



## STRAT-O-MATIC REVIEW

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### Pass defenses are porous in new football cards

## The 'Earl of Campbell' looks super

The following analysis was prepared by Warren Newell, co-editor of the Review and a member of a face-to-face football league that operates out of Otsego, MI, home of the Review.

Warren, however, isn't a student of the cards like Robert Henry is in baseball. He scrutinizes the football cards searching for talent that would benefit him in the draft grid league. Defensive and specialist cards are also drafted, so Warren gave them all more than a cursory check.

It only took a glance to determine that Earl Campbell, the NFL's top rusher as a rookie, had a super card. His card, as might be expected, is liberally sprinkled with "short gain" and, on guessed wrong on end run he breaks an 81-yarder on No. 2 and a "long gain" on No. 12. Guessed right he sometimes can't even be slowed. A "short gain" results on No. 6 even when called correctly.

Even when keyed, the Earl of Campbell has opportunities to gain yardage. Outside of fumbling, worst fate that could befall Campbell would be No. 11, end run, keyed, when he's dropped for a four-yard loss.

Walter Payton of Chicago also has another good card. When he turns  
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the defense is in big trouble--he has "short gain" on Nos. 6, 7, 8 guessed wrong. Also, regarding running backs, a couple of "sleepers" in any draft could be the Kansas City Chief tandem of Tony Reed and Ted McKnight. Reed has a solid all-around card, punctuated by a 19-yard pickup via an end run, No. 6, guessed wrong. McKnight, meanwhile, only carried 104 times, but wow! He's got 19 and 17-yard gains off-tackle and 16 and 29-yards around the end on Nos. 7 and 8, respectively.

#### MANNING'S MAGNIFICENT

Archie Manning, who had his best year as a pro, is a devastating short passer. With only a minuscule chance to be intercepted, his card, guessed wrong, is sprinkled with good-yardage gains, including a 15-yarder on No. 7. In the Otsego League, it should be mentioned, Jim Myers has both Manning and Payton--the best of both worlds--on his team. Coaches are allowed to protect three players from last year's team. Myers is likely to protect those two.

Greg Pruitt of Cleveland is another with a good running card--but in his situation fumbles will be costly since the Browns, as a team, coughed up the ball to the enemy a whopping 29 times.

Terry Bradshaw, although likely to be plagued by interceptions, can throw long, and accurately. He also has a +14 on No. 7, short pass, either right or wrong, and that's a definite plus. Warren has three quarterbacks returning--Bradshaw, Jim Zorn and Gary Danielson--and says he will be keeping Bradshaw (come on 7!) and dropped the other two.

Among the receivers, Wesley Walker's card for the New York Jets shouldn't go unnoticed. Walker averaged 24.4 per reception, has a card that the printer went amok with the "long gain" stamp and even has a "long gain" on No. 7, long pass, guessed right.

#### PASS DEFENSES POROUS

Many of the short pass defensive cards will be taken advantage of by on-target passers. "I've never seen so many gains on No. 6, both with three and four-man in zone," notes Warren. "Usually just a couple of teams have a gain at that number. But not this year."

Also there are many teams that will be plagued with a "long gain" on No. 4, short pass, three men in zone. Miami has the best defensive cards for interceptions with a 2-10 chance on a short pass, No. 9, 4-men in zone, and a straight 7 on long pass with 1-man home. The worst, ironically, is Atlanta (short pass: 4-men, No. 9, only 2-4, 12), although the Falcons are among the best at recovering fumbles.

Atlanta's recovery rate on a No. 5 roll is 2-11. The Browns are the worst at giving up the ball with fumble chances on No. 5 [2-5, 12] and No. 10 complete. Neither the Chicago Bears or N.Y. Jets have fumbles on their offensive cards.

#### HOW THE MIGHTY HAVE FALLEN

Remember the old "Purple People Eaters," the "Purple Gang," otherwise known as the Minnesota front four? Alan Page is now with Chicago, where he's a "4" at tackle, and Carl Eller has been demoted to sub status with the Vikes and is a "0" and Jim Marshall is also a "0". Tack on "0s" for Wally Hilgenberg, Nate Allen and Paul Krause and one can easily see how far the once-mighty Viking defense has diminished.

The 49ers have three "0s" in their defensive secondary while, conversely, Denver's linebacking trio is straight 6s. Los Angeles has four 3s on the offensive line, two 6s in the secondary and two 5s also in the defensive backfield.

The Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh Steelers have six 6s on defense and only two 4s, while on offense there are two 3s. Tight end Randy Grossman is only a 1, however, as is right tackle Ray Pinney, so the Steeler rushing attack may not be so potent to that side.

And, glancing at the specialty teams, Washington, Philadelphia, Buffalo and L.A. have "long gain" on punt returns and Seattle, Baltimore, New England, L.A. and St. Louis the same on kickoff returns.



## Hockey cards undergo revision

Look for a great game to be even greater this fall. Strat-O-Matic Hockey, a big hit in its first year, promises to be even better in 1979.

"The goalie will be much more involved in the action now," enthused Harold Richman, creator of the S-O-M games, in a recent phone conversation with Review co-editor Del Newell. "Last year when the goalie's card was checked the result was more often than not routine. A score was a shock. But not now. The best goalie can be beaten maybe six out of 20 times and the worst 15 out of 20. Seventy-five percent of the scoring will come off the goalie's card. When the goalie's card comes up, it will be very exciting."

S-O-M spent a lot of time testing the changes, however, and as a result the new hockey cards will not be available until Oct. 1, rather than Sept. 1 as first thought.

"The first game was a tremendous success and very exciting," continued Richman. "But we felt the goalie--because he is so important in the real game--should be brought into our game more." The goalie's card obviously will not be consulted as often as in the past (routine shots will be handled via the shooter's card), but those tough chances will bring the goalie's rating, and ability, directly into the action.

S-O-M plans another change to cut down on the number of goals scored by good percentage shooters, who otherwise don't score that frequently. Many gamers were utilizing the good percentage shooters (which was smart strategy) in "any shooter" situations. The result, however, was that statistics were oftentimes distorted. Top goal scorers were frequently passed over, because their percentages were not as high, in lieu of more accurate shooters.

The change consists of an offensive player possessing a certain offensive rating before being allowed to take the shot in "any shooter" situations. "Any shooter 3 or more" might be a common reading, for instance.

Remember, the hockey game and the new cards will be available Oct. 1. A new game will not be necessary to incorporate the changes in the ice version of S-O-M's newest creation; game boards will remain the same. Any other changes, for which results are not obtainable from player cards, will, as in the past, have S-O-M supplying the needed additional materials. Now for Oct. 1 to roll around..

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## What's available at S-O-M?

The following teams are still available from the Strat-O-Matic Game Company, Inc., 46 Railroad Plaza, Glen Head, NY 11545. The year listed is the year upon which the cards are based. When ordering, please include 75¢ handling charge for entire order.

### BASEBALL

- 1974 - Only 96 additional players still available. Cost: \$2.70.
- 1975 - Only Cincinnati still available. Cost: 65¢.
- 1976 - Milwaukee, Cincinnati, Houston are available. Cost: 65¢ each.
- 1977 - All teams available except Seattle, N.Y. Mets. Cost: \$10.75 for set, \$1.35 for 2 teams, 70¢ one team.

### FOOTBALL

- 1974 - Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Detroit, Green Bay, New Orleans, San Francisco, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Baltimore, Cleveland, Houston, Pittsburgh, San Diego are all available. Cost: \$5.25 for entire set, \$1.25 for 2 teams, 75¢ one team.

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## PBM instruction sheet for hockey

Although football will soon be under way and another baseball season will shortly embark on another World Series venture, many gamers are eagerly awaiting the dropping of the puck to signal the start of a hockey season.

The game company reported that the hockey game was a smashing success and that, with only a few changes planned, should be an even bigger hit this fall. The changes, incidentally, involve including the goalie in the action more than the inaugural game, plus changing the goal-scoring somewhat on the shooter's card. No great revisions, for sure, but changes the game company deemed necessary to make a good game even better.

Play-by-mail hockey, of course, has caught on quickly with the development of a tabletop version of the "world's fastest sport." Thus, before being besieged by requests to explain "How do you play hockey by mail?" the Review is presenting a method to do just that.

The PBM instruction sheet was submitted by Bob Lopeck, Opa-Locka, FL, and is currently being used by the Florida Gold Coast Hockey Association. The league plays the advanced version and uses the super-advanced penalty chart. Every situation of the game is covered with either a chart, or with additional instructions.

### LINE CHANGES

This section indicates to the other coach which action card within a period that you want to make a line change. The FGCHA, however, does use a third forward line change and a second defensive line change.

Line Changes	(1FLC)	(2FLC)	(3FLC)	(1DLC)	(2DLC)
1st Period					
2nd Period					
3rd Period					

### PLAY SELECTORS

Depending on the score and what period it is, each choice of the road coach is covered: O (Offense), DF (Defensive Forecheckers), I (Intimidation), P (Penetration). Offense and Defensive Forecheckers ratings are self-explanatory. Intimidation rating given denotes that, for that particular situation, if an intimidation situation came up, a player with that number given or higher would intimidate, and any intimidation rating which was less would allow the offensive player to take the shot.

Again, the penetration rating given for any situation would denote to the coach playing the game which players the visiting coach wants to penetrate. For example, if a 3 rating was given, that would mean that the player would penetrate if his rating was 3 or 4 and anything less he would either pass or take the outside shot (as per instructions). If a 1 was listed, that would mean all players would penetrate (unless contrary to the instructions). A 2 would mean that a 2, 3, or 4 would penetrate and a 1 would not. A 4 would mean only a player with such a rating would penetrate, everyone else would not. A 0 (or an x) would mean that the visiting coach wishes not to penetrate in that situation.

PLAY SELECTORS	[+2 or more]	[+1 Goal]	[Even]	[-1 Goal]	[-2 or more]
INTIMIDATION	O-DF-I-P	O-DF-I-P	O-DF-I-P	O-DF-I-P	O-DF-I-P
PENETRATION					
1st Period					
2nd Period					
3rd Period					

### GOALIES

This section needs no explanation. The same with FORWARD LINE,  
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DEFENSE LINE, POWER PLAY LINE and PENALTY KILL LINE.

GOALIES	[+3 or more]	[+2 Goals]	[+1 Goal]	[Even]	[-1 Goal]	[-2 or more]
1st Period						
2nd Period						
3rd Period						

When to pull goalie: \_\_\_\_\_

FORWARD LINE [1st FL] [1st FLC] [2nd FLC] [3rd FLC and/or injury]

Center

Left Wing

Right Wing

DEFENSE LINE [1st DL] [1st DLC] [2nd DLC and/or injury]

Left Defense

Right Defense

POWER PLAY LINE [1st Line] [2nd Line] [Injury]

Center

Left Wing

Right Wing

Left Defense

Right Defense

PENALTY KILL LINE [1st Line] [2nd Line/Injury]

Left Wing

Right Wing

Left Defense

Right Defense

Additional instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Canadiens crush all comers

### *Upset trend in hockey replays shattered*

We're fully aware that the split cards and dice don't have memories and that partisan gamers can't influence the outcome of a game, or a replay. Nevertheless it seems that many gamers in their solitaire endeavors do have favorites, and perhaps in many cases root for the underdog.

For example, most of the hockey replays, no matter how brief, have another team than the supposedly invincible Montreal Canadiens winning it all. S-O-M didn't create the Canadiens--it just affixed their real-life statistics onto cards.

A full-season, 80-game replay by Tom Connolly, Lynn, MA, broke the trend of upsets, however, as the Canadiens were as awesome on the table-top as on real-life ice. Montreal mauled opponents for 449 goals en route to winning 63 games, losing eight and tying nine. The Habs were habitual winners from the outset, going 17 games without a loss until Vancouver surprised them 5-3.

Later Montreal won 17 straight and down the stretch went unbeaten in its final 20 games, winning 16 and tying four. The Canadiens performed like the invincible juggernaut all hockey fans have come to know, love, sometimes hate, so well.

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Lynn reports that he played the full season using the basic game and that "his team" (at least geographically), the Boston Bruins, were beaten five times, including 7-1 in the last meeting. Buffalo, it turns out, was the lone team to beat Montreal twice--4-1, 4-3--while Vancouver suffered the worst thrashing, a 12-1 debacle, perhaps repayment for the earlier loss inflicted by the Canucks.

Guy Lafleur, as expected, led the Montreal assault, producing 202 points off 81 goals and 121 assists. He had 29 of the team's 144 power play goals. Jacques Lemaire had 190 points, 151 via assists, and Steve Shutt 159, including a whopping 95 goals. Shutt was on the payoff end of 49 power play goals.

In the nets, Ken Dryden played in 53 games (record: 43-3-7), had three shutouts and a 2.36 goals-against average.

Now that's more like it. Right, Montreal fans?

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### Wanted

WANTED: Extra players for 1972 baseball season; complete 1971 and '73 seasons with extras. Also need 1969 and earlier teams. Send price and condition to: Marty Chittum, 2420 N. Dousman, Milwaukee, WI 53212

WANTED: 1970 Jim (Mudcat) Grant, '70 extra players, '70 Brewers; 1971 Angels, Chisox, '71 extra players. Send prices to: John Walsh, 453 Cornell Avenue, Pemberton, NJ 08068. IF interested in trading, I have football teams 1967-76.

WANTED: 1962 Orioles; '64 Red Sox, Angels, Indians, Athletics, Tigers. No bids [except trades] will be answered before the 15th. Scott Brown, 9 Millstone Rd., Randallstown, MD 21133

WANTED: 1963 Dodgers, 1968 Tigers, 1969 Mets, 1970 Orioles and 1972 A's. Lee Burdorf, Rt. 5, Box 2077, Murray, KY 42071

WANTED: Extra players for 1975 baseball season. Will pay \$4 and add \$1 for postage. James N. Rinde, Box 193, St. Thomas, ND

WANTED: 1972-1974 baseball teams. Send price and condition to: Joe Costantino, 4522 N. Newcastle, Harwood Heights, IL 60656. Will purchase teams from the first cheapest offer.

WANTED: Baseball cards (teams/singles) from any year, except A.L. 1968, '75, '77, '78; N.L. 1968, '77, '78. Send offers to: Brian Smith, 185 Lancaster St., Albany, NY 12210

WANTED: 1976 Phillies. Very good to excellent condition. Extras not necessary. Send prices to: Greg McMillen, 8427 14th Avenue, Kenosha, WI 53140

### For Sale

FOR SALE: I have an assortment of cards in all sports including all 20 1962 baseball teams. Let me know what you need and what you will pay. Maybe we can get together. Matthew Perreault, P.O. Box 486, Nederland, CO 80466

FOR SALE: 1975 football (all teams); 1976 football (all teams); no sets [continued on next page]



separated. Bidding ends at end of month. Write to: Scott Eberle, 5675 Vrooman Road, Jackson, MI 49201

FOR SALE: 1962 Angels, Red Sox; 1964 Cards; 1965 White Sox, Reds; 1966 Pirates; 1968 Tigers; 1969 Orioles, Twins, Senators, White Sox, Cubs, Pirates, Astros, Braves; 1970 Twins, Reds; 1972 complete set, extras, roster sheet; 1973 complete set, no extras, roster sheet; 1974 complete set, extras, roster sheet. Football - Almost every team from 1967 to 1975, including every playoff team. Would appreciate an SASE. Contact: Dick DeGrasse, RFD #1, Box 205A, Hampden Hlds., ME 04445

FOR SALE: 1975 baseball cards in good condition, \$20.00; 1976 cards and extras, good condition, \$15.00; 1977 in excellent condition, \$10.00. First check received has choice. Jim Kehl, P.O. Box 431, Ehrenberg, AZ 85334. P.S. 1975 has only one card missing, other sets complete.

FOR SALE: If you are a collector of old S-O-M cards, here's something you must not pass up. I have a collection from 1968-1978, but have some extra teams from 1970-1974 for sale. Plus many players from 1966-1978 for free! Just send me a SASE and the players you're looking for and if I have them, they're yours. Vince DiGeronimo, 25 Washington Pky., Bayonne, NJ 07002

FOR SALE: Complete set 1977 baseball teams, \$10.00. Robert Drummonds, 3842 Harwood Drive, Huntsville, AL 35805

FOR SALE: Football 1973 Falcons, Packers, \$2 each; 1974 Vikings, Bills, \$1.50 each; 1975 Cardinals, Redskins, Colts, Raiders, \$1 each. Baseball, 1967, 1968 Mets, \$2 each; 1976 Brewers, Rangers, A's, Toronto; 1977 Mets, 50¢ each. Basketball, 1976-77 Celtics, Rockets; 1977-78 Celtics, Trail Blazers, Seattle, 40¢ each. WANTED: 1969 Mets. Will trade or buy. James Burns, 2 Daisy Lane, Smithtown, NY 11787

FOR SALE: Football - 1968

Chiefs; 1969 Chiefs, Jets, Rams, Raiders, Browns, Colts, Packers, Redskins; 1970 NFC set; 1972 NFL set, Dolphins, Redskins, Steelers; 1973 NFL set. Also have several baseball teams from 1970, 1971 and 1976. Send bids on football teams or SASE for complete price list. WANTED: Football - 1975 Cowboys, Raiders. Terry Worley, 3796 Southgate Dr., Lilburn, GA 30247

FOR SALE: An S-O-M Baseball "Kit" can increase your S-O-M playing enjoyment! Fourteen pages of rules, variations, charts and suggestions, the "Kit" has now been purchased by over 100 gamers. It includes: (1) a statistically sound system for solitaire play; (2) an outline for face-to-face and solitaire leagues, and (3) miscellaneous rules and variations. All of the components of the "Kit" are explained in detail. Rick [Wolfman] Shapiro found the "Kit" commendable and you will too! Send \$3.00 plus 50¢ postage to: Jamie Potter, Rd-1, Box 89-D, Oneonta, NY 13820. No risk, money refunded if you're not satisfied.

FOR SALE: The key numbers are 20, 35 and 175! Over 20 pages, containing over 35 rules and variations and over 175 purchased thus far. It's the continued printing of the S-O-M Pro Football "Kit." This is the same "Kit" that was reviewed and recommended by Rick [Wolfman] Shapiro last spring. It features option plays, penalties, tackles and much much more, with all rules and variations explained in detail. It's excellent for novice and expert alike; your copy only \$3.00 plus 75¢ postage. Send to: Jamie Potter, Rd-1, Box 89-D, Oneonta, NY 13820. No risk, money refunded if you're not satisfied.

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1964 Twins, Orioles, Colts, Giants; 1965 White Sox, Orioles, Yankees, Tigers, Twins (original), Indians, Reds, Braves, Dodgers (original), Giants, Phillies; 1966 White Sox, Pirates, Giants, Phillies; 1967 Angels, Reds, Pirates, Giants; 1968 Red Sox, Orioles, Yanks, A's, Braves, Dodgers, Mets, Cubs, Reds, Giants; 1974 Pirates, Brewers; 1975 Yanks, Cardinals, Pirates. Basketball - 1972-73 Bucks, Lakers, Bullets, [continued on next page]



Knicks, Celtics; 1975-76 Celtics, Warriors, Nuggets, Braves, Suns, Cavaliers, SuperSonics, Nets, Bullets, Knicks. All baseball and basketball teams are for sale at \$1.30 per team. Send money to: Jay Jorgensen, 62 Valley Rd., Colonia, NJ 07067 (phone: 201-381-6697)

FOR SALE: Sold as sets, football cards from 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977 seasons. All in excellent condition. I am interested in trading for pre-1972 baseball sets so let's make a deal. If no deal, cards will be sold to highest bidder. Write or call me at: Stan Watson, 11920 Agnes St., Cerritos, CA 90701 (213-924-3840)

FOR SALE: Basketball - 1974-75 Braves; 1977-78 Suns, Bullets, Nuggets, Sonics, Bucks, 76ers, Spurs, Lakers; \$4.00 minimum offer. Football - 1971-72 Cowboys, Vikings, Redskins, 49ers, Dolphins, Browns, Chiefs--make offer. Will consider trades for 1972-73 Dolphins. Nelson S. Fong, 1312 Kathy Ct., Livermore, CA 94550. For reply send post card or 10¢ stamp or coin or SASE.

FOR SALE: S-O-M Football teams 1967-76; condition fair to good. Basketball teams 1972-73, '74-75. Will sell or trade for 1971 and earlier baseball teams. Send SASE for list. A. Walsh, 453 Cornell Ave., Pemberton, NJ 08068

FOR SALE: Football - complete set of 1972 teams, \$25. Willing to accept \$15 plus 1971 Cowboys; must be in excellent condition. 1972 set is in very good to excellent condition. First offer accepted; you pay postage. Bill Darcy, 514 Sheridan Avenue, Kenilworth, NJ 07033

FOR SALE: Due to a smaller-than-expected turnout at the recent S-O-M Convention, I have all baseball teams (except pennant and division winners) from 1966 to 1972 and all football teams (except playoff teams) from 1967 to 1971 available for sale, priced as follows: Baseball - 1966, \$5.50 per team; 1967, \$4.50 per

team; 1968, \$3.50 per team; 1969 and 1970, \$2.50 per team; 1971 and 1972, \$2.00 per team. Football - 1967, \$5.00 per team; 1968, \$4.00 per team; 1969, \$3.00 per team; 1970 and 1971, \$2.50 per team. No bidding necessary; these prices are fixed. All teams in good to excellent or better condition. All teams will be sent postpaid via first-class mail with same day service. Have more than one of most teams available, so don't be discouraged if you receive Review late. Robert Henry, Canterbury Court L5, Penns Grove, NJ 08069

FOR SALE (OR TRADE): 1964 Giants; 1965 Astros, Cards; 1969 Phillies, Royals, Mets, Angels; 1970 Angels, Senators, Yankees, Red Sox, Royals; 1971 Brewers, Twins, Padres, A's, Cubs, Cards, Reds, Red Sox, Yanks, Giants, Phils, Angels, Royals, Astros; 1975 Orioles. Football - 1967 Browns; 1968 Browns, Giants, Raiders; 1969 Patriots, Falcons, Eagles, Oilers, Chargers, Packers, Broncos, Redskins, Bengals, Bills, Saints, Browns, Lions, Giants, Steelers, 49ers, Cards, Colts, Bears; 1970 Broncos, Saints, Cowboys, 49ers, Falcons, Bills, Raiders, Chargers, Rams, Oilers, Browns, Patriots, Bears, Jets, Steelers, Packers, Eagles, Vikings. Baseball extras included for '70, '71 teams and '69 Phils, Royals, Indians, Red Sox. Scott Brown, 9 Millstone Rd., Randallstown, MD 21133

FOR SALE: Basketball game and following teams: 1974-75 Kings, SuperSonics; 1976-77 Celtics, Nuggets, Bulls, Warriors, Rockets, Lakers, Knicks, 76ers, Blazers, Bullets; 1977-78 Celtics, Nuggets, Lakers, Knicks, 76ers, Suns, Blazers, Spurs, SuperSonics, Bullets. All teams in excellent to mint condition. Best offer for any or all of above. Send bids to: Ira Feuerlicht, 711 Amsterdam Ave., New York, NY 10025

FOR SALE: Set 1 complete 1975, no extras. Set 2 complete 1976, no extras. Set 3 - 1963, '67, '68 and '72 Mets. Set 4 - 1972 Yanks. Set 5 - 1974 Oakland. Set 6 - 1977 Phillies. Sets 4, 5 and 6 may be

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bid on individually or as a whole or with set 3. Joe Segall, 70-51 153 St., Flushing, NY 11367

FOR SALE: Baseball teams - 1969 Orioles, A's, Twins, Mets, Braves, Giants; 1970 Yankees, Twins, Reds, Orioles, Pirates, Dodgers; 1971 Tigers, Twins, Orioles, A's, Royals, Giants, Cardinals, Pirates, Dodgers; 1972 White Sox, Twins, Red Sox, A's, Tigers, Cubs, Astros, Reds, Pirates; 1973 all 24 teams; 1974 Twins, A's, Orioles, Red Sox, Rangers, Yankees, Reds, Pirates, Dodgers, Cardinals, Braves, Phillies; 1975 A's, Royals, Twins, Orioles, Red Sox, Dodgers, Reds, Pirates, Phillies; 1976 Twins, Royals, A's, Orioles, Yankees, Dodgers, Reds, Pirates, Phillies; 1977 Red Sox, Yankees, White Sox, Royals, Twins, Dodgers, Pirates, Phillies, Reds. Old Timer teams: 1962 Mets and 1965 Twins. 1976-77 teams have additional players. Highest offers for single teams, several teams, or all teams will be accepted. Send offers to: Andy Tanick, 1446 Flag Ave. S., St. Louis Park, MN 55426

FOR SALE: Over 40 teams from 1968-199 and an abundance of assorted players. For list, send SAGE to: Wayne Roberts, 1710 Whitney Ave., Albany, GA 31707

FOR SALE: 1977 football team plus 1975 Cowboys, '74 Rams, '74 Dolphins, '75 Bills, '75 Lions, '75 Vikings, plus game box and all parts in excellent condition. 1975 Pirates. Send bids to: Carey Allen, 12828 Lenoce, Redford, MI 48239, or call 313-537-5396.

FOR SALE: Percentile dice precision crafted in high impact plastic. Ideal for generating random numbers when playing Strat-O-Matic games. A single number like 1-2-3, etc., is engraved on each surface. Roll two dice of contrasting colors for numbers up to 100. Roll three dice like red, white and blue for numbers up to 1,000. Choose red, orange, yellow, green, blue, violet, black, brown or white and please list

extra color choices so we can substitute if necessary. Send 75¢ per die without inked digits. Send \$1 per engraved die with inked, easier to read, digits. Send \$1 per order to cover postage. Our catalogue included with each dice order, if requested. Eight, 12 and 4-sided dice cost the same as 20's and are also available. Lou Zocchi, 7604 Newton Dr., Box STRA, Biloxi, MS 39532

FOR SALE: 1962, 1963, 1964 True's Baseball Yearbooks. Will trade for 1971, '72, '73 baseball (1972-73 extras necessary). SASE for reply. Send offers to: Michael Ching, 2118 Kula St., Honolulu, HI 96817

## League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: Attention all baseball fans! There are still several openings left in the Trans-American Strat-O-Matic Baseball League. This will be a PBM draft league using the advanced game. The N.L. cards will be used unless the response is great enough to warrant using both the NL and AL cards. Play will begin in the fall. PBM experience not necessary, but reliability is absolutely essential. If interested, send a brief resume to: Randy Wilson, 5852 Tarpon Dr., El Paso, TX 79924, or phone 915-757-1150

LEAGUE FORMING: Kennewick, WA and immediate vicinity. I want to form a face-to-face football league. Details will be worked out once all serious, interested parties have responded. For those worried about committing themselves, the league will be as flexible as possible. Call: Doug Peterson at 783-7102, or write: 500 N. Volland Apt.#7, Kennewick, WA 99336. WANTED: Football teams from 1975 down that are in good to mint condition. Complete seasons. Reasonable prices only need apply. SASE guarantees reply. Please contact: Doug Peterson, 500 N. Volland Apt.#7, Kennewick, WA 99336

LEAGUE FORMING: Anybody in the Columbia, MO, area interested in forming a face-to-face football league, or if there is an existing league which is willing to expand, please contact: Steve Rigdon, 205 Runyon Ave., Lemay, MO 63125, or call 314-638-3916. (continued on next page)

**LEAGUE FORMING:** The Strat-O-Matic Hockey Association needs a few good managers for a 16-team, PBM, continuous draft league. This league is designed for the adult gamer who wants maximum enjoyment from a small-time commitment. Our league will not settle for mediocrity and has employed many features to insure a quality, long-lasting venture. Our hockey season will begin Nov. 15. We need your reply soon, as the draft will be starting upon receipt of the new card set. A \$7 fee will be charged, but it will be well worth it. The bulk of work will be on the shoulders of the league office. You play and enjoy. Bulletins will be bi-weekly. "Money" will be used, easy-to-follow instruction forms, no-hassle stats and summaries, trades, minor leagues, solid leadership, etc. All this without the headaches of other PBM leagues. Contact: Tom Mink, 201 Brunson Drive, Beech Grove, IN 46107 (phone: 1-317-788-0438)

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Looking for managers to form a new actual-team PBM league. We will be using 1978 cards with a 162-game schedule. We will play each league separately, starting with American League. No PBM experience necessary. We only ask that you be a reliable and enthusiastic manager. Send brief resume of S-O-M experience and A.L. team preference list to: Kevin Bachelder, 59 Church St., Weymouth, MA 02189 (phone: 617-337-8620)

**LEAGUE FORMING:** I am looking for managers for the Strat-O-Matic Baseball Winter League. This will be an eight-team (advanced version) draft league using this year's National League cards and National League extra players. If you like to play S-O-M Baseball in the winter, then this league's for you. Manage superstars like Garvey, Parker, Rose and Seaver, along with young stars-to-be such as Horner, Templeton and Knepper. 150-game schedule.

Newsletters at least every other week. Entry fee \$5.00, but don't send that yet. Send resume to: Tim Tucker, Route 8, Mayfield, KY 42066

**LEAGUE FORMING:** All new NMSOML (North Minneapolis Strat-O-Matic League) forming. PBM or face-to-face league. Coaches needed. Will be a draft league--trades allowed. We will be using advanced football rules. There are eight teams in the league and we will be playing a 17-game schedule. Small entry fee and league will start when we have enough coaches. For more information, call 425-5798, or write: Scott Pennoyer, 6803 Cottonwood Lane, Maple Grove, MN 55369

\* Editor's note: Be sure to include name of sport when sending in an ad to the Review. The 'Wanted' and 'For Sale' ads usually are understandable, but 'League Forming' can oftentimes be a puzzler. Usually two to three ads--mostly League Forming--arrive at the Review without the name of the sport, each month.

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## Directory additions

The following gamers and leagues have expressed a desire to be contacted by fellow gamers and have asked their names be added to the latest Strat-O-Matic Directory:

- \* ROSCOVIUS, SCOTT, 800 East Avenue, Tomah, WI 54660; 18; plays all S-O-M games except hockey; favorites are baseball, football; member of North American Strat-O-Matic League and commissioner of newly formed WTGPA, based in Wisconsin.
- \* SHELOFSKY, ANDREW, 34 Devon Dr., Orangeburg, NY 10962; plays baseball, hockey, soon to try football; diehard Yankee fan; member NNSOMBL [No Name S-O-M League].
- \* Ozone Federation of S-O-M Baseball, based in Daviess County, IN; eight-team, face-to-face league; uses Old Timer, Hall of Fame and present players; founded 1972; plays 3 24-game seasons per year; managers: Bob Porch, Steve Dant, VJ Garrett, H.R. Hunter, Mike Hunter, Don Kendall, Mike Graham, Dennis Moran, Jim [Mitt] McPherson.



## Trip to 'Fantasy Island'—via S-O-M

One of the great features of Strat-O-Matic games is that it gives you--no matter who you are or what athletic aptitude--a chance to play the greats and the not-so-greats. You're the manager, the general manager, the wheeler-dealer; you decide whether Reggie Jackson will be the DH, or GO (dugout dweller); whether Dave Parker is worth all those millions, etc.

But not only can you play the greats and be at the managerial controls, you can also play yourself. You can take your very own trip to Fantasy Island--via S-O-M games.

There's nothing in the rules about scratching out Dave Parker's name and inserting your own: Dudley Dooright. Or your own can supplant Oscar Zamora, 1975 vintage, and you can get a stiff neck from turning to watch some run shots sail out.

Most gamers who create cards for themselves are on ego trips, however. They take a trip to Fantasy Island, but never return. They lead the league in every category, excepting the LMP Award (Least Modest Player).

One notable exception is the Virginia Glass, a team created from the worst player cards of the 1973 baseball season [there have since been additions: i.e. Zamora, '75; Gorman Thomas, '75] and featuring gamers John Moore (who now resides in Findley, OH) and his Huntington, WV, cohorts Myron Pecora (nameless player card, estimated .220 average), Mark Jesse (who looks like Ivan DeJesus, 1975, Los Angeles), Perry Tilley (Bill Plummer's Cincinnati card, '73), and Jon Townsend and John McCoy, both of whom made up low-average hitting cards for themselves.

This modern-day version of the '62 Mets, as expected, took its lumps over the years (at last report the Glass had been bent, broken and otherwise beaten in 306 out of 384 games). A win was a cause for celebration. The first year the team went 40-122 ["can't anyone here play this game!"].

Both Moore and Pecora (who have presented articles dealing with hit placement) have had an immense amount of fun struggling to attain respectability with their beloved Glass, however. Moore (using a self-made card) pitched, for instance, 216 innings in the infamous 40-122 campaign. He served up 252 hits, 120 earned runs, 23 homers and had a 4-20 record. Pecora, meanwhile, was one of the top hitters on the team. He batted .241; the team .204. And the pitching was equally as bad: 5.07 ERA with Moore fitting right in with a 5.00 mark.

Throughout it all [the Glass plays a regular schedule every year against teams from a recent season] the team has only been no-hit once (by Jim Hughes of the '75 Twins, of all people). The team, as might be expected, experiences deliriums of joy on a rare occasion of victory. As Moore enthuses: "The feeling after actually winning a game with these guys is unparalleled."

We haven't heard from the Glass recently, so we don't know if the team has won another game or not. No shouts of joy have wafted back to Michigan, so we expect not. But to the Glassmen it's not whether you win or lose that counts, it's YOUR being in the game that's most important!

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## AWA Football League completes 8th season

The good news in the AWA Football League was that Neil Christie's defending champions and much hated Cincinnati Bengals did not win the championship.

The bad news is that Christie's Miami Dolphins did. Cincinnati's domination--some of the other coaches call it luck--was over, but Christie's good fortune continued.

Miami, as it turned out, defeated Houston in Super Bowl VIII, 10-3, in the eight-coach (each coach guides two or three teams), actual team, face-to-face league that calls Santa Clara, CA, its home base.

"Neil is no more talented than the rest of us as coaches," says Mike Applegate, without a trace of envy or bitterness. "But like the Yankees in baseball and Montreal in hockey, something happens when the playoffs begin and...Neil suddenly becomes the team to beat."

Applegate, who continued to coach his beloved Kansas City Chiefs (once a power in the AWA), points out that the most recent 15-game replay was marked by more defense. "Scores were lower and yardage came tougher than the free-wheeling years past."

The offense got in its licks in the replay based on the 1977 season, though; as Walter Payton galloped to 2,162 yards in 384 carries (5.6 average), Terry Bradshaw fired 35 touchdown passes and accumulated 3,211 yards via the airplanes and Lynn Swann, Bradshaw's favorite receiver, caught 20 TD tosses. All were league records. The MVP, however, was Bob Griese of Miami, who completed 62.3 percent of his passes for 2,623 yards and 20 scores and had only five passes picked off.

The coaching lineup in the AWA (all members are in their mid to late 20s) consisted of: Mike Applegate (Kansas City, N.Y. Giants, San Francisco), Jeff Applegate (Cleveland, N.Y. Jets, St. Louis), Steve Barrett (Dallas, Denver, Buffalo), Neil Christie (Cincinnati, Miami, Seattle), Dave Jackson (Chicago, Houston), John Koeplin (Atlanta, Oakland, New Orleans), Ken Morse (Detroit, Pittsburgh, San Diego), and Mike Simonds (Los Angeles, New England, Tampa Bay). The league was responsible for Washington and Philadelphia.

### OAKLAND FEATURES SOLID GROUND GAME

The AWA has its own conference and division alignment and again, as is customary, most of the battles for playoff berths were brutal. Here are some of the highlights of those 'battles':

Oakland, despite an off-year from Ken Stabler (13 TDs, 33 interceptions), coasted in with a 12-2-1 mark in the Snodgrass Division (see final standings on next page). Mark van Eeghen (1,168 yards) and Clarence Davis (1,029) offset Stabler's off-target passing with their rushing... Cleveland surprised by winning its first six games as Greg ("Snake-Eyes") Pruitt rolled up 1,414 yards (5.5), but then collapsed down the stretch... New England had a sluggish offense (Steve Grogan stats: 48.7 percent, 9 TDs, 27 thefts) which dragged the defense down... Seattle provided some thrills, and hope for the future, as Sherman Smith gained 966 yards (5.2) and Steve Largent latched onto 41 catches, averaging 24.9 per reception... Buffalo had the league's worst defense, but Joe Ferguson's passing (241-488, 3,086 yards, 26 TDs, 30 interceptions) kept it in most games.

In the Duck Division, perennial power Cincinnati had a 6-2 record early then went into a slump and wound up going into the finale at 8-6--same record as surging Houston. Houston won the showdown, 31-7, with Dan Pastorini continuing to spark the Oilers and, conversely, Ken Anderson (48.0 percent, 18 interceptions) struggling at the controls with Cincy... Washington was another disappointment in the Duck Division, as an inept offense betrayed a strong defense.

Biggest surprise was found in the Black 'N Blue Division, as the

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traditionally sad-sack New York Giants walked tall to a 12-3 record and possessed the league's stingiest defense (232.9 yards per game). Giants won eight in row to prove they were for real, including topping Dallas twice (28-27, 24-21) and Pittsburgh once (24-7)...Dallas, except for its lapses against the Giants, was a juggernaut, producing 358.1 yards per game, and featuring the running of Tony Dorsett (1,099) and passing of Roger Staubach...Fumbles killed Minnesota as the passing attack was formidable with three receivers catching more than 50 passes...Detroit had no offense while Tampa Bay, although 3-12, blasted Buffalo in the season's finale, 48-7, taking advantage of three blocked punts and six interceptions.

#### STEELERS STRUGGLE

Pittsburgh won five of its last six games, including a 23-9 showdown win over the Payton-led Bears, to win the Granada Division in the other [Citadel] conference...Philadelphia was in contention, too, as Ron ["Jaws"] Jaworski fired 27 TD passes...St. Louis, out of contention early, was nonetheless a foe to be reckoned with as evidenced by splitting a pair of games with Pittsburgh, losing 59-14 as Bradshaw threw seven TD passes, and then the Cards rocking the Steelers, 37-14, leading 37-0 at one point.

Miami won its last 10 games to claim honors in the Mongo Division, as the ground game produced 188 yards per and Griese provided balance with his passing...Denver had a devastating defense, efficient offense, but lost the key games and wound up 10-5...Delvin Williams (1,229) and Jim Plunkett (55.9 percent) were bright spots for the 49ers while the Jets were lackluster except for wide receiver Wesley Walker (47 catches).

Baltimore got great seasons from Lydell Mitchell (1,500 yards rushing; 69 catches) and Bert Jones, survived the humiliation of losing to San Diego (49-24) and Cincinnati (39-19), and clinched the Apple Division title with a 20-17 win over second place Los Angeles...Lawrence McCutcheon blasted to 1,261 yards for L.A...Atlanta, however, was, because of its defense, the team no one liked to play, surrendering only 191 points...San Diego was 6-1 with Dan Fouts at the controls but when he couldn't play the Chargers lost their zip and were 1-7.

#### HOUSTON, MIAMI CLASH

Houston, perhaps ahead of itself in going through its developmental stages, and Miami, perhaps reliving the glory days of the early 1970s, collided in the AWA's eighth Super Bowl.

The Oilers got there by blanking the Giants, 23-0, and then edging Dallas in the conference title game, 28-21, as Rob Carpenter raced 38 and 60 yards for TDs and Billy Johnson went 87 yards with a punt. Dallas, after trailing early 10-0, roared back to knock out Oakland, 34-24, in the other game.

Meanwhile, Miami rushed past L.A., 24-7, as Benny Malone gained 146 yards in 23 carries, and then crunched Pittsburgh, 31-17, as Malone shook loose for 143 in 24 attempts. Jack Ham's 98-yard return of an intercepted pass had given Pittsburgh an early 10-0 advantage. Pittsburgh's defense dominated Baltimore in the other game to the tune of 26-13.

In the Super Bowl, Miami struck first--and for the only TD--when Nat Moore caught a seven-yard pass from Griese. Defenses dominated thereafter as Garo Yepremian kicked a third quarter field goal for Miami and Toni Fritsch a 42-yarder in the final period for Houston.

Houston made a desperate attempt to salvage a tie when it tried an on-side kick. It failed. But the Oilers had another shot when Miami fumbled. The Oilers got to the Dolphin 42 and, with 45 seconds remaining and no timeouts left, three long passes went astray. Houston coach Dave Jackson had contemplated sending Carpenter off-tackle the last play as a surprise ploy, but disdained the maneuver for the "bomb." The dice roll was a 5-2--an incomplete pass...but a long gain if Carpenter had been totting the ball.

Moore was the game's MVP, catching seven passes for 101 yards, three of the receptions despite being double-teamed. Griese completed 19 of 30  
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passes for 249 yards.  
Standings and leaders:

## COLISEUM CONFERENCE

Snodgrass	Won	Lost	Ties	Duck	Won	Lost	Black 'N Blue	Won	Lost
Oakland	12	2	1	Houston	8	6	N.Y. Giants	12	3
Cleveland	9	6	0	Cincinnati	8	7	Dallas	12	3
Seattle	7	8	0	Washington	6	9	Minnesota	5	10
New England	6	8	1	Green Bay	2	13	Detroit	4	11
Buffalo	6	9	0				Tampa Bay	3	12

## CITADEL CONFERENCE

Granada	Won	Lost	Mongo	Won	Lost	Apple	Won	Lost
Pittsburgh	9	6	Miami	13	2	Baltimore	10	5
Chicago	9	6	Denver	10	5	Los Angeles	10	5
Philadelphia	8	7	San Fran'co	7	8	Atlanta	8	7
St. Louis	6	9	N.Y. Jets	3	12	San Diego	7	8
New Orleans	3	12				Kansas City	5	10

Rushing	Att-Yds.	TD	Avg.	Receiving	No.-Yds.	TD	Avg.
Payton CHI	384-2162	11	5.6	Mitchell BAL	69-557	2	8.1
Mitchell BAL	320-1500	14	4.7	Casper OAK	62-630	2	10.2
Pruitt CLE	255-1414	15	5.5	Chandler BUF	59-768	5	13.0
Harris PIT	308-1325	8	4.3	Rashad MIN	57-687	6	12.1
McCutcheon LA	302-1261	12	4.2	Washington SF	56-1002	4	17.9
Williams SF	289-1229	12	4.3	Swann PIT	55-1085	20	19.7
Foreman MIN	290-1204	5	4.2	Pearson DAL	55-914	4	16.6
VanEeghen OAK	290-1168	6	4.0	White MIN	54-818	1	15.1
Dorsett DAL	230-1099	10	4.8	McCutcheon LA	54-467	2	8.6
Cunningham NE	253-1057	8	4.2	Foreman MIN	54-401	5	7.4

Passing	Att-Comp	Pct.	Yds.	TD-Int	Rating	Scoring:	Mann OAK
Griese MIA	305-190	62.3	2623	20 5	105.2		133
Fouts SD	165-103	62.4	1276	13 4	102.6		
Bradshaw PIT	394-208	52.8	3211	35 15	93.9		
Staubach DAL	399-231	57.9	2870	18 11	83.6		
Jones BAL	422-237	55.2	2816	17 7	83.0		
Haden LA	286-167	58.4	1837	11 8	78.5		
Morton DEN	306-162	52.9	2142	15 11	76.7		

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## One card correction needed

Only one card correction is needed on the new pro football cards, according to S-O-M. Everything else is correct--gains, losses, completions, etc., and all the ratings.

The one correction involves Nat Moore, Miami's split end. On long pass, guessed wrong, two numbers should be added: A 26-YARD GAIN ON NO. 2 AND A 28-YARD GAIN ON NO. 8.

Also, regarding the soon-to-be issued College Football greats set, 1958 Louisiana State is included instead of UCLA, and 1959 Mississippi instead of Missouri.

The rest of the set of 24 teams remains the same as listed in the July, Review: 1958 - Army; 1959 - Syracuse, Georgia; 1960 - Minnesota; 1963 - Navy; 1964 - Arkansas; 1965 - UCLA; 1966 - Alabama, Purdue, Florida, Michigan State; 1967 - Southern Cal; 1968 - Ohio State, Kansas; 1970 - Stanford; 1971 - Michigan, Nebraska; 1973 - Notre Dame, Penn State; 1975 - Oklahoma; 1976 - Pittsburgh; and 1977 - Texas.



## Questions and Answers

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

QUESTION: On page four of the hockey instruction booklet under "Pulling the Goalie," it is declared that he can be pulled only when there are two or less action cards remaining in the game. But earlier in the same column, the instructions state that in a delayed penalty situation it is good strategy to pull the goalie should the penalty be against the opponent while you have control of the puck. Is there a contradiction in the instructions?

ANSWER: No. The goalie can be pulled in both instances. However, an empty-net goal cannot be scored in a delayed penalty situation because as soon as the penalized team gains control of the puck play is stopped and the penalty begins.

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QUESTION: In a delayed penalty situation, should the offense use the power play section of the advance action deck (assuming the goalie has been pulled for an extra skater while the penalty is against the opponent)?

ANSWER: No. The situation you refer to is when the goalie is pulled at the end of the game.

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QUESTION: In the hockey game, what happens when you roll outside a skate rating? Does the player with the outside shot have an option to pass or penetrate?

ANSWER: The skater loses the puck to his opponent. And, yes, providing it does not say "Outside shot only."

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QUESTION: In the advanced version of the hockey game, can a coach attempt to penetrate for an inside shot while short-handed or while attempting a power play? This question assumes that a given chart read out does not indicate, "outside shot only," but "outside shot" instead.

ANSWER: No. All shots from the charts must be taken in order and as they appear on the chart.

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QUESTION: What happens when the PPC (power play center) gets "inside shot I-opp."? The short-handed team has no intimidator. So, wouldn't it be crafty when it's "inside shot any player I-opp." to always go to the center?

ANSWER: S-O-M is taking steps to rectify this situation in the new hockey cards. The game company suggest, however, that an approach be adopted whereby the number of "any player shots" per power play be limited to two. Otherwise statistics could be distorted.

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QUESTION: Why wasn't Al Jackson included as a pitcher on the 1967 St.  
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Louis Cardinals? He was 9-4 with quite a few innings [107].

ANSWER: The eight most representative pitchers were selected, reports S-O-M, including starters and relievers. Jackson was the ninth pitcher.

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QUESTION: Why was Cy Young's Hall of Fame card based on the National League? His best year was with the Boston Red Sox.

ANSWER: He spent more years in the National League.

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QUESTION: In the college football game, may a team try a field goal without cards in the scrimmage deck? In other words, may the last play of the game be a field goal attempt?

ANSWER: No, there must be one card left to discard for a field goal attempt.

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QUESTION: Again, referring to the college game, at the end of a quarter, half or game, must the offense replenish its cards to five (providing if it did the scrimmage deck would be exhausted)? May the offense play out its cards until the scrimmage deck or the offensive cards are gone?

ANSWER: If the last hand is less than five cards, you don't replenish deck, just play out the remaining cards to finish the quarter.

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QUESTION: Are the fielding ratings for Dale Mitchell (1948 Cleveland Indians) and Smoky Burgess (1960 Pittsburgh Pirates) correct? Mitchell was a "3" outfielder and Burgess a "4" catcher. Both had fielding percentages of .990 or better.

ANSWER: S-O-M says the ratings are correct. Remember fielding ratings include much more than fielding percentage.

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QUESTION: When did the first S-O-M Football game come out?

ANSWER: The first year was 1968 and was based on the 1967 real-life season statistics. Both the National Football League and American Football League were included that first year.

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QUESTION: Who receives the kickoff after a safety?

ANSWER: Treat a safety, regarding the ensuing kickoff, as follows: The kicking team kicks from its own 20-yard line and the distance is reduced 20 yards from a normal kickoff reading. The receiver is indicated on the kickoff card, as usual.

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QUESTION: If in the pro football game a punt is blocked and reading of -11 occurs, where does the ball go? Forward or backward? And who recovers the punt?

ANSWER: The blocked punt is assumed to go backwards. The team that blocked the punt recovers, or takes over possession.

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QUESTION: You said in the July Review that punting out of bounds is not provided for in the pro football rules (S-O-M's), but it is.

ANSWER: You are correct. It's included among Super Advanced rules.



## Readers Roll 'Em

### GLAD ABOUT EXTRAS

I'm glad to see that Strat-O-Matic is offering extra hockey players this year. Now it will be possible to have flexibility with a fourth line and power play and penalty killing specialists.

I hope this year's roster sheet will list defense pairings and penalty killing and power play units, as well as line combinations. That would help those of us who aren't hockey experts in playing a great game.

Craig Heiland  
9336 San Luis Ave.  
South Gate, CA

Editor's note: S-O-M will be again listing the line pairings but we're not sure of the most frequently used power play and penalty killing lines. Perhaps a hockey "expert" could send the Review such lines as Mike Hoppensack, Winnipeg, Manitoba (Mike, are you listening?), and a few others did last year.

### WANTS FOOTBALL OLDIES

Why does everyone want more baseball old timers? I don't understand it. There are 42 old timer baseball teams and a "staggering" total of six old timer football teams.

Let's push for football for awhile. C'mon guys, let's be fair about this. Forty-two teams should be enough for anyone. I know I wouldn't know what to do with 42 teams from any sport.

I would like to see two things: (1) more oldie football teams, (2) more also-ran football oldies. In this way the 1960 Eagles and '63 Bears won't have to come in last all the time.

Let's get a Bobby Layne or Y.A. Tittle into the game. In the meantime, baseball fans, sit tight and give Football a chance for equality.

Randy Marty  
Monona, WI

### DITTO GRID OLD TIMERS

I would like to commend you on your work on covering what's

going on in the S-O-M world and the convention in Illinois, too, for the last couple of years.

But I would like to see some more Old Timer teams for football, such as a set containing All-Stars like Jim Thorpe, Bob Waterfield, Sammy Baugh, Sid Luckman and Steve Van Buren, and others.

And I would like to see teams such as the '50 Eagles and Rams, and the '40 Bears and 'Skins (73-0 slaughter). The football portion of S-O-M should deserve more of the old timers.

And, last of all, I wish the rules of the hockey game could be explained more thoroughly, such as the "Defensive Line Change" which I really don't understand.

Tim Strack  
Menomonee Falls, WI

Editor's note: We're not sure we understand your question regarding hockey. "Defensive Line Change" cards should be inserted into the Action card deck at 15-card intervals. When it pops up, the defense-men are changed.

### BLOCKING RATINGS

Now that baseball has a new fielding chart [it's in its second year], some extra element should be added to pro football.

As Billy Thompson suggested in the June, 1978 Review, blocking ratings should be given to backs. Also a formula should be devised to give such ratings to backs from years already published by S-O-M.

It would make a more interesting draft in such a league. The rating would be used when there is a short or long gain, so S-O-M would not have to make a new type of running back card.

Tony Spry  
126 Woodland Ave.  
East Orange, NJ

### ONE MORE CHANGE...

I am a big fan of football, including college football. The changes that were made in the college game are just grand, but the game company forgot the kickoff when it made the changes.

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For example: When Steve Little of Arkansas had all but seven of his kickoffs returned. This would probably have a definite effect on the outcome of a game. Maybe the game company should make one more change for the benefit of realism.

I really enjoyed the first football trivia quiz and would like to see more of it in the future. Thanks very much for a great magazine and keep up the good work.

Mark Reinbolt  
Box C-1  
Bourbon, MO

Editor's note: Another pro football trivia quiz will be coming your way in the October Review.

#### INDIVIDUAL FUMBLES??

I am another of many who thinks S-O-M should have individualized fumbling ratings in its pro football game.

The excuse that many fumbles occur during exchanges between the quarterback and backs is ridiculous. If this is a good enough reason not to have individualized fumbling, then why don't teams have interception ratings. After all, many interceptions are the receiver's fault and not the quarterback's. The receivers may have tipped the ball to a defender or the receiver may have ran the wrong pattern, causing the interception.

Sure this idea is ridiculous, but it follows the same logic as S-O-M's for fumbles.

I also would like to see teams rated for penalties. Players should have either injury ratings or injury duration ratings. Also, running backs should be rated for blocking.

Many times I start a player who runs better than the real-life starter but the real-life starter blocks better and should be the starter. If receivers have blocking ratings, then running backs definitely should have them.

These might seem to be nit-picking ideas, but if I didn't

want the utmost in realism, I would buy a much simpler and faster playing game other than S-O-M.

From a diehard S-O-M-er.

Chuck Gilardi  
San Mateo, CA

Editor's note: We envision the day when blocking ratings for the backs may be incorporated into the game. Fumbles are another matter, though. Many fumbles are the result of exchanges, not the quarterback and back, but rather the QB and center. Fumbles charged to the QB in real-life could not be duplicated in S-O-M--that's the crux of the problem and the reason S-O-M uses the team concept for fumbles.

#### WRITE ON, ROBERT HENRY

Despite my inability to offer trivia questions, I would like to continue writing for the Review on a regular basis. Obviously I would like to continue doing the annual analysis of the new card set.

Several other areas offer viable subjects. For instance, a discussion of the best modern starting pitchers along with a method of evaluating starting pitchers would make an interesting subject. Or, an analysis of past S-O-M sets on a year-by-year basis might be of interest.

For instance, for 1962, S-O-M's first full year, one might compare the game to the present game, noting the absence of pitcher's hitting ratings and the presence of 1-19 baserunners, might briefly describe the top teams and noteworthy players, and then attempt to create one all-star team from all the players in the set. If you think that it is easy to form a single all-star team from the 1962 set, I suggest that you look at the outfield and try to choose from among Al Kaline, Mickey Mantle, Willie Mays, Frank Robinson and Hank Aaron.

Another possibility is to analyze select teams which S-O-M has produced over the years. Teams like the 1965 Reds and 1973 Braves would make excellent subjects.

Robert Henry  
Penns Grove, NJ

Editor's note: The Review is always interested in material submitted by Mr. Henry. Write on, Robert Henry.



## Strat-O-Matic spotlight

### LIGHT TURNOUT?

Reports received just as the September issue of the Review went to press hinted that the turnout at the National Convention at Champaign-Urbana, IL, was lighter than anticipated.

Strat-O-Matic had sent out flyers, reaching the entire country, and the turnout was expected to be the best ever. But the energy situation--in this case the rumors of shortages of gas and the high price--apparently took its toll.

The convention was held, however, and the Review hopes to have a story and pictures of the happenings in its October issue.

### DODGER AUTOGRAPHS

John Borack of Hacienda Heights, CA, was lucky enough to be able to attend the Los Angeles Baseball Writers preseason dinner. And since John is a Strat-O-Matic fanatic, he took L.A. along with him, hoping for a few autographs.

He did get Steve Garvey, Steve Yeager, Bill Russell, Dusty Baker, Joe Ferguson, Doug Rau, Burt Hooton, Charlie Hough, Teddy Martinez, Vic Davalillo and Lance Routhan to ink their cards.

"Most of the players just looked strangely at the cards as they signed them," notes Borack. "But a few made comments. Charlie Hough asked me how he [his card] was doing...and Garvey asked if his card was for a baseball game and, after I told him, he asked me if it was a good card. I told him it would hit .300, and he laughed."

### SHORT SHAKES

Scott McGregor has been playing S-O-M Football for only little more than a year. But McGregor, who hails from Liberty, MO, and is no relation to the Baltimore Oriole pitcher by the same name, has already experienced some unique thrills. For one he's built a real-life scale model stadium to play all his games in. For another, the Minnesota Vikings dispatched Pittsburgh, 56-21, in a game that saw Fran Tarkenton complete 31 of 39 passes for an unbelievable 583 yards and eight TDs. Sammy White had 19 catches for 268 yards and seven of the scores...Most exciting game Kevin Jacques, an accounting major at Kent State University, Kent, OH, has played with the new hockey game involved Montreal and Philadelphia. Kevin's friend Jim Ickes took the Flyers, who were matched against a Canadian squad that was riding shotgun on a winning streak and was sparked by Guy Lafleur, who had scored 13 goals in the last seven games, including at least one in each game. But it was the Flyers who were flying high that game as Bobby Clarke had a hat trick, pacing Philly to a 7-1 romp. Oh, and Lafleur was held scoreless, his streak coming to an end...In what Dave Bontumasi (Burton, MI) called "the most exciting game I've ever seen anywhere--TV, or anywhere," the 1968 Jets slipped past the 1968 Baltimore Colts in a replay of their classic Super Bowl thriller, 19-16. Seven field goals were booted in the contest, with Jim Turner's 47-yarder with 15 seconds left the clincher. Frank Bontumasi (Clio, MI), Dave's cousin, coached the Colts.

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## Gold Cup Challenge Series continues

Here are more first round results from Steve Beren's (Jackson Heights, NY) second Gold Cup Challenge Series. Remember to the winner goes the \$101 first prize--when the tournament is ultimately completed, which should be sometime around Christmas.

Beren's reported that the response to this year's tourney far exceeded that of last year when 30 gamers were attracted by the lure of the 'gold.'

The first three series were presented last month in the Review, with Keith Fosness, Moorhead, MN; Larry Kidd, Staten Island, NY; Ed Daley, Casper, WY; Bob Routier, West Point, NY; and Dick Silvernail, Kenbridge, VA, all advancing to the second round.

Now for the latest first round results:

- \* Joe Paldino, Brooklyn, NY [1977 Cards, +4; 1977 Mets, -34] vs. David Kolonko, Bossier City, LA [1978 Expos, -10; 1977 Cards, +4]. Paldino won 4-2 and Kolonko was eliminated.  
Summary: Paldino's '77 Cards lost 6-4 to '78 Expos and then won 7-4, 6-4, while '77 Mets lost 7-5 to '77 Cards, this time guided by Kolonko, and then won 4-3 and 6-5. Longest game took 38 minutes--third game which went 10 innings--and shortest was 21 [No. 5]. Paldino finished fourth in first Gold Cup Challenge Tourney. Kolonko's 15th birthday fell on day final four games of series were played by Beren.
- \* Ron Koontz, Fort Wayne, IN [1973 Pirates, -2; 1973 Yanks, -2] vs. Bate Hamilton, Overland Park, KS [1978 Astros, -14; 1978 Expos, -10]. Hamilton won 4-2 and Koontz was eliminated.  
Summary: Hamilton's '78 Astros won 3-2, lost 6-4 and won 5-1 against '73 Pirates, and '73 Expos won 3-1, lost 5-3 and won 7-1 against the '73 Yanks. First and fifth games were played in 14 and 12 minutes, respectively. Dawson homered twice for '78 Expos.
- \* Steve Maljian, Glendale, CA [1977 Reds, +14; 1977 Angels, -14] vs. Duane Swasso, Irving, TX [1974 A's, +18; 1974 Giants, -18]. Maljian won 4-2 and Swasso was eliminated.  
Summary: Maljian's Reds won 4-2, 3-1 and 4-0, while Swasso's Giants took two of three from '77 Angels, 8-3, 14-5, 2-3.
- \* Skuli Johnson, Winnipeg, Canada [1978 Brewers, +24; 1978 Cards, -24] vs. Rich Vioral, San Francisco, CA [1977 Astros, 0; 1977 Cubs, 0]. Both split, 3-3, and advance into second round.  
Summary: Brewers won second and third games, 12-3, 3-2, after losing opener, 4-2; while Cubs took last two, 13-8 in 13 innings and 3-2. Cards won No. 4, 5-2. Fifth game was a thriller, lasting 56 minutes. St. Louis had 8-0 lead, Cubs tied it with eight runs in eighth and then scored five in top of 13th to win it.
- \* Glen Wetzel, Platteville, WI [1978 Tigers, +10; 1978 Expos, -10] vs. Greg Balas, Ponteix, Sask. [1978 Expos, -10; 1975 Phillies, +10]. Balas scored a major upset, defeating Wetzel, one of last year's semi-finalists, 5-1.  
Summary: Tigers won first game, 7-3, then Balas' teams swept remainder--'78 Expos defeating Detroit, 3-0, 9-3, and '75 Phils the Expos, 4-3, 5-2, 4-0. Ross Grimsley (Expos) and Steve Carlton notched the shutouts.
- \* Cam Sebastian, St. Albert, Alberta [1978 Tigers, +10; 1978 Expos, -10] vs. Dana Bloom, Topeka, KS [1973 Pirates, -2; 1973 Cards, 0]. Bloom advances via 5-1 domination while Sebastian is eliminated.  
Summary: Bloom's Pirates won first two games, 8-5, 2-1, lost 6-3, and then his '73 Cards disposed of '78 Expos, 6-3, 4-1, 2-0 (Rick Wise shutout took 11 minutes). Ironically, Wetzel and Sebastian picked same two teams--and both were eliminated.
- \* Jim Keeley, Corunna, MI [1978 Tigers, +10; 1978 Astros, -14] vs. Tom Grzywacz, Trumbull, CT [1975 Cards, +2; 1974 Expos, -3]. Keeley won 4-2 and Grzywacz was eliminated. Astros swept Expos (6-5, 4-3, 5-4) and Tigers won one (9-5) and lost two to Cards (2-1, 6-1).



## S-O-M league, replay scene

**BEST TEAMS BASEBALL REPLAY** - Commissioner John Reid won four-member league that replayed 162-game season with actual teams...His Cincinnati team ran roughshod over opposition with 120-42 record, although brother Tom's third-place Boston Red Sox (72-90) caught fire in playoffs and defeated Mark Demasi's Yankees in final series, 4-2...1977 teams were used, with trading permitted...Steve Shaughnessy guided Los Angeles, thus adding further credence to "best teams" aspect...The Cincinnati Reid dealt away the likes of Pete Rose, John Bench, Dan Driessen, Ken Griffey and Dave Concepcion, but acquired Steve Garvey, Dwight Evans, Butch Hobson, Rick Burleson and Ron Guidry, among others...George Foster remained with the Reds, however, and he wound up MVP after hitting 58 home runs, knocking in 206 runs and batting a league-high .344.

Standings and leaders:

	Won	Lost	GB	Batting	Home Runs
Cincinnati (JR)	120	42	-	Foster JR .344	Foster JR 58
Los Angeles (SS)	91	71	29	Driessen TR .337	Rice TR 50
Boston (TR)	72	90	48	Gerónimo JR .334	Jackson TR 48
New York (MD)	64	98	56	Garvey JR .334	Yastrzemski TR 40
					Garvey JR 40
RBI	Wins	ERA	Strikeouts		
Foster JR 206	Seaver JR 29	Seaver JR 2.52	Guidry JR 232		
Garvey JR 150	Guidry JR 28	Hooton SS 2.62	Guidry JR 219		
Smith SS 136	Hooton SS 25	Guidry JR 3.09			
	Moskau JR 25				

Playoffs: New York d. Cincinnati, 3-0; Boston d. Los Angeles, 3-1.  
Championship - Boston d. New York, 4-2.

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**HALL OF FAMERS LEAGUE** - While the above replay was a runaway, the solitaire, blind-draw league conducted by Kevin Lawless, Kansas City, MO, was just the opposite. Only five games separated the first and fourth-place teams...The blind aspect of the draw obviously lent itself to the balanced outcome...First-place Hornets were sparked by MVP Ty Cobb, who batted .419 and swiped 141 bases. Walter Johnson headed a strong pitching corps (26 wins, 2.78 ERA). But there were also disappointments--as per custom when staging an all-star replay--as Babe Ruth batted a mere .260 with only 26 homers...Second-place went to the Cobras, who featured Willie Mays (61 homers), Jimmie Foxx (53) and Hank Greenberg (49). Offsetting the power fusillade was a 4.98 staff ERA...Cy Young winner was Dizzy Dean (21-4, 2.34) of the third-place Cougars, who also featured Ted Williams (.408) and Hank Aaron (51 HRs). Rogers Hornsby, after hitting .425 in real-life, disappointed, however, and checked in with a .285 average...The Vultures got average seasons from everybody--no great improvements or stunning drops--and tied for third.

Standings and leaders:

	Won	Lost	GB	Batting	Home Runs
Hornets	76	74	-	Keeler COB .422	Mays COB 61
Cobras	75	75	1	Cobb HOR .419	Foxx COB 53
Cougars	71	79	5	Williams COU .408	Aaron COU 51
Vultures	71	79	5	J.Jackson COB .391	Greenberg COB 49
Wins	ERA				
Johnson HOR 26	D.Dean COU 2.34				
Feller HOR 22	Feller HOR 2.56				
Dean COU 21	Johnson HOR 2.78				

\* Editor's note: Lawless' calculator obviously malfunctioned when the won-and-lost records were totaled as the losses outnumber the wins by 14.

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UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY S-O-M ASSOCIATION (UKSOMA) - A 12-team, face-(continued on next page)

to-face draft league that plays a 160-game season on-campus at Lexington... latest league was the third...both American and National League players are used (1977-season cards were used); three divisions with winner in each plus wild card qualifying for playoffs...Gerald Wald, Harwinton, CT, sent in league report...He and Dennis Tucker combined to manage the Vatican City Spirits to the championship, as the team batted .291, stole a whopping 318 bases and had three 20-game winners (Rick Reuschel, Dennis Leonard, Ron Guidry) and a top fireman in Gene Garber (16-4, 2.12 ERA, 23 saves)...Vince Peak's Cropper Cretins bowed in the finals, 4-1. George Foster (.308, 50 HRs), George Hendrick (.314, 23 HRs) and Steve Rogers (20-12, 3.27 ERA) sparked the Cretins to a division title...The Patona Packers, guided by Lee Goss, also were division titlists, thanks to the acquisition via trade of Mike Schmidt (36 HRs, 100 RBI) and pitchers Bert Blyleven (19-8, 2.75) and Bruce Sutter (16-4, 1.37, 20 SA)...Managerial lineup: Bruce Blackburn-Steve Lutz (Acapulco Goldminers), John Vincent (Guamanian Cudas), Mark Noel (Hopkinsville Hustlers), Paul Goss (Lawrenceburg Lions), Dave Kessler (Applecreek Indians), John O'Neal-Perry Cooper (Kirwan Kleptos), Steve Osborne (Zandale Funkadelics), Mark Saurer (Singapore Slings), Eric Edmunson (21st Floor Zonkers)...other highlights included: Jim Rice hammering 35 homers for the Goldminers; Dave Parker batting .335 for the Cudas; Lawrenceburg having an impregnable defense with five "1s" and workhorse pitcher Phil Niekro (330 innings; 23-13); Bobby Bonds having a 30/30 season for the Funkadelics (34 HRs, 32 steals); Burt Hooton hurling the only no-hitter, for the Slings against the hard-hitting Zonkers; and Gaylord Perry (14-18) and Nolan Ryan (16-21) disappointing as the Zonkers fell 22 floors and into the basement.

Standings and leaders:

Boyd Division	Won-Lost	GB	2nd Division	Won-Lost	GB	Playoffs
Vatican City	109 51	-	Patona	93 67	-	Vatican City
Guamanian	82 78	27	Lawrenceburg	85 75	8	d. Singapore,
Acapulco	68 92	41	Kirwan	72 88	21	3-1.
Hopkinsville	61 99	48	Applecreek	70 90	23	Cretins d.
						Packers, 3-2.
3rd Division						
Cropper Cretins	89 71	-	Batting		Home Runs	
Singapore	86 74	3	Carew VCS	.370	Foster CC	50
Zandale	74 86	15	Stennett VCS	.340	Garvey KK	38
21st Floor	71 89	18	Parker GC	.335	Gamble 21Z	38
			Bostock VCS	.333	Nettles LL	37
			Simmons ZF	.318	Schmidt PP	36
RBI						
Foster CC	126			Wins		
Hisle KK	107	ERA		Reuschel VCS	23-7	
Carew VCS	105	Reuschel VCS	2.55	Guidry VCS	2.71	23-13
Carter VCS	103	Guidry VCS	2.71	Blyleven PP	2.75	22-12
Gamble 21Z	102	Blyleven PP	2.75	Carlton GC	2.90	21-5
		Carlton GC	2.90	Guidry VCS	2.91	21-12
Strikeouts		Hooton SS	2.91	Seaver KK	2.99	20-12
Ryan 21Z	359	Tanana LL	2.99	Rogers CC		
Niekro LL	256					
Leonard VCS	249					
		Hits: Carew VCS 228.		Doubles: Parker GC 43.		
		Triples: Templeton CC 21.		Runs: Foster CC 116.		
		Innings: Niekro LL 330.		Shutouts: Seaver KK 5.		
Steals: Taveras KK	73.	CG: Niekro LL 25.				
Saves: Garber VCS	23.					

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M & T FOOTBALL LEAGUE - Headquartered in Inver Grove Heights, MN, a suburb of St. Paul, league consists of four young gamers, ages 15-17, whose fourth season was a nine-team replay using the 1978 cards (based on '77)...Members are Mark Rensenbrink, Mitch and Ted Elliott and Dave Wetzel...Baltimore, after going 8-4 in regular season, swept through playoffs and defeated New England in Super showdown, 35-34, as Bert Jones was 21-33 for 328 yards. Raymond Clayborn of the Pats returned six kicks for two scores and 889 yards...Oakland, meanwhile, had No. 1 defense in league

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and featured rushing of Mark VanEggen (1,284 yards, 20 TDs)...L.A. Rams were big disappointments, dropping first five games...St. Louis had wide-open attack as Jim Hart completed 59.7 percent of passes for 2,810 yards and had 28 picked off...Lydell Mitchell of championship Colts was MVP after rushing for 1,378 yards and catching 62 passes...Miami had perfect blend of rushing and passing, gaining 2,026 overland, 2,272 via the air-planes as Bob Griese completed 64.1 percent of throws for 17 TDs...Clayborn, voted rookie of year, returned kicks for a 31.3 average and ran back five for scores.

#### Standings and leaders:

West	W	L	Central	W	L	East	W	L
Oakland (TE)	9	3	Houston (TE)	5	7	Baltimore (TE)	8	4
San Diego (ME)	5	7	Minnesota (MR)	4	8	Miami (ME)	7	5
Los Angeles (MR)	5	7	St. Louis (DW)	4	8	New England (MR)	7	5

  

Rushing	Att-Yds.	Avg.	TD	Receiving	No.-Yds.	Avg.	TD
Mitchell BAL	280-1378	4.9	10	Mitchell BAL	62-622	10.0	5
VanEggen OAK	300-1284	4.3	20	Rashad MIN	56-950	17.0	10
McCutcheon LA	216-1048	4.9	10	Moore MIA	55-878	16.0	12

Passing	Att-Comp	Pct.	Yds.	TD-Int	Playoffs:
Griese MIA	309-198	64.1	2272	17-19	First Round - Minnesota 35,
Fouts SD	152-99	65.1	812	7-7	Oakland 34; New England 20,
Stabler OAK	299-172	57.5	2226	16-11	San Diego 16; Miami 44, Hous-
Hart SL	365-218	54.7	2810	16-28	ton 42; Baltimore 40, Los
Jones BAL	300-165	55.0	2053	13-9	Angeles 14. Second Round - New
					England 31, Minnesota 7; Balt-
					imore 17, Miami 14.

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1977 BASEBALL REPLAY - Long-suffering Chicago Cubs fans can rejoice in the eight-month replay that Tom Fees and Mike Bertic, both from Rich-ton Park, IL, completed. The Cubs, believe it or not, won the N.L., defeating the Dodgers, 3-2, and then shocked Kansas City in the World Series, 4-1...all games were played solitaire, with Fees and Bertic switch-ing leagues at halfway point...both gamers belong to Nocturnal Glitcher League--and both are convinced, because they're from Illinois, no one is going to believe them. But the Cubs did win it all!...Rod Carew hit .400!

#### Standings and leaders (overall):

N.L. East	W	L	GB	N.L. West	W	L	GB	Batting
Chicago	96	66	-	Los Angeles	106	56	-	Carew MIN .400
Philadelphia	90	72	6	Cincinnati	82	80	24	Parker PIT .352
Pittsburgh	88	74	8	San Francisco	77	85	29	Oliver PIT .347
Montreal	81	81	15	Atlanta	72	90	34	Rivers NYY .332
New York	81	81	15	Houston	66	96	40	Rose CIN .332
St. Louis	76	86	20	San Diego	57	105	49	Ontiveros CHI .326
								Hernandez SL .324
								Bostock MIN .323
A.L. East	W	L	GB	A.L. West	W	L	GB	Home Runs
New York	99	63	-	Kansas City	107	55	-	Foster CIN 53
Boston	97	65	2	Texas	99	63	8	Thompson DET 48
Baltimore	86	76	13	California	85	77	22	Burroughs ATL 47
Milwaukee	78	84	21	Chicago	81	81	26	Rice BOS 45
Detroit	75	87	24	Minnesota	74	88	33	Bonds CAL 45
Cleveland	72	90	27	Oakland	68	94	39	
Toronto	61	101	38	Seattle	52	110	55	

  

RBI	ERA	Wins	Strikeouts
Foster CIN 153	Hassler KC 2.33	Ryan CAL 26	Ryan CAL 364
Thompson DET 140	Tanana CAL 2.34	Goltz MIN 25	Tanana CAL 285
Rice BOS 136	Seaver CIN 2.42	Bonham CUB 24	Niekro ATL 261
Hisle MIN 132	Leonard KC 2.43	Leonard KC 24	
	Ryan CAL 2.56	Tanana CAL 23	Cy Young
	Rau LA 2.57	R. Reuschel CHI 23	AL - Ryan
			NL - Seaver



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- 1976 - All except Tampa Bay, Seattle. Cost: \$10.75 for set; \$1.25 two teams; 75¢ one team.
- 1977 - All teams available. Cost: \$11.25 entire set; \$1.25 two teams; 75¢ one team.

### BASKETBALL

- 1974-75 - All 18 teams available. Cost: \$7.00 set; 50¢ one team.
- 1975-76 - All 22 teams available. Cost: \$8.00 set; 50¢ one team. Key players from St. Louis, Kentucky, Virginia of ABA also available; cost 65¢.
- 1976-77 - All 22 teams available. Cost: \$8.50 set; 50¢ one team.

Note that there are no teams, for any of the three sports, available before 1974.