



Strat-O-Matic Hall of Fame 75th Anniversary

To celebrate the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum's 75th anniversary Strat-O-Matic CEO Hal Richman decided to release a special collectible version of our Hall of Fame card set. The enclosed cards are the culmination of an incredible amount of research and planning that were needed to complete this unique product. To create these cards, Strat-O-Matic had to first devise new methodologies to insure the most accurate set of cards possible. The obstacles were great – lack of certain data for some of the early players, devising normalization procedures to give the most accurate reflection of each player's worth, determining ballpark effects on each batter and pitcher and much more. We attacked each problem head on, and the end result is a wonderful set of cards that may be the nicest our company has ever produced. We hope you enjoy playing with these cards as much as we have enjoyed creating them – they are truly a great anniversary gift!

EXTENDED PEAK

We decided that we would base these Hall Of Fame cards on each player's best 7 years. This provided a card that portrays what we call the player's "extended peak" ability. This method draws a proper balance between peak ability and career ability. Both excellence and longevity are rewarded because the longer a player's career lasted, the more seasons are available to choose the top 7 years from. NOTE: The printed cards contain the player's 7-year averages.

LEFTY/RIGHTY SPLITS & SUBJECTIVE RATINGS

We have used our proprietary library of pre-1980s lefty/righty data to help create this set. In addition we developed new methodologies to supplement our previous research. There was a tremendous amount of research devoted to reading about each of the players enclosed in this set. That helped us create the subjective ratings that Strat-O-Matic is famous for: running, bunting, hit and run, throwing, fielding and pitcher's hold. The research for this project took many man-hours to accomplish, but our goal was to have the most "legitimate" recreation of these player's abilities possible. We are proud of our research efforts – the fact that no other company even attempts to match our efforts lets you know that you have purchased the best.

NORMALIZING THE DATA

Strat-O-Matic has always normalized data to the league in which it was accomplished. A batter hitting .300 in a league that hit .280 is not nearly as impressive as a batter who hit .300 in a league that hit .230. Our normalization methods insure that both batters and pitchers will perform realistically when used against players from any era. For the Hall of Fame set we decided to normalize all players' error ratings to modern day norms. If we did not do this then the old-time players would never be able to compete against the modern Hall Of Fame players because they played in an era where, due to terrible field conditions and poor equipment, errors were many times more likely to be committed.

CLOSER RATINGS

Almost all Hall Of Fame pitchers were primarily starters. However, many of these pitchers were used in relief and recorded saves during their major league careers. The assigned Closer Ratings are legitimate, but if you feel that it is unrealistic to use closer ratings with this set then simply do not play with this rule.

ADDITIONAL CATCHERS

If needed Cap Anson and Frank Chance may both be rated defensively at catcher. Both of these players played significant time at the position, but not during their 7 peak years. Anson's rating is C-4(+2)e16,T-20(pb-20). Chance's rating is C-4(+2)e16,T-15(pb-2).

STARTING PITCHER * RATINGS

All pitchers in this set, except Hoyt Wilhelm and Rollie Fingers are allowed to start on 3 days rest (they are * rated pitchers).

BALLPARKS

A ballpark rating was generated separately for each of the 246 players in this card set based upon the 7 years that were chosen. This insures each player will accurately reflect his home ballpark(s) effect on his abilities. The average ballpark rating that was used in creating these cards was as follows:

L Single* 1-7 Lineout(2b) 8-20	L Homerun 1-9 Flyball(rf) B 10-20
R Single* 1-7 Lineout(ss) 8-20	R Homerun 1-9 Flyball(lf) B 10-20

BONUS PLAYERS INCLUDED

In honor of the 75th Anniversary of National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, 6 bonus player cards from 1939 have been included. The following Hall of Fame players have been carded from their 1939 season, the year the Hall of Fame opened:

Ted Williams, Jimmie Foxx, Joe DiMaggio, Johnny Mize, Bob Feller, Red Ruffing

PITCHERS	*	RUN	SUPP. STEAL	PITCHERS	*	RUN	SUPP. STEAL	PITCHERS	*	RUN	SUPP. STEAL
Alexander, Pete	*	1-10	E 5/ 9,10,12 (13-1)	Gomez, Lefty	*	1-10	E 3/ - (13-5)	Pennock, Herb	*	1-10	E -/ - (- - -)
Bender, Chief	*	1-12	C 4/ - (20-6)	Gossage, Goose		1-10	E -/ - (- -)	Perry, Gaylord	*	1-10	E -/ - (- - -)
Blyleven, Bert		1-10	E -/ - (- -)	Grimes, Burleigh	*	1-13	C 2-5,11/ 10 (13-6)	Plank, Eddie	*	1-10	D 6,7/ 10 (13-6)
Brown, Ray	*	1-14	C *2-5,11,12/ 7 (15-6)	Grove, Lefty	*	1-10	E 2/ - (13-5)	Radbourn, Old Hoss	*	1-14	C *5/ - (20-6)
Brown, Three Finger	*	1-10	E 2/ - (20-6)	Haines, Jesse	*	1-10	E 2/ - (20-6)	Rixey, Eppa	*	1-10	E 5/ 9 (13-2)
Bunning, Jim	*	1-10	E 7/ - (3-1)	Hoyt, Waite	*	1-12	E 3/ - (3-1)	Roberts, Robin	*	1-12	E 2/ - (15-6)
Carlton, Steve	*	1-10	E 3/ - (13-5)	Hubbell, Carl	*	1-10	E 2/ - (20-6)	Rogan, Bullet Joe	*	1-15	A *2-7,11,12/- (15-13)
Chesbro, Jack	*	1-12	E 2/ - (20-6)	Hunter, Catfish	*	1-12	E 2/ - (20-6)	Ruffing, Red	*	1-10	E 2/ - (13-5)
Clarkson, John	*	1-14	C *4/ - (20-6)	Jenkins, Ferguson	*	1-10	E 5/ - (3-1)	Rusie, Amos	*	1-13	D 3/ - (20-6)
Cooper, Andy	*	1-10	E -/ - (- -)	Johnson, Walter	*	1-13	D 2-5,10/ 7,8,11 (13-4)	Ruth, Babe	*	1-14	D 7/- (13-6)
Coveleski, Stan	*	1-12	E 4/ - (3-1)	Joss, Addie	*	1-12	D 3/ - (20-6)	Ryan, Nolan	*	1-10	E 4,5/ 11 (13-5)
Cummings, Candy	*	1-12	E -/ - (- - -)	Keefe, Tim	*	1-13	D 3/ - (20-6)	Seaver, Tom	*	1-10	E 2/ - (20-6)
Day, Leon	*	1-15	C *2-5,11,12/8 (15-6)	Koufax, Sandy	*	1-10	E 6/ - (3-1)	Smith, Hilton		1-13	E 4,6/ 8-10 (13-2)
Dean, Dizzy	*	1-14	C 2/ - (20-6)	Lemon, Bob	*	1-12	E 2/ - (13-6)	Spahn, Warren	*	1-10	E 3/ - (13-6)
Dihigo, Martin		1-16	B *2-8/10,11 (15-9)	Lyons, Ted	*	1-10	E 3/ - (3-1)	Spalding, Al	*	1-14	E -/ - (- - -)
Drysdale, Don	*	1-10	E 7/ - (3-1)	Maddux, Greg		1-14	D 3/ - (20-6)	Sutter, Bruce		1-10	E -/ - (- - -)
Eckersley, Dennis		1-10	E -/ - (- -)	Marichal, Juan	*	1-10	E 6/ 7 (13-2)	Sutton, Don	*	1-10	E 2/ - (20-6)
Faber, Red	*	1-12	E 3/ - (16-6)	Marquard, Rube	*	1-10	E 2-4,11/ 10 (13-5)	Vance, Dazzy	*	1-10	E 2/ - (20-6)
Feller, Bob	*	1-12	E 3/ 11 (13-3)	Mathewson, Christy	*	1-12	D 3/ - (20-6)	Waddell, Rube	*	1-10	E 2/ - (20-6)
Fingers, Rollie		1-10	E -/ - (- -)	McGinnity, Joe	*	1-13	C *5/ - (20-6)	Walsh, Ed	*	1-12	E 2/ - (20-6)
Ford, Whitey	*	1-10	E 3/ - (13-6)	Mendez, Jose		1-16	A *2-12/- (15-13)	Welch, Mickey	*	1-12	D 3/ - (20-6)
Foster, Big Bill	*	1-10	D 4-6/8,9,11 (13-4)	Newhouser, Hal	*	1-12	E 5/ 12 (13-5)	Wilhelm, Hoyt		1-10	E 2-5/ - (3-1)
Foster, Rube		1-10	D *2-6,11,12/7-10 (15-4)	Nichols, Kid	*	1-12	D 2/ - (20-6)	Williams, Smokey Joe	*	1-12	C *2-6/ 9,10 (15-6)
Galvin, Pud	*	1-14	C *5/ - (20-11)	Niekro, Phil	*	1-10	E 3/ - (3-1)	Willis, Vic	*	1-10	E 2/ - (20-6)
Gibson, Bob	*	1-15	C *3-6/ 11 (15-7)	Paige, Satchel	*	1-10	C *2-6/9,10 (15-6)	Wynn, Early	*	1-10	E 2/ - (20-6)
Glavine, Tom		1-12	E -/ - (- -)	Palmer, Jim	*	1-12	E 2/ - (20-6)	Young, Cy	*	1-12	D 2/-(20-6)

CATCHERS	INFIELDERS			OUTFIELDERS		
Bench, Johnny	Beckley, Jake	Hornsby, Rogers	Ripken Jr., Cal	Aaron, Hank	Heilmann, Harry	Ruth, Babe
Berra, Yogi	Boggs, Wade	Jackson, Travis	Rizzuto, Phil	Ashburn, Richie	Henderson, Rickey	Simmons, Al
Bresnahan, Roger	Bottomley, Jim	Jennings, Hughie	Robinson, Brooks	Averill, Earl	Hill, Pete	Slaughter, Enos
Campanella, Roy	Boudreau, Lou	Johnson, Judy	Robinson, Jackie	Bell, Cool Papa	Hooper, Harry	Snider, Duke
Carter, Gary	Brett, George	Kell, George	Sandberg, Ryne	Brock, Lou	Irvin, Monte	Speaker, Tris
Cochrane, Mickey	Brouthers, Dan	Kelly, George	Santo, Ron	Brown, Willard	Jackson, Reggie	Stargell, Willie
Dickey, Bill	Carew, Rod	Killebrew, Harmon	Schmidt, Mike	Burkett, Jesse	Kaline, Al	Stearnes, Turkey
Ewing, Buck	Cepeda, Orlando	Lajoie, Nap	Schoendienst, Red	Carey, Max	Keeler, Wee Willie	Thompson, Sam
Ferrell, Rick	Chance, Frank	Larkin, Barry	Sewell, Joe	Charleston, Oscar	Kelley, Joe	Toriente, Cristobal
Fisk, Carlton	Collins, Eddie	Lazzeri, Tony	Sisler, George	Clarke, Fred	Kelly, King	Waner, Lloyd
Gibson, Josh	Collins, Jimmy	Leonard, Buck	Smith, Ozzie	Clemente, Roberto	Kiner, Ralph	Waner, Paul
Hartnett, Gabby	Connor, Roger	Lindstrom, Freddy	Suttles, Mule	Cobb, Ty	Klein, Chuck	Wheat, Zack
Lombardi, Ernie	Cronin, Joe	Lloyd, Pop	Taylor, Ben	Combs, Earle	Mantle, Mickey	Williams, Billy
Mackey, Biz	Dandridge, Ray	Maranville, Rabbit	Terry, Bill	Crawford, Sam	Manush, Heinie	Williams, Ted
Santop, Louis	Davis, George	Mathews, Eddie	Thomas, Frank	Cuyler, Kiki	Mays, Willie	Wilson, Hack
Schalk, Ray	Doerr, Bobby	Mazeroski, Bill	Tinker, Joe	Dawson, Andre	McCarthy, Tommy	Winfield, Dave
White, Deacon	Evers, Johnny	McCovey, Willie	Traynor, Pie	Delahanty, Ed	Medwick, Joe	Yastrzemski, Carl
INFIELDERS	Fox, Nellie	McPhee, Bid	Vaughan, Arky	Dihigo, Martin	Musial, Stan	Youngs, Ross
Alomar, Roberto	Foxx, Jimmie	Mendez, Jose	Wagner, Honus	DiMaggio, Joe	O'Rourke, Jim	
Anson, Cap	Frisch, Frankie	Mize, Johnny	Wallace, Bobby	Doby, Larry	Ott, Mel	
Aparicio, Luis	Gehrig, Lou	Molitor, Paul	Ward, John	Duffy, Hugh	Puckett, Kirby	
Appling, Luke	Gehring, Charlie	Morgan, Joe	Wells, Willie	Flick, Elmer	Rice, Jim	
Baker, Home Run	Gordon, Joe	Murray, Eddie	Wilson, Jud	Goslin, Goose	Rice, Sam	
Bancroft, Dave	Greenberg, Hank	Perez, Tony	Yount, Robin	Gwynn, Tony	Robinson, Frank	
Banks, Ernie	Herman, Billy	Reese, Pee Wee		Hafey, Chick	Rogan, Bullet Joe	
				Hamilton, Billy	Roush, Edd	