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Old-Timer Football Poll Closes

1962 Packers, '58 Colts Most Popular Teams

Late sometime next summer you will, by the roll of a die, be able to send Jim Taylor up the middle on a fight-for-every-yard run, watch Paul Hornung sweep the ends and Bart Starr methodically pick opposing defenses apart with his passes.

The same will be true when it comes to the likes of Johnny Unitas, Lenny Moore, Alan Ameche, pass receiver-deluxe Ray Berry and such defensive meanies as Gino Marchetti and Big Daddy Lipscomb.

If you haven't already guessed, the Review's Old-Timer pro football has closed--and the 1962 Green Bay Packers and 1958 Baltimore Colts were the two leading vote-getters. The Pack will be back, thanks to 54-vote support out of the close to 75 that were cast. Baltimore, winner of that famous overtime championship game against the New York Giants, 23-17, finished a close second in the balloting, receiving 51 votes.

Strat-O-Matic creator Harold Richman, when informed of the results, inferred that a six-team set would be created and available for play by next grid season.

Choices varied widely after the so-called "Big Two," with the third highest team far behind the Pack and Colts with a vote tally in the mid 20s. The 1963 Cleveland Browns, led by the fabulous Jim Brown, finished third, followed by the 1963 Chicago Bears, 1958 New York Giants and the 1960

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Philadelphia Eagles. The 1942 Chicago Bears, 1950 Cleveland Browns and 1961 Houston Oilers [American Football Conference champion] all drew heavy support, too. Richman foresaw problems in trying to re-create the '42 Bears [because of the type of football played then, substitutions, etc.] and the '61 Oilers [a more wide-open league, thus difficult to create statistical accuracy when comparing to NFL teams].

Thus, S-O-M will be coming out with six teams when it makes its Old-Timer pro football debut. Don't despair if some of your favorites weren't picked this time around. More Old-Timer football sets are certain to follow, similar to what has transpired in baseball.

Know, for a look at the teams that should be coming your way. The 1962 Packers, called by many authorities as Vince Lombardi's greatest team, had a 13-1 record and outpointed foes by a whopping 415-148 margin. Taylor bulled his way to 1,474 yards and scored 19 touchdowns, while Starr completed an amazing 62 per cent of his passes.

Unitas threw for 19 TDs, Berry hauled in 56 of his passes and Moore averaged 7.3 yards on every run plus grabbed 50 passes as the '58 Colts went 9-3, scoring 381 points and giving up 203. The defense intercepted 35 passes en route to meeting the Giants in the "greatest pro football game ever played."

S-O-M buffs, because of the creation of the '63 Browns, will now have a chance to put the dynamic duo of Jim Brown and O.J. Simpson [what a dream draft backfield they would make] together, if they desire. Brown rolled up 1,863 yards and averaged 6.4 on each cruise. Quarterback Frank Ryan fired 25 touchdown passes as the Paul Brown-directed Browns went 10-4.

The '63 Bears were truly "Monsters of the Midway," limiting opponents to 144 points while scoring 301 and racking up a 11-1-2 record. The Bears' title team was the first championship in 17 years for wiley George Halas. George Allen, he of the ice cream delight and currently coach of the Washington Redskins, handled the defensive secondary for the Bears in those days.

Quarterback Charlie Connerly, halfback Frank Gifford, defensive end Andy Robustelli and defensive back Em Tunnell were just a few of the greats featured in the New York Giants' lineup in 1958. Of course, with the Giants it will be possible to replay that thrilling '58 championship game against the Colts.

And for the '60 Eagles, who defeated the Packers in the championship game, were such well-knowns as quarterback Norm Van Brocklin, his favorite receiver, "long bomb" specialist Tommy McDonald, and a defense that was built around middle linebacker Chuck Bednarik.

S-O-M is currently doing research on those great teams of the past. Watch for them next summer.

In This Corner...The Editors

EXPANSION TEAMS TO BE CREATED

In a break with tradition, Strat-O-Matic plans on coming out with the two expansion baseball teams--Seattle and Toronto--when the new cards become available in late January. They will be extra from the regular 24-team set and 96 additional players. Cost will be \$1.00 for the two teams.

"Because many minor league players will be included, much of the statistics will be based on guesswork," admits S-O-M creator Harold Richman. "Players drafted from the established teams will be given a card with that team, and will have to be moved to the expansion team. Thus I strongly recommend that anyone purchasing the expansion teams should also have the extra players, to help fill out the rosters." Richman adds that the two new teams are a separate entity, and need not be purchased in order to receive the regular card set. Many gamers, those who love to experiment or perhaps peer into the future, will no doubt leap at the opportunity to test the "rookie" teams as

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they make their on-field debuts.

BIG PAYOFF FOR RHODE ISLAND TOURNEY

If Strat-O-Matic Baseball's your game and monetary rewards your claim, the upcoming Woonsocket Tournament is for you. Planned for the Fifth and sixth of February, the tourney features prizes of \$100, \$50, \$30 and \$20 for first through fourth-place finishes in the best two-of-three eliminations.

A \$2 entry fee will be charged. You can lose as many as four matches before being eliminated. Any players, from any Strat-O-Matic cards, may be used to comprise your 25-player roster.

Starting time will be 8 a.m., and the site will be the First Methodist Church of Woonsocket on Federal Street. The YMCA and church are located next to each other. Also, there will be a kitchen in operation, serving food to the conventioners. If you plan on attending, and pursuing the green, Sy Duperron would appreciate your dropping him a line indicating so. Duperron can be reached at 118 Bellevue Ave., No. Smithfield, RI 02895. The Woonsocket All-Star S-O-M League out of Woonsocket, RI, is sponsoring the event, which, if successful, is scheduled to become thrice-a-year happening.

U-M GAINS REVENGE

University of Michigan made up for many painful losses in recent years to Ohio State by turning on the Bucks, 22-0, in their meeting this season.

U-M also got some measure of revenge in Strat-O-Matic, too, when Todd Newell, son of Review Co-Editor Del Newell, directed the Wolverines to a 27-20 triumph in a rematch. Del, it may be remembered, won the first meeting, 23-16, thanks to five interceptions.

Todd didn't learn his lesson (not to throw with U-M), but it didn't hurt him this time around. He put the ball in the air 17 times and completed seven for 112 yards, but didn't have a pass picked off. In fact, Todd struck through the air early in the first period, scoring off a 45-yard TD pass play.

Ohio State tied the game, 20-20, early in the final period, but a "mistaken call by Del on a short-yardage play resulted in U-M shaking loose on a 42-yard yard and setting up a late two-yard plunge for the winning touchdown.

Overall, OSU amassed 328 yards (110 rushing in 37 attempts; 218 passing off 14 completions in 24 attempts, with no interceptions), while U-M had 275 via the ground in 46 carries and 112 through the air for 387 total.

Two Winners In MVP Contest

Neil Orser, Vince Trivelpiece Call 'Em Correctly

The Review will be awarding not one but two sets of the new baseball cards when they become available later this month. Vince Trivelpiece and Neil Orser finished in a dead heat when it came to picking the Most Valuable Players. Even when their standings were checked, the two still deadlocked--calling all four pennant winners correctly, and by a surprisingly close percentage in each case.

Trivelpiece resides in Berwick, PA, and Orser over the border in Sydenham, Ontario, Canada.

The choice of Munson in the American League wasn't so surprising, as 43 ballots had his name on it. In the National League it was a different story, however, as only 11 gamers selected Joe Morgan to repeat as MVP. When the Review's poll closed, it might be remembered, Mike Schmidt was on a rampage and he appeared to be well out in front--at least in everyone's mind. Schmidt was named on 88 ballots, Pete Rose was second with 30, George Foster third with 24, Dave Kingman fourth with 16 and Randy Jones and Morgan tied for fifth place.

Munson was the choice in the A.L. on 43 ballots, with Fred Lynn, last year's MVP, second with 30, George Brett third with 29 and Amos Otis fourth with 27.

Congratulations again to Vince Trivelpiece and Neil Orser--S-O-M Baseball's peerless prognosticators for 1976!

Old-Timer League Created By Attorney **Play Ball!—Pre-1900 Style**

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Call it the "Gone With The Wind" Strat-O-Matic Baseball league, the Radbourn old, old-timer league promises to keep coming back as often as the popular movie about the Civil War days. In fact, the league's basis dates back practically to those days of Tara, Scarlet and Rhett Butler.

In reality the Radbourn League is a six-team setup that uses the great pre-1900 baseball teams. It's the brainchild of Bruce Hesselbach, a 25-year-old attorney who lives in Oakland Gardens, NY.

"The object of the league," according to Hesselbach, "is to increase public knowledge and appreciation of the great pre-1900 baseball teams. If people knew more about this era, they would find it to have many exciting and colorful stars. It is hoped that some day there will be enough of a demand for S-O-M to venture printing an 1876-1900 series."

So, where did the teams come from if S-O-M doesn't produce them? Hesselbach compiled them from his vast collection of S-O-M cards (over 5,000), matching players as much as possible and altering the cards whenever necessary. One innovation Hesselbach is especially proud of is that none of the pitchers has a home run on his card—reflecting the lack of power in those days and preventing batters from getting "cheap" home runs off a hurler's card.

Hesselbach began organizing what was to become the Radbourn League in December, 1975. Soon he found five others who shared his enthusiasm for a replay of the long-ago teams and a 160-game season was embarked on.

Teams used were the 1876 Chicago White Stockings, 1884 St. Louis Browns, 1896 Baltimore Orioles, 1887 Louisville Colonels, 1888 Washington Senators and 1899 Cleveland Spiders. The full season was completed (the Radbourn Gazette published highlights of the on-going campaign six times) and the White Stockings came home first with a



BRUCE HESSELBACH



TOM FEES

116-44 record, 11 games ahead of St. Louis.

Hesselbach brought together an interesting collection of managers to guide the pre-1900 (and post-Civil War) teams. Dennis Madej, 29, an order clerk, was the oldest member while Joe Altman, 12-year-old junior high student in Queens Village, NY, was the youngest.

Tom Fees, 17, of Richton Park, IL, who aspires to be a commercial artist, won the league's "Morris Buttermaker Award" for excellence in managing (he handed St. Louis). Both Fees and Altman, each with four years of S-O-M experience, currently participate in other play-by-mail leagues. For Madej, who lives in Buffalo, NY, the Radbourn League was his first.

David Mendonca, an eight-year S-O-M vet and a sports writer for the San Jose Sun, and Richard Rochlitz, an offset printer by profession who has been rolling dice for over 12 years, round out the lineup.

Hesselbach has played S-O-M for 12 years but is vying in his first league. A graduate of Villanova and Yale, he's a man of varied interests, including creative writing, the picaresque novel (fiction; dealing with rogues or rascals), transmography (changing often with absurd effects), cartography, exploration, the Renaissance and looking after his pet coati, Lazaro.

Future plans call for another division of play to be completed and a World Series to be conducted between the champions.

Final standings:

	Won-Lost	GB	
'76 Chicago	116-44	--	[Altman]
'84 St. Louis	105-55	11	[Fees]
'96 Baltimore	99-61	17	[Rochlitz]

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Batting: Ross Barnes (CHI)
.416; Willie Keeler (BAL)
.407; Fred Dunlap (SL)
.407.

	Won-Lost	GB	
'87 Louisville	84-76	32	[Hesselbach]
'88 Washington	59-101	57	[Madej]
'99 Cleveland	17-143	99	[Mendonca]

Home Runs: Billy D'Brien
[WAS] 15; Fred Dunlap [SL]
13; Joe Kelley [BAL] 12.
ERA: Henry Boyle [SL] 1.64;
Charlie Sweeney [SL] 2.31

* Mendonca's Spiders entrapped few foes, as the record indicates. The record, which must set some kind of low standard for futility, was made possible by a 7.73 team pitching earned run average.

Strat-O-Matic Spotlight

TESTING '27 BABE RUTH

Mike Borzenski is majoring in mechanical engineering at Michigan State University in East Lansing. As a prerequisite for his major he took a computer course, as a result of which he soon was able to write a simple program.

Using this knowledge, combined with his interest in Strat-O-Matic, Borzenski wanted to test a batter against both a poor pitcher and one that would give him a stern test.

The 1927 Babe Ruth was picked to oppose 1975 hurlers Oscar Zamora (the bad) and Tom Seaver (the good). Each faced Ruth 677 plate appearances over a 10-year span. Both hurlers were backed by "3" fielders, except their own "2" rating.

As could be expected, Ruth had a walloping good time against Zamora. He batted .394 (with a high of .446), averaged 85 home runs (high of 91), had a slugging percentage of 1.010 and struck out only an average of 74 times.

Against Tom Terrific it was a far different story, however. Ruth's average dipped to .283 (high of .299), his slugging to .621 and, while still hammering 52 home runs on the average (64 was tops), the strikeout rate leaped to 160 per season. In doubles there was also a dramatic decrease, with Ruth averaging 69 against Zamora and only 20 versus Seaver. One category where Oscar came away better was in the issuance of walks, allowing 124 per season compared to Seaver's 140.

Although many conclusions and speculations could be drawn from such a test, one point comes through clear: a good pitcher, while not always able to defuse a slugger from exploding home runs, will drastically cut down the average and the accompanying hit totals.

SHORT SHAKES

...Skip Lockwood, coming on early in relief, struck out 20 batters in 7 2/3 innings in a draft league game for Joseph Zatko of Allentown, PA. The fireballing Lockwood, '75 version, fanned the side five times. He along with starting pitcher Jerry Reuss had a total of 22 strikeouts in nine innings... Bob Olsen, who calls California home, and Bob Spellerberg of West Islip, NY, make annual trips to see one another each summer, and S-O-M is the tie that brought them together. They've had some memorables games, too. Once, with Spellerberg's L.A. Rams leading 20-14 and with one play left, O.J. Simpson of the Bills took advantage of a pass defense alignment and sprinted 56 yards around end for the winning touchdown. The two have also played the college football game, with Olsen guiding Oklahoma to a 19-9 conquest of Nebraska and then shocking Spellerberg's Michigan Wolverines, 41-7, using intra-state rival Michigan State...Ron McIlroy of Garland, TX, wanted to see what would happen if he took the best of the 1974 football season and pitted such a team against the sub-nothings. The result wasn't too surprising, as the Superstars devastated the Benchwarmers, 112-7. Lemar Parrish returned three punts for touchdowns and Terry Metcalf ran back a kickoff for the 'Stars, who featured a backfield of Lawrence McCutcheon, O.J. Simpson, Don Woods and Otis Armstrong. Only score by the Benchwarmers was a 25-yard run by Ron Johnson...Chris Lausey of Waukesha, WI, sent the '75 Cincinnati Reds against the '27 New York Yankees in a best-of-21-game series to determine the greatest team. It was all over after 16 games with the Yanks winning 11, despite Lou Gehrig not hitting a home run.

Revised Pass-Rush Chart For Football ⁶

Richard Noonan of Patchogue, NY, feels the Pass-Rush Chart for Strat-O-Matic Football could use some revamping, and he's created a new chart that does just that.

"The original and I am sure long trusted chart has statistical inaccuracies that led to situations where '3' rushes were superior to '4' and '5' in certain blitz situations," notes Noonan. "The attached chart has solved all these flaws."

Incidentally, Noonan has also devised a penalty system, using a fourth die, that rates the teams according to the number of penalties they had marched off against them in real-life. That system will be coming your way shortly.

Note, referring to the chart, that "OB" stands for offensive blocking rating and "PR" for pass-rush.

PASS-RUSH CHART

OB	PR	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5	5	I*12 +27 or X	-8* or X	-7** or X	-6* or X	-9	-8** or X	-5*** +15 +35	-7* +11 or X	-10*** +14 or X	-8** +13 or X	-8*** or X
5	4	I**16 +30 or X	-8*** +14 or X	-7** or X	-6* +13 or X	-9	-8** or X	-5*** +15 +35	-7** +11 or X	-10*** +14 or X	-8** or X	-8*** +15 or X
5	3	I***16 +30 or X	-8* +14 +34	-7** or X	-6* or X	-9*** or X	-8** or X	-5*** +15 +35	-7*** +11 or X	-10*** +14 or X	-8** +13 or X	-8*** or X
5	2	-9** +16 or X	-8* +14 or X	-7** or X	-6** or X	-9*** or X	-8** or X	-5*** +15 +35	-7*** +11 or X	-10*** +14 +34	-8** +13 or X	-8
5	1	-9** +16 or X	-8*** +14 or X	-7** or X	-6** or X	-9*** or X	-8*** or X	-5*** +15 +35	-7*** +11 or X	-7 +14 +34	-6 +13 or X	-8*** +16 or X
4	5	I +13 +35	-6	-8	-10* +15 +32	-9*** +14 or X	-7** or X	-8** or X	-8* or X	-7	-6	-8*** +14 or X
4	4	I*13 +35 or X	-6** or X	-8** or X	-10* +15 or X	-9** +14 or X	-7 +13 +31	-8*** +13	-8	-7* or X	-6*** or X	-8*** +14 or X
4	3	I**13 +35 or X	-6*** or X	-8** or X	-10* +16 or X	-9*** or X	-7*** +14 +32	-8 +11 or X	-8** +11 or X	-7* or X	-6 or X	-8*** +14 or X
4	2	I***13 +35 or X	-6** or X	-8*** or X	-10** +17 or X	-9** or X	-7*** +14 +32	-8*** +14 or X	-8* or X	-7	-6*** or X	-8
4	1	-4** or X	-6* +15 or X	-8*** +15 or X	-10*** or X	-9** +14 or X	-7*** +14 +32	-8*** or X	-8** or X	-7	-6*** or X	-8** +13 +33
3	5	I +14 +34	-8** X	-8** X	-7* +15 or X	-9* or X	-9	-7*** +14 or X	-8	-9* +11 or X	-6	-7*** or X
3	4	I*15 +35 or X	-8* or X	-9** or X	-7*** +14 +34	-8 or X	-9* or X	-7 +13 or X	-8* +13 or X	-9** +15 or X	-6*** +11 or X	-7*** X +32
3	3	I**15 +35 or X	-8 or X	-9	-7*** or X	-8** +15 or X	-9* or X	-7*** +13 +35	-8 +14 or X	-9* +14 or X	-7** or X	-6*** +15 or X
3	2	I***15 +35 or X	-8 or X	-9*** or X	-7* or X	-8 or X	-9*** +13 or X	-7** or X	-8*** +15 +35	-9* +14 or X	-7** +14 or X	-6** or X

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OB	PR	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
3	1	-8*	-8***	-9**	-7*	-8***	-9***	-7**	-8	-9***	-6**	-7
		X	or X	or X	or X	or X	+12	or X	or X	or X	+15	or X
		+33					+32					
2	5	I	-7***	-7	-8*	-7**	-8	-8*	-9	-6*	-9***	I
		+14	+16		+14	or X		or X		+14	+12	+13
		+34	+36		or X					+35	or X	+33
2	4	I	-7*	-7	-8*	-7*	-8***	-8**	-8	-6	-9	I*13
		+14	or X		or X	+13	+14	X				+33
		+34				or X	or X	+33				or X
2	3	I	-7*	-7*	-8	-7*	-8***	-8	-8**	-6***	-9***	I*13
		+14	or X	+15		or X	+14		X	+13	X	+33
		+34		or X			or X	+33	or X	+34	or X	
2	2	I	-7*	-7**	-8	-7*	-8***	-8**	-6	-6***	-9**	I**
		+14	+15	or X		or X	+14	or X	+12	+13	+33	
		+34	or X				+34		or X	or X	or X	
2	1	I	-7*	-7***	-8*	-7	-8***	-8***	-6**	-6**	-6**	-9
		+14	or X	+14	+13		+14	or X	X	+13	or X	
		+34		+34	or X		or X		+35	or X		
1	5	I	-8**	-10*	-9	-7	-8*	-8	-5*	-6**	-7***	I
		+14	or X	or X			+14		or X	+12	+14	+13
		+34					+34			or X	or X	+33
1	4	I	-8*	-10*	-9	-7	-8*	-8***	-5	-6*	-7**	I
		+14	or X	+15			X	+14		or X	+15	+13
		+34		or X			+34	or X			or X	+33
1	3	I	-8	-10**	-9	-7	-8*	-8***	-5**	-6*	-7***	I*13
		+14		+14			+13	+12	or X	or X	or X	+33
		+34		or X			+33	or X			or X	
1	2	I	-8***	-10**	-9*	-7	-8*	-8***	-5	-6**	-7***	I**13
		+14	or X	or X	+15		or X	+12		+13	+14	+33
		+34			or X			+32		or X	or X	or X
1	1	I	-8***	-10	-9**	-7	-8*	-8**	-5***	-6***	-7*	I***13
		+14	or X		or X		or X	+15	+12	+16	+12	+33
		+34						+35	or X	or X	+34	or X

Superstars Clash In Unique Superleague

"Super" can be an oftentimes overworked adjective. But truly, there's no other way of describing the effort put forth by David Laude, of Downers Grove, IL, who took the best players from each team and created a "Superleague." Laude's project consisted of 12 teams, six in the American, six in the National, and a 162-game schedule for each.

Statistics kept were mind-boggling--team and individual stats in almost every category, including even fielding. The yearbook describing the league's action ran well over 75 pages. A 'super' effort to be sure.

Teams used for the unique replay included the New York Yankees, Philadelphia A's, Cleveland, Detroit, Boston and Chicago White Sox in the A.L., and the San Francisco Giants, Los Angeles Dodgers, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Chicago Cubs and Pittsburgh in the N.L.

The Yanks and Giants ended up pennant winners, both coming from behind late in the season to take over No. 1 spots. The Yanks, for instance, were only 43-40 on July 4, 11½ games behind the A's. Then they went on a rampage that produced 30 wins in the next 36 games. Finally, in the waning days of the campaign, they overtook the A's, winning out by one game.

The Giants were even more amazing. On Aug. 4 they dropped a twin bill to St. Louis and found themselves in fourth place (53-56), six games behind the frontrunning Dodgers. They went on to win 12 in a row and 40 of the final 53 and coasted in by a whopping nine-game margin over the Dodgers.

In the World Series, the Giants rallied from a 3-0 deficit to win out in

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seven games. Jim Ray Hart cracked a three-run homer in the top of the 11th inning to give the Giants a 7-5 triumph in the seventh game. Frankie Frisch batted .438, Bobby Bonds .393 with two home runs for the Giants, while Lou Gehrig had a .423 average for the Yankees, who were missing two regulars, Joe DiMaggio and Bill Dickey, for much of the series because of injuries.

POWER KEY FOR YANKEES

New York mixed an awesome attack with a defense that committed only 89 errors to win the A.L. flag. Babe Ruth, who later was to disappoint in the World Series with only four hits in 25 at-bats, led league in homers (59) and also drove in 123 runs and scored 131. Gehrig chipped in with 43 homers, 139 RBI and a .308 average, Mickey Mantle 46 HRs, 116 RBI and DiMaggio 40 HRs and a team-leading .327 average...The A's led most of the season, despite a string of crippling injuries, until the Yanks' whirlwind late-season campaign overhauled them. Home Run Baker batted .346, Al Simmons .314, Jimmie Foxx hit 47 HRs and Reggie Jackson 35, while Rube Waddell was 17-6 on the mound...Cleveland, although never a challenger for the pennant, had a flock of individual standouts. Nap Lajoie hit .382, Shoeless Joe Jackson .366, Tris Speaker .342, Ken Keltner had 31 HRs and Luis Tiant (2.95 ERA, 266 strikeouts), Bob Feller (17-8, 236) and Sam McDowell (254) formed a fireballing mound trio...Detroit won 24 of its first 34 games but then faded out of sight. Ty Cobb led league with .396 average and stole 80 bases and Charlie Gehringer batted .318...Ted Williams was bright spot for pitching-poor Red Sox, hitting .336 with 30 HRs and 110 RBI...White Sox were shut out 22 times, although Dick Allen clubbed 36 homers and Luke Appling batted .329.

PITCHING NAME OF GIANTS' GAME

Giants on N.L. on pitching as Joe McGinnity (20-11), Carl Hubbell (16-9), Christy Mathewson (15-12, 2.75 ERA) and Gaylord Perry (12-9) formed strong staff. Bill Terry was leading hitter with .318 average, while Rodger Bresnahan (.316), Jim Hart (29 HRs) and Willie Mays (27 HRs) were other big sticks...Dodgers collapsed in late season, otherwise would have been N.L. kings. Sandy Koufac led league with 282 strikeouts on way to 17-13 record for strong mound staff. Dazzy Vance was 16-10 with 245 strikeouts...St. Louis had a wealth of hitters (Rodgers Hornsby, .359) but only two dependable starters in Bob Gibson (17-12) and Dizzy Dean (14-13), and was never really a contender...The Reds were another strong hitting, power team, but with weak pitching. Johnny Bench slammed 46 HRs and knocked in 121 runs, while Tony Perez homered 36 times and Frank Robinson 28...Three-Finger Brown was one of league's top twirlers for Cubs, winning 21 games, eight by shutout, and posting 2.60 ERA--second best in league. Cap Anson hit .312 and Ernie Banks and Gabby Hartnett swatted 47 and 37 homers, respectively.

Standings and leaders:

American	Won-Lost	GB	Avg.	ERA	Batting	
New York	98-64	--	.264	3.75	Cobb (DET)	.396
Philadelphia	97-65	1	.269	3.69	Lajoie (CLE)	.382
Cleveland	89-73	9	.263	3.90	Jackson (CLE)	.366
Detroit	79-83	19	.259	4.27	Hornsby (SL)	.359
Boston	68-94	30	.243	4.67	Baker (PHI)	.346
Chicago	56-106	42	.237	4.25	Pinson (CIN)	.344
National	Won-Lost	GB	Avg.	ERA	Home Runs	
San Francisco	93-69	--	.262	3.40	Ruth (NY)	59
Los Angeles	84-78	9	.253	3.51	Foxx (PHI)	47
St. Louis	83-79	10	.274	4.17	Banks (CHI-N)	47
Cincinnati	80-82	13	.262	4.42	Mantle (NY)	46
Chicago	77-85	16	.259	4.45	Bench (CIN)	46
Pittsburgh	68-94	25	.272	4.56		
ERA						
Gomez (SF)	2.54	Young (BOS)	2.73			
Brown (CHI-N)	2.60	Mathewson (SF)	2.75			
Hubbell (SF)	2.64	Tiant (CLE)	2.95			

Readers Roll 'Em

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STEP IN RIGHT DIRECTION

I would like to share with you some ideas concerning the Old-Timer Football teams. As was indicated in the Review, S-O-M intends to produce six to eight great teams of the past.

This is a great plus, not only for S-O-M players, but for the company as well. However, to choose only eight from so many great teams would omit not only great teams but great players as well.

It is my idea that the Old-Timer Football teams be broken down into era's as is the baseball. Examples: 1940's, 1950's, 1960's A, 1960's B, A.F.L., etc.

This would allow a variety as well as a wide selection. Also, we must be aware of the rule changes in the 1950's and the rule differences concerning 1940 clubs and 1950 teams regarding the limited substitution rule.

The idea is great but please produce more than eight teams because this is grossly inadequate to cover all the great teams from 1941 to 1966.

David Bowman
Atlanta, GA

Editor's note: The first set of Old-Timers, whether it be six or eight teams, is a starting point. If successful, watch for more sets to follow, as was the case in baseball.

PITCHER'S FIELDING

What is the possibility of S-O-M coming out with individual pitcher's fielding ratings? I would also like to see pitchers rated on how well they hold a runner on base. Do you think this will ever come about?

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Editor's note: Strat-O-Matic currently has no plans for either as of this writing. Fielding ratings for pitchers wouldn't come as a surprise to us, but pitchers' holding ratings would be obviously tougher to compute accurately and are

less likely to ever be incorporated into the game.

OLD-TIMER BASEBALL BUFF

Thank you for your existence. It's refreshing to hear of other Strat-O-Matic maniacs.

I am 23 years old, have a B.S. in biology and am an absolute, avid fan of Old-Timer Baseball, solitaire version. I am a veteran of some 3,300 games, practically all solitaire. Some of my most memorable feats were: Jim Coates, '61 Yankees, pitching a perfect game against '34 St. Louis; Joe Dobson, '46 Red Sox, Tom Zachary of the '24 Senators and Sandy Koufax of the '65 Dodgers all pitching no-hitters, with Koufax striking out 20, and Rocky Colavito of the '61 Tigers hitting two grand-slams, homering three times and driving in 10 runs in one game.

I enjoy statistical accuracy, but it is amazing turn of events that I live for. For those who want absolute accuracy, let them have it. But, please don't toy with the elementary version of the baseball game. It is simple, easy and quick. In 12 minutes the game is over and your next opponent ready. Time is of the essence in a 162-game replay.

I do have one complaint to heap on you out there in manville, about those fielding ratings. If you think so-and-so should be a "4" or "2" or whatever, don't complain, just chance the card. It's your card, after all. Harold Richman [S-O-M creator] won't zap you with lightning.

Also, please remember the dice have no memory, no matter what happens. The problem is you do.

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NAMELESS PLAYER CARDS

I have been playing Strat-O-Matic Baseball for 12 years (starting with the 1963 set) and have always used nameless cards. I have experimented with them quite a bit, including setting up a "minor league" where I can promote and demote fringe players.

I am curious to see how most other Strato freaks and the Review editors view the use of nameless cards in their leagues. For example, I added Ed Brinkman (poor---.210) to the 1975

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Yankees because they needed an extra infielder.

Art Esposito
Trenton, NJ

Editor's note: The use of the nameless players is quite common; many gamers have written mentioning they use them frequently. Some even go as far as creating cards for themselves and neighborhood chums, and then sending them up to compete in the "Bigs." The Review editors, however, do not use them--mainly because there is no call for them in GKSM play, the extra players provided by S-O-M being more than adequate to fill out rosters.

IN DEFENSE OF 'IVY'

Regarding the college football game and the selection of Ivy League teams, I think the statement, "Readers, in particular, have questioned why four Ivy League teams were included, when the brand of football played is sub-par compared to other powerhouse conferences," is indicative of the typical misunderstanding of the quality of Eastern college football in general, and in particular, football played in the Ivy League.

While it is generally true that an Ivy League team would not fair well against an Ohio State, Notre Dame, et al, the quality of competition and the depth of tradition in the Ivy League make it probably the most competitive of all the college conference, a fact recognized by ABC TV, both on its Sunday Highlight Show and its regional broadcast.

The brand of football displayed year in and year out among the Ivy League teams is also one of the most exciting brands of football on display anywhere.

If I may make a suggestion, since S-O-M produces 24 college football teams, I see absolutely no conflict with the game company producing the previous year's to 20 teams, based on either UP or AP polls, and then the top four Ivy League teams, or the top four teams from each of the major conferences, as the

game company has done this year.

Charles Black
Succasunna, NJ

S-O-M FIELDING SUPPORTED

I would like to make a few comments on some of the letters appearing in the Nov. issue.

First, regarding the letter that criticized S-O-M Baseball's fielding and the groundball A chances on Joe Morgan's card, I truly believe the way the game company handles the fielding is super. Admittedly, for some, accurate individual fielding percentages would be nice, but it is far more important to have the defense portrayed on a much larger scale: namely, to keep the opposition off base by taking away the base hit through good defensive play.

Besides, in real life team fielding percentages are usually between .975 and .980, and if one analyzes the X-Chart, the fielding percentage difference is between .985 and .970, depending upon the ratings of the fielders, so the errors work out well.

Now, concerning Joe Morgan. Looking at his 1975 card, there are six "chances" for a GB A on his card (basic side), so conceivably more double plays could occur, if one failed to notice one important aspect: after each GB A there is a ++. In real life Morgan usually hits behind Griffey, who is a threat to steal anytime. Naturally one would probably hold Griffey 95 per cent of the time, so every GB A on Morgan's card would turn into a Single** many times.

Secondly, concerning the letter that criticized the game company for not having a standard type pitching card for different ERA's, I commend your reply and would like to amplify upon it. Naturally, defensive prowess, or lack of it, will affect a pitcher's performance as to the number of hits he allows. Defense is the heart of baseball and pitching is the heart of the defense.

Therein lies the beauty of S-O-M Baseball (especially in a draft league). A good pitcher will suffer with poor defense and a mediocre pitcher will be that much better with good defense. That is the nature of the game, and S-O-M has captured that aspect to a tee.

David Bandau
Columbus, OH

What's A 'BUPERSGLAKESFTCSOMFTFL'?

Here's a quickie quiz that has a never-ending answer: what does "BUPERSGLAKESFTCSOMFTFL" stand for?

The answer will never come over your CB radio, that's for sure. Nor will a study of Egyptian hieroglyphics give you any clues.

What it means is: "Bureau of Personal Great Lakes Naval Base Fire Control Technicians Class C School Strat-O-Matic Face-To-Face League."

Actually it's a Five-member baseball league founded by Jim Freeman, who's remembered for guiding teams in the GUSSOMO and Nocturnal Glitcher leagues. Freeman gathered around him four other S-O-M enthusiasts while all were at a Naval training school and a 160-game baseball season was the result.

All, it should be mentioned, after gone their separate ways; some probably on the high seas as of this writing. Freeman, a 10-year S-O-M vet who has rolled dice for 5,287 games and experienced nine no-hitters along the way, is now stationed at Yokosuka in Japan.

TRADING GALORE; COBB TOP HITTER

Each of the managers selected, via a draft, three Old-Timer teams and then, after the first 30 games, could add two more players. A roster of only 25 players was permitted, however, and at-bats and innings pitched were strictly adhered to as listed on the cards.

Freeman, from Norwalk, CA, picked the 1909 Pirates, '19 White Sox, '53 Dodgers and, for his extras, 1954 Don Mossi and 1950 Yogi Berra.

Here is the team lineup for each manager:

* Rich Wright (Yanton, SD) - Red Sox - 1911 A's, '46 Red Sox, '61 Yanks and Whit Wyatt and Frank Robinson, '61.

* Mike Bodner (Stevens, NH) - A's - 1906 Cubs, '31 A's, '57 Braves and Dizzy Dean and '61 Norm Cash.

* Greg Pogue (Philadelphia, PA) - Giants - 1960 Pirates, '62 Giants, '65 Dodgers and Bobby Avila and Rip Collins.

* Jim Williams (Camden, SC) - Cardinals - 1909 Tigers, '46 Cards, '67 Cards and Christy Mathewson and Carl Yastrzemski, '67.

Freeman, who dubbed his team the "Dodgers," also pointed out that the '27 Yankees were banned for fear of domination of the league by Ruth and Gehrig.

Trading was heavy during a season in which each team played the others 40 times and at the end it was impossible to tell the players without a program. Freeman's experience at S-O-M paid off as he made some shrewd trades and came in first with a 97-63 record, 10 games ahead of the nearest challenger. Ty Cobb of the A's (Jim Williams sent him packing in a trade) wound up the top hitter with a .377 average, with Stan Musial of the Dodgers second at .354. Mickey Mantle of the Red Sox and Roy Campanella of the Giants each walloped 40 home runs to share the lead in that department.

HOW THEY FINISHED

	Won-Lost	GB	HR	AVG	ERA	Batting
Dodgers	97-63	--	128	.269	3.43	
Red Sox	87-73	10	125	.267	4.31	Cobb [A's] .377
A's	76-84	21	143	.263	3.60	Musial [DDD] .354
Giants	72-88	25	155	.259	4.18	Simmons [A's] .350
Cards	68-92	29	86	.249	3.98	Jackson [DDD] .333
						Wagner [GTS] .333
						E.Howard [RS] .333
Home Runs			RBI		ERA	
Mantle [RS]	40		Campanella [GTS]	119	Mathewson [CAR]	2.80
Campanella [GTS]	40		Mantle [RS]	117	Grove [A's]	3.21
Aaron [A's]	37		Aaron [A's]	112	Stafford [RS]	3.22
Mays [DDD]	32		T.Williams [RS]	99	L.Williams [DDD]	3.29
Cepeda [GTS]	27		Simmons [A's]	97	Earnshaw [DDD]	3.29
Mathews [A's]	27				Drysdale [DDD]	3.40

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Doubles: Musial [DOD], 42; Simmons [A's], 35; Baker [RS], 35.
 Triples: Baker [RS], 21; Simmons [A's], 15; Jackson [DOD], 14.
 Hits: Cobb [A's], 215; Musial [DOD], 210; Simmons [A's], 181.
 Stolen Bases: Cobb [A's], 114-35; Wills [A's], 105-21.

Wins		Strikeouts		MVP - Musial [DOD]
L. Williams [DOD]	21	Koufax [GTS]	321	Cy Young Award - Lefty Williams [DOD]
Koufax [GTS]	21	Grove [A's]	187	
Grove [A's]	18	Mathewson [CAR]	185	

TEAM SUMMARIES

Dodgers (Jim Freeman) - Musial was big gun, being among leaders in all offensive categories...Mays hit 32 homers, despite anemic .227 average...led league in batting (.289) and pitching (3.43 ERA)...Joe Jackson (.333), Bobby Avila (.318) and Yogi Berra (.320) were other offensive threats while Lefty Williams [formerly of '19 White Sox] tied with Koufax for most wins (21) and hurled five shutouts...Earnshaw, Cicotte and Camnitz comprised rest of starting staff.

Red Sox (Rich Wright) - Had worst fielding (turned fewest double plays) and worst pitching...Mickey Mantle (40 HRs, 117 RBI, 100 runs, 124 walks) and Ted Williams (26 HRs, 99 RBI, 106 runs, 135 walks) were big guns...Elston Howard hit .333, Carl Furillo .328 to back 'em up...Bill Stafford was top pitcher with 15-6 record, although Wyatt was huge disappointment, finishing 13-14 with 4.43 ERA after surrendering 34 home runs.

A's (Mike Bodner) - Best move was picking up Cobb from Dodgers in trade. He hit sizzling .377 and swiped 144 bases...Simmons was right behind him with .350 average, 25 HRs, 97 RBI...Aaron, Maury Wills, Ed Mathews and Mickey Cochrane made for awesome attack--it's surprising team didn't finish higher...Lefty Grove (18-13) was "ace" of pitching staff...Warren Spahn had lowly 5-10 record, but four of wins were shutouts.

Giants (Greg Pogue) - Belted league-leading 155 homers; Campanella, acquired from Dodgers at game No. 28, went on to share homer championship with Mantle with 40. Campy led league in RBI with 119...Duke Snider whacked 25 homers; '62 Cepeda 27, Rip Collins 21, while Honus Wagner batted mighty .333...Willie McCovey connected eight times for pinch-hit home runs...Sandy Koufax was only hurler of note, compiling 21-18 record, striking out league-leading 324, completing 28 games and having 3.46 ERA.

Cards (Jim Williams) - Traded away early, Cobb and Musial--because they weren't hitting--setting a pattern for maneuvers that would send Cards to bottom...Curt Flood was bright spot with .320 average, while Carl Yastrzemski hit .293 with 24 homers...Christy Mathewson was 17-15 to lead the oft-battered pitching brigade...Wound up last in team batting and home runs--and also in the standings.

Baseball Playing Tip

Tagging Up In Elementary Game

Here's a baseball playing tip that may put more excitement in your elementary games with a runner on third base. Instead of the runner scoring or not scoring, depending on the split number result when reading the fielding X-Chart, give the runner a chance to "tag up and score" on certain situations.

Here's the way it works: With a runner on third and one or no outs, he may tag up if the split numbers are as follows -- No. 1 outfielder, a 5 or 6; No. 2 outfielder, a 5 or 6; No. 3 outfielder, a 3 and 6; and a No. 4 outfielder, a 3 and 4. These are, of course, all "Flyball X, out 4" situations.

If the offensive manager elects to send the runner home, then subtract from the runner's rating 7 if a No. 1 fielding outfielder; 6 if a No. 2; 4 if a No. 3 and 2 if a No. 4. Thus, if a Flyball is hit to the left fielder, who is a "2", and the runner on third is a 1-17, you would subtract 6 from the running rating, making it a 1-11 chance to score. The manager can send the runner or hold him at third; the defense can let him score and "cutoff" the throw [thus holding other runners to their bases], or try for him.

Either way, the play is bound to add more excitement to the elementary version of S-D-M. It wouldn't occur so often that it becomes mundane--thus when it does happen the fun, and excitement, should be doubled.

[Playing tip contributed by Frank Dolansky of the Merrimac Valley S-D-M League]

Chart Reflects Tendency To Commit Fouls **Foul Ratings For Basketball**

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Editor's note: Larry LaRochelle should be remembered for his excellent article on hit placement (April, 1976). His latest article deals with foul ratings for Strat-O-Matic Basketball. As a sidelight to his S-O-M career, he along with three friends visited the game company in Glen Head, NY, and were among the first to purchase the new college football game, which he calls "terrific."

BY LARRY LAROCHELLE
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Like many other basketball gamers, I have become somewhat disturbed when playing the hoop version of S-O-M in those contests where players like Phil Chenier, Nate Archibald, Rick Barry and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, who normally commit very few fouls per contest have gotten into early foul trouble.

Because S-O-M does not make individual ratings for personal fouls for players, I have used statistics from the 1975-1976 NBA and ABA seasons. Players are rated from 1 to 10 in their tendency to commit personal fouls, with 1 being of lowest frequency and 10 being of highest frequency.

The system by which I use the foul ratings is a new one, and may be construed as a complicated one. But if you read closely you can easily see how to use the foul ratings. Here are my suggested guidelines for using the foul ratings:

1. Use the individual foul ratings ONLY on rolls off the Team Defensive card.
2. On those rolls on the Team Defensive card, FOUL RATINGS are to be used whenever a foul (1) or Foul (2) roll is made, and also whenever a defensive rating of a defender is needed for the outcome of a shot.
 - (A) For those times when a foul (1) or foul (2) occurs, multiply the foul rating of the defensive player and pick a split card. If the split number is equal to or less than the new number [foul rating X 2], then a foul is committed and play continues as usual. If not, then consult the defensive player's defensive rating for the outcome of the shot. No foul would be committed under this circumstance.
 - (B) For those times when the defensive rating of a player is needed (remember: only to be used on the Team Defense card), consult the defensive player's foul rating and pick a split card. If the split number is equal to or less than the foul rating, a foul is committed. Consider an outside shot or penetration shot to be a foul (1) and an inside shot to be a foul (2). If the number is greater than the foul rating, follow the normal procedure of consulting the defensive player's rating for the outcome of the shot.
3. Do not use the foul rating when the defensive center is needed to help out defensively on a shot. This would concern rolls on the defensive card of 8 [penetration shot] and 4 [inside shot].

HOW THE PLAYERS WERE RATED

The following is a list of all players and their foul ratings. The ratings were compiled by figuring the average number of fouls committed by each player for every 48 minutes of play. It should be noted that a good portion of the 10 and 9 rated players are backup centers and forwards who try to make up for their defensive deficiencies by playing very physically.

The scale:

<u>Fouls Per 48 Minutes</u>		<u>Foul Rating</u>	<u>Per 48 Minutes</u>	<u>Foul Rating</u>
More Than 6.50	-	10	4.50 to 4.75 -	5
6.00 to 6.50	-	9	4.00 to 4.50 -	4
5.50 to 6.00	-	8	3.75 to 4.00 -	3
5.25 to 5.50	-	7	3.25 to 3.75 -	2
4.75 to 5.25	-	6	Less Than 3.25 -	1

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TEAM LISTING OF FOUL RATINGS

<u>Atlanta</u>		<u>Boston</u>		<u>Buffalo</u>		<u>Chicago</u>	
J. Drew	7	D. Cowens	6	B. McAdoo	4	B. Love	3
L. Hudson	5	J. White	1	R. Smith	4	M. Johnson	8
T. Henderson	2	C. Scott	8	J. McMillian	1	N. VanLier	5
T. VanArsdale	6	J. Havlicek	3	J. Shumate	3	J. Marin	4
D. Jones	8	P. Silas	4	K. Charles	7	J. Laskowski	1
M. Sojourner	6	D. Nelson	8	E. DiGregorio	8	T. Boerwinkle	9
C. Hawkins	5	G. McDonald	8	D. Gibbs	10	B. Wilson	7
J. Brown	9	K. Stacom	6	B. Weiss	5	L. Benbow	8
D. Meminger	3	S. Kuberski	10	D. Adams	10	C. Pondexter	6
J. Willoughby	6	J. Ard	10	D. Schlueter	10	S. Patterson	6
<u>Cleveland</u>		<u>Golden State</u>		<u>Houston</u>		<u>Kansas City</u>	
J. Chones	4	R. Barry	2	C. Murphy	5	N. Archibald	1
C. Russell	8	P. Smith	3	M. Newlin	4	J. Walker	2
B. Smith	5	J. Wilkes	3	R. Tomjonovich	2	S. Wedman	5
D. Snyder	5	G. Williams	3	K. Kunnert	10	S. Lacey	4
J. Clemons	2	C. Johnson	8	E. Ratleff	5	D. Johnson	6
J. Brewer	2	C. Ray	7	J. Meriweather	6	L. McNeill	10
A. Carr	2	D. Dickey	8	J. Johnson	7	B. Robinzine	10
R. Garrett	9	C. Dudley	8	R. Riley	9	G. Hansen	9
C. Walker	6	G. Johnson	10	D. Wohl	10	M. Guokas	5
N. Thurmond	8	D. Davis	10	R. White	8	R. Roberson	10
<u>Detroit</u>		<u>Los Angeles</u>		<u>Milwaukee</u>		<u>New Orleans</u>	
B. Lanier	4	K. Jabbar	4	B. Dandridge	5	P. Maravich	3
C. Rowe	2	G. Goodrich	4	B. Winters	4	N. Williams	9
E. Money	6	L. Allen	6	E. Smith	5	L. Nelson	2
J. Mengelt	8	Cz. Russell	2	J. Price	6	R. Behagen	9
A. Eberhard	8	D. Freeman	6	J. Bridgeman	10	H. Bibby	4
H. Porter	4	D. Ford	6	G. Brokaw	5	A. James	9
C. Ford	6	C. Warner	7	D. Meyers	4	D. Moore	6
G. Trapp	10	C. Calhoun	8	K. Restani	4	J. McElroy	1
A. Clark	5	S. Lantz	8	C. Mayes	10	E.C. Coleman	8
R. Brown	10	K. Washington	10	J. Fox	10	R. Kelley	10
<u>N.Y. Knicks</u>		<u>Philadelphia</u>		<u>Phoenix</u>		<u>Portland</u>	
E. Monroe	2	G. McGinnis	7	P. Westphal	2	S. Wicks	3
S. Haywood	4	D. Collins	3	A. Adams	6	G. Petrie	2
W. Frazier	1	F. Carter	5	C. Perry	7	B. Walton	4
B. Bradley	5	S. Mix	5	D. VanArsdale	1	L. Neal	7
J. Gianelli	3	L. Free	5	G. Heard	7	L. Hollins	8
B. Beard	9	J. Bryant	10	K. Erickson	5	L. Steele	8
N. Walk	10	C. Norman	6	R. Sobers	6	B. Gross	9
P. Jackson	10	L. Ellis	9	N. Hawthorne	9	S. Hawes	8
J. Barnett	4	C. Lee	9	D. Awtrey	9	S. Jones	8
H. Wingo	7	H. Catchings	10	P. Riley	7	L. Martin	10
<u>Seattle</u>		<u>Washington</u>		<u>Denver</u>		<u>N.Y. Nets</u>	
F. Brown	2	P. Chenier	1	D. Thompson	4	J. Erving	2
T. Burleson	6	E. Hayes	6	D. Issel	4	B. Taylor	3
L. Gray	8	D. Bing	4	R. Simpson	1	J. Williamson	6
S. Watts	5	L. Robinson	8	B. Jones	4	R. Jones	8
B. Seals	9	W. Unseld	2	C. Williams	4	T. McLain	10
H. Gilliam	4	M. Riordan	6	G. Gerard	10	A. Skinner	8
M. Bantom	10	N. Weatheroon	10	B. Beck	8	K. Hughes	9
W. Norwood	10	C. Haskins	7	C. Terry	4	J. Eakins	9
F. Oleynick	5	J. Jones	7	M. Webster	10	T. Bassett	9
T. Skinner	5	T. Kozelko	9	M. Towe	10	Ch. Terry	8
<u>San Antonio</u>							
J. Silas	4	G. Gervin	7	L. Kenon	1	B. Paultz	3
M. Olberding	8	A. Bristow	4	M. Gale	3	T. Owens	10
C. Dietrick	10	G. Karl	8				

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Indiana				Extra ABA Players			
B. Knight	3	B. Averitt	4	A. Gilmore	6		
L. Elmore	8	M. Barnes	7	M. Green	7		
B. Keller	1	M. Bennett	8	S. Green	10		
D. Hillman	10	R. Boone	3	C. Jones	8		
D. Robisch	2	T. Burden	4	W. Jones	8		
D. Buse	1	M. Calvin	2	M. Lucas	8		
T. Grant	8	M.L. Carr	6	M. Malone	5		
M. Flynn	6	D. Chaney	8	S. Nater	9		
C. Jordan	10	L. Dampier	1	J. Neumann	10		
D. Roundfield	10	R. Denton	8	J. VanBredaK.	3		

Nine Members Complete 82-Game Schedule

PBM Basketball League Goes Distance

While on the topic of basketball, S-O-M style, it's no secret that full-season replays have been about as numerous as 30-foot jump shots by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

One league--the Strat-O-Matic Basketball Association (SOMBA)--did accomplish the rare feat not long ago, however. The nine-member draft league went the full-season distance on an 82-game schedule, plus playoffs. Full statistics are kept and the players drafted are kept from one year to another.

The geographical makeup of the league is interesting, as members range from Maine to Las Vegas and numerous points in between. Richard Siteman, who sent in the league's report, resides in Portland, ME, for instance, and Carlos Bossy calls Las Vegas home.

The regular-season championship was captured by Paul Witkop's Springfield Senators, with Mike Ericksen's Augustana Thumpers finishing second, seven games off the pace. Both are from Illinois, and Ericksen is a past basketball champion at the Champaign-Urbana conventions.

All teams qualified for the playoffs under the league's format. The cream came to the top quickly there, too, as Augustana and Springfield clashed in the finals, with Augustana scoring a four-game to two victory.

Augustana was the second best defensive club (97.1), second in rebounding (54.2) and featured Dave Cowens who averaged 18.9 points and led the league in grabbing missed shots with 16.8 per game. Fred Brown clicked for better than 50 per cent of his field goal attempts, while John Havlicek was among the best free throw shooters in the league. Lucius Allen, Doug Collins, Bob Love and Don Chaney were other valuable members of the Thumpers.

Springfield, meanwhile, led the league in defense (94.0) and rebounding (55.6) and was spearheaded by Rick Barry, third leading scorer with a 25.4 average, rebounding of Paul Silas and Clifford Ray and Phil Chenier, Mike Newlin, Jim Price, Curtis Rowe and Jerry Sloan.

Here are the league standings and individual leaders:

	Won-Lost	GB	Off.	Def.	Reb.
Springfield Senators (Paul Witkop)	61-21	--	105.6	94.0	55.6
Augustana Thumpers (Mike Ericksen)	54-28	7	106.5	97.1	54.2
Beacon Hill Lighthouse (Jeff Russell)	44-38	17	103.0	102.7	49.2
West Jeff Wildbunch (Jeff Merklin)	41-41	20	111.6	112.4	44.0
Maine Lobsters (Richard Siteman)	41-41	20	110.6	110.0	50.0
Stony Brook Studebakers (Brad Russell)	33-49	28	103.1	107.8	46.1
Whitestone Scorpions (Roger Fahey)	33-49	28	104.4	108.6	51.8
Las Vegas Casinos (Carlos Bossy)	32-50	29	110.4	117.2	53.7
Depew Trojans (Mike Strano)	30-52	31	102.6	108.0	50.2

Scoring		Field Goal %		Playoffs (Final)	
McAdoo (W. Jeff)	32.4	McAdoo (W. Jeff)	56.1	Augustana d.	
Jabbar (L. Vegas)	26.8	D.Nelson (W. Jeff)	52.7	Springfield,	
Barry (Spring.)	25.4	R.Smith (Depew)	52.4	98-88, 107-76,	
Archibald (S-Brook)	24.7	Marin (Depew)	52.0	105-99, 94-111	
R.Smith (Depew)	23.5	Lanier (Maine)	50.9	84-86, 91-83	

Scoring (con't)

Hayes (Whitestone)	22.8
Lanier (Maine)	21.5
Cowens (August.)	18.9
Haywood (L-Vegas)	18.2
Riordan (Whitestone)	17.5

Rebounding

Cowens (August.)	16.8
Jabbar (L-Vegas)	14.2
Hayes (Whitestone)	13.3
Unsel (Beacon Hill)	13.0
Hairston (S-Brook)	12.8
Lanier (Maine)	11.9
McAdoo (W-Jeff)	11.6
Silas (Spring.)	10.9
Ray (Spring.)	10.9

Free Throw %

Barry (Spring.)	93.4
Murphy (Depew)	91.8
J.Walker (W-Jeff)	90.8
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S-O-M League, Replay Scene

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Standings and leaders:

	Won-Lost	GB	
Tokyo	90 60	--	[explosive power; three 20-game winners]
H. Islanders	78 72	12	[featured Dave Parker, 30 HRs; Reuss, 18-7, 2.07]
Sydney	74 76	16	[won last 12 games to make playoffs]
Havana	71 79	19	[Seven 1's on defense; Bench hit 35 HRs]
Mexico City	71 79	19	[four .300 hitters; Jackson 31 HRs]
New York	66 84	24	[Luzinski, 35 HRs, 110 RBI; Messersmith, 22-12]

Batting	Home Runs	RBI
Carew [SS] .354	Schmidt [TT] 41	Schmidt [TT] 115
Madlock [SS] .332	Luzinski [NY] 35	Luzinski [NY] 110
Cardenal [MC] .317	Bench [HH] 35	Scott [TT] 108
Lynn [MC] .309	Bonds [TT] 35	Bench [HH] 100
Morgan [HH] .308	Scott [TT] 35	Bonds [TT] 99

ERA	Won-Lost	Strikeouts
Reuss [HI] 2.07	Palmer [TT] 24-12	Tanana [TT] 272
Palmer [TT] 2.14	Messersmith [NY] 22-12	Seaver [SS] 247
Tanana [TT] 2.68	Hunter [TT] 21-12	G.Perry [HI] 237
Hunter [TT] 2.83	Kaat [MC] 21-15	Messersmith [NY] 229
Messersmith [NY] 2.89	Jones [TT] 20-9	Blyleven [NY] 220
G.Perry [HI] 3.21	Seaver [SS] 20-11	
Reed [HH] 3.22	Blue [HH] 20-14	

GREATER POTTSVILLE FOOTBALL LEAGUE -- Face-to-face grid league in Pottsville, PA, with members including Joe Orff [Miami], Jim Orlowsky [Dallas] and Tom Hoffman [Pittsburgh]...Last year's teams were used for this mini super club 14-game replay...Cowboys won out in tight race, compiling only 8-6 record; Dolphins and Steelers tied for second with 6-7-1 marks...In playoffs, Dolphins ousted Steelers, 27-20, then won Super Bowl over Dallas, 13-7... Dallas, however, had best defense among 'Star teams, yielding only 168 points. Others coughed up well over 200 each...Franco Harris was the top rusher with 831 yards in 240 carries for a 4.0 average...Bob Griese of Miami was on-target 62 per cent of the time with his passes, accounting for 1,158 yards while putting the ball in the air 163 times...Drew Pearson of Dallas had 70 receptions for 990 yards, while Garo Yepremian was the top scorer with 67 points.

TWO MOUNTAINS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION -- Home for this six-member, head-to-head football league is Two Mountains, Quebec...League has existed for four years and current replay was its eighth...All of the teams were powerhouses, with Oakland (7-3) winning regular-season by one game over Miami and Los Angeles...Trade for Lydell Mitchell turned Oakland into championship team, giving it outside speed previously lacked...Raiders won final seven games... Mercury Morris of Miami was named player of year after gaining 869 yards and [continued on following page]

averaging 5.1. Miami, incidentally, was coached by Danny Klimas, who has an 85 per cent winning mark in Two Mountains competition...Los Angeles featured best defense in league (allowing only 183 points)...Roger Staubach of Dallas averaged 200 yards per game passing and Drew Pearson and Golden Richards combined for 86 catches and 19 touchdowns...Baltimore was only 3-7 but Mark VanEeghen, acquired from Oakland in the Mitchell trade, blasted to 243 yards in 29 carries against Pittsburgh in a memorable performance...Steelers were biggest disappointments, for sure, going only 3-7 and turning the ball over repeatedly in crucial situations.

Standings and leaders:

			<u>Won-Lost</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>Playoffs</u>
Oakland (Roger Sawyer)			7-3	280-187		Oakland 31, Dallas 21
Los Angeles (Rick Hughes)			6-4	220-183		[Raiders intercepted seven
Miami (Danny Klimas)			6-4	242-266		Staubach passes]
Dallas (Scott Martin)			5-5	253-202		Los Angeles 18, Miami 10
Baltimore (Jody Scott)			3-7	226-308		Super Bowl: Oakland 28,
Pittsburgh (Richie Klimas)			3-7	213-288		Los Angeles 16 (Raiders
						intercept six passes this
						time and run two back for
						touchdowns].
<u>Rushing</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>				
Morris (MIA)	869	5.1				
Newhouse (DAL)	789	4.5				
<u>Passing</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Int-TD</u>	<u>Pt. Rating</u>	<u>Receiving</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>
Staubach (DA)	51.9	20-20	74.1	Mandich (MIA)	70	7.3
Stabler (OAK)	50.7	16-17	67.4	Swann (PIT)	65	16.0
J.Harris (LA)	47.6	14-16	65.2			
Griese (MIA)	57.7	16-25	64.1			

1974 CLEVELAND INDIANS REPLAY -- Conducted by Pete Lucas, Tampa, FL, who felt the Indians were a better team than their record showed..."Many players exceeded actual at-bats and some of the pitchers pitched more innings, but this was because I was managing the team to win, not to duplicate," says Lucas...Replay took 14 months to complete...Aided by a remarkable team pitching earned run average of 2.67, Cleveland won 10 more games than real-life. Only a late slump which saw team drop 14 of last 19 games prevented Indians from doing even better...Team record wound up 87-75...Gaylord Perry was a superman in Indian war paint, compiling a 24-11 record with a low, low ERA of 1.78. He also tossed a no-hitter against Texas...Fred Beene saved 17 games and Steve Kline, off to a 10-1 start, was 15-10, in other surprises...Oscar Gamble led the team in hitting with a .291 average, 20 homers and 78 RBI. George Hendrick chipped in with 19 homers and John Lowenstein swiped 59 bases...Overall the team hit only .242, however, and that was its downfall...Best success was against Boston (12-6) and Detroit (12-6), plus Minnesota (9-3), while Milwaukee (6-12) and Oakland (2-10) gave Tribe the most trouble.

PEEWEE REESE COMMEMORATIVE LEAGUE (PRCL) -- Straight-team, eight-manager, play-by-mail league run by Gary Kirchherr of Kalamazoo, MI...Old-Timer teams from 1941-57 period were used, being divided into four-team American and National Leagues...Mike Albert's 1948 Cleveland Indians won the A.L. pennant and Dave Powell's power-hitting '53 Dodgers the N.L...Indian pitching prevailed in the World Series as Cleveland won out in six games, the last 3-1 in 17 innings. Bob Lemon and Steve Gromek hurled four and five-hitters against the slugging 'Bums, who during the regular campaign had annihilated opposing pitching staffs...'48 Indians featured good balance of pitching and hitting--Joe Gordon hit 24 homers, Lou Boudreau 26, Ken Keltner 19, while Bob Lemon had



DAVE POWELL (LEFT), MIKE ALBERT IN WORLD SERIES CLASH

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received cards without any home runs. They were Luis Arroyo, Don McMahon, Stu Miller, Don Schwall and Hoyt Wilhelm.

Next Month's S-O-M Quiz

- QUESTION: Until the flood of 1-rated shortstops began in 1971, who was the only player rated shortstop "1" more than once?
- QUESTION: Discussion at the 1976 National S-O-M Convention focused on the fact that only eight modern American-born white players have earned the 1-17 running rating (on 1-19 in 1962). That discussion obviously suggested the question, "Which modern American-born white players have been rated stealing AA?"
- QUESTION: Which modern players have received a hit at every result in a column?
- QUESTION: Has any modern pitcher received a card without any walks and strikeouts?
- QUESTION: What is the record for fewest hit chances on a modern pitcher's card?
- QUESTION: What is the modern record for most stolen bases for a player rated stealing AA?
- QUESTION: Has any modern team had three or more AA base-stealers?

The above questions will be answered in the February, 1977 issue of the Strat-O-Matic Review.

S-O-M League...Replay Scene

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a solid 20-11 record to go with a 3.99 ERA...The Dodgers, meanwhile, featured such hitters as Duke Snider (40 HRs, .316, 118 RBI), Roy Campanella (39 HRs, .303, 130 RBI), Carl Furillo (28 HRs, .337, 127 RBI) and Gil Hodges (32 HRs, 111 RBI), plus they stole 222 bases. Carl Erskine was only reliable starter, going 23-11 with a 3.19 ERA, but bullpen of Clem Labine (14-7), Bob Milliken (11-4) and Jim Hughes was enough to win pennant...Hank Aaron of the '57 Braves was chosen MVP after leading league in home runs (42), RBI (142) and doubles (53), plus batting .306. Whit Wyatt of the '41 Dodgers captured the Cy Young Award after posting a 21-13 record, winding up second in ERA at 2.32, and leading in strikeouts (232) and innings pitched (346).

Standings and leaders:

American		Won-Lost	GB	Batting	
'48 Indians [Mike Albert]		83-71	--	Sch'dienst ('57)	.363
'54 Indians [Jim Jurgensen]		80-74	3	Dimaggio ('41)	.341
'41 Yankees [Richard Bale]		76-78	7	Mueller ('54 GIA)	.337
'46 Red Sox [Bill Macholz]		67-87	16	Furillo ('53)	.336
National				Home Runs	
'53 Dodgers [Dave Powell]		86-68	--	Aaron ('57)	42
'57 Braves [Clem Barbazon]		83-71	3	Snider ('53)	41
'41 Dodgers [Gary Kirchherr]		72-82	14	Mathews ('57)	40
'54 Giants [Gary Thomas]		69-85	17	Keller ('41 Yanks)	40
Wins		ERA		RBI - Aaron ('57)	142
Ferriss ('46)	24	Bonham ('41 Yanks)	2.10	Hits - Schoendienst ('57)	237
Burdette ('57)	23	Wyatt ('41 Dod.)	2.32		
Erskine ('53)	23	Garcia ('54 Clev.)	2.61	2B - Aaron ('57)	53
Garcia ('54)	22	Liddle ('54 Giants)	2.66	3B - Schoendienst	22
				SB - Gilliam ('53)	77
				K - Wyatt ('41)	232
				Saves - Mossi ('54 Clev.)	20

S-O-M Baseball Trivia Corner ²²

A new year, new questions and a familiar quizmaster usher in 1977. Robert Henry, Strat-O-Matic Baseball's walking and talking encyclopedia, is back once again to answer the questions that were raised in the December Review and also lay a new set on you.

No more chit-chat. Let's get on with the answers and the new questions. (Remember, if you desire a personal reply to a question, enclose an SASE and send to: Robert Henry, 468 W. 34th St., Room 472, New York, NY 10001).

QUESTION: Has any modern-day team had four players each with ten or more home run chances (question submitted by Craig Johnson at 1976 National S-O-M Convention)?

ANSWER: 1963 San Francisco Giants had Willie McCovey (13.25), Ed Bailey (10.35), Orlando Cepeda (10.25) and Willie Mays (10.0) with 10 or more home run chances on their cards.

QUESTION: Has any modern-day team been without a shortstop rated better than "4" (answer submitted by Craig Johnson and Eddie and Seth Sherman)?

ANSWER: Two teams come immediately to mind: 1965 Cleveland Indians and 1972 Los Angeles Dodgers. The "4" shortstop creates quite a hole in the infield, so S-O-M improved pitchers on teams with this fielding deficiency, accounting in part for the fantastic cards of 1965 Sam McDowell, 1972 Don Sutton and 1972 Jim Brewer.

QUESTION: Has any player received the top possible running rating in each modern-day baseball set? Hint, S-O-M has had running ratings from 1962-1975.

ANSWER: Yes. Willie Davis, rated 1-19 in 1962 and 1-17 since 1963, has received such a rating.

QUESTION: Which pitcher worked more than 600 innings during a two-year period without receiving any extra base hits on his S-O-M cards?

ANSWER: Bob Gibson, 314 innings pitched in 1969 and 294 in 1970, worked a total of 608 innings and didn't have any extra base hits on his pitching cards.

QUESTION: Since 1962, players with home runs on Nos. 2, 3, 11 and 12 have generally been low average hitters. Who holds the record for most home runs for a player with home runs on Nos. 2, 3, 11 and 12?

ANSWER: 1966 Art Shamsky received 14 home run chances off his card for hitting 21 real-life homers in 234 at-bats, while hitting only .231. Shamsky received homers on 2-2, 2-3, 3-11, 3-12, 3-6 and 3-5 (1-15).

QUESTION: Since 1962, when S-O-M began giving Flyball A chances only to players with high slugging averages, which player holds the record for lowest average with a Flyball A?

ANSWER: 1968 Frank Fernandez received a Flyball A even though he hit only .170.

QUESTION: 1961 is generally regarded as the greatest home run season ever. Did any 1961 pitchers receive cards without any home run chances? (Question submitted by Richard York)

ANSWER: Surprisingly, five of the 36 pitchers in the original 1961 set
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