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Pittsburgh appears solid as steel

Pssst! If you have a chance to draft the Pittsburgh Steelers in a S-O-M Football league, by all means do it. You would certainly be in solid shape with the Steelmen.

The two-time real-life NFL champs have it all again, offense and defense as well as outstanding individuals--all of which is mirrored in the newest set of S-O-M Football cards.

True, the likes of Earl Campbell, rookie Ottis Anderson, Walter Payton, Tony Dorsett and Chuck Muncie have outstanding running cards, and Roger Staubach, Dan Fouts and Ken Anderson have superlative passing cards, but Pittsburgh has the best overall balance.

Terry Bradshaw, while perhaps not having the best quarterback card in the new set, had one that has to rate an "8" on a scale of 10. Bradshaw is one of three quarterbacks--the others are Fouts and Ken Stabler--to have a completion on both right and wrong columns on No. 7 for short pass. Bradshaw, in fact, has completions on Nos. 5, 6, 7 and 9 called wrong, plus, of course, a "receiver" reading on No. 8. He can also 'bomb 'em, having completions on long pass on Nos. 5, 7 and 9, guessed wrong.

Pittsburgh has much more than Bradshaw, though, as Review co-editor Warren Newell found out when dissecting the cards. John Stallworth, with a card liberally "mined" with long gains, and Lynn Swann are the best pass-catching duo in the NFL, and in Franco Harris, Rocky Bleier and unheralded Sidney Thornton there's a one-two-three punch in the backfield.

The defense, with six 6s, is again strong. Against off-tackle plays the defense, on a roll of No. 3 with one man at home, throws runners for a loss of two yards. Only real weakness is that the runners fumble and lose

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the ball on No. 5 (traditional fumble number) on roll of 2-10 (not so traditional loss-of-ball numbers).

TYLER'S BIG BREAKAWAY THREAT

Los Angeles, Pittsburgh's opponent in last year's Super Bowl, has a game-breaker in halfback Wendell Tyler (long gains on off-tackle and end run, guessed right and wrong, plus 60 and 63-yard gallops on the same types of run guessed wrong on No. 12). The L.A. passing game is sub-par, however, with the bulk of Pat Haden's pass completions of the flat pass variety, while Vince Ferragamo displays a definite tendency toward throwing the ball to opposing backs.

The Rams do have a pair of 6s at cornerback, though, in Pat Thomas and Rod Perry, and an overall defense with five 6s and four 5s.

Even though Fouts completes over 60 percent of his passes, Warren ranks Staubach's card as the best overall. "Very few interceptions," notes Warren. Dorsett again has an outstanding card, but the defense, against both run and pass, is not up to Dallas standards.

Anderson (Ottis), to the surprise of no one, has a super card. He's got short gain right across on No. 6, right as well as wrong. Sleeper among the running backs, if you're in a draft league and looking for an unsung performer, is Clark Gaines, fullback of the New York Jets. Gaines has, guessed wrong on an end run, short gain, +19, and +18 on numbers 6, 7 and 8.

The Jets, notes Warren, are an "explosive, exciting team. Gaines is super on all runs, Richard Todd is fine on short and long passes except for interceptions, while the defense is unusual in that it has, on No. 4, a reading of 0 on No. 4 on end run."

49ERS HAVE OFFENSIVE PUNCH

Another team that seems to have plenty of card power, at least on offense, is San Francisco. "Quarterback Steve DeBerg has a surprisingly good card," says Warren. And Paul Hofer (only 123 attempts) is a tough runner. But O.J. Simpson is only a shadow of his former great self.

San Diego is another that drew rave reviews for its cards. Fouts threw 530 passes and completed 62.6--albeit a lot of short ones--percent. Also on the plus side, the runners don't fumble on their cards. And the Chargers have a pair of super-charged cornerbacks in Willie Buchanon and Mike Williams, both of whom are a 6.

New Orleans should also be a fun team to play because of Muncie, who has short gain on No. 7 on all but lineback guessed right. And Archie Manning, continuing a run of recent good cards, has another that ranks him with the best. He also has a pair of receivers--Henry Childs and Wes Chandler--in the same class as Dallas' dynamic duo of Tony Hill and Drew Pearson.

WHERE HAVE ALL THE RETURNERS GONE?

"There is no real return threat this year," adds Warren, reflecting on that aspect of the new cards. "No one has better than a No. 2 TD return chance." Green Bay is all but sub-nothing in punt returns as Johnnie Gray, its only return man, has only one number (2) that he can even gain off from. Everything else is either a fair catch, fumble or yardage loss.

Here are other interesting sidelights gleaned from the newest S-O-M Football cards:

* The once-mighty Minnesota defense has fallen on hard times. The defensive backfield, horrors!, has three 0's. And Ted Brown has supplanted Chuck Foreman as the Vikes' best runner.

* The Detroit Lions, New England, Houston, Chicago and Los Angeles all have the same pass rush cards when it comes to No. 5 on short and long pass [-9] and No. 11 long pass [-9].

* Oakland utilizes two tight ends in Ray Chester and Dave Casper (Casper is listed as a starter as left end) and both are 3s blocking.

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Stabler has a good card for flat and short passes, but Art Whittington, running back, has an unbelievably bad card as lineback Nos. 6, 7 and 8, both guessed right and wrong, all read -1.

* New England has a super defensive backfield as Tim Fox, Mike Haynes and Raymond Clayborn are all 6s. Wide receivers Stanley Morgan (22.5 average) and Harold Jackson (22.8) have cards reflecting big-play performances--in fact, their cards are almost identical.

* Tampa Bay is tough on defense, especially against the short pass and Rickey Bell is a good runner, but quarterback Doug Williams is an all-or-nothing thrower with an especially bad flat pass card. It might be tough to win with the Bucs.

* Earl Campbell has another great card for Houston, of course, and Oiler runners don't have fumbles on their cards. On short pass there's an unusual reading in that on a roll of 12 there's an interception with four men in the zone but a long gain if only three.

* Greg Landry has a good flat and short pass card, although 135 of the catches were turned in by backs Don McCauley and Joe Washington.

* Check out Washington's specialty teams on defense--both are either the best or among the best.

* On the other side of the line of scrimmage, Atlant's short pass defense has to be the poorest. The Falcons get shot down on Nos. 5 and 6, with either three or four men in zone, for pickups of 14 and 16 yards, respectively.

The way we were...

If you missed out on a couple of months of the Review because you failed to renew in time, or if you're new subscriber and want to add back issues to what promises to be a growing library, then you want to check over this section carefully.

Some months are in plentiful supply, but others are exhausted or nearly so. In case you new subscribers are wondering what the contents of some of those back issues were, here's a peek at a few of the 1978 Strat-O-Matic Reviews:

DECEMBER - Cover story was '72 Dolphins playing '77 Cowboys in the Orange Bowl--yes, the real-life Orange Bowl!--as Terry Kelleher, sports writer for the Miami Herald, guided the Cowboys and ex-Miami defensive tackle Manny Fernandez handled the Dolphins...the new S-O-M Hockey game is reviewed...Robert Henry has a monthly baseball trivia quiz...there's a playing tip for basketball about how to rest players, plus a basketball replay...Bob Lopeck (remember the Florida Gold Coast Baseball Drafting Classic?) is in the guest columnist spotlight and his topic is making league play interesting throughout a long season...and two leagues, the East Coast Baseball Association and Northwestern Football League, are examined in detail.

NOVEMBER - Cover story was all about hockey, S-O-M-style, with pictures and card facsimiles...there's a basketball playing tip for how to create a team defensive card if playing all-star games or in a draft league...the first winner of the FGCBG is presented: meet Andy Schwartz and all the finishers...and the GKSM all-time records in baseball are revealed.

Of course, all the regular monthly columns (Readers Roll 'Em, Questions & Answers, Strat-O-Matic Spotlight and League, Replay Scene) are found in both issues as well as most back issues.

If you're interested in purchasing the above issues, or any others listed on page 18, please order from the Strat-O-Matic Review, P.O. Box 27, Otsego, MI 49078. The above issues are sold for 60¢ each. There are still a few back issues--very few, however--from as far back as Aug., 1973.

1978 is the only year we dare mention in detail regarding certain issues, as all others, even 1980, are fast becoming in short supply.

Islanders win full-season replay

The New York Islanders arrived a year early for Larry Scotti, a 17-year-old S-O-M buff from Staten Island, NY. Scotti, in a monumental effort, played an 840-game regular-season and full playoffs using the most recent set of hockey cards.

And the Islanders, who, although figured to do better, were eliminated early in the playoffs, this time swept through them, subduing Montreal in a tough seven-game Stanley Cup final. The table-top Islanders were vastly superior to the real-life version.

Scotti, for his part, set up four line shifts to make his replay more realistic, adhered to real-life playing time in almost all cases, and used all super advanced rules. For the Stanley Cup, because of its significance, he even purchased and used new action and split deck cards.

Fellow gamer Phil Stern helped Scotti on occasion, but mostly the replay, which took from Oct. 13 to May 2 to complete, was Scotti's pride and joy and a solitaire effort. The yearbook that Scotti compiled had to be another monumental task as not only did it include the basics of any replay--standings, scoring leaders and playoff results--but a team-by-team statistical report, replete with both regular-season and playoff results.

Scotti, who's currently in two PBM baseball leagues and commissioner of a PBM hockey loop, reported that 39 hat tricks were tallied and five times four-goal games were etched into his record book--by Don Marcotte, Boston; Mike Bossy, Islanders; Eric Vail, Atlanta; Wayne Gretzky, Edmonton; and Gil Perreault, Buffalo.

'EXCELLENT ALL SEASON'--ISLANDERS

Scotti also appraised the season-long performance of each club and rated the Islanders, who won Patrick Division with a glittering 52-16-12 record, as "excellent all season." Of Boston, which narrowly edged Buffalo for first-place in the Adams Division, Scotti said: "Stumbled through first 40 games, then opened attack up. Excellent goaltending." Edmonton was called a "very exciting team. Dave Dryden [was] brilliant in nets [and] team had excellent scorer in Gretzky, but rest of team was inconsistent."

Montreal had a 27-game unbeaten streak during regular-season, while Mark Howe, son of the legendary Gordie, carried Hartford. In the all-star game, the Campbell Division was soundly beaten by the Wales, 5-1.

In the Stanley Cup playoff, Montreal won three of the first four games, only to have the Islanders capture the last three for a 4-3 series triumph. Montreal won the opener, 3-1, dropped the second game in overtime, 3-2, won the third, 6-1, and the fourth, 3-2. But then it was New York's turn as the Islanders captured No. 5, 4-3, in overtime, No. 6 by a decisive 6-2 count, and the all-or-nothing seventh game, 3-1. Clark Gillies of the Islanders was the series MVP.

Here are the final standings, scoring leaders and playoff results:

Patrick	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	Scoring	G	A	Pts
NY Islanders	52	16	12	116	301	193	Trottier NYI	43	90	133
Philadelphia	40	24	16	97	241	209	Dionne LA	52	72	124
Atlanta	36	29	15	87	293	242	Bossy NYI	62	51	113
NY Rangers	35	34	11	81	276	258	LaFleur MON	49	61	110
Washington	21	46	13	55	196	279	Taylor LA	46	62	108
Smythe							Potvin NYI	30	76	106
Winnipeg	32	32	16	80	265	268	MacMillan ATL	36	62	98
Chicago	32	33	15	79	197	216	Lukowich WIN	51	45	96
Edmonton	28	32	20	76	229	229	Gillies NYI	34	61	95
St. Louis	22	47	11	55	217	277	Cloutier QUE	55	39	94
Vancouver	23	45	12	58	202	264				
Colorado	18	55	7	43	166	268				

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Norris	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	Goaltending	GA	AVG	SH
Montreal	49	16	15	113	293	184	Dryden MON	46	1.97	6
Pittsburgh	35	29	16	86	257	235	Parent PHI	40	2.32	5
Los Angeles	37	34	9	83	261	263	Resch NYI	40	2.40	6
Hartford	29	37	14	72	243	249	Smith NYI	40	2.42	1
Detroit	28	40	12	68	211	257	Palmateer TOR	56	2.66	4
Adams							Brodeur QUE	40	2.70	2
Boston	40	27	13	93	241	232	Larocque MON	34	2.73	3
Buffalo	40	28	12	92	259	240	Smith HART	40	2.77	1
Quebec	32	28	20	84	230	221	Herron PIT	56	2.87	2
Toronto	36	33	11	83	233	222	Cheevers	56	2.91	4
Minnesota	32	32	16	80	242	257				

Playoffs:

Series A - NY Islanders d. Hartford, 3-2 (OT), 8-0, 6-0
 " B - Montreal d. Edmonton, 4-3 (OT), 4-3 (OT), 3-1
 " C - Chicago d. Philadelphia, 2-3 (OT), 2-1, 1-2, 6-3, 2-1
 " D - Boston d. Minnesota, 5-1, 5-3, 9-2
 " E - Winnipeg d. Buffalo, 0-3, 3-2 (OT), 6-2, 3-2 (OT)
 " F - NY Rangers d. Atlanta, 5-4 (OT), 3-2 (OT), 7-3
 " G - Quebec d. Toronto, 3-1, 5-2, 3-1
 " H - Pittsburgh d. Los Angeles, 3-2, 3-4 (OT), 5-4 (OT), 3-4, 4-2
 QF " I - NY Islanders d. Chicago, 3-1, 3-1, 3-2, 4-2
 " " J - Montreal d. Winnipeg, 5-1, 5-4, 3-1, 5-0
 " " K - Boston d. NY Rangers, 2-1 (OT), 2-3, 5-2, 2-3, 4-3 (2 OT), 6-5 (OT)
 " " L - Pittsburgh d. Quebec, 2-5, 3-2, 5-3, 7-6 (OT), 3-4 (OT), 3-6, 7-3
 SF " M - NY Islanders d. Pittsburgh, 9-0, 5-2, 4-1, 2-1
 " " N - Montreal d. Boston, 4-1, 3-2 (OT), 3-2 (OT), 5-6, 5-4
 Stanley Cup - NY Islanders d. Montreal, 1-3, 3-2 (OT), 1-6, 2-3, 4-3 (OT), 6-2, 3-1

80 games for '80Th' loop

It's a good thing the 80th Street Strat-O-Matic Hockey League's members didn't, well, live on another street in Howard Beach, NY. If they did, the league, especially if the majority of its membership lived on 144th Street, would still be going on.

The 80th Street League, however, played an 80-game season and, despite numerous delays, did complete its second season plus playoffs. And Stephen Buonocore, oldest member of the league at 19 and coach of the Montreal Canadians, once again was crowned Stanley Cup king.

Other members of the face-to-face, five-member league were Greg Buonocore, president of the "street gang" and coach of the New York Rangers; Harry Buonocore, who guided the New York Islanders to first place during the regular season; Peter Fazio, who handled the Boston Bruins, and Ralph Facciolo, pilot of the Philadelphia Flyers. Whether the Buonocores are brothers was not revealed.

Problems were plentiful for the league, however, as vacations, final exams at school (resulting in a two-week hiatus from hockey, table-top style) and, finally, a siege of Chicken Pox cut through the ranks and sidelined three gamers.

Eventually, however, the 80th Street League reached the 80-game mark and the playoffs followed. The Islanders, real-life disappointments, emulated the replay above in S-O-M by winning the regular-season title (46-20-14 record), finishing nine points ahead of runnerup Montreal. But Montreal followed the real-life script in the playoffs by first bouncing third-place Boston, 4 games to 1, then turned on the Islanders and

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captured the Stanley Cup in six games. Guy Lafleur of the Canadians was the playoff MVP, scoring 16 goals and assisting on 10 others in the 11 games.

The 80th Street League, in addition to its perseverance, has an interesting method of maintaining interest and giving gamers incentive: coaches have to pay 15¢ for each loss and 10¢ for each tie. The payoff at the end of the season is the splitting up of that money. A total of \$37.25 was collected and the payoff was \$20 for First, \$10 for second, \$4.25 for third, \$2 for fourth and a "token" \$1 for fifth.

Now here are the final standings and individual leaders:

	W	L	T	Pts	Scoring	G	A	Pts
NY Islanders	46	20	14	106	Lafleur MON	97	84	181
Montreal	42	25	13	97	Trottier NYI	44	122	166
Boston	29	36	15	73	Bossy NYI	98	58	156
NY Rangers	25	42	13	63	Clarke PHI	25	106	131
Philadelphia	24	43	13	61	Hedberg NYR	74	56	130
					Lemaire MON	38	85	123
Goaltending	Avg.	Wins						
Resch NYI	2.72	29						
Smith NYI	2.92	24						
Dryden MON	3.10	22						

Readers roll 'em

A SHORT SEASON

I have noticed in recent issues that many people who have replayed an entire baseball season find that this is very time consuming and usually runs 1½ to 2 years.

I have replayed entire seasons and also became discouraged since doing this does not allow you to keep up with the current season.

Recently I decided the best alternative to replaying a 162-game schedule is to pick up the actual season in progress at a given point in time. For example, I have decided to replay the 1979 season beginning on Aug. 17, 1979. I obtained copies of Sporting News and listed the statistics for all players having S-O-M cards, as well as the teams' won-lost records at that date.

I am following the actual schedule using the actual starting pitchers wherever possible. In some instances I have created additional players where necessary to maintain a full roster of 24 players. For example, Ken Griffey of the Reds was replaced by Manny Sarmiento on the roster because Griffey was injured from Aug. to September.

I would like to hear from other gamers as to their methods of replaying seasons.

Rod Felton
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'FOR AUCTION' NEEDED, TOO

I've been wanting to write for quite a while to suggest something which I feel would be a big improvement. I've noticed that the 'For Sale' section has a lot of materials that are being auctioned off.

Could you add an 'Auction' or 'For Auction' section along with the others? It gets old looking for a price and seeing "best offer at end of month wins it."

Tom Givens

A VOTE FOR 1930...

I would personally like to second the motion suggested by Steve Healy (July issue).

The purchasers of S-O-M Baseball are knowledgeable people of the sport. They realize that 1930 was a high-average hard-hitting season and that is why they prefer that season.

Why take a poll if you're just going to ignore what most people would like?

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Here's how to prepare PBM instruction sheet

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We are frequently asked for more information pertaining to play-by-mail leagues, how they operate, and for samples of what an instruction sheet for a team should look like.

So, this month we're presenting a couple of PBM team instruction sheets for your perusal. They're from the Any Game Draft League, an eight-team draft league divided into two divisions and now in its fourth 140-game season. Each team plays 10 series of seven games at home and away. And players cannot be utilized more than in real-life as far as at-bats and innings pitched.

Rick Derks and Ron Quick, who reside in Jefferson City, MO, and Des Moines, IA, respectively, organized the league in 1977. The name of the league comes from the fact that members can use any table-top game (six play S-O-M, one another game on the market and another a game of his own creation).

Other current members of the league include: Ed Daniels [Des Moines], Wayne Benton [Fayetteville, NC], Bill Stotts [Anchorage, Alaska], Larry Kocur [Seattle, WA], Gary Lyndaker [Havoids Mills, MO] and Shelly Bustow [Hartford, CT].

Now for those instruction sheets that may serve as a helpful guide in your gaming endeavors. The two presented are for Wayne Benton's Fayetteville Highlanders and Gary Lyndaker's Proctor Pioneers. They're far from the final word, but they give an idea as to the types of strategy, lineups and substitutions that can be made.

SAMPLE NO. 1 - Fayetteville Highlanders [manager: Wayne Benton]

Lineup vs. LHP	Lineup vs. RHP	Starters	Relief
CF - Vail	DH - Hargrove	1 - J.Niekro	#1 Littell
DH - Murray	1B - Hernandez	2 - Perry	#2 Tekulve
1B - Hernandez	RF - Summers	3 - Guidry	#3 J.McLaughlin
LF - Rice	CF - Singleton	4 - Caldwell	#4 Stoddard (move to
RF - Singleton	LF - Rice	5 - Andujar	#1 7th inning on in
2B - Grich	2B - Grich		close games]
3B - Harrah	3B - Knight		#5 Andujar [when elig-
C - Carter	C - Carter		ible]
SS - Concepcion	SS - Concepcion		

Defense: (1) Play infield in with runner on 3rd and less than two outs.

(2) When ahead by three or less make the following changes for the 7th inning: Evans CF, Griffey RF, Knight 3B; unless players are already in game.

Pinch running: Late in game (7th inning on) for Grich, Knight or outfielder or DH, except for Rice, when team trails or is ahead by less than four runs. Use fastest runner available.

Pinch hitting: Use best average hitter, considering lefty-righty.

Stealing: Wilfong, Griffey, Concepcion always try to steal second with less than one out; Harrah steal second always with less than two outs.

Relief pitchers: Yank starters when they give up three earned runs in one inning, or anytime endurance factor is reached.

SAMPLE NO. 2 - Proctor Pioneers [manager: Gary Lyndaker]

Lineup vs. LHP	Lineup vs. RHP	Starters	Relief [limit/series]
LF - Wilson	LF - Wilson	1 - Rogers	Sambito 5
3B - Molitor	3B - Brett	2 - Swan	Drago 4
CF - Otis	C - Porter	3 - Martinez	Roberts 2
DH - Matthews	DH - Gamble	4 - Baumgarten	Roberge 2*
1B - Garvey	1B - Aikens	5 - Comer	
RF - Mazzelli	CF - Jones		* Do not use Roberge
3B - Brett	RF - Mazelli		against Highlanders,

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<u>LHP con't</u>	<u>RHP con't</u>
C - Porter	2B - Molitor
SS - Bowa	SS - Bowa

Inning 2 and later: When Bowa comes up second time, pinch hit if we trail. Use Clark vs. LHP. Use Matthews vs. RHP. Use Griffin at SS or immediately as pinch runner if appropriate.

Inning 7 or later: If we trail or are tied while batting and right-handed reliever is in, use Porter for Moore, Aikens for Garvey, Jones for Otis. If left-handed reliever in, use Garvey for Aikens, Otis for Jones. Use Moore for Porter only if a single is vital.

Inning 7 or later: If we lead after batting, install best defensive outfield, best defense at 1B and catcher.

Inning 1 through 5: Only pull starter is absolutely necessary.

Inning 6 and 7: Pull starter if ahead by two runs and runners in scoring position would make it one-run game.

Inning 8 and later: Relieve if ahead or behind by one run with Sambito [or vs. Western Division teams, only with Roberge.

Running: Run almost always with Willie Wilson.

A footnote to the above material is that both Benton and Lyndaker are second in their respective divisions after 42 games in the AGDL's latest season. Benton is only one game out of first and both have winning records on the road.

'54 Indians, '61 Yanks split replays

Jeffrey Wood, a CPA who resides in Mechanicsville, MD, conducted a pair of interesting baseball replays to see if the credits [wins] and debits [losses] compared if the same teams were used in both replays.

What Jeff did was to take mostly World Series winners, plus the hard-hitting Detroit Tigers of '61 and one cannon fodder team, the '70 Montreal Expos, and play a pair of 162-game seasons.

The other teams were the '61 Yankees, featuring the M & M Boys, Roger Maris and Mickey Mantle; the pitching-rich Cleveland Indians of '54; '65 Los Angeles Dodgers and the '70 Baltimore Orioles.

As expected, Montreal had far more debits than credits, losing 122 games the first season, 111 the second and finishing last both times. Los Angeles wound up fifth both times while Baltimore, after coming on strong down the stretch and missing by two games to tie for the lead the first season, dropped to fourth the second time around and finished with 22 fewer wins.

At the top, meanwhile, it was the '54 Indians, who won the first season with a 100-62 record. The Tribe had an 8½-game lead after 110 games but later had to hold off the high-flyin' Birds. Cleveland won three of four games in a late-season showdown series with Baltimore. The Orioles, during one stretch, won 33 of 42 games.

In the second season, Cleveland again got off to a fast start and held a four-game lead over the Yankees with 32 to go. But then the Yanks turned on the back burners, won 22 of their final 28 games, and Cleveland struggled with a 13-15 record and fell back for good.

Currently, adhering to the best-two-out-of-three concept, Wood is playing a third full-season replay to determine the overall Strat-O-Matic champion.

Here are finals standings and leaders for both replays:

Season No. 1	Won	Lost	GB	Batting	Home Runs		
'54 Cleveland	100	62	-	Avila CLE	.367	Maris NY	46
'70 Baltimore	98	64	2	Howard NY	.327	Mantle NY	44
'61 New York	92	70	8	Kaline DET	.312	Colavito DET	40
'61 Detroit	79	83	21	Cash DET	.312	Powell BAL	35
'65 Los Angeles	77	85	23				
'70 Montreal	40	122	60				

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<u>RBI</u>			<u>2B:</u> Avila CLE 35			<u>Won-Lost</u>		
Colavito DET	107		<u>H:</u> Avila CLE 213			Garcia CLE	25-7	
Maris NY	102		<u>SB:</u> Wills LA 96			Koufax LA	24-13	
B.Robinson BAL	93		<u>MVP:</u> Avila CLE <u>Cy Young:</u> Koufax LA			McNally BAL	23-12	
Powell BAL	93					Wynn CLE	22-9	
						Ford NY	22-11	
						Palmer BAL	22-17	
<u>ERA</u>						Lary DET	21-15	
Garcia CLE	1.81		<u>Strikeouts</u>					
Koufax LA	1.88		Koufax LA	370	[353 IP]			
Stafford NY	1.88		Ford NY	215	[308 "]			
McNally BAL	2.75		Palmer BAL	198	[314 "]			
Ford NY	2.82							
Palmer BAL	2.92							
Lary DET	2.98							

Season No. 2	Won	Lost	GB	Batting	Home Runs
'61 New York	102	60	-	Cash DET .338	Mantle NY 56
'54 Cleveland	100	62	2	Howard NY .337	Maris NY 55
'61 Detroit	89	73	13	Avila CLE .303	Cash DET 41
'70 Baltimore	76	86	26	Mantle NY .301	Powell BAL 38
'65 Los Angeles	68	94	34		Bailey MON 38
'70 Montreal	51	111	51		

<u>RBI</u>			<u>2B:</u> Avila CLE 35			<u>Won-Lost</u>		
Mantle NY	115		<u>H:</u> Howard NY 199			Stafford NY	25-9	
Colavito DET	113		<u>SB:</u> Wills LA 115			Lary DET	24-10	
Cash DET	113		<u>MVP:</u> Mantle NY			Mossi DET	23-13	
Powell BAL	112		<u>Cy Young:</u> Arroyo NY			Arroyo NY	20-9	
						Ford NY	19-11	
<u>ERA</u>			<u>Strikeouts</u>			Lemon CLE	19-13	
Stafford NY	2.00		Koufax LA	353				
Ford NY	2.45		Ford NY	246		<u>SA:</u> Arroyo NY 16, Mossi CLE 12		
Garcia CLE	2.61		Lary DET	213		<u>SHO:</u> Stafford NY and Drysdale LA 7		
Lemon CLE	2.78							
Mossi DET	2.82							
Koufax LA	2.83							

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Wanted

WANTED: Pittsburgh Steeler and Milwaukee Brewer S-O-M teams. Also buying pre-1977 football sets. Condition isn't a major factor if sets are complete and readable. Please state price and condition of sets. Write: Kent Kirchstein, 112 Helen St., Sauk City, WI 53583

WANTED: Would like to buy sets from 1968 through 1974 or any

additional teams up to 1974. Also 1975 extra players. Send SASE to: John LaPre 1502 Mendon Rd., Woonsocket, RI 02895. Will answer all letters.

WANTED: Need 1969 Mets and Reds, 1970 Mets and Reds, 1971 Mets, 1972 Reds, 1973 Mets and Reds, 1974 Reds and Dodgers, 1975 Mets and Red Sox, 1977 Dodgers. Please state condition (continued on next page)

and price wanted for the cards.
Joseph Lomot, 63 Hallock Street,
Farmingdale, NY 11735

WANTED: 1977-78 Oakland Raiders
or 1978-79 Oakland Raiders. Con-
tact: Eric Starrett, 605 Woodland,
Harlingen, TX 78550. Also want
1978-79 Denver Broncos and 1977-
78 Denver Broncos.

WANTED: 1974 baseball teams with
extras; roster sheets (or copies
of sheets), 1971-1977. Send ask-
ing price for any items to: Kris
Kesterson, 636 North Main,
Centerville, IA 52544

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

WANTED: 1973 Mets, 1973 A's,
1975 Red Sox, 1976 Reds, 1972
White Sox, 1977 Blue Jays, 1973
Braves and 1977 Twins. Send
price and condition to: Dan
Verdun, P.O. Box 88, Odell, IL
60460

WANTED: Backup managers needed
for an established PBM hockey
league [NAHA]. It runs from May
to August and current backup
list is empty. Contact: Anthony
Paldino, 1515 W. 5th St., Brook-
lyn, NY 11204 [phone: 212-331-
3260].

WANTED: 1975 St. Louis Cardinals
and any pre-1975 baseball cards
(teams or singles). Send offers
to: Brian Smith, 185 Lancaster
St., Albany, NY 12210

WANTED: Main 20 players from
the Chicago Cubs and Milwaukee
Brewers from the 1978 baseball
season. Write to: Bill
Sorenson, 329 East Kent,
Missoula, MT 59801

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

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

For Sale

FOR SALE: Selling off old S-O-M
Football teams, all in good to
excellent condition. Teams may be
bid on individually or by set,
specifying league and year of set
bid upon. Teams being sold include:
Cincinnati and Atlanta, 1969, entire
set of AFC/NFC '70 and '71, NFC
only '72, both AFC/NFC '73 and the
following '74 teams: Miami, Buffalo,
New England, Oakland, Denver, Los
Angeles, Pittsburgh, Minnesota,
Dallas and St. Louis. Send bids to:
Tom Shirley, 358 Bonesteel St.,
Rochester, NY 14616. SASE guarant-
ees reply. Bid deadline Oct. 31.

FOR SALE: Over 10 valuable baseball
playing tips to spice up your game.
These tips will make you manage
your team more. Price: \$1.25.
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Erie, PA 16509

FOR SALE: Basketball game with the
following teams: 1977-78 Rockets,
Warriors; '78-79 SuperSonics,
Bullets, Spurs, Knicks, Trailblaz-
ers, Celtics, 76ers and Lakers.
Please bid in money, baseball
teams, football teams, or the
college football game. Bids must
be in by the 15th of cover month.
Send bids to: Sean MacNair, 48222
North Brooks Dr., Selfridge A.N.G.,
MI 48045

FOR SALE: Football: 1968 - N.Y.
Jets, Chicago, Oakland, Cleveland,
Dallas, Kansas City; 1969 - Wash-
ington, Minnesota, Chicago; 1970 -
Baltimore, Dallas, Washington, San
Diego, San Francisco, Green Bay;
1971 - Los Angeles, Green Bay, Cin-
cinnati, Detroit, Kansas City,
Denver, Miami, Dallas, San Francis-
co; 1972 - Miami, St. Louis, N.Y.
Giants, Dallas, Baltimore, San
Diego, Minnesota, Pittsburgh, N.Y.

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Jets, Oakland, Los Angeles, Cincinnati; 1973 - complete season (cards only); 1974 - complete season (cards only); 1975 - complete season (cards only); 1976 - complete season (cards only). Will sell entire package for \$200.00, or single teams to highest bidder by Sept. 1. All cards in good to mint condition. Send SASE to: Ed Mlak, 169 Niagara St., Hamilton, Ontario, Canada L8L 6A8

FOR SALE: Baseball cards, 1969 excellent condition, 1970 fair condition (with extras). 1971, 1973, 1974 all in mint condition. Basketball, 1973-74 mint, '74-75 mint. Also complete game parts to be sold with one or both sets. Will respond to all replies. Forrest Wojdan, 4824 McConnell Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90066

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

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1974 to '79 American League, '72 to '75 National League; '72 American; '77 National; '73 Baltimore, Oakland; '71 Pirates; '69 Astros. All extras! Mostly mint condition, or good. Must sell to highest bidder. Will sell one player or one team. Rush in your highest offer. All teams can be sold to highest bid. Contact immediately: John Blomstrom, 4931 Whispering Falls, Houston, TX 77084, or call 713-463-8418

FOR SALE: Football - 1968 season, fair, missing Cardinals, 2 players from Jets, 5 from Rams. Baseball - 1973 complete A.L. and N.L., excellent. 1965 through 1970, '72, both leagues. Missing some players from 1965-1970, '72; 85 percent fair condition, 15 percent poor. State interest and send for list of missing players and prices. Larry Asbill, 2724 16th St., Sacramento, CA 95818

FOR SALE: 1972 Tigers (20 players), \$3; Dodgers (20), \$3; Yankees (18), \$2.50; Astros (20), \$2.50; White Sox (19), \$2.25; Oakland (20), \$4; Red Sox (15), \$1.50. 1977 Toronto (20), \$1.50. 1974 Dolphins, \$2.50. 1975 Chiefs, Patriots, Broncos, Chargers (2), Jets, Lions (2), Eagles, Giants, Saints, Steelers, Browns, \$2 per team. 1977 Bengals, Colts, 49ers, Vikings, \$1.50 per team. 1977-78 Penguins, Bruins, Canucks, Islanders, \$1.50 each. Basketball game with complete 1977-78 season and some 1978-79 teams, \$18.00. Larry Gavlak, R.D. #1, Box 410, Houtzdale, PA 16851

FOR SALE: Baseball, football, hockey magazines--you name it, I'll sell it. I need room for the new cards, so all offers will be answered. I have the complete baseball sets of 1973-1978, with a few players missing from 1974 and 1975. All sets have extras. Football's 1972-73 season (all teams, box, etc.) is also up for sale, as are hockey's 1978-79 and 1979-80 seasons. All teams must be sold, so get in on the action soon. I have bids of \$20 on all but hockey. Please make sure you send away early--bidding deadline is Oct. 1. Also, past Reviews from 1976 on, all at a low asking price of 30¢ per (or highest bidder). For details, write: Louis Rakita, 4675 Circle Road, Montreal, Quebec H3W 1Z2, or call 514-487-2428 between 6 and 11 p.m. EDT week nights. Winning bids receive free playing tips. Include SASE for quick reply. Why delay? Write today!

FOR SALE: Complete baseball sets from 1969 through 1979 as follows: 1969 - fair to good; 1970 - good to excellent; 1971 - good; 1972 - excellent; 1973 - excellent; 1974 - excellent; 1975 - good; 1976 - mint; 1977 mint; 1978 - mint; 1979 - mint. 1972's have no extra players. 1973 set missing Dick Dietz, an extra for the Atlanta Braves. Send bids to: Jason Kuczma, 4527 Boxer Drive, Millington, TN 38053, or call 901-872-7095. Will stop accepting bids on Nov. 1. Bonus for first bid accepted. Beautiful set of 1968 cards. Also have about 100 1964 cards I will give

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to anyone who wants them. Cards are in poor condition.

FOR SALE: Football - 1968 Packers, Broncos; 1969 Houston, Bengals. Good condition. Baseball - 1969 Twins, Detroit, great condition; San Francisco, Cleveland, mint condition; 1974 Royals, A's, Mets, good condition; 1971 Brewers, Angels, San Francisco, Braves, good condition; 1966 Cubs, Houston, Reds; 1967 Washington, good condition; 1971 American League, good condition. Send bids to: Keith Fosness, 1049 Washington, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: Need 26 managers to play 162-game schedule PBM with 1980 baseball. Advanced version. Newsletters distributed. Must be responsible, honest and keep full stats. Marc Wasserman, 1280 E. 12th, Brooklyn, NY 11230

LEAGUE FORMING: N.T.L. currently completing 5th season; will expand from nine to ten teams prior to season No. 7. We are a combination face-to-face, PBM league, draft league using only National League players. You must live within driving distance from either Columbus, OH, Hopkinton, IA, Austin, TX, or Houston, TX. This will guarantee you head-to-head play. For further information, contact: John Blomstrom, 4931 Whispering Falls, Houston, TX 77084 (phone: 713-463-8418)

LEAGUE FORMING: Need mature, extremely dependable managers for a 20-team PBM baseball draft. We will play 160-game schedule. To get off quick, send a draft sheet for the players you want: 1. Blue, 2. Palmer, etc. There will be a small \$2 league fee. This will be used toward newsletters and yearbook. Contact: Ken Marino, 3275 Weidner Ave., Oceanside, NY 11572

LEAGUE FORMING: A new Face-to-face league is forming in the Orange County area which will begin in October. It will be a

draft league and we will probably use the current teams. Contact: Frank Bartus, 26523 Calle San Luis, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675 (phone: 714-661-6562)

Contest Forming

CONTEST FORMING: Announcing the first annual Winter Baseball Elimination Tournament! It's a play-by-mail tourney, using the Strat-O-Matic old timer teams. Forty percent of all entry fees go to the winner, other prize money will also be awarded. The WBET features its playoffs, and anyone making it to the playoffs will be guaranteed a lot of games as well as cash and other various prizes. The WBET will be organized by three tournament officials. The more entries we receive, the bigger and better this tournament becomes...so don't miss out. For more information, write: Mike Russell, 1598 E. 34th St., Brooklyn, NY 11234

CONTEST FORMING: First annual N.T.L. all-star tournament and convention! Prize money and trophies go to first through fourth places. Pick your league, A.L. or N.L. You will then meet opposing manager for a unique best-of-7-game series. The two teams to be played will be drawn from a grab bag. No extras can be used. After three games, you will change teams. If it is even after six games, the seventh will be played--get this--with both managers handling the same team against each other. There will be no injuries. We'll see who the best manager is. The final manager representing each league will have a best-of-7-game series using the entire A.L. teams vs. the entire N.L. No extras. Bring your full game set and information on your league. For those eliminated, activities will be planned. Anyone may enter and we hope for a big turnout. With your support this will be a great annual event. I've run the N.T.L. for five years and we have a very smooth and successful league. Entry fee is \$40. For the guaranteed S-O-M event of the year, be in Houston, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 25-26. Rush in \$40 to: John Blomstrom, 4931 Whispering Falls, Houston, TX 77084, or call 713-463-8418 (continued on page 18)

Strat-O-Matic Spotlight

The BIG INNING—team erupts for 18 runs!

Even the most mundane games in Strat-O-Matic oftentimes turn into a momentous happening. Many gamers have experienced the thrill of a no-hitter—but many never realized what was happening until the late innings. In fact, many times such games in their early stages are looked upon as just another ho-hum low-hit contest.

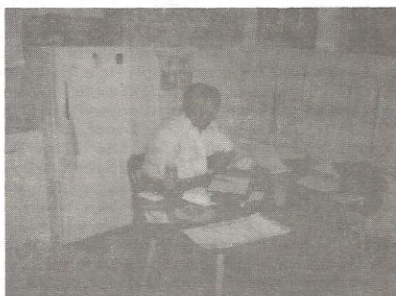
And in football and hockey plus basketball, dramatic finishes and



CARL KIEKE

stellar individual performances often take place in games that started in a routine manner.

One such happening occurred in a baseball game played in the Atlantic Draft Association, a PBM



BEN FRANCIS

draft league using the 1979 season cards. The game matched the West Texas Warriors (managed by Ben Francis, San Angelo, TX) and the Abilene Wind (managed by Carl Kieke, Abilene, TX).

It wasn't a no-hitter. Nor did a slugger belt four home runs. It was the BIG INNING! that made this game so different than any played previously in the ADA, a two-year-old league that has John Coggan, Gray, ME, as commissioner.

Kieke, who's been playing S-O-M Baseball off and on since 1966 and on a regular basis since 1975, describes the action in the inning-to-be-remembered:

"The game--in fact the big inning--started off fairly routinely. The Warriors held a 3-1 lead going into the bottom of the sixth inning. Ed Halicki, pitching for the Wind, struck out Bobby Murcer and walked Mike Squires, who was immediately thrown out stealing. Then the dam burst.

"Don Money doubled and Omar Moreno walked. Halicki, now weak, was replaced by Tom Buskey. He walked Joe Morgan and Alan Trammell, the latter forcing in a run (4-1). Joe Ferguson singled, driving in two more runs and when Ken Griffey's single brought in another, making the score 7-1, Buskey was replaced by Tippy Martinez.

"Terry Whitfield's single loaded the bases and walks to Murcer and Squires forced in runs (9-1). Money was hit by a pitch and Moreno stroked a two-run single, raising the count to 12-1 and knocking out Martinez. Bob Shirley came in to try and put out the fire--which by now was beginning to make Mount St. Helens look like a wet Fourth of July firecracker," quipped, manager of the beleaguered Wind.

Shirley promptly walked Morgan and Trammell, forcing in another run (it was the second bases-loaded walk for Trammell in the inning). Short-stop Robin Yount then booted Joe Ferguson's grounder, jacking the score to 14-1, and consecutive walks to Griffey, Whitfield and Murcer and Squires' single chased Shirley and elevated the score to 18-1.

Next up was Mark Littell and Money greeted him with a single, upping the count to 19-1. Jose Cruz turned a fly ball off the bat of Moreno into a two-base error and two more runs scored, making it 21-1. Morgan walked

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again, his third free pass of the inning, and finally--finally!--Trammell grounded to short and Yount threw him out for the third out.

Totals for the inning: 18 runs, 7 hits, 2 errors, 12 walks, 1 HBP and three left on base. Final score of game: Warriors 24, Wind 6.

Francis, as far as background, has been playing S-O-M since 1975, after being introduced to it by Kieke at Austin College, Sherman, TX. Twice he's won regular-season championships in league play. Kieke, meanwhile, works as a copy editor-news editor with the Abilene Reporter-News in Abilene. Ben works with General Telephone in San Angelo.

CUBS, EXPOS WIN SUPER TEAMS TOURNEY

The Chicago Cubs, believe it or not, finally won something. It wasn't a pennant, but it was Dave Scheer's basic version of his annual Super Teams Baseball Tournament. The best individual cards at each position (plus DH) from the years 1962-1979 were used in a single elimination tourney. Each team had a two-man pitching rotation.

Billy Williams, '72 vintage, won MVP honors, slugging five home runs and knocking in 10 runs as the Cubs won five of six games (losing only the opener in a best-of-three playoff with Philadelphia).

In the advanced version, cards were selected from 1971-1979 and again a two-man starting rotation was used, but this time with relievers who were limited to two innings per game. Montreal won it all, defeating Houston in the finale, 4-3. Steve Rogers was MVP after blanking Texas, 3-0; Milwaukee, 7-0, and hurling the complete-game victory over Houston.

Rosters for the two champs consisted of: Chicago - '63 Ellsworth, '64 Jackson (P), '72 Williams (1B), '71 Beckert (2B), '78 DeJesus (SS), '64 Santo (3B), '79 Kingman (LF), '76 Monday (CF), '70 Hickman (RF), '69 Hundley (C) and '75 Madlock (DH).

For Montreal: '78 Rogers and '73 Renko (P), '72 Marshall, '77 Kerrigan, '79 Palmer, '79 Sosa, '79 May, '74 Murray (RP), '73 Fairly, '78 Perez, '77 Cash, '73 Hunt, '76 Foli, '78 Speier, '73 Bailey, '77 Dawson, '78 Cromartie, '74 Davis, '75 Blittner, '77 Valentine, '71 Staub, '77 Carter, '72 McCarver, '73 Singleton, '79 Scott and '79 Parrish.

Scheer, a high school teacher for nine years who runs a program in the junior high in which he teaches youngsters the game of S-O-M Baseball, also picked 11 players (basic version) and 31 players (advanced version) National and American League all-star teams and pitted them against each other in a best-of-seven series. The A.L., again believe it or not, won the basic version in seven games, capturing the final, 3-1. 1968 Luis Tiant was MVP. But the N.L. swept the advanced version in six games with '77 Mike Schmidt the MVP.

SHORT SHAKES

Dave Kingman is blasting 'em out at a record pace in the National Texas League PBM league. He's got 31 homers and a whopping 81 RBI in only 64 games. NTL record for roundtrippers is 53...Dan Pastorini only completed 50 percent of his passes against Pittsburgh's tough defense in a 1977-season football game played by Art Reggrano III of Stamford, CT. But Pastorini turned the 15 completions into 502 yards worth of real estate and six TDs. Despite it all, Pittsburgh won the game, 43-42, turning a blocked punt into a safety--and the margin of victory...Pete Manzo-lillo, Bellmore, NY, also had a couple of football-size scores--only they occurred in baseball as Milwaukee mauled Boston, 17-4 and 17-7, in back-to-back games of his replay league. Gorman Thomas had three homers, nine RBI in the opener, giving him 23 roundtrippers in 43 games, while Boston made it easy in the second contest by committing nine--count 'em, nine--errors...Where are they now? Dale Barnes, veteran S-O-M gamer and frequent helping hand at the National Conventions, is ready to start his fourth year at Indiana State (remember Larry Bird?). Barnes manages the school's radio station and tries to introduce as many people as possible "to the joys of S-O-M." He can't wait to see Larry Bird's name on an S-O-M card...Rod Neifert, stationed on the U.S.S. David A. Ray, supply ship for the carrier Kitty Hawk, reports that his four-member league is

close to being completed. The league, entitled the "Deserted League," also includes Bill Monahan (New York Yankees), Tony O'Quinn (Los Angeles), Rick Bramson (Boston) and Neifert (San Francisco, 1971). The other teams are all from 1977. Games have been played in such places Gulf of Oman (near Iran), Midway Island, Hawaii, Guam and Subic Bay in the Philippines. ..Roger Corrie, 12 Rochford Close, South Hornchurch, Essex, England, belongs to baseball and hockey PBM leagues (in fact he was visited by fellow ISOMBA member who was stationed in Germany with the U.S. Army) and now wants to join a PBM basketball loop. Anyone in the states running a well-organized league that needs some foreign "investment" in time and interest? ...Chris Wilbur, Berlin, MA, is another who likes to conduct "experiments" with his S-O-M cards. His latest project was pitting Bob Montgomery (catcher, Boston, 1978, 29 at-bats, .241 average) against New York's Ron Guidry in a best-of-seven-game pitching duel. Montgomery, who has straight strikeouts against lefties on 1 and 2 column, 2-12, was converted into a pitcher for the "experiment." Boston won the mini series, 4 games to 3, and Montgomery won the duel in ERA (2.23 to 2.52), strikeouts (79-66), fewer home runs allowed (5-9) and shutouts (2-1). Guidry allowed fewer hits (34-56 as both hurled 64 innings) and walks (13-25).

Baseball playing tips

If you're tired of trying to keep up with preventing pitchers from being overused or underused--in other words, giving them an accurate amount of rest--you may want to give the following playing tip a try.

Submitted by David Stewart, Roby, TX, the rest playing tip has been used successfully for over three years. Here's how it works:

For Starters - Multiply innings pitched in last outing by 4. That's the amount of rest before that starter can pitch again.

For Starters with asterisk by name and all relievers - Multiply innings pitched by 3.

Fractions of an inning are counted as a full inning if 2/3 and no inning if 1/3.

Example: Frank Pastore pitches 7 innings. Multiply 7 x 4. Thus Pastore has to rest 28 innings before he could hurl again. Tom Seaver, using another example, pitches 7 innings also. But he would need only 21 innings of rest because of the asterisk (7 x 3 = 21).

PICKOFF PLAYS

Here's a potpourri of pickoff plays for your perusal. Our biggest objections to such playing tips is that a pitcher's pickoff move is not considered--and there are no statistics to rate pickoff moves, anyway. But many gamers clamor for pickoff plays. So here are a few that have been submitted in recent months:

* Bill Daughtry, Bronx, NY, says that first, of course, a runner must be held on base. Then roll one die. If the roll results in a "1" then a pickoff throw may be attempted. If the split card drawn reads "1" then the runner is picked off. If it reads "20" then the pitcher throws the ball away and all runners advance one base.

* Barry Baumbach of Fennville, MI, has a similar system. Again the runner must be held on for a pickoff to be attempted. Then check the following chart:

	RHP Split No.	LHP Split No.
Runner on first	1-2	1-3
" " second	1-2	1-2
" " third	1-3	1-2

Baumbach doesn't have any limitations on use of the pickoff play, but split numbers 19 and 20 are throwing errors by the pitcher, one base advancement.

* A third method is proposed by Marc Jacobson and Chris Rosen, Philadelphia, PA. Taken from the method suggested by Dave Donovan (June, 1980 [Review], it includes limitations on use. [continued on following page]

[Jacobson-Rosen pickoff play]

Base	#Times per inning	Picked off	Throwing error
First -	3	1	19-20
second -	2	1	18-20
third -	1	1	17-20

HIT AND RUN, RUN, RUN...

Ron Patalena has a playing tip that should spice up your hit-and-run situations. Statistical accuracy may be affected, but probably not that much. Straight hits are down slightly, as far as chances, from the regular S-O-M hit-and-run chart, but the possibilities are there for more hits because of the "PITCH HIT" rolls.

For instance, an A hit-and-run rated batter, according to Patalena's chart, has six hit chances (out of 36 possibilities) compared to eight on S-O-M's chart. But there are 11 PITCH HIT chances, any of which can result in base hits. Here's how the chart works:

Two-Dice Roll	A	B	C	D
2	Single-2	popout (ss)	gb(2b) C	gb(2b) C
3	PITCH HIT*	Single-2	popout (ss)	foul ball
4	Single-2	PITCH HIT*	PITCH HIT*	popout(ss)
5	PITCH HIT*	PITCH HIT*	foul ball	foul ball
6	PITCH HIT*	PITCH HIT*	PITCH HIT*	PITCH HIT*
7	pitch missed steal attempt	pitch missed steal attempt	pitch missed steal attempt	pitch missed steal attempt
8	foul ball	foul ball	pitch missed steal attempt	pitch missed steal attempt
9	foul ball	foul ball	foul ball	foul ball
10	pitch missed steal attempt	pitch missed steal attempt	foul ball	foul ball
11	Single-2	Single-2	Single-2	pitch missed steal attempt
12	lineout(ss) into DP	lineout(ss) into DP	lineout(ss) into DP	lineout(ss) into DP

* - PITCH HIT - Means to roll the dice and use whatever result occurs, giving the runner(s) a +6 advantage.

Basketball playing tip

Gary Graber and the Phoenix S-O-M Basketball Association pass along a playing tip regarding assists in the basic S-O-M game. Intended to make the better passing teams more effective, the tip has you total the points (assist rating on advanced side of card) for the lineup on the floor. Kevin Porter is a "17," for example; Adrian Dantley a "4."

The points are totaled (most NBA clubs are around 28-29 with a tall lineup) and then when a "9" is rolled on the defense card, playing the basic game, the chart below is checked and adjustment made regarding successful field goal or turnover.

Team Index	Split No.	Adjustment	Team Index	Split No.	Adjustment
40+	+10		28-29	-2	
38-39	+8		26-27	-4	
36-37	+6		24-25	-6	
34-35	+4		22-23	-8	
32-33	+2		2-20	-10	
30-31	no change				

Alan Becicka is \$100 richer

High school senior wins FGCBBC drafting contest

Alan Becicka, a 17-year-old senior at Aurora-Hoyt Lakes High School, Hoyt Lakes, MN, is the 1980 Florida Gold Coast Baseball Classic (FGCBBC) Drafting Contest champion. His entries won out in a field of 99, reports Bob Lopeck, Miami, FL, who directed the third annual FGCBBC drafting contest.

Becicka, a competitor in prep football, basketball and track, was the recipient of a \$100 check and plaque from the FGCBBC for his drafting ability. Runnerup Junu Kim, 15, a junior at New Trier East High in Wilmette, IL, who's active in PBM and face-to-face leagues, won \$40.



ALAN
BECICKA

Bob Cebelak, Madison, WI, last year's drafting contest champion, wound up a respectable third and was \$20 richer for it. All told, \$200 in prize money was paid to the top ten places.

This year's contest was run on a different basis, pointed out Lopeck. There was a general contest [picking the best 15 hitters and 10 pitchers from the 1979 Strat-O-Matic baseball cards and putting them in the order of the way they would draft such players] and then a final round whereby the top ten finalists [those with the highest percentage of accuracy rating] would be given a list of the top 25 players, listed alphabetically, and then have to put them in the order they would draft such players. "Scoring," notes Lopeck, "was accomplished by multiplying the player's rating by the point value of where the entrant drafted him. For example, his number one choice would have his rating multiplied by 25, number two choice by 24 and so on."

Becicka finished eighth in the general contest [Kim was first], but improved by five percent in the finals and jumped to the top of the list. Cebelak was seventh in the general and also, as attested to by his third-place windup, improved his position as well.

Here are the top ten in the 1980 FGCBBC Drafting Contest:

Name	City/State	Final Round POA	Money Won
1. Alan Becicka	Hoyt Lakes, MN	98.48574	\$100
2. Junu Kim	Wilmette, IL	97.39652	40
3. Bob Cebelak	Madison, WI	96.72303	20
4. Steve Fidler	Camp Hill, PA	96.89760	10
5. Michael Ching	Honolulu, HI	96.78203	5
6. Greg McGill	Glen Mills, PA	96.49454	5
7. Jon Bourdon	Lee, MA	96.20673	5
8. Rod Alexander Jr.	Charlotte, NC	96.03920	5
9. Michael Bushka	Bloomfield, CT	95.79768	5
10. Tom Swank	Passaic, NJ	94.07333	5

Lopeck also sent along a listing of the FGCBBC's top 25 players [15 hitters, 10 pitchers] as rated by "our trusty (and rusty) computer." The number to the right of name refers to draft order for the top 25. J.A. Richard, for instance, was rated the No. 1 player to draft, Fred Lynn No. 2, etc.

Previous computer champions, in case you're interested, were: Rod Carew and Tom Seaver, 1978; and Ron Guidry and Dave Parker, last year.

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JUNU
KIM

FGCBC's Top 25

Hitters

Fred Lynn [2]
Keith Hernandez [3]
Dave Winfield [8]
George Brett [7]
Sixto Lezcano [8]
Jim Rice [10]
Dave Parker [11]
Paul Molitor [13]

Steve Garvey [14]
Dave Kingman [18]
Mike Schmidt [19]
Darrell Porter [20]
Willie Wilson [21]
Garry Templeton [22]
Don Baylor [23]

Pitchers

J.R. Richard [1]
Bruce Sutter [4]
Jim Kern [5]
Ron Guidry [9]
Mike Flanagan [12]
Joe Sambito [15]
Joe Niekro [16]
Tommy John [17]
Kent Tekulve [24]
Nolan Ryan [25]

Here is Alan Becicka's winning entry [Final round]:

1. Fred Lynn; 2. J.R. Richard; 3. Keith Hernandez; 4. Dave Winfield;
5. Bruce Sutter; 6. George Brett; 7. Jim Rice; 8. Ron Guidry; 9. Jim Kern; 10. Dave Parker; 11. Steve Garvey; 12. Mike Flanagan; 13. Joe Niekro; 14. Paul Molitor; 15. Tommy John; 16. Sixto Lezcano; 17. Don Baylor; 18. Willie Wilson; 19. Garry Templeton; 20. Joe Sambito; 21. Mike Schmidt; 22. Dave Kingman; 23. Darrell Porter; 24. Nolan Ryan; 25. Kent Tekulve.

Lopeck also adds that preparations are already being made for next year's contest and that the FGCBC is looking forward to upwards of 300 entries.

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CONTEST FORMING: Announcing, the world's greatest football tournament. The WCB, World Classic Bowl, is a pro football tournament using a newly developed play-by-mail system that is specially made for this great tournament. We will be using the super advanced rules of S-O-M to insure the fullest in realism. No play-by-mail experience is necessary as I'll be playing all games personally. You may choose any team you want from the 1979 new cards. Prize money will be awarded to the top three finishers. Exact money to be awarded will depend on how many entries there are. Even if you know how to play the advanced version of pro football, then I must urge you to enter this fantastic contest. Entry fee is only a mere \$3.00. Don't delay, enter today, as the winner will also be called the best at S-O-M super advanced play-by-mail pro football. Deadline for entries is Sept. 15. For full details, send your entry fee, SASE, the name of the 1979 team you will coach, and a small resume of yourself, to: The 1980 WCB, c/o Mark Reinbolt, Box C-1, Bourbon, MO 65441 [phone: 314-732-5123]. Forget about the rest, go for the best!

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But Dale Holland is crowned GKSML N.L. king

Kingman blasts record 60 home runs!

Dale Holland, after being so close the last two years, made the breakthrough to the top in the Greater Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League's National League replay. And while Dale was seizing pennant honors, Dave Kingman was smashing baseballs out of sight, unloading a monumental 60 and eclipsing the previous GKSML standard set by Dick Allen, with 54, in 1973 (based on '72 season).

Those were the highlights, along with shortstop Larry Bowa's magnificent fielding for Dale, as the Kalamazoo-Otsego-based face-to-face baseball league completed its 19th full-season replay.

Review co-editor Warren Newell, as was pointed out in a recent issue, managed Kingman, who wound up with the record-setting 60 roundtrippers plus led the league with 139 runs-batted-in. Kingman got No. 60 with three at-bats remaining (at-bats and innings pitched are strictly adhered to in the GKSML), but was unsuccessful in his quest to tie Roger Maris' mark.

Dale, 29, married, the father of a young daughter and an employee of Rockwell International in neighboring Allegan, shared first place in the East Division with Jeff Kik, each with 87-67 records. Ironically, the winner of the West, John Madden, also had an 87-67 mark. So Dale, who had finished runnerup the last two years in the N.L. (by one and two-game margins), then defeated Jeff Kik for the East title, 4-2, and followed up by dispatching Madden in three straight games in a playoff for the pennant.

George Foster had three hits and knocked in three runs in the win over Jeff Kik. Steve Rogers, who went the first seven innings, got the hurling win. And Rogers notched the first-game win over John Madden, too, being backed by home runs by Foster and Mike Schmidt. In the second game, Madden's pitchers issued 11 walks, the defense committed three errors (three of the five runs were unearned), Jerry Royster hit a solo homer for Dale and Craig Swan and Greg Minton combined for an eight-hitter.

Dale wrapped it up in game three, 5-2, as Foster unloaded two homers and knocked in four runs and Schmidt connected for a solo job.

BOWA: ONLY FOUR ERRORS!

Dale, who won a N.L. pennant for the second time, had the league's top hitter (Keith Hernandez, .333), No. 2 slugger in home runs and RBI in Schmidt, 51 and 129, and also a pitching staff that had a composite 3.07 ERA.

But, as Dale quickly pointed out in reviewing the season, "The defense bailed us out of many ballgames. Sporting 1s at first, short, third, catcher and center field killed many rallies (for the opposition). The pitching," continued Holland, "owes much to Bowa. Playing 150 games, Bowa made an unbelievable four errors all season."

Johnny Bench was the catcher and Garry Maddox patrolled center--thus the impregnable defense. Foster, although his playing time was limited, smacked 27 homers and drove in 85 runs. Rogers and Swan each won 16 games.

THREE NEW MANAGERS

The GKSML added three new managers for its 19th full-season replay. Madden, 26, a teacher and previously a member of the GKSML until moving to New York to further his education, rejoined the league and took over Cliff Sage's teams. It was Cliff's N.L. teams, in fact, that had won pennants the last two years. And Madden just missed emulating those feats.

Bruce Mulder, 23, a resident of Byron Center, near Grand Rapids, was one of the three rookie managers in the GKSML. The others were Jeff Green, 22, who replaced Tommy Angel, the wheeler-dealer from Florida who migrated back to the southland, and John Brill, 15, a friend of Todd Newell's and the youngest member of the league.

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Brill caught on to the rudiments of the game quickly, finishing second, one game behind, in the West, while Jeff Green won 21 more games than his predecessor and Bruce Mulder 11 more than the manager he replaced. The Newells, father-and-son combination of Del and Todd, in fact, finished at the bottom of their respective divisions. Del, of course, spends "all of his time working on the Review" and thus his performance as a manager suffers.

A noticeable lack of talent and power (73 home runs) added to his suffering. Warren Newell, on the other hand, finished at .500 and had many enjoyable moments, particularly when Kingman and Bob Hocner (38 homers, 99 RBI) were tattooing terrified pitchers.

Other highlights from the N.L. included Gary Tien's Omar Moreno swiping 124 bases and his team 251 (Jeff Kik had 241, including 56 by 6-6 Dave Parker), John Brill having four .300-plus hitters and a 21-game winner in Joe Niekro, Jeff Green spray-hitting for a lofty .281 team batting average; and Todd Newell's J.R. Richard again striking out over 300 (319 to be exact).

19...AND COUNTING!

As was mentioned earlier, this was the 19th 154-game season replayed. And the season, which got under way the first week in February, moved along without a hitch. The league gathered every Sunday night and played 10-12 games.

And because of the closeness of the division races and Kingman's long ball heroics, excitement was at an all-time high.

Standings and leaders: (based on 1979 National League real-life)

East	W	L	GB	AVG	ERA	Batting	Home Runs
Dale Holland	87	67	-	.252	3.07	Hernandez DH	.333 Kingman WN 60
Jeff Kik	87	67	-	.267	3.06	Knight BM	.326 Schmidt DH 51
Warren Newell	77	77	10	.266	3.69	Cruz JB	.323 Horner WN 38
Jeff Green	71	83	16	.281	4.02	Mazzilli JG	.319 Stargell JB 36
Todd Newell	64	90	23	.250	3.97	Horner WN	.311 Cey JM 31
						Stargell JB	.309 Ivie JK 31

West	W	L	GB	AVG	ERA	Batting	Home Runs
John Madden	87	67	-	.276	3.60	RBI	28: Parrish
John Brill	86	68	1	.269	3.03	Kingman WN 139	TN 48
Gary Tien	76	78	11	.256	3.17	Schmidt DH 129	38: Cruz JB 17
Bruce Mulder	69	85	18	.252	4.06	Garvey JM 110	R: Schmidt
Del Newell	66	88	21	.246	3.70	Parker JK 105	DH 109
						Horner WN 99	SB: Moreno GT

Playoffs: Dale Holland d. Jeff Kik, 4-2, for East title.
Dale Holland d. John Madden, 6-2, 5-3 and 5-2.

ERA	W-L	IP	GA	HRA	SH
J.Niekro JB 2.21	J.Niekro JB 21-7	P.Niekro GT 351	Tekulve	JG 6	J.Niekro
Richard TN 2.21	Perry JB 21-13	WN 96	Carlton	JM 30	Perry JB
Solomon JK 2.27	P.Niekro GT 21-19	WN 96	JG 6	JN 3	
Rogers DH 2.45	Rogers DH 16-9	HRA: Knepper			
K.Forsch DN 2.56	Tekulve WN 16-9	JG 6			
Bibby JM 2.65	Sutcliffe BM 16-10	Carlton			
Swan DH 2.92	Swan DH 16-10	JM 30			
Hooton JK 2.93	Rasmussen JG 16-11	SH: J.Niekro			
Fulgham GT 2.94		JB 6			
	Strikeouts	Saves			
	Richard TN 319	Lavelle GT 23			
	P.Niekro GT 203	Rasmussen JG 17			
	Carlton JM 196	Sutter JK 17			

'Tabled' prep game in Sporting News

That prep baseball championship game in Philadelphia that was played via Strat-O-Matic (cover story, August Review) also made the news in Sporting News, the weekly baseball-oriented publication. Steve [Boom] Johnson sent along Bob McCoy's column dealing with the roll-by-roll account.

S-O-M league, replay scene

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MINI BASKETBALL REPLAY - David Thompson led the eight-team league with a 34.5 scoring average and sparked Denver to the title in a 32-game replay by Dan Verdun, Odell, IL, using the 1977-78 cards...Denver won the West Division with a 24-8 record and then edged surprising New Orleans in the championship playoff, four games to three...Kareem Abdul-Jabbar of Los Angeles was MVP, leading in retrieves with 16.3 per game and finishing second in scoring at 32.1...In the All-Star game, the West waxed the East, 136-104.

Standings and leaders:

East	W	L	GB	West	W	L	GB	Scoring
New Orleans	20	12	-	Denver	24	8	-	Thompson DEN 34.5
Philadelphia	12	20	8	Chicago	23	7	1	Jabbar LA 32.1
Washington	12	20	8	Los Angeles	16	16	8	Maravich NO 30.5
Boston	8	24	12	San Antonio	12	20	12	

Rebounding	Assists
Jabbar LA 16.3	Collins PHI 8.0
Issel DEN 10.8	White BOS 6.6
Saunders NO 10.0	Scott LA 6.2

1978 BEST TEAMS BASEBALL REPLAY - Anthony Abilo, Bronx, NY, was on dice-rollin' end of this replay that consumed 10 months and matched best teams, four from each league...OH was used in intra-league games...New York and Milwaukee shared A.L. title with 92-70 records and Los Angeles matched that in capturing N.L. flag...New York was far from awesome, even though Ron Guidry had 30-7 record, 2.15 ERA, 315 strikeouts and seven shutouts; Reggie Jackson hit 27 homers, Graig Nettles 29 and Lou Piniella batted .324, Roy White .315. Pitching was only so-so and rest of attack was feeble...Milwaukee, meanwhile, hammered 195 homers (Larry Hise had 40, Gorman Thomas 36) and Mike Caldwell almost emulated Guidry by going 29-10, 2.13 ERA and hurling 346 innings...Red Sox were biggest disappointment in A.L. as Fred Lynn (.237), Jerry Remy (.234), Rick Burleson (.230) were all major flops. Mike Torrez was 10-23, 4.56 ERA and Dennis Eckersley served up 48 roundtrippers...Dodgers were best of mediocre N.L. line-up as Burt Hooton (17-12) and Tommy John (16-12) were top hurlers, Reggie Smith (37 HRs, 99 RBI), Davey Lopes (100 runs, 24 HRs, 75 steals) and Steve Garvey (.291) top hitters. Lee Lacy collected 70 hits in part-time role and 38 were for extra bases...Phillies had one-two home run punch in Greg Luzinski (41, 111 RBI) and Mike Schmidt (30), but Bake McBride hit puny .228 and Steve Carlton had sub-par season at 18-15...Giants got giant-sized efforts from Vida Blue (21-13) and Darrell Evans (31 HRs), while Pittsburgh was sparked by Dave Parker (38 HRs, 119, .324, 121 runs) and Willie Stargell (31 HRs, .315), although pitching and defense failed it.

Standings and leaders:

American	W	L	GB	Avg	ERA	National	W	L	GB	Avg	ERA
New York	92	70	-	.266	3.38	Los Angeles	92	70	-	.256	3.70
Milwaukee	92	70	-	.266	3.94	Philadelphia	79	83	13	.254	3.77
Kansas City	75	87	17	.268	4.12	San Francisco	76	86	16	.249	3.64
Boston	72	90	20	.255	3.89	Pittsburgh	70	92	22	.258	3.96

Batting	Home Runs	RBI	H:
Piniella NY .324	Luzinski PHI 41	Parker PIT 119	Parker PIT 211
Parker PIT .324	Hise MIL 40	Hise MIL 113	Clark SF 53
Otis KC .312	Parker PIT 38	Luzinski PHI 111	Yount MIL 6
			Brett KC 17
Wins	ERA	Strikeouts	SB:
Guidry NY 30	Caldwell 2.13	Guidry NY 315	Moreno PIT 65
Caldwell MIL 29	Guidry NY 2.15	Blue SF 257	Parker PIT 121
Blue SF 21	Candelaria 2.50	Eckersley BOS 218	

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1976 FOOTBALL REPLAY - Add Mike Walters' name to the list of those gamers who've replayed a full season of football, replete with playoffs and voluminous statistics--only Walters, who hails from Washington, D.C., did it all solitaire...When it was all over, surprising Cincinnati, often the vanquished in real-life, emerged the victor, defeating another surprise, St. Louis, in the Super Bowl, 28-20...the Bengals were actually a distant second in the AFC Central, behind Pittsburgh, but made the playoffs as a wild card...Detroit--this league was full of surprises, won the NFC Central and en route to the title ravaged the Giants, toppling 'em by scoring 66 points...Los Angeles won 10 straight after splitting its first four games...all four AFC Central teams had winning records; two of Pittsburgh's losses were to Houston but Steelers slaughtered Cincinnati twice during regular-season, 41-24 and 30-7...most exciting game was Baltimore's 45-41 win over Houston as Colts went on to score 40 or more points six times...Bert Jones tossed 42 TD passes...Steelers only surrendered 1,152 yards rushing in 14 games...Rocky Bleier--another surprise!--edged O.J. Simpson for rushing title, by scant two yards, 1,594-1,592, in AFC...Fran Tarkenton had only 2.2 percent of his passes picked off...Joe Namath, conversely, threw six TD passes and had 24 errant aeriels picked off...Tampa Bay tight end Bob Moore caught 22 passes in one game against Oakland.

Standings, leaders and playoff results:

NFC East				NFC Central				NFC West			
W	L	T		W	L	T		W	L	T	
Washington	10	4	0	Detroit	12	2	0	Los Angeles	12	2	0
St. Louis	9	5	0	Chicago	8	6	0	New Orleans	6	8	0
Dallas	7	7	0	Minnesota	7	7	0	San Francisco	6	8	0
NY Giants	5	9	0	Green Bay	2	12	0	Atlanta	2	12	0
Philadelphia	5	9	0					Seattle	1	13	0
AFC East				AFC Central				AFC West			
W	L	T		W	L	T		W	L	T	
Baltimore	11	3	0	Pittsburgh	11	3	0	Denver	11	3	0
Miami	8	6	0	Cincinnati	8	5	1	Oakland	8	6	0
New England	7	7	0	Houston	7	6	1	Kansas City	6	7	1
Buffalo	6	8	0	Cleveland	7	6	1	San Diego	5	9	0
NY Jets	3	11	0					Tampa Bay	4	10	0

Playoffs: St. Louis 40, Los Angeles 37; Detroit 24, Washington 9; Cincinnati 23, Baltimore 20; Pittsburgh 23, Denver 14.

AFC: Cincinnati 24, Pittsburgh 14.

NFC: St. Louis 41, Detroit 13.

Rushing	Att-Yds.	TD	Avg.	Receiving	No.-Yds.	TD	Avg.
Payton CHI	348-2144	10	6.2	Carr BAL	86-1947	19	22.6
Bleier PIT	305-1594	10	5.3	Sanders DET	86-904	11	10.5
Simpson BUF	278-1592	14	5.7	Moore TB	86-793	4	9.2
Williams SF	269-1497	9	5.6	Branch OAK	83-1762	8	21.2
G.Pruitt CLE	275-1479	7	5.4	Joiner SD	81-1658	12	20.5

Passing	Att-Comp	Pct.	TD-Int.	Yds.
Jones BAL	475-249	52.6	42-15	4459
Staubach DAL	444-227	51.1	32-20	3888
Griese MIA	390-214	54.9	28-18	3734
Hart SL	411-201	48.9	28-16	3447
Anderson CIN	308-163	52.9	27-18	2855

1978-79 BASKETBALL REPLAY - Chris LaSala, Aliquippa, PA, played this mini [12 teams, 17 games] season...George Gervin, true to real-life, led in scoring, averaging 28.9 points, while Philadelphia, not so true to real-life, defeated the Kansas City Kings in six games to win the playoffs...Julius [Dr. J] Erving was playoff MVP after averaging 25.3 points, including tossing in 31 in clincher...76ers had scare earlier in playoffs as it took whopping 46-point burst by Doug Collins to oust Washington, 100-99...

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Elvin Hayes once poured in 47 points after connecting on 21 field goals... Atlanta swished 40 of 52 free throws in a game against Philly...Phoenix had quartet of 20-point-plus scorers in Paul Westphal (26.6), Walter Davis (24.1), Truck Robinson (23.9) and Alvin Adams (20.2), but still finished behind Kansas City...Otis Birdsong personally obliterated Suns in one-game playoff, scoring 38 in 110-97 romp...leading rebounder was Seattle's Jack Sikma, who had 22 in one game.

Standings and leaders:

East	W	L	West	W	L	Scoring	
Washington	10	7	Kansas City	11	6	Gervin SA	28.9
Philadelphia	9	8	Phoenix	10	7	Lucas PORT	28.0
Houston	9	8	Seattle	8	9	Malone HOU	26.8
San Antonio	9	8	Portland	8	9	Westphal PHO	26.6
Atlanta	7	10	Denver	7	10	Free SO	26.1
New Jersey	7	10	San Diego	7	10	Owens PORT	25.9
						Murphy HOU	25.7
Rebounding			Free Throw %				
Sikma SEA	12.4		Murphy HOU	97.3	[73-75]	MVP:	Lucas PORT
Malone HOU	11.8		Barry HOU	97.2	[72-74]		
Lucas PORT	11.0		Williamson NJ	86.4	[102-118]		

SEATTLE MARINERS REPLAY - Keith Miller, Willard, OH, turned this seeming mission impossible into a fun venture as the 1980 tabletop Mariners improved their record by four games over the real-life showing: Seattle won 71 games and lost 91 under Miller's handling, while the real-life mark was 67-95...many of the averages were amazingly close: Willie Horton clouted 29 home runs and drove in 106 runs for 'real' and had 27 and 106 totals in S-O-M; Jose Cruz batted .271 and .270 (S-O-M) while Danny Meyer matched his 20-homer output in five more at-bats...among the pitchers, Mike Parrott had 14-12 and 3.77 real-life credentials and was 16-15, 3.50 on 'table' turf. Rick Honeycutt's ERA was 4.21 compared to real-life 4.04 and Odell Jones was equally unimpressive both ways (6.16 replay ERA; 6.05 real-life)...Leon Roberts hit exactly 15 home runs, although he had 50 more at-bats and saw his average shrink by 21 points (.271 to .250).

ALL-STAR BASEBALL REPLAY - Doug Simpson, Issaquah, WA, refers to himself as an innovator, and for good reason. He's played through three full-season replays solitaire and experimented in the third by keeping players together in their own eras: a team for the pre-1920's, '30's, '40's, '50's, '60's and '70's--one each from the American and National League..."I used old Pacific Coast League cities [for names]," noted Simpson, "with N.L. teams being named after California cities and A.L. after other western cities...The pre-1920's teams, just as Simpson suspected they would, dominated the modern-day teams, also as Simpson figured they would, finished last in both leagues..."That great pitching and consistent hitting (by the 1920 teams) really does the job," praised Simpson, who added Rogers Hornsby and Ken Williams to the pre-1920 teams (even though their careers spanned a later period), giving each a power hitter...World Series winner was underdog Sacramento (N.L.) as Christy Mathewson won two games and scattered seven hits in notching a third triumph in the decisive seventh game, 6-3. Honus Wagner went 3-for-5 and drove in three runs in the finale.

Standings and leaders:

<u>American</u>	<u>Won-Lost</u>	<u>GB</u>	<u>National</u>	<u>Won-Lost</u>	<u>GB</u>
Tacoma [pre-1920]	111 53	-	Sacramento [pre-1920]	90 74	-
Spokane [1920]	100 64	11	Los Angeles [1930]	88 76	2
Eugene [1940]	91 73	20	San Francisco [1920]	87 77	3
Seattle [1930]	81 83	30	San Jose [1950]	86 78	4
Vancouver [1960]	72 92	39	Oakland [1940]	80 84	10
Salt Lake [1950]	67 97	44	Hollywood [1860]	70 94	200
Portland [1970]	57 107	54	San Diego [1970]	67 97	23

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Batting

<u>A.L.</u>		<u>N.L.</u>	
Cobb TAC	.377	L. Waner LA	.361
Speaker SPD	.357	Keeler SAC	.357
Lajoie TAC	.352	Wagner SAC	.356
Sisler TAC	.352	Hornsby SAC	.349
Williams SL	.350	Musial OAK	.339

Home Runs

<u>A.L.</u>		<u>N.L.</u>	
Ruth SPD	51	Mize OAK	40
Mantle SL	46	Snider SJ	37
Foxx SEA	45	Aaron HOL	36
RBI			
Ruth SPD	123	Hornsby SAC	141
Gehrig SPD	120	Hartnett LA	112
Mantle SL	120	Aaron HOL	103
Jackson TAC	118	Musial OAK	103

Pitching Leaders

<u>A.L.</u>		
Young TAC	26-6	2.59
Gomez EUG	26-7	2.38
Cowaleski SPD	25-10	3.10
Walsh TAC	21-6	2.44
Johnson SAC	20-11	3.45

<u>N.L.</u>			
Alexander SF	22-6	2.46	* Joe McGinnity
Walters OAK	20-8	2.80	SAC [14-10,
Spahn SJ	20-12	2.21	2.73] had
Hubbell LA	17-11	3.04	no-hitter.
Brown SAC	16-10	3.51	

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