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Defense against the run is rated 'Supreme'

New York has some Giant-sized cards

After a Super on-the-field performance in 1986, it's all in the cards now for the New York Giants in Strat-O-Matic.

The Giants, as expected, have a collection of outstanding cards in the new set, ranging from a "supreme" defense against the run to Joe Morris' breakaway runs. New York also has the feared Tony Galbreath, but his card, based on 16 real-life carries in '86, is nothing like the card that prompted cries for the prohibitive "Galbreath Rule" the year before.

In checking out the Giants, there's a defense that forces fumbles on No. 6 for numbers 2-11. The defensive unit, good although not spectacular, includes five "6s", three "5s" and three "4s". Three of the four linebackers - Carl Banks, Harry Carson and Lawrence Taylor - are all rated "6."

Other highlights in a cursory look at the Giants are Joe Morris having long gain straight across on No. 2 and short gain across his card on No. 3. He also has a long gain, guessed wrong, on end run No. 11. Tight end Mark Bavaro has all gains guessed wrong except for No. 5 on flat pass and No. 7 for short pass.

The Chicago Bears, although they didn't make a return trip to the Super Bowl, again had a solid defense and some big-play performers on offense. Jim McMahon was obviously missed as he attempted only 150 passes.

Willie Gault has a dandy big-gain receiving card, with long gain both right and wrong on Nos. 5 and 6 for a long pass. He also has long gain in the short pass column, guessed wrong, on Nos. 3, 9 and 11. Thomas Sanders and Dennis Gentry both have touchdown on kickoff return for a roll of 2.

Overall, the Bears have five "6s" on defense. The overall pass defense as well as run defense both are rated excellent. Against the long
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pass with one man in the zone, a roll of 7 results in interception 2-10, 12.

Here's a look at some of the other outstanding or unusual team and individual cards in the 1987 set (based on 1986 real-life):

* Curt Warner of Seattle has short gains on Nos. 4, 6 and 10 and long gain on No. 12 on an end run, guessed wrong. His Nos. 10, 11 and 12 results are short gain, +31 and long gain, respectively.

* Wesley Walker of the New York Jets has 13 long gain chances (out of 36) on long pass, guessed wrong column. Bobby Humphrey and JoJo Townsell both have touchdowns on No. 2 for kickoff returns. Pass defense is very poor as against short pass, three men in zone, except for No. 9 (interception) and No. 3, everything else is completion or receiver.

* Buffalo's "Franchise," Jim Kelly, has a good card, both passing and running. And Chris Burkett has 13 long gain chances on guessed wrong for a long pass. But the Bills have no fumble chances on defense and the best interception chance is 2-3, 12.

* Dallas' Herschel Walker is a two-way threat, with an outstanding card as a runner and receiver. Call him Double 84, as he has an 84-yard run off-tackle, guessed wrong on No. 2 and an 84-yard pass reception on a long pass, guessed wrong, on No. 11. An intriguing card is that of Reggie Collier, a quarterback who attempted only 15 passes. He has 21 must run chances, one long gain and 11-plus interception chances on long pass, guessed right.

* Philadelphia only fumbles on offense on a roll of 2. The offensive line is a sad-sack outfit, having all "0s" pass blocking and five of nine players rated "0" on run blocking. Quarterback Randall Cunningham has 29 must run chances in the short and long pass columns.

* The Los Angeles Raiders have an interception reading of 2-9 and 12 on No. 7, defending against long pass. Jessie Hester has 13 long gain chances on long pass, guessed wrong.

* Check out Tommy Kramer's passing card for Minnesota, it's a dandy.

* Miami has the best split end/wide receiver duo in the NFL in Mark Duper and Mark Clayton. Both cards are long, long, long on long gains. And Dan Marino, well, his card reflects a 60.7 percent completion percentage and even includes 10 completion chances when passing short in the guessed right column.

* Washington's Jay Schroeder has 11 long gain chances on long pass when guessed wrong, but is weak throwing flat/look-in passes.

* In addition to Eric Dickerson, the NFL's leading rusher, the LA Rams may have the "Tony Galbreath card" of this year, belonging to Charles White. He has only 22 attempts, but he's dynamite guessed wrong on end runs. Dickerson, by the way, has a short gain straight across on No. 7.

* Although Green Bay didn't do much right in '86, quarterback Randy Wright has a +14 reading straight across (including Rec. 2-tmd) on No. 7 on short passes.

* Joe Montana, who usually has an excellent passing card, is a disappointment when going long. San Francisco has no offensive fumbles.

* Kansas City's defensive secondary has three "6s" and one "5" and the interception chances are 2-9, 12, one man in zone, vs. long pass.

* Gerald Willhite has a touchdown on No. 3 for punt return. Denver also features, of course, quarterback John Elway, who has long gain throwing long straight across (+30 Rec 2-tmd) on No. 7. Elway also has a very good running card and enough "must run" readings to make him a double threat for the NFC champions.

* New Orleans' Morten Andersen has 2-10 field goal chance from 23-32 yards.

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* Cincinnati's Stanley Wilson has short gain on No. 7 straight across (excepting keyed) on all three types of runs, while James Brooks has short gain on No. 12 and long gain on No. 2, again across the card.

* Bernie Kosar's card is rated "great" by Review co-editor Warren Newell, who annually goes through the cards and rates them tougher than a Russian judge. Cleveland also has special teams whiz Gerald McNeil (at least he was against the Detroit Lions), who has touchdown on No. 2 for kickoffs and punt returns.

* Tampa Bay has the dubious distinction of having six "Os" on defense, including three of four defensive backs. The pass defense, not surprisingly, is rated "very poor." The defense against the run isn't much better. Instead of "poor," Newell feels a "lousy" rating would be more appropriate.

* San Diego, where defense has been a taboo subject, the run is rated good to excellent, while the pass defense is rated average to poor. Also, check out Dan Fouts' card, especially if you have a chance to pick him off in a draft league.

* New England has another dynamic receiving duo in Stanley Morgan and Irving Fryar. Fryar has long gain, both called right and wrong, on No. 7 throwing long. And under-rated Tony Eason has a good card, too.

* Eric Hipple of Detroit has a lot of completion chances, being especially effective throwing flat/look-in passes. But Detroit's individual defensive ratings are atrocious as there are only two "5s", five "4s" and four "Os".

One card that probably isn't of much interest to anyone outside of Buffalo and Portage/Kalamazoo, MI, is that of Pete Metzelaars, tight end for the Bills who caught 49 passes for 485 yards and three TDs.

Metzelaars, who's listed as 6-foot-7, 243 pounds, played quarterback in high school at Portage Central - he was 6-6, 220 then - and helped lead his team into the Michigan Class A championship game, which it lost to Birmingham Brother Rice.

As far as the new cards having to be detached because they come in sheets and are perforated, it's a slight annoyance and some of the edges show the perforation. But it does eliminate the collating process (which took six to eight weeks for baseball) and should in the near future result in earlier arrivals of card orders.

"The new process is three times quicker," says Steve Barkan of the game company, "if you order a complete set of cards. If you order less than a full set, it isn't quite as fast, although still much faster than the old system."

Another slight advantage of having to separate the perforated cards is that gamers will be looking over the cards at the same time. Most gamers hungrily look over the cards, anyway, but now it will be a double labor of love.

In this corner...the editors

Look for a couple of improvements in the baseball game when next year rolls around. Can't tell you more now, but stay tuned in upcoming issues for more on the improvements.

The Strat-O-Matic Game Company is busy rewriting the instruction booklet for its baseball games (board and computer). Many of the nagging questions that have appeared in the pages of the Review over the years will be clarified.

Speaking of changes, or clarification, check out this month's "Readers roll 'em" section for cutoff plays in the IBM and Commodore computer games. Also, a cutoff play will be incorporated into the other versions of S-O-M Baseball (Apple computer, board game) next year.

Readers roll 'em

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TWO X-CHARTS, ANYONE?

I want to encourage S-O-M to implement the field surface into the baseball game.

A while back, I read a suggestion that perhaps two X-charts could be utilized, a "grass" chart and an "artificial" chart. The grass chart would have more errors and fewer singles on the infielders. The "turf" chart would have more double plays and more outfield singles would turn into doubles and triples.

To maintain compatibility, the charts would use the exact same ratings and you could still use new cards with the old chart and the old cards with the new charts.

In addition, these new charts could bring on changes that would make outfield errors more realistic. S-O-M error totals are very realistic, but in reality major league outfielders, with few exceptions, simply do not drop that many flyballs.

The new charts could bring back a result from the basic game X-chart: the single plus error, a common occurrence in real-life play. Finally, many outfielder errors occur on throws, so why not introduce T-ratings for outfielders like the catchers?

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JUST A FEW MORE CHANGES

Much has been written (about possible changes in the Strat-O-Matic Baseball game) and much has been done (clutch hitting, ball park factor, supplementary stealing). But there are a few more ideas S-O-M should use, which would put its game on the verge of perfection.

We have the groundball A for the hitters, but none for pitchers. This tells me that all pitchers

are created equal as far as creating double play balls. Which brings me to the fielding X. Again all are equal. I feel that a pitcher who allows more groundouts should have an extra groundball X chance on his card.

Probably the most important area we need is clutch pitching. If there is clutch hitting, then why not clutch pitching?

It seems that S-O-M has been worrying about perfecting the offensive end of the game. It is time to perfect the defensive end also.

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'C' SET PROPOSED

In my next letter to you I'll send along my ballot for a proposed Hall-of-Fame "C" set.

I've noted in recent issues of the Review that there has been quite a bit of interest in a third set, especially with so many of the great players from the '60s retiring in recent years.

I've done some research and have come up with two 20-player rosters (seven pitchers, 13 batters, broken down by positions). Hopefully, enough interest can be generated for this project so that the game company would seriously consider it for the next couple of years.

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A JOB WELL DONE

I just wanted to voice my approval of a job well done. Baseball Strat takes up a good deal of my wife and myself's time and your newsletter is read cover to cover each month in my house.

I enjoy your format and wish you many years of continued success. I play in six active PBM baseball Strat leagues and I'm
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president of two leagues. I will use information in the Review for all league members and I encourage them to subscribe - as most do.

I hope I don't 'hurt your feelings' by not giving you some negative criticism. It seems lately that readers have been giving you a hard time. I wanted you to know that there are plenty of people out here like myself that appreciate the job you are doing.

I play the Apple computer version of Strat Baseball. I was disappointed that the computer program was not available with the cards this year - especially since I flew to New York to pick-up the cards in person for the first time.

I'm glad to hear that there is a good possibility that the team disks will be available with the cards in the future. It will sure make things easier for gamers like myself that play in several leagues. The computer program saves many hours of stat time and doesn't take away from the game at all.

I have a few suggestions for Strat-O-Matic regarding the computer game on the Apple. It would really be helpful if 'series stats' would be available. As it stands now, stats for each game are added in to season totals - so series stats are not available.

It would also be nice if you could save boxscores on disk for future reference. Now, you either get a copy of the boxscore immediately after the game - or not at all.

I guess the big thing that draft leaguers will be complaining about the most is the roster maximums of 29 for the manual program and 25 for the advanced version. As Strat spells out in its instructions, trading of players is not very practical with the current format. It would be nice if there was room for 35 or 40 players on each team - to allow for trading, waiver transactions, etc.

Don't get me wrong. The Strat program is fantastic and I use it daily. I realize that there

is a space problem on the disks - but how about coming up with a 'General Manager's Disk' or a 'Draft League Disk' in the future?

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YEAR NEEDED ON CARDS

Why doesn't Strat-O-Matic put the year of record on the basketball defensive cards and the football specialty, offensive-defensive rating and defensive end run-flat pass cards?

Whenever I get new teams, I hand-print the year on these cards in order to avoid confusion in case I get cards of the same team in different years mixed together (all-time drafts, etc.).

I know it's a minor inconvenience, which is why I can't understand why the game company doesn't print the year on these particular cards. If, by mistake, certain cards are mixed up, a team's performance will be altered, resulting in an unrealistic performance.

It doesn't seem like too difficult a task to accomplish in order to make a great game greater.

MELVIN KAPUTNICK
(18-year S-O-M vet)

FROM NEPAL TO THE U.S.

Dhanybaad! (Thank you!) What a surprise seeing that you gave me a full page in the Review (July, 1987, page 10). That was fantastic. It will get results for sure. There are several possibilities in the For Sale advertising section for resurrecting my six stricken teams.

The Review arrived at my house on Sunday. That was just in time, as I am leaving for Europe tomorrow. I will return to Kathmandu at the end of September.

Yes, I have taken S-O-M on the trail. I have not played a game higher than 9,000 feet elevation (I have been as high as

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19,000 feet). The Nepalese do play dice games while drinking chang (roughly equivalent to beer) much as Americans do in bars back in the United States.

I must get back to my last-minute packing. I will write you again when I get back in October. Thanks again for your excellent coverage of my pilfered teams.

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COMPUTER QUESTIONS

As an owner of the Apple, Commodore and IBM versions of S-O-M Baseball, I've got a few questions that have been bubbling up for a year now. I'd appreciate it if you could check with Steve Barkan on them.

First, there are other earned run situations that the game does not recognize in addition to some of those already mentioned.

If a batter reaches first base on an error with no outs, is caught stealing for the first out, next batter makes out for two outs, then a home run is hit, or other run-scoring situations occur, the runs should be earned, but are called unearned. I think other baserunning outs and errors also mix badly in earned run consideration.

The computer games have no idea of scoring rule 10.18 (i) either. For example, when a relief pitcher comes in with two outs and allows a home run, it's always an earned run for him, regardless of any errors committed before he entered the game. The computer versions incorrectly charge these as unearned runs.

My biggest concern with the computer games is baserunning. I am involved in two leagues that use the somewhat standard cutoff rule (first introduced by Brad Furst?) that has been printed in the Review many times in the past.

The main reason for that cutoff rule is to keep the batter from advancing an extra base on throws from the outfield. Even as late as Dec., 1986 you answered a reader's question on this by saying the batter also advanced an extra base on these outfield throws.

Well, in the computer game the batter never advances on outfield throws. This makes a huge difference as far as I'm concerned in the play of the game.

With a good cutoff rule, you have to weigh the possibility of throwing out the lead runner with the penalty of letting the batter advance into scoring position and out of a possible double play. With the computer rule, the offensive manager is instead doing something more akin to stealing third base when he runs his baserunner up that extra base.

I would prefer the computer games be adjusted to allow real cutoff rules and let the batter move up on throws. But even without that I would like to know what the real baserunning rule is (hopefully, the same for both computer and non-computer) and for what season the old rule (as given in the Dec. '86 answer) still applies. Does the batter advance on outfield throws or not?

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EDITOR'S NOTE: First of all, S-O-M's Steve Barkan says there are still minor "bugs" with the computer games and interpretation of an earned and unearned run. The more technical situations have been a problem - a problem Barkan suggests be remedied, at least for now, by manually changing the result using Edit Statistical Records. S-O-M is aware of scoring rule 10.18 (i) and will be attempting, via its computer people, of making next year's editions bug-free.

As far as a cutoff rule, the game company's original rules (continued on back page)

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YOUNGEST NO-HITTER?

Sometimes the Family Affair aspect of Strat-O-Matic gaming goes beyond husbands and wives or fathers and sons.

One such case is an aunt-nephew relationship between Debra Buchanan-Cope and nine-year-old James Buchanan (who's not related to the president by the same name). Debra was introduced to S-O-M by her brother, David, Jim's father, and both are in play-by-mail leagues.

Debra reported to the Review recently that Jim, who will enter the fourth grade this fall and is an avid fan of the Mets, especially Gary Carter, rolled a no-hitter that may rank him as the youngest gamer to accomplish the feat in S-O-M.

Jim used the 1986 cards, basic version, and Sid Fernandez dueled Bob Knepper in a matchup of the Mets and Astros. "Fernandez did not issue a walk; one runner reached base on an error," says Debra. "Three times Jim rolled a 1-4 homer chance on Fernandez's card, but El Sid managed to hang on to his no-hitter."

Homers by Keith Hernandez and Darryl Strawberry helped the Mets to a 3-0 victory.

"I know of leagues whose members include husbands and wives, and fathers and sons," says Debra, but "I haven't heard of one that includes an aunt and nephew."

A DOUBLE NO-HITTER...ALMOST

Another no-hitter that was anything but routine was one witnessed by Bob Johnston of Saginaw, MI. Johnston played the 1961 Angels and New York Yankees, with Ken McBride hurling for the Angels and Whitey Ford for the Yanks.

At the end of nine innings, both pitchers had a no-hitter in an amazing duel, especially on McBride's part against a Yankee lineup featuring Roger (61* homers) Maris and Mickey Mantle, among others.

Finally, in the bottom of the 10th inning with two outs and a runner on, Mantle clouted a home run to give Ford a 2-0 win. Ford struck out 11 and walked two, pitching a no-hitter, while McBride fanned 11, walked three and surrendered only one hit.

"This was the most unusual game I have had in over 15 years of S-O-M," enthused Johnston.

COMPUTER NO-HITTER

Another no-hitter was reported by Joel Pleban, Huntington, CT, who was using a Commodore computer when Ron Darling of the Mets set down Seattle in a replay of 1986 teams.

It was Pleban's first no-hitter in four years of playing S-O-M. "It was a big thrill as I had several no-hitters broken up in the late innings before," said Pleban.

Darling only faced 27 batters as the two hitters that walked - John Moses and Phil Bradley - were both eliminated on double plays. Darling struck out nine, including DH Ken Phelps three times.

Two games after Darling's no-hitter, no-hit lightning almost struck again as Bob Ojeda of the Mets gave up only an eighth-inning single to Bo Diaz in blanking Cincinnati. The shutout was Ojeda's third in only six starts.

WILD TIME IN WRIGLEY

It's never over until it's over would certainly apply to any base-
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ball game being played in Chicago's Wrigley Field. Sean Riley found that out, much to his enjoyment, in a 1985 Chicago Cubs replay game that pitted the Cubbies against Philadelphia.

Riley, who lives in Long Beach, CA, watched Rick Sutcliffe and the Cubs carry a 2-1 lead into the seventh inning at Wrigley Field. But then the Phillies erupted, scoring eight runs, six of 'em unearned, including a three-run, two-out homer by Mike Schmidt.

Now trailing 9-2 in the bottom of the eighth, the Cubs struck back for five runs and cut it to 9-7 going into the ninth. Davey Lopes, Ryne Sandberg, Leon Durham and Keith Moreland all singled in runs, with Moreland knocking in a pair.

Chicago's relief ace Lee Smith set down Philadelphia in the top of the ninth and then managed to get on base in the bottom of the inning with two outs. Don Carman was pitching for the Phils and Sandberg was the batter. He rolled a 6-2 on Carman's card - a ball park home run chance and the only possible hit chance in the six-column, excluding X-chart readings.

A "2" was rolled with a 20-sided die and Sandberg had tied the score. In the bottom of the 10th, pinch-hitter Chris Speier got a clutch single off Shane Rawley of the Phils to knock in the winning run. Speier's hit came off a 3-12 roll, which is his only possible hit chance in the three-column.

Almost at the same time that Riley was watching an amazing Cubs' comeback, fellow S-O-M player Steve Ross, also of Long Beach, had a similar battle going between 1986 Toronto and Texas.

Toronto also trailed 9-2 late in the game. And Toronto also rallied to tie the score, scoring four in the eighth and three in the ninth, two via Rance Mulliniks' home run. The Blue Jays came up short at the end, however, as Texas scored in the top of the 11th for a 10-9 win to leave Comeback II with an unhappy ending.

22-INNING MARATHON

There have been unusual games reported with the Apple computer version of S-O-M, the Commodore (see Joel Pleban's no-hitter on preceding page)...and now, thanks to Don Ahrens (Larkspur, CA), IBM.

Ahrens played Pittsburgh and San Francisco with the "new" 1968 cards, using the automatic version of Computer Baseball. The boxscore printout consumed almost an entire page as the marathon game lasted 22 innings. A total of 37 players were in the batting lineup and nine pitchers were utilized, five by the Pirates.

The Giants won out, 3-2, but not until after Al McBean had hurled a no-hitter through 7 2/3 innings for the Pirates; there was no score after 18 innings; Donn Clendenon's two-run homer put the Pirates ahead in the top of the 19th and Willie McCovey's solo homer and a sacrifice fly by pitcher Joe Gibbon - the Giants had run out of players and were forced to bat him - tied it in the bottom of the 19th.

Gibbon, who pitched five complete innings, giving up three hits and two runs, finally got the win, while Dock Ellis was tagged with the loss. Neither team hit well as the Giants had 11 safeties and the Bucs only eight. There were 28 strikeouts, however, with Bobby Bonds of the Giants fanning four times. Clendenon was the only player with three hits, while Hall of Famer Roberto Clemente was hitless in nine at-bats.

BENCH IS THE DIFFERENCE

Johnny Bench, Cincinnati's do-everything catcher during the glory days of the 1970s, put on a routine performance (for him, anyway) when he led the 1975 Reds to a 4-3 series triumph over 1974 Oakland in a
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matchup of World Series champions. James Earnisse guided Oakland and Rick Zawada directed the Big Red Machine. Both managers are from Chicago, where there hasn't been a World Series champion since 1917.

Bench was the MVP after batting .366 (11-30), homering three times and driving in four runs and throwing out five of nine runners attempting to steal. Bench threw out AA Bill North three times when he tried to steal second.

Oakland won the opener, 4-3, in 10 innings when Claudell Washington singled in the winning run; also game No. 2, 4-3, as Reggie Jackson and Joe Rudi hit two-run homers and Vida Blue pitched a five-hitter. But the Reds won the next three games - 10-6, 6-5 and 6-5, the latter when Cesar Geronimo homered in the ninth - to take a 3-2 lead. Blue then pitched another five-hitter and Ray Fosse hit a grand-slam for an 11-1 win to even the series at 3-3. Bench doubled in the game and series winner in the 11th inning of a 4-3 victory in the finale.

S-O-M league, replay scene

NORTH AMERICAN CORRESPONDENCE BASEBALL ASSOCIATION (NACBA) - Year-round league, playing both American and National leagues, that was formed from ads ran in the Review. "We were formed solely from our ad in the Review and our membership has been extremely stable in that all of the managers that started the season with the NACBA finished it with us," says commissioner Scott Hapner, Findlay, OH...Each league consists of 10 teams, five in each division, and a 162-game schedule is played. Super-advanced rules are used with some modifications...Other managers and their ages and teams are: Reese Fesmire (30, Erie Clippers); Paul Minor (31, Trevoze Tribe); Al Telgenhof (23, Detroit Wheels); Dennis Schimmel (Minneapolis Millers); Doug Root (Wisconsin Wildcats); Bryan Sylvester (Oxford Batting Tort Feasers); Chad O'Kelly (Iowa City Colonels); Malcom Baker (Blue Hills Bombers); Bill Krolikowski (Kielce Kielbasas) and Hapner (31, Findlay Cardinals)...Pedro Guerrero (.335, 35 homers, 117 RBI) of Blue Hills was the Player of the Year in the N.L. and John Tudor (24 wins, 2.01 ERA, 187 strikeouts, 13 complete games), also of Blue Hills, was Pitcher of the Year.

Standings, playoff results and leaders (using 1985 cards):

<u>Northern</u>			<u>Eastern</u>			<u>Playoffs:</u>		
W	L	GB	W	L	GB			
Minneapolis	90	72	-	Erie	90	72	-	Kielce d. Wisconsin,
Wisconsin	88	74	2	Blue Hills	88	74	2	2-1.
Oxford	86	76	4	Kielce	81	81	9	Blue Hills d. Oxford
Iowa City	74	88	16	Trevoze	74	88	16	2-0.
Detroit	68	94	22	Findlay	71	91	19	Minneapolis d. Blue Hills, 3-1.

<u>Batting</u>			<u>Home Runs</u>			<u>R:</u>		
Guerrero BH	.335		Parker F	36		2B:	Herr BH	49
K.Hernandez K			Guerrero BH	35		3B:	McGee BH	12
McGee BH			M.Marshall E	35		SB:	Coleman K	138

<u>RBI</u>			<u>ERA</u>			<u>Wins</u>		
Guerrero BH	117		Welch M	1.67		Tudor BH	24	SA: Gooden W 309
M.Marshall E	115		Rawley O	1.78		Gooden W	23	Gossage D 36
Horner E	110		Tudor BH	2.01		Hershiser M	21	

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Weiss overcomes five shutouts

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He rallies to capture TBA tourney in San Diego

Phil Weiss has to win the TBA's (Table Baseball Association) DP award - or dogged perseverance honor. Weiss, competing in the recent San Diego tournament ran by John Kreuz, the financial advisor from Glenview, IL, was shutout five times...and still managed to leave San Diego the biggest winner.

Weiss, who resides in Livingston, NJ, but, because he was visiting a friend in Arizona, made the short trip up to San Diego for the TBA action, wound up with a 24-12 record and defeated Al Hartley, El Segundo, CA, in the finals.

Because of his big win at San Diego, where the turnout was 40 and 16 qualified for the playoff rounds, Weiss jumped into third place in the National Ranking Points list with 107.

A couple of unusual happenings occurred at San Diego, as is usually the case at all TBA tournaments. The believe-it-or-not happening was Bob Forsch, a good hitting pitcher playing for Rick Borden, Santa Ana, CA, belting three - yes, three! - home runs off Jack Morris in one game.

The park was Seattle, a slugger's delight (Morris' card for ball park home runs is a delight, too), and Forsch cranked 'em out on 4-4, 4-5 and 4-6 rolls. Tom Nolan, Escondido, CA, watched in stunned amazement as his Morris served 'em up. Forsch is a "6" hitting pitcher with an "N" for power.

Nolan, incidentally, did qualify for the playoffs despite the one-game debacle. "Nolan became the oldest (he's 49) manager to make the playoffs in a TBA tournament," notes Kreuz. Nolan is county editor for the San Diego Union.

Also worth noting about Weiss' performance is that he barely grabbed the fourth and final playoff spot in his division in pool play. Because of finishing fourth, Weiss had to play a total of five series in the playoffs to capture the championship.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE HEATS UP

Also in the San Diego tournament was Dennis Flannery, Pittsburg, CA, who holds two dubious records: most lopsided loss in a TBA game (30-1) and most consecutive scoreless innings on offense (41). Oh, and he also suffered through five losses without a victory with Roger Clemens.

Another TBA stop was Milwaukee, WI, and Don Clark, Round Lake, IL, turned back Scott Kuklinski, Palatine, IL, in the championship series. Clark, using Philadelphia as his home park, compiled a 19-6 record.

As this issue went to press, TBA tournaments were on tap in Orlando, FL, St. Louis, MO, and Toronto, Ontario, as Kreuz tackles a busy late-summer schedule.

There's also a TBA stop in Philadelphia at the end of August. "We anticipate a big crowd of competitors at Philadelphia," enthuses Kreuz. Cost at all TBA tournaments is \$45 if preregistered and \$50 at the door. "Because of the money involved," says Kreuz, "we try to have as many qualify for the playoffs and have a chance at the prize money as possible. At San Diego, close to 50 percent qualified for the playoffs."

"I am finding the same people are qualifying for the world championship (in Chicago, IL, the weekend of Jan. 22-24, 1988) at many of the tournaments," adds Kreuz. "That means that these people are interested enough in going up against the best competition to travel to tournaments far away, in some cases, and also that these people are good Strat-O-Matic players."

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"These people are not just lucky, they are skillful. You don't continually finish that high if you are not a good player. The TBA tournaments are building a reputation for bringing together the best players."

"And," concludes Kreuz, "these are the only tournaments using a board game with regional tournaments that lead to a world championship. Other games have tournaments, but no other game has the qualifying (regional tournaments) like the TBA."

TWO CHANGES ON TBA SCHEDULE

Kreuz also notes that two changes have been made on the TBA tour schedule. One involves a second tournament in San Diego, scheduled for Jan. 15-17, 1988. Instead, because of the world championship being switched, the San Diego gathering has been moved to Dec. 4-6, 1987.

The world championship in Chicago, originally scheduled for March, has been moved up to the week before the Super Bowl, or the weekend of Jan. 22-24. "It's also before the new cards arrive," points out Kreuz, who says that once the new cards are out he wants to be in a new TBA tournament season, too.

Here are the latest (based on tournaments held through Aug. 6) NRP and also an upcoming TBA tournament schedule:

NATIONAL RANKING POINTS

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UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

* Philadelphia - Aug. 28-30
* Los Angeles - Sept. 11-13
* Chicago - Sept. 18-20
* Boston - Oct. 16-18
* Kansas City - Oct. 23-25

For more information or to register for a TBA tournament write:

Table Baseball Association
John Kreuz
4732 Laurel
Glenview, IL 60025
(1-312-635-6747)

Questions & Answers

EDITOR'S NOTE: Questions pertaining to individual and team ratings will not be answered in most cases, 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: What is the best way to control usage of running backs (i.e. 1985 Tony Galbreath) with great "wrong columns" in league play? (Mike Morris, Paonia, CO)

ANSWER: Best way, we've found, is to adhere to the number of rushes on a player's card, particularly if the runner has limited attempts. You might also want to put in other factors - such as not using "limited" players in the fourth quarter of close games, or on third or fourth-down situations, etc. - for the Galbreaths of any card set. Strat-O-Matic usually urges realistic use, but many times that's not heeded.

QUESTION: Jerry Koosman has no * on the 1970 roster sheet allowing him to pitch every fourth day. He pitched in 30 games; 212 innings. Dock Ellis of Pittsburgh, for example, had 30 games, 202 innings and was given an *. Shouldn't Koosman have one as well? (Rodney Johnson, Tempe, AZ)

ANSWER: Koosman, according to S-O-M, doesn't quite meet the criteria for a every-fourth-day starting pitcher. The criteria is to have started a minimum of 30 games and pitched a minimum of 200 innings. Koosman started 29 games and pitched in 30. Ellis, on the other hand, started 30 games, or every game he pitched in.

QUESTION: On the original 1970 cards, Johnny Bench was given a "4" rating at second base, but on the re-issued cards he is not rated for second base. Why? (Rodney Johnson)

ANSWER: A mistake was made on the original 1970 Johnny Bench card. He shouldn't have had a rating at second base as he did not play that position. An infielder must play a position at least one game to receive a rating. Thus, Bench's defensive ratings for that season should be: C-1, 1B-3, 3B-4, LF-4 and CF-4. He played only one game at third base.

QUESTION: How about a note in the Review for how many devoted souls subscribe? (Paul Grady, Waltham, MA)

ANSWER: Circulation for the Review, which first began publication in March, 1971, fluctuates between 1,500-1,700. Tops has been 1,900.

QUESTION: How are the "T" ratings used? (Kevin Rasmussen, Glidden, IL)

ANSWER: The "T" rating comes into play if, on a steal of a base, a 1, 2 or 3 is the split number result. That means a "T" rating, or catcher's throwing rating. If the next split drawn is within that "T" rating, then the ball is thrown away, the runner advances an extra base and an error is charged to the catcher.

QUESTION: Do you allow a card whose times at-bat have been used up to remain in active service for other duties other than hitting, such as fielding, pinch-running? (Stanley Schick)

ANSWER: The GKSM (Greater Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League), which includes Review co-editors Warren and Del Newell, allows players who have been 'used up' to play defense, pinch-run, etc. The GKSM's rule is that a pitcher/batter cannot pitch more innings/or bat more than what is shown on the card. A pitcher can start a game with only one inning left, however, and finish the game. If pitched/batted beyond that number on the card, a forfeit is the result.

Bears growl in replay — finally

The 1985 Chicago Bears have been close and disappointing in previous replays that have appeared in the Review. But the real-life champions emulated real-life in the Canadian Strat-O-Matic Football League.

The CSFL, for recent subscribers not familiar with the league's past history, calls Edmonton, Alberta, Canada home and is a 28-member, face-to-face operation.

It may be the largest S-O-M Football league and it certainly is the longest running, dating back to the early 1970s.

Allan Ropchan, who at last report was an entertainer, continues as commissioner of the CSFL and he points out, that although the league assimilated seven new members, the recent season "was one of our most memorable to date. Each one of the rookie crop grasped the game objectively."

Chicago was guided by co-coaches Owen Jackson and Earl Cameron (Cameron handled the Bears exclusively in the playoffs) and it finished with a 14-1-1 record and led in points scored (585) and fewest allowed (233). The Bears easily won the Central NFC, but it was the New York Giants, coached by Lee Carlyle, who had the best record, going a perfect 16-0.

The two NFC powerhouses collided, appropriately enough, in the championship game, with Chicago rushing to a 38-17 lead midway through the fourth quarter and holding on for a 38-31 triumph and a trip to the Strat-O-Bowl.

In the Strat-O-Bowl the Bear defense, although missing All-Pros Mike Singletary and Dan Hampton who were injured, shut down coach Tommy Newton's New York Jets and claimed a 20-7 victory.

SCHROEDER THROWS FOR SEVEN TDS

Highlights of the CSFL's season again were numerous, with Jay Schroeder of Washington throwing for 459 yards and seven touchdowns (33-59), Miami's Dan Marino clicking for six TDs (26-45, 398) and Dan Fouts of San Diego passing for 500 yards (29-56, 1 TD).

Walter Payton was the rushing show for the Strat-O-Bowl champ Bears, galloping to 221 yards and five TDs in 38 carries in one game and rambling to 220 in 21 attempts in another. In his five-TD game, Payton also caught four passes for 50 yards and a sixth touchdown.

Jim McMahon, not to be outdone, passed for 379 yards and five TDs (23-33). Tony Hill of Dallas had the best game by a receiver, turning 16 receptions into 405 yards and four touchdowns.

Biggest upset of the playoffs was Pittsburgh (10-6 and winner of the AFC Central) stunning Miami (14-2 and winner of the AFC East), 27-14 after jumping out to a 14-0 lead highlighted by Louis Lipps' 65-yard punt return.

As far as the operation of the CSFL, the 1987 schedule calls for games to be played within seven days (previously it was 10). There is an annual trades day before the season, but otherwise coaches use actual teams, which they keep from year-to-year.

Standings, playoff results and overall leaders:

AFC East	Won-Lost	Central	Won-Lost	West	Won-Lost
Miami	14 2	Pittsburgh	10 6	LA Raiders	12 4
NY Jets	11 5	Cleveland	6 10	San Diego	11 5
New England	11 5	Cincinnati	5 11	Kansas City	10 6
Buffalo	6 10	Houston	1 15	Seattle	8 8
Indianapolis	2 14			Denver	8 8

Playoffs: Wild Card - New York Jets 17, New England 16. Semifinals - Pittsburgh 27, Miami 14; NY Jets 29, LA Raiders 20. Championship - NY Jets 27, Pittsburgh 14.

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NFC East	Won-Lost	Central	Won-Lost	West	Won-Lost
NY Giants	16 0	Chicago *	14 1	LA Rams	12 4
Dallas	12 4	Detroit *	7 8	San Francisco	9 7
Washington	9 7	Green Bay	5 11	New Orleans	7 9
St. Louis	5 11	Minnesota	5 11	Atlanta	1 15
Philadelphia	4 12	Tampa Bay	2 14		

* Tie game. **Playoffs:** Wild Card - San Francisco 16, Dallas 7. Semi-finals - NY Giants 31, San Francisco 7; Chicago 10, LA Rams 3. Championship - Chicago 38, NY Giants 31.

Passing	Att-Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Receiving	No.-Yds.
Fouts SD	648-390	60.2	4768	31	Hill DAL	91 2252
Simms NYG	538-278	51.7	4512	41	Butler BUF	82 1932
Schroeder WAS	628-299	47.6	4111	36	Moore MIA	99 1765
Marino MIA	466-243	52.2	4077	44	Clark WAS	96 1576
Montana SF	553-317	57.3	3646	20	Carter MIN	79 1572
Kenney KC	559-245	43.8	3636	25	Lofton GB	62 1568

Rushing	Att-Yds.	Avg.	Team Best/Worst
Mitchell SL	362 1924	5.3	Rushing: Chicago 3114 / Atlanta 1558
Rogers WAS	331 1750	5.2	Passing: San Diego 4837 / Atlanta 2703
Gajan NO	319 1723	5.4	Offense: NY Giants 7042 / Atlanta 4261
Huckleby HOU	358 1666	4.6	Net Yds: San Diego 6600 / Atlanta 3672
James NE	316 1648	5.2	Sacks: Washington 70 / Houston 15
Payton CHI	259 1596	6.1	Defense: San Francisco 4166 / Indy 7185
			Net Yds: San Francisco 3716 / Indy 6654

Editor's note: No word from the CSFL on the effects of a tornado that hit the city of Edmonton on July 31 and caused a number of deaths and widespread destruction.

Football playing tips

BY QUINN MCKENZIE, Pittsburgh, PA

Personally, I don't like Strat-O-Matic's rules on the safety blitz. Here's why:

(1) According to S-O-M's rules, one free safety can overcome an entirely weak pass rush (because a "D" roll means automatic sack); (2) The safety blitz, a surprise move, must be announced in S-O-M so that no element of surprise remains, as in real-life.

Here's what I do to overcome these problems:

(1) The defense can throw the safety blitz at any time, without notice, after the offense has chosen its play.

(2) A roll of "D" is played normally; check pass rusher's rating with offensive lineman's rating. The FS does not count as a linebacker blitzing; he is ignored on a "D" roll. What this does is prevent the defense from sending in a skinny FS to be the entire pass rush while the defensive coach loads up all the pass zones with extra defensive backs.

(3) The safety gets a sack on a roll of "X". What this does for the defense is give it a chance to go for the big sack by "throwing everybody at the QB."

All other rules remain the same. Our league has found this quite playable and realistic.

REVISED SACK CHART

The sack is a big play, often the turning point of a ball game.
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What S-O-M lacks is:

- (1) No variance in sack yardage.
- (2) No fumbles or forced interceptions from crushing pass rush.
- (3) No chance for a good running quarterback to escape.

My sack chart remedies these problems, yet remains greatly playable. Realism was tested in a 1984 replay of all teams and found quite accurate. After pass rush chart reads, "sack," roll two die for result from chart.

Roll	Result	Key:
2...	-5 F (sack)	Sack - QB is sacked for stated yardage.
3...	Scramble	F - QB sacked for stated yardage, ball fumbled; roll for possession.
4...	-6 sack	Scramble - QB runs under pressure; use must run column. All negative yardage is counted as a sack.
5...	-7 sack	Possible Int./-13 sack - QB under pressure and can "eat" ball (sack) or panic and throw a mistake. To determine which occurs, take QB's interception % listed on card (rounded off) and add 3. Roll two die. A "2-(int. % + 3)" = Int.; any higher number = -13 sack.
6...	-8 sack	
7...	-9 sack	
8...	-10 sack	
9...	-11 sack	
10...	-12 sack	
11...	Scramble	
12...	Possible Int./-13 sack	

TBA, Pro Strat rules compared

BY STEPHEN MEYERSON, Brooklyn, NY

If I were on the TV show "To Tell the Truth," my statement would be: "I am a Strat-O-Matic Baseball tournament player. I have played in all four Pro Strat tournaments and in three Table Baseball Association tournaments. I intend to play in more tournaments in the future."

The purpose of this article is to compare the rules of the two tournament groups:

DIFFERENCES

	Pro Strat	TBA
Size of draft groups	- 16-20	Generally 9-12
Additional players	- All are eligible (Dave Valle was a 1st round choice)	Only 15 are eligible (Dave Valle is not eligible)
Roster size	- Draft 26, cut 1	Draft 27, cut 2
Ball park effects	- No	Yes
Supplementary stealing	- No	Yes
Location of tournaments	- Long Island	Many cities throughout U.S. and Canada

SIMILARITIES

1. Trail runners advance when throws are not cutoff.
2. Four-man starting pitching rotations.
3. Both restrict the use of relief pitchers.
4. Infield can be brought in anytime, even with runner on second base.
5. Clutch hitting factor is used.

I have enjoyed playing in both tournaments and under both sets of rules and urge S-O-M gamers to support Pro Strat and the TBA.

Payton: Man for many seasons

Mr. Bear has had six super rushing seasons

Walter Payton is truly Mr. Durable. He's been running the football for years and years, and never gets hurt. The career stats compiled by Bryan Wyatt, Thunder Bay, Ontario, reflect the table-top productivity of Chicago's Mr. Bear as Payton's rushed for 8,875 yards and 65 touchdowns in six years of Strat-O-Matic replays.

Wyatt, 29, married and the father of one, is employed as assistant news director of a Thunder Bay TV station, a job he's had for the last decade. He began his S-O-M dice-rollin' career in 1971 with the baseball game. In 1973, he purchased the football game.

He played the baseball game a number of years, but never completed a full-season replay. His first attempt at a football replay was the 1979 season. "I was very enthused starting the project, although I was not a real student of the gridiron game, both in real life and on the Strat field," says Wyatt.

"This soon changed, as playing the game consistently for six years and completing six replays provided me with excellent insight into the game."

Highlight of his first replay venture was Payton rushing for 2,021 yards and a four-way tie for NFC East honors, with Philadelphia and St. Louis getting playoff berths through a tie-breaking formula. Tampa Bay, combining ball control and superb defense, ultimately edged San Diego in Super Bowl I, 14-13. "This game is still considered one of my most exciting ever," enthuses Wyatt.

In Super Bowl II (based on 1980), Dallas, after falling behind by 17 points, rallied to nip Oakland on Rafael Septien's field goal, 27-24. It was Miami over Philadelphia, 20-16, in Super Bowl III (based on 1981). Most memorable performance, however, was Billy Sims of Detroit zipping for 262 yards against Chicago - aided by his hitting four long gains off his own card in the first three quarters!

The next season, the infamous strike of 1982, Wyatt replayed the whole schedule and Oakland and Washington were pitted against each other in Super Bowl IV.

"This year was also the first time I was not able to play the Super Bowl on the actual day the Super Bowl was played," says Wyatt. "The real-life game the day before ended in a 38-9 decision for the Raiders. My game, the next day, and although the cards were one year behind, the Raiders clubbed Washington, 38-6."

Also in the 1982 season, William Andrews of Atlanta caught 102 passes for over 1,000 yards and also rushed for over 1,000 yards.

In 1983, Washington, after a 14-win season, downed rookie Dan Marino and Miami in the Super Bowl. That season was also the first for Eric Dickerson, who rushed for 1,911 yards and scored an amazing 29 touchdowns.

Dickerson was even better in the 1984 season, rambling to over 2,100 yards. But Marino even surpassed that individual performance by throwing for 50 TDs and passing for over 5,000 yards. Denver knocked Miami out of the playoffs, however, and Chicago, behind a rugged defense and Payton's running, won Super Bowl VI, 20-16, over the Broncos.

Six different champs in six replays. That's parity. Pete Rozelle would be smiling.

As far as individual accomplishments, Payton is No. 1 in rushing, with Earl Campbell at 8,119 yards and 78 TDs. John Riggins has 70 TDs. In passing, Dan Fouts has gained 24,882 yards and thrown for 178 TDs. Joe Theismann is next (18,932, 133) and Joe Montana third (17,728, 121, 60.5 completion percentage). In two years, Marino's numbers read: 7,751 and 68.

Dwight Clark of the 49ers has 455 catches, Jim Lofton 454 and Steve Largent 452. Wes Chandler has 58 TD receptions and Lofton 55.

Numbers are right for math professor

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Schwanebeck wins advanced baseball at Bostock Memorial

Mix in dice-rollin' battles between siblings and a father and son and add a feminine touch and you have the ingredients of the seventh Lyman Bostock Memorial Tournament.

Again the LBMT was put on by James Sanders, the effervescent policeman from Gary, IN, and again a good time was had by all, despite the fact the attendance was slightly lower than expected because it was Father's Day weekend.

"I will take the blame for that," says an apologetic Sanders. "I inadvertently scheduled the tournament for Father's Day weekend. By the time I was aware of it, it was too late to change. But the tournament was still a success and we plan to have another one next year."

John Kreuz, director of the Table Baseball Association tournaments that are becoming so popular throughout the country, was in attendance. Kreuz chose the '56 Milwaukee Braves for the advanced baseball tourney and wound up qualifying for the playoffs, where he was eliminated in the second round by the '50 Yankees, 3 games to 1.

"My hat goes off to Kreuz for taking the time to attend our tournament," lauds Sanders. "With this being my seventh tournament, I know the work that I put into giving one tournament a year. How he finds time to give as many as he does is beyond me."

"We avid Strato players need these tournaments and I urge my fellow gamers to support them. They can really be fun and something to look forward to."

ADVANCED BASEBALL

As always, this was the most popular tourney as 46 gamers vied for honors that again included large trophies, compliments of the Strat-O-Matic Game Company.

After pool play and the playoffs were history, it was James Schwanebeck, 36, a math professor at Montgomery College in Maryland, who was king of the advanced baseball field.

Eric Lathrop of Calumet City, IL, finished second after his 1961 Yankees were defeated by Schwanebeck's 1969 Baltimore Orioles (scores: 2-1, 12-0, 1-9, 5-1, 8-5).

Dave McNally and Jim Palmer each won two games in the final series and Boog Powell went 8-for-9 in the opening two games.

For the first time the advanced tournament had a female participant - Jan Nalborczyk, who guided the '70 Giants to a 6-6 record after an 0-4 start.

Sixteen teams qualified for the best-of-five playoffs and reaching the final four were, in addition to '69 Baltimore and '61 Yankees, Pat Clark's '50 Yankees and defending champ Rich Newman's '56 Reds. In the semifinals, the '61 Yanks defeated the '50 Bronx Bombers, 3-0, and the '69 Orioles turned back the '56 Reds, 3-1.



ERIC LATHROP (L), JAMES SCHWANEBECK

SUPER ADVANCED FOOTBALL

The always competitive super advanced football (the old version of
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PETE NICHOLSON (L), WALT PERRY

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Miami downed Detroit, 25-10, and '73 Miami nipped the

SUPER ADVANCED FOOTBALL

rnament, along with elementary baseball, were backup tour-
naments played on Sunday only. The modern version of the pro
and Seth Sherman, from New York and coach of the '85
ed Joe DeChiaro and his '81 49ers in the final, 16-7.
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tournament," says Sanders, "mainly due to the fact that we
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ELEMENTARY BASEBALL / SUPER ADVANCED HOCKEY

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The home team won
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ELEMENTARY BASEBALL FINALISTS:
PAT (LEFT) AND KEVIN CLARK

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Wanted

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WANTED: 1982-83 76ers, Celtics, Bucks, Lakers, in excellent to mint condition. Call or write: Matt Mirza, W. Touhy, Lincolnwood IL 60646 (312-674-4572)

WANTED: 1980, 1981, 1983 complete baseball sets with extra players, in excellent-mint condition. 1980 should include both sets of pitchers cards. Also want baseball: 1971, 1973, 1974, 1976, 1978, 1979, 1985 extra players only! C. Cardinale, 7100 San Ramon Road #174, Dublin, CA 94568

WANTED: Help. Liberate a transplanted northeasterner in a hockey-starved state. I am looking to get in a first-rate PBM draft hockey league. I am a studious hockey fan and a very dependable coach, with 10 years PBM experience, including numerous experience, although most of it face-to-face. If you have an opening for a zealous puckman, please contact me: Jon Bourdon, 423 E. Main St. Apt. 7, Morehead, KY 40351 (606-784-3063) or I may be consumed by all this Kentucky roundball stuff.

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WANTED: To join S-O-M league in the northeastern Massachusetts area (Beverly, Haverhill, southern New Hampshire area, etc.). Would like to hear from other gamers in the area. Contact: David Mann, 14 Central Street, Rowley, MA 01969 (1-617-948-7318)

WANTED: Baseball - 1980 additional players for all teams. Any condition; your price within reason; must have! Call or write: Eric Johnson, 453 E. Susquehanna St., Allentown, PA 18103 (215-797-9337)

WANTED: Coaches and backups for the seventh season in the Gordie Howe Classic Draft Hockey League. We feature the use of a double action deck and the Lopecck penalty system. Serious gamers, come join the fun in a league dedicated to lasting many, many years into the future. For more information, write: Mike Swain, 11523 S. Dixie Highway, Holly, MI 48442

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FOR SALE: Individual S-O-M Baseball teams from 1950-1986. Loose S-O-M Baseball cards from 1930-1986. 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).

FOR SALE: Managers Register. Having trouble finding managers for your leagues? The Managers Register will list name, address, phone number and game interests of other S-O-M players. Listing only, no ratings. For information, send SASE or 25 cents to: Register, P.O. Box 15439, Philadelphia, PA 19149

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FOR SALE: Baseball sets clearance sale. The following complete sets are available: 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, \$25 per set. 1981, 1985, \$15 per set. Three different sets of old-timer teams, \$10 per set. Original teams, '68 St. Louis, Cincinnati, Mets, Cubs, San Francisco, \$2 per team. Everything in good to excellent condition. \$140 for everything. Call: Bob Hess, 618-377-3039, after 5 p.m., or send SASE to: 1000 Briarwood, Bethalto, IL 62010

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FOR SALE: 1980, 1981 complete baseball sets. Also, assorted football playoff teams from mid-1970s (Steelers, Cowboys, Dolphins, Rams, Raiders, Vikings, etc.). And first S-O-M Hockey set (1978-79). Best offer accepted. All excellent condition. Write: J. White, 10 W. 66th St., Apt. 8C, New York, NY 10023

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never had one. The Commodore and IBM computer versions, however, do have a cutoff rule and the Apple version will have the same next year. Basically, if runners are on first and second or the bases are loaded and a SINGLE is hit, the defensive manager is given the option of letting the runner on second score, holding the second runner on second or making a throw to the plate. If a throw to home, the runner on first goes to third, but the batter goes no farther than first base. "The batter never advances beyond first base, no matter what the situation, on a cutoff play," stresses Barkan.

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