



## STRAT-O-MATIC REVIEW

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### S-O-M Presents Improved Fielding Chart

And a Merry Christmas to all, and may your dice roll right.

Strat-O-Matic, although it may be slightly belated, has a "gift" coming your way when the new baseball cards become available.

After extensive research and testing, the game company has developed a supplementary fielding system that takes into consideration the number of errors committed by fielders. It's unlike the method we thought would be used, however--a fielding chart we described earlier in these pages.

S-O-M decided to scrap the former idea--whereby, in certain situations, a fielder's percentage would be brought into play to determine a result--and has come up with a better idea.

With the new method, certain numbers will come up on the X-Chart that result in rolling again and checking a fielder's error rating [which will be on his card] to determine the outcome of the play. "Each player will be given an error rating based on if he had played every inning of every game," says S-O-M creator Harold Richman.

"It will add about four more dice rolls per game, maybe as much as a minute or two of playing time," he continues. But there will no longer be any "select another split card" situations, so the time increase may be minuscule, or remain the same.

How will it work?

For example, a shortstop may have numbers 9-12 as potential "error" chances. This is, remember, just a hypothetical situation, since we have not actually seen the new chart. Then another roll is made, the fielder's error rating checked, and the result determined.

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"Accuracy is much better this way," emphasizes Richman. "We tested the results over a 300-game period and found that it [new fielding chart] added an entirely new dimension to the game. The other method, using percentages, we found wasn't as accurate as we wanted. Baseball people go by errors committed much more than fielding percentages, in determining how good a fielder is."

Another addition will be the possibility of catchers throwing the ball away on stealing attempts.

With the changes in the fielding chart, S-O-M Baseball will, undoubtedly, move even closer to simulating to perfection the real-life game. For instance, it will now be possible to have that far-ranging shortstop (perhaps he's rated a "2") to commit a sizeable number of errors. The hits won't elude him, but he will bobble more ground balls. Conversely the outfielder who makes few errors but has little range will have hits drop around him but drop few if any flyballs.

Also, remember, for those of you who don't want to switch, the old X-Chart can still be used. The new X-Chart, which will be included with the new baseball cards, is strictly an optional maneuver.

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### **Hockey Testing In Final Stages**

On another S-O-M gaming front, events are progressing nicely regarding development of a hockey game. Serious testing is being conducted at this moment and, if all goes well, the timetable is for the first S-O-M Hockey game to be on the market next year.

Major changes have taken place in the game, however, from that played by Review co-editor Del Newell against Harold Richman during a summer visit to the S-O-M headquarters. Instead of additional charts for determining results when passing, shooting and defensive play, everything will now be on the cards. The thought was that too many cumbersome charts deviated from the S-O-M formula: a simple game to play and learn, highly realistic statistically and as near to real-life as possible.

Other table-games, as we're probably all well aware, have turned us off because of a maze of charts that have to be consulted.

What will be the playing time of the hockey game when it's ready? In the testing, S-O-M personnel were able to play a game, and keep complete statistics (such as number of shots taken by each player, type of shots, etc.) in 45 minutes. The average gamer, after learning the rudiments of the game, should be able to play a game in 35 minutes or less, easily, reports the game company.

Watch for S-O-M Hockey. It should be coming your way late next year.

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## **New Directory Is Ready!**

The newest Strat-O-Matic Directory is now available. The biggest and best Who's Who of the Strat-O-Matic gaming world can be purchased for \$1.00 (which includes first-class mailing).

The latest Directory (which is the third printed by the Review) includes more names than ever before, a voluminous league section and a photo gallery. For those curious about the type of people playing S-O-M games, seeking to make new friends who share their interests, or becoming part of a new craze sweeping the land--playing play-by-mail table sports games--the newest S-O-M Directory is a must.

You may, through the Directory, find that many other S-O-M buffs live only a short distance from you. Or you may find that a face-to-face league is in existence only a few long dice rolls away.

What's the age of the average S-O-M gamer? What occupations do dice-rollers have? How many members in the average PBM league? All these questions are answered in the new Strat-O-Matic Directory.

For your copy, send \$1.00 to: Strat-O-Matic Review, P.O. Box 27, Otsego, MI 49078.



## In The News With Strat-O-Matic

Strat-O-Matic games are continuing to make headlines.

Sports editor Garry Brown of the Springfield Union (Springfield, MA) recently, in a notes column, mentioned S-O-M Baseball: "So you think you're an expert, eh?" wrote Brown. "Well, try playing Strat-O-Matic Baseball sometime."

Another article, written by sports writer Rial Cummings of the Santa Clara Sun (Cummings is remembered by some, perhaps, for his humorous articles that appeared in the Review), dealt with the popular AWA football league. Entitled, "Getting kicks in cerebral fashion--it's all in the table-top gaming craze," the article takes an in-depth look at the creation of Mike Applegate.

The AWA--the letters stand for absolutely nothing--is entering its sixth season this fall. The 13 league members usually gather every Monday night in the Santa Clara apartment of Applegate, who along with Neil Christie, Earl Yagi, Mike Simonds, John Koeplin, Ken Morse and Jeff Applegate, Mike's brother, are some of the better known members.

The group, as Cummings puts out, range in age from early to late 20s, musically from the Carpenters to Deep Purple, and includes a bank auditor, gardener, youth lobbyist, grocery clerk, computer programmer, several businessmen and college students.

### S-O-M WORKS BEST WHEN...

Although not accorded the general notoriety of other "think" games, such as backgammon and chess, "sports table gaming works best when a sprinkling of adult I.Q. is mixed with a liberal amount of infantile enthusiasm," says Cummings.

S-O-M Football is described in detail, including the intricacies of the safety blitz, double-teaming and the various formations. "About the only two things the game doesn't cover," says Cummings, "are the national anthem and Howard Cosell."

What do the AWA members say about the game?

"It's an addiction"--Mike Applegate.

"It's an ego trip"--Earl Yagi.

"It's a waste of time"--Mike Simonds, who used to suffer immensely with the New England Patriots.

"The game is really very realistic," says Applegate. "I like to think of it as chess with dice."

Applegate (with Kansas City), Christie (Cincinnati in both 1973 and '74) and Yagi have all won AWA championships. All 26 (now 28) NFL teams are used in a six-division setup, with coaches using actual teams (two per coach) and playing a 15-game schedule, plus playoffs.

### 'THE GAME BRINGS US TOGETHER'

Cummings also relates, through his full-page article (plus one picture), that the AWA, and S-O-M, are ties that bind the group together. "The game brings us together," says Ken Morse. "It keeps us in touch. Some guys get together and play poker or tennis. We play Strat-O-Matic."

Christie presents another insight to the 'why' of the gaming world when he said, "Most of us played sports as kids and our dream was to make the majors. This is a carryover. When you roll the dice and your batter hits a home run--it's like you did it too."

The league members aren't without impressive athletic backgrounds, however. Jeff Applegate was a soccer standout, for instance. Koeplin was an all-league selection in basketball as a prep. And Simonds, who towers 6-foot-6, was an All-American water polo player.

### EAST OF THE ROCKIES

A clipping also comes to the Review from Gary Duke of Brush, CO, which is only a small boulder's throw from Fort Morgan.

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Staffer Gary Alexander of the Fort Morgan Times wrote the piece about the S-O-M Baseball happenings when Duke and a flock of his friends get together.

Managing the all-time greats in all-star contests is the favorite pastime of most. Duke has been an S-O-M manager since 1965. Both he and his brother Doak compile reams of statistics and delight and making comparisons of actual and S-O-M performances by the players.

The article, entitled "Yesteryear's Stars Return," is a refresher course in how to play S-O-M Baseball, as well as detailing the mechanics of the card composition of the individual players. All managerial decisions are available to would-be table-top mentors, points out Alexander. "If you want to bench Reggie Jackson, you can bench Reggie Jackson."

And there's the general manager and owner's aspect to the game, too. "Where else could someone buy the entire Oakland franchise for less than \$1?"

Roberto Clemente (who recently hit a home run and three singles to lead his National League All-Star team to an 8-3 win over another 1964 N.L. All-Star squad) still lives--thanks to S-O-M.

Alexander also mentions, and Duke confirms the theory, that "the attraction for S-O-M is the amazing ability to parallel actual results of big league performers."

Some of the comparisons that Duke has experienced include:

\* Replaying the 1974 Broncos' 14-game schedule and having Otis Armstrong rush for 1,564 yards in S-O-M, compared to 1,407 real-life, average 5.8 yards (compared to 5.3) and have his longest gain identical to real-life--43 yards.

\* Green Bay's John Brockington averaged 3.4 yards in S-O-M and 3.3 in real-life.

\* In Doak Duke's 1964 full-season replay of the St. Louis Cardinals, in baseball, pitcher Ray Sadecki had a 21-12 S-O-M mark and was 20-11 actual; Bob Gibson served up 25 home runs in both, and Ken Boyer hammered 25 home runs for Duke and 24 in real-life.

"Right now I'm playing a round-robin tournament with all the Bronco teams since 1967," mentions Gary Duke, to which friend Randy Nicklas reacted by saying, "Yeah, and so far nobody's scored."

And that's the way it is in the fall of 1977 in the world of Strat-O-Matic.

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## What's Available At S-O-M?

The following teams are still available from the Strat-O-Matic Game Co., Inc., 46 Railroad Plaza, Glen Head, NY 11545. The years listed below are the years upon which the cards are based. In other words, the first year of the football cards still in stock is based on the 1971 season--and thus the 1972 edition.

Please include a 80¢ handling charge for each order.

### FOOTBALL

1971 - Teams available include Chicago, New Orleans, Philadelphia, New England and Houston. Cost: 2 teams for \$1.25, 75¢ per team.

1972 - Teams available include Atlanta, Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, Minnesota, New Orleans, Philadelphia, St. Louis, San Francisco, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Houston, Kansas City, New England, and San Diego. Cost: \$8.00 for set, \$1.25 for 2 teams, 75¢ per team.

1973 - Teams available include Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Green Bay, New Orleans, Philadelphia, St. Louis, San Francisco, Baltimore, Cleveland, Denver, Houston, Kansas City, Miami, New England, New York Jets and San Diego. Cost: \$8.00 for set, \$1.25 for 2 teams, 75¢ per team.

1974 - All teams available. Cost: \$11.00 set, \$1.25 for 2 teams, 75¢ each.

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## Strat-O-Matic Spotlight

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### REVIEW KIDNAPPED!

Dilemmas are many for Strat-O-Matic fanatics. Friends may scorn you. Parents may threaten you. And your sister might even kidnap your precious Strat-O-Matic Review!

That's what happened to Larry Fryer (Hamburg, PA) this past summer. His sister, Linda, 15, kidnapped his Review--and held it ransom until he was willing to cough up \$1.40 to pay for two ducats to the Strawberry Festival.

Larry, although preferring not to contact the FBI, felt he could foil the plan. For one thing he wasn't going to be able to attend the event. Why should he pay? For another the Review in question turned out to be missing a couple of pages. Larry had sent for another. Linda could hold onto the other for ever...ever...and ever!

Now, if Linda and her friends should plot to hijack some of the baseball cards...?

### REPLAYING REAL-LIFE SEASONS

Kenneth Schmidt of Wichita, KS, likes to replay baseball seasons as close as possible to reality. What he does is use the box scores printed in the Sporting News to find out the actual lineups used, and then follows them.

Hence, no time is spent deciding on lineups, pitchers, etc. And since players hit and pitch against those the same as in real-life, statistical accuracy is increased. Injuries also take care of themselves (those that occur during a game are ignored). And for missing players, use a nameless player of similar ability or an old card that comes close to duplicating performance.

Schmidt, whose hobbies are S-O-M Baseball and electronic calculators, has found a way to combine the best of both his worlds. He's devised a program whereby he can push a button on the calculator and receive a random three-dice roll result. Also, by pressing three buttons he can obtain a random number from 1-20--replacing the split number card method.

A bookkeeper and holder of a B.S. degree in mathematics, Schmidt is 25 years old.

### 'SUPERTEAMS - 1977'

Dave Scheer conducted an interesting single-elimination baseball tournament. Called "Superteams - 1977" the tournament pitted teams with the best players at each position from years 1962-1976. A designated hitter was used and each team could use its best two starting pitchers.

The last three teams were the New York Yankees, Chicago White Sox and Baltimore Orioles, with Baltimore emerging the victor after outscoring foes by a 36-13 margin. Boog Powell of the Birds, who once smashed three consecutive home runs, was named MVP.

In case you're curious, here's the lineup that carried Baltimore to the championship: Pitchers - Wally Bunker ('64), Dave McNally ('68); 1B - Boog Powell ('64); 2B - Bobby Grich ('74); SS - Luis Aparicio ('64); 3B - Brooks Robinson ('64); LF - Merv Rettenmund ('70); CF - Paul Blair ('67); RF - Frank Robinson ('66); C - John Orsino ('63); DH - Al Bumby ('73).

Scheer also played a one-shot All-Star game matching the "best" with the National League winning easily, 9-2. Bob Gibson ('68) was the winning hurler, Luis Tiant ('68) took the loss, while Willie Stargell ('71), Joe Morgan ('76), Hank Aaron ('71), Tony Perez ('70) and Willie Mays ('65) socked home runs for the winners.

### SHORT SHAKES

...Scott Garberman replayed the 1975 Philadelphia Phillies season and it was a model of accuracy. The S-O-M Phils matched their real-life counterparts, compiling an identical 86-76 record. Almost all the hitters were within 15 points of real-life averages and three pitchers (Steve Carlton, Jim Lonborg,

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Larry Christenson). Surprises were Carlton's 18-10 record (15-14 actual) and Ollie Brown hitting 60 points above average. Disappointments were Greg Luzinski hitting 40 points less than real-life and Mike Schmidt slugging but 28 homers...An S-O-M baseball league has been formed at University of Missouri. Eight managers are: Joel Goldberg, Bob Terry and Dave Dannov, whom range in age from 16-25 (a 16-year-old college student?). A 54-game season is planned. The UMSBL (it's a draft league using 12 teams selected by the managers) is headed by Homer, who resides at 41 Colonial Village, Columbia, MD 65201. He and his gang would love to take on the Sooners from Oklahoma in a collegiate challenge series...Del Ennis of the '50 Phillies hit for the 'cycle' against the '67 Red Sox in a 13-5 baseball romp. After striking out, Ennis tripled, doubled, singled, walked and then homered. He finished with four RBI and three runs scored...Ira Wolins of Philadelphia ran a test on '27 Babe Ruth's batting prowess, using '75 Tom Seaver and Oscar Zamora ('there she goes!'). It was a test covering a five-year span. Ruth cracked 404 homers off Zamora in 2,700 plate appearances (one for every 6.68 at-bats), batted .400 and struck out an average of 72.2 times per season. Meanwhile, against Seaver, Ruth homered 262 times (one per 52.4 at-bats), had his average dip to .284 and fanned an average of 167 times. Figuring Ruth's average against both hurlers, over a ten-year span, Wolins discovered the Bambino batted .342--his exact real-life lifetime average...Tampa Bay didn't have to wait as long in S-O-M to record that elusive first NFL win as it did in real-life. Joseph Smith of Tewksbury, MA, watched the Buccaneers win the battle of the state of Florida by virtue of Dave Green's 35-yard field goal in the final seconds, 31-28, over Miami. Morris Owens scored three times for Tampa...And Steve Rigdon also watched the Buccaneers win a game. This time the swashbuckling Buos made Baltimore a surprised 26-7 victim as Steve Spurrier completed 29 of 38 passes for 299 yards and two touchdowns. Owens caught six passes for 126 yards but didn't score...No-Hitters: Woodie Fryman, '76 Expos, tossed a perfect game against Toronto as Danny Fajman and Steve Vogel of Cote St. Luc, Quebec, staged a best-two-of-three series to determine the "Canadian Champion." Fryman's win was a 1-0 affair as the Expos won in two straight. Larry Dierker of Houston also notched a pitcher's gem, mowing down Pittsburgh in 10 innings as Ron Nielsen looked on. The 1976 cards were used. And, in the near-miss category, Phil Niekro of the '73 Braves gave up a sixth-inning single to Steve Carlton of the '73 Phillies--and then set down the next 12 batters en route to a one-hitter. Mike Custer of Lyndhurst, NJ, grimaced his way through that one from the sixth inning on.

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## What's Available At S-O-M?

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### BASEBALL

1974 - Oakland is only team still available. Cost: 65¢. Extra players are available, however. Cost: \$2.70 for 96-player set.

1975 - Teams available include Detroit, New York Yankees, Milwaukee, Chicago Cubs, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, San Francisco, Montreal, San Diego. Cost: \$5.00 set, \$1.25 for 2 teams, 65¢ each. Note: No extra players are available for 1975 season.

### BASKETBALL

1974-75 - 18 teams. Cost: \$7.00 for set, 50¢ per team.  
1975-76 - 22 teams. Cost: \$8.00 for set, 50¢ per team.

Note: The above is all that is still available from the Strat-O-Matic Game Company. Please do not send to the Review when purchasing such teams. And, it might save some paper work if, when ordering back teams from S-O-M, if other teams are listed in case the desired team(s) is out of stock. The last check with S-O-M indicated some teams were selling out on a daily basis and that its stock of teams was quickly being depleted.



## Guest Columnist

# New Look At Punting

Editor's note: The author of the following article on punts is 26 years old and a graduate student in educational research.

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I recently tried Strat-O-Matic Pro Football and have been bothered by one aspect of the punting game. No doubt this was less of a problem before the 1974 NFL rule changes moving the goalposts to the end line and returning missed field goals to the line of scrimmage. Since those changes, few teams will attempt a field goal unless well-within the 35-yard line (remember, a kick from the 33 is actually a 50-yarder). As a result we're seeing more teams punting from the opponent's half of the field.

Since S-O-M punters have absolute distances on their cards, some strategic (if not statistical) aberrations result. Punting from 35 yards out, Atlanta's John James (1976) will put the ball over the goal line on 92 per cent of his dice rolls, netting only 15 yards for his team when a touchback results. A mediocre punter might be able to kick just 30 yards and put the other team in a hole.

When a team kicks from past midfield, distance should give way to position. What I propose may alter the total yardage figures, but should add strategy and reward the better punters. I'd use my system whenever the ball was within 45 yards of an opponent's goal line.

First of all, rate each punter on "EZC," or "end-zone control"--how well he keeps the ball out of the end zone. In recent years, the NFL has been releasing stats that rate this to an extent. Each punter has a figure for TB (touchbacks) and another for "IN-20" or kicks which put the opponent inside his own 20. I use these to rate the punters.

Take the ratio of TB / (TB+In20) and apply the following chart:

TB / (TB + In20)	EZC Rate	
0.20 or less.....A	0.41 -- 0.50.....D	
0.21 -- 0.30.....B	0.51 -- 0.60.....E	
0.31 -- 0.40.....C	0.61 -- or more.....F	

For example, Dave Lee of Baltimore has 3 TD and 21 In-20s.  $3 / (21+3) = 0.125$ , best in the league, or an "A" rating. On the other foot, Neil Clabo of Minnesota has  $13 / (13+5) = 0.772$ , or an "F" rating. James earns a "B". Ratings for all punters are included below.

### 'STRATEGIC' PUNT

When a team chooses the "strategic punt," roll two dice and use the chart provided below instead of the punter's card. Read the yard-line directly (you'll have to compute the actual distance for your records). The # following identifies the return back. Negative numbers indicate possible TBs; positive ones must be returned or fair caught. The chart is designed to help the A and B punters and to hurt the E and F ones. It also provides for out-of-bounds kicks, which must account for some 20 per cent of punts in real-life.

### STRATEGIC PUNT CHART

Can be used on or inside opponent's 45-yard line only. Roll two dice. Letter: punter's EZC rating. Figure: actual opponent's yard line (negative: in end zone). "#": return back. "O/B": kick out of bounds or downed by kicking team--no return.

Dice Roll		Rating - Yard Line (Returner)
2	-	-B (#1)
3	-	A,B 1 (#1) C-F -3 (#1)
4	-	A,C 5 (O/B); D-F -3 (#2) (continued on next page)



Dice Roll		Rating	Yard Line	(Returner)
5	-	A-D	6 (#1);	E-F +1 (#1)
6	-	A	2 (0/8);	B-F -4 (#1)
7	-	A-E	9 (#1);	F -1 (#1)
8	-		-6 (#2)	
9	-	A-B	4 (0/8);	C-F -4 (#2)
10	-	A-C	3 (#2);	D-F -2 (#1)
11	-	A-D	7 (0/8);	E-F -2 (#2)
12	-	A	goal line (#2);	B-F -5 (#2)

Example: If a "9" results for B-rated Don Cockroft, the punt goes to the four-yard line and out of bounds. If C-rated Bobby Walden did the punting, it would be four yards into the end zone.

I realize the chart, ratings and usage are heavy in conjecture, and I'll be looking forward to suggestions and improvements. I would allow the team the option of the strategic kick or of letting the punter go for the maximum distance, especially if his rating is E or F and a TB would likely result anyway.

Here are the "End-Zone Control" ratings for 1976 NFL punters:

#### Rating

- A - Lee (Baltimore), Green (Tampa Bay), Weese (Denver).
- B - Cockroft (Cleveland), Seiple (Miami), Pastorini (Houston), James (Atlanta), Weaver (Detroit), Blanchard (New Orleans), Jackson (Los Angeles), Engles (Seattle), Parsons (Chicago), Beverly (Green Bay), Jones (Philadelphia).
- C - Wilson (Kansas City), West (San Diego), Carrell (New York Jets), Walden (Pittsburgh), McInally (Cincinnati), Wittum (San Francisco).
- D - Bateman (Buffalo), Patrick (New England), Hoopes (San Diego-Houston), Jennings (New York Giants), Bragg (Washington), White (Dallas), Joyce (St. Louis).
- E - Guy (Oakland).
- F - Clabo (Minnesota).

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#### Prep Star Also Plays Strat-O-Matic

### **Quarterback On And Off Field**

Jeff Merklin of West Jefferson, OH, is a quarterback both on and off the football field.

On the field last fall he guided his high school team to a 10-1 record, the Metro League title and Class A state championship. He completed 57 of 106 passes for 1,065 yards and nine touchdowns.

Away from the gridiron, at least the real-life version, Merklin was still calling football plays--only this time with Strat-O-Matic. He, along with Rodney Yoder of West Jefferson, formed the Central Ohio Strat-O-Matic Football Association (COSOMFA), a 12-team league that recently completed its second season.

Most of the season is played solitaire by the two, except when Baltimore (Merklin's favorite team) or Cleveland (Yoder's favorite) are involved. Those teams are always played face-to-face against all opponents--which makes up about one-third of the schedule.

#### L.A. RAMS COSOMFA CHAMPS

Los Angeles replaced Minnesota as the league champion after edging the Baltimore Colts in overtime, 23-20, in a Super Bowl thriller. Harold Jackson caught a 76-yard touchdown pass on the final play of the regulation game,

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tying the score, 20-20. Then Tom Dempsey booted a 47-yard field goal on the Rams' first overtime possession for the winning points.

L.A. had reached the championship game by disposing of Cincinnati in the first-round of the playoffs, 17-14, while Baltimore walloped St. Louis in the other contest, 51-28.

The 12 teams picked for the full-season replay were, Merklin admits, favorite teams of both he and Yoder, and not necessarily the best squads. Oakland, for instance, wasn't included, nor was New England. The second-season format "caused a few slaughters," says Merklin. "This season we will go back to the 12-best format, which should add excitement."

#### COLTS, BENGALS, RAMS WIN DIVISIONS

Baltimore, Cincinnati and L.A. won their respective divisions, with St. Louis gaining the wild card berth in the playoffs by virtue of its better record in the West Division. Both the Cards and Dallas had 9-5 records.

Baltimore got big years out of Bert Jones (2,507 yards, 20 touchdowns) and Lydell Mitchell (1,312 yards rushing; 57 receptions) to win the East easily. Pittsburgh floundered as Terry Bradshaw was sub-par, although Franco Harris galloped to 1,517 yards. Cleveland and Buffalo had individual standouts: Greg Pruitt picked up 1,448 yards for the Browns, O.J. Simpson a league-record 2,060 for the Bills. O.J. also got loose for a league-record 337 yards in a 62-14 thrashing of the Detroit Lions.

Cleveland was 11th and Buffalo 12th (yielding 405 yards per game) on defense, however.

Kenny Anderson, the league's No. 1 passer, directed Cincinnati to the Mid-American Division championship. Minnesota struggled to a 7-7 record despite Chuck Foreman's 800 yards rushing and 58 receptions. Atlanta's defense surprised for the first 10 games before a late-season collapse. And Detroit was doomsday all season.

The West was a catch-as-catch-can affair, with L.A. slipping into first with the best record within the division. St. Louis upended the Rams in the final game of the regular season, 17-16, to capture the wild card spot. Jim Hart was triggerman for the Cards, passing for 20 TDs and 2,840 yards, while Mel Gray was on the receiving end 71 times for a 24.7-yard average per catch. Dallas, although snake-bitten at times, had a one-two punch in Roger Staubach (3,324 yards passing, 22 TDs) and Bob Newhouse (919 yards rushing). Houston made it a four-team scramble, thanks to a defense that gave up a league low 17.6 points per game, until it dropped its final two games.

L.A. was the No. 1 team defensively, giving up only 258 yards a contest, although it conversely ranked last in offense with 285 yards. St. Louis was the No. 1 offensive machine with a 340-yard per-game output, while Buffalo (210) and Dallas (237) were tops rushing and passing, respectively.

#### Standings and leaders:

East	Won-Lost	GB	Mid-American	Won-Lost	GB	West	Won-Lost	GB
Baltimore	10-4	-	Cincinnati	9-5	-	Los Angeles	9-5	-
Pittsburgh	6-8	4	Minnesota	7-7	2	St. Louis	9-5	-
Cleveland	4-10	6	Atlanta	6-8	3	Dallas	9-5	-
Buffalo	4-10	6	Detroit	4-10	5	Houston	7-7	2

  

Rushing	Att-Yds.	Avg.	TD	Receiving	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Simpson (BUF)	312-2010	6.4	23	D. Pearson (DAL)	76	1167	15.3	9
Harris (PIT)	278-1517	5.5	13	Rucker (CLE)	74	1047	14.1	5
Hampton (ATL)	307-1502	4.9	17	Gray (SL)	71	1752	24.7	10
Pruitt (CLE)	300-1448	4.8	16	Curtis (CIN)	67	1589	23.7	11
McCutcheon (LA)	264-1385	5.2	10	Burrough (HOU)	63	1329	21.1	5
Mitchell (BAL)	265-1312	5.0	11	Gilliam (MIN)	63	1245	19.8	5
Coleman (HOU)	244-1112	4.5	12					
Metcalf (SL)	220-1039	4.7	11					

  

Scoring				Punt Returns	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Simpson (BUF)	144			Johnson (HOU)	64	880	13.6	3
Pruitt (CLE)	114			Kickoff Returns				
				LeFear (CLE)	31	988	31.9	1
				Metcalf (SL)	41	1097	26.8	1

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Passing (140 Att.)	Att-Comp	Pct.	Yds.	TD-Int	Rating	Interceptions	
Anderson (CIN)	369-203	55.0	3303	28-16	92.5	Munsey (BAL)	13
Staubach (DAL)	363-214	59.0	3324	22-23	93.2	Blount (PIT)	13
Hart (SL)	301-153	50.8	2840	20-20	78.2	Bryant (MIN)	10
Jones (BAL)	354-177	50.0	2507	20-14	75.6	Renfro (DAL)	10
Tarkenton (MIN)	399-222	55.6	2928	19-20	73.9		

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## Wanted

WANTED: 1974 baseball, individual teams or complete set. Complete sets only for years before 1973. State: Teams, years, complete price list. Write: Robert Martino, 6 Farley Drive, Rensselaer, NY 12144

WANTED: Baseball cards; complete year with extras. Years prior to 1975. Send SASE with low bids to: Jim Schwanebeck, 4610 Arabia Ave., Baltimore, MD 21214

WANTED: Complete 1961 season. Complete 1973 season plus extras. Also looking for roster sheets prior to 1974 season. Will pay very well, but, of course, to lowest offer. Urgent! Write: Tom Marzagalli, 168 N. Oak St., N. Massapequa, NY 11758

WANTED: 1963 Yankees, Twins, Orioles, Indians, Tigers, A's, Angels, Senators, Dodgers, Cardinals, Phillies, Braves, Pirates, Houston, Mets; 1964 Boston, Senators, Phillies, Giants, Dodgers, Cubs, Pirates, Houston, Mets; 1965 White Sox, Indians, A's, Yankees, Dodgers, Braves, Cardinals, Mets; 1967 Pirates, Houston; 1968 Tigers, Yankees, A's, White Sox, Reds, Cardinals, Pirates, Dodgers, Mets; 1969 Boston, A's, Giants, Pirates; 1970 A's; 1972 Yanks, Tigers, White Sox, Pirates, Cubs, Mets, Reds, Dodgers; 1973

Tigers, Royals, Twins, White Sox, Mets, Pirates, Houston. I will pay substantial prices, or we can trade, as I have over 200 teams. Will answer all replies. But first come, first served. Don't delay in writing to: Gary Gannet, c/o Clifford Art Studio, 40 West 17th St., New York, NY 10011

WANTED: Baseball - 1964 Phillies; 1969 Mets; 1973 A's; 1970 Orioles; 1968 Tigers. Football - 1968 Jets, Raiders; 1969 Chiefs; 1971 Cowboys; 1972 Dolphins, Redskins. State condition (very good or better only); complete sets only (don't need extras); figure postage in price. Write: John Hoffman, 55 Millside Lane, Mill Valley, CA 94941

## For Sale

FOR SALE: S-O-M Football teams, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970. 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: Strat-O-Matic Football teams. I have all 1971 teams, 1970 teams (Atlanta, St. Louis, Giants, San Francisco, Baltimore, Detroit, Green Bay, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Chicago, Washington, New Orleans, Dallas, Minnesota), 1972 (Cowboys, Dolphins, Redskins, Steelers), 1974 (Vikings, Redskins,



Dolphins, Broncos, Oakland, Pittsburgh, Buffalo, San Diego, St. Louis, Los Angeles, Dallas, Patriots]. I would like to sell them for 1970, 90¢ a team; 1971, 85¢; 1972, 80¢; and 1974, 75¢ a team. For more information, write me and tell me the teams you are interested in: David Strauss, 98-41 64 Forest Hills, New York, NY 11374

FOR SALE: Based on 1972 football set, all teams in very good condition. 1973-74 basketball set in good condition. Baseball -1971-73 seasons in very good condition. 1974-75 baseball sets in excellent condition. All sets have additional players. The 42 Old Timer teams in very good condition, \$12.00, or best offer. You pay postage. Send bids to: Al Michaud, 115 Pleasant St., No. Pembroke, MA 02358

FOR SALE: NBA basketball cards based on 1972-73, 1973-74, 1974-75 and 1975-76. Sold by season only. Rare 20-sided dice available in short supply. Send SASE and bids to: Jim Schwanebeck, 4610 Arabia Ave., Baltimore, MD 21214

FOR SALE: Baseball teams. All 24 from 1971; includes extra players. All good-excellent condition [one card written on in pen, but still completely readable]. Want to sell as a set.. \$20.00. All 24 teams from 1972: No extra players. Again, all good-excellent condition but one card written on in [again also, totally readable]. Want to sell as set. \$17.00. All 24 teams from 1974 [note: no 1973]. No extra players. All very good-excellent condition. As a set, \$17.00. Jon Vankin, 88 Cole Avenue, Williamstown, MA 01267

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1973 A's, Yankees; 1974 all extra players, Pirates, Braves, Dodgers, Reds, Mets, Cardinals, Orioles, Red Sox, White Sox, A's, Rangers; 1975 Phillies, Royals. All baseball teams for \$20.00. Football - 1972 all teams, \$20.00. 1975 College Football, \$10.00. Write: M. Feierstein, 8 McCurdy St., Winnipeg, Man., Canada R2V 3B2

FOR SALE: S-O-M Reviews, January 1972-October, 1977; very good to mint condition. Send bids in cash or complete baseball sets [with extras] in excellent to mint condition prior to 1974, to: Marc Elliott, 3460 Zion Place, Concord, CA 94518

FOR SALE: New 1977 pro Football cards with 1976 records. All teams. Mint condition. Only six teams even used. Only \$9.50. Write: Rob Kennedy, 5014 Ridgeview Drive, Waco, TX 76710

FOR SALE: How to play-by-mail! Comprehensive six-page report ready now! Send \$2.00 to: Bob Warsinski, 17471 Revere St., Southfield, MI 48076

FOR SALE: S-O-M Baseball cards--no extras--mint--rosters if buy whole set or remaining teams of sets below: 1963 [season] A.L.; teams missing '63 Yanks, '63 Minnesota; no writing on cards. 1963 N.L.; teams missing Dodgers, Cardinals, San Francisco, one Phillies, one player has little writing. 1964 A.L. - teams missing, Red Sox, L.A. Angels; little writing three Twins, all Yanks, three Chicago. 1964 N.L. - teams missing, Braves, Dodgers, Mets, Cards; writing on cards, one player Pittsburgh. 1967 N.L. - N.L. and A.L. no teams missing. Writing on St. Louis [two cards], Cincinnati [one]. Cincinnati, Mets, Houston have one or two cards each set have erased pencil marks--barely visible. Braves, Giants have three or four cards in this condition. 1967 A.L. - Boston, Detroit, Chicago, Twins, Orioles have one or two cards each writing; California, Senators, Cleveland, Kansas City, Twins have one to four erased pencil marks. Writing on cards neat, small amount. Pay more for teams, less for remaining teams in set or whole set ['67]. No players missing on teams I have. All cards not with writing are mint. Answer your replies by giving bids. If you are not contacted by last day in the month, my ad is in Review, then your bids were not high enough. W.D. Barclay Jr., 1955 Larkdale Dr., Glenview, IL 60025

FOR SALE: 1967 Chargers, 49ers, Oilers, Cowboys, Chiefs, Lions, Steelers, Redskins, \$13.00 each team; 1968 and 1969 all football teams, \$10.00 each team; 1970 and 1971 Football teams, \$9 each team. White Sox, Indians, 1965, \$15 per team; 1968 Cubs, Indians, 1969 Royals, Giants, Pirates, Braves, Dodgers, [Continued on next page]



Orioles, Astros, Twins, Cardinals, Reds, Senators, Phillies, \$11.00 per team. 1970 and 1971 all baseball teams, \$10.00 per team. Higher bids will be accepted. All items sold to highest bidders. You pay postage on all teams. Send bids to: John McNabb, Jr., 1200 Glenwood Ave., Peoria, IL 61606

FOR SALE: In excellent condition, complete 1962 baseball set. Will answer all SASE. Write: Tom Meyers, 3001 W. Grace St. #3, Richmond, VA 23221

FOR SALE: 1963 Angels, Cleveland; 1965 A's, Angels; 1967 Cleveland, Reds, Twins; 1968 Baltimore. Keith Fossness, 510 17th St., So. Apt. 4, Moorhead, MN'

## League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: Want your own team instead of inheriting one in an established league? I'm forming a PBM Baseball league which will use the new cards (based on 1977 season) when S-O-M sends them out. 12 or 24 teams (depending on number of replies), draft setup. League will be a continuous system--the players you draft now are yours in all future seasons. 162-game schedule to be played at a pace any S-O-M freak can surely handle. Frequent newsletters will be printed. Experience helpful but not required. I'll have schedules prepared early, so that two weeks after '77 cards are mailed we can hold the draft and get moving. Why wait for a league that isn't ready until summer when you can start by March? Send your resume (name, address, age, experience, if any) to: Steve Beck, 1363 73rd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11228. All letters will be answered.

LEAGUE FORMING: Three reliable managers needed. The 1978 edition of the American League baseball cards will be used. Tentative starting date April 15, 1978. Contact: Anthony Paldino Jr., Box 1001 Tower A, Hempstead, NY 11550 (516-560-4611), or Joseph Paldino, 1515 W. 5th St., Brooklyn, NY 11204 (212-331-3260)

LEAGUE FORMING: I would like to 12 replay all seasons up to present and then continue replaying each season. This is for pro football. I play basic version but I don't care if you do otherwise. I am currently replaying the 1972 season, so I need coaches willing to replay all other seasons. There is no rush as I know how long a replay takes. Please reply if interested. Bob Spellerberg, 46 Skipper Dr., West Islip, NY 11795

LEAGUE FORMING: Bill Daughtey is holding his second Mid-Winter Invitational Feb. 18, 1978. For more info on this "basic baseball" spectacular, write or call: The Ball Park, c/o Bill Daughtey, 215 Langdon Ave., Mt. Vernon, NY 10553 (phone: 914-664-1098).

LEAGUE FORMING: Six or seven managers wanted to form eight-team PBM old timer baseball league. All clubs after 1950 eligible. Season will be 154 games and fast-paced. Send top eight selections in order. Entry fee of \$4 includes everything. S-O-M related award given to playoff champ. No experience necessary, just desire. Give complete address and telephone number and brief summary. All letters answered. Wish to begin immediately. Include entry fee. James Jurgensen, B-2 Preston Road, Milford, NJ 08848

LEAGUE FORMING: Greater Baltimore, Maryland, advanced face-to-face baseball league forming for next spring season; cards based on 1977 season. Fee and deposit required. 27-game season per team requires minimum weekly meetings during April, May and June of 1978. Send SASE for full information to: Jim Schwanebeck, 4610 Arabia Ave., Baltimore, MD 21214

LEAGUE FORMING: The All-Star League is going into its 10th season and is looking for 1-3 more managers. The league will be a 4-6 team, face-to-face draft league, playing a 162-game schedule using the 1974, '75, '76 cards plus extras (trading permitted). Entry fee will be discussed. Send a short resume of your S-O-M experience. Rookies considered. Send to: Doug Smith, 13162 Adland St., Apt. D, Garden Grove, CA 92643

LEAGUE FORMING: Wanted - New members to fill immediate vacancies in the Spencer Des Moines Strat-O-Matic Association, currently replaying 1976 Major League season (1977 replay April-October, 1978). Advanced game, (Continued on next page)



draft format, 24 franchises, four-five home games per week, comprehensive statistics, realistic usage limits for all players, bi-weekly newsletter. Commissioner: Brad Furst, 5251 Winding Way 24, Carmichael, CA 95608 (phone: 916-487-6585)

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Looking for 12 reliable managers for a PBM 1978 draft league. American League players with extras, advanced version, will be used. Trading will be allowed. Will start as soon as the new cards arrive. Send your age, PBM experience and \$3 entry fee to: Bob Kopojeski, 3000 Florida Ave., N. Crystal, MN 55427 (612-545-5270). This league has been carefully planned.

**LEAGUE FORMING:** I need 25 reliable managers for a full-scale PBM replay league of the 1977 baseball season. We will be using the 1978 edition of the baseball cards and will also use the extra players. Seattle and Toronto will be included in this league. The starting date for the league will be approximately April 8, 1978. If you are interested, send a list of 26 teams, in order of your preference, to: Chris Gage, RFD #2, Plainfield, VT 05667. All applications must be received by January 1. Entry fee is \$2.50. Do not send fee with application.

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Advanced PBM Football league using the new 1976 cards. The regular teams and regular league schedule will be used, depending on the response. The only requirement is that you are a dedicated enough football fan to make the league a success. \$2.00 entry fee. If interested, send your picks, in order of preference, to: Doug Winslow, 1226 Pharmacy Ave., Scarborough, Ontario, Canada M1R 2H9

**LEAGUE FORMING:** The Major League of Strat-O-Matic Teams starts its first season in March and managers are needed. The MLSOMT is a draft replay of the 1977 season, using regular teams with extras. The various trophies up for grabs are All-Star, division champs, league champ, world champ.

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The best part is all of this costs a mere \$10.00. There are two leagues in the MLSOMT, the A.L. and the N.L. Our requirements are that you be sincere about helping the league be a success in that you will play out your full schedule (162 games). This is a PBM league. Send this and the 26 teams in order of how you prefer them. Write to: Vance Vanitvelt, Box 63, Ortonville, MI 48462. This will be a league using the basic version of the baseball game.

**LEAGUE FORMING:** The U.S. Baseball League is looking for a few good managers to take over established teams for its fourth season. We're a PBM league with a two-division setup, American and National, six teams in each. Experience not necessary, but reliability both in playing and keeping up with deadlines is a must. We wish to maintain a quality league. Write: Ted Bailey, 836 Warren Way, Palo Alto, CA 94303

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## If You're Like Me...

...You research back issues of the Review regarding hit placement to see what type a card players are likely to receive the next year.

...You've spent all night playing draft basketball with a friend.

...You've pitted a group of sub-.200 hitters against a fireballer such as Nolan Ryan--all in an attempt to get that cherished first no-hitter.

...You've been driven to profanity by the know-it-all friend who's just destroyed your "unbeatable" team.

...You're tempted to replay the 1961 New York Yankees--just to see how many home runs Roger Maris could hit.

...You've given, after a disastrous road trip, batting practice to your play-by-mail baseball team.

...You get sweaty palms when that "gun" (Dwight Evans) you've been ballyhooing is about to be tested by a Mickey Rivers.

...You start what you believe is a unique replay, hoping to get your name in the Review--only to pick up the next issue and find some one has already beaten you to the better idea.

Todd Sharek  
No. Dartmouth, MA



## How To Play-By-Mail

Most frequently asked question of the Review editors is, "How does a play-by-mail league work?" At least a dozen letters a month raise the question, or ask for back issues of the Review that explain PBM play.

Because of the constant avalanche, and because new baseball card time isn't far off with its accompanying leagues, the Review will take you back to the basics, or the ABCs of a play-by-mail operation.

The most commonly used model, at least we've been told, is the one that appeared in the May and June issues of the Review back in 1973. Mike McLawhorn of Raleigh, NC, laid the foundationstones with the NASDL (North American Summer Draft League) constitution.

Time and changes in the baseball game have altered some parts of the constitution, but it's still an excellent model to follow. If you're contemplating starting your own league, you can't go wrong in adopting the methods that have worked for the NASDL.

So, for your enjoyment and learning pleasure, here is the NASDL Constitution:

Preamble: The NASDL is a play-by-mail league which incorporates the advanced version of S-O-M Baseball with some extra rule modifications. The league has been formed to provide a means of interesting and competitive recreation for its members and to simulate the pleasures and problems of running a major league baseball franchise. The list of rules and regulations which follow are provided in order to keep the league as competitive as possible and to provide NASDL members a means of controlling the fates of their franchises.

### PLAY-BY-MAIL METHOD

1. Each team will play the same number of road and home games.
2. Each manager will play home series and instruct another manager in a road series concurrently.
3. Each manager must make his own arrangements for obtaining player cards before the beginning of each season.
4. Each manager must send instructions for his road series by a specified date (see penalties).
5. The home manager must report statistics for both teams in a series and is responsible for reporting them accurately and neatly.
6. The home manager will be required to report series statistics by a specified date (see penalties).
7. The home manager will be required to return the results and scoresheets to the visiting manager at the conclusion of each series. This should be done at the same time he sends the series results and statistics to the league office. If problems arise from inaccurate reporting of statistics, some managers may be required to send the scoresheets with their series report to the league office. Any such notice will be published in the league newspaper.
8. After receiving scoresheets from his road series, the road manager should review them for possible violated instructions. If a violation is found, he should promptly report it to the league office so that provisions can be made for a prompt replay of the game by either the league office or a neutral manager.
9. If a protest of a game occurs after the last series and the replay of protested games causes a change in the teams which qualify for the playoffs, the playoffs will be replayed if they have already begun when the protest occurs.

### TEAMS, SCHEDULE, MATERIALS

1. The league will consist of two divisions of at least four teams each.
2. Expansion will take place as soon as there is at least one league member other than the league office who consents to serve as a division statistician.
3. The schedule will consist of play against all teams in the league, but each team will play more games within its division than outside of it.
4. Divisions will be based on geographic lines.

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5. The league schedule and deadlines for series will be sent to each manager at least one month prior to the first series of the season.
  6. All scoresheets, comp sheets and series report sheets will be provided by the league out of league funds in order to be consistent in reporting methods.
  7. Each manager should follow the Series Reporting Guide when filling out reports for his home series.
  8. The league will use the extra players rated by S-O-M to form rosters.
  9. Each team will be allowed to keep a 25-man active roster at all times and up to eight players on a farm roster. Each team will begin each season with a 30-player roster after the draft and must form an active roster before the first series.

#### STATISTICS

1. Each manager will be required to report the following hitting statistics for both teams in his home series. All pitchers hitting statistics for each team should be added together and reported on Comp sheets under the name Pitchers.
 

(1) Games played	(8) Runs batted in	(15) Sacrifice hits
(2) At-bats	(9) Stolen bases	(16) Hit into double plays
(3) Hits	(10) Caught stealing	(17) Hit by pitchers
(4) Runs scored	(11) Total walks	(18) Game winning hits
(5) Doubles	(12) Intentional walks	(19) Pick off base
(6) Triples	(13) Strikeouts	(20) Grand-Slam home runs
(7) Home runs	(14) Sacrifice Flyouts	
2. The following pitching statistics must be reported for both teams by the home manager in each series:
 

(1) Total games	(7) Saves	(13) Total walks
(2) Games started	(8) Innings pitched	(14) Intentional walks
(3) Complete games	(9) Hits allowed	(15) Strikeouts
(4) Shutouts	(10) Total runs	(16) Wild pitches
(5) Wins	(11) Earned runs	(17) Balks
(6) Losses	(12) Home runs allowed	(18) Hit batters
3. The home manager is also required to report the following fielding stats for both teams in each series. Pitchers' fielding stats should be combined the same as hitting stats. [1] Putouts, [2] Assists, [3] Errors, [4] Passed balls.
4. The home manager should follow the Series Reporting Guide in balancing and verifying the accuracy of the stats from each series.

#### OPTIONS AND TRADES

1. Each manager will be allowed four options per season, with which he may claim any free agent who is not a member of the active or farm roster of another team and drop one player from his own active or farm roster. If that manager's farm roster does not include more than five players after the transaction, he will not be required to drop a player in the option.
2. Players obtained by option or trade may not be used until the league office, via mail or telephone, has okayed the deal.
3. All trades must be completed and confirmed during the trading period specified by the league office each season.
4. Draft choices and options may be included in trades.
5. Each manager must give an indication of his entire 25-player roster [active] for each road series when he sends road instructions. Members of the farm roster may be activated without notifying the league office, but the active roster must be the same for both home and road games for each series.
6. Any player obtained by option or trade after the last series of each season will not be eligible for use in playoffs. The rosters used in the playoffs will be the same as for the last series with the exception of players promoted from the farm team.

#### INJURIES

1. S-O-M injury chart will be used to determine duration of injury during a series.
2. No injuries will be carried over to next series. (Continued on next page)



3. Injuries may occur during entire season's schedule.
4. Pitchers who started more than 35 games and hitters who played in at least the number of games on our schedule during real-life season will not have any injuries carried over to the next game. Those players, if injured, miss duration of game only.
5. League office will provide each manager with a list of such players (No. 4) before the start of the season.

#### PITCHER'S USE RULES

1. Each pitcher is limited to no more than 20 innings more than the figure on his player card for the season. Violation results in automatic forfeiture of game or games in which he pitches after reaching such limit. If a pitcher enters a game under his limit and surpasses the limit while pitching, no forfeiture will occur for that game. If the team, using a pitcher that the game should be forfeited because of his use, should lose, no penalty will be imposed.
2. If no other pitcher is available due to injury or lack of innings, no penalty will be imposed for use of a pitcher who has exceeded his innings.
3. Each manager must set up two starting rotations, one for home series and one for road series.
4. With one exception, a starting pitcher must have 3 days rest between starts. If pitcher worked more than 290 innings in real-life he will be allowed to pitch with only two days rest, but never on two consecutive starts.
5. A pitcher with a starter/reliever designation must have two days rest between relief and starting a game and two days rest between starting and relieving. Away manager is to notify home manager when he sends instructions if a pitcher isn't eligible to start or relieve in a particular game.
6. A relief pitcher may not appear in more than 75 per cent of the games in any series. There is no limit on innings pitched, but he must have at least one day of rest after pitching more than three innings in a game within a series.
7. A pitcher must be used only as card indicates [starter/relief] unless there is no other pitcher available for use.
8. If an injury causes starting pitcher to miss turn during a series, the home manager is responsible for using best available replacement, in accordance with above rules.

#### BATTER'S USE RULES

1. Each batter is limited to no more than 75 at-bats more than real-life figures on card. Penalties and exceptions are the same as for pitchers.

#### VISITING MANAGER'S INSTRUCTIONS

1. The visiting manager is responsible for outlining in his instructions any decisions, lineups or strategy he wishes to employ in his road series. If a situation arises not covered by instructions, the home manager is responsible for using best possible judgement in handling the situation.
- Next month: special fielding rules, penalties for constitution violations, and drafting NASDL-style will all be presented.

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## Exercise In Bravery: Replaying Braves

Replaying a season with the Atlanta Braves might seem only a step away from jumping off the Golden Gate Bridge. That person sounds in need of help...soon.

But, wait a minute. Before the call goes out to bring the net, let's take a look at what Atlanta team Jim Chriss, of Austin, TX, is playing with.

It turns out to be one of those Braves' teams that was still on the baseball warpath. Their arrows weren't made with rubber tips.

It was the 1973 long-ball Braves that Chriss took through a 162-game campaign. Remember that team? The one that walloped 206 home runs! Chriss found the home run punch was still intact, plus the pitching proved to be slightly better than expected.

Atlanta did drill 199 home runs, while batting .262--four points shy of real-life. The pitching earned run average in S-O-M was 4.03, and 4.25 in real-life. But since not all the pitchers were included in S-O-M's version, a final check of the stats revealed that the ERA was right-on compared to real-life since Atlanta's S-O-M pitchers had a composite 4.00 ERA.

### RECORD SLIGHTLY IMPROVED

Atlanta's won-and-lost record, under Chriss' watchful eyes, rose slightly as the S-O-M Braves had an 83-79 mark--seven games better than the real-life 76-85.

"The fielding statistics were incredibly accurate," according to Chriss. "The real-life Braves committed 166 errors, made 142 double plays and had a fielding average of .974. In my replay, the Braves committed 162 errors, made 142 DP's and had a fielding percentage of .974. You can't get much closer than that!"

Chriss, 21, a math major at the University of Texas at Austin and a four-year S-O-M veteran, also noted that the second basemen in S-O-M tend to grab off more line drives and popups than in real-life. He says there are too many putouts and not enough assists. Otherwise, the fielding is almost a replica of real-life performance.

### BACK...WAY BACK!

The home run bombardment had to be the biggest thrill for Chriss. Darrell Evans ripped 46 and drove in 121 runs, compared to 41-104 real-life figures; Hank Aaron was 43-105 (40-96 real-life) and Dave Johnson 39-101 (43-99). Evans once hit four home runs in four consecutive at-bats, while the team massacred the Giants, 17-3, and Expos, 18-1, in memorable offensive eruptions.

More good news was Carl Morton going 29 innings without issuing a walk; Johnson handling all his chances at second base without an error over a 47-game span; Roric Harrison pitching a no-hitter against St. Louis, and the Braves going 39-33 against East Division teams and 44-46 against the West.

Conversely, Dusty Baker grounded into an incredible 27 double plays and the Giants eked out a 4-3 win in the longest game of the Atlanta season--20 innings. Phil Niekro was another disappointment, finishing with an ERA of 4.26 and serving up 27 roundtrippers, despite giving up 12 less hits than the 253 innings he pitched.

Aaron was the best of the regulars in the batting department (.307), although Mike Lum checked in at .298, Evans .291 and Garr .286. Morton was the best of the pitchers with a 17-14 record and 3.55 ERA, while Harrison was 12-4 (3.29), Ron Schueler 10-15 (3.76) and Niekro 13-11.

	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	R	SB	Avg.
Real-life:	5621	1495	219	34	206	799	84	.266
S-O-M	5677	1485	236	53	199	769	85	.262



## S-O-M Baseball Trivia Corner

Trivia time is upon us once more. Robert Henry and other S-O-M Baseball researchers have raised the questions and written down the answers--and passed them along to broaden your gaming background.

Of course, knowing how many home run chances Roger Maris has on his 1961 S-O-M card isn't going to make you the hit of many parties. But, remember, people paid little attention to backgammon until a noted publisher, who has digs in Chicago, among other places, took a fancy to it.

I wonder if Dolly Parton has ever played Strat-O-Matic Baseball?

Alas, let us dig into this month's questions and provide the answers to the same.

**QUESTION:** After 1961 Roger Maris (who has seven such spaces: 1-8, 1-10, 1-11, 1-12, 2-2, 2-3, 2-4 and one partial space, 2-5) which modern player has the most home runs? Disregard the number on which the home run occurs; count any space, whether a 2, 12, or 7, or anything in between as one space. (Question submitted by Keith McHugh and answered by Henry)

**ANSWER:** Three modern players tie for second behind Maris with six full home run spaces on their cards. They are: 1961 Jim Gentile, 2-10, 2-11, 2-12, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4 and 3-5 (1-12); 1961 Orlando Cepeda, 2-3, 2-10, 2-11, 2-12, 3-11, 3-12 and 3-10 (1-2); 1961 Harmon Killebrew, 2-2, 2-3, 2-4, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4 and 3-5 (1-3).

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**QUESTION:** The 1961 Yankees and 1965 Milwaukee Braves share the record for most (six) 20 home run players. Who were those 20 home run players, how many did each hit and how many home run chances did each receive on his card? (Submitted by Randall Witt; answered by Henry)

**ANSWER:** 1961 Yankees: Roger Maris, 61 (16.6 chances); Mickey Mantle, 54 (15.15); Moose Skowron, 28 (7.8); Yogi Berra, 22 (8.3), John Blanchard, 21 (11.1) and Elston Howard, 21 (7.1).  
1965 Braves: Hank Aaron, 32 (8.5); Ed Mathews, 32 (8.65); Mack Jones, 31 (10.5); Joe Torre, 27 (7.5); Felipe Alou, 23 (6.2) and Gene Oliver, 21 (8.3).

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**QUESTION:** Who holds the record for most Groundball A results on a modern running 1-17 player's card? (Submitted by Ken Schmidt; answered by Henry)

**ANSWER:** Gene Clines, 1976, has 36 such chances. That's a lot of double-play chances, for sure!

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**QUESTION:** Which modern hitters have received two consecutive 13 home run card chances?

**ANSWER:** Willie McCovey (13.75 home run card chances in 1962 and 13.25 in 1963) and Dave Kingman (13.2 chances in 1975 and 14.75 in 1976) are the only ones.

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**QUESTION:** Has any modern player been rated stealing E and running 1-17 on the same card?

**ANSWER:** No. Now, that was an easy one.

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**QUESTION:** What was the last S-O-M Baseball team to have two players named

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Horace on the roster? (Question raised and answered by John Borack). 19

ANSWER: The 1967 New York Yankees, with second baseman Horace Clarke and pitcher Horace (Dooley) Womack.

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QUESTION: Name the only two players from the 1975 season who faced either righty or lefty pitching zero per cent? (Unknown gamer raised this question and supplied answer)

ANSWER: Bill Fahey of the Texas Rangers, with 37 at-bats and a .297 batting average, and Pat Scanlon of the Montreal Expos, 109 at-bats, .183, both never faced left-handed pitching.

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## Next Month's Trivia Quiz

The following questions will be answered in the January issue of the Strat-O-Matic Review:

QUESTION: Has any modern-day player stolen 20 or more bases without being rated at least stealing "A"?

QUESTION: Has any modern-day player hit 40 or more real-life home runs without receiving at least 10 home run chances on his S-O-M card?

QUESTION: Has any modern-day player stolen 40 or more bases without being rated at least stealing "AA"?

QUESTION: Who holds the record for most consecutive cards with 12 or more home run chances?

QUESTION: Although the 1968 St. Louis Cardinals are regarded by many as the worst hitting pennant winner in S-O-M history, the team can field a regular player rated "2" at each position except center field, where Curt Flood is rated "1". Can any other modern-day pennant winner field a regular "2" or better player at each position?

QUESTION: Has any modern-day player been rated stealing "A" at age 40?

QUESTION: Hank Aaron, Brooks Robinson and Frank Robinson are the only players to receive a card in every set, and all are non-pitchers. What was the last year for which it could be said that a pitcher had had a card in every set?

QUESTION: Who holds the record for most real-life home runs by a player rated power-W against lefty or righty pitching in the advanced game (question submitted by Greg Crouse)?

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## Readers Roll 'Em

### WHERE ARE YOU--EDDIE MURPHY?

I am involved in a play-by-mail Old Timers league. My team is the 1919 Chicago White Sox. I was reading an article about them and it mentioned a player named Eddie Murphy.

I checked him out and found that he appeared in 30 games and batted .486 as an outfielder. Included on the S-O-M team is catcher Joe Jenkins, who appeared in 11 games and batted .158. Why are there three catchers and only four outfielders included on the S-O-M team when Murphy played so well?

Also, the 1976 Texas Rangers have only two players who received better than a "4" at any infield position (Len Randle at 2B and Toby Harrah at 3B, both "3s"). Is this the worst fielding infield ever?

Some suggestions for Old Timer teams: 1912 Red Sox (105-47) and the 1944 St. Louis Browns (St. Louis' only A.L. pennant). Also, how about a complete season from the past?

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Editor's note: Checking the roster of the '19 White Sox in the Baseball Encyclopedia, we find only 15 players listed. Obviously the team had many fringe players. Catchers Joe Jenkins and Byrd Lynn were both included because of limited at-bats at the position. Ray Schalk batted only 394 times, Jenkins 19 and Lynn 66. The outfield is in much shape as far as at-bats.

Regarding Texas, perhaps Robert Henry can do some sleuthing on the matter.

### THANKS FOR THE JOYS

Thank you. Thanks to you and the fruit of your efforts, the Review, my enjoyment of Strat-O-Matic has been increased a thousand fold. Getting the Review each month is like rolling 2-10 with '27 Babe at bat.

The Review has done four big things for me:

The Review indirectly brought the most tenacious and determined player in the Strat-O-Matic world across my path. Randall "Bulldog" Witt of Franklin, TN, is a never-say-die player. If you are lucky enough to beat him, or on that rare occasion you stomp him, all you have done is strengthened his will to get you back. He is the best.

The ego trip of seeing your name or a replay of yours in print is fantastic. I love it.

Thanks to the Review I had the pleasure of playing in two face-to-face leagues.

My favorite team is the New York Yankees. With the help of the Review ads, I obtained the Yankees of 1962, 1963, 1964 and 1965 to complete my set of Yankees. I was also able to obtain many other teams I wanted.

To paraphrase Bob Hope, "Thanks for the opportunities." May your dice roll many homers.

Kelly Huey

### QUICK SERVICE FROM S-O-M

I have been playing S-O-M on and off since 1972, and regularly in the past two years since coming to Marshall University (Huntington, WV). Only recently, though, did I see the Review for the first time. It's a good little publication and enclosed is payment for a year's subscription.

First, I must comment on a letter I saw in the October issue. I bought the 1977 football game and received two Philadelphia and New York Giant teams and didn't get the San Diego Chargers. I simply eliminated the first letter to the game company, got an envelope and mailed the two extra teams back with a note explaining the mistake. I sent it out on a Monday and on Friday, believe it or not, I received the Chargers. That's pretty efficient.

I like the Review's policy of publishing statistics of replays. A friend of mine and I just completed a play-by-mail matchup of last year's Phillies and Royals--he won 91-71.

I am commissioner of the International Strat-O-Matic Football Organization, not to mention coach of the Toledo Scales. And, finally, a couple of friends and I made up a team of the

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worst players we could find of the 1973 baseball cards, added our own names to the team, and formed the West Virginia Glass. We have played two 162-game seasons, going 29-133 and 40-122.

I am writing this at 7 a.m., after getting off work as all-night DJ at WGNT radio. The rest of the people at the station think I'm not dealing with a full [split] deck when I tell them about S-O-M games.

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#### DISAPPOINTED WITH NEW CARDS

As usual the new basketball cards arrived with a disappointment. Why do the new cards continue to employ the outdated double-team feature? Where are the old double-team cards, where each player is rated individually on their double-team results?

The current standard double-team chart for all players is most unrealistic. You mean to tell me Abdul-Jabbar and Tom Burleson both handle double-teaming the same way? No way.

Also, I was wondering how many games Nate Archibald and Spencer Haywood played in the 1976-1977 season? I noticed neither received cards for the year. I would also like to hear from readers about how they handle the frequency of appearances of relief pitchers in advanced baseball.

And I can guarantee everyone that the 1976 Joe Wallis of the Chicago Cubs was a switch-hitter instead of being listed as just a lefty hitter. I went to many Cub games last year and if that wasn't Joe Wallis batting righty in a couple of games, then it must have been his twin brother Irving.

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Editor's note: Individualized results regarding double-teaming are found only in the basic game. Perhaps you might still consult that in lieu of the chart--since the advanced game doesn't provide for the individualized rating.

Archibald appeared in approximately 34 games and Haywood about 31 in the 1976-77 season. Both were injured for long stretches. And, finally, regarding Joe Wallis, S-O-M listed him as he was listed by the Baseball Guide and Baseball Register, which, it appears, erred in this case.

#### SOLUTION FOR MULTIPLE CARDS

On many occasions, I have read letters from Review readers regarding the possibility of S-O-M issuing multiple cards for players who are traded during the season. I can understand the viewpoint of those who reason that this would lead to more accuracy in replays, but I can also see the side of those who simply don't want to bear the added expense. The problem of what to do about multiple cards in a PBM league has also been raised.

I think I may have a solution to this dilemma that would be acceptable to all. Multiple cards could be printed and sold "to the most avid fans" as has been the procedure with the 96 additional players for the past few years.

This way the additional expense would be borne only by those who choose to do so. The basic set itself would remain unchanged. For example, the 1978 set (based on 1977 season) will most likely include a card for Dave Kingman on one of the teams. If normal procedure is followed, he will be placed on the New York Yankees, the last of the four teams that he was on. Multiple cards would be printed for Kingman with the New York Mets, San Diego Padres, California Angels and Yankees--to be made available at extra cost by the game company.

In this manner, those who strive for accurate replays would have cards representing players traded during the season that accurately show their performance this year. This will be of extra importance next year because of the number of players who changed jobs during the 1977 season, such as Seaver, Eastwick, Kingman, Cliff Johnson, Ken Brett, Gary Nolan, etc.

If the game company should adopt this suggestion, I feel it would be a step toward increasing the popularity of the game even further than its present bounds.

Steve Beck  
Brooklyn, NY



## S-O-M League, Replay Scene...

SOLITAIRE BASEBALL REPLAY - It took John Borack two years, 1975-77, to finish an American League replay of the 1967 season, using six teams...Teams were split into East and West Divisions, with Chicago edging Minnesota in the West and Boston outdistancing Detroit and hapless New York in the East...162-game schedule...White Sox clinched pennant on last day of season, beating Yankees in 27-inning marathon...Sox pitching prevailed in World Series, or so-called 'Series', as Tommy John blanked Boston on four hits, winning 2-0, as Chicago won out 4-3 in games...Boston featured MVP Carl Yastrzemski (.307, 38 home runs, 108 RBI), Tony Conigliaro (.301, 30 HRs, 93 RBI), George Scott (.294, 27 HRs, 107 RBI), Jim Lonborg (21-7, 2.65 ERA, 275 strikeouts) and Gary Bell (20-13)...Denny McLain (remember, this was before his big year) was a dismal 8-22 for Detroit. But Mickey Lolich won 23 games, including pitching a no-hitter against Minnesota, and had 2.70 ERA and 265 Ks...Al Kaline (.319), Willie Horton (27 HRs, 96 RBI) were leading Bengal hitters...Yanks had reliever Dooley Womack (58 games, 15 wins, 14 saves, 2.12) and that was all! Mel Stottlemyre lost 23 games and Horace Clarke (.259) was leading hitter...Mickey Mantle hammered 24 homers in part-time role...Pitching carried Chicago as Joel Horlen (22-12, 2.09), Gary Peters (18 wins, 301 Ks) and bullpen of Hoyt Wilhelm (8-2, 1.89), Bob Locker (17 saves) and Don McMahon were superlative...Minnesota featured Dean Chance (19 wins, 2.33), Dave Boswell (18 wins, 2.70) and Harmon Killebrew (45 HRs, 128 RBI--both league highs)...Rod Carew, in his rookie year, batted .289...George Brunet went 17-15, 2.74, and Jimmy Hall clubbed 27 homers for California.

### Standings and leaders:

Standings and Leaders:						
West	Won-Lost	GB	East	Won-Lost	GB	Home Runs
Chicago	86-76	-	Boston	92-70	-	Killebrew (MIN) 45
Minnesota	84-78	2	Detroit	78-84	14	Yastrzemski (BOS) 38
California	76-86	10	New York	70-92	22	Conigliaro (BOS) 30

  

Batting	RBI	ERA (162 Innings)	
Kaline (DET)	.318	Killebrew (MIN) 128	Horlen (CHI) 2.09
Yastrzemski (BOS)	.307	Yastrzemski (BOS) 108	Chance (MIN) 2.33
Conigliaro (BOS)	.301	Scott (BOS) 107	Lonborg (BOS) 2.65
Olive (MIN)	.297		Boswell (MIN) 2.70
			Lolich (DET) 2.70

  

Hits: Yastrzemski (BOS) 187	Wins
Runs: Yastrzemski (BOS) 121	Lolich (DET) 23
2Bs: Kaline (DET) 42	Horlen (CHI) 22
3Bs: Smith (BOS), Olive (MIN) 13	Lonborg (BOS) 21
Steals: Buford (CHI) 60	Bell (BOS) 20
Strikeouts: Peters (CHI) 301	Chance (MIN) 19
Home Runs Allowed: McLain (DET) 51	

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MAMARONECK OLD TIMERS DRAFT LEAGUE - Four-member league based in Mamaroneck, NY...played 102-game season with eight teams (two per manager)...Managers included Matt Fenton (Whites, Franchise), Steve Strunsky (Sizzlers, Aces), Pete Strunsky (Devils, Serpents) and Bruce McDaniel (Animals, Jive 25)...Hitting dominated abbreviated league as Lou Gehrig of Devils walloped 45 home runs, Ken Williams of Aces 41, Gehrig drove in 125 runs and George Sisler of the Sizzlers and Tris Speaker of the Jive 25 both hit .398...Top two teams in each division--Western and Eastern--qualified for playoffs that were ultimately won by Matt Fenton's Whites...Gabby Hartnett, who hit .317 and acted like a stop light to Franchise ace base thieves such as Maury Wills and Ty Cobb, was chosen MVP after the Whites prevailed in six games.

### Standings, playoffs, leaders:

Western	Won-Lost	GB	Eastern	Won-Lost	GB	Playoffs
Aces	62-40	-	Franchise	59-43	-	Whites d. Aces, 3-1
Whites	58-44	4	Sizzlers	56-46	3	Franchise d. Sizzlers, 3-2
Devils	46-56	16	Animals	52-50	7	Whites d. Franchise, 4-2
Jive 25	32-70	30	Serpents	41-61	18	



## Mamaroneck Old Timer League leaders:

Batting		Home Runs		RBI	
'22 Sisler (SI)	.3989	'27 Gehrig (DE)	45	'27 Gehrig (DE)	125
'20 Speaker (J)	.3988	'22 Williams (AC)	41	'21 Ruth (AN)	105
'27 Traynor (WH)	.374	'21 Ruth (AN)	37	'54 Mays (SI)	102
'27 Gehrig (DE)	.370	'62 Mays (AN)	33	'62 Mays (AN)	102
Won-Lost		ERA		Strikeouts	
'22 Johnson (AN)	19-6	'09 Adams (WH)	1.87	'65 Koufax (DE)	231
'09 Adams (WH)	16-4	'67 Gibson (FR)	2.51	'05 Mathewson (SER)	145
'61 Arroyo (AC)	16-4	'54 Garcia (DE)	2.67	Runs: '21 Ruth (AN)	113
'48 Bearden (SI)	15-5	'48 Bearden (SI)	2.94	Steals: '09 Cobb (FR)	96
'19 Cicotte (FR)	15-6	'54 Narleski (SER)	2.97		

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AMERICAN LEAGUE REPLAY, 1975 - Ken Silva, a disc jockey who oftentimes figured his statistics between playing records, replayed the 1975 season using the actual teams...he averaged six games a night, following the actual schedule, and more on weekends...Boston won the East despite letting a 20-game lead slip to 2½ at one point...Baltimore was runnerup after losing eight straight final two weeks...Detroit batters struck out a whopping 989 times as team finished last...Oakland captured West, but only by game over Minnesota which pounded out 155 home runs and hit phenomenal .307 as team...Claudell Washington was big gun for A's, batting .360 with 90 RBI and 36 steals...California swiped 244 bases, including Mickey Rivers stealing home eight times, but Angels hit only 50 homers and Frank Tanana disappointed with a 16-18 log and 4.07 ERA...A's won the playoff, 3-2 in games, including the finale by a 6-4 count...But A's were no match for Cincinnati in World Series, losing in four straight as George Foster personally destroyed them, going 11-for-16 with four RBI.

## Standings and leaders:

East	Won-Lost	GB	West	Won-Lost	GB	Batting	
Boston	97-65	-	Oakland	92-70	-	Carew [MIN]	.363
Baltimore	89-73	8	Minnesota	91-71	1	Washington [OAK]	.360
Cleveland	86-76	11	Kansas City	86-76	6	Braun [MIN]	.353
New York	83-79	14	Chicago	78-84	14	Fisk [BOS]	.341
Milwaukee	69-93	28	Texas	76-86	16	Powell [CLE]	.340
Detroit	52-110	45	California	73-89	19	Lynn [BOS]	.339
<u>Home Runs</u>		<u>RBI</u>		Ford [MIN] 137; Powell [CLE] 132			
Bonds [NY]	46	2B:		Jackson [OAK] 58; McRae [KC] 52			
Powell [CLE]	45	3B:		Rivers [CAL] 17; Brett [KC] 16			
G.Scott [MIL]	43	SB:		Rivers [CAL] 74; Carew [MIN] 65			
Mayberry [KC]	37	Hits:		Carew [MIN] 236; Terrell [MIN] 223			
<u>Wins</u>		<u>ERA</u>		<u>Strikeouts</u>		<u>Shutouts</u>	
Palmer [BAL]	28-6	Palmer [BAL]		2.06	Tanana [CAL]	303	Palmer [BAL] 10
Tiant [BOS]	22-11	Hunter [NY]		2.97	Blyleven [MIN]	250	
Medich [NY]	19-14	Alexander [BAL]		2.97	G.Perry [CLEV]	233	
Blue [OAK]	18-10	Medich [NY]		3.11			<u>Saves</u>
						Gossage [CHI] 23	

Cy Young Award: Palmer (BAL); MVP: D.Ford (MIN); Rookie OF Year: Eckersley (CLEV), who no-hit Detroit.

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FATHER-SON BASEBALL REPLAY - Richard Morse and his son Jeff, of Burke, VA, completed a 96-game schedule using the old minor league affiliation, P.O.N.Y. (which stands for Pennsylvania, Ohio and New York)...Teams were thus included from each of those geographical areas: Penn. - 1950 Phillies and '72 Pirates; Ohio - 1954 Cleveland Indians and 1970 Cincinnati Reds; and New York, which formed a separate division, the quartet of 1953 Dodgers, 1969 N.Y. Mets, 1954 N.Y. Giants and 1950 N.Y. Yankees...Early Wynn, who was injured midway through the game, and reliever Don Mossi of the '54 Indians combined for league's only no-hitter--a 2-0 triumph over the Reds...

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## S-O-M League, Replay Scene

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Cleveland, sparked by Bobby Avila's league-leading .350 average and a team ERA of 3.18--lowest in league--won the Penn-Ohio division... '53 Dodgers won the New York connection, as Duke Snider led the way with 30 home runs and 92 RBI in the abbreviated season. Snider was the league's MVP... In playoffs, Dodgers won best-of-five series in five games, with Jim Gilliam's ninth inning single driving in winning run in 4-3 Brooklyn triumph.

### Standings and leaders:

Penn-Ohio		Won-Lost	GB	N.Y.		Won-Lost	GB	Batting:	
'54 Cleveland	51-45	-	'53 Brooklyn	54-42	-	Avila (CLE)		.350	
'72 Pittsburgh	49-47	2	'50 Yankees	50-46	4	Rose (CIN)		.330	
'70 Cincinnati	49-47	2	'54 Giants	48-48	6	Home Runs			
'50 Philadelphia	39-57	12	'69 Mets	44-52	10	Snider (BRO)	30		
RBI		Wins				Stargell (PIT)	26		
Snider (BROOK)	32	Lopat (YANK)		16			Mays (GIA)	26	
Perez (CIN)	88	Erskine (BROOK)		16					
Bench (CIN)	81	ERA:		Liddle (GIA)	1.70;	Simmons (PHIL)	2.52		
		Ks:		Seaver (METS)	136;	Simmons (PHIL)	131		