version. The company (S-O-M) just wants to improve its product. It could either make a whole new game or maybe make a new advanced version.

I'm glad to see Mr. Richman's reissues because it shows he wants to cater to gamers as a whole and not necessarily solely to collectors. I think hard-core collectors will still find considerable value in their original-issue teams.

Concerning the sale of such items as 20-sided dice and various strategy/statistic charts, doesn't S-O-M consider this at least a slight infringement on its marketing of the game?

Glad the ads were cut down. I think some "meatier" articles are in order. I think the glut of replay news should be stemmed at the dam and that there should be more articles like feature stories on

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Strat-O-Matic spotlight

FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS TO THE LETTER

Play-by-mail instruction sheets are to be adhered to to the letter, right? Follow it precisely, even if a monumental happening is occurring, right?

Well, that was the dilemma confronting Gary Wnek of Cromwell, CT, during a PBM league game he was hosting. Wnek's team was Atlanta and the visiting team, managed by Paul Unger of W. Seneca, NY, was Los Angeles.

The scenario is that Tom Griffin is pitching for L.A. against Al Williams. The instruction sheet calls for replacing Griffin with ace reliever Doug Corbett "in a two-run game either way." So, Griffin prece-
cedes to mow down Atlanta through seven innings, not allowing a hit, and L.A. has a 2-0 lead.

Griffin has issued three walks and hit a batter--but no hits! Wnek, after much deliberation, decided to follow the instruction sheet and get the win for Unger by bringing in Corbett. Corbett retired the side in order in the eighth and got the first out in the ninth inning. But then Chet Lemon doubled to break up the no-hit bid. Corbett, however, retired the next two batters and preserved a 2-0 victory, a one-hit, 2-0 win!

What would you, if the dice and decision were in your hands rather than Wnek's, have done?

EAGLES WERE 'REAL' CHAMPS IN '80

One of the great features of Strat-O-Matic games is that it gives gamers a chance to replay any segment of the action and compare it to real-life happenings.

That's exactly what Phil Lee, a lab technician for the Clayton County Water Authority in Jonesboro, GA, and Terry Worley, an auditor with Presidential Financial Corporation in Atlanta, did with the 1980 [based on '80] football cards.

Their project, however, was not to replay the entire season, rather to do the playoffs, matching teams at random. Both are veteran gamers, having played close to 500 games of S-O-M.

Philadelphia was the 'real' champ, according to the Lee-Worley Playoffs, as it met San Diego in the Super Bowl and claimed a 24-17 win as Leroy Harris scored three touchdowns and Wilbert Montgomery rushed for 118 yards in 13 carries and was MVP. Dan Fouts put the ball in the air 40 times for the Chargers but amassed only 158 aerial yards.

What happened to Oakland, real-life Super Bowl king? Well, the Raiders were nipped by San Diego in the AFC championship game, 31-30, as Fouts passed for 253 yards and three touchdowns. Oakland led 20-10 late in the first half, but a John Jefferson 40-yard TD reception turned the game around in San Diego's favor.

Other scores included: Oakland 24, Houston 23 [Arthur Whittington's 90-yard kickoff return saved Oakland]; San Diego 23, Buffalo 10 [Fouts completed 36 of 65 passes for 371 yards]; Oakland 16, Cleveland 3 [Brian Sipe was held to 48 yards passing by Raiders]; San Diego 31, Oakland 30 [AFC championship game]; Los Angeles 38, Dallas 3 [Vince Ferragamo hit on 22 of 31 passes for five TDs as L.A. rolled up 552 yards in total offense]; Atlanta 31, Minnesota 3 [William Andrews ran for three TDs in second quarter and Falcon defense picked off four Tommy Kramer passes]; Philadelphia 49, Los Angeles 24 [Montgomery tallied three times and Keith Krepfle caught six passes for 120 yards for winners]; Philadelphia 21, Atlanta 7 [all of Philadelphia's scoring was via the airplanes in NFC championship game; Eagles led 21-0 early in the third quarter].

SHORT SHAKES

....The North-South S-O-M Baseball League, consisting of five members from Houston, TX, and South Lyon, MI, does some traveling for its annual all-star game. In 1980, two of the members gathered in Hawaii;

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last year it was in South Lyon, where two of the members (Bob and Andy Willnus) reside; and this year it will be in Kansas City, MO. Steve Sphumacher, the Strat-O-Matic Stadium creator from Houston, is commissioner of the NSSML... In a comedy of errors, the '81 Dodgers defeated the '65 Dodgers as the two teams combined for seven miscues, with shortstop Bill Russell of the '81 team bobbling three balls in the third inning alone. Fernando Valenzuela survived the fielding carnage, throwing a two-hitter and striking out 14... Willie Smith, an unsung performer for the '69 Chicago Cubs, was the hero of a 36-team old timers baseball tournament conducted by Craig Wogelius, Wooddale, IL, and a friend. Upsets galore took place and the Cubs and '68 Detroit Tigers met in the finals. After splitting the first two games of the best-of-three series, the Cubs captured game three when Smith hit a two-run homer off Earl Wilson for a 3-2 win. Smith had six hits in 12 at-bats and homered twice in the abbreviated tournament... Bob Cusack, 49, a broadcaster by profession and an S-O-M gaming hobbyist, is playing double-duty. Cusack, from Hingham, MA, has played 130 for each team in a replay of 1979. But he interrupted that longtime endeavor - mainly because of the lure of exciting games with the '56 set - and has commenced to play best-of-seven-game series with the '56 teams. It's his way of moving closer to completing a project, and yet sampling all the teams from the exciting '56 season. Cusack has been a gamer since 1964 and reports that a twin brother and 27-year-old married son are also active "Strat-O-Matic Fanatics."

Advertisements

Rates per issue are as follows: 50 words or less - \$1.00; 51-100 words - \$2.00; 101-150 words - \$3.00. Maximum length for an ad will be 150 words. When sending in ads, specify either WANTED, FOR SALE, FOR TRADE, LEAGUE FORMING, or CONTESTS. And name card sets by the year upon which they were based. Note also that only advertising for Strat-O-Matic products, or closely related products, will be accepted, and that merchandise competing with S-O-M products may not be offered for sale. Photocopied cards also, of course, may not be offered for sale. Ads, to be included in the next issue, must be into the Review by the third of the previous month. Late ads will be held over for inclusion the following month.

Wanted

WANTED: Football teams - 1960 Packers; 1969 Rams; 1973 Bills; 1977 Broncos; 1969 Chiefs; 1968 Jets; 1968, 1971, 1975, 1978 Cowboys. Will pay any reasonable price. State condition of team. Contact me immediately: Tom Cancro, 65 Glenn Ave., Norwood, NJ 07648

WANTED: To join an elementary PBM hockey league. I'm a member in good standing in two other PBM leagues. Send replies to: Dave Dunwoody, 1130 Ross Circle, Trion, GA 30753, or call Sunday nights (404-734-3538).

WANTED: Football, complete sets, 1975 or before. No bids, just state your price. Send price list to: Mike Buckmaster, 907 Ashbridge Drive Apt. C, Baltimore, MD 21221. Also would

like to meet S-O-M gamers in Baltimore (Middle River) area.

WANTED: These baseball teams - 1969 Senators; 1970 Yankees; 1971 AL plus Giants; 1972 Tigers; 1975 Reds; 1976 Reds, Yankees; 1977 Yankees, Dodgers; 1978 Yankees, Red Sox, Dodgers, Giants; 1979 Pirates, Expos, Orioles, Angels, Brewers. Extras preferred, but not required. Also would like teams in at least good condition. Send offers to: Vincent Paterno Jr., 20128 Green Run Court, Gaithersburg, MD 20879, or call 301-258-5021. Also wish to meet any S-O-M gamers in the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area.

WANTED: The 1964 baseball season. I am especially interested in the 1964 Orioles as well as the '62, [continued]

'63, '65 teams. I'd be willing to trade some '67, '68, '69, etc., football teams for the '64 baseball season. Please respond to: Jim McLean, 2804 Maple Ave., Baltimore, MD 21234

WANTED: I am interested in obtaining the 1968 Cleveland Indians baseball team. Anyone wanting to sell this particular team contact me as soon as possible. Willing to purchase team at a very good price. Bill Hofer, 2617 Montclair, Wooster, OH 44691

For Sale

FOR SALE: 1964 baseball; missing White Sox and Boros-Cincinnati. Cards yellowed and 2 or 3 cards stained; otherwise excellent. Would prefer to trade but will consider selling. No extras. Cal Whitbeck [1-517-676-5145]

FOR SALE: Complete sets of 1978-79 and 1980-81 hockey cards. In mint condition. \$8.00 per set. Send offers to: Paul Capriotti, 984 Main St. Canton, Salem, NJ 08079

FOR SALE: 1972 AL, \$25; 1975 AL, \$18; 1978 NL, Cubs missing, \$10; 1975 Reds, \$2; 1972 Boston, \$2.25; 1974 Mets, Oakland, \$1.80; 1976 Cubs, Giants, \$1.45. The above teams are in excellent to very good condition. The following teams are in good condition: 1976 Mets, Cards, Cubs, Reds, Padres, \$1.25 each. 1967 Baltimore, fair condition, \$4. Postage is included on the price of the sets, 20¢ postage will be added to individual teams purchased. Will sell all the above teams for \$63. Football: 1976 complete set, good to very good condition; 1978, 23 teams (Atlanta, St. Louis, Cleveland, Eagles, Giants missing); 1977 San Diego, good; 1969 Oilers, Cincinnati, Giants, good condition; 1968 Denver, Packers, Steelers, Washington, Miami, 49ers, Cleveland, good condition. Will take bids or sell all the football teams listed for \$65. Keith R. Fosness, 1438 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ St., So., Fargo, ND 58103

FOR SALE: Football teams, 1968-

1978. 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.M. Bordelon, 5445 Braesvalley, #724, Houston, TX 77096 [phone: 713-721-5465]

FOR SALE: 1979 and 1980 baseball card sets. 1979 set w/o extras, 1980 set with extras. Some writing on several 1980 cards. \$10 for 1979 cards and \$15 for 1980 cards. I pay postage. Norman Phelps, RD 2 Box 696, Lawrenceville, PA 16929

FOR SALE: 1965 Pirates, Giants and all '66 baseball teams, \$8 apiece. 1967 NL in mint condition, \$75. 1968 Cardinals, '69 Twins, White Sox, Yankees, \$6 apiece. 1970 NL with extras, \$35. 1971 NL with extras, \$30. Write to: Steve Olson, 2222 Hoyt St., Dubuque, IA 52001 or call 319-582-6682

FOR SALE: Football teams in excellent condition: 1977 AFC, \$17; NFC, \$17; both \$30. 1976 AFC, \$20; NFC, \$20; both \$35. 1975 AFC, \$22; NFC, \$22; both, \$40. 1974 AFC, \$25; NFC, \$25; both, \$45. 1972 AFC, \$27; NFC, \$27; both \$50. 1971 [good condition], NFC, all but L.A., Minnesota, Dallas, Washington, \$6 apiece or \$45 for the 9. AFC, all but San Diego, Pittsburgh, Houston, \$6 apiece or \$50 for the 10. 1976 Oakland, \$4; 1973 Miami, \$6; 1970 [fair/good] Giants, Detroit, Dallas, Green Bay, Cincinnati, \$6 apiece; 1968 [fair] Green Bay, Philadelphia, \$7 apiece. Six old-timer teams [excellent], \$4 for all. Call 803-558-9694, or write: Dick Silvernail, P.O. Box 1227, Hemingway, SC 27554

FOR SALE: Exact pitching rotations and schedules for all years; 1961 or 1956 are \$7.25 each. Prices vary on other sets; write for quotes. Take the guesswork out of your replays. Rich Pray, 7800 LaNain Dr., Pensacola, FL 32504

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1970 Angels, A's, Brewers, Cubs, Indians, Red Sox, Orioles, Tigers, Twins, Yankees; 1971 A's, Brewers, Expos, Red Sox, Reds; 1972 Mets, Red Sox; 1974 Red Sox; '75 Red Sox; '77 Red Sox; 1978 Yankees; 1979 complete set. Football - 1971 Steelers; '72 Chargers; '73 Redskins, Steel

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ers; '74 Chargers, Cowboys; '76 Bears, Bengals, Browns, Bucs, Cowboys, Dolphins, Eagles, 49ers, Falcons, Giants, Jets, Lions, Packers, Rams, Saints, Seahawks, Steelers. Hockey - 1977-78 complete; '78-79 complete; '79-80 complete. Basketball - 1974-75 complete. Send bids to: John Walsh, 453 Cornell Ave., Pemberton, NJ 08068

FOR SALE: Complete 1973 baseball set, with additional players, mint condition. Complete 1974 baseball set, with additional players, mint condition. Complete 1975 baseball set, with additional players and expansion teams, mint condition. Complete 1977 baseball set, with additional players, very good condition. High bids win. Bids close 10/31/82. Send bids to: Joel Salzman, 3911 Carrel Blvd., Oceanside, NY 11572 or call 6 p.m.-10 p.m. at 516-536-5728.

FOR SALE: Unbreakable 20-sided dice. Forget split decks--20-sided dice are more random and easier to use. Available in a variety of colors: white, red, yellow, violet, lime green, burnt orange. \$1.25, postpaid, same day service. Paul Wooden, 5971 East 25th Place, Tulsa, OK 74114

FOR SALE: Can't find time to complete a 162-game schedule? Now you can play a balanced schedule reduced to 54 games and have a place to record up-to-date standings. Just send \$1 for one league schedule or \$1.50 for both leagues, to K.A. Schmitt, P.O. Box 212, Bridge City, TX 77611. Also, I would be interested in corresponding with other S-O-M gamers in southeast Texas; 21 and over please.

FOR SALE: Football sets - 1978, '74 and '68. Some writing in margins. Baseball - 1977, '75 and '68--no extras. Sets only. Bidding ends the 30th. Also, get your league's quarterbacks rated with the same method used by the AFL. Send attempts, completions, touchdowns, interceptions and gross yards for each player. Price: 15¢ each. Send

SASE to: Robert Gebeloff, 9 Evergreen Road, West Caldwell, NJ 07006 (all stats returned)

FOR SALE: Basketball teams. Have not been used. 1980-81 teams: Lakers, Celtics, Nets, Supersonics, Jazz, Bucks, 76ers. Excellent condition. Includes full, unused scorepad. The first good bid gets it. Billy Foose, RD#4 Box 58, Montague, NJ 07827

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1970 complete set without extras, mint condition, \$75 or make offer. Also, approximately 40 other teams from 1963 through 1977. SASE for complete list and details. Will trade for my needs. Rick Hicks, 2943 Bradley Road, Huntington, WV 25704

FOR SALE: 22 old-timer teams to include some current World Series winners. 1969 Royals, Padres, Pilots. Will sell as package for \$10 or will consider trade for 1970 National League extras. Cal Whitbeck, 206 North Ct., Mason, MI 48854 (517-676-5145)

FOR SALE: End of an era sale: 31 years old, two kids, no time. Everything goes. Prices listed are minimum bid accepted. Deadline Oct. 30, 1982. Baseball - 1965 NL and AL, \$65 (cards are in very good condition considering age. Missing Whitey Ford, Joe Nuxhall); 1969 NL and AL, \$55 (players numbers typed on back of cards, otherwise mint); 1970 NL and AL, \$48 (mint); 1971 NL and AL, \$44 (excellent); 1972 NL and AL, \$43 (mint); 1973 NL and AL, \$45 (excellent); 1974 NL and AL, \$42 (mint); 1975 NL and AL, \$37 (mint); 1976 NL and AL, \$30 (mint); 1977 NL and AL, \$32 (mint); 1978 NL and AL, \$28 (mint); 1979 NL and AL, \$23 (mint); 1980 NL and AL, \$18 (mint). 1969 through 1980 have extra players and most have rosters. Hockey - 1977-78 complete hockey game (never played), with Chicago, Atlanta, Detroit, Cleveland, \$10. I pay shipping on all orders. Randy Rogers, R.R. 1, Box 171, Farmland, IN 47340

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1964 Yankees; 1965 Yankees, Reds, Pirates, Twins, Orioles, Giants, Astros, Senators,

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Mets; 1967 Cardinals, Mets.
Football - 1973 Colts, Patriots,
Chiefs, Jets, Lions, Packers,
Cardinals; 1979 Chargers, Bucs,
Browns, Steelers, Cardinals,
Rams, Seahawks, Saints. Send
bids to: Ron Brammer, 2504 NE
52nd Ter., Kansas City, MO 64118

FOR SALE: Back by popular
demand. New, 1981 pro football
season edition: statistically
derived chart, ratings of each
team's punter. Your coaching
options increase with this com-
puter developed realistic punt-
ing within the opponent's 20-yard
line strategy. Only \$1.95.
Larry Duisberg, 2712 Tomoka Ave.,
Titusville, FL 32780

FOR SALE: Large supply of cards
at very reasonable prices. For
list contact or call: Bill
Kozack, 49 Commonwealth Ave.,
Haverhill, MA 01830 (617-372-
6852). Also interested in head-
to-head play with adults in
Boston-Haverhill area.

FOR SALE: Football teams - 1973
Miami, Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Oak-
land, Denver, Dallas, Washington,
Minnesota, Los Angeles, Atlanta;
1974, '75 and '76 complete.
1977 New England, Baltimore,
Miami, Pittsburgh, Houston, Oak-
land, Dallas, Washington, Chica-
go, Los Angeles; 1978 complete;
1979 Dallas, Philadelphia, Wash-
ington, Chicago, Tampa Bay, New
Orleans, Los Angeles, Jets, New
England, Buffalo, Miami, Houston,
Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Oakland,
Kansas City, San Diego, Seattle,
Denver; 1980 complete. Also
1972, Cleveland, San Francisco.
All teams in excellent to mint
condition. Call at 215-264-7547
or SASE to: Nick Dimaria, 110
Orchard Dr., Apt. 9, Whitehall,
PA 18052

FOR SALE: Complete 1969 baseball
(some extras missing), good
condition, \$95. 1966, excell-
ent condition (missing players
in parentheses), Kansas City,
Houston (Nicholson), Philadel-
phia (Briggs), Atlanta (Geiger),
NY Yanks (Stottlemyre), Chicago
White Sox (Buzhardt), Baltimore
(Dave Johnson), Cincinnati (O.
Johnson), Boston (7), Cleveland
(3) - only \$25. Complete 1974

(no San Diego), w/extras, excell-
ent condition, \$80. 1971 Balti-
more, Oakland, Pittsburgh (w/ex.,
excellent condition), \$18. 1973
Oakland, Cincinnati (w/ex., excell-
ent condition), \$10. 1970, no
extras, excellent condition,
complete AL except Oakland, plus
Cincinnati, Cubs, San Francisco,
Los Angeles, \$40. 1968 Cincinnati
[good], \$8. 1969 Los Angeles
[mint], \$6. 1976 expansion cards,
mint, \$5. 1965, excellent condi-
tion, St. Louis [White], Cincin-
nati [Jay], NY Yanks [Richardson],
Minnesota and Los Angeles [orig-
inals], \$20. 1967 White Sox [Bu-
Ford], \$3. 1972 Cincinnati [-4],
\$3. 1964 Angels [-4], \$3. All
excellent condition. 1970 Washing-
ton [mint, no extras], \$2. 48
mint nameless, \$1. First caller
gets cards. David Scheer, 86
Mill St., Spencerport, NY 14559
(716-352-9089). WANTED: 1966
Boston, Jose Tartabull card.

FOR SALE: Baseball sets, 1956,
'72-'81, with extras except for '76.
Hall of Fame set, 36 reprinted
teams. No player or team sold
individually. Items sold to high-
est bidder by month's end. When
bidding, discuss postage and
delivery arrangements. Bid in U.S.
dollars. Greg Listoe, 753 N.
James, Thunder Bay, Ontario,
Canada P7C 5M7 (phone: 807-577-
1522)

FOR SALE: Charts to make your
players have a great day, a bad
day or a fair day, like in real-
life. Send a SASE and 25¢ for
each chart to: Paul Steinberg,
RR 4, Box 156, New London, WI
54901

FOR SALE: Football, 2 complete
game sets, complete team sets from
1969, '70, '71, '72 and partial
team sets from 1967, '68, '73,
'78, '79, '80 and old-timer teams.
Send SASE for complete description
to: John Carlin, 9855 Shadow
Way #1002, Dallas, TX 75243

FOR SALE: 1967 baseball in good
condition. Will accept bids through
October 29; minimum bid accepted
is \$75, or will sell to first
check received for \$125. Inquiries
to: Dale Barnes, Route 1,
Oglesby, IL 61348

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FOR SALE: Baseball, complete with extras - 1974 NL [\$16], 1976 [\$30], 1977 [\$26], 1978 [\$24], 1979 [\$21], 1980 [\$18]; 1975 Orioles, Tigers, Yankees, Brewers, Reds, Giants, Cubs, Cards [\$1 each]. All in very good condition. Luke Jessup, RFD 3, Elizabethtown, KY 42701

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1919 White Sox; 1936 Yankee; 1931 A's; 1934 Cardinals, Tigers; 1922 Giants, Browns; 1935 Cubs; 1946 Red Sox, Cardinals; 1941 Yankees, Dodgers; 1940 Reds; 1911 A's; 1927 Yankees, Pirates; 1962 Giants; 1953 Dodgers; 1961 Yankees, Tigers; 1965 Dodgers; 1977 Phillies, Royals, Yankees; 1976 Reds, Phillies; 1948 Indians; Four Hall-of-Fame teams; 1979, 1980 all teams (with or without game). Football - 1971 all teams. You can buy individual teams, entire year, or any combination. Buyer pays postage. Send bids to: Samuel Rabi, 1245 E. 73rd St., Brooklyn, NY 11234

FOR SALE: 1963 Pirates, A's, Braves; 1966 Cardinals, \$10 a team. 1968 Cardinals; '69 Reds, Padres, Giants, Cardinals, Red Sox, Phillies, Expos, Pirates, Mets, \$8 a team. 1972 Indians, Red Sox, Angels, Tigers, A's, Brewers, Twins, Orioles, Royals, Rangers, \$3 a team. All teams without extras in excellent to mint condition except '63 A's (average). Write to: Steve Olson, 2222 Hoyt St., Dubuque, IA 52001 or call 319-582-6682.

FOR SALE: Football - 1969 Steelers. Baseball - 1967 White Sox; 1968 White Sox, Senators, Cubs, Twins, Pirates, also separate set of extra players; 1969 Cardinals; 1970 Pirates; 1971, all teams except Mets and Senators. Teams come with extra players. 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975 - all teams with extra players. 1977, all, with extras. Please bid only on entire set for 1977. Other years, bid on sets or individual teams. All teams are in excellent condition. Sorry, I must close the auction soon. Winners will be notified. \$1 will be added to each order for

postage. Thanks, I hope you enjoy these as much as I have. Joe Moorehouse, 610 Village #4, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

FOR SALE: 20-sided dice, 50¢ each without inked digits or \$1 each with inked digits. Because a plus sign has been molded in front of half of the numbers, it is possible to use this die as a D-2 for heads or tails, D-10 for generating percentile numbers as well as 1 through 20. A plain 4 is read as 4, but +4 is the same as 14 because you simply add 10 to any digit preceded by a plus sign, when 1 through 20 numbers are required. These are genuine gamescience high impact dice, which are guaranteed to survive at least 2 years of normal wear. No other company dares to offer such an extended lifespan because they know their dice can't last that long. There is no such thing as 90% high impact or hard impact, etc. Our dice are used by the U.S. Naval War college. We have 11 standard color opaques and 18 standard color gem style dice. Gems cost 75¢ each without ink and \$1.25 each with ink. Please include \$1.50 with order to pay for postage, handling, etc. Lou Zocchi, 01956 Pass Road Box STRA, Gulfport, MS 39501

League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: Young woman wondering if any other women would be interested in forming all-women face-to-face baseball league in New York city area. If you are interested in joining in this unusual and unique league, contact Diane B. Firstman, 35-20 73rd St., Jackson Heights, NY 11372 (212-429-5979). Hoping to start as soon as five other women managers respond.

LEAGUE FORMING: The World Baseball League, entering its 8th consecutive season, is looking for managers. If you are a quality manager looking for a well-established baseball league, please contact. Paul Zucker, 313 N. Morrison, Casa Grande, AZ 85222. I'm also forming a 1956 draft league; 6 to 8 managers are needed.

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LEAGUE FORMING: The Greater New Haven S-O-M Football League is here. Face-to-face, 16-team venture begins when all coaching slots are filled. Not a draft league. Only those willing to make a commitment need apply. Call or write: Ken Main, 58 Rodgers St., Branford, CT 06405 [phone: 203-488-9569]

LEAGUE FORMING: Managers needed for 10-team, face-to-face draft league in Decatur-Springfield, IL, area. Advanced rules, 158-game season. League in its Fifth year. Contact Terry at 429-5995 [Decatur] or Wayne at 544-2943 [Springfield].

LEAGUE FORMING: Managers/backups wanted for second-year, summer PBM hockey league. Experience/ references preferred, but not a must. Good league, but needs backups. Write or call: Paul Meehl, 6713 Thomas Ave., Richfield, MN 55423 [612-869-2095]

LEAGUE FORMING: Advanced PBM baseball draft league needs managers and backups. Monthly newsletters; no entry fee; starts in late October. Don't be shut out, call 617-288-4092, or write: Jim Nickerson, 15 Harborview St., Dorchester, MA 02125.

LEAGUE FORMING: I'm interested in joining an established face-to-face football league or helping to form one in the Suffolk County, NY, area. I have four years experience playing football and I played the advanced version. Please call or write: John Roggie, 190 Forrest Place, Bay Shore, NY 11706

LEAGUE FORMING: I would like to start a PBM draft league. The number of games will depend on the amount of response I get from you. I don't care how large the league gets. I am the assistant league manager of another hockey league. So I know how they run. I would like you to send in a list of 40 right and left wings, 40 centers, 100 goalies and 100 defensemen. I want managers to have intense competition and fair play. Also

there will be a playoff series. And all the managers will decide on league fee. Jim Teal Jr., 5446 Glenfield Dr., Saginaw, MI [phone: 1-517-799-5185]

LEAGUE FORMING: Six coaches needed for new PBM CHDL [Canadien Hockey Draft League] to begin in early fall. Prize \$\$\$ for Canadien Cup champion, league's highest goal-scorer, most points and goalie with best goals-against-average. Yet there are no fees whatsoever. Draft based on 1980-81 cards. Only series S-O-M gaming veterans need apply. Must be at least 16 years old to enter. Send name, age, address, past S-O-M Hockey leagues and total years playing S-O-M, to: Bill Severn, CHDL President, 3127 Baybrier Rd., Baltimore, MD 21222

LEAGUE FORMING: The Northern Indiana S-O-M League is an established league. We are looking for backup managers. We are 1/3 completed with this year's schedule. We are a 10-team league and are going to expand to 14, 16 or 18 teams next year. We play 162-game schedule and use advanced side of cards. Call or write: Shane Meier, RR 1, Box 122, Scipio, IN 47273 [812-579-6682] or Pat Tafelski, 54755 Elder Road, Mishawaka, IN 46545 [219-259-3657]

LEAGUE FORMING: The International Baseball League is looking for managers and backup managers in the New York City-Tri-State metropolitan area. We are a face-to-face league using the advanced version. All teams are based on the real teams with a constant roster, including free agent and rookie drafts. At end of season a complete stat. book will be published. Mature and experienced managers only. Send inquiries, S-O-M experience and a brief description of self to: Tom Hudson, 649 East 9th St. 2E, New York, NY 10009, or call 212-228-3414.

LEAGUE FORMING: Managers are needed for a newly forming PBM league. This league will be a basic version PBM baseball draft league containing six teams. All you need is dedication for S-O-M Baseball. 25 players will be drafted onto

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each team. The schedule will consist of only 48 games, 24 of which are home. Highlights of this league will be newsletters, an all-star game, and, of course, playoffs. A \$15 cash prize will be awarded to the World Series winner. Be sure to send me a draft list of at least 150 players to assure an entry into this league. Also, you had better send it quick or call me to receive a high choice in the draft. Write to: Scott Winchester, 1190 Cranbrook Dr., Saginaw, MI 48603 or call me at 1-517-792-3036. By the way, a \$2.50 entry fee is mandatory.

LEAGUE FORMING: The midwestern baseball league is looking for nine reliable managers to play an advanced PBM baseball league using the 1981 cards. Schedule consists of 120 games. If interested, send response and self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Mike Stenson, 15401 Ann Marie Dr., Oak Forest, IL 60452

LEAGUE FORMING: Our four-year-old PBM hockey league is looking to expand from 14 teams to 20. 60-game season and playoffs. Currently we have teams from U.S., Canada and England. Send brief resume of PBM experience to: Jim Fell, 5012 Maple Ridge Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46815

LEAGUE FORMING: 1973 actual teams full-season replay - advanced. Decade will start play on American League soon (Oct. 1). We are just completing National League now and the 1973 pitchers and hitters are just as exciting as we hoped. Format allows maximum managing at minimum costs. The entry fee is substantial, but includes notebook and a quality system of statistics and information you can keep on a bookshelf. We allow time to play and enjoy the actual schedule. If you tried PBM in leagues that folded, or want an exciting winter league, and you own the 1973 set, write now. Include managing resume. Sky O'Callahan, Decade, 5242 Glenwood Circle, La Palma, CA 90623

Contests

CONTESTS: 1982-83 Hockey Challenge Tournament is a play-by-mail super advanced tournament to decide who's the best hockey coach in the S-O-M world. This year's guaranteed purse has been increased to \$200, \$100 to the winner! The 1982-83 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 tournament is open to all. For rules and information, write to: Larry King, 102-45 62nd Road, Apt. 4P, Forest Hills, NY 11375. Note: Rules will be sent as soon as the new hockey cards are available.

Wanted

WANTED: 1971 AL with extras, extras for Cubs, Expos, Pirates, Cardinals, Reds, Giants; 1972 Baltimore, Milwaukee, California, Mets, San Francisco, extra players and Marty Pattin; 1973 AL; 1974 extras for NL and the following players: Bahnsen, Forster, Gossage, Wood. Send offers to: Neil Lanctot, 1566 Mendon Road, Woonsocket, RI 02895

Readers roll 'em

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the 1982 football cards. And I'd like to see more emphasis on S-O-M Hockey.

KEVIN FORD

Editor's note: Regarding game revision, S-O-M has indicated any major overhauling will involve the pro football game - not the baseball.

As far as infringements on S-O-M products, strategy and stat charts would not fall into that category, although 20-sided dice would. But we feel that 20-sided dice wouldn't conflict with split docks on that large a scale (one double split deck sells for 75¢). In upcoming issues watch for who-should-you-draft type articles on the hockey cards as well as the most frequently used power play and penalty killing lines.

Kansas City shoots down Eagles ¹⁹

Largest face-to-face football league enters 13th season

The sounds emanating from the Terrace Inn, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, were those of dice mixed with the staccato beat of a "tom-tom." The Kansas City Chiefs were on the warpath in the Canadian Strat-O-Matic Football League.

The CSFL, the largest face-to-face tabletop S-O-M Football league in existence, involving 28 coaches and teams, crowned a surprise champion at the conclusion of its 12th season when Steve Whitaker's Chiefs won the "Strat-O-Bowl."

Only 8-8 in real-life (based on the 1980 season), the Chiefs swept through the regular-season with a 14-2 record. And then, in the playoffs, Kansas City nipped Buffalo, 16-14, the New York Jets in the American Football Conference final, 26-24, and, finally, the Philadelphia Eagles in the 'Strat-O-Bowl,' 26-7.

Philadelphia, you will recall, lost to Oakland in the real-life Super Bowl. But the Chiefs clobbered it on the table, rolling up 441 yards total offense, limiting the Eagles to 208, intercepting three passes and recovering a like number of fumbles. It was 17-0 late in the second period and Philadelphia never was to be in the game again.

CSFL ENTERS 13TH SEASON

Last season's results of the CSFL is just part of the success story of the Edmonton-based league that includes gamers from all walks of life. The real story, of course, is the league itself, which has been featured in numerous issues of the Review.

Allan Ropchan, the nightclub entertainer and self-avowed S-O-M fanatic, is still the commissioner of the CSFL, which he started in 1971. That was two years after Ropchan had been introduced to S-O-M by a sax player who was performing with him at the time in Vancouver.

It wasn't long after that that the CSFL quickly grew and soon no franchises were available. Many of the gamers [coaches] traveled long distances every weekend to get in their games.

Ropchan once estimated that the average coach in the CSFL lasts about 3½ years. But a waiting list of coaches keeps the league at full strength.

A publication--"Red Dog Review"--charts the progress of the CSFL every season and, after the last die has been cast and the Strat-O-Bowl is history, an awards banquet is held.

Paul Stoker, the league's statistician, was selected as "Coach of the Year," for instance, after taking the New York Jets (4-12 in real-life) from last to first place (11-5) in the AFC's East Division.

Whitaker won the Strat-O-Bowl trophy, while Jon Dedek (Atlanta) had the best offense, 547 points, and Gord Oddegard (Philadelphia) was honored for having the best defense, allowing a mere 214 points.

And what about Ropchan, organizer and senior citizen of the CSFL? His Dallas Cowboys won 14 of 16 games in the regular-season...and then got bounced out of the playoffs in the first game by the Eagles, 24-9.

Here are the standings and playoff results for the CSFL (based on 1980 real-life season, using actual teams):

<u>AFC East</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Real-Life</u>	<u>Offense</u>	<u>AFC Central</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Real</u>	<u>Off.</u>
NY Jets	11	5	[4-12]	361.8	Pittsburgh	11	5	0	[9-7]	380.0
Buffalo	10	6	[11-5]	301.8	Houston	7	8	1	[11-5]	360.6
New England	9	7	[10-6]	329.3	Cincinnati	7	9	0	[8-10]	331.1
Miami	7	9	[8-8]	248.6	Cleveland	4	12	0	[11-5]	279.2
Baltimore	3	13	[7-9]	270.2						
<u>AFC West</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Real</u>	<u>Off.</u>	<u>NFC East</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Real</u>	<u>Off.</u>	
Kansas City	14	2	[8-8]	369.2	Dallas	14	2	[12-4]	365.8	
Denver	11	5	[8-8]	331.8	Philadelphia	11	5	[12-4]	359.1	
Oakland	7	9	[11-5]	357.0	Washington	7	9	[6-10]	320.4	
San Diego	5	11	[11-5]	338.2	St. Louis	5	11	[5-11]	311.7	

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AFC West con't					NFC East con't					
Seattle	W	L	Real	Off.	NY Giants	W	L	Real	Off.	
	5	11	[4-12]	290.0		4	12	[4-12]	294.6	
NFC Central					NFC West					
Tampa Bay	W	L	T	Real	Off.	Atlanta	W	L	Real	Off.
Chicago	11	5	0	[5-10-1]	367.3	San Francisco	13	3	[12-4]	422.5
Detroit	10	6	0	[7-9]	386.8	Los Angeles	9	7	[6-10]	313.8
Green Bay	9	7	0	[9-7]	343.2	New Orleans	7	9	[11-5]	334.2
Minnesota	6	10	0	[5-10-1]	316.0		2	14	[1-15]	273.3
	4	11	1	[9-7]	311.1					
Playoffs										
Wild card:										
NFC:										
AFC:										
Philadelphia 30, Chicago 27; Buffalo 26, Denver 21.										
Philadelphia 24, Dallas 9; Atlanta 17, Tampa Bay 10;										
Philadelphia 35, Atlanta 21 [championship]										
NY Jets 16, Pittsburgh 13; Kansas City 16, Buffalo 14.										
Kansas City 26, NY Jets 24 [championship]										

Gamer issues plea for 3-4 defense chart

BY DAVID DE LA FUENTE, Kent, Ohio

With the new football set, 17 teams employed the 3-4 defense last year, more teams than in any other set previous.

Since I am primarily a solitaire gamer, I am slightly reluctant to use a 4-3 for any of these teams as is necessary for the solo chart. Has anyone devised a 3-4 solo defense? This is a public exclamation for help.

I have two ideas in my head as to how to go about it: (1) Have a chart, similar to the 4-3 now, which merely tells one how many men there are in each particular zone. There would have to be different charts for the weak and strong off-tackle zones, a lineback chart which allowed for the possibility of only one man home, etc. It sounds simple, but is in reality extremely difficult to devise. I know - I spent hours on it before realizing that I could not do it on my own.

The second method considered: (2) A chart relative to each yardage situation concentrating on the rover himself. Example - First and 10, roving linebacker is positioned here on dice roll - vacated tackle - 2-7. Weaker end-run blitz zone 8 (weaker as in reference to defensive end's numerical rating. If ends are same numerically, their rover plays opposite tight end to counteract blocking). Weakest flat/look-in zone 9. Median flat zone 10. Strongest flat zone 12. Blitz zone 11 (how to determine?). As you can see, there are countless kinks to be worked out of such a system. A system such as (2) would probably require two dice rolls before each play, extending a game to unknown limits of time.

I am asking for help because it seems to me that a 3-4 solo defense would be more realistic than having to use a 4-3, providing it was realistic. I hope that this is a point Strat-O-Matic is considering in the game changes - the defenses are relatively inflexible.

A person cannot play a working 5-2, have seven defensive backs, or blitz nine men, having two back for the pass. These are not common, but a game should encompass these factors if it can call itself realistic. These tactics are used occasionally.

More factors? How about the zone stunts, play-action, option passes, fake kicks, reverses, true draws, field position, realistic blocked kicks, fumble returns and so on?

As it is now, the Strat-O-Matic Football game encompasses a working, realistic world, but that world could seemingly be changed and expanded to contain even more. I am in favor of any new changes that are workable, so long as time and playability are not sacrificed.

Editor's note: Gamer De La Fuente raises a good question regarding a solo defensive chart for using the 3-4 alignment. He's issued a call for help - are there any innovative gamers who are listening [reading]?

S-O-M league, replay scene

NORTH AMERICAN BASEBALL LEAGUE - Survived Canadian postal strike of 1981 to complete seventh season and, along with it, mammoth 74-page yearbook...NABL is comprised of 16 teams, is PBM, and permits liberal trading...Use of computer (the work of Brian Webster and Stewart Arneil) sets league apart from most and made possible voluminous yearbook...computer is used for keeping individual and league statistics and Webster reports hours of work went into developing programs for such tasks...1981 season saw three league records smashed as George Brett batted .396, exceeding the previous standard of .387 held by Jim Rice (1979); Mike Hargrove walked an amazing 157 times, outstrolling Ken Singleton, who had 130 free passes in 1978, and Rickey Henderson swiped 146 bases, grand larceny when compared to Cesar Cedeno's 100 thefts in 1978...Since many of the managers had two teams, one in each league, the possibility of a manager meeting his opposite number in the finals of the playoffs existed. And that's exactly what happened as Webster's Vancouver Island Totems, American League champs, defeated his Victoria Shamrocks in a six-game final series...other league managers and their teams included: Rick Helwig (Hanover Roadrunners/Hanover Jays), Stewart Arneil (Oak Bay Delicious), Brian Cheffins (Canadian Club), Steve Woods (Juan deFuca Gulls), Wayne Irving (Spokane Mets/Victoria Scouts), Bruce Kosa (Devon Nine), Barry Willmore (Stratford Festivals), Scott Peterson (Normal No-Minds), Andrew Johnstone (Oak Bay Brewmasters), John Salem (Hanover A's), Jeff Lewis (Fresno Reds) and John Botting (Neustadt Cardinals).

Standings and leaders:

National League

West	W	L	GB	East	W	L	GB
Hanover Roadrunners(RR)	94	68	-	Juan deFuca Gulls(JG)	85	77	-
Victoria Shamrocks(VSH)	91	71	3	Spokane Mets (SM)	83	79	2
Oak Bay Delicious (OBD)	87	75	7	Devon Nine (DN)	69	83	15
Canadian Club (CC)	83	79	11	Stratford Festivals(SF)	56	106	29

American League

West	W	L	GB	East	W	L	GB
Vancouver Is. Totems(VI)	92	70	-	Hanover A's (HA)	101	61	-
Victoria Scouts (VSC)	79	83	13	Fresno Reds (FR)	99	63	2
Normal No-Minds (NNM)	72	90	20	Hanover Jays (HJ)	90	72	11
Oak Bay Brewmasters(OBBM)	54	108	38	Neustadt Cards(NC)	61	101	40

Batting

		Home Runs	RBI	H
Brett FR	.396	Schmidt JG 49	Schmidt JG 138	Buckner
Buckner OBBM	.328	Armas VI 44	Armas VI 125	OBBM 213
Oberkfell VSH	.327	Oglivie FR 44	Oglivie FR 124	28
Hernandez JG	.325	Re.Jackson VI38	R.Jackson VI 105	Brett FR 40
Bumbry VI	.322	Bench CC 36	Da.Murphy OBD 103	38

Wins

		ERA (162 Innings)
Norris FR	23	Corbett HJ 2.37
Langford HA	22	Langford HA 2.55
Clancy RR	21	Stieb HA 2.62
Koosman HA	21	Norris FR 2.74
		Koosman HA 2.85

Strikeouts

Carlton VSH	282
Ryan VSH	188
Blyleven DN	177
Norris FR	170
Hargrove	VSC 157

SB: Henderson CC 146/216, Moreno OBBM 91/128

E: Templeton CC 44

HRA: P.Niekro OBD 41

GC: Keough HA 21, Norris FR 20

L: Flanagan OBBM 22

IP: Carlton VSH 327

SA: Gossage VI 26, Reardon SM 26

SH: McGregor CC 6

BEST PLAYERS REPLAY - Mark Frobom of Minneapolis, MN, marked his return to S-O-M after a four-year absence by completing an elementary baseball replay of best players from the 1960's and '70's for four teams...

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Teams included the A's, Twins, White Sox and Braves..."Of the seven replays I've done, I'd have to say that this was the best yet," enthused Frobom, now 23...The A's won out, going 101-55, and stealing an eye-opening 386 bases. Billy North swiped 89, Bert Campaneris 70 and Mitchell Page 65; Reggie Jackson led the hitters with 39 homers and 132 RBI, while an outstanding pitching staff was led by Vida Blue (26-11), Jim Hunter (24-10) and Ken Holtzman (22-11)...Blue was Cy Young winner and Hank Aaron, who hit 53 roundtrippers, was MVP runnerup to Tony Oliva (.366, 39 homers, 135 RBI)...Other highlights included Tom Hall of Minnesota starting the season with 19 straight wins (he finished 22-5); Don Mincher of the Twins clubbing four home runs in one game, and no-hitters by Bert Blyleven of the Twins and Steve Barber (who was a visiting pitcher in an inter-league game)...The Braves bashed 278 home runs (Aaron, 53; Burroughs, 47; Darrell Evans, 39; Orlando Cepeda, 38; Dave Johnson, 32) but still wound up dead last...Dick Dietz of Braves walked 158 times...

Standings and leaders: (35-14 record in inter-league games)

	W	L	GB	Batting	Home Runs
A's	101	55	-	Carew TWI .367	Aaron BRA 53
Twins	87	68	13½	Oliva TWI .366	Burroughs ATL 47
White Sox	71	84	29½	Rudi A's .314	Killebrew TWI 46
Braves	62	93	38½		

RBI	Wins	ERA	Strikeouts
Oliva TWI 135	Blue A's 26	Blue A's 2.56	Blue A's 362
Jackson A's 132	Hunter A's 24	Hunter A's 3.86	Hall TWI 267
Killebrew TWI 129	Hall TWI 22	Hall TWI 3.97	Blyleven TWI 240
	Holtzman A's 22		

H: Carew TWI 249	LOSS: Niekro BRA 25, Wood, WS 22
R: Carew TWI 116	IP: Blue A's 359, Wood WS 343
BB: Henderson A's 44, Oliva TWI 44	SH: Blue A's 5, Wood WS 4
SB: Tovar TWI 19	PCT: Hall TWI .815 (22-5)
SS: North A's 89, Campaneris A's 70	

1978 BASEBALL REPLAY - Solitaire venture by Rick Gray, 22, of Rochester, NY, who took six teams--three from each league--and played through 162-game schedule...Texas, despite mediocre hitting and pitching, won regular-season and playoffs, defeating Gray's favorites, the Yankees, in seven-game finale (0-2, 2-5, 2-0, 5-3, 2-4, 7-2, 5-2)...Gray is a college student and 10-year S-O-M vet...Texas won despite Bobby Bonds (.228) and Mike Hargrove (.204)...Ron Guidry (25-3 real-life) had great season, although not super colossal, going 21-8 with league-leading 2.59 ERA...Vida Blue, in another lowlight/highlight, finished with a 15-17 record after a 2-11 start...San Diego's Dave Winfield was MVP, Guidry Cy Young recipient...

Standings and leaders:

	W	L	GB	Avg.	ERA	Batting	Home Runs
Texas	91	71	-	.254	3.93	Munson NY .306	Foster CIN 44
NY Yanks	89	73	2	.270	3.66	Oliver TEX .204	Luzinski PHI 43
Philadelphia	85	77	6	.255	3.96	Richards SD .302	Jackson NY 33
San Diego	82	80	9	.263	3.65	Hebner PHI .300	Schmidt PHI 33
San Francisco	70	92	21	.263	3.94		
Cincinnati	69	93	22	.253	4.48		

RBI	ERA (162 IP)
Winfield SD 147	Guidry NY 2.59
Foster CIN 142	Jones SD 2.73
Clark SF 113	Matlack TEX 2.74
Jackson NY 112	Knepper SF 3.08

Playoffs: Texas d. San Diego, 3-2	SA: Bair CIN 28, Fingers SD 27, Gossage NY 24
New York d. Philadelphia 3-0	H: Richards SD 198
	SB: Clark SF 55
	BB: Randolph NY 14
	R: Richards SD 113

W-L	Strikeouts	CG: Carlton PHI 25
Carlton PHI 25-11	Guidry NY 315	HRA: Jenkins TEX 39
Jenkins TEX 23-11	Seaver CIN 246	
Guidry NY 21-8	Jenkins TEX 222	
Matlack TEX 21-12	Carlton PHI 216	

SB: Smith SD 61/81	
E: Campaneris TEX 31	

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1979 DETROIT TIGER REPLAY - Conducted by a Texan, Frank Bontomasu of San Antonio, who found many of the averages and ERAs amazingly realistic...he wasn't able to match the real-life record, or better it as is the case in most solitaire replays where the manager can concentrate solely on one team, as the Tigers finished 82-79 (85-76 real-life)... some of the on-target hitting performances included: Seeve Kemp batting .349 (.318 real-life) with 23 homers (26); Lou Whitaker hitting .285 (.286) and Lynn Jones .298 (.296)...Jason Thompson was slightly better than for real, batting .254 (.246) with 26 homers (20)...Disappointments were Ron LeFlore (.271; .300 real) and Champ Summers (.268 to .313), although Summers almost equaled his home run total (18 to 20)...In the pitching department, Milt Wilcox, a lowly 12-10 with a 4.36 ERA in real-life, improved on all fronts, compiling a 16-6 log with 3.09 ERA...conversely, Jack Morris, 17-7, 3.27 in real-life, faltered and struggled to go 13-12 with a 3.98 ERA...Aurelio Lopez, although not as overpowering as for real, still saved 25 games in a relief role.

N.T.L. - Nine-team play-by-mail/face-to-face league that plays National League cards only...commissioner is John Blomstrom, 32, of Houston, TX, while his wife, Cheryl, 25, is one of NTL's active members, managing the Phillies...former major league pitcher Tony Brizzolara also is in league, guiding the Pirates; Tony lives in Richmond, VA... other league members and their teams include: Mike Davies, 31, Houston (Dodgers); Brent Goodwin, 20, Houston (Braves); Mike Turnis, 23, Hopkinton, IA (Cards); Rick Blount, 24, Houston (Cubs); and Craig Becker, 25 Austin, TX (Giants). The manager of the Padres has since dropped out of the league while Blomstrom manages Astros...latest season was sixth for one of S-O-M's better organized PBM leagues...Highlights included J.R. Richard of the Dodgers going a record-setting 17-0 with a 1.67 ERA; Mike Schmidt of the Braves enjoying his best season ever in the NIT by hitting 52 homers, driving in 121 runs and scoring 113 (despite striking out 132 times); rookie Lonnie Smith of the Braves leading the league in batting (.362), the first time a rookie had ever done that; and oldies-but-goodies Rick Monday, 35 at the time, batting .270 with 28 homers, and Woodie Fryman, 40, posting a 14-4 record with 1.81 ERA and 24 saves...Dane Iorg of the Cardinals stroked 56 doubles in only 128 games...Lowlights included former Cy Young winner Randy Jones staggering in with a 2-14 record and 5.63 ERA and the Cubs, league pacesetters the season before, tumbling into the basement, forcing Rick Blount into a massive rebuilding job...In the playoffs, the Cards eliminated the Dodgers in five games, with Mario Soto besting Richard in the final game, 3-2. And then in the World Series, the Astros overcame minuscule .210 batting with brilliant pitching (2.35 staff ERA) to capture the championship in six games. Astro pitchers didn't allow a run the last 19 innings of the Series.

Standings and leaders:

	W	L	GB	Batting	Home Runs
Astros *	100	60	-	L.Smith BRA .362	Schmidt BRA 52
Dodgers	93	67	7	Walling GIA .331	Horner AST 44
Cards	90	70	10	Oberkfell BRA .327	Kingman CUB 41
Braves	89	71	11	Iorg CARD .322	R.Smith PIR 36
Phillies	79	81	21		
Pirates	70	90	30		
Padres	68	92	32	ABI	R: Schmidt BRA 112
Giants	66	94	34	Schmidt BRA 121	H: Buckner CUB 205
Cubs	65	95	35	Baker CARD 111	2B: Iorg CARD 56
				Simmons AST 110	3B: Templeton PAD 16
				Horner AST 108	SB: Moreno GIA 113
					W: Schmidt BRA 101
* First time team has won 100 games in NIT.					
ERA					
Richard DOD	1.67	Hume CUB	2.40		
Rogers CARD	2.12	Soto CARD	2.55		
Reuss DOD	2.37	Griffin DOD	2.60		

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S-O-M league, replay scene

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Won-Lost (NIT con't)		Strikeouts	Shutouts
Sutton GIA	20-11	Carlton BRA 266	Pastore AST 5
Pastore AST	19-11	Ryan AST 220	Playoffs
Reuss DOD	18-6	Gullickson PHI 213	Cards d. Dodgers, 4-8,
Blue PHI	18-9	Bibby BRA 196	3-0, 7-5, 5-6, 3-2.

World Series scores: Astros d. Cards, 2-4, 4-5 (12 innings), 5-4, 8-3, 2-0, 1-0.

1 - Steve Rogers is winner for Cards, giving up only solo home runs in the late innings to Mike Easler and Rick Monday. 2 - Dane Iorg's single in 12th sends home winning pitcher Steve Howe as Cards take 2-0 Series lead. Astros get homers from Steve Garvey, Bob Horner and Ted Simmons. 3 - Iorg's boot of grounder allows Gary Matthews to score and give Astros 5-4 win as Andujar is winner, Fryman loser. 4 - Astros win easily. 5 - Pastore outduels Rogers. 6 - Fryman and Joe Beckwith combine for 3-hitter as Horner's third Series homer (clutch shot in 9th) wins game.