

Strat-O-Matic Hall of Famers

With the arrival of Strat-O-Matic's 50th anniversary we were looking for the proper way to celebrate. After much consideration, our founder Hal Richman decided to release his "dream set". The enclosed cards and/or computer authorization are the culmination of an incredible amount of research and planning that were needed to realize that dream. 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 are 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 totals. The computer version contains the 7-year averages for batters and the normalized 7-year averages for pitchers (see Computer Version Notes for more details).

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

The computer version also rates Cap Anson and Frank Chance defensively at catcher. Both of these players played significant time at the position, but not during their 7 peak years. When playing the board game, both of these players may also catch. 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

Pitchers with an * after their name may start on 3 days rest..

COMPUTER VERSION NOTES

The batter statistics, which are displayed by the computer game, represent the average of the 7-year extended peak. The computer game pitcher statistics were first averaged and then adjusted to modern day norms. For example, Tim Keefe averaged 474 innings during his 7 years, but he played in an era where many pitchers pitched over 400 innings per year. His 474 innings only equates to 235 innings in today's game. So all of his stats were adjusted accordingly. These adjusted stats are for display purposes and for use by the computer manager. They have no affect on the pitcher's cards, * ratings or other ratings. Computer rosters are arranged in 10 teams: Old Timers (pre 1900s), Turn-of-the-Century, Deadball Era, AL Pre WWII, NL Pre WWII, AL Post WWII, NL Post WWII, Travelers, Post DH and the "Left Outs". The "Left Outs" are made up of players from all eras who were not going to start on their respective teams. These teams are just suggestions and are provided for your convenience. To help capture the "feel" of the Hall of Fame, these teams are set up to use classic ballparks. If you do not own the Old Time Ballpark disk then simply update the ballpark information for each team and change the ballpark code to one of the current ballpark codes.

BALLPARKS

A ballpark rating was generated separately for each of the 238 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

PITCHERS	*	RUN	SUPP. STEAL	CATCHERS	INFELDERS	OUTFIELDERS
Alexander, Pete	*	1-10	E 5/ 9,10,12 (13-1)	Bench, Johnny	Anson, Cap	Aaron, Hank
Bender, Chief	*	1-12	C 4/ - (20-6)	Berra, Yogi	Aparicio, Luis	Ashburn, Richie
Brown, Ray	*	1-14	C *2-5,11,12/ 7 (15-6)	Bresnahan, Roger	Appling, Luke	Averill, Earl
Brown, Three Finger	*	1-10	E 2/ - (20-6)	Campanella, Roy	Baker, Home Run	Bell, Cool Papa
Bunning, Jim	*	1-10	E 7/ - (3-1)	Carter, Gary	Bancroft, Dave	Brock, Lou
Carlton, Steve	*	1-10	E 3/ - (13-5)	Cochrane, Mickey	Banks, Ernie	Brown, Willard
Chesbro, Jack	*	1-12	E 2/ - (20-6)	Dickey, Bill	Beckley, Jake	Burkett, Jesse
Clarkson, John	*	1-14	C *4/ - (20-6)	Ewing, Buck	Boggs, Wade	Carey, Max
Cooper, Andy	*	1-10	E -/ - (---)	Ferrell, Rick	Bottomley, Jim	Charleston, Oscar
Coveleski, Stan	*	1-12	E 4/ - (3-1)	Fisk, Carlton	Boudreau, Lou	Clarke, Fred
Cummings, Candy	*	1-12	E -/ - (---)	Gibson, Josh	Brett, George	Clemente, Roberto
Day, Leon	*	1-15	C *2-5,11,12/8 (15-6)	Hartnett, Gabby	Brouthers, Dan	Cobb, Ty
Dean, Dizzy	*	1-14	C 2/ - (20-6)	Lombardi, Ernie	Carew, Rod	Combs, Earle
Dihigo, Martin		1-16	B *2-8/10,11 (15-9)	Mackey, Biz	Cepeda, Orlando	Crawford, Sam
Drysdale, Don	*	1-10	E 7/ - (3-1)	Santop, Louis	Chance, Frank	Cuyler, Kiki
Eckersley, Dennis		1-10	E -/ - (---)	Schalk, Ray	Collins, Eddie	Dawson, Andre
Faber, Red	*	1-12	E 3/ - (16-6)		Collins, Jimmy	Delahanty, Ed
Feller, Bob	*	1-12	E 3/ 11 (13-3)		Connor, Roger	Dihigo, Martin
Fingers, Rollie		1-10	E -/ - (---)		Cronin, Joe	DiMaggio, Joe
Ford, Whitey	*	1-10	E 3/ - (13-6)		Dandridge, Ray	Doby, Larry
Foster, Big Bill	*	1-10	D 4-6/8,9,11 (13-4)		Davis, George	Duffy, Hugh
Foster, Rube		1-10	D *2-6,11,12/7-10 (15-4)		Doerr, Bobby	Flick, Elmer
Galvin, Pud	*	1-14	C *5/ - (20-11)		Evers, Johnny	Goslin, Goose
Gibson, Bob	*	1-15	C *3-6/ 11 (15-7)		Fox, Nellie	Gwynn, Tony
Gomez, Lefty	*	1-10	E 3/ - (13-5)		Foxx, Jimmie	Hafey, Chick
Gossage, Goose		1-10	E -/ - (---)		Frisch, Frankie	Hamilton, Billy
Grimes, Burleigh	*	1-13	C 2-5,11/ 10 (13-6)		Gehrig, Lou	Heilmann, Harry
Grove, Lefty	*	1-10	E 2/ - (13-5)		Gehring, Charlie	Henderson, Rickey
Haines, Jesse	*	1-10	E 2/ - (20-6)		Gordon, Joe	Hill, Pete
Hoyt, Waite	*	1-12	E 3/ - (3-1)		Greenberg, Hank	Hooper, Harry
Hubbell, Carl	*	1-10	E 2/ - (20-6)		Herman, Billy	Irvin, Monte
Hunter, Catfish	*	1-12	E 2/ - (20-6)		Hornsby, Rogers	Jackson, Reggie
Jenkins, Ferguson	*	1-10	E 5/ - (3-1)		Jackson, Travis	Kaline, Al
Johnson, Walter	*	1-13	D 2-5,10/ 7,8,11 (13-4)		Jennings, Hughie	Keeler, Wee Willie
Joss, Addie	*	1-12	D 3/ - (20-6)		Johnson, Judy	Kelley, Joe
Keefe, Tim	*	1-13	D 3/ - (20-6)		Kell, George	Kelly, King
Koufax, Sandy	*	1-10	E 6/ - (3-1)		Kelly, George	Kiner, Ralph
Lemon, Bob	*	1-12	E 2/ - (13-6)		Killebrew, Harmon	Klein, Chuck
Lyons, Ted	*	1-10	E 3/ - (3-1)		Lajoie, Nap	Mantle, Mickey
Marichal, Juan	*	1-10	E 6/ 7 (13-2)		Lazzeri, Tony	Manush, Heinie
Marquard, Rube	*	1-10	E 2-4,11/ 10 (13-5)		Leonard, Buck	Mays, Willie
Mathewson, Christy	*	1-12	D 3/ - (20-6)		Lindstrom, Freddy	McCarthy, Tommy
McGinnity, Joe	*	1-13	C *5/ - (20-6)		Lloyd, Pop	Medwick, Joe
Mendez, Jose		1-16	A *2-12/ - (15-13)		Maranville, Rabbit	Musial, Stan
Newhouser, Hal	*	1-12	E 5/ 12 (13-5)		Mathews, Eddie	O'Rourke, Jim
Nichols, Kid	*	1-12	D 2/ - (20-6)		Mazeroski, Bill	Ott, Mel
Niekro, Phil	*	1-10	E 3/ - (3-1)		McCovey, Willie	Puckett, Kirby
Paige, Satchel	*	1-10	C *2-6/9,10 (15-6)		McPhee, Bid	Rice, Jim
Palmer, Jim	*	1-12	E 2/ - (20-6)		Mendez, Jose	Rice, Sam
Pennock, Herb	*	1-10	E -/ - (---)		Mize, Johnny	Robinson, Frank
Perry, Gaylord	*	1-10	E -/ - (---)		Molitor, Paul	Rogan, Bullet Joe
Plank, Eddie	*	1-10	D 6,7/ 10 (13-6)		Morgan, Joe	Roush, Edd
Radbourne, Old Hoss	*	1-14	C *5/ - (20-6)		Murray, Eddie	Ruth, Babe
Rixey, Eppa	*	1-10	E 5/ 9 (13-2)		Perez, Tony	Simmons, Al
Roberts, Robin	*	1-12	E 2/ - (15-6)		Reese, Pee Wee	Slaughter, Enos
Rogan, Bullet Joe	*	1-15	A *2-7,11,12/ - (15-13)		Ripken Jr., Cal	Snider, Duke
Ruffing, Red	*	1-10	E 2/ - (13-5)		Rizzuto, Phil	Speaker, Tris
Rusie, Amos	*	1-13	d 3/ - (20-6)		Robinson, Brooks	Stargell, Willie
Ruth, Babe	*	1-14	D 7/ - (13-6)		Robinson, Jackie	Stearnes, Turkey
Ryan, Nolan	*	1-10	e 4,5/ 11 (13-5)		Sandberg, Ryne	Thompson, Sam
Seaver, Tom	*	1-10	e 2/ - (20-6)		Schmidt, Mike	Torriente, Cristobal
Smith, Hilton		1-13	E 4,6/ 8-10 (13-2)		Schoendienst, Red	Waner, Lloyd
Spahn, Warren	*	1-10	E 3/ - (13-6)		Sewell, Joe	Waner, Paul
Spalding, Al	*	1-14	E -/ - (---)		Sisler, George	Wheat, Zack
Sutter, Bruce		1-10	E -/ - (---)		Smith, Ozzie	Williams, Billy
Sutton, Don	*	1-10	E 2/ - (20-6)		Suttles, Mule	Williams, Ted
Vance, Dazzy	*	1-10	E 2/ - (20-6)		Taylor, Ben	Wilson, Hack
Waddell, Rube	*	1-10	E 2/ - (20-6)		Terry, Bill	Winfield, Dave
Walsh, Ed	*	1-12	E 2/ - (20-6)		Tinker, Joe	Yastrzemski, Carl
Welch, Mickey	*	1-12	D 3/ - (20-6)		Traynor, Pie	Youngs, Ross
Wilhelm, Hoyt		1-10	E 2-5/ - (3-1)		Vaughan, Arky	
Williams, Smokey Joe	*	1-12	C *2-6/ 9,10 (15-6)		Wagner, Honus	
Willis, Vic	*	1-10	E 2/ - (20-6)		Wallace, Bobby	
Wynn, Early	*	1-10	E 2/ - (20-6)		Ward, John	
Young, Cy	*	1-12	D 2/ - (20-6)		Wells, Willie	
					Wilson, Jud	
					Yount, Robin	