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In This Corner...The Editors

Look for some new happenings on the Strat-O-Matic Football front in the next month or two. A game company official has disclosed that testing is currently going on for new offensive and defensive alignments and formations. The result will be that more variation will be possible both on the attack and on defense for you, as coach, to pick from. Whether or not the old playing board with its defensive setup will still be used, is not known at this time. The changes are nothing radical, rather are in tune with the offensive and defensive alterations made in real-life NFL football.

PICTURES OF NEW S-O-M BUILDING NEXT MONTH

The Strat-O-Matic Game Company has settled into its new quarters in Glen Head, NY, so it would be an excellent time to show Review readers what the new home looks like. Steve Barkan of the game company has promised to send along pictures of the building, orders being filled, the employees and S-O-M creator Harold Richman. A picture of Steve working would be well worth printing, too, since it's rumored he seldom partakes in that. Anyway, watch for a picture spread of the new S-O-M headquarters, hopefully in the May Review.

GKSML ROLLS ON

The Greater-Kalamazoo's newest replay of the American League season has crossed over the 50-game mark. Dale Holland has already opened up a huge lead in the Western Division of the two-division, 154-game draft replay league.

With a lineup featuring Reggie Jackson, Joe Rudi, Jorge Orta, Don Money, Jim [Catfish] Hunter, Mike Cuellar and Pat Dobson, Dale has reeled off 37 victories in 51 games played to date. Ten teams comprise this year's GKSM lineups, five in each division. In the East, Review co-editor Del Newell has a slim two-game lead with a 28-23 record. Top draft choices from those players new to the A.L. last year, rookies last year and those players not protected [each team could protect 11 from last year's roster], were, in order: 1. Ferguson Jenkins; 2. Ross Grimsley; 3. Steve Foucault; 4. Elliott Maddox; 5. Lenny Randle; 6. Tom Murphy; 7. Mike Hargrove; 8. Frank Tannah; 9. Andy Hassler; 10. Bruce Dal Canton.

NO 'BONUS' FOR THE REVIEW

The Review, it appears, sadly flunked its test on NBA fouls and free throw shooting interpretation in the March issue. A number of readers have written in, claiming a "Foul" on us. We weren't sure when answering the questions last month, so asked Rich Walker, assistant coach at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, MI and one-time candidate for the Cleveland Cavs' roster. He receives no "bonus" for his answers--which are obviously wrong--either.

Richard Siteman and Mike Rennick, among others, set the Review straight on when the bonus situation goes into effect in the NBA, the number of shots attempted and whether or not an offensive foul is also charged as a team foul. Rennick, for instance, cites the rule number when answering. [1] An offensive foul is NOT a team foul [rule 12, section V], it is charged against the individual player that is all; [2] The bonus situation goes into effect with the fifth team foul of the quarter [rule 12, section III, No. 2], not the seventh; [3] In the bonus, the team shooting has two shots if it is a non-shooting foul and three if it is a shooting foul. There is no one-and-one.

DRAFTING NBA STARS

Jim Lewis, Jim Mitzelfeld and Joe Mason drafted three teams for the Beverly Hills Strat-O-Matic Basketball League Association out of California last fall and it's interesting to see how they picked the players. Would you have picked 'em this way if you were building a team from scratch? [1] Bob Lanier; [2] Bob McAdoo; [3] Kareem Abdul-Jabbar; [4] Walt Frazier; [5] Spencer Haywood; [6] Dave Bing; [7] Elvin Hayes; [8] Rudy Tomjanovich; [9] Lucius Allen; [10] Happy Hairston; [11] Lou Hudson; [12] John Havlicek; [13] Rick Barry; [14] Calvin Murphy; [15] Dave DeBusschere.

What do you think? Must of the selections are a matter of preference, no doubt, but Happy Hairston No. 10 among NBA stars--no way!

CHANGING ADDRESS

If you're planning to move soon, please notify the Review at least six weeks prior to doing so. The Review is sent third class and is not forwarded by the post office if you've moved. The Review cannot accept the responsibility for issues reaching you if you do not give adequate time for the address to be changed.

Looking For Back Issues Of Review?

The following back issues of the Strat-O-Matic Review may still be purchased. Send to the Strat-O-Matic Review, P.O. Box 27, Otsego, MI 49078. Some months are in extremely short supply so please list a second choice when ordering.

- 1975 -- January, February, March; 45¢ per issue.
- 1974 -- December, November; 45¢ per issue. October, April [very limited], January, 40¢ per issue.
- 1973 -- December, November [very limited], October [very limited], August, July [limited], April [very limited], 40¢ per issue.

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1972 -- December, November, August; 40¢ per issue.

Be sure to send to the Strat-O-Matic Review, not the Strat-O-Matic Game Co. Also, the new S-O-M Directory is presently being prepared and will be available very soon. If you are interested in purchasing an old Directory [there are still a few remaining], the cost will be 40¢. Do not send in for the new Directory [which probably will be priced at 70¢] until notification through the Review that it is available.

Putting Heat On 'Dirty Dealers'

Although the majority of the people interested in buying and selling Strat-O-Matic products are honest and sincere people, every area of life has those unscrupulous few that are profit-motivated and often resort to what we've labeled "dirty dealings".

Unfortunately, the world of S-O-M has a handful of such people; people who have taken money or merchandise and reneged on their end of the deal. That's the purpose of the monthly "Dirty Dealers" column, to make the S-O-M public aware of what people to avoid and to attempt to track down the same and either have money or merchandise returned to the offended party.

Of course, in some instances a minor misunderstanding may be at the bottom of the trouble between two parties. The Review has taken this into consideration when considering complaints and written letters to the accused asking for their side of the story. When such attempts have gone unanswered, then the person's name is put on the "Dirty Dealers" list.

The Review urges all people, no matter how minute the monetary value of the dealing, to put pressure on such "Dirty Dealers". If the letters go unanswered, try to phone. If it's a youngster involved, write a letter to the parents explaining the situation. If these fail to bring about results, check with your better business in the community to see what action may be taken. You can also go through a small claims court, whereby both parties will eventually be brought before a judge, to settle such a case inexpensively. If the judge rules in your favor (and be sure to have copies of all correspondence with the other party, a copy of your cashed check and other related material to show the judge) the accused will have to pay you the amount owed as well as court costs. Plus it will go on their record--which may not set well with a future employer when interviewing for a job.

Also, it's a good idea to check with a nearby university for legal advice in such matters; it's free while a lawyer would charge for such advice. You could also use the S-O-M Directory to find people who live near the accused and perhaps you could contact them to personally call on the accused.

Whatever the method, don't give up and let a small number of people give all S-O-M dealers a bad name and scare off potential buyers and sellers.

Now to the list of people who have been accused of being "Dirty Dealers" and failed to reply to inquiries regarding the accusations.

STEVE STREET, 1215 James Place, Danville, IL 61832 -- Accused of receiving \$27 from Richard York, Detroit, MI, and never sending cards as promised.

CLYDE MATSUSAKA, 1459 Punch Bowl St., Honolulu, HI 96813 -- Accused of receiving league entry fees and never being heard from again.

RICK ARROYO, 1812 Dayton Ave., San Leandro, CA 94579 -- Accused of making highest bid on for sale cards and then never honoring the bid.

DANIEL WHITMARSH, 1095 Pleasant St., Norwood, MA 02062 -- Accused of accepting player cards and never sending money for same.

GERALD ITTENBACH, Box 280 Rt. 1, Linden, NC 28356 -- Accused by Kevin Kious of receiving \$15 league fee money and never answering.

CLIFF LEWIS, 7816 Palo Duro NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110 -- Accused of not sending back money [\$9.00] after receiving game from Phil Ledesma.

'Interest' Builds In Wilson League

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S-O-M Football Like Money In The Bank

Strat-O-Matic Football is like money in the bank as far as the Greater Wilson S-O-M League out of North Carolina is concerned. The league, comprised of all officials and executives with Branch Banking and Trust Company in Wilson, N.C., has created interest and paid dividends in enjoyment far beyond the expectations of the original six members who established the head-to-head league--the only one of its kind in the state.

The league just recently completed its second season and already has starting mapping plans for next year when expansion to eight teams will be the first order of business.

Scott E. Reed is the league's commissioner. He guided Minnesota in the most recent 10-game replay. Other coaches included: John Allison IV (Pittsburgh), Jack Mitchell (Los Angeles), R. Lee Youngblood (Oakland), Sam Styons (Miami) and Paul Harper Jr. (who fielded an all-star team).



COMMISSIONER SCOTT REED PRESENTS TROPHY
John Allison (Left) Recipient At Banquet

The league has also attracted a great deal of publicity in the area, including being the subject of a column feature written by Don Weed in the Jan. 22 Lexington Dispatch (N.C.). Weed, it turned out, became so infatuated with S-O-M Football that he ordered the game and even talked two of his friends into doing likewise.

His column describes the league's "Super Bowl", how S-O-M Football is played and concludes with the comment: "I'll bet all along you thought these games were just for kids, didn't you?"

Pittsburgh (which was able to add Roger Staubach to even up competition, and Los Angeles made their way into the "Super Bowl". Pittsburgh's task wasn't easy, however, as it lost three early games before reeling off seven consecutive triumphs.

Pittsburgh finished second behind Los Angeles in the regular-season standings and had to defeat third-place Oakland to reach the "Super" showdown. The Rams ousted fourth-place Minnesota in another playoff game.

L.A., which had marched to the regular-season title via such impressive triumphs as a 41-10 clouting of pre-season favorite Oakland and a 33-6 trouncing of Miami, had a 24-23 lead with only six minutes remaining. But Pittsburgh put on a successful drive that culminated in a 36-yard field goal by Roy Gerela with only 2:45 left. Staubach was sensational for the Steelers, hitting on 16 of 28 passes for 233 yards and one touchdown, while tight end Larry Brown grabbed seven of the passes for 108 yards, including a clutch 45-yard reception in the winning drive.

League standings and statistics:

		Won-Lost	Playoffs:
Los Angeles (Mitchell)	--	8-2	Pittsburgh 19, Oakland 0
Pittsburgh (Allison)	--	7-3	Los Angeles 19, Minnesota 12
Oakland (Youngblood)	--	7-3	
Minnesota (Reed)	--	5-5	
Miami (Styons)	--	3-7	
Harper All-Stars (Harper)	--	0-10	

Rushing	ATT-YDS	YDS/GA	AVG	Receiving	ND	YDS	YDS/CA	CA/GA
McCutcheon, LA	148-707	88.4	4.8	Siani, DAK	44	645	14.7	6.3
Morris, MIA	90-351	70.2	3.9	Shanklin, PT	43	731	17.6	6.1
Davis, DAK	100-485	69.3	4.9	Warfield, MI	30	416	13.9	6.0
Foreman, MIN	115-469	67.0	4.1	Snow, LA	46	623	13.5	5.8
Csonka, MIA	65-294	58.8	4.5	Mandich, MIA	29	251	8.7	5.8
Passing	ATT-COMP	PCT	YDS	YDS/GA	YDS/ATT			
Griese, MIA	122-69	56.6	786	157.2	6.44			
Stabler, DAK	209-108	51.7	1365	195.0	6.53			
Gabriel, LA	212-108	50.9	1232	154.0	5.81			
Staubach, PIT	164-79	48.2	995	142.1	6.07			
Tarkenton, MIN	179-92	51.4	980	140.0	5.47			

Advertisements

Rates per issue will be as follows: First 30 words--50¢; 31-50 words--70¢; 51-70 words--\$1.00; 71-100 words--\$1.50; 101-120 words--\$1.80; 121-150 words--\$2.00; 151-175 words--\$2.50; 176-200 words--\$3.00. When you send in ads, specify either WANTED, FOR SALE, or LEAGUE FORMING, and name card sets by the year upon which they were based. Note also that only advertisements regarding Strat-O-Matic products, related merchandise and leagues will be accepted. No other brand names may be mentioned or advertised. Also, no advertisements concerning photo-copied Strat-O-Matic cards or related products will be accepted. If, when responding to ads, you find photo-copied cards being offered, contact either the Strat-O-Matic Review or Strat-O-Matic Game Co., as patent rights are being violated by any such reproduction. Ads, to be included in the next issue of the Review, must be in by the third of the month. Money for ads will not be refunded. If you do not want an ad to run, notify the Review immediately and the money will be credited to your subscription.

Wanted

WANTED: 1967 Cubs, White Sox, '69 Senators, Cubs; '72 Bears, Steelers. Good condition. Write to: Sherry Rodney, 870 N.E. 178 Terr., North Miami Beach, FL 33162

WANTED: Manager and backup managers needed for Northern S-O-M League, also known as "Never Ending League". Currently using cards based on 1968 season. Only want dependable managers. Write: Joe Matlen, 26623 Greythorne, Farmington Hills, MI 48024

WANTED: 1970 football teams: St. Louis, N.Y. Giants, San Francisco, Detroit, Los Angeles, Oakland, Miami, Minnesota, Dallas, Baltimore. Tom Hankins, 6255 Pino Real, El Paso, TX 79912

WANTED: 1967 Mel Stottlemyre, 1967 Athletics, Royals, Indians, Tigers and Orioles. Also, 1971 Dodgers with extra players. All letters answered. Steve Smith, 874 E. Pumping Station Rd., Quakertown, PA 18951

WANTED: Football 1969, additional baseball players for 1972, Reviews March, 1971 to October, 1974.

Will sell or trade '72-'73 basketball teams [together only]; mint condition. Remember, send condition of items along with the price. Deadline: April 10. So, don't delay, write today! Tom Mollen, 14904 County Road 6, Minneapolis, MN 55441

WANTED: Football sets from 1969 through 1973. Also want football game, plus any statistical book on baseball or football, and a 1972 baseball set and nameless player cards. Please state condition and price wanted for the sets. Deadline is April 30. Dale Bjerke, 14425 15 Ave. No., Road 6 Plymouth, MN 55441

WANTED: Very badly. All the 1969 baseball teams, with extras in good condition or better. Bids must be in by April 30th. Send bids with SASE to: Dale Barnes, 509 Davis, Park Forest, IL 60466

WANTED: 1967 complete football teams in good condition. Will pay \$50.00. 1968 complete football game teams in good condition--will pay \$45.00. 1969 complete football game teams in good condition--will pay \$40.00. Preference

to first responses. R.L. Scott, 2973 Richardson Circle, El Dorado Hills, CA 95630. Phone (933-1420), area code (916).

WANTED: Any complete baseball sets or individual baseball teams from 1968 or older. Send condition and price to: Ron Lockenvitz, 1112 West Kern St., Normal, IL 61761

WANTED: 1966 Sandy Koufax. Will pay up to \$1.00. 1962 Dodgers. Will pay best offer. George Murphy, 8033 Chase Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90045

WANTED: Football teams--any 1967 teams, 1968 Cowboys, Browns, Rams, Colts, Packers, Vikings, Bears, Oilers, Giants, Bengals, Chiefs, Steelers; 1969 Cowboys, Vikings, Rams. Mouse Malinak, 1447 So. 12th St., Harrisburg, PA 17104

WANTED: Strat-O-Matic Baseball teams, '68 Cardinals, '71 A's, '71 Yankees, '71 Cardinals, '71 Mets, '72 Yankees, '72 Indians, '72 Cubs, '72 Expos, '72 Phillies. Send offers to: Alfredo Padilla, 510 W. 110 St. Apt. #7C, New York, NY 10025

For Sale

FOR SALE: Basketball game, all 17 teams for replaying 1972-73 season. Mint condition. Complete game (charts, board, dice, splits, etc.)--perfect condition, both game and cards only used a few times. All replies answered. Highest bidder. Write: Christopher Lerch, 210 Pattonwood Dr., Rochester, NY 14617

FOR SALE: Individual players from S-O-M baseball teams. Sold separately or in groups of 100. Years from 1968-1973. I have 189 1968 players; 67 1969, 277 from 1970, 230 from 1971, 320 from 1972 and 214 from 1973. List players or groups wanted when sending to me. Teams are not available. Multiples of 100 players costs \$3.00, or 5¢ apiece for fewer or in-between amounts. Answer all letters with players I have. First come, first serve basis. Good to fair condition. Steve Flentge, 38 N. Roselle Rd., Schaumburg, IL

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60172, or phone 312-885-7593.

FOR SALE: 1970 baseball cards. Complete set plus extra players. Some writing on most cards, but mostly erased out. Three or four cards with writing in pen. Will let these cards go cheap because of it. Also am selling '71 baseball complete set without extra players. Almost mint condition on these cards. Send bids to: Jay Sowell, C/D Wood Jr. College, Mathiston, MS 39752

FOR SALE: Do you find that figuring out your stats is a boring and messy job and also takes up a lot of your valuable time. If this is your problem, why not let the experts help you out. The Paluch Statistics Bureau will give you complete stats for baseball, football and basketball, for only 8¢ per game. Your stats are handled with the utmost care and are double and triple checked for accuracy. We guarantee you will be totally satisfied. Just ask our many satisfied customers throughout the country. Write: Mike Paluch, 3325 S. Hoyne, Chicago, IL 60608

FOR SALE: Football teams--1969 Buffalo, Cincinnati, Denver, Green Bay, Chiefs, Eagles; 1970 Colts, Chiefs, Vikings, Raiders, Redskins; 1971 Colts, Browns, Chiefs, Vikings, Redskins; 1972 Giants, Raiders, Chargers; 1973 Bills. \$4.00 each but would prefer to trade for any 1967 teams. Mouse Malinak, 1447 So. 12th St., Harrisburg, PA 17104

FOR SALE: All baseball teams from 1972 and 1973 seasons. All football teams from 1972 and 1973 seasons. The following Old-Timer teams: 1927, 1950, 1941, 1961 Yankees; 1953, 1965, 1941 Dodgers; 1946, 1967, 1971 Red Sox; 1946, 1967 Cardinals; 1957 Braves; 1948 Cleveland; 1922, 1962 Giants; 1960, 1971 Pirates; 1962 Mets; 1940 Reds; 1965 Twins; 1971 Orioles; 1971 Athletics; N.L. and A.L. Hall-of-Famers. All teams in good condition; sold separately or as sets. Must pay postage. Teams sold to highest bidder. WANTED: 1972-73 New York Knicks, Celtics, Bucks. Write to: B. Benham, 28 Argyle Road, Pittsfield, MA 01201

FOR SALE: From what we have viewed, the Matejka-Raldiris Statistic Bureau now has the lowest price of any of the other statistic bureaus. Our price is 4¢ while other bureaus charge from 5-8¢. Don't worry about accuracy, our computer takes care of that problem. Your basketball, baseball and football scoresheets

will be returned after a short period of time. Your statistics will be typed and accurate. So, get the most for your money and send your scoresheets to:
Hiram A. Raldiris, 15 Stephens Ave., Middletown, NY 10940

FOR SALE: Will buy, sell, or trade S-O-M Football, Baseball and Basketball teams and accessories. Especially interested in trading. Also want 1974 March, Review. Send self-addressed, stamped envelope, along with your list (if you are selling or trading) and receive my list. Contact: Mike Custer, 500 5th Ave., Lyndhurst, NJ 07071

FOR SALE: Baseball (in good condition)--1970 Angels, Royals, White Sox, Senators, A's, Twins, Tigers, Yankees, Indians, Brewers; 1971 all teams except Giants; 1972 complete set. Football (in mint condition)--1971 Vikings, Rams; 1972 Eagles, Redskins; 1973 complete set. Basketball (in mint condition) 1973-74 Bulls. You may bid on individual teams or on sets. I also have all 1973 and 1974 issues of S-O-M Review to sell to highest bidder. Send bids to: Roland Meinhardt, 149 Richland Meadows, Quakertown, PA 18951

FOR SALE: The following 1967 football teams at \$1.50 each, or highest bidder: Rams, Cardinals, Eagles, Redskins, Dolphins, Steelers, Patriots, Saints. Fairly good condition. Chris Ranken, 133 Rockland, West Lafayette, IN 47906

FOR SALE: Roberto Clemente card from 1973, '72, '70, plus an in-action card boyhood photo of Jim Hunter and Willie Stargell. 1973 S-O-M cards of Steve Garvey, Pete Rose and Dave Concepcion; 1968 card of Boog Powell; 1966 card of Mel Stottlemyre. All cards in fine condition. Send all bids to: Mike and Rob Naber, 256 McConkey Drive, Kenmore, NY 14223

FOR SALE: The following teams for 65¢ each--1905 Giants, 1906 Cubs, 1909 Pirates, 1909 Tigers, 1919 White Sox, 1927 Yankees, 1931 A's, 1934 Cardinals, 1941 Dodgers, 1941 Yankees, 1946 Cardinals, 1948

Indians, 1954 Giants, 1957 Braves, 1961 Yankees, 1962 Giants, 1967 Red Sox, 1967 Cardinals. These teams are all in good condition. These teams are for sale for 60¢ each--'72 A's, '72 Cards, '72 Yankees, '72 Padres, '72 Red Sox, '72 Pirates, '72 Dodgers, '73 Mets, '73 Braves, '73 Expos, '73 Red Sox, '73 Pirates, '73 Giants, '73 A's, '73 Astros, '73 Rangers, '73 Twins, '73 Brewers, '73 Indians, '73 Reds, '73 Yankees, 1911 A's, 1965 Dodgers. Also, I am selling all the 1971 football teams as a set. Send bids to me. Finally, I am selling '72 Dolphins, '72 Rams, '72 Cowboys and '72 Bills for 75¢ each. Send orders and bids to: Robert Furbush, 1027 SanAbella Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024

FOR SALE: Baseball teams--1970 A.L. and N.L., extras (\$10.00); 1971 A.L. and N.L., extras (\$10.00); 1972 A.L. and N.L., extras (\$10.00); 1973 A.L. and N.L., extras (\$10.00); 34 Old-Timer teams, 1968 Tigers, Cards, Indians, 1969 Orioles, Twins, Braves, Team "A" HOF, Batting, Pitching Averages At A Glance, one pad type "A"--all for \$15. Football teams--1968 AFL and NFL (minus Jets), \$10.00; 1969 AFC and NFC, \$10.00; 1971 AFC and NFC, \$10.00; 1972 AFC and NFC, \$10.00. Review issues--Vol. II 7, 8, 9, 10; Vol. III 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10 [2], 11; Vol. IV 1, 3, 4 [2], 6, 7, 8, 9. Sold individually 50¢, entire set of 20 for \$8.00. First come, first served! I pay postage! Michael Schwartz, 41 Irvington Road, Teaneck, NJ 07666

FOR SALE: 1969 NFL and AFL Football game--\$25.00; 1972 NFL season cards--\$10. Baseball teams--1963 Dodgers, Cardinals, Giants, Yankees, White Sox, Twins (\$7.00); baseball game with 1971 cards (\$12.00); baseball game with 1972 cards (\$12.00); 1973 baseball season cards (\$6.00); baseball game with Old-Timer teams (all 34) for \$10; complete basketball game with 1972-73 season cards (\$10.00). Please specify that you are buying S-O-M products. All the above items are in mint condition, except the six 1963 teams which are in excellent condition. Items will be sold on a first come, first served basis. David Urban, 131 South 4th Ave., Manville, NJ 08835

FOR SALE: 1967 NFL cards (mint condition), 1964, 1965 and 1966 A.L. and N.L. baseball cards (complete sets) rated in good to excellent condition. Bids answered if accompanied with a self-addressed and stamped envelope. No

individual teams sold. Ron Helsel, 219 Riverview Drive, DeWitt, MI 48820

FOR SALE: Baseball teams--1968 all; 1969 Giants, Cubs; 1970 Pirates, Mets, Cards, Phils, Expos, Giants, Dodgers, Reds, Braves, Padres, A's, Twins, Senators, Indians, Red Sox, Orioles, Yanks, Tigers; 1971 N.L. all except Giants, Braves/Angels, White Sox, Red Sox; 1972 all. Football--1969 Chargers, Broncos, Browns; 1970 Packers, Eagles, Browns, Broncos, Dolphins; 1971 all; 1972 Browns. Send bids to: Michael Itallie, 114 Perth Ave., New Rochelle, NY 10804, or call 914-235-0318.

FOR SALE: 1971 Dodgers and Orioles (four 20-game winning pitchers), 1972 Astros, Cubs, White Sox, Reds, Phillies, Athletics, Royals and Pirates (last Roberto Clemente) for \$4.00. If interested, write to: Jeff Archambault, 1559 E. Ludington Dr., Farwell, MI 48622. Include name, address and zip. No money until notified.

FOR SALE: Attention! The following 1968 and 1969 football teams must go! All are in very good condition and sell for the low price of \$1.50 apiece. 1968: Eagles (2), Giants (2), Redskins (2), Cardinals (2), Bears (2), Lions (2), Saints (2), Falcons (2), 49ers (2), Dolphins (2), Patriots (2), Bengals (2), Bills (2), Chargers, Broncos, Oilers, Steelers. 1969: Colts, Patriots, Oilers, Browns, Bengals, Dolphins, Bills, Jets, Chargers, Eagles, Giants, Cardinals, Packers, Lions, 49ers, Saints, Falcons. If interested in any of the above teams, then send a check or money order to cover the cost to: Richard Keyes, 608 Oak Drive, Dover, DE 19901

FOR SALE: 11 1973-74 basketball teams; 13 1969 baseball teams, or will trade for Old-Timers or certain individuals from 1970. Dave Ginnard, 2303 Century Dr., LaGrande, OR 97850

FOR SALE: 1966 White Sox; 1967 Pirates, Cards; 1968 Tigers. Other teams are sold as sets: 1968 A's

Giants, Mets, Braves, Cubs, Pirates, Reds, Tigers; 1969 all except Cards, Phillies, Dodgers, Giants, Astros, White Sox, Indians, Yankees, Red Sox; 1970 all except Reds, Padres, Expos, Phillies, Mets, Tigers, Senators, Brewers, Royals; 1970 Cards, Angels, Yankees; 1972 Mets, Giants; 1969 Raiders, Chiefs, Packers; 1970 49ers. All teams complete. Mark Rubin, 68 Lewis Road, Swampscott, MA

League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: Interested in forming a face-to-face S-O-M draft baseball league in the Dayton, Springfield or Xenia, Ohio area. Please contact: Craig Watts, 180 Omalee Drive, Xenia, OH 45385

LEAGUE FORMING: I am looking for five managers in the Indianapolis, Indiana area to form a head-to-head baseball league. Contact: Michael Jeffries, 5129 Southgreen Dr., Indianapolis, IN (786-2665).

LEAGUE FORMING: Draft Old-Timers league. All teams needed. Trophies will be given. Eight managers needed. For information write: Mike Anderson, 1218 Fries St., Salisbury, NC 28144

LEAGUE FORMING: Starting league of the caliber of New York basketball. Head-to-head basketball league now forming in Metropolitan area. For details, even if slightly interested, call [212] 746-8357, or write: Roger Fahey, 13-31 146 St., Whitestone, NY 11357

LEAGUE FORMING: Your chance to manage greats like Sandy Koufax, Juan Marichal, Gaylord Perry, Mickey Mantle; Willie Mays, Henry Aaron. Draft league using vintage 1966 baseball set. The S.B.L. (Southern S-O-M Baseball League) is looking for reliable managers. For details write to: David C. Bowman, Georgia Tech Box 30206, Atlanta, GA 30332

LEAGUE FORMING: Play-by-mail basketball league, eight to ten members. Only those who are going to complete the league should apply. Write to: Richard Siteman, 13 Sheridan St., Portland, Maine 04101

WATCH FOR THE NEW STRAT-O-MATIC DIRECTORY, FILLED WITH A STATE-BY-STATE LISTING OF PLAYERS THEIR BACKGROUNDS, PLUS A LARGE SECTION DEVOTED TO LEAGUES

Pro Sports Only Kitchen Table Away In Wyoming

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For residents of Rock Springs, Wyoming, professional baseball [Houston] is 1,000 miles away, football [Denver] is nearly 500...but it's only a few feet from the kitchen table, and that's where Strat-O-Matic is played.

Dennis Copyak reports that the Rock Springs Football and Baseball leagues are alive and well, and perhaps are the only ones of their kind in the state of Wyoming. Early Review readers may recall that once upon a time it was the state of Wyoming that was the only one without a subscriber to the Review. Obviously that's changed.

The organizer of the leagues, Copyak says that Strat-O-Matic first came into his life in 1970 while in the Central Highlands of South Vietnam. "I paced the dice and six baseball teams around in my rucksack for 14 months, playing here and there," says Copyak. "After coming home to the states, I had mini-solitaire leagues, but found something to be desired in strategic challenges."

After telling friends of S-O-M a six-team league was formed in 1972, with Copyak piloting the A's to the first RSBL championship over the Cincinnati Reds. That fall he ordered the football game but was tackled for a loss when trying to create interest in forming a head-to-head league, similar to baseball.

Copyak did join a play-by-mail league and had Oakland off to a 20-5 start when the league suddenly folded--a big disappointment to him.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE FORMED

That fall the Rock Springs Football League was launched with eight teams. Copyak reached the playoffs with the Pittsburgh Steelers ('72) and met his best friend Herb [Shula] Weatherington, who had beaten him twice in the regular-season and in numerous pre-season and non-league games, and Miami in a first round game. The Steelers crunched the Dolphins in a surprise, 35-7, and then smashed Dallas, 42-17, in the first RSFL Super Bowl.

League members put their hearts and souls into the game, too. "It was a crazy league as we wore T-shirt uniforms, had bumper stickers, recorded play-by-plays, National Anthems and even had buttons [i.e. 'Roger Who'] for the Super Bowl, says Copyak with enthusiasm. "This is nuts for men 20-30 years old, but once a week it was the Rock Springs Football League...We invited all our friends to the Super Bowl and, needless to say, our league doubled the next fall."

The next year it was a draft league and, to everyone's surprise, Copyak and Kevin Crouch, Super Bowl I foes, met again in Super Bowl II. Copyak reached the "Super" game by again forcing Weatherington to the sidelines. This time an 82-yard TD pass from backup quarterback Greg Landry to Isaac Curtis was the coup de grace. The "Super" showdown was a thriller this time, with Crouch finally winning in overtime when, after 10 minutes had elapsed, Fran Tarkenton connected with Harold Jackson on a 32-yard scoring play for a 23-17 victory.

Another draft is in the works for the league next year, and Copyak says that expansion for the face-to-face setup will again be necessary.

Here are statistics from the recent RSFL draft replay:

				<u>Won-Lost</u>	<u>Rushing</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	
Hoppers [Kevin Crouch]				7-4	Simpson	1274	5.2	
Dough Poppers [Dennis Copyak]				5-6	McCutcheon	1186	4.9	
Turkeys [Terry Wintz]				6-5	Morris	1025	5.4	
Humpers [Herb Weatherington]				5-6	Csonka	822	4.4	
Ruhaakers [Dennis Ruhaak]				6-5	Brockington	645	4.4	
K.Town Kickers [Mike Carrotta]				4-7				
<u>Passing</u>	<u>Att-Comp</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Receiving</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Avg.</u>
Staubach	306-172	56.2	11	Kwalick	94	531	6	5.6
Gabriel	235-131	55.7	12	Shanklin	66	1251	5	18.9
Tarkenton	310-158	50.9	16	Curtis	74	1070	7	14.5
Anderson	224-104	46.4	19	Young	69	801	4	11.6
Hart	357-164	45.9	15	Barkum	56	891	12	15.9

1972 'Best Teams' Replay Won By Cubs

N.L. Is Where Baseball Power Lies

Many baseball fans consider it "no contest" when comparing the talents of the National and American Leagues--the N.L. is that much superior. Except for Oakland's three straight World Series coups, the A.L. really hasn't had much to chortle about.

Richard Zaborisky, Youngstown, OH, recently finished a replay that pitted the two top teams in each division from the 1972 season, and the results re-affirmed the notion that the N.L. is where the action is.

Long-suffering Chicago Cub fans [who will probably suffer again this season] can take heart in the outcome of a 154-game season that matched the eight teams against each other 22 times ['72 was the year of the strike and also the last before the DH went into effect in the A.L.]. The Cubbies, second-place finishers in the East in real-life, compiled an 86-68 record--one game to the good in the win ledger--and edged out Houston, Cincinnati and Pittsburgh, in that order.

The A.L. quartet, meanwhile, stumbled, with Oakland winding up a disappointing sixth, losing 44 of its first 67 games and compiling a 69-85 record--compared to 93-62 real-life. Oakland won 24 less games going up against the N.L. powers. Overall, the N.L. bested its A.L. rivals 203-149 in matchups.

Billy Williams of the Cubs was selected MVP after leading the league in runs scored [115], hits [201], doubles [39], home runs [40] and slugging percentage [.600], plus he finished second in batting at .328 and was third in RBI with 110. Cincinnati's defeat of Houston on the last day of the season clinched the championship for the Cubs.

Mickey Lolich of Detroit was the Cy Young winner, compiling a 20-15 record for the fifth-place Bengals, plus leading the league with 249 strikeouts. Other highlights included: Jerry Reuss [Houston] striking out 18 Pirates in a nine-inning game; Danny Cater homering three times in one contest against the Bucs, Tom Haller duplicating the three-homer feat against the White Sox, and the Cubs, entering the ninth inning trailing 4-2, erupting for 12 runs in the final frame against Cincinnati.

Standings and league leaders:

	Won-Lost	GB	BA	ERA	Batting		
Chicago Cubs	86-68	--	.253	3.29	C. May	.332	
Houston	85-69	1	.243	3.16	B. Williams	.328	
Cincinnati	83-71	3	.252	3.07	Sanguillen	.319	
Pittsburgh	81-73	5	.270	3.40	A.Oliver	.316	
Detroit	79-75	7	.252	2.99	Rose	.311	
Oakland	69-85	17	.232	2.96	Santo	.310	
Boston	68-86	18	.237	4.03	Morgan	.305	
Chicago White Sox	65-89	21	.236	3.30	Herrmann	.293	
Home Runs	RBI		Runs		Doubles		
B. Williams	40	Bench	150	B. Williams	115	B.Williams	39
Bench	39	L.May	111	Morgan	114	Tolan	39
Allen	33	B.Williams	110	Rose	105	Cedeno	35
Epstein	31	Tolan	96	Cedeno	103	Jackson	34
L.May	31	Wynn	95	Allen	94	L.May	32
N. Cash	29	Allen	94	Bench	93	Perez	32
Stargell	27	Cedeno	87	Triples		Hits	
R.Jackson	26	Herrmann	86	Stanley	14	B.Williams	201
Cedeno	24	N.Cash	80	Rose	12	Rose	198
Herrmann	24	Morgan	80	Clemente	11	C.May	187
				Fisk	11	Oliver	182
Stolen Bases	Innings Pitched		Comp. Games		Strikeouts		
Morgan	71	Wood	379	Lolich	22	Lolich	249
Cedeno	49	Lolich	339	Jenkins	20	Bradley	245
Campaneris	47	Jenkins	293	Wood	19	Coleman	238
Tolan	42	Hunter	291				

ERA		Wins		Losses		Shutouts	
Nolan	2.17	Lolich	20	Bahnsen	21	Dierker	5
Timmerman	2.21	Dierker	17	Odom	20	Coleman	4
Wilson	2.39	Wood	17	Wood	19		
Hunter	2.44	Holtzman	16	Bradley	18	<u>Saves</u>	
Dierker	2.57	Hooton	16	Coleman	18	Carroll	31
Wood	2.59	Hunter	16	Pattin	18	Giusti	23
Tiant	2.61	Jenkins	16	Hunter	17	Forster	19
Blue	2.66	Bahnsen	15	Jenkins	17		
Grimsley	2.72	Coleman	15	Blass	15	<u>Home Runs-All.</u>	
Lolich	2.78	Pappas	15	Lolich	15	Holtzman	35
				O.Roberts	15	Lolich	35

Baseball Playing Tips

PITCHERS REST CHART

[Jim Marshall, Pomona, NJ] -- Designed to regulate the use of starting and relief pitchers.

Reliever's Rest Chart

Inn. Of Relief	2	3	4	[Inning of weakness]
0-1	0	0	1	[Games to be rested]
1 1/3-2	1	1	1	[" " " "]
2 1/3-3	1	1	2	[" " " "]
3 1/3-4	3	2	2	[" " " "]
4 1/3-5	5	3	3	[" " " "]
5 1/3-6	7	5	4	[" " " "]
6 1/3-7	8	6	5	[" " " "]

Starter/Reliever's Rest Chart

Innings	5+	5	6	7+	5	6	7+	[Innings as starter/weakness]
	2	3	3	3	4	4	4	[Innings in relief/weakness]
0-1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	[Games to be rested]
1 1/3-2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	[" " " "]
2 1/3-3	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	[" " " "]
3 1/3-4	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	[" " " "]
4 1/3-5	4	5	4	4	4	4	3	[" " " "]
5 1/3-6	6	7	5	5	5	5	5	[" " " "]
6 1/3-7	7	7	6	5	7	6	5	[" " " "]

Additional rules for relievers: (1) One additional rest added if a reliever weakens; (2) If reliever surpasses his weakness inning by two innings, add one rest for each additional inning pitched (started).

Additional rules for starters: (1) A relieving rest is not cancelled by a start; (2) A pitcher may not start with more than one day's rest due; (3) A pitcher may not start if he picked up a rest the preceding game; (4) A pitcher may not relieve if he started the preceding game; (5) Add one relieving rest if in a start the starter/reliever weakens; (6) Any pitcher who starts with a reliever's rest due must add an additional rest for any inning started beyond his weakness inning, and two additional days rest if he "weakens".

ADVANCING RUNNERS IN SOLITAIRE PLAY

[David Bendau, Columbus, OH] -- Designed to eliminate the worry about whether or not to send a runner for the extra base in solitaire baseball. Bendau takes into account an "average runner's" rating, which he figures to be "1-14", and also what field the ball is hit when the runner is trying to advance.

Bendau takes up only the runner on first and trying to go to third on a no-star single situation, however, so his playing tip is far from a cure-all. On such a situation, the runner's rating (after the fielder's throwing and adjustments because of two outs are added/subtracted) must be 1-14 if the ball

is hit to right field, before having the option of sending the runner for third base; 1-16 to center, and 1-18 to left field.

PICKOFF CHART (First base only)

(Gene Milener, Oneonta, NY) -- Roll two dice and check chart below:

No.	-	Result
2	-	Runner made wary; subtract 1 from stealing chance.
3	-	Ball thrown away; 1-base error charged to pitcher.
4	-	Runner picked off.
5	-	Pitcher annoyed*
6	-	Runner held close; subtract 2 from stealing chance.
7	-	Pitcher annoyed*
8	-	Runner held close; subtract 2 from stealing chance.
9	-	Pitcher annoyed*
10	-	Runner is shaken; subtract 3 from stealing chance.
11	-	Batter is walked.
12	-	Runner made wary; subtract 1 from stealing chance.

* Endurance factor is in effect for that batter only.

No-Hitters

With baseball dice-rolling now under way full-scale, no-hit reports shouldn't be too far off. There hasn't been word of such a pitcher's gem with the 1975 cards as yet, but some of the "oldie" hurlers have notched them in recent months.

Here is this month's no-hit lineup:

* Don Sutton ('72 vintage), hurling for an all-star Dodger team of players from '62 through '73 seasons, set down an all-star lineup from '62 that included Mickey Mantle, Willie Mays, Brooks Robinson, etc., on a no-hitter. Closest call Sutton had to losing the masterpiece occurred in the third inning when Norm Sieburn rolled a 1-8 ["Single 1-13, Lineout 14-20"] and a split of "18" was drawn. An error by Billy Grabarkewitz ('70) spoiled Sutton's perfect game bid. Most interested spectator was Joe Segall of Flushing, NY.

* Early Wynn, pitching for Dave Clark's club in the ISOMOTA Old-Timer play-by-mail draft league, set down the New Jersey Nats (lineup included Phil Rizzuto, Ted Williams, Willie Mays, Willie McCovey and Rocky Colavito) without a hit recently. Wynn struck out six and walked only two in notching the league's first no-hitter.

* Tom Natoli, 15 and a three-year S-O-M vet, experienced his first no-hitter not long ago when Dave Freisleben, an unlikely candidate to be sure, set down the hard-hitting Cincinnati Reds, 3-0, without a safety. The San Diego hurler walked four and watched Nate Colbert boot a grounder, plus struck out seven. Make this pitcher's gem the first of the '75 season, as it just arrived at the Review.

* Skip Winchell (North Syracuse, NY) had his second no-hitter recently when Pete Alexander of the National League Hall-of-Famers blanked his A.L. counterparts, using the best year side of the cards. Alexander fanned four but kept himself in hot water by walking seven. Closest call was Babe Ruth's 3-8 roll (single 1-8), but a split draw of "11" disposed of that scare.

* Larry Ervin, 33, got married in 1970 and more good happenings came his way the same year when he was introduced to Strat-O-Matic Baseball. Although he experienced several one-hit games, he never reached the ultimate. That is, until last fall. On October 22 Al Cicotte of the 1919 Chicago White Sox tossed his first no-hitter, striking out six and walking nary a batter in setting down the spray-hitting 1905 New York Giants.

* Tom Seaver, who has been to the no-hit well many times in S-O-M Baseball, came up empty-handed for David Liebeskind (Brooklyn, NY). Tom "Terrific"

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Questions & Answers

Editor's note: Questions regarding individual and team ratings will not be answered, unless a mistake has been made. The game company cannot, for reasons of security, disclose its card-making formula, which would be necessary in some instances to answer such questions. If your questions regarding ratings do not appear in the Review within three months after being sent, you may assume the rating is correct.

QUESTION: Since Lou Brock of the Cardinals is the first "AAA" stealer in quite a while, I would greatly appreciate it if you would print the present S-O-M rules pertaining to AAA stealers and their effect, if any, on the catcher's throwing rating?

ANSWER: If being held, an "AAA" stealer is reduced -1. Catcher's throwing remains the same. This information is included on 1975 S-O-M Baseball roster sheet.

QUESTION: Maury Wills' 1962 card had him an "AA" stealer. Since he stole 104 bases, and in view of Lou Brock being rated "AAA" now, shouldn't he be adjusted to an "AAA"?

ANSWER: Game company says change of Wills from "AA" to "AAA" would be permissible--and more realistic.

QUESTION: Why aren't hit-by-pitcher chances put on the elementary side of the baseball cards?

ANSWER: S-O-M doesn't want to complicate the cards. Most gamers interested in HBP realism play the advanced game.

QUESTION: What is Jerry West's 1974 defensive rebound rating?

ANSWER: Rating should read "5".

QUESTION: How will Hank Aaron's Hall-of-Fame card be available each year until he retires? May it be purchased separately, or must a full set of HDF cards be purchased?

ANSWER: Strat-O-Matic has not made a decision on that yet. If he plays in '75 and his stats have little effect on his lifetime figures, S-O-M may not print a separate card for him until he actually retires. Aaron did sign a two-year contract with Milwaukee.

QUESTION: Is the change in making a pitcher's fielding rating a "2" retroactive for all teams? What if you're playing a '67 team against a '72 team, what fielding ratings would the pitchers have?

ANSWER: Game company suggests all pitchers be rated "2", even those from earlier years, so the current fielding rating would be retroactive.

QUESTION: On some S-O-M baseball pitcher cards, there is a line separating the relief point of weakness from the starter's point of weakness. What does this mean, if anything?

ANSWER: A line drawn under either starter, or relief, indicates what the pitcher was used primarily as. If starter is the top line and it is underlined and relief is below it, it means pitcher was used mostly as starter but relieved on occasion. The reverse, of course, would also be true.

QUESTION: Is it correct that the Los Angeles Rams' running backs have no fumbles on their cards based on the '73 season?

ANSWER: That is correct. The Rams lost the ball via fumbles only nine times all season--which in S-O-M Football would be accounted for off the defensive cards.

QUESTION: Is Charlie Smith's [1973 Oakland Raiders] off-tackle reading of "+3" correct in the keyed column?

ANSWER: No it's not. Reading should be "-3" instead.

QUESTION: Will nameless player cards for S-O-M Basketball be printed soon?

ANSWER: S-O-M has no plans for such cards at this time.

QUESTION: If you roll a "4-4-4, 5-5-5, or 6-6-6", which team, offensive or defensive, has the injured player in S-O-M Football?

ANSWER: Defensive.

QUESTION: Does the catcher's throwing rating apply during a steal of home, since no throw is necessary?

ANSWER: No.

QUESTION: When you run out of players at a certain position in baseball, should you make another player a "4" and give him a separate throwing (if so, what) if he's an outfielder or catcher?

ANSWER: S-O-M suggests that if all players for a position are injured, you bring back first player injured and, as soon as the injury period has been completed by the second, then the first player would serve out the duration of his games missed. S-O-M advocates this rather switching a player to a strange position and trying to give him an arbitrary rating.

QUESTION: Is it an earned run when, in S-O-M Baseball, with two outs, the next batter reaches second base after a single and error and the next hitter doubles?

ANSWER: Depends on what the next batter does. If he makes an "out" then the run would be unearned. But if next batter hits safely, then run would be earned. In first situation, runner on second reached such a base because of error and would not normally have scored from first after a double. In the second situation, runner would have scored after two hits regardless of one-base advancement because of error.

QUESTION: On the automatic movement chart with the new S-O-M Basketball game, the white die is supposed to set the defense (close or back) playing solitaire (or when not moving the defensive pawns). But isn't there a conflict here since whenever a "5" or "6" is rolled it's a switching situation?

ANSWER: The switching refers to the next play, not while the shot is being taken. A "5" or "6" would still set the defense, but the offensive team on the ensuing play would be in a "switching" situation.

Signals 'Go' For '75 Convention

Wolfman Plans Summer Gathering At Urban

The campus at Champaign-Urbana, IL, will again be a beehive of Strat-O-Matic activity in the summer of '75. Rick (Wolfman) Shapiro passes along word that he will definitely host another convention--August 1-3.

Site again will be the Illini Union at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, and Rick reports that housing--always a major problem with a convention of this type--will be available for the very minimal cost of \$5.00 per person (more for a single room). The Florida Avenue Residence Hall (dorm) has been reserved from July 31-Aug. 3. Accomodations will also be available for husbands and wives, as well as single girls.

Tournaments are planned for all three S-O-M games--baseball, football and basketball--both elementary and advanced versions. A \$1.00 entry fee will be charged to help pay for the cost of trophies that will be presented to the winners.

Rick, who held a successful tournament at the same site last summer, wishes to start the ball rolling toward the next immediately and is asking those interested in attending to send him a list of the top four tournaments that they would like to enter, plus a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

"We can guarantee that a person who sends in now will be able to play in his first tournament choice," says Shapiro. "As far as how many tournaments a person can play in will be determined by how many total tournaments we have and how many people enter." Friday is planned as the starting day for the biggest tournament fields, Saturday as a continuation plus starting and finishing smaller tournaments, with Sunday the championship round games being played.

People will be notified via cards what tournaments they're in and when they will start. It also will be possible for people to arrive on Saturday and still get in on the beginning of some tournaments.

As far as the cards used, for baseball it will be elementary cards from 1964-74; football, 1973 (?), and basketball, probably the latest teams available.

Split Number System Introduced

Basketball Playing Tips

When the Review first began publication the "favorite" playing tip submitted by readers pertained to split-number charts for baseball. It would be only natural that such a chart would eventually come into being for S-O-M's newest creation--basketball.

Ronald Stutes of Navasota, TX, has taken on the task of eliminating the split deck and replacing it with a split-number system of his own creation. He admits to using Bryan Baker's split-number chart [used for baseball], but that everything else about his charts is original.

The charts cover offensive rebound, passing, defensive rebound, assist and switching situations. Try it, you may like it.

OFFENSIVE REBOUND SITUATION

Red Dice		(White Die)			
		1, 4	2, 5	3, 6	
2	-	X	X	X	
3	-	X	X	7	
4	-	LF	C	C	
5	-	X	RF	RF	
6	-	X	LF	LF	
7	-	LG	RB	C	(continued)

8	-	X	LF	C
9	-	LF	RF	RF
10	-	C	C	C
11	-	X	X	13
12	-	X	X	X

SWITCHING

1 - LG-RG	11 - RF-RG
2 - RG-LG	12 - C-LF
3 - C-LG	13 - LG-RF
4 - LG-C	14 - LF-C
5 - LF-LG	15 - RF-LF
6 - RG-C	16 - RF-C
7 - C-RG	17 - C-RF
8 - LG-LF	18 - RF-LF
9 - RF-LG	19 - RF-RF
10 - LF-RG	20 - LF-RF

DEFENSIVE REBOUND

	1	2	3	4	5	6
2 -	RF	RF	RF	RF	LG3	RF1
3 -	LF5	LF3	RG2	RG5	RF5	RF6
4 -	LF5	LF3	RG2	RG5	RF5	RF6
5 -	X	X	X	X	LG3	RF1
6 -	C6	LG4	LG5	RG	RG6	LF6
7 -	LF	LF	LF	LF	LF	LF
8 -	C3	C4	LG	C	RF2	C5
9 -	LF	LF4	LF4	RF	C2	LG2
10 -	RF	LF2	RG3	RG4	RF3	LG6
11 -	LF4	LF2	RG3	RG4	RF3	LG6
12 -	RF	RF	RF	RF	C2	LG2

KEY

X - Roll again.
 7 - Any player 7 or more.
 13 - Any player 13 or more.
 OT - Opponent forced defensive turnover rating.

ASSISTS

2 -	RG	RF3	LG4	C4	LF4	X
3 -	RF	LF5	RF5	LG7	RG7	RG8
4 -	X	LF5	RF5	LG7	RG7	RG8
5 -	LG	RF	RF3	LG4	C4	LF4
6 -	C	LF	LG6	RG6	C6	LF6
7 -	RG	RG	RG	RG	LG	LG
8 -	RF6	C2	LF2	RF2	C3	LF3
9 -	LG	RF	RF4	LG5	RG5	C5
10 -	RG9	RG10	RG11	RG12	X	X
11 -	X	X	RG12	RG11	RG10	RG9
12 -	RF4	LG5	RG5	C5	X	X

PASSING SITUATION

	1, 4	2, 5	3, 6
2 -	RF-C	RF-C	C-LF
3 -	LG-LF	LG-C	RF-LF
4 -	RG-RF	RG-RF	C-LG 2-7, 11, 12; C-RG 8-10
5 -	LG-RG	LG-RF	RG-LG
6 -	OT	OT	X
7 -	X	X	X
8 -	OT	OT	X
9 -	RG-C	LF-C	RF-LF
10 -	C-LF	RF-RG	C-RF 2-7, 11, 12; C-RG 8-10
11 -	LF-LG	LF-RG	LF-RF
12 -	RF-LF	RF-LF	RF-RG

SPLIT NUMBERS

	1	2	3	4	5	6		1	2	3	4	5	6
2 -	X	X	X	X	X	X	7 -	3	5	10	12	16	20
3 -	X	4	7	11	14	17	8 -	2	6	9	13	17	19
4 -	1	4	8	11	15	18	9 -	3	7	10	14	16	20
5 -	1	5	8	12	14	18	10 -	1	4	8	13	17	18
6 -	2	6	9	11	15	19	11 -	4	7	7	13	15	X
							12 -	X	X	X	X	X	X

X - Roll again.

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Celtics Compile Identical Record In S-O-M Replay

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While on the topic of Strat-O-Matic Basketball, Jeff Morse of Springfield, VA is one of the few gamers to complete a full-season replay with the hardwood sport. Jeff did it with one team, however, the 1972-73 Boston Celtics, so in all only 82 games were necessary.

Jeff tackled his self-appointed task with vigor, completing the season in just one month. He played a high of 11 games in one day (we wonder what else he did that day?), plus he received help from his father, Richard Morse, and a friend, Chris Reed, who were involved in 12 head-to-head games.

Boston's record was the real-life 68-14, with center Dave Cowens being selected as the Celtic most valuable player, despite John Havlicek having a better scoring average. Although Boston had a glittering record, Jeff says he can see why the New York Knicks won the National Basketball Association championship, since they took five of eight games from the Celtics during the regular season.

Some of the memorable games played by Jeff included: Boston 119, Los Angeles 76 -- A 43-point romp as Don Chaney and Don Nelson led an attack that produced 51.2 per cent field goal shooting; Boston 140, Portland 105 -- Celtics connect at 61.7 per cent clip in this one; Boston 116, Chicago 114 -- Havlicek scored 31 points in second half to rally Celtics to overtime win; Milwaukee 117, Boston 82 -- Boston gets "Kareemed" as Jabbar hooks in 55 points; Los Angeles 155, Boston 151 -- But it took four overtimes!!; Boston 126, 76ers 78 -- A 48-point Celtic waltz; Boston 110, New York 95 -- Both teams connected at better than 50 per cent pace as Boston broke game open in final three minutes.

Statistics: Boston points scored 106.0, points allowed 92.1, per game.

	GAMES	FG%	FT%	AVG
John Havlicek	80 [80]	45.1 [45.0]	85.2 [85.8]	24.1 [23.8]
Dave Cowens	82 [82]	46.9 [45.2]	71.6 [77.9]	20.8 [20.5]
JoJo White	82 [82]	42.3 [43.1]	75.1 [78.1]	16.5 [19.7]
Don Nelson	81 [72]	49.3 [47.6]	87.1 [84.6]	15.0 [10.8]
Don Chaney	80 [79]	48.8 [48.2]	80.9 [78.7]	13.9 [13.1]
Paul Silas	82 [80]	45.4 [47.0]	65.2 [70.0]	12.5 [13.3]
Hank Finkel	35 [76]	40.3 [45.1]	39.7 [53.8]	6.3 [2.4]
A. Williams	21 [81]	30.4 [42.1]	75.0 [76.8]	2.7 [3.2]
S. Kuberski	20 [78]	42.2 [40.3]	70.0 [77.4]	2.3 [4.4]
P. Westphal	16 [60]	40.0 [42.0]	76.5 [77.9]	2.3 [4.1]

[] Denotes real-life statistics.

Who Would You Draft First In NBA?

Even having first pick in a S-O-M Basketball draft and selecting Kareem Abdul-Jabbar first doesn't guarantee a coach of instant success. Don Cornelison, 18, chose the sky hook king first in the inaugural season of the Phoenix [Arizona] Basketball League--but it didn't win him or his draft team [nickname: Knots] a championship.

Instead Jack Smith's Shamrocks, led by the super guard tandem of Walt Frazier and Jerry West, won the five-team, draft, head-to-head league. West and Frazier averaged over 54 points per game between 'em, with Frazier scoring at a 27.6 clip and West 26.7. Jabbar did lead the league in scoring, however, with a 31.2 average.

All the members of the league, which includes Smith [14], Dave Cornelison [15], Neil Graber [13] and Gary Graber [17], enjoy the basketball game more than any other S-O-M product. They play the basic game with advanced game rebounding. Teams are drafted from selected real-life teams and a 54-game schedule is played. The results on the next page are from the league's first

season, with a second currently in progress.

Some highlights of that first season included: Wilt Chamberlain scoring 32 points and hauling down 54 rebounds in a game against Willis Reed and the Hussars; Gail Goodrich, Walt Frazier and Jabbar each scoring 52 points in a single game; and the Shamrocks keeping the scoreboard smoking for 162 points--the team single-game high.

Chamberlain, incidentally, was true to real-life form, coming up with the worst free throw percentage (48.2). It should be noted that two of the teams listed below did not complete full seasons, playing only 48 games, but that the games were not made up since they would have had no effect on the final standings, according to Gary Graber.

Final standings and statistical leaders:

	Won-Lost	Pct.	Scoring		
Jack Shamrocks	34-20	.630	Jabbar [Knots]	31.2	
Dave Copper State	28-20	.583	Goodrich [86ers]	27.7	
Don Knots	29-25	.537	Frazier [Shamrocks]	27.6	
Gary 86ers	23-31	.426	West [Shamrocks]	26.7	
Neil Hussars	10-38	.208	Barry [Knots]	26.7	
			Hudson [C-S]	26.3	
			Chenier [Hussars]	22.2	
Field Goal%	Att-Made	Pct.	Free Throw %	Att-Made	Pct.
Chamberlain [86ers]	624-370	60.3	Barry [Knots]	288-270	93.8
Frazier [Shamrocks]	1096-586	53.5	Havlicek [Knots]	260-241	92.3
Allen [C-S]	429-229	53.3	Mullins [Hussars]	218-193	88.1
Jabbar [Knots]	1294-700	51.9			
Rebounding	Avg				
Chamberlain [86ers]	13.8				

The S-O-M League Scene

John Kirkbride of Norristown, PA, who is president of the Greater Northern Strat-O-Matic Baseball League (GNSMBL), sends along some procedural methods for those S-O-M gamers thinking about embarking on play-by-mail activity. If you're a novice to PBM leagues, his guidelines, coupled with the play-by-mail "instruction sheet" found on page 5 of the March Strat-O-Matic Review, should be most helpful.

(1) First, do not join a PBM league unless you are sure you can be a dependable and responsible member.

(2) Either send instructions or receive instructions from opposing manager, depending on whether your series is home or away.

(3) If you are the home manager, you simply wait for the instructions from the opposing manager for that series and then play the games.

(4) If you are the away manager, you send instructions to the home manager before the starting date of each series. Some leagues like to get instructions out at least a week before the next series starting time to insure league members who live a good distance away plenty of time to receive them.

(5) Instructions should at least include the following: lineups, pitching rotation, who to use in relief, injury replacements, when to relieve a starting and relief pitcher, and, if necessary, who and under what circumstances to steal with. [see March, 1975 Review for complete "instruction sheet"]

(6) After completing a home series, most leagues require that you compile all the necessary stats for the series and send them to the league commissioner, so that he has a copy of each team's stats, and at the same time send the opposing manager his team's stats for that series.

(7) An entry fee is oftentimes necessary to cover mailing costs, a newsletter, a final league report, etc. Plus more and more leagues are raising the entry fee, using part of it as a so-called "attendance fee" with that money refundable at season's end if league member completed all his games.

(8) And, finally, it's always wise to check on the activities of the league's president. If he's too busy to handle all the paper and organizational work--and has numerous other activities going--the league is certain to be shaky.

Readers Roll 'Em

CLEARINGHOUSE QUESTIONED

I would like to comment on the Clearinghouse idea, which is a much-talked about topic in the S-O-M world. Although "Wolfman" Shapiro means well, I think the Clearinghouse might cause more problems than help.

First problem is the possibility of an S-O-M gamester being tagged with an unreliable label, which could kill off future chances of being in a league. Secondly, it is unfair to label a person without some defense from that person.

The whole purpose of the Clearinghouse is to help S-O-M leagues in making sure their leagues won't fold because of unreliable managers or presidents. I think the S-O-M Directory is enough of a guide for me.

As president of ISOMOTA, my league has come around pretty good thanks to the help of a questionnaire which I sent to all managers. It has taken the place of a questionnaire, plus nobody is hurt by his past mistakes.

Mike Topoozian
24 Eastbrook Rd.
Parsippany, NJ

THE LONG WAIT...

It's been a long while since I wrote to you last, so I figured I might as well send you a letter to take up a Saturday afternoon--either that or watch the CBS Children's Film Festival.

First, last June I joined a PBM league. I took over a team that was abandoned by its previous manager and guided it to a 79-83 finish. I had a blast being in the league. The president was Peter Ernst, who did a fantastic job in spite of six resignations during the season. He deserves a great amount of credit for holding the league up during its freshman year.

I wonder how many people think the "No-Hitter" column is boring after they send in their pitching gem? I'm still waiting for my first after three years. Don

Wilson and the Padres have tried.

Three times--twice using '72 cards and once with '73 cards--Wilson has tossed one-hitters at San Diego. That must set some record.

Steve Smith
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PITCHING CARD SOLUTION

With regards to Dean Amrhein's complaint about the inaccuracies of the pitcher's hitting cards, I see an obvious solution. Instead of printing individual hitting cards, why not add two to the present four? Pitcher's hitting card No. 5 could be for .270 hitters and card No. 6 for .300 hitters. Another possible variation is to have an extra card with .285 batting average and power, and one with just regular .285 average.

The advantages are easy to see in this system and the price increase minimal.

Chris Reed
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Burke, VA

Editor's note: The game company has no plans at the present time for creating additional pitcher's hitting cards. However, by next fall that could change. Your idea has merit and certainly is more feasible than trying to give each pitcher a separate hitting card, as some people have asked for.

CONVENTION CANCELLED

I am writing with the bad news that the Capitaland Strat-O-Matic Convention, planned for this spring, has been cancelled. Scott W. Baker informed me of the decision in late January, citing the lack of response (only 15 queries and one phone call) to the holding of a possible convention.

I express deep regret to this fact because conventions are held to be attended, not to be cancelled. I only hope Rick (Wolfman) Shapiro's convention is successful.

Roger Simmons
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Plandome Manor, NY

WELL, I'LL BE DOGGONE!

I know the Review has a bunch of comedians on its staff, but the story about my dog (Feb., 1975) really cracked me up. I couldn't believe my eyes.

You guys...I don't know. I hope other readers got a good chuckle like I did. Keep up the doggone good work.

Mike Custer
500 5th Ave.
Lyndhurst, NJ

A VOTE FOR WFL TEAMS

If the Strat-O-Matic Company has no plans to bring out any Old-Timer football teams, perhaps it could produce the World Football League. All 12 teams appeared in the nationally televised games last season.

The WFL has young stars such as J.J. Jennings and Tony Adams, along with old pros like Jim Nance and John Elliott. However, it is players such as "King" Corcoran and Rufus Ferguson that gave the league its own special flair.

Henry Dressel
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Etna, Pittsburgh, PA

Editor's note: I wouldn't hold my breath waiting for the WFL to appear in the world of S-O-M. The ABA, in comparison to the WFL, is a model of solidarity. The ABA hasn't appeared yet in S-O-M, so I wouldn't look for the WFL until the league's birth pangs have ended. As far as football S-O-M has turned its attention toward a variety of new offensive and defensive formations (all found in real-life football previously but not S-O-M) that will be available with the new grid cards this summer.

S-O-M GRAFFITI

I'd like to express my views on a couple of subjects. First of all, I can't see where any criticism of the Review is necessary. I enjoy everything and see absolutely nothing boring about the no-hitter column. The Review is the best organized "small-time"

magazine I've ever seen. I do favor a larger magazine, however, and would gladly pay more for a bigger mag.

The second subject is the "probability kick" people are on. I think Steve Schumacher said it very well in the December "Readers Roll 'Em". S-O-M is a game of chance, no matter what anyone says. I feel some people are taking the fun out of the game by trying to analyze everything. Why not play the game and take things as they come?

The last subject is the criticism of play-by-mail league commissioners. I know that some commissioners call off leagues without telling anyone, and some don't do all the work they should, but from my own experience the majority of P-B-M leagues fold because of irresponsible managers. This has happened in two leagues I've been in (one in which I was the commissioner). In one league only three of six managers even wrote to me after filling out entry blanks. I sent out warning letters and then called off the league.

One more word. S-O-M has helped me come in contact with many fine people throughout the United States. I'll be forever in debt to the game company, Harold Richman and the Review.

Jeff Merklin
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West Jefferson, OH

REVIEW CRITIQUE

I have some suggestions for improvement of your magazine, regarding leagues and replays, which I hope you will find meaningful.

First, I would like to see more leagues featured--preferably those which haven't been featured or spotlighted before in the Review. Perhaps a different league could be spotlighted each month, or a regular feature could be incorporated into the magazine, such as, "A Closer Look At S-O-M Leagues", which would attempt to keep abreast of several or many leagues during the season. In either case, I'm sure there is no dearth of material for something like this, because I read the "League Forming" ads along with the rest of the Review each month.

Also, the expansion of your own league probably means that coverage of the GKSML will be increased this year. No offense intended, but is this publication, as some have already asked, devoted

to the few or the many?

Now I'd like to voice a few choice words on the subject of replays. I know that the bulk of your correspondence probably includes replays of the 1973 season, but personally, I would enjoy seeing replays printed from other years, e.g., 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, as well. I am sick and tired of reading where Reggie Jackson led someone's 1973 replay in home runs or r.b.i.s. Can't you show a little bit more variety than this in your selection of replays? With all the S-O-M leagues going, both solitaire and group, I'm sure there must be more to choose from than just the 1973 season. Remember, variety is the spice of life, and it could also go a long way towards making your magazine more interesting to read.

Also, I wish you would refrain from printing one-team replays, or those of abbreviated schedules. These one-team replays--even the good ones--frequently don't contain enough variety or overall scope to stimulate interest, and the abbreviated replays are often statistically misleading, due to the fact that they don't take into consideration the players who have early slumps or hot streaks.

While I'm at it, I would also like to put in a word for more old-timer replays, an area in which you've been very remiss since Mike Allison's interesting replay appeared a year ago. (Oh, I know you've printed a couple of Hall-of-Fame replays recently, but I derive much more pleasure from actual team replays, rather than "all-star aggregations").

If your goal in publishing this magazine is to "try to have something for everyone" (I think you said that a few months ago), then you should realize that there are many of us, myself included, who are really into the old-timer teams, and enjoy seeing stories or replays involving the teams. Once again, I'm sure there is no lack of suitable replays involving old-timer teams, as I've recently seen the ads of leagues forming to play schedules with the eight early-day old-timer teams. I hope when these leagues are com-

plete, you won't miss the golden opportunity to print at least one of their replays.

On yet another subject, I continue to be amazed at the number of letters you print from readers who still want past card sets or teams. I wish you'd tell these readers to save themselves a stamp and the rest of us a headache over this matter, because the issue has been officially decided by the game company in that editorial you printed several months ago.

Jim Elliott
Orange, CA

Editor's note: Your ideas regarding a league roundup type of story/column are excellent. The Review is oftentimes overwhelmed with replays--far too many to ever come close to printing even a fraction of them--and such a column may give more leagues opportunities for exposure. Different leagues could, of course, still be spotlighted. As far as old-timer replays, they've been as rare as dinosaur eggs. Replays of '73 we have--make no mistake about that--but old-timer, complete-season replays, no. We do have one such replay, by Mike Gilbert, and that is the extent of it. Most dice-rollin' with the old-timers is in the form of tournaments or abbreviated seasons.

HAIL THE NO-HITTERS!

No matter what everyone says, I think the no-hitter column is one of the best things in the Review. I haven't had a no-hitter past the sixth inning in three years of Strat-O-Matic, so I enjoy reading about others' no-hitters.

I'm glad I can get a magazine fully about Strat-O-Matic.

Danny Biles
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Nashville, TN

MORE POLLS NEEDED

I would like to see more polls in the Review, like those for the new old-timer and Hall-of-Fame teams. How about one for the best all-time S-O-M cards for hitters and pitchers? I think this would allow more readers to participate in the Review.

I enjoyed the article about the S-O-M factory and would like to see more articles about the game company in the future.

Steven Meretzky
Yonkers, NY

Strat-O-Matic Spotlight

WHO ARE THOSE GUYS?

Many times the Review editors wonder just who the people are behind the names when replays are sent in. More and more, league presidents and commissioners have been providing background information regarding its membership--which wasn't always the case.

A lot more "older" gamers are coming out of the closet as a result--something the Review editors, both of whom will never see the sunny side of 30 again, are glad to see.

The MWBA (Mid-West Baseball Association) featured in last month's Review has an interesting makeup. Ages range from 28 to high school-age, and livlihoods and educational pursuits correspondingly vary. Dennis VanHaitsma, for instance, is the "oldie but goodie" at 28. He's a principal at an elementary school in Holland, MI. His younger brother Rick, 26, attends Western Theological Seminary in Holland, from which he will graduate and enter the ministry in June of this year.

Another MWBA brother combo is Dave Guy, a senior at Grandville High School who helped pitch his team into the Class A baseball finals last spring, and Matt, a junior and an offensive lineman on the Bulldog football squad. Dave Ragins, who moved from Grandville to Pallatine, IL, is also a prep football player; Bryan Baker (split-deck fame) resides in Flint, MI, where he works and attends the University of Michigan through extension courses; Tom Davelaar, 24 years young, is a teacher and basketball coach at Zeeland, MI, Middle School, while Rick (Wolfman) Shapiro, a student at the University of Illinois-Urbana, is another well-known S-O-M man-in-motion.

In case you were wondering, the league is soon to begin its third season. The league is a spinoff of J.G. Preston's old MBA (Metropolitan Baseball Association). "J.G. left us high and dry in the middle of the 1972 season, which we successfully completed on our own," points out Davelaar. The MWBA also features a unique telephone draft at the outset of each new season, adding five players to the already-protected 20-man roster.

SUPER BOWL REMATCH

Allen Rodney, who lives in North Miami Beach, FL, tried his own version of Super Bowl IX, picking the 1972 Steelers and '73 Vikings as opponents because those two seemed, in his opinion, to most closely resemble the '74 squads.

No one got the jump on the other in this one as, after three and one-half quarters the game was a 6-6 defensive stalemate. Pittsburgh consumed the clock and plenty of yardage in the waning minutes, finally crossing into the end zone when Terry Bradshaw hit John McMillin with a six-yard touchdown pass with two minutes left.

The "Steel Curtain" didn't come crashing down on the Vikes this time, however, as Chuck Foreman rambled 17 yards around end and Fran Tarkenton fired to tight Stu Voight for a 55-yard gain, putting the ball on the Steeler four. Two plays later the Vikes were back on the six and then, on the last play of regulation time, Tarkenton scooted out of the grasp of Mean Joe Greene and Co. and raced into the end zone for the tying TD.

The overtime belonged to Minnesota as it ate up nine of 10 minutes played, with Fred Cox's 26-yard field goal deciding matters. The only time Pittsburgh touched the ball was on its own four--not the best of locations to mount a drive.

Rodney's replay probably will make Minnesota fans feel better--just a little, anyway--but that wasn't the way it was in real-life.

SHORT SHAKES

...Jeff Evenson of Rolling Meadows, IL, has had many pleasant and some not so pleasant memories with his Strat-O-Matic activities. Once, while in a hospital, he brought his game there while recovering from an operation. To his delight, he found out that three of his nurses had brothers that play S-O-M Baseball, with one even asking him to explain the entire game to her. On the dismal side, Jeff mentions that his introduction to S-O-M Football was a

rude one. Seems a friend took Pittsburgh (1973 season) and Jeff the Bills for a kickoff game. Five Franco Harris touchdowns later Jeff had been humbled, 73-7. Figuring a switch in teams was needed, Jeff pitted the New York Jets against the Steelers. This time it was Pittsburgh, 51-14, with Harris getting "only" two touchdowns and 113 yards rushing...Albert Goldson, Bronx, NY, points out some interesting similarities between his S-O-M Football scores and real-life results. For instance, the 1973 Giants won 34-17 over Houston (actual was 34-14), while Philadelphia defeated the Jets 27-21 (actual 24-23). One game that broke that pattern, however, was when New England, trailing rugged Dallas, 27-7, at halftime, caught fire when Mack Herron returned a kickoff 100 yards. The Pats put 24 points on the board the second 30 minutes--before Dallas finally pulled it out on a late Roger Staubach TD toss, 34-31...S-O-M travelers: Bill Bogle and Michael Sereda, both of whom live in Connecticut, feared the league they had helped organize might fold up when they went with a group on a last summer trip to France. Instead the two took S-O-M Baseball along and played 10 games--keeping the league running, even though over a 1,000 miles away...Eric Stearns and Jeff Jennings of Seekonk, MA, watched the real-life records tumble when they chose all-star football teams from the '72 and '73 S-O-M cards. Jennings' team made Stearns' see stars, literally, winning 12 and tying once in a 14-game schedule. D.J. Simpson (who?) was the biggest record-smasher, rolling up 2,256 yards rushing (2,003 real-life), averaging 7.9 (6.9), scoring 19 TDs (19) and 12 times going over 100 yards in a game...One of those wild, free-wheeling S-O-M Football games that dice-rollers dream about was played by Neil Schulman of Brooklyn, N.Y. He matched the '73 Baltimore Colts and New England Patriots--neither a great power that year--with the Pats winning a thriller, 28-27. Jim Plunkett, a 51.3 per cent passer in '73, was the big news as he completed a phenomenal 19 of 19 passes for 260 yards and three TDs. Running back Lydell Mitchell was his opposite for the Colts, carrying 25 times for 233 yards and three TDs also...Another vote goes to the '27 New York Yankees as baseball's greatest team. This one comes from Jeff Merklin (West Jefferson, OH), who matched eight teams ('27 Yanks, '41 Yanks, '61 Yanks, '61 Reds, '41 Dodgers, '05 Giants, '40 Reds, '34 Cards) in best-of-three-game series. The big Yankee power paid off, as Lou Gehrig and Tony Lazzeri homered three times and Babe Ruth twice. In the finals, the Yanks disposed of the '34 Cards in three games. The Cards won the opener, 5-3, as Dizzy Dean won his third straight game of the tourney, then the Yanks rallied in game two, scoring three runs in the sixth inning en route to a 6-3 triumph, and struck again in the sixth of the finale, scoring six times on the way to an 8-2 victory.

What's Available At S-O-M?

FOOTBALL

- 1972 - All teams available. Cost: \$10.50 for entire set; 75¢ per team.
- 1971 - All teams available. Cost: \$10.50 for entire set; 75¢ per team.
- 1970 - Teams available include: Atlanta, New Orleans, Philadelphia, Boston, Baltimore, Cleveland, Denver, Houston, Pittsburgh, San Diego, New York Jets. Cost: \$6.00 for entire set; 75¢ per team.
- 1969 - Teams available include: Buffalo, Cincinnati, Denver, Houston, Miami, San Diego. Cost: \$3.75 set; 75¢ per team.
- 1968 - No teams available.

BASEBALL

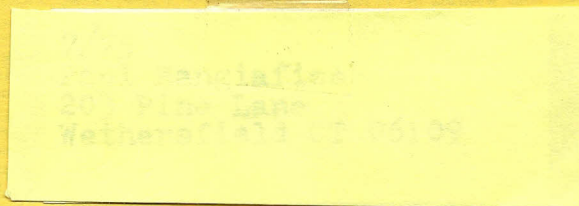
- 1973 - All teams available. Cost: \$10.00 for complete set; 65¢ per team.
- 1972 - Teams available include: Boston, Detroit (both low in stock), Oakland. Cost: 60¢ per team.

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No-Hitters

[continued]

did retire 17 Montreal Expos in succession, survived an error late in the game by third baseman Wayne Garrett, and still had a no-hitter going into the ninth inning of a '73 contest. Two outs later, and with another no-hitter within grasp, Ron Hunt came up with a "Single 1-19, Lineout 20" hit-or-miss situation. Liebeskind, hoping against all odds, watched sadly as the no-hitter evaporated.

* Jim Palmer didn't miss out, however, when the "ace" of the '73 Oriole staff blanked the Los Angeles Dodgers in a game played by Tim Lincecum, of Mineral Wells, TX. Palmer displayed his Cy Young Award form by striking out 10 and walking only two Dodger batters.

* Eric Stearns of Seekonk, MA, reports two no-hitters. Jim Hunter of the '73 A's walked only Frank Robinson in the eighth inning--ruining his perfect game--and even hit a home run in a 2-0 no-hitter against California. California's Nolan Ryan avenged that, in a sense, by blanking the power-hitting '53 Dodgers, 3-0, despite giving up an amazing 10 walks. Four doubleplays made Nolan's task a lot easier.