



# STRAT-O-MATIC REVIEW

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1959 is close second in past-season voting

## 1927 finishes No. 1 in readers' survey

It'll be the 1927 season, with the omnipotent New York Yankees led by Babe (60 home runs!) Ruth, Lou Gehrig and Co., that is in the on-deck circle as far as the next past season Strat-O-Matic is planning to produce.

A survey of Review readers showed that the '27 and 1959 seasons were far ahead of any other season. Eighty votes were cast - a good, but not overwhelming number - and the voting was definitely directed at those two seasons, with no other baseball season even in the ball park.

"The '27 season could be out as early as next year (1989), but may not be ready until 1990," says Harold Richman, S-O-M's creator and president.

The 1962 season, as mentioned previously in the Review, will be out next year ('89), for sure.

All told, 42 past seasons received votes from readers, who were asked to list their top three choices in order. The '27 season had 17 first-place votes, eight seconds and nine thirds for a total - using a sliding scale of three points for a first, two for a second, etc. - of 76 points.

The 1959 season was a close runner-up with 70 (12 firsts, 16 seconds and two thirds) points and after that the voting was spread around. Coming in a distant third was the 1960 season with 29 points.

The 1954 and '55 seasons tied with 22 points, while 1908 - some readers wrote impassioned letters for '08 - was No. 5 on the most wanted list with 19 points (five first-place votes).

So, S-O-M is now researching the '27 season (Steve Barkan, the game company's researcher par excellence, is combing through boxscores) and, if the long and tedious task is accomplished expeditiously, it could be available next year, too.

"It's hard to find clear copies of the boxscores that far back,"  
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says Barkan. "At least the pitchers pitched a lot more complete games back then. One thing a lot of people don't realize is at that time a batter was given credit for a sacrifice fly if a runner moved from second to third. Batting averages were a little higher because of some of those rules."

#### NEW, REVISED HALL OF FAMERS?

The game company seldom ever sleeps when it comes to improving its current products or developing new ideas.

One of the next projects, the researching of '27 and '59 baseball seasons and coming out with the new cards in all the sports aside, will be the creation of a new Hall of Fame baseball card set.

Plans have not been finalized yet, but S-O-M may continue with the current "A" and "B" sets and add another ("C"?) set to them. Any new, or revised, set will have advanced game features on the flip side.

The basic side will continue as is, with the righty-lefty features on the other side.

One question that hasn't been completely answered as this issue of the Review went to the printer, was will the advanced side be based on career or best season stats?

The Review was asked that question by S-O-M and we responded that we favored the best season.

A "C" set of cards would not consist of only Hall of Famers as some current standouts (George Brett and Carlton Fisk, just to name a couple) would be in the set as well.

#### 'SCAB' GAMES ELIMINATED

A few readers have inquired as to what the game company is going to do with the strike games in the NFL: Will the statistics be included and will some of the 'scab' standouts receive cards?

The answer by S-O-M is "no" on both counts. "The three scrub games will not be counted, either for individual stats or team stats," says Richman. "Those stats are not realistic and so we've thrown those out. We also have taken them out of the team statistics and that's been a major job."

As far as scrub-game standouts receiving cards, they will if they were on the regular roster after the strike. But again the stats won't include the strike games. Regulars who crossed picket lines to play in strike games also won't have their stats included.

Some gamers may argue that the stats were achieved in NFL games and should be counted. But S-O-M feels the stats would be so distorted that a realistic replay, or use of the cards, would be impossible.

Some teams did very well using scrub players, while others fared poorly. Our suggestion would be to either play a 12 or 13-game schedule or play the full 16-game schedule and pro-rate a player's use.

#### COMPUTER UPDATE

S-O-M has all three updated versions of its computer baseball products in stock and they can be purchased.

For old computer customers and those gamers that purchased a computer version early this year, you don't have to pay full price to receive the updated version.

The cost instead will be \$4 if you purchased a game disk in 1988 and, if purchased prior to 1988, the cost is \$10. The cost includes sending in an old game disk (any disk will do). To purchase a new computer disk (Apple, IBM or Commodore) write to: Strat-O-Matic Game Co., Inc., 46 Railroad Plaza, Glen Head, NY 11545.

## Readers comment on favorite seasons

Here's a sampling of readers' comments about which past season was preferred in the Review's poll:

\* 1927 - Who can resist having the greatest (??-see No. 2 choice) team of all time in advanced format? Or a distant runner-up Philadelphia team featuring seven Hall of Fame players: Ty Cobb, Al Simmons, Mickey Cochrane, Eddie Collins, Zack Wheat, Jimmy Foxx and Lefty Grove? Plus there was a great three-team race between Pittsburgh, St. Louis and New York (94, 92 and 92 wins, respectively) in the National League. Anyone who doesn't choose this year is insane (or merely a Yankee-hater).

1939 - There is a huge 20-year gap between the '30 and '50 recreated seasons, leaving an entire era/generation of baseball unrepresented. This year also features perhaps the second greatest team of all time: the Yankees again. Featuring Joe DiMaggio at his best, this Yankee team was superior to the vaunted '36 bunch.

1920 - Who could resist attempting to play that infamous Black Sox team (whose star players were banned from the game as the season neared its end) to the pennant?

---Stephen and John Cappiello  
Stamford, CT

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\* 1959 - Last White Sox World Series appearance. I want to be able to relive a good White Sox memory in case they move to St. Petersburg.

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\* 1935 - I am a Cubs' fan and I would like to have a championship season for a change. Here we have a 21-game win streak.

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\* Here are my three choices: 1924, 1916 and 1938. I have enough Willie Mays, Hank Aaron, Sandy Koufax, etc., cards to last me a lifetime. I would like some new players. Any year before 1940 is fine with me.

---Jeff Horlen

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\* Choices for past-season reprints: 1. 1965, 2. 1967, 3. 1962. And eventually reprint all the remaining 1960s seasons, which are still only available in basic format (1962-1967), so those teams can be played against '70s and '80s teams in advanced version.

---Pete Manzolillo  
Bellmore, NY

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\* 1951 - Giants come back on "shot heard 'round the world." 1947 - Dodgers return to the fore and Jackie Robinson breaks the color barrier. 1908 - Merkle's bonehead play; Tinkers to Evers to Chance; lots of strategy.

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Other reader comments about past seasons are found in this month's "Readers roll 'em" section.

## A visit to 'McTernan Stadium'

### Family includes wife Donna, no children, large S-O-M collection

Many gamers in the Strat-O-Matic world are names that contribute playing tips, replays, questions and comments about their favorite subject.

But, what do these folks look like. They all have faces, of course. Many times when you read about someone in the Review don't you wonder who are those guys or gals?

More readers are sending in biographies of themselves and sketches of league members. How long they've been playing S-O-M, when they were first introduced to gaming, their age, occupation and some likes and dislikes are the most frequently mentioned data.

John McTernan, a frequent contributor to the Review, has sent along a few pictures of himself, his wife Donna and his "stadium" (where he conducts his S-O-M endeavors) in Belleville, IL.

"I have been playing S-O-M Baseball since my first nine-team selector set in 1965," says McTernan, who has all of the baseball card sets since, as well as complete sets for football, hockey and basketball.

He's 33, drives for United Parcel Service (the same delivery service that brings your S-O-M cards) and he and his wife have yet to start a family.



# Readers roll 'em

## REPRINT THE '60S

I am now confused. We've been hearing for almost two years now that 1962 would be the next season released.

My picks are predicated on that assumption. If 1962 is not, in fact, finished and ready, my picks would be: 1962, 1960, 1959. The article was somewhat unclear.

I echo reader (Phil) Salimese's suggestion of reprinting the '60s seasons. I've been playing S-O-M since 1964, so my heroes are, of course, from that era.

We yuppies do have the money to spend on S-O-M and have patronized the product for what seems forever. I'm about Salimese's age (a little older). I wonder if our age group dominates?

A few other comments: I don't mind the new colors, can probably live with the perforations, but no way is the card stock the same. Come on, S-O-M, let's not go cheap on us.

I also think new changes should be halted while we all catch our breath with what we already have.

HERB HEWITT  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL

EDITOR'S NOTE: The next season S-O-M will produce will be 1962. And then 1927...and then 1959...

## BACK TO THE BASIC (SIDE)

I see now that S-O-M will forego the reprinting of 1960s sets for the time being.

But what bothers me is why must it reprint these seasons: '70, '69, '68, '67, etc., before we get some new past seasons such as '59 or '54, or '48, or '27, etc.? Whenever the question was brought up, a reason was never given as to why S-O-M was intent on giving us the entire '60s before anything else. I'm glad to hear S-O-M changed its plans.

I also wish to express my disappointment, as did other basic game players, with the

hard-to-read player cards. Please tell S-O-M to go back to white background. No one ever complained about that.

MIKE KEELEY  
Maplewood, MN

## A 'GREAT' COMPANION

Thanks again for your time each month to keep us gamers happy - the Review sure is a great companion to S-O-M products

I'm sorry I didn't see the Editor's Note over the Q & A column. If I had I wouldn't have sent a letter to you. I did not, however, wish the game company to disclose its formula for making the cards, but was only calling attention in case something was wrong.

DAVE CADWALLADLER JR.

EDITOR'S NOTE: In most cases, questions that pertain to ratings or formulas won't be answered, or even be printed in the Review. Sometimes, however, a question is so frequently asked that we do print it and try to get a response from the game company.

## TEAMS, NOT SEASONS

I enjoy playing S-O-M games of past-year individual teams as opposed to entire years, pitting teams from different years against one another.

I would like to see advanced teams made of World Series, play-off and contending teams which have only been made in basic game form or not at all (i.e. '55 Dodgers, '66 Orioles, '64 Cardinals, etc.).

It's fun to play strong teams from different years against one another, but not as much so when restricted to basic game rules.

I'm sure many of the S-O-M subscribers agree there is a market for more advanced individual teams.

I would also like to comment on the scheduled S-O-M (TBA)  
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tournaments. I am a recent convert to S-O-M Baseball and play the game mostly by myself when time will allow. I would like to go to the tournament in Baltimore, but find the \$50 entry fee exorbitant for a couple of different reasons:

Firstly, I don't feel I'm ready, or ever want to compete with players who have been playing for many years. Secondly, I would like to go to the tournament just to have fun playing the games, without the pressure of competition for prizes.

Overall, I feel more players might show for a lesser entry fee to just play the game, exchange ideas and learn from different players. This additional money could still be used to help finance the tournament and pay for the prizes.

KRAIG BEVERLY  
Hampstead, MD

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** While there is always the possibility of such tournaments, such as the TBA, becoming too competitive, the high entry fee is necessary to cover the expenses of conducting such tournaments and offering enough prize money to attract large numbers of gamers. Some of the more regional tournaments, such as James Sanders' Bostock Memorial, are more what you may have in mind. They are more people-oriented and less prize-oriented.

#### LIKES BALL PARK SETUP

I believe Strat-O-Matic's use of ball park singles is better than having two "x" charts (turf/grass). Each park is treated separately.

The game does need a better wild pitch and passed ball feature. And pitcher's fatigue could be improved.

CHARLIE MILLER  
Fullerton, CA

#### WHAT ABOUT DEFENSE...?

I finally finished the entire

1986 American League season. I did it to see if S-O-M reproduced accurate fielding stats.

S-O-M reproduces good hitting and pitching stats, but what about defense?

I found out that it doesn't. Some were close, but about 75 percent were way off.

Brunansky had 371 putouts, Bernazard had 322 assists, Schofield had 472 assists, Guillen 492 assists, Fletcher 333 assists and, one mentioned in the Review, Spike Owen had 323 assists and Gaetti had 286 assists.

This year S-O-M rated George Bell a "2" in left, yet Toronto wants him to DH because of his defense. Why is it that players that hit for a good average, a lot of homers or play on a good team, get good defensive ratings?

I think S-O-M is swayed by the media. It should stick to the stats, like with the hitters and pitchers.

I also noticed, as reported in the Review, that there were more lineouts using the super-advanced rules.

RICHARD NEVAREZ  
Ventura, CA

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** S-O-M admits it's almost impossible to have accurate fielding statistics when it comes to putouts and assists. Its system, as far as keeping stats, is based on errors committed. No mention is made in the letter as to how close error totals were. S-O-M's system does take into account total chances and a formula based on 1/3 of an inning (or 27 1/3s per game) played. The type of pitcher also makes a difference as far as assists/putouts by the defense, as a strikeout pitcher has to be considered differently. And assists for outfielders are impossible to duplicate because runners seldom try to take an extra base against those with the best arms. More assists, in other words, does not equate to better arms. Range and errors are the two main areas S-O-M tries to reflect in its

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fielding ratings.

#### WANTS 'TIPS' BOOKLET

Comments: I think you guys do a great job. Still think a booklet, etc., covering "playing tips" of the various games would be a big seller. I realize that in the past you fellows begged out, citing time restrictions. Nevertheless, it is an idea whose time is now.

I like to associate with the criticism of the game cards. The graphics are poor; the football cards especially. With plenty of room, the type is too small; color coordination uninspired; plus the perforation problem.

For past seasons replays, I think S-O-M could put out a "trade sheet/player movement" for that season, which would add to the realism.

Additionally, in any season replay approximately 5 to 10 percent at-bats and innings pitched are missing. Maybe this is an unsolvable problem, but someone should come up with an all-inclusive playing card(s) to fill in the missing at-bats and innings.

I'm not blaming you guys, but I received the January issue on Feb. 24, a couple of days after the February issue arrived.

MAURICE MALONEY  
Mechanicville, WV

EDITOR'S NOTE: Outside of the basic card set for baseball, most gamers seem to like the new-look cards. A few complaints have been directed at the weight of the card stock, but the color combinations have been praised and we've heard little, if any, objection to the size of the type on the cards. Some folks have praised the size, citing the compactness (they take up less space in the "stadium"). The basic side of the baseball cards, with an outline of a baseball field a distracting feature, is difficult to read and this will be changed next

year, says S-O-M. As far as the January issue - the one with all the baseball ratings - it arrived much later than usual to a number of readers. We don't know if the issue was being stopped and inspected (by can't-wait S-O-M players), or just what happened. Hmmm...

#### AVID S-O-M FAN

I really enjoy your magazine very much, as I am one of Strat-O-Matic's most avid fans.

I would like very much if you would print a section on how to form (step-by-step) PBM and face-to-face leagues and how they work. I also request more playing tips.

Also, I was wondering if Strat-O-Matic plans to make an unusual play chart, or a chart describing the injuries. This could be optional and maybe add more excitement to the game.

KEVIN LEMASTER  
Cincinnati, OH

EDITOR'S NOTE: Periodically, the Review does print how-to-do-it articles relating to PBM and face-to-face leagues. And tips for unusual play charts and injuries have also appeared frequently.

#### UPSET OVER FIELDING CHART

Rarely have I heard anything as preposterous as the game company's refusal/inability to give gamers the computer advanced fielding chart.

ED GRANT  
Marietta, GA

EDITOR'S NOTE: We again checked with S-O-M about a copy of the fielding chart for the computer game and the answer was the same: no hard copy exists. The chart was made up according to specifications by S-O-M and the only copy the game company saw was in "computerese," or computer language. If there's enough interest in a hard copy, however, maybe  
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S-O-M will track it down and translate it into a readable chart such as we now have for the advanced game.

#### KUDOS FOR S-O-M

I would like to applaud the Strat-O-Matic Game Company for deciding to reprint another past season. When we gamers play the teams from these previous seasons, it's like living a piece of baseball history.

This year's poll is providing me with a forum to make my yearly plea for a "Dead Ball Era" season. It's about time the game company consider printing a pre-1920 season.

Each of the other previously printed seasons was chosen for various reasons, but for the most part (other than 1968), they were printed mostly due to the large amount of offensive statistics during those years.

It is true that a home run is a very exciting play. It is also true that most fans enjoy seeing many home runs hit. This could probably be said for S-O-M players also.

But good pitching and speed are also exciting (the Cardinals had those characteristics in 1987 and drew over three million fans).

A pre-1920 season would provide this type of excitement for a change.

My choices would be: 1. 1908, 2. 1916, 3. 1927.

Of course, offense was the name of the game in 1927 and the pitching stats suffered because of it. But, in my opinion the '27 Yankees will play very much like the 1930 season and that's why I put it third on my list.

In 1908 was, unquestionably, the best two-league pennant race in baseball history. Books have even been written about this season.

Some of the greatest players were in their prime in 1908, including: Ty Cobb, Honus Wagner, Frank Chance, Sam Crawford, Nap Lajoie, Christy Mathewson, Ed Walsh, Mordecai Brown and Cy Young.

RAY VANDERHOFF JR.  
Bloomington, NJ

#### MORE ON PART-TIME PLAYERS

S-O-M has come a long way in issuing part-time players.

Over a decade ago I was involved in the famous "Bob Hazle controversy," which was about a player (Hazle) who hit .403 in 134 at-bats, but was left off the 1957 Braves' old-timer roster.

It turned out that Hazle was left off for good reason, considering the 20-player old-timer rosters. However, now S-O-M is putting out accurate cards for many players in Hazle's class.

I think gamers should be allowed to use part-time players with great cards as they see fit in solitaire games.

However, I have seen problems arise during face-to-face play, or in leagues or tournaments, when the role of such players is not agreed on beforehand.

If you have high-average fringe players on your team, make sure that you agree with your opponent on how these players will or won't be used in a game.

Another caution to those gamers who overuse fringe players would be: don't expect the Review to print your league results. The Review exists, among other reasons, to promote Strat-O-Matic and unrealistic results do not promote the game.

I would guess the editors of the Review would favor printing realistic results over unrealistic results.

I think the expanded rosters are great, despite the problem of possible overuse. I congratulate S-O-M for listening to gamers.

MARK FROBOM  
Minneapolis, MN

EDITOR'S NOTE: The overuse of wunderkind part-time players is a long-standing problem in gaming but one, as Frobom points out, that can be eased by making prior arrangements as to how such players will be used. The Review does favor full-season stats, using full-time players, because of their comparison value.



# Cellar-dwellers move to penthouse

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## Temporary power failure doesn't silence phone draft

The lights may have gone out in Georgia in song, but when the phone line went "dead" at the beginning of the draft in the TransAmerican Baseball League, no one broke out in song at commissioner David Icenogle's house in Cerritos, CA.

The TBL's fourth preseason draft was in jeopardy, for sure, for the 16-member, play-by-mail league. Singing the Blues was more the mood music.

But the transcontinental league quickly solved a major problem by moving draft headquarters to Drew Elliott's home, six miles away at Bellflower, Ca.

After only a 45-minute delay, the TransAmerican was again operating transcontinental and the draft was conducted.

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times," says Icenogle, referring to the TABL's fourth season. Three of last year's cellar-dweller teams rose up and won division titles. And for the first time in the league's history, a team won more than 100 games. In fact, three teams went over the century mark.

Also, three teams lost more than 100 games, the first time a trio of clubs had lost that many.

Another 'best' was "in 1987 all the teams in the league had complete statistics for all of their scheduled games," says Icenogle. "This might not seem that tough, but it's the first time it has been accomplished."

## FROM BOTTOM TO TOP

The turnabouts for the cellar-dwellers would have to be a great boost for any soon-to-be TABL member. Elliott made the biggest jump, taking over a team from a departed manager and guiding it to 35 more victories than the previous season.

John Calentano's New York Pinocubes rebounded and captured 28 more wins and ended up winning the World Series. Charley Krummel's Tampa Bay team was plus 26 in the win column and Icenogle's Pacific Sauri 21.

Along with the big winners, as far as improvement, there were also big losers. Lakewood, for instance, was a minus 31 in the win column from a year ago. Barkley (27), Silver Bay (24) and Glenville (23) were the biggest losers from the season before.

## TABL'S YEARBOOK IS CLASSIC

The TABL, like so many S-O-M leagues, puts out a yearbook at season's end. And it was a dandy, replete with a year in review report, individual statistics, records (including home-and-away for each team), all-star game report, playoffs and world series, profiles and summaries about each manager, trades, a free agent/rookie draft, catchers' stolen base data, ballpark effects (although only for four teams), franchise records for four seasons and a financial report.

Financially speaking, the TABL was on the quiet side as it had a net loss of \$13.38 from 1984 through 1986 and a loss of \$25.36 in '87 for a total in the red of \$38.74. No great amount, considering phone, postage and materials expenses.

One very interesting section was the catcher's stolen base data, in which 13 teams in the league were participants. The TABL was trying to determine the effect a catcher's arm had on stolen bases/caught stealing and also the number of attempts for each throwing arm rating.

First of all, two methods were used to determine the number of games each player participated in as a catcher: (1) Totaling games

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played for all of a team's catchers and then taking each player's games as a percentage of the total and multiplying this percent by 162 to estimate the number of "full game equivalents" each catcher caught; and (2) totaling plate appearances for all of a team's catchers and then taking each player's PA as a percent of the total and multiplying by 162.

The two methods were averaged, according to the yearbook explanation, and the result was equivalent games (EG).

#### CATCHER'S STOLEN BASE CHART

	EG	SB	CS	CS%	SBA/EG	SB/EG
Catcher's Arm -3 ...	526	200	100	33.3	0.57	0.38
-2 ...	87	37	21	36.2	0.67	0.42
-1 ...	327	211	79	27.2	0.89	0.65
0 ...	364	318	128	28.7	1.23	0.87
+1 ...	511	527	175	24.9	1.37	1.03
+2 ...	268	295	117	28.4	1.54	1.10

From the above the TABL points out that a +1 catcher "will surrender 78 more attempts than a -1...and a +1 will yield 62 more stolen bases than a -1 in a full season, playing full time ( $1.03 - 0.65 = 0.38 \times 162 = 62$ ), and will throw out 16 more runners.

Because the amount of data was so small, the TABL also combined the catchers to get a more accurate count as far as caught stealing:

	EG	SB	CS	CS%	SBA/EG	SB/EG
Catcher's Arm -3 & -2	613	237	121	33.8	0.58	0.39
-1 & 0	691	529	207	28.1	1.07	0.77
+1 & +2	779	822	292	26.2	1.43	1.06

The TABL does admit, however, that the data is only based on one season and that conclusions shouldn't be inscribed in stone. "These tables," says the TABL, "will give you an idea of the value of a catcher's throwing ability."

Bob Boone and Tony Pena, for instance, threw out 35.4 (17/48) and 37.7 (29/77) percent of the runners trying to steal, whereas Terry Kennedy, a +1, cut down only 20.8 percent, or 30 out of 144 would-be thieves. Notice how many more attempts to steal there were against Kennedy than a Pena or Boone.

#### A LOOK AT THE TABL'S LINEUP

Now for a cursory look at the managerial lineup in the TABL:

**JOHN CELENTANO** - New York Pinocubes, 36, an emergency room doctor on Long Island...Has occasionally played a few games at work, when all was quiet on the emergency front, of course...Mike Witt was first pitcher to win 20 games for four-year franchise.

**SCOTT BROWN** - East Coast Hammers, 24, Kew Gardens, NY, programming analyst for Petry TV in Manhattan...Played S-O-M seven years...Had trio of pitchers that gave up 40 or more homers: Bert Blyleven (61!), Rick Rhoden (40) and Charlie Hough (40)...Hough was 13-1 with 2.30 ERA at home, but 4-15 on the road...Blyleven's two-year stats: 700 hits, 111 home runs served up.

**MARK BINDA** - Great Escape, 26, Nashville, TN, research director for WTVF, Channel 5, a CBS station...Favorite movie: "The Great Escape," naturally...Surprise winner of TABL last year...But hit into 182 doubleplays in latest season, stole mere 86 bases - 50 by Rickey Henderson - and scored 182 less runs...Bright spots were pitching of

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Ron Darling (18-12), Mike Krukow (19-11) and Fernando Valenzuela (19-18, but with 278 strikeouts in 283 innings).

**BRIAN SMITH** - Barkley Blaster, 37, attorney for New York's Attorney General's Office...Has 25 years of S-O-M experience, 13 PBM...Joined TABL in its first season.

**DREW ELLIOTT** - Angel City Rockers, 36, Bellflower, CA, owns landscaping business...Played S-O-M since 1966...Rockers rocketed league record 273 home runs: Dave Parker (41), Rob Deer (40), Larry Parrish (40), Lance Parrish (37) and Kirby Puckett (33) hit 30 or more...Bob Welch was pitching star with 20-6 record, 3.23 ERA and 202 strikeouts.

**DAVID DONAT** - Windy City Wedge, 18, Washington U. (St. Louis) student...Glenn Davis set team marks for home runs (43) and RBI (108)...Six players, led by Danny Tartabull (171), struck out more than 100 times...Jack Morris gave up 65 homers, but only 133 runs, and had 3.59 ERA.

**JIM TODD** - Mason Jars, 24, Mason, Ohio, electrical engineer...Don Sutton, wheez, coughed up 50 home runs.

**JOHN WARE** - Glenville Vandals, 19, student at Michigan State...Charlie Leibrandt had unbelievably bad season (7-19, 314 hits in 231 IP, 38 homers, 6.03 ERA), while Gary Carter was super (.292, 41 HRs, 128 RBI, 104 runs, 11 triples, 201 hits).

**CHARLEY KRUMMEL** - Tampa Bay Tarpons, 36, postal service employee...Jumped from last (62-100) to first in division (88-74)...Harold Baines was acquired via trade for Ryne Sandberg and Baines hit .313, 30 home runs, drove in 106 runs and had 13 game-winning hits.

**JERRY BEARDEN** - Silver Bay Sting, 54, Crayne, KY, correctional officer at Kentucky State Penitentiary...TABL founding father...Has been in playoffs last three years and been world series runner-up twice...Set team records in 1987 with 265 steals, 161 homers and by turning 157 double plays...Keith Atherton of the Sting (Minnesota in real-life) pitched against Bearden's sons in high school in Matthews, VA.

**MIKE YOUNG** - Fort Mitchell Squigleys, 27, Ft. Mitchell, KY, sales manager for M.B.C. Products...Six-year S-O-M veteran.

**JAMEY CASHMAN** - Nashville Wildcats, 28, Nashville, TN, advertising account executive...Jimmy Key (7-23) was a key unlocking failure.

**DAVID ICENOGLIE** - Pacific Sauri, 29, Cerritos, CA...16-year S-O-M vet...Commissioner of TABL...Has been member of four baseball and two basketball PBM leagues...Darryl Strawberry had 30 doubles, 32 homers, but only 42 singles - meaning 62.5% of his hits were for extra bases...Dennis Rasmussen had 16-5 record with six shutouts.

**DARREL/DARIN ICENOGLIE** - Sorry, but brothers of David aren't Darrel and Darrel, rather Darrel (26) and Darin (22), who've combined managing skills to win two championships with California Sun...Live in Cerritos, CA; graduates of Cal State-Fullerton...Featured Wade Boggs (.358), Jesse Barfield (45 HRs, 130 RBI, 18 game-winning hits) and Roger Clemens (20-11, 19 complete games, five shutouts, 2.93 ERA).

**SCOTT POOL** - Humboldt Blue Jays, 18, LaPalma, CA...Mike Scott was a standout with 26 wins, 325 strikeouts and 2.35 ERA.

**BRAD HERBERT** - Lakewood Trojans, 18, Norwalk, CA, member of Cerritos College baseball team...Dwight Gooden (9-17, 4.11) was big flop, although Franklin Stubbs did whack 31 homers.

#### NIPPER HURLS NO-HITTER

Al Nipper, pitching for last place Lakewood, hurled a no-hitter, setting down Angel City - winner of 111 games - without a hit for 11 innings. Lakewood won 1-0 as Nipper walked one and fanned 10.

All of S-O-M's advanced rules were used and players were limited to real-life at-bats/innings pitched, plus 10 percent up to 40 at-bats (Continued on next page)

and 20 innings pitched. All of the advanced rules were used in the replay using the 1986 real-life cards.

Standings, playoffs and leaders:

A.L. EASTERN	Won-Lost	GB	N.L. SOUTHERN	Won-Lost	GB	Playoffs:
New York	94 68	-	Tampa Bay	88 74	-	NL - Silver
East Coast	88 74	6	Silver Bay	74 88	14	Bay d. Pacific
Great Escape	86 76	8	Ft. Mitchell	71 91	17	4-1; Silver
Barkley	57 105	37	Nashville	71 91	17	Bay d. Calif-
A.L. NORTHERN	Won-Lost	GB	N.L. WESTERN	Won-Lost	GB	ornia, 4-2.
Angel City	104 58	-	Pacific	109 53	-	AL - New York
Windy City	76 86	28	California	107 55	2	d. East Coast,
Mason	65 97	39	Humbolt	91 71	18	4-2; New York
Glenville	57 105	47	Lakewood	58 104	51	d. Angel City,
						4-3.

World Series: New York d. Silver Day, 4-2 (Mattingly was MVP after hitting .558 with three homers; Series was played face-to-face in New Jersey hotel room).

Batting	Home Runs	RBI
Boggs CAL .358	Barfield CAL 45	Barfield CAL 130
Tabler TB .341	G.Davis WC 43	Carter GLEN 128
Sax BARK .338	Carter GLEN 41	Parker AC 125
Puckett AC .324	Parker AC 41	Murphy MAS 124

R:	Wins	ERA
H: Puckett AC 228	Scott HUM 26	Scott HUM 2.35
2B: Hayes EC 61	Ojeda EC 21	Ojeda EC 2.82
3B: Butler WC 14	Clemens CAL 20	M.Witt NY 2.89
Webster MAS 14	Eichorn ECH 20	Clemens CAL 2.93
SB: Davis PAC 85	Hershiser PAC 20	Rasmussen PAC 2.99
Coleman SB 83	Welch AC	
W: Hernandez FM 99	M.Witt NY	Strikeouts
GWH: Murphy MAS 18		Scott HUM 325
Barfield CAL 18		Valenzuela GE 278
CG: Scott HUM 22		Morris WC 261
SH: Rasmussen PAC 6		Clemens CAL 254
SA: Clear TB 31		Higuera MAS 248

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## American League drafts compared

Last month the Review took a look at the drafts in the Great Lakes Baseball League, which uses American League cards only, and the Greater Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League (GKSML), which includes in its managerial lineup Review co-editors Warren and Del Newell.

The GKSML's National League draft was featured, along with the latest A.L. draft by the GLBL, which will throw out the first die on its sixth play-by-mail season July 30.

Catchers, you will recall, dominated the GLBL's draft, with three being picked among the first five choices. Relief pitchers ran a close second, with three of those mainly mopup man going in the first 10 picks.

B.J. Surhoff was the No. 1 pick in the Great Lakes draft. In the GKSML, however, Boston outfielder Ellis Burks was the first card grabbed from the draft table. Surhoff went No. 3. Burks, incidentally, was the No. 3 selection in the GLBL, making he and Surhoff the most highly regarded players.

On the next page is a listing of both drafts from the A.L.:  
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GREAT LAKES

1.....	B.J. Surhoff	-----
2.....	Terry Steinbach	-----
3.....	Ellis Burks	-----
4.....	Rick Rhoden	-----
5.....	Matt Nokes	-----
6.....	Dennis Eckersley	-----
7.....	Mike Henneman	-----
8.....	Gary Thurman	-----
9.....	DeWayne Buice	-----
10.....	Terry Kennedy	-----

GREATER KALAMAZOO

1.....	Ellis Burks
2.....	Mike Greenwell
3.....	B.J. Surhoff
4.....	Mike Henneman
5.....	Chris Bosio
6.....	Matt Nokes
7.....	Dennis Eckersley
8.....	Ivan Calderon
9.....	DeWayne Buice
10.....	Dave LaPoint

Eight of the 10 managers made it to West Allis, WI, for the GLEB draft, which was again held at the home of commissioner Craig Artl. Bill Moonan, whose California Golden Bears won the latest championship, flew in from Fullerton, CA, for the second straight year to partake of the festivities.

Also in the GLEB's managerial lineup are veteran skippers Don Martiniak (Madison Capitols), Chris Anderson (Urban Shockers), Rod Melotte (Mad City Thunderbirds), Don Chandler (Wyoming Cowboys), Fred Lambrecht (Racine Regals) and newcomers, Dennis Schimmel (Minneapolis Jetstreams), Bret Weigel (Milwaukee JayKings) and Doug Roo (Wisconsin Warriors).

Below is a picture taken during the GLEB's version of "March Madness."



(Left to right): Doug Root, Don Martiniak, Rod Melotte, Craig Artl, Don Chandler, Chris Anderson, Bret Weigel, Bill Moonan.

In the latest replay, Moonan's Bears, sparked by Don Mattingly, the league's top hitter with a .341 average, 228 hits and 63 doubles, and Roger Clemens (2.40 ERA, 22-8, 277 strikeouts, all league-leading numbers) won 103 games and disposed of the Wyoming Cowboys in the World Series, 4-1.

Clemens won two games, Mattingly homered twice and Ken Griffey wound up with three homers, including a leadoff shot and three-run blow in the opener, for the winners.

Standings, playoffs and leaders:

<u>East</u>	<u>Won-Lost</u>	<u>GB</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>Playoffs</u>
Wyoming Cowboys	105 57	-	.288	3.88	Wyoming d. Madison, 4-1;
West Allis Warhawks	84 78	21	.260	4.28	California d. West
Milwaukee JayKings	79 83	26	.267	4.18	Allis, 4-2.

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East (con't)		Won-Lost	GB	Avg.	ERA	Batting	
Racine Regals		74	88	31	.277	4.57	Mattingly BRS .341
Wisconsin Warriors		47	115	58	.253	6.01	Yount REG .334
West							Joyner COW .323
California		103	59	-	.277	3.70	J.Rice COW .321
Madison Capitols		91	71	12	.270	3.96	
Urban Shockers		88	74	15	.259	3.58	Home Runs
Mad City Thunderbirds		86	76	17	.243	3.85	Barfield CAP 53
Minneapolis Jetstreams		53	109	50	.248	4.66	Baines HKS 42
							Gaetti BRS 42
							Deer WAR 40
RBI							
Barfield CAP	142	R:	Henderson HKS	128			
Baines HKS	132	H:	Mattingly BRS	228			
Mattingly BRS	123	2B:	Mattingly BRS	63			Wins
J.Carter BRS	118	3B:	Butler SHO	15			Clemens BRS 22
		SB:	Henderson HKS	95			M.Witt SHO 20
		GWH:	Mattingly BRS	19			Candiotti THU 19
		E:	A.Griffin SHO	42			McCaskill JAY 19
ERA							
Clemens BRS	2.40						
M.Witt SHO	2.81	Strikeouts				SH:	M.Witt SHO 6
S.Davis CAP	2.86	Clemens BRS	277			CG:	Clemens BRS 24
Honeycutt COW	2.94	M.Witt SHO	241			IP:	M.Witt SHO 295
McCaskill JAY	3.25	Morris SHO	233			SA:	Plesac HKS 22
		Higuera SHO	217				Righetti CAP 21
						HRA:	Morris SHO 54

Ten records were set in the '87 season, with Clemens having an arm in three of them: ERA (2.40), strikeouts (277) and tying Bert Blyleven ('86) for most complete games (24). Jack Morris set a dubious record (home runs served up: 54) and Doug Drabek appeared in a record 82 games.

Jesse Barfield's 142 RBI was a record, as were Rickey Henderson's 128 runs and Don Mattingly's 228 hits. Alfredo Griffin committed a record 42 errors and Pete Incaviglia struck out 188 times.

Best batting average in the GLEBL is Wade Boggs' .379 mark ('86), while Carlton Fisk ('86) has the home run record with 56. Tom Seaver ('85) racked up the most wins when he went 25-6.

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## South Shore video tapes highlights

It's a far cry from a "Gone With the Wind" as far as a cinema production, but the video on the South Shore Strat-O-Saurus Baseball League could be the wave of the future for recording highlights for posterity.

The Strat-O-Saurus league, just for a little background, is a face-to-face, all draft league that usually has six teams, some years eight, and plays 80 games every summer.

Two no-hitters - neither caught on video - highlighted last summer's play in Hanover, MA, with Nolan Ryan and Bob Ojeda hurling the gems. Ojeda, in fact, almost had a perfect game, striking out 10 and hitting one batter.

The video was shot, for the most part, in the basement of the home of commissioner Joe Trudeau. Highlights include the preseason, interviews with some of the managers and the taping of a complete game, roll by roll, of a playoff game won by Brian Boudreau's Boo-Dogs.

That game "we feel was the best of all time in our league and it contains the loudest BOOM in our league's history (a bases loaded home run that put Boudreau ahead 8-7 in the eighth inning after he had trailed earlier 7-1)," enthused Trudeau.

Because of the rock music in the background and the bantering going on between the managers, who actually hit the key roundtripper was

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drowned out. But the shot heard 'round Trudeau's (?) basement was off a 1-3 20-sided die roll chance.

The scenario for the playoff game was pure baseball as Trudeau was the announcer, the Star Spangled Banner was played and the game site was a stadium, replete with a diamond and outfield walls to keep the dice inside the stadium. Both managers used the long-cast dice roll technique.

Both managers also kept urging their players to hit certain columns, with "6-5, 6-6, come on baby 1-7," heard throughout the game. In the first inning, both managers almost engaged in a debate, trying to 'influence' the dice as to which column they would fall into. "They're arguing about the column," intoned Trudeau.

A 20-sided die was used for all split-number results and the defensive manager rolled for all readings off the defense (throws from the outfield, steal attempts, etc.).

Early in the tape, some of the managers were interviewed. Most of them sounded and acted like professional wrestlers. But it was all in fun, and most of the managers seemed to be enjoying themselves.

From a reviewer's standpoint, we would have liked to know more about the managers (ages, backgrounds, etc.), had the playoff managers introduced (similar to an HBO boxing match, but not to that extreme), and had the highlights of the playoff game recapped. Who did hit the home run? Was it with the bases loaded? And who was the losing manager?

The camera work was good when it surveyed the playing field and the walls of Boo-Dog Memorial Stadium. And the camera work was also interesting when the arrival of the UPS truck was captured. From the time the truck turned the street corner to the moment the S-O-M cards were delivered at the front door was all on the video.

All in all, a good show.

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## Guest columnist

PAST SEASONS WANTED...BUT

BY ROD PELTONEN, Thunder Bay, Ontario

Judging from your comments in the May issue of the Review it appears many of your subscribers still want past seasons from the late 1950s and early 1960s.

This suggests that numerous gamers requesting these seasons are from the baby boom generation and are generally baseball fans in their 30s, such as myself.

While I agree that this era of baseball had some exciting pennant races and produced many great ball players (i.e. Mantle, Mays, Aaron and Robinson, to name a few) we already have been given the 1956 and 1961 seasons, so printing the 1959, 1960 or 1962 seasons means more of the same players.

The game company made great strides forward when it started coming out with these past seasons and from a business viewpoint this was necessary in order to retain its customers.

At first it seemed it was going to give us a cross-section of seasons from different eras. However, S-O-M has concentrated on seasons from the modern era and forgot about those of us who want to expand our collections to include more of the original Hall of Famers (i.e., Cobb, Wagner, Hornsby, Johnson, etc.).

I would prefer to see more of the old timer teams made available. As an alternative to researching entire seasons I think that the game company should consider the following:

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(1) Print a collection of teams from each decade with all of the advanced features; S-O-M has already printed the basic version of numerous old-timer teams and the cost of further researching these teams, rather than an entire season, would be more feasible.

(2) Make up an all-star team for each franchise for a particular decade and base the individual player's stats on his performance over the decade rather than on one single season.

(3) Create all-star teams for each league for different eras. For example - 1900, 1920-1940, 1940-1960 and 1960-1980. These teams could be based on individual players' career statistics and would compliment the existing Hall of Fame sets already available. It would also provide us with more of the current Hall-of-Fame inductees..

I think my suggestions are valid and will accomplish what S-O-M set out to do, albeit in a slightly different manner.

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## S-O-M league, replay scene

FAVORITE TEAMS OF 1930 REPLAY - Bryan Wyatt of Thunder Bay, Ontario - the same home town as this month's guest columnist - took six and a half months to complete a replay of the 1930 baseball season, using the Yankees, A's, Senators, Indians, Giants, Dodgers, Cardinals and Cubs...Wyatt had previously replayed seven full seasons of football and wanted to give baseball, his favorite gaming sport, a try..."The awesome power and large number of Hall of Famers made the famous 1930 season a logical choice, since I felt the offensive statistics would keep me going to completion," says Wyatt...The Giants edged the Yankees in the regular seasons, but the Bronx Bombers toppled the Giants in the World Series in six games...Bill Terry of the Giants chased .400 all season and, in a two-game showdown with the Yankees, came through with seven hits, including hitting for the cycle in the first game, to finish at .406...Other highlights included: Chick Hafey of the Cardinals slashing 64 doubles; Hack Wilson of the Cubs three times smashing a trio of homers in a game; Bump Hadley of the Senators pitching 15 straight complete games and finishing with a 26-10 record; and Lou Gehrig driving in an amazing 193 runs.

Standings and leaders:

	Won-Lost	GB	Batting	Home Runs
NY Giants	91	63	-	Terry NYG .406 Ruth NYY 57
NY Yankees	89	65	2	Gehrig NYY .380 Gehrig NYY 51
Brooklyn Dodgers	85	69	6	Lindstrom NYG .379 Simmons PHIL 51
Washington	80	74	11	Herman BROK .371 Wilson CHI 49
Philadelphia	78	76	13	Rice WASH .359 Foxx PHIL 41
Chicago Cubs	77	77	14	Combs NYY .358 Hartnett CHI 41
St. Louis Cards	68	86	23	
Cleveland	58	96	33	
			RBI	2B: Hafey SL 64
			Gehrig NYY 193	3B: Combs NYY 29
			Wilson CHI 180	H: Terry NYG 260
			Ruth NYY 161	R: Gehrig NYY 157
			Simmons PHIL 153	
			Herman BROK 150	
Wins			Strikeouts	SA: Pruett NYG 17
Hadley WASH 26			Hallahan SL 226	Bell SL 11
Pipgras NYY 23			Earnshaw PHIL 223	
Grove PHIL 23			Grove PHIL 210	
Clark BROK 22			Vance BROK 207	
Hubbell NYG 21				
Malone CHI 21				
Root CHI 21				
Earnshaw PHIL 20				
Ruffing NYY 20				
Vance BROK 20				

\* Note that Watty Clark of the Cubs was the only pitcher with an ERA (2.74) under 3.00



## Another look at ball park home runs

BY RODNEY JOHNSON, TEMPE, AZ

In the January 1987 issue of the Review I took a look at the home run ratings for the National League parks. The N.L. is easier to use because the ratings are the same from both sides of the plate.

I used the raw numbers for HRs hit in each park over a five-year period and came up with an average of HRs per year. I then divided up the number of HRs hit at home and on the road for each team in the '85 season and stated it as a percentage, home and road. I called this the "home team factor."

Two years later I pick up the "Elias Baseball Analyst" and, presto - it has done the work for me for the '87 season. Interestingly enough, it also has a five-year look at the numbers ('83-87).

Elias' ratings were done slightly different, listing HRs for both teams at home and both teams HRs in games on the road. It then gave a difference in terms of percent of what affect the park had on HR.

I observed a direct relationship between the difference in HR home and road to the HR rating of each ball park. Here are the numbers:

Team	Difference		Rating	Difference		Teams Total
	Home 1987			Home '83-87	Home Run '87	
Chicago.....	24.1	1-14		44.0	209	
San Diego.....	21.6	1-14		27.0	113	
Atlanta.....	14.5	1-15		17.9	152	
Cincinnati.....	10.5	1-13		6.9	192	
San Francisco.....	23.6	1-10		6.9	205	
Pittsburgh.....	7.6	1-10		1.6	131	
Montreal.....	4.1	1-10		-14.5	120	
New York.....	-6.8	1-7		-0.5	192	
Philadelphia.....	-12.4	1-6		-3.5	169	
St. Louis.....	-15.0	1-5		-17.9	94	
Los Angeles.....	-26.1	1-3		-16.5	125	
Houston.....	-42.0	1-2		-44.1	122	

Note that all parks with a positive effect on HRs are rated 1-10 or above. All parks with a negative effect are rated below 1-10. The average park that will neither help HR or reduce them should be rated 1-10, or a 50/50 chance.

Just looking at the raw ratings and percentages doesn't tell the entire story. Cincinnati, for instance, has a 1-13 rating in spite of having a 10.5 percent difference, while San Francisco is a 1-10 and has a 23.6 percent difference. Here, I think, trends are important. The "home team factor" comes into play.

San Francisco hit 118 HRs at home compared with 72 for opposing teams at Candlestick. The Reds, on the other, were outhomered at home 97-94. This indicates that perhaps the team hitting the homers and not the park they were hit in has more of an effect in San Francisco as opposed to Cincinnati.

The Cardinals have Jack Clark to thank for their HR rating, going from 1-4 in '86 to 1-5 in '87. Clark hit 17 HRs at home. This represented 17 percent of all HRs hit in Busch Stadium in '87. Mike Schmidt hit five home runs at St. Louis in '87, or 8 percent of all HRs hit by visiting players. Between them, Schmidt and Clark had 22 percent of all HRs hit in St. Louis.

The Expos, of course, can thank a construction crew for their increase from a 1-4 to 1-10. The roof at Olympic Stadium was finally enclosed (-14.5% difference in HR at home went to a +4.1%). The Expos hit

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more HRs at home (62) than on the road (58). In '85 and '86 they hit 62 percent of their HRs on the road.

SAME METHOD USED FOR SINGLES RATINGS

A brief look at the singles ratings shows the same pattern developing. Batting average of the two teams home/road and the difference of the two is used to determine singles ratings.

A look at the numbers, again provided by the "Elias Baseball Analyst:"

Park	1987				1983-86			
	BA	Home	Road	Difference	Rating	Home	Road	Difference
Atlanta	.281		.253	11.0%	1-12	.270	.251	7.5%
Chicago	.271		.268	0.9%	1-9	.271	.261	4.0%
Cincinnati	.271		.263	3.0%	1-11	.260	.250	3.8%
Pittsburgh	.260		.258	0.8%	1-5	.256	.253	1.2%
Philadelphia	.260		.257	0.9%	1-13	.258	.255	1.2%
St. Louis	.265		.264	0.1%	1-10	.257	.258	0.4%
New York	.266		.256	3.6%	1-6	.250	.254	-1.7%
Los Angeles	.245		.261	-6.3%	1-9	.247	.252	-1.8%
Montreal	.264		.258	2.6%	1-10	.249	.258	-3.2%
Houston	.248		.255	-2.9%	1-11	.246	.255	-3.2%
San Diego	.248		.268	-7.5%	1	.251	.260	-3.3%
San Francisco	.250		.265	-5.7%	1-2	.248	.259	-4.0%

The singles ratings are a bit more complex. I noticed the pattern did not always hold true that 1-10 was the middle ground or average park.

It worked for St. Louis (0.1% difference), but not Houston (-2.9% difference, 1-11 rating).

Then it dawned on me: home runs are hits, too. The HR rating in Houston is 1-2. That means 80% of the ♦ ballpark HRs are outs. To make up that difference the single rating must go up for the average to work out correctly.

In Houston if you combine the HR and Single ratings you have 13 out of 40 chances for a hit, or roughly 33%. In Philadelphia the difference is 0.9%, yet it has a 1-13 singles rating. The HR rating is 1-6. That gives 19 of 40 chances for a hit, very close to that 1-10 middle ground you would expect for a park with less than 1% difference in batting average at home and on the road.

From this, it is clear there is an inter-relationship between the HR rating and the singles rating.

Again, as I said in my Jan., '87 article, I don't claim to have cracked the system. But then, I'm not trying to. I just want to understand how it works and pass that information on to fellow gamers.

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Questions & Answers

QUESTION: Can a runner try for a good lead after each batter, or only once? (Joe Iannucci, Prospect Park, IL)

ANSWER: We interpret S-O-M's instructions for using the supplementary stealing system to mean an offensive manager can try for a good lead only once per baserunning situation. If the runner changes bases, then yes, he can try for another good lead.

Many of the averages almost exact

## Stats for PBM team amazingly close

Strat-O-Matic's greatest attributes are that all of its games are very playable...and also very realistic.

Sometimes, of course, folks complain that pitching ERAs were a little off, Ozzie Smith didn't have enough assists at short, or that Joe Montana didn't throw the same number of touchdown passes as in real-life.

But most of the time the stats are pretty close. Combine that with the fact the games are all fun and easy to play, and you have the reasons S-O-M is so popular.

Sometimes, getting back to statistics, S-O-M can be amazingly uncanny. Take the case of Jeff Green, longtime member (also a highly successful one) of the Greater Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League, a face-to-face, 10-manager league that includes Review co-editors Warren and Del Newell on its managerial roster sheet.

Green's National League team in a draft league - and remember draft leagues should alter statistics, not make them closer to real-life - had a number of players with exact statistical totals and some others who were very close.

One of those right-on was Eric Davis, who slammed exactly 37 home runs. He also batted .298 in the replay, compared to .293 in real-life. Davis also doubled 22 times (23 in real-life) and walked 88 (84).

Barry Larkin hit exactly 12 homers and Brian Dayett matched his real-life total of five roundtrippers exact, too. Ryne Sandberg batted .296 (.294) with 12 homers (16) and 27 doubles (25). Only Sandberg's homers were more than a trifle off from duplicating real-life.

"This is the closest I've ever had my statistics come out," says Green, who went on to post the best record (95-59) and won the N.L. playoffs. Green and the GKSML as a whole, it should be mentioned, adhere to real-life at-bat and innings pitched totals.

A couple of other batting statistics worth noting are:

\* Benito Santiago had 35 (33) and Barry Larkin 15 (16) doubles.

\* Terry Pendleton drew 68 walks, two less than his real-life total, and batted .284 (.286). Kal Daniels had 29 homers (26) and walked 57 (60) times.

\* Barry Bonilla hit exactly three triples, had 17 home runs (15) and batted .317 (.300), with only the average much off.

Among the pitchers, Ron Robinson (154 innings) gave up 147 hits (148 for real), walked 44 (43) and had a 3.73 ERA (3.68). Jeff Robinson - no relation to Ron - was two over in hits allowed (91 to 89), two under in walks (52 to 54) and struck out 101 and served up 11 home runs, both of the latter totals exactly the same as real-life.

Dave Dravecky was exact, allowing 186 hits, while he gave up 17 (18) home runs. His ERA was 3.03, 40 points below real-life. Rick Aguilera served up 11 homers (12) and his ERA was 3.82 (3.60).

12 RBI, 14 ERRORS = STEVE JELTZ

The GKSML's stats were still being compiled when the Review went to the printer this month, but another player's statistics that might be of some interest belong to Steve Jeltz, Philadelphia's shortstop.

Jeltz was the subject of much ridicule by the media because he had more errors (14) than runs-batted-in (12) in real-life.

Okay, so how did Jeltz, playing for Del Newell's team, do in the replay? Well, he did have more RBI than errors...but not many.

Jeltz drove in 18 runs in 274 official at-bats (293 real-life) and was charged with 16 errors in the replay. He batted .232 in real-life and .241 for the replay.