

## Nine Members Complete 82-Game Schedule

# PBM Basketball League Goes Distance

While on the topic of basketball, S-D-M style, it's no secret that full-season replays have been about as numerous as 30-foot jump shots by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

One league--the Strat-D-Matic Basketball Association (SDMBA)--did accomplish the rare feat not long ago, however. The nine-member draft league won the full-season distance on an 82-game schedule, plus playoffs. Full statistics are kept and the players drafted are kept from one year to another.

The geographical makeup of the league is interesting, as members range from Maine to Las Vegas and numerous points in between. Richard Siteman, who went in the league's report, resides in Portland, ME, for instance, and Carlos Bosny calls Las Vegas home.

The regular-season championship was captured by Paul Witkop's Springfield Senators, with Mike Erickson's Augustana Thumpers finishing second, seven games off the pace. Both are from Illinois, and Erickson is a past basketball champion at the Champaign-Urbana conventions.

All seems qualified for the playoffs under the league's format. The cream came to the top quickly there, too, as Augustana and Springfield clashed in the finals, with Augustana scoring a four-game to two victory.

Augustana was the second best defensive club (97.1), second in rebounding (54.2) and featured Dave Cowens who averaged 18.9 points and led the league in grabbing missed shots with 16.8 per game. Fred Brown clicked for better than 50 per cent of his field goal attempts, while John Mavlick was among the best free throw shooters in the league. Lucius Allen, Doug Collins, Bob Love and Don Chaney were other valuable members of the Thumpers.

Springfield, meanwhile, led the league in defense (94.0) and rebounding (55.6) and was spearheaded by Rick Barry, third leading scorer with a 25.4 average, rebounding of Paul Silas and Clifford Ray and Phil Chenier, Mike Newlin, Jim Price, Curtis Rowe and Jerry Sloan.

Here are the league standings and individual leaders:

	<u>Won-Lost</u>	<u>GB</u>	<u>Off.</u>	<u>Def.</u>	<u>Reb.</u>
Springfield Senators (Paul Witkop)	61-21	--	105.6	94.0	55.6
Augustana Thumpers (Mike Erickson)	54-28	7	106.5	97.1	54.2
Beacon Hill Lighthouse (Jeff Russell)	44-38	17	103.0	102.7	49.2
West Jeff Wildbunch (Jeff Merklin)	41-41	20	111.6	112.4	44.0
Maine Lobsters (Richard Siteman)	41-44	20	110.6	110.0	50.0
Stony Brook Studebakers (Brad Russell)	33-49	28	103.1	107.8	46.1
Whitestone Scorpions (Roger Fahey)	33-49	28	104.4	108.6	51.8
Las Vegas Casinos (Carlos Bosny)	32-50	29	110.4	117.2	53.7
Depew Trojans (Mike Strano)	30-52	31	102.6	108.0	50.2

<u>Scoring</u>		<u>Field Goal %</u>		<u>Playoffs (Final)</u>
McAdoo (W. Jeff)	32.4	McAdoo (W. Jeff)	56.1	Augustana d.
Jabbar (L. Vegas)	25.6	D.Nelson (W. Jeff)	52.7	Springfield,
Barry (Spring.)	25.4	R. Smith (Depew)	52.4	98-88, 107-76,
Archibald (S-Brook)	24.7	Marin (Depew)	52.0	105-99, 94-111
R. Smith (Depew)	23.5	Lenier (Maine)	50.9	84-86, 91-63

Scoring (con't)

Layes (Whitestone)	22.8
Lanier (Maine)	21.5
Cowens (August.)	18.9
Laywood (L-Vegas)	18.2
R Jordan (Whitestone)	17.5

Rebounding

Cowens (August.)	16.6
Jabbar (L-Vegas)	14.2
Layes (Whitestone)	13.3
Jacold (Beacon Hill)	13.0
Hirston (S-Brook)	12.8
Lanier (Maine)	11.9
McAdoo (W-JEFF)	11.6
Silas (Spring.)	10.9
Fay (Spring.)	10.9

Free Throw %

Barry (Spring.)	93.4
Murphy (Depew)	91.8
J. Walker (W. JEFF)	90.8
Hovlicek (August.)	87.9
Marin (Depew)	87.8

Assists

Archibald (S-Brook)	6.4
VanLier (Whitestone)	6.3
Goodrich (L-Vegas)	5.8
J.J. White (L-Vegas)	5.8
R. Smith (Depew)	5.6

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