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## STRAT-O-MATIC REVIEW

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### Big league pitcher is S-O-M fan

*Tony Brizzolara wouldn't draft himself, however*

The letter started off like so many the Review receives every month: "I am subscribing because I would like to join a play-by-mail league and I understand the Review can help set me up in one. I love the game, but never can seem to find anyone with my rabid desire."

What set the letter apart from all others, however, was that a professional baseball player sent it in!

Tony Brizzolara, rookie pitcher with the Atlanta Braves last year, plays S-O-M and, if his letter can be taken seriously, would like to join a PBM league. He does warn, however, that he wouldn't want himself on his team. "It was a statistically terrible year in 1979," he groaned.

Brizzolara, for the record, pitched 107 innings for the Braves after coming up from Richmond, allowed 133 hits and had a 5.30 earned-run-average.

Despite all of that, he was selected in the GKSML's recent National League draft--being the 81st player taken.

"I did play another player [Mickey Mahler, another pitcher] a 162-game head-to-head season," added Brizzolara. "We each took a 25-man team. We drafted from all the cards ever produced by S-O-M (obviously most were from the Hall of Fame cards). I thoroughly enjoyed it. I am looking forward to both receiving the S-O-M Review and joining a league."

Brizzolara's address, for those interested in perhaps having a major league pitcher in their league, is: 323 Meadowweed Manor, Decatur, GA 30038. But remember, the one player Tony Brizzolara won't have "on my team" is--Tony Brizzolara, pitcher for the Atlanta Braves!



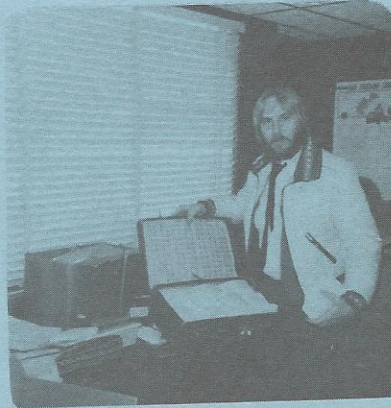
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## Opening day at Strat-O-Matic



Linda Yonke of S-O-M, John Babbit, Ridgewood, NJ, all smiles as new cards are purchased. Babbit is member of 24-manager PBM league and frequent visitor to Glen Head, NY



Bob Jadah packs up cards after making purchase for 60-player league in Canada. Bob flew in from Montreal. Average age of league members is 25. League includes 15 married men plus four women. Playoffs are held in Hotel Bonaventure



Ron Hickey (center) and Friends, Rick Southwick (left), Don Egan (right), again made trek to S-O-M mecca. Trio drove from Virginia--six-hour trip--to again purchase cards for USA8L (United States Army Band League). Hickey's 16-year S-O-M veteran, while Egan's been playing for 10.



Bill Krolikowski (left), John Giunta, tall and small of S-O-M club that calls Queens, NY, home. John's a teacher in the junior high school, and organizer of club that now has 40-50 members, all of whom play only the advanced game.

## Past seasons, reprint polls close

Well, almost all the returns are almost in. At least there is enough return to have a pretty good idea what the Strat-O-Matic Baseball gaming public desires as far as printing entire seasons of the past and reprinting past teams.

With approximately 30-40 ballots still untallied, the latest poll conducted by the Review shows that there were 344 votes cast for printing a past season (or prior to 1962 when the first complete set of S-O-M teams, based on that year, came out). Conversely, 26 people voted "no" to such a proposal.

As far as reprints--and again, remember all the votes haven't been counted--there were only 194 votes in favor, 16 against. The 1969 New York Mets were the most voted for team, with 124 people favoring a reprinting of that team, while the 1968 Detroit Tigers garnered 111 votes. In most years it was the pennant winners drawing the most support.

### S-O-M'S REACTION...

Although Strat-O-Matic and its creator Harold Richman were hoping for a response in the neighborhood of 500 votes, the game company has no plans to shelve the project. "We realize," says Richman, "that many people do not wish to get involved in a poll, or something of this nature, even though they may be interested in the idea."

"Actually, the almost 350 votes for printing a past season is a pretty good response, in comparison with previous polls."

The 1930 season was the most wanted by gamers, with 115 voting for that year of the hitter. But the hitting was too good, according to Richman, who says the National League doctored the baseball ("livened it up") to create more hitting. For that reason, S-O-M is more likely to look at another season if it decides to print a past year.

Best bet would be the 1961 season, which is a natural extension of the 1950's, plus is, of course, the year prior to S-O-M coming out with all the teams. The 1961 also drew 85 votes--second highest total.

"I think we're more likely to print the 1961 season," says Richman, without giving his decision a stamp of approval. "It'll be a lot of hard work." S-O-M's creator also mentioned that as many of the advanced features (i.e., e ratings, throwing ratings, etc.) would be on the cards, if sufficient statistical data was available.

The final decision by S-O-M, however, will not be forthcoming for another month. All the votes, including those still trickling in, have to be tabulated, given percentages, and then forwarded to S-O-M for inspection. It does appear, though, that S-O-M is going to act soon and make a decision...so that the all-important, time-consuming research can begin.

In the meantime, on the next two pages of this month's Review the readers take over and give their reaction to the polls.

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## Gearing up for Convention, 1980

Rick (Wolfman) Shapiro, one of the prime organizers of the annual Strat-O-Matic National Convention held in the summer, passes along word that those gamers planning on staying in a dormitory at Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, will have to pay for their lodging in advance.

This is a switch from past years. The cost will be \$28.50 per person no matter how many days they stay (the convention is from Aug. 1-3). The Chicagoland S-O-M Game Club (9161 Kilpatrick, Skokie, IL 60076) must have the money in advance--the deadline is June 10--so if you're interested, be sure to pay for your accommodations before that date.



## Readers respond to baseball polls

I am truly excited about S-O-M's proposals. However, my anticipation is dampened by your [the Review's] statement that to be accomplished, the Review needs over 500 responses.

I have done my part and I call upon all who have not to take a moment and 15¢ and help out the rest of us, who are fervently hoping that our dreams will be finally realized.

It seems somewhat unfair to base a judgment only on the Review. There are many fanatics who don't subscribe. Also, there seem to be several people who are lazy or don't care. To those I issue a cry of help. At any rate, I want to remind the game company that even without 500 responses, the percentage of yes votes is .937.

So please don't deny us because of the silent majority, especially now that you have whetted our appetites.

Randy Reed  
Greenfield, IN

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I like Andrew Shelofsky's idea (Jan., 1980 Review) of updating the older cards. Perhaps S-O-M could include a small booklet including error ratings and throwing ratings for the reprinted teams.

Only 173 votes (as of Dec., 1979) cast for past seasons? I can't believe S-O-M gamers are so apathetic. After years of complaining about the lack of old timer team sets (complete sets), it looks as though they're going to blow the best chance (and probably only chance) they have ever had.

Mike Hoppensack  
Winnipeg, Manitoba

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Although I own all seasons since 1972, I would be in favor of reprinting past seasons that I own. The greatest good for the greatest numbers would be then filled.

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It seems to me that this post '61 era would be more appealing in full-season reprints rather than single teams. While there were some great races, the teams individually were not historically great.

As a staunch Chicago Cub fan the '69 N.L. reprint would interest me. I am following this poll with great excitement.

Bill Jahnke  
Kenosha, WI

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Boo! How can Harold Richman (S-O-M's creator) even think about selling old cards? If he does sell them then all the holders of those cards will lose out because the values will depreciate. I sell old teams for a cheap price and will have to compete with S-O-M if they start to sell the teams again.

Greg Buonocore  
Howard Beach, NY

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I find it most heartening that both the Review and the Strat-O-Matic Game Company have enough interest in their subscribers to make this effort. Whatever the final decision, you can count on me to purchase any and all available teams.

Jason Kuczma  
Millington, TN

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I think Strat-O-Matic should make World Series sets so we could play some great World Series games of the past, instead of making cards for the whole season.

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I think that if the teams from 1962 to the present were sold, the reprints would have to be reprinted! If at all possible I would like to see all teams reprinted with "e" numbers and throwing arms for catchers and outfielders.

I think it is great that S-O-M is giving us the new game owners, a chance to buy reprints. This is the only game I know of that actually listens to its buyers.

Richard Evans (con't)



To say that I'm enthused about the possibility of S-O-M reprinting past teams and printing new seasons from the past would be quite an understatement!

I feel the main reason for this long overdue happening is your fine publication--the many letters you've printed concerning this had to play the key role. Thanks, from all true baseball gamers!

I will buy whatever the company decides to print--all I care is that they print them!

David Snipes  
Snow Hill, NC

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Two suggestions on the modern reprints: It would be nice to have most all World Series teams since 1962 reprinted. Also, a full season, like 1964, might cause interest, but it would be somewhat unfair to previous buyers to single out one season, despite the half-sized cards in the new set.

On the full past season idea, the more advanced game features that can be incorporated, the better. I suspect lefty-righty statistics may be judged too difficult to research by S-O-M. But advanced fielding, throwing, power ratings out to be included if possible. Also, extra players, please.

Bob Cebalak  
Madison, WI

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Relate to the company that it is time to quit worrying about games involving hockey pucks, pituitary cases, and colleges, and get back to baseball and pro football!

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I own quite an extensive S-O-M Baseball collection and am willing to sacrifice some value of my older, original teams in order to please gamers who will benefit from this decision by the game company.

I will still pay reasonably high prices for the teams I want

(originals) and plan to continue collecting old originals.

Rod Alexander Jr.  
Charlotte, NC

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Though I possess a vast card collection (most of which are in excellent to mint condition), I have nothing against reprints for those who want them. I suppose a 10 to 12 team set, similar to the series B old timer set, would be the best way to handle it.

However, I don't think it will stop the letters from coming in, or solve the problem completely, because the question remains: Where do you draw the line? Gamesters whose choices aren't in the top 12 or 24 will still write complaining about having to pay high prices for their favorite teams (the teams that aren't selected are going to be hard to get--and expensive, too!).

As I see it, the only way the game company could solve the problem of rip-off prices for 1960's teams would be to re-print every team it has ever created, and that could prove to be too costly to be feasible.

Also, what will happen in five years when some of these next teams, yet to come, go out of print? The same cries will be heard again, and again. In essence, you will always be chasing a mirage that isn't really quite there.

In closing, I just want to thank the Strat-O-Matic Game Company for being sensitive to the desires of its gamesters once again. I'll forward to hearing about the outcome of the poll in your upcoming issues.

Jim Elliott  
Fort Worth, TX

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I'm not greatly enthused about reprinting full seasons, but the 1961 season would fit in well with S-O-M's previous seasons.

What I would rather see is a set of the best players for each team as selected by the fans in 1969. In that year fans in each city voted for the all-time great teams.

Mark Edgar

# How the cards have changed!

## No injuries, running or fielding ratings in 1961 baseball set

Anyone who played Strat-O-Matic Baseball back in 1961 and has been in a Rip VanWinkle state of hibernation from it ever since, would certainly be surprised today. The game is hardly recognizable. The cards of today are much smaller, for starters, and contain a mountain of data compared to the set based on 1960--or the pioneer S-O-M Baseball card set.

HANK AARON		
MILWAUKEE BRAVES		OUTFIELD STEALING—8
1	2	3
2—foulout	2—lineout	2—SINGLE
3—lineout	3—groundball c	3—SINGLE
4—groundball b	4—WALK	4—SINGLE
5—groundball b	5—groundball a	5—SINGLE
6—HOMERUN	6—flyball b	6—SINGLE 1-8 popout 9-20
7—HOMERUN 1-19 DOUBLE 20	7—flyball b	7—groundball c
8—TRIPLE 1-10 DOUBLE 11-20	8—WALK	8—flyball c
9—SINGLE	9—lineout	9—groundball a
10—popout	10—strikeout	10—WALK
11—lineout	11—GROUNDBALL E	11—strikeout
12—FLYBALL E	12—flyball a	12—lineout into as many outs as possible
AT BATS 590	DOUBLES 20	TRIPLES 11
AVG. .292	WALKS 60	HOME RUNS 40
		STRIKEOUTS 63

A look at Hank Aaron's '60 card probably brings a snicker to your face--unless, of course, you're a collector, in which case it probably causes pangs of envy.

That first card set came out in 1961 and was based on the 1960 real-life season. It was 80 players--40 from each league. An all-star set of cards, in other words.

Harold Richman (owner of S-O-M) had a dream that his future was in the gaming business; the sports gaming business to be exact. That first set was the beginning of seeing that dream become a reality.

Those first cards were in skeletal form compared to the statistically jam-packed contemporary cards. The old cards were larger, measuring six inches in length and four in width. Today? The cards have shrunk to 5 x 2 3/4.

Changes on the cards are much more dramatic, however. The first cards had name of player, team, position, stealing rating and previous season's statistics at the bottom. Those basics are on the current cards, too.

But what was missing included fielding and running ratings, hit-and-run, bunting, sacrifices, injuries, hit batsman, where the ball is hit, \* after hits, ++ (now just one +) situations, throwing ratings, N and W power ratings, pitcher's endurance factor and, the biggest change of 'em all, righty-lefty batting and pitching.

The first cards did have "FLYBALL E" and "GROUNDBALL E" but (continued)

L JAY JOHNSTONE					
1b-4 #25/ H3(+1) #5/ cl-4 #5/ rl-4 #5		bunting: B hit & run: C		running 1-13	
21% AGAINST LEFT-HAND PITCHER		79% AGAINST RIGHT-HAND PITCHER		Power: W	
1	2	3	1	2	3
2-lo(2b) max	2-foulout (c)	2-popout (1b)	2-foulout (c)	2-popout (ss)	2-lineout (ss)
3-gb (3b) B	3-popout (1b)	3-popout (2b)	3-gb (3b) B	3-gb (3b) B	3-popout (1b)
4-gb (ss) A	4-popout (2b)	4-lineout (1b)	4-fly (rf) B ?	4-gb (p) A	4-gb (1b) A
5-gb (1b) A	5-SINGLE (H)	5-fly (rf) B ?	5-fly (rf) B ?	5-DO** 1	5-WALK
6-gb (1b) A+	6-SINGLE (cf)	6-SINGLE (rf)	6-gb (2b) A	6-SINGLE (cf)	6-TR 1-7
7-lineout (3b)	7-SINGLE** 1-4	7-fly (cf) B ?	7-fly (1b) A+	7-SINGLE (lf)	7-DO 8-20
8-popout (1b)	8-SI* 1-4	8-fly (rf) B ?	8-gb (ss) A	8-SINGLE**	7-strikeout
9-gb (3b) A	9-lo(2b) 5-20	9-gb (2b) A	9-gb (3b) A	9-SINGLE**	8-SI* 1-9
10-gb (p) A	9-WALK	10-gb (2b) A	10-gb (2b) A	10-SINGLE**	9-lo(2b) 10-20
11-popout (2b)	10-strikeout	11-gb (ss) A	11-fly (cf) B ?	11-popout (2b)	9-fly (rf) B ?
12-gb (2b) A+	11-lineout (ss)	12-WALK	12-popout (ss)	12-popout (1b)	10-WALK
	12-popout (1b)				11-strikeout
					12-lo(2b) max

JAY JOHNSTONE - ADVANCED SIDE (1979 RECORD)



those were the lone situations for incorporating fielding into the game. When those were rolled, the result was an error and a one base advance.

S-O-M followed up the next year, 1962, by issuing another all-star set, this one containing the two top teams from each league plus all-star teams from each league.

Then, in 1963, a major breakthrough --all the teams were issued for the first time. Those cards, as the example at the left shows, had many similarities with today's cards. A running rating had been added, players were rated 1, 2, 3, or 4 on defense, and the outfielder's position was now listed (previously it was just "OUTFIELD"). Location of where ball was hit was also included, except for base hits. Injuries were now possible and "\*" and "\*\*" results could now occur.

Those cards, in 1963 (based on '62) also were smaller than the initial set, measuring 5 1/2 x 3. Also the color of the ink (batters were black, pitchers red the first year) became a traditional black, although today's cards are black on the basic side and blue on the advan-

HANK AARON MILWAUKEE BRAVES			centerfield-2 rightfield-1 stealing-B running 1-17
1	2	3	
2-WALK	2-lineout (3b) into as many outs as pos- sible	2-foulout (c)	
3-WALK		3-groundball (2b) A	
4-flyball (lf) B	3-WALK	4-flyball (lf) B	
5-strikeout	4-groundball (p) A	5-TRIPLE	1-4
6-groundball (3b) A	5-strikeout	SINGLE**	5-20
7-SINGLE*	6-lineout (ss)	6-HOMERUN	1-6
1-17 lineout (3b)	7-groundball (ss) A++	DOUBLE**	7-20
18-20	8-groundball (ss) A	7-HOMERUN	
8-SINGLE	9-flyball (cf) B	8-HOMERUN	
9-SINGLE	10-groundball (ss) A	9-groundball (3b) B	
10-DOUBLE**	11-lineout (ss)	10-groundball (3b) B	
1-11 SINGLE**	12-flyball (rf) A plus injury	11-WALK	
12-20		12-WALK	
11-lineout (2b)			
12-popout (ss)			
1962 BATTING RECORD			
ABTATS	DOUBLES	TRIPLES	HOMERUNS
592	28	6	45
AVERAGE WALKS STRIKEOUTS			
.323	52	73	

ced.

Only minor changes followed the next few years, with the most noteworthy being the addition of three more pitcher's hitting cards. Whereas before there was only one hitting card, now there were four--with the better hitting pitchers obviously using the No. 3 or 4 card.

In 1970, based on the 1969 real-life season, additional players became available for the first time. Previously it was 20 players per team.

The next year another change occurred that affected a pitcher's fielding rating. All were given a standard "2" rating. Previously all pitchers had been a "3."

It was in 1972 (based on 1971 real-life season) that the changes took place that set S-O-M apart from all of its competitors in baseball table-gaming. Long-

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WARREN SPAHN PITCHING CARD MILWAUKEE BRAVES			PITCHER
4	5	6	
2-flyball a	2-SINGLE	2-WALK	
3-GROUNDBALL E	3-SINGLE	3-flyball c	
4-strikeout	4-SINGLE	4-popout	
5-WALK	5-SINGLE	5-flyball c	
6-groundball a	6-SINGLE 1 popout 2-20	6-flyball b	
7-strikeout	7-strikeout	7-flyball b	
8-groundball a	8-groundball a	8-HOMERUN 1-9 DOUBLE 10-20	
9-groundball c	9-groundball b	9-TRIPLE 1-5 SINGLE 6-20	
10-popout	10-popout	10-DOUBLE 1-7 SINGLE 8-20	
11-lineout	11-lineout	11-SINGLE	
12-foulout	12-WALK	12-SINGLE	
PITCHING RECORD			
WON 21	LOST 10	E.R.A. 3.49	INNINGS PITCHED 268
HITS ALLOWED 254	WALKS ALLOWED 74	STRIKEOUTS 154	HOMERUNS ALLOWED 24

WARREN SPAHN - 1960 CARD

sought righty and lefty batting and pitching statistics were incorporated into the game for the first time. It was a major breakthrough! And it was a change that readers of the Review, through their numerous letters, helped bring about.

S-O-M still had its basic game on the front side of the card, but now it was possible to flip the card over and play the advanced version. Six columns became the vogue for many, many gamers; the basic game, to many, became a relic of the past.

Along with the righty-lefty batting and pitching, S-O-M made other sweeping changes: a pitcher now had an endurance factor (or tiring rating); the N (no change) and W (weak, cannot hit a homer) power ratings were introduced to prevent "banjo hitters" from hitting home runs; batters were given both bunting and hit-and-run ratings for the first time on an individualized basis; and, as if it wasn't enough, outfielders were given throwing ratings.

Starting in 1972, obviously, there wasn't any question about which sports table-game was the greatest of them all. Strat-O-Matic Baseball became the closest thing to real-life baseball, next to being on the field itself.

#### CATCHERS THROWING NEXT CHANGE

The catchers, ignored when the outfielders were given throwing ratings, weren't passed over for long. In 1974 (based on the 1973 season), catchers such as Johnny Bench, Jim Sundberg, Carlton Fisk and Steve Yeager became almost as valuable (and in some cases more valuable) for their defense as offense. Those "-3" catchers were to act as a deterrent to larceny on the base paths.

There was to be a lull period of a couple of years during which time no major changes occurred in the baseball game--possibly because not many changes could be made.

In 1975, however, S-O-M did come out with another set of Hall of Fame cards--two teams; one in the American and one in the National League. Again reader response was instrumental in which players comprised the HOF set.

#### ALONG COMES 'E' CHART

The next and last major change in S-O-M Baseball occurred in 1978 (based on 1977 real-life season) when the game company, after exhausting testing, came out with a new fielding chart which contained "E" or error ratings for every player. Even pitchers were given such ratings.

The new ratings further enhanced S-O-M's grandiose reputation in the baseball table-gaming world. After all, what was left? Only clutch hitting, pickoff plays perhaps, but that's about all.

Questions over fielding ratings (remember, before every player was a 1, 2, 3, or 4) and again reader response in the Review again spurred S-O-M into action. Many gamers wondered why an outfielder could commit many an error and yet be rated a "4." As it was, the fielding rating took into consideration both range and errors committed. Range was obviously the main criteria for assessing fielding ratings then.

But now the 1-4 ratings refer primarily to range and the "E" ratings, well, they are just that. A player's "E" rating is based on the number of errors he would commit if he played every inning of a team's every game.

It's now possible, as a result, to have an outfielder with a "1" (range) rating and the worst possible "E" (16). That would mean the fly-hawk gets to the ball well, but is prone to drop it. Dave Parker of Pittsburgh is a good example.

And those "1" shortstops, although still more valuable than gold to a true gamer, can have their defensive talents tainted somewhat by a high "E" rating. A shortstop with the best of both worlds as far as a rating --Larry Bowa, for example, who's a "1" and "e-7"--is not only worth his weight in gold, but you can throw in a couple of oil tankers from the Middle East, to boot.

And that's the way it's been in S-O-M for close to two decades. Long live S-O-M Baseball!



## Yanks class of 1961 card set

### Only 102 players, six teams comprised S-O-M set

Continuing to look back at the way Strat-O-Matic Baseball used to be, Marc Jacobson, a 19-year-old mathematics major at Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, provides a look at the second set of S-O-M cards.

After the first all-star set was released in 1961, based on the 1960 real-life season, S-O-M followed up with a six-team set in 1962, this time based on '61. In that set were the following teams: New York Yankees, Detroit Tigers, Los Angeles Dodgers, Cincinnati Reds and all-star teams from the American and National Leagues.

The set was comprised of 102 cards, 17 players per team (11 batters, 6 pitchers). The cards were approximately 5" x 3" which is larger than the contemporary cards.

Size of the cards wasn't the only difference, as Jacobson, a nine-year S-O-M veteran and owner of a vast card collection, is quick to note.

"There were no fielding ratings for the set," said Jacobson of those 1961 cards. "Instead, each batter's card contained a 'FLYBALL E' at 2 or 12 of one column and 'GROUNDBALL E' at 3 or 11 of one column. The pitcher's card also contains a 'GROUNDBALL E' at 3 or 11 of one column. This meant that Smokey Burgess (N.L. all-star and Pirate catcher) could not commit a single error in a replay!"

#### 1961 REVISITED

Other differences in the cards included positions not being assigned for putouts and all outfielders being labeled "OUTFIELD" regardless of which position they played in the outfield. Jacobson mentions that Ernie Banks was listed: "FIRSTBASE, OUTFIELD, SHORTSTOP."

Every pitcher used the same hitting card, which was capable of producing an .085 average. The hitters' cards were juiced up, too, according to Jacobson, who points to Roberto Clemente's card. Clemente had a .351 average in '61, but his S-O-M card had 46.2 hit possibilities--including a full first column of hits!

The second card set contained no injuries, although there was a line-out maximum on the batter's card. There were no running ratings and stealing ratings ranged from AA to E, with Luis Aparicio the only AA. Hank Aaron, Maury Wills, Vada Pinson, Frank Robinson, Billy Bruton and Jake Wood were the A's.

There were a couple of very interesting cards (S-O-M trivia questions perhaps?) such as Roger Maris' having a triple split (DOUBLE/SINGLE/POPOUT) and Ron Perranoski giving up 32.5 on-base chances in the five column of his pitching card.

Home runs were usually placed at the end of the card columns, with Maris, who had 16.6 home run card chances, having seven definite numbers and a 1-3 split on another that would result in an HR shot.

The hitters had a field day in a 160-game replay that Jacobson conducted. The Yankees, true to real-life won out, but not before Maris had belted an amazing 77 homers, teammate Mickey Mantle 67 and four hitters had batted .400-plus. Norm Cash of Detroit batted an astounding .445, Clemente .439, Elston Howard of the Yanks .433 and Vada Pinson of the Reds .422. The pitchers weren't always cannon fodder, however, as Whitey Ford won 27 games for New York, Frank Lary 26 for Detroit and Joey Jay 23 for the Reds. And Dick Donovan of the AL all-stars, via the Chicago White Sox, had a respectable, replay-leading earned-run-average of 2.25.

Note also that the all-star teams didn't fare so well. Both shared the basement, 26 games behind the pace of the winning Yankees.

The standings:

	Won	Lost	GB		Won	Lost	GB
1. Yankees	97	63	-	4. Dodgers	77	83	20
2. Tigers	83	77	14	5. tie, AL Stars	71	89	26
3. Reds	81	79	16	NL Stars	71	89	26

## Questions and 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, divulge 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 submitted, you may assume the rating is correct.

QUESTION: I own the 1962 New York Yankees, Red Sox, A's, Dodgers and Angels and do not know what to use for pitchers' batting rating or running rating?

ANSWER: Although we have lost our pitcher's hitting card (all pitchers had one rating) from the 1962 set of cards, it's likely the same card was used that came with the 1960 set. It had a single in the 1 column (1-16) and singles on 3-2, 3-3, 3-4. However, since few of those cards are still in existence we suggest you use the "2" pitcher's hitting card of today. And, as far as running and stealing, all pitchers were 1-10 running and E stealers.

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QUESTION: What exactly is the rule concerning the advancement of runners: when a runner goes from first to third on a base hit, does the hitter advance to second?

ANSWER: No, not according to the instruction booklet. Some gamers use "cut-off" rules which do allow for such advancement, but S-O-M does not.

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QUESTION: In the newest pro football card set, why wasn't Bennie Cunningham included on the Pittsburgh Steelers? Why was Jim Mandich included instead?

ANSWER: According to S-O-M: "Cunningham played less than half the season and his presence would distort the Pittsburgh statistics."

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QUESTION: In hockey, using the super advanced power play, and a reading such as "X-DC" occurs on a shot and the defense has no center on the ice, does the rebound go to the offensive center (by default) or is this considered a "loose puck" situation?

ANSWER: It is considered a "loose puck" situation.

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QUESTION: In hockey, if the last action card of a period calls for an inside shot with intimidation, does the shooter get the shot if the intimidation is unsuccessful? Also, if the last card calls for a possible breakaway, is a shot awarded?

ANSWER: The answer is yes to both questions.

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QUESTION: Is there an error on Wayne Cashman's 1977-78 hockey card? He's the only player in the set that possesses a chance of a goal on a roll of "6" on an inside shot. I think the results of rolls "5" and "6" should be reversed in both outside and inside shots.

ANSWER: S-O-M reports that Cashman's card is correct.



## **Baltimore wins World Series replay**

The Baltimore Orioles twice exploded in the ninth inning to pull out victories and thoroughly dominated Pittsburgh in all the statistical categories to sweep the Pirates in the first replay of last fall's World Series to cross the desk of the Review.

Steve (Boom) Johnson, remembered for winning Steve Beren's Gold Cup Challenge Series, was the dice-roller in this first replay using the new baseball cards.

Unlike real-life where Pittsburgh won the second game and then came back to later win the Series, Baltimore won the pivotal second game--and then staged two ninth-inning uprisings to finish off the Bucs.

Series MVP, Ken Singleton, opened up at the outset, rapping out three hits as the Birds banged 11 and coasted to a 5-0 triumph behind the two-hit pitching of Mike Flanagan. Bert Blyleven, after holding the Birds scoreless through three innings, was victimized by one-run peckings over the next five innings and took the loss.

In game two Baltimore only managed five hits off John Candelaria and reliever Grant Jackson--but two of 'em were home runs, by Rick Dempsey and Gary Roenicke, and Baltimore salvaged a 3-2 win.

Pittsburgh's attack shifted into high gear for game three, banging out 13 hits, but this time Baltimore went into its ninth-inning counter-attack routine, scoring five times in the final frame, and pulling out an 8-6 win. The two teams combined for 23 hits, with Dave Parker homering for the Bucs, Singleton and Doug DeCinces for the Birds.

Game No. 4 was a rerun of 3 as this time Pittsburgh nursed a 3-2 lead going into the ninth inning. Baltimore bombarded the Bucs with seven hits and scored eight runs to win going away, 10-3, and conclude the Series sweep.

Singleton hit .471 and knocked in eight runs while Baltimore as a team batted .271, outomered Pittsburgh 5-2 and got by far the better of the pitching (ERA of 2.50 compared to Baltimore's 5.82).

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### **Baseball playing tip**

## **Here's another dice split-number system**

Joe MacPhee of Waverley, Nova Scotia, feels he has a better idea when it comes to devising a dice system for replacing split numbers in S-O-M Baseball.

"Our league uses a simple two-dice roll chart," says MacPhee, "which is easy to learn and use and results in quicker playing time than the three-dice system because most of the rerolls are eliminated." MacPhee, in fact, says that his system has a roll-again factor of five percent, compared to the three-dice (developed by Bryan Baker, Flint, MI, and annually printed in the Review; the last time Feb., 1980) of nearly 20 percent.

Here's the two-dice chart for your inspection:

<u>2-Dice Roll</u>		<u>Split No.</u>		<u>2-Dice Roll</u>		<u>Split No.</u>		<u>2-Dice Roll</u>		<u>Split No.</u>
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
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\* Roll again.

## S-O-M league, replay scene

CLINTON MASS S-O-M LEAGUE - Six-member, face-to-face baseball league that recently completed fourth season, using cards based on 1978 season ...close race as pennant wasn't decided until final four games of campaign ...Jay DiMauro won second straight title, by three games, as Ron Guidry won Cy Young Award [24-14, 3.10 ERA] and team cracked league-high 213 home runs. Steve Garvey [25 HRs], Carlton Fisk and Reggie Jackson [27 HRs in only 389 at-bats] were top hitters...Dennis Foley wound up second--a far cry from back-to-back basement finishes--and would have taken first if not for losing six of last eight games...Foley's squad featured Steve Rogers [19-15, five shutouts], bullpen duo of Kent Tekulve [13 saves] and Mike Marshall [16], co-MVP Reggie Smith [41 HRs, 119 RBI] and Jose Cruz, league's best hitter with .322 average...John Joyce had a super team on paper: Jim Palmer (21-16, 2.87 ERA), J.R. Richard (375 strikeouts), Larry Hise [35 HRs, 104 RBI], but Dave Parker was huge disappointment, batting only .273 with 17 homers...Other managers included: Mark Driscoll [Phil Niekro, 21-11; co-MVP Jim Rice, 47 HRs, 123 RBI], whose team swiped 166 bases; Dick O'Malley, whose team had a 31-18 record in one-run games but minuscule .242 batting average; and Rich Kennedy...Larry Gura of Kennedy's team hurled the only no-hitter.

### Standings and leaders:

	Won	Lost	GB	Avg.	ERA	Batting	
Joe DiMauro	88	72	-	.262	3.90	J.Cruz OF	.322
Dennis Foley	85	75	3	.259	3.87	Singleton MD	.319
John Joyce	84	76	4	.255	3.30	Oliver RK	.310
Mark Driscoll	80	80	8	.259	3.79	Home Runs	RBI
Dick O'Malley	79	81	9	.242	3.69	Rice MD	47
Rich Kennedy	64	96	24	.253	4.30	R.Smith OF	41
						Hise JJ	35
ERA		Wins				Clark RK	51
Swan OO	2.69	Guidry JD	24-14			SB: Lopez MD	
Palmer JJ	2.87	P.Niekro MD	21-11			SB: Rice MD	13
Sorensen MD	2.87	Palmer JJ	21-16			H: Garvey JD	S Rice MD 185
Strikeouts		Saves:	Garber JJ	17		R: Rice MD	100
Richard JJ	375	CG:	Guidry JD	37			
Guidry JD	329	SHO:	Palmer JJ	5			
Blyleven OO	203						

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REPLAY OF SEATTLE, TORONTO - Keith Miller, Willard, OH, undertook the thankless mission of replaying the two expansion teams through a full season, using the 1977-based cards...both improved slightly, perhaps because of overuse of some players out of necessity: Seattle going 68-92 (compared to 64-98 real-life), Toronto 56-104 (54-107)...Highlights for Seattle included Enrique Romo's appearing in 60 games, saving 19 and posting 3.19 earned run average; Bruce Bochte batting .325 in 543 trips to plate and Leon Roberts--albeit overused--crashing 26 homers with a .288 average and 81 RBI...For Toronto, Dave Lemanczyk had a 3.67 ERA despite going 12-19, Bob Bailor sprayed 201 hits and batted .319 and Otto Velez tagged 27 home runs, had 77 RBI although batting a mere .234.

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HACIENDA HEIGHTS S-O-M LEAGUE - Seventh season is now history for seven-member baseball league that calls Hacienda Heights, CA, home...again basic game was used, with players drafted from entire collection (1950-1978) belonging to John M. Borack...Members included: John F. Borack (father of John M.), Pat McKinney, John King, Anthony Reets, Brian Norman and Ben Woo...George Foster pounded five homers, knocked in 11 runs sparking John M.'s team to a 4-2 World Series conquest of John King's American League champions...MVP of league, however, was Reets' Norm Cash, who led

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in hitting (.321), tied with Carl Yastrzemski in homers (23) and was second to King's Yastrzemski in RBI with 51, compared to high of 53...Cy Young and Fireman of Year was Steve Mingori (property of Woo), who won nine games, appeared in 23, had four saves and 2.14 ERA...other highlights during 60-game season included: Bruce Sutter going 8-2 with four saves and 1.27 ERA for champs, offsetting dismal seasons by Nolan Ryan (21 home runs allowed) and Sandy Koufax (28 HRs), who were combined 11-11; Garvey going 8-for-8 over a three-game stretch; Norman's team clubbing Ryan for four first-inning homers, seizing an 8-0 lead, yet losing 10-8; and Mingori not allowing a run in first 30 2/3 innings.

## Standings:

National	Won-Lost	GB	American	Won-Lost	GB
John M. Borack	34 26	-	John King	36 24	-
John F. Borack	31 29	3	Anthony Reets	32 28	4
Pat McKinney	22 38	12	Brian Norman	30 30	6
			Ben Woo	25 35	11

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1978-1979 HOCKEY REPLAY - Solitaire effort by Bob Flaherty, Ellington, CT, who took 12 top teams, drafted two players per team from remaining teams, and played 28-game schedule...Atlanta surprised as Flames never flickered out, ousting Montreal in playoffs, 2-1, as Dan Bouchard blanked powerful Canadiens in final, 2-0, and then beating New York Islanders in six games in Stanley Cup...Guy Chouinard was MVP of playoffs for Flames, scoring five goals in game No. 5 and then netting winning goal in sixth game against Islanders...Bryan Trottier of Islanders, who had best record overall at 19-2-7, was MVP. He had 50 points--one less than Marcel Dionne of Los Angeles--with 30 assists and 20 goals.

## Standings and leaders:

Norris	Won-Lost-Tied	PT	Adams	Won-Lost-Tied	PT
Toronto	15 10 3	33	Boston	15 11 2	32
Buffalo	11 9 8	30	Los Angeles	11 11 6	28
Montreal	12 10 6	30	Philadelphia	10 14 4	24
Minnesota	9 14 5	23	Pittsburgh	5 17 6	16

Patrick	Won-Lost-Tied	PT	Scoring	G	A	Pts
NY Islanders	19 2 7	45	Dionne LA	23	28	51
Atlanta	15 10 3	33	Trottier NYI	20	30	50
NY Rangers	10 14 4	24	Taylor LA	13	32	45
Chicago	7 17 4	18	Bossy NYI	18	26	44
			Simmer LA	14	30	44
			Sittler TOR	20	24	44

Goaltending	Avg.
Dryden MON	2.35
Resch NYI	2.43
B.Smith NY	2.57

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EAST COAST BASEBALL ASSOCIATION (ECBA) - Twelve-member play-by-mail league that has completed six seasons...members include Larry Fryer, commissioner, from Hamburg, PA [team: Outcasts]; Dan Hoffman, Elmira, NY [Titans]; Larry Mendelsoh, Williamsville, NY [Stallions]; Jim Beltz, Shoemakersville, PA [Orioles]; Benny Min, Sherman Oaks, CA [Wolfpack]; John Nastro, West Babylon, NY [Expos]; Ken Reaser, Reading, PA [Phillies]; Ralph Hebb [Cougars] and Bill Cox [A's], both of Elmira, NY; Tom Beltz, Hamburg, PA [Bootleggers] and Rick Zapf, Reading [Confederates]...Fryer and Hoffman are six-year vets...ECBA holds annual convention in summer; last year's being in Elmira at Cox's home...Twin Tier Titans captured American League and Phillies N.L., both winning 100 games...Titans featured Dave Parker (.312, 116 RBI), rookie pitcher Bob Welch (1.98 ERA, 14 wins) and Jon Matlack (25 wins, 2.86 ERA)...the runnerup Paddock Stallions had the three top hitters, workhorse pitcher Phil Niekro (390 innings, 27 wins,

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11 shutouts] and the explosive bat of Bob Horner (34 home runs in 353 at-bats)...the Orioles, although third, had a dynamic duo in Pete Rose (58 doubles; an all-time ECBA record) and Larry Hise (39 HRs, 116 RBI)... Ken Reaser (owner of 10 sets of dice, all of which he used) watched his Phillies edge the Cougars for the N.L. title...Phils were best hitting team in league as Jack Clark (.312) led in RBI with 132, Dave Concepcion batted .318, Chet Lemon .307 and Dick Ruthven and Larry Christenson were 20-game winners...reliever Bob Stanley set a league record with 38 saves. ...the Cougars finished second despite great seasons by Tom Seaver (21-15), Nolan Ryan (20-9) and a defense that committed only 84 errors. Jim Rice was a disappointment, however, hitting only .255 with 26 homers...best 1-2 pitching punch belonged to the Bootleggers, who had Mike Caldwell (21-19, 2.96) and Ron Guidry (23-14, 3.04, 352 strikeouts).

## Standings and leaders:

<u>American</u>	<u>Won-Lost</u>	<u>GB</u>	<u>National</u>	<u>Won-Lost</u>	<u>GB</u>	<u>Batting</u>	
Titans	100	62	-	Phillies	100	62	Oliver STA .350
Stallions	98	64	2	Cougars	97	65	Winfield STA .325
Orioles	83	79	17	A's	93	69	Carew STA .321
Wolfpack	81	81	19	Bootleggers	85	77	Concepcion PHI.318
Expos	70	92	30	Outcasts	85	77	
Angels	54	108	46	Confederates			
<u>Home Runs</u>		<u>RBI</u>		<u>2B:</u>			
Foster TTT	40	Clark PHI	132	<u>3B:</u>	Rose ORI 58		
Hisle ORI	39	Hisle ORI	116	<u>H:</u>	Rice COU 16		
Thornton WOL	34	Parker TTT	116	<u>R:</u>	Garvey TTT 206		
Horner STA	34	Rice COU	109	<u>SB:</u>	Lopes WOL 116		
					DeJesus A's 72		
<u>ERA</u>		<u>Wins</u>		<u>Strikeouts</u>			
Welch TTT	1.98	Niekro STA	27-11	Guidry BOO	352		
P.Niekro STA	2.52	Ruthven PHI	25-9	Richard OUT	347		
Andujar A's	2.61	Matlack TTT	25-12	Ryan COU	300		
Matlack TTT	2.86	Guidry BOO	23-14				
Perry A's	2.92	Caldwell BOO	21-19	<u>SA:</u>	Stanley PHI 36		
Caldwell BOO	2.96	Seaver TTT	21-15	<u>SHO:</u>	Niekro STA 11		
		Christenson PHI	21-12	<u>Loss:</u>	Jones EXP 25, Grimsley EXP 25		

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CAPITOL FOOTBALL LEAGUE - Calls Sacramento, CA, home and consists of eight members, each of whom takes a team and plays through a 16-game season face-to-face, using super advanced rules...the lineup of coaches: Rich Surratt (Broncos), Jay Wagner (Patriots), Ralph Hutchinson (Rams), Myron Brown (Steelers), Rich Nichols (Cowboys), Ken Gottardo (Chargers), Roy Luke (Dolphins) and Eric Borne (Oilers)...in the playoffs the Broncos ousted L.A., 17-3, scoring all 17 points in the final quarter (plus Denver picked off three Pat Haden passes); a 53-yard 'bomb' from Steve Grogan to Harold Jackson put New England on top 17-14 in the third quarter and the Patriots never trailed again, downing Pittsburgh, 27-14; and, finally, in the Super Bowl, Denver demolished New England, 27-3, as Craig Morton passed for 188 yards via 21 completions in 33 attempts and the Bronco defense held the Pats to 66 yards through the air and only eight completions in 36 attempts...Louie Wright intercepted four passes for the Broncos in the 'Super' win, while tight end Riley Odoms latched onto 12 passes for 113 yards and one TD.

## Standings and leaders:

AFC	Won-Lost	T	NFC	Won-Lost	T	CFC	Won-Lost	T
Broncos	12	4	0	Patriots	9	7	0	0
Steelers	9	6	1	Cowboys	8	7	1	0
Dolphins	6	10	0	Oilers	5	11	0	0
Rushing	Att-Yds.	Avg.	Receiving	No.-Yds.	Avg.			
Campbell OIL	318-1408	4.4	Morgan PAT	149-3023	20.3			
Grogan PAT	219-1336	6.1	Odoms BRO	145-1850	12.8			
Mitchell CHA	332-1203	3.6	Jefferson	134-2258	16.9			

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# Advertisements

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Rates per issue will be as follows: first 30 words--60¢; 31-60 words--\$1.00; 61-100 words--\$1.50; 101-150 words--\$2.00; 151-200 words--\$3.25. When sending in ads, specify either WANTED, FOR SALE, LEAGUE FORMING, or CONTEST FORMING. And name card sets by the year upon which they were based. Note also that only advertisements regarding Strat-O-Matic products, related merchandise (baseball guides, etc.) and leagues will be accepted. Merchandise competing with S-O-M products (i.e. scoresheets) also may not be offered for sale. Ads, to be included in the next issue of the Review, must be in by the third of the month. Late ads will be held over for inclusion the following month.

## Wanted

WANTED: Would like to buy sets from 1969 through 1974 or any additional teams. Send SASE to: John Lapre, 1502 Mendon Road, Woonosket, RI 02895. Will answer all letters.

WANTED: I am interested in pre-1976 Milwaukee Brewer teams. Extras not necessary but preferred. All SASE's given priority. Anybody who wants more than \$4, forget it. Send prices to: Dave Freeman, 1753 North Blvd., Bethlehem, PA 18017

WANTED: I am buying old sets of baseball cards. The year, price and condition that the cards must at least be in is listed below. Also, only complete sets will be considered. So, if you're thinking of selling, check these prices: 1975 - \$20, mint, plus extra players; 1974 - \$22, mint, plus extras; 1973 - \$25, excellent, extras; 1972 - \$27, excellent, extras; 1971 - \$30, excellent, extras; 1970 - \$40, very good, extras; 1969 - \$45, very good, extras; 1968 - \$50, very good; 1967 - \$55, good; 1966 - \$65, good; 1965 - \$75, good; 1964 - \$85, good-average; 1963 - \$100, good-average; 1962 - \$110, good-average. Please call: Bill Thompson, Thayer, MO [417-264-7546 or 3577]

WANTED: Baseball teams; good condition only: 1968-69 Seattle Pilots; 1971 Brewers; 1968 Astros; 1967-76 Yankees; 1974 Mets, A's. All replies answered. SASE given top priority. Marc Wasserman, 235 Clover Lane, Princeton, NJ 08540

WANTED: Want to trade the following baseball teams for pre-1974 football teams: 1968 A.L.,

excellent condition [1 player, Dave Nelson, missing]; '65 Twins and L.A. (originals); 1966 Yankees, Houston, Reds, Braves, Cubs; 1967 Washington, Baltimore, Twins, Detroit. The teams are all in good condition. 1969, Oakland, Cleveland, Braves, San Francisco, Dodgers, cards in average condition; 1970, Boston, Yankees, Detroit, Pittsburgh, very good condition; 1971, Washington, Milwaukee, excellent condition. Contact: Keith Fosness, 1049 Washington Ave. So., Detroit Lakes, MN 56501. Also, for sale or trade, baseball sets from 1971-77, in excellent condition.

WANTED: Following baseball teams: 1964 Phillies, Cardinals, Yankees, Orioles; 1963 Dodgers, Yankees; 1962 Dodgers. I am willing to pay \$10 to \$15 each for teams in good condition. Call: 904-737-6377, or write: Mike Merwine, 5800 Barnes Rd. S.#12, Jacksonville, FL 32216

WANTED: Baseball individuals and teams since S-O-M's conception. Teams: Braves, Tigers, Red Sox, Giants, Royals, Dodgers, Pirates, Pilots, Cubs. Send list of individuals available to: Houghton Beach Club Tournament Offices, 22425-100th Ave. West, Edmonds, WA 98020

WANTED: Information on how to play-by-mail (baseball). Also, I would like to get in a play-by-mail league. I play baseball and am reliable. Write: Dan Allen, 5118 W. Berenice Ave., Chicago, IL 60641

WANTED: 1971-75 Yankees; in fair to good condition; no pen marks. Also looking for 1968-1977 Green Bay Packers. Send asking price to:

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Larry Scotti, 638 Woodrow Road,  
Staten Island, NY 10312

WANTED: A franchise in a top-notch PBM hockey and baseball league. I am 25 years old, with 11 years S-O-M experience. Have played and organized PBM leagues. Absolutely reliable and honest, dedicated. I can take a poor franchise and turn it around! Write or call: 1LT Rolf Mowatt-Larssen, Christopher Square Apartment #54, Radcliff, KY 40160 (phone: 502-351-6905)

WANTED: Any year of Dallas Cowboys, before and including 1976. Will pay good price. Contact: Doug Pettypiece, 711 David St., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada R2Y 1K6. Include offer in letter.

WANTED: Strat-O-Matic Baseball teams from 1962 through 1974. Will pay fair price. Write: Buzz Borrell, 2860 Red Bug Lake Road, Apt. 13, Casselberry, FL 32707

## For Sale

FOR SALE: Over 10 valuable baseball playing tips to spice up your game. These tips will make you manage your team more. Price: \$1.25. Tony Combine, 1471 Nicholson St., Erie, PA 16509

FOR SALE: S-O-M Football teams, 1967 through 1974. Condition good to excellent. I have a price in mind for each team and will sell either to the first person who meets my price, or to the highest bidder by the end of the month. Mike Bordelon, 5445 Braesvalley #724, Houston, TX 77096 (phone: 713-721-5465)

FOR SALE: 1976 baseball cards including extras; excellent condition, \$17. Football, 1974 Redskins, Bills; 1976 Patriots, Raiders, each team for \$2.25. All in good condition. The following 1976 baseball teams in mint condition (no extras) are for sale for \$2.25 each: Yankees and Phillies. From original football set (1967 season) over 100 cards from eight teams. Condition fair. Sells for \$45. Note, I pay all postage. Bill Kozack, 26 Fourteenth Ave.,

Haverhill, MA 01830 (phone: 617-373-0511)

FOR SALE: 1980 Price Guide for S-O-M cards. Part I - baseball; \$2.00. Part II Football; \$2.00. Both for \$3.50. Includes up-to-date pricing, a rating system for card condition and many hints on how to buy and sale S-O-M cards. This guide will steer you away from the "rip-off artists" and will pay for itself in no time. A must for all S-O-M enthusiasts! Send orders to: Marty Chittum, 2420 N. Dousman St., Milwaukee, WI 53212

FOR SALE: Football - 1967 Browns (\$3); 1969 Dolphins, Eagles and '73 Chargers (\$1 each). Baseball - 1979 (with extras) Phillies, White Sox, Pirates, Dodgers, Mariners, Indians, Blue Jays and A's (50¢ each). First come basis. Send to: Gary Traxler, 1444 Laurel Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104

FOR SALE: Baseball sets (all with extra players) - 1974, 1976, 1977. Football - 1973 through 1977, also 1968 Buffalo, Houston, New York Jets, Boston, San Diego, Kansas City, Cincinnati, Miami, Oakland. Basketball - 1974-75 through 1977-78. Martin Ports, 1140 Sander Ct., Escondido, CA 92026

FOR SALE: College football game. Based on the 1977-1978 season. Excellent condition. Send offers to: Jerry Cowley, Box 84, Deer Park, WA 99006

FOR SALE: Complete, mint condition, 1977 baseball set with all 26 teams and all extra players. Will sell to highest bidder. Robert Kruck, Route 1, Box 201, Prairie View, IL 60069

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1964 (good condition) Reds, Giants, Braves (missing Tiefenauer), Dodgers (missing Moeller, Griffith), Cardinals (missing 4), Orioles (missing 4). 1970 (excellent-mint, including extras) Astros, Braves, Giants; 1972 (excellent-mint, including extras) Expos, Cardinals, Braves, Phillies, Dodgers, Pirates, Astros, Orioles, Brewers, Angels, Tigers, Twins. Send bids and SASE to: Mark Westendorf, 764 Trade Square West, Troy, OH 45373

FOR SALE: Houghton Beach Club is

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surplusing S-O-M Baseball cards, 1964 forward. Persons requiring individual ball players or entire teams, send SASE to: Houghton Beach Club, Tournament Offices, 22425-100th Ave. West, Edmonds, WA 98020 (the cards are free)

FOR SALE: 1969, 1970, 1973, 1974 complete baseball sets (no extras). Condition, excellent; 1969 is good. Want to trade for 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970 or 1972 complete football sets. Offer cash bid if desired. SASE guarantees reply. 1LT Rolf Mowatt-Larssen, Christopher Square Apartment #54, Radcliff, KY 40160

FOR SALE: 1976, '77, '78 baseball, excellent condition, with extras. Best offers. Larry Braus, 6545 N. Washtenaw, Chicago, IL 60645

FOR SALE: S-O-M Basketball game with complete 1977-78 season plus '78-79 L.A., Boston, New Jersey, Philadelphia, Denver and Portland. I used the game about 5 times. Minimum bid is \$40 for complete game. Bidding ends on the 20th of the month. Only winning bid will be notified unless you send 15¢ stamp. Send bids to: Larry Gavlak, RD#1 Box 410, Houtzdale, PA 16851

FOR SALE: All teams 50¢ each: 1975 Reds; 1976 White Sox, Pirates; 1978 all N.L. teams except Philadelphia. Football, 1977 Seahawks, Patriots. James Burns, 2 Daisy Lane, Smithtown, NY 11787

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1964 Orioles \$10, Giants \$10, Twins \$10, Houston Colts \$5; 1965 Twins (original) \$10, Giants \$10, Indians \$10, Reds \$10, Phillies \$8, White Sox \$8, Orioles \$8, Tigers \$8, Yankees \$5; 1966 Giants \$10, Pirates \$10, Phillies \$8, White Sox \$8; 1967 Giants \$7.50, Pirates \$7.50, Reds \$7.50, Angels \$5; 1968 Giants \$7.50, Dodgers \$7.50, Reds \$7.50, Mets \$5, Orioles \$7.50, Red Sox \$5, A's \$5, Yankees \$5; 1974 Dodgers \$5. Football - 1972 Dolphins (send bids), 1972 Packers \$5, 1973 Bills (send bids), 1973 Vikings \$5. All teams are in excellent condition. I will pay all postage

and return all checks for teams already sold. Enclose SASE if you desire a reply regarding your bid for Bills or Dolphins. Write: Robert Hellstrom, 717 Newva Gorda, Culver, IN 46511. WANTED: 1977 baseball additional players.

FOR SALE: College football teams: 1975, '76, '77 all teams. All in excellent condition. Pro football teams: 1968 Chiefs, Bears, Colts, Rams; 1969 Chiefs, Vikings; 1971 Chiefs, Vikings, 49ers, Redskins; 1972 49ers, Redskins, Browns, Steelers, Raiders, Packers, Dolphins, Cowboys; 1973 Packers, Bills, Raiders, Cowboys, Bengals, Redskins, Rams, Steelers, Dolphins, Vikings; 1974 all teams. All in excellent condition. Baseball: 1962 71 miscellaneous players; good condition. 1963 Yankees, White Sox, Indians, Phillies, all in good condition; 59 miscellaneous players in fair condition. 1964 Cubs, Yankees, Colts, Orioles, Indians, Phillies, all in good condition; 49 miscellaneous players all in good condition. 1965 Twins and Angels, all in good condition. 1966 A's in very good condition. 1968 Reds in very good condition. 1969 Royals in very good condition. 1970 all teams (no extra players) plus Royals, Reds, Pirates, Giants, Cubs, all teams in excellent condition except for Reds, Royals, Giants, Pirates. 1971 all teams w/extras plus Royals, Brewers, White Sox, Twins, Angels, A's, Cubs, Astros, Dodgers, all in excellent condition. 1972 all teams w/extras plus Royals, Pirates, Reds and Astros, excellent condition. 1973 all teams w/extras plus Royals, Twins, Phillies, Cubs, excellent condition. All teams in '74, '75, '76, '77, '78 w/extras and in excellent condition. Both old timer sets, 20 nameless cards, '40 Reds, '41 Yankees and Dodgers, '46 Cards and Red Sox, '48 Indians, '50 Yankees, '54 Indians and Giants, '62 Giants. Pro basketball: 1972-73 Knicks, Bucks, Lakers, Kings, Celtics, Warriors; 1973-74 all teams. All in excellent condition. Send bid along with a SASE to: Mike Sanders, 1134 Farmstead, Wichita, KS 67708. Deadline is May 20th.

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1962 complete set, excellent condition; 1963 N.L.

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and Baltimore, good condition; 1970 complete set in excellent condition. 1962 and '63 teams will be sold by set unless bids are large for individual teams. 1970 set will be sold as a set only. SASE is a must for response. Bidding will end April 30th. Call 1-419-331-0643 before 3 p.m. or after 11:15 p.m., or write: Steve "Boom" Johnson, 2275 N. Cable Rd. #122, Lima, OH 45807. Also, 71 teams, fair to good condition; send for list.

FOR SALE: 1975 NFL--all 26 teams. First year of super-advanced rules. Excellent condition. Only 11 games played with this set. To highest bid received verbally or in writing before May 1, 1980. Steve Beren, 34-30 78th St., #6A, Jackson Heights, NY 11372 [phone: 212-458-8867]

FOR SALE: 1972-73 NBA--complete set in mint condition. Never used. S-O-M's first basketball cards. To highest bid received verbally or in writing before May 1, 1980. Steve Beren, 34-30 78th St., #6A, Jackson Heights, NY 11372 [phone: 212-458-8867]

## League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: Looking for 6 more managers to start a new PBM baseball league. It will be a team and draft league, using the new upcoming cards and extras. This will be a continuous league with players being kept from year to year. Each manager will operate 2 teams, one in American and one in the National. Trading will be allowed. Please send your complete address and a small resume on yourself. Also, enclose in order of preference the numbers 1 to 10 and the letters A to J. Example: 8, 5, 1, 3, 10, 9, 2, 7, 6, 4 and G, D, I, C, A, J, B, E, F, H [this will determine what teams you will start with]. Send to: Mark Farrell, 16020 Strawberry Road, Morrison, IL 61270. All letters answered.

LEAGUE FORMING: Face-to-face draft league in Ontario-Upland area is now forming. We will be using advanced side of new

cards. If interested, contact: Charles Whyte, 1404 Albright Ave., Upland, CA 91786 [phone: 714-985-8329]

LEAGUE FORMING: Looking for 28 reliable managers anywhere in the world to form Strat-O-Matic Football league. This will be a play-by-mail league, using the newest cards as soon as they come out. The league will be a 28-team league. There will be a \$5 entry fee. I will keep you posted on how teams will be formed and a small constitution that will be issued. This league is promising to be very exciting, with newsletters after each round. Anybody who is interested, and I hope there are a lot, please write: Richard Edwards, 414 Walker Road, Elizabeth, PA 15037

LEAGUE FORMING: The Mid-Michigan Baseball League is looking for 22 reliable managers to start its first season. The league will have 10 NL teams and 12 AL teams. The advanced version will be used and teams drafted using a "money" system. This league will last as long as the managers do. The league fee is only \$2. The league will be continuous from year to year, and will start with the newest cards. You don't need to live in Michigan, that's just our home base. Experience is not required, but punctuality and reliability are. The first season will be a 162-game affair. And, if we get too many replies, backup positions will be offered. For a lot more information, write: Dick Hunt, 205 North Scott Road Apt. D6, St. Johns, MI 48879

LEAGUE FORMING: Houghton Beach Club is currently engaged in expanding its S-O-M Baseball leagues by six. One probably achieves the degree of realism and intensity you desire. Send extensive resume and brief league description to: Houghton Beach Club, Tournament Offices, 22425-100th Ave. W., Edmonds, WA 98020

LEAGUE FORMING: DELCAL American Draft League needs two or three new managers for its already established baseball league. We are a successful 12-team PBM league, but the drafted teams have already been established. The league is a long-running league, rather than just a

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"one-year fling." So there is an opportunity to build your own team through trading and drafts. Because your team has already been established, the entry fee will be somewhat smaller than the other league members are paying. We charge \$25 for entry into our league normally. The new managers, however, will pay just \$15. This fee covers the publication of a weekly newsletter, among other things. We require a larger entry fee than most leagues because it is better run than most. The teams available are of mediocre quality with some standout players. But hurry! The first manager accepted gets the first choice of teams remaining. Please, only apply if you are dependable and are interested in playing PBM baseball for a number of years to come! If still interested, send resume, including PBM experience and any questions to: Larry Hirt, 307 Carey, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

LEAGUE FORMING: First-time ever 20-team PBM hockey league. This will be a draft league. All teams will start out with '79-80 roster sheet and draft from there. We will be using the new cards that will arrive in September. League will start Oct. 1; 80-game schedule will be played. Send entry fee, \$10, and team preference sheet to: Larry Scotti, 638 Woodrow Road, Staten Island, NY 10312 (phone: 212-984-5393; call after 5 p.m. Monday-Sunday)

LEAGUE FORMING: Ten reliable managers wanted for a PBM league, National League only. List 12 teams in order of preference. Send to: Mike Regimbal, 1201 Pharmacy Ave., Scarborough, Ontario, Canada M1R 2H5. Entry fee is \$4.

LEAGUE FORMING: ECBL (Eastern Championship Baseball League) is a PBM league with continuous play using new cards each year. We play advanced version, 8 teams NL/AL. Our average age is 22, and we have 75 years gaming experience! A first-year league, we want solid managerial

prospects for two future expansion teams. We intend to expand two teams each year and play a full season next year. Get in on the groundwork and top of our waiting list! We want the best of the east! Write: 1LT R. Mowatt-Larssen, Christophers Square Apartment #54, Radcliff, KY 40160

LEAGUE FORMING: A well established league is in need of one new manager and several backup managers for the new season. NASOMBA (North American Strat-O-Matic Baseball Association) is a draft league that uses all the National League players including extra players. Teams remain the same from year to year with the exception of trading and the league draft. NASOMBA had been in operation for five years and now heads into its sixth. One manager was dropped this year due to unreliability, so only reliable, hard working managers need apply to this ad. Several backups are also needed this year because of the strong possibility of some current managers being replaced. A backup manager for NASOMBA often gets into the league quickly and has never had to wait longer than a year. League experience isn't a big factor for new managers, but is helpful. What is important is the person's willingness to work, keep up with the schedule and report to me on the requested dates. There is small entry fee of \$5 to cover the cost of bi-weekly newsletters and 30-age yearbook. All those very interested managers write or phone: Doug Cochrane, 808 Rosedale Ave., Sarnia, Ontario, Canada N7V 2A3

LEAGUE FORMING: The Terran Baseball Federation is now forming. This will be a draft Old Timers league that will follow a fairly fast-paced schedule. I need 7 managers plus 4 backups. Include past PBM experience. Lonney Whitehead, Amboy, MN 56010

LEAGUE FORMING: New play-by-mail baseball league forming! Straight teams, with trading allowed. Next season we plan a rookie and dispersal draft. The league includes many extras: frequent newsletters, all-star game, 162-game schedule,

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trophy for manager of the year and league champ. We are only looking for mature, dependable managers. \$5 league fee, for many bulletins and large, detailed yearbook at season's end. This league is well organized and will be run by three commissioners, each running a separate league department. Experienced managers preferred. Send a list of 12 teams in order of preference to: Chris Melore, 22 Harvin Place, Mahwah, NJ 07430. Phone: 201-891-3317. Also send resume on the amount of years you have been playing S-O-M.

**LEAGUE FORMING:** The 1980 Gold Cup! \$210 in cash prizes! Compete against Bob Fafata Jr., Ed Daley, Jim Schwanebeck, GKSMML champ Warren Newell and 1979 World Strat-O-Matic champion Steve "Boom" Johnson. The Gold Cup Challenge Series is S-O-M's answer to the World Series, Super Bowl and Stanley Cup. It's a unique play-by-mail advanced baseball tournament, with a special system devised to give all participants a fair chance to "win the gold." The 1980 World Strat-O-Matic champion will be awarded \$150. Don't miss out on this innovative tournament. For information and rules about participating, write: 1980 Gold Cup, c/o Steve Beren, 34-30 78th St., Apt. 6A, Jackson Heights, NY 11372. Phone: 212-458-8867. Be bold--go for the gold!

**LEAGUE FORMING:** S-O-M league expanding in its fifth season. No experience necessary, but dependability is essential. PBM league has draft concept that we hope to complete by May 1. So write or call now! I will get in immediate touch with you. Glenn Wheeler, 906 S.E. 2nd Street, Grand Prairie, TX-75051 (phone: 214-262-5234)

## Contest Forming

**CONTEST FORMING:** What a way to start the 1980's! Enter the first-ever Tournament of Silver. Scheduled for late summer or

early fall 1980. The tournament will have an extra twist as Old Timer teams will be involved, along with the 1973 era-up. Basic version of S-O-M will be used. Prize money will be awarded. Amount depends on number of entries [there is no limit!]. Anyone in the S-O-M world may enter, whether you are a beginner or veteran of S-O-M who knows you could be the Silver Champion of 20th century S-O-M baseball. For more information, write: Greg Balas, Box 622, Pontitex, Askatchewan, Canada S0N 1Z0 (phone: 306-625-3765)

**CONTEST FORMING:** Announcing the first annual play-by-mail Strat-O-Matic super advanced football tournament. If you think you are one of the country's top coaches, then let us see you prove it! No previous play-by-mail experience is necessary. I will use each coach's play sheet and play all games. Prize money will be a percentage of the entry fees: first-place - 50%; second-place - 25%; third-place - 13%. You need to own only your 1978 team you plan to coach. The entry fee is \$1.75 for Dallas, Los Angeles, New England, Miami, Denver or Houston; \$2 for Pittsburgh; \$1.50 for any other team. I will send you full details as soon as I receive your entry fee, SASE, and the name of the 1978 team you plan to coach. Send to: Chuck Gilardi, 1066 Annapolis Drive, San Mateo, CA 94403. All entries must be received by May 17.

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## S-O-M league scene

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<u>Rushing con't</u>	<u>Att-Yds.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>
Dorsett COW	309-1193	3.9
F.Harris STE	272-1055	3.9

<u>Passing</u>	<u>Att-Pct.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>TD/Int.</u>
Staubach COW	400 55.8	3255	20-18
Morton BRO	503 51.9	3592	28-19
Grogan PAT	475 57.5	4783	31-50
Bradshaw STE	402 54.2	2791	16-21

Note that Grogan broke Capitol League records for yards gained, TD passes and interceptions.



# Readers Roll 'em

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## ONLY THE 'BEST'

I've read all the letters from people who want more old timer teams, reprints of past seasons, etc. It seems to me that there are enough of these teams.

Instead, the game company should consider making all-time teams, consisting of the best players to ever play for a franchise. Imagine the problems of trying to make a lineup for the all-time Yankees with an outfield of Ruth, DiMaggio, Mantle, Maris, Heinrich, Combs, Meusel, etc.

I think this idea would be popular, since I have seen a few "superteams" replays in the Review.

Craig Corbett  
4471 Bramwell Dr.  
Stone Mountain, GA

## CREATE YOUR OWN CARDS

I would like to suggest to S-O-M players in a quandry about the lack of individual pitcher's hitting cards that they purchase the set of nameless cards that S-O-M puts out and create their own cards.

For pitchers with outstanding hitting credentials, simply refer to a baseball guide and check out his batting average, extra-base hit power, walk frequency, etc., and use the nameless player batting card that most closely approximates his performance.

The ingenious S-O-M fan could even create his own pitcher's hitting cards. For instance, a pitcher who hit, say three home runs in 100 at-bats, would have average power. Referring to a nameless card with "average power" we find a home run indicated for a dice roll of 2 and 10, split numbers 1-17. Therefore simply print this home run occurrence on a hitting card of your own construction.

This procedure can be followed for other categories as well. Only the trouble of obtaining a baseball guide and making the cards are drawbacks to the system.

James Handford  
Gimli, Manitoba

## LAUDS HOCKEY IMPROVEMENT

I'd like to commend S-O-M for its tremendous improvements to the hockey game. No longer will there be a 15-goal scorer outscoring any 30-goal people.

Also, I'd like to praise the article on right/left shooting [Jan., 1980 Review] defensemen. I'm relieved to know that I'm not the only realism fanatic around. In reference to the lists, however, one error was made: Marie Marois of the Rangers does shoot right, not left.

Finally, my vote for reprints (baseball) would be no, because I couldn't get used to playing the basic version after playing advanced for six years. I would rather see S-O-M make old timer hockey teams, as I've been craving to see what Bobby Orr and the '70-'71 Bruins [four 100-point scorers] would be like.

Mark Bozzini  
Milford, MA

## HOW ABOUT ALL-TIME GREATS?

I know you're up to your eyeballs in polls, but I have a suggestion you might keep in mind. I would like sometime during 1980 for the Review to conduct a poll to determine an all-time baseball team.

Kevin Lawless  
Kansas City, MO

Editor's note: Our eyeballs just 'went under.' But we will keep your suggestion in mind.

## WANTS NEW YORK CONVENTION

I am glad to see that old teams will be reprinted. No longer will I have to pay hundreds of dollars for my favorite teams.

When will there ever be another S-O-M Convention in New York? I went to the one in 1973 and had a great time, considering I was only about 10 years old at the time and really wasn't into S-O-M.

Since a good portion of S-O-M fans live in or around the New York area, it certainly would be well-attended [unless gas lines return].

Peter Stein  
Flushing, NY  
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Editor's note: Currently there are no plans for a New York-based convention. However, there will be another National Convention in the midwest this summer, at Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, Aug. 1-3.

#### SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT NEEDED

I have noticed the changes made in football since 1970 and though these changes improve what is already a very good game, I would like to see receivers play a more important role.

Also, I have played several games of football without a blocking assist coming up. In league play, the "slanting" of quarterbacks and running backs produces extremely potent offenses when a running back from a "running" team is paired with a quarterback from a "passing" team. This makes being "wrong" often a disaster even with a superior defense (in our league, defenses with 11 "6s" are possible as players may be held over from the previous season).

The kicking game could also use a boost. Secondary punt and kickoff returners would make a nice addition, while the punting could be made much more accurate with the addition of more charts taking into account field position when the ball is punted. S-O-M also lacks reverses, half-back passes and runs or passes from punt formation. Some kind of development of these "special plays" would be welcome.

The above are intended only as suggestions and I'm sure you've heard most of it before. I have played other football games, but none are as realistic as S-O-M.

Charles Williams  
Colorado Springs, CO

#### HOW ABOUT S-O-M TOP 20?

How time flies...I am now 25 and have played Strat Football, baseball, basketball and hockey--being in a football league for the last 10 years.

Throughout my adventures with this game, I have appreciated it not so much as a game, but as a bona fide hobby. I'd like to salute your maverick magazine for

binding fellow fanatics together and expressing excellent ideas and interesting innovations. I am amazed at how such a simple "game" has actually developed an amazing statistical and football knowledge for me. If I wanted to, I am sure I could be quite a "bookie!"

I'd also like to offer a suggestion: Let's start a S-O-M "Top 20" rating scheme, much like UPI and AP. I am sure it could be developed easily with reader input.

For example, in S-O-M Football, I offer (after several leagues and much analysis):

1. 1972 Miami; 2. 1973 Miami;
3. 1971 Dallas; 4. 1975 Pittsburgh;
5. 1962 Green Bay; 6. 1969 Minnesota;
7. 1977 Denver; 8. 1975 Minnesota;
9. 1969 Kansas City; 10. 1958 Baltimore;
11. 1977 Dallas; 12. 1978 Pittsburgh;
13. 1975 Los Angeles; 14. 1976 Oakland;
15. 1969 New York Jets; 16. 1977 Baltimore;
17. 1974 Minnesota; 18. 1969 Detroit;
19. 1976 Pittsburgh; 20. 1969 Dallas.

I have no regular-issued teams prior to 1969, but I have most since then.

Rolf Mowatt-Lesser  
3733 Acosta Rd.  
Fairfax, VA

#### REVIEW RENEWAL, BUT...

I had decided not to renew my subscription, but obviously I changed my mind. You are my link to the Strat-O-Matic world and, considering the rate of inflation, one of the best buys around.

The Review is more polished now than when it started, but in many ways I think that is a loss. When it started, it seemed like such a novelty and maybe I just take it for granted. I try to realize that you put a lot of time and hard work into it, but if you ain't done it then you don't know.

It seems to me that in the beginning the Review didn't have a set format and was changing printers almost as often as people complain about fielding ratings. That made it interesting.

Now it is basically the same month in and month out. The stories on the GKSM are a strong feature to me. I wish you could get into the personalities of the

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league members a little. I used to play in a face-to-face league and the personalities and actions of the various members was the factor that made the games so much fun.

I enjoy playing solitaire and compiling stats for whatever league I have created. The joy of face-to-face is getting to know your opponent and enjoying the playing of the game, not the winning or losing.

The constant flow of insults, threats, the differing strategies, the nasty little asides thrown in by other league members, and the sometimes hollow compliments among genuine compliments are what table-gaming is all about.

Keep them dice a  
rolling,  
Kelly Huey  
Nashville, TN

Editor's note: We will continue to try and do our best--and hopefully everyone will be happy.

#### PENALTY RATINGS WANTED

About the pro and college football games, it is inconceivable how such games could leave out some sort of penalty rating. The outcomes of every season are greatly influenced by penalties.

If you (the Review) could reprint the best tips on penalties and also talk to Mr. Richman (S-O-M's creator), it would be appreciated.

In baseball, the excuse that it would be expensive or impractical to print up any player who served a fringe role is ridiculous. All gamers would love to see at least 25 to 30 players per team. I feel that any player who batted 70 times or more or any pitcher with 30 innings or more should be rated.

Clutch hitting also is a necessity. Also, a collection of the best playing tips covering all the games would be an extremely welcome purchase by many gamers.

Lastly, while I have leveled some criticisms, they are not meant in malice. These games give me a great deal of pleasure. Actually, sometimes I think I'm quite crazed. Keep up the good work.

Leigh Goldstein  
New York, NY

Editor's note: As we've mentioned before, biggest stumbling block regarding creation of penalties for S-O-M Pro Football is that any playing tip devised to incorporate penalties would have to take into account frequency of same in real-life. Most playing tips sent to the Review have frequency of penalties based on chance. And, from S-O-M's point of view, penalties, as the game is now set up, would only subtract from the statistical realism. But, if enough gamers clamor for penalties, the game company most likely will respond.

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## MVP Contest to close May 10

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