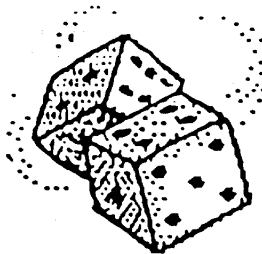
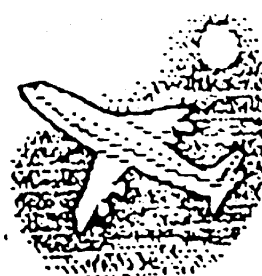


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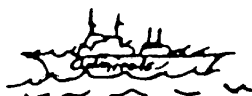
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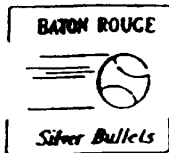
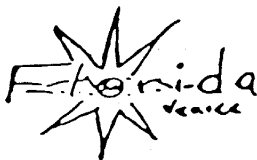
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LEGGINS LAUGHTER: The 1989 version of the FBNBA Topeka Leggins look forward to their first full season of action after coming into the league last year in the middle of the campaign on the way to a 100+ loss season. The goal for '89 is very simple: play .500 baseball--which would be an improvement of some 20+ games. While this may be an impossible goal, Leggins management hopes not. The 25 man protected roster was fairly easy to come by with players such as Moose Haas, Don Sutton, Cecil Cooper, Bob McClure, Allan Wiggins, Jerry Royster, Juan Beniquez, Eddie Milner, Greg Gross and Mike Ramsey going by the wayside. We have made 3 minor trades since our joining the FBN:

- 1) Mookie Wilson & Junior Ortiz to the Florida Sun for Andy Allanson and Chris Brown;
- 2) our #2 pick, Jeff Ballard and Willie Fraser to the Connecticut Blue Devils for Len Dykstra, Zane Smith and Rick Rhoden, and
- 3) Curt Ford, Barry Jones and Zane Smith (who was never issued a uniform) to the Florida Sun for Brook Jacoby and Willie "Sy un ara" Upshaw. (gone to Japan)

Topeka was interested in trading their #1 draft pick (4th over-all) for an everyday outfielder, but no solid offers came through. George Bell and a reliever or 2 could have also been had (Mike Jackson, Alejandro Pena and John Franco give us 3 closers), but again nothing ever came about. As in most PBM leagues, the new managers usually get the ridiculous offers until they've been around for a while--so maybe something will come about in the future. George Bell could be had as could 1 of the relievers mentioned, although it is too late to trade the #1 pick mentioned above.

For a Christmas present my wife Suzette gave me a round trip ticket to NY to pick up my cards, so on Friday January 20th @ 1 pm EST I was in line to pick 'em up. I had a very enjoyable time and stayed with some friends in another PBM league I'm in. In fact, 5 of us talked and made trades, rated cards and played exhibition games until my plane left the following day. It was fun to visit with Harold Richman and Steve Barkam of Strat-O-Matic once again. It appears that possibly as soon as next year, Strat will introduce an improved baseball game for the IBM. Besides working on the '27 baseball season, it appears as though strat basketball will one day be made available for computer play--so they've got many new irons in the fire.

The '89 Leggins will feature a starting rotation of: Hough, Hawkins, Farrell Clancy and Rhoden. The 'pen is: A. Pena, Franco, M. Jackson, Lamp and Hammaker (who can also do some spot starting). Newly acquired catcher Andy Allanson will get the nod over last seasons starter Gary "+2" Carter. GC is on his way out even though the Mets say he's good for 1 more season of 120+ games. (ever hear of Sandy Alomar???) Andres Galarraga will be backed up by 1 yearer Willie Upshaw. Robby Thompson got his best card ever--especially vs LHP'ing and will be @ 2b. Alfredo Griffin will bat last and bunt anytime a runner is on base, so that his "1" rating will not have to be replaced by Bill Pecota's 4, e20 on a regular basis. Brook Jacoby will play 3b as Rance Mulliniks will DH vs RHP'ing and Chris Brown will sit the bench in hopes that Sparky can get him going in little Tiger stadium this ML season. Dion James and RJ Reynolds make 1 decent LF'er. Len Dykstra will anchor CF. He won't lead off, but he can bay 7th and play good defense as well as hit both LH and