

## STRAT-O-MATIC REVIEW

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### Card Fever Runs Rampant

## Opening Day At S-O-M

It was like a moon walk on Friday, Jan. 27, at the Strat-O-Matic Game Company, Glen Head, NY. It was an historic happening!

It was new card time--time for the new baseball cards to begin being shipped out. Before the first card orders were loaded on the UPS trucks, however, many of S-O-M's legions of fans had already descended on the game factory.

It was like a gold (er, card) rush. People came from all over, and by car, bus, train and even plane. S-O-M creator Harold Richman was on the scene to greet the early arrivals, as was his attractive wife Sheila.

One trio of gamers left Virginia by Amtrak at 4 a.m., arriving seven hours later and promptly purchasing 26 sets of the new baseball cards--the largest single order ever filled by S-O-M.

Ken Henry from Brunswick, NJ, had the distinction of being the first to arrive on the S-O-M scene--at 8:10 a.m.--and having an order filled. Henry left his home at 6 a.m. He's been playing S-O-M Baseball since 1965.

For a more complete look at what "opening day" is like at S-O-M, turn to page two and three of the Review.

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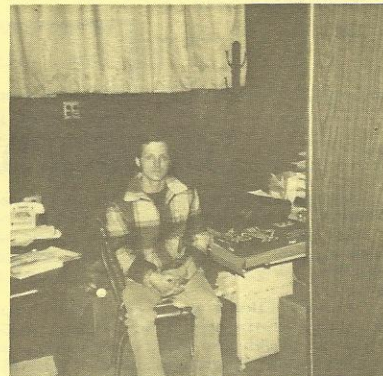
TOM ZANDT (LEFT) SHAKES HANDS WITH HAROLD RICHMAN AFTER PURCHASING NEW CARDS. RICHMAN'S WIFE, SHEILA, LOOKS ON. ZANDT, STEVE MILICH FLEW IN FROM PITTSBURGH; TRIP COSTING EACH \$100. TAXI FROM NEWARK AIRPORT COST AN EXTRA \$62.70. BUT EVEN CAB DRIVER TOM FRASCATORE WAS FASCINATED BY WORLD OF S-O-M.



BOB, LINDA YONKE OF GAME COMPANY PRESENT ERIK YOUNG WITH PACKAGE OF NEW BASEBALL CARDS. YOUNG, WHO LIVES IN PHILADELPHIA, MADE THE TRIP BY TRAIN, REACHING HIS DESTINATION IN A LITTLE OVER TWO HOURS. HE WAS ENTRUSTED WITH THE ALL-IMPORTANT MISSION BY HIS LOCAL LEAGUE IN PHILLY, WHICH EAGERLY AWAITED HIS RETURN.



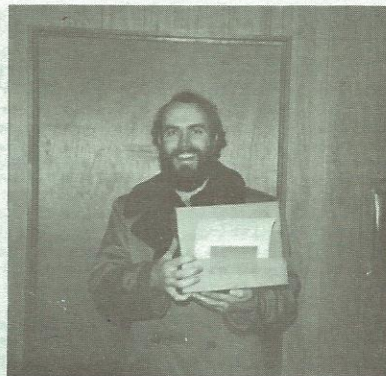
RON HICKEY AND FRIENDS FROM FALLS CHURCH, VA. THEY SET RECORD BY PURCHASING 26 SETS OF BASEBALL CARDS. ALL BELONG TO USABL. TRIP BY TRAIN TOOK CLOSE TO 11 HOURS FOR DETERMINED TRIO. NOTE SUITCASES AT RIGHT.



KEN HENRY, WHO MADE THE TREK FROM NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ, IN A LITTLE OVER TWO HOURS, WAS FIRST TO ARRIVE AT S-O-M AND PURCHASE NEW BASEBALL CARDS. MOMENTS AFTER HIS 8:10 A.M. ARRIVAL, THE NEW CARDS WERE IN HIS HANDS. HE'S BEEN PLAYING THE GAME SINCE 1965.



JOHN BABBITT, LINDA YONKE ARE ALL SMILES--ANOTHER HAPPY S-O-M CUSTOMER! BABBITT, FROM RIDGEWOOD, NJ, TEACHES IN CLARKSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL, NY. HE'S PICKING UP CARDS FOR SOME OF HIS STUDENTS, AS WELL AS NEIGHBORS.



JIM KOLESAR, GREENWICH, CT, HEADS FOR EXIT AFTER BUYING BOXFUL OF CARDS. HIS TRIP TOOK 1½ HOURS. HE'S PLAYED GAME SINCE 1970.



FROM LEFT: FRED BARON (HARRISON, KY), KEN GOLDMAN (SCOTCH PLAINS, NJ), JOE LEONARD (LANCASTER, PA) ARRIVE AFTER THREE-HOUR CAR JOURNEY. ALL ATTEND THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, AND ARE TWO-YEAR VETERANS OF S-O-M GAMING WARFARE



MARK NIXON AND RANDY NAPIER MADE LONG JOURNEY SOUTH FROM MONTREAL TO BE AMONG FIRST TO PURCHASE NEW CARDS. TRAIN WAS THEIR MODE OF TRANSPORTATION. THEY WERE REPRESENT-THREE COLLEGE LEAGUES. NOTE THE BAGS THEY BROUGHT TO CART CARDS AWAY IN.

## S-O-M Trivia Is Back

Editor's note: The following article, dealing with the new Strat-O-Matic Baseball cards, is written by Robert Henry, the trivia quizmaster who is currently living in New York city. Henry, feeling interest in the trivia section had been on the wane (as reflected by remarks in the Review by a small number of readers), recently wrote to us asking if he should continue to submit questions. We gave him our wholehearted endorsement to continue and he will do so beginning next month. In the meantime, Henry who hails from Detroit, MI, but is currently residing in the "Big Apple," offers the following analysis of the new baseball card set:

"The 1977 S-O-M Baseball set, as Harold Richman [S-O-M's creator] informed the Review, is one of the best, if not the best, ever made. The set contains everything: hitting, pitching, fielding and baserunning. For students of trivia, the set is one of both records and near-misses.

Manny Mota, with 70.25 on-base chances on 45.25 hits and 25 walks, and Roger Freed, with 65 on-base chances on 49 hits and 16 walks, smashed through 1962 Mickey Mantle's record for most on-base chances. Yet, neither these players nor Rod Carew, with 49.25 hits, could break 1970 Carew's record for most hits, 50. Both Mota at .545 [45.25 hits in 83 at-bats] and Freed at .533 [49 hits in 92] surpassed 1968 Gates Brown's (.501) record for best average on a hitter's card, however. Mota's injury at '77 is the worst ever received by a modern player.

### SLUGGERS AND STRIKEOUTS

Powerwise, George Foster became the only modern hitter to slug 50 home runs without receiving 15 home run [chances] on his card, falling just short at 14.7. Another also-ran, the Red Sox, with five players with a 'Flyball A' [George Scott, Butch Hobson, Bernie Carbo, Dwight Evans and Jim Rice], fell one short of the 1962 Yankees' record of six.

One of the Red Sox non-power hitters, Tommy Helms, added to his record for strikeout-free cards, bringing his total to 12, 1966-77. Felix Millan remained on Helms' heels by receiving his 11th consecutive such card. However, Millan's departure for Japan will preclude him from replacing Helms.

### FAREWELL TO BROOKS

Brooks Robinson received his 18th consecutive (1960-77) and final card. Robinson is the last of the 80 players from S-O-M's first set to receive a card. Willie Davis, who had received a card in every set since 1964, failed to get one in 1977. But, keep an eye on Ron Fairly, who has received a card in every set, 1964-77, as one who may soon surpass Robinson's achievement of 18 pasteboards.

### AND, THEY'RE OFF!

One of the few common features that the new set shares with last year's is the abundance of excellent baserunning. The Houston Astros have three 'AA' stealers [Enos Cabell, Cesar Cedeno and Jose Cruz], a total exceeded only by the 1976 A's, who had four. The Astros are also one of the few modern teams to be able to start an outfield consisting of all 1-17 runners [Cedeno, Cruz and Wilbur Howard].

While it seems hardly worthy of mention considering the proliferation of teams boasting this feature over the last two years, the Pirates [Frank Tombras and Omar Moreno], A's [Rodney Scott and Mitchell Page] and Angels [Jerry Remy and Bobby Bonds] all had two 'AA' stealers. Remy, incidentally, is only the third modern American-born white player rated 'AA,' having been preceded by 1971 and 1976 [and now 1977] Fred Patek and 1974 John Lowenstein.

Garry Templeton, probably on account of being caught stealing 24 times, stole 28 bases without being rated 'A' for a new record. Surprisingly, Lou Brock also was caught stealing 24 times, but was rated 'AA' for 35 stolen bases. As a result, Brock added to his records for most consecutive and most

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total 'AA' or better ratings, 14. Brock, who now has 14 consecutive 1-17 ratings is only one short of Willie Davis' record of 15.

Bobby Bonds combined his expected fine baserunning with power to achieve a 'Flyball A' and stealing 'AA' rating for the third time. The only other modern player to combine power and stealing in this manner is 1976 Joe Morgan.

Bill Buckner, victim of a leg injury, equalled the record established by 1969 Harmon Killebrew and 1972 Dick Dietz for highest stealing rating ['C'] for a runner rated 1-8.

#### BOWA '1' FOR SEVENTH TIME!

Many players who failed to attract attention for their hitting did manage some impressive fielding achievements. One who did hit well, Dave Parker, made the jump from '4' in right field in 1976 to '1' in 1977. Only Mike Anderson, Steve Garvey and Bill Buckner have shown such dramatic improvement.

Larry Bowa added to his record for most times rated shortstop '1' with his seventh. Meanwhile, George Scott ended his record string of consecutive '1' ratings at first base at 10 by being labeled a '2'. And, Mickey Stanley (LF-1, 1B-2, CF-2, RF-2, SS-4) equalled the record shared by himself ('76 card) and 1964 Ruben Amaro for most positions with a '2' or better rating. Rick Miller added to his record by being rated '1' at all three outfield positions for the fourth time.

Three teams also continue to earn recognition for their fine defenses. The Reds, for the fourth consecutive season, reached perfect defense up the middle with a '1' at shortstop (Dave Concepcion), catcher (Johnny Bench) and center field (Cesar Geronimo). Bench, incidentally, added to his record with his eighth consecutive '1' rating. No other modern team has done this even once.

The Phillies achieved perfect defense on the corners (Tom Hutton - 1B; Mike Schmidt - 3B) for the second year in a row to continue a tradition started by three other franchises: 1964 and 1965 Cardinals, 1965-66 Dodgers, and 1973-74 Brewers. No other modern team has achieved perfect defense on the corners even once. In addition, the Phillies had perfect defense on the left side of the infield and tied the record for most '1' infielders (three).

On outfield defense, the 1977 Red Sox established a new record with four players (Dwight Evans, Fred Lynn, Miller and Carl Yastrzemski) rated '1' at various outfield positions. And, with a total of five '1' fielders, including catcher Carlton Fisk, the Sox equalled the 1974 Reds' record for top fielders on one club.

#### A PITCH FOR HURLERS

Finally, the other aspect of defense, pitching, also felt the impact of the new set.

Bruce Sutter of the Chicago Cubs established a record for most strikeouts on a pitcher's card with 55 chances. And, Sutter may have the best relief card ever made. Rich Gossage moved into a tie for third place on the list of high strikeout frequency, with 49 card chances.

Nolan Ryan established a record for fewest hits on a modern starting pitcher's card (3.4) and fell one inning shy of joining the Bob Gibson 'Club' for pitchers with 300 innings and no extra base hit chances on their cards.

Alas, though, not all players did so well. Ken Holtzman, the Yankees' sparingly used starter, became only the fourth modern pitcher to allow more than 40 hits (chances) on his card with a 41.8 total, falling just short of 1971 Claude Raymond's record of 43.9.

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## Hurry! Get Your MVP Entry In

Hurry! The deadline for the Strat-O-Matic Review's Most Valuable Player contest is fast approaching. Come midnight, May 10, and it's all over.

If you wish to enter, all you need do is either cut out the entry blank below or send in your choices on a postcard, etc., to the Review. And, if you should win, a set of the new baseball cards (plus extras) will be your prize.

Terry Ringen of Beattie, KS (Jan., 1978 Review) was the winner of last year's contest.

When sending in entries, be sure to include not only the MVP for each league, but also the division winners (four) and their percentages. The division winners and percentages are to break ties, if they should develop.

Only restrictions for entering the contest are: (1) that you be a current subscriber to the Review; (2) that you send in only one entry per person; and (3) that you beat the May 10 deadline.

Also, do not send entries to the Strat-O-Matic Game Co., rather send all entries to the Strat-O-Matic Review, P.O. Box 27, Otsego, MI 49078.

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### Most Valuable Player

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## 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 in order to answer such questions completely. If your question regarding ratings does not appear in the Review within four months after being sent, you may assume the rating is correct.

QUESTION: What is the correct reading on Jerry Garvin of Toronto (1978 baseball cards) against left-handed batting?

ANSWER: On some early card sets the reading was garbled. It should read: "6-00 1-2; fly(cf) B 3-20" on 6-6, advanced side.

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QUESTION: Is the correct interpretation for "T" ratings as follows: "T 1-7 [1 through 7]?"

ANSWER: Yes. This refers to the catcher's rating when a steal is successful and a 1, 2, or 3 split number is drawn. In such cases, a second split number is drawn and if it should fall within the "T" range (i.e., 1-7 for above example) the throw is wild and runner advances an extra base. If number is outside the "T" listing, then no throwing error and no advancement.

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QUESTION: Is it true that with two outs and a runner attempts to advance from any base, that two is added to his running rating (before subtracting the outfielder's arm)?

ANSWER: Yes.

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QUESTION: In the May 1976 issue in the "In This Corner...The Editors" section, you said something about a "Pro Game Baseball" being just like S-O-M. You said you would take legal action and keep readers informed. But I have not seen anything about it in recent issues. What has happened?

ANSWER: The game was short-lived. It was a blatant copy of Strat-O-Matic. Patent rights were obviously being violated, so S-O-M contacted producers of the game and had them cease to advertise the product. It is no longer being marketed.

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QUESTION: I operate a face-to-face football league on Monday nights during the regular football season. Biggest complaint by members of the league is that it takes so long for the new cards to come out. If the baseball cards can be made up by S-O-M in three months, why does it take six months for the football cards to come out?

ANSWER: S-O-M does not begin work on the football cards until early spring--after the official NFL statistics are released. Then, much research and preparation is done before the actual manual work starts. Manual preparation of the card set takes four to six weeks--quarterback cards being the most difficult and time-consuming. The baseball cards, on the other hand, are done by computers, for the most part.

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QUESTION: When did S-O-M start issuing additional players in baseball?

ANSWER: 1969-season cards.

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QUESTION: When did lefty-righty batting/pitching first appear?

ANSWER: 1971-season cards.

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QUESTION: How should a groundball (X-chart, out-3) be interpreted? Am I to assume that everytime there's a runner on first (infield back) that a doubleplay occurs? Or, as strict literal interpretation ["Runner on first is out going to second, providing there is one completion of doubleplay"] would dictate, does there have to be a previous groundball A doubleplay? And what about runners on second and third?

ANSWER: With infield back and first base occupied, doubleplay occurs on groundout-3. Other runners advance one base. Delete "one" to clear up confusion regarding reading. New fielding chart has eliminated old 1, 2, 3 and 4 X-chart readings.

## Readers Roll 'Em

### RIISING PRICES

The prices demanded by many people bothers me. Could it be possible that someone would ask \$8.75 for the 1969 Pittsburgh Steelers (1-13), or \$15.10 for the 1967 Atlanta Falcons (1-12-1)?

Of course only SASE will be answered. To overcome this, I suggest S-O-M reprint certain teams which are in the greatest demand.

I am sure many people wouldn't mind paying a meager \$1.00 for the 1968 Jets or the 1972 Miami Dolphins. Does that sound too radical?

Mark Moore

### SUGGESTS CHANGES

Why doesn't S-O-M change the line back zone for teams that play the "34" defense? I could give certain nose guards an asterisk after his name, which would allow him to play the middle better than most defensive tackles.

Also, why can't linebackers "drop off" into the short pass zone? I feel the "34" should be a more flexible type defense.

Another improvement would be letting the tight end line up on either side of the line. This would allow teams like New England and Oakland to use their left interior lineman better.

I also think a "sideline pass" would be helpful in the closing minutes of a half. The pass would take up less time, but be easier to return for a TD if intercepted. These are changes I have heard from most gamers the past two years and I'm sure they would help the game greatly.

John Stefanick

Editor's note: S-O-M will be looking over your comments, as it does all those that appear in the Review. However, don't look for any drastic changes in the immediate future. S-O-M made a number of sweeping changes only three years ago--adding numerous formations, both offensively and defensively.

### THE PAST..REVISITED

It is quite obvious enough S-O-M maniacs hunger for a printing of an illustrious baseball season of the past. I think most people would agree that Harold Richman (S-O-M creator) would not go bankrupt if he ventured an attempt. Why doesn't the Review stage a poll for the past season? Naturally, it would give a good indication of where opinion lies in the matter.

Would it be possible to expand the Review? I would not mind the price increase, but perhaps it would be an impossible task for you people. Oh, well, it's just a passing thought.

Everyone is getting too obsessed with S-O-M inventing new games for rising sports. Next somebody will want an S-O-M badminton game.

Mike Ryan  
Norwood, MA

Editor's note: S-O-M has given no indication it plans to reproduce an entire season from the past. Perhaps new sets of Old Timer teams--but not an entire season. The cost in time (researching the teams) and printing makes it an unlikely venture, at least at this point in time. Remember the hockey game--most of S-O-M's research and testing time is being devoted to it. As far as expansion of the Review, mailing costs force us to keep the booklet at 24 pages. Any enlargement would increase mailing expenses to the point of doubling current costs.

### SOCCER, ANYONE?

I think it's great that S-O-M will be coming out with a hockey game this fall and will purchase it as soon as it comes out. It will be exciting to see Guy Lafleur score a hat trick against Eddie Giacomin, or Dan Maloney get thrown out of a game for knocking somebody's head into the third row.

As soon as it is done with that, I think S-O-M should turn its efforts towards making a soccer game. Last year was the first real proof that soccer is here to stay in America, as evidenced by the growing crowds for the NASL games. Plus there is the fact that the NASL has expanded to 26 franchises thus giving S-O-M soccer added markets. You also have to remember that Franz Beckenbauer, the world's

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greatest soccer player is now in the NASL.

The time is ripe for a game on soccer, which since it is played in the summer and ends its season in July, could come out in late November or December. In any case, I hope Harold Richman gives it some thought. I'm one soccer fan who would love it and I'm sure I'm not alone, as evidenced by the boom in youth soccer around the United States.

Jim Mitzelfeld  
Birmingham, MI

#### COLLEGE GAME MUCH IMPROVED

It was interesting to see the College Football game getting some publicity in the February issue of the Review. The game has improved greatly in its second season. The specialist ratings are fantastic and the backfield running chart has put the emphasis on football, rather than card-playing. Still, I don't see why the running ratings couldn't be given to individual players. Also, individual ratings could be given to passers and receivers. Team cards could be used to accomplish this.

Few college football games contain ratings for individual players. Like S-O-M, they are limited to team ratings. It seems that individual ratings would give S-O-M an advantage over the competition.

Of course, there is the argument that most college football players aren't that well known. To an extent this is true. But college players such as Harlan Huckleby, Elliott Walker and Theotis Brown are certainly much better known than such pro players in the 1976 edition as Bob Nelson, Ron Lou and Don Dufek.

Individual ratings could also give rise to old timer teams for the college football game. People would buy O.J. Simpson from his college days where they would not become so enthused over a chart that simply says 1967 USC.

I hope Review readers offer their opinions on these ideas. Harold Richman has always been responsive to his customers. But, before he can respond, he must know what his customers want.

Craig Heiland  
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#### COMMENDS REVIEW

I would like to commend you for your fine publication. It has helped me gain a better knowledge of the game and the people who play it. I no longer feel like a minority!

I have a few suggestions I would like to bring before the S-O-M world: First, I think S-O-M should include the lineups each team most frequently used during the season. This would eliminate much of the guesswork gamers go through.

Second, I think RBIs and stolen bases should be included in the records at the bottom of each player's card.

Lastly, I have a question that has been puzzling me. What are the approximate batting averages for each of the four pitcher's cards? Many times I have let a "4" pitcher pinch-hit instead of a .211 hitter. I wonder if this is a good move?

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Editor's note: We agree, most frequently used lineups, similar to that used for the Old Timer teams, would be convenient. Regarding the pitchers' batting cards, we are not sure as to exact averages. We would still pinch-hit with a .211 hitter than a "4" pitcher, though, unless the .211 swinger is shy on power, in which case the "4" would be more effective.

#### HOLDING RUNNERS...

I have one suggestion as to how realism can be obtained in base-stealing in the baseball game. The pitcher should be rated as to how he holds runners.

A good pitcher at holding (i.e., Steve Carlton) could be rated a -1. A poor pitcher (i.e., Doug Rau) could be rated a +1 or +2. This way a base-stealer would have more of a chance of stealing off the pitcher as in real-life.

Also, I would like to add that I can't wait until S-O-M's hockey game comes out. I am an avid hockey fan.

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## Strat-O-Matic Spotlight

NEVER-ENDING GAME GOES 7 OVERTIMES!

It wasn't going to be just your ordinary solitaire football game when Paul Thiel of Burlington, MA, matched the 1976 Minnesota Vikings against the Pittsburgh Steelers. After three quarters, however, it appeared nothing unusual was going to take place as the Vikings held a 20-9 lead.

But then the Steelers struck back, outpointed Minnesota 21-10 in the last period and forced an overtime. From this point on, all semblance of the mundane was shattered. A marathon struggle had just begun.

Disdaining sudden-death, which would have ended the proceedings in the first overtime, Thiel played out the 15-minute extra session. Then he played another. Another. And another.

Finally, after seven overtimes, Minnesota emerged with a 79-72 victory. A 17-yard pass from Fran Tarkenton to Sammy White terminated the marathon match. Tarkenton wound up completing 54 of 92 passes (58.7 percent) for 777 yards and four touchdowns in the 165-minute contest, with Amad Rashard and White hauling in 12 (White averaging 27.8 per reception).

Foreman was the Vikes' leading rusher with 43 carries for 198 yards, while Franco Harris and Rocky Bleier of the Steelers combined for 88 rushes and 451 yards, 253 of it by Harris who carried 47 times. Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh's quarterback, connected on 23 of 42 passes for 382 yards. All told, Minnesota rushed for 439 yards, passed for 777 for a 1,216 total, while Pittsburgh amassed 673 on the ground, 382 through the air for 1,055.

Score by quarters (and overtimes):

Minnesota	7	0	13	10--30	7	7	7	0	7	7	14	= 79
Pittsburgh	0	6	3	21--30	7	7	7	0	7	7	7	= 72

SMOKIN' JOE...MORGAN, THAT IS

Diminutive Joe Morgan stole from Smokin' Joe Frazier's hard-hitting act in the ring recently by belting out five home runs in a single baseball game.

Willis Ringen, Beattie, KS, reported the "King Kong" feat by Morgan, pointed out it occurred in a Pioneer Hot Stove league PBM game, and said it was the first time anyone had ever come even remotely close to slamming five roundtrippers in a game. Actually, Morgan accomplished the feat performing for Brian Butler's (Glendora, CA) Dodgers and against Terry Ringen's Royals. Terry, you might remember, won the Review's most recent MVP contest.

It turned out that Morgan's prodigious pokes were all needed, too. His fifth, occurring in the 11th inning, finally won the game.

STRAT-O-MATIC CLUB

Word has come to us that a Strat-O-Matic Club of Long Island has been formed. Founded by Steve Kurzban, an S-O-M gaming buff for 10 years, the club meets every Saturday and Sunday afternoon at the North Shore Backgammon Club in Carle Place, Long Island. Any gamers interested in finding out more detail about the happenings on Long Island, should contact Kurzban at 516-785-5713.

SHORT SHAKES

...Tom Natoli, Parsippany, NJ, has been playing S-O-M for over five years, ever since he broke his ankle in three places back in '72 and, with playing time on his hands and nothing to play, he responded to an ad and ordered S-O-M. Over the years he's boosted the stock of scotch-tape companies, frequently needing to repair dismembered cards that failed to come through in clutch situations. Natoli also once went swimming with, unknowingly, his team in his back pocket. Natoli-to-card resuscitation couldn't save Rico Carty and Cleon Jones...More places to contact regarding 20-sided dice: Waterloo Hobbies, Inc., 1077 Rt. 25 A, Stonybrook, NY 11790; T.S.R., P.O. Box 756, Lake Geneva, WI 53147; and The Compleat Strategist, 11 East 33rd St., New York, NY 10016...Ira Wolins, Philadelphia, PA, has created charts for

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both baseball and basketball which assign umpires and referees for his S-O-M games. He misses not being able to holler at the men in blue, or the so-called "zebras"...In a New Year's Eve football game that will long be remembered by Mario Kapralos and Tony Mignardi of Toronto, Ontario, Miami defeated Cleveland in triple-overtime, 10-7. Garo Yepremian's 31-yard field goal won it for Kapralos' Dolphins, with the game lasting from midnight until 2:10 a.m....Paul Barth, a solitaire player who hails from Corona del Mar, CA, has the right idea. Rather than take on a full-season, two-league baseball replay task and fall far short, he opted instead for a 36-game schedule with the top four teams in each league. Cincinnati (based on 1976 cards) won the very realistic and exciting replay, which Barth hopes to enlarge upon in years to come...Oh, brother! Alan Ehrenworth, Deer Park, NY, likes nothing better than engaging his younger brother in a game of S-O-M Football. The two have met approximately 100 times the last couple of years, and Alan's won 80 of them. Send in Alan's sister, she couldn't fare any worse...Kevin Korsmo of Fargo, ND, took all 21 New York Yankee teams, ranging from the '24 club up to the '76 outfit, and played a double-elimination tournament whereby the teams were ranked (seeded) according to won-and-lost percentage. The '27 Yanks, not surprisingly, won it with a 5-0 record, defeating the '64 team in the final game, 4-0, as Dutch Reuther hurled the shutout and Lou Gehrig, Earl Combs and Babe Ruth smashed home runs. Final standings: 1. '27 [5-0]; 2. '64 [5-2]; 3. '62 [5-2]; 4. '41 [3-2]; 5. '21 [3-2]; 6. tie, '36 and '64 [both 3-2]...During the big snow of '78, Dale Barnes found himself with nothing to do in his dorm at Terre Haute, IN. He decided to pit the '72 Rangers against the '69 Padres in an 11-game series. Rich Hand opened the series for the Rangers, probably one of the worst hitting teams of all-time, by shutting out the Padres, 5-0. Then the Padres took advantage of that inept hitting and reeled off five straight shutout wins, all by 1-0 counts. Before the series was over, San Diego blanked the Rangers two more times, including a no-hitter by Dick Kelley.

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## GKSML Launches New Season

### *Sluggers Flex Muscles...Blyleven Hurls No-Hitter*

Once the UPS [United Parcel Service] truck arrived with the new baseball cards, it was up, up and away for the Greater Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League [GKSML]. As of this writing, the first week of March, the league has already played 44 games per team out of a 154-game season.

For those unfamiliar with the GKSML, it's an eight-team draft league which plays an entire season in both the American and National leagues. Members reside in the Kalamazoo-Otsego, MI area, and most are veterans of S-O-M wars. In fact, the current A.L. replay is the 16th season embarked upon. If nothing else, the GKSML has longevity going for it.

Since managers are allowed to "protect" only 15 players from the previous season's roster, 10 new players have to be added each year via a draft of rookies, players traded from the other league, etc. So, draft time is always an exciting occasion. And, of course, the draft is held in reverse order of the way the teams finished the year before.

League members include Del and Warren Newell, co-editors of the Review; Todd Newell, Del's son and the youngest member of the league, being a mere freshman in high school; and Dale Holland, Clif Sage, Jim Myers, league newcomers Gary Tien and Doug Towne, all of whom are in their mid-20s or about to close in on 30.

Todd Newell, surprisingly, has a five-game lead over the rest of the pack at the 44-game mark. But with a pitching staff of Frank Tanana, Dennis Eckersley, Luis Tiant, Wayne Garland, Paul Splittorf and Bill Campbell, plus Carlton Fisk, Carl Yastrzemski, Butch Hobson, Rick Burleson (definitely a Red Sox flavor), Ron LeFlore, Mickey Rivers and Ron Fairly, his being out front isn't maybe such a surprise after all. In addition, Todd, picking

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second in the draft, bolstered his team by selecting Dave Rozema, Bob Bailor, Steve Foucault and Bump Wills, in that order.

Home runs have been sailing out of S-O-M stadiums at a record pace--Jim Myers' club had crashed a remarkable 54 in the first 33 games. But the pitchers have had their moments, too, as Warren's Bert Blyleven and Gary's Mike Flanagan (his No. 1 draft choice) have both notched no-hitters.

The GKSML also gives the new fielding chart and ratings a unanimous vote of approval. Time-wise it has added almost nothing to the length of games, while the excitement and realism factors have added two more large plusses to an already great game. A cursory check after 44 games revealed that Todd's team had committed 27 errors in that time, Jim Myers 35 and Del 29. The GKSML, incidentally, will be keeping individual errors for the first time as a statistical category, because of the new fielding.

Many readers of the Review wonder how the GKSML's draft comes out each year, so here are the top 16 players chosen in the A.L.:

1 - Ron Guidry (Del Newell)	9 - Eric Soderholm (Del Newell)
2 - Dave Rozema (Todd Newell)	10 - Bob Bailor (Todd Newell)
3 - Rupert Jones (Dale Holland)	11 - Dennis Martinez (Dale Holland)
4 - Mike Flanagan (Gary Tien)	12 - Jerry Garvin (Gary Tien)
5 - Richie Zisk (Clif Sage)	13 - Enrique Romo (Clif Sage)
6 - Mitchell Page (Doug Towne)	14 - Milt May (Doug Towne)
7 - Lee Stanton (Warren Newell)	15 - Rick Langford (Warren Newell)
8 - Eddie Murray (Jim Myers)	16 - Dave Lemanczyk (Jim Myers)

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## Directory Additions

The following names of individuals and leagues should be added to the newest Strat-O-Matic Directory:

- \* LAYDON, DOUG, 502 Vine Ave. West, Montgomery, MN 56069; phone 612-364-8711; age 30; teacher; commissioner of baseball league; plays baseball; member of face-to-face, six-team league.
- \* LURASCHI II, LEROY, 13142 Adland St. #B, Garden Grove, CA 92543; age 34; works for a laundry; plays baseball and football; member of American Football Association (draft) and All-Star League (baseball, draft), both face-to-face leagues.
- \* LURASCHI III, LEROY, 13142 Adland St. #B, Garden Grove, CA 92543; age 14; plays baseball and football; also member of AFA and ASL.
- \* MITCHELL, KENT, 1701 E. Cotati B. 9182, Rohnert Park, CA 94928; age 22; student; plays all three sports; nine years experience; currently not a member of a league.
- \* MITZELFELD, JIM, 19107 Chelton Dr., Birmingham, MI 48009; phone 313-644-5199; 16; student--sports editor of high school paper; 7 years experience; favorite game is baseball, although also plays football and basketball; member of Jeff Fleischman's GUSSOMO, a 26-team baseball league, and last year led the Tigers into the divisional playoffs.
- \* PORTER, MARK, 5733 Walton St., Long Beach, CA 90815; 17; 7 years experience; plays all three sports--especially enjoys baseball; solitaire gamer.
- \* STRAT-O-MATIC NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (SOMNBA) - Basketball play-by-mail league; 48-game schedule; five members; first year; only top teams used; coaches include: Todd Sharek (commissioner), Alan Federman, Jeff Dolinsky, Don VanNotta, Pete Pasquale.
- \* UNITED STRAT ASSOCIATION (USA) - Baseball league based in Montreal; seven teams; using 1976 cards (based on '76 statistics); 30-player rosters, with five on a reserve list; drafted from all 576 players; 96-game season and playoffs; managers include: Michael Caplan, Larry Aubut, Jeff Cohen, Les Yearsh, Tim Savage, Eric Gedajlovic, Jose Sanchez.

## S-O-M League, Replay Scene

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CLINTON MASS. STRAT-O-MATIC LEAGUE - Six-member face-to-face league based in Clinton, MA...Recently completed first full season (160 games) of baseball, using 1976 cards...Members include: John Joyce, Mark Driscoll, Francis Sheehy, Jay DiMauro, George Cocavasis...Cocavasis won draft league, holding first place approximately 125 games of season. Team featured Joe Morgan (63 steals), George Foster (22 HRs, 100 RBI), Bake McBride (.311) and pitching staff of Wayne Garland (22-10), Frank Tanana (18-13) and reliever Rollie Fingers (17 saves)...John Joyce, who made a late-season bid to overtake Cocavasis, took second as Bill Robinson (36 HRs, 97 RBI) and Andy Messersmith (21-14, 2.92 ERA) were individual sparklers...Jay DiMauro's third-place team led in hitting (.269) and runs (662), as Pete Rose batted .317. Team also included Rod Carew and Al Oliver, plus spotty hurling staff of Vida Blue (15-16), Jon Matlack (13-17) and Don Sutton (14-14)...Mark Driscoll featured one-two punch of Dave Kingman (39 HRs) and Jim Rice (29 HRs) and Tom Seaver's twirling (22-12, 3.16 ERA), but Steve Carlton and John Denny offset that by losing 19 games apiece...Francis Sheehy led league in trades. Rick Monday did stroke 34 homers and knock in 93 runs, while Randy Jones was 23-15, 3.18, and Bobby Grich made only three errors in 156 games. Team did did strike out a "hurricane" 1,091 times, however...Dennis Foley had hard-luck team. Mike Schmidt cracked 27 homers, but team batted lowly .238. Mark Fidrych was Cy Young winner after 26-10, 2.88 season, while Nolan Ryan notched only no-hitter and led league in whiffs (294) although going only 14-16.

### Standings and leaders:

	Won-Lost	GB	Avg.	ERA	Batting	
George Cocavasis	90-70	-	.261	3.22	Rose (JD)	.317
John Joyce	83-77	7	.251	3.01	McBride (GC)	.311
Jay DiMauro	79-81	11	.269	3.67	Brock (DF)	.308
Mark Driscoll	77-83	13	.245	3.64	G.Brett (MD)	.308
Franc Sheehy	77-83	13	.251	3.52		
Dennis Foley	74-86	16	.238	3.23	Home Runs	
					Kingman (MQ)	39
					Robinson (JJ)	36
					Monday (FS)	34
RBI: Foster (GC)	100					
Runs: Rose (JD)	92					
2B: Maddox (GC)	57					
3B: Carew (JD), Garner (DF)	14				ERA	
SB: Morgan (GC)	63				Candelaria (FS)	2.57
Hits: G.Brett (MD)	195				Fidrych (DF)	2.88
Strikeouts: Ryan (DF)	294				Messersmith (JJ)	2.92
Saves: Fingers (GC)	17				MonteFusco (DF)	3.14
					Wins	
					Fidrych (DF)	26
					Jones (FS)	23
					Garland (GC)	22
					Seaver (MD)	22

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SOLITAIRE 1976 FOOTBALL REPLAY - Andy Hirschhorn, Old Westburg, NY, took eight teams--a combination of good, bad and average in each division--and played 14-game season...New England Patriots won championship, defeating Chicago Bears in title game, 21-7...Walter Payton led rushers with 2,002 yards and 19 touchdowns, Baltimore's Bert Jones completed 70.2 percent of his passes for 3,260 yards and 33 TDs, while Minnesota's Sammie White made 58 receptions, good for 1,276 yards and 11 scores.

### Standings:

<u>American</u>	<u>Won-Lost</u>		<u>Won-Lost</u>	<u>National</u>	<u>Won-Lost</u>	
New England	10 4	Oakland	9 5	Chicago	10 4	Minnesota 6 8
Baltimore	10 4	Buffalo	2 12	Los Angeles 9 5	NY Giants 2 12	

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LOU GEHRIG MEMORIAL SOLITAIRE BASEBALL LEAGUE - Devoted to the "underdog," in that most of the powerhouses were excluded and teams like Seattle, Toronto, Cleveland, Chicago Cubs and White Sox, etc., comprised the 16-team loop... Richard Bause, Philadelphia, PA, used the 1976 cards for his unique replay... Season was only 51 games...Red Sox emerged as World Series kings, defeated

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Chicago in "Battle of Sox" in seven games...Mark Wagner of Detroit (who?) led in hitting with .377 average, followed by Cecil Cooper of Boston (.370) and Bill Madlock of Cubs (.356)...Rick Monday of Cubs was tops in home runs with 14, while Stan Thomas of Cleveland had best hurling record (10-1) and Frank Tanana of Angels fanned the most, 105...Division champs were: Atlanta (30-24), Boston and San Diego, tie (32-19), Minnesota (29-22) and Cleveland and the Chicago White Sox, tie (32-19).

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REPLAY OF NATIONAL LEAGUE, 1976 - Semi-solitaire effort by Charles Van Den-Corput, who was joined by Jim Coghlin, who managed the San Francisco Giants exclusively in the 162-game replay using the 1976 cards...Philadelphia won the East as expected; Los Angeles the West, not so expectedly. In fact, the Dodgers had a whopping 13-game bulge over second-place Cincinnati...In the playoffs, Los Angeles won out in five games, with Burt Hooton besting Jim Lonborg in the finale, 3-2. The Dodgers won games 2 (6-5) and 3 (4-2), while dropping the opener (5-1) and No. 4 (5-0 as Steve Carlton pitched a two-hitter).

League standings and leaders:

East	Won-Lost	GB	West	Won-Lost	GB	Batting
Philadelphia	99 63	-	Los Angeles	102 60	-	Simmons [SL] .345
Pittsburgh	94 68	5	Cincinnati	89 73	13	Garvey [LA] .342
Chicago	89 73	10	San Francisco	75 87	27	Luzinski [PHI] .333
St. Louis	84 78	15	San Diego	73 89	29	Madlock [CHI] .325
Montreal	73 89	26	Houston	72 90	30	Parker [PIT] .324
New York	68 94	31	Atlanta	54 108	48	McBride [SL] .322
			Hits: Garvey [LA] 225; Rose [CIN] 213; Parker [PIT] 206.			
Home Runs		RBI				
Kingman [NY]	40	Foster [CIN]	128	28:	Rose [CIN] 55.	
Schmidt [PHI]	38	Luzinski [PHI]	113	38:	Concepcion [CIN] 19.	
Foster [CIN]	37	Schmidt [PHI]	112	Runs:	Rose [CIN] 136.	
Burroughs[ATL]	29	Murcer [SF]	109	58:	Morgan [CIN] 67; Lopes [LA] 65; Cedeno [HOU] 64.	
Winfield [SD]	27	Kingman [NY]	100			
			Losses: Niekro [ATL] 21; Kaat [PHI] 19.			
ERA		Wins				
Rogers [MON]	2.20	Seaver [NY]	30	Saves:	Fingers [SD] 30; Sutter [CHI] 29.	
Carlton [SL]	2.31	Candelaria [PIT]	26			
Candelaria [PIT]	2.32	Rogers [MON]	22			
Seaver [NY]	2.39	Carlton [PHI]	22			
Koosman [NY]	2.57	Rau [LA]	21		Strikeouts: Seaver [NY] 335; Koosman [NY] 258.	
Sutton [LA]	2.81	Sutton [LA]	21			
Rau [LA]	2.93	Koosman [NY]	20			

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BLSSOML (Blanche Lake Solitaire Strat-O-Matic League) - Solitaire football league operated by Dean Abbott, Battle Lake, MN; eight mixed teams; basic version of game used...1975 Los Angeles defeated 1975 Pittsburgh in "Blanche Bowl", 31-24, as Harold Jackson of Rams snagged three TD passes from James Harris; Steelers scored 21 last-quarter points to make it close...Pittsburgh lost first three games, before roaring back to tie 1973 Buffalo for AFC title, and then winning playoff, 35-34.

Standings and leaders:

NFC	W-L-T	AFC	W-L-T	Scoring			
'75 Los Angeles	9-5-0	'75 Pittsburgh	8-6-0	Foreman (MIN)	156		
'75 Minnesota	8-5-1	'73 Buffalo	8-6-0	Harris (PIT)	156		
'72 Green Bay	8-6-0	'75 Oakland	4-9-1	Mitchell (BAL)	156		
'75 Dallas	6-8-0	'75 Baltimore	4-10-0				
Rushing	Att-Yds.	Avg.	TD	Receiving	No.-Yds.	Avg.	TD
Simpson (BUF)	387-3011	7.8	21	Foreman (MIN)	86-921	10.7	10
Harris (PIT)	291-1396	4.8	24	Branch (OAK)	71-1734	24.4	10
McCutcheon (LA)	249-1190	4.8	21	Jackson (LA)	64-1523	23.8	9
Foreman (MIN)	267-1050	3.9	16	Swann (PIT)	63-1573	25.0	6

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Passing	Att-Comp	Pct.	Yds	TD-Int.
Tarkenton (MIN)	452-237	52.4	3381	18-17
Bradshaw (PIT)	262-127	48.5	2744	14-14
Harris (LA)	295-139	47.1	2793	19-22
Stabler (OAK)	331-154	46.5	2928	20-37

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1976 NFL SOLITAIRE REPLAY - Was an offensive-filled thriller played by Robert Kondracki of Reading, PA...Oakland typified the offensive fireworks by scoring 60 or more points in three straight wins (Chiefs: 63-44; Eagles: 63-21; and Buccaneers: 61-0)...Oakland went on to win Super Bowl, defeating surprising Chicago Bears, 35-20...Other highlights of solitaire replay included Raider QB Ken Stabler completing 62 percent of passes (including phenomenal 39-of-39 showing in 49-0 rout of Chiefs) for 38 TDs, and Bert Jones of Baltimore hitting on 23 of 25 throws in 77-49 trouncing of shocked Miami...O.J. once got loose for 351 yards against Kansas City in 33-28 Bills' win...Oakland rang up whopping 531 points, while Pittsburgh defense was stingiest, plus frequently set up offense for easy scores by forcing numerous turnovers.

## Standings, playoffs:

AFC East	W	L	T	Pts	PtA	AFC Central	W	L	T	Pts	PtA
Baltimore	11	2	1	528	367	Pittsburgh	13	1	0	393	140
New England	11	3	0	368	253	Cleveland	10	4	0	355	279
Miami	5	9	0	338	393	Cincinnati	7	6	1	276	274
Buffalo	4	10	0	267	410	Houston	6	8	0	335	317
N.Y. Jets	1	13	0	222	350						
AFC West	W	L	T	Pts	PtA	NFC East	W	L	T	Pts	PtA
Oakland	12	2	0	531	259	Dallas	11	3	0	332	296
Denver	9	5	0	360	268	Washington	11	3	0	281	222
San Diego	6	8	0	327	360	St. Louis	8	6	0	391	263
Kansas City	4	10	0	330	436	N.Y. Giants	2	12	0	150	331
Tampa Bay	0	14	0	97	447	Philadelphia	2	12	0	212	409
NFC Central	W	L	T	Pts	PtA	NFC West	W	L	T	Pts	PtA
Chicago	10	3	1	385	248	Los Angeles	11	3	0	454	183
Detroit	8	6	0	359	293	S.Francisco	8	6	0	281	267
Minnesota	7	6	1	289	262	New Orleans	7	7	0	237	294
Green Bay	6	8	0	214	285	Atlanta	2	12	0	200	366
						Seattle	2	12	0	205	424

Playoffs: AFC: Oakland 38, Baltimore 14; Pittsburgh 30, New England 10.  
Championship: Oakland 34, Pittsburgh 20.

NFC: Los Angeles 33, Washington 14; Chicago 31, Dallas 10.  
Championship: Chicago 34, Los Angeles 26.

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AMERICAN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION (AFA) - Four-team, face-to-face draft football league using the 1975 player cards...Each coach drafted a defense, then in reverse order picked an offense and specialist players...Coaches: Doug Smith (Marauders), Leroy Luraschi III (Flyers), David Luraschi (Tornadoes) and Leroy Luraschi II (Stampedeers). Smith appeared to be outnumbered by the "family"...Home for league was Garden Grove, CA...Marauders, guided by Smith, won championship as Ken Anderson completed 68 percent of his passes for 2,046 yards and 18 TDs. Mel Gray caught 59 for 958 yards and Charlie Joiner 54. Franco Harris (1,086 yards, 5.2) and Lydell Mitchell (963, 4.6) supplied ground attack...Flyers, led by Bert Jones (57.2 percent, 2,316, 21 TDs) and O.J. Simpson (1,110, 4.2) were second...Mercury Morris of last-place Stampedeers was rushing king, however, gaining 1,112 yards...Fran Tarkenton of Tornadoes had 55 percent completion average, with 23 TDs, while Lynn Swann led all receivers with 67 and 1,019 yards...In playoff, Marauders downed Flyers, 21-7.

	W	L	PF	PA		W	L	PF	PA
Marauders	9	5	400	231	Tornadoes	7	7	386	312
Flyers	9	5	269	310	Stampedeers	3	11	233	438

## Gamer Zeroes In On Baseball

### More Bunting, Hit-And-Run Possibilities Introduced

Although the new Fielding chart Strat-O-Matic has introduced has added a new dimension to the baseball game, there are still plenty of table-top sports buffs who want even more detail added to the game.

Such a gamer is Don Mankowski of Columbia, SC, who likes to tinker with both the baseball and football versions of S-O-M. His punting system (Dec., 1977) was a big hit.

He's zeroed in on baseball this time, in particular the bunting and hit-and-run plays. What he's attempting to do, he admits, is "extend the possible plays resulting from a bunt or hit-and-run. Thus he's created additional charts. Here's the way they work:

"If a 2-2, 3-3, 4-4, or 5-5 is rolled when attempting SACRIFICE, SQUEEZE or HIT-AND-RUN, roll also the white die. If the white die should match the two red dice (i.e., if it is a third 2, a third 3, etc.) consult the chart below. If it does not match, apply the regular results for a roll of 4, 6, 8, or 10 as the case may be.

#### ADDITIONAL CHART FOR SACRIFICE OR SQUEEZE

(Roll two dice)

- 2 - Popout (c)--as many outs as possible
- 3 - Lead runner picked off by pitcher
- 4 - Wild pitch; runners advance one base
- 5 - Groundball (3b)--Y
- 6 - Groundball (p)--Y
- 7 - Strikeout; batter bunts third strike foul
- 8 - Groundball (1b)--Y
- 9 - Catcher's card--Y
- 10 - Passed ball; runners advance one base (if catcher is rated 1 or 2, score instead as a balk)
- 11 - Lead runner picked off by catcher
- 12 - Popout (p)--as many outs as possible

#### Y--SPECIAL FIELDING CHART (P, C, 3B--Y)

Split Number	1	2	3	4
1 - 2	out-3	out-3	out-3	out-1
3 - 4	out-3	out-4	out-1	out-2
5 - 6	out-4	out-1	out-2	E--1-Base (1)
7 - 8	out-1	out-2	E--1-Base (1)	E--1-Base (1)
9 - 10	out-2	E--1-Base (1)	E--1-Base (1)	E--1-Base (1)
11 - 12	E--1-Base (1)	E--1-Base (1)	E--1-Base (1)	E--1-Base (1)
13 - 14	E--1-Base (1)	E--1-Base (1)	E--1-Base (1)	E--1-Base (2)
15 - 16	E--1-Base (1)	E--1-Base (1)	E--1-Base (2)	E--2-Base (2)
17 - 18	E--1-Base (1)	E--1-Base (2)	E--2-Base (2)	E--2-Base (2)
19 - 20	E--1-Base (2)	E--2-Base (2)	E--2-Base (2)	E--2-Base *

Legend: 1 - runners advance one base; 2 - runners advance two bases; 3 - if first occupied, ground doubleplay; otherwise runners hold; 4 - if first occupied, lead runner forced; otherwise batter out, all advance one base; \* - score as two errors; one on play, another on throw. All runners score.

#### SPECIAL HIT-AND-RUN CHART

- 2 - Lineout (3b)--as many outs as possible
- 3 - Strikeout; runner out stealing, doubleplay
- 4 - Catcher's card--X
- 5 - Groundball (1b) X
- 6 - Groundball (2b) X
- 7 - Single. Runners advance two bases. Runner on first may attempt to score with running rating. Center fielder throws.
- 8 - Groundball (ss) X
- 9 - Groundball (3b) X

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- 10 - Strikeout; runner out stealing, doubleplay  
 11 - Wild pitch; runners advance two bases  
 12 - Lineout (1b)--as many outs as possible

Groundball X: Use ordinary fielding chart, but make the following changes: Legend: 1--runners advance two bases; 2--runners advance three bases; 3-4--runners advance one base.

#### 'SLOW RUNNER' RULE

As the game is presently set up, the presence of a slow baserunner is no disadvantage to the offensive team provided it does not attempt any "stretches." By adopting this modification, you can make slow players a liability [there are more of them because of the OH] on the basepaths and encourage the use of pinch-runners, even those of average ability.

Designate as "slow" any runner rated 1-9 or less, and any pitcher while he's pitcher of the game (not as pinch-runner/hitter). A slow runner's progress around the basepaths is restricted over the usual in the following manner. As far as the slow runner is concerned, make the following changes when the batter does any of the following:

SINGLE\*\* - read as SINGLE. Runner must "stretch" to take additional base.  
 SINGLE - read as SINGLE\*. One base advance only.  
 DOUBLE - read as DOUBLE\*; slow man cannot score from first.  
 Groundball B - read as Groundball A.  
 Groundball C - read as Groundball B.  
 Any Flyball-B - read as Flyball-B?

And, for those who like an occasional odd play: with less than two out, if a split between a lineout and a hit just barely results in a hit (e.g., if with "SINGLE 1-16, lineout 17-20," a 16 is drawn) the appropriate outfielder throws to the next base and forces out the "slow" runner. No hit!

#### FIELDING CHART MODIFICATIONS

Change one "out-3" for each 2-rated infielder to an "out-3+ ". Change two for each 4-rated fielder in similar fashion.

When the infield is played "in", with the bases full, the "out-3+" is a double play via home plate; infielder-to-catcher-to-first. This play occurs with not-unreasonable frequency in the majors, and it should be added to Strat-O-Matic. It also encourages the strategic intentional walk.

#### LONG RELIEF

If a pitcher relieves before the fourth inning and he possesses a starting endurance factor, use this in place of his relief factor. This will enable another "starter" to relieve and pitch, say, the last seven innings of a nine-inning game, though no ordinary "relief" pitcher would be expected to do so.

#### CHANGE IN POWER RATING

Change all "power-W" ratings to "power-N" when a batter faces a "weakened" pitcher. This supplies another incentive to "get him out of there."

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## Eagles On Title Flight Course

What do you do if you are a college student at the Milwaukee School of Engineering, 10-plus inches of snow wipesout classes, and you have time on your hands?

If you're like Steve Parewski and his friends, you would sequester yourself, break out Strat-O-Matic and roll those dice!

Parewski and company--Steve Johnson, Gerald Kat, Bob Witte, Ron Blank and Marty Patterson--began an Old Timer football replay the Friday of the "Big Snow." After three days of almost continuous dice-rollin', nine weeks (or 27 games) had been played. Once classes resumed, it was to take two weeks to finish the last 15 games.

The advanced version of the cards was used by the MSOE, with all the league members playing the teams at random to allow all to test their coaching skill.

Not surprisingly, the league was filled with fireworks on offense. Philadelphia, for example, unleashed 500 passes, Jimmy Brown of Cleveland rambled for 2,220 yards, Jim Taylor of Green Bay for 2,084, and five receivers caught 90 or more passes.

### EAGLES FLY HIGH

Philadelphia, which has proven to be a better team than first thought when the Old Timer teams rolled off the presses, was launched on a title flight when it won seven of its first eight games. Baltimore fell twice to the pass-minded Eagles, in overtime, while the Birds defeated Green Bay in the season finale to secure first place.

Pete Retzlaff snagged 114 passes, Bobby Walston 95 and Clarence Peaks churned to 1,700 yards on the ground for the high-flying Eagles, who scored the most points in the league (386).

Green Bay finished second, a game behind the Birds, as Bart Starr completed 56.8 percent of his passes, Ron Kramer hauled in 98 of 'em, and Taylor ripped off 2,084 yards. Baltimore, a disappointing 8-6, had two 1,000-yard-plus runners in Alan Ameche and Lenny Moore and a feared passing attack. In one memorable game, the Colts clobbered Cleveland, 70-7. But Baltimore wasn't that consistent, although its defense was No. 1 allowing just 247 points.

Jim Brown's 2,220 yards rushing and Gary Collins' 87 receptions summed up Cleveland's offense...while the Browns had the worst defense, surrendering 378 points. New York was the tough luck team, losing four games by three points or less. Frank Gifford rushed for 1,164 yards and Bob Schnelker had 93 catches, but the Giants didn't have it in the clutch. Chicago had worst offense, scoring mere 172 points, as it once went 11 quarters without scoring. Mike Ditka did catch 109 passes and Johnny Morris 52 for 19.9 average. Bears won only three games, but two were at expense of Baltimore and Philadelphia.

Standings and leaders:

	Wn-Lost	Pts.	PtsA	Passing	Att-Comp	Pct.
Philadelphia	10 4	386	295	VanBrocklin	193-114	59.1
Green Bay	9 5	364	268	Starr	396-225	56.8
Baltimore	8 6	356	247	Unitas	398-210	52.8
Cleveland	6 8	231	378	Conerly	378-197	52.1
New York	6 8	264	305	Ryan	254-126	49.6
Chicago	3 11	172	290	Wade	450-217	48.2
				Jorgensen	336-161	47.9
<u>Rushing</u>	<u>Att-Yds.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Receiving</u>	<u>No.-Yds.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	
J.Brown CLE	358-2220	6.2	Retzlaff PHI	114 1976	17.3	
J.Taylor GB	311-2084	6.7	Ditka CHI	109 999	9.2	
Peaks PHI	305-1709	5.6	R.Kramer GB	98 833	8.5	
Ameche BAL	229-1191	5.2	Walston PHI	95 936	9.9	
Gifford NY	208-1164	5.6	Schnelker NY	93 936	10.6	
L.Moore BAL	170-1054	6.2	Collins CLE	87 1592	18.3	

## Mighty Michigan No. 1 In 1976

Glen Sarvady of Park Ridge, IL, casts his vote for Michigan as the outstanding college football team of 1976. Supporting his vote was an 18-team solitaire replay of that season--one in which Pittsburgh ruled the land--that wound up with Michigan defeating the Panthers in the playoff championship game, 17-7.

"Pittsburgh was obviously the best team after Michigan," said Sarvady, who divided the 18 teams into three divisions and played each team against divisional rivals once and five games outside the division for a 10-game card. The divisions were created geographically, thus U-M and Pitt were also in the same [Central] division. Outside opponents were selected at random.

Here's a look at the divisions and the teams involved:

### WEST

Southern Cal won out over Oklahoma, 8-2 to 7-3, with a combination of good passing, running and defense. One loss for Trojans was to neighborhood rival, UCLA, 33-14...Oklahoma had unbelievable running attack were virtually no air attack. Offensive point total (310) somewhat deceiving because of romps over Wyoming and Colorado, 86-0 and 63-24...UCLA was hot and cold club, blowing out four foes by 16 points or more, but then losing three games by 13-plus margins. The Bruins were particularly deadly on interception returns...Oklahoma State had good offense but porous defense...Colorado featured fantastic passing but running game, although it didn't fumble the ball much, was ineffective. Colorado lost last three games to sink almost out of sight in standings...Wyoming was outclassed, losing ten games, five by 30 points or more. Highlight of season was being beaten by Pittsburgh by "only" 20-10.

### CENTRAL

Michigan had most formidable defense, by far. Wolverines went 9-1--only loss was to Notre Dame, 7-0--yielding a mere 78 points, 34 fewer than next stingiest defensive unit. U-M running game was second only to Oklahoma. Did have close call against Oklahoma State, winning 22-21 on last-second field goal...Pittsburgh was perfectly balanced team which had knack for scoring at right time...Maryland passed way to 4-5-1 record and share of third place with Ohio State...Ohio State, meanwhile, won its first three games ("We're No. 1!") --but then frequently fired passes into the hands of enemy defensive backs and collapsed...Notre Dame whipped Michigan (7-0) and Ohio State (23-11) but was lackluster otherwise...Penn State had problems defensively and displayed a penchant for throwing low numbers when passing.

### SOUTHERN

Texas ASM defense carried Aggies to playoffs in weakest division of three...Houston was probably best team in division, but wound up second after losing first three games...Mississippi State had potent offense, porous defense...Georgia improved second half of season, but only enough to climb to tie for third in standings...Texas Tech played well against top teams, giving U-M fits for a half, although usually winding up second-best on the scoreboard...Alabama went from a top team in 1975 to an also-ran in '76, losing eight of ten games and just missing being upended by Wyoming.

Playoffs: Michigan 23, Texas ASM 13  
Pittsburgh 43, USC 14 (USC led 14-0)  
Michigan 17, Pittsburgh 7

West	Won	Lost	Tied	PF	PA
Southern Cal	8	2	0	226	112
Oklahoma	7	3	0	310	125
UCLA	6	3	1	242	160
Oklahoma St.	6	4	0	179	144
Colorado	5	5	0	205	211
Wyoming	0	10	0	62	354

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Central	Won	Lost	Tied	PF	PA	Southern	Won	Lost	Tied	PF	PA
Michigan	9	1	0	228	78	Texas ASM	6	4	0	217	136
Pittsburgh	8	2	0	192	139	Houston	5	4	1	150	199
Maryland	4	5	1	112	184	Mississippi St.	4	6	0	133	204
Ohio St.	4	5	1	170	171	Georgia	4	6	0	176	185
Notre Dame	4	6	0	122	186	Alabama	2	8	0	133	168

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### Wanted

WANTED: Football - 1966 and 1967 Green Bay; 1968 N.Y. Jets; 1968 and 1970 Baltimore; 1969 Kansas City; 1970 Minnesota; 1971 Dallas; 1972 Washington; 1973 Miami. Send your price to: Gary Knight, 1152 Ingleside, Baton Rouge, LA 70806

WANTED: From new basketball cards, Earl Tatum and Kermit Washington. Will pay \$1.00. Send SASE to: Todd Sharek, 25 Ricketson St., No. Dartmouth, MA 02747

WANTED: 1969 National League teams. Will buy individual teams. Cards must be in excellent condition. Send asking price to: Steve Healy, 728 South Ridgeland Ave., Oak Park, IL 60304

WANTED: 1970 Brewers, White Sox, Giants, Braves and Cardinals. Teams must be in excellent condition. Will buy or trade for 1973 baseball teams. Write: Fred Sparks, 2208 Russet Ave., Dayton, OH 45420

WANTED: The following football teams - 1967 Bears, Packers, Rams, Cowboys, Eagles, Redskins, Browns, Giants, Cardinals, Colts, Raiders, Oilers, Jets, Patriots, Chiefs and Chargers; 1968 Bears, Cowboys, Browns, Steelers, 49ers, Vikings, Colts, Jets, Dolphins

Raiders and Chargers; 1969 Cowboys, Redskins, Saints, Eagles, Vikings, Bears, Raiders, Chiefs, Broncos and Bengals; 1970 Cowboys, Cardinals, Lions, Bears, 49ers, Colts, Dolphins, Bills, Bengals; 1971 Cowboys, Vikings, Lions, Bears, Packers, Rams, Chiefs, Dolphins. I will answer all replies. Send bids to: Dave Laude, 4800 Connor Road, Downers Grove, IL 60515

WANTED: 1970 and 1971 Dolphins; 1970, '71, '72, '73 Yankees. Will pay \$1.00 and up for teams in good condition. Contact: John Stefanick, 390 Two Mile Creek, Tonawanda, NY 14150

WANTED: Baseball - all teams from 1971 and 1972. Prefer to buy complete sets, but individual teams or leagues will be considered. Also, baseball extra players for 1970, 1971 and 1972. Willing to pay the top prices. All replies will be answered. Send year, price and condition to: Rick Hicks, 425 New York St., Huntington, WV 25704 (phone: 304-429-1956).

### For Sale

FOR SALE: List of baseball teams and individual players, 1969-1974. Send 25¢ for list and one player. J. Schmitt, 1338 W. Maumee #87, Adrian, MI 49221

FOR SALE: 1973, 1974, 1976 football teams, 1976 baseball teams. Each team cost 50¢. Don't send money, send bids. Contact: John Stefanick, 390 Two Mile Creek, Tonawanda, NY 14150

FOR SALE: 178 baseball teams in good condition. Included are all 1970, 1972, 1973, 1976 and Old Timers, assorted 1971, 1974 and 1975 teams, and 1973 and 1976 extras. Prefer to trade for pre-1974 football teams. Best trade or money offer accepted. Will trade by years, or by league. All replies answered. Write: Marc Fajer, 15 Stratford Rd., Miller Place, NY 11764

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1973 Yankees, Cardinals; 1975 Royals, Orioles. Football - 1973 Eagles, Steelers, Chiefs. Basketball - 1973-74 Rockets, Cavaliers, Hawks, Lakers, Warriors, Supersonics, Suns, Kings, Pistons, 76ers, Knicks and Braves. Highest bids win. Please include SASE with all bids. Robert Gross, 8 Concord Drive, Englishtown, NJ 07726

FOR SALE: Baseball cards based on the 1971 season. Will sell only as a complete set. There are no extras. Will sell for \$20 to anyone who matches offer. If there are more than one bidding, will sell to highest offer over \$20. Write: John Reid, 1 East Dewey St., East Rockaway, NY 11518

FOR SALE: 1971 Football teams. Most cards in good condition, little writing on some (all Jets and Giants), but all completely readable. One player missing on Jets and Lions. Also, baseball - 1975 Yankees, Red Sox, Orioles, Brewers, Indians, A's, Twins, White Sox, Royals, Rangers, Reds, Pirates, Expos, Giants, Astros, Padres, Braves (all good condition; other teams missing players or bad condition; no extras); 1973 Mets, Dodgers, Cards, Reds, A's, Red Sox, Orioles, Royals; 1971 all N.L. except Dodgers (all in good condition, no extras). Peter Stein, 199-30 28 Ave., Flushing, NY 11358. Only SASE gets a reply.

FOR SALE: 1976-77 complete basketball card set. Mint condition. \$6.00. Also, eight playoff teams from 1973-74 set. Good condition. \$3.00. Both for \$8.00. Box and components for extra \$4.00. Will trade for any or preferably all of these 1975 baseball teams: Angels, Astros, Braves, Brewers, Cubs, Expos,

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FOR SALE: 1975-76 college football sets to the highest bidders. Both years sold separately. 1975 set hardly used, '76 in mint condition. Will pay handling. Contact: Tom Kleckner, 254 Simkins Hall, Austin, TX 78705

FOR SALE: Eleven football teams from 1967 season in fair condition. Cost: \$30. 1973 Football, mint condition, \$14. 1972 Oakland and 1975 Oakland, Boston and Cincinnati, total \$3. Postpaid. Bill Kozack, 26 14th Ave., Haverhill, MA 01830 (phone: 617-373-0511).

FOR SALE: 1964 S-O-M Baseball cards, all in good to excellent condition; 143 National League, 131 American League. No less than 11 cards for each of the 20 teams. Also, 82 assorted player cards with estimated records, or records dated 1966, 1967, 1967-68, or 1968, from 20 teams. Plus unmarked and unnamed estimated record cards--16 batting, 2 pitching. Will sell to highest bidder for entire lot, or highest bid for 1964 lot, and highest for others. All bids honored that are received within four weeks of the ad's appearance. Write: Mrs. Olyn Boyle, 9802 Edison NE, Alliance, OH 44601. Enclose SASE for reply.

FOR SALE: I will service any league in keeping statistics. Please list: price, teams and amount of games each team will play, other information. Will take best offer. Jeff Cristaldi, 18 Dorothy Dr., Torrington, CT 06790

FOR SALE: Baseball - complete sets: 1966 [\$75], 1967 [\$60], 1969 [no extra players; \$40], 1970 [with extra players; \$35], 1968 Tigers [\$8], Cardinals [\$7.50], Cubs [\$4], Reds [\$4], Orioles [\$5], Indians [\$4]. Set of six teams, \$20. Basketball - complete sets: 1972-73 [\$30], 1973-74 [\$20], 1975-76 [\$10]. Football - 1971 Cowboys [\$7], Vikings [\$5], Colts [\$5], Browns [\$3], Chiefs [\$4], Redskins [\$4]. Set of six teams, \$20. 1972 Steelers [\$6], Cowboys [\$5], Vikings [\$4], Chiefs [\$2.50], Bills [\$2.50], Cardinals [\$2.50], Bengals [\$2.50]. Set of seven teams, \$15. Everything in good condition. Write: Robert Hellstrom, 717

Neuva Gorde, Culver, IN 46511

FOR SALE: Football teams - 1975 [all teams], 1972 [all teams], 1970 Oilers, 1968 Colts, Bengals, Broncos, Eagles, Redskins, Dolphins, Chiefs, Bills, Chargers, Raiders, 49ers, Falcons, Steelers, Patriots, Jets, Oilers; 1967 Bears, Browns, Vikings, Falcons, Oilers, Saints, Cardinals, Giants, Rams, Cowboys. 1975 and 1972 teams in excellent condition, others in good condition. Will sell for \$2.00 per team, or entire set for \$125.00. Write: J.M. Blankenship, 341 Pride Ave., Madisonville, KY 42431

FOR SALE: 1972-73 basketball - Bucks, Bullets, Bulls, Kings, Warriors; 1973-74 [17-team set]; 1974-75 Braves and Bullets; 1975-76 [18-team set] and the four ABA teams of '75-76; 1976-77 Rockets, Bucks, Knicks, Bulls, Lakers, 76ers, Celtics, Nuggets. Baseball - 1950 Phillies, '69 Expos, '69 Angels, '69 Tigers [missing Denny McLain and Mike Kilkenny], '70 Royals [missing Amos Otis]. I'm selling two basketball game sets and both sets are in mint condition, with all game parts included. All bids will be answered promptly. I'm willing to sell the above teams in yearly sets or individually, as I have doubles of many of the above basketball teams. I'm interested in obtaining the 1975 and 1976 Official Baseball Guide. I will trade or pay for them. You pay postage. Add 50¢ to total cost. Bidding ends April 20. Write to: Chris Jones, 49 Mayflower Rd., Needham, MA 02192, or phone (617) 444-2202 between 6 p.m.-9 p.m. EST.

FOR SALE: Baseball and football teams. Baseball - 318 teams. From the following years: 1966, 1967 [N.L. complete], 1968, 1969 [complete], 1971 [complete], 1972 [three complete sets], 1973 [four complete sets] and 1974 [complete set]. A large portion are mint and most contain extra players. Football - 86 teams from 1969, 1970, 1972 [complete] and 1973 [complete] and some Reviews. Send SASE for listing. Bidding details

included with listing. H.C. Collins, P.O. Box 283, Thomasville, NC 27360

FOR SALE: 1967 complete baseball set in excellent condition, and 1969 complete baseball in mint condition. Send bids to: Girard Ramsay, 272 Sterling Ave., Pacifica, CA 94044

FOR SALE: Complete sets of 1972, 1973, 1974 and 1975 baseball teams. Complete sets of 1972, 1973 and 1974 football teams. All teams are in excellent condition and will only be sold in sets. Each year will be sold for \$20.00. Dan Pecarina, Box 341, Parkville, MN 55773

FOR SALE: 1967 Saints, Falcons, Bears, Vikings, Redskins, Steelers, \$12.95 per team; 1968 Raiders, Browns, Lions, \$11.95 per team; 1969 Lions, Falcons, Colts, Rams, Bengals, Bills, Packers, Chargers, Miami, Oilers, \$9.95 per team; 1970 and 1971 all football teams, \$8.95 per team; 1972 Steelers, Redskins, Packers and 1973 Miami, \$9.95 per team; 1972 Miami, \$19.95. Baseball - 1966 A's, White Sox, Twins, \$14.95 per team; 1968 Cubs, 1969 Royals, Giants, Red Sox, Pirates, Dodgers, Astros, Reds, Senators, Phillies, Cardinals, \$8.95 per team. 1970 all baseball teams, \$8.95 per team; 1971 and 1972 all baseball teams, \$8.75 per team; 1973 and 1974 all baseball teams, \$6.95 per team; 1975 all baseball teams, \$6.95 per team. Prices listed are the minimum bid. Higher bids will be accepted. Items will be sold to the highest bidders. Send bids to: John McNabb, 431 Russell Road, DeKalb, IL 60115

FOR SALE: 1972 Boston Red Sox, Oakland A's, Chicago Cubs, Chicago White Sox, Cincinnati Reds, Kansas City Royals, Pittsburgh Pirates, San Francisco Giants and St. Louis Cardinals. SASE guarantees reply. Call or write: Terry L. Hoofman, 1212 Quarterline Rd., Muskegon, MI (616-773-4303), 49442

## League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: Attention Football gamers! Desperate S-O-M Football veteran seeks anyone for S-O-M Football games in Los Angeles area! Have recently moved to L.A. and don't know any S-O-M Football players. Will play single games, 14-game schedule, a league--I don't care! Just hurry! Call Andor--(213) 939-0848.

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LEAGUE FORMING: Looking for something different? The BCA will offer the following: Topps cards issued to managers to represent ownership of the players and used in all player transactions, original draft system, and permanent trades. The 24-team league is starting its initial season and will play only a half season, but next year will play 162 games. Since the league is just forming, all managers will be able to draft their entire rosters. Advanced S-O-M cards and extra players will be used. So, if you want to join this unique and challenging PBM league, hurry and write for further information. There will be an expense fee involved. Write: Mike Harrison, 1403 Grand Ave., Pacifica, CA 94044

LEAGUE FORMING: A brand new PBM league, using new cards. It will be a draft league, using advanced version. First come, first served. As soon as we receive your reply, you're in. Send replies to: John Van Note, 5944 Alma St., Philadelphia, PA 19149

LEAGUE FORMING: Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb, Joe Jackson, Tris Speaker, all-time greats you could manage if you join this new and exciting league. The J.F.F.L., or the Just-For-Fun League, is looking for six Connie Macks, or in other words six capable franchise owners. The teams to select from are: 1911 Philadelphia A's, 1909 Detroit Tigers, 1921 New York Yanks, 1922 St. Louis Browns, 1919 Chicago White Sox and 1920 Cleveland Indians. We will have a 50-game schedule spread out over 15 weeks. Newsletters will feature the top 10, manager profiles, games of the week, and statistics galore. For questionnaire and J.F.F.L. constitution, write J.F.F.L. commissioner: Everett Fullam Jr., 471 Mansfield Ave., Darien, CT 06820

LEAGUE FORMING: I would like to participate in a super advanced football face-to-face league in the San Francisco-Oakland Bay area. I'm 36 and have played S-O-M Football for three years.

Have teams--will travel. Marty Jacobson, Box 888 Woodace, CA 94973 (phone: 415-488-0546).

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LEAGUE FORMING: The National Table Baseball League needs backup managers.

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