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Bears' defense against run: 'Supreme'

Thanks to the Chicago Bears, Strat-O-Matic has added another rating to its defensive listings.

"The Bears are excellent against the pass," says James Williams of S-O-M. "But the rating against the run is 'supreme.' That's the highest rating ever given. It's a new rating and something that has never happened before."

"Also," continues Williams, "the coach of the Bears can play short yardage defense anytime and can call pass instead of run. In the normal short yardage defense, you have to call run." But not with the Bears this season.

Williams does admit that Chicago, which was so invincible most of the year (except for one game late in the season against Miami), can be passed against. But overall the defense is awesome. The linebackers are all rated "6s" against the run and such feared rushers as Richard Dent and Dan Hampton will have their ferocity evident in their sack ratings.

"The Patriots also have a good defense," says Williams. "New England's defense is rated excellent against the run and good to excellent against the pass."

As far as the price of the new pro football card set, which will be available to you soon, S-O-M reports that the preseason price is \$16.10. There will also be extra players available for \$3.25. Add in \$2.25 for handling and the total tab comes to \$21.60 for most gamers in the United States.

Strat-O-Matic's newest creation - the computer version of the baseball game - continues to be a big hit.

Biggest complaint that's crossed the desk of the Review is: When will Strat-O-Matic Computer Baseball be available for the _____ computer? Currently, S-O-M's computer baseball game (actually two disks) is available only for Apple users.

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Strawberry, Mattingly MVP choices

Darryl Strawberry will run away with Most Valuable Player honors in the National League. And Don Mattingly, even though the pack in pursuit is much closer, will win similar laurels in the American League.

That's the consensus of opinion from the Review's latest MVP Contest, which closed May 10, almost six weeks after the regular season began.

Review readers picked the New York whiz kids duo, with Strawberry garnering 91 votes, 53 more than runnerup Dwight Gooden. Mattingly, meanwhile, totaled 45 votes, 14 more than Rickey Henderson. Interestingly, New York teams had both the top vote-getter and the runnerup in each league.

Mattingly was the real-life choice last season, while Willie McGee of the N.L. champion St. Louis Cardinals was also picked. McGee and the Cards are struggling this season and the performances are reflected in McGee receiving only one vote to repeat and St. Louis being tabbed to finish a distant, distant third in the N.L. East race.

Dale Murphy, who was such a big choice last year, wasn't in the running this time around - at least according to Review readers - as he received only 11 votes. Pedro Guerrero, who's expected to miss most of the season with an injury, got 15 votes, Dave Parker 14 and Gary Carter matched Murphy's 11.

Over in the A.L., Eddie Murray followed Mattingly and Henderson with 30 votes. Murray was the choice a year ago. George Brett and Kirk Gibson, who was off to such a great start before being sidelined with an injury, each got 19 votes.

THE YEAR OF THE METS

Review readers don't envision a single close division race this summer. The Mets will run away and hide in the N.L. East, according to voters, as they received a whopping 190 votes. In fact, the first 74 votes tallied were all for the Mets. One vote was finally counted for another N.L. East team...and then the Mets got 29 more votes.

Second place in the East? Try the Chicago Cubs, with nine votes.

The N.L. West is predicted to have the closest race as the Dodgers received 97 votes and second-place Cincinnati 76.

Over in the American League, it will be the New York Yankees in the East and Kansas City will repeat in the West. It won't be close in other division, according to the voting.

Remember, the winner of the Review's annual MVP Contest will receive a set of the new baseball cards, replete with extras, in late January or early February of 1987. The winner will be announced this fall. In case of ties, the reader picking the division champs the closest will win the card set.

Here's how readers voted for MVP and division winners:

AMERICAN LEAGUE	NATIONAL LEAGUE	American League East
1. Mattingly 45	1. Strawberry 91	1. NY Yankees 102
2. Henderson 31	2. Gooden 38	2. Detroit 43
3. Murray 30	3. Guerrero 15	3. Baltimore 28
4. Brett 19	4. Parker 14	4. Toronto 25
Gibson 19	5. G.Carter 11	5. Boston 10
6. Boggs 15	Murphy 11	6. Cleveland 2

Note that rookie sensations - at least they've been bordering on sensational the first two months of the season - Wally Joyner of California and Jose Canseco of Oakland each received votes. Canseco got
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three votes and Joyner, the featured attraction at "Wally World," received two votes.

AL West	NL East	NL West
1. Kansas City 115	1. NY Mets 190	1. Los Angeles 97
2. Oakland 37	2. Chicago 9	2. Cincinnati 76
3. California 23	3. St. Louis 7	3. Houston 20
4. Minnesota 16	4. Philadelphia 5	4. San Diego 9
5. Chicago 15	5. Montreal 2	5. Atlanta 8
		6. San Francisco 2

Here are past winners of MVP Contest

1985 - Tim Retchless, Olean, NY	1975 - James Lewis, Wellesley Hills, MA
1984 - Jonathan Levin, Benton Harbor, MI	1974 - Mark Roblez, Salt Lake City, UT
1983 - Brian Rice, Muskegon, MI	1973 - Pete Condorelli, Windsor, NY
1982 - Paul Bressoud, Arcata, CA	1972 - Mike Borzenski, Lansing, MI
1981 - Duane Tunink, Lansing, MI	
1980 - Norman Swift, Lake Wales, FL	
1979 - John Dormer, Philadelphia, PA	
1978 - Terry Ringen, Beattie, KS	
1977 - Terry Ringen, Beattie, KS	
1976 - tie, Neil Orser, Sydenham, Ont.	
Vince Trivelpiece, Berwick, PA	

Now you can create Bears' 6-2 defense

All of pro football marveled at the Chicago Bears' devastating defense last season, right? Right.

Now, George Murphy of Los Angeles, CA, has the following playing tip to recreate that notorious defense in your table-top version of Strat-O-Matic when the new cards come out.

Here's Murphy's playing tip:

- * Move the defensive left end to the left tackle blitz area.
- * Move the right linebacker to the look in pass zone.
- * Move the strong safety to the right flat pass zone.
- * Move the free safety to the short pass zone and refer to the free safety as the defender for the tight end.
- * Move the middle linebacker to the defensive left end position and the left linebacker to the defensive left end blitz position. Either middle linebacker, left linebacker or both may be moved back into the left flat pass zone.

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ne run ratings for old-time parks

that Strat-O-Matic has home run adjustment ratings for ball the next call is going to be for home runs-by-ballparks-ratings old-time parks.

ue, most gamers only know of the old-time parks through books, ips and, perhaps, their fathers' reminiscences. Still, however, mers may wonder what it would have been like to play the Giants Polo Grounds (279 feet down the left field foul line and 257 to Ebbetts Field (where down the right field line it was only 297 and the old Yankee Stadium (301 in left and 296 in right, down es).

ris Charron of Tacoma, WA, has created an Old-Time Ball Park that is based on foul line dimensions. "It is based on foul line ions from the book, 'Take Me Out to the Ballpark,' a "Sporting ublication," says Charron.

harron does note that the chart, because it is on based on foul imensions, gives higher home run ratings to parks like the Polo is and Yankee Stadium than they normally should have. Those parks eep center fields, which cut down on home runs.

'However," adds Charron, "I have found the chart to add a great as I have been using it in my 1969 replay and various solitaire aments. It works as follows:

Anytime a home run split number is rolled, use the chart. In games the elementary version, use the dice numbers 2, 4 and 6 for s to right, or 1, 3, 5 to left, unless the field is designated by plit number. (HR 1-10, FLYBALL (RF) B).

With the advanced version, assume the hitter pulls the ball unless wise noted by the split number. Unlike S-O-M's home run chart, if an adjustment occurs and the hit is not a home run but a fly- I use the original split reading. When a home run 1-12, double 13- mes up after the adjustment and the split number is 14, it is a ie."

Charron also notes that a couple of the stadiums may not be famil- such as Sicks Stadium in Seattle where the Pilots played in 1969. ue Park in Cleveland was utilized by the Indians in the 1940s. Mun- al Stadium was the home of the Kansas City A's and Royals until l Stadium was built.

Shibe Park in Philadelphia was another that may not be familiar to r younger gamers. It was the home of the A's and the Phillies after r Bowl. It was later renamed Connie Mack Stadium. Sportsman Park in Louis was home for both the Cardinals and Browns. Colt Stadium was first to be used by the Houston Colts, forerunner of the Astros, Jarry Park was the early home for the Montreal Expos.

OLD-TIME BALL PARK CHART

IONAL LEAGUE		Right Field (2,4,6)		Left Field (1,3,5)
er Bowl (Philadelphia)	-	(272) 1-20	-	(335) 1-10
ives Field (Boston)	-	(319) 1-13	-	(337) 1-10
t Stadium (Houston)	-	(360) 1-6	-	(360) 1-6
osley Field (Cincinnati)	-	(342) 1-9	-	(328) 1-11
etts Field (Brooklyn)	-	(297) 1-16	-	(352) 1-7
ebes Field (Pittsburgh)	-	(300) 1-16	-	(365) 1-5
rry Park (Montreal)	-	(340) 1-9	-	(340) 1-9
lo Grounds (New York)	-	(257) 1-20	-	(279) 1-19
ortsman Park (St. Louis)	-	(310) 1-14	-	(351) 1-7

American League ball parks are found on next page.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Right Field (2,4,6)

Left Field (1,3,5)

League Park (Cleveland)	-	(290)	1-17	-	(375)	1-3
Metropolitan (Minnesota)	-	(330)	1-11	-	(343)	1-9
Municipal (Kansas City)	-	(354)	1-7	-	(330)	1-11
RFK Stadium (Washington)	-	(335)	1-10	-	(335)	1-10
Shibe Park (Philadelphia)	-	(360)	1-6	-	(360)	1-6
Sicks Stadium (Seattle)	-	(325)	1-12	-	(325)	1-12
Sportsman Park (St. Louis)	-	(310)	1-14	-	(351)	1-7
Old Yankee Stadium (N.Y.)	-	(296)	1-16	-	(301)	1-16

Elementary version: Use dice roll number unless noted by split result. A HR 1-7, Flyball RF (B) 8-20, use right field reading, for example.

Advanced version: Assume hitter to pull ball unless noted by split result.

Gamer compiles list of all-time leaders

Michael Huey has been playing Strat-O-Matic Baseball since 1970, when he was 13 years old. Since then he's been rolling 'em in approximately 15 leagues, most of them solitaire.

He gets the most enjoyment out of his S-O-M endeavors by creating all-star leagues, involving current and past players, with the latter including many Hall of Famers.

"Although I have played in face-to-face leagues and enjoyed them tremendously, I feel the relaxation I get out of spending two-three hours a day or night two or three times a week is a great way to get away from it all," says Huey.

The games are not just played and then forgotten, either. Huey keeps detailed records of all league play and many of his all-time leaders are worth a cursory look.

Roger Maris and Tony Perez, for example, have the single-season home run record of 54. Rogers Hornsby has driven in the most runs (147) and Nap Lajoie has the highest batting average, .392.

Ty Cobb has the most steals (163), Wee Willie Keeler the most hits (277), Cobb the most runs scored (138), Ralph Garr leads in triples (25), Rod Carew and Joe Medwick are tied for most doubles (52), Lefty Grove has the most wins (43) and shutouts (7), Steve Carlton once struck out 347, Goose Gossage had 34 saves and Walter Johnson the lowest earned run average, 2.65.

All-time leaders have also been compiled and here are a few:

Home Runs	No.	Years	RBI	No.	Years	Strikeouts	No.	Years
Aaron	318	9	Bench	730	12	Carlton	1967	10
Bench	317	12	Ruth	705	7	Ryan	1926	9
Ruth	285	7	Oliva	695	9	Koufax	1772	7
Stargell	276	10	Gehrig	643	7	Seaver	1740	11
Perez	247	10	Stargell	637	10	Sutton	1564	12
Maris	239	9	Aaron	634	9			

Won-Lost	Record	Years	Consecutive wins:	Grove 24
Mathewson	163-80	7	Hitting streak:	Keeler 39 (games)
Grove	149-67	7	Strikeouts:	Ryan 18 (game)
T.F. Brown	152-88	7	Most losses:	T. Hall 36 (season)
Sutton	147-163	12	Shutouts:	Grove 7 (season)
Seaver	146-144	11		

Guillen is No. 1 pick in both American League drafts

GKSML, Great Lakes drafts similar

Everyone has an opinion as to who should be drafted first, second, third, or not at all when the new cards come out and leagues are formed (or reloaded) at draft time.

It's always fun to compare drafts when the leagues are similar as far as number of teams and are from the same league.

The Greater Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League (GKSML), which Review co-editors Warren and Del Newell are charter members, held its American League draft in May. Earlier, the weekend of March 22, to be exact, the Great Lakes Baseball League had its annual gathering in West Allis, WI, for its draft and an elimination tournament.

For the GKSML, a 10-team, face-to-face league operating in the Kalamazoo area, the draft signaled the start of its 32nd full-season (154-game) replay. The National League had just finished up (more on that next month) and the American League was roaring out of the starting gate.

Both the GKSML and Great Lakes could draft from rookies, players dropped prior to the draft (the GKSML allows only 15 players from the previous year's roster to be protected) and players coming over from the National League.

Ozzie Guillen, last year's rookie shortstop with the Chicago White Sox, was the No. 1 pick by both leagues. Most of the Great Lakes' first 16 picks were also among the top 20 in the GKSML. Floyd Rayford was drafted by Great Lakes, but in the GKSML Rayford's card had been claimed the year before in the draft.

Here's a look at the American League drafts for both the Great Lakes and GKSML:

Great Lakes		Greater Kalamazoo
1 - Ozzie Guillen	-	1 - Ozzie Guillen
2 - Teddy Higuera	-	2 - Danny Jackson
3 - Brian Fisher	-	3 - Mark Salas
4 - Greg Harris	-	4 - Teddy Higuera
5 - Jose Canseco	-	5 - Bob James
6 - Danny Jackson	-	6 - Jose Canseco
7 - Earnest Riles	-	7 - Donnie Moore
8 - Ken Dixon	-	8 - Brian Fisher
9 - Mark Salas	-	9 - Steve Ontiveros
10 - Bob James	-	10 - Earnest Riles
11 - Floyd Rayford	-	11 - Oddibe McDowell
12 - Steve Ontiveros	-	12 - Kirk McCaskill
13 - Oddibe McDowell	-	13 - Greg Harris
14 - Donnie Moore	-	14 - Ken Dixon
15 - Walt Terrell	-	15 - Walt Terrell
16 - Roy Thomas	-	16 - Tony Bernazard
		17 - Lee Lacy
		18 - Roy Thomas
		19 - Tom Henke
		20 - Bob Shirley

In the Great Lakes Baseball League's third season, co-managers Brian Elwood and Don Martiniak guided the Madison Capitols to the title, marking the third different king the league has crowned. The year before, the Capitols reached the seventh game of the World Series.

Other managers include Rod Melotte (Thunderheads), Fred Lambrecht (Regals), Bill Moonan (Golden Bears), Don Chandler (Cowboys), Warren Dunn (Panthers), Andy Baranoski (Stallions) and Craig Artl (Warhawks).

One manager, Baranoski, had to give up his team because of lack of time, but Chris Anderson of Madison, WI, has quickly stepped in to fill

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the vacancy. "The league has been a picture of stability, as no managerial changes have taken place," writes Artl. "Although we have one new manager for the 1986 season, his predecessor remains in good standing."

All of the play-by-mail league's coaches, except one were on the scene for the draft and elimination tourney. The one exception was Moonan, who relocated his franchise from Minneapolis to Fullerton, CA.

The Great Lakes league plays a 162-game schedule, which runs from August through January. So, when most of the leagues are wrapping up this summer, the Great Lakes league will just be throwing out the first pitch for the start of its fourth season.

The GBLB sent along its latest results and also included an updated listing of lifetime statistics. Eddie Murray, for instance, last season became the first player in the GBLB to go over 100 homers.

Murray now has 117 roundtrippers plus 348 career RBI. Dave Stieb, a 20-game winner three straight seasons, has the most victories with 64.

Standings and leaders (based on 1984 real-life):

Blue Division	Won-Lost	GB	Home	Away	Avg.	ERA
Madison Capitols	106 56	-	60-21	46-35	.272	3.56
Mad City Thunderheads	96 66	10	48-33	48-33	.260	3.45
West Allis Warhawks	71 91	35	37-44	34-47	.260	4.20
Racine Regals	60 102	46	35-46	25-56	.256	4.44
Gray Division						
California Golden Bears	93 69	-	53-28	40-41	.266	3.64
Michigan Panthers	83 79	10	48-33	35-46	.266	4.23
Wyoming Cowboys	78 84	15	48-33	30-51	.268	4.11
Sparta Stallions	61 101	32	32-49	29-52	.258	4.73

Batting	Home Runs	RBI
Mattingly BRS .337	Armas CAP 42	Murray CAP 113
O'Brien REG .335	Murray CAP 38	Armas CAP 112
Collins COW .322	Dw.Murphy THU 37	Ripken THU 112
Winfield CAP .316	Baines WAR 35	G.Bell COW 109
Boggs PAN .311	Dw.Evans BRS 32	Hrbek WAR 109

H:	ERA	Wins
R: Dw.Evans BRS 127	Seaver THU 2.73	Seaver THU 25-6
2B: B.Bell WAR 44	Alexander CAP 2.85	Blyleven BRS 22-13
3B: Collins COW 21	Blyleven BRS 2.93	Alexander CAP 21-5
SS: Henderson WAR 76	Stieb THU 3.07	Tanana BRS 21-9
GWH: Ripken THU 17	Darwin REG 3.17	Boddicker CAP 21-11
W: Dw.Evans BRS 102	Tanana BRS 3.19	Dotson CAP 20-12
E: Franco CAP 39	Honeycutt COW 3.36	Stieb THU 20-14

Strikeouts	SA:	SH:
Stieb THU 241	Howell THU 31	Dotson CAP 5
Langston WAR 237	Gossage WAR 26	IF: Stieb THU 293
Witt STA 219	Hernandez PAN 25	HRA: Hough STA 49
Blyleven BRS 197	Blyleven BRS 18	Petry WAR 42
	Seaver THU 18	G: Darwin REG 72

Playoffs: Madison Capitols d. Michigan Panthers, 4-2 (games)

California Golden Bears d. Mad City Thunderheads, 4-3

World Series: Madison Capitols d. California Golden Bears, 4-3

Mike Boddicker won three games in World Series, including pitching 2-0, four-hit shutout in game seven. Chris Bando's two-run homer in the third inning accounts for only runs of game. Boddicker also won the opener (5-4) and fourth game (5-3). Dan Quisenberry got credit for saves in games one and seven, with Dave Righetti saving game four. Wildest game was No. 2, won by the Golden Bears in 14 innings, 10-9. Don Mattingly went 6-for-7 and Jim Sundberg drove in winning run with a double for the Bears. (continued on next page)

Among the all-time marks for the GBL are Wade Boggs' .378 batting average in the '84 season, Eddie Murray's 138 RBI in '84, Willie Wilson's 225 hits in '83, Dave Winfield's 22 game-winning hits in '83 and, on the negative side, 161 strikeouts by Gorman Thomas in '83. Tom Seaver's 2.73 ERA and 25-6 record in '85 are both standards, as are Jay Howell's 31 saves and Dave Stieb's 241 strikeouts.

Pictured at right are co-managers Brian Elwood (left) and Don Martiniak, who proved that two leaders are better than one when it came to directing the Madison Capitols to the GBL championship.



Questions & Answers

Editor's note: Questions pertaining to individual and team ratings will not, in most cases, be answered, unless a mistake has been made on the card. The game company cannot, for reasons of security, divulge its card-making formula, which would be necessary to answer some of the questions completely.

QUESTION: Since S-O-M has introduced its newest changes in the baseball cards (clutch hitting, etc.), will it issue a new set of nameless player cards that have the new features on them?

ANSWER: The game company reports that next year, when the 1987 cards come out, a new set of nameless players, replete with the latest changes, will be available.

QUESTION: I am involved in a draft league, where we want to use the clutch hitting and not the ball park feature. Have there been any estimates as to how much (what percentage) of the open triangle is a function of the clutch hitting and how much is due to the ball park feature?

ANSWER: S-O-M says that all the new features (clutch hitting, ball park power and singles) are tied in together. If you don't use any of the changes, then the first reading will be the same as playing the normal advanced game. S-O-M did mention that there's a two-four point difference in batting average when using the ball park feature and not clutch hitting.

QUESTION: If you fail to get a lead in baseball and get a must steal result on the hit-and-run chart, do you re-roll the lead?

ANSWER: No. We would check the second number on an attempted steal.

Readers roll 'em

A DEMANDING JOB

I am the commissioner of the Universal Baseball Federation. I receive many replies from managers who are interested in joining my league.

What I hear most often is "I have been in many leagues that have folded." This statement can probably be said by most managers.

I think I know what one of the reasons for the many unsuccessful leagues is.

People trying to form leagues don't realize the amount of time it takes to be a commissioner, therefore the lack of determination on their part to make the league survive.

I have many times wanted to fold my league, but I didn't want to add another defunct league to the manager's list. My point is that managers should first seriously consider the amount of time they can devote to a possible league. In the beginning, there will be rough times. But if you stick with it, the league should survive.

Another point I wish to make is that managers who want to form a league should not "pirate" managers from the league they were in.

One of my former managers called up half the league members and asked them to join his new league. He obtained six and eventually quit. This caused minor trouble, but was eventually resolved.

In a past league (which folded) of mine, this action by one manager caused the league's demise as a number quit to join a new league.

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Editor's note: Another point that should be made about Tao's letter is that commissioners should be in touch with league members on a regular basis and that authority should be distributed. Too many

times new leagues are hastily formed because of misunderstandings in the former league. Sad to say, but some gamers are on ego trips and want to create the ultimate in leagues...but don't realize all the work it entails. Reader Tao makes a good point about the dedication and the countless hours that have to be put in by commissioners to keep leagues afloat on frequently stormy seas.

GRASS VS. ASTROTURF

I've got a suggestion for the baseball game. It would be a big change, but absolutely no change at all to the cards.

It's very simple. Now that Strat-O-Matic has made the ball parks mean something, why not make them really mean something.

Here's an example: Ron Cey is a bad third baseman; on Astro-turf, he's an exceptionally bad third baseman. Solution: two X charts - one for grass and one for artificial surfaces.

The chart for artificial surfaces would have more doubles and triples on the outfield X. You couldn't hide "4s" on such surfaces.

By the same token, there should be more error chances on grass.

Also, on the ball park effects chart, how about wind blowing in and out for some stadiums, such as Wrigley Field?

JOHN MCTERNAN
Belleville, IL

BEST GAME GETS BETTER

As a 16-year veteran of Strat-O-Matic Baseball, I welcome the revisions this year. The best game on the market just keeps getting better.

One innovation some of the other game companies use that I would like to see S-O-M adopt is personal information about the players on the cards. Not enough
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to clutter the cards. but age, height, weight, etc., would be helpful. It would be especially helpful on the past seasons.

In browsing through the Baseball Encyclopedia, I found the size of Albie Pearson fascinating and the success he enjoyed, despite his size, amazing. Would some of the other gamers welcome this information?

I play all the games, but have solitaire leagues for baseball and hockey. I have thought many times of joining a league. However, I want to make certain it would not pose a problem with the structured time frame.

As it is, I can play the games at my own pace so it does not interfere with my business. It must be a gratifying feeling for Harold Richman (S-O-M's creator) to know he has given a great deal of enjoyment to a great deal of people.

DAVID LAFOREST
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Editor's note: Personal information on the players would be nice, but most of the card sets for the various sports are jammed with data. Even some of the supplementary ratings (i.e., stealing for baseball) are printed on a separate sheet, rather than on the cards, because of lack of space.

'EXCELLENT CONDITION'??

When it comes to reselling used Strat-O-Matic card sets, how does one define "excellent condition.?"

I ask because I just purchased a set that was advertised to be in "excellent to mint condition." What I got was a set with ink blots on many of the cards and some typewriter "white-out" covering many team names.

Am I wrong to consider such a set only "fair to average," at best?

PHIL LEDESMA
Hawthorne, CA

Editor's note: Ink blots does not constitute "excellent to mint condition." The ad should have stated the condition exactly. Phil Ledesma did inform the Review that the price was reasonable and that his only complaint was the way the card set was falsely advertised as to condition. If others have similar complaints and want the Review to follow up on ads, please contact us and we will do so.

WHEN TO HOLD A RUNNER

I have a question. In stealing bases in the advanced game, solitaire version, is there a suggestion for when to hold a runner on and when not to?

Obviously, if an A stealer is held on every time he reaches first, his base stealing percentages will be greatly distorted.

I would like a system where runners are held on under certain circumstances, but not to the point of ruining the stats.

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Editor's note: A rule of thumb, generally speaking, is to hold all runners with asterisks, when playing the advanced game with the supplementary stealing system. If not using the supplementary stealing, then hold B's and A's. Whether to hold or not also depends on the catcher's throwing arm, the out situation, inning and whether you are ahead or behind.

S-O-M IDEAL FOR PAST SEASONS

After many years of playing other baseball games, I am a recent convert to S-O-M. I have purchased all of the past seasons that are available because I enjoy playing teams from different eras against one another.

Has anyone ever commented before that S-O-M is the best game around for playing teams from different seasons against (continued)

each other? In fact, I think it is the only game (in my experience) which allows you to have a "fair" contest. This is the case because of the way S-O-M cards are calculated.

In S-O-M, the batter's card is calculated assuming one-half of the results are coming from his card and the other half from the pitcher's card.

To use an example: If the batter had an on-base percentage of .300 and the average pitcher allowed an on-base percentage of .330, the batter's card would be rated with a percentage of .270 ($1/2 \times .270 + 1/2 \times .330 = .300$). If this batter were playing a season against pitchers from another year, his expected on-base percentage might be different.

Another example: If he were batting against a group of pitchers who allowed an on-base percentage of only .290, his expected percentage would be .280 ($1/2 \times .290 + 1/2 \times .270 = .280$). Batters from the dead-ball era would see their averages rise when hitting against pitchers from the 1930s.

The other baseball games I have played take a different approach to rating the players. Batter cards are rated to produce the correct statistics independent of pitcher cards. Pitchers are rated in comparison to other pitchers of that season and will have positive or negative adjustments to the batter cards. Each game has its own method of making the adjustment. But the result is that a batter who hit .320 in a season will be expected to hit .320 against a group of pitchers from any other season.

Both methods of rating players will work for one season. But if you are playing players from one season against players from another season, only S-O-M's method produces satisfactory results.

In other games, if you play a team from 1930 (when teams hit .300) against a team

from 1968 (when very few players hit .300), the team from 1930 will have an unfair advantage. In S-O-M, the batters from 1930 will have more hits on their cards than batters from 1968, but the pitchers from 1930 will allow more hits to compensate.

With the other baseball games I played, I had to artificially adjust player ratings when playing different seasons. It is nice to be able to use the S-O-M cards without any adjustment.

DAVID LESUER
Encino, CA

HOME RUNS QUESTIONED

I'd love to congratulate the game company for its new baseball improvements, except some of them don't make sense.

Let me point out the most extreme case I see and see what the readers think. All numbers are from the Elias 1986 Analyst.

Cleveland batters hit 52 HR at home, 64 HR on the road; Cleveland pitchers gave up 76 at home and 94 on the road. With those numbers, Cleveland looks like a hard park for home runs, harder than Boston or New York.

Instead, Cleveland is well above average with HR numbers of 1-10 R, 1-13 L.

Texas batters hit 76 HR at home, 53 on the road. Texas pitchers gave up 102 HR at home, 71 on the road. Looks like a great home run park with numbers similar to Detroit.

Instead, it is ranked as a tough HR park, grouped with the likes of Kansas City and Oakland.

I can't explain this, can the game company? Is it looking at trends, including older statistics?

BOB CEBELAK
113 Cypress Ave.
Holland, MI

Editor's note: S-O-M says the home run by parks adjustment was based on results over a period of years (five), and not just one season or last year.

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Wanted

WANTED: 1975 Red Sox (originals), '78 Phillies, '82 Brewers, '83 Orioles, all w/extras. Also, extras only for '77 Yankees, '84 Cubs, Tigers. Please state price and condition. Ken Rogers, 1017 Sheridan Road, Evanston, IL 60202 (312-475-5905)

WANTED: S-O-M seasons, teams, players, 1971-1983. Also would like to have the re-released seasons, 1930, 1950, 1956, 1961, 1969 and 1970. Send me a list of what you have for sale. Will pay reasonable prices. Bruce Carmichael, 318 S. Frederick, Maryville, MO 64468 (816-562-2955, after 6 p.m. CST)

WANTED: Football teams - 1967 Bears; '68 Bears, Cowboys; '72 Redskins. Baseball teams - 1971, '72, '76 Indians. Don Templeman, 3717 Lynnfield Road, Cleveland, OH 44122

WANTED: 1977-78 Montreal Canadiens; 1979-80 Buffalo Sabres; 1975-76 Cincinnati Reds. Please state price and condition. Matthew Reinbold, 247 Nagel Dr., Cheektowaga, NY 14225 716-684-4339

WANTED: 1971, 1972 Cleveland; 1971 Yanks and Twins w/extras. Will pay. Herb Hewitt, 101 W. Cavalier Road, Scottsville, NY 14546 (716-889-2152)

WANTED: Roster sheets for 1971-72 baseball sets. Send price to: David Black, 215 Red Rock Way #J-303, San Francisco, CA 94131

WANTED: Help! I am looking for a S-O-M Baseball PBM league. I am willing to start as a backup manager if no openings are currently available. I am experienced in PBM leagues and realize the honesty, timeliness and dedication that are necessary to make a league run smoothly. I am an avid and enthusiastic player of S-O-M and am anxious to hear from any type of prospective league. All replies will be answered. David Saddler, P.O. Box 3287, Bristol, TN 37625

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FOR SALE: Baseball schedules for entire 1930, 1950, 1956, 1961, 1969 and 1970 seasons. Great for S-O-M replays. Other seasons also available. Both AL and NL. Send \$1 per season and a postage stamp per order. Mailed immediately. Richard Breest, 1332 Greenlea Dr. Holiday, FL 33590-6759

FOR SALE: Individual S-O-M Baseball teams from 1950-1985. Loose S-O-M Baseball cards from 1930-1985. Send a SASE for teams list and or your list for loose cards to: Chris Rosen, 731 Bergen St., Philadelphia, PA 19111 (215-745-5247). A lot of new stock.

FOR SALE: Super-advanced rules enhance the realism and detail of S-O-M Baseball while preserving the speed of play that makes it fun. Includes easily memorized rules for more realistic base advances on hits, outs and errors; (continued)

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I haven't listed prices, but I'm
not after top dollar. All bids
will be considered. Modesty is no
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All letters get response: please
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FOR SALE: Darling, Mahler and
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They play a complete game with
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can be used solitaire or head-to-
head, giving offensive and defen-
sive managers more strategy opti-
ons and play results. Playbook
II includes super advanced hit-
and-run, sacrifice/squeeze play,
outfield/infield pulled in and
injury charts. Playbooks I and II
are \$6 each. Special: Playbooks
I-IV for \$22. The prices haven't
changed and neither have the
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quality and realism. Satisfaction guaranteed. Paul Ladewski, 14340 Maple, Midlothian, IL 60445

FOR SALE: Baseball sets from 1961, 1982 (includes extras); 1984 Cubs, Dodgers, Mets, Astros, Padres, Tigers, Blue Jays, Orioles, A's, Yankees, Royals, Mariners. Old-timer teams. Past season teams (plus '70 A's). 1982 Baltimore, Milwaukee, St. Louis, Atlanta, California. All without extras; California minus Don Baylor, but with Dave Goltz. All teams in good to very good condition, except the individual Atlanta team (fair to good). D.J. Harrold, 903-21 East, Seattle, WA 98112 (206-323-0331)

FOR SALE: All teams are \$1, unless otherwise noted. 1905 Giants; 1909 Tigers; 1922 Giants; 1924 Senators; 1927 Pirates; 1930 (\$1.25 each) White Sox, Red Sox, Tigers, Browns, Braves, Reds; 1933 Giants; 1934 Cardinals; 1935 Cubs; 1940 Reds; 1941 Dodgers; 1946 Cardinals, Red Sox; 1950 Yankees (one-sided), 1950 (\$1.25 each) White Sox, Senators, Cardinals; 1957 Braves; 1960 Pirates; 1961 Yankees, Tigers, Reds (all one-sided); White Sox, Indians, Angels, Pirates, Cardinals, Senators, Cubs, Orioles, Red Sox. Minia-ture teams: 1962 Angels; 1963 Yankees; 1964 Yankees, White Sox, Reds, Phillies, Cardinals; 1965 Indians; 1967 White Sox; 1968 Tigers, Cardinals; 1970 (with extras) Yankees, Phillies, Senators, Dodgers, Indians, Expos, Tigers, Cardinals, White Sox, Royals, Angels, Brewers; 1977 (\$3 each with extras) A's, Indians, Brewers, Cubs, Expos, Mets, Padres; 1979 (\$3 with extras) White Sox, Padres, Braves, Phillies, Mets; 1981 (\$2.50) Expos, Dodgers. I pay postage for orders over \$10. Stewart Kelly, 3250 Village Drive, Apt. D, Mishawaka, IN 46545 (219-255-8676)

FOR SALE: Clearance sale. Teams

collected over 12-year period now available. Baseball - 1983 complete set; 1982 American League (no extra players); 1979 complete set; 1975 Mets, Indians, Yanks, Angels, Cards, Giants; 1974 complete set; 1973 Twins, Royals, Expos, Brewers. 1975-74-73, no extra players. Football - 1976 Giants, Jets, Falcons, Bills; 1975 Giants, Patriots, Jets; 1974 Redskins; 1971 Vikings, Dolphins. Send bids and SASE to: Tom Cavaliere, 42 Dubonnet Road, Valley Stream, NY 11581

FOR SALE: Complete baseball sets, excellent condition: 1980, \$28; 1981, \$27; 1982, \$26; 1983, \$25. Also 1983 season, mint (no extras), \$24. I require SASE; for replies (I pay postage) write: Brian Fischel, 2517 Teal Road, Wilmington, DE 19805 (302-994-8682)

FOR SALE: Kansas City, '61, '69, '70, '78-79, '82-84, '80; Minne-sota, '61, '69-70, '77-78, '80-84; Seattle, '69, '77-80, '82-84; Texas, '77-80, '82-84; Oakland, '69-70, '77-80, '82-84; Californ-ia, '61, '69-70, '77-80, '82-84; Chicago (AL), '61, '69-70, '77-78, '82-84; Detroit, '61, '69-70, '77-80, '82-84; Baltimore, '61, '69-70, '77-80, '82-84; Boston, '61, '69-70, '77-78, '80-84; New York (AL), '61, '69-70, '77-80, '82-84; Cleveland, '61, '69-70, '77-80, '82-84; Milwaukee, '70, '77-80, '82-84; Toronto, '77-78, '80, '82-84; Pittsburgh, '61, '69-70, '77-80, '82-84; Montreal, '69-70, '77-84; Philadelphia, '61 '69-70, '77, '80, '82-84, New York (NL), '69-70, '77-78, '80-84; Chicago (NL), '61, '69-70, '74, '77-78, '81-84; St. Louis, '61, '69-70, '77-80, '82-84; San Diego, '69-70, '77-78, '80-84; Atlanta, '61, '69-70, '77-78, '80, '82-84; Houston, '69-70, '77-78, '80, '82-84; San Francis-co, '61, '69-70, '77-78, '80, '82-84; Los Angeles, '61, '69-70, '77-84; Cincinnati, '61, '69-70, '77-78, '80, '82-84; Washington, '61 '69-70. All teams in good to

'61, '69-70. All teams in good to excellent condition. \$5 per team. First money order takes team. Also would be willing to trade for football sets prior to 1976. Brian Davenport, P.O. Box 404, Streamwood, IL 60108

FOR SALE: Baseball seasons: 1972 (no additionals); 1973-1985. 1956, 1961, 1969, 1970 (all with additionals); 1971 Pirates (no additionals). Rosters, new stealing ratings (where applicable) included. Good-mint condition. Send bids to: John Giangrossi, 18 Highview Circle, Middletown, NJ 07748

FOR SALE: Football - all teams complete and most teams in excellent condition: 1971 teams available are Bengals, Broncos, Cardinals, Falcons; 1972 Chargers, Jets, Colts, Saints, Broncos, Patriots, Lions, Eagles, Bills, Falcons, Bengals, Cardinals, Oilers, Giants, Rams, Bears; 1973 teams, Eagles, Giants, Broncos, Packers, Redskins, Lions; 1974 teams, Browns, Falcons, Rams, Bills, Oilers, Chargers, Broncos, Packers; 1976 teams, Dolphins, Bengals, 49ers, Cardinals, Redskins, Browns, Colts, Jets; 1977, all teams available except Raiders, Steelers, Broncos, Colts, Dolphins, Cowboys, Rams. Baseball - all teams complete with extras and most teams in brand new condition; 1978 all National League teams available except Pirates. Hockey - all teams complete with extras and most teams in excellent condition; 1977-78 all teams available except Canadiens, Blues; 1979-80 teams available are Kings, Bruins, Canadiens, Islanders. Send bids for all teams to: David Allen, 8 Chadwick Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5P 1Z8

FOR SALE: Basketball - original game; 1976-77, 1983-84 complete sets; 1984-85 Lakers, Knicks, Rockets, Nuggets, 76ers, Celtics; 1984-85 additionals. Hockey -

game; 1978-79 Flyers, Bruins, Jets, Canadiens. Football - original game; complete sets from 1976-1980. Cards, games, good condition. Will break sets. Rosters included. Send bids to: Paul Giangrossi, 18 Highview Circle, Middletown, NJ 07748 (201-671-2365)

FOR SALE: Baseball in sets only - 1976 AL-NL (24 teams); 1979 AL-NL (26 teams); 1980 NL (12 teams) 1982 AL (12 teams; Milwaukee, Boston unavailable); 1982 NL (12 teams). \$15 each year by league. All teams have extra players. Price includes postage. Robert Owens, 111 Fenner St., Pearl, MS 39208 (601-939-5141)

FOR SALE: Complete baseball, 1976-83; single teams, 1967-present. Football - 1971-present; single teams. Hockey - 1977-78, '81-82 seasons; single teams. '77-present. Basketball - single teams, '72-present. WANTED: 1962-64 complete baseball seasons. Send offers and SASE to: Sal Mangiapane, 23 W. Lincoln Ave., Cranford, NJ 07016 (201-276-5457)

FOR SALE: Big bargain. Big savings. I am getting out of Strat-O-Matic Baseball after 14 years. I have my entire collection for sale. 1967 NL (fair condition); 1930 complete (excellent); 1956 complete (excellent); Old-Timers complete (fair); 1974 complete (fair); 1980 complete (fair); 1982 complete, extra players (excellent); 1983 complete, extra players (excellent); 1984 complete, extras (excellent). Past season teams, complete (good); 1979 Milwaukee, Mets, Pittsburgh (good); 1981 Phillies, Montreal, Mets (good); 1977 Yanks (good); 1978 Yanks, including Ron Guidry (25-3, 1.74 ERA). Hall of Fame series A and B. A \$250 value for only \$150. Sold as a whole only. No others. All or none. You pay postage. You pay for call. Kevin McKim, 1373 Isabelle, Memphis, TN 38122 (1-901-327-8959)

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CHL: Complete football sets - 1972 (includes book w/schedule and season's review), '76, '77, '78, '79, '80, '81, '82, '83 seasons. Complete baseball - 1976, '78, '79, '80, '81, '82, '83, '84 seasons (with extras). Complete basketball - 1978-79, '80-81, '81-82, '82-83, '83-84 seasons. Incomplete sets: Football - six old-timer teams and 1975 Steelers. Basketball - 1975-76, 20 ABA stars, Spurs, Nets, Pacers, Nuggets, Bulls, Bullets, Celtics; 1976-77 76ers, Trailblazers, Rockets, Nuggets, Lakers. Baseball - 1977 (missing two teams). Send bids to: David Stewart, Route 2, Box 35, Roby, TX 79543

LEAGUE FORMING: I would like to start a face-to-face S-O-M Football league this coming fall. We can use all the super-advanced rules. If interested, and you live in the Los Angeles or Orange County area, contact: Jeff Knotek, P.O. Box 7105, Ina Park, CA 90622 (714-828-17)

LEAGUE FORMING: The International Football League (IFL) is about to start on its maiden voyage. The league will be a continuous draft league, with drafting of individual offensive and defensive players. I have four experienced Strat coaches and I am going for 6-8 more. Each owner has two teams: one NFC and one AFC. League dues will be \$11. Interested, call 213-670-7193, or write George Murphy, 8033 Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90045

LEAGUE FORMING: The North American Hockey League (NAHL) is considering expansion. We are an eight-team, 16-team, continuous BM winter league. We use old/super-advanced rules. Season runs from November to March, with a draft of players each October. Staterequired and a year-published each year.

Currently we have teams in Sweden, Ontario, New York, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana and Illinois. If you are interested in joining an established league please contact: John Stewart, 13240 S. Carondelet, Chicago, IL 60633 (312-646-3933)

LEAGUE FORMING: The World's Best Basketball League (WBBL) is looking for two coaches for the upcoming season. We are a 12-team continuous ownership PBM draft league playing a 76-game schedule. We are an established league looking for dedicated gamers. If interested and want more information, contact: Doug Crandall, Box 161, Deerfield, KS 67838 (316-426-2532)

LEAGUE FORMING: S-O-M adult, advanced baseball draft league is now expanding its face-to-face play in Philadelphia's western suburbs (based in West Chester, PA). Character and fairness are very important. Our only goals are competition and fun. Call Lee at 431-0549 before 10 p.m.

LEAGUE FORMING: Eddie Murray, Gary Ward, Frank White and Rick Rhoden need a manager. These are just some of the players on our Pittsburgh franchise that is currently vacant. The Michigan Majors PBM, super-advanced baseball league needs a manager and backups. We play both AL and NL, with 12 teams in each league. We have just started our fifth season, using the 1985 cards. We play 162 games and feature a newsletter that averages eight pages. Our franchise fee is only \$10 and for backup managers the newsletters come free. If interested in joining this 24-team draft league, write: Don Miron Jr., 5500 N. Elms Road, Flushing, MI 48433

LEAGUE FORMING: Managers wanted immediately to take over existing franchises in the IBA. Enthusiastic, experienced, mature baseball lovers only please.
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Currently playing our ninth AL season, our owners have teams in both AL and NL. Our newsletter, The Norting Spews, has been featured in the Review. Be a part of a league with a history. Write: Bob Dormer, 5949 Belden Street, Philadelphia, PA 19149

LEAGUE FORMING: We have eight managers, but would like to add two more in a face-to-face S-O-M Baseball league in Orange and L.A. counties. If interested, contact: John Fellet (work: 818-961-3629; home: 818-968-1588), or Cliff Knotek (714-828-1327), or write: Cliff Knotek, P.O. Box 7105, Buena Park, CA 90622

LEAGUE FORMING: The RCMBL is looking for one manager and three backup managers for the upcoming season, to start in August. We are a six-team AL and six-team NL PBM, continuous ownership draft baseball league. If interested or would like more information, contact: Doug Crandall, Box 161, Deerfield, KS 67838 (316-426-2532)

LEAGUE FORMING: The North American Correspondence Baseball Association (NACBA) is now forming and looking for managers. We're a 12-team PBM league, three divisions of four teams. The league will use the NL cards and run from Oct. to March. We will feature super-advanced version of game rules, full draft to design your own team, newsletters, rest and rotation rules, full stats and restricted year-round trading. Annual fee \$12 when we start. Serious and experienced gamers, please. Send a managing resume of S-O-M experience to/or call: Scott Hapner, 1827 Brookside Dr., Findlay, OH 45840 (419-422-0806)

LEAGUE FORMING: Where ya' at New Orleans! A friend and I are going to form a face-to-face, advanced football league for

the New Orleans and surrounding areas. We are going to set up a draft format. We are planning to begin the league as soon as the new cards are available, but need people to respond as soon as possible for suggestions. For information, call: Tim Strain (504-279-0361) or Pat Spezio (504-393-1142)

LEAGUE FORMING: Enthusiastic coaches needed to continue the successful legacy of the North American Football Association (NAFA) PBM league. Several openings are available in this 18-team league for the fourth (1986-87) season. Special features of the NAFA rules incorporate playing face-to-face, neutral and home games, a 16-game schedule (Sept.-Jan.), a four-team backup division, super-advanced S-O-M rules, an annual rookie draft in August and league awards for participation. A personal commitment and a basic knowledge of the game are required, but prior PBM experience is not necessary. Don't miss out on this opportunity to join one of the most successful PBM football leagues, become a NAFA coach by contacting: Michael Macher, 415 Walnut St., Middlesex, NJ 08846 (201-469-9331)

LEAGUE FORMING: EBSOMBL is looking to expand (currently 14 managers) for the 1987 season (1986 cards). EBSOMBL is in its 9th season. The league features a unique expansion draft, which will enable a rookie manager to be an instant contender. Other unique features: a non-carded player draft and a free agent draft. This is a face-to-face league in southern Alameda County. The drafting of players is by open auction and they may be kept for life. You are a manager on the field as well as a general manager because you decide what your players' salaries will be. This is an equal opportunity league, but be warned only those dedicated players willing to play a 162-game schedule and
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Soon, S-O-M will be coming out with the computer game for Commodore...and then IBM should be in the on-deck circle and available soon after that.

"We have a good shot at coming out with the Commodore version at World Series time," says Bob Yonke of S-O-M. "And the IBM, if everything is okay and there are no bugs, should be available two months later. Everything is subject to change, however."

"We are very pleased with the Apple version," enthuses Harold Richman, S-O-M's creator and owner. Creating the program took a long, long time, and a lot of testing. But it was all worth it."

Only very minor "bugs" have been found (the boxscore doesn't show if two pitchers combined for a shutout, for example). In other words, S-O-M batted almost 1,000. And that's as good as it gets!

Be sure when doing a statistical record for your S-O-M team (actual or draft), Little League team or softball squad, to format two disks before getting started. One disk will be your "team roster disk" and the other your "statistical record disk." You need both, so...

Next month Review co-editor Del Newell will take you on a statistical trip with his American League draft team and how he updates his weekly stats using the computer disks (plus, of course, the team roster disk and statistical record disk).

The Review followed up on Kevin Anderson's letter in the June issue (page 9), in which he laments the loss of his entry fee for a play-by-mail league that never got out of the starting gate.

The Review did contact the organizer of the PBM league and the response was that, yes, the league had folded, but, no, the entry fee was not lost forever. In fact, the organizer of the short-lived league said the entry fees had all been mailed back to the managers.

Hopefully, this will settle the issue. If not, contact the Review and another followup will be made.

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cough up an entry fee of \$25 should apply. Call: Tom D. Simpson (415-487-0632, after 5 p.m.), or write: 2118 Grackle Court, Union City, CA 94587

Contests

CONTEST: Sixth annual Lyman Bostock Memorial Tournament will be held the weekend of August 2-3, 1986, at Purdue University in West Lafayette, IN. Featuring five big events with trophies awarded to all winners and runnersup. Meet fellow gamers

from all over the country and Canada. Truly a great weekend of fun and excitement. Many leagues, playoffs and championships. Tournament is again backed by the Strat-O-Matic Game Co. For further details, write or call (if writing, please enclose a long SASE): James Sanders, 5806 Kennedy Terrace #103, Gary, IN (1-219-938-6137). Entry for two-day tournament is \$9.75. Tournaments include: Super advanced football, super advanced football (new version), advanced baseball, super advanced hockey and elementary baseball.

Liberty is over-30 football league

Washington edges Miami in '84 season Super Bowl thriller

There are over-age 25 leagues for softball, basketball...

And there are over-40 leagues for softball, basketball...

One Strat-O-Matic league, however, although a certain age is not a prerequisite for membership, has only coaches that are in their 30s.

It's the Liberty Strat-O-Matic Advanced Football League from Liberty, NY, which is ready to embark on its ninth season when the new cards come out.

The Liberty league has been featured in the Review before. It has six coaches, each with a team in the NFC and one in the AFC, plus there's a league team for coaches that want a little more dice-rollin' action. Actual teams are used, but each team is allowed to draft an offensive player from the unused 14 teams.

"All super-advanced rules are used," adds Wayne Benton, "including many tips gotten from the Review (2-minute clock, team fumble recoveries, revised on-side kick chart and linebacker interception returns)."

Trading was allowed and players can also be added from a "waiver pile" to fill out rosters that include three quarterbacks, five running backs, three tight ends and four wide receivers.

EIGHT TEAMS QUALIFY FOR PLAYOFFS, BUT...

Eight teams, four in each conference, qualify for the playoffs. But capturing first place in the regular season is worth plenty when it comes to the playoffs, despite having over half the teams eligible for post-season play.

The playoff format has the fourth-place team playing third-place and the winner then meeting the second-place team. The conference champ only plays one game and then against the winner of the second game.

If you recall, Miami and San Francisco were the real-life kings that met in the Super Bowl, with the 49ers prevailing. Miami did make it to the Super Bowl in the Liberty League, too. But San Francisco, just barely qualifying for the playoffs with an 8-8 record, was sidelined in the playoff opener by Washington, 41-24.

In fact, Wayne Benton's Redskins went all the way to the Super Bowl where they met coach Billy Stoddard's Dan Marino-led Miami Dolphins.

Washington, which had won Super Bowl VII, fell behind 16-0 late in the first half and still trailed 23-10 with 13 minutes to play. A six-minute drive that culminated in a 3-yard run by Keith Griffin cut the score to 23-17 and then, on a 55-yard march following a Dolphin punt, the 'Skins scored the game-winner when Billy Sims hit the end zone from four yards out with 2:15 left.

Sims, draft choice of Washington, was the game's MVP, rushing for a whopping 190 yards on 31 carries. Art Monk had eight catches for 143 yards, including snaring a 28-yard pass from Joe Theismann (18-32, 248 yards) that kept the winning drive going.

Marino had a so-so game, completing 14 of 25 passes for only 194 yards, but for three touchdowns. Vernon Dean picked off a Marino pass - the third Redskin theft of the game - to finish off Miami's last hope.

Benton reports that ball-control made the difference as Washington ran off 82 offensive plays and totaled 500 yards, while Miami had only 56 plays and turned them into 377 yards.

A LOOK AT THE OVER-30 GANG

Here's a capsule look at each coach in the Liberty League, his
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teams and his age, of course:

TOM POLEY (38) - Los Angeles Rams - Draft pick, Phil Simms...Eric Dickerson had great season (2298 yards rushing, 1 TDs) and was chosen NFC's MVP...5-0 start helped Rams immensely, as did Ron Brown's 77 catches for 1114 yards. Los Angeles Raiders - Draft pick, Mike Quick...Jim Plunkett had sub-par season as Raiders lost last three games...Marcus Allen rushed for 1041 yards and draft pick Quick had 74 catches for 1208 more.

BILLY STODDARD (32) - Green Bay - Draft pick, James Wilder...Surprise team of league as Lynn Dickey threw for 27 TDs, Eddie Lee Ivey rushed for 1054 and Paul Coffman had 92 receptions and scored 12 times...Defense gave up NFC-low 325 points. Miami - Draft pick, Gerald Riggs...Marino was AFC's MVP after 87.5 quarterback rating and league-high 38 TD passes and 4444 yards...Joe Carter chipped in with 942 yards rushing and defense was solid (No. 1 against pass, No. 1 in points allowed and No. 3 overall).

WAYNE BENTON (35) - Washington - Draft pick, Billy Sims...Came on strong, winning 10 of last 11 games, after 3-6 start...Monk had 91 catches, although missing two games with injuries...Theismann was fourth-rated QB...John Riggins rushed for 1108 yards, Sims 871...Defense forced NFC-high 57 turnovers. Pittsburgh - Draft pick, Tony Eason...Eason wasn't spectacular, but he threw few interceptions (2.6%) and kept running attack in high gear...Defense was tough as ever, finishing No. 1 against run, No. 4 against pass and No. 1 overall.

KEVIN MULLEN (33) - San Francisco - Draft pick, Ozzie Newsome...Won only one of last six games for a dismal 8-8 record...Three-game injury to Joe Montana (53.7%, 23 TDs) resulted in three defeats...Newsome did catch 76 passes, but defense was rated 13th against the pass. Kansas City - Draft pick, Dan Fouts...Fouts had sub-par season as K.C. got off to 1-9 start...Trade acquisition Tony Nathan (from Miami) did rush for 994 yards, but defense gave up AFC-high 405 points.

TIM SMITH (33) - Chicago - Draft pick, Gary Danielson...Another team that faltered at finish, losing last five games...Walter Payton had great season, rushing for 1798 yards and catching 86 passes...Richard Dent led league with 19 sacks. Smith's battle cry: "Wait until next year!" Denver - Draft pick, Kellen Winslow...Defense was tough (No. 2 overall, No. 2 against run)...John Elway was No. 2-rated passer (80.0), completing 55.4 percent of his tosses and having league-low 1.9 interception percentage...Lots of offense as Sammy Winder rushed for 1379 yards, Winslow had 90 catches and Steve Watson caught passes worth 1239 yards...Turnover differential was +32 in Denver's favor.

NORM EVANSKY (35) - Dallas - Draft pick, Steve Bartkowski...Horrible start (0-7) led to second straight bad season...Tony Dorsett rushed for 954 yards and Doug Cosbie had 92 catches, but Bartkowski had NFC-high 5.4 interception percentage...Defense ranked 12th out of 14 teams. Seattle - Draft pick, Freeman McNeil...Offense turned ball over too much for even top-notch defense to overcome (Dave Kreig: 41 interceptions)...McNeil was good draft pick as he rushed for 1456 yards and 14 TDs...Steve Largent had 84 catches and scored 12 times...Lost last three games.

LEAGUE - St. Louis - Draft pick, Stanley Morgan...Defense was dreadful, ranking last against pass and points allowed...Roy Green had 75 receptions for 21.4 average and league-high 1605 yards...Neil Lomax was No. 6-rated QB...Won two of first three games - then lost last 11! Cincinnati - Draft pick, Tim Smith...Balanced team that gave everyone trouble, despite 7-9 record...Ken Anderson completed 54 percent of passes as three players caught 56 or more led by Cris Collinsworth's 66.

A couple of the Liberty S-O-M League's playing tips are found on the following page:

* Punting inside 10-yard line - Returner has option of returning a kick inside his own 10-yard line or "letting it bounce." This is done by rolling two dice; if a 2-8 is rolled, kick is considered a touch-back, if 9-12 is rolled, ball is dead at the spot kick landed.

* Revised on-side kick - NFL stats show that inside of two minutes, 40-50 percent of on-side kicks are recovered by the kicking team. So, with less than two minutes to play, use the following chart (all kicks go 10 yards):

- 2, 3, 7, 10-12 - Kicking team recovers
4-6, 8-9 - Receiving team recovers

At all other times during game, use S-O-M's on-side kick chart.

Standings, leaders and playoff results:

NFC	Won-Lost	AFC	Won-Lost	Playoffs
LA Rams	10 6	Miami	12 4	Washington 41, San Francisco 24;
Green Bay	10 6	Pittsburgh	10 6	Washington 32, Green Bay 24;
Washington	9 7	Denver	10 6	Washington 30, LA Rams 27 (OT);
San Francisco	8 8	Seattle	9 7	Seattle 30, Denver 27;
Chicago	8 8	LA Raiders	7 9	Pittsburgh 23, Seattle 20 (OT);
Dallas	5 11	Cincinnati	7 9	Miami 44, Pittsburgh 24
St. Louis	3 13	Kansas City	4 12	

Rushing	Att-Yds.	ID	Avg.	Long	QB Sacks
Dickerson RAM	411-2298	16	5.6	60	Dent CHI 19
Payton CHI	408-1798	12	4.4	72	Blackwood MIA 19
McNeil SEA	319-1456	14	4.6	53	Merriweather PIT 18
Winder DEN	325-1379	5	4.2	48	Flynn GB 18
Riggins WAS	346-1108	12	3.2	20	
Ivery GB	223-1054	1	4.7	36	
Allen RAID	250-1041	5	4.2	41	

Passing	Att-Comp	Pct.	Yds.	Int-ID	Avg.	Rating
Marino MIA	565-321	56.8	4444	23 38	7.87	87.5
Elway DEN	368-204	55.4	2382	7 14	6.47	80.0
Montana SF	471-253	53.7	3065	13 23	6.51	78.7
Theismann WAS	533-283	53.1	3510	16 21	6.59	74.3
Dickey GB	564-303	53.7	3999	25 27	7.09	74.1
Lomax SL	486-239	49.2	3431	14 17	7.06	72.9
Eason PIT	509-260	51.1	2881	13 20	5.66	70.4

Receiving	No.-Yds.	ID	Avg.	Long	Interceptions
Coffman GB	92 1238	12	13.5	45	Harris SEA 10
Cosbie DAL	92 1042	6	11.3	50	Cromwell RAM 10
Monk WAS	91 1200	6	13.2	55	Lott SF 9
Winslow DEN	90 871	7	9.8	43	
Payton CHI	86 544	4	6.3	23	Punt Returns
Largent SEA	84 1471	12	17.5	-	C.Montgomery RAID 18.2 2
Clayton MIA	82 1367	8	16.7	60	Martin CIN 15.4 1
Brown RAM	77 1114	5	14.5	96	
Newsome SF	76 602	6	7.9	48	Kickoff Returns
Green SL	75 1605	10	21.4	65	D.Williams RAID 28.5 1
					Harmon SF 25.8 0

Points	PAT	FG	Total	Penalties (Most)	No.-Yds.
Anderson PIT	38-39	41-61	161	LA Raiders	162-1289
Johnson SEA	51-52	35-39	156	St. Louis	151-1117
Moseley WAS	40-45	36-48	148	Penalties (Least)	No.-Yds.
DeGregre GB	44-44	34-42	146	Miami	86-572
Karlis DEN	33-37	36-51	141	Denver	95-774
B.Thomas CHI	36-38	32-39	141	San Francisco	99-778

S-O-M league, replay scene

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS REPLAY - Mike Cranev of Loogootee, IN, a 16-year veteran of S-O-M Baseball gaming, has completed a replay of the St. Louis Cardinals' 1985 season. It was not in the Cards to win the N.L. East title as St. Louis lost its last game to the lowly Pirates, 6-5, after carrying a 5-3 lead into the bottom of the ninth, and wound up in a tie with the New York Mets at 98-64...The Mets won a one-game playoff in Shea Stadium, 6-4, as George Foster hit a pair of home runs - both via ball park effect results...Bullpen was singled out for St. Louis' demise as at least 15 times leads were squandered in the ninth inning and extra innings...Super-advanced game was used and injuries were adhered to (Jack Clark and Darrell Porter sat out long stretches, just as in real-life)...Memorable moments: A 7-6 20-inning win over Houston, a team St. Louis whipped in 11 of 12 meetings, although five of the wins went extra innings; John Tudor tossing a one-hitter at Montreal, with Hubie Brooks' home run in the fourth inning (a "5" was drawn in a ball park effect situation) the lone hit; and Tudor racking up a 27-5 record with 1.73 ERA. Tudor's innings pitched-to-hits totals were an impressive 312-to-208, plus he had 234 strikeouts...Joaquin Andujar went 18-7 with 3.16 ERA, but served up 274 hits in 256 innings. ..Many of the stats were amazingly close as Willie McGee batted .352 in the replay (.353 real-life), Jack Clark .276 (.281) and Vince Coleman stole 128 bases in 161 attempts (110-25).

GREATER NAPERVILLE AREA S-O-M BASEBALL LEAGUE - Matt Young, a 12th round draft pick, was the big star in a six-team replay based on the 1983 real-life season...Young, hurling for Neal Vecchio's Finleys, had a superlative 19-2 record and 2.04 ERA - which becomes remarkable when it is known that the GNASOM plays only a 90-game schedule...Vecchio had rated Young as the second-best southpaw available in the draft, behind Atlee Hammaker. Hammaker was drafted by Jim Swaile of Warrrenville, IL, (Maulers) and ended with a disappointing 6-13 record and 3.11 ERA... Other managers included: Bruce Bade (Naperville, Rapers), Jerry Ruzicka (Warrenville, Huns), Steve Lord (Geneva, Hardin) and Jim Peters (Oswego, Cats)...Finleys won regular-season (51-39), with Rapers second (49-41) and Maulers third (48-42)...Rapers won World Series in six games...Mike Schmidt of the Rapers hit 20 home runs and drove in 72 runs, Rickey Henderson of the Huns swiped 76 bases, Bobby Grich of the Rapers led the GNASOM in hitting (.302), Jose DeLeon of the Finleys struck out 202 and teammate Tom Niedenfuer saved 25 games.

Standings:

	Won	Lost	GB		Won	Lost	GB
Finleys	51	39	-	Huns	46	44	5
Rapers	49	41	2	Hardin	40	50	11
Maulers	48	42	3	Cats	36	54	15

CANADIAN STRAT-O-MATIC FOOTBALL LEAGUE - Although there's been a news blackout in recent years, Allan Ropchan reports that Strat-O-Dom's largest face-to-face football league is still going strong and that the 1985 season (based on 1984 cards) is history...Based in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, the CSOMFL has flourished for years and annually puts out the "Red Dog Review" which chronicles the league's latest season, as well as updates current and future happenings...Little data accompanied the latest offering from the 28-coach league, but it was revealed that
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Gautam Rao's Cincinnati Bengals, 11-5 and winner of the AFC Central, reigned as "Strat-O-Bowl" king after defeating Brent Schumacher's Los Angeles Rams...Also in the coaching lineup are: Earl Cameron (Miami), Frank Rose (New England), Tom Newton (NY Jets), Dave Perrotte (Indianapolis), Ron Dougherty (Buffalo), Bob Bidney (Pittsburgh), Brant Boston (Cleveland), Brad Nesdoly (Houston), Gord Odegard (Seattle), Steve Whitaker (Kansas City), Dale Rusnac (Denver), Collin Opper (San Diego), Frank Budd (LA Raiders) in the AFC; and Lee Carlyle (NY Giants), Kerry Shakupa (Washington), Randy Shakupa (St. Louis), Allan Ropchan (Dallas), Terry Coulson (Philadelphia), Owen Jackson (Chicago), Barry Gach (Green Bay), Gary Kinloch (Tampa Bay), Tom Armstrong (Minnesota), Peter Millard (Detroit), Dale Lassey (New Orleans), Jim Riddell (San Francisco) and Greg Waines (Atlanta) in the NFC...Rao was also selected coach of the year, while Gary Kinloch was rookie of the year, Earl Cameron's Dolphins had the most offense (585 points) and Gord Odegard's Seahawks the stingiest defense (221).

Standings and statistics:

NFC					
East	Won-Lost	Central	Won-Lost	West	Won-Lost
NY Giants	12 4	Chicago	10 6	LA Rams	12 4
Washington	11 5	Green Bay	10 6	New Orleans	10 6
St. Louis	7 9	Tampa Bay	8 8	San Francisco	10 6
Dallas	7 9	Minnesota	6 10	Atlanta	1 15
Philadelphia	6 10	Detroit	5 11		

Rushing		Completions		Completion%		Yards	
G.Ellis	2077	Lomax	327	DeBerg	52.8	Lomax	4087
Gajan	1762	Theismann	283	Lomax	52.5	Hogoboom	3909
Ivory	1645	Hogoboom	259	Bartkowski	52.5	P.Simms	3546
Sims	1576						

Receptions	Yards	Playoffs
Holohan 144	Brenner 1910	Washington d. New Orleans
Crosbie 132	T.Hill 1861	LA Rams d. Washington
Jones 98	R.Green 1666	Chicago d. NY Giants
		LA Rams d. Chicago

AFC					
East	Won-Lost	Central	Won-Lost	West	Won-Lost
Miami	13 3	Cincinnati	11 5	Seattle	12 4
New England	7 9	Pittsburgh	7 9	Kansas City	11 5
NY Jets	7 9	Cleveland	6 10	Denver	10 6
Indianapolis	5 11	Houston	6 10	San Diego	8 8
Buffalo	0 16			LA Raiders	6 10

Rushing		Completions		Completion%		Yards	
M.Allen	1732	Marino	366	Eason	56.9	Marino	5569
B.Jackson	1382	Fouts	308	Marino	56.8	Fouts	4228
James	1335	Anderson	295	Anderson	54.6	Kenny	3210

Receptions	Yards	Playoffs
Allen 125	Winslow 1344	Kansas City d. Denver
Winslow 123	Newsome 1320	Miami d. Kansas City
Dornick 97	Duper 1271	Cincinnati d. Seattle
		Cincinnati d. Miami

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES REPLAY, 1983 - Robert McMullin III and Clark Shuster, Fort Washington, PA, two fans of the Philadelphia Eagles,
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S-O-M league, replay scene

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had a enjoyment/disappointment season replaying the 1983 Eagles' schedule..."We used the advanced Strat-O-Matic Football rules," relates McMullin. "This replay season brought many hours of enjoyment even though the Eagles had a disappointing season"...Whereas in real-life the Eagles were 5-11, their card counterparts went only 3-13...Philadelphia did end season on a high by edging St. Louis in a defensive duel in overtime, 6-3 (in real life St. Louis won easily, 31-7, in the finale). ..Ron Jaworski wasn't nearly as effective as for real, completing only 46.9 percent of 462 passes for a mere 10 touchdowns (20)...Hubie Oliver was the leading rusher, both in real-life and S-O-M, churning out 585 yards in 172 carries in the replay, compared to 121-434 numbers in '83. ..Wilbert Montgomery chipped in 439 yards - 300 more than real-life - to complement Oliver...Tight end Vyto Kab (18 catches for 195 yards and one TD in real-life, had 97 receptions, 843 yards and five scores in S-O-M...Harold Carmicheal had 49 catches for 829 yards (38-515).