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Wins MVP Contest

## James Lewis Is Peerless Prognosticator

James Lew jeanne ixon and beware Jimmy the Greek a a prophet or forecaster. Lewis, who lives at 29 Bernard Road in Wellesly Hills, MA, was the only person to pick both MVPs correctly in the Strat-O-Matic Review's Most Valuable Player contest. Not only did he name both Joe Morgan [National] and Fred Lynn [American League] correctly, both he also correctly picked all the division (American League) correctly, both he also correctly

For his expertise at prognosticating, Lewis will receive a set of the new Strat-0-Matic Baseball cards [including extra players), compliments of the Review.

Well over a 100 gamers entered the competition, which turned out to be no contest when Lewis' performance was viewed in retrospeot. Forty-eight folks did pick Morgan to win the N.L. MVP award. But only four selected Lynn, Boston's rookie phenom, to win it all in the A.L.

Remember, the contest was begun at the outset of the baseball season. A lot of Bobby Bonds were cast, but all to no avail. A lot of votes went his way as many gamers forecast a big season for the former San Francisco Giant star who had been traded over the winter to the New York Yankees.

## How To Figure Righty-Lefty Averages

The most recent discussion of lefty-righty averages for baseball was a tumultuous time, that was obvious. Many readers wrote cards. Slowly the at a "system" that didn"t take into accoum of how to figure such lefty-righty smoke of battle wafted away--bit
averages for $S-0-M$ Baseball $\operatorname{S-D-M}$ Baseball card collection ranks only slightly
Robert Henry, whose vast behind the automobile for what makes Detar Actually, rescue again and provided a method for figuring such averages. Actury may not Henry's ideas appeared in the August, have had the opportunity to check his ldeas out, for figuring the lefty-righty his system is one S-D-M operations.

Here is how Robert Henry's system works:
[1] Add up total hits for card [front, or versus left-handed or righthanded pitcher].
[2] Subtract walks and hit-by-pitches from 108 . 25 to hits obtained in
[3] If player's from 1972 American League, add
step No. 1. 100 to the figure found in step No. 2.
5 Add 3 by figure of step No. 4--result is batting average.
Example: Jim Northrup [elementary], 1972.

| $\frac{\text { Hits on }}{1-7[1-6]}$ | - | $\frac{\text { Value }}{[.3]}[6]=$ | 1.8 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1-8 | - |  | 5 |
| 1-9 | - |  | 4 |
| 1-10 | - |  | 3 |
| 2-4 | - |  | 3 |
| 2-5 (1-19) | - | [.95] [4] $=$ | 3.8 |
| 2-9 | - |  | 4 |
| 2-10 | - |  | 3 |
|  |  | Total | 27.6 |
|  |  | Step 3: HITS | $\frac{25}{52.6}$ |


| Walks |  | $\frac{\text { Value }}{5}$ |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| $3-6$ |  |  |
| $3-11$ | - | $\frac{2}{7}$ |
| Total | - |  |
| Step $2: 108-7=101$ |  |  |

Step 2: $\quad 108-7=101$
Step 4: $101+100=201$
Step 5: 52.6 divided by $201=.2616$

Step
HITS $\frac{25}{52.6}$
[real-life average: .261]

Example: Jim Northrup [1972] vs. left-handed pitching

| Examp |  | Walks |  | Value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hits on | $\frac{\text { Value }}{5}$ | 1-11 | - | 2 |
| 1-8 - |  | 2-8 | - | 5 |
| $1-9[1-13]-$ | $\frac{2.6}{7.6}$ | 2-12 | [ HBP ] | 1 |
| Total Step 3: | $\begin{array}{r} 7.6 \\ 25 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 3-5 | - | $\frac{4}{12}$ |
| Hits | 32.6 |  | Ot | C |

Step 2: $108-12=96 ;$ Step 4: $96+100=196$ [at-bats]; Step 5: 32.6 divided by $196=.1663$; real-1ife batting average against lert-handed pitchers was .164 , according to the Detroit Free Press.
Example: Jim Northrup [1972] vs. right-handed pitching



Here, however, is how the method presented in the August, 1975, Review handles Jim Northrup's 1972 season:

Elmmentary: It fails to handle this situation.
Against right and left-handed pitching:

"According to this method, Northrup hit . 076 against lefthanders and . 292 against righthanders. This is 88 points from the Free Press figures against lefties and 15 points off on righties. Any fan who has played the game for even one hour knows that he will hit far better than has played the game 076 with that card. Northrup hit. 079 on his own card, and for him to hit. 076 overall the average pitcher would have to have fewer than five hits on his card. Even the great pitchers have difficulty getting cards with fewer than five hits.

Although cards from different seasons cannot be compared with rigorous precision, they are similar enough for people to see that if 1969 Billy Grabarkewitz hit . OS2 with no hits and only one walk [3-12], then Northrup will hit much better."

Runaway In All-Star Baseball Replay
Richard Zaborsky has found some friends to take on those mixed all-star baseball replay oruises he loves to embark on. Zaborsky, who has gone through numerous 162 -game S-0-M replays with a fellow gamer in the past, joined with three other dice-rollin' addicts and formed what is called The League.

The format is still the same--each roster contains a sprinkling of modernday, Dld-Timer and Hall-of-Fame players--and all games are face-to-face. The quartet, in addition to Zaborsky, includes Bob and Bill Hazel and Bob Frank. The League, Zaborsky reports, has already completed one draft replay and is heavily into a second.

In the recent endeavor, each manager had six HOF players, eight Old-Timers and 11 from either 1963 or 1965-1974. The rosters, as one can imagine, were something else!

Bob Hazel, who won the pennant by a comfortable 12-game margin, for instance had Joe Jackson, George Sisler, Willie Mays ['65], Wank Aaron ['71], Dick Allen ['66], Christy Mathewson (HOF], Bert Blyleven ['73], Stan Musial, Ken Sanders [,70], etc

In such an ali-star replay obviously there were many highlights. Here are just a few the quartet experienced:

* Bill Hazel's Babe Ruth won MVP honors after batting . 316 , hitting 68 home runs, driving in 148 runs, scoring 122 and producing an amazing .743 slugging percentage.
* Bob Hazel's Grover Alexander won the Cy Young Award [despite the presence of Cy Young himself in the leaguel with a $20-15$ record, 4.06 ERA and league-leading five shutouts
* Joe Jackson, George Sisler, Mays, Allen and Aaron--the first five batters in Bob Hazel's lineup--all drove in 100 or more runs.
* Mays twice hit three home runs in a nine-inning game
* Bob Hazel's team also hĐd five. 300 hitters and a team average of . 298; Bill Hazel's club had four . 300 swatters and belted 282 home runs.
* Even Zaborsky, who was destined to finish last, had his moments. Once

רis team rose up and smashed Bill Hazel's squad, 21-14, mainly because of foar [continued on following page]
three-run homers, a grand-slam and a solo blast--easily the highest sooring game of the season.

* The pitchers had their moments, too, despite facing heavm-ar Dowell ['65] attacks almost every outing. Alexander, Rube Waddell [HDF] and Young all threw one-he by Charley Gehringer. Ro-hit bid on a two-out, ninth-inning single by C



## Looking For Back Issues Of Review?

The following back issues of the Strat-D-Matic Review may still be purhased. Send to the Strat-D-Matic Review, P.D. Box 27, Otsego, MI 49078 1975 - Dec., Nov., Oct., Sept., Aug., July, June, May, April, March, Feb., Jan.; 45\$ per issue.
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## Readers Roll ${ }^{〔}$ Em

BEST OF REVIEW WANTED
I would like to see you come out with one edition of your fine publication that reprints your very best columns, playing tips, Readers Roll' Em letter, etc. that have ever been submitted by the gamers during your existence

There would be many good reasons for doing this--such as giving you a chance to "beef up the material that is printed by having a two-month period between the actual printing of newly sub mitted, original material. It would also give the new subscriber chance to catch up on the highlights of the last few years, as lights of er a chance to take a "journey through the past.

I think this type of concept would make for your finest single issue ever printed.

> Bill Hansing
> 1031 S . Parker Or. Evansville, IN

Editor's note: Hopefully just such an issue can be printed soon. We are now gleaning what we consider to be the "best" out of back issues.

COLUMN WAS ON-TARGET
Peter Ennst's column in the November Review was long overdue. Loyalty is needed for a league to be successful. I've never been in a play-by-mail league, but get the impression that too many league presidents expect too much from their managers

Ernst points out that managers may be forced to resign "through problems not of their own fault." peaque presidents and commissioners should remember that such things as school work and family are more important than Strat-0Matic.

They should not report a manager to some "clearinghouse" because things other than $\mathrm{S}-0-\mathrm{M}$ enter his life. It's only a game and the object should be to promote friendship, not make enemies and create elitist organizations that strive to exclude people. I see no place for the "clearinghouse" or the S-O-M Associates. I hope Harold

Richman [S-O-M creator] will not let hese groups have too much influence. The future of the company should be determined by all of its customers, including those who don't read the includi

On a lighter note, I hope the college ootball game will have some teams from the current season.

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& \text { Craig Heiland } \\
& \text { South Gate, CA }
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Editor's note: The latest word from S-D-M indicates that probably the best 0 oollege teams from the 1975 season will be included in the game's first set.

REVIEW 'DROPOUT' RETURNS
I have been subscribing to the Review for a little over a year now and I am trying to get back into the S-O-M scene. I dropped out of "public" life only because the Review was printing letters that didn't mean a darn thing. Instead of playing $S-0-M$, such as this publication suggests, some poor "simpletons" sit and figure out what $1 / 6$ of $1 / 6$ is and worry about where Hal Richman will place hits on player cards. Mr. Richman is a nice man, I've cards. Mr. Richman the hits where he believes is right. If anybody thinks believes is right. job anybody your own game company.

Another thing that disturbs me about the Review is how some people can sit down and form "clearinghouses." Do you know why we "need" clearinghouses? It's because people who could be great managers and coaches are letting success managers and coaches the meantime, are pass them by and, in the ming to form meaningless clearingtrying

Other subjects I would like to touch on include: Teams of the 1960s --口ivision winners alone wouldn't be bad, but all teams would be too expensive and time consuming, taking time, money and production efforts away from the game company.

No-Hitters -- no way! Changes in the ootball and basketball games -- Yes. Terrific! The Review had a good summary f the football changes and the basketof the football changes bame should be the best ever. ball game should be the best ever. Hockey game -- Yes! Definitely needed.
More pitchers' hitting cards -- another More pitchers' hitting C
thing definitely needed.

Roger Simmons, Plandome Manor, NY

JAPANESE BASEBALL, ANYONE?
Why doesn't S-O-M come out with Japanese League baseball cards, or at least the top two or three teams? You could also or three teams? Hall-of-Fame print a Japanese hallo with some of their super stars. It would also be fun to see how some of the ex-American players are doing.

If you just had the top two teams I can't see how it would fail to sell. Many people who are not familiar with Japanese baseball [which is most people] baseball buy it as an oddity.

I think it would sell better I think it would sell better
han football [college] and maybe better than the basketball game. In my one personal poll of people who own S-D-M games, all said they would buy the two top Japanese teams; some might buy one or two of the best college teams each year; and none would buy the basketball game.

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& \text { Craig Seeman } \\
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& \text { Brooklyn, NY }
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Editor's note: We have a feeling that Japanese baseball teams are not high on the priority list at Strat-0-Matic--despite the poll.

RIGHTY-LEFTY BATTING
I have read many different methods of computing batting methodes from the advanced averages from the advanced baseball cards. I have also of the same.

Now, totally in a fog, I can only asky why the game company does not add this statistic to the cards. Surely they use it in computing the cards, so where's the trouble?

Another statistic conspicuously missing from the cards is RBI. Yes, I know this is not infor into the cards, but it is the most important hitting is the most impord be a great statistic and wauld be
aid in making lineups.
In regard to Matt Lorenz's excellent and most interestin football replay [Oct., 1975], what does "most representative" mean? If he was choosing the
best of each franchise how could the ' 67 Packers and '68 Rams not be picked?

So, keep up the good work and tell me, what is the best method for computing averages?

## Adam Burrows <br> 5 Clubway Lane <br> Hartsdale, NY

Editor's note: Robert Henry's method of figuring righty-lefty averages is presented in this issue. It is definitely one of the best--if not the bestwe've seen. As far as batting averages on the advanced side of the card, $S-0-M$ opted for putting the amount of playing time against righties/lefties. This would enable you to platoon players accordingly, as was the case in real-life. WANTS RETURN OF 'DIRTY DEALERS'

The November Review was missing one of the finer monthly features: the 'Dirty Dealers" section. People talked to at both the Chicago and National Conventions, my local dice-rolling comrades, and even people at school who've never heard of Strat-0-Matic but just happen to pick up my Review, vocally support this as one of the best parts of the Review.

Don't ask my why. Perhaps it's ause it's the lone police force that becaus the $5-0-M$ world in line with keeps the S-O-M world in Utopia. On the other hand, it may be human nature that makes it so popular-the desire to see a man beat when he's down. I'm sure that nine times out of ten it's the former and not the latter, though.

In the same issue, I can really appreciate Steve Smith's want ad. glowed with probably get them from Robert Henry.

I'm sure there were several people [I I'm sure there were were skeptical was one of them that were skeptical when they saw my ad in the Dot. Review, calling for 34 managers for an Old-Timer replay. But, 10 and behold, my prayer were answered as 39 people showed interest in the league. The league $s$
ed Nov. 15, and I hope to submit a ed Nov. 15, and I hope to submit a final report to the Review on "good managers" by Peter Ernst's definition in his column in the Nov. Review.

Dale Barnes
Park Forest, IL
Editor's note: It has been all quiet on the "Dirty Dealers" front of late. But the Review will soon be printing another list of people to avoid.

ONLY THREE FAULTS
This letter was prompted by question in a back issue of the Review that concerned the definition of "Short Yardage." I have always deleted the short yardage rule from my games beause it violates a basic tenet of the $5-0-M$ advanced football-namely, that whenever you strengthen one area, you weaken another.

The short yardage defense allows the defense 13 men on the field. Why not allow the free safety to cover both the long and short pass zones on an obvious passing down? I'm sure you see passing dow. As long as the free the point. As long the flat or safety can move into the flat or
look-in pass zones, you can blitz look-in pass zones, you can blitz two linebackers on short yardage while still covering two of the three flat pass zones. If you wish to blitz all three linebackers, you'll just have to leave something open.

My secand gripe with the game is that there is no differentiation between runners with respect to the frequency of fumbling. That onnot be major stumbling block, cannot be a major stumbling block and it is absurd that all runner on one team are either penalized or rewarded because the aggregate
of fumbles is high or low. Also, I don't think that any team should have no possibility of fumbling. If the ' 74 Cardinals play the ' 74 Rams, the Cards cannot fumble at all. There should be at least the chance of a "F1, $2,+1,3-12$ " on a die roll of 2 or 12 for every runner, no matter how few times he fumbled during the regular season.

Here is a suggestion for S-O-M to contemplate for next year's cards: blocking ratings for the backs. This is a very important part of the game, and is the reay many backs start while better runners bench. Perhaps a "7" result could be a check on the other back's blocking rating. If a poor blocker is put in [or three wide receivers] the team's pass blocking would be reduced by 1. Blocking attributes are especially important to those players who enjoy draft leagues, where the choice of backs is more
open.
These are not just idle gripes on my part. I've been playing the advanced football for over five years now, and I don't spend time on things which I feel are inferior. When one considers the complexity of the game and that there are only three faults I can find...

## Carl J. Olson

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Amherst, MA
Editor's note: The "Short Yardage" defense, as devised by S-0-M, was intended for use on third and fourth down situations, and with three yards or less to go for a first down. Many people have used it otherwise, however, and, admittedly, it gives an unfair advantage to the defense. The GKSML in its football leagues also dropped the use of it. If it is used, we suggest definite guidelines being established as to under what circumstances it may be employ ed. Hegarding the team fumble concept S-0-M had to use it in order to obtain realistic results. Many fumbles in real-1ife are the result of poor handoffs from the quarterback to a back The BB But, since Tha日 with the ball, quarterbacks seldom run with the ball at least in comparison to the other backs, it wouldn't do much good (nor create realistic results] if the $Q B$ had a high fumble frequency rating. Thus the reason for the team fumble rating. Some teams, as noticed, do not have any fumble chances on their offensive cards. It is $5-0-M$ 's contention here that the team fumbled so seldom that the defen sive cards will account for the number of bobbles committed. Having a fumble reading on the offensive cards, no matter reading on probelil the how low a probability,

APOLOGIZES FOR ERRDR
In regards to Bob Tate's comment in the Oct. Review, Readers Roll' Em, I went back and checked my schedules for each team. The comment was about my ' 72 Football replay in which the totals for wins and losses came out 168-170. He was right. Los Angeles was not 6-8 as I reported, rather 7-7

I would like to apologize to Bob, to S-0-M fans everywhere, but mostly to the Review for giving you false information.

Dick Hunt
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## Guest Columnist

ELIMINATE , TQUCHDOWNS'--ON KICKDFF, PUNT RETURNS

## BY CHARLIE ROGERS

Rockaway Beach, NY
The American Legion Strat-0-Matic Football League of Rockaway Beach, NY, highly nation of "touchdowns" from the punt and kick return cards.
our games and maybe it has done the same the 1974 National Football League
In 364 regular-seasan games during the or touchdowns and nine punts returnseason, there were four kickoffs retur. In 44 games in our league, we have ed for touchdowns, for a tour of each.
Here are the kicks [K]:

| in punts [P] and Kicks [K]: |  |
| ---: | :--- |
| Att. | $\frac{\text { Yards }}{290}$ |
| Parrish [P] | $\frac{\text { Average }}{36.3}$ |
|  |  |

Metcalf [K] $11 \quad 515$ 46.8 3 not indicative of what these players
As you can see, these figur
did in the regular 1974 season.
These unrealistic stats disrupt our leaque and evidenced by a recent game tween the two teams that had the above players on their squads. In the game, t. Louis punted seven times out of bounds intentionally, from all parts of the field, so as to not allow Parrish a chance to score. To retaliate, Cincinnati kicked three on-side kickoffs to keep Metcalf in check. This takes m
from a game that I consider the most realistic game I've ever played. rom a game that louchdowns remain on the cards even after a runner surpasses since the changed his number of touchdowns for a season, we sug is still available and you still to a long gain. In this way the touch of the game.
maintain the realism ond change would enhance the Our league definitely feels that this suggested game. Comments
from the Review.


## Baseball Playing Tip

Jim Elliott, the avid S-O-M gamer out of Orange, CA, who makes frequent trips into the past to play the greatest baseball teams--the Old-Timers--against incorporated a method for pitchers' hitting that you may be interested in adopting.

The system he uses was created five years ago and jim finds it highitting successful, especially since it takes
prowess, or lack of it, for pitchers.
What he does is use the mameless player batting cards and ohart:
correspond to a pitcher's batting perfor
PITCHER's HITTING CARD SCALE

Pitcher's BATTING
Below . 195
.195 - . 204
205 - . 214
.215 - . 224
.225 - . 234
$.225-.234$
$.235-.244$
.235 - . 244
.245 - . 254
.255 - . 264
.275 - . 284

Hitting Card To Use

- $\quad \frac{\text { Hitting Card To Use }}{\text { No. } 1 \text { or No. } 2 \text { card, as stated }}$
- No. 3 hitting card
- .210 nameless player card
- $\quad .220$ nameless player card
- . 230 nameless player card
- $\quad .240$ nameless player card
- $\quad .250$ nameless player card
.260 nameless player card
.270 nameless player card
. 280 nameless player card
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## Popular Grid League Found In Philadelphia Suberbs

Strat-O-Matic Football is the bond that has brought 12 adults together in the Philadelphia area. And the bond seems to be growing stronger year after year. The name of the league is the Philadelphia Suburban Strat-0-Matic League [PSSOML], consisting of members all living in suburban communities outside of Philadelphia.

The league was organized five years by Al Mazzei and John Scalise, both devoted sports nuts. John was the Christopher Columbus of the league, spotting S-O-M Football in a sports publication,


AL MAZZEI [LEFT], JDHN SCALISE PSSOML Co-Founders Pose With League's Championship Trophy sending for the game and immediately Finding it superior to other football table games tried.

John was also the organizer of the head-to-head league that was launched in the fall of 1971. Eight members picked teams [the top eight] out of a hat... and the PSSOML was off the launching pad.

Scalise, who's now 31 and sells swimming pools for a living, got the last pick and, as luck would have it, drew the Pick and, as luck would have it, drew the
New York Jets and went on to capture the Hew York Jets and went on
league's first Super Bowl.

A 13-game season was played with the eight members divided into an $A$ and $B$ division. That first league was so enjoyable that a second 13 -game season was begun in the spring. This time 10 teams were used [two new members] and surprising San Francisco, guided by Tom Brown, picked off homors.
"Since that time we have played two 13-game seasons per year, one in the fall
and one in the spring," points out Scalise. "We draft new teams each year and have had some changes in the draft. Now each member draws out of a hat a number and then he selects his own team. Each year we use the new teams we receive from the game company. Also, for the second or spring league, we eliminate all the previous teams picked and use the next best ten teams. This gives us a chance to use the less talented teams and to see who the better ooaches are."

The league is usually divided into two divisions, with picks one to Five in A and six to ten in B. Each team in a division plays the others in the division twice and plays teams in the opposite division once apiece.

No trades are allowed, rules are the same as Given by $S-0-M$, except that injuries are eliminated.

Division champs [the top two teams qualify for the playoffs] meet in the Super Bowl and the winner has his name insoribed on a beautiful traveling trophy

[^0]John, Al and Bill Stowe have been the most successful, each winning two Super Bowls. All three attended the National strat- John finished in the final eight, losing in Brooklyn and did quite well, too. John reached the final 16 and Bill went to one of the Garfield brothers,
through three rounds
The league, incidentally, mere standings are kept current.
For the game. Stats and
Now, who are those guys that compr information should be presented regardMazzei. First off, a little background information shile winning two Super ing Mazzei, who has been in six of the elght play teacher
Bowls. Al is 30 years old and a special education teacher members. A construct-
Floyd Bucci, 25, is another of the league's original members. A playing on ion worker by trade, Floyd was an excellent gridder himsel, of the Los Angeles the same team as Heisman Trophy winner John

Mike McArdle, 27, has been Super


MCARDLE BROTHERS, BARNEY [LEFT], MIKE [RIGHT]


EX-GRIDDER FLOYD BUCCI [LEFT], CONFERS WITH LEAGUE'S YOUNGEST MEMBER, JIM GALLAGHER [RIGHT] Bowl champ once, is a case worker for special school and part of league's brother combination.

Barney McArdle, 22, second half of prother combo and another of league's charter members. Also works in special education.

Jim Hackman, 29, another of league's pioneers. Has yet to win a Super Bowl, although did reach finals last year. Jim is a union carpenter.

Sam Rossi, 30, works for trucking firm and has joined league in last year or so. Vincent DiJulio, 27, an insurance salesman, is another recent addition, as are Jim Gallagher, 21, a mailman, and Rich Sculli, 30, a school mailman,

Three original members of the
league currently on leave are: Bill Stowe, 29, who works for Atlantic Dil Company; Tom Brown, 24, a student; and John Hartnett, 27, who is studying drama at the University of Miami, Fla.

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## Thar She Blows...

Scott Brewer and Brad Cummings of Kirkland, WA, have devised a chart that has the wind playing a factor in S-O-M Football

Before each game two dice are rolled and the result [see chart] gives the wind factor [effect on yardage] for punts, kickoffs and field goals. The gamesters must determine the direction the wind is blowing before the game, of course.

Remember to switch sides every quarter and add or subtract the wind factor as was determined before the game. CHART
2 - No wind
3 - 10 -yard wind
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Wind chart for S-0-M Football [con't]
5 - 6-yard wind
9 - No wind
10 - 7-yard wind
7 - 3-yard wind
12 - 15-yard wind


## Advertisements

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## Wanted

WANTED: 1969 Seattle Pilots and 1969 Washington Senators. Also wish to obtain 1966 Atlanta Falwons, 1967 New Orleans Saints, cons, 1967 New Orleans Saints, 1968 Cincinnati Bengals, 1969 Pittsburgh Steelers and 1969
Chicago Bears. Will accept Chicago Bears. Will accept lowest bid only. Will respond
only to lowest bidder. Will accept separate bids on each item but wish combination bids. Contact: Kenneth Holdren, 112 Roane Drive, Hampton, VA 23369
WANTED: I would like to join a face-to-face football league in the San Francisco Bay area. I have league experience from a play-by-mail bassball league I am currently managing in. If you know of a face-to-face league nearby, please call: Steve Berringer, 43 Bayo Vista Way, San Rafael, CA 94901. [415] 454-5868.

WANTED: All 261969 football teams. Will pay $\$ 26.00$ for these teams; must be in very good condition. Also will pay $\$ 5$ for the 1968 New York Jets and $\$ 3$ for the $1968 \mathrm{~K} . \mathrm{C}$. Chiefs; must be in good 1968 K.C. Chiefs; must be in good
condition. If interested, contact: condition. If interested,
Ray Rzeznik, 181-39th St., Pittsburgh, PA 15201
WANTED: Desperately need 1963 Dodgers. Will pay very well.

Write: Hugh Beyeler, 1015 N. San Gabriel, Azusa, CA 91702; or call [213] 334-8380.
WANTED: Original deluxe basketball game from 1972-73 season. Will accept lowest bid on game parts and 17 teams. Send bids to: Roger Simmons, 84 Luquer Road, Plandome Manor, NY 11030
WANTED: Someone to teach me how to play Strat-0-Matic Football and/or basketball by mail. Preferably someone who has time to play a series versus me. I'd also like to know how to draft in these two sports. Write: Dick Hunt, 424 North Main St., Ovid, MI 48866
WANTED: Will pay $\$ 2.50$ each for 1969 and 1970 Twins in good condition. David TerWee, Fairview, SD 57027
WANTED: 1971 and ' 72 Red Sox, preferably in good condition and with extra players, if possible. Bids accepted up to 15th of the month. Include SASE for response. Send to: Mike Collins, 404 Studebaker St., Mishawaka, IN 46544
WANTED: 1969 New York Mets; good condition. Will pay good price. Send price to: Doug Williams, 6954 Cumberland pl., Stockton, CA 95207

WANTED: 1968 through 1970 Baltimore Colts; 1968 Chiefs and Bears [or Gale Sayer's card]. Will pay well, or trade early 1970s teams in all sports. Write: Norristown, PA 19401 omstock Circle,

## For Sale

FOR SALE: 1962 baseball - \$70.00; 1963 baseball - \$70,00; 1964 baseball - \$65.00; 1965 baseball $\$ 40.00 ; 1966$ basebal1 - $\$ 40.00$; 1967 baseball - $\$ 40.00$; 1969 baseball - \$27.00; 1970 baseball - \$25.00; 1971 baseball - \$20.00; 1972 baseball - \$18.00. Larry Wolf, 3329 Monticello Court, Anchorage, Alaska 95503
FOR SALE: 1,000 S-0-M players from 1968-1974. Sold only in groups of 100! Prices range from 100 for $\$ 3.00$ and $\$ 2.50$ for every 100 after that. Include postage and SASE. Packages contain players from every year, including some 96 additional players. Checks are accepted and money will be returned if sold out. Steve returned if sold out. Steve Flentge, 3o N. hoselie Ra., Schaumburg, IL 60172, or call 312-885-7593.
FOR SALE: 1968 Cardinals, Tigers, Giants, Orioles; 1971 Pirates, Tigers, Yankees, hoyals, White Tigers, Yankees, hoyals, White
Sox; 1972 Tigers, fed Sox, A's, Indians, Reds, Braves, Pirates. Indians, Reds, Braves, Pirates.
All in excellent shape. Minimum All in excellent shape. Minimu
bids - 1968, $\$ 4.00$ each; 1971 , bids - 1968, $\$ 4.00$ each; 1971,
$\$ 2.00$ each; $1972, \$ 1.50$ each. Will sell to highest bidder. Will take the lot for $\$ 35.00$. Send check or money order to: David C. Bowman, 251 10th St. Apt. 40, Atlanta, GA 30318
FOR SALE: 1963 Cleveland, Los Angeles Angels; 1969 San Francisco; 1967 Reds; 1968 Reds. WANTED: 1970 extra players; will trade 1963 Reds [missing Joe Nuxhall]. Keith Fosner, 375 7th Ave. So., Fargo, ND 58102
FOR SALE: Football-1970, 1971, 1972; baseball - both leagues 1972, National League 1970. Have various teams 1968 through 1972 I will sell individually. Good comdition. Best offer. John Riley, 5229 Lucille Lane, Shawnee, KS 65203

FOR SALE: 1973, 1974 card sets with extras and all players in excellent condition; $\$ 14$ for each set. Also, baseball game with all parts, \$3. Basketball card sets for both years in good condition, $\$ 7$ each. Basketball game,
$\$ 3$. I pay all postage. Send
cash, check, or money order to: Mike Rennick, P.O. Box 136, Berwyn, PA 19312. All money sent after a purchase will promptly be returned.
FOR SALE: Complete baseball set for 1973, in good condition. Also, 74 Reds, Dodgers, Rangers, Phillies, Yanks and Red Sox. Send bids to: David Goldman, 21 Lorretta Dr., Syosset, NY 11791
FOR SALE: Used mimeograph machine with $\$ 20$ worth of supplies. Entire package costs $\$ 50.00$, plus postage. For info, send a SASE to: Dave Surdam, 36744 Immigrant Road, Pleasant Hill, OR 97401 FOR SALE: Baseball teams; 1965 - Yank ees, Twins, Phillies, Braves, Pirates, Dodgers; 1967 - American and National League; 1966 - White Sox, Angels, Twins, Indians, Tigers, Drioles, Phillies, Pirates, Braves, Dodgers, Cardinals; 1968 - Tigers, Cardinals; 1969 - National League. Send bids with SASE to: Carl Oertel, 3894 Brookdale Ave., Huntingdon VlT., PA 19006
FOR SALE: The following baseball card sets, all in good condition. All teams listed are complete league sets and no teams will be sold separately. All teams except the 1969 set include additional players' sets. $1969 \mathrm{NL}, \mathrm{AL}$ - $\$ 10.00$ each; 1970 NL only - \$10.00; $1971 \mathrm{NL}, \mathrm{AL}$ - $\$ 10.00$ each; $1972 \mathrm{NL}, \mathrm{AL}$ - $\$ 8.00$ each; $1973 \mathrm{NL}, \mathrm{AL}$ - $\$ 8.00$ each. old-Timer card set [not including latest additions; card set [not including latest additions
$1900-1910$ set], 28 teams in all - $\$ 10$. 1900-1910 set], 28 teams in all - $\$ 10$.
Anyone willing to pay more for the teams Anyone willing to pay more for the teams may make bids up until February 9, 1976. All letters will be answered. Send bids to: Gerald Black, Mackenzie House, U.N.B. Fredericton, N.B., Camada
Editor's note: This ad may be subject to change regarding the feb. 9, 1975 date. The ad was sent in Dct., 1975, but didn't reach the Review until Dec. because of the postal strike in Canada.
FOR SALE: Baseball -- 1972 Dakland, Mets, Orioles, Boston, Tigers; 1973 Cardinals, Dodgers, Orioles, Pirates, Royals. Basketball -- 1972-73 Braves, Cavaliers, Bulls, Warriors, Houston, K.C.-Omaha, Pistons, Portland, 76 ers , Seattle; 1973-74 Bucks, Bullets. All in excellent condition. Send bids. Bidding ends Feb. 10. Will consider trades for Jets teams, Yankee teams and Yankee extra players, and Hall-of-Fame teams. Stamp assures reply. Alan Boyce, 94 Chestnut Circle, Northport, NY 11768

## League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: Attention all S-O-M Baseball fans! The ECBA [Eastern Coast Baseball Association] needs five competent managers to help form an eight-team draft PBM league. The cards bout to come out will be used [no extras]. A draft will be held as soon as everyone has their cards; the season will hopefully open April 1. An entry fee of $\$ 5$ will be charged, $\$ 3.50$ will be refunded if you inish the season. Send team names and money, or for more information write: Dave Mannheim, 19 Crestwood Drive, Framingham, MA 01701. All letters answered.

LEAGUE FORMING: An eight-team play-by-mail draft league using the new baseball cards when they come out. The entry fee is $\$ 6$, $\$ 2$ of which will be refunded to all those who complete the season. Anyone interested, write for more information to: Owight Sterling, 7 Pharris Place, Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458

LEAGUE FORMING: I am looking for six interested managers who live in the New England area to manage team in the NESOMA. The league will draft from the 1975 National League. Only reliable and experienced S-O-M players are desired. When applying, please state past S-D-M league experience [if any]. For reply send SASE to: Jeff Cohen, 85 Kensington Lane, Swampscott, MA 01907
LEAGUE FORMING: Attention Mass. and New Hampshire residents. Wanted: competent, capable, dedicated managers who think they could manage in the Merrimac Valley Strat League [MVSL. Refer to July and Sept. issues of Review. A very well run and organized head-to-head league taking place in Merrimac, MA. We are entering our fourth season and are contemplating our first expansion. We plating our first expansion. We have never had a dropout or leag
interruption. So, if you enjoy interruption. So, if you enjoy
fierce competition and consider fierce competition and consider is the league for you. Possibly one of the three or four finest head-to-head leagues in the States.

For further information write to: George Dolansky, 51 Birchmeadow Road, Merrimac, MA 01860

LEAGUE FORMING: NSOMA is expanding from its present eight to 12 N.L. draft teams next year and needs reliable, mature people to pilot the expansion teams. We will use the advanced side of the new 1976 cards, including extra players. Because of the NSOMA draft system, expansion teams won't be doormats in the league, but solid clubs with a shot at post-season play. Last season all eight managers completed their seasons. Franchise fee is $\$ 8.00 ; \$ 3.50$ is refunded to you when you complete your season, and includes price of yearbook. Fee will be collected later. If you are interested, collected send biographical material and SASE to Glenn Reigrod,
Hills, NY 11375

LEAGUE FDRMING: We are having a play-by-mail S-0-M Baseball league, basic, using the new cards and also additional players. The league is in its second vear and will consist of eight managers. Hurry! Want to start drafting. If interested, send to: Larry Vieira, 53 Shea Road, Milford, CT 064EO

LEAGUE FORMING: The Bicentennial Baseball League. The league will use the old-Timers. I hope to use all 34 teams. So, if you are interested in joining, send your name and the 34 teams in the order that you want them drafted to: Russell Medeiros, 91 Shirley Ave. Revere, MA 02151. There will be a $\$ 3.50$ entry fee. Trophies will be given.
LEAGUE FORMING: Looking for 11 or more reliable managers for a new PBM baseball league. We will each draft 24 players from the new ' 76 A.L. baseball cards. Managers will keep the same teams from year to year, keeping 15 players and drafting 9. There will be two six-team divisions. An entry fee in the meighborhood of $\$ 3.50-\$ 4.00$ will be required. At least $\$ 1$ returned at the end of the season. All interested parties please send a brief description par yourself and past $\mathrm{S}-0-\mathrm{M}$ experience to: Dave Bowman, 8011 Varden Dr., Union Lake, MI 48085

LEAGUE FORMING: Wanted, six managers to complete an Old-Timer league using 1960 Series B teams. A 154-game schedule, with trading, will be played. You do not have to be experienced, but reliable. There will be a $\$ 3.00$ entry fee. Send top eight team choices, but not entry
selected for league, then entry fee will be collected. Send to: Mike Savage, 3650 Hoover Ave., Endwell, NY 13760. A faster reply will get you a better choice of team.
LEAGUE FORMING: 1975 American League actual teams replay. All 12 teams if possible. To start as soon as the new cards come out. Length of season will depend on the number of managers that join. \$5.00 entry fee. Send list of teams, in order of preference and $5-0-M$ experience to: David TerWee, Fairview, SD 57027

LEAGUE FORMING: The North American Baseball Association, an established PBM league, is relocating many of its managers geographically. The NABA is geographically. The NABA is going into its 6th season in 1976 and is soliciting managers
in the Northeastern area of the in the Northeastern area of the Jersey, New York, Penn., Conn. area. This league, above all, will not tolerate under any circumstances the below-par manager who continues to fall behind and cannot meet the league schedule and committments. Interested? Qualifications: You must be at least 21 years of age and have least 21 years of age and have
five or more years experience in five or more years experience in
S-0-M-pBM. Send a 100 -word or S-0-M-PBM. Send a 100 -word or
less [minimum 50] resume as to less [minimum 50] resume as to
why you want to become a NABA why you want to become a NABA you could make to the league. Write to: J.L. Dirgo, 41A Linn Orive, Verona, NJ 07044
LEAGUE FORMING: The Atlantic Baseball League [ABL] needs managers for its 1976 replay. The league will consist of eight teams plus a "graduated draft" from the four remaining teams having the best percentages. The draft is designed to equalize competition. Each team will play 82 games, and both the first and second-place teams in each and second-place teams in each ible for the playoffs. The league season will run for ten weeks and will emphasize accuracy and promptness in the statistics kept. The league publishes a bi-weekly newsletter. Requirements for membership include: age [21], 18
if previous PBM experience; accuracy and promptness in mailing results; ownership of the new cards as soon as they are of the new cards as of five dollars to cover costs. To join: send address, phone, list of desired teams and a few words about yourself to: Ed Machado, 208 McMillian Ave., Bay Minette, Alabama 36507. [205-937-2167] Teams will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis. Join us for our second season.
LEAGUE FORMING: Starting face-to-face league in Omaha, Nebraska. Straight teams or draft league from all teams using the 1974-75 cards. \$2.00 entry fee. For more information write: Bruce and Greg Zimmerman, 3005 So. 107th St., Omaha, NB 68124, or call [402] 391-3545. CONVENTIDN: S-O-M Convention is being organized in Detroit. Tournaments, contests, displays, and door prizes are all being offered. Please send SASE to: Robert Henry, 15919 Ferguson, Detroit, MI 48227, for more information, or call [313] 835-4472.


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

## FOOTEALL

1973 - All teams available. Cost: \$11 for entire set; 75 中 per team.
1972 - All team available. Cost: $\$ 10.50$ for entire set; 754 per team.
1971 - All teams available, except Dallas; Baltimore and San Francisco are limited. Cost: $\$ 9.50$ for entire set; 75\$ per team.
1970 - Teams available include Atlanta Boston, Houston. Cost: \$2.00 for set; 754 each
1969 - Teams available include Buffalo, Cincinnati, Denver, Houston, Miami, San $\mathrm{Diego}. \mathrm{Cost:} \$ 3.75$ set; 75\$ per team.
1968 - No teams available.

## BASEBALL

1973 - Baltimore, Boston, Cleveland, Dakland, N.Y. Yankees, Texas, Kansas City, Chicago Cubs, Los Angeles, Cincinnati are only teams available. Cost: \$6.00 for set; \$1.25 for two teams; 65 e each.
1972 - Only Dakland available. Cost: 60氏.
1971 - Only Pittsburgh. Cost: 554.
All orders should be placed with the
Strat-0-Matic Game Co.' Ina 46 Railroad
Plaza, Glen Head, NY 11545 . Enclose $25 \mathbb{4}$
for handling.

## 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 to answer such questions. If your question regarding ratings does not appear in the Review within three months after being sent, you may assume the rating is correct.
QUESTION: When using the basic baseball game hit-and-run and a "7" is rolled and the runner must steal, does the hit-and-run negate the catcher's holding effect or must the appropriate amount be subtracted from the runner's stealing rating?

ANSWER: You must subtract from the runner's stealing rating.

QUESTION: According to the Baseball Encyclopedia, Richie Ashburn played two games at second base for the New York Mets in 1962. What should his fielding rating be at second base?

ANSWER: "4".

QUESTION: If a punt is blocked with the football at the eight-yard line $[-12$ yards], how do you handle the play? Is it treated as a fumble yards], how do you handle the play? Is it treated as a fumble whereby if the defense recovers it's six points for a touchdown, and whereby if the defense recovers it's six
if the offense recovers it's a safety?

ANSWER: Yes.

QUESTION: If a 4,5 or 6 is rolled with the white die and a seven for the red when shooting in S-0-M Basketball, how is the next situation interwhen shooting in S-0-M Basketball, how is the next situation interpreted? Is it a passing situation (because of the 7] for the oppo
ing team, a penetration shot [if a white die reading of 4], or a switch [white die reading of 5 or 6]?
ANSWER: It becomes a passing situation.

QUESTION: After a look-in pass has been intercepted and dice roll of 3 on the After a look-in pass has been intercepted and dor interception returns has occurred, do you take "flat X-Chart for interception returns has occurred, do you take "flat
pass only--TD" or "+15" as the correct return for this type of flat pass area thrown to?
ANSWER: A look-in pass that is intercepted is not considered a flat pass on the interception return chart. Thus, the above would be a 15-yard return, rather than a touchdown.

QUESTION: During a punt, if the punt return man fumbles with 0 yards shown on the card, which team [punting or punt return] is the "offensive team" for fumble recovery dice roll?
ANSWER: The team that fumbles the punt is now considered the offensive team, the kicking team the defense, for fumble recoveries on punt situations.

QUESTION: What positions are listed on Hank Aaron's 1973 card and what are his fielding ratings?
ANSWER: Left Field--3, throwing +1 , running 1-12.


# Here's 'Game Plan' For Play-By-Mail Football 

Many people have been curious as to how to set up a "game plan" sheet for an S-0-M Football league that's played by mail. The International Football League, it appears, has answered the ory of many and devised a "plan" that is complete, easily filled out and yet won't burden the "home" coach with a set of instructions rivaling a grocery list in length.

The instruction sheet is actually the brainohild of Richard York, commissioner of the IFL, who hails from Detroit, MI. He along with Larry Fryer [Hamburg, PA] and Albert Goldson [Bronx, NY] comprise the league, which has zipped through half a seasan in just two months. Each member of the league has minime 1974 season and it has been reported the league is far ahead of its antipated pace for completion.

Every two weeks team statistics are submitted by the league's members d also every twoweeks a newsletter is published that, because of its statistical content, would make the Sporting News turn green with envy.

Back to the "game plan" sheet. There are some options on the sheet, as will notice. Dffensive and defensive [the whole thing] units should be as listed on the team card. If the back running the ball is not listed by name, you should note whether the running backs are to be alternated as far as carries, or in what specific situations each is to be used.

The IFL also uses Frank Kastelic's solo defensive chart [October, 1975 Review and has the following limitation rule as far as passes attempted, rushes and receptions: quarterbacks -- are only allowed a maximum of 45 passes over their actual total; running backs -- 40 carries over is maximum; rectivers -- 10 receptions above actual catches is maximum.

SAMPLE IFL INSTRUCTION SHEET
Teams: $\qquad$ At $\qquad$
Starting Lineup:
QB - $\qquad$
Reserves, or backups:

HB - $\qquad$
QB - $\qquad$

FB -
SE - $\qquad$
$\mathrm{HB}-$ $\qquad$
FB -
SE - $\qquad$

TE $\qquad$
Team Plays:

$\qquad$
4 \& 1 or more Field Goal attempt:

4 \& 1 or more Punt out of bounds:

When to use timeouts:

When to use onside kickoff:

Additional comments or instructions:

## Manager's signature



## S-O-M League, Replay Scene

TEN BEST PRE-1970 TEAM TUURNEY -- Bill Salloum of Saskatoon, Sask., ran off this single-elimination baseball tournament that included the four Hall-ofFame teams and a smattering of championship clubs of the 1960s...First-round Fame the NL HOF B, 11-2; Tom Seaver hurl a three-hitter as games saw AL the "Miracles Mets" of the 68 Cardinals quiet ' 61 Yankee bats with only four hits, including a the ' 68 Cardinals quiet '61 Yankee bats with only four hits, including a
Mickey Mantle two-run homer, in a $4-2$ triumph; the AL HOF B nip the 1968 San Mickey Mantle two-run homer, in a $4-2$ triumph; the AL HOF B nip the 1968 San
Francisco Giants, $2-1$, scoring the winning run in the ninth inning, breaking up a pitching duel between Juan Marichal and Stan Coveleski; and the NL HOF A outlast the ' 68 Tigers, 8-6, behind a 14-hit attack that wound up with both teams spraying out 26 safe blows... The Mets bowed out next, losing to the AL HOF A powerhouse, 8-5. The Mets, surprisingly, clouted three home runs, but were simply overwhelmed by a 19-hit HOF offense...Next, Jimmy foxx crashed a three-run homer to propel the AL HOF B team past the 1968 Cardinals, 6-1; Chief Bender fired a two-hitter for the winners...It was no contest when the NL HOF A squ $\quad$ HOF $\quad$ it, Christy Mathewson twirled a threeA squad collided with the AL hatit attack in oruising to an 11-0 victory... Finally, the championship game, matching the two HOF A teams. Pete Alexander Finally, the championship game, matching the two hof A teams. pete Alexander hurled the distance for the NL, allowing but four hits, being supported by an awesome 18 -hit assault and coasting to a 11-4 win. Only a three

ALL-STAR BASEBALL, TWO-TEAM DRAFT REPLAY -- Myron Pecora gave a friend, Ken Rice, a somewhat rude introduction to the world of Strat-0-Matic by whipping him decisively in two draft baseball replays... Both young men are 21 years old and currently students at Marshall University in Huntington, wv...Myron had played S-D-M for five years and his experience obviously made the difference played She based on, 73 ap a 101-61 record as seven players hit based on 274 . Ken's highlights were summed up 20 or more home runs and the team alt 330 average and Reggie Jackson stroking in Rod Carew leading the league with a . 330 average and Reggie Jackson strok 33 homers. . One highlight game was when the two combined for 12 homers and 28 runs... The two en joyed themselves immensely in their first season and decided to embark on another soon after. This time Ken improved--nothing earthshaking, to be sure-but his record was 66-96, an improvement of five wins... This time smashed 55 homers, drove in 121 runs and batted .314 , despite being injured for

29 games!

UNIQUE BASEBALL TOURNAMENT -- Jim Mitzelfeld of Birmingham, MI, used the 1975 baseball cards replayed a unique team tourney patterned after Mark Blake's [Nov., 1974 Review]...The teams were: Homers, Low Average, Stealing, Fielding, Walks, No Homers, Strikeouts, High Average; and many of the players wound up on more than one team [Joe Morgan, for instance, played for four]... Pitchers used were Nolan Ryan, Andy Messersmith, Gaylord Perry, Ferguson Jenkins and, in the championship game, Buzz Capra...Surprisingly, Homers nor High Average could make it into the finals; instead it was Strikeouts and Walks squaring off...Tourney MVF Joe Morgan [the man of many teams] won the game for Walks, driving in two runs in a $4-3$ win...Other highlights of the tourney for Walks, driving in two runs in a 4-3 win... Other highlights of the tourn included: Low Average, with no one over. 200 in the 1 ineup, being shut out
twice; Walks drawing 11 of their namesakes in orushing No Homers, $8-3$; Nolan twice; Walks drawing 11 of their namesakes in orushing No Homers, 8-3; Nol Ryan, pitching for both teams, striking out 29 High Average and Strikeout
swingers; Walks eliminated Homers, 1-0 [Gaylord Perry was the pitcher], as Bud Harrelson saorificed in winning run in fourth inning with bases loaded; and Strikeouts whipped High Average and sidelined them, 6-1, as Bobby Bonds hit a key two-run triple.

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BRAOSHAW STRAT-D-MATIC BASEBALL LEAGUE [BSOMBL] -- A face-to-face league in Whitman, WV, consisting of four managers, that has replayed 1971, '72 and , 73 seasons...League members are Donny Browning, Mike Cox, Ricky Gill and Dave Sheppard...Pittsburgh won ' 71 league, winning first 15 games and edging Baltimore in World Series, 4 games to 3 . Willie Stargell's bases-loaded grand slam won the seventh game for Bucs, 4-0... The Bucs repeated as division champs in 1972 , but this time Dakland put them away in four straight in the Series. Ken Holtzman won 24 games and the Series wrapperupper for the $A$ 's, who also got a lot of mileage out of reliever Dave Guisti, acquired via trade, who won 18 games and saved 12 others, all in relief... Dakland ran away with the ' 73 race, winning 126 and losing but 36 games...Holtzman again was a big winner, this time notching 26 triumphs, while Jim Hunter had an amazing 22-0 record. All told, five pitchers wan 20 or more games for manager Rick Gill's A's, who swept the Pirates in four straight in the ' 73 world Series.
Standings:

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Saltimore [Browning]
Oakland [Gill]
Atlanta [Cox]
Cincinnati [Sheppard] East
Pittsburgh (Cox) St.Louis [Browning] Chicago [Sheppard] New Yark [Gill]

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Pittsburgh [Cox]
New York [Gill]
New York [Gill]
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St. Louis [Browning]
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Batting: Torre [SL], .363; Garr [AT], .350; Clemente [PIT], .341; Murcer [NY], .330. Home Runs: Stargell [PIT], 51; Aaron [ATL], 49; L.May [CIN], 41; Jackson [DAK], 36.
R日I: Torre [SL], 129; Stargell [PIT], 125; Aaron [ATL], 120; Jackson [OAK], 115.
Pitching: Palmer [BAL], 24-10; Cuellar
[BAL], 21-9; Hunter [DAK], 23-6; Jenkins [CHI], 23-9; MoNally [BAL], 20-10 Strikeauts: Hunter [OAK], 261.

Batting: Simmons [SL], .333; B.Williams [CHI], . 330; Stargell [PIT], . 329.
Home Runs: Bench [CIN], 39; Stargell [PIT], 39; Jackson [OAK], 38.
RBI: Bench [CIN], 119; Stargell [PIT], 115 Pitching (Wins): Holtzman [OAK], 24; Nolan
[CIN], 21; Ellis [PIT], 21; Kison [SL],
21; Palmer [BAL], 21; Jenkins [CHI], 20. Shutouts: Hunter [OAK], 9 .

Batting: R.Smith [OAK], 365; A.Oliver [OAK],
. 317 ; Brock [SL], .317, Morgan [CIN], . 31 E

| Baltimore [Browning] | 80 | 8246 | Home Runs: Stargell [PIT], 37; Aaron [ATL], |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Atlanta [Cox] | 78 | 8448 | 36; Johnson [ATL], 36; Evans [ATL], 35; |
| Cincinnati [Sheppard] | 70 | 9256 | Jackson [OAK], 32; Bench [CIN], 30. |
| East | Won | Lost GB | R日I: Jackson [OAK], 111; Evans [ATL], 107. |
| Pittsburgh [Cox] | 80 | 82 | Pitching [Wins]: Holtzman [OAK], 26; Hunter |
| St. Louis [Browning] | 77 | 853 | [OAK], 22; Wise [OAK], 20; Cleveland [OAK], |
| Chicago [Sheppard] | 73 | 897 | 20; A.Foster [OAK], 20; Palmer [BAL], 20; |
| New York [Gill] | 64 | 9816 | Blue [SL], 20. <br> Shutouts: wise [OAK], 12. |



## Avoid Alleged 'Dirty Dealers’

## It has been, for the most part, all quiet on the "Dirty Dealers" front

 the past few months. There have been no new nomes added to the list, although one case of alleged wrongdoing is currently being investigated. And, we're happy to report, one case of accused fraud was quietly and quickly settled to everyone's satisfaction when the Review contacted the parties involved.Remember, especially new readers, that the "uirty Dealers" list is comprised of people who have accused of wrongdoing when buying or selling Strat-0-Matic products, and have made no attempt to answer the charges. The Review, when informed of alleged fradulent dealings, will contact the accused party. And, if the accused does not reply or explain the alleged charges, then the name is added to the "Dirty Dealers" list.

The following people, as a result, should be avoided in any future S-0-M dealings:

STEVE STREET, 1215 James Place, Danville, IL 61832 -- accused of receiving $\$ 50$ for football cards from Al Hartley, 205 S. Dohney Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90211, and never sending cards or returning money.

RICK ARROYO, 1812 Dayton Ave., San Leandro, CA 94579 -- accused of making highest bid for cards and never honoring bid. This, admittedly, is more of a minor "infraction" compared to the others, since money was not actually lost.

CLYDE MATSUSAKA, 1459 Punch Bowl St., Honolulu, HI 96813 -- accused of receiving league entry fees and never being heard from again.

DANIEL WHITMARSH, 1095 Pleasant St., Norwood, MA 02062 -- accused of accepting player cards and never sending money or returning cards.


## Directory Additions

* Scott E. Ellis, 1 Dak Ridge, Mt. Vernon, IL 62.864; 19; freshman at Red Lake College and editor of the college newspaper, "The pressing Times"; played S-0-M for six years and owns all three games; currently managing the Illinois Aces in the "Fly By Night Baseball" and "Fly By Night Football" leagues [play-by-mail].
* Mike Metcalf, 31 Rowena, Urbana, IL 61801; 23; has played S-0-M Baseball for
* Steve Berringer, 43 Bayo Vista Way, San Rafael, CA 94901; [415] 454-5868; 25; married, with one son; carpenter; has experience in baseball and football; particularly interested in joining face-to-face football league in San Francisco Bay area.

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## Where The Action Is: Strat-O-Matic Games Now Being Sold Retail

As many people are already aware, Strat-0-Matic games are being sold retail in stores across the country. Although the game company continues to do a majority of its business by mail order, there has been an inorease in the retail distribution, particularly in the last two years.

For gifts, especially, knowing the list of retail outlets might come in very handy. What is available retail consists of special S-0-M game sets for football, basketball and baseball. The set includes all the game parts, two bonus teams free from a prior season and a free mail coupon for five [football] or six [baseball and basketball] teams of your choice from the current season that could be sent for. Additional teams, of course, could also be purchased.

The two free bomus teams is the only difference between what you get from the game company and by purchasing retail. Current customers will find mail order still their best bet. But, if you have a friend or relative you want to interest in the game, or perhaps need a gift for the sports-minded, a retail purchase could be just the ticket to hours of dice-rolling pleasure--and an expediate purchase, too.

Here is a list of stores that are selling Strat-ロ-Matic games:
cALIFORNIA -- Beverly Hills [Brentano's], Costa Mesa [Brentano's], San Francisco [Brentano's, FAO Schwarz], San Rafael [Brentano's],

CONNECTICUT -- Farmington [Herman's], Hartford [Constitution Plaza Shops], Stamford [Leisure Learning Centers], Trumbull [Herman's].

DELAWARE -- Wilmington [Herman's]. DISTRICT DF CDLUMBIA -- [Simon Atlas, Brentano's]. FLDRIDA -- Bal Harbour (FAO Schwarz), Palm Beach (FAO Schwarz].

GEORGIA -- Atlanta [Brentano's, FAO Schwarz].
ILLINOIS -- Chicago [Herman's], Cicero [Herman's], Niles [Herman's], Schaumburg [Herman's].

LOUISIANA -- New Orleans [Brentano's]
MARYLAND -- Chevy Chase [Simon Atlas, Brentano's], College Park [Simon Atlas], Forestville [Simon Atlas], Hyattsville [Brentano's], Wheaton [Simon Atlas, Brentano's].

MASSACHUSETTS -- Boston [Brentano's, FAO Schwarz], Braintree [Herman's], Burlington [Herman's], Cambridge [Phillips Book Store], Chestnut Hill [Brentano's], Framingham [Herman's], Peabody [Herman's], Springfield [Herman's].

MICHIGAN -- Troy [FAO Schwarz]. MISSOURI -- St. Louis [Brentano's].
NEW JERSEY -- Cherry Hill [Herman's], Livingston [Herman's], Moorestown [Herman's], Paramus [A \& S, Brentano's, Herman's, FAO Schwarz], Short Hills [Brentano's, FAD Schwarz], Trenton [Herman's], Wayne [Herman's], Woodbridge [A\&S, Herman's].

NEW YORK -- Babylon [A\&S], Brooklyn [A\&S, Colonie, Herman's], Elmhurst [A\&S, Brentano's, Herman's], Garden City [Herman's], Great Neck [Big Top], Hempstead [AES], Huntington [A\&S, Herman's], Lake Grove [A\&S, Herman's], Manhasset [A\&S, Brentano's, FAO Schwarz], Massapequa [Brentano's], New York [Brentano's], FAD Schwarz, Herman's, Rappaport's], Rochester [Herman's], Rockville Centre [Wolf's], Scarsdale [FAD Schwarz], Staten Island [Herman's], Valley Stream [Herman's], White Plains [Brentano's], Yonkers [Herman's].

OHIO -- Cleveland [Burrows], Medina [Burrows], Painesville [Burrows], Youngstown [Burrows].

PENNSYLVANIA -- Ardmore [FAD Schwarz], King of Prussia [Herman's], Langhorme [Herman's], Philadelphia [Herman's, Pearson's], Springfield [Herman's], Upper Darby [Herman's]

TEXAS -- Dallas [Brentano's].
VIRGINIA -- Bailey's Crossroad [Simon Atlas], McLean [Simon Atlas], Seven Corners [Brentano's], Tysons Corners [Simon Atlas].

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# Key To Success In S-O-M Baseball? ${ }^{〔}$ Big D’ Stands For Defense 

Editor's note: Dave Surdam is a veteran of Strat-0-Matic Baseball league play, three times has produced pennant winners in the Pacific S-0-M League, and is well-qualified to expound on the importance of fielding toward success in $\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{M}$ Baseball.

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In the past I have spoken out on the virtues of good fielding. Yet you still see managers loading up with the big hitters or the fast runners. True, you need such commodities, but you can't avoid the obvious fact: FIELDING is the name of the game.

I have pointed out how a lineup of all 4's must bat at least . 040 hi.gher than a lineup of all $1^{\prime} \mathrm{s}$. But, let's corsider two other crucial aspects. Total bases and doubleplays. The all 4 lineup must slug at a . OBD clip better than the all 1 lineup, that's a big difference! Those two-base errors hurt [think twice when deciding on whether to use Frank Howard or Wes Parker circa 1970].

Let's take a typical situation of a man on first, none out. With the all 4 lineup the pitcher's card has 12.25 X-Chart hits and errors [out of 30 possible] and 20.41 total bases added to his normal amount of hits and walks surrendered. Plus he only has a chance of 1 out of 30 X-Chart chances to get that needed doubleplay. Cantrast that to his fellow pitcher who has an all 1 defense [assuming the pitcher's fielding remains constant] behind him. His fielders will allow 3.29 hits and errors [actually only errors] out of 30 split ohances and 17.11 doubleplay chances.

Consider that the average batter has 16-25 doubleplay chances on his card, the all 1 defense adds at least 40 per cent more chances to turn that big doubleplay. Don't underrate that. Defense makes any staff better. SHODQY DEFENSE RUINS TOP-GRADE PITCHER
Look at two elementary cards of 1975 Tom Seaver and Jon Matlack. Seaver [without considering the X-Chart] allows 21.25 on base chances on his card and Matlack 19.7 on base. Seaver's total bases [multiplying all double ohances by two, triple chances by three and home run chances by four, single and walk chances by one] is a lackluster 36.15 and Matlack's a brilliant 19.7.

Yet, consider backing Matlack with an all 4 defense and Seaver with an all 1 defense. Matlack's brilliant 19.7-19.7 marks become 31.95-40. 11 marks and Seaver's mediocre $21.25-36.15$ transforms into 24.54 and 39.94 ; making Jon a worse pitcher than Seaver [especially when you consider the increased doubleplay hopes from Seaver's great defense and the fewer extra bases on flyballs). Jon Matlack's 2.41 earned run average becomes totally useless with the lousy defense and Seaver will probably do just as well as Jon if he has an all 1 defense, maybe even better.

In other words, the all 4 defense transforms a super pitcher, Matlack, into a run-of-the-mill starter.

GREAT STAFF + GREAT DEFENSE = UNBEATABLE TEAM
Naturally real life isn't so cut and dried. But reconsider those figures presented above. The defense can make a mediocre staff very effective or make a good staff mediocre. Think if you have a great staff, a great defense will make you virtually unbeatable [depending, of course, on your opposition].

Therefore hitters like Steve Garvey, Joe Morgan, Larry Bowa, Reggie Jackson, Cesar Cedeno, Bobby Grich, Amos Otis, Dave Concepoion, etc., are very valuable since they carry respectable sticks. Batters such as Richie Zisk, Bill Madlock, Greg Luzinski, Howard, etc., are real liabilities. Rod Carew, when a 4, is a very questionable commodity. Sure he packs a great bat with brilliant speed, but can you afford a 4 at second??? That's your decision. Frankly, I'd take Grich over Carew [Grich's walks make up for his obviously inferior average].

## CanAm Joins List Of Successful Play-By-Mail Leagues

A first-year play-by-mail league that survives all the obstacles strewn in its path and completes a full season is something to be proud of for those who stayed with it. The commissioner, in particular, always deserves a pat on the back for a job well done.

Gary Fell, who lives in Arvida, Quebec, falls into the latter category. Only 17 years of age, he put together an 11 -manager PBM league that completed a 160-game season in Strat-0-Matic Baseball--the league being called the CanAm Strat-0-Matic League.

The league, comprised of 14 teams in the beginning, experienced the usual play-by-mail blues as three managers dropped out almost before the first pitch was tossed out. Undaunted, Fell quickly formed an 11-team, two-league setup of actual teams and played out--over a Five-month period--the complete schedule, plus All-Star and World Series games.

Age of the members in the league varied from 24 to 13, with experience ranging from as many as 13 years of S-D-M playing to one. Veteran gamester Pierre Dufort, 24, of St. Lambert, Quebec, guided the Cincinnati Reds to the National Division pennant, while Tim Dlson, 15, of Plymouth, MN, called the shots as the Dakland A's won the American Division. In the World Series, the A's prevailed in six games, with three of them being decided by a lone run

Other managers, their teams, and home bases included: Jim Craig [New York Mets], 16, El Cerrito, CA; Larry Nolan [Atlanta], 16, San Leandro, CA; Gene Clark [Houston], 15, Friendswood, TX; Rich Bauer [Los Angeles], 16, Port Jefferson Station, NY; Fell [San Francisco]; Scott Baker [Boston], 17, Delmar, NY; Paul Wootten Jr. [Baltimore], 15, Seaford, DE; Kevin Conrad [Minnesota], 18, Bridgewater, Nova Scotia; and Bob Bauer [Kaneas City], 13, Port Jefferson Station, NY.

Fell reports that a steady stream of communication was a key in keeping the league going. And because of a great deal of correspondence, most of the league members became familiar with each other and a camaraderie soon developed.

Dufort runs his own translating business and Fell is a commerce student at the collegiate level; almost all the others being high school students.

Fell also published a league yearbook, consisting of 17 pages of team reviews, statistical leaders, both team and individual, World Series and AllStar game results and a special awards section. Don Sutton of the Dodgers, for instance, won the Cy Young Award after compiling a $28-9$ record, striking out 321 batters and recording a nifty 1.73 earned run average. Tony Perez of Cincinnati was chosen MVP after swatting 43 home runs, knocking in 147 runs and batting. 283. Rookie of the Year laurels went to Ron Cey of the Dodgers, who belted 36 homers and drove in 102 runs.

Sal Bando won MVP honors in the World Series after batting .320, hitting one homer and driving in seven runs. Teammate Ken Holtzman was right behind after allowing but three earned runs in 18 innings of pitching.

Team summaries: [1973-season cards were used]
NATIONAL DIVISION
CINCINNATI -- Pierre Dufort won Manager of the Year honors with a club that featured the pitohing of Jack Billingham [22-13, 2.67] and Don Gullett [23-12, 2.94] and hitting of Pete Rose [.353], Joe Morgan [.346, 33 HRs, 98 RBI], Johnny Bench [.254, 39, 118] and MVP winner Tony Perez...Big Red Machine attack was so potent that Doyle Alexander rang up a 16-9 record, despite an ERA of 4.67 .

LOS ANGELES -- Featured Cy Young winner Don Sutton and another 20-game winner in Andy Messersmith...Relief staff was shaky, however...Ron Cey and Steve Garvey [.280, 23, 78] were consistent hitters and Joe Ferguson had 27 homers, although batting a puny. 246 .. Team resembled a turnstyle in late-season as Ralph Garr, Jahn Mayberry and Jon Matlack, were all acquired by trade, with numerous players departing... Mayberry and Matlack were added the last series of the season, so were of little real help.

HOUSTON -- Lost 33 of last 48 games and fell back to third place after leading division for almost three-quarters of season... Cesar Cedno [.349, 37, 123] and Lee May [.272, 36, 112] formed powerful one-two batting punch... Catching and relief pitcher were weak... Pitchers walked a staggering 475 batters.

ATLANTA -- Power was the name of Atlanta's game as Dave Johnson homered 47 times and Hank Aaron 45...Dusty Baker had great year, batting . 274 , with Baylor came to the Braves via trade; sparkled defensively, but batting averages For for trio $19-16$.
a row during one stretch and finished $20-10$, while in season after winning 20 of
SAN FRANCISCO _- Rose up out of cellar late in seasor final 32 games...Leaders were Garry Maddox [.319, 18, 74], rookie Gary Matthews [.282, 15, 64] and reliever Randy Moffitt, who appeared in 97 games and was 17-11, 2.92... Bobby Bonds and Willie McCovey each stroked 28 homers...fitching staff was spotty and starters absorbed losses like sponges.

NEW YORK METS -- Hitting attack was misnomer of word as Mets had only 98 homers--lowest of 11 teams--and batted. 244 , only one point better than Atlanta...Cleon Jones was consistent at the plate [28, 90], but there wasn't much to go with him...Tom Seaver was 23-14 and 2.15, while Matlack and Jerry Koosman also were sharp but frequently plagued by lack of batting support... Mets were slow afoot, too, stealing but 31 bases.

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

OAKLAND -- Tim alson swung a key trade that strengthened the already powerful $A$ 's and likely olinched the pennant. He brought in outfielders Manny Mota and Steve Hovley, while shipping away Joe Rudi and seldom-used Rico Carty. Rudi was hitting only . 234 when peddled... With Mota, who went on to hit . 298 , in the lineup, $A$ 's took off from launching pad and rest of league only caught glimpses of them after that... Rollie Fingers was big stopper in relief-starting role, going 24-14, 2.78...Holtzman, Vida Blue and Catfish Hunter all made for a formidable starting cast...Leaders on the attack were Reggie Jackson [.304, 33, 104], Sal Bando [.275, 29, 109] and Bill North [league-leading 108 stolen bases, .284].

BALTIMORE -- Acquired Darrell Evans, Mike Lum and Marty Perez from Atlanta in trade, losing most of Golden Glove infield in the process. Hitting helped but defense wound up second to last... Lum had . 303 average and was consistent throughout season, while Evans had 30 homers and 98 RBI...Al Bumbry [.347] and Rich Coggins [.300] were other offensive weapons...Bobby Grich and Perez were major disappointments, however, batting .211 and.213, respectively. Perez were major disappointments, however, .Jim Palmer was mound stopper [20-18, 3.08], while Bob Reynolds saved 13 games.

Palmer was mound stopper batinnesota -- Rod Carew batted. 349 and stole 107 bases, joining Tony Oliva and Jim Holt as . 300-plus hitters, but Twins, pitching broke down often .Bert Blyleven was 14-18, 3.16; Joe Decker, 15-9, 3.19; and Ray Corbin, 18-13, 3.39 ; but after that it was a parade to the mound.

KANSAS CITY -- Team 4.24 ERA Killed chances; Steve Busby being only reliable starter with 19-16, 3.46 credentials...Amos Dtis [.310, 30, 104] and John Mayberry [.275, 28, 105] accounted for most of home run and run production, s Joe Rudi, acquired in trade, failed to come through, hitting but . 252. as Joe Rudín -- Lost 66 of last 92 games--a. . 283 winning percentage--and fell From first to last place...Luis Tiant was a Flop [12-23] and Luis Aparicio [.190], Rico Petrocelli [.233] and Carlton Fisk [.196] were other culprits as the Red Sox suddenly went down faster than the Titanic...Tommy Harper [.315, 82 stolen bases] and Reggie Smith [.314, 28, 96] were bright spots in a dismal season.

| National | Won | Lost | GB | American | Won | Lost | G日 |
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| Cincinnati | 93 | 67 | -- | Dakland | 97 | 63 | -- |
| Los Angeles | 90 | 70 | 3 | Baltimore | 86 | 74 | 11 |
| Houston | 82 | 78 | 11 | Minnesota | 75 | 85 | 22 |
| Atlanta | 81 | 79 | 12 | Kaneas City | 69 | 91 | 28 |
| San Francisco | 74 | 86 | 19 | Boston | 65 | 95 | 32 |

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Note also that for pitchers that require these cards, the card that more closely approximates the pitcher's walk frequency and overall power is used.

This system provides for all of the in-between intervals of batting averages, from .205-.304, within plus or minus five points, and takes into consideration probably 95 per cent of all the good-hitting pitchers of today. Since eration probably 95 per cent of all the good-hitting pitchers of today. Sin together and must retain their 1 or 2 hitting cards. But, since this type of hitting pitcher is frequently used to sacrifice and often pinch-hit for, it shouldn't make that much difference.

Another advantage of Elliott's system is that it can easily be put into practice. Once a pitcher's batting average is known, a corresponding card is used. There isn't the guesswork involved as if trying to make a card from scratch.

Pitcher's hitting statistics, by the way, can be found in the Sporting News Baseball Guide [which the S-0-M game company sells] and for the Old-Timers, in the MacMillan Baseball Encyclopedia.


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