

# The Mail Sack

*The Mail Sack is composed of letters and letter orders, from subscribers of All Sports Digest, owners of games of the Big League Game Company, Pro Table Games, APBA Games, Nemadji Game Company, Strat-O-Matic Games and other interested table top*

*game owners and enthusiasts.*

*ASD will comment, and answer timely questions; — ASD will leave some questions open or unanswered; allowing subscribers to respond and give their own comments, opinions for inclusion in future Mail Sack col-*

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*Please feel free to send in your ideas, comments, questions, answers — It will make this section of ASD more interesting!*

## LIKES FORMAT

I have just received the June-July issue of ASD and would like to comment on its contents. As usual the Playing Tips, Mail Sack, Owner's Replays and the World of Games were excellent. Usually whatever information printed in ASD will be useful to a degree, but it is a matter of the subjects relevancy that is important. For instance, in the June-July issue of ASD you took up some 7 pages with NBA-ABA statistics. Even though these statistics are obviously vital to many people, they can be found in many different sports magazines. I believe that those 7 pages of statistics could have better been used as space for editorials, playing tips, owner's replays and the like. At any rate the format of the magazine is excellent.

Incidentally I agree with Curtis Orchard who commented in the June-July issue of ASD that he wished ASD would offer annually a referral index of ASD subscribers. Please print your comments on the practicality of this in the next issue of ASD.

Joe Finger, 6601 Calypso Dr., Orlando, Fla.  
Ed: Some want stats and some don't—we'll try to please by expanding paper size as time allows. Will try and set up referral service as wanted soon.

## PTG COLLEGE BASKETBALL

I am writing PTG today suggesting they go ahead and produce college basketball and produce college basketball based on the 1972-73 season. I'm also requesting that if they don't produce college units for sale, they give you ratings for the two undefeated teams—UCLA and NC State—so you can publish them as a bonus in ASD. They might also give you the other NCAA finalists—Indiana, Providence, and Memphis State, too. If they do, and you print them, be sure to run the ad for game parts only with no place ratings in the same issue. I'm sure PTG would pick up many game buyers who would also turn into card buyers in the future.

Perhaps you could pass the same suggestion on to BLM for their basketball game.

I really looked forward to playing the game that wasn't played last year—Walton, Wilkes, and Lee of UCLA vs Burleson, Thompson, and Towe of NC State—and was disappointed that both of the really good basketball games, PTG and BLM, both gave up on college teams the same year.

Here's hoping you will be successful in getting and printing these ratings if BLM and PTG stick with their decision not to produce and sell 1972-73 college basketball cards.

Jim Campbell, Sylvania, Ohio 43560.

## MEMORABILIA HELP!

Dear Sirs: I am Recreation Director at an institution for retarded children and we are in the process of formulating a professional sports collection for our club. There are many pro sport fans here and after taking a survey, pro football and pro basketball came out on top.

We do not have sufficient funds to set up our display or collection like we would like to do but things are progressing.

If there are any pennants that are faded, defective glasses, mugs, trash cans, patches, etc., that you cannot sell and would like to donate them to someone that would really appreciate them, please place our school on your list.

However this request turns out, I would like for you to send us your 1973 catalog so that eventually a few items may be ordered.

Thank you for your interest and concern for the retarded children everywhere.

Sincerely, James P. Trivette, Recreation Director, The Caswell Center, Box 909, Kinston, N.C. 28501.

(Ed.: If any of you fans have anything that might fit the above, why not send them along in care of Jim.)

## ASD RENEWAL

Gentlemen: I am writing this letter to you to once again re-subscribe to your fine sporting newspaper. As my subscription has run out as of Issue No. 137, I believe I should get this letter in as soon as possible, to avoid missing a single issue.

Being an avid Negamco Baseball fan, I look with great expectation for each issue, as the odds are that some pertinent information will come my way. Also, being as the baseball team averages are printed for each team of the preceding season, it proves of great aid in making up the lineups on your team charts.

I agree with your aides on the matter of the baseball owners asking for a raising of the game price, in order to use players names. The players are not gods. They are out there for the enjoyment of the fans, and for just the exhilaration of playing the games. No one's name costs money.

George J. Herzet, Brooklyn, NY 11237.

## NO 1972-73 PTG BASKETBALL COLLEGE CARDS

Dear Sirs: I am writing this to show my interest in and dissatisfaction with the PTG company. I am a college basketball fan like many others who subscribe to ASD. We are disappointed that this year's PTG basketball ratings for the college edition of '74 have been discontinued. I and many others purchase the cards during the winter, when the basketball season begins, but this year PTG discontinued the '74 edition of the college game because of an inadequate response.

Why don't they give us a chance to order them, instead of making a hasty and erroneous decision like that? At least PTG could reproduce the ratings on sheets of paper like the professional fringe players are manufactured. Thus, by purchasing the rating for something like three or four dollars for a ten team college set, and buying blank cards we could then have an enjoyable season of replay

action.

If the college sets are not continued this will cause many fans to just find another game which does have the college teams. This is unfortunate, but may occur if PTG doesn't relent. I enjoy this as a hobby and look forward to each year's edition. I hope something is done. Possibly ASD could obtain the ratings for this years' team and thus reproduce them in winter issues. There were many good teams to play: UCLA, Providence, Memphis State, and North Carolina State (my favorite). Many games pitting these top teams always make PTG college basketball the best game by far. So, let's see if something can't be done for many of the college basketball fans who enjoy PTG.

William A. Pynt, Los Altos, CA 94022.

## ASD'S VALUABLE SPACE

Dear Sir: Please find enclosed \$5.00 for two years subscription to your excellent newspaper. It is one of the best, although I agree with others that roster printing uses up valuable space when we get this info from several sports magazines and papers.

I have just started a new season in baseball using Negamco-APBA-Sports Illus.-Research and Ex. Innings; will add BLM when I can spend the money for the latest cards. The leagues are:

EASTERN: Boston, NY Mets, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, NY Ebony Stars, Jersey; CENTRAL: Detroit, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago White Sox, Chicago Cubs, Kansas City; WESTERN: Houston, St. Louis, California, Texas, Baltimore, New Orleans; CONTINENTAL: Los Angeles, Toronto, Rio de Janeiro, Montreal, Honolulu, Buenos Aires.

Several innovations here: NY Ebony Stars are all Negroes; the New Orleans Porpoise are Italians with exception of pitchers; California Stars are Irish and the South American teams are mostly Latin Americans. At the moment not any of them are doing very well except the Buenos Aires Piranha's, which might prove we need each other after all.

Continued good luck to you and your business and I hope to receive my ASD very soon.

Ray Foreman, Ithaca, Michigan.

## THE HOOK PASS

Dear Editor: I am generally pleased with my Negamco college football game, especially because it offers so many teams. The ninety (90) teams it offers, along with extra teams provided by your paper, far exceeds any other offered by other games.

There is, however, one glaring fault that Negamco could go far in correcting, both [in] pro and college games.

This is the passing game, particularly the completion of hook passes, which Negamco advises limiting the number thrown. The temptation for throwing a hook pass in a critical situation, especially when playing solitaire, is too great when one's chance of completion is greater.

Just out of curiosity I made some calculations and found the average hook pass is 10.7 yards in length and the completion percentage is 74.3%. The criss cross, on the other hand, averages 12.3 yards and a 56.4% chance of completion. Only a fool would risk to gain 1.6 yards at a loss off 17.9% chance of completion, albeit the chance for touchdown is twice that of hooks (four, to two for hooks).

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