

STRAT-O-MATIC

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REVIEW

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Kathy Friederich is LBMT football champ

Female gamer steals spotlight

There's ERA on the tabletop football field, too.

Kathy Friederich, a 29-year-old nurse from Belleville, IL, had more than equal rights going for her when she became the first woman to compete in the fourth annual Lyman Bostock Memorial Tournament in Hobart, IN.

Not only did Kathy roll Strat-O-Matic dice with the men, but she also rolled 'em better than any male, winning the Super Advanced Football tournament with the 1970 Detroit Lions.

A total of 22 gamers participated in the Super Advanced tourney and Kathy, accompanied by her husband Paul, who was eliminated early in the same competition, breezed through division play with a 5-0 record to qualify for the 12-team, double-elimination playoffs.

She lost her first game in the playoffs, however, to the 1968 Kansas City Chiefs, 39-10. But that was to be Kathy's only setback as she proceeded to eliminate defending champ Ed Grap and his '76 Rams, 45-30, and avenge the loss by whipping the Chiefs, 37-31. Another former LBMT champ, Craig Dashut and his '68 New York Jets, was whipped twice, 27-17, 30-29, as the Lions clawed their way into the Super Bowl.

The second game against the Jets was one of the thrillers of the tourney as the Lions trailed 29-27 with less than two minutes to play. But the Lions forced and recovered a fumble and then Errol Mann kicked

a field goal on the last play of the game for victory.

"This was no fluke, Kathy winning," says James Sanders, organizer of the LBMT and a football-gaming buff...when he isn't running a tournament and has the time. "I played in a tournament with her back in January. We didn't meet up, but she has an incredible 14-0 record against local gamers and friends."



KATHY FRIEDERICH ROLLS DICE AS HUSBAND PAUL WATCHES INTENTLY.

says Sanders, "they came from many states, all age groups and all walks of life. The first gamer to arrive was Ray Perry, who was here on Wednesday, Aug. 1, and came from California."

Sanders also mentioned that, in addition to some familiar faces from his past tournaments, gamers like Dale Barnes, Tom Fees and Seth Sherman, all of whom were frequently in attendance at Rick "Wolfman" Shapiro's midwest conventions, were also on the scene.

The Advanced Baseball tourney, as might be expected, attracted the largest number of gamers, 54. A 10 or 12-game preliminary schedule was played on Saturday and the 16 teams with the best records qualified for Sunday's playoffs (all of which were best-of-five, except for the finals).

When the last die had been cast in Advanced Baseball, Rich Richardson and his 1979 Baltimore Orioles were on the top perch, defeating the 1976 Phillies, managed by Arnie Fritsch, in the final series in five games.

The 1983 Braves, 3-1 victims of the Phillies; and '73 L.A., sweep 3-0 by Baltimore in the semifinals, were the other teams comprising the final four.

Incidentally, in the Super Bowl of the Super Advanced Football tournament, for teams using the revised game and cards, Paul Friederich, Kathy's husband, defeated Ron Brammer of Kansas City, MO, 42-28. Friederich had the 1983 Los Angeles Rams and Brammer the '83 Redskins.

Twelve gamers participated in this backup tourney for those who were eliminated early from the other.

All told, 86 actual gamers took part in the fourth annual LBMT, up from 68 last year. "As usual,"



ARNIE FRITSCH (LEFT) ADMIRES RICH RICHARDSON'S CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY

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Thirty-four was the gaming count for Elementary Baseball, with John Pattin, a former champ, repeating as king of the next largest field. Jim Emmons was runnerup.

In hockey only eight gamers took part and Brian Harwood's 1981-82 Montreal Canadiens defeated Duane Lyons' '80-81 New York Islanders in the championship series. The series went the distance as Keith Acton's goal on the last action card tied the score at 4-4 for Montreal in the seventh game, forcing sudden-death overtime.

Guy Lafleur then ended the OT session by scoring. Two of the games went OT in the championship series as Montreal also won game four, 6-5.

The Islanders won the first two games, 4-2 and 7-6. And then Montreal took the next two, 9-6 and 6-5. Again, New York regained the series lead by routing Montreal in game five, 7-1.

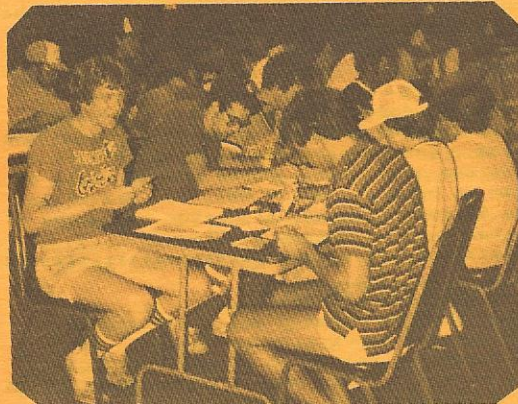
And again Montreal stormed back, winning game six, 5-3, and the finale in overtime.

In the semifinals, the '80-81 Islanders downed their '82-83 counterparts, 2-0, while Montreal ousted '82-83 Edmonton, 2-1. Harwood was runnerup for the second year in a row.

Sanders, although wishing to see action on the tabletop front, had to be content again with running off smoothly and overseeing a myriad of duties connected with the tournament.



JOHN PATTIN (LEFT), WAS ELEMENTARY BASEBALL CHAMP FOR SECOND TIME, WITH TIM EMMONS RUNNERUP.



HERE'S PART OF CROWD AT HOBART

"We fell short of our goal of 100 gamers or more," admits Sanders. "But that was due to 20 no-shows plus last-minute cancellations."

"The tournament was a success and there will be a fifth annual LBMT next year."

Sanders is hoping to move the tournament to a college campus somewhere in the midwest. "Should any gamers know of such a place in the Indiana, Illinois area, please let me know."

Sanders also encourages volunteers to pitch in and help him run some of the tournaments, while participating at the same time.

"Next year I want volunteers who know the games and are willing help out," concludes Sanders.

Strat-O-Matic spotlight

COSMIC LEAGUE HAS ITS OWN STATIONARY

One of the more intriguing Strat-O-Matic Baseball leagues is the Cosmic Baseball Association. Founded in October of 1981, the CBA is currently up to 17 managers and, as Piet Cross, executive director of the CBA points out, "representing a variety of geographical and mental states of mind."

The CBA even has its own stationary, replete with the names of its board of directors (ala General Motors, Ford or any large corporation or business), commissioner, deputy commissioners, league presidents as well as executive director.

Los Angeles, CA, was the birthplace of the CBA, with its first executive bulletin citing the purpose of the league "to serve as an expression honoring the great game of the quadrature (square, presumably dice).

Paul Arthur of Long Beach, CA, became the first commissioner of the CBA, in Nov., 1981, and remains in that position today even though headquarters for the league is Silver Spring, MD

Members of the CBA, at least according to the stationary listing, include: Board of Directors - Rose Stein, chairman; Jarrett Arthur, Elizabeth Hess, Amy Lampert, Donna Lampert, Elks Lampert, Noah Lampert, Jill Lustig, Lewis Schaffer and Andrew Zinebrenner.

Paul Arthur is the commissioner, Cross executive director, while Jack MacKay and Andrea Nussinow are deputy commissioners and Harvey Nosowitz and Pamela Butler are the league presidents.

Quite an elaborate chain of command involving a large number of gamers, to be sure.

WHERE ARE THOSE HOME RUNS BY PARKS?

A number of gamers have inquired as to the availability of the home run by parks chart possessed by the Sacramento Baseball Association (May, 1984 Review).

The Review has attempted to contact the SBA, both by mail and through the pages of the Review, but has been unsuccessful as far as a response.

The SBA has, it appears, gone the way of Judge Crater. Perhaps it will still be found again...and hopefully the Review will hear from the league soon and can print the home run chart.

SHORT SHAKES

...Jimmy Foxx had one of those unforgettable games for Tom Lyne, Cambridge, OH, as the 1930 Philly slugger smashed three home runs - two three-run blasts and a grand-slam - and singled twice for 10 RBI in a 14-6 victory over the Yankees of the same year...While on the topic of slugging feats, Dave Kingman had 46 homers and 117 RBI, Tom Seaver 16 wins and six shutouts and Bruce Sutter 35 saves, all after 125 games of a 1979 N.L. replay being conducted by Mike Walker of Olney, IL.

Basketball card correction

Only one change is needed on the new Strat-O-Matic Basketball cards. According to S-O-M just the one correction is needed. It involves Julius (Dr. J) Erving's passing column on the advanced card. Under "Normal," numbers 4-7 are missing. They should be "open position shot" too. It should read, as a result: 4-20 - Open pos. shot.

Review gets an 'e' for answer

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Infielders can be played 'in' with advanced game

Score it an e-Review - or an error for this publication's answer for when you can or cannot play the infield "in" in Strat-O-Matic Baseball.

The Review was correct that you can't play the infield "in" without a runner on third base, in the basic game, that is. But the advanced strategy rules do allow the infield to be brought "in" without third base being occupied.

A number of readers have commented on the answer, and also the vagueness of S-O-M's rules for baseball. "We should revise all the baseball rules," admits James Williams of S-O-M. But with new games, improvements in the old, new player card sets in four sports, etc., Williams also acknowledges that the time factor has been against S-O-M beginning such a project.

Back to the playing the infield "in" episode.

Seldom does the GKSML (Greater Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League, of which Review co-editors Warren and Del Newell are pioneer members) use the infield in on situations other than with a runner on third base. Holding a runner at first, and occasionally second, yes.

Most of the gamers who responded to the answer pointed out that the infield could be in to lower a potential bunter's rating as far as sacrificing a runner to second base. It makes sense, especially in a close game, or with an A or B bunter batting.

But with the pitcher batting (and that still affects only one league), seldom does anyone in the GKSML wish to lower a C rating of a pitcher to a D. Most of us are happy to get almost a sure out, rather than have the pitcher hit away and perhaps get a hit off the pitcher's card. Maybe, it also tells you something about the pitching staffs in the GKSML when most managers don't wish to risk a hit off the hurler's card or via ++ readings for holding or playing the infield in.

Another reason why S-O-M Baseball is so outstanding is the choices that it, either directly or indirectly, allow the gamer to make. A part of strategy seldom used by the GKSML, it turns out, is bread and butter baseball basics to a plethora of other gamers.

NEXT ON DECK: LEE LACY'S CARD

Another answer that has drawn a lot of flak from readers is the game company's explanation for why Lee Lacy, who committed no errors in 98 games as an outfielder in 1983, was given an "e7" rating.

Many statistical purists feel Lacy, regardless of whether he played 98, 118, 162 or 22 games, should have been given an "e" rating that reflected the number of errors committed in real-life.

S-O-M sticks by its earlier answer that "e" ratings are determined in most cases on the basis of a defender playing every inning of every game.

"Lacy just did miss our cutoff point," admits Harold Richman, president of Strat-O-Matic. "A player must play in a sufficient number of games and innings. Lacy didn't and that's why he got the rating he did."

In most cases, when there's not sufficient games or innings (according to the cutoff point), S-O-M combines a number of years to come up with ratings. The same thing is done in football for runners and quarterbacks who do not have sufficient attempts to create realistic statistical cards.

S-O-M also reiterates its belief - based on past performances - that Lacy is not a good defensive outfielder. "He has," according to Williams, "a reputation for being a bad defensive outfielder. He's a

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good offensive player." Some gamers, S-O-M feels, would play Lacy all the time on defense and that would be unrealistic.

"There are two different philosophies on something like this," adds Richman. "One philosophy wants a player to be given an exact card based on statistics, regardless of how much they played or batted. If a player batted three times and had two hits, the card should be created that way. I can't do that."

Readers roll 'em

SECONDS LETTER

I second the call of Eric Johns in his letter in the August issue of the Review for a consolidated, consistent rule book.

In your answer to Mr. Johns you ask, "If you are not playing in to prevent a runner scoring from third base, why play the infield 'in'?" The infield would be played "in" to guard against the sacrifice.

If the pitcher is up with a runner on first and less than two out, the infield is in to make the pitcher a "D" bunter.

Also S-O-M's response to Lee Lacy's e rating still makes no sense. The whole purpose of the e chart when it was introduced was to allow bad fielders, such as Lacy, to be given a 4 so many hits would drop, but allow the statistical accuracy of giving them no errors.

The consolidated, super-advanced baseball rules should provide the following: A passed ball or wild pitch is not followed by an automatic out if there was a runner on base.

A groundball B is always a force at second if there is a runner on first and the infield is normal. Cutoff of throws from the outfield should be allowed.

Warming of relief pitchers should be required. My system for warming pitchers is two bat-for relief, three for relief, four for starter/relief, six for starter and eight for starter.

If a pitcher warms for more than six consecutive outs (both teams), or for more than three times in the game, he is "tired." A pitcher who comes into the game without being warmed is "tight" (same as tiredP) until he faces enough batters to warm up.

Finally, I also would like to see more additional players.

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WANTS LISTING OF RATINGS

An impassioned plea to Harold Richman - print the advanced stealing ratings on the cards!

It takes four hours every season to handwrite them on, and if you don't, incessant reference to supplementary listing slows down the game.

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MISSION UNCLEAR

Normally, I welcome any innovations that S-O-M chooses to make. But I am at a loss as to why it chose to put out a Trivia game. I don't recall seeing a major groundswell of opinion demanding it.

With the time that was expended in developed and marketing this new game, I can think of some more worthwhile things that they could have done, such as:

(1) Old-timer basketball teams - the new basketball game is superb. Unfortunately, I relate better to the NBA of the

1960s. I would love to recreate those Chamberlain-Russell matchups.

Old-timer hockey teams: Again, I relate better to the '60s here. Let's see if Gretzky would get 200+ points against the likes of Orr, Gordie Howe, Maurice Richard, etc.

Consolidation of baseball game rules: We need to have these consolidated into a booklet, after the manner of the basketball game, to include some of the most frequently-asked questions from the pages of the Review.

On the whole, though= I'm still quite pleased with S-O-M. I can't wait to get my hands in the 1969 cards and the extra basketball cards are a step in the right direction.

Also, thanks for printing the 1930 schedule recently. I doubt seriously that I could have obtained it anywhere else here in England. I would also like to see a new directory when time permits you to compile one. I have not seen one since I started subscribing in 1981.

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Editor's note: Regarding the soon-to-be-released Sports Know How game, S-O-M creator had began development of it many years ago. It was another project, like so many, that was put on hold because of the crunch of other activities at the company. Harold Richman, S-O-M's creator, has developed other games in addition to sports table games. Most have been for private use (such as teaching his children, Annie and Adam, quick and a fun way of learning mathematics). His early ventures in gaming development, in fact, were in the non-sports area.

EARLY 1960S TEAMS...?

I've been an avid gamer for 10 years and hope to continue for many more. Your Review

has helped me get teams and seasons of the early 1960s. The people I've dealt with have been very helpful and fair in their dealing for earlier years of Strat-O-Matic.

One question I have is, does S-O-M have any ideas about reprinting early 1960s teams and seasons? I grew up in the '60s, but didn't start playing until the early 1970s. Even if S-O-M reprinted early seasons on small cards.

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Editor's note: Currently S-O-M is planning on reproducing, with all the advanced features, the 1969 season. After that, it could be 1968, etc., or S-O-M could go in another direction as far as reproducing.

IMPROVEMENT STILL NEEDED

Thank you for giving me such a large space with which to express my opinions (August issue). I certainly did not expect it and I appreciate your willingness to print a letter which is not entirely complimentary as most others seem to be.

From the editor's note, I can understand a little better the point of view which you must use when choosing articles to print. I also agree that reams of statistics and standings are not (or should not be) as important as other aspects of S-O-M gaming are (i.e. - playing tips, etc.).

However, I still think that some of the journalism in the Review could be improved by not lauding certain groups or individuals.

Another example of this is seen in the August issue under Strat-O-Matic Spotlight, "'58 Colts win tourney." It states that "many of S-O-M's best football coaches" were on hand for the tourney.

Under whose qualifications are they the "best"? (who writes these sections? - no author is given). Obviously, the writer must know these people personally

in order to make such a statement.

Seeing as how the writer probably knows only a very small percentage of all S-O-M Football coaches (of which I am not one), he cannot possibly know if they are the "best" (or even some of the best), and the result is an inherent prejudice toward the few coaches that the writer does know and an alienation of all other coaches - of whom many are undoubtedly very good.

This is the kind of prejudice that I referred to in my letter and is specifically the type of journalism that a good, responsible publication should not allow to be printed.

You have a reasonably good publication which serves its purpose well, though it is not yet as responsible as it ought to be.

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Editor's note: Perhaps calling any gamer(s) the "best" is an inaccurate assumption, in the absence of national tournaments, polls, etc., to actually determine such status. Referring to those gamers as being "many of S-O-M's best..." does not seem to be giving them exclusive status. They are among the most interested football gamers and many of them have won honors at mini tournaments.

UPSET WITH 'TRIVIA'

I think I speak for many loyal S-O-M gamers who see the company's new "game" (trivia) as a waste of energy that could be spent on much-needed projects such as USFL cards, more old-timers and past seasons, college basketball, etc.

The people who would find "trivia" appealing are probably not the same bloc of customers who find their current games the best available.

Our confidence and trust was always with S-O-M, which claimed it was doing all in its power and resources to

continue to expand sports simulation games. We have even endured card lateness in the name of limited time for S-O-M, but now the sudden and, in my opinion, unjustified deversification by S-O-M is much like an abandonment of its loyal customers.

I will continue to buy S-O-M games, but I have no use for any trivia escapades. S-O-M, where was this extra time and energy when we (the gamers) requested old-timers, new card sets, etc.?

The S-O-M Review continues to improve. Concerning the August 1984 issue, it was one of your best efforts.

Glenn Lussky is able to write excellent articles; it's a wonder people complain when they only need contribute material themselves. It's not enough to just sit back and wait for your Review each month - readers must put forth the effort to contribute to its content and success, too, particularly if the reader is not satisfied with an aspect of the publication.

I found Wolins/Brahen's example of the quality of material that your publication must surely seek.

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A PIONEER GAMER

I always look forward to each issue. I'm a stat freak so I always turn immediately to the league replay scene. I especially enjoy stats and replays of the great teams of the past and the '56, '61 and '30 seasons, also '70 because of the advanced features.

I hope to start (and complete) a replay of the '61 season sometime this fall.

I first ordered S-O-M in 1963, the '62 National League from the selector set. I still have the cards for the N.L., complete and in fair condition, but would hate to part with them.

I was 12 when I ordered the
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game and at first was a total addict to the game.

It caused a few problems in our family, because of someone trying to "silently" roll dice in his room in the middle of the night and also because of some chores getting done late, etc.

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REQUESTS OLD-TIMERS

I very much enjoy playing S-O-M Baseball with past season and old-timer teams.

I would like to know if S-O-M is planning on releasing any additional old-timer and past season teams in the near future. I like the idea of issuing entire past seasons, but I would like to see individual teams offered.

Here are some of my suggestions:

1912 Boston Red Sox (Smokey Joe Wood, 34-5), 1912 Washington Senators (Walter Johnson, 32-12), 1920 Brooklyn Dodgers, 1923 Cincinnati Reds, 1924 Washington Senators, 1945 Chicago Cubs and 1959 Chicago White Sox.

More currently, 1977 Philadelphia and New York Yankees, 1978 Milwaukee, 1979 Pittsburgh and Baltimore and 1980 Houston.

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WANTS SILVER ANNIVERSARY

As a Strat (baseball) dice-roller heading into my 12th season and also a Review subscriber heading into my 10th year, I feel somewhat qualified to speak on behalf of fellow veterans.

According to my calendar, 1985 will be Strat-O-Matic's 25th anniversary. Is Harold Richman or anyone in Glen Head planning something special for the occasion?

I realize that costs must be kept to a minimum, so perhaps a gold or silver-plated card set is impossible. But might next year's cards contain some special feature that will make it a coll-

ectors item - such as one-inch snapshots of the players on a corner of their card?

I'm not sure such an addition would hike costs significantly, but surely a momentous occasion such as this deserves some kind of commemoration. Should my suggestions be deemed unworthy or impractical, perhaps fellow Review readers could come up with something more feasible.

On another subject, after several dozen games with the supplementary stealing chart, I must conclude that I'm relieved it is an option. It slows down the pace, as much as 5-7 minutes per game for me as I average 20-25 minutes a scored game and 10-15 minutes without scoring.

A simpler system would be similar to what the CTBL (Concordia Tabletop Baseball League) does. The old "basic" stealing chart, plus catcher's arm, is used, but any player who is not held increases his speed by a letter (D becomes C, etc.).

This forces many Bs and even Cs to be held by almost all catchers, heightening the "plus factor" tremendously.

Of course, the Review is the best Strat magazine of all, and is put together so well any criticisms are just nitpicking. Thank you for a great 10 years and here's looking forward to 10 more.

LOUIS RAKITA
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BASEBALL POTPOURRI

I understand that your magazine has a column which lets readers express their opinions. I am hoping my ideas will be in an upcoming issue.

The first has to deal with Cal Ripken's 1984 card. I do not understand why he has an injury on his card, since he played every inning of every game in 1983.

Another thing I am wondering about is why it is still possible for pitchers to allow home runs if they actually did not allow a

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home run all season. Greg Minton, who did not give up a home run in '81 and '82 seasons, is a case in point. Batters can hit homers off their own cards, however. Shouldn't there be a special notation somewhere stating that you disregard the HR and change it to a Single** or Double** or ***. Preferably, Double**. This is how I play the game.

My third change would be to have separate markings on the player's card for inside-the-park home runs and regular over-the-fence HRs. This way you could keep track of such home runs, especially for players like Willie Wilson.

Another change would be the marking on the stealing sheets. Instead of saying out stealing it should say "picked off." This you could keep track of pick-offs.

To be more realistic, you could have a rating for each runner and pitcher. The pitcher would have a rating of 1-5 on his pick-off move to various bases or even just one overall rating. The rating would be on the pitchers' cards.

There would also be a plus or minus rating on the stealing sheets for each player. You would pick a split card. Once per base per runner. A 19 or 20 would be throwing the ball away and all runners move up a base.

Finally, if a player gets a hit and the throw goes to the plate for a guy trying to come home the hitter/runner usually goes to the next base. But in S-O-M that doesn't happen. Therefore the defensive manager should state whether or not he wants to try and get the runner going home and allow the runner/hitter the next base, or let the run score and cutoff the throw and holding the player to his original base.

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Editor's note: Some of the suggestions, particularly the last one, have been mentioned in the

Review before. But new, as well old subscribers, are always welcome to express their opinions.

COMPUTER BASEBALL, ANYONE?

In response to your article about computerizing, I have the following comments:

- Because I have an Apple compatible computer I am all in favor of it.

- Don't do it if it will sacrifice playability.

- Make it so that players can be picked to make up teams rather than using fixed teams.

- Have the option of printing out and saving game and series statistics. (In my hockey league, stats are the worst part)

- If it will ever be adapted for hockey, and I hope it could, please include an option for using FGCHA penalty rules.

The main advantage I can see is that of speed of play. Also, a disk takes up substantially less space than the cards do.

Computerizing Strat-O-Matic games could revolutionize the play-by-mail scene. In the future, instead of PBM, leagues could play their games over telephone lines through a service like Compuserve.

This would add the realism of the visiting manager getting involved and making decisions during the game.

I know some of the above may be tough, but Strat-O-Matic has always put out a first-class product and if it should go into computer games, I hope this continues.

I also favor the use of Olypians in hockey. Most leagues have player usage limitations.

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I would be very interested in buying computerized version of
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S-O-M Baseball and S-O-M Hockey.

My computer uses Apple II plus software and is a 64K ram with dual disk drives. I urge the company to introduce computer games.

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By all means tell Mr. Richman to take the giant step forward and computerize S-O-M Baseball.

I've been hoping for this news for the past two years. I have a Commodore 64 and have tried other computer baseball games but so far none have been totally satisfactory for the following reasons:

- Game time is usually much too long (usually an hour). I think 15 minutes to a half hour is fine.

- Some try too hard and waste too much memory with ridiculous graphics and songs.

- Most important of all, be sure to have a "statistics compiler" built into the game program. Why get a computer if you can't keep all of your daily statistics.

I won't buy another game that I can't save player stats on a separate disk. To me, testing a game's statistical accuracy is No. 1.

- Just think how much money S-O-M can save on printing and postage.

- I think S-O-M should make it available for Commodore 64, Apple II and Atari. Game costs should try to keep in the \$25 to \$40 range. And each year the new data disk from the baseball season for players should be about \$10.

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I have been playing S-O-M for two years now and the great-

est news I heard is that S-O-M is interested in making a computer version of that game. I would think that the computer is ideal for S-O-M because of all the formulas used in determining outcomes.

I own a Commodore 64 and I have been trying to find a baseball game equal to S-O-M. There are none on the market.

Following are some suggestions for a S-O-M version on a computer:

- Using the computer to keep stats for the batters vs. lefty and righty pitchers.

- Being able to print out stats for the team along with box scores.

- Using the random number power of the computer for the split cards and dice.

- Printing out league leaders in offensive and defensive categories.

- Using the graphic capabilities of the computer to see exactly where the hits went.

- Making the relief pitchers warm up in the bullpen before you can bring them in.

- Being able to pitch around a batter without intentionally walking him.

MIKE KARANGELEN

Editor's note: On the next couple of pages is one gamer's account of his experiences after a self-styled computerization of S-O-M Baseball, replete with examples of statistics.

UPDATE! UPDATE!

This is to inform everyone involved that I have not forgotten about the Hockey Challenge Tournament. I've sent a note to the tournament participants stating the tourney would restart in September and finish December 31, 1984. No HCT games have been played in a long time because of my work schedule. LARRY KING, 102-45 62ND ROAD, APT., FOREST HILLS, NY 11375

S-O-M has been computerized

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Two years ago, tired of keeping statistics by hand and of losing baseball cards, I decided to computerize Strat-O-Matic Baseball. It took six months to write three programs that enable me to play baseball, keep statistics and make roster changes using the S-O-M Baseball cards.

The programs are written in MICROSOFT BASIC with numerous assembly language subroutines; they run on a TRS-80 Model 3 with 48K of RAM. One disk drive is needed and all screens can be dumped to a printer.

The programs are menu driven. Thus when the computer is turned on, a menu offers three choices: (1) roster; (2) statistics; and (3) game.

The roster program enables me to create teams, to put players on the active roster, to trade players, to add new players, to list the active and inactive roster of each team.

The statistics program takes care of the statistics concerning club standing, club batting, club pitching, club fielding and individual batting and pitching. The format for these statistics is the one used in The Sporting News.

The game program enables me to play S-O-M Baseball. First, it asks me to choose the starting pitcher and to set up the lineup for each team. When this is done the game starts.

Strategies available under the computer game are basically the same as those available in the table game - base stealing, hit-and-run, infield in, sacrifice bunt, etc. However, instead of using individual defense ratings for each player, a club defense rating is computed at the time the teams are created with the roster program.

The same procedure applies for outfielder's throwing arm, for catcher's throwing arm and for running. Furthermore, the defense charts use only the results under column three. The memory size of the computer does not allow the use of the full defense charts as published by S-O-M. However, after two years of using the program, I can conclude that the results are not significantly different than what would have been expected using the S-O-M charts in their entirety.

'COMPUTER GAME' MIX OF ADVANCED, BASIC

The game is a mix of the basic and advanced versions. It allows pinch-hitters, relief pitchers, defensive changes, but no pinch runners, not as yet anyway. After each game, it produces a box score in the format found in The Sporting News.

I have been using these programs for the last two seasons. They make S-O-M Baseball much more entertaining since all statistics are kept up to date automatically by the computer. Furthermore, when I feel like playing baseball, all I have to do is to turn on my computer and insert a diskette in it and Voila!

I have also enclosed printouts that will give you a better idea of the programs (see next page for samples of printouts).

In conclusion, it would be very interesting to see S-O-M come up with a computer version of its baseball game. I just hope it won't be written exclusively for the IBM PC.

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ORICLES						BREWERS					
	ab	r	h	rbi		ab	r	h	rbi		
LoSmith	1f	5	3	3	0	Doran	2b	5	0	0	0
Garcia	2b	4	1	1	1	Franco	ss	4	1	1	0
Moseby	cf	5	1	3	2	Hall	cf	4	1	2	1
Guerrero	3b	4	1	1	2	Kittle	lf	3	1	1	2
Baines	rf	5	1	2	3	Strawberry	rf	4	0	0	0
TPena	c	4	0	0	0	Esasky	3b	4	0	1	0
Durham	1b	4	0	1	0	Mattingly	1b	4	1	2	0
RRamirez	ss	2	0	0	0	Kearney	c	4	0	1	1
Pitcher(s)		3	0	0	0	Pitcher(s)		0	0	0	0
Brouhard	ph	1	1	1	0	Ortiz	ph	1	0	0	0

TOTALS 37 8 12 8

TOTALS 36 4 8 4

ORICLES	1	0	3	0	0	1	3	0	0	-	8
BREWERS	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	-	4

ORICLES					IP	H	ER	BB	SO
Leal					4	7	4	0	1
Lucas	(W)				2	1	0	1	1
Holland	(S)				3	0	0	0	2

BREWERS					IP	H	ER	BB	SO
Boddicker					3	6	4	1	1
Fontenot					1	1	0	0	0
Dawley	(L)				2	2	1	0	2
DiPino					3	3	3	2	1

** INDIVIDUAL BATTING **

Player	Club	Pct.	AB.	H.	R.	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
Whitaker	GI	.339	392	133	57	18	0	16	57	3
Boggs	PA	.322	388	125	59	14	8	0	22	0
Butler	AS	.320	353	113	64	15	16	2	25	19
Garcia	OR	.311	414	129	46	21	7	0	31	20

** INDIVIDUAL PITCHING **

Pitcher	Club	W.	L.	ERA.	G.	IP.	H.	BB	SO	Sv
Beattie	GI	13	3	1.61	20	162	135	58	113	0
Gullickson	OR	7	5	2.37	16	129	93	41	60	0
Boddicker	BR	10	7	2.45	20	143	127	41	96	0
Black	PA	10	3	2.50	20	144	126	38	66	0
Stieb	TI	9	9	2.76	21	150	141	42	113	0

** CLUB FIELDING **

Club	Pct.	G.	PO.	A.	E.	TC.	DP.
GIANTS	.977	95	2598	761	78	3437	95
PADRES	.970	95	2644	810	106	3560	85
BREWERS	.968	95	2554	825	111	3490	118

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Boston rules Federal Hockey League

Forget the New York Islanders. And ditto for Wayne Gretzky the Great's Edmonton Oilers. Going by the results of the Federal Hockey League's second replay - of the 1982-83 real-life season - it was Boston that was king of the tabletop ice.

The FHL again used super-advanced rules, allowed trading and used Bob Lopeck's penalty system. And it again went the distance as far as a full 80-game regular-season plus playoffs.

When it was all over, coach Keith Adams' Bruins, winners of the Adams Division during the regular campaign, had stunned Edmonton in the finals in a four-game sweep.

Meanwhile, the Islanders, real-life champs, compiled the best regular-season record, 50-19-11 for 111 points, but fell by the boards in the semifinals of the playoffs.

The four semifinalists of the playoffs were, in fact, Edmonton (coached by FHL commissioner Bill Modeldski, who lives in Allen Park, MI), the Chicago Black Hawks (Bob Sarver, Milwaukee, WI) and Boston (Keith Adams, Milwaukee), along with the Islanders (Joe Nixon, Mt. Vernon, NY).

MIDDLETON IS PLAYOFF MVP

"Only the first and second-place teams in each division make the playoffs," points out Modeldski. "Each participating coach plays two home games and the remaining three games (if necessary) are played by a neutral coach using instructions from the two coaches."

In the first semifinal, Edmonton beat back the challenge of Chicago in six games, despite losing the opener by a lopsided 6-2 count. Denis Savard's hat trick decided the first game.

Jari Kurri's blue-line shot found the net with just 16 seconds left in the second game as Edmonton prevailed 4-3. Then, after the Oilers routed Chicago, 8-4 and 5-1, to take a 3-1 lead, the Black Hawks bounced back to win game five, 4-3, scoring three goals in the final period. Edmonton finished off Chicago in game six, 5-0, as Ron Low got the shutout in the nets.

The second semifinal was to be the last for the Islanders as Boston, with the series tied at three games and nursing a 2-0 advantage entering the final period, erupted for five goals and smashed the Islanders, 7-1.

Boston was on a roll after its tense struggle with New York and Edmonton proved to be no match for it in the Stanley Cup finals. Rick Middleton, who scored 18 playoff goals and was chosen MVP for his scoring exploits, set the tempo for the short series by scoring a hat trick in a 4-2 Boston win in the opener.

The Bruins won game two, 3-2, despite Gretzky scoring twice for Edmonton. A 3-2 win was duplicated in game three and then Boston bashed Edmonton in the fourth game, 10-3.

Modeldski, coach of the Oilers, sighed after the sweep: "The Bruins are bleeping awesome."

THE FHL ROSTER OF COACHES

A total of 18 teams comprised the FHL in its second season, the same number as in its initial play-by-mail venture. By conferences, the coaching lineups were as follows:

CAMPBELL - Ed Trecartin, Belton, TX (Minnesota); Carey Miller, Saskatoon, Sask (St. Louis); Jazmie Rueffer, Cambridge, Ontario (Washington); Randy Lantz, St. Clair Shores, MI (Toronto); Zane Pruett, Las Vegas (Continued on next page)

Vegas, NV (Winnipeg); Paul Markowski, Hamilton, Ontario (Vancouver); Cam Sebastian, Calgary, Alberta (Calgary), and the Black Hawks and Edmonton.

WALES - Mike Mayko, Milford, CT (Montreal); Jeff Hammerlund, Elgin, IL (Quebec); Marv Barham, Willowdale, Ontario (Hartford); Mike Augello, Buffalo, NY (Buffalo); Bob Laird, Pompton Plains, NJ (New York Rangers); Bill Evitt, Ozk Lawn, IL (Philadelphia); Ed Jacobson, Morton Grove, IL (Pittsburgh), and the Islanders and Boston.

GOIN' HOME TO MOM

Barver, who makes his home in Oak Creek, WI, when not attending Marquette University in Milwaukee, even enlisted the aid of his mother in an effort to thwart Edmonton in the playoffs.

Barver handed over the dice to his mother for the first 'home' game of the series. "His mother claimed to have psychic powers," relates a somewhat amused Modelski. It apparently worked in game one as Chicago romped, 6-2. But it wasn't working after that as Edmonton won game two on Kurri's goal on the last action card with a "3" roll - the only roll that would have resulted in a goal!

On another playoff front, Paul Markowski's Canucks missed post-season play by the margin of one point, the second year in a row one point has blocked their way. Markowski was accorded Coach of the Year honors by his peers, however.

Markowski put together the roughest and toughest team in the FHL as it drew 2,105 minutes in penalties.

FEDERAL LEAGUE RULES...

In addition to the limited playoff format as far as teams, the FHL also uses the following rules to keep play realistic as well as exciting:

(1) Four forward lines are used the first half the season and three the second half and playoffs. "This was a very realistic format," says Modelski, "which produced less inflated stats compared to other PBM leagues."

(2) To promote league balance, the four worst teams overall receive an extra draft choice at the end of the first round of the draft.

(3) Next year the FHL will be using a five-defenseemen system.

(4) The draft is conducted in reverse order of the final home records.

(5) All instructions are published in a league manual.

Standings, playoff results and statistical leaders:

CAMPBELL CONFERENCE					Playoffs:
NORRIS DIVISION	W	L	T	Pts.	
Minnesota	38	26	16	92	Edmonton d. Winnipeg, 4-1
Chicago	33	27	20	86	NY Islanders d. NY Rangers, 4-3
St. Louis	27	41	12	66	Chicago d. Minnesota, 4-1
Washington	25	43	12	62	Boston d. Montreal, 4-1
Toronto	26	48	6	58	
SMYTHE					Edmonton d. Chicago, 4-2
Edmonton	36	32	12	84	Boston d. NY Islanders, 4-3
Winnipeg	29	34	17	75	
Vancouver	31	37	12	74	Boston d. Chicago, 4-0
Calgary	22	43	15	59	

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WALES CONFERENCE

ADAMS	W	L	T	Pts.	PATRICK	W	L	T	Pts.
Boston	44	19	17	105	NY Islanders	50	19	11	111
Montreal	45	25	10	100	NY Rangers	40	27	13	93
Quebec	36	22	22	94	Philadelphia	39	30	11	89
Hartford	37	31	12	86	Pittsburgh	27	44	9	63
Buffalo	15	52	13	43					

Points	Goals	Assists
Gretzky EDM 160	Gretzky EDM 78	Larson BOS 93
Bossy NYI 143	Bossy NYI 75	Gretzky EDM 82
Dionne TOR 134	Dionne TOR 72	Potvin NYI 82
Pederson BOS 134	Hawerchuck WIN 71	Federko SL 79
Gradin VAN 122	B.Sutter VAN 69	

PPG	GWG	Pen. Min.
Dionne TOR 27	Gretzky EDM 12	B.Sutter VAN 383
Gradin VAN 19	Bossy NYI 12	Baxter PIT 364
Bossy NYI 19	Tonelli NYI 10	Korn TOR 364
Gretzky EDM 17		

GGA	Save%	SHG
Micalef QUE 2.50	Micalef QUE .9205	Gretzky EDM 6
Smith NYI 2.53	Smith NYI .9154	Goring NYI 5
Bannerman CHI 2.68	Melanson NYI .9033	Middleton BOS 5
Melanson NYI 2.80	Peeters BOS .9003	Goulet QUE 5

MVP: Gretzky EDM Key: PPG - Power-play goals. GWG - Game-winning goals. GGA - Goals against average. SHG - Short-handed goals.

All-Star Team: C - Wayne Gretzky EDM; LW - Brian Sutter VAN; RW - Mike Bossy NYI; D - Reed Larson BOS; Dave Babych WIN; G - Pete Peeters BOS



KEITH ADAMS (LEFT), BOB SARVER PLAY FHL ALL-STAR GAME IN DORMITORY ROOM AT MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY IN MILWAUKEE.

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Wanted

WANTED: The following baseball teams: 1977 Phillies; 1978 Milwaukee; 1979 Baltimore; 1980 Montreal, Houston. I will pay a reasonable price. Write: Don Braton, 14728 Embury Path, Apple Valley, MN 55124

WANTED: Experienced manager willing to write up or send a copy of the advanced rules for S-O-M. First three I receive I will send you \$1.50 for them. Please send quickly to: Berny Prokop, 11799 S. Cleveland Ave., St. Paul, MN 55116

WANTED: Any New York Yankee team, any World Series team. Extras preferred but not necessary. I'll pay postage. Write or call: Lars Tiffany, Route 20, Lafayette, NY 13084 or call 315-677-3801.

WANTED: Managers for play-by-mail summer baseball league and for a play-by-mail hockey league. Must have some S-O-M experience. We want people who will stay in these leagues indefinitely. Please write or call: Michael P. Augello II, 27 Algiers Lane, Cheektowaga, NY 14225 (716-684-3902)

WANTED: Yankees, Braves, Pirates, Expos, White Sox, Tigers, Giants, Red Sox, Phillies, Astros. All teams must have additional players. These teams are wanted in the years

of 1969, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974 and 1975. If individual teams are not for sale, will consider buying complete seasons of 1969, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974 and 1975 (with additional players). Condition does not matter, except cards must be readable. Send reasonable offers to: Grayling Shirley, 5700 W. Olympic Blvd., Apt. 106, Los Angeles, CA 90036 or call 213-936-7922.

WANTED: Any S-O-M Football teams and sets from 1967-83. Also old-timer teams. Also want complete hockey sets. Not concerned with condition as long as no cards are missing. Send prices to: Pat Higdem, 12309 Burbank Blvd. #15, North Hollywood, CA 91607

WANTED: Baseball - 1963, '64 Red Sox; 1966 Orioles; 1969 Giants; 1971 Braves; 1966, '72 Phillies; 1971 Pirates. Football - 1975 Vikings. Send your price list to: Gary Traxler, 1444 Laurel Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104

WANTED: The following baseball teams - 1979 Pittsburgh; 1980 Los Angeles, Baltimore; 1982 Milwaukee. Contact: Don Braton, 14728 Embury Path, Apple Valley, MN 55124

WANTED: New to Strat-O-Matic Baseball. Interested in buying any teams and players I don't have. Full sized cards only. Send list and price to: Leon Major, 2313 S. Walnut #90, Stillwater, OK 74074 (405-743-0172)

For Sale

FOR SALE: Join the growing list of leagues using SPORTSTATS, the service which compiles statistics and produces high quality reports. Each report contains a wealth of information: a newsletter reviewing highlights, standings, league leaders, updated player and team stats. The report can be a valuable aid in improving the organization of your league, saving valuable time and producing a more thorough statistical summary. Because the computer reduces the time of compiling stats to totaling and entering raw data into the computer, this service is offered at very reasonable rates. For more information, send SASE to: Carlton Chin, 500 Memorial Dr. (210), Cambridge, MA 02139

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1969 teams, complete; no extras; 1970 A.L. w/extras (original, not remake), individual or entire set. **WANTED:** 1968 and 1976 expansion sets; Yankee teams 1972-1979 w/extras preferred. Will buy or trade for 1969 and '70 teams. Send offers to: Sal Mangiapane, 239 Ackerman Ave., Clifton, NJ 07011 (201-546-9698)

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1972, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977 sets with extras. 1975 N.L. Hall of Fame set (33 cards). All-time great teams: '48 Indians; '31 A's; '19 Sox; '46 Cards; '53 Dodgers; '46 Red Sox; '35 Cubs; '57 Braves; '05 Giants; '67 Red Sox; '27 Yanks. Prefer to sell as set. All cards very good condition. Basketball - 1979-80 complete game. Please send bids and SASE to: Jeff Jauch, 1024 E. Wylie, Bloomington, IN 47401

FOR SALE: 1976, 1978-1980 complete baseball sets including extra players. All in excellent condition. Prices firm and I pay postage: 1976 - \$50; 1978 - \$40; 1979 - \$35; 1980 - \$30. Money orders or cashier's

checks. SASE assures reply. Free old-timer teams with each set. Tom Davelaar, 1096 Legion Ct., Holland, MI 49423 (616-392-6768)

FOR SALE: Start your football season right with defensive players rated individually and accurately for interception returns. That's right - 147 players rated based on official 1983 statistics and using the same format as kick-off/punt returns. Includes fumble return chart, all for \$4. Paul Ladewski, 14340 Maple, Midlothian, IL 60445

FOR SALE: Five years of sets for only \$55: 1981-82 basketball; '77 and '82 baseball; '79-80 hockey; '82 football. Will ship by UPS upon receiving payment. Paul Weltz, Box 158, Parshall, ND 58770. Also, I ask all of the following to write me about our PEM league: Brian Grenfell, Gary Otteson, Dave Shane, Dennis Koxvold, Barry Cohen and anyone else associated with the NASOMSL.

FOR SALE: Baseball (1969-1981); Basketball (1973-1979); Football (1967-1982). This great S-O-M sale includes over 350 teams. Send SASE for price/bid list to: Jeff Morse, 4327 Ravensworth Road #114, Annandale, VA 22003

FOR SALE: Football teams, 1968-1978. Good condition. If you meet my price, I will sell immediately. Lower bids will be decided at the end of the month. Mike Bordelon, 5445 Braesvalley #724, Houston, TX 77096 (713-721-5465)

FOR SALE: Another first for S-O-M fanatics. In Playbook IV, pitchers play a major role with individual ratings for fielding range, stealing, bunting, hit-and-run, running and power. Expanded pitcher's fielding chart included. All pitchers are precisely rated based on official statistics and formulas similar to those used for non-pitchers. Seasons (1982, 1983) are \$3 each, or \$5.50 for both. Also available: Playbook I can be used solitaire or head-to-head and

involves advanced strategy where managing makes the difference. Playbook II gives you advanced hit-and-run, sacrifice/squeeze play, outfield/infield drawn in and injury charts. Playbooks I and II are \$6 each, or \$11 for both. Playbook III involves weather effects based on city, month and season. Seasons (1970, 1983) are \$3 each, or \$5.50 for both. Special: Playbooks I-IV (51 pages in all), \$20 post-paid. Thanks to our many satisfied customers. Paul Ladewski, 14340 Maple Lane, Midlothian, IL 60445

FOR SALE: 1978, '79, '80 baseball teams, includes all extras; excellent condition. Bids start at \$30. 1978, '79 football teams; excellent condition; highest bid. 1978-79 and '79-80 basketball teams; excellent condition; highest bids. 1977 Yankees, no extras, and 1977 Cowboys, both in excellent condition. Highest bid. Send all bids to: Dave Romito, 232 Elmtree Road, New Kensington, PA 15068 (412-339-0089)

FOR SALE: Baseball schedules for entire 1930, 1956, 1961, 1969 and 1970 seasons. Great for S-O-M replays. Both A.L. and N.L. Send \$1 per season, plus one postage stamp for each order. Specify seasons wanted. Mailed immediately. Send to: Richard Breest, 6 Wren Drive, Hauppauge, NY 1178

FOR SALE: Football - 1971 complete set. All teams very good to excellent condition. Also accepting bids on the following individual teams: 1968 Super Bowl Jets and Colts, also Rams, Giants, Packers. Good to very good. Will respond to all bids. Include SASE. John Strollo, 1101 Knopf St., Manville, NJ 08835

FOR SALE: Basketball - 1972-73 through 1979-80, inclusive. 1972-73 through 1974-75, \$15 per set. 1975-76 through 1979-80, \$10 per set. Send replies to: Charles Steinmetz, 2114 Oakmont St.,

Philadelphia, PA 19152

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1930, \$14; '56, \$11.75; '70, \$14; past season teams, \$11.75; '80 w/extras bidding starts at \$35. All cards rarely used and in mint condition. WANTED: 1978-79 hockey with extras and WHA; pre-all-time 24-team college football game set. Roger Simmons, 84 Luquer Road, Manhasset, NY 11030. Trades considered.

FOR SALE: 1979-83 baseball cards, all with extras; all complete; to be sold in sets only. Bids on more than one year acceptable. Will answer all with SAE and 40 cents for postage. Cards in excellent and mint condition. I'd like to sell all cards and will accept any reasonable bids. Plus: Strat-O-Matic Reviews, 1978-84; also in excellent to mint condition. Again, best offer wins. Bonus offered to winning bidders. Write: Louis Rakita, 4675 Circle Road, Montreal, Quebec H3W 1Z2, or call 514-487-2428. Deadline is last day of this month. Why wait? Write today and get those dice rolling tomorrow.

FOR SALE: Baseball - complete sets, 1971 through 1982 seasons (all in mint condition with extras). Will respond to all bids. Include SASE. Also have many individual clubs for sale, 1968 through '82 seasons. Send inquiries as to your needs and for prices. Leonard Melito, Daniel Road, North Salem, NY 10560

FOR SALE: Exact schedules and pitching rotations for all major league clubs from each season available in sets, 1900-1983. 1983 sells for just \$8. Write me for quotes on all other seasons. Rich Pray, 7800 LaNain Drive, Pensacola, FL 32514

FOR SALE: Over 50,000 baseball cards in stock, 1966 to present. Send requests to: Sports Games Association, P.O. Box 60062, Oklahoma City, OK 73146

FOR SALE: Super-advanced rules enhance the realism and detail of S-O-M Baseball while preserving the speed of play that makes it fun. Includes easily to memorize rules for more realistic base advances on hits, outs and errors; outfield throwing errors and mis-played hits; trail runners sometimes advancing on throws (or being thrown out on cutoffs); injury chart with rare plays; balks, pickoffs, pickoff errors, rundowns; infielders positioned in or back individually; outfield shallow; suicide squeeze, safety squeeze and sacrifice charts where fielder's ability and runner's speed play a part; hit-and-run method that also takes into account pitcher's abilities and characteristics, fielding, runner's speed; and much more; all blended into the game so as not to disturb statistical accuracy or ease of play. Fully tested and refined in face-to-face league play. \$8, with money-back guarantee. Richard Robb, #305-7100 Gilbert Road, Richmond, B.C., Canada V7C 5C3

League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: The G.B.L. is looking for managers to manage one or two teams (maximum one team in each league) in a straight league using the 1984 cards (1983 season). Continuous ownership of teams. All teams are available. Specify 12 teams in each league in order of preference. Managers who prefer only one team should specify preferred league. 1983 replay begins as soon as possible. Uses all advanced rules. Trades allowed. Honesty is only requirement. Penalties for tardiness. \$2 reserves spot in league. For more information, write to: Chris Imrisek, 9243 Stanford Dr., Bridgeview, IL 60455

LEAGUE FORMING: Looking for four managers to start a PBM

draft league. Four divisions, 16 teams, 162-game schedule. Each manager will manage one team in each league. Draft will be in Jan. League will start April 5. Newsletters will be mailed each year. \$5 a year will cover everything. Call or write: Larry Kapit, 2611 Riverside Dr., Coral Springs, FL 33065 (305-753-8652)

LEAGUE FORMING: National Texas League, combination PBM/face-to-face, advanced draft league needs two managers to take over existing teams. Although we do have play by mail, we have, at least, two managers in each city to insure all games are played head-to-head. Available cities - Houston, Austin, or San Marcus, TX/ Monticello, IA, or Richmond, VA. Could accept two managers in one new city. 18 and over apply and only if you're a serious Strat and baseball lover. This league is nine years old and will probably run 29 more. We have loan officers, insurance agents, ballplayers, booking agents, CPA's, marine biologists, women, and other diverse personalities. If this sounds like something you'd like to do the next few years, contact: John Blomstrom, 4931 Whispering Falls, Houston, TX 77084 (713-463-2398 or 463-8418)

LEAGUE FORMING: Would love to join PBM hockey league. Would prefer straight team league (no team preference) and play super-advanced rules. Past experience: 10-year gamer, 3 years in PBM baseball and league commissioner 1 year. Please contact: Russ Towers, Lakeside #19, Paul Smiths College, Paul Smiths, NY 12970 (518-327-9444). Give me something to do besides college homework and watching snow accumulate.

LEAGUE FORMING: Veteran league gamer looking to form face-to-face advanced baseball draft league in Yardley-Levittown area. League will begin playing in Feb., 1985, and will use the 1985 card set. Meetings will be held

as early as December in order to acquainted and lay the groundwork for a strong league. We will have a detailed league constitution. There will be a small league fee to cover cost of cards and trophies. No prior league experience necessary. For more information, write: Tony Lemmo, 1555 Yardley-Newtown Road, Yardley, PA 19067

LEAGUE FORMING: Federal Hockey League is in need of backup coaches for its third season. The FHL is a straight-team league with trading and newsletters delivered monthly (see Oct., 1983 Review). Super-advanced rules apply. The FHL is run by the same people who operate the well-known Federal Baseball League. The backup list is very small, so accepted backups have an excellent chance of getting a franchise soon. So, if you are interested in a well-organized, stable hockey league, send resume to: Bill Modelski, 15178 Hanfor, Allen Park, MI 48101 (313-383-3101)

LEAGUE FORMING: American Texas League, head-to-head advanced draft American League currently in fourth year is looking for two managers 18 and over in greater Houston area to join league. Must be willing to travel to other manager's house to play. We do a lot of trading. The first three seasons produced three different champions. If this sounds like fun, contact me now. John Blomstrom, 4931 Whispering Falls, Houston, TX 77084 (713-463-8418 or 463-2398)

LEAGUE FORMING: The American Strat-O-Matic Basketball Association (ASOMBA), now entering its second season is looking for a few reliable managers for expansion. ASOMBA is a 12-team, PBM, advanced draft league with continuous ownership. We feature an 80-game season with complete newsletters loaded with stats and

league information. Quality players are available; the expansion teams will be competitive. We have a league you can be proud of. Contact: Alan Joffrey, 3842 Chester Dr., Glenview, IL 60025

LEAGUE FORMING: Los Angeles-based PBM/face-to-face baseball league seeks two replacement managers and a few backups. Currently our fourth season is in progress. We are a 15-team, advanced draft league with an easy and fun 100-game schedule. We seek reliable managers willing to make a commitment. Contact: Bob James, 2755 Federal Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90064 (213-473-7975)

LEAGUE FORMING: Nebraska Football League (N.F.L.), a face-to-face league with eight existing franchises, going into fourth year, is looking for to expand. We draft whole teams, not players. Coaches are allowed to retain last year's team or may draft different team along with new coaches. Drafting is on a first-come, first-served basis. Many good teams currently available. Accurate statistics kept and trophies, certificates and award banquet at season's end. Games played in Omaha area with flexible schedule. For more information, adults call: Jeff Sabatka (402-455-0538) or Matt Stone (402-572-9319)

LEAGUE FORMING: Not interested in someone's "leftovers?" Get in on the ground floor by joining the newly forming Continental Baseball Association. The CBA will be a 14-team advanced PBM draft league with continuous ownership of players. We will begin play next spring as soon as the new cards arrive. Some features of the league are: frequent newsletters, minor-league system, annual rookie draft, "futures" draft of players who have never had cards. Moderate pace - two weeks for each series. League fee of \$15 - unused funds will be returned to all managers who comp-

lete season. Previous PBM experience is not necessary, but at least three years S-O-M experience is required. Interested applicants should send a resume including name, address, phone, age, experience and any other information you wish to include. All replies will receive an answer. Steve Beck, 43W91 Keslinger Road, Elburn, IL (312-365-6050)

LEAGUE FORMING: The successful Federal Baseball League is in need of backup managers. We have just completed our eighth season. The FL is a 24-team draft league run by Kurt Smeby. A special draft system whereby managers must speculate on minor leaguers will challenge your baseball mind. The FL provides excellent newsletters, distributed monthly during the season (April-September). The backup list is very small and there is a strong possibility that a few teams are available. Send resume to: Sky O'Callahan, 2526 E. 8th St., Long Beach, CA 90804

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S-O-M league, replay scene

DUNMORE BASEBALL LEAGUE - Six-team draft league that has completed three seasons; based in Dunmore, PA...face-to-face with latest season based on 1982 real-life...fourth league is closing in on finish, too... managers and their teams include: Bruce D'Arienzo (Miami), Dan Demuth (Sacramento), Mike Cordaro (Oakland), Bill Genello (Hollywood), John Genello (Washington) and John Sanko (Baltimore)...Here is order of draft (first-round): 1. Miami (Yount); 2. Baltimore (Carlton); 3. Washington (E. Murray); 4. Hollywood (Carter); 5. Sacramento (Dwight Evans); 6. Oakland (Reggie Jackson)...Mike Cordaro, league commissioner and author of Dunmore's yearbook, finished with 84-78 record in another example of commissioner who doesn't dominate top of standings... MVP was Cecil Cooper of Miami (third-round draft choice), who led league in runs-batted-in (114), hits (191), total bases (353), runs produced (166) and game-winning RBI (16)...Cy Young, meanwhile, went to Bob Welch, 12th-round pick of Sacramento, who led league in wins (21) and winning percentage (.700, 21-9). Welch had 181 strikeouts and was lone 20-game winner...In the playoffs, Sacramento defeated Oakland, 3-2 in games, and Hollywood duplicated that feat against Miami. The final went the full seven games, with Sacramento edging Hollywood by scores of 1-4, 5-4, 9-1, 5-9, 5-3, 4-7 and 5-4. Joe Morgan batted .353 for the winners, with George Brett checking in at .320 and Evans clubbing four homers to go with a playoff-high 13 RBI. Keith Hernandez was tops in batting for all, collecting 12 hits in 27 at-bats for a .444 for Hollywood. Pedro Guerrero had five homers and nine RBI for the runnersup. Relievers Gene Garber (2-0, 2.29 in 20 innings) and Jesse Orosco (2-0, 0.47 ERA in 19 innings) accounted for over half of Sacramento's wins in 7-5 playoff record.

Standings and leaders:

	Won-Lost	GB	Avg.	ERA	Batting	Home Runs
Miami	91 71	-	.266	3.58	McRae MIA .311	Horner OAK 43
Sacramento	89 73	2	.247	3.72	Pena WAS .310	Cooper MIA 37
Oakland	84 78	7	.239	3.77	Cooper MIA .298	Schmidt BAL 33
Hollywood	80 82	11	.248	4.09		Da.Murphy HOL33
Washington	79 83	12	.258	4.05		Winfield WAS 33
Baltimore	63 99	28	.251	4.32		
					RBI	
					Cooper MIA 114	
					Farrish SAC 105	
					Winfield WAS 98	
ERA (160 IP)						
J.Niekro MIA	3.121		Strikeouts			
Reardon HOL	3.126		Soto WAS 251*			
Sutton SAC	3.13		Carlton HOL 242			
Stieb MIA	3.21		Welch SAC 181			
			* League			
			record			
Winning %						
Welch SAC	21-9 .700					
Stieb MIA	14-8 .636					
Palmer OAK	17-10 .630					
IP: Andujar MIA 266			CG: Rogers BAL 19; Andujar MIA 18			
SH: Stieb MIA 5			SA: Caudill SAC 30; Spillner OAK 25			

'LITTLE TEAMS' TOURNAMENT - Max Monroe, Parkersburg, WV, used the 23 original teams from the 36 "little teams" and added the '62 New York Mets for a 24-team field to play a single-elimination tournament...Last three teams - '76 Kansas City, '75 Boston, '68 Detroit - played a double (Continued on next page)

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ble-knockout format until only one was left...Detroit put on an awesome display of hitting and pitching and didn't lose a game in compiling a 6-0 record...Boston, '75, fell 15-4 and in the final, 9-4, while the '76 Royals were ousted 6-3...In the first game against Boston, Detroit rang up seven runs in the first inning, with Willie Horton going on to clout three homers and drive in six runs...Hortoon had six home runs and 15 RBI in the six games, while Bill Freehan had four roundtrippers and the Tigers as a team smashed 16 homers, 11 doubles, four triples and batted .317...Detroit's pitching, meanwhile, with Denny McLain, Mickey Lolich and Earl Wilson never needing any relief help, had a 2.50 ERA and allowed but three home runs and 46 hits...Tigers usually pounced on their victims early, scoring in four of the wins in the first inning...Surprise team of tourney - one that almost caged the '68 Tigers early - was the '62 Los Angeles Angels. The Angels knocked off the '69 Cubs (1-0), '69 Montreal (3-2) and then lost to Detroit in another 4-3 squeaker.