

To correct the situation for me personally I have marked off four hook completions giving two more to criss cross, two to break short and when I hit one of these marked in passes I refer to the hook pass to determine the yards gained by the receiver. The four (4) added to other passes carry the same receiver designated under hook, thus not affecting either receivers or average yards gained and at the same time encouraging my use of other passes that I normally would use rarely. I would hope that Negamco would incorporate such an improvement in their game based on more accurate, computerized figures.

I have always been one for statistical accuracy and I hope that Negamco will continually strive toward improvement in this area.

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AAA RATINGS

Gentlemen: I have written you twice previously regarding the feasibility of printing BLM ratings for some of the triple A baseball teams in the ASD. That way, those with the BLM Baseball game will be able to receive more enjoyment just as those now owning other BLM and Negamco games, such as basketball and football, now enjoy.

I really like this concept because it would more familiarize gamers with some of the up-and-coming young ballplayers. The Rochester team of a couple of years ago would have been a terrific one, consisting of Grich, Don Baylor, Roric Harrison, et al. If it is at all possible I would suggest printing a couple of teams in each issue or a total of maybe 10 teams or more throughout the spring and summer months.

I play in three baseball draft leagues and am quite active, being division president in two of those leagues. I'll send you some stats at a later date for my draft league, the BLA.

I'd like to see the above-mentioned ratings to more familiarize myself with walk ratings, T ratings, and SBA ratings for batters, and everything for the pitchers. Please consider the feasibility of incorporating this idea into future issues. I'm sure many other gamers would also go for this idea.

Also, I have one edition of BLM Football and I find it confusing and extremely time consuming. I wonder if any of your readers would drop me a few lines giving me hints on solitaire play as to the best way to prepare the offensive and defensive game plan.

I would also like to see BLM Baseball rate righty vs lefty, etc., and incorporate that on the players cards. I would imagine that on the players cards you could acquire accessibility to the proper data. Personally, I would be willing to pay a little more for the game since I realize that this would require more work. Since I live nearby maybe I could even help out (by mail) with some of the ratings?

I enjoy ASD and will soon be renewing my subscription for another year. I'm only disappointed that all these extra basketball, football, golf, etc., are included but no baseball extras other than the fringe players. I do want to keep seeing the fringe player ratings, however.

My brother-in-law and I are in two mail leagues together and my biggest highlight of the season was when my ace Nolan Ryan pitched a no-hitter against his team, striking out 17 and walking 4. Two weeks later Ryan did exactly that in an actual major league game. Quite a coincidence.

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TABLE GAME DIRECTORY

Dear Sir: As many know I am the publisher of Table Game Directory. I started this as a *service* to all gamers and especially those trying to form mail leagues. I have painstakingly spent long hours sending many letters to any gamer whose address I have gotten hold of. I feel this is not just an interesting project but an important and needed one that a gaming newspaper should be interested in. I have asked the ASD to help but

which I am grateful). But now someone else has taken my idea and just because they offer it free they get special notice.

If Ken Kencel can do as stated I think he is doing one heck of a job. But I don't see how he can send a quality directory out to several thousand (that's how many are really interested in gaming) FREE of charge! I don't feel ASD was being fair to allow someone to do this. I thought I was doing great at \$1.00 for sending the Table Game Directory to those who want it. The mailing costs and printing up several thousand copies makes the \$1.00 look like almost nothing. In addition to this I will include ANY gamer, even if he doesn't send \$1.00 for the finished copy, along with his table gaming hobbies and interests for FREE! The ONLY thing anyone has to pay for is the cost of mailing and printing the Directory that is sent to them. Those who want to be included should write for the NEXT issue: DAVCO — TABLE GAME DIRECTORY, Dept. MS, 1002 Kim Place, San Pedro, CA 90732.

I also want to state that I don't feel ASD is doing enough to further its own cause. ASD should be involved in helping mail leagues and getting more people to know that there is such a thing as "table gaming". As a table gaming newspaper this should be a prime concern. I am thinking of trying to help in these areas myself. The Table Game Directory that I am forming is helping many mail leagues find members. My next project will be that of contacting those who don't know of gaming. A bulletin sent to high school athletic departments may be the best way. This bulletin posted in areas where students could read it would explain the many game companies and aids to table gaming so that any sports enthusiast will be prompted to write asking for more information. A follow up letter could be sent to those asking for more information, with help on how to get started and giving information on different games and mail leagues.

Those who are interested in such a project should write me with their ideas and suggestions. I would need all the help I could get.

Further, I would like to criticize ASD for not helping the inexperienced gamer. It took me several years to find out many things about mail leagues, other games, etc., even though I was subscribing to ASD. Obviously ASD didn't help me as a beginner. But through contact with Alan Lewis and Kurt Smeby I finally came to understand what was going on in table gaming. I found out that there was another gaming paper that is really involved in helping its subscribers. These publications were for APBA only and didn't help me with BLM games but they did show me how a gaming newspaper can be of more help.

Final note before I close: how can ASD make the claim of being the only sports gaming newspaper in America when there ARE others?

Thank you for allowing space in your paper and publishing these constructive criticisms.

David A. Barlos, San Pedro CA 90732.

(Ed.: We naturally wish you all success. We hope your projects are very successful. ASD is trying to cover areas you mention

print all stories you submit which are of interest to table games. When ASD began, and for a number of years, it was the ONLY one. Now, depending upon your semantic determination of what newspaper means, it may or may not be. Thanks for your interest in gaming and ASD.)

ASD BACK ISSUES

I have been a table game owner for about five years at least. I have found Strat-O-Matic to be a good game and have found Big League Manager even a better game. I have bought player cards twice, 1969 and 1971 and have not grown tired (I am off and on with it, but I always regain interest in it) of the game (BLM) and once again, I may buy cards.

However, if I should decide to, I will want to order ASD as I did once before. When I ordered it, I think that I put in a request for the ASD's which contained the fringe players. I'm not really certain, since it was a couple of years ago. I received the last portion of them, but not all.

This year I would like once again to pitch in a greenback for the magazine in hopes that you will allow me to receive any copies already out with fringe players of the '73 season. If there hasn't been, fine. However, whether or not I get them just might influence my quantity of my purchases that I may make later.

This isn't a malicious, threatening letter because I like the products your company puts out and the punctuality of the delivery. I only hope that you will help me by doing this so I will enjoy BLM Baseball even more in my spare time.

John A. Benson

(Ed.: Any back issues of ASD still available are for sale on a first-come, first-served basis—and we cannot guarantee specific issues unless you are a full-time subscriber.)

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.