



## STRAT-O-MATIC REVIEW

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*Baseball strike has been boon to game company*

### Strat-O-Matic becomes household word

Strat-O-Matic has become a household word, thanks to the baseball strike. Although thousands and thousands of table-gamers were fans of S-O-M before there was even the threat of a strike, the players walking off the field has turned countless thousands more on to S-O-M.

"The publicity has been unbelievable," enthused S-O-M creator Harold Richman in the wake of the strike. All-Star games were played using S-O-M, including one in Municipal Stadium, Cleveland (and at home plate, no less), and even some radio stations went to such lengths as to broadcast S-O-M games in lieu of the real thing.

"It all got started really with Sports Phone out of New York," says Richman of how S-O-M was launched into the spotlight. "Before the strike," Richman continued, "Sports Phone used to average 150,000 calls daily. But during the strike the calls dropped off to 25,000. There was a tremendous void without baseball. So, Sports Phone re-created a series between the '68 Mets and '78 Yankees and put the games on Sports Phone. It was a big success and calls were soon up to 50,000."

The series, which was the subject of an Associated Press story by Dennis D'Agostino which appeared in newspapers all over the country, was played in a midtown Manhattan office building. The Mets were managed by Thornton Geary, an executive for the Mets' radio-TV producers, with Arthur Adler, the Yankees' radio producer, managing the '78 club.

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Mike Walczewski, managing editor of Sports Phone, arranged for the Series to be played, and also for such ball park staples as beer and hot dogs to be served to the media. Walczewski is better known to call-in regulars as King Wally.

The Yanks, if you're wondering how the "Dream Series" came out, won the first three games. But then the "Miracle Mets" emulated real-life by capturing the next three and, in the dramatic seventh and final game, pulled out a 6-2 victory when Art Shamsky hit a bases-loaded home run in the 11th inning.

Shamsky and Tom Seaver, who won two games and had an 0.82 ERA in 22 innings, were chosen co-MVPs.

If the Sports Phone 'Dream Series' was the launching pad, the All-Star game played in Cleveland put S-O-M in, well, the "Stratosphere" as far as popularity.

Two producers from WKYC-TV in Cleveland, Jon Halpern and Jim Schaefer, served as managers. Dan Coughlin, sports columnist for the local Plain Dealer, was the official scorer.

Local favorite Rocco Scotti sang both the American and Canadian national anthems and former Indian pitching great, Bob Feller, now in the Hall of Fame, threw out the first die.

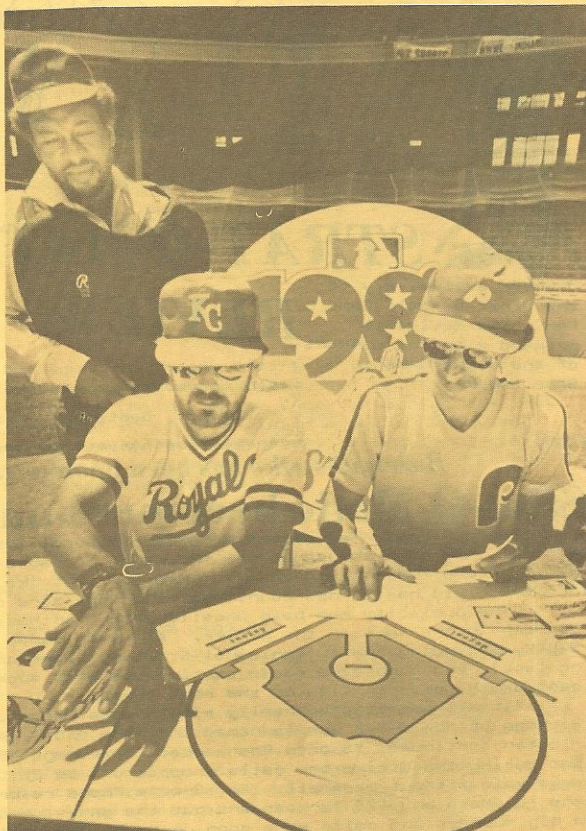
A horde of reporters, photographers and TV camera crews descended on the home plate to record the dice-rollin' happenings and some even went so far as to take notes.

James Williams of S-O-M made the trip to Cleveland and was promptly, upon arrival given the job as umpire.

As far as the game, it wasn't much of one for the A.L. as the National League romped to a 15-2 victory, ripping 17 hits and four home runs.

The AP account of what transpired said: "Some 58 diehards cheered in the lower sections of the cavernous stadium." While UPI added: "About 77,942 empty seats

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'UMPIRE' JAMES WILLIAMS WATCHES THE ACTION AS AMERICAN LEAGUE 'MANAGER' JIM SCHAEFER (LEFT), NATIONAL LEAGUE'S JON HALPERN ROLL 'EM AT HOME PLATE OF MUNICIPAL STADIUM

watched the game, which was finished in record time for an All-Star game, one hour, one minute."

The New York Daily News carried not only a story of the game, but also a picture and a boxscore in its Scoreboard section.

Sports Phone swung into action at All-Star time, too, with two employees playing S-O-M Monday morning (with starting lineups voted on by 3,500 callers) and the next day highlights being presented in a series of 30-second spots from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. A total of 4,846 calls were received. This time the oft-maligned American League came up with a rare victory, with Reggie Jackson hitting a solo home run in the second inning, sparking his team to a 4-0 triumph.

Ernie Harwell, longtime voice [radio] of the Detroit Tigers, read off highlights of the game to Detroit area callers. This was dutifully reported in the Detroit Free Press, along with UPI and AP accounts of the S-O-M game in Cleveland.

The Kalamazoo Gazette also got into the All-Star act with GKSM members Jeff Green (A.L. winner the year before) and Dale Holland (N.L. champ) piloting the respective teams in a game that was watched by four 'fans' (actually the maintenance crew on a break) and Gazette sports writer/Review co-editor Del Newell.

The N.L. won this game, 4-2, as Davey Lopes collected three of his team's 11 hits and Fernando Valenzuela set the A.L. down in order as the starting pitcher. Special cards were created for Valenzuela and Tim Lincecum. Green, after watching Tony Armas fly out deep in the ninth with two runners on, was heard to say: "I guess an American League victory just wasn't in the cards tonight."

#### S-O-M FILLS STRIKE VOID

All-Star games and the Sports Phone 'Dream Series' were just of the many simulated contests played with S-O-M. WITS, for example, broadcast all the Red Sox games wiped out by the strike--with announcers Ken Coleman and Jon Miller doing a play-by-play of S-O-M games that was so realistic as to make many New Englanders think the strike was over.

Richman said that S-O-M was flooded with calls from radio and TV stations and that he was on a number of talk shows (most via the phone). He was on the "Today Show," however.

The pre-strike popularity, as well as realism, of Strat-O-Matic Baseball was evident during the strike since most of the simulated series, All-Star games, etc. used S-O-M. Many people in the media field who played S-O-M came out of the closet and put their favorite table game on national display.

"Only one other table game was used," noted Richman. "Almost everyone used Strat-O-Matic. We don't have P.R. [public relations] people in our firm, so most of the publicity was generated by the game itself."

Here are some of the other S-O-M happenings around the country:

\* First of all a tip of the topper to the following for sending in clippings regarding the 'Dream Series' or the All-Star Game played at home plate in Cleveland: Rick Zaborsky, Boardman, OH; Larry Kidd, Staten Island, NY; Larry Green, East Longmeadow, MA; Ray Vanderhoff Jr., Bloomington, NJ; Andrew Shelofsky, Orangeburg, NY; Ren Petrie, Pompton Lakes, NJ; Ira Feuerlicht, New York, NY, and, we are sure, many others still to come.

\* S-O-M again was mentioned in Sporting News, this time in Bill Madden's column "Collecting Memories." Richman is quoted regarding what S-O-M planned to do, at that time, next year. "I suppose," said Richman, "we could go ahead and make up next year's game on what we have, assuming the season is over...The only problem with that is you have to have cards of the players as they performing up to the strike. That would mean having Reggie Jackson as a .200-type hitter and, say, Joel Youngblood as a .350 hitter."

Steve Johnson, Lima, OH, was the first to send in the clipping from Sporting News.

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\* Larry Kidd also sent along another clipping, from the Sunday New York Daily News, in which Madden refers to bored newsmen going out and purchasing S-O-M and playing the game in the Doral ballroom while waiting for something to break on the strike.

\* A large story, replete with a picture of the dice-rollin' participants in the stands of an empty stadium, appeared in the Reading Times, Reading, PA. Staff writer Mike Zielinski piloted the 1961 New York Yankees and Rich Ziemba the 1980 Phillies in another Dream Game. The game turned out to be a classic, with the Phillies edging the Yankees, 5-4, in 10 innings. Pete Rose's two-run triple and Mike Schmidt's RBI-single were the key blows for the Phils.

Robert Kondracki, Reading, sent along the clipping, which concluded with: "They [the managers] found even a fantasy game to be a nerve-burning reality. Imagine what a real game would do to them. They'd wind up looking like Danny Ozark and talking like Casey Stengel."

\* Newsweek ran an article ("Fantasy Isn't on Strike") in its July 27th edition that mentioned S-O-M often. Again S-O-M was the only table-top sports game mentioned.

\* Sports Illustrated [July 27] sent a reporter to cover the goings-on in Cleveland and even though he was a known fan of a rival sports game, he dutifully reported the S-O-M happenings. "They were playing Strat-O-Matic, which isn't a vegetable grater sold on late-night TV but a board game with charts and dice that simulates baseball action..."

Ralph Llamas, Valinda, CA, sent in clippings from Newsweek and Sports Illustrated.

\* And, in probably the most ambitious S-O-M undertaking of the summer, four high school juniors--Neil Pearlstein, John Hawkins, Craig Meier and Scott McKeon--played each regularly scheduled game that was cancelled by the strike. The Pleasanton [CA] Valley Times prodded the foursome into accepting the challenge of playing so many games, and reported daily results under a heading "Fantasy Diamond standings." Standings were listed, results of the previous day and upcoming games as well as top ten hitters and other batting and pitching leaders were listed, just as the wire services would normally have done.

The Valley Times provided the gamers, who pumped out an amazing 300 games in one week to bring the schedule up to date, with scoresheets, and a great deal of encouragement. Sports writer/N.L. Fantasy Commissioner Gary Peterson figured out that during that stretch each gamer was rolling the dice 1,700 times per day.

Rosters, of course, were adjusted, trades made and cards were found for Valenzuela and Raines. Rich Gossage, 1978 vintage, became a left-hander and joined the Dodger rotation as Valenzuela, while Al Bumbry's 1979 card, with the base-stealing upgraded, became Raines.

The Valley Times introduced baseball's real-life replacement by saying: "Welcome...To Fantasy Diamond. We just couldn't take a summer without baseball. Since the players won't play, we will. Using Strat-O-Matic cards, the Valley Times is playing each game cancelled by the current strike. The results and standing will appear here daily."

And that's the way it was in the summer of 1981...

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## **S-O-M will return to variety of patterns**

*Regardless of season's length, S-O-M will have 1982 edition*

"We're saved!" were the first words to come from the lips of Harold Richman, S-O-M's creator and owner, when the baseball strike ended. "We will be putting out a set of baseball cards and it should be a realistic set."

"Most of the teams should play between 100 and 110 games and that will be enough to get an accurate statistical reading. Many of the players will bat 400 or more times."

Richman also mentioned that the 1982 cards will be a return to the  
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# Strat-O-Matic spotlight

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## HOW ABOUT 'JACK BENNY LEAGUE'?

Bob Cusack of Hingham, MA was another who passed along word to the Review about the simulated S-O-M happenings in the wake of the strike. WITS radio in Boston carrying the Red Sox games was one of the tidbits carried to Cusack, who added that announcers Ken Coleman and John Miller (an S-O-M fanatic!) "did a superlative job. You couldn't tell it from the real thing."

And Cusack should know a superlative job of broadcasting when he hears one as he's also a broadcaster, and has been for the last 26 years. He also knows a superior table-game product when he plays one, as he's been a practitioner of S-O-M for 17 years, or since 1964.

"Even at the age of 48, I still find the game to be a fascinating pastime," says Cusack. "And I'm not the only one in my age bracket that rolls the dice with some frequency. By the way, how about taking a poll to see how many over-40 gamers there are out there. We could even get a PBM league from those meeting such qualifications. Maybe we could call it the Jack Benny League."

## AD POLICY HAS BEEN CHANGED

The Review, because of the crush of ads for the September issue (over seven pages, sorry to say), will no longer be able to carry ads that do not pertain directly to Strat-O-Matic products. No more ads for guides, bumblegum cards, etc.; the total advertising package is simply taking up too much space.

While we don't want to discourage anyone from advertising S-O-M products, leagues, etc., we are encouraging everyone to keep ads as brief as possible. We don't want to raise the rates, so hopefully everyone will condense their ads accordingly.

We realize that the flood of ads may have been due to the fact many gamers wished to sell S-O-M products to make money for college, and that many leagues are being formed for the fall and winter.

## DIRTY DEALERS REVISITED

While on the topic of ads, the Review has been informed (again, sorry to say) that a "dirty dealer(s)" may be at work. At least three subscribers have notified the Review that they have been "ripped off."

The Review's policy regarding complaints about ads is to write the accused party to try and clear the matter up. If no answer from the accused, then the name is printed in the Review (as someone to avoid in any future dealings), S-O-M is notified and usually will not sell any more products to the accused, and finally the name(s) are turned over to the postal authorities for possible mail fraud.

The name(s) of the possible "dirty dealer(s)" is: "J. McAdoo, Apt. 15, Arlington Court, Charleston, WV 25304." Also complaints have been received about: "Lloyd Whitten III, 913 Leslie Road, Charleston, WV 25314." Ironically, the phone number for Whitten turned out to be the same as for McAdoo.

Perhaps it's all a misunderstanding. We hope so. But until we hear from "McAdoo/Whitten" they're on the "dirty dealer" list.

## SHORT SHAKES

The last two issues of the Review may not, because of a postal strike, be in the hands of subscribers in Canada. So, please, anyone answering ads, be patient. And hold off on bids a little longer, too. As soon as the strike ends, all back issues will be delivered and then it will be business as usual...A tip of the topper to Nelson Fong, Livermore, CA, for sending along clippings from the Pleasanton Valley Times about the "Fantasy Diamond" happening...Look for John Cirillo's classes to be jammed this fall. Cirillo, 23 and a Strato buff for nine years, used S-O-M in his geometry and algebra classes--eventually organizing a  
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league that grew to 40 students, with results published in the school's newspaper--at East Granby High School. Next brainstorm for Cirillo, who lives in Feeding Hills, MA, is to have a class in probability and statistics--with S-O-M as the "textbook"...Baltimore's pitching staff got battered in a recent game between Steve Harvey, Ironton, OH, manager of Oakland, and neighbor Greg Bryant. The battering took the form of a 38-hit, 33-run roughing up. Final: Oakland 33, Baltimore 2...Baltimore got revenge of sorts in Dick Hunt's (St. Johns, MI) replay of the 1976 Yankees' season. In this one the Birds tallied 11 times in the 8th inning en route to a 16-0 shutout. At last count, however, New York was 19-12 and its pitching staff had a 2.39 ERA...Rick Goldman, Los Angeles, CA, duly notes the good and bad plays on his baseball scoresheet. Any play involving the X-Chart and an "e-rating" that is made successfully is considered a good play, or a tough chance...Oops! That wasn't a reader's test in the August issue when Mario Soto's name came out "Maria Sota." A few readers brought it to our attention, although we've yet to hear from Mario...and while setting the record straight, it was Steve Howe, not Art, that was drafted No. 10 by Gary Tien of the GKSM...  
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## Readers roll 'em

Editor's note: The game company has already revealed that it will be putting out a set of baseball cards next year, based on 100-110 games. But it's still interesting to see what gamers would have wanted S-O-M to do if the season had ended with the baseball strike. Many of the opinions are found in the following Readers Roll 'Em section.

### ESSOM WILL LIMIT

The S-O-M Game Company should print next year's cards based on the abbreviated major league stats. If a person wants statistical accuracy, he (she) limits the players' usage to AB or IP on card.

If S-O-M prints cards based on abbreviated stats, each ESSOM (Empire State S-O-M league) team would still play a 156-game schedule. However, the player limitation would be 300%-400% instead of 125% of Abs or IP.

Larry King  
 New York, NY

### OPPOSES PRINTING '81 SET

Concerning the printing of cards for the abbreviated 1981 baseball season, I'm opposed in principle. I don't think there should be teams that do not represent an entire season--as all other teams printed by S-O-M do.

In principle, I'm a total purist. But, I know there are a lot of people out there who want these teams so, for that reason, it wouldn't upset me to see it printed.

The cards should say clearly that these teams played an abbreviated season so future players will know that they won't

get an accurate full-season replay from them.

I won't buy the 1981 season cards, but I will definitely buy the 1956 season, though.

Thomas Givens  
 Hunt, TX

### PRODUCE THE CARDS!

Regardless whether the strike is settled or terminates the season as is, S-O-M should produce cards for the 1981 season. They should be based on performance for the 50-60 games played, with adjustments for extreme results.

Gary Knight  
 Baton Rouge, LA

### ISSUE CARDS 'AS IS'

I feel the game company should issue the 1982 baseball cards "as is." I don't feel S-O-M should "tamper" by adjusting the cards to "full season potential."

One of S-O-M's strongest points is accuracy, and by altering the cards it could prove to be very disappointing to a lot of "rollers."

Also, there is a possibility of "pro-rating" the cards based on the past two or three seasons. This would be unfair to the rookies or "flukes" of the set.

Joe Zatko, Whitehall, PA



# Englishman against visits U.S.

## *And S-O-M is again the reason for junket*

BY ROGER CORRIE, Essex, England

I arrived back home in late July from my latest vacation to the U.S. and felt you may be interested in this "adventure." Most of the first part of the trip was spent in Philadelphia area and touring from Toronto to that fine city.

However, the main reason for my latest visit was to attend the very first convention of the USBA (United States Baseball Association). This PBM league, which is ran admirably by Roy Dixon, is in its ninth year and quite a few of the guys have been in the league since inception. The league has 18 managers, with 10 competing in the A.L. and 10 in the N.L. The convention was, in fact, for the A.L.

When I visited fellow member Jim Fell in Fort Wayne last year, I said that if I could come over from England I was sure we could get some of the other guys together. So, together with Roy, Jim arranged many months ago for the convention to be held at Jim's house early in July.

### CONVENTION RECEIVES MEDIA COVERAGE

Even the local TV station got to hear about the event and on the Tuesday prior to the convention, I, together with Jim Fell and Bob Jacobus, were interviewed by local sports commentator Art Saltzberg. Obviously, with the baseball strike on, the interview took on an important slant.

The program went out after I had left Fort Wayne, but Saltzberg was kind enough to allow me to visit the studio to see the video of the interview, which turned out to be excellent.

The convention was due to start Saturday but most of the guys had arrived by Friday evening. Nine of the 10 A.L. managers were able to attend, with only Al Mazieka, who resides in Tucson, unable to be in attendance.

The total miles traveled must be a record for any S-O-M convention: I live in South Hornchurch, England (4,500 miles); Jeff Bogdanovich, Seattle (2,500); Roy Dixon, Norfolk, VA (750); Glen Strong, Cranbury, NJ (600); Ed Furman, Pittsburgh (350); Jim Young, Grand Rapids, MI (150), and Steve Olms, St. Paul, MN (500) were the other travelers. Fell and Jacobus live in Fort Wayne.

So it was a total of 9,450 miles! I challenge any other S-O-M league to beat that.

### LONDON MONARCHS MARCH ON

In addition to the usual schedule of games, Roy arranged a double-elimination tourney involving all teams and a whiffle ball game between the East and West managers. The West won 22-3 and since I'm an East manager I won't go into that beyond reporting the score.

Within a half hour after arriving the cards (S-O-M) were on the table and Glen Strong and I had begun our regular schedule of games. With my London Monarchs leading the East Division, it soon became obvious we were the team "they love to hate" as over the weekend the Monarchs beat Glen's Rainbows, 5-3 (games); Jim's White Sox, 5-3, and Bob's Blue Jays, 7-1.

This has given the Monarchs a great chance to win the East as we are now 63-41. Nobody thought my team would do well this year. They also thought the same last year. But the team played well face-to-face.

The team also reached the finals in the tourney, losing to Al Mazieka's Tucson Ogres (managed by a friend of Jeff's).

### REFLECTIONS ON A GREAT WEEKEND

Leaving Fort Wayne on Sunday afternoon, I went to Toronto and then to England. The trip home gave me time to reflect:

Where else in the world would a bunch of guys, almost unknown to

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***Bradshaw, Payton MVPs and Super Bowl foes***

**Steelers true to form in '80 replay**

For those gamers beginning to bog down on solitaire football replays, here's a little lift, compliments of Eric Schlubach, Stamford, CT.

Schlubach went the distance with a full-season replay of 1979 and came up with rather interesting results, including the fact the Pittsburgh Steelers were truly the best team that year. Los Angeles, Pittsburgh's Super Bowl opponent in real-life, didn't fare so well, however, failing to even win division honors in the NFC West and winding up with a sub-par 7-9 record.

Terry Bradshaw of the Steelers was chosen AFC Most Valuable Player after completing 60.5 percent of 410 passes and rifling 30 touchdown tosses, while Walter Payton of the Bears, the leading rusher with a whopping 2,129 yards in 356 carries for a 5.9 average, was MVP in the NFC.

It was Pittsburgh and Chicago in the Super Bowl, too. Payton, who had ran wild in earlier playoff games and had 14 100-yard-plus games during the regular season, was slowed in the Super showdown by the Steeler defense, gaining 88 hard-earned yards in 31 carries.

Meanwhile, Bradshaw was riddling Chicago's secondary as he completed 17 of 26 passes for 207 yards and three TDs. Add in Franco Harris' 145 ground yards and Pittsburgh had a convincing 28-7 triumph.

**BUCS A BUST, SAINTS SURPRISE**

Tampa Bay was, along with L.A., a big disappointment. Not only did the Bucs fail to win the NFC Central, but they wound up a poor fourth with a 7-8-1 record. New Orleans, on the other hand as far as the dice roll, was a surprise, winding up atop the NFC West with a 9-7 mark, one game to the good better than real-life.

The Saints, with Archie Manning throwing for 32 TDs and Chuck Muncie rushing for 1,202 yards, had the highest scoring team in the league [446] and the No. 2 offense [338 yards per game]. The Saints also gave up the second highest number of points, 417, thus tempering plaudits for the offensive performance.

**PLAYOFF SUMMARY...**

Here are the playoff results in capsule form:

Miami 20, N.Y. Jets 19 - Bob Griese completed 23 of 32 passes for 353 yards and three TDs, offsetting the Jets' potent ground game [227 yards] in AFC wild-card thriller.

Minnesota 24, Philadelphia 14 - Tommy Kramer's passing [291 yards, 17/31] sparked the Vikings to a smashing upset in the NFC wild-card game.

Chicago 24, New Orleans 17 - Payton's 150 yards and two TDs was difference as Manning was held to 173 aerial yards.

San Diego 24, New England 19 - Four New England turnovers were costly and Steve Grogan could only complete 13 of 37 passes.

Minnesota 30, Dallas 28 - Minnesota pulls second upset as Rick Danmeier booted 22-yard field goal with 30 seconds remaining to give the Cowboys boot from playoffs. It was an aerial circus as Roger Staubach was 20 of 31 for 284 yards and three TDs, the last with three minutes to play and giving Dallas a 28-27 lead, and Kramer going 18 for 34 for 235 yards and two scores.

Pittsburgh 21, Miami 7 - Steeler defense held Miami to 142 total yards, including 75 by Griese passing, and continued march toward Super Bowl.

Chicago 23, Minnesota 12 - Chicago's defense shut down Minnesota's offense, limiting Kramer to 182 yards passing and the Vike running game to a paltry 27. Payton rambled for 131 yards and scored twice.

Pittsburgh 17, San Diego 14 - Bradshaw outdueled Dan Fouts [18/32 for 245 yards compared to Fouts' 11/29 for 149] as Pittsburgh, trailing 14-3 at halftime, struck back behind Harris' two TD runs for tense victory.

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## Standings and leaders:

AFC East	W	L	T	AvgYd.	AFC Central	W	L	T	Avg.	Scoring
New England	12	4	0	335	Pittsburgh	13	3	0	358	Franklin PHI 118
Miami	10	6	0	315	Cincinnati	8	8	0	272	Wersching SF 117
NY Jets	9	6	1	325	Cleveland	8	8	0	300	Herrera SEA 114
Baltimore	8	8	0	300	Houston	7	8	1	279	
Buffalo	5	11	0	290						
AFC West	W	L	T	Avg.	NFC East	W	L	T	Avg.	QB Sacked
San Diego	10	6	0	323	Dallas	12	4	335		Ferguson BUF 52-461
Denver	9	7	0	280	Philadelphia	9	7	312		Bartkowski ATL 49-439
Seattle	7	9	0	332	Washington	8	8	288		Zorn SEA 49-424
Oakland	7	9	0	288	St. Louis	5	11	287		Staubach DAL 48-420
Kansas City	4	11	1	262	NY Giants	4	12	264		
NFC Central	W	L	T	Avg.	NFC West	W	L	T	Avg.	
Chicago	11	5	0	311	New Orleans	9	7	0	338	
Minnesota	8	7	1	305	San Francisco	7	8	1	293	
Detroit	8	8	0	269	Los Angeles	7	9	0	316	
Tampa Bay	7	8	1	274	Atlanta	3	13	0	227	
Green Bay	6	10	0	260						
Rushing	Att-Yds.	TD	Avg.	Receiving	No.-Yds.	TD				
Payton CHI	356-2129	15	5.9	Rashad MIN	80	1368	8			
Anderson SL	354-1879	11	5.3	J. Washington BAL	80	799	4			
Campbell HOU	359-1678	16	4.6	Joiner SD	77	1166	5			
Montgomery PHI	315-1577	9	5.0	Hill DAL	76	1284	8			
Tyler LA	253-1490	8	5.9	Jefferson SD	74	1453	10			
Bell TB	332-1426	9	4.3	Largent SEA	73	1521	11			
Passing	Att-Comp	Yds.	TD-Int.	Pct.	KO Returns	No.-Yds.	Avg.			
Bradshaw PIT	410-248	3748	30 17	60.5	Nathan MIA	56	1423	25.4		
Manning NO	422-264	3626	32 23	62.5	Edwards MIN	57	1430	25.1		
Staubach DAL	409-242	3518	22 11	59.2	Odom GB	45	1112	24.7		
Zorn SEA	495-273	3984	26 7	55.2	Punt Returns					
Jaworski PHI	390-204	3005	28 9	52.3	J. Smith KC	63	828	13.1		
Grogan NE	440-230	3818	28 15	52.3	Nathan MIA	56	716	12.8		
Theismann WAS	432-250	3148	21 13	57.9	Fuller SD	64	722	11.3		

## Orange County has outstanding yearbook

Color the rest of the S-O-M Football world green--with envy--over the elaborate yearbook turned out by the Orange County Football League in California.

Grian Brumby of Diamond Bar sent along a copy of the eight-coach, 12-team, face-to-face league's latest yearbook, based on the 1979 real-life season, and it's a potpourri of records, statistics and game results. Week-to-week standings are included, as are complete team offensive and defensive statistics, similar to the format followed in the Official NFL Record Book.

For instance, by poring over the Orange County delight we learn that Pittsburgh, the real-life Super Bowl champ, amassed an amazing 7,044 yards in the offensive-minded league. Over 4,000 of it came via the air-planes. Net yards gained per completion was a sizeable 15.8 total, while net yards per passing play figured out to 7.6.

Oh, and Pittsburgh racked up 366 first downs in a 16-game schedule, three more than the New York Jets.

All the members of the league live in the Los Angeles area except for one (who makes a round-trip run of 180 miles every Saturday night during the season from Hesperia to play his games) and ages range from 19-31.

In addition to the regular-season, divisional playoffs and, of course, a Super Bowl are played. The Super champ receives a trophy.

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Pittsburgh was indomitable for most of 16 games, going 12-4, rolling up yardage as if it were acres and scoring a phenomenal 575 points. But the Steelers were stunned in the playoffs, 21-20 by Houston, when Matt Bahr, who was a perfect 72 for 72 on placements during the regular season, misfired.

Houston reached the Super Bowl where it ran into "Cinderella" Washington, which had ousted San Diego in the divisional playoffs, 17-7. Washington pulled out a thriller when, with less than a minute to play and trailing 16-13, Joe Theismann connected with John McDaniel on a 35-yard touchdown strike for a 20-16 win.

Houston's coach figured the 'Skins would be running the ball, setting up a crack at a tying field goal, but instead Washington crossed it up by throwing deep--and catching the Oilers without their free safety! Other highlights of the Orange County League include four receivers catching over 100 passes and the Jets featuring the ground-air assault duo of Clark Gaines (2,295 yards rushing for a 6.5 average) and Wesley Walker (103 catches for 2,361 yards).

Standings and leaders:

Standings and Records

	W	L		W	L		W	L
Washington	10	6	Pittsburgh	12	4	Houston	10	6
Miami	9	7	San Diego	10	6	NY Jets	9	7
Philadelphia	8	8	Dallas	6	10	Denver	7	9
Los Angeles	7	9	St. Louis	3	13	New England	5	11

<u>Rushing</u>	<u>Att-Yds.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Receiving</u>	<u>No.-Yds.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TD</u>		
Gaines NYJ	352	2295	6.5	15	Peacock LA	109	799	7.3	1
Campbell HOU	419	1794	4.3	16	Harmon WAS	107	796	7.4	5
Anderson SL	373	1628	4.4	7	DuFree DAL	106	1059	10.0	11
Tyler LA	285	1525	5.4	7	Walker NYJ	103	2361	22.9	11
Harris PIT	230	1277	5.6	16	Odoms DEN	95	969	10.2	5
Riggins WAS	299	1226	4.1	7	Burrough HOU	89	1809	20.3	8
Montgomery PHI	241	1223	5.1	16	Carmichael PH181	1654	20.4	7	

<u>Passing</u>	<u>Att-Comp</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>TD-Int.</u>	<u>KD Ret.</u>	<u>No.-Yds.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TD</u>	
Bradshaw PIT	414-199	48.1	3706	36-22	Green SL	48	1362	28.4	4
Strock MIA	321-180	56.1	2567	18-16					
Staubach DAL	535-267	49.9	3934	29-21	<u>Punt Ret.</u>	<u>No.-Yds.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TD</u>	
Theismann WAS	457-222	48.6	2667	23-10	Sciarra PHI	35	500	14.3	0
Pastorini HOU	333-157	47.1	2764	15-14					
Haden LA	383-235	61.4	2533	10-19	<u>Scoring</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>FG</u>	<u>PAT</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
Todd NYJ	455-205	45.1	3891	26-26	Bahr PIT	0	29	72	141

## Fun comes in large doses

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each other, meet for such a great time: rolling dice, talking baseball, making trades, having a beer, and just being so friendly to each other. Not one bad moment was had--and in this day and age that's something!

Perhaps we should introduce world leaders to S-O-M. It can sure bring people together.

Thank you Strat-O-Matic. Thank you S-O-M Review. And thank you all the guys of the USBA for making one Englishman proud to be part of this great game. Here's to the next convention!

Editor's note: Roger Corrie chronicled his first trip to this country in an article that appeared in the December issue, 1980, of the Review. Corrie also passes along word that he's in favor of a return to the old-style pitchers' cards and that he's glad to hear that the basketball game, which he also plays, is being revamped.

Jolly good show, Roger Corrie!



## Advertisements

Rates per issue will be as follows: First 30 words--60¢; 31-60 words--\$1.00; 61-100 words--\$1.50; 101-150 words--\$2.00; 150-200 words (maximum length for ad)--\$3.25. When sending in ads, specify either WANTED, FOR SALE, LEAGUE FORMING, FOR TRADE, or CONTESTS. And name card sets by the year upon which they were based. Note that only advertisements for Strat-O-Matic products and related merchandise will be accepted. Merchandise competing with S-O-M products may not be offered for sale, nor may photo-copied cards. Ads, to be included in the next issue of the Review, must be in by the third of the previous month. Late ads will be held over for inclusion the following month.

### Wanted

WANTED: Any news on learning how to play-hy-mail, any year of the Phoenix Suns basketball teams, 1977 N.Y. Yankees, 1971-1973 Oakland A's; 1962, 1969, 1973 N.Y. Mets; '75 Reds, Red Sox and any K.C. Royals. Will pay reasonable prices, and answer all. Steve Trautman, 1501 Elizabeth, Olathe, KS 66061

WANTED: Yearbooks, constitutions, rulebooks, etc., of your baseball leagues, PDM and face-to-face. I will pay all postage and any reasonable fee. Keith Walker, 15436 Elk Ridge Lane, Chesterfield, MO 63017.

WANTED: Pre-1975 roster sheets, 1964 and 1965 S-O-M Tiger teams. Also need Tiger Yearbooks from 1958 and '59, Super Bowl I program and any baseball memorabilia (cards, yearbooks and guides). I would be willing to trade for your S-O-M wants or pay cash. Please contact: Bill Salter, 31270 Wildwood Apt. 2209, Wixom, MI 48096 (phone: 313-669-4945)

WANTED: Loose players, 1971-1974 baseball seasons. Please send for my want list. Jerry Micco, 2639 Dodd Rd., Willoughby Hills, OH 44094

WANTED: 1969 Vikings, Chiefs; 1971 Cowboys. Playable condition. I will accept lowest bid. Contact: Charles Laber, 451 Darby Road, Ridley Park, PA 19078 (phone: 215-532-8711)

WANTED: The following baseball teams: 1971 Pittsburgh, Baltimore; 1972 Oakland; 1973 Atlanta, San Francisco, California; 1974 Los Angeles Dodgers; 1977 Boston, Minnesota, L.A. Dodgers, Cincinnati; 1978 Milwaukee. Will respond

to any offers. Send offers, asking prices and SASE to: Matthew Oliver, 87 Atwood Ave., Newton, MA 02160

WANTED: Ken Reitz S-O-M Baseball card for the 1979 season--also any St. Louis Cardinal S-O-M teams of the 1970s. Send offers to: Darren Blankenship, 1321 Turret Road, Bel Air, MD 21014

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

WANTED: Baseball, complete sets, 1961-69 seasons. Extras if available. Will pay any reasonable price. Send prices to: M. Hines, 4619 Sunflower Road, Apt. 125, Knoxville, TN 37919

WANTED: I would like to meet S-O-M gamers in Ada, OH, area, especially O.N.U. students. Paul Saffell, 502 West North St., Ada, OH (phone: 634-4370)

### For Sale

FOR SALE: 1979 set of S-O-M Baseball cards--never been used. Send offers to: Darren Blankenship, 1321 Turret Road, Bel Air, MD 21014

FOR SALE: Complete set of 1978-79 basketball teams. Will respond to all replies. Paul Saffell, 502 West North St., Ada, OH (phone: 419-634-4370)

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FOR SALE: 35 S-O-M Baseball teams from 1970 to 1978, in good condition. In addition, the list includes a few football teams and some partial baseball teams. To obtain a price sheet, please send a SASE to: Jon Bourdon, 5 Joseph Ave., Lee, MA 01238

FOR SALE: Teams based on the following seasons. Football: 1968 Packers, Cowboys, [missing Bob Hayes], poor condition; 10 1968 AFL teams, fair; 1972 Redskins, Bears, Dolphins, Steelers, good; 26 1974 NFL teams [Colts missing Raymond Chester], good. Baseball: 1971 A's, Giants, 20 players each, fair condition; 1972 Red Sox, White Sox, 20 players each, fair; 24 1973 teams, 24 players each, plus 4 extras [580 total players], fair. Basketball: Complete 17 1972-73 NBA teams, fair condition; complete 17 1973-74 NBA teams, fair; complete 18 1974-75 teams, good; complete 18 1975-76 NBA teams, good. Back issues of S-O-M Review: 1972 Jan., April, May, June, July, Aug., Sept., Dec., condition fair; 1973 Feb., April, June, fair; 1974 May, June [missing last page], July, Aug., Oct., Nov., poor; 1975 complete, April and June missing last page, fair; 1976 complete, May and June missing last page, good; 1977 complete, good; 1978 Feb., Jan., good. All teams and issues will be sold individually to the highest bidder except 1968 AFL, 1974 NFL and 1973 baseball which will be sold in sets. Bidding ends Oct. 30. We pay postage. Send bids to: James Prevett, 1335 West Malone, San Antonio, TX 78225

FOR SALE: S-O-M Football teams, 1968-1977. The teams will be sold individually, not as complete sets. Most teams are in good to excellent condition. If you meet me price, I will sell immediately. Lower bids will be decided by the end of the month. J. Borden, 5445 Braesvalley, #724, Houston, TX 77095 [phone: 713-721-5465]

FOR SALE: Baseball teams [complete teams most with extras]. 82 teams from 1977-1980 seasons,

also 34 past issues of the Review. Some teams duplicated in 1979, 64 actual different team/years. Highest bid received gets everything. All letters answered. Richard Madison, 1002 N. Poplar, Creston, IA 50801

FOR SALE: 1972 NFC, good condition, will accept bids through end of the month. Highest bidder wins. Cards in good condition, complete with roster sheet. Paul Bressoud, 1412 Chester, Arcata, CA 95521

FOR SALE: 1976 baseball teams. In excellent condition. Cost is \$1.50 per team, except Minnesota, Kansas City, Pittsburgh and the New York Yankees which cost \$1 per team because of a couple of marks. Please write Mark Anderson, 7770 Skipper Lane, Tallahassee, FL 32301

FOR SALE: S-O-M Baseball Newsletter #7 featuring our view of the pitchers' card change and reprinting past seasons. You can get this and more by mailing 50¢ to: Joe Duffey, 60 Blanchard Rd., Marlton, NJ 08053. Issues 1-6 are available for 50¢ each. If you want to know what was contained in #1-6 write for information.

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

FOR SALE: 1961 baseball. Cards are in excellent condition, mounted on 4 x 6 index cards. Minimum bid accepted--\$225. Bids are due by Oct. 1, 1981. For more information write: Dale Barnes, 2202 North 11th St., Terre Haute, IN 47804

FOR SALE: 1971 and '72 football, complete sets. Excellent condition. Send bid with SASE. Send no money 'til notified. A.F. Mazeika, 3365 N. Dodge, Tucson, AZ 85716 [con't]



FOR SALE: Baseball - 1920s/1930s old-timers (6 teams - \$3); 1940s old-timers (6 teams - \$3); 1950s/1960s old-timers (8 teams - \$4); 1966 Dodgers and Orioles; 1967 Cards, Red Sox, Cubs and Tigers; 1969 Mets and Orioles; 1971 Orioles (9 teams - will accept best offer); A A.L. and N.L. Hall of Famers (2 teams - \$1); 1927 Yanks (1 team - 50¢). Football: Old-timers (6 teams - \$3). David Clarke, Jr., 9821 Cypressmede Dr., Ellicott City, MD 21043

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

FOR SALE: Super-advanced rules for S-O-M Baseball. These simple rules and charts will give your game all the details and rare plays of real baseball while maintaining speed, ease and accuracy of play. Your \$5 (cash or money order) cheerfully refunded if not satisfied. Richard Robb, #1395 Beach Ave., Vancouver, B.C., Canada V6E 107

FOR SALE: 1974 Football, all teams, mint; '73 Football, all teams, excellent; '72 Football, all teams, excellent; '72 Miami, '70 49ers (very good); '69 Eagles (good); '69 NY Giants (vg); '68 Lions (good); '68 Joe Namath (vg); '68 Vikings (minus Billy Martin), vg. Baseball: 1971 Pirates, Braves (vg); '68 White Sox, Red Sox, Angels (19), Indians, Orioles, Tigers, Yanks, Twins (19), Pirates, Dodgers, Cubs, Cards, San Francisco, Reds, Oakland, Mets (overall very good); '67 San Francisco, Baltimore (good), Twins (fair); '66 Twins, Indians (good), Giants, Pirates (fair). Preference to

those bids which are for sets. Send offers to: Gary Boetticher, 3401 Brook Road, Richmond, VA 23227

FOR SALE: Hockey game only played twice. Contains Red Wings, Flames, '77-78; Flyers, Sabres, Islanders, North Stars, Bruins, Canadiens, Flames, '79-80. \$12. Also College Football game, like new, does not include revisions. Contains '75 Michigan, Penn State, Oklahoma, Georgia, Arkansas, UCLA, Ohio State, Alabama. \$9.00. Rusty Durham, 210 Carlisle Rd., Hartford, KY 42347 (phone: 502-298-3481)

FOR SALE: Clearinghouse! Baseball - 1968 Tigers (original), \$5; Pirates, \$7; 1969 Reds, Pilots, \$5 each; 1970 baseball teams, \$60 or highest bid; 1971 baseball teams, \$50 or highest bid; 1972 baseball teams, \$40 or highest bid; 1973 teams, \$35 or highest bid; 1974 teams, \$30 or highest bid; 1975 teams, \$27.50 or highest bid; 1976 teams, \$25 or highest bid; 1977 teams, \$20 or highest bid. All years in good to excellent condition and include extra players and roster sheets except (missing extras, 1970), 1968 and 1969 (missing extras). Football - 1972 Dolphins, Bills, Redskins, Vikings, Cowboys, Browns, Raiders, Steelers, Packers, 49ers, \$25 for all 10 teams; 1973 Steelers, Vikings, Dolphins, Broncos, Packers, Bengals, Cardinals, Browns, Bills, Oilers, 49ers, Raiders, Rams, Redskins, Cowboys, Colts, Eagles, Jets, \$25 for all 18 teams. All teams in excellent condition. The entire package is worth \$359.50. I would sell entire package for the bargain price of \$300! (exactly 202 teams) The faster you answer the better chance you have of getting teams. Call (412-339-0089) after 6 p.m., or write: Rick Romito, 232 Elmtree Road, New Kensington, PA 15068

FOR SALE: Baseball (original) - 1966 Orioles, Dodgers; 1968 Tigers, Cardinals; 1975 Red Sox; 1976 Royals, Phillies; 1977 Twins, Reds. Football - 1967 Packers, Vikings, Oilers, Chiefs, Bears, Raiders, Browns, Rams, Cardinals, Cowboys, Redskins, Jets, Giants, Colts. Basketball - 1972-73 Lakers, Bucks, Bullets; 1975-76 Nets, Nuggets, Suns, Braves, Knicks, Warriors, SuperSonics, Bullets, Cavaliers,

Celtics. All cards excellent condition. Bidding ends on the 20th of Sept. Send bids and SASE to: Jay Jorgensen, 62 Valley Road, Colonia, NJ 07067

FOR SALE: Try a new way to play S-O-M Football solitaire. Now you can coach against the world champ Oakland Raiders and run-up Philadelphia Eagles. These cards will very closely parallel the play-calling trends of both teams. On offense, both teams will run and pass to their strong points as well as attack your defensive weak points. On defense, do you run at their weak points or your strong ones? The cards are simple to use and add no time to the length of play. In 15 minutes you will be coaching against the best. Send cash or money order to: Jack Spoerner, 8774 Bald Eagle Ct., Indianapolis, IN 46234

FOR SALE: Classic S-O-M teams. Baseball - 1964 Twins, White Sox, Dodgers, Angels (very good-excellent condition); 1965 Reds, Braves, Indians, Phils, Cards, Astros (vg-ex.); 1966 A's, Braves, White Sox (vg-ex.); 1967 Angels, White Sox, Tigers, Senators, Red Sox, Dodgers, Cubs (vg-ex.); 1968 Indians, Giants, Senators, Orioles, Angels, Dodgers, Phils, Twins, Astros, Tigers (- Oyler) (vg-ex.); 1969 Dodgers, Padres, Red Sox, Indians, Cards, K.C., White Sox, Seattle, Twins, Yanks, Senators, Phillies, Angels, Astros (vg-ex.); 1970-complete with extra players, little writing on a few cards, completely readable; 1971 - complete, excellent; 1972 - complete with extra players (vg-ex.); 1973 - complete with extra players (vg-ex.); 1974 complete with extra players (vg-ex.); 1975 complete with extra players (ex.); 1976 complete with extra players (ex.). College Football - first edition with all teams. Basketball - First edition game, 1972-73, '73-74, '74-75 teams, complete, mint; 1975-76 Pacers, Nuggets, Spurs, Nets, mint. Football - 1968 Saints, Bills, Falcons, Eagles (vg-ex.); 1969 Bengals, Bills, Jets, Chargers (vg-ex.); 1970 Bengals, Vikings, Falcons,

Chiefs, Dolphins, Cowboys, 49ers, Browns, Colts, Raiders, Rams, Lions (vg-ex.); 1972 Dolphins (excellent); 1973, 1974, 1975 complete (vg-ex.). Bid on complete sets and by teams on broken sets. Send serious bids to: Alan Rothschild Jr., 2328 Fairway Ave., Columbus, GA 31906 (until Aug. 25). After that send to: 2112 JPA, Charlottesville, VA 22903

FOR SALE: Super Bowl teams - Dallas, Miami '71; Washington, Miami '72; Miami, Minnesota '73 (\$7.50 each, \$10 for Miami '72). Pittsburgh '74, Oakland '76 (\$5 each). Playoff teams - Oakland, Minnesota '71; Green Bay, Pittsburgh '72; Los Angeles '73 (\$5 each). Other teams, Green Bay, Washington '71; Chicago, NY Giants '72 (\$1 each). Teams sold on first come-first serve basis. Send SASE to: Jack Spoerner, 8774 Bald Eagle Ct., Indianapolis, IN 46234

FOR SALE: Football - 1972, '73, '74 complete; also Atlanta, Detroit, New York, Philadelphia, Washington of 1968; Denver, Green Bay, Miami of '69. Sets only. Postpaid to highest bidder. Sky Ocallahan, 11964 Candor St., Cerritos, CA 90701

FOR SALE: 1968 teams have about 40% of cards with writing on them. Boston, Reds, Phillies, Atlanta, Yanks, Twins, L.A., \$3.50 each; 1968 Cubs, Oakland in good condition, \$4; 1969 Boston, Pittsburgh, \$3.50; 1975 Yanks, Baltimore, Boston, Detroit, Cleveland, Milwaukee, Texas, Oakland, K.C., White Sox, Minnesota, California, Pittsburgh, Phils, Mets, \$2.75 each; 1974 complete baseball set in excellent condition, \$28; 1976 complete baseball set in excellent condition, \$25; 1977 complete baseball set in excellent condition, \$24. 1974 football teams in excellent condition: Jets, Bills, Raiders, \$3.75 each; 1975 teams in good condition: Pittsburgh, Detroit, Minnesota, \$3 each; 1977-78 hockey season, all teams and game parts (never been played), \$22. 388 S-O-M Basketball cards from '75-76, '76-77 seasons, \$16. 605 BB cards from 1977 and '78 seasons, \$18. All items postpaid and sold on a first come, first serve basis. Send a large SASE for listing of 200 teams  
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For sale. Bill Salter, 31270 Wildwood Apt. 2209, Wixom, MI 48096 (phone: 313-668-4945)

FOR SALE: Football - 1967 Rams, Eagles, Redskins, Giants, Cards, Cowboys, Lions, Bears, Saints, Falcons, Browns; 1968 Raiders, Browns, Vikings. \$4 each. Also 1968 Jets and 1967 Steelers and 49ers, all of which are missing specialist cards. \$2.50 each. Will consider any reasonable offer or possibly trade for any Packers except '67, '68, '72 and '77 on, or for the '73 Braves. I'm also looking for any avid S-O-M fans who will be attending the U. of Iowa and would be interested in forming a league or having a tournament. All inquiries will be answered. SASE appreciated. Jim Klein, 1438 Burge Hall, Iowa City, IA 52242 (319-353-1580)

FOR SALE: 1976-77 basketball teams. Some writing on advanced side of cards: Cleveland, New Orleans, Seattle, Boston, San Antonio, Philadelphia, Detroit, Golden State, Chicago, Denver, Washington, Portland, N.Y. Knicks, Buffalo, Milwaukee, Phoenix. Separate teams 80¢ each; entire set for \$12. SASE insures response. Larry Pruett, 224 Hohm, Roxana, IL 62084

FOR SALE: To highest bidders. 1963 Cubs; 1964 Cubs, White Sox; 1965 Cubs, White Sox; 1966 Orioles, Dodgers, Cubs, White Sox; 1967 Cubs, Cards, entire A.L.; 1968 Tigers, Cards, Cubs, White Sox; 1969 Braves, Cubs, Reds, Mets, Pirates, Orioles, White Sox, Indians, Twins; 1970 Orioles, White Sox, Twins, Cubs, Reds, Dodgers, Mets, Pirates; 1971 Phils (24 players), Pirates (no extras), Orioles (no extras), Indians, White Sox, Tigers, Twins; 1972 Reds (no extras), Expos, Orioles, Red Sox, Angels, Royals, Twins, A's (no extras); 1973 Pirates, Cards, Padres, Red Sox, Indians, Brewers, Yankees, A's (no extras), Rangers, Reds (no extras); 1974 Dodgers, Red Sox, Tigers, A's. All teams are originals and 1969-1974 teams have extras, except where noted. Most teams are in at least very good condition. Bids accepted until 12th of

this month. Winners will be notified (and pay postage). Mike Gumkowski, 315 Maureen Drive, Wheeling, IL 60090

FOR SALE: To highest bidders. 1975 Red Sox (no extras), Angels, White Sox, Indians, Tigers, Royals, Twins, Brewers, Yankees, Rangers, Braves, Reds, Dodgers, Expos, Cards, Giants; 1976 Orioles, Twins, Yankees, Rangers, Reds, Astros, Expos, Pirates, Padres; 1977 Red Sox, Angels, White Sox, Indians, Tigers, Royals, Brewers, Yankees, Mariners, Rangers, Braves, Cubs, Reds, Astros, Dodgers (no extras), Expos, Phillies, Pirates, Cards, Padres, Giants; 1978 Orioles, Red Sox, Angels, White Sox, Tigers, Royals, Brewers, Twins, Yankees, A's, Mariners, Rangers, Blue Jays, Reds, Braves, Astros, Expos, Mets, Phils, Pirates, Cards, Padres, Giants and all 26 1979 teams. All teams are originals and have extras, except where noted. All teams in excellent condition. Bids accepted until 12th of this month. Bid in money or old baseball cards. Winners will be notified (and pay postage). Mike Gumkowski, 315 Maureen Drive, Wheeling, IL 60090

FOR SALE: To highest bidders. 1968 Jets; 1969 Chiefs; 1970 Colts; 1971 Cowboys; 1974 Vikings, Steelers; 1977 Chiefs; 1978 all 28 teams complete, and 1979 all 28 teams complete. Also available, original college football game with like-new game box, all parts and 24 teams based on 1975 season. All teams are originals and in very good condition. Bids accepted until 12th of this month. Bid in money or 1952-1979 Topps baseball cards. Winners will be notified (and pay postage). Mike Gumkowski, 315 Maureen Dr., Wheeling, IL 60090

FOR SALE: 1970 football set in beautiful condition. All teams are missing rating card except Kansas City. Am looking for 1972 and 1973 baseball sets with extras in very good to mint condition. Those of you who have not honored bids in the past, don't bother writing. Luke Kraemer, 2550 Yeager Rd., 7-8, W. Lafayette, IN 47906

## For Trade

FOR TRADE: I need many baseball individual players, teams and sets from 1962-1973. I have plenty of

S-O-M cards and other sports memorabilia to trade for my wants. Please write: Luke Kraemer, 2550 Yeager Rd., 7-8, W. Lafayette, IN 47906

FOR TRADE: Any or all of my S-O-M baseball and football teams for Topps or Bowman baseball cards, 1946-1979. Prefer cards in at least very good condition. See my For Sale ad for a list of teams I have available for trade. Accepting trade proposals/inquiries until 12th of this month. Mike Gumkowski, 315 Maureen Dr., Wheeling, IL 60090

## League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: 1973 advanced baseball PBM--get your old cards in use again with one of the best sets ever. Actual team replay, all teams if possible. No trading. Last place teams in '73 will get first choice in '74, etc. Must be experienced players. Will use format of highly successful PBM league that gives low postal cost, ample time and few instruction sheets. Send choice of teams in order, A.L. and N.L. And brief playing experience to: Sky Ocallahan, 11964 Candor St., Cerritos, CA 90701

LEAGUE FORMING: Advanced version baseball, face-to-face in Minneapolis-St. Paul area. Two teams per manager (one N.L., one A.L.). Latest year cards draft. Write to: Bill Sorenson, 140 Northwest 15th Ave., New Brighton, MN 55112 or call 612-631-2267 evenings.

LEAGUE FORMING: New PBM hockey league (advanced version) needs coaches for the new cards when they are released. This will be the first year of many fun seasons to come. I hope to get enough managers to play most of the teams. Remaining teams (players) will be in next year's draft. Send me a list of your top 10 teams. For more information, call or write to: Don Miron Jr., 6-3392 Concord St., Flint, MI 48504 (phone: 1-313-732-0708)

LEAGUE FORMING: The Eastern States Strat-O-Matic League

(ESSL) is looking for backup managers for the current season, 40 games old, who will be considered for full-time manager positions if we expand at the end of the year. The ESSL is an advanced baseball league where managers keep their players from year to year. Each manager handles two teams, 1 N.L. and 1 A.L., and the 10 managers play a 162-game season in each league. If you are looking to join an established and well-run league, please contact: Bruce Kutler, 413 Paper Mill Rd., Philadelphia, PA 19118. All replies will be answered. Also, no experience is necessary.

LEAGUE FORMING: Need managers immediately for the established PHSL PBM baseball league. Will be starting 6th season in October, using cards based on 1980 season. Two managers just resigned as we were ready to draft. \$8 league dues. Interested persons contact: Willis Ringen, Box 95, Beattie, KS 66406 (phone: 913-353-2278)

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

LEAGUE FORMING: Face-to-face draft league in Orange County area, using current baseball cards. Four to six teams possible. If interested, write to: M. Green, 424 W. Commonwealth Ave., Fullerton, CA 92632 or call 714-526-8480.

LEAGUE FORMING: Backup managers needed for a PBM super-advanced hockey league going into its second season: The THMHL II. Also, would like a manager to take over my hockey team in the original THMHL. All replies must be serious hockey-loving coaches. Send SASE to: Larry Gavlak, RD#1 Box 410, Houtzdale, PA 16651

LEAGUE FORMING: Need 13 managers for a basic-version PBM S-O-M league. A 156-game schedule will be played with an all-star game using player balloting. Entry fee is \$5. Trophies and prizes will be awarded to the top winners. Write to: Chris Adragna, 605 Village Way, Palm Harbor, FL 33563 or call 813-785-4608. League starts in October.



LEAGUE FORMING: A PBM football league, using the basic version. All 28 teams will be used. The season will start as soon as 14 coaches are selected. Each coach will use two teams. The teams will be paired in the following way: (1) Eagles/Jets; (2) Falcons/Bengals; (3) Browns/Packers; (4) Chargers/Saints; (5) Bills/Cards; (6) Cowboys/Seahawks; (7) Rams/Chiefs; (8) Oilers/Giants; (9) Pats/Bucs; (10) Lions/Colts; (11) Raiders/49ers; (12) Steelers/Skins; (13) Bears/Broncos; (14) Vikings/Dolphins. There will be a \$2 fee each season. Send a SASE with information about yourself and a list of all 14 choices in the order in which you prefer teams: Rusty Durham, 403 Douglass-Keen Hall, Western Kentucky U., Bowling Green, KY 42101

LEAGUE FORMING: Need managers to play a face-to-face draft league in the Baltimore, MD, area. Call 666-2230. If not home, leave message, I will call back. Hurry!

LEAGUE FORMING: Attention managers! Is your summer baseball league nearly over? If so, we're starting a new winter advanced PBM draft baseball league using the current 1980 cards. But this isn't an ordinary PBM league like so many advertised. Sure, this league will have the usual stuff such as newsletters and for top winners, prize money. But, it will also have a new system designed to add the challenge and excitement of front office management. This system will include: player salaries, broadcasting contracts, ticket sales, events, financial windfalls (and disasters) and that scourge of humanity, taxes. No, it's not really complicated. It just requires a few minutes of additional time per game. But, we feel, it's well worth it. Also, since most of us have other obligations such as work, school and/or women, this season will be slow-paced and only about 100 games long. The entry fee will be \$8. The number of managers will depend on the response from you. For more information, send name, address and a resume telling us about yourself and your S-O-M experience (if any) to: Robert

and Michael James, 2755 Federal Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90064

LEAGUE FORMING: Don Money Fan Club Elementary PBM League needs a few good, dependable managers. Experience is not necessary. \$4 league fee includes membership in the Don Money Fan Club. No one will be turned down. New cards used. Send top 150 players, in order of preference. First season will start late this summer. Send to: Kent Kirchstein, 112 Helen St., Sauk City, WI 53583

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

LEAGUE FORMING: The CanAm S-O-M League will be entering its eighth season this September. We are looking for backup managers in case of a dropout, or if we expand next season. CanAm is a 10-team PBM baseball league using a draft format. We retain all our players and allow trading. This is a solid league with no chance of folding. Half of the managers have been with us for over five years. We want managers who will be reliable and punctual and show a great deal of interest. No tardiness is allowed here. This is a league with a difference. If you want to be involved, write or call: Gary Fell, 12-27 Polaris Court, Saint John, New Brunswick E2K 4L8 or call 506-642-4471.

LEAGUE FORMING: Established advanced PBM baseball draft league looking for reliable backup managers for 1982 (based on 1981) season. Strike will not cancel season. Managerial spots now vacant. Teams originally based on major league rosters. We require reliability, not experience. Interested managers send resume with phone number to:

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## Guest columnist **Probability...and Hernandez' card**

By HAROLD COLEMAN  
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This is my first letter to the Review. I enjoy reading it and I especially enjoy playing S-U-M games--particularly baseball. I am 30 years old and have been playing the game for 17 years. I have participated in two full-season replays and I currently have a team in both phases of Larry King's well-run ESSOM League. I hold an MBA Degree and have taken several courses on probability, so I believe I can qualify what I say in this letter.

I was particularly incensed by the recent (July Review) letter by Ken Liszewski regarding Keith Hernandez' card and probability, thus this letter which I feel Review readers will get some enjoyment from, as well as some insight into probability.

Let me begin by stating some facts. There are 216 possible outcomes when three dice are rolled. By summing two of the dice, S-U-M has eliminated 150 of these outcomes, but in the process it has created some outcomes having a higher chance of occurring than others. For example, a "7" will come up six times more frequently than a "2" or a "12" because there are six possible outcomes of two dice summed that equal "7" (1,6; 2,5; 3,4; 4,3; 5,2; 6,1), but only one outcome for a "2" (1,1) or "12" (6,6).

With its unique six-column system, S-U-M has created 12 discrete outcomes which will occur only once in every 216 rolls of the three dice. Others occur more frequently. Some examples:

-- To roll a "1-7" the probability is  $1/6 \times 6/36 = 1/36$ , or once in every 36 rolls.

-- To roll a "1-11" the probability is  $1/6 \times 2/36 = 1/108$ , or once in every 108 rolls.

### WHICH IS BETTER...?

Now, I ask you what is better--to have a batter with a HR on "1-7" or one with HRs on the familiar rolls of 1-4, 1-11 and 1-12 instead? The answer is that neither is better; they both have identical chances of slugging a homer! Similarly, a batter with hits on 5, 6 and 7 in one column is no better off than a batter with hits on 2 through 6 in a column--they have identical probabilities of getting hits.

There is one thing that may "upset the apple cart" when discussing dice probability. The major assumption in the above discussion is that dice are perfect and that each face on a die has an equal probability of occurring as the other five faces. This is not true if the dice are not "perfect"--some corners may be chipped where others are square, for example. If this is the case, you may be experiencing some unusual results as certain rolls will be favored over others; the probabilities will not be identical for all faces of an imperfect die.

### A LOOK AT HERNANDEZ' CARD

With that as a background, I find it rather disturbing to read a letter like the one from Mr. Liszewski. I feel that anyone who so blatantly criticizes the best tabletop game in existence deserves a rebuttal.

First off, he must not have the same Keith Hernandez card that I have. Against RH pitchers on the advanced side, Hernandez has hits on 2 through 6 and 9-10 in the 3-column, 9-10 in the 1-column and a small partial (SI# 1) on 1-8. He also has walks on 5, 6 and 7 plus a HBP on 2 in the 1-column.

All in all, this is a fine on-base card--with 45.25 chances out of a possible 108--regardless of how it "looks". Against lefties, I guess,

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Mr. Liszewski is satisfied. Hernandez gets on base a whopping 64.25 times out of 108, or 59.5 percent. He is a very tough out!

Lastly, I have Keith Hernandez in the ESSOM Spring League and he is definitely not a platoon player. As a matter of fact I bat him leadoff against all pitching so he can be on base for the likes of Bob Horner, Dave Kingman, Rick Monday, Ted Simmons and George Hendrick. His stats thus far are a .297 average, 67 runs, 50 RBI, 30 doubles, 3 triples and 11 homers. He also has stolen 11 bases and walked 63 times. I am very pleased with those results considering he is seeing fewer lefties and better quality pitching in our league than in real life.

#### QUESTIONS LINEUP THEORY

Another of my pet peeves is the S-O-M gamer who expounds on the theory--yes, even professes it to be good "strategy"--of varying card patterns throughout the lineup versus fielding a lineup of batters with similar card patterns. His theory is that it is very hard and unlikely to roll the same column two consecutive times.

True, but is it better to have two players with "2-column cards" bat consecutively or to have a "1-column" hitter follow a 2-column hitter? You guessed it--it does not matter! The odds of rolling two consecutive twos are the same as rolling first a 2 and then a 1. Dice have no memory--they don't care what the previous roll was. If you roll 12 2s in a row, what are the odds of rolling a 13th consecutive 2? One in six, of course (assuming the dice are perfect). Think about it. (Note: The Review has even had the lack of insight to print such articles that profess this idiotic strategy in past issues).

Finally, I'd like to close by giving several examples of players with "bad-looking" cards and their subsequent stats on replay. In the ESSOM Fall League, Gorman Thomas plays for my team, the Blue Bombers. His '79 card had a "negative" pattern to some gamers--HRs on 3-11 and 3-12 and on 10, 11 and 12 in the 2-column with a partial on 2-5. But his stats were very impressive--43 HRs, 27 doubles, 94 runs scored, 110 RBI and 95 walks, despite an unimpressive (but not bad for him) .228 batting average.

In 13 playoff games, he played like a phenom, batting .320 with nine HRs, 11 runs scored, 19 RBI and a .940 slugging percentage.

This year's Bob Horner has a "funny-looking" card, also. The hits and HRs seem to be located in disadvantageous spots, but his stats for me in the ESSOM Spring League through 114 games include a .257 average, 64 runs, 79 RBI and 35 HRs in 428 at-bats. Not bad for a guy with a "lousy" (but statistically correct) card!

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## S-O-M Baseball trivia quiz

Here is Marc Jacobson's latest offering in S-O-M Baseball trivia. The native of the city of Brotherly Love has taken the time tunnel and delved into one of his loves of life--early S-O-M card sets.

This time it's the 1962 baseball card set, which came out in 1963 and was the first set to include all the teams. Prior to that S-O-M had all-star card offerings and selected teams. But beginning in 1963, based on real-life '62, that changed.

- QUESTION 1: How large were the cards in the 1962 set?  
 QUESTION 2: How were the 1962 cards also different (regarding the basic side of the cards)?  
 QUESTION 3: Which player receiving a card for the Phillies went on to bigger and greater things for the same team, but not as a player?  
 QUESTION 4: What is so unusual about Mudcat Grant of the Indians and Art Mahaffey of the Phillies?  
 QUESTION 5: Who had the most strikeout chances for a pitcher in 1962?

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- QUESTION 6: Which team does not have a player with "third base" listed as his primary position?
- QUESTION 7: Which pitchers had the most home run chances on their cards?
- QUESTION 8: Which brothers combined for the most home run chances (batters)?
- QUESTION 9: Who was the most strikeout-prone batter that season?

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- ANSWER 1: The 1962 cards were 5 1/2" by 3"--slightly larger than today's 5" by 2 3/4".
- ANSWER 2: The 1962 cards did not have hitting ratings for pitchers, and running ratings went up to 1-19.
- ANSWER 3: Dallas Green, manager of the 1980 World Series champion Phillies, received a card for the Phillies in '62.
- ANSWER 4: Mudcat Grant of the Indians and Art Mahaffey of the Phillies both received an unusual triple split on their cards: "Home Run 1, Triple 2-6, Double 7-20" for Grant; "Double\*\* 1, Single\*\* 2-13, Flyball (rf) 8 14-20" for Mahaffey.
- ANSWER 5: Sandy Koufax of the Dodgers had the most strikeout chances for a pitcher, 48.
- ANSWER 6: Eddie Kasko, starting third baseman for the Reds, was listed as "shortstop-3, third base-3".
- ANSWER 7: Mike McCormick of the Giants gave up 6.25 home run chances and Lew Burdette of the Braves had a card with 7 such chances.
- ANSWER 8: Tommy Aaron had two home run chances and his more famous brother, Hank, had 12.5--a total of 14.5.
- ANSWER 9: The most strikeout chances on a hitter's card was 52, with Moe Thacker of the Cubs having the dubious distinction of being the wildest swinger of 'em all.

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period, with the season to open in Nov. Regular season would end in March, with the playoffs set for April. Advanced sides of 1980 cards will be used and the entry fee will be \$30 per pair of managers (send no money now). My partner and I have been playing S-O-M Baseball since 1972 and have participated in numerous face-to-face leagues and I am involved in the exciting regular season Continental S-O-M Association. Only serious, mature gamers need apply. Send name, address and phone number for questionnaire to: Rick Matson, 2200 N. Vermilion Apt. 509, Danville, IL 61832 or call 217-446-0557.

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## S-O-M league, replay scene

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BOSTON CELTICS 1979-80 REPLAY - Jim Ross, Ft. Huachuca, AZ, wound up with a 59-23 record in a solitaire replay effort using the advanced game...real-life was even better, however, as Celtics went 61-21...Ross reports that three-point field goal percentage seemed a trifle high and that offensive fouls were numerous, otherwise replay was realistic... Larry Bird averaged over 17 points, Dave Cowens over 16 and Cornbread Maxwell and Chris Ford over 14 apiece as eight players averaged double figures...Ford, Boston's deadeye three-point shooter, zeroed in on 45.2 percent of 301 shots to account for over 400 points...Celts averaged 112.2 points, gave up 103.6...longest win streak was seven games, while longest losing was three...Surprisingly, Boston lost both games against lowly Utah, including being thrashed, 117-100...most thrilling game was double-overtime win over Philadelphia, 132-129. Chris Ford scored 29 and Bird was out of lineup...140-95 clobbering of Chicago as nine players cracked double figures was another highlight...most points as far as individual was 42, by George Gervin of San Antonio...Boston won Atlantic Conference championship on last game of regular-season, defeating Philly, 111-96, despite Julius Erving's 34 points.

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HALL OF FAMERS ROMP - Lewis Snyder, Jamestown, NY, who had an American League HOF series replay printed in the February issue, is back with a National League version. The format is the same, with again random-picked teams from Snyder's collection being sent against baseball's best over a 162-game season...The N.L. teams were just as awesome as their A.L. counterparts, with HOF team No. 1 winning 151 of 162 games, batting .349 and posting a 1.49 ERA to go with 55 shutouts, and the No. 2 unit compiling a 146-16 record, hitting .325 and having a minuscule 1.99 ERA... Wee Willie Keeler had the highest batting average for the No. 1 team, hitting .427 with 22 triples. Roy Campanella was tops in home runs [54] and RBI [168] as nine starters (including the DH) batted over .300. The pitching was overpowering, too, as Christy Mathewson (39-1, 1.40), Pete Alexander (35-2, 1.40), Sandy Koufax (37-2, 1.72) and Cy Young (35-3, 1.31) made for a fearsome foursome...Koufax, who struck out 355 in 356 innings, had 29 games with nine or more whiffs...Ducky Medwick led the No. 2 unit with a .365 average and Willie Mays had 47 homers, Ed Mathews 46 and Frank Robinson a team-high 175 RBI...Four starting pitchers all won 30 or more games (Brown, 36-5; McGinnity, 35-5; Vance, 34-3, plus a perfect game against '70 Red Sox; and Grimes, 36-2), while only counter-attack was that mustered by Mickey Lolich and '72 Tigers as Lolich hurled a one-hitter en route to a 1-0 triumph.

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1979 FOOTBALL REPLAY - St. Louis Cardinals were the biggest surprises in solitaire replay rolled by Glen Silva, Berlin, MA. The Cards were flying high all season, winning 10 of 14 games, with all the wins coming by five or fewer points...Ottis Anderson's league-leading 2,292 yards rushing had much to do with St. Louis' success...In even in the playoffs the Cards continued to be a "Cinderella" team, ousting Los Angeles, 13-9, before bowing to Washington in the NFC title game, 30-13...If the Cards were the biggest surprise, then Dallas, 5-9, had to be biggest el foldo... Pittsburgh, although it had best record in league, 12-2, got waylaid in playoffs by Super Bowl-bound (and winner) New England, 17-14...The Patriots edged Washington in the Super Bowl, 19-17, proving if nothing else that New England, which is always considered to be among the top three teams as far as personnel, really does have the talent.

Standings, leaders and playoff results:

AFC East	W	L	AFC Central	W	L	AFC West	W	L
New England	7	7	Pittsburgh	12	2	San Diego	10	4
Baltimore	7	7	Cincinnati	11	3	Seattle	9	5
NY Jets	6	8	Houston	8	6	Oakland	9	5 (con't)

AFC con't		East		Central		West					
Miami	5	9		Cleveland	4	10	Denver	7	7		
Buffalo	3	11					Kansas City	4	10		
NFC East		W	L	NFC Central		W	L	NFC West		W	L
St. Louis	10	4		Chicago	9	5		Los Angeles	8	6	
Washington	8	6		Tampa Bay	8	6		New Orleans	7	7	
Philadelphia	7	7		Green Bay	7	7		San Francisco	7	7	
Dallas	5	9		Minnesota	5	9		Atlanta	3	11	
NY Giants	5	9		Detroit	5	9					
Rushing		Att-Yds.		TD	Avg.	Receiving		No-Yds.	TD	Avg.	
Anderson SL	421-2282		20	5.4		Klein SD	61	682	5	11.2	
Muncie NO	329-1804		12	5.5		Butler BUF	54	1228	14	22.7	
Campbell HOU	303-1673		7	5.5		Walker NYJ	52	1165	6	22.4	
Pruitt CLE	323-1619		5	5.0		Casper OAK	51	690	4	13.5	
Bell TB	324-1403		7	4.3		Moore MIA	49	1048	5	21.4	
Passing		Att-Comp		TD-Int	Yds. Pct.	Playoffs:					
Ferguson BUF	336-179		29-40	3425	53.3	Cincinnati 31, Oakland 24					
Fouts SD	344-200		21-42	2696	58.1	Washington 24, Tampa Bay 22					
Zorn SEA	277-148		11-11	2438	53.4	Cincinnati 31, San Diego 14					
NFC: Washington 30, St. Louis 13						Washington 28, Chicago 19					
AFC: New England 17, Cincinnati 13						New England 17, Pittsburgh 14					
						St. Louis 13, Los Angeles 9					

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OTSEGO S-O-M FOOTBALL LEAGUE - Ten-member, face-to-face league that calls Otsego, MI (post-office home of the Review) as its gridiron "stadium." Each coach protects three players from last year's roster and then draft is held, in reverse order of finish from previous season...Review co-editor Warren Newell is longtime member of well-organized league, as is SKSML member Dale Holland and former baseball managers Jim Myers and Jim Weissert...16-game schedule and playoffs...specialist and each division, East and West, qualifying for playoffs...specialist and offensive and defensive team cards are drafted, too...Myers, who won league championship, had, in addition to Walter Payton and Archie Manning, Kansas City's specialist card, Pittsburgh's offense/defense and Lineback/Off-Tackle, Buffalo's short and long pass and Denver's end run and flat pass cards...each team had between 20 and 22 offensive player cards...both Jim Myers and Warren Newell won their respective divisions and ultimately clashed in the championship game, with Jim winning in a breeze, 34-10; the two also met once during regular-season, with Jim winning in a hurricane-like blowout, 44-3...other members of the league included: Gerry Bentley (whose home was the league's official stadium every Sunday evening for 18 weeks), Bob Gagnon, Gary Donovan, Steve Nuss, Chuck Gilbert and Renny Ransbottom.

Standings, leaders and playoffs:

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<u>East</u>		<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Playoffs</u>		
Jim Myers	12	4	Warren Newell	12	4	Jim M. d. Steve N., 49-7			
Gery Bentley	12	4	Steve Nuss	8	8	Bob G. d. Jim W., 55-35			
Bob Gagnon	10	6	Jim Weissert	8	8	Warren d. Bob G., 34-28			
Dale Holland	10	6	Chuck Gilbert	5	11	Jim M. d. Gery B., 33-10			
Gary Donovan	2	14	Renny Ransbottom	1	15	Jim M. d. Warren, 34-10			
<u>Rushing</u>		<u>Att-Yds.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Receiving</u>		<u>No.-Yds.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TD</u>
Payton JM	313-1599	5.1	17		Rashad GO	80	709	8.9	3
Campbell BG	331-1542	4.7	10		Stallworth OH	64	1470	23.0	13
M.Pruitt JW	264-1520	5.8	7		Largent GB	63	1254	19.9	7
Muncie OH	238-1344	5.6	5		Washington JW	61	568	9.3	5
Anderson CG	284-1291	4.5	12		Lofton JW	54	1133	21.0	6
Montgomery GB	208-1272	6.1	6		Jefferson JM	54	1005	18.6	8
<u>Passing</u>		<u>Att-Comp</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>TD-Int</u>	<u>Sacks</u>			
Bradshaw WN	449-247	55.0	3510	35-28	51				
Fouts GB	487-260	53.4	3872	26-23	59				
Sipe SN	450-231	51.3	3253	26-20	52				
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Passing con't	Att-Comp	Pct.	Yds.	TD-Int.	Sacks
DeBerg OH	393-201	51.1	2789	20-17	55
Stabler JW	445-229	51.5	3396	26-28	47
Manning JM	408-207	50.7	2732	20-21	50

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LOS ANGELES DODGERS 1980 REPLAY - Karlton Uhm, Wilmette, IL, completed his first replay ever with the Dodgers edging out Houston this time by 2½ games. L.A. had 95-67 record, Astros 93-70...Philadelphia fell in a five-game playoff thriller, with the Dodgers scoring the winning run in the bottom of the ninth in game five for a 5-4 victory. Four of the games were decided by one run!...In a slugfest World Series, the Dodgers again triumphed in seven games, winning the finale, 3-2, behind reliever Steve Howe's two-inning shutout stint. Hitters had a field day and pitchers ducked for cover as Kansas City scored 30 runs and had 66 hits, L.A. 41 tallies and a whopping 89 safeties. L.A. won opener, 7-6, and outhit K.C., 18-15, setting the tone for Series. Royals got revenge in game No. 4, winning 14-12 and outhitting Dodgers, 21-19. Jerry Reuss turned in only pitching gem when he hurled four-hit shutout in game No. 6. L.A. also pelted Royal pitching for 24 hits in that 12-0 massacre... Dusty Baker was MVP after batting .357 with 10 hits (including two home runs in one game), eight RBI and nine runs scored. George Brett of the losers did even better, batting .760 with 19 hits, 10 RBI and 13 runs... Uhm's replay of the Dodger season was amazingly realistic as many of the batting averages and ERAs were almost perfect: Dusty Baker batted .300 [.294 real-life] with 30 [29] homers; Ron Cey batted .261 [.254] with 29 [28] homers and 72 [77] RBI; Steve Garvey had .317 [.304], 28 [26] and 110 [106] batting marks; Rick Monday hit .265 [.268]; Pedro Guerrero .325 [.322] and even Steve Yeager .217 [.211]...Pitching was just as close to real-life as Burt Hooton was 16-8 and had 3.53 ERA, compared to 14-8, 3.65 real-life; Jerry Reuss 20-6 [18-6] and 2.49 [2.52], Don Sutton 14-4 [13-5] and 2.25 [2.21], Steve Howe 7-9 [7-9] and 2.57 [2.65] and Bob Welch 16-10 [14-9] and 3.27 [3.28]. You can't be much closer!

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OLD-TIMER PRELIMINARY SERIES - Jeffrey Hale has a dream of some day pitting eight teams against each other over a 168-game season. He's not picking his "favorites" or teams at random, rather he's taking only the winners of eight 48-game, four-team preliminary rounds..."In Strat-O-Matic Baseball I think I have finally found the game I was searching for," says Hale, who's been playing sports games since 1960 but S-O-M for only the last year...His success with four teams in a preliminary round has convinced the 31-year-old that the grandiose plan may some day become a reality...For the preliminary rounds, players can only bat and pitch one-third of their real-life at-bats/innings pitched...1909 Pittsburgh was the first to qualify as the results below indicate.

Standings	Won	Lost	GB	Batting:
1909 Pirates	28	20	-	Donlin GIA .345; Chance CUB .335
1906 Cubs	25	23	3	HR: Schulte CUB 6; Donlin GIA 5
1905 NY Giants	23	25	5	SB: Cobb TIG 25; Devlin GIA & Chance CUB 19
1909 Tigers	20	28	8	RBI: Schulte CUB 32; Mertes GIA & Crawford TIG 31
				ERA: Brown CUB 1.38; Mathewson GIA 1.72
				Wins: Mathewson GIA 9; Brown CUB 7
				Strikeouts: Ames GIA 78; Mathewson GIA 75

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CHICAGO WHITE SOX REPLAY - Bad news for Sox fans, at least according to the results arrived at by Keith Miller, Willard, OH, who made all the trades and transactions for this season and replayed last year's schedule. The Sox finished a lowly 69-93...Ron LeFlore swiped 79 bases in 89 attempts, but hit only .234...Harold Baines was a huge flop, batting only .206, while Carlton Fisk hit a respectable .307 and Tony Bernazard .275... Britt Burns had a 12-17 mark despite 2.96 ERA, while Steve Trout sparkled with 17-11, 3.95 offerings...Ed Farmer, 2-13 record, did save 23 games.



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old style as far as pitchers' cards. The so-called "4-column" card for pitchers has died a swift, and somewhat painful, death.

What leagues will do next year with the cards based on an abbreviated season is a matter of conjecture. Since approximately one-third of the season was wiped out by the strike, perhaps leagues may want to add that amount of at-bats/innings pitched to the real-life totals.

Or maybe leagues may want to shorten their seasons accordingly. One benefit from a strike-shortened season would be that gamers who previously never had the time for a solitaire replay in its entirety, may be able to complete such an undertaking.

S-O-M does not plan to pro-rate the cards in any way, so what happens in real-life will be what you will get come the end of January.

The GKSM, in case you were curious about the face-to-face league that has Review co-editors Warren and Del Newell as members, is likely to again play 154 games. If cards are based on 100 games, then one-third would be added to each as far as at-bats/innings pitched. Roll 'em!