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In This Corner...The Editors **Game Company Moving To New Location!**

Early 1975 promises to be a busy time on all Strat-O-Matic fronts. The game company, for so long located in Port Washington, NY, is in the process of moving to new quarters in Glen Head, NY, not too far from the old location.

The move is probably in process right now, since it is planned the new baseball cards and the new Hall-of-Fame set will be shipped from Glen Head. The new address will be: Strat-O-Matic Game Co., Inc., 46 Railroad Plaza, Glen Head, NY 11545. Don't inquire to S-O-M at the new address until you receive the mailing, however. Plans are for the game company to be set up by mid-January for operation.

The new location will provide more space--about 1,000 feet more. The new building is two-story, although some office space is being rented out and not all used for S-O-M operations.

New S-O-M Directory Being Prepared

A brand new, updated and revised Strat-O-Matic Directory is in the works, too. So many additions to the old Directory poured in this month that the Review editors feel it's high time a new one is prepared.

If you're interested in having your name, league, even a picture in the new Directory, then send the following information to the Strat-O-Matic Review, P.O. Box 27, Otsego, MI 49078, no later than Feb. 20:

(1) Name, (2) address, complete with zip code, (3) age, plus how long you've been playing S-O-M games, (4) which games you play, (5) and what league affiliat

ions you have. A picture may also be included, although we ask, because of limited space, that it be of the billfold type or smaller. We again plan to have a league section. Here we would like to know which S-D-M game your league plays, number of members (perhaps names if it is a set league), whether it's head-to-head or play-by-mail, name of the commissioner or president, and a little background as to how the league came into being. Other informative league material would include number of games played per season, whether a draft or actual-team setup, are trades permitted, etc.

Please, if you want to be included, get your information in to the Review as much in advance of Feb. 20 as possible. Speed is of essence if we're to meet an early-spring deadline for publication.

On other fronts this month:

* PITCHER ENDURANCE RATINGS -- As the Review pointed out last month, Harold Richman, creator of the Strat-O-Matic games, has made it clear that a pitcher's point of weakness can only occur in the inning stated on his card. It does not occur in the following inning as had been erroneously stated in the Review. Why the mixup? It seems one of the game company employees (the one shot at sunrise not long ago) had been convinced it was the "next inning".

A number of readers, including Stephen Schumacher of New York, NY, and Fred DeMonte of Brooklyn, NY, among others, refused to believe the answer. It was because of people such as them that the question was repeated each month. Their vigilance has paid off in the correct answer finally being given, although that certainly doesn't absolve the Review for continuing to report the mistake. And now for the next sunrise...

Many readers did point out that the baseball instruction sheet did not mention about the point of weakness occurring in the following inning. They questioned if the game company had planned a new instruction sheet clarifying the changes. So now, and for the FINAL time: a pitcher's point of weakness may occur in the inning listed on his card. It doesn't go into effect in the following inning for the first time if the endurance factor has been reached in the previous inning, the point of weakness inning as listed on the card.

* In case you were wondering, Lou Brock of the St. Louis Cardinals will be an "AAA" stealer when the new baseball cards come out.

* Also look for Baltimore's keystone combination of Bobby Grich at second and shortstop Mark Belanger to both be "1" fielders. Ditto for Cincinnati's Joe Morgan and Dave Concepcion. Second and short "1" combinations have been about as commonplace as dinosaur eggs in past years of S-D-M.

* CHANGE OF ADDRESS -- If you're planning to do so, please notify the Review at least six weeks prior to your move. The Review is sent third class and is not forwarded by the post office if you've moved. The Review cannot accept the responsibility of issues reaching you if you do not give adequate time for the address to be changed.

* WHEN IS THE REVIEW SENT OUT -- Each month the Review is in the mails by the 19th. For instance, the January issue was mailed out on December 19th (actually January went out earlier because of the Christmas mailing crush). Mail is notoriously slow to some areas, however, so be patient if your Review doesn't arrive when you think it should. Some people have reported receiving issues as late as the 10th-15th of the following month--well over three and one-half weeks after being sent from Otsego, MI.

* FIRST CLASS MAILING -- Is available at an extra 10¢ per month.

* GOODBYE DICK AND BOBBY -- A few months ago Review co-editor Del Newell went into mourning when Dick Allen of the Chicago White Sox announced his retirement from baseball. Del had Allen on his GKSML baseball team, would have him for another year but then would lose him. Traded players are also lost in the GKSML, if they go from one league to another. So what happens? Both Allen (traded to Atlanta) and Bobby Murcer (to San Francisco) have left the A.L. via trades and also left Del in a state of depression as to what unpleasanties will occur in 1976 when both are no longer on his roster.

* HALL-OF-FAME TEAMS -- The new set, following the poll in the Review, will come out with the new baseball teams in January. HANK AARON, in case you were wondering, will have a card, based on his performance through the 1974 season. Since he hasn't retired as originally thought he would, his card will have to be

updated in following years until he has decided to call it quits.

* **BASKETBALL REMATCH** -- One game doesn't make a season, and certainly not a facsimile of the playoffs, but Milwaukee did overpower Boston, 134-118, in a game played recently by the S-O-M Review editors. What we were trying to determine was the significance of Lucius Allen in the Buck lineup (remember he missed the playoffs with an injury). Allen bagged nine of 17 shots from the field and hit on 10 of 16 free throw chances for a game-high 28 points. Yes, Allen, if one game means anything, does make a big, big difference. Incidentally, Bob Dandridge had 20 points, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar 19 and Curtis Perry 18 for the Bucks, who swished 50 of 102 field goal shots. Dave Cowens led the Celtics with 24 tallies, John Havlichek had 22 and Jo Jo White 21.

* **TODD BOSWORTH** -- Young man pictured on page two of the December Review [upper left] is really named Todd Bosworth. For one month, anyway, he was Todd Boswell.

MVP Contest Winner Revealed

When Steve Garvey and Jeff Burroughs were named Most Valuable Players in the National League and American League, respectively, it sent the Review staff back looking through ballots from readers as to whom the choices would eventually be.

Hindsight is always better than foresight and it showed as not one Review reader picked both correctly.

In case you don't remember, the Review conducted a contest last spring in which readers sent in their choices for most valuable player honors in both leagues. In case of ties, each reader was asked to submit a list of how the teams would finish in each division and their won-lost percentages. The winner of the contest would receive the new 1975 baseball cards, compliments of the Review.

Although at the completion of the baseball season both Garvey and Burroughs were certainly worthy of the awards (Lou Brock just might cast a dissenting vote in the N.L.), few readers were able to foresee the fine seasons each was to have. Such household names as Willie Stargell, Bobby Bonds, Dick Allen and Reggie Jackson were the most often mentioned choices.

No one correctly named both Garvey and Burroughs. Garvey received only five votes of confidence and Burroughs had three followers. From the ballots that did pick one MVP correctly, two named all four division-winning teams. Mark Roblez of Salt Lake City, UT, and Steve Elders of Long Beach, CA, were the two finalists, with MARK ROBLETZ the winner on the basis of a more accurate selection of won-lost percentages for the division-winning teams.

Congratulations to Mark! He'll be receiving the new baseball cards in early February.

What's Available At S-O-M?

FOOTBALL

- 1972 - All teams available. Cost: \$10.50 for entire set; 75¢ per team.
- 1971 - All teams available. Cost: \$10.50 for entire set; 75¢ per team.
- 1970 - Teams available include: Atlanta, Green Bay, New Orleans, Philadelphia, Boston, Buffalo, Cleveland, Denver, Houston, N.Y. Jets, Pittsburgh, San Diego. Cost: \$6.25 for entire set; 75¢ per team.
- 1969 - Only teams left are: Buffalo, Cincinnati, Denver, Houston, Miami, San Diego. Cost: \$3.75 for entire set available; 75¢ per team.
- 1968 - Atlanta and New Orleans only teams available. Cost: \$1.25 for both.

BASEBALL

- 1972 - Teams available include: Cincinnati, Atlanta, Pittsburgh, Montreal, Houston, Boston, Detroit, Oakland. Cost: \$4.00 for entire set available; 60¢ per team. Additional 96 players no longer available. [Con't on p.20]

'Keying' Runners In Solitaire Football

May Strat-O-Matic Football buffs have been thankful for the "keying" feature in the tabletop game. Otherwise certain super runners would probably have had "all-world" performances every outing. Some runners, as you've probably noticed, even pick up a lot of yardage when guessed right on some numbers. You've got to "key" to shackle them.

What about playing solitaire, however. How do you "key" then?

Chris Ranken of West Lafayette, IN, has a method you may want to try. He admits he hasn't tested his "keying" formula over an entire season, but that in games he's played it has worked well. No mention was made of the effect it had on statistics--something so very important to most dice-rollers.

Below is a chart listing runners' attempts, average and the dice roll as to whether he is "keyed" or not. Some runners, you'll notice in checking the chart, cannot be "keyed" on. "Keying", of course, can only occur when the play is called "right" using the S-O-M-provided solitaire defensive chart. And a "1" must be rolled with the white die to set a possible "key" up.

Ranken also provides for a possible penalty if the "keying" is wrong, similar to what happens in head-to-head games. There is the runner "keyed" is not carrying the ball, the other runner (with the ball) has his result read from the guessed "wrong" column.

"If the runner who is carrying the ball is not 'keyed' (according to the chart), but another runner who is in the backfield for that play is 'keyed' (again you're referring to chart results), always look in the guessed 'wrong' column of the runner's card, provided the white die is a 1, 2, or 3," explains Ranken.

An example would be Mercury Morris carrying the ball for Miami and a dice reading of 1-9 popping up. Morris (190 attempts, 5.3 average) is not "keyed" according to the chart below, but Csonka (217 attempts, 5.2 average) is. So, you look in the "wrong" column of Morris' card.

SOLITAIRE KEYING SYSTEM

Attempts	Average	White Die	Keyed	Attempts	Average	White	Keyed
300-over	5.0-over	1	2-12	200-249	3.4-3.8	1	2-4, 11, 12
300-over	4.4-4.9	1	2-10				
300-over	3.9-4.3	1	2-8	200-249	3.3-under	1	2-4
300-over	3.4-3.8	1	2-7	170-199	5.0-over	1	2-8
300-over	3.3-under	1	2-6	170-199	4.4-4.9	1	2-6, 11, 12
250-299	5.0-over	1	2-10				
250-299	4.4-4.9	1	2-8	170-199	3.9-4.3	1	2-5, 11, 12
250-299	3.9-4.3	1	2-7				
250-299	3.4-3.8	1	2-6	170-199	3.4-3.8	1	2-4, 11, 12
250-299	3.3-under	1	2-4, 11, 12				
200-249	5.0-over	1	2-9	170-199	3.3-under	1	2-4
200-249	4.4-4.9	1	2-7	120-169	5.0-over	1	2-6, 11, 12
200-249	3.9-4.3	1	2-6	120-169	4.4-4.9	1	2-5, 11, 12
				120-169	3.9-4.3	1	2-4, 11, 12
				80-119	5.6-over	1	2-5
				80-119	4.8-5.5	1	2.4

Remember if white die is 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6, "keying" is not in effect. Keyed numbers on chart above refer to reading of two red die on original roll.

Baseball Playing Tip

If accurate home run statistics aren't your bag, but a go-go, running game of baseball is, here's a chart you may be interested in. It provides for a batter's stretching a triple into a home run (inside the park variety) and was contributed by Jeff Evenson, Rolling Meadows, IL.

Running Rating	Split Card	Plus-Minus
1-17 to 1-14	1-5	Outfielder's throwing...
1-13 to 1-10	1-3	"
1-9 to 1-6	1-	"

Note: Total may not equal or go over 1-8.

Readers Roll 'Em

SAME COLUMN BLUES

I would like to end once and for all the idea presented by Gene Milener's letter in the November, 1974, issue. Milener somehow believes that two batters with their hits in the same column cannot be placed back to back in the lineup. He feels that if the first batter gets a roll in the "2" column, the following batter has less chance to get that column.

This is certainly not the case. If Tony Perez bats .314, he'll hit .314 in S-O-M no matter who bats before him. Each dice roll is independent of any others; the fact that a 3-6 is rolled doesn't lessen the chance of a 3-6 on the next roll.

I'd also like to praise S-O-M Review for the number of replays in the November issue. These replays and such items as the MVP Tournament report are the highlights each month of the magazine.

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'GAME PLAN SHEETS'

I fully agree with the "Game Plan Sheets" idea. It would greatly help us solitaire players! I have now played the football game for about four months, and I have already bought a new football set.

Also, I don't agree with Doug Cochrane (November Review). I would surely like pitting Ohio State versus Notre Dame more than any two Canadian teams. I would really like to have a poll on this.

I would like the "No-Hitter" column taken out. That is probably the only flaw in the Review.

(name omitted from letter)

Editor's note: We don't fully understand the concept of the "Game Plan Sheet" idea. We don't believe you can realistically set up a plan for an offense.

No one, including the game company, would have facts on such things as the number of running plays off right tackle, left tackle, etc. The pass-run ratio, yes; the ability of runners to go outside and inside, and passers to throw short and long, yes. For instance, what do you do on a third-and-short yardage situation? Really this depends on the individual coach. Some would run the ball, others might want to emulate Bart Starr or Johnny Unitas and throw--even long. We prefer, especially against inexperienced coaches [who blitz their linebackers] to throw flat passes. But it's really an individual preference. For solitaire players, we suggest using Frank Kastelic's solitaire defensive chart (September, 1974 Review) and the gamester playing the role of the offensive coach. The defense is always set by the roll of an extra die, thus the player may concentrate on offense. The S-O-M Football Game, of course, also provides a similar solitaire defensive chart with every game.

YEA COLLEGE FOOTBALL, BOO NO HITTERS

I think the idea of a college football game is great. I also would like to see more playing tips in the Review (especially charts).

I think the no-hitter column should be cut out. More league news should be printed. I own S-O-M Football and baseball games and think they're great.

I also agree with Keith Walker (November Review) that "For Sale" items are usually very over-priced. I love the Review. Keep up the good work.

Ezra Ochshorn
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PRINT THE 'WHOLE THING'

I would like to offer a couple of suggestions concerning the magazine (Review). First, when you print playing tips, such as Mike Abbey's appearing in the October issue, why not print the whole thing, or offer it in an ad? Such tips are no good unless the whole thing along with the ratings are given.

It was a good tip, in my opinion, but without rates, it is useless. Other than them, the magazine is fine.

Dave Girrard
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Editor's note: The chart by Mike Abbey was printed in its entirety. He had only a sample fielding chart for shortstop. If Mike would send additional charts, the Review would be glad to print them. We also thought he had a good idea.

ASSIGNING PLAYERS...

In regard to next year's baseball cards, I do hope Mr. (Harold) Richman will assign players to teams they played most with, rather than who they finished the season with.

This year there were many players who shifted teams in September, such as Bob Oliver, Frank Robinson, Alex Johnson, Tim McCarver, Jim Northrup, Deron Johnson, and others. For instance, if both Bob Oliver and Frank Robinson are not put on the Angels, it will be necessary for the California manager to play part-time players full-time in a full-season replay. It is unsatisfactory to shift these players on one's own, because they creates some teams with 25 and 26 players, and others with 22 and 23 players.

I am an S-O-M player with 10 years experience, so I would love to see players finally assigned where they belong.

Andrew Kennedy
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YEA HOCKEY, BUT...

I am looking toward the future with the S-O-M game company with great interest. The company has put out three of the most realistic sports games ever made and is now starting development of hockey and college football games. I agree with the hockey, but am a little critical as to the college football. Review readers know how busy Harold Richman and company are already. With the college game coming I think that with more quantity we could see less quality in the games.

I also want to hear three cheers: one for Gerald Ittenbach for knocking those P-B_M presidents

who fold leagues. I also wish the name of the guy had been mentioned so everyone would know; two for the Review for printing his letter; and three for the Review for having a great mag with only a few minor flaws.

Another idea could be for the Review to start accepting any records some one might have in any of the three games (basketball, baseball, football) and making a record book. Such as highest batting average for a season, most walks in one game, etc.

Bob Haeuser
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Phoenix, AR

Editor's note: The original development of a college football game was started years ago by S-O-M. Changes in the baseball game, development and changes in the basketball game have channeled S-O-M's energies away from the college game recently. The developmental pace has quickened this winter, however. Regarding the idea of a records section in the Review, this was tried at the Review's inception and failed because many of the records became of such an "all-world" nature that they became a mockery. Quarterbacks were passing for 600-800 yards in one game, and similar astronomical figures were being reported in other categories.

SOLITAIRE'S HIS GAME

Keep up the excellent work on the Review. I fully understand your having to raise your subscription rates. It is still a really good buy.

I live in northern Michigan and there aren't any S-O-M players that live near me. I would give anything to get in a face-to-face league. I have joined three or four play-by-mail leagues, but they all folded because of laziness and negligence by other managers. About 99 per cent of all the games I have played have been solitaire.

I started playing five years ago and have had four no-hitters, although I haven't had one in the past year. I've lost three others in the ninth inning, two of them after two were out. S-O-M gives me a chance to try my hand at managing a major league baseball team.

Randy Fosmore
Kalkaska, MI

'LITTLE GUY'

I am writing mainly because I am a "little guy". I feel I represent the majority of Strat-O-Matic gamers: people who start off with a league that lasts maybe 30 games; people that don't have time to replay an entire league's season; and people who will play an extra player even if his batting average is 10 points higher.

We are what Strat-O-Matic is: "little guys" playing like they want to.

I believe the Review is doing what it should--providing a line of communication from one group of gamers to others. Keep us the good work.

Tom Oldweiler
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'POINT OF WEAKNESS'

Concerning the pitcher's point of weakness rule, may I suggest an alternative rule which we have been using in our league (Eastern Long Island Sunday Night Baseball Association) for the past couple of months?

We go along with a pitcher with a (7)* to go into the eighth inning without being tired, with this variation: If he goes into the eighth and puts enough men on base to equal four in the seventh and eighth, then he is tired. Example: in the seventh he gave up a walk and a hit and then walked two more in the eighth--the pitcher would then be tired.

We would also like to thank the Review for clearing up the pitcher's injury problem in the American League. Many times I felt like I had a "hospital ward" instead of a bullpen with the amount of injuries suffered by my pitching staff. Using the DH as the only batter where a pitcher can be hurt is much more realistic, saves band-aids, etc.

Our league recently completed an 162-game American League draft season (highlighted by Rod Carew's .357 batting average and Bert Blyleven's 28-10 season). Last week we expanded from four to six teams and held a National League draft.

Oh, before I close, a little personal history. I am 23 years old, married with a three-year-old

daughter and play in a rock 'n roll band. Why do I play S-O-M? Simple, because I'm a great sports fan and I love the [baseball] game. I've yet to try football or hockey, since baseball keeps me plenty busy.

Bill Kennedy
Centereach, NY

Editor's note: We'll take the accolades for clarifying pitchers' injuries in the A.L., but the pitcher's endurance factor rating has been a muddled situation. Check this month's editor's column for a more complete explanation.

WHO WAS THAT GUY?

As the only 1974 Convention winner whose picture did not appear in the October Review (that's not quite true; you can see my left sleeve), I feel justified in writing. I first want to encourage S-O-M players to attend the next convention. This was my first and I plan to attend next year's no matter where it might be to defend my world championship.

The Wolfman (Rick Shapiro) should be commended for the way he handled his convention. The advanced baseball tournament was double-elimination and that cut down the luck factor. In advanced baseball when two games are played with an exchange of teams, I see it as 30 per cent managerial ability, 30 per cent picking out a manageable team and 40 per cent chance.

Steve Carlton pitched a no-hitter for me, my first, in the tournament, against Brad Furst's Texas Rangers. Though I have played the vast majority of my games solitaire, I have yet to have one that way.

My brother Mike, a high school basketball coach, may have been the oldest player at the convention. Mike kept score and did yeoman work on tourney pairings. He had an unusual no-hitter a while back when his '71 Chicago White Sox and Stan Bahnsen had a perfect game against the Oakland A's--that is until Mike Andrews booted a grounder in the ninth inning with two out. What made it more unusual was that Catfish Hunter had a no-hitter except for a ninth inning Sox homer.

I've had some unusual games myself. One night a Bob Gibson pitch was concealed by a power failure. But the topper came last Aug. 10. I was playing a game with a friend when our town's tornado siren went off. We turned on the

radio, hopped in the car and, sure enough, saw the tornado. Forty minutes later play resumed.

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GOING, GOING, GONE...

I have just finished my Cincinnati Reds replay for the 1962 season. I am happy to say that the statistics are pretty good. The actual record for 1962 was 98-64; replay 89-73. Not great, but it could have been worse.

Actual team batting average was .270, mine .278; earned run average was 3.75 and mine was close at 3.71. A look at the Reds' star player reveals much the same news. Frank Robinson batted .342, hit 39 homers and drove in 136 runs in 1962. My Robinson hit .337, with 34 homers and 115 RBI. All individual stats are much the same so they aren't too bad.

This is all well and good but it leaves me far from satisfied. The S-O-M game company saddens me with its backward policy on expansion. No ABA basketball teams have yet been printed. It has refused to go back for Old-Timer football teams to print. Finally, it has refused to reprint past baseball cards. This is ridiculous and I will not be doing business with S-O-M any more until it changes its mind. I also get tired of reading about a select few people who monopolize the pages of the Review. It and S-O-M are going downhill.

Goodbye,
Ron Tidrow
Indianapolis, IN

Editor's note: With the two-sided cards in baseball, outfielder throwing ratings, running ratings, catchers' throwing ratings added last year, six new Old-Timer teams, the emergence of a basketball game (then a revised model its second year), S-O-M has hardly been standing still in recent years. A lot of changes have been made--all of which have helped improve the three S-O-M games.

ALL CREATED EQUALLY
I continue to be amazed that

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some of your contributors persist in their efforts to convince readers that the placement of hits in certain columns on a batter's card in S-O-M Baseball has an effect on the game. Hopefully, this will be the last letter necessary to convince these "column" advocates that their reasoning is amiss.

First, to answer the question of whether a "2" column hitter should be followed by another "2" column hitter or else a "1" column hitter, anyone who has spent a week studying probability in high school can tell you that there is one chance in 36 that the play results will be read from two consecutive "2" columns. Similarly, there is one chance in 36 that the play results will be read first from a "2" column followed by a "1" column. Therefore, assuming that batters' hits are concentrated in a single column, it should be obvious that it makes no difference which column follows another.

In response to the argument that it is best to bat a "double" column hitter behind a "single" column hitter, or any other such nonsense, certainly the play result on a "double" column hitter is more likely to be read from a possible hit column than for a "single" column hitter. However, assuming that the "single" column hitter and the "double" column hitter have the same batting averages, it is much more likely that a hit will be obtained from the "single" column hitter's good column than from either good column of the "double" column hitter. In effect, what I am saying is that it makes no difference what column or columns hit results are placed in. What does matter is the number of hit results and the dice roll numbers under which they are placed.

Finally, while I would agree that the Review has the right to print those articles that it wishes, even if they contain erroneous information, I also feel that the Review insults my intelligence and that of its readers when it defends (i.e. Sept., 1974) articles from readers who attempt to point out these errors.

Lastly, as an aside to the Review, I would like to point out that my own experience shows that in the long run, the laws of probability will prevail.

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NEXT MONTH LOOK FOR THE STRAT-O-MATIC

REVIEW TO BE JAM-PACKED WITH REPLAYS AS MANY LEAGUES HAVE JUST COMPLETED PLAY!

Questions & Answers

Editor's note: Questions regarding individual and team ratings will not, in most cases, be answered unless a mistake has been made. The game company cannot disclose its card-making formula, which to answer some rating questions would have to be done. If your questions regarding ratings do not appear in the Review within three months after being sent to the Review, you may assume the rating is correct.

QUESTION: How come Fred Stanley ('73 Yankees) has a 1-12 chance for a home run on 2-12, both sides? He hit only one home run. Plus he has an "N" power rating.

ANSWER: The card is correct. Remember Stanley only batted 66 times.

QUESTION: Please explain the following on the Pass Rush Chart in advanced football? [A] I, +14, +34; [B] -8* or X; [C] I*, +13, +35 or X.

ANSWER: [A] Interception, pass traveling 14 yards [short] and 34 [long]. [B] Quarterback is sacked for eight-yard loss if there is one or more linebackers blitzing. Otherwise pass is incomplete. [C] Pass is intercepted if one or more linebackers blitzing. Pass went 13 yards [short] and 35 [long]. If no linebackers blitzing, pass is incomplete.

QUESTION: Is a pass in football that is completed but loses yardage credited to a quarterback's stats; also a receiver's? What about yardage lost attempting to pass? Is it counted against the quarterback, or what?

ANSWER: A pass completion, even though yardage is lost [i.e. flat pass -2] is still a pass completion on the quarterback's stats. He is credited with a complete pass and minus the yardage. Ditto the receiver. Yardage lost attempting to pass, however, is not subtracted from a QB's stats, either passing or rushing. It's a team stat [yards lost attempting to pass] and deducted from the overall team yardage statistic.

QUESTION: Why was shortstop and third base put on Eddie Collins' Hall-OF-Fame baseball card, even though he didn't play either position?

ANSWER: This was a mistake by the game company. Position should have read only second base. Eddie Collins did play a few games at shortstop, an even fewer number at third, but most of his career was spent at second base. The other positions should not have been listed.

QUESTION: Was it possible a printing error was made on Gene Alley's defensive rating at shortstop in 1966? He was listed as a "2", but he led the league in double plays, set a Pittsburgh record for fielding percentage and was selected to the N.L. all-star fielding team. There were no other "4" fielders in the league that year.

ANSWER: Alley's rating was correct, according to the game company.

QUESTION: When were pitcher's fielding ratings changed from a "3" to a "2"?

ANSWER: The change occurred with the 1970 baseball cards, or in 1971.

QUESTION: In S-O-M Basketball when there's a switch and a "2", "10" or "12" is rolled, do you look at the "percentage shot" result or "switch" result?

ANSWER: On the Referral Chart you would check under "switch" results.

Wee Willie Stands Tall In Hall-Of-Fame Replays

At 5-foot-5, 140 pounds, Wee Willie Keeler doesn't have the physical stature that legendary baseball players are supposedly made from. Despite his diminutive size, the Wee one was a hitting terror in the National League for years and eventually was admitted to the Hall of Fame.

When the greats were matched up in a pair of Hall of Fame replays recently, it was Wee Willie who outthit 'em all. Usually the regular Hall of Fame cards find Ty Cobb or Babe Ruth creating all the thunder and the A.L. running away with any series of any duration. Not so this time.

First of all, Keeler stroked a mighty league-leading .360 batting average in Jim Freeman's [Norwalk, CA] replay, using the regular HOF side of the cards. And he repeated as No. 1 in the hit parade in Steven Meretzky's [Yonkers, NY] best year replay, again with the HOF cards. This time Keeler's average was .368--five points higher than teammate Rogers Hornsby.

In Freeman's series the A.L., after a slow start, won nine straight games after the halfway mark and went on to an 86-76 triumph. Meretzky's replay found the N.L. winning, 85-77. He does point out that when the regular HOF cards were used in an earlier replay, the A.L. murdered the N.L., 94-68.

Freeman, who also manages the California Angels in the GUS80M0 play-by-mail league, used a designated hitter, with the N.L. batting .302 and the A.L. a surprisingly low .268 [.276 without the DH]. Another mild surprise was Freeman's opting for George Sisler at first base for the A.L. and the benching of Lou Gehrig. "He didn't play because he could not find a spot," reports Freeman. Sisler did bat a robust .334 in 682 at-bats for the A.L.--bearing out Freeman's confidence. Gehrig, meanwhile, hit .271 and seven home runs in 170 at-bats.

Keeler was the one, though, in both replays. In Freeman's he stroked 249 hits in 690 at-bats, stealing 95 bases and scoring 91 runs. Using his best year's card in Meretzky's replay he responded with 245 hits in 666 trips to the plate. He also slammed 27 triples, stole a whopping 183 bases and scored 104 runs.

In Freeman's replay, Zack Wheat [.338], Stan Musial [.303] and Bill Terry [.298] were the leading N.L. hitters among the regulars. Musial, often used as the DH, was second on the team in homers with 24. Catcher Roy Campanella was the power guy, smashing 44 home runs and driving in 119 runs, although hitting only .239.

Over in the A.L., Sisler paced the winner's, with Nap Lajoie [.327], Ty Cobb [.305] and Joe DiMaggio [.301] also clearing the .300 plateau. DiMaggio's 35 roundtrippers were tops, plus he also drove in 117 runs. Babe Ruth connected for 32 homers and knocked in 85 runs--but hit a miserly .202!

The pitching got roughed up in both replays. The A.L. had a 4.10 earned run slate in Freeman's and the N.L. a 4.40. Rube Waddell [24-11] of the A.L. and the N.L.'s Christy Mathewson [20-15] were the only ones to win 20 games. Only two hurlers [Mathewson and Sandy Koufax] served up fewer hits than innings pitched as the batters dominated the action. Koufax led in strikeouts with 304 in 280 innings, plus he also served up 41 home runs.

Meretzky's strategy was a little different. In the N.L., using the best-year side of the card, he benched Campanella and played Dizzy Dean little--and watched the N.L. take it all. Keeler was hot again, of course, while Hornsby [a .289 hitter for Freeman] gave the N.L. a one-two punch, cracking 26 homers and driving in 132 runs to go with the .363 average. Musial hit 34 homers, while Bresnahan, playing in place of Campy, stole 127 bases. Musial hit .312 and Terry .338 among the regulars, while Honus Wagner chipped in 115 thefts in an awesome display of thievery. Pete Alexander was the top hurler with a 20-12 record and 3.42 ERA. Mathewson, surprisingly, slipped to 10-15, 4.31.

"Big Train" Walter Johnson, 16-20 for Freeman, was 20-13 with a 3.78 ERA. Meretzky's replay also found Gehrig back in a regular job. He hit 30 home runs, but batted only .243. Ruth uncoiled his home run bat 54 times, however, plus drove in 133 runs while hitting .253. The A.L. averages overall suffered, though, as only Ty Cobb [.305] among the regulars topped .300. Cobb also swiped 147 bases.

JIM FREEMAN - All-Time Cards

A.L. (86-76)	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	R	RBI	SB	AVG		
Sisler	682	228	31	14	3	78	87	27	.334		
Lajoie	571	187	27	10	13	74	82	8	.327		
Cobb	690	211	46	10	8	111	68	123	.305		
DiMaggio	568	171	32	6	35	83	117	0	.301		
Gehrig	170	46	7	1	7	23	17	0	.271		
E.Collins	465	124	10	2	1	50	42	23	.267		
Speaker	151	40	3	1	0	19	8	12	.265		
Dickey	392	102	10	7	21	51	75	0	.260		
Williams	456	118	11	0	29	84	72	0	.259		
Cronin	514	129	41	0	11	58	58	1	.251		
Cochrane	255	55	6	0	6	25	25	0	.216		
Ruth	550	111	7	2	32	100	85	0	.202		
J.Collins	225	45	9	4	1	13	18	1	.200		
N.L. (76-86)											
Keeler	690	249	19	16	1	91	52	90	.360		
Wheat	417	141	23	5	9	55	67	0	.338		
Musial	577	175	35	11	24	85	82	0	.303		
Terry	642	191	18	9	14	73	77	0	.298		
Wagner	626	186	34	16	13	88	87	44	.297		
Waner	661	195	35	18	10	74	72	0	.295		
Hornsby	546	158	27	9	17	79	74	0	.289		
Roush	122	35	2	4	2	19	16	4	.287		
Bresnahan	121	32	10	0	0	18	7	7	.264		
Traynor	534	135	7	7	0	44	38	1	.253		
Campanella	602	144	13	0	44	86	119	0	.239		
Frisch	165	39	3	0	2	17	21	9	.236		
Ott	171	29	5	0	15	26	28	0	.170		
Freeman	W - L	IP	H	K	ERA	Meretzky	W- L	IP	H	K	ERA
Waddell	24-11	315	336	265	3.20	Waddell	12-20	295	345	236	4.42
Walsh	18-16	285	352	161	3.73	Walsh	16-17	297	321	146	3.70
Johnson	16-20	313	318	196	3.84	Johnson	20-13	312	312	186	3.78
Grove	18-13	249	315	148	4.64	Grove	8-9	107	131	62	5.13
Feller	5-6	127	132	94	4.67	Feller	6-7	99	132	88	5.91
Plank	2-7	118	150	53	4.95	Plank	13-17	293	369	148	4.45
Ford	2-3	62	106	38	6.67	Ford	2-2	45	64	31	7.40
Mathewson	20-15	320	307	212	3.71	Mathewson	10-15	280	268	183	4.31
Young	16-21	309	328	68	4.41	Young	16-15	308	323	108	4.06
Koufax	13-20	280	275	304	4.45	Koufax	18-20	323	290	355	4.40
Hubbell	17-15	276	327	141	4.48	Hubbell	14-11	151	134	95	3.46
Alexander	4-12	188	214	102	4.64	Alexander	20-12	300	268	186	3.42
Dean	4-0	53	57	30	5.26	Dean	4-1	37	49	20	6.57
Spahn	2-3	44	59	20	5.93	Spahn	3-3	62	60	31	3.33

STEVEN MERETZKY - Best-Season Cards

A.L. (77-85)AB	H	2B	3B	HR	R	RBI	SB	AVG
Cobb	568	173	32	13	9	107	44	.305
Cochrane	115	38	8	2	3	15	15	.330
E.Collins	443	106	10	7	1	44	33	.239
J.Collins	542	122	29	10	5	43	64	.225
Cronin	173	33	20	1	4	19	13	.191
Dickey	514	121	24	3	22	41	77	.235
DiMaggio	536	153	26	3	30	68	81	.285
Gehrig	507	123	22	4	30	79	77	.243
Ruth	573	145	14	8	54	105	133	.253
Lajoie	667	196	43	7	16	84	89	.294
Sisler	175	60	6	2	3	26	14	.343
Speaker	106	29	5	2	2	16	12	.274
Williams	175	61	12	0	11	33	32	.349

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N.L. (85-77)	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	R	RBI	SB	AVG
Bresnahan	609	151	29	6	5	92	44	127	.248
Campanella	110	26	1	0	8	19	17	0	.236
Frisch	211	51	5	1	1	25	12	40	.242
Hornsby	559	203	37	12	26	106	132	0	.363
Keeler	666	245	14	27	0	104	81	183	.368
Musial	618	193	39	14	34	107	111	0	.312
Ott	115	32	5	0	13	23	28	0	.278
Roush	93	29	4	4	3	10	10	12	.312
Terry	574	194	23	5	15	68	84	0	.338
Traynor	588	176	19	10	1	55	66	17	.299
Wagner	525	145	17	14	5	82	55	115	.276
Waner	587	166	25	15	4	52	60	0	.283
Wheat	70	20	4	1	1	8	11	0	.286

A Look At The Old-Timers

A new year will soon be upon us and what better way to launch it than by examining the first of three sets of pre-1920 Old-Timer Strat-O-Matic Baseball teams. Mike Gilbert, who has given Review readers an in-depth look at Old-Timer teams for over a year now, this month focuses in on the 1919 Chicago White Sox and the 1911 Philadelphia A's.

Gilbert's evaluation of the 1919 White Sox is somewhat interesting. He doesn't share the opinion that the so-called "Black Sox" were one of the greatest teams of all--in fact, pointing out some major weaknesses. The A's, however, do come off better, according to Gilbert.

Remember when looking at the ratings listed below, they are taken as an average on a straight curve from all the Old-Timer teams. The teams are thus judged and evaluated against each other, rather than the league as a whole at the time they played. Exceptions to this average are pitchers (both starters and relievers) and bench, which Gilbert has based on his own opinion. The rating scale used is as follows: 1--Poor; 2--Fair; 3--Good; 4--Excellent.

Note also that the first column in each category refers to team average and the second (in parentheses) to individual average.

1919 Chicago White Sox

Average	-	3.6	[.296]	Lineup to think about:
Stealing	-	5.0	[B+ .25]	1. E.Collins 2B-1
Running	-	3.9	[1-14.25]	2. Gandil 1B-1
Power	-	1.2	[3 HR]	3. Leibold RF-2
Fielding	-	4.9	[1.37]	4. Jackson LF-1
Starters	-	3.2	--	5. Felsch CF-1
Relief	-	1.5	--	6. Weaver 3B-2
Bench	-	3.8	--	7. Schalk C-1
Totals	-	3.4	[average]	8. Risberg SS-2

Comments: This team is somewhat of a disappointment. The pitching past Ed Cicotte treads a steep downhill path. Cicotte, Lefty Williams, Dickie Kerr and Grover Lowdermilk almost complete a rotation. The rest of the "clowns" must serve as a fifth starter and a relief staff. Use your starters for short relief stints. The team is the best fielding S-O-M has produced, to my knowledge. Despite its batting average, the team lacks punch. Fool with lineup, maybe that will help. Hit-and-run with Gandil or some one near the bottom of the order. Don't waste Ed Collins, Joe Jackson or Happy Felsch on sacrifices or hit-and-run, however.

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1911 Philadelphia A's

Average	-	4.8	[.321.75]
Stealing	-	5.0	[8+ .75]
Running	-	4.6	[1-14.75]
Power	-	1.3	[3.5 HR]
Fielding	-	3.4	[2]
Starters	-	4.9	--
Relief	-	3.0	--
Bench	-	3.1	--
Totals	-	3.8	[average]

Lineup to think about:

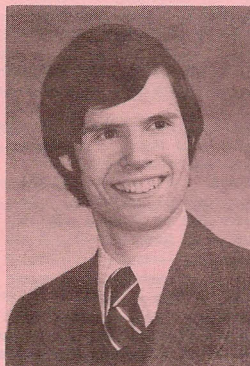
1. Oldring	CF-1
2. McInnis	1B-3
3. Collins	2B-1
4. Baker	3B-2
5. Lapp	C-3
6. Murphy	RF-2
7. Lord	LF-2
8. Barry	SS-2

Comments: This is the real find in the newly-released Old-Timers. A good starting four of Eddie Plank, Chief Bender, Cy Morgan and Jack Coombs. They're backed by Harry Krause, the only other pitcher of note on the staff. Try to keep your starter in the game if possible. The lineup can be mixed almost any way you wish. You have .300 hitters to score so don't be afraid to hit-and-run or sacrifice. You have defensive replacements for most of your lineup, too. Try to upset your opponent by stealing if he has a fairly bad pitcher on the mound. Do it every time a runner reaches first. Even if only half of them make it, you will drive the opposing manager to distraction.

Next month: World Series rivals, the 1909 Detroit Tigers and Pittsburgh Pirates.

Strat-O-Matic Profile

DONALD WISENOR



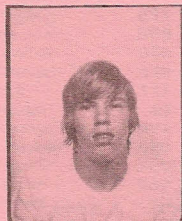
A 10-year veteran of S-O-M Baseball who makes his home in East Cleveland, OH...22 years old and currently a first-year student at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law...graduated from U. of Pennsylvania with B.A. degree last spring...baseball's his favorite S-O-M game, but also impressed with basketball...charter member of Main Line Baseball League, now awaiting fourth season, and admits as league improves each year his descent in standings becomes more pronounced...oddly, despite playing S-O-M Baseball for 10 years [hundreds of games], has never experienced a no-hitter--once Joe Nuxhall went 7 2/3 innings before being leveled...most exciting S-O-M moment occurred in league game when, playing against president Rod Wolfson, his charges overcome a 5-0 deficit by scoring six runs with two out in the bottom of the ninth inning--Willie Stargell scoring from second with the winning run on a no asterisk-single.

MIKE AARON



Belongs to two football leagues--Robert Cappiello's States Football League and Clyde Matsusaka's World Football Association...15 years old and a sophomore at Dixon High School, Dixon, MO...plays only S-O-M Football, finding out about it through a magazine ad. Sent for many brochures of games, but found S-O-M the most interesting...completed two grid replays, with Miami winning both...favorite game was when Roman Gabriel of Los Angeles and St. Louis' Jim Hart combined for nine touchdown passes--Hart hitting five--with L.A. eventually winning, 42-38, thanks for a pair of touchdown runs by Willie Ellison.

IAN MACALPINE



A self-avowed statistical addict who makes playing S-O-M Baseball a habit...currently involved in a replay of both the American and National League 1972 season...15 years old and a sophomore in high school in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. ...also a hockey buff, playing goalie for his prep team... first bought six baseball teams from 1972 season, but found play so real-life that soon after purchased entire set and began long season...has brother, age 20, who helps him with league and also plays basketball game...keeps voluminous baseball records...has had two no-hitters: Wilbur Wood of '72 White Sox set down Minnesota, only Mike Andrews' error spoiling a perfect game; and Gaylord Perry, Cleveland, also foiled Minnesota, this time with a perfect-game gem... Has had numerous near misses, but most notable was Rudy May of California, '72, going 8 2/3 innings before Milwaukee pinch-hitter Brock Davis broke it up with a single.

No-Hitters

Still Gamester's Delight, But

Although many Strat-O-Matic gamesters still rail at the idea of no-hitters being published in the Review, an occasional glimpse [perhaps once every three months] shouldn't be too much of a dose to swallow. And, despite the obvious dislike by some, to many a no-hitter is a dream come true...and a happening to share with others.

Tim Cawley did some exhausting research this past summer trying to determine how frequently no-hitters occurred in real-life baseball, going back to 1900. Although admitting some gaps in his research, Cawley suggests that a no-hitter occurred on the average every 1,601 games.

Some S-O-M baseball dice-rollers would grudgingly have to agree with that--simply because they've experienced few if any no-hitters. Others would laugh at that ratio.

Bruce Fleischhacker of New Rochelle, NY, certainly is in the latter category. Playing a three-game series between the St. Louis Cardinals and Montreal Expos, using the cards based on the '73 season, Fleischhacker watched the Redbird mound staff reel off three--yes, three!--straight no-hitters. First Bob Gibson stymied the Expos, 5-1, with the lone run scoring after three walks and a hit batsman. Gibby struck out nine and also walked nine. Then Jerry Reuss was a 2-0 winner and Doug Rau [with the Birds in the replay] got the last, 3-0.

Other no-hitters reported were harder to achieve. Here are some:

* Lonney Whitehead, a 13-year-Old from Amboy, MN, took five years and over 2,500 games before his first no-hitter happened. Tom Hall of the '72 Reds blanked San Francisco, 1-0, striking out 11 and walking four. Closest call came when Dave Kingman rolled a 6-10 [Triple 1-7, Flyball 8-20] and a "16" split was drawn.

* Meanwhile, Mark Sprenger of Lancaster, CA, waited over three years before Steve Carlton ('73 card) no-hit Baltimore. Carlton didn't have a close call, striking out seven, walking only one [erased by DP] and facing only 27 batters.

* It was high noon when the first die was thrown that would result in a no-hitter for Kelly Huey in a mixed modern and old-timer baseball replay. The powerful 1927 Yankees sent Wilcy Moore against Gaylord Perry and the '72 Cleveland Indians and the result: Moore walked only two, struck out four and never came close to serving up a hit. Babe Ruth's two-run homer finished Perry. At 12:28 Moore's second no-hitter for Huey was history.

* Another Moore, this one Balor of Montreal, joined the no-hit club when he blanked San Diego, 6-0, for Eric Frankel, Oakland, NJ. Balor fanned 13 and walked five.

* Don Sutton hurled a perfect game against Cincinnati, 2-0, using the 1973-based cards. Bill Fried of Milwaukee, WI, watched the Dodger ace strike out six.

* Dave Munteer, Kitchener, Canada, whose special interest is the Old-Timers, had a pair of no-hitters this summer. The 1924 Washington Senators were in on both. Walter [Big Train] Johnson walked only Gabby Hartnett in stifling 1935

Cubs' batters, 4-0. Then it was Dizzy Dean turning on the Senators, with only a walk to pinch-hitter Bennett Tate with two out in the ninth spoiling the Dizzy one's bid for a perfect game.

* Another oldie-but-goodie hurling masterpiece was by Warren Spahn, '57 Milwaukee Braves, who whiffed three and rode Eddie Mathews' fourth inning two-run homer to a 2-0 victory over the '73 Detroit Tigers. It was the first no-no for 13-year-old Dave Kelly of Chippewa Falls, WI.

* Bob Gibson's name popped up again when, hurling for the '74-card Cards, he blanked Philadelphia, 2-0, for Jim Patterson of Oshawa, Ontario, Canada.

* The Phillies were on a no-hit teeter-totter for Martha Lorenz, Hamden, CT. First Tom Seaver of the Mets ['72] sent the Phils spinning by striking out 11 and walking but one for Martha's first no-hitter. Then Steve Carlton ['72 also] boosted Philadelphia stock immensely by no-hitting an all-star American League lineup. Carlton fanned nine and walked only Merv Rettenmund--with two outs in the ninth.

* The Minnesota Twins, never noted for pitching prowess, have been involved in three of the four no-hitters witnessed by Mark Bakke of McVille, ND. Bert Blyleven got the first, 4-0 over the powerful '73 A's. Next Wilbur Wood choked off Kansas City, 4-0, with the White Sox ace being backed by center fielder Ken Henderson, who handled five flyballs successfully the last two innings. Then Twins' reliever Bill Campbell, given a rare starting job, shackled Boston, winning 10-0 behind a three-homer attack. The fourth no-hitter was by Ray Corbin of the Twins--and again the A's, Vida Blue in particular, were the victims.

* Jim Colborn of Milwaukee ['73], not to be confused with Ray Corbin of the Twins, struck a blow for the lowly Brewers when he no-hit the '73 Indians, 3-0. Thomas Hurley of Detroit, MI, was the lone spectator for the three-strikeout masterpiece.

* Bill Salloum of Saskatoon, Sask. waited two years for his first no-hitter, having many near-misses along the way. Suddenly within a seven-day period he witnessed three. Nelson Briles ['72 Pirates] got the first by stopping the '72 Braves. Seven days later, Jon Matlack ['73 Mets] fanned eight Expos as part of a no-hitter and, in a second game the same day, John Billingham ['72 Reds] was backed by a flurry of double plays and faced only 27 Braves ['72] although walking four.

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League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: Draft basketball league. Dues 50¢ for monthly newsletters. Write: Thomas Maltese, 446 Main St., New York Mills, NY 13417

LEAGUE FORMING: Managers are required for an American League replay, using the '73 teams. The additional American League players will be used. This will be a draft league. Sending \$5.00 for league and forfeiture fees will guarantee you a team. Correspondence will begin immediately when replies come. Write: Frank Langille, 1187 Stanton Rd., Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K2C 3C9

LEAGUE FORMING: Need four reliable managers for a P-B-M league. Ten teams from 1973 will be used: Miami, Dallas, Los Angeles, Minnesota, Detroit, Oakland, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh and Buffalo, which I will play myself plus take the team left, too. Each coach will play two teams, one game per week for each team. Mail picks in order to: Randy Waltenburg, P.O. Box 124 Litchfield Park, Arizona 85340. \$2.00 later for stamps and newsletters.

LEAGUE FORMING: 1969 10-team football replay using Chiefs, Vikings, Lions, Rams, Raiders, Packers, Cowboys, Jets, Browns, Colts. Must have all 10 teams. Advanced version. Send \$1.50 and list teams in order you prefer them to: Mike Olszewski, 156 W. 104 St., Bloomington, MN 55420. I have doubles on four teams.

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LEAGUE FORMING: Seven responsible managers wanted to compete in a play-by-mail baseball league. The league is forming now and will begin play when new '74 cards are issued. Basis of play--draft and voting on

other playing rules. No experience necessary. Send name, age and address to: Wayne Dahlberg, Rte. 1, Box 36, Moose Lake, MN 55767, for information concerning the draft league.

LEAGUE FORMING: 1975 will be the second year of the Northeastern S-O-M Advanced Game Baseball League. I am interested in adding one or two reliable managers to be second and third back-up managers. You must have prior P-B-M experience and references. Write: Peter Ernst, 66 Penfield Crescent, Rochester, NY 14625, or call 1-716-586-5460. Also, I would be interested in a swap of newsletters for the coming year with any other league.

LEAGUE FORMING: You would like to replay the 1974 National League season but find it impossible to play all the 972 games? Then the Canada-American Strat-O-Matic League is the answer. The CASOML is a play-by-mail league using the advanced version of S-O-M and will start its second season in April. We will have a new schedule where the number of games remains the same but each team will visit the other teams of its division twice in series of four and five games and will visit the other division's teams only once, playing a six-game series. This is done to save on the cost of postage. Another change is the entry fee is now \$5.00. \$2.00 will cover the cost of the newsletters [every two weeks] and the annual yearbook. The other \$3.00 will be refunded if the manager completes the season; this is an assurance for both you and I that the league will not fold, because a manager will now think twice before dropping out. You must buy the new N.L. cards and the additional players. I prefer experienced managers but, most importantly, I want dependable people. If you are really interested, send me your name, age, address, past experience in S-O-M and list the 12 National League teams in order of preference, and I will try to accommodate everybody in every way possible. So don't miss this opportunity and be part of a great baseball replay league. Write to: Richard Campbell, 41 St.-Charles, Norand, P. Quebec, Canada

LEAGUE FORMING: A limited number of managers is needed for franchises in a new and highly sophisticated play-by-mail baseball league. Applicants should not only be mature students of the game, but also responsible

individuals who as members of the league will be reliable in all aspects of the league, and will be as interested in realistic results as well as in winning. This is an excellent opportunity for the right individuals who would like to build their own teams and manage them for years to come. Interested persons should send letters of application or otherwise contact: John Shirey, 9 Canterbury Sq. #302, Alexandria, VA 22304

LEAGUE FORMING: Tom "Quick Yank" Swank and John "Juggler" Babbitt, ages 31 and 43, invite anyone in the area of North Jersey or surrounding areas, whether it be near-by New York or a nearby central Jersey town, to join us in a face-to-face 1975 based on 1974 season, advanced version, draft league using the Strat-O-Matic Baseball game and all the upcoming 480 new cards and 96 additional players. We want reliable, sincere managers who are willing to both drive or be driven to league members' houses for weekly confrontations and of course host the league members occasionally also. We will start as soon as the new cards come out, with the National League cards having a face-to-face 24-round draft and then run a 162-game season before going on to the American League drafting. We will have four divisions, with playoffs and a world series as in real-life. At close of world series we will conduct a league awards, outdoor cookout, giving trophies to deserving managers. For more information and a reservation in this head-on league, call either John Babbitt at 652-2259 in Ridgewood, NJ, or call or write to: Thomas Swank, 256-3447 or 39 Pleasant Ave., Little Falls, NJ 07424. We have currently members in Cresskill, NJ; Newark, NJ, and South Orange, NJ, and Clifton, NJ. Scheduling, division alignment, monthly dues to cover trophies and cookout, along with league rules and regulations will be discussed as soon as 12 men are chosen.

LEAGUE FORMING: The Dizzy Dean Memorial Draft Decade Baseball League (D.D.M.D.D.B.L.) has started its 1974 play-by-mail season. However, reliable backup managers are

needed so as to insure the league's good fortune. Newcomers welcome but must have all Old-Timer teams, including the new set. Write to: Wesley Clark, 1386 Esser Ave., San Leandro, CA 94578. Reliable managers only.

LEAGUE FORMING: (Re-Forming). Join the Pacific S-O-M League for its sixth season. At least one spot open, possibly three. You must own all 1973 players (including extra players) and be willing to continue playing through many seasons. We play a maximum of 12 home games per three weeks. For more info, send a SASE and description to: Dave Surdam, Route 8, Box 728, Pleasant Hill, OR 97401. I will select the best qualified.

LEAGUE FORMING: Play-by-mail draft league using the new cards. We will use the advanced version and have both an American and National League. The only requirement is that managers be reliable. No experience necessary. For more information write: Ted Bailey, 836 Warren Way, Palo Alto, CA 94303

'Dirty Dealers' Must Be Curbed

The Review staff has tried to settle any disagreements or accused fraudulent dealings whenever possible regarding advertisements. In most cases a misunderstanding was at the root of the problem and most were solved satisfactorily.

There have been a few instances, however, where people have not sent cards after receiving payment, and others where people on the search for cards have complained of being offered photo-copied cards.

In most cases the Review, if contacted, will write to both parties and then await that the matter has been resolved. A few unscrupulous people, though, have been reported recently and the matter not resolved satisfactorily. Richard York, Detroit, MI, not long ago reported sending \$27 in answer to a "For Sale" ad and never receiving the cards.

As a result, in addition to turning names of such people into the game company, the Review will be listing names of suspected "Dirty Dealers" that you should avoid. Of course, such people will always have an ample opportunity to answer charges against them before their names are listed. But a couple of recent happenings indicate customer protection is needed.

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1971 - Teams available include: Pittsburgh, Milwaukee, Boston, Washington, Cleveland. Cost: \$2.75 for set; 60¢ each team.

All orders should be placed with the Strat-O-Matic Game Co., Inc., 82A South Bayles Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050. Include a 25¢ handling fee. Do not send orders to S-O-M's new address until after the 15th of January.

Vikings Crunched In Super Bowl²¹

Miami Breezes In '73 Football Replay

From Connecticut to Florida, youthful Matt Lorenz kept his Strat-O-Matic Football dice warm. Receiving his 1974 football cards on July 9, Lorenz launched a full-season's replay immediately and in quick-time fashion had it completed by early this fall.

"I played games in Florida and Hamden, CT (home), did statistics at Cape Cod and later did statistics and wrote a league summary in Pennsylvania," points out Lorenz, who was one of the earliest S-O-M gamemasters to report a complete season's replay of the 1973 real-life season.

Many happenings, as could be expected, were true to life. O.J. Simpson opened by galloping past New England's befuddled defense for 295 yards in 37 carries in Buffalo's 48-6 opening-game triumph. The "Juice" went on to cover 2,525 yards with his slashing runs, averaging a remarkable 7.5 yards per carry in 339 attempts while scoring 18 touchdowns.

The real-life Super Bowl kings, the Miami Dolphins, also duplicated their run to glory, winning 13 of 14 regular-season games. The only Dolphin loss was to Pittsburgh, 16-13--a last-play affair that mattered little. Miami's defense gave up but 145 points, while Mercury Morris swept the flanks of the opposition for 1,422 yards (7.1 average) and Larry Csonka boomed his way to 1,319 (5.1).

In the playoffs, Miami turned back First Denver (20-6) with the defense choking off the Broncos with 162 yards total offense and a pair of first quarter field goals. Then the Dolphins kayoed Pittsburgh (which had stopped Oakland, 26-17) by a 30-10 margin in the AFC championship game. One Steeler pass interception and seven recoveries of Pittsburgh fumbles made it easy for Miami in this one.

In the NFC, Minnesota ousted Los Angeles, 24-10, despite 166 yards rushing by the Rams' Lawrence McCutcheon. Washington, trailing Atlanta 12-10, pulled out a miracle-type victory on the game's last play when Billy Kilmer connected with Charlie Taylor on a 54-yard touchdown strike. Then in the NFC title game, Fran Tarkenton completed 17 of 24 passes for 307 yards and two touchdowns as the Vikings smothered the 'Skins, 27-13.

The Super Bowl showdown was all Miami as Morris toted the ball 16 times for a game-high 94 yards and three touchdowns, including TD sprints of 32 and 26 yards. The Dolphins, aided by a 210-yard ground assault, won out convincingly, 24-13.

Here's the way it was in Matt Lorenz' '73 replay:

AFC STANDINGS

East	W	L	T	PF-PA	Central	W	L	T	PF-PA
Miami	13	1	0	354-145	Pittsburgh	12	1	1	319-189
Buffalo	9	5	0	373-219	Cincinnati	9	4	1	333-272
N.Y. Jets	7	7	0	276-349	Cleveland	4	9	1	246-276
New England	4	10	0	254-375	Houston	1	13	0	183-437

NFC STANDINGS

West	W	L	T	PF-PA	West	W	L	T	PF-PA
Denver	11	3	0	324-218	Atlanta	10	4	0	302-189
Oakland	10	4	0	389-141	Los Angeles	10	4	0	386-254
Kansas City	7	7	0	263-255	San Francisco	5	9	0	220-273
San Diego	3	11	0	226-324	New Orleans	5	9	0	188-247
East	W	L	T	PF-PA	Central	W	L	T	PF-PA
Washington	9	4	1	272-177	Minnesota	10	2	2	254-192
Dallas	8	5	1	288-242	Green Bay	7	7	0	223-190
Philadelphia	6	7	1	301-347	Detroit	6	8	0	321-322
N.Y. Giants	4	10	0	249-357	Chicago	3	10	1	175-320

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Rushing	Att-Yds.	Avg	TD	Receiving	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Simpson (BUF)	339-2525	7.5	18	Carmichael (PHI)	67	1220	17.9	13
Brockington (GB)	281-1447	5.1	8	Podolak (KC)	55	482	8.8	0
Morris (MIA)	199-1422	7.1	11	Young (PHI)	53	732	13.8	7
Csonka (MIA)	260-1319	5.1	12	Tucker (NYG)	52	629	12.1	4
Hampton (ATL)	270-1299	4.8	8	Willis (HOU)	52	493	9.5	1
McCutcheon (LA)	244-1297	5.3	3	C.Taylor (WAS)	50	726	14.5	6
Hill (DAL)	284-1258	4.4	6	Little (DEN)	50	470	9.4	0
Johnson (CIN)	232-1204	5.2	7	Rucker (NE)	49	924	18.9	8
Little (DEN)	261-1194	4.6	13	Kwalick (SF)	48	819	17.2	6
Brown (WAS)	282-1121	4.0	12	Sullivan (PHI)	47	358	7.6	1
Passing	Att-Comp	Pct.	Int-TD					
Stabler (OAK)	242-147	60.7	9 12					
Staubach (DAL)	284-172	60.6	10 11					
Tarkenton (MIN)	287-173	60.3	10 12					
Gabriel (PHI)	460-260	56.5	13 25					
Munson (DET)	183-100	54.7	5 15					
Hart (SL)	292-150	52.1	9 13					
Plunkett (NE)	298-150	50.4	15 13					
Johnson (DEN)	362-184	50.3	15 17					
Anderson (CIN)	294-146	49.7	10 12					
Domres (BAL)	180-88	48.8	11 7					

Strat-O-Matic Spotlight

YOU'RE NEVER TOO OLD!

Review co-editors, brothers Warren and Del Newell, ages 29 and 33 respectively, have had more than one friend of the family ask if they were still "playing" those games with the dice. Of course they still are. But often they wonder, especially when letters to the Review pour in from teenagers.

A recent letter brought a smile to their faces, however, proving that you're never too old to enjoy Strat-O-Matic tabletop sports. It came from Lawrence B. Green, a 35-year dice-roller who lives in Springfield, MA. He obviously has some of the same fears--I wonder if I'm the only one my age playing such games?

He's definitely not alone, although the accent is on youth [teenage-youth] in the majority of the Strat-O-Matic world.

Green writes: "At age 35 I am probably one of the oldest Strat-O-Matic fans. I began in the table top hobby area when I was about 11 or 12 years old, when my cousin and I invented a baseball game using a pair of dice and Topp's chewing gum cards. Eventually I started playing the more sophisticated games like Strat-O-Matic."

Today Green is a tax accountant with an international C.P.A. firm. He still finds time to escape from his business world of tax preparation and administration and enjoy S-O-M. "It is my own little world that no one else can enter into," adds Green. "Baseball can continue with me even if there is a baseball strike. It is a great hobby that I can enjoy until the day I die."

The Review co-editors have often thought S-O-M in the future, too. Wouldn't it be nice to retire from one's job and continue the S-O-M hobby? Maybe then a solitaire replay could really be completed.

Since simulated sports games have been a part of Green's life for over two decades, the obvious question is what, in his opinion, sets Strat-O-Matic apart from the others he's certainly experimented with? "I believe the one thing that makes Strat-O-Matic a superior game is its realistic fielding system. Failure to put in defensive replacements could be disastrous. No other game allows defense to be such an important factor in the game," according to Green.

SHORT SHAKES

...Ed Fried, Milwaukee, WI, had not one but two grand-slam home runs in

a 14-9 slugfest won by Cincinnati over Houston, using the '73 cards. Cesar Geronimo homered with the bases jammed for the Reds in the first inning and another Cesar, this one Caden, connected for a grand-slam for Houston in the fourth...It pays to advertise: Lou Michaels, publicity director for the Paluch Statistics Bureau, Chicago, IL, reports the bureau has received over 200 letters regarding its services since placing an ad in the Review...Mike Custer, Lyndhurst, NJ, is replaying the 1971 baseball season and he reports the stats at the 100-game mark are in many cases amazingly close to real-life performances. He cites pitcher Jim Shellenback as a prime example. So far Shellenback's record is 3-13 (it was 3-11 in real-life at that point in the season), his earned run average is an identical 3.53, he's pitched 119 2/3 innings [120], given up 125 hits [123], struckout 49 [47], walked 49 [49] and given up 10 homers [10]... Strange happenings: Dan Matovvia certainly had his share in a replay of the 1969 baseball season. The San Francisco Giants pounded the Braves, 30-1, smashing eight home runs and going on a 14-run one-inning spree, for example. Also, John O'Donoghue issued eight straight walks in one game. His team lost. Biggest shocker, however, was Ed Spiezio slamming four straight home runs against Cincinnati in a 23-6 victory. He rolled 2-8 three times and got one HR off Jack Fisher's card...Sometimes football lightning does strike twice. Evidence is Dave Kelly's (Chippewa Falls, WI) replay of a '72 football game between the Miami Dolphins and New York Jets. The Dolphins crushed the Jets, 69-17, ironically very much similar to the 72-13 thrashing of the same Jets by Miami that Robert Kutzik reported in the October, 1974 Review. Larry Conka gained 189 yards in 38 carries, Mercury Morris 149 in 30, while Bob Griese completed 15 of 21 passes for 295 yards and four touchdowns. Broadway Joe Namath, incidentally, connected on 19 of 44 tosses for 350 aerial yards for the Jets...No more mister nice guy: Ross Albert, Newton Centre, MA, decided to show his best friend, Stan Chesler, S-O-M Baseball. He gave him the '74 (based on '73) Mets, took the Atlanta Braves for himself, set the lineups and even explained the intricacies of the game, hoping his friend would enjoy it. Tom Seaver was to hurl for the Mets, Carl Morton for the Braves. After one inning, Stan Chesler must have fallen in love with the game for life. The first eight Met batters all reached base safely, six off hits, and all scored as Morton never retired a batter. John Milner hit a three-run homer and even reliever Phil Niekro was greeted by a home run off the bat of Don Hahn before bringing the Mets under control. New York eventually won the game, 9-4, but it's a good bet Ross Albert (and especially his friend Stan Chesler) are unlikely to ever forget the game...Ryne Stefanacci of Herman, PA, deviated from the norm during his HSBL (Hermine Strato Baseball League) and used Bob Stinson as a regular catcher. Stinson, given a starting job, responded by rolling 1-4 ['73 card] 43 times during the course of the season. Unfortunately for Stinson, and also Stefanacci, 18 times a split number "20" was drawn, leaving him with a double instead of the home run. "Those 18 "20s" were very painful," groans Stefanacci. "Can anyone beat that as a record?"...Another unlikely hero who made it big using the '74 cards was Otto Velez of the New York Yankees. Gary Fell of Arvida, Quebec, played a double-elimination tourney with all the baseball teams. And the Yanks, after dropping their first game, came back to win eight in a row and win the tourney. Velez (a .195 hitter, but with a "-2" throwing arm) hit a two-run homer to help win the finale, 5-4, over Houston, plus earlier he had cut down Ralph Garr of Atlanta at the plate in the eighth inning with a powerful on-target throw from right field...

Directory Additions

Tom Oldweiler, 2408 Meadow Lark Ln., Columbia, MD 65201 [442-0247]; age 13; plays baseball, basketball and football, but prefers baseball and basketball. Belongs to three face-to-face leagues.

Paul Hutchinson, Box 86, Val Rita, Ontario Canada, PDL 2Q; age 24; plays baseball; will correspond.

Jeff Evenson, 3606 Pheasant Dr., Rolling Meadows, IL 60008. Plays baseball and basketball.

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David Liebeskind, 291-6th Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11215 [212-965-4773]; age 13; plays
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Jim Norquist, 9966 Dakota Circle, Bloomington, MN 55438 [831-6641]; age 13;
plays baseball.

Brent Goodwin, 914 South Interstate 45, Caesar's Palace Apt. 216, Conroe, TX
77301 [713-756-0924]; age 14; plays mainly baseball, belonging to play-by-mail
league.

Steve Gross, 31 Eaton Rd., Syosset, NY 11791 [516-WE-12966]; age 14; belongs
to play-by-mail league (EOTA) in baseball.

Bob Ponte, 2517 Buddy Dr., Bakersfield, CA 93307 [805-3256155].

Dave Almond, 2517 Buddy Dr., Bakersfield, CA 93307.

Steve Homa, 909 Tangerine, Bakersfield, CA 93307 [805-3666845].

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