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How Are Baseball Rosters Determined?

Editor's note: Jim Elliott, who lives in Orange, CA, has done much research with Old-Timer baseball teams. He's studied the players, team rosters and loves to relive the "good ol' days." Naturally, he's purchased all the Old-Timer teams offered by Strat-O-Matic. He's even gone so far as to create a couple of teams of his own, including the 1950 Boston Red Sox--his pride and joy. His research, especially team rosters, is especially helpful in determining how S-O-M comes up with its 20-player teams, and sheds much light on why some players are excluded. His explanations are not noted for their brevity, so we will immediately turn the stage over to Mr. Elliott.

BY JIM ELLIOTT

As many readers already know, I've analyzed dozens of Old-Timer baseball teams, many of which aren't even included in the game company's Old-Timer sets. So, Old-Timer teams are my specialty. In the course of analyzing or preparing Old-Timer teams, I've formulated certain guidelines, which the game company seems to also use, in helping me with my work.

One of the first tasks in making an Old-Timer team is the selection of the pitching and batting rosters. To help me get a complete listing of every player who played on a team, I first check a book, "All-Time Rosters of Major League Baseball Clubs," by S.C. Thompson. This book contains the names of every player who played on a team in a given year, no matter how meager the performance, and also tells which players were traded to a team and which players were traded away from it. You should immediately eliminate from consideration any players which were traded away from the team during the season.

Next, using "MacMillan's Baseball Encyclopedia," look up and write down complete statistical information for every player on the team still under consideration. It should be pointed out that for any player who changed leagues

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during the season, you will need a finer breakdown of that player's record as it pertains to just the league into which he was traded. Thus, a player traded from the National League to the American in midseason would have only his A.L. stats used in computing his card. This breakdown information can be found in the Sporting News Baseball Guide for the appropriate year.

After you've copied down all your data, pore over the statistics and find the eight most representative pitchers on the staff. Innings pitched is a good criterion to use, but I also look at the number of appearances, too. Ideally, an eight-man staff should consist of at least three primary starters, two pitchers who were used half in relief and half in starting roles, one pitcher who started a little but relieved primarily, and two relief specialists. You may find that there were only seven pitchers on the team's roster who pitched any decent amount of innings ('27 Yanks, '31 A's, for example). I found that the '05 Giants have just six pitchers, but that only six men pitched for the team in 1905, so a seventh couldn't possibly be provided for this team.

If not enough pitchers, add an extra batter.

PICKING THE BATTERS

Once you've determined the size of the pitching roster, next you pick the 12 or 13 most representative players for the batting roster. At-bats or plate appearances is probably the most meaningful stat to use, but you may want to look at games played as well. One problem with the batting roster is that it must be picked by positions played--even if that means excluding some players with more at-bats for players with fewer at-bats. Picking by positions is actually the first priority in arranging the batting roster, as there must always be someone to step in in the event of an injury to a regular.

For a 12-man roster, the usual position-by-position breakdown is as follows: two catchers, two first basemen, one second baseman, one third baseman, one shortstop, one utility infielder (2B, 3B, and SS) and four outfielders (these can overlap somewhat, or there can be one all-purpose outfielder designated to play all three fields). With a 13-player roster, the extra player is usually selected to "beef up" the thinnest part of the roster.

With the '27 Yankees, for instance, you get a card of Benny Bengough, a third catcher, because neither Johnny Grabowski or Pat Collins had 300 at-bats.

THE BOB HAZLE CASE

Using the guidelines listed so far, let's take the Bob Hazle case in which a reader thought Hazle should have been given a card instead of Del Rice. The error in this judgment is obvious. Who would catch for the Braves if Del Crandall were injured? Bob Hazle never caught a game in his life! The truth is, Hazle's at-bats (134) were even lower than the fourth outfielder's, Andy Pafko, who had 220 at-bats in 69 games. So, there's no way Hazle could have made the roster without sacrificing a pitcher in the process.

WORLD SERIES ELIGIBILITY

When you've completed a preliminary position-by-position stocking of your rosters, the next step, if the team was a pennant winner, is to determine whether each of the players selected was eligible to compete in the World Series (a player must be eligible to compete in the World Series, even if he didn't play, to receive a card). You can determine a player's World Series eligibility by checking the alphabetical listing in the official "World Series Records" book (published by Sporting News). Series eligibility is very important in determining whether a player receives a card or not. There are few exceptions to this rule. One prime example, however, of a non-eligible who received a card anyhow is Curt Simmons of the 1950 Phillies. Simmons went into the military service late that year and was not available for the Series. But he still received a card because his absence from the Phillie pitching roster would have created a huge hole (Simmons was 17-8 with 245 innings pitched at the time he left for military duty).

[continued next month, when Elliott will take up injuries and suspensions and how they affect S-O-M rosters. He'll also take up and explain such "cases" as that of Tom Taylor, Willard Hershberger and Doc Cramer]

Strat-O-Matic Spotlight

S-O-M LOOKING FOR BASEBALL RECORD-KEEPERS

The Strat-O-Matic Game Company, constantly striving for accuracy, would like to run a double-check on the baseball statistics for the upcoming season (as of this writing, the future was still somewhat in doubt because of the impasse between the owners and the player's organization).

And S-O-M would like to bring the most avid fans of its baseball game and baseball in general into the stat-keeping action. What S-O-M is looking for, are people willing to keep a play-by-play for a specific team, and for the entire season. The box scores must be accurate, too, as this will be a secondary check on a source S-O-M already uses to supply it with such information.

S-O-M does not want a box score, as appears in Sporting News or the daily newspaper, rather a batter-by-batter, inning-by-inning breakdown of each game throughout the season. Of course, S-O-M will be offering compensation for those who do such work.

You might ask: why is S-O-M doing this? It is the feeling, by S-O-M, that such record compilations--done by avid followers of teams--will provide an excellent cross-check on data currently supplied by other sources and catch errors immediately, rather than discovering them at the end of the season and then conducting a tedious search to find the discrepancy.

Errors are frequently caught by S-O-M now--even in statistics supplied by reliable baseball officials--but the expense and time spent in tracking down the mistakes will make the new effort worthwhile in the long run.

How can you help? First of all, if definitely interested, contact the S-O-M Game Company immediately. Let them know your age, occupation, where you live, what team you would be willing to follow throughout the season, your phone number and when you could be reached, either at home or work. Also, send along a sample scoresheet, so S-O-M can evaluate your work for legibility.

Remember also that S-O-M doesn't want people who "might" be interested, or people willing to do only part of the season. All games must be done in order to be useable by S-O-M; just the home games, not those away, however.

Speed is of all importance, too, since the baseball season is about ready to begin. So, get in touch with S-O-M IMMEDIATELY. The address and phone for S-O-M is: Strat-O-Matic Game Co., Inc., 45 Railroad Plaza, Glen Head, NY 11545 (1-516-671-6566). Further details, plus compensation, will be revealed by S-O-M when contacted.

Baseball Card Changes

Here are corrections and additions to the newest edition of the Strat-O-Matic Baseball cards. The Review was notified by the game company that there were some omissions and a couple of wrong first names used and that these should be corrected.

- * Change Jim Holt, Oakland, to a LF-4 [+1 throwing] in addition to what is on his card.
- * Ted Martinez, Oakland, should also have 3B-3, CF-3 [+1] listings.
- * Rick Dempsey, New York Yankees, should have +2 outfield throwing.
- * Hector Torres, San Diego, should also have a 3B-3 rating on his card.
- * Two names should be corrected: Steve Perzanowski, pitcher for the Texas Rangers, should actually be Stan Perzanowski. And it's Jamie Easterly who is the hurler for the Atlanta Braves.

These are the only corrections, according to Strat-O-Matic, noted thus far. None are major changes, but for total accuracy they should be made. Gamers who feel that there may be other mistakes, or omissions, should contact the Review immediately and a check will be made with Strat-O-Matic to determine if any change should be made.

Abundance of Baseball Card Patterns **Gamers Explore S-O-M Hit Placement**

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The two of us are sick and tired of reading those inane letters by so-called "experts" who continue to write about the makeup of Strat-O-Matic Baseball cards. Many theories have been presented, but as of yet none have "cut the mustard." Let it now be revealed [For the first time] the true method of hit placement, as employed by S-O-M.

The first mystery surrounding the design of S-O-M cards [advanced] is what are the actual patterns used? Answer: there are 12 basic patterns used for National League hitters and 13 for A.L. hitters.

The basic patterns are (refer to 1974 season cards):

1. The full 1-5 - hit from 1-5 to 1-10, 2-6, 3-5, 3-6 [see Rod Carew, Ralph Garr, Carl Yastrzemski].
2. The 3-6 and long 2 - hits from 2-5 to 2-10, extra base hit on 3-6 [see Richie Zisk, Pete Rose, Dick Allen].
3. The split 1-5 - hits from 1-5 to 1-7 with 1-10, 2-5 to 2-7 [see Reggie Jackson, Mike Schmidt, Dwight Evans].
4. The 1-8 - hits on 1-8, 1-9, 2-8, 3-5, etc. [see Richie Hebner, Willie McCovey, George Hendrick].
5. The 2-10 - hits from 1-5 to 1-7, 2-8 to 2-10, 3-7, etc. [see Jim Wynn, Rico Petrocelli, Rennie Stennett].
6. The 1-7 - hits from 1-7 to 1-10, 2-7, 3-7, etc. [see Johnny Bench, Bucky Dent, John Milner].
7. The 3-5 - hits on 1-8, 2-7, 3-5, etc. [see Sal Bando, Tony Perez, Darrell Evans, Doug Griffin].
8. The 1-2 - hits from 1-2 to 1-4, 2-8 to 2-10, etc. [see Ron Fairly, Dave Lopes, Rick Miller].
9. The 2-2 - hits from 2-2 to 2-4, 3-7 to 3-10, etc. [see Bob Robertson, Ron Cey, Bob Montgomery].
10. The 3-2 - hits from 3-2 to 3-6, 3-8 to 3-10, etc. [see Gene Tenace, Joe Ferguson, Bernie Carbo].
11. The 1-12 - hits on 1-4, 1-11, 1-12, 3-11, 3-12, etc. [see Dave Kingman, Ken McMullen, Mark Belanger].
12. The 2-12 - hits throughout 2 column, mostly 2-11, 2-12 plus 3-11 and 3-12 [see Brian Downing, Tom Paciorek, Ray Fosse].
13. American League only: the 3-12 - hits on 1-6, 2-6, 3-6, 3-4 and 3-12 [see Tommy Harper, Pedro Garcia, Andy Etchebarren].

WHICH PLAYER GETS WHICH CARD?

The second mystery surrounding the cards is which player gets which pattern? The answer is remarkably simple! Each player is ranked, by batting average, in relation to the other players on his own team. The player with the highest average on each team is assigned the pattern which is our number 1. The second best hitter gets number 2, etc. This explains why a .364 hitter like Rod Carew and a .283 hitter like Don Money can have the same types of cards.

As an example we will use the World Champion Oakland A's. You might want to check their card styles against our list as we present them in order. Joe Rudi .293, Bert Campaneris .290, Reggie Jackson .289, Claudell Washington .285, Jay Alou .268, Bill North .260, Sal Bando .243, Angel Mangual .233, Dick Green .213, Gene Tenace .211, Ted Kubiak .209, Ray Fosse .196 and Larry Haney .165.

SAME PATTERN ON PITCHING CARDS

The pitching cards follow the same basic idea. The rankings are based on lowest earned run average to the highest. The rankings are [using the 1974
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Los Angeles Dodgers as an example):

1. 4-4 - Geoff Zahn [2.03]
2. 6-4 - Mike Marshall [2.42]
3. 5-4 - Andy Messersmith [2.59]
4. 4-10 - Tommy John [2.59]
5. 5-10 - Don Sutton [3.23]
6. 6-10 - Al Downing [3.67]
7. 6-5 - Doug Rau [3.73]
8. 5-9 - Charlie Hough [3.75]; National League only.

The number we give (such as 5-4) is where the N-HR option is located. In the case of a tie in ERA or batting average, the player with the highest total of home runs or wins will get the top ranking (see Messersmith, 20 wins, and John, 13 wins).

Because of the length of this letter, we will leave it up to the readers to expand upon the patterns of the pitching cards.

MOST TEAMS FOLLOW PATTERN

A quick check will reveal that 20 of the 24 major league teams follow these patterns precisely. The four teams that don't only have one player that is out of line or one pattern missing. Baltimore has no number 2 hitter, both Tommy Davis and Brooks Robinson have No. 1 cards; Detroit's Jim Nettles is a 1-8, although he is very low on team list; Philadelphia's Gene Garber and Jim Lonborg are both 4-4 and there is no 5-9; St. Louis' Lynn McGlothen and Sonny Siebert are both 6-4's and there is no 4-10.

Both Philadelphia and St. Louis have extra players who fit into the missing slots; Jesus Hernaiz and Bob Forsch. We know for fact that this system has been in use since the 1971 season cards came out because they all match up, too.

Since we firmly believe this is the system used by S-O-M in making up its baseball cards and have proven it, we hope this letter ends all speculation by Review readers as to the hit placement on such cards.

Editor's note: The above was printed with the consent of the Strat-O-Matic Game Co., which received a copy of the letter before it was printed in the Review. Harold Richman, S-O-M creator, had mentioned before that approximately 12 to 13 patterns were used for hitters, with some variations.

Remember, however, that the above discussion centers on patterns of card makeup and that the individual cards are still just that--in other words, you may find cards following the same pattern but with results that reflect the individual player's performance [in regards to walks, extra base hits, etc.].

Back Issues Of Review Available

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.

1976 - Jan., Feb., March; cost, 45¢ per issue.

1975 - All months available; cost 45¢ per issue.

1974 - Jan., Oct., Nov., Dec. Jan. and Oct. are 40¢ per issue; Nov. and Dec. are 45¢ per issue.

1973 - August, Dec.; 40¢ per issue.

1972 - August; 40¢ per issue.

There are still copies of the most recent edition of the Strat-O-Matic Directory available, too. The Directory contains a listing of close to 300 individual names, 60 leagues as well as a photo gallery that has faces of many of the people you've been reading so much about in the Review. Cost of the Strat-O-Matic Directory is 70¢. Please order through the Strat-O-Matic Review, P.O. Box 27, Otsego, MI 49078

Readers Roll 'Em

CARD LOOK DRAWS PLAUDITS

My first reaction to the new Strat-O-Matic Baseball cards was one of pure happiness.

The main thing that attracted my attention was not Joe Morgan's spectacular card (wow!), Mike Schmidt's fielding rating of "4" (definitely deserved) or Rich Gossage's stinginess about allowing enemy batters to reach base.

The thing I noticed above all the other exciting cards, was the appearance of the cards themselves. This year's set is printed on a top quality card stock that really lends durability to the card. Hold a full team in your hand and you've got some weight! Surely this is a bonus for us S-O-M card collectors. The cards will last forever now!

And I'm sure that along with my first reaction to the cards, my last reaction will also be one of pure happiness.

Hats off to Harold Richman and his able staff at the game company in New York. Take a bow!

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Editor's note: Many of the new S-O-M card sets have been printed on a new paper stock, one that appears definitely superior to some of the stocks used in the past. Unfortunately, the supply of such paper stock was limited and S-O-M was unable to obtain additional supplies. At least half, perhaps more, of this year's baseball card sets will be printed in the new stock, according to S-O-M.

WHY NO PENALTIES?

Why is it the S-O-M Game Company has not included penalties in its football game? The real game of football does and penalties often affect the outcome of a game. Strat-O-Matic Football most certainly is not insuring realism without penalties.

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Editor's note: For purposes of

statistical accuracy, S-O-M did not include penalties when the football game first came out. There hasn't been that much demand for penalties since, thus S-O-M hasn't felt the necessity of including them. Penalties could be coming up in the future, however. It should also be pointed out that many playing tips sent to the Review include penalties for the football game. Most, though, miss the basic point that penalties do not occur at random, but rather many teams--especially the poorer ones--are penalized much more frequently.

FOOTBALL OLD-TIMERS WANTED

I believe that the next thing the S-O-M Game Company should expand to is the re-creation of Old-Timer NFL and AFL championship teams. The first two teams that should be considered are the 1966 Green Bay Packers and the 1966 Kansas City Chiefs. This would give all of the S-O-M Football buffs all of the Super Bowl teams. A good addition to these two teams, of course, would be the teams they defeated in their league's championship games.

Some of the other great teams of the past worth printing would be: 1960 Green Bay Packers (Paul Hornung scored 176 points), 1961 Houston Oilers (team scored 513 points with George Blanda at quarterback), New York Giant teams of Y.A. Title (1961-63), 1962 Green Bay Packers and Detroit Lions, 1962 Houston Oilers and Dallas Texans (remember their great overtime game of that year?), 1963 San Diego Chargers (who defeated Boston, 51-10, in the championship game), 1964 and 1965 Buffalo Bills (great defensive teams that stopped San Diego twice), and 1963 or 1965 Cleveland Browns (Jim Brown's greatest year and his last year).

There are many good teams of the past decade. Above I listed just a few. I'm sure everyone has their favorite, but I'm sure most of us would like to see the 1966 Packers and Chiefs.

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ANOTHER VOTE FOR GRID OLD-TIMERS

I think Strat-O-Matic should put out Old-Timer Football teams. The Review could have a poll to see which teams are the most popular.

Here are a few suggestions: In the

NFL, the 1958 Giants, '58 Colts, '62 Packers, '62 Giants, '63 Bears and '65 Browns. In the AFL, the '63 Chargers, '64 Bills, '66 Chiefs and '66 Patriots.

Also, I think Strat-O-Matic should print runs-batted-in on the baseball cards; it's such an important statistic. It would make it easier to rate players.

Keep up the good work on the Review.

Chris Jones
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PART-TIMER'S DILEMMA

I would like to restate my position on part-time players with high batting averages. In the December Review I complained that the game company had not made Bob Hazle with the 1957 Braves (Hazle hit .403 in 134 at-bats). Someone else had a similar complaint in the Question-Answer section.

I realize that if such players were included, many people would use them as regulars, instead of using them as reserves as they were meant to be. I'm sure that most serious gamers have had the experience of playing against someone who insisted on starting a fringe player with a high batting average.

But I feel that the fact that such players are often not included with a team, takes away from the value (and realism) of that team. The 1957 Braves would be a better team if they had Bob Hazle's big bat available for pinch hitting, or an occasional start. Maybe the game company could put a limit on how much these players can be used; say 200 at-bats. This would make the game much more realistic.

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Editor's note: See Jim Elliott's Guest Column this month. It deals with how players are selected, specifically why Bob Hazle could not be included on a 20-player roster for the 1957 Braves. Hazle, it appears, wasn't chosen because of his limited at-bats, not because he was too good.

CLARIFICATION NEEDED

I want to clarify a couple of things I said in my letter printed in the February Review. First, I never meant to criticize S-O-M. I'm sure they put a lot more research into their cards than I did into my letter. However, I still say that the game should be put out for the true gamer; either the person interested in realism or a league, or the person who wants to have some fun with the cards.

I don't think they should be put out for the maniac who wants to break every record ever made, however, so he can get his name in print.

I can see your side of the story, though. I have seen a couple of replays with Dusty Rhodes leading in homers or RBI and this isn't right. But take the '68 Tigers. They had a "fringe" player on their squad who was almost as important as was Denny McLain. If Gates Brown wasn't included with this group, it was a mistake. Maybe his .370 wasn't "indicative" but neither was Dale Murray's 1.03 ERA. I'm sure Gates Brown was misused by some, but he still should have been given a card.

All of this is, of course, constructive criticism [the overworked cliché] as S-O-M is fantastic, and the Review should be praised for uniting SOMsters everywhere.

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LEAGUE SCENE MOST ENJOYABLE

By far the most enjoyable column in the Review is the "League, Replay Scene." I always enjoy reading tips and hearing what guest columnists have to say, too.

The Readers Roll 'Em section seems to be more of a complaint column, but most gripes seem legitimate.

I'd like to conclude by saying your magazine is the best and I hope you keep up the good work.

Will Jennings

WHERE ARE YOU FLYBALL A?

There's been one topic that's been flaming across the Review's pages in the last few months and that subject is the "Flyball A." There are not enough of them to produce a real-life replay. I suggest we add a "Flyball B*" that would be the same as the present-day "Flyball B," but if there were a runner on second,

he could attempt to tag up on the fly, just as the advanced game uses the Flyball B? to attempt to score from third on a fly. And you could play older teams without the new "Flyball B*" against the new ones by verbally dropping the "*" so there is no unfair advantage to the newer team.

Another idea is to have a true pitcher's hitting card by taking the team's total pitchers' hitting stats and compiling one card so that every team would have a pitcher's hitting card that would not only be accurate but standardized. The only gripe is that you don't have individual pitcher's hitting. For example, on the New York Mets, both Randy Tate and Tom Seaver will use the same hitting cards, although Tate hit .000 and Seaver .179.

Lastly, why so much space on the top and bottom of the Review's pages? There's at least an inch of space on the top and about the same on the bottom. If you estimate a total of an inch and a quarter times 22 pages (not counting the front and back pages) it equals 27 1/2 inches. That's a few-page increase without adding any weight.

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Editor's note: The amount of space found on the top and bottom margins is misleading. The Review is actually typed on a regular 8 by 11 paper, then the copy is photographed (reduced in size) and photo-copy is printed. The margins have nothing to do with the prepared copy, rather how the photo-copy is centered when printed.

KEEP THE NO-HITTERS

In disregard to Roger Simmons and others, I say keep the no-hitter column. I have never experienced a no-hitter, but have come close twice.

And in regard to pitcher's hitting, why shouldn't S-O-M print say 10 different hitting cards and each season a separate

sheet which rates each pitcher's fielding, running, stealing, bunting, hit and run, and power.

Also, batting averages versus righty and lefty pitching would be a big help, as would be blocking ratings for running backs in football.

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UNITED...WE KEEP STATS!

I thoroughly enjoy your magazine. It has given me hours of pleasant reading and greatly enhanced my S-O-M game playing. I like the Readers Roll 'Em column the best. It acts as a forum for us, the game players, to express opinions. I also would like to see somebody collect statistics from the most endurable and dependable leagues. It would be interesting to see how different players fared across the country.

Such statistics might also act as a standard or records that other game players or leagues could strive for. Not all leagues or tournaments would be eligible; only those who have proven their honesty and dependability.

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CLEARINGHOUSE WILL 'FLOP'

I am in complete agreement with Mike (Teddy Bear) Rennick. How he manages to get his two cents worth in almost every month I'll never know.

The Clearinghouse is going to be a flop and everyone, I believe, knows it. For one matter, how is anyone to know a "good" manager from a "bad" one? So this guy dropped out and this guy didn't. He decides to drop out, the league collapses and they blame the nearest scapegoat and that's going to be you, the organizer of the Clearinghouse.

I think PBM leagues are doing a fair job as it is. Don't foul them up.

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COMING IN THE MAY ISSUE of the Strat-O-Matic Review will be an account of the happenings at Robert Henry's mid-winter convention in Detroit, complete with pictures of the tournament winners. Watch for it next month!

Finding Trivia Answers Tough Task

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Stanley! Where Are You Now?

And you think Stanley had trouble finding Livingstone in Africa! Finding the answers to Robert Henry's Strat-O-Matic trivia quiz has been almost as difficult.

Perhaps because a vast store of S-O-M cards are needed, plus large amounts of time, to come up with the answers in most cases, Henry has asked that his queries be called a trivia corner rather than a quiz. In other words, gamers may sit back if they prefer, forget the research, and just soak up the knowledge imparted by Henry each month.

"I do hope that the readers are not becoming too discouraged with these questions," says Henry. "I originally envisioned this column as devoted to trivia and not as a test of the readers' knowledge of the cards. Since I have the cards to research and since I spend several hours researching these questions, it is exceedingly unfair to expect readers to answer these questions. I consider myself quite knowledgeable on S-O-M Baseball cards, but I do not know the answers to the questions until I actually research them."

So, with those thoughts in mind, we will plunge headlong into the answers for the questions posed in the March issue of the Review.

S-O-M TRIVIA QUIZ, ANSWERS FOR MARCH

QUESTION: How many players were rated a "1" at shortstop from 1965 to 1970?

ANSWER: Believe it or not, there were no "1" shortstops from 1965 to 1970.

QUESTION: Has there ever been a set without anyone rated an "AA" stealer?

ANSWER: No one was rated "AA" in the 1963 set. In 1962, Maury Wills was the only "AA." Since he has been improved to "AAA," 1962 no longer has an "AA."

QUESTION: What is the record for most strikeouts on the pitcher's card for starters and for relievers?

ANSWER: The overall record is held by reliever Dick Radatz, whose 1963 card contained an amazing 52 strikeouts. Nearly half of his card consisted of strikeouts. The record for starting pitchers goes to Sandy Koufax, who set it with 48 strikeouts on his 1962 card and who equalled that number again in 1965.

QUESTION: Which pitcher allows the batter the greatest probability of a home run?

ANSWER: This one goes to 1970 Julio Navarro hands down, as he had home runs on 4-4, 4-5 and 4-6.

QUESTION: The 1927 Babe Ruth has received publicity for having a "Flyball A" on three instead of at two or 12 as other players do. Has any modern player received a "Flyball A" at any number other than two or three?

ANSWER: Yes, 1964 Tony Conigliaro received a "Flyball A" at 3-3. He also received a "Flyball A" at 3-2 and at 3-12.

QUESTION: All players I have seen have had six chances for groundball followed by "++." Are there any exceptions?

ANSWER: Yes. 1962 Elston Howard had 11 (1-3, 1-8 and 1-9) while 1969 Bobby Bonds (1-11 and 2-4) and 1972 Dick Allen (1-2, 1-10 and 1-12) each

had only five.

QUESTION: Has there ever been a printer's error which would result in there being two or no results for a certain dice roll?

ANSWER: Yes. Consider the following: No result - 1964 Elston Howard 2-10--Home Run [8-18], Triple [19-20]. A literal reading reveals no result for 2-10 [1-7]. Two results - 1961 Harmon Killebrew 3-8 Single 1-4, Popout 2-20. 3-8 with a split of 2, 3, or 4 would apparently produce both a single and popout.

QUESTION: Is it true that Billy Williams, Carl Yastrzemski and Richie [now Dick] Allen were each rated below average in running at one time.

ANSWER: Yes. In 1962, when running ratings ranged from 1-13 to 1-19, with 1-16 average, Williams and Yaz were rated 1-15. Having slowed down in recent years, Williams was rated 1-11 in 1974; 1964 Allen was rated 1-11.

QUESTION: Which player has been rated "AA" or better the most times?

ANSWER: Lou Brock holds the record, having been rated "AA" or better 12 times when including the 1975 set. All his ratings were "AA" except for 1974 when he received the ultrarare "AAA."

QUESTION: What is the worst injury result a player has ever received?

ANSWER: 1963 Mickey Mantle had the highest probability of an injury occurring. He had an injury at 3-8.

Note: Answers to these questions were made up prior to the release of the newest S-O-M Baseball cards. Also, anyone seeking an answer to a Strat-O-Matic Baseball card question, and wishing a personal reply, may write to: Robert Henry, 15919 Ferguson, Detroit, MI 48227. Please include an SASE in order to receive a reply.

This Month's S-O-M Trivia Corner

QUESTION: The instructions show that Mickey Mantle was rated running 1-19. Was he actually rated 1-19, and, if so, was anyone else?

QUESTION: Please describe the worst column ever received by a modern hitter. Name that "hitter."

QUESTION: Have any modern teams received perfect fielding on the left side of the infield?

QUESTION: Has Lou Brock ever failed to be rated an "A" in stealing and has he ever failed to receive the top running rating?

QUESTION: Has any player received an injury at more than one dice result?

QUESTION: Did Bobby Richardson ever receive a strikeout on his card?

QUESTION: In the original 1961 set, players like John Blanchard, Jerry Lynch, Leo Cardenas, and Darrell Johnson received cards that are not good enough to allow them to repeat their actual performances. The same may be said for 1964 Chris Cannizzaro and for 1967 Doug Rader. Why did this happen?

Answers to the above questions will be found in the May issue of the Strat-O-Matic Review.

Steel Curtain Develops Soft Spots **Pittsburgh Again Ousted In Playoffs**

Maybe the "Steel Curtain" has some soft spots, after all. Last month the Review presented a full-season football replay of the 1974 season in which the real-life champions, the Pittsburgh Steelers, won their division easily but then were upset by Denver in the first round of the playoffs.

Now along comes a replay by Carlos Bossy of North Las Vegas, NV--and again the Steelers fell victim to an upset in the playoffs after breezing through the regular season. In Bossy's replay, Pittsburgh finished 14-0 in the AFC Central Division, and outscored foes 406-198--scoring the most points of any of the 26 NFL teams and ranking third for fewest points allowed.

But then along came the playoffs and Pittsburgh's championship hopes went up in smoke. This time it was Buffalo, the wild card playoff team in the AFC, that closed the curtain. Buffalo romped, in fact, scoring a 29-7 triumph as O.J. Simpson rushed for 152 yards in 26 carries and scored twice. Buffalo dented Pittsburgh's defense for 194 yards on the ground while the Bills' defense held the Steelers to 150 yards, 64 of it rushing. Pittsburgh's only score in the game was an 80-yard punt return by Lynn Swann.

LOS ANGELES IS THE 'SUPER' TEAM

Meanwhile, the Los Angeles Rams, unable to make the playoffs in Matt Lorenz' replay (Feb. Review, 1976, pp. 14-16), finished 9-3-2, captured the Western Division of the NFC and went on to win the Super Bowl behind the passing of James Harris and running of Lawrence McCutcheon. It wasn't easy for the Rams, however, as they engaged in two of the toughest games played--battling upset-minded New Orleans to a 7-7 tie and Washington to a 20-20 standoff, both going five quarters without a winner.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1974 NFL REPLAY

Bossy experienced many thrills, as you might imagine. Some of the more noteworthy moments during the long solitaire replay included:

* Calvin Hill of Dallas rushing for 277 yards in 34 carries as the Cowboys outpointed St. Louis in a wild game, 42-37.

* Green Bay giving up just nine points in winning its last four games and just missing the playoffs.

* Washington losing a pair of squeakers, 17-16 to St. Louis and 14-13 to Green Bay. Dallas, the wild card playoff team in the NFC, couldn't handle Washington, however, losing one-sided games by 27-10 and 48-7 scores.

* Cincinnati clobbered Houston, 55-7, as Ken Anderson connected on 32 of 39 passes for 389 yards and three touchdowns. He also ran for two other TDs.

* Detroit won five of its first six games, then lost seven of last eight.

* Lawrence McCutcheon was the NFC's outstanding player and Super Bowl MVP, while Ken Stabler of Oakland was the AFC's outstanding player and also NFL Most Valuable Player.

HOW THEY FARED

| AFC | | | | NFC | | | |
|----------------|----------|------|---------|----------------|----------|------|---------|
| East | Won-Lost | Tied | PF - PA | East | Won-Lost | Tied | PF - PA |
| Miami | 12 2 | 0 | 366-224 | Washington | 11 2 | 1 | 364-179 |
| Buffalo | 9 5 | 0 | 292-222 | Dallas | 9 5 | 0 | 284-262 |
| Baltimore | 5 9 | 0 | 243-295 | St. Louis | 7 7 | 0 | 303-300 |
| N.Y. Jets | 4 10 | 0 | 299-388 | Philadelphia | 7 7 | 0 | 254-274 |
| New England | 2 12 | 0 | 262-422 | N.Y. Giants | 4 10 | 0 | 218-317 |
| <u>Central</u> | | | | <u>Central</u> | | | |
| Pittsburgh | 14 0 | 0 | 406-198 | Minnesota | 10 4 | 0 | 347-267 |
| Cincinnati | 6 8 | 0 | 267-319 | Green Bay | 9 5 | 0 | 242-161 |
| Houston | 5 9 | 0 | 222-292 | Detroit | 6 8 | 0 | 300-279 |
| Cleveland | 5 9 | 0 | 271-311 | Chicago | 4 10 | 0 | 184-305 |
| <u>West</u> | | | | <u>West</u> | | | |
| Oakland | 10 4 | 0 | 355-300 | Los Angeles | 9 3 | 2 | 355-227 |
| Kansas City | 7 7 | 0 | 314-313 | San Francisco | 6 8 | 0 | 226-281 |

| | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|---|----|---|---------|-------------|---|----|---|---------|
| Denver | 6 | 8 | 0 | 299-304 | New Orleans | 5 | 8 | 1 | 228-280 |
| San Diego | 4 | 10 | 0 | 271-334 | Atlanta | 4 | 10 | 0 | 203-309 |

PLAYOFF RESULTS

OKLAND 31, MIAMI 7 -- Oakland scored three fourth quarter touchdowns to break open 10-7 game. Stabler was 20 of 28 for 226 yards and two TDs passing, while Marv Hubbard had 112 yards rushing in 22 carries.

BUFFALO 29, PITTSBURGH 7 -- Buffalo shut down Pittsburgh's offense as Terry Bradshaw was only six of 25 passing and Franco Harris was limited to just 35 yards in 15 carries.

OKLAND 16, BUFFALO 13 -- George Blanda kicked 32-yard field goal late in fourth quarter to win AFC championship game for Raiders. Hubbard had 111 yards in 24 carries, Simpson 98 in 25 as Buffalo outgained Oakland, 325-280.

DALLAS 16, MINNESOTA 10 -- Efren Herrera's 29-yard field goal in fourth quarter tied it and Robert Newhouse's three-yard run in overtime won it for Dallas. Cowboys' victory key, however, was holding Fran Tarkenton to only nine completions in 28 passing tries for paltry 106 yards. Dallas had big 446-154 yardage advantage as Staubach passed for 258 yards on 20-of-32 accuracy.

LOS ANGELES 29, WASHINGTON 17 -- L.A. prevails as McCutcheon gallops for two touchdowns and Harris passes for two more after completing 14 of 20 tosses for 163 yards. Rams throttled 'Skins' running game and picked off three passes.

LOS ANGELES 22, DALLAS 17 -- Harris again sharp as he hits on 21 of 28 passes for 242 yards and two TDs. McCutcheon raced to 122 yards in 23 cracks. L.A.'s defense was again stopper, holding potent Dallas ground game to 83 yards.

[SUPER BOWL] LOS ANGELES 27, OKLAND 24 -- In a thrilling, overtime classic, L.A. won it all when David Ray booted a 41-yard field goal. Oakland had made a miraculous comeback in the fourth quarter when, trailing, 24-10, it scored twice to force the overtime. McCutcheon ran for 144 yards in 28 carries and scored twice, Jim Bertelsen added 118 yards, another TD in 13 cracks. Harris was 15 of 31 for 179 yards passing; Stabler 17 of 25 for 183 yards. Difference was on the ground as L.A. had overall 441-327 yardage advantage, 262 of it coming via overland routes.

STATISTICAL LEADERS

| Rushing | Att-Yds. | Avg. | TD | Receiving | No.-Yds. | Avg. TD |
|------------------|----------|------|------|------------------|----------|---------|
| Armstrong (DEN) | 263-1480 | 5.6 | 13 | Mitchell (BAL) | 72-584 | 8.1 3 |
| Simpson (BUF) | 269-1442 | 5.4 | 18 | Young (PHI) | 64-815 | 12.7 3 |
| McCutcheon (LA) | 247-1341 | 5.4 | 13 | Branch (OAK) | 62-1154 | 18.6 13 |
| Brockington (GB) | 268-1175 | 4.4 | 7 | Pearson (DAL) | 62-1096 | 17.7 4 |
| Woods (SD) | 231-1148 | 5.0 | 9 | Carmichael (PHI) | 56-702 | 12.5 7 |
| Harris (PIT) | 216-1132 | 5.2 | 7 | Taylor (WAS) | 55-767 | 13.9 6 |
| Hill (DAL) | 191-1070 | 5.6 | 7 | Foreman (MIN) | 52-495 | 9.5 7 |
| Csonka (MIA) | 206-1021 | 5.0 | 12 | Jessie (DET) | 51-737 | 14.5 4 |
| Hubbard (OAK) | 198-971 | 4.9 | 9 | Metcalf (SL) | 50-415 | 8.3 2 |
| Herron (NE) | 233-837 | 3.6 | 10 | Dawkins (NYG) | 46-307 | 6.7 2 |
| Passing | Att-Comp | Pct. | Yds. | TD-Int. | | |
| Stabler (OAK) | 381-224 | 58.8 | 2970 | 26-21 | | |
| Hart (SL) | 369-191 | 51.8 | 2876 | 20-14 | | |
| Pastorini (HOU) | 260-160 | 61.5 | 1963 | 10-10 | | |
| Anderson (CIN) | 400-230 | 57.5 | 2655 | 15-15 | | |
| Tarkenton (MIN) | 384-205 | 53.8 | 2547 | 15-16 | | |
| Griese (MIA) | 297-158 | 53.2 | 2250 | 15-19 | | |
| Gabriel (PHI) | 331-186 | 56.2 | 1923 | 9-8 | | |
| Kilmer (WAS) | 263-151 | 57.4 | 1716 | 9-11 | | |
| Jurgensen (WAS) | 202-124 | 61.4 | 1294 | 6-3 | | |
| Munson (DET) | 306-158 | 51.6 | 2135 | 11-13 | | |

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Happy Days Are Here Again Houston Springs Surprise In '67 Replay

Keeping with the nostalgia craze that's currently sweeping the country, let's go back--not too far back, mind you--to that first year when Strat-O-Matic Football appeared on tabletops.

The year was 1968, the real-life season 1967, and history was in the making. As many collectors well realize, those early cards have long been gone and now are as rare as five-cent cigars--at least on the seller's market.

Mike Cummins, who lives with his wife Dena in Pana, IL, in a mobile park, recently went back into the past, set up a replay league with those '67 teams and had hours of fun watching the dice bring back the Vince Lombardi-led Green Bay Packers, the powerful Baltimore Colts with Johnny Unitas at the controls, and many others.

HOUSTON PROVIDE BIGGEST SURPRISE

The Houston Oilers provided the biggest surprise by winning the Super Bowl--and not over the Packers, but rather the New York Giants. Oakland was also a surprise, not because of its success but because it wound up 7-7, compared to a 13-1 mark in real-life.

Washington won the NFL East with a 10-4 record, thanks in no small part to the passing of Sonny Jurgensen, while the Giants took the Century (as the Browns collapsed and went 7-7) and Los Angeles the Coastal Division. In the American Football League, San Diego tied with Kansas City in the West, but reached the playoffs by virtue of a pair of regular-season wins over the Chiefs, 31-23 and 31-27. Ditto in the East, the Oilers and New York Jets tying at 10-4 but Houston advancing because of an earlier 16-9 conquest of the Jets.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1967 SOLITAIRE REPLAY

There were many thrills that Cummins experienced, notably the following: Travis Williams of Green Bay returned 39 kickoffs--10 for touchdowns! All told, he returned kicks 1,730 yards for an incredible 44.4 average. Williams, with the Pack trailing 33-31, gathered in a kickoff on the last play of the game and raced 105 yards to beat the Giants.

Gayle Sayers of Chicago was also a dangerous man when it came to running back kicks. He galloped to 983 yards, a 36.4 average, and scored five TDs on kickoffs, plus averaged 18.5 and scored once when returning punts.

Bob Scarpitto of Denver led the league in punting with a 45.2 average. He was called on to boot the ball a whopping 92 times.

STANDINGS

[American Football League]

| East | Won-Lost | Tied | West | Won-Lost | Tied |
|-----------|----------|------|-------------|----------|------|
| Houston | 10 4 | 0 | San Diego | 10 4 | 0 |
| N.Y. Jets | 10 4 | 0 | Kansas City | 10 4 | 0 |
| Buffalo | 5 9 | 0 | Oakland | 7 7 | 0 |
| Boston | 5 9 | 0 | Denver | 3 11 | 0 |
| Miami | 3 11 | 0 | | | |

[National Football League]

| East | Won-Lost | Tied | Coastal | Won-Lost | Tied |
|--------------|----------|------|---------------|----------|------|
| Washington | 10 4 | 0 | Los Angeles | 10 2 | 2 |
| Dallas | 9 4 | 1 | Baltimore | 10 4 | 0 |
| Philadelphia | 4 9 | 1 | San Francisco | 6 7 | 1 |
| New Orleans | 3 11 | 0 | Atlanta | 2 11 | 1 |
| Century | | | Central | | |
| N.Y. Giants | 8 6 | 0 | Green Bay | 8 4 | 2 |
| Pittsburgh | 7 6 | 1 | Chicago | 8 5 | 1 |
| Cleveland | 7 7 | 0 | Detroit | 6 8 | 0 |
| St. Louis | 4 8 | 2 | Minnesota | 4 10 | 0 |

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1967 PLAYOFF RESULTS

HOUSTON 23, SAN DIEGO 6 -- Easy win for Oilers as big fullback Hoyle Granger blasted to 119 yards and a touchdown in 19 carries and Pete Beathard completed 11 of 27 passes for 145 yards. Houston's defense pilfered three of San Diego quarterback John Hadl's passes.

N.Y. GIANTS 30, WASHINGTON 19 -- Fran Tarkenton was with the Giants then and he completed 19 of 37 passes for 254 yards and two TDs. Jurgensen was great in defeat for the 'Skins, passing for 326 yards and two scores as Bobby Mitchell hauled in five passes for 216 yards, including receptions of 60 and 55 yards.

LOS ANGELES 38, GREEN BAY 21 -- Rams stymied fabled Green Bay running game, holding it to measly 16 yards in 20 carries. Meanwhile, L.A. duo of Roman Gabriel and Bill Munson completed 16 of 22 passes for 250 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Bart Starr, forced to throw long because of the non-existent ground game, fired TD strikes of 78 yards to Carroll Dale and 23 to Marv Fleming for the Pack.

N.Y. GIANTS 13, LOS ANGELES -- Ernie Koy plunged into the end zone from a yard out with less than a minute to play to give the Giants NFL championship. Koy, who rushed for 72 yards in 13 carries, set up winning score by sprinting 61 yards only moments before. Both teams' passing games were off as Tarkenton was only nine of 22 for the Giants and Gabriel seven of 23 for L.A.

SUPER BOWL

Houston established equality for the AFL with the older more established NFL one year earlier than in real-life--edging the Giants in a Super Bowl overtime thriller, 27-20. The Giants, however, grabbed the early lead, going up 10-0 at halftime after Bill Triplett's one-yard plunge and a 39-yard field goal by Gogolak.

It was still 13-7 in favor of the Giants after three quarters as Gogolak toed a 31-yard field goal and Granger shook loose on a 24-yard TD scamper. John Wittenborn became Houston's hero in the fourth quarter as he drilled 46 and 44 yard field goals (both off 2-3 dice-roll chances) to tie the game. Tarkenton then marched the Giants back down the field, tossing a 23-yard TD pass to Homer Jones to conclude a 1½-minute drive. Houston took over on its own 30, but with less than a minute to play. Granger slipped away on the next play, dashing off-tackle 67 yards to the Giant three. Woodie Campbell went over on the next play and the game was tied again, 20-20.

In the overtime, the Giants got the ball first but failed to move it. Houston then started a drive, picking up 12 and 14 yards on two pass plays and another 11 on a Campbell run. Then it was Granger's turn as he swept the flank for the final 35 yards and the winning score.

Granger finished with 139 yards in 25 carries, while Tarkenton was 15 of 38 passing for 206 yards, two TDs, but also had two interceptions.

STATISTICS

| <u>Rushing</u> | <u>Att.-Yds.</u> | <u>TD</u> | <u>Avg.</u> | <u>Receiving</u> | <u>No.-Yds.</u> | <u>TD</u> | <u>Avg.</u> |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------|
| Granger [HOU] | 258-1720 | 15 | 6.7 | C.Taylor [WAS] | 68-1572 | 11 | 23.1 |
| Kelly [CLE] | 233-1484 | 9 | 6.4 | Maynard [NYJJ] | 64-1751 | 7 | 27.4 |
| Garrett [KC] | 215-1177 | 9 | 5.5 | J.Smith [WAS] | 63-970 | 8 | 15.4 |
| Nance [BOB] | 235-1127 | 4 | 4.8 | Sauer [NYJJ] | 62-1175 | 12 | 19.0 |
| Osborn [MIN] | 231-1100 | 2 | 4.8 | O.Taylor [KC] | 62-1049 | 9 | 16.9 |
| Sayers [CHI] | 216-1098 | 8 | 5.1 | Abramowicz [NO] | 61-1126 | 5 | 18.5 |
| <u>Passing</u> | <u>Att-Comp.</u> | <u>Yds.</u> | <u>TD-Int.</u> | <u>Pct.</u> | | | |
| Dawson [KC] | 403-210 | 2713 | 24-13 | 52.1 | | | |
| Unitas [BAL] | 417-216 | 3070 | 21-12 | 51.7 | | | |
| Gabriel [LA] | 431-213 | 2956 | 29-11 | 49.4 | | | |
| Meredith [DAL] | 269-126 | 1994 | 16-14 | 46.8 | | | |
| Jurgensen [WAS] | 523-249 | 4287 | 35-10 | 46.7 | | | |
| Namath [NYJJ] | 523-243 | 4137 | 35-23 | 46.4 | | | |

Playing Tips For Baseball, Football

Most split-number systems for Strat-O-Matic Baseball closely resemble that first proposed by Larry Thompson, later by Bryan Baker (see March, 1976 Review). But Danny Nordstrand has come up with a slightly different idea.

The 15-year-old from Richmond, British Columbia, Canada, suggests using two dice for determining the split number. Only in this case you have both dice the same color, but read the lowest number first.

Here is what Nordstrand's split-number chart looks like:

| Number | Split # | Number | Split # | Number | Split # |
|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|------------|
| 11 - | 1 | 23 - | 8 | 36 - | 15 |
| 12 - | 2 | 24 - | 9 | 44 - | 16 |
| 13 - | 3 | 25 - | 10 | 45 - | 17 |
| 14 - | 4 | 26 - | 11 | 46 - | 18 |
| 15 - | 5 | 33 - | 12 | 55 - | 19 |
| 16 - | 6 | 34 - | 13 | 56 - | 20 |
| 22 - | 7 | 35 - | 14 | 66 - | roll again |

According to Nordstrand, the system is very simple and easily memorized. Also, he points out, there is less chance of rolling again than with the three-dice systems.

Nordstrand is obviously a tipster for all seasons, as he also sends along playing tips for S-O-M Football. Most are really not anything new, but they either have a new twist to them or are made-to-order for the gamer who desires simplicity.

Here are his football playing tips:

FUMBLE RETURN CHART - A very simple chart, using two dice. After each fumble is recovered, roll the dice to determine the amount of yardage, if any, the recovery is returned.

| Die Roll | Result | Die Roll | Result |
|----------|------------|----------|-----------|
| 2 - | Touchdown | 8 - | 0 |
| 3 - | Short Gain | 9 - | +1 |
| 4 - | +8 | 10 - | +2 |
| 5 - | 0 | 11 - | -4 |
| 6 - | 0 | 12 - | Long Gain |
| 7 - | 0* | | |

* For a blocked punt, change this to "Touchdown, 2-7; Long Gain, 8-12."

FUMBLES ON INTENTIONAL FAIR CATCHES -- If a fair catch is called (some leagues/gamers do permit the receiving team to call a fair catch in advance), roll two dice. 2-11 indicate a fair catch; 12 would mean a fumble. This is for intentional fair catches only, not those fair catches found on the returner's card.

A pair of other football playing tips that also deal in simplicity are for keying runners and double-teaming pass receivers, and are contributed by Tim Woods of Fort Wayne, IN. Woods plays the football game mostly solitaire, and it's for that type of gamer that he proposes the following:

KEYING -- First look at the total yardage on each of the three running backs' card (halfback, fullback, quarterback) in the lineup. Call the back with the most yardage No. 1, second most No. 2 and third No. 3. Then, if a running play is guessed right, shake the white die and if a 1 or 2 appear follow the chart listed below. If numbers 3-6 appear, the defense doesn't key and play continues.

| No. | |
|-----|------------------------|
| 1-3 | - No. 1 back is keyed. |
| 4-5 | - No. 2 back is keyed. |
| 6* | - No. 3 back is keyed. |

* Shake again and second shake is final result.

DOUBLE-TEAMING -- Rank receivers one through five according to receptions (include all players in lineup who receive a pass). If a pass play is guessed right, shake white die. If a 1, 2, or 3 appears, defense will double-team. Any other result, play continues without double-teaming. If defense is double-teaming, follow these charts:

Shake white die to determine who is double-teaming.

- 1-4: Free safety only.
- 5: Linebacker double-teams better of two wide receivers.
- LLB double-teams flanker, or ALB double-teams split end.
- Also, free safety double-teams.
- 6: Both LB and free safety double-team.

Shake white die to determine who free safety double-teams.

- 1-2: No. 1 receiver is double-teamed.
- 3: No. 2 " " " " * Shake again; second
- 4: No. 3 " " " " shake is final result
- 5: No. 4 " " " "
- * 6: No. 5 " " " "

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WANTED: 1968 Cards, Tigers; 1969 Mets, Baltimore, Braves, Twins, Pilots, Washington; 1970 Reds, Baltimore, Pirates; 1971 Red Sox, Giants; 1972 Reds, Tigers, Red Sox, Pirates. Will accept the most reasonable bids; include SASE for response. Send bids to: Michael Fitzgerald, 11 Dodge Rd., Brockton, MA 02402

WANTED: Any Green Bay Packer teams before 1970 (especially the 1969 or 1967 Packers). Bryant Trocola, Payne Road, Danbury, CT 06810

WANTED: Baseball sets from 1970-1974. Please state price and condition. Please send bids. Will accept reasonable bids. Gary Wnek, 42 Franklin Road, Cromwell, CT 06416

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WANTED: 1969 Phillies, in very good to excellent condition. I will pay \$5.00 to \$8.00 depending on its condition. Send condition of your cards to: Forrest Wojdan, 4824 McConnell Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90066

WANTED: 1961 baseball - Orioles, Chisox, Dodgers, Giants, Braves; 1967 Reds; 1968 Orioles, Tigers. Will pay any price for '64 teams, within reason, or will trade you for any of the mentioned teams which are FOR SALE: 1965 Cardinals, Phillies, Cubs, Angels, Red Sox, Yankees; 1967 Orioles. Some writing on '65 teams, but nothing an eraser couldn't get off. Will answer highest bidder only. Send all offers to: Bob Staudt, 566 La Vista Road, Walnut Creek, CA 94598

WANTED: Additional players from year of 1970. Also '65 or '66 Cardinals. Will pay good price for Cardinal teams. Send offers to: John Ogle, 85 Pinehurst, Memphis, TN 38117

WANTED: 1969 baseball - Cubs, Mets, Phils, Padres, Yankees, Royals and Twins; 1972 - Phils, Astros, Padres, Twins and White Sox. Need desperately, '71 and '73 roster sheets. Bidding ends April 15. Send bids to: Paul Walkovic, 2052 E. Victoria St., Philadelphia, PA 19134. All bids will be answered.

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FOR SALE: All three editions of basketball (excellent condition); 1967 NFL (excellent); loose cards from 1968 AFL and 1970 baseball (average); 1968 NFL-AFL (excellent). Will make any reasonable trade or cash deal. Contact: Matt DeSciara, 128 Albright Lane, Paramus, NJ 07652. Phone: (201) 652-0327.

WANTED: 1966, 1967 complete baseball sets; 1968 Detroit, St. Louis, California, Chicago, Los Angeles, Philadelphia; 1969 Montreal, Vada Pinson, Mike Shannon cards, or team. Will trade for above teams or sets, 14 1970 teams, 20 '71

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For Sale

FOR SALE: Now taking bids for basketball teams from 1973-74 season. Teams are Atlanta, Capital, Los Angeles, Chicago, Seattle, Houston, Detroit, New York, Buffalo, Milwaukee, Golden State, Boston. \$15 minimum. Also, complete 18-team set from 1974-75 season--\$10 minimum. Send SASE with bids. Will take bids for one month, then will notify only highest bidders. No separate teams. Steve Griparris, 123 Emery St., Joliet, IL 60436

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FOR SALE: Selling 1972 and earlier season baseball cards at 3¢ per card. Minimum order is \$1.00. Larry Wolf, 3329 Monticello Court, Anchorage, Alaska 99503

FOR SALE: 1971, '72, '73, '74 baseball, A.L. and N.L., with extras (in excellent condition). Roster sheets included. I pay postage. Prices: 1971 and '72 -- \$20.00 each '73 and '74 -- \$15.00 each. Or best offer. Prefer dealing by phone. Butch Haber, 2085 Rockaway Parkway, Building 11, Apt. 51, Brooklyn, NY 11236, phone (212) 241-0950.

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FOR SALE: The complete 1962 Strat-O-Matic Baseball set. All 400 cards in very good condition. Minimum bid \$100. I will answer losing bids only if SASE is included. To be sold only as a set. I will pay for all mailing costs when sending cards to the winner. Send bids to: Steven Meretzky, 474 Memorial Drive, Rm. 4-502, Cambridge, MA 02139

FOR SALE: Baseball -- Full 1973 set A.L. and N.L., with extras [excellent condition]; Full 1972 set A.L. and N.L., no extras [excellent]; Full 1974 set A.L., extras [excellent]; sold separately: 1968 Atlanta Braves [OK], 1905 N.Y. Giants [excellent], 1948 Cleveland Indians [excellent], 1946 Red Sox [excellent], 1909 Tigers [excellent], 1911 A's [excellent], 1971 extras [OK], 1971 Baltimore, White Sox, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, Cubs. Basketball - 1973-74 cards [never used]. Football - Full 1973, full 1971, 1972 Packers and Falcons; 1974 Bears, Giants, Steelers and Packers. I also have many 1969 baseball cards and 1972-73 basketball cards [most are all-stars]. Send bids and stamp to: Mike Brown, 900 North Michigan Ave., Apt. #600, Chicago, IL 60611. Bidding ends at the end of the month.

FOR SALE: Complete baseball sets 1971 and 1972, with extras, and 1973. Football - 1972 complete, plus 1971 Cowboys, Vikings, Colts, Browns, Redskins, Chiefs, Patriots, Dolphins; 1973 Vikings, Rams, Dolphins, Bills. Also Reviews from Jan., 1973 to Dec., 1974. All items in good condition. Send bids to: Eric Stearns, 32 Hawthorne, Seekonk, MA 02771.

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FOR SALE: Baseball, both American and National, 1970, '72, '73 player cards - \$10.00 a set; 1974 [includes extra players] - \$11.00; Old-Timers [not including 1920-1930 'B' set] - \$15.00. Football: 1973, '74 player cards - \$10.00 a set; football game box and accessories [includes 150 scoresheets] - \$5.00. Wooden baseball playing board - \$3.00; individual teams or players not sold separately, all cards in good to excellent condition. Buy all baseball sets for \$50.00--save \$9.00! Buy all football card sets for \$20--save \$5.00! Buy entire set for \$60.00--save \$24.00! Write to: Tom Roland, 605 3rd St. S.W., Altoona, IA 50009.

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League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: The S-O-M Winter Baseball League needs managers to form a new PBM winter draft league. It will take place after most leagues are finished. Each manager will keep the same team from year to year and will have a farm system. All interested parties send a brief description of past S-O-M experience to: Scott Menser, 317 Keigan St., Dawson Springs, KY 42408. Don't be left out in the cold! A quick reply will get you higher draft picks.

LEAGUE FORMING: NASOMBA, PBM baseball draft league, is expanding and needs 2-5 new managers. We keep the same players from year to year but use the new cards. Biggest requirement is that you are reliable. New season starts May 1. An entry fee of \$3.00 is required. If you want to join a good draft league, write to: Doug Cochrane, 11 Meridene Cres., London, Ontario, Canada N5X 1G4.

LEAGUE FORMING: Play-by-mail league, 22 openings. Will play 20-game schedule with new teams. Send \$1.00 and full list of teams, in order of preference, in SASE to: Larry Braus, 6545 N. Washtenaw, Chicago, IL 60645

LEAGUE FORMING: Anyone in Glendora-Azusa area interested in face-to-face league, contact Brian Butler, 912 Mullaghboy Road, Glendora, CA 91740 phone (213-335-3571).

LEAGUE FORMING: Two competent managers as well as backup managers are needed for an American League PBM league, which is in its second season. For those managers who like a fast-paced league and are interested, please send name, age, PBM experience and telephone number to: Larry King, 401 East 102 St., Apt. 6D, New York, NY 10029

LEAGUE FORMING: Third-year league needs replacement and backup managers for 1974 replay. Also will be expanding next season. Your chance to build a team towards a championship! Send experience to: Gary Callahan, 911 Rose #6, Long Beach, CA 90813, or call 1-213-591-9689.

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LEAGUE FORMING: Need two to six managers for new league. Teams will be drafted from the 1975 National League baseball cards. Managers will keep the same teams from year to year, so you must be very interested and reliable. Please send name, age, experience, or any pertinent information to: John Blomstrom, 4931 Whispering Falls, Rt. 8, Houston, TX 77043. Will answer all letters.

LEAGUE FORMING: The Inter-Queens Baseball Association is composed of 24 teams, based on the S-O-M cards. We are currently engaged in a 54-game schedule and are in need of some competent managers. Rules and teams vary from the actual makeup. Each year a draft will be conducted from the new cards of rookies. Teams will remain continuous unless a trade is made or a player retires. At the end of each season you can cut a player and put him in the following year's draft. The teams will be as you make them! Only requirement is that you are willing to maintain the team and its schedule. The league has been operating on a smaller basis for six years. Please mail your name, address and age, with questions and comments, to: Scott Miller, 144-48 26th Ave., Flushing, NY 11354, or Mark Meltzer, 3243 90th St., Jackson Heights, NY 11369

LEAGUE FORMING: Backup managers are needed for a National League draft PBM league, which is in its third season. I want only responsible managers to answer this ad because the league is fast-paced. If interested, please send name, age, PBM experience and telephone number to: Larry King, 401 East 102 St., Apt. 6D, New York, NY 10029

LEAGUE FORMING: Attention baseball enthusiasts! Head-to-head baseball league forming and we need experienced players. We will play a full 162-game schedule. Trophies will be awarded. We will use the new 1975 card set. Full statistics will be kept. List three teams of your choice, in order, for draft. We will use advanced game. Please

respond quickly! For further details, call or write: Kevin Randolph, 3857 S. Blvd., Troy, MI 48064 [phone 879-9142].

LEAGUE FORMING: I need 11 managers to form an American-National League draft play-by-mail league. The league will use the new cards. The league will not allow a manager to fall behind in the schedule. Must have at least three years of experience in playing Strat-O-Matic and must have played in PBM league before. If you're interested, send \$5.00 entry fee [\$3.00 of which will be returned] and team name to: Tony Wyman, 1897 Sturbridge Dr., Lancaster, PA 17601, or call [717-569-1703] for more information.

LEAGUE FORMING: S-O-M Baseball all-star league with new cards, both American and National League, to start soon. If you would like to join, please send me your name and address so I can send you more information. Contact me immediately! It will be a draft league with three four-team divisions. I only want dependable managers! Write or call: Bruce Grench, 2828 South Court, Palo Alto, CA 94306 [phone 415-321-7994].

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BASEBALL

- 1974 - All teams available. Cost: \$10 for set; 65¢ per team. Additional players available at \$2.70.
- 1973 - No teams available.
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- 1971 - Only Pittsburgh available. Cost: 55¢.

All orders should be placed with the STRAT-O-MATIC GAME CO, INC., 45 Railroad Plaza, Glen Head, NY 11545. Enclose 50¢ for handling cost.

MWBA Continues To Roll Successfully Along Overcomes Rocky Beginning, Now In Fifth Season

The Mid-West Baseball Association, an eight-team play-by-mail league that has its roots in Michigan, continues to roll successfully along. Now ready to embark on its Fifth 154-game season replay, the league appears one of the more stable after experiencing the birth pangs that afflict so many such ventures in the beginning.

After surviving a rocky start (in which the league's organizers abandoned them), the league's members banded together, finished out the first season, and have watched the association prosper ever since.

The league is a blend of the "old" and "young" and occasionally a new member, with a couple of teachers, a minister, a highly-touted collegiate baseball pitcher all found in its ranks.

Dennis VanHaitsma (manager of Western Wildcats) was the commissioner who guided the league through its fourth season. He's a principal at Maplewood School in Holland, MI. Bryan Baker of Flint (he of the three-die split-number system) is this season's commissioner. He lives in Flint and works for his father. Other members include Rick VanHaitsma, an Associate Pastor at Beechwood Reformed Church in Holland...Dave Ragains (Cadillac), who moved to Palatine, IL, two years ago after living in Cadillac, MI, but has remained in the league...Matt Guy, high school student at Grandville...and Dave Guy, Matt's brother, who hopes to pitch for Michigan State's baseball team this spring. Ragains and Matt Guy both played prep football and were starters on their respective teams.

One managerial change did take place from last season to the current one as Don Miller, who guided the Mississippi Populists, has been forced to turn over the reins to Jack Pikaart because of work commitments. Pikaart teachers with Tom Davelaar (Zeeland Zonkers) at the Zeeland Middle School and also coaches the Zeeland High junior varsity baseball team.

HOLLAND 1975 CHAMPION

Rick VanHaitsma's Holland Hurricanes blew through the rest of the league, winning the Northern Division by a five-game margin over Davelaar's Zonkers. Mississippi won the Southern Division by a four-game spread over Flint. The playoffs, involving the two top teams in each division, saw Holland oust Flint and Zeeland send Mississippi to the sidelines--setting up a World Series involving two teams from the Northern Division.

Holland won the opener, 4-3, in 10 innings as Cesar Cedeno singled in the winning run, bowed 5-3, then unleashed its heavy artillery and produced 55 hits in the next games while winning three and wrapping up the Series. Reggie Jackson homers keyed Hurricane victories in games 3 (7-5) and 4 (9-0), with Jon Matlack tossing his eighth shutout of the season (his record was 30-9) in the fourth tilt. Zeeland bounced back, momentarily, via a 6-5 victory in game No. 5, then Holland put it away, 10-1, behind Rudy May's five-hitter and a 16-hit attack. Ron Cey of the Hurricanes was voted Series MVP after batting .440.

STANDINGS & LEADERS

| | Won-Lost | GB | Batting | |
|--------------------------|----------|----|------------------|------|
| <u>Northern Division</u> | | | | |
| Holland (R. VanHaitsma) | 93 61 | -- | Garr (OTT) | .374 |
| Zeeland (Davelaar) | 87 67 | 5 | Carew (CAD) | .352 |
| Grandville (D. Guy) | 66 88 | 27 | Hargrove (FL) | .341 |
| Ottawa (M. Guy) | 63 91 | 30 | Orta (HOL) | .333 |
| <u>Southern Division</u> | | | Gamble (FL) | .304 |
| Mississippi (Miller) | 89 65 | -- | T. Davis (MISS) | .297 |
| Flint (Baker) | 85 69 | 4 | R. Jackson (HOL) | .293 |
| Western (D. VanHaitsma) | 79 75 | 10 | R. Smith (ZEE) | .289 |
| Cadillac (Ragains) | 62 92 | 27 | R. White (HOL) | .289 |

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|--------------------------------|------|-----------------|-------|-----------------------|-----|
| <u>Home Runs</u> | | <u>RBI</u> | | <u>Hits</u> | |
| Perez [CA] | 34 | Jackson [HOL] | 99 | Garr [OTT] | 252 |
| Jackson [HOL] | 27 | Smith [ZEE] | 95 | Carew [CAD] | 207 |
| Cedeno [HOL] | 24 | Perez [CAD] | 95 | Hargrove [FL] | 187 |
| Stargell [ZEE] | 24 | Stargell [ZEE] | 89 | <u>Doubles</u> | |
| Smith [ZEE] | 24 | <u>Triples</u> | | Garvey [MISS] | 37 |
| Aaron [MISS] | 24 | Garr [OTT] | 21 | Brye [OTT] | 37 |
| <u>Stolen Bases</u> | | Smith [ZEE] | 14 | Jackson [HOL] | 35 |
| Lopes [WEST] | 79 | <u>Runs</u> | | Stargell [ZEE] | 35 |
| Bonds [MISS] | 65 | Bonds [MISS] | 96 | Yeager [FL] | 35 |
| North [ZEE] | 56 | North [ZEE] | 96 | <u>Strikeouts</u> | |
| <u>ERA (Min. 155 IP)</u> | | <u>Won-Lost</u> | | Ryan [HOL] | 248 |
| Murray [FL] | 1.39 | Matlack [HOL] | 28-9 | Perry [MISS] | 238 |
| Matlack [HOL] | 2.09 | Perry [MISS] | 23-15 | Matlack [HOL] | 226 |
| Johnson [GRD] | 2.34 | Holtzman [ZEE] | 22-9 | Morton [OTT] | 219 |
| Sutton [OTT] | 2.46 | McGlothen [WES] | 22-14 | <u>Complete Games</u> | |
| Perry [MISS] | 2.49 | Rooker [HOL] | 21-8 | Jenkins [CAD] | 32 |
| Holtzman [ZEE] | 2.71 | <u>Shutouts</u> | | Perry [MISS] | 30 |
| R. May [HOL] | 2.75 | Holtzman [ZEE] | 6 | Matlack [HOL] | 28 |
| Brett [OTT] | 2.75 | Tanana [GRD] | 6 | <u>Saves</u> | |
| Rooker [HOL] | 2.80 | Jenkins [CAD] | 6 | Hiller [ZEE] | 23 |
| Hands [ZEE] | 2.84 | | | Murray [FL] | 22 |
| MVP - R. Smith [ZEE] | | | | Marshall [HOL] | 17 |
| Cy Young - Matlack [HOL] | | | | | |
| Fireman of Year - Hiller [ZEE] | | | | | |

Questions & Answers

Editor's note: Questions regarding individual and team ratings will not be answered in most cases, 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 question regarding ratings does not appear in the Review within three months after being sent, you may assume the rating is correct.

QUESTION: Are nameless player cards available for basketball? If not, when will they be?

ANSWER: No. And there are no plans for nameless player cards at this time.

QUESTION: Regarding S-O-M Basketball, on the previous turn the white die's reading was 5 or 6 which indicates a "switch" situation for the offensive team. Do you roll three dice and if the results of the white die show 4, 5, or 6, do you look at the defensive card?

ANSWER: For a switch situation, you pick a card describing the switch, the offense chooses its shot and then three dice are rolled. Yes, a reading of 4, 5, or 6 on the white die indicates the defensive team card is checked for the result.

QUESTION: In a passing situation in basketball [example: "passing situation for opposing team"] and on the offensive player's card it states percentage shot, do you roll three dice with a 4, 5, or 6 white die reading requiring you to look at the defensive card, or do you automatically always look at the offensive player's card in all passing situations?

ANSWER: You look at the defensive team card for Nos. 4, 5, 6.

S-O-M League, Replay Scene

STEAK & BREW STRAT-O-MATIC BASEBALL LEAGUE -- Head-to-head league that completed its third season not long ago...Top 11 teams from previous season are used to stock six SSB league clubs, with rosters consisting of 25 players and five-man "taxi-squad"...Draft setup, with season 120 games and trading (all trades must be approved by a majority of remaining managers) allowed to 90-game mark...Steak & Brew is name of dining establishment where league holds post-season celebration...Four teams qualify for playoffs, with No. 4 and No. 3 teams meeting in first round, winner and No. 2 in semifinals and overall league champion taking on winner of semifinals in championship series...League was featured in Feb. issue of Review, 1975...Stuart Mlot, manager of fifth-place Bones Demons, is league's correspondent. He's in final year of five-year program at Columbia University, majoring in mathematical methods in the engineering school. He's also an avid hockey fan, playing on the Columbia team and attending every home game of the New York Rangers...All members of league are in early and mid-20's. Two brother combinations--Stuart and Barry Mlot, and Larry and Jim Barruch--are part of managerial lineup...Sunnyfield Somethings, managed by Barry Mlot, captured regular-season and ultimately sweep Yorkville Yeti [Larry Barruch] nine in four games in championship series. Yorkville was second in regular-season...Valley Stream, NY, is home for league.

Standings and leaders:

| | Won-Lost | GB | Avg. |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Sunnyfield Somethings [Barry Mlot] | 75-45 | -- | Garr [SOME] .377 |
| Yorkville Yeti [Larry Barruch] | 66-54 | 9 | Buckner [RAID] .343 |
| Bethpage Barristers [Brian Harms] | 63-57 | 12 | D.Cash [BUGS] .317 |
| Rosey's Raiders [George Rosenblum] | 58-62 | 17 | A.Oliver [SOME] .315 |
| Bones Demons [Stuart Mlot] | 55-65 | 20 | |
| Barruch Bugs [Jim Barruch] | 43-77 | 32 | |
| Playoffs: Rosey's d. Bethpage, 4-2. | Home Runs | | |
| Yorkville d. Rosey's, 4-3. | Perez [SOME] 29 | | |
| Sunnyfield d. Yorkville, 4-0. | Bench [YETI] 21 | | |
| | Wynn [DEMONS] 20 | | |
| RBI | ERA | Wins | Shutouts |
| Perez [SOME] 81 | Tiant [RAID] 2.59 | Matlack [SOME] 18 | Capra [BUGS] 4 |
| Jackson [SOME] 64 | Capra [BUGS] 2.65 | McGlothen [YETI] 15 | Ellis [DEMONS] 4 |
| Rudi [YETI] 64 | Matlack [SOME] 2.68 | May [SOME] 14 | |
| Bench [YETI] 62 | May [SOME] 2.69 | Morton [BETH] 14 | |
| | Morton [BETH] 2.71 | | |

MVP: Buckner [RAIDERS]; Outstanding Pitcher: Matlack [SOMETHINGS].

COAST-TO-COAST BASEBALL LEAGUE [CCBL] -- Actual team, eight-manager, play-by-mail league...Each team drafts four players from the remaining four teams in, in this case, the American League...Mark Hatton of Richland, MI, was the 1975 season king, coasting to the pennant in the East Division by a comfortable 13-game margin guiding the Oakland A's...Oakland had to go seven games to oust Chicago, the Western champ, in the World Series, however...Joe Rudi was named MVP and Catfish Hunter the Cy Young Award winner...Steve Parewski is commissioner of the CCBL, founding it in 1974...Baltimore, strangely found in the West Division, dropped six of its last eight games, allowing Chicago, guided by Mike Bertic, to win by a sizeable six-game margin.

Standings and leaders:

| East | Won-Lost | GB | West | Won-Lost | GB |
|----------------------------|----------|----|--------------------------|----------|----|
| Oakland [Mark Hatton] | 77-43 | -- | Chicago [Mike Bertic] | 66-54 | -- |
| New York [Sam Cortese] | 64-56 | 13 | Baltimore [S. Parewski] | 60-60 | 6 |
| Kansas City [Jon Landeman] | 58-62 | 19 | Boston [Dale Barnes] | 59-61 | 7 |
| Texas [Mark Chmielewski] | 43-77 | 34 | Cleveland [Kent Kennedy] | 55-67 | 13 |

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S-O-M League...Replay Scene

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| Batting | | Home Runs | | RBI | |
|----------------|------|-------------------|----|----------------------------------|-----|
| Carew [NY] | .338 | Jackson [OAK] | 31 | Rudi [OAK] | 112 |
| Rudi [OAK] | .335 | K.Henderson [CHI] | 23 | Henderson [CHI] | 82 |
| Spikes [CLEV] | .319 | Mayberry [KC] | 23 | Otis [KC] | 78 |
| McRae [KC] | .313 | Rudi [OAK] | 23 | D.Allen [CHI] | 73 |
| ERA [Starters] | | Wins | | Strikeouts | |
| Hunter [OAK] | 1.95 | Hunter [OAK] | 22 | Ryan [KC] | 274 |
| G.Perry [CLEV] | 2.30 | Wood [CHI] | 21 | Blyleven [BOS] | 245 |
| Blyleven [BOS] | 2.47 | Blue [OAK] | 20 | G.Perry [CLEV] | 201 |
| DaiCanton [KC] | 2.49 | Blyleven [BOS] | 19 | Shutouts | |
| Holtzman [OAK] | 2.51 | Perry [CLEV] | 19 | Hunter [OAK] | 7 |
| Tiant [BOS] | 2.69 | Tiant [BOS] | 17 | G.Perry [CLEV] | 5 |
| Ryan [KC] | 2.69 | Holtzman [OAK] | 15 | Holtzman [OAK] | 5 |
| Medich [NY] | 2.80 | Kaat [CHI] | 15 | Hits: Rudi [OAK] 172 | |
| | | | | Doubles: Rudi [OAK] 41 | |
| | | | | Triples: Rivers [NY] 11 | |
| | | | | Runs: Jackson [OAK] 79 | |
| | | | | Innings Pitched: Tiant [BOS] 284 | |
| | | | | Saves: McDaniel [KC] 14 | |