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New Card Time Soon Will Arrive

The countdown is well under way!
Perhaps, for some, it is over!

The countdown, of course, is for the moment that United Parcel Service deliveryman steps up to your residence--with the long-awaited package containing the new Strat-O-Matic Baseball cards.

Some of the lucky (those who placed their orders first, probably last fall sometime) ones may have already received their cards. Most of us are like expectant parents--we can hardly wait!

The game company, in a conversation the latter part of December, disclosed that the new cards were expected to be shipped out starting Friday, Jan. 20. That's if there were no snags in the meantime to delay the send-off date.

In addition to the regular 26 teams (remember two expansion teams--Seattle and Toronto--increased the number from 24), S-O-M will make available 114 extra player cards, 104 regular "extra" cards and 10 "extra, extra" cards.

Look for plenty of hitting in the new card set, too, reflecting the real-life cannonading. "There will be some very good pitchers," reflects S-O-M creator Harold Richman. "But there will be plenty of hitting. We're very excited about the card set. I think this is the greatest baseball card set ever."

In addition to the new baseball cards, a revamped X-Chart for Fielders
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will also be coming your way. This chart, as previously mentioned in the Review, will take into consideration errors committed by fielders as well as their range--adding a new dimension to that aspect of the table-top sport. Each fielder, you will soon discover, has an error rating, which will come into play in certain fielding situations.

S-O-M's James Williams, although not wishing to spoil the surprise (shock? exhilaration?) that accompanies poring over the new cards for the first time, warns Reggie Jackson fans that they may be in for a jolt. Three home runs in one World Series game doesn't overcome a season-long fielding slump. So, 01' No. 3 (for the home runs, naturally) becomes 01' No. "4" when it comes to defense. Reggie Jackson either has been "overrated in the past or he suddenly became a poor fielder with his arrival in New York.

S-O-M did mention that Jackson was a -4 throwing. Dwight Evans, however, had the top "gun" in the American League with a -5 arm. Over in the National, Dave Parker of Pittsburgh and Cincinnati's Cesar Geronimo both were accorded -5 status.

Enough said. The cursory check is over. Now, it's your turn.
Hey! Is that a UPS truck coming down the street?

In This Corner...The Editors

TIME STANDS STILL - Some vigilant readers have already caught it. But, regardless of what the January Review said on its cover, time does move on. The Review editors didn't think so, at least in a typographical sense. The previous issue of the Review had January "1977" across its dateline.

Since both Review editors are in their 30s, perhaps it was their way of trying to stem the tide of advancing age.

NEW DIRECTORY SELLING FAST - Don't forget to order your newest issue of the Strat-O-Matic Directory, if you haven't already done so. The newest who's who of S-O-M is jam-packed with pictures, names and league--and a real buy for \$1.00.

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Such dealings make for much unpleasantness on all sides. So, be sure if you bid on card sets, teams, etc., that you truly plan on following through. It's the S-O-M way of doing things.

REMINDER WHEN CHANGING ADDRESS - Please let us know far in advance of such moves. Four to six weeks would do nicely. Problem crops up, however, when we're notified shortly before a change of address--too late to change pre-typed address labels--and the Review never reaches the new address.

Third-class mail is not forwarded, it must be remembered. First-class is, however. So, particularly those with third-class mailing, be sure and notify us far in advance of your moving date.

HOCKEY GAME - Strat-O-Matic is back at work testing the new hockey game. The last serious testing is currently in progress. If all goes well, the hockey game will become a reality this fall--based on the 1977-78 real-life National Hockey League season.

TO THE LOSERS GO THE DRAFT REWARDS - Review co-editor Del Newell is currently contemplating who he should draft first in the upcoming American League preseason draft. Thanks to his finishing last a year ago, Del has the top pick from the 1977 rookie players, players traded from the N.L. to the A.L. (i.e. Richie Zisk), and extras. What's a Ron Guidry?

In The News With Strat-O-Matic

Strat-O-Matic games more and more frequently are the subject of newspaper and magazine articles. As the Review has tried to keep you abreast of, S-O-M is fast becoming a fad, with tabletop gaming buffs from all walks of life coming "out of the closet" from all over the country.

The subject of Strat-O-Matic has appeared in Newsweek, as well as many newspapers. Usually such articles appear in the entertainment section, new trends, etc., only occasionally in the sports section.

But the weekly Enterprise in Litchfield, IL, has gone one step further. Sure, it ran a long feature story on local S-O-M addicts and their accomplishments. The Enterprise even delved into the how-to aspects of S-O-M Baseball. But most noteworthy, in our opinion, was that the Enterprise also listed a local S-O-M league's standings in its standings and results section, among local baseball, softball and golf standings.

Imagine it, if the printing of such standings should ever become a trend. You could flip open your Boston Globe and there, among the hockey, basketball and football standings and results, you would find a "Table Games" logo--with the 26-manager "Beantown Baseball League" results staring back at you.

S-O-M CONTINUES TO MAKE NEWS

The Litchfield Enterprise, along with running S-O-M standings, also has featured some of its local gamers in stories. Bob Cyphers, who won the so-called national championship in the elementary baseball tournament at last summer's convention at Champaign-Urbana, IL, was pictured [complete with trophy] soon after returning home.

Cyphers, who is 19 and a sophomore at Southern Illinois University majoring in radio-TV, was revealed to be a member of a local six-team S-O-M league. Other managers included Fred Floreth, another tourney-wise gamer, John Odle, Jim Odle, Richard Niehaus, Ron Niehaus, Todd Laird, Loren Hughes and Allen Hughes (some of the teams had co-managers).

Cyphers' strategy in winning the tournament was explained in the feature spread--the same as a general might describe how he won an important battle. Cyphers was also appreciative of the interest the Enterprise editors took in his and the local league's endeavors. "We want to thank the Enterprise because we're the only league in the world that has its standings published in the town newspaper," praises Cyphers.

MORE HOWLINGS FROM 'WOLFMAN'

Rick [Wolfman] Shapiro became a celebrity of sorts via the printed word, too. He, along with Mike Ericksen and Steve Parewski were all frequently quoted in an article that appeared in the suburban Tribune section of the Chicago Tribune. The article, "Board game close to real thing," was written by Tribune staffer Chuck Frank, who pointed out that Reggie Jackson could be silenced, The Bird's chirping ended and Charlie Hustle sent to a home for the elderly--all with fire. Their S-O-M cards could be burned.

S-O-M managers, as Frank pointed out, have infinitely more power at their disposal when handling players. "I like being able to say I can trade a guy who's making \$600,00 a year," says Mike Ericksen of Morton Grove, IL, in the article.

Shapiro was lauded for his organizational ability (remember the national tournaments that he's almost single-handedly put on), for the "tens of thousands of games of Strat-O-Matic baseball and football (played) in the last 10 years," and because he's gone so far as to purchase a 20-sided die from a mail-order company.

Are S-O-M players just frustrated people who find an escape in the games that they couldn't compete in themselves? Not according to Parewski, who organized a football league at the Milwaukee School of Engineering, where he's currently a junior. Two members of the league, he points out, were outstanding high school athletes. And Ericksen, who's active in play-by-mail leagues, was a former outfielder at Augustana College.

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S-O-M Baseball was also featured in a November issue of the Rochester Currents, a campus publication at the University of Rochester in the state of New York.

Chuck Keelan, a graduate student in English working toward his Ph.D., belongs to the ABL (Alan's Baseball League). He's manager of the Chincoteagus entry, which has Reggie Jackson in its lineup. And how does Keelan, a bespectacled gamer with a Rollie Fingers-mustachioed look, handle Sir Reggie? "I just stick his card in a volume of poetry by Algernon Charles Swinburne," answers Keelan. "That shuts him up fast."

Along with Keelan, the ABL lineup includes two other graduate students in the English department, three former grad students and one faculty member. Team names include: Chagrin Falls Charlatans, Tacoma Mockingbirds, Eugene Debs, Louisville Lipps, Grellatown Gorillas and Long Island Sons of Los.

Keelan also reports that S-O-M fever may have spread to other parts of the Rochester campus. He says he's heard of another league that has such colorful entries as an "all-Italian" team called the Cannoli, the Lynch Mob, and the league's champion, the awesome Mean Machine, which won its World Series in four straight games.

The ABL is somewhat of a joke around the English department, admits Keelan. But none of the members in the league have been reduced by ridicule into leaving. "It's entirely different from anything else we do," says Keelan of the appeal of S-O-M.

"Another part of the appeal," he continues, "is megalomania. It's fun to be in the baseball manager's seat. You can trade players and control them on the field. You have this power over men who are making ten times as much money as you are."

And that was the way it was in the world of Strat-O-Matic in the year 1977...

Questions & Answers

Editor's note: Questions regarding individual and team ratings will not be answered in most cases, unless a mistake has been made. The game company cannot, for reasons of security, disclose its card-making formula, which would be necessary in some instances in order to answer such questions. If your question regarding ratings does not appear in the Review within four months after being sent, you may assume the rating is correct.

QUESTION: Regarding the Nov., 1977 Review and the trivia corner, it says 1961 Roger Maris received a triple split at 2-6. But I have the '61 Yankees and the 2-6 on his card says groundball (ss) A, not a triple split. What is the problem?

ANSWER: The earlier card sets, with the triple split at 2-6, were figured manually. But, since computers have been used for card makeup, the version you have has become the standard stock. The old card sets are no longer being produced. Henry (Robert, the trivia quiz expert from Detroit, MI) obviously has those early card sets. All Old Timer teams today are printed via computer.

QUESTION: I received my 1976-77 basketball cards and on the roster sheet it says the Phoenix Suns have Garfield Heard and Curtis Perry. But instead of having cards for them I have cards for Ira Terrell and Butch Feher. What happened?

ANSWER: You received the correct set of S-O-M Basketball cards, but the wrong roster sheet--it's obviously from the previous season's card set. Write S-O-M (46 Railroad Plaza, Glen Head, NY 11545) and it

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will be happy to send you a new roster sheet free of charge.

QUESTION: Why is a double-teaming chart used in the advanced version of S-O-M Basketball, where in the basic game double-teaming is individualized? Why isn't double-teaming on an individual basis in the advanced game?

ANSWER: Unfortunately it would require three extra columns, which would obviously increase the size and price of the cards, according to Strat-O-Matic.

QUESTION: Is the game company considering incorporating "clutch hitting" into the baseball cards?

ANSWER: Not at the moment.

QUESTION: If a receiver is being double-teamed on a flat pass but the linebacker in the zone is blitzing, do you refer to the "right" column on the offensive card and one man on the defensive card, or do you still count the receiver as being double-teamed? Please state in what instance to refer to the 2-Men column of the defensive card under flat passes. Does the same rule apply as does with long passes? When do you ever refer to the 2-Men column?

ANSWER: Refer to "right" column and 1 man on defensive card. If linebacker were not blitzing and remained in the zone there would be two men in the zone, with free safety double-teaming.

QUESTION: When the defense uses the short yardage defense and the result is "linebacker in zone X or short gain," do you take the straddling cornerback's rating, or does the short gain automatically result?

ANSWER: Use straddling cornerback's rating.

QUESTION: Can a receiver gain more than the longest gain listed on his card?

ANSWER: Yes. Should be same as running. However, not specified in rules.

QUESTION: Why didn't Willie McCovey receive a card after he batted 200+ times for the Padres and why did Ron Fairly receive only a small amount of at-bats on his card when he batted three times more than shown? Does that mean that we will lose 100 or so well-pitched innings of Tom Seaver, since he was traded during the season? Does that mean that if George Foster were to be traded after 80 games with 35 homers and a .320 average, and then batted .280 with 8 homers for his new team, he would have the latter stats on his card?

ANSWER: Until 1977 cards (this year's), policy has been to put player on team he finished with. If he played whole season in same league--i.e. Tom Seaver--total stats were used. If player was traded inter-league, we only used stats from league he will appear with--i.e. Ron Fairly. This policy will be subject to change starting with 1977 cards, in special cases--i.e. both Dave Kingman and Clay Carroll got National League statistics.

QUESTION: Is the rule concerning the square on the football cards assumed to be in effect at all times, or only during third or fourth down plays when linebacker-run containment is in effect?

ANSWER: At all times.

Pittsburgh Is Truly No. 1 College Team

Yes, Coach Johnny Majors' Pittsburgh Panthers were the best college football team in the country last year. Not only did Pittsburgh receive No. 1 ranking in all the polls, but it finished unbeaten and a convincing bowl victor as well.

And in Strat-O-Matic, where gamers have a chance to arrange their own matchups to separate the "greats" from the "pretenders," Pittsburgh also came up No. 1. Richard Rzasa of Ansonia, CT, took 20 of the college football teams, broke them up into two divisions, replayed a nine-game regular-season schedule and then tackled a playoff round that saw four teams from each division qualify.

Pittsburgh won its division (II), going 9-0, leading the division in points scored and fewest points allowed, and then went on to edge division runnerup Michigan in the championship game of post-season play, 10-7.

Pittsburgh, Michigan, Notre Dame, Ohio State, Penn State and Alabama, among others, comprised the Division II lineup. And in Division I were Southern Cal (USC), Oklahoma, UCLA and Texas ASM.

Each team played the others within its division once--a total of nine games--with USC and Pittsburgh winning their respective divisions with perfect 9-0 records. USC utilized a balanced attack to amass 29.6 points per game, and held opponents to a division-low 12.7. Pivotal division game was when Southern Cal slaughtered runnerup Oklahoma, 41-14.

Oklahoma, Texas ASM and UCLA were primarily ground-oriented, while Texas Tech came on strong, winning three of its last four games, after revving up its passing attack. Oklahoma had fumble blahs at inopportune times, however, which slowed offense. Worst rout in Division I was Oklahoma State's 65-0 manhandling of Wyoming.

Over in Division II, Pittsburgh averaged 31.1 points per game and gave up a meager 5.2. The Panthers blanked four of their last five opponents and only had trouble with Michigan, winning a 13-10 thriller. Michigan, meanwhile, had a powerful rushing game and an equally tough defense against the run. U-M could be hurt through the air, however.

Notre Dame wound up third in the division because of a defense that received most of the credit for wins over Georgia (14-12), Ohio State (10-7) and Alabama (17-10). Ohio State lost two of its first three games but finished strong and just qualified for the playoffs. Penn State was the other team to pin a loss on Michigan, winning 20-17 in overtime.

Indiana was the patsy of the division, failing to win a game, serving up a whopping 39.5 points a game and being subjected to 44-14, 49-0, 65-0, 49-0 and 45-0 humiliations.

COLLEGE PLAYOFFS

OHIO STATE 24, SOUTHERN CAL 21 - Biggest upset of playoffs as Buckeyes jumped off to a 14-0 lead, fell behind 21-14 after three TD passes and then rallied for 10 points in fourth quarter to pull out victory.

MICHIGAN 41, TEXAS ASM 7 - Michigan played its best game...Texas ASM, meanwhile, fumbled ball away five times and had three passes intercepted...Enough said.

PITTSBURGH 35, UCLA 27 - UCLA took opening kickoff and marched relentlessly 78 yards for a touchdown...Pitt came right back, aided by a 48-yard pass play, and punched over a two-yard TD to tie score...Pitt had hands full until third quarter, when it broke game open and assumed commanding 35-13 lead...UCLA closed final point margin with two late TDs...Pittsburgh had 269 yards through airplanes.

OKLAHOMA 20, NOTRE DAME 14 - Sooners won tough defensive struggle when back got loose on a 78-yard TD gallop in fourth quarter, erasing a 14-13 Irish lead.

(Semifinals)

MICHIGAN 20, OHIO STATE 7 - Michigan controlled line of scrimmage, limit-

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ing Buckeyes to meager 2.1 yards per rushing attempt...Wolverines also intercepted three Ohio State passes, two of the thefts leading to U-M scores. PITTSBURGH 27, OKLAHOMA 17 - Pitt took advantage of Oklahoma turnovers and built 17-3 halftime lead (one a fumble recovered on the Sooner Four)... Oklahoma didn't surrender, however, twice marching down the field in the third quarter for touchdowns, eventually tying game 17-17...Pitt then kicked a field goal from the 12 and later added an insurance TD after intercepting another Oklahoma pass.

PITTSBURGH 10, MICHIGAN 7

In the so-called "Collegiate Bowl" it was Pittsburgh prevailing in another defensive struggle. A break on the opening kickoff proved pivotal as Pitt fell on a U-M bobble and quickly converted it into its only TD of the game... Michigan tied the game in the third period on a one-yard run, following a 94-yard drive...39-yard Pitt Field goal in the fourth quarter proved to be game's deciding points...later Michigan got into Pitt territory, but a pass interception foiled the final bid.

Summary of championship game:

Michigan	0	0	7	0--7		
Pittsburgh	7	0	0	3--10		
				U-M		PITT
				First Downs -	16	14
				Rushes/Yds -	49-161	44-166
				Rush Avg. -	3.7	3.8
				Pass/Comp/Int -	14-4-2	17-9-0
				Passing Yds -	18	92
				Fumbles/Lost -	1-1	2-1
				Punts/Avg -	6-41.5	5-41.2
				Plays -	64	61
				Times Sacked -	1	0

Final standings:

Division I	Won-Lost	PTF	PTA	Division II	Won-Lost	PTF	PTA
Southern Cal	9 0	29.6	12.7	Pittsburgh	9 0	31.1	5.2
Oklahoma	7 2	20.2	14.8	Michigan	7 2	21.5	13.7
Texas ASM	6 3	18.1	13.7	Notre Dame	6 3	20.2	12.6
UCLA	6 3	20.7	14.8	Ohio State *	5 4	19.6	15.6
Oklahoma State	5 4	23.2	13.3	Mississippi St.	5 4	17.5	16.2
Texas Tech	4 5	18.9	17.6	Penn State	5 4	15.3	14.0
Colorado	3 6	17.6	17.7	Maryland	4 5	13.5	18.1
Houston	3 6	16.2	17.4	Alabama	2 7	12.2	14.5
Minnesota	1 8	7.1	22.4	Georgia	2 7	14.2	22.8
Wyoming	1 8	6.0	33.1	Indiana	0 9	5.3	39.5

* Awarded playoff spot.

Looking For Back Issues Of Review?

The following back issues of the Strat-O-Matic Review are still available. To purchase, send to: Strat-O-Matic Review, P.O. Box 27, Otsego, MI 49078. Include a second choice when ordering issues that are in "limited" supply, please.

1977
Dec., Nov., Oct., Sept., August, July, April, Feb. [limited]. Cost: 50¢ each.

1976
Nov., Oct., July [very limited], June. Cost: 50¢ each. Jan. also. Cost: 45¢.

1975
Nov. [limited], Oct., Sept., August, July, June, May, Feb., Jan. Cost: 45¢ each.

1974
Dec., Nov. Cost: 45¢ each.

Give Your Old Basketball Cards A Facelift

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As your NBA replays shift into high gear, here's a playing tip that will bring a new dimension to your dice adventures.

As most of us know, the S-O-M Basketball cards underwent a slight facelift in 1975 (advanced side). Gone were the "Defensive Turnover Rating," "1-4 shooters," and those identical "Inside/Outside" defensive ratings. The game company made some nifty moves, blessing us grousing "hoop freaks" with more "percentage shots," improved defensive ratings and ...the team defensive card!

It's needless to say, but that small but crucial maneuver made S-O-M Basketball a more visual and faster-paced game. But what about those old "dinosaur" split decks, and players from the pre-1974-75 era? While the basic game remained stable, the blue (advanced) side of the cards became obsolete...Right?--Wrong!

Convert them...that's right, maybe you'll write on them...but you can use them again. The 1973-74 Milwaukee Bucks can live again. The conversion, while time consuming, is easy (except for the team defensive cards). But remember it's worth the effort.

All you have to do is downgrade all shooters one point. Example: change 1-4 to 1-3, 1-3 to 1-2, 1-2 to 1, etc. While a player's shooting rating changes, his shot selection (asterisks) doesn't. Defensive ratings also stay the same, but for visual effect you could place the "I" rating under the penetration rating.

Saving the best for last (it's not as hard as it may sound), you design the new team defense card. Except for a few variations, determined by team makeup, personality and final place in the standings, they're all the same anyway. I figured out (or computed, if you prefer) mine by comparing it with those from teams from other seasons and the factors I just mentioned.

Following the above outline, your pre-1974-75 teams can "live again." You can use the current split deck and referral chart and the cards will perform realistically. So, get your felt-tip pen, index cards, ruler, and thinking cap...and get to work!

Defensive team card for Milwaukee Bucks, 1973-74 season (example):

OUTSIDE SHOT	PENETRATION SHOT	REBOUND AND INSIDE SHOT
2. opp def rating-0 X or no good	2.	2. Foul (2)
3. Foul (2)	3. offensive Foul	3. opp def rating-I X or no good
4.	4. Foul (2)	4. opp def ctr rtg-I X or no good
5. Foul (1)	5. opp def rtg-P X or no good	5. opp def rtg-I X or no good
6. opp def rtg-0 X or no good	6. opp def ctr rtg-I X or no good	6. see referral chart
7. X passing situation for opposing team	7. X-1-15 passing situation for opposing team	7. X 1-11 passing situation for opposing team
8. shot missed rebound situation	8. shot missed rebound situation	8. shot missed rebound situation
9. turnover	9. Turnover	9. Foul (2)
10.	10. Foul (2)	10. Foul (1)
11. X 1-10	11.	11.
12. Foul (2)	12. offensive Foul	12. Foul (1)

Readers Roll 'Em

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MORE BLANK CARDS NEEDED

It seems many people are clamoring for multiple player cards for those players that were traded during the year. Many good ideas have been suggested, but unfortunately most are either too expensive or just not practical.

The only way that the game company can satisfy both the serious gamer and the casual one is to print a more diversified collection of blank cards, and that goes for all sports including basketball.

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IMPRESSED WITH REVIEW

I am very impressed with my subscription to your magazine. I think your Trivia Quiz and S-O-M League, Replay Scene are excellent. So are the rest of the columns and stories.

I have two complaints, however. The first is I wish the S-O-M Review would expand to more pages, because everytime I receive it in the mail I read it the same day because of the excitement.

Also, do you know if S-O-M is planning to have a game based on the Canadian Football League? And, how come the S-O-M Football game has no penalties?

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Editor's note: At this time S-O-M has no plans for a Canadian Football game. As far as penalties, S-O-M has felt they would detract from the statistical realism of the game. If the demand for penalties is great enough, however, don't bet that S-O-M won't incorporate them in the near future.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL CRITIQUED

I would like to comment on Strat-O-Matic's forgotten sport--college football. Aside from the new card previous and a few Ohio State-Michigan re-matches, Harold

Richman's newest creation has been ignored by the Review.

I realize that the collegiate grid game lends itself much more to face-to-face play, thus ruling out many replays. It's also somewhat inferior in realism to the pro version, but I'm glad to see totally different game concepts for the NFL and college sports. Not only does this prevent the matching of the two games, which would be unfair and unrealistic, but it provides more variety for S-O-M gamers.

I embarked upon a college solitaire replay using the initial set of cards about a year ago, but found the uniform punting, returns, interception returns, etc., inadequate and abandoned the league after about six games per team had been played.

After reading about the recent revisions in the game, I decided to give it another try, this time with the '76 cards. I found the play select-or charts for individualized positions to be very inconvenient for solitaire play, so they were disregarded. However, the individualized special teams charts added a new dimension in realism to the game. The backfield running chart also added a fantastic strategical dimension for head-to-head play and for those who wish to keep individual yardage figures.

There is still room for improvement, however. Individualized team kickoffs are a necessity, as are individualized fumble recoveries. Also, fumbles seem to occur with too great a frequency, and the long gain system is in need of improvement.

I have played the pro football game face-to-face a few times and like it and the college game equally, although I can't make a fair choice until I buy the pro version next year and try a solitaire replay.

I am now halfway through an 18-team college replay, the results of which I will send you. I hope this will help fill the one void in your magazine--college football.

Glen Sarvady
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Editor's note: There has been a dearth of material pertaining to the College Football game--mainly because the Review has received little from readers. This month the first full-season college replay found its way into the Review.

Dodgers Upset Yanks In Series Replay

Paul Silva of Charlestown, NM didn't want to wait four or five months before being able to replay the 1977 World Series. So, what he did was take the 1976 cards, throw in a few extra player cards (for rookies, or other players without cards) and match the Dodgers and Yankees all over again.

The six-game, real-life sweep by the Yankees didn't materialize for Silva, a seven-year veteran of Strat-O-Matic games who enjoys playing all four table-top creations and is anxiously awaiting the arrival of hockey. Instead, the six-game Yankee romp was...well, was exactly the way it wasn't.

It was the Dodgers who swept to victory. And it took exactly six games. Reggie Jackson didn't personally destroy Los Angeles this time, although he did hit a pair of home runs. There were no three swings and "there it goes" this time around.

Silva adhered to the real-life lineups and pitchers for his replay. The Yanks started off by winning the first two of three games, but then the Dodgers roared back and swept the final three. Bill Russell was, surprisingly, the MVP after batting an equally surprising .481, with a home run, five RBI and two game-winning RBI. Charlie Hough won two games in relief for the Dodgers and Don Sutton also gained the decision in two others.

Meanwhile, on the Yankee front, ace reliever Sparky Lyle was a disappointment, losing the last two games and frequently being battered. Cliff Johnson did hit .500 for the Yanks (3-6), but Mickey Rivers, Jackson and Chris Chambliss, among others, all hit less than .215--which told the tale of why the New Yorkers demise.

Ron Cey, Lee Lacy and Rick Monday all hit .400 for the Dodgers, who wound up with 65 games over the six-game span.

Here are the World Series summaries:

[Game 1]

Dodgers 201 200 201 - 8 14 2
Yankees 010 012 200 - 6 14 0

Sutton, Sosa (6), Rau (7), Garmen (8) and Yeager, Grote (9); Gullett, Torrez (6), Lyle (7) and Munson, Healy (6). WP - Sutton (1-0). LP - Gullett (0-1). Home Runs - Dodgers, Cey (1), Russell (1); Yankees, Jackson (1). Save - Garmen.

[Game 2]

Dodgers 000 002 010 - 3 7 0
Yankees 000 000 022 - 4 8 0

Hooton, Rau (8) and Oates, Grote (9); Hunter, Lyle (9) and Healy, Johnson (9). WP - Lyle (1-0). LP - Rau (0-1). Home Runs - Dodgers, Smith (1); Yankees, Nettles (1).

[Game 3]

Yankees 000 001 001 - 2 9 0
Dodgers 100 000 000 - 1 7 0

Torrez, Lyle (9) and Munson; John, Hough (9) and Yeager. WP - Torrez (1-0). LP - John (0-1). Home Runs - none. Save - Lyle.

[Game 4]

Yankees 022 000 200 00 - 6 8 0
Dodgers 000 240 000 01 - 7 14 0

11 Innings

Guidry, Tidrow (5), Clay (6), Lyle (8) and Munson; Rau, Rhoden (3), Garmen (8), Hough (9) and Yeager. WP - Hough (1-0). LP - Lyle (1-1). Home Runs - Yankees, Jackson (2); Dodgers, Smith (2).

[Game 5]

Yankees 000 000 010 - 1 8 1
Dodgers 000 021 20x - 5 8 1

Gullett, Clay (6), Tidrow (7), Holtzman (7) and Munson; Sutton and Yeager. WP - Sutton (2-0). LP - Gullett (0-2). Home Runs - none.

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1958 Colts Edge '62 Packers

Playoff Needed In Old-Timer Grid Replay

Rod Alexander Jr. of Charlotte, NC, is a pioneer when it comes to playing Strat-O-Matic, as he's the first to replay a full season with the six Old Timer teams. Alexander used Frank Kestellic's solitaire defensive chart to speed up his solo efforts and went on to play each team against the others at least twice and in some cases three times.

He was particularly interested in which team would emerge No. 1--figuring it would all come down to either the 1958 Baltimore Colts or the 1962 Green Bay Packers.

And he was right in his prognostication--right on both counts, as it turned out. The two powerhouses deadlocked with 10-4 records and split a pair of regular-season games, the Pack winning 30-7 and losing 14-10.

The playoff game proved to be just as fiercely contested as the '58 Colts, after jumping out to a 10-0 lead midway through the second quarter, hung on for a thrilling 23-21 victory. Steve Myhra kicked three field goals for the Colts and Alan Ameche (24-yard run), Ray Berry (five-yard pass from Johnny Unitas) accounted for the TDs. Green Bay tallied twice on runs by Jim Taylor, three and 20 yards, and Tom Moore's two-yard plunge with 5:30 left.

Taylor was the game's leading rusher with 105 yards in 17 carries (Ameche had 66 in 15 cracks for the Colts), while Unitas completed 17 of 28 passes for 151 yards for the winners and Bart Starr was 12-of-18 for 146 for the Pack.

Alexander admits that the statistics were altered somewhat, mainly due to the fact that Baltimore, the '58 Giants and '60 Eagles all played only 12 games in real-life. All played 14 in the replay.

COLTS, PACKERS ONE-TWO

Baltimore featured many offensive weapons and a defense that allowed third fewest points among sextet. Best defensive games were a 17-0 blanking of Giants and 14-10 squeaker against Packers. Colts stampeded to fast start, winning seven of first eight games, then coasted home as .500 club over last six contests.

Lenny Lyles' 33-yard average with kickoffs also helped Colts. But Baltimore wasn't invincible, possessing weaknesses in placekicking (Myhra's longest was only 29 yards) and punting (39.7 average was lowest in league).

One notable game, against the Giants, ended 23-17--the exact score of their historic 1958 overtime championship game thriller.

Green Bay, meanwhile, had No. 1 rushing offense (averaging 190 yards per game) and yielded the fewest via the ground (109). The Pack dominated Cleveland and Philadelphia, winning six-of-six games from duo. Jim Taylor was No. 2 rusher in league, behind Jim Brown, with 1,574 yards, while Starr was superb passer with 62.2 per cent completion rate. Great receivers such as Max McGee (46 catches), Boyd Doyler (42) and Ron Kramer (41) also made the aerial attack click.

The Packers once rolled up 311 yards rushing against Philadelphia. In true Vince Lombardian fashion, Green Bay dared commit only 15 turnovers.

BEARS FINISH THIRD

Chicago, 1963 vintage, lived by the play of its defense which gave up league low 11.2 points per game. When the defense was in smothering mood, Bears usually won--winning six of seven games when opposition was held to less than 10 points. When defense served up more than 10 points, however, Bears were in trouble, losing five of seven contests that went that route.

Defense also forced 40 turnovers. But running game was virtually non-existent, thus the defense had to come through to achieve 8-6 record. Passing game wasn't so ineffective, though, as Mike Ditka, the rugged tight end, had a league-high 60 receptions and Johnny Morris hauled in 40 of Billy Wade's tosses.

The 1958 New York Giants edged Cleveland in their opener, 17-14--then

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promptly lost next six games. A late-season rebound, which saw team win five of last six, gave Giants 7-7 record. Twice upended Packers (22-7, 28-22) and ambushed Baltimore once (20-7). Conversely, looked atrocious in being pummeled by Eagles, 30-17, and Colts, 17-0. Had fairly solid rushing game as Mel Triplett (648), Alex Webster (632) and Frank Gifford (614) gave it balanced look. Gifford was leading receiver with 35 while Pat Summerall (who, like Gifford, is today a TV football broadcaster) was the deadliest of the field goal kickers, connecting on seven of 40 yards or more.

Browns struggled at the start, losing four straight, and then played .500 ball the last 10 games. Jim Brown was No. 1 rusher with 1,697 yards; Gary Collins caught 48 passes and Leroy Kelly returned two punts for touchdowns--those were offensive highlights. Poor pass defense and little pass offense prevented '65 Browns from rising higher than fifth.

The '60 Eagles won only twice--over the Giants (30-17) and Browns (21-13)--but had most exciting quarterback in league in Norm Van Brocklin who averaged 200 yards a game and connected on 18 TD tosses. Tommy McDonald and Pete Retzlaff both grabbed 54 of Van Brocklin's passes and each averaged over 20 yards per reception.

Opponents could prepare for aerial blitz from Birds, as rushing game was horrible, averaging but 85 yards. At one point in season, Eagles lost seven straight, including close games with Browns (24-21), Colts (16-14) and Bears (10-9).

Standings and leaders:

	Won-Lost	PTF	PTA	Off.	Def.
1958 Baltimore Colts	10-4	19.4	15.0	346.7	309.4
1962 Green Bay Packers	10-4	22.6	12.9	373.2	292.4
1963 Chicago Bears	8-6	13.9	11.2	306.1	300.0
1958 New York Giants	7-7	16.7	16.4	307.4	323.9
1965 Cleveland Browns	5-9	16.8	22.9	334.4	370.9
1960 Philadelphia Eagles	2-12	14.0	24.9	327.1	398.3

Rushing	Att-Yds	Avg.	TD	Receiving	No.-Yds	Avg.	TD
Brown CLE	288-1697	5.9	12	Ditka CHI	60-667	11.4	5
J. Taylor GB	277-1574	5.7	18	McDonald PHI	54-1096	20.3	7
Ameche BAL	188-936	5.0	12	Retzlaff PHI	54-1088	20.1	4
				Berry BAL	53-870	16.4	6
				L. Moore BAL	50-593	11.9	4

Scoring	Pts.
Taylor GB	108
J. Kramer GB	87
Walston PHI	76

Passing	Att-Comp	Pct.	Yds.
Starr GB	294-183	62.2	1863
Van Brocklin PHI	372-212	57.0	2828
Unitas BAL	322-123	53.7	2085
Conerly NYG	288-146	50.7	1701
Wade CHI	325-158	48.6	1751
Ryan CLE	195-86	44.1	1089

Punting	No.	Avg.
Green CHI	80	46.8
Collins CLE	70	46.1

Kickoff Ret.	No.-Yds	Avg.	Punt Returns	No.-Yds	Avg.	TD
Lyles BAL	24-792	33.0	Kelly CLE	19-337	17.7	2
Kelly CLE	25-663	26.5	Morris CHI	35-308	8.8	0
Maynard NYG	19-492	25.9	Wood GB	55-480	8.7	0

1977 Champion Is Crowned

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[Game 6]

Dodgers 004 000 001 2 - 7 15 1 10 Innings

Yankees 011 030 000 0 - 5 11 2

Hooton, Rau (5), Sosa (7), Hough (9) and Yeager; Torrez, Tidrow (3), Lyle (9) and Munson. WP - Hough (2-0). LP - Lyle (1-2). Home Runs -

Dodgers, Baker (1), Monday 2 (2); Yankees, Rivers (1).

Hit Placement In S-O-M Again Explored

With new baseball card time just around the corner, many S-O-M gamers are probably wondering just what many of the cards will look like. Some of the more advanced "students" of Strat-O-Matic card makeup already have a pretty good idea, however.

Thanks to Larry LeRochelle and Bill Fraser (who live in Woolwich and Bath, ME, respectively) the subject of baseball card makeup has been broached before. Their first article appeared in the April, 1976 issue of the Review (since sold out) and was reprinted in May, 1977.

Now Myron Pecora (Martinsburg, WV) and John Moore (Huntington, WV) have jumped into the act--primarily because "every day we run into a fellow gamer who hasn't the foggiest notion as to what the next year's cards will look like."

So, if card makeup is your bag, and you're a recent subscriber to the Review (or an old one with a short memory), the following disclosures will be very meaningful.

Remember, however, this is the card patterns used by S-O-M--types of hits, walks, hit-by-pitch will still vary. And also, S-O-M, although it has consented to the disclosures regarding card patterns, points out that a formula is also used to design the overall card set--a formula which takes into account whether hitting was up or down, pitching the same, what type of defense backed pitchers, etc. That's why sometimes you'll notice that a pitcher with a good record, fair earned run average but hittable, won't fair so well in a draft league. His card is computed for the particular team he played with.

The above reason oftentimes will explain why say a John Billingham of a few years back always had a good record with Cincinnati--but was a "bomb" in draft league play. The Red Machine offense and defense contributed heavily to Billingham's won-and-lost ledger.

HIT PATTERNS

Now for Pecora and Moore's theory for determining hit placement. First of all, hitters are arranged in order of batting average (from highest to lowest). The highest average hitter will receive card type A (below), according to the duo, the second highest will get card type B, third card type C, etc.

That means that there are usually either 12 or 13 different card types per team. Here's the way it works: (advanced side of cards)

- CARD A - Hits in the 1 column, numbers 5-10; 2 column No. 6; 3 column, numbers 5-6, with walk usually at 3-9. 1976 Garry Maddox of Phillies is an example.
- CARD B - Hits in the 2 column, numbers 5-10; 3 column, numbers 6 and 8; walks at 3-5, 7, 9, or 10 or 11. 1976 Jay Johnstone of Phillies is example.
- CARD C - Hits in the 1 and 2 columns, numbers 5, 6, 7 and 10; walks usually at 3-5, 6, 7 or 1-8 or 1-9. 1976 Greg Luzinski of Phillies is example.
- CARD D - Hits in the 1 column, numbers 8-9; and 3 column, numbers 5-9; and 2-8; walks at 1-5, 6 or 3-10, or 2-5 or 1-7, depending on number of walks drawn per appearance by that player. 1976 Terry Harmon of Phillies is an example.
- CARD E - Hits at 2-8, 9 and 10; hits at 1-5-7; hit also at 3-7; walks at 3-5-6, or 1-9 or 1-10. Dave Cash, 1976 Phillies, is an example.
- CARD F - Hits in 1 column, numbers 7-10; 2 column, 7 or 8; possible in 3 column at 7, 8, or 9; walks at 2-7, 8, 9 and 3-7, 8, 9 and possible at 2-11. 1976 Tim McCarver of Phillies is example.
- CARD G - Hit at 1-9; hit at 2-7; hit in 8 column, numbers 5-9; walks at 3-10 or 1-5 or 1-6. 1976 Bob Boone of Phillies is example.
- CARD H - Hits in 1 column, numbers 2-4, 7-10; also hit in 2 column at 8, 9 and 10; walks in 1 column at 5, 6, or 3 column at 4 or 6. 1976

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- Dick Allen is an example.
- CARD I - Hits in 2 column at 2-4 and possibly 10; hits in 3 column at 7-10; possible hit at 1-8; walks at 1-8, 2-7-9. 1976 Mike Schmidt is an example.
- CARD J - Hits in the 3 column, numbers 2-6, 9 and 10; walks at 1 column, somewhere 5-10 usually. 1976 Bobby Tolan of Phillies is example.
- CARD K - Hits in the 1 column, numbers 4, 11-12; 3 column hits begin at 12 and go up through 11, 10, 9 and 8, and possibly to 5 and 6; walks in the 1 column between 5 and 10. 1976 Ollie Brown of Phillies is an example.
- CARD L - Hits in the 2 column, numbers 7-12; and 3 column at 11-12; walks in the 2 column at 5-7 or 3 column 5-6, 8-9, or 10. 1976 Larry Bowa of Phillies is an example.
- CARD M - Hits in the 3 column, numbers 4, 11-12 and possible at 3-6, 7, 8, 9; hit at 1-6 and 2-6; walks possible at various spots. 1976 Buck Martinez of Kansas City is an example of this type of card.

Pecora and Moore also add that the basic side card pattern is also determined the same way and that 95 per cent of the time this pattern has been followed. Pitcher's are also determined the same way, with the lowest earned run average to highest determining card type.

Using the above criteria as a guide, Pecora and Moore foresee the following when the new cards arrive:

Being amiable A's should be: George Foster, Dave Parker, Rod Carew, Ken Singleton, Jim Rice, Ron Leflore, George Brett, Lou Piniella, Mitchell Page and Bob Bailor, to name just a few.

Booming B's will include Carlton Fisk, Mickey Rivers, Al Cowens, Ken Griffey, Ken Henderson, Dave Cash.

While the cream of the C's crop will be Willie Montanez, Pete Rose, Greg Luzinski, Al Oliver, Dave Winfield, Lee Stanton, Don Money, Thurman Munson and either Lyman Bostock or Larry Hise.

Two questions, in conclusion, could be raised by the above thesis. One is why doesn't S-D-M make all the cards the same--in other words, use the same pattern for them all? Variation, of course, is the answer. Some people, we are sure, want even more variation than the 12 or 13 card types described previously.

Every team, as it is now, is a mixture of all the various card types. Each player, in a sense, can have a "personality" of his own. That wouldn't be true if all cards were created "equal" as far as deriving from the same pattern.

Secondly, what is to prevent gamers from making their own cards? For one thing, the type of hits (home run, triple, etc.) still has to be placed on the card and correspond to real-life statistics. And there's also that formula that's fed to the computer, which inevitably leads to alterations in card makeup. And, finally, if a gamer did feel he possessed all the info (plus knew the various card types from A to Z...or M, in this case), what would he do with it. The formula changes every year, so it would be even difficult to create your own teams from long ago. As far as making your own new cards, who would want to go to the trouble of computing 624 cards (including 104 extras) three ways--against righty and lefty pitching and on the basic side?

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Warren Newell GKSML Baseball King

Warren Newell, co-editor of the Strat-O-Matic Review, knows baseball well from both the dice-rollin' and writing ends. In fact, he's become so proficient playing the game that he almost wound up playing himself in the latest Greater Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League World Series.

Warren, after earlier capturing the American League pennant, just missed out in the National League, losing out to Clif Sage by a scant one-game margin. Not since Joel Wright won both leagues in replays of the 1971 season, had someone come so close to becoming a dual winner.

Warren did become king of the GKSML in 1977, however, as he went on to defeat Clif Sage in the World Series, four games to two, although outthit by a 65-60 spread. Warren jumped on Clif's ace, Steve Carlton, in the opener, and banged out 13 hits en route to a 6-4 triumph. Clif countered behind John Montefusco's five-hitter and an 11-hit attack and won game No. 2, 7-1.

After Clif won a 13-inning marathon, 5-4, the two teams combining for 28 hits, Warren reeled off three straight wins--7-4, 4-3 and 6-4--to clinch the Series. Vida Blue won the first and fourth games for Warren, while Stan Bahnsen turned in a superlative relief job (three hits in seven innings) in notching the victory in game No. 5.

WHAT IS THE GKSML?

For those unfamiliar with the GKSML, it's a continuous draft baseball league, which replays both American and National league seasons, usually has eight members, plays a 154-game schedule in each league, and calls the Kalamazoo, MI-Otsego (19 miles north of Kalamazoo) as its home bases.

Usually 15 players are retained (or "protected") from the previous year's roster and then 10 more drafted to fill out a 25-man roster. Trading is permitted up to 100 games.

Longevity is obviously the league's forte as the conclusion of the National League marked 15 replay leagues that have been completed and become part of GKSML folklore.

Members range from Del Newell, another Review co-editor, who is the "senior citizen" at age 36, down to his son Todd, 14 and a freshman in high school. Del, Todd and formerly John Madden (who is now attending school in the east) all reside or did live in Kalamazoo; the other members, Warren, Clif, Dale Holland, Jim Myers and Joel Block live in either Otsego or nearby Plainwell. Warren is a junior high band instructor at Otsego, Clif an elementary teacher in the small community of Wayland, while Dale and Jim are factory workers in the Otsego area.

TRADES PAY OFF FOR CLIF

Clif picked up relief ace Bruce Sutter as his No. 1 choice in the draft (Sutter was the fourth player chosen) and parlayed him, a key trade with Warren which brought Clif Pete Rose (.335), Cesar Cedeno (20 home runs, 93 RBI), and another swap which brought over John Montefusco (11-3 with Clif) into a title team.

Clif's .277 team batting average was tops (Warren was a distant second at .262), while he also had three of the top ten hitters in Rose (No. 2), Steve Garvey (No. 6, .321) and Bill Madlock (No. 8, .318). Cedeno led team in homers and RBI, while Rose smacked 43 doubles and scored 100 runs. Steve Carlton was the stopper of the mound staff, going 23-7, striking out 258 and posting an earned run average of only 2.93. Rick Rhoden chipped in with a no-hitter (and against Warren, too!), Bo McLaughlin was 11-2 with seven saves in relief and Sutter came through with 23 rescue jobs.

The dispatching of Rose and Cedeno was a move Warren felt he had to make to shore up a pitiful pitching staff. In the deal he received four players--three of 'em hurlers. Outfielder Bill Buckner was joined by the trio of Pete Falcone, Jon Matlack and Rick Reuschel. Falcone was 16-6, Reuschel 17-11 and Matlack 13-10, so the deal was a solid one.

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THE REST OF THE PACK

JIM MYERS - Out front early, Jim faded back for good when he lost nine games in succession to Cliff...Finished exactly nine games behind Cliff in final standings...Ken Griffey batted lusty .320 and Cesar Geronimo .317 in 412 official at-bats, but long ball was lacking (only 82 home runs).

DALE HOLLAND - Had best pitching in league with composite 2.97 ERA...John Candelaria (14-10) and Steve Rogers (13-10) were top hurlers...hitting was inconsistent, though, with Garry Maddox batting .324 and only "blue chipper"...tons of power as Mike Schmidt led league with 44 roundtrippers and George Foster ("wait until next year!") stroked 23--team delivered 129 homers...future looks bright.

JOEL BLOCK - Atrocious defense spelled doom for Joel in many games...Greg Luzinski, Dave Parker and Bob Watson (.308, 75 RBI) made for murderers row at bat, fumbling trio in field...Tom Seaver had sub-par 20-20 season, although he did strike out 274, while Jerry Koosman checked in with an undistinguished 9-20 log and No. 1 draft pick, Pat Zachry, wound up 7-16 and with a balloon-like 5.26 ERA.

DEL NEWELL - Non-existent bullpen (only 12 saves for the entire staff) and inconsistency, both on attack and on the hill, were main reasons for decline...Randy Jones was 18-17 with 2.74 ERA. But he was 9-11 at one point, then won nine in row and finished season by dropping last six starts...Al Oliver, aided by strong second half, finished with .323 average and Willie Montanez .317...Bobby Murcer was a major disappointment, hovering around .200 most of campaign and finishing with lowly .223 average.

JOHN MADDEN - Good pitching staff on paper was folded, spindled and otherwise mutilated by a mediocre hitting attack...Doug Rau was 11-11, Phil Niekro 13-19 and Don Sutton (11-16)--yet all had ERAs of 3.23 or lower...Batters stroked ball at .225 clip...Jose Cardenal's .302 average and Reggie Smith's 26 home runs were rare bright spots on a dismal scene.

TODD NEWELL - Youngest league member was also treated the roughest by his elders, as Todd's last-place finish proves...had worst pitching staff in league with 3.74 ERA...Gene Garber was reliever par excellence, however, posting 11-4 record with 1.63 ERA and allowing but 63 hits in 94 innings...Dave (King Kong) Kingman drilled a mighty 36 home runs and Rick Monday chipped in with 27, but otherwise offense was on lackluster side.

Standings and leaders: (based on 1976 real-life)

	Won-Lost	GB	Batting	Home Runs
Cliff Sage	91-63	-	Morgan (WN)	Schmidt (DH)
Warren Newell	90-64	1	Rose (CS)	Kingman (TN)
Jim Myers	82-72	9	Montanez (DN)	Monday (TN)
Dale Holland	80-74	11	Maddox (DH)	R.Smith (JMA)
Joel Block	71-83	20	Buckner (WN)	B.Robinson (JB)
Del Newell	71-83	20	Garvey (CS)	Cedeno (CS)
John Madden	66-88	25	Griffey (JMY)	Luzinski (JB)
Todd Newell	65-89	26	Madlock (CS)	Foster (DH)
			Watson (JB)	
			Cardenal (JMA)	
Hits				RBI
Rose (CS)	216			Schmidt (DH)
Garvey (CS)	193			Cedeno (CS)
Griffey (JMY)	181			Garvey (CS)
		Doubles		Morgan (WN)
		Simmons (CS)	44	
		Rose (CS)	43	
		Garvey (CS)	41	
Triples				Stolen Bases
Bowa (DH)	11			J.Cruz (TN)
Parker (JB)	10			Taveras (DN)
		Runs		Morgan (WN)
		Morgan (WN)	105	
		Rose (CS)	100	
		Garvey (CS)	96	
ERA				
Matlack (WN)	2.56			
Rasmussen (DH)	2.58			
Candelaria (DH)	2.68			
P.Niekro (JMA)	2.72			
Sutton (JMA)	2.78			
Kison (JB)	2.79			
Rogers (DH)	2.84			
Messersmith (DN)	2.88			
		Won-Lost		
		Carlton (CS)	23-7	R.Reuschel (WN)
		Seaver (JB)	20-20	Falcone (WN)
		R.Jones (DN)	18-17	Montefusco (CS)

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Innings		Strikeouts		Relief	Wins	Saves
Jones (DN)	309	Seaver (JB)	274	Hough (JMY)	7	32
Richard (TN)	297	Carlton (CS)	258	Sutter (CS)	9	23
Seaver (JB)	279	Koosman (JB)	257	Garber (TN)	11	12
		Montefusco (CS)	221	Reed (WN)	14	12
Shutouts		Home Runs Allow.		Complete Games		
Falcone (WN)	5	Koosman (JB)	26	Jones (DN)	24	
Reuss (JMY)	5	Seaver (JB)	25	Seaver (JB)	16	
Seaver (JB)	5	Reuschel (WN)	23			

Team (High-Low)

Batting: CS (.277)	- JMA (.225)	Comp. Games: TN (61)	- CS (34)
Hits: CS (1508)	- JMA (1152)	Hits: TN (1398)	- OH (1243)
2B: WN (276)	- JMA (182)	Strikeouts: JB (1094)	- WN (510)
3B: JB (55)	- JMA (31)	Walks: TN (609)	- WN (374)
Home Runs: DH (129)	- JMA (78)	HRs allowed: CS (115)	- TN (91)
Runs: WN (697)	- JMA (446)	Shutouts: JMY (15)	- CS (9)
RBI: WN (670)	- JMA (429)	Saves: CS (36)	- JMA (12)
Steals: OH (104)	- CS (9)	JB (36)	DN (12)
		ERA: OH (2.97)	- TN (3.74)

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provide copies), 35¢ each, all for \$2.50. Also, Grosset & Dunlap's Sports Encyclopedia: Baseball [1973 edition, updated thru '75], \$5.00. John Krzrplewski, 2804 W. Logan Blvd., Chicago, IL 60647

FOR SALE: Complete baseball sets - 1967, 1968, 1969 plus extras, 1970 plus extras, 1971, 1972. Also, Los Angeles, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Mets, California, Oakland from 1973 series and Oakland, Los Angeles, St. Louis, Baltimore, Philadelphia and Cleveland from 1974 set. All sets in excellent condition, except 1968 set which is in good condition. Will sell either entire series or by leagues. Offers will be taken until Feb. 1. Send offers to: George Katsilometes, 600 University Ave., Moscow, ID 83843

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League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: SOMNADA League will be beginning its second season. League is expanding to 12 teams. Need 4 new managers. Unique playing rules. Excellent organization. Easy schedule to keep up with. Modest fee. Awards given. References furnished. Advanced version. Extra players used. All-draft PBM using NL and AL combined. Will use 1978 cards, based on 1977 season. Current season finishes April 16. Will start second season on June 1. No experience necessary, only responsibility. If interested, write or call: Jim Klugh, 2104 Apollo Rd., Richardson, TX 75080 [214-235-8703].

LEAGUE FORMING: The Merrimac Valley S-O-M League is looking for a fifth member to replace a manager dismissed for failure to meet league standards. We are a head-to-head, 10-team draft baseball league, split into the American and National leagues, with managers piloting one club in each league. We are looking only for dedicated, responsible people who also happen to be Strat fanatics. Our location is Merrimac, Mass., 40 miles from Boston on the Mass.-N.H. border. If you are interested and feel you can live up to our standards, please contact: George Oolansky, 51 Birch-Meadow Rd., Merrimac, MA 01860

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LEAGUE FORMING: The PGL Major League Baseball program has openings for several managers for the 1978 season. This is the fifth year of a most successful league which features all 24 teams and a 162-game season. Trading, waiver system and a "bonding" system to reward the mature gamer and penalize the irresponsible are part of the PGL program. Sound interesting? Write or call: Martin Stoops, 8069 A Caminito de Pizza, San Diego, CA 92108 (1-714-296-6857). Hurry! Trading season is just beginning.

LEAGUE FORMING: I will be accepting applications through Feb. 20 for 8 managerial spots in my carefully planned PBM draft-type league. Entry fee is \$1.00 and reservation fee is \$2.00, which will be returned in full if you finish the 81-game schedule. I will not manage, devoting all my time to developing a successful league. Draft procedure will be as in July, 1976 issue of Review.

League will start the first of April (maybe sooner). Send no money now, just a resume of yourself, including age, occupation and experience. If you need a copy of the draft procedure, just ask. Monthly newsletter to be published. Robin Hager, Box 65, Ashland, IL 62612

LEAGUE FORMING: Looking for 8 to 12 managers to form a continuous draft league. We will use the advanced version. 162-game season. PBM. Trades allowed. Send name, address, experience to: Phil Meade, 156 Pleasant St., Arlington, MA 02174. Play to begin in mid-March.

LEAGUE FORMING: Managers needed for this year's GLSOML, an established PBM league. Actual 1977 teams plus extras used for replay of both American and National League seasons. Unique 3-division setup in each league provides exciting races for all teams. Send resume, including age, PBM experience and phone number, to: Larry Lampsa, Box 175, Soudan, MN 55782 (phone: 1-218-753-6568), and receive list of available teams and description of league.

LEAGUE FORMING: Need managers for face-to-face baseball league in the central Michigan area. Planning on using 1978 edition (1977 teams). Schedule dependent on member's interests. If interested, call (517) 762-5413, or writer: Jim Perkins, R#1, Kendaville Rd., Edmore, MI 48829

LEAGUE FORMING: Do you want a team of your own? Are you veteran PBM managers sick of long, dragged out seasons? Would you draft league managers and you straight team, no draft managers like a change? You rookies, would you like a league that's not too complicated or long? Then join this PBM league. The league has no name as of yet. It will be named when it is ready to start. The league will be straight teams, with certain players from unused teams (if any) to be placed in a draft. We will play around 100 games, basic version, with trading. The new 1977-based cards (including the extra players) and the new, improved X-Chart will be used. I would like to start the league in March or April. If you respond soon, you can probably get the team you want. There will be a low entry fee, but let's not worry about that yet. Just send me your team preference list (in order, 1-26)

and I'll send you a questionnaire. It will be a great league, so don't delay. Come on and join up. Contact: Tom Johnson, 895 Prospect St., North Dighton, MA 02764

LEAGUE FORMING: The ASOMBPMML will begin its first season with the arrival of the new S-O-M Baseball cards. ASOMBPMML is a play-by-mail league which will consist of eight teams with the advanced game being played. Each manager will draft his own players from all 26 teams and extra players, and a 160-game season will be played. Trading will be allowed. The league will be highlighted by monthly newsletters, keeping of records from season to season, and the awarding of a trophy to the champion. Since only serious members are wanted, an entry fee of \$10 will be charged to discourage anyone from ruining the league by dropping out. Money left over at the end of the season (which there will be) will be returned, providing you complete the season! So, if you are looking for a good PBM baseball league that is going to continue for many seasons, send a description of yourself, including your name, age and experience if any to: ASOMBPMML, Box 337, West Campus, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853. All letters will be answered.

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, 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: Greater Baltimore, Maryland advanced face-to-face baseball league forming for this 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

***** 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 are the years upon which the cards are based. Thus, the first year of the football cards still in stock is based on the 1972 season--the 1973 edition.

Please include a 60¢ handling charge when ordering football and basketball card sets, 75¢ when ordering baseball.

FOOTBALL

1972 - Teams available include Atlanta, Chicago, Detroit, Minnesota, New Orleans, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Baltimore, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Denver, Houston, New England and San Diego. Cost: \$7.00 for set, \$1.15 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, New England, N.Y. 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.

1975 - All teams available. Cost: \$11.00 set, \$1.25 for 2 teams, 75¢ each.

BASEBALL

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

1975 - Teams available include: Cincinnati. Oops! And that's all! Cost: 65¢. No extra players.

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: It is suggested that other teams (second or a third-choice) be mentioned when ordering, since some teams may be out of stock. The baseball teams, in particular, are close to selling out.

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

64-TEAM OLD TIMER TOURNAMENT - A double-elimination, solitaire effort by Jim Rosenbeck that resulted in 1927 New York Yankees--who else!--emerging as tournament king...total of 126 games were played...Yanks defeated '60 Pirates in final, 7-1. Before the Bucs, the '19 White Sox, '27 Pirates, '34 Cardinals, '20 Indians, '76 Royals also fell, with '60 Pirates losing twice... Earl Combs hit .467 (14-30), Babe Ruth .423 (11-26, 4 HRs, 8 RBI), Bob Meusel .567 (17-30) and Lou Gehrig .461 (12-26, 5 HRs, 16 RBI), while Waite Hoyt hurled 27 innings, allowed only one earned run and was 3-0...all of games were played solitaire, with home team determined by roll of dice...each team had three-man pitching rotation, with lineups used as suggested by S-O-M.

REPLAY OF 1976 NATIONAL LEAGUE - Since time was no barrier to rolling dice, Mike Ryan of Norwood, MA, whipped off an 81-game replay of the 1976 National League in quick time last spring...Ryan is an English teacher by trade. The current state of employment opportunity in education allowed him only sub status, thus the time to roll 'em...all games were played solitaire, using the advanced version...Philadelphia easily outdistanced the field in the Eastern Division, winning 56 games behind an awesome hitting attack [Garry Maddox hit .370 with 36 doubles, Jay Johnstone .340 and Mike Schmidt, Greg Luzinski and Dick Allen combined for 52 home runs] and hurling of Steve Carlton (15-6, 2.28 ERA)...Pittsburgh was distant 10 games behind, although Al Oliver led league in hitting (.381)...Over in the West, Cincinnati had an eight-game bulge over runnerup Los Angeles. The Dodgers, however, won their first 12 games, before injuries sliced them into a state of mediocrity and they were 35-34 the rest of the season...George Foster of the winning Reds edged out teammate Joe Morgan for MVP laurels, hitting 19 homers and knocking in 84 runs. Morgan, Rose and Cesar Geronimo all hit over .300 and team swiped 118 bases...Dave Kingman of Mets led league in roundtrippers (22), Steve Rogers of Montreal recorded six shutouts and Bake McBride of St. Louis hit a sizzling .403 in part-time role in other highlights...Bobby Murcer's .189 average for the Giants was certainly one of lowlights.

Standings:

East	Won-Lost	GB	West	Won-Lost	GB	Playoff
Philadelphia	56-26	-	Cincinnati	55-26	-	Cincinnati d.
Pittsburgh	46-36	10	Los Angeles	47-34	8	Philadelphia,
New York	44-37	12	Houston	43-38	12	3 games to 2
Chicago	40-41	16	San Diego	42-39	13	
Montreal	28-53	28	San Francisco	32-49	23	
St. Louis	27-54	29	Atlanta	26-55	29	

BEST-TEAMS FOOTBALL REPLAY - Four-team, head-to-head setup with Montreal as league's home base...Coaches and teams included Greg Latimer (Los Angeles), Michael Ryan (New England), Alan Whitton (Pittsburgh) and Roger Hill (Oakland)...1976 cards were used...Rams were easy victors with 11-3 record, five games ahead of second-place Patriots and Steelers...Rams' Lawrence McCutcheon rambled for 897 yards (3.7 average), although missing three games with injury...McCutcheon also caught 72 passes (No. 2 in league)...Sam (Sam) Cunningham of New England was top rusher with 1,105 yards, but defensive shortcomings proved Pats' downfall...Lack of offense, meanwhile, hurt Steelers, who were hard hit by injuries...Oakland was up and down, flashing real-life prowess in 24-0 win over New England; then looking like rag-tag Raiders in lopsided loss to L.A., 43-17...Ken Stabler of Raiders was leading percentage passer, also leader in interceptions...Mark vanEeghen of Oakland wound up fourth in rushing with 855 yards and would have cracked 1,000 barrier if not injured for three games.

Standings and rushing and receiving leaders:

Los Angeles	11	3	Pittsburgh	6	8	
New England	6	8	Oakland	5	9	(continued on next page)

<u>Rushing</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Receiving</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>
Cunningham (NE)	1105	4.2	Casper (OAK)	84	633
F.Harris (PIT)	979	3.1	McCutcheon (LA)	72	555
McCutcheon (LA)	897	3.7	Francis (NE)	57	624
VanEeghen (OAK)	855	4.2	Lewis (PIT)	56	967
Bleier (PIT)	663	3.7	Jessie (LA)	53	956
Calhoun (NE)	383	4.8	Jackson (LA)	51	990
Cappelletti (LA)	379	3.2	Stingley (NE)	49	1132

1972 NATIONAL LEAGUE REPLAY - Solitaire effort by Doug Cochrane, of Sarnia, Ontario, that long-suffering Chicago Cubs fans will get a boot out of...Chicago, you see, surprised real-life champ of the East Division, Pittsburgh, and won by a two-game margin, thanks to the one-two hurling duo of Rick Reuschel (14-8, league-leading ERA of 2.04) and Bill Hands (17-8, second-best ERA of 2.15) and superlative season enjoyed by Billy Williams, who was MVP after hitting league-high .339, 33 home runs and knocking in 113 runs... Pittsburgh had won in real-life by comfortable 11-game margin over Cubbies... Over in the West, Cincinnati, after lagging most of season, finally nipped Los Angeles at finish--a 20-game win streak that started on August 15 propelled Reds to Division honors...In playoff, Reds were extended seven games before finally Cubs were subdued...Steve Carlton of lowly Phillies won Cy Award after compiling 27-11 record with 2.45 ERA and No. 2 high 333 strikeouts... Cochrane, 21, an eight-year S-O-M veteran who plays all three games, started replay immediately after new cards came out in 1973. For a year and a half he played on a regular basis, but then PBM league activity interfered and the dice were rolled infrequently over the next 2½ years by Cochrane...His feelings on solitaire replay efforts are best summed up when he said: "Those gamers who complete solitaire league replays in less than a year deserve high congratulations because it is not as easy as many people think."

Standings and leaders:

<u>East</u>	<u>Won-Lost</u>	<u>GB</u>	<u>BAT</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>Won-Lost</u>	<u>GB</u>	<u>BAT</u>	<u>ERA</u>
Chicago	96-66	-	.259	3.21	Cincinnati	95-67	-	.258	3.13
Pittsburgh	94-68	2	.268	3.08	Los Angeles	88-74	7	.253	2.96
New York	83-79	13	.234	3.09	Houston	88-74	7	.251	3.60
Montreal	71-91	25	.232	3.42	S.Francisco	82-80	13	.250	3.55
Philadelphia	68-94	28	.229	4.06	Atlanta	75-87	20	.251	4.31
St. Louis	67-95	29	.259	3.56	San Diego	65-97	30	.240	4.09

<u>Batting</u>	<u>Home Runs</u>	<u>RBI</u>
B.Williams CHI .339	Bench CIN 42	Bench CIN 127
M.Alou SL .332	Colbert MON 39	B.Williams CHI 113
Rose CIN .325	R.Woods MON 39	Santo CHI 106
Cedeno HOU .323	Bonds SF 35	
Garr ATL .323	B.Williams CHI 33	

<u>ERA</u>
Reuschel CHI 2.04
Hands CHI 2.15
O.Ellis PIT 2.18
Sutton LA 2.25
McAndrew NY 2.41

<u>Wins</u>
Carlton PHI 27-11
Stoneman MON 23-12
Gibson SL 23-11
P.Niekro ATL 22-9
L.Dierker HOU 21-13

Losses: Cleveland SL 11-22; Arlin SD 14-21, Matlack NY 9-21,

ALL-STAR BASEBALL LEAGUE - Four-member draft league (ages range from 14 to 34), which used 1974-75 cards for latest 162-game replay...league has (continued on back page)

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completed eight seasons...managers in face-to-face league, which calls Garden Grove, CA, home, are Doug Smith (Electrics), Leroy Luraschi II (Sharks), Leroy Luraschi III (Roadrunners) and Howard Litze (Hawks)...All-Star League had obvious 'All-Star' look to it...Electrics ended three-year victory drought with first place finish, five games ahead of Sharks...Fred Lynn hit .313, with 48 doubles, 110 RBI, and George Brett .308 for Electrics, while pitching was handled by Ferguson Jenkins (25-11, 2.57 ERA), Bert Blyleven (21-15) and Frank Tanana (16-11). Team ERA was 3.18...Sharks had home run bite in feared sluggers George Scott (33), Reggie Jackson and Mike Schmidt (27 each), spray hitting from Cesar Cedeno (.314) and Dave Concepcion (.304) and good pitching via Tom Seaver (22-17, 2.90 strikeouts) and Jon Matlack (23-16, 3.12). Nolan Ryan (13-20, 4.15) and Jim Palmer (12-16) were stars who didn't shine so brightly, however...Hawks had league's No. 1 hitter in Carlton Fisk (.327), Burt Hooton (19-16) and Bob Forsch (16-12), but Randy Jones was sub-par at 5-13, 3.91...Roadrunners ran out of gas first in hitting, producing no .300 swingers. Reggie Smith was leader at .281 and 24 HRs, although Dick Allen homered 48 times. Gaylord Perry was best of hurlers at 17-9, 3.36. Staff had league-high ERA of 3.41, however.

Standings:

	Won-Lost	GB		Won-Lost	GB
Electrics	87-75	-	Hawks	79-83	8
Sharks	82-80	5	Roadrunners	76-86	11