



# STRAT-O-MATIC REVIEW

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## January issue will include 'e' ratings, look at '62 season, new playing option

Next month is the issue of the Strat-O-Matic Review you don't want to miss.

The new baseball fielding ratings - the largest listing yet - will be included as part of the January issue. And Strat-O-Matic's newest optional playing tip will be introduced and explained.

The playing tip will, as mentioned, be optional, so there's no concern about slowing down the playing of the game. In fact, it shouldn't add any playing time really. It will be like the supplementary stealing system and, more recently, pitcher's holding-on ratings.

This new option will be multi-faceted, in that it will affect more than one area of the baseball game.

Curious? Well, it's coming your way next month, too.

The prices of the new card set, the 1962 set and the computer team disks will all be provided in the next issue of the Review as well. And when to send in orders will also be noted.

Please don't call the Review editors or the game company asking about the availability of the new baseball cards, or for any of the ratings. All the information will be in the January issue.

There will also be a peek at the 1962 baseball card set, the most recent reprint season to be put out by S-O-M. Remember it was the 1962 season that was the game company's first to be printed with all the teams.

Those original cards are like collector's items today - 26 years later - and to some gamers are about as easy to find as dinosaur eggs.

Also in the January, 1989 issue of the Review will be the MVP Contest winner(s). The winner will again receive a set of the new baseball cards (including extras), compliments of the Review.

The MVPs were announced in mid-November, just a few days after the  
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December issue of the Review had been sent off to the printer.

### S-O-M, REVIEW MAKE GOOD GIFTS

Since the holiday season is just a dice roll or two away, don't forget that Strat-O-Matic games make great gifts for young and old sportspersons.

The game company has sent out to its regular customers a gift package for the holidays. A Strat-O-Matic game might be just what's needed to cure the hot-stove league mid-winter blahs. This would be a great time for baseball folks to try out S-O-M's other games, particularly the basketball and hockey, which oftentimes get caught in the "off-season" time crunch.

Also a subscription to the Review makes a nice gift, too. A little hint here and there to the right person - wife, husband, father, mother or girlfriend, etc., maybe even a grandparent - can bring a year's subscription to a publication that's not available on the newsstand.

If you want more information on Strat-O-Matic's games, write to: Strat-O-Matic Game Co., Inc., 46 Railroad Plaza, Glen Head, NY 11545. And if you want to take out a subscription to the Review write: Strat-O-Matic Review, P.O. Box 27, Otsego, MI 49078 (or check back page).

### WHO ARE THOSE GUYS AND GALS?

Also in an upcoming issue of the Review will be photos and a brief story about the editors, Warren and Del Newell, and their wives, Karen and Mary Jane.

Both editors are on the less-than-sunny side of 40 and both have families that are grown, with children ranging from age 19 to 25.

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## How to play by mail

The baseball season, believe it or not, is not far off - if you're playing on a table top and Strat-O-Matic is your game!

With that in mind, and also that many gamers will be embarking on play-by-mail, the Review is again presenting a how-to-do-it instruction sheet for PEM leagues.

Used by the WTSA, a 10-member PEM league that includes John Laman-na, an expert at relating real-life baseball statistics to S-O-M, and Jeff Green, a big winner in the long-running GKSML (Greater Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League that includes Review co-editors Warren and Del Newell).

Here is the WTSA's instruction sheet:

SERIES _____	OPPONENT _____	
Lineups vs. _____	Lineups vs. _____	Lineups vs. _____
1.	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.
3.	3.	3.
4.	4.	4.
5.	5.	5.
6.	6.	6.
7.	7.	7.
8.	8.	8.
9.	9.	9.

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Pinch hit:

vs RHP PH for:	PH with:	When:	Defensive change:
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____

vs LHP PH for:	PH with:	When:	Defensive change:
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____

Other PH instructions:

OFFENSEI. Stealing 2ndA. Not held on 1st

1. If I have a \* good lead, steal with: Against these catchers

_____	_____
_____	_____

2. Attempt to get a good lead with:

_____	_____
_____	_____

3. If I don't get a good lead, steal with \_\_\_\_\_ if the total chances are 1-\_\_+.

B. Held on 1st

1. Attempt to get a good lead with:

_____	_____
_____	_____

2. If I don't get a good lead, steal with \_\_\_\_\_ if the total chances are 1-\_\_+.

II. Stealing 3rdA. Not held on 2nd1. Steal with the following \*'s \_\_\_\_\_  
or try to get a good lead with \_\_\_\_\_  
if the total chances are 1-\_\_+.



1. Attempt to get a good lead with \_\_\_\_\_ if the total chances are 1-\_\_+.
- III. Stealing home, held or not held, steal with \_\_\_\_\_ if the total chances are 1-\_\_+.

Sacrifice:

<u>Runners:</u>	<u>Situation:</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Suicide Squeeze:

<u>Runners:</u>	<u>Situation:</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Hit and Run:

<u>Runners:</u>	<u>Situation:</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Extra Base:

<u>3rd</u>	_____
<u>home</u>	_____

DEFENSE

\* Holding on:

<u># outs</u>	<u>on 1st base</u>	<u>on 2nd base</u>	<u>on 3rd base</u>
0 out	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
1 out	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
2 out	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____

\* Infield in:

<u>runners</u>	<u>0 out</u>	<u>1 out</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

\* Cut-off throw:

<u># outs</u>	<u>third</u>	<u>home</u>
0 out	_____	_____
	_____	_____
1 out	_____	_____



2 out

other:

\* Defensive Replacements:

1b-

lf-

2b-

cf-

3b-

rf-

ss-

c-

PITCHINGStarters/When to relieve: POW RUNS OTHER

1.			
2.			
3.			

Relievers/When to relieve:

vs RHB	POW	RUNS	SCORE	INNING	IP	OTHER
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1.						
2.						
3.						
4.						

vs LHB

1.						
2.						
3.						
4.						

vs SHB

1.						
2.						
3.						
4.						

Special pitching instructions:

## Questions & Answers

**Editor's note:** Questions pertaining to individual and team ratings will not be answered in most cases, unless a mistake has been made on the card. The game company cannot, for reasons of security, divulge its card-making formula, which would be necessary to answer some of the questions completely.

**QUESTION:** In a recent issue of the Review, it was stated that you must figure in the pitcher's holding-on rating, as well as the catcher's arm rating (maximum: +5; -5), regardless of whether or not the defensive manager has elected to hold the runner on first or not. What about a runner on second? And how about a runner on third? Do you still automatically figure in the pitcher's and catcher's arms first?  
(Chris Franco, Edison, NJ)

**ANSWER:** The pitcher's and catcher's ratings are automatically taken into account on steals of second and third, regardless of whether or not the defensive manager is holding. With a runner on third, however, "do not account for the catcher's throwing arm and the pitcher's hold rating," according to the game company's rules.

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**QUESTION:** Does the game company plan to release a team roster disk for the "recreated past seasons?" If so, when? If not, why? Also the 1962 season which will be released in '89, will that have a team roster disk (Commodore 64)? (Al Capozzi, East Boston, MA)

**ANSWER:** Yes, the 1962 season, which will be released in late January at "new card" time, will be available in computer disk form. Currently, however, only the 1968 past-season has been put out in computer form. All future past-season sets should have a computer version, including the 1927 season when it's released after '62.

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**QUESTION:** Could the Review please publish a "history" of S-O-M Baseball, including especially how many teams/players were issued each year? I'd like to know exactly which players and teams I'm missing. Also, is it against copyright laws to copy the team rosters, or to request copies? Does S-O-M still have copies? (Harold Coleman, Columbus, MS)

**ANSWER:** The Review editors are currently going back through their old card sets - the first was 1962, incidentally - and looking for roster sheets, etc. More next month on the search. As far as roster sheets, they are not protected by copyright laws like the cards. Ads can be placed in the Review (try 'wanted' if you're seeking roster sheets, and 'for sale' if you have them to sell). The game company has, surprisingly, very few roster sheets from past seasons. The Review does not plan on printing entire roster sheets, but it will, pending the success of the search through box after box of past-season card sets for all of the S-O-M sports games, make such rosters available at a nominal cost to readers.



## Who are basketball's top 10?

If you had to pick a team of 10 players from the NBA to play the Russians, who would be on your roster?

Remember to keep a balance, too; not all scorers, rebounders, or defenders, but a mix of all three, along with some unselfish player who will get the ball to those that scoring is their main game.

The world's best pro basketballers, right?

Okay, here's how the Review editors would pick a dream 10, using Strat-O-Matic cards as a gauge of evaluation.

The Review's team would include three true guards, four forwards, a center and two swing players, one a guard/forward combination and the other a center/forward.

### MICHAEL JORDAN

Guard...Does it all with a 35.0 scoring average, steals, blocked shots and rebounding...Not much he doesn't do, really...On penetration, he has 12 foul chances (out of 36) and five more chances if you add a "X + F(1)" result on No. 6. Overall, he's awesome on offense in all four categories...Has a 2-12 block rating on penetration shots...Passing: Normal - 1-20 is open position shot for a teammate; Fastbreak - 11-15 is a Dazzler...He rebounds 4 on defense and 2 on offense...And 259 steals are reflected in a defense rating of 21-33 for steals.

### MAGIC JOHNSON

Guard...Passing is super as reflected by 6-20 dazzler in normal offense and 3-20 dazzler when Lakers are fastbreaking. Worth probably 10-12 baskets a game because of passing...Great on the fastbreak as Nos. 5-10 on his card are either baskets or he's fouled...Good rebounder, too, particularly on defensive board where he's rated 25 at guard, 3 at right forward and 2 at left forward...Free throws: 2-9 and 12.

### LARRY BIRD

Forward...Great outside shooter, with X on Nos. 6, 7, 9, 10 and 11 and "open" chances on Nos. 3 (1-17), 4 and 5...Also a great passer as Bird has 2-10 dazzler (normal) and 10-20 dazzler (fastbreak) ratings...Solid rebounder on defensive board: RF-34; LF-6...Has 21-26 steal rating...Free throw shooting is 2-10 and one of best, while Bird also has outstanding 3-point marksmanship rating with 2-6 and 10 being on-target.

### DOMINIQUE WILKINS

Forward...Has a lot of "open" chances on outside and penetration columns...Better offensive rebounder than defensive as he's rated RF-3, LF-2 and G-11 on offensive board, RF-1, LF-0, G-4 on defense...For all his inside and penetration moves, Wilkins is not too shabby shooting from outside, including having a 2-5 rating from 3-point range.

### CHARLES BARKLEY

Forward...Great action card with something good happening for him whether it be shooting outside or fastbreaking...Offense is his forte and drawing fouls is a big part of his 28.3 scoring average. His card foul chances (out of 36 chances) are: outside - 12; penetration - 18 (plus 4 for an "X + F(1)"); inside - 15 plus 6; and fastbreak - 12 plus  
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5...As a rebounder the 6-6, 253-pound Barkley is a RF-24, LF-4 off the defensive glass and RF-14, LF-4 off the offensive...Barkley can also block shots, as his 1-6 overall rating and 6-10, 12 readings both inside and against the fastbreak attest to.

#### ISIAH THOMAS

Guard...Has good offensive production in outside, penetration and fastbreak columns. Has X on No. 7 and lot of "open" chances when penetrating...Nifty passer, naturally, with 2-13 a dazzler pass in a normal offense and 8-20 when fastbreaking...A thief on defense with 21-26 stealing rating...3-point success: 2-5 and 12.

#### AKEEM OLAJUWON

Center...Only bona fide center on Review's dream team...On defense he has a block rating of 1-15, inside 2-5 and defending against the 'break it's also 2-5...Rebounding muscle is evidenced by following ratings: offense - C-2, LF-4; defense - C-4, LF-15...Has a 21-30 steal rating to reflect 162 thefts...On offense, inside, Olajuwon has 26 card chances (out of 36) to score or be fouled and, when fastbreaking, 24.

#### KARL MALONE

Forward...Personification of power forward as inside Malone has an X or is fouled on Nos. 5-8. Can shoot outside and draw fouls when penetrating...Another in line for chairman of the boards as he has LF-9, RF-44, C-3 ratings rebounding off defensive board, LF-3, RF-4, C-1 off offensive. Malone had 986 rebounds...Has 21-25 steal rating.

#### CLYDE DREXLER

Guard/Forward...His versatility put him on team...Is a solid offensive player with lots of "open" chances outside and penetrating...Can play Big D as steal rating is 21-31 and block against penetration shots is 5-12...Rebounding: offense - G-18, RF-3; defense - G-4, RF-0.

#### KEVIN MCHALE

Center/Forward...Picked because he can play any of the front line positions...Prolific scorer as evidenced by 25 chances (plus 4 more on an "open" reading on No. 8) to either score a field goal or draw a foul inside...As a rebounder, McHale is a LF-3, C-0, RF-14 on defense and LF-1, C-0, RF-2 working the offensive board...Another intimidator on defense as he has a 1-8 block rating and blocks shots inside and on the break on Nos. 7-10 and 12.

And what about John Stockton, the assist leader in the NBA last year? And what about James Worthy, the Lakers' rising star at small forward? Or how about shooters and scorers like Dale Ellis, Mark Aguirre and Alex English?

And for steals, how about San Antonio's Alvin Robertson, who has a 21-33 rating and came up with 243 in real-life?

And why not such shot-rejectors as Utah's Mark Eaton (1-20, inside 2-6, fastbreak 2-6) and the Knicks' Patrick Ewing (1-19, inside and fastbreak 8-10, 12)?

Everyone can't be on the Americans-are-coming team. How would you pick such a team if you were coaching an NBA all-star squad against the Russians? Let us know. Better yet, why doesn't someone challenge the 10 listed above with a best-of-the-rest team from the NBA ranks?



# Thunder of 1927 recreated

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## Ruth, Gehrig cards, slightly altered, from '30 used in replay

One gamer that can't wait for Strat-O-Matic to produce the 1927 baseball set is Rod Peltonen of Thunder Bay, Ontario. He wants to test the thunder of that '27 New York Yankee powerhouse against the other teams of that year.

In the meantime, Peltonen, an employee of Canada's I.R.S. and an S-O-M gamer since 1965, has re-created the '27 Yankees and pitted them against a league of teams mostly from the 1930s.

"I undertook the project after learning the game company put its research of the 1927 season on the backburner," says Peltonen. "I enjoyed playing the 1930 season but wasn't content playing a third-place Yankee team."

So Peltonen, who's married with two young sons, including a fledgling nine-year-old diceroller, created his own '27 Yankees and undertook the replay.

"Some of the 1930 cards were used but in most cases I made up cards when I couldn't find a player from the 1930 set who fit the mold. Ruth and Gehrig's cards from 1930 were two that I felt were perfect comparables, with their batting averages in 1927 and 1930 almost identical. Each card received a couple of alterations. For example: Ruth was given 20 home run chances against right-handers, due to the fact he hit 41 of his 60 home runs off right-handers."

Peltonen's re-creation of the '27 Yankees was with all advanced features and he admits putting in hours of research and experimentation to come up with the cards.

"I didn't have any stats to accurately determine hit chances against left- or right-handed pitchers, but used intuition as my guide," says Peltonen.

Since the replay, which produced realistic results for the '27 Yankees, Peltonen's eagerness for the '27 season has grown. He wants to compare "his" '27 Yankees with the team, replete with advanced features which the original old-timer version didn't have, produced by S-O-M.

### RECORD, STATS CLOSE TO ACTUAL

Using a computer to play the games, Peltonen watched the '27 Yanks win 26 of their first 33 games and go on to compile an eye-opening 112-42 record (real-life: 110-44). The 1930 A's went 98-56 (102-52 actual) in the replay.

The Yankee attack, as might be imagined, was awesome. "I couldn't get over how many big innings the Yankees manufactured," enthused Peltonen. All told, the Yankees scored 1110 runs - 7.2 per game - and 39 times scored 10 or more in a game. The Phillies once were pummeled 20-1.

The replay batting average was .314, seven points higher than real-life. Peltonen's "e" ratings were also close as the Yanks committed 192 errors in the replay and 195 actual. Shortstop Mark Koning (a "2 e48" according to Peltonen) had 48 errors, his exact real-life total.

Ruth, whose exact card from 1930 was used, except for making a 2-7 column reading on No. 7 a straight home run instead of a HR 1-3 chance against right-handers, finished with 63 homers to go with 189 RBI and a .392 batting average. His real-life numbers were 60-164-.356.

Gehrig, whose only card change was making a 1-7 column home run chance of 1-3 and turning it into 1-9 against right-handers, had 53 homers, also 189 RBI and batted exactly .400. Real-life: 47-175-.373. Peltonen did have to play both more than in real-life as Ruth batted 42 more times and Gehrig 34.

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"The overall team performance by the Yankees was so realistic," says Peltonen. "I adhered to the actual games started by pitchers...and tried to keep at-bat totals in line with real-life. Every batter on the Yankees ended up getting more at-bats, but they played in relatively the same number of games as in 1927."

Peltonen cites the home run duel between Ruth and Gehrig as another example of real-life being re-created. Gehrig started fast and after 55 games already had 30 homers. Ruth, after falling far behind, got back in the chase by hitting out 19 in July.

By mid-August both had 46 home runs. Then Gehrig went into a home run drought, going 23 games without connecting, and Ruth overtook him for good. "In real life virtually the same thing happened," points out Peltonen, "except that Ruth didn't get hot until September when he hit 17 home runs, to finally pull ahead."

The pitching for the Yankees was solid, too, as Waite Hoyt went 23-6 (22-7 actual), Wilcy Moore 21-7 with a 1.87 ERA (19-7, 2.28 real life), Urban Shocker 18-4 (18-6), Herb Pennock 15-8 (19-8) and Dutch Ruether 12-7 (13-6).

Lefty Grove was 25-13 with a 2.49 ERA and six shutouts for the A's. Grove also served up Ruth's 61st home run in the 150th game for the Yankees.

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## Strat-O-Matic spotlight

FINALLY, CUBBIES ARE CHAMPS!

Long frustrated fans of the Chicago Cubs might get a kick out of a 256-team - yes, that's right, 256 teams! - baseball tournament conducted by David Donat and three of his college friends.

For starters, the '84 Cubs won it all. But it wasn't one of those single-elimination tournaments where luck, more than overall talent, was the difference between the champ and the chumps.

Advanced rules were used and the 256 teams came from the 1930, '69, '71, '78, '79, '82-86 years plus there were selected teams from '76 and '80. The format was best-of-five for rounds one and two, best-of-seven rounds three and four, best-of-nine rounds five and six, best-of-11 semifinals and best-of-13 for the championship.

Teams were seeded, according to their real-life winning percentages, with the top five being: 1. 1969 Baltimore; 2. 1986 NY Mets; 3. 1930 Philadelphia A's; 4. 1979 Baltimore; 5. 1984 Detroit. Nary a one got past the fifth round.

The '86 Mets fell in round five to the 1930 Giants (seeded 47th). Biggest early upset was the '78 Yankees, led by Ron Guidry and seeded No. 12, being ousted by the lowly '83 Seattle Mariners in three games. Guidry was outdueling by Matt Young in the opener, losing a 1-0 thriller in 11 innings, and the Yanks never recovered.

Making the final eight teams were the following: '85 Dodgers (No. 32) vs. '84 Cubs (No. 25); '69 Minnesota (No. 21) vs. '85 Cincinnati (No. 63); '78 LA Dodgers (No. 30) vs. '83 Philadelphia (No. 59) and '69 San Francisco (No. 58) vs. '30 New York Giants (No. 47).

After the smoke had cleared from those battles, it was the '84 Cubs vs. '69 Minnesota and '78 LA vs. the '30 NY Giants. The Cubs held Harmon Killebrew and Co. to a single win, going 6-1, while the Dodgers turned off the spray-hitting '30 Giants, scoring a 6-0 sweep.

The championship series, the culmination of over 1,800 games played by the quartet, was almost all the Cubs as they won in nine games, 7-2. The Cubs played a total of 50 games (37-13), with Ryne Sandberg

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batting .317, Leon Durham the top slugger (14 home runs, 51 RBI) and Dennis Eckersley compiling a 14-0 record. Rick Sutcliffe was only 7-8, however.

Don Sutton of the '82 Astros hurled a no-hitter against the '84 Phillies (an error with two outs in the ninth spoiled a perfect game). Other notable highlights included Jesse Barfield ('83 Toronto) homering 16 times in only four rounds of play; Fred Lindstrom ('30 NY Giants) batting over .400 in 42 games; and Nick Esasky ('85 Reds) cracking four homers in a 10-inning game.

#### THE WAY THEY WERE...IN 1968

Two Arizonians, one a diehard St. Louis fan, not long ago discovered they were mutual fans of Strat-O-Matic Baseball.

Brought together through an ad in the Review, John Gooch of Albuquerque and Rodney Johnson of Tempe decided to replay the 1968 World Series matching St. Louis and Detroit.

"We used the real-life rotations," says Johnson, "meaning (Mickey) Lolich and (Denny) McLain each had three starts for Detroit, while Bob Gibson had three for the Redbirds."

The series duplicated real life as St. Louis won games 1, 3 and 4 and Detroit games 2, 5, 6 and 7. "We felt it was largely due to the pitching matchups," says Johnson.

In the opener, Gibson hurled a three-hitter - with Jim Northrup collecting all the hits - in a 3-1 victory. Game two went to Detroit, 7-3, as Don Wert's three-run homer highlighted a five-run 11th inning. The Cards won game three, 2-1, outhitting Detroit by a 11-5 margin. Steve Carlton snuffed out a Detroit rally with two on in the ninth to get the save.

St. Louis scored three times in the 11th inning to capture game four, 7-4. Carlton got the win in another relief role, replacing Gibson and seizing a 3-1 series advantage.

Dick McAuliffe's fifth-inning homer won game five, 2-1, for Detroit, as Lolich outduelled Nelson Briles in a battle of four-hitters. The Tigers erupted for 15 hits, including four by Norm Cash, in a 10-2 romp in game six. Willie Horton homered and drove in five runs. Finally in game seven, Lolich tossed a two-hitter and Northrup homered as Detroit defeated Gibson and the Cards, 4-0.

Lolich, just as in real life, was the series MVP, giving up only 14 hits in 25 1/3 innings, striking out 24 and walking only two. Lolich had a 2-0 record and 1.07 ERA. Pitching dominated the series as Detroit batted only .215, St. Louis .213. Detroit did outhome St. Louis, 6-2, and drew 21 walks compared to the Cards' four.

#### SHORT SHAKES

...When the 1927 baseball season is released by S-O-M, watch for Red Lucas, a pitcher for Cincinnati, to have a separate hitting card. Lucas pitched in 37 games that season, and also played five games at second base, three at short and one in the outfield. He batted 150 times and hit .313. He'll be the first pitcher to receive such a hitting card, as far as we know...William Jemty Jr. of Boca Raton, FL, sends along a few highlights of his 1950 replay currently in progress: Preacher Roe of Brooklyn no-hit the Cubs, 3-0, striking out three and walking two, while the St. Louis Browns outlasted the Boston Red Sox, 13-11, as the Browns scored 10 runs in the sixth inning on four hits and nine walks. All told, there were 25 walks in the game, 16 issued by Boston pitchers. The no-hitter was Jemty's first...In a mini replay of the top N.L. teams in 1956, conducted by Rick Guzman, Phoenix, AZ, Sandy Amoros of the Dodgers won back-to-back games with grand slams.



## Guest columnist

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### Baseball cards should include more information

By KEVIN ANDERSON, Lake Oswego, OR

I have mulled over the concerns I've had with Strato for some time now, but only recently did it all come together in my head in a way I could communicate. I have played the game off and on since the 1974 season and I have subscribed to the Review off and on since then as well. The lack of time, spurred on by jobs, wives, kids and lawn growth is Strato's biggest competitor. That, and computers.

I decided to order the Strato computer game this year, in order to try and save time and thereby still be able to play a game I think is near-genius. But, alas, armed with only a Commodore and miffed by the seemingly minutes-long loading of rosters every time you want to make a roster change, the program didn't save the time I wanted nor make the game more enjoyable.

I have tried other baseball programs, but none of them combine the two things I am looking for: speed and stats. And that's what made me realize that I'd always come back to Strato.

#### CARDS ARE MORE THAN NUMBERS

Playing Strato gives me an information edge that just reading a stat book can never provide. By playing the game, we get to know how fast they run, how well they field and throw, whether they bat right or left, how well they do against righties or lefties, and now how well they hold runners on.

So, given this realization that Strato is not just a replay game but an information source, why does S-O-M continue to insist on keeping that information at a minimum? How many gamers have given up playing because they hate to figure out the stats on the advanced side?

I have to spend hours calculating the on-base percentages of each card just so I can feel comfortable playing the game. On top of that, since I rarely look at the basic side, I never really get to know the exact number of homers, batting average, etc. The advanced side is extremely information poor.

Bill James and the Elias Bureau, among others, have pushed baseball statkeeping into the 20th century. And just about every knowledgeable baseball statistician will tell you that you only need two stats to figure out the offensive capabilities of any batter: on base percentage and slugging percentage.

Why not stick these two little figures on the bottom of each card, one figure for lefties and one for righties? Heck, I'd even settle for batting average. Or at-bats, hits, doubles, etc. And it could be based on actual results, not what the card seems to be.

With clutch hitting, ballpark adjustments, etc., Strato has a lock on extra detailed information. But just by printing what S-O-M already knows (and not adding a dime of extra expense), thousands of Strato players would save themselves incalculable amounts of time either figuring it out or guessing at how good a hitter or pitcher is based on the hits that are apparent on the card.

And yes, there's room. How about "45% vs. RHP?" Saves lots of space and right next to it could be printed: "OB: .400/Slug: .500/BA: .310" or "AB: 300/HR: 12/BA: .310" Anything more would be a godsend.

#### S-O-M CAN TAKE LEAD AGAIN

In 1975, after playing Strato, I realized for the first time that walks were an offensive weapon, not a pitcher's mistake. I also realized  
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ed for the first time how dramatic the difference of results between righties and lefties could be. Since then, walks are now a published statistic and platooning is rarely a questioned strategy.

Strato was in the forefront of the statistical opening up of baseball and may not even have known it. Now it has an opportunity to expand on that and take the lead again by giving us all the information possible to work with. It can even still lead the way by showing OB and slugging for pitchers, which may be the stat of the future.

#### STATS, STATS EVERYWHERE...

And why not games played, RBI, stolen bases, saves, games started (not to mention on base and slugging) on the front? Just look at baseball cards today versus years past. All sorts of extra statistical information, because that's what the consumer is demanding.

In order to compete with the increasing sophistication of computer games, S-O-M must address the main reason people still like the cards: hands-on information and the love of a card like a baseball card that a computer can't replace.

Strato has now fine-tuned the game to the point of possible overkill. In playing a whole season, I didn't have any one pitcher who committed more than one error. Is there really a need to fine-tune pitchers' fielding that far, given such a narrow statistical base? I don't know and, until it really interferes with the playing of the game, I don't care.

But now, instead of adding a bunting rating for grass or turf, or night and daygame cards, or wind ratings or something absurd like that, give us some stats.

Editor's note: Kevin Anderson, 30, is a director of sales and marketing. He's played Strat-O-Matic Baseball off and on since 1975, ran a league for two years and says his greatest accomplishment is converting his wife from someone who resented the game to someone who "appreciates the time I take to play it only because I do enjoy it so."

We, too, would like to see more stats (including on-base percentages, in particular) on the cards. A concern, however, is cluttering up the cards and making them too much a maze of numbers that turn gamers off. Striking a balance, we feel, would be a worthwhile and attainable goal.

Remember also that S-O-M's two keys to success for all of its games are: (1) Easy to play and (2) realism, particularly in statistics and duplicating real-life performances. A third, of course, would be that the games are also fun to play, which goes along with being easy to play.

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# All-time baseball rosters: Part IV

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## This month: Minnesota, Dodgers, Pirates, Braves

Nope, the all-time baseball series that has been appearing in the Review in recent months won't have more segments than Police Academy, Friday the 13th or Rambo.

In fact, there are only two more on tap, including this month's. That's less than the above series, isn't it?

Anyway, here's Part IV of the all-time baseball rosters as presented by Joe Walker, a sports writer and S-O-M aficionado from Saginaw, MI.

### WASHINGTON SENATORS/MINNESOTA TWINS

	Field	BA	HR	Year	Card
C - Battey	1 (-3) e3	.302	17	'61	44/5
M.Ruel	1 (-1) e6	.283	0	'24	41/0
1b - * Carew	2 e11	.388	14	'77	58/2
* J.Judge	1 e3	.326	10	'30	49/3
* M.Vernon	2 e18	.337	15	'53	50/3
2b - * B.Myer	3 e32	.349	5	'35	51/0
B.Harris	2 e26	.300	1	'20	38/0
3b - Killebrew	4 e30	.276	49	'69	53/12
B.Lewis	1 e30	.319	10	'39	44/0
SS - J.Cronin	2 e36	.325	17	'38	54/3
C.Travis	3 e30	.359	7	'41	51/0
Versailles	2 e27	.273	19	'65	34/4
CF - * C.Milan	3 (-2) e12	.306	1	'12	44/0
* H.Manush	3 (0) e4	.378	14	'26	54/5
LF - B.Allison	3 (-2) e9	.287	32	'64	49/9
* Goslin	4 (+1) e13	.379	17	'28	53/5
R.Sievers	4 (+2) e5	.301	42	'57	46/9
RF - * S.Rice	2 (-2) e13	.334	1	'24	45/0
* T.Oliva	2 (0) e8	.325	23	'70	42/5

SP	W-L	ERA	Year	Card		W-L	ERA	Year	Card
W.Johnson	36-7	1.14	'13	5/0	Crowder	26-13	3.33	'32	23/0
D.Leonard	17-7	2.13	'45	17/0	J.Perry	20-6	2.82	'69	23/1
Blyleven	20-17	2.52	'73	17/0	Goltz	20-11	3.36	'77	25/1
* J.Kaat	25-13	2.75	'66	19/2	Newsome	21-5	2.83	'40	26/1
J.Grant	21-7	3.30	'65	20/5	Marberry	11-12	3.09	'24	26/0
Pascual	21-9	2.46	'63	20/1					

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### BROOKLYN / LOS ANGELES DODGERS

	Field	BA	HR	Year	Card
C - Campanella	1 (-4) e8	.312	41	'53	49/13
* J.Roseboro	1 (-2) e7	.251	18	'61	37/6
A.Lopez	1 (-1) e6	.309	6	'30	38/1
1b - G.Hodges	1 e13	.302	31	'53	49/8
Garvey	1 e8	.297	33	'77	35/8
2b - D.Lopes	3 e15	.265	28	'79	45/7
J.Robinson	2 e17	.342	16	'49	56/3
3b - R.Cey	2 e11	.281	28	'79	47/8
J.Gilliam	3 e21	.300	6	'56	51/0
SS - P.Reese	2 e28	.271	13	'53	44/2
# M.Wills	2 e25	.299	6	'62	39/0
CF - * Snider	1 (-3) e6	.336	42	'53	55/10
LF - Guerrero	3 (0) e10	.320	33	'85	53/11
T.Davis	2 (0) e10	.346	27	'62	44/6

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<u>Dodgers con't</u>		<u>Field</u>	<u>BA</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Card</u>
* D.Walker	2 (-1)	e10	.357	13	'44	57/2
RF - * Z.Wheat	2 (-2)	e14	.375	14	'24	57/4
Furillo	1 (-5)	e6	.344	21	'53	49/6
* B.Herman	4 (-2)	e7	.393	35	'30	58/9

<u>SP</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Card</u>		<u>W-L</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Card</u>
* S.Koufax	26-8	2.04	'65	11/2	* Osteen	15-15	2.79	'65	21/1
D.Sutton	19-9	2.08	'72	11/0	* T.John	16-7	3.10	'73	23/1
Drysdale	23-12	2.78	'65	13/2	Erskine	20-6	3.53	'53	24/2
Newcombe	27-7	3.06	'56	14/4	* Podres	18-5	3.74	'61	26/3
D.Vance	28-6	2.16	'24	14/0	RP				
* Valenzuela	13-7	2.48	'81	18/2	Labine	11-6	2.78	'53	18/2
B.Grimes	23-11	2.22	'20	19/0	Perranoski	16-3	1.67	'63	20/1

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<u>PITTSBURGH PIRATES</u>		<u>Field</u>	<u>BA</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Card</u>
C - T.Pena	1 (-1)	e9	.301	15	'83	36/4
Sanguillen	3 (-1)	e8	.325	7	'70	42/0
1b - * Stargell	4	e20	.295	48	'71	46/16
* A.Oliver	2	e10	.321	11	'74	42/2
2b - * G.Grantham	3	e41	.324	18	'30	49/4
Mazeroski	1	e24	.273	11	'60	33/2
3b - P.Traynor	1	e31	.366	9	'30	52/2
B.Madlock	4	e20	.341	6	'81	52/3
SS - H.Wagner	1	e30	.354	10	'08	58/3
* A.Vaughan	2	e33	.385	19	'35	68/5
D.Groat	3	e36	.325	2	'60	47/0
CF - * M.Carey	1 (-2)	e12	.343	5	'25	58/0
Clemente	1 (-6)	e10	.357	23	'67	53/6
LF - Kiner	4 (+2)	e14	.310	54	'49	52/13
* L.Waner	1 (-2)	e8	.355	2	'27	50/0
RF - * P.Waner	1 (-2)	e16	.380	9	'27	58/2
* D.Parker	1 (-5)	e14	.334	30	'78	46/9
* F.Clarke	2 (0)	e14	.351	5	'03	50/0

<u>SP</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Card</u>		<u>W-L</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Card</u>
B.Adams	21-13	2.15	'13	20/0	* H.Haddix	13-8	3.68	'56	24/3
* Candelaria	20-5	2.34	'77	20/4	* L.French	17-10	2.96	'35	27/0
Kremer	19-8	2.47	'27	21/0	RP				
B.Friend	18-12	3.00	'60	22/1	Giusti	7-4	1.92	'72	16/0
Phillippe	25-9	2.43	'03	23/0	Tekulve	7-5	1.64	'83	18/0
Leever	25-7	2.06	'03	24/0	E.Face	18-1	2.70	'59	19/0
V.Law	20-9	3.08	'60	24/2					

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BOSTON/MILWAUKEE/ATLANTA BRAVES

	<u>Field</u>	<u>BA</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Card</u>
C - J.Torre	3 (0)	e8	.325	21	'70
D.Crandall	2 (-4)	e2	.253	15	'57
1b - J.Adcock	4	e7	.291	38	'56
B.Horner	4	e15	.314	33	'79
2b - J.Logan	2	e30	.281	15	'56
F.Millan	2	e18	.289	2	'71
3b - * E.Mathews	3	e19	.302	47	'53
B.Elliott	3	e18	.283	23	'48
SS - # D.Bancroft	2	e30	.321	4	'22

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<u>Braves con't</u>	<u>Field</u>	<u>BA</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Card</u>
Maranville	1	e34	.281	2	'30 33/0
CF - D.Murphy	1 (-3)	e6	.302	36	'83 49/9
H.Duffy	2 (0)	e13	.438	18	'94 61/4
LF - R.Carty	4 (+1)	e12	.366	25	'70 57/8
* R.Garr	3 (+1)	e12	.325	12	'72 42/3
W.Berger	3 (-1)	e12	.310	38	'30 41/12
RF - H.Aaron	2 (-2)	e7	.327	47	'71 53/15
* T.Holmes	2 (-2)	e4	.352	28	'45 51/6
F.Alou	2 (-2)	e3	.316	25	'62 41/7

<u>SP</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Card</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Card</u>
K.Nichols	32-12	2.13	'98	14/0	V.Willis	22-13	1.73	'06 30/0
* W.Spahn	23-7	2.10	'53	15/0	B.Buhl	18-7	2.74	'57 34/1
* L.Tyler	17-10	2.02	'16	16/0	RP			
P.Niekro	23-13	2.57	'69	17/2	G.Garber	8-10	2.34	'82 18/0
Burdette	19-10	2.71	'56	18/2	G.Conley	9-9	3.16	'57 25/1
Sain	24-15	2.60	'48	22/2	D.McMahon	2-3	1.53	'57 26/0

**Key:** \* - Left-handed batter/pitcher; # - Switch-hitter; Field - Fielding rating, (arm), error rating; BA - Batting average; HR - Home runs; Yr. - Year of stats, best year or best year with that team; Card - On-base chance/home run chance; SP - Starting pitchers; RP - Relief pitchers; W-L - Won-lost record; ERA - Earned run average.

Next month: The two expansion teams, the best players from the National and American league expansion teams, conclude the all-time team series.

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## Baseball playing tip

Russell Schroeder of Grayslake, IL, would like to add one more card per team - a manager's card!

"It would help many solitaire gamers to make decisions for the other teams," says Schroeder. "Also, it would keep you from feeling guilty about making the wrong move. In other words, it would give you the feeling you were coaching against the real thing."

Schroeder also adds that the cost of adding one card per team could be offset by eliminating the roster sheet, since the lineups and all players for each team would be on the "manager's card."

"The manager (baseball), or head coach (football and hockey) card would give S-O-M something special above its competitors," concludes Schroeder.

Example manager's card:

### DON ZIMMER - MANAGER - CUBS

#### Suggested Lineup

1. Webster cf
2. Sandberg 2b
3. Grace 1b
4. Dawson rf
5. Palmeiro lf
6. Berryhill c
7. Law 3b
8. Dunston ss
9. pitcher

Hit & Run: Often

Steal: Rarely

Pitchers: Lets starter

Changes: finish often

Etc.: Likes platooning - changes lineup often according to hot hitters. Lets runners fly.



## Advertisements

Rates per issue are as follows: 25 words or less - \$1.00; 26-50 words - \$2.00; 51-75 words - \$3.00; 76-100 words - \$4.00. When sending in ads, specify either WANTED, FOR SALE, FOR TRADE, LEAGUE FORMING or CONTEST. And name card sets by the year upon which they were based. Note also that only advertising for Strat-O-Matic products or closely related merchandise will be accepted and that merchandise competing with S-O-M products may not be offered for sale. Also, no photo-copied, or reprinted cards should ever be offered for sale. Ads, to be included in the next issue, must be in to the Review by the third of the previous month. Late ads will be held over for inclusion the following month.

### Wanted

WANTED: Baseball - 1968 Mets, Yankees (two-sided, both with extras); 1971 Mets, Yankees (two-sided, both with extras); 1965 N.L. baseball teams. Football - 1967 Raiders, Jets, Packers, Cowboys; 1968 Giants, Jets, Colts; 1969 NY Giants, Vikings, Chiefs. Not picky about condition; willing to pay good price. Contact: Alan Cohen, 5907 North 5th Road, Arlington, VA 22203

WANTED: 1971 Cardinals w/extras. If necessary, the entire 1971 season with extras. Please do not ask for bids; request set prices only. Write: Grayling Shirley, 433 N. Jackson St., Apt. #109, Glendale, CA 91206

WANTED: 1960-1962, 1964 complete, original baseball sets, plus 1968 expansion players. State your price. Harold Coleman, 401 Jackson Circle, Columbus, MS 39701 (601-327-4845)

WANTED: News flash. Expansion is on the horizon for March, 1989 for PEM league currently in its 8th season. Four new teams to be created. First in gets first choice. League has 162-game schedule, 40-man rosters, AL and NL players, super-advanced, computer compatible and minor leaguers drafted. The main requirement is reliability and a strong sense of commitment. If interested and qualified, phone 416-731-3476 and ask for Murray Zabitsky, or write to him for application at

199 Mullen Drive, Thornhill, Ontario L4J 2V8

WANTED: Sentimental Washington Senators fan would like Senators teams from 1963-67 and complete set (including extras) of two-sided 1971 cards. Please write: George Ladner, 2326 Little Sorrel Ct., Vienna, VA 22180

WANTED: The following 1983 football teams: New York Jets, Pittsburgh, Los Angeles Raiders, Seattle, Washington, Dallas, Philadelphia, 56 additional players. 1984 season teams: New England, Cleveland, 56 additional players. Will pay or trade any team from 1982 season on. Prefer package deal. Patrick McDonald, 4319 Schulte Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45205

WANTED: Old S-O-M Reviews: 1972 Sept., 1973 March-Dec. Also, various Reviews from 1979-84. Please send what you have, condition and price to: Bob Baurkot, 4800 Henry St., Easton, PA 18042 (215-258-2655)

WANTED: Experienced managers to take over established teams in an existing PEM league of A.L. players. If interested, contact: John Pilla, 91-17 110 Street, Richmond Hill, NY 11418

WANTED: Complete schedules and results for NFL seasons from 1967-1983. Please contact: John Lee, 4412 Ellysee Way, Pensacola, FL 32505

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**WANTED:** An established PBM league with managerial vacancy for an experienced manager (20 years experience) very interested in joining a good league. Please contact me with information: John Pilla, 91-17 110 Street, Richmond Hill, NY 11418

**WANTED:** Strat-O-Matic Basketball cards for great teams or players of the past. Most interested in ratings of players or teams from the 1970s, especially Lakers of the Jerry West era. Ira Megna, 1333 79th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11228

**WANTED:** Baseball - Extra players only for 1971, 1973, 1974, 1976, 1978, 1979 seasons. Also want any 1963-1967 baseball teams not currently offered by S-O-M, especially 1966 Giants; 1964 Giants, Orioles, Twins and Angels. Cary Cardinale, 7100 San Ramon Road #174, Dublin, CA 94568

**WANTED:** Teams available immediately in established 24-team draft league. We play 162 games, trade, draft, etc. Respond now to join prior to trading period and drafts in December. Steve Grapstol, 18 Broadway, Bayonne, NJ 07002 (201-858-8177).

**WANTED:** Baseball set for 1984 season, preferable with additional players. Please call or write: Michael Stucchi, 453 Potter Road, Framingham, MA 01701 (508-990-7412 or 508-877-1322)

## For Sale

**FOR SALE:** Baseball schedules. Great for S-O-M replays. Every season available. \$1 per season and a stamp. Unbreakable 20-sided dice, easy to read, \$2 each. Richard Breest, 1332 Greenlea Drive, Holiday, FL 34691

**FOR SALE:** Individual football - 1971-82. Individual and complete baseball - 1963-present. Complete basketball - 1972-present. Complete hockey - 1977-present. For complete list, send SASE to: Sal Mangiapane

23 W. Lincoln Ave., Cranford, NJ 07016 (201-276-5457)

**FOR SALE/TRADE:** 1979 baseball (no extras); 1972-73, '73-74, '74-75 original, near mint basketball sets plus game box; 1970, 1971, 1973, 1975, 1976 (missing Buffalo) original, near mint football sets plus game box. Best offer or trade for 1960-64 baseball. Include SASE to: Harold Coleman, 401 Jackson Circle, Columbus, MS 39701 (601-327-4845)

**FOR SALE:** S-O-M Baseball becomes even more true-to-life and fun using my super-advanced rules, which add realism and detail while preserving the game's speed of play and accuracy. Included are easily memorized rules for outfield throwing errors and mis-played hits; more realistic base advances; injury chart with rare plays; balks, pickoffs, pickoff errors, rundowns; infielders positioned in or back individually; outfield shallow; suicide squeeze safety squeeze and sacrifice charts where fielding ability and the runner's speed play a part; hit-and-run system involving the pitcher, fielders and runner's speed; and much more, all smoothly blended into S-O-M. Nearly 300 satisfied customers. \$9, with money-back guarantee. Richard Robb, #305-7100 Gilbert Road, Richmond, B.C., Canada V7C 5C3 (or P.O. Box 1776, Pt. Roberts, WA 98281).

**FOR SALE:** Baseball cards for the following seasons: 1969, '70, '71, '72, '73, '74, '75, '76, '77, '78, '79, '80, '81, '82, '83, '84 and '85. All are complete with additional players. In very good to excellent condition. Also past season cards: 1930, 1956, 1961. Complete sets. In very good to excellent condition. All bids sent to: Brian Tetreault, 101 SE 3rd, Washington, IN 47501 (812-254-4721)

**FOR SALE:** My whole collection:  
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1973 w/o extras (\$50); '74 (\$55); '75 w/o extras (\$45); '76 (\$50); '78 (\$50); '79 (\$50); '80 (\$50); '81 (\$50); '82 (\$45); '83 (\$45); '84 (\$40); '85 (\$40); '86 (\$35). Derryl Moore, 3624 State Street Lot #15, Bettendorf, IA 52722 (319-355-2260). All seasons are in excellent condition. 1973 is missing Yankees.

FOR SALE: Team slumping? Show its true colors with 6-sided and 20-sided dice in nine shades. Unbreakable red, white, yellow and purple. Choose numbering from 1-10 or 0-9. Only \$2 each, postage included. Specials: 3 for \$5 or 7 for \$10. David de la Fuente, 56 Oakdale Ave., Apt. 2, Akron, OH 44302

FOR SALE: Apple version computer game disk with pitcher's hold ratings included, \$14. Season disks also available: 1968, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987 and the all new 1988 disk. Your choice, \$9 each; any two for \$16. Please call or write: Michael Stucchi, 453 Potter Road, Framingham, MA 01701 (508-990-7412 or 508-877-1322)

FOR SALE: Fanatics - Make your season replay more realistic with Baseball Replay '88. Exact day-to-day 1988 schedules and actual starting pitchers; comprehensive roster changes (trades, disabled players, minor-league callups) by date; plus a unique lineup guide to assure realistic player use. Ideal for replaying one team or a whole league. More than 100 hours of research at your fingertips for only \$12. Similar replay aids for 1956, 1961, 1962, 1968, 1985, 1986, 1987 - \$12 each (roster changes for pre-1985 are trades only). Check or money order to: Glenn Guzzo, 317-21 N. Broad St. #835, Philadelphia, PA 19107

FOR SALE: Add more realism to your hockey season. I have an easy-to-use goalie penalty system that also includes bench minors. All yours for two 25-cent

postage stamps and a SASE. Write: LGPS, 815 N. Woodlawn #142, Wellington, KS 67152

FOR SALE: S-O-M Baseball seasons, 1971 to present (excluding '73 and '77), all originals, complete w/extras. All cards good to excellent, except '71 and '72 fair. Send \$2 plus SASE for price list to: Grafect Studio, 176 Stuart St., Springfield, MA 01119-1014

FOR SALE: Pro football teams - 1971-1980. Excellent to mint condition. Will sell as complete sets only. Pat George, 2128 Allen Road, Ortonville, MI 48462 (313-627-6001)

FOR SALE: 1985 and '86 baseball sets with extras. Very good to excellent condition. First reasonable offer wins. Phil Ledesma, 815 N. Woodlawn #142 Wellington, KS 67152

## League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: Northeast Ohio Area League seeks two-four advanced players for weekly draft league. Call Dale (216-459-1651) or Jerry (216-721-1621). Over age 21, please.

LEAGUE FORMING: The WCBA, in its fourth year, is looking for a few good men to take over teams for the 1989 season. PBM league, 16 teams, drafted from all cards, 162-game schedule. Send name, address, phone and S-O-M experience to: Mark Panagos, 3602 Livorno Court, Chino, CA 91709

LEAGUE FORMING: Hockey fanatics. The National Strat-O-Matic Draft Basic Hockey League, in its third season, needs three-five totally dedicated coaches and backups as well for the upcoming season. The NSOMDBHL is a PBM league using the basic version and features an 80-game schedule. Reply now, for early response is critical for total organization. Experience not necessary; dedication is.

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Contact: Donald Renyhart,  
3 Madeley Lane, Stony Brook,  
NY 11790 (516-751-7069)

**LEAGUE FORMING:** We're looking for a few devoted managers to take over existing franchises and one expansion franchise in the CTCAL, a PBM super-advanced baseball league entering its fifth season. We use mostly A.L. cards, which we retain from year to year. Features include annual preseason and mid-season drafts, weekly newsletters, a quarterly magazine with complete league stats, year-round trading, and league voting on all proposed changes to our comprehensive constitution. Only mature, dedicated managers committed to excellence should apply. For an application, send name, address and a SASE to: Joe Mulder, 107 Union St. Apt. #5, Lodi, NJ 07644

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Twin Cities Strat Club is seeking dependable adult manager/coaches for basketball and backup coaches for existing football, hockey leagues. Also seeking backup managers for next year's baseball league (16 teams). Only dependable people need apply for our face-to-face leagues. Contact: Dave at 537-5947.

**LEAGUE FORMING:** I want to start a serious PBM league. Only those who want to stay for the future need apply. I don't want cheaters or cry babies if losing. Let's stick together and grow together and have fun. Remember, this is only a game, not a living. Do it as a hobby. Call Ted: 501-443-9655.

**LEAGUE FORMING:** The All Sports Conference is in need of managers and backups. The ASC is an 18-year-old, draft baseball league. We have 24 teams, playing a 162-game season with a phone draft, liberal player limitations, a monthly newsletter and a separate league for the backups. The league is very stable with very mature and friendly members. We use all the

super-advanced rules. Write:  
Tom Fish, P.O. Box 20090, San  
Bernardino, CA 92406

**LEAGUE FORMING:** The Nationwide Draft League (NDL) is looking for managers to assume existing franchises next season. The NDL (founded in 1981) is a nine-team (expanding to 10 next season) PBM league using N.L. cards. Season runs from April-January. Super-advanced rules, 160-game schedule, lots of newsletters, the DH and telephone drafts are other features. Annual fee is \$25. Most members use the computer game. If you are looking for a league which will be around long after you're gone, send a SASE to: Robert Dyer, 3104 N.W. 61st Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73112

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Two coaches needed immediately to take over existing clubs in the SBA, a draft PBM basketball association entering its 16th successful year. Responsible and honest adults (college age and up) are invited to write for more information. Contact: Doug Falls, 1557 Delmont, Memphis, TN 38117 (901-682-5204)

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## S-O-M league, replay scene

GREATER KALAMAZOO STRAT-O-MATIC LEAGUE - Billy Doran (fielding: "1 e6" at second) committed an error with the bases loaded and two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning of the seventh game, giving Jeff Green the National League championship. Green, a frequent big winner in GKSML play, won the last game, 6-5, to capture the N.L. title in one of S-O-M's longest running face-to-face leagues...The GKSML, which includes Review co-editors Warren and Del Newell, and also Del's 25-year-old son Todd, completed its 35th full season 154-game replay...Green, a 30-year-old paint salesman in Kalamazoo, MI (located 150 miles either way between Detroit and Chicago), won the East Division with a 95-59 record. He met Jeff Kik, 33, manager of a Gordon's Cash & Carry food store, in the championship series after Kik downed longtime friend Bruce Mulder in five games in the first round. Kik won the West (90-64) and Mulder, after trading away Pedro Guerrero (for Vince Coleman and a fifth-round draft choice) to Del and Jack Clark (for Lance McCullers and a third-round pick) to Kik, had enough pitching and speed to win the wild card berth (89-65)...Also in the GKSML lineup were veteran managers Gary Tien (37), Gary King (35), Jeff Marcon (22) and newcomer Ralph Weessies (35), who took over for a manager who moved to Naples, FL...Each manager protected 15 players from last year's roster and then a draft, in reverse order of finish, was conducted until a 26-player (the 26th had to be a third catcher) roster was filled...At-bats and innings pitched are strictly adhered to, thus few of the managers could afford to draft 50 at-bat wunderkinds...In the championship series, it all came down to game seven between Kik and Green. Through eight innings it was 5-5. Kik almost took a one-run lead in the top of the ninth - only to have Albert Hall thrown out at home on a 1-18 chance. Kik's bad luck turned to awful luck when, in the bottom of the inning, the normally reliable Doran booted in the winning run...Green's team had the best hitting (.280) and second-best pitching (3.66 ERA) in the league...Tony Gwynn, the property of Todd Newell, flirted with .400 most of the season, before finishing up with a near-miss .394 batting average...Two pitchers - Orel Hershisier, 24-10; Eric Show, 21-9 - won 20 or more games...Mulder, the one who swapped power for speed (Houston was his ballpark) got 145 stolen bases (out of 190 attempts) from Coleman and turned the basepaths into an Indy 500 track, swiping a whopping 339 in 440 attempts...Marcon, the youngest player in the GKSML at 22, had the worst record (48-106) and went from the penthouse (he won the N.L. and World Series last year) to the basement...In the season of the long ball, 1626 home runs were hit, an average of 162.6 per team.

Standings and leaders:

East	Won-Lost	GB	Avg.	ERA	HR	Batting	
1. Jeff Green	95	59	-	.280	3.66	174	Gwynn TN .394
2. Ralph Weessies	83	71	12	.269	4.19	175	Guerrero DN .346
3. Gary King	66	88	29	.258	4.06	158	B.Hatcher EM .340
4. Gary Tien	62	92	33	.258	4.33	130	Raines RW .336
5. Jeff Marcon	48	106	47	.250	5.49	150	Kruk JG .327
West							Home Runs
1. Jeff Kik	90	64	-	.266	3.67	216	W.Clark GK 43
2. Bruce Mulder	89	65	1	.279	3.92	107	Dawson DN 42
3. Del Newell	88	66	2	.271	3.62	170	Guerrero DN 42
4. Todd Newell	80	74	10	.264	4.02	135	H.Johnson JK 42
5. Warren Newell	69	85	21	.265	4.40	211	D.Murphy RW 40
							Strawberry WN 40
<u>RBI</u>							<u>R:</u> V.Hayes EM 128
H.Johnson JK 121	Dawson DN 110						<u>H:</u> Gwynn TN 233 (continued on
Schmidt RW 112	Guerrero DN 102						<u>2B:</u> Galarraga DM 47 next page)



<u>3B:</u> M.Thompson GK 16	<u>ERA</u>		<u>Won-Lost</u>	
<u>SB:</u> Coleman BM 145/190	Show JK 2.87		Hershiser BM 24-10	
<u>W:</u> V.Hayes BM 138	Hershiser BM 2.95		Show JK 21-9	
	Welch RW 3.00		Welch RW 18-11	
<u>Strikeouts</u>	Dravecky JG 3.03		M.Scott DN 18-13	
Ryan DN 271	M.Scott DN 3.11		Ryan DN 15-9	
Scott DN 241				
Welch RW 202	<u>CG:</u> Welch RW 14	<u>IP:</u>	Hershiser BM 274	
Hershiser BM 185	<u>SH:</u> Magrane TN 4	<u>SA:</u>	Burke GK 29	
Darling WN 184	<u>HRA:</u> Gullikson GK 42		R.Myers GT 28	
			D.Smith DN 28	

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HAMPSTEAD STRATO LEAGUE - Another league that had its champ crowned after an error in the final playoff game. Rickey Henderson was the culprit, runner Pedro Guerrero the beneficiary as Mike Kilingenberg's Snake Eyes won the 1988 championship in seven games over Tim Farley's Apocolypse. The winning run scored in the eighth inning...HSL is an eight-manager, face-to-face league that calls Hampstead, MD, home...Its second season was the season of the long ball as five players hit 50 or more home runs, with Mark McGwire slamming 61 and George Bell 60...Tony Gwynn led in hitting with a .363 average...McGwire and Mike Dunne, both the property of Slugfest 1988, managed by Troy Warehime, won MVP and Cy Young honors, respectively.

Standings and leaders:

<u>National</u>	<u>Won-Lost</u>	<u>GB</u>	<u>American</u>	<u>Won-Lost</u>	<u>GB</u>
1. Snake Eyes	90 72	-	1. Slugest '88	89 73	-
2. Fear	83 79	7	2. Apocolypse	87 75	2
3. Marlboro Men	66 96	24	3. Tater Factory	86 76	3
F Troop	66 96	24	Mayhem	86 76	3

Playoffs: Snake Eyes d. Fear, 4-1; Apocolypse d. Slugest '88, 4-1.  
Snake Eyes d. Apocolypse, 4-3.

<u>Batting</u>	<u>Home Runs</u>	<u>RBI</u>
Gwynn SLUG .364	McGwire SLUG 61	McGwire SLUG 160
Raines TATER .335	G.Bell MARL 60	Bell MARL 149
Trammell MAY .335	Dawson TATER 54	Guerrero SNAK 146
Guerrero SNAK .333	Murphy F-T 54	Murphy F-T 143
Clark FEAR .319	Horn MARL 52	Dawson TATER 134

<u>R:</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>ERA</u>
Murphy F-T 139		
<u>2B:</u> Molitor MARL 50	Viola SLUG 18-9	Dunne SLUG 3.83
Mattingly F-T 50	Dunne SLUG 17-8	Williamson SNAK 3.89
<u>3B:</u> Miller FEAR 24	Hershiser TATER 17-9	Higuera MAY 3.94
<u>SB:</u> Molitor MARL 37	Schmidt TATER 17-10	Key MAY 4.04
	Clemens F-T 17-11	Alexander FEAR 4.16

<u>Strikeouts</u>		<u>CG:</u>	<u>SA:</u>
Ryan FEAR 344	Higuera MAY 271	Key MAY 18	
M.Scott F-T 284	Clemens F-T 259	Henke FEAR 29	
		L.Smith TATER 28	

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NATIONWIDE DRAFT LEAGUE - Nine-team, play-by-mail draft baseball league that uses National League cards only...Features telephone draft, two sports writers, a mortician in Silver Lake, KS, and a female gamer who has three first-round picks in the N.D.L.'s next draft...League has completed seven complete seasons, although latest replay was marred by a few managers turning in late series reports and statistics...Mack  
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Smith, a mortician in Topeka, KS, is the lone original member of NDL. Suzette Smith, Mack's wife, is the best looking member of the NDL... Other managers and their teams included: Glen Macnow (Philadelphia Sound), sports writer for Philadelphia Inquirer; Glenn Guzzo (Walla Walla Bing Bangs), sports editor Philadelphia Inquirer; Rich Ratchkowsky (Broomfield Belvederes), advertising salesman in Denver; Robert Dyer (Oklahoma Bandits), bank auditor in Edmond, OK; Rich Krisciunas (Homestead Grays), prosecuting attorney in Detroit; Kent Kennedy (Badlands Hopalongues), supervisor of a Williston, N.D., salt company; David Tonn (Milwaukee Admirals), student in Houston; Suzette Smith (Topeka Porta-Potts) and Mack Smith (Topeka Leggings)... Two Philadelphia sports writers clashed in championship series, with Macnow's Sound edging Walla Walla, 4-3, in face-to-face matchup... Glen Davis of the Bandits set NDL records for home runs (48) and game-winning RBI (27), plus had 141 RBI... Sound produced plenty of home run sounds as a team, with 185 roundtrippers setting a club record. The Sounds' .436 slugging percentage led league. Mike Scott was ace of pitching staff with 24-14 record and 2.73 ERA. Dave Palmer and Mike LaCoss each won 17 games, Roger McDowell saved 22 and Gary Carter cracked 33 homers. Standings and leaders (based on 1986 real-life):

<u>East</u>	<u>Won-Lost</u>	<u>GB</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>Won-Lost</u>	<u>GB</u>	<u>Playoffs</u>		
Homestead	104	56	-	Broomfield	94	66	-	Philadelphia d.
Philadelphia	93	67	11	Walla Walla	88	72	6	Homestead, 4-1
Badlands	68	92	36	Oklahoma	80	80	14	Walla Walla d.
Milwaukee	63	97	41	Leggins	80	80	14	Broomfield,
			Porta-Potts	50	110	44	4-0;	
<u>Batting</u>		<u>Home Runs</u>		<u>RBI</u>				Philadelphia d.
Raines HOM	.330	G.Davis OKL	48	Schmidt HOM	148			Walla Walla,
Sax WAL	.320	E.Davis BAD	42	G.Davis OKL	141			4-3.
Gwynn HOM	.319	Schmidt HOM	41	E.Davis BAD	116			
K.Bass OKL	.310	Strawberry BAD	36	D.Parker BRO	114			
<u>H:</u>	Gwynn HOM	224	<u>Wins</u>		<u>ERA</u>			
<u>R:</u>	Raines HOM	120	M.Scott PHI	24-14	M.Scott PHI	2.72		
<u>2B:</u>	D.Parker BRO	45	Valenzuela HOM	23-11	Ryan TOP	2.94		
<u>3B:</u>	Raines HOM	10	Gullickson HOM	20-7	Browning HOM	3.06		
	K.Bass OKL	10	Knepper BRO	18-5	Knepper BRO	3.07		
	Dunston MIL	10						
<u>SB:</u>	Raines HOM	76/89	<u>Strikeouts</u>		<u>SA:</u>	Tekulve TOP	32	
<u>E:</u>	Jeltz PORT	33	M.Scott PHI	297		McDowell PHI	22	
<u>OB%:</u>	Raines HOM	.401	Valenzuela HOM	265	<u>CG:</u>	Valenzuela HOM	24	
<u>GWRBI:</u>	G.Davis OKL	27	Youmans WAL	227	<u>SH:</u>	Gullickson HOM	4	
			Darling WAL	215		Gooden TOP	4	

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REPLAY OF 1969 BASEBALL - American League replay took five months and was conducted by Marty brothers, Randy, Ray and Doug, and Doug's son, Jerry, all of whom reside in Madison or Windsor, WI... National League was played by Randy Marty... Baltimore was an easy winner in AL East, while Minnesota edged Oakland by two games in the West... Pittsburgh won the NL East by four games over the New York Mets and Cincinnati was five games better than San Francisco in the West... Some AL highlights: Jim Palmer posting 23-9 record with 2.26 ERA; Sam McDowell of Cleveland going 25-9 with an ERA of 1.83; Reggie Jackson clouting 45 home runs and driving in 128 runs; Fritz Peterson of the Yankees having a 21-13 record; and Andy Messersmith of California having a 2.45 ERA, but with only a 17-16 record to show for it. Lowlights included Brooks (continued on back page)





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Robinson batting only .222 and George Scott of California only .231... In the N.L., Pete Rose batted .381 and Tony Perez had .324, 41 and 126 numbers for the Reds. Willie McCovey of the Giants smashed all records by smashing 66 home runs and collecting 143 RBI. Rico Carty batted .371 for the Braves and Dick Allen/Larry Hise combined for 91 homers and 378 strikeouts for Philadelphia.

Standings:

AL East	W - L	AL West	W - L	NL East	W - L	NL West	W - L
Baltimore	98-64	Minnesota	90-72	Pittsburgh	99-63	Cincinnati	88-74
NY Yankees	85-77	Oakland	88-74	NY Mets	95-67	S. Frans'co	83-79
Detroit	80-82	Seattle	80-82	Chicago	85-77	Houston	83-79
Boston	80-82	California	77-85	St. Louis	83-79	Atlanta	82-80
Washington	74-88	Kansas City	75-87	Philadel.	78-84	Los Angeles	74-88
Cleveland	71-91	Chicago	74-88	Montreal	51-111	San Diego	71-91