



## STRAT-O-MATIC REVIEW

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### Terry Ringen Will Receive New Baseball Cards

## Winner Of MVPContest Revealed

Terry Ringen of Beattie, KS, was the gamer in the spotlight when the award of the new baseball cards was presented to the Strat-O-Matic buff who came the closest to picking the real-life most valuable players correctly.

Ringen, as events turned out, got only one of the MVPs correctly--one of 28 to do so--but ultimately came out a winner by calling the four division winners the closest in their final percentages.

No one forecast both MVPs--Rod Carew in the American League and George Foster in the National--correctly. Among the 28 who got one MVP right, four selected the four division winners on the head. But Ringen got the nod (and will receive the new cards in late January) because he was only 52 percentage points off with the four division winners.

Runnerup was Tim Tucker of Mayfield, KY, who was 67 percentage points off from being "perfect," Dave Larick of Mt. Clair, CA, was third with a 155 and Mark Sadock Jr., Berwick, PA, came in fourth at 215.

Ringen, in case you're curious, called Foster right but picked George Brett in the A.L.--as did 32 others. Carew was chosen on nine ballots and Foster on 19. Winners, according to preferences of Review readers, should have been Reggie Jackson (who had 38 votes) in the A.L. and Ron Cey (63) in the N.L.

Congratulations to Terry Ringen! And a tip of the topper to the trio who came so close. Remember, another contest will be coming your way soon.



Newest Directory Is Available

# Who's Who In S-O-M World?

The newest Strat-O-Matic Directory, the most voluminous Who's Who of the world of Strat-O-Matic, is fresh off the printing presses. Jam-packed with names, leagues and photos, the latest S-O-M Directory is a must for table-gaming buffs of all ages. Over 400 individual listings, well over 70 leagues and close to 75 photos are included in the newest guide to the gaming world.

Find out how many gamers are listed from the state you reside. Perhaps a neighbor is a fan of S-O-M--and you didn't even know about it. If you are in the league-hunting market, the Directory will give you an ample shopping list.

What are the backgrounds of the gamers? The Directory will tell you everything you always wanted to know about S-O-M players, but previously were afraid to ask.

Everyone, including a butcher, baker and candle stick maker, seems to be playing S-O-M games. Baseball is by far the most popular of the games, but football isn't far behind and basketball is picking up steam. College football, because of its newness, ranks fourth on the popularity list.

Occupations of the gamers vary widely. A number of attorneys, dentists and accountants play S-O-M. There's an entertainment agent out of Texas...an amusement park manager...pharmacist...liquor control board representative...an anchorman on a black network news show...a geologist...a large number of servicemen, teachers and farmers...and even a couple of ministers. The list goes on and on as to occupations of the dice-rollers.

Pastor Raymond Gausman of Enon Valley, PA, in fact, has a league called the Enon Valley United Presbyterian Church League. Twelve members comprise the league which plays the baseball game--something Gausman, 26 has been doing for the past 13 years.

The Review editors--Del and Warren Newell --are also listed in the Directory, as is the baseball league they've belonged to for years, the GKSM (Greater Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League).

In addition to the hundreds of individual listings, there are countless hundreds of more names found among the league entries. In fact, many of the leagues listed their entire managerial lineups.

Don't miss out on the good reading fun. Send \$1.00 to the Strat-O-Matic Review, Box 27, Otsego, MI 49078, soon. The supply of Directories is limited, so don't delay in sending off your order.



S-O-M'S THEIR GAME!  
Front (from left): Ed Dailey, Jim Bradley. Middle: Mike Cummins, Austin Weeces. Top: Dena Cummins, Debbie Weeces.  
(Picture was taken at last summer's S-O-M National Convention at Champaign-Urbana, IL)

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## Coming Next Month...

...The first college football replay (20 teams playing nine-game schedules plus playoffs) will be coming your way, courtesy of Richard Azasa of Ansonia, CT...the GKSM National League season is recapped and World Series played...League Scene will be expanded--more replays than ever...Questions and Answers--most answers being supplied directly from the S-O-M company--will also be a prominent feature...Rod Alexander Jr., a grid buff from Charlotte, NC, plays a 14-game schedule using the six Old Timer teams...all of this will be coming your way in the February issue of the Strat-O-Matic Review



## How To Play-By-Mail

Editor's note: Here is the second part of the two-part series explaining how to play baseball by mail. The model for PBM is taken from the constitution of the North American Summer Draft League (NASDL).

### SPECIAL FIELDING RULES

1. All pitchers will have a fielding rating of "2" until S-O-M decides to rate pitchers individually.
2. A split number chart may be used instead of split cards if the home manager decides. The chart must be used for both teams if used.
3. If no players are available at a certain position because of injury or overuse, a special fielding chart for a "5" rating will be used.
4. The following numbers on the catcher's card (X) fielding chart will be changed to read: "Balk, followed by Fouout-1"
 

(1) Split #5, rating 1	(3) Split #12, rating 3
(2) Split #13, rating 2	(4) Split #15, rating 4
5. The following numbers on the catcher's card (X) fielding chart will be changed to read: "Lead runner picked off base by catcher\*. \*If no runners on base, Fouout to catcher; if runner picked off and not third out, throw dice again for batter."
 

(1) Split #13, rating 1	(5) Split #14, rating 2
(2) Split #15, rating 1	(6) Split #11, rating 3
(3) Split #18, rating 1	(7) Split #11, rating 4
(4) Split #12, rating 2	

### PENALTIES

1. For every three days a visiting manager's instructions are late, he is subject to forfeit one game from his road series. If the visiting manager has a good reason for lateness, he must notify the league office by mail or telephone at the time he mails his instructions. Late excuses will be disregarded by the league office. The date which will be used to determine lateness in all situations will be the date of postmark of the letter containing instructions or series report. In all cases where the postmark is unreadable, allow five days before the date you received the letter to be used as the postmark date.
2. The home manager will also be subject to forfeit one game for each three days his report is sent late. However, the home manager will be granted one day of extension for each day the visiting manager's instructions are postmarked late. If a home manager receives his instructions late, he should include the envelope with the visiting manager's late postmark with his series report for the league office to verify. The visiting manager will not be penalized if the envelope is not sent to league office. If there is a lateness penalty to be enforced in this case, the home manager will be penalized.
3. Even if the visiting manager may be subject to forfeit games, the home manager is responsible for playing all games in the series.
4. All statistics accumulated in forfeited games will be included in official totals, but no pitchers will be credited with a win or loss by the league office, nor will the hitters be given credit for a game-winning hit.
5. If a manager is subject to forfeit a game or games in a series, the league office will determine the games to be affected in the series.
6. Any two separate violations of rules 1-3 above will bring an expulsion vote against the manager involved.
7. If the league office or any two other members of league believe a manager is negligent in his duties, an expulsion vote will be taken against manager.
  - A. If expulsion vote is taken, one of four actions will result: (1) No action; (2) Manager placed on probation--subject to immediate suspension if another violation of rules occurs; (3) manager is suspended (but continues to manage during suspension), with expulsion vote taken at end of suspension period. Suspended manager will lose first-round draft pick

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- next season; (4) manager expelled immediately. League office will try to find replacement, play the manager's games or designate a replacement from other league members.
8. A majority vote will rule in all league votes of any kind. The league office will vote only if an absention causes a tie vote. The league office will determine the duration of all probations and suspensions.

#### MISCELLANEOUS RULES

1. Franchise fee for each season is \$3.50.
2. Each manager is required to use a method of scoring detailed enough to explain the action on any protested play. If the scoring is not detailed enough by the home manager, the visiting manager will be given the benefit of doubt and the protest allowed.
3. League office will provide uniform scoresheets from league funds.
4. Any rule or procedure in the constitution may be amended or overturned if two members of league ask for league vote on rule and a subsequent majority vote changes rule or procedure. Same is true for any new rule or procedure.
5. Use of random dice number booklets instead of dice is approved for use. These booklets, in combination with split number charts, allow managers to play games in less time and more accurately, since the previous dice rolls will be available for reference.
6. To make the use of sacrifice hit and squeeze plays in S-O-M as fair as possible to both managers, the following procedure should be followed whenever either team calls for a bunt:
  - (1) Home manager rolls all three dice.
  - (2) If white die is 1, 2 or 3, the infield will be positioned "in."
  - (3) If white die is 4, 5 or 6, the infield will be positioned "back."
7. No infield adjustment will be made on the hit-and-run play in any situation.

#### DRAFTING

1. Each manager will protect or freeze 20 players from his previous season's final roster.
  2. In addition, the manager will present to the league office a list of other players on his roster. This list of players should be in order of importance to the manager--players he most would like to keep listed first.
  3. After each round of the draft, player at top of list will also be frozen on that team's roster, provided he was not selected in that round of draft. If player at top of list was selected in that round of draft, next player on list will be frozen.
  4. Drafting will continue until rosters have 36 players. After league has sent 36-man rosters for all teams to each manager, manager will have two weeks to cut six players from roster. League will make cuts if manager hasn't done so after two weeks.
  5. All players cut from 36-man roster become free agents and may be picked up by any manager using an option.
  6. The use of options will be based on a priority list which will carry to the end of each season and until the post-season draft. The option list will be rearranged after the draft to conform to the inverse order of finish of the previous season, with winning percentage the determining factor.
  7. Options may be claimed after the last regular season series has been completed, but the roster changes will not become effective until the conclusion of the playoffs.
- There you have it, a how-to-play-by-mail guide for S-O-M Baseball. More on PBM activity is planned for next month and the months just ahead. Watch for all of the articles on the popular topic, one which draws the most queries from readers every month than any other.

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#### WHEN MOVING...

Please notify the Review well in advance (preferably at least six weeks), as third-class mail is not forwarded by the postal department.



## 1927 Yanks Again Greatest

The nostalgia craze inspired by "Happy Days" and the movie "American Graffiti" has had an obvious carryover to the world of Strat-O-Matic games. Many people, even those at tender ages, like to take the so-called old timers and pit them against the outstanding teams of their own time, or contemporary clubs.

Eric Frankel of Oakland, NJ, made a trip back in time via S-O-M, and took 16 old timer baseball teams and replayed an entire 154-game season, plus a World Series. Of course, it took him 27 months to complete--starting in April of 1975.

The 1927 New York Yankees and 1953 Brooklyn Dodgers, thought by many to be the two greatest old timer teams created by S-O-M, won their respective leagues and clashed in the Series. The Series turned out to be one-sided as the Yanks rolled to victory in five games, dropping only the third game slugfest, 12-8, and winning by scores of 6-2, 5-1, 4-1 and 5-3. Waite Hoyt won a pair of games for the "Bronx Bombers" and Babe Ruth hit two home runs in one game, five in the Series and batted .526 to win Most Valuable Player honors (take that Reggie Jackson!).

### PENNANT RACES ARE BOTH CLOSE

Neither the Yanks or Dodgers won in a breeze, however. The Yanks, featuring league MVP Lou Gehrig (.331, 44 home runs, 141 RBI), Babe Ruth (47 HRs, 130 RBI), Earle Combs (.315, 117 runs) and pitchers Urban Shocker (20-7), George Pipgras (20-10) and Hoyt (league-leading 2.06 ERA), plus reliever Wilcy Moore (23 saves), won 90 games and edged the '48 Indians by four games.

Lou Boudreau (.351), Dale Mitchell (.322), Larry Doby (.304), Ken Keltner (32 HRs) and 20-game winners Bob Lemon and Bob Feller made the Cleveland club a threat to the Yanks the entire season.

Over in the National League, the Dodgers combined an explosive attack with just enough pitching to nip the '22 New York Giants, 90 wins to 88. Duke Snider of the 'Bums' was the league's MVP, smashing 39 home runs and knocking in 104. Carl Furillo batted .341, Roy Campanella .301 to go with 34 roundtrippers, Jackie Robinson hit at a .310 clip and Carl Erskine led the league with 22 wins and reliever Clem Labine propped up a shaky overall staff by winning 13 games and saving 17 others.

Casey Stengel (.353) and Frank Snyder (.321) and pitchers Jess Barnes and Artie Nehf, each of whom won 21 games, kept the '22 Giants in contention.

### HIGHLIGHTS AND LOWLIGHTS

The league had more than its share of highlight efforts and also its share of "Hall of Shame" performances, such as the following:

- \* '31 A's had league's No. 1 hitter in Al Simmons, .367, and Cy Young Award winner in George Earnshaw, 26 wins and 2.41 ERA, yet could manage no better than a third-place finish in the A.L.
- \* The '24 Senators hit a league low of 40 home runs.
- \* Meanwhile, the '61 Yanks clubbed 201 homers--Roger Maris had 54, Mickey Mantle 43--but the team batted a minuscule .240.
- \* Tex Hughson of the '46 Red Sox had a stingy 2.99 ERA--but wound up with a 15-18 record.
- \* '65 Minnesota Twins were overmatched in league: had .233 batting average--lowest overall--and Jim Kaat suffered 24 losses.
- \* Jesse Haines of the '34 Cardinals had an 8-1 record in relief, saving 19 games and sporting a 2.20 ERA.
- \* Mordecai "Three-Finger" Brown of the '06 Cubs was Cy Young winner in the N.L. after winning 20 games and posting 2.53 ERA.
- \* More contemporary teams such as the '54 Giants and '61 Reds suffered from woeful pitching, although hitting --at least in the power departments-- held its own.

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## Standings and leaders (Old Timer replay):

American League	Won-Lost	GB	Avg	ERA	National League	Won-Lost	GB	Avg	ERA
'27 Yankees	80-64	-	.266	3.43	'53 Dodgers	90-64	-	.260	3.82
'48 Indians	86-68	4	.270	3.54	'22 Giants	88-66	2	.276	3.80
'31 A's	85-69	5	.264	3.35	'34 Cards	81-73	9	.264	3.71
'24 Senators	76-78	14	.267	3.35	'35 Cubs	77-77	13	.261	3.52
'61 Yanks	76-78	14	.240	3.49	'06 Cubs	76-78	14	.248	3.25
'41 Yanks	74-80	16	.247	3.78	'50 Phillies	71-83	19	.251	3.36
'46 Red Sox	68-86	22	.260	4.23	'54 Giants	69-85	21	.246	3.50
'65 Twins	61-93	29	.233	4.23	'61 Reds	64-90	26	.249	4.15

## Batting

Simmons [31A]	.367	Hartnett [35C]	.341
Boudreau [48I]	.351	Furillo [53D]	.341
Rise [24S]	.334	Steinfeldt [06C]	.323
Oliva [65T]	.331	Herman [35C]	.323
Gehrig [27Y]	.331	Pinson [61A]	.317
Pesky [46RS]	.327	Robinson [53D]	.310
Mitchell [48I]	.322	Chance [06C]	.310

## RBI

Gehrig [27Y]	141	Collins [34C]	130
Ruth [27Y]	130	Coleman [61A]	113
Williams [46RS]	124	Kelly [22G]	111
Maris [61Y]	122	Mays [54G]	109

## Runs

Ruth [27Y]	135	Snider [53D]	110
Combs [27Y]	117	Meusel [22G]	102

## ERA (154 Innings)

Hoyt [27Y]	2.06
Johnson [24S]	2.24
Moore [27Y]	2.28
Earnshaw [31A]	2.41
Grove [31A]	2.42
Shocker [27Y]	2.52
Ogden [24S]	2.67
Stafford [61Y]	2.78
Hughson [46RS]	2.99
Lemon [48I]	3.07
Brown [06C]	2.53
Simmons [50P]	2.65
Dean [34C]	2.67
Antonelli [54G]	2.95
Ruelbach [06C]	3.00
Warneke [35C]	3.03
Pfiester [06C]	3.05
Dean [34C]	3.11
Roberts [50P]	3.13
Lee [35C]	3.18

## Wins

Earnshaw [31A]	26-10	Erskine [53D]	22-13
Grove [31A]	21-15	Barnes [22G]	21-11
Feller [48I]	20-12	Nehf [22G]	21-14
Lemon [48I]	20-11	Brown [06C]	20-14
Pipgras [27Y]	20-10	Dean [34C]	20-15
Shocker [27Y]	20-7	McQuillan [22G]	19-17

## Losses

Kaat [65T]	24	Carleton [34C]	21
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## Strikeouts

Grove [31A]	244	Erskine [53D]	228
Hughson [46RS]	204	Pfiester [06C]	226
Ford [61Y]	202	Dean [34C]	224

## Shutouts

Grove [31A]	7	Antonelli [54G]	5
Five tied with	5	Miller [50P]	5

Complete Games:	Earnshaw [31A]	27	Saves:	Moore [27Y]	23
	Erskine [53D]	24		Haines [34C]	19

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## Readers Roll 'Em

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### SEARCHING FOR STAT MAN

One of my primary reasons for subscribing to the S-O-M Review was that I was looking for a league statistician for our 10-team, 72-game season. I recall previously having seen in your magazine ads from people who said they would do stats for 7¢ a game, etc. I did not see any such ads in recent issues, however.

Also, I have an idea that could boost your circulation substantially. Go in with S-O-M and start advertising that subscribers to the Review will be first in line for all games sent out.

Gordon Capretto  
Seattle, WA

Editor's note: At one time we were receiving five and six ads per month advertising statkeeping services--some of which, we were told, did an excellent job. But for many months ads for such services have not been received. We do not know the reason, unless the task was too time-consuming, or perhaps unprofitable.

Regarding your second query, it would be impossible for S-O-M to do this. For one thing, time is not available to check orders and separate subscribers and non-subscribers. But, by subscribing to the Review, a gamer does find out about all the proposed game changes first, likewise for new games (such as hockey). Plus you also are notified of card corrections first and have a "direct line" to the S-O-M game company for proposing changes in its products.

### REVIEW PRAISED

I would like to congratulate the entire Review staff for producing a great Review that has given me hours of pleasure. I do have some questions and suggestions for the editors, however.

One is that the "Trivia" section be expanded to include questions about old-timer teams and Hall of Fame players.

It is a great honor to own every team from 1960 to the present because so few people do.

Many people, regardless of when they started playing, own all of the old-timers and Hall of Famers. This improvement would make the "Trivia" section more fun for more people.

Tyler Housel  
233 Boght Rd.  
Watervliet, NY

Editor's note: Are you listening, Robert Henry?

### WANTS REVIEW TO EXPAND

This letter is multi-purposed. I want first to commend you on the fine job you have done keeping us gamers in touch with the world of Strat-O-Matic. I enjoy reading what fellow S-O-M buffs have to say about the hobby; positive or negative. I like to know there are others out there enjoying the hobby as much as I am.

I also like being among the first informed of the newest developments in Glen Head (home of S-O-M). You are doing a fine job overall and I only wish the magazine would be expanded in some manner.

Perhaps a bi-weekly publication, or a greater number of pages is a possibility. I wonder if such considerations have been made? I'm sure like myself, other gamers would not mind paying a little more for the added enjoyment they would receive from such expansion.

The second purpose for writing concerns an item I have seen mentioned before in your publication. Other gamers have mentioned using a 20-faced die in place of the split deck.

For the life of me, I could not find such an object in any store imaginable. I wonder if you might know where I could pick up such an object. If not, perhaps you can refer me, and possibly others, to some one who might help (see wanted ad)?

Tom Marzagalli  
168 N. Oak St.  
N. Massachusetts, NY

Editor's note: Expansion of the Review is unlikely at this time for two reasons: (1) Time, or lack of it, doesn't allow for publication more than once a month; (2) an increase in the number of pages would zoom mailing costs out of sight because of the added weight. For finding a 20-sided  
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die, which we have been unable to sleuth out, the ad in the wanted section this month may be the answer.

#### WOULD LIKE TO SEE CHANGES

I agree that more old-timer teams are needed. Chicago fans, for example, have to go back to the 1935 Cubs or 1919 White Sox. Although the Cubs have not won the pennant since 1935, the "Go-Go Sox" of '59 should be a popular old-timer team.

I would also like to see the game company include a chart to have such things as pickoffs, rainouts, errant throws by catchers when stealing attempts are made, etc.

I would also like to see a change in the injury system and a more detailed pitcher's hitting card. As everyone knows, a pitcher could hit .175 and hit two home runs in real-life, and be rated a "2", power-W. Another pitcher can hit .250 and hit no homers and be rated a "4", power-N.

Mike Warren  
Pearl Harbor, HI

Editor's note: Regarding catcher's throwing on steal attempts, it will be possible to throw the ball away, according to the new "X-Chart" the game company has developed and which will be coming your way with the new baseball cards.

#### RETURNS TO S-O-M

It has been about eight years since my last Strat-O-Matic league and about the same time since I had shown any great interest in the games. When I went off to college in the summer of 1970 I took along all my sets, football and old faithful baseball. To my regret I never put the sets to use during my college days. I never played my favorite games.

I count myself among the earliest of Strat fanatics. My friends and I probably had more leagues and games than anyone from 1963-1969. A very good friend of mine, now in his final year of dental school, and myself were sure we were the only S-O-M nuts around. Our parents were convinced of it also.

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Recently my "kid" brother and I were visiting the S-O-M factory to pick up the new football teams. The building is only 20 minutes from my home. To our surprise, we found there are hundreds of others afflicted with our addiction. The Strat-O-Matic Review has introduced us to a whole realm of games, leagues and statistics.

The creator [Harold Richman] let me have several back issues. I was compelled to let you know how good it feels to know there are other people in this world who enjoy S-O-M as much as I do.

Although most of my early experience was with baseball, I'm now heavily into football. My brother and his friends are carrying on a grand tradition here in Deer Park. I was very sorry to have missed the tournament at the University of Illinois, since I was attending Indiana University at the time. I was only 2 1/2 hours away from a fun time.

Well, I just thought you might enjoy hearing from an "old timer" who's found the light again at 25. I own almost every team from 1963 through 1970 and I used to visit the factory personally to pick up my cards to start the leagues a few days sooner.

Having once again been bitten by the bug, I'm hoping to find the time to play once more.

Steven Ehrenworth, D.D.  
282 W. 15th Street  
Deer Park, L.I., NY

#### PENALTY CHART 'OUTSTANDING'

I can't begin to tell you how much I enjoy the magazine. I thought the March 1977 issue containing the S-O-M penalty chart by Richard Noonan was outstanding. I have spent many hours trying to improve my game by designing a penalty system far inferior and will now happily use Mr. Noonan's chart.

I wonder if maybe we shouldn't add one penalty per game per team to reflect penalties declined by the opposition and therefore not reflected in the official statistics?

The company really should, in my opinion, add penalties to the game as this is an integral part of football and the game does not allow for second and third down situations with long yardage to go.

But I'm tempering my criticism by saying it is by far the best head-to-head football game ever created.

Thomas Jordan  
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Troy, MI



## Strat-O-Matic Spotlight

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### 38-INNING MARATHON!

Forget the Marathon Man. The following is an account of the "Marathon Game."

It was a 38-inning--yes, 38!--affair played by home team manager Terry Hingen, Beattie, KS, who manages the Royals in the play-by-mail Pioneer Hot Stove League. THE GAME was against the visiting Tigers, managed by Adrian Schwan of Hanover, Ontario.

Steve Braun homered for the Royals in the first inning, Detroit struck back for two runs in the sixth and the Royals deadlocked matters for what would seem like an eternity by tallying once in the bottom of the eighth.

Then the goose eggs were affixed to the scoreboard...one after another...and then another...and still another.

Gaylord Perry, rubber-armed Royals' pitcher, was the Marathon Man of the contest, hurling the entire 38 innings for the eventual victors, who would prevail by a 3-2 score. Perry gave up 23 hits, two earned runs, walked 12 and struck out 14 in the route-going performance.

Ken Brett, who relieved starter Nolan Ryan in the eighth inning, went 26 innings for the Tigers. The Royals scored the game's winning run in the bottom of the 38th when Fred Patek singled with one out, stole second and rode home on Sixto Lezcano's double. Lezcano also cut down Sal Bando in the 16th inning at home--Bando being one of four runners nailed at the plate trying to end the game in extra innings.

Amos Otis of the Tigers collected the most hits, five, in 11 at-bats, as five players went to the plate for official at-bats 16 times. Braun was 4-for-12 and Ralph Garr 4-for-16 for the Royals and Tigers, respectively. The Royals, all told, had 27 safeties.

### NO-HITTER, BUT...

Matt Remacle of Oshkosh, WI, waited a long time to witness a no-hitter in Strat-O-Matic Baseball. He finally got one in a solitaire replay of the 1975 National League season. But the spoils of victory didn't go to the team pitching the no-hitter, however.

Houston used four pitchers in setting down the Atlanta Braves without a hit--and wound up losing the game, 1-0. J.R. Richard was the starting and losing hurler for the Astros. He served up four walks in the second inning to account personally [with his wildness] for the game's lone run.

Mike Cosgrove, Joe Niekro and Jim Crawford followed Richard to the mound and all kept Atlanta from hitting safely. Alas, eight walks were issued by Astro pitchers (seven by Richard). Remacle had his no-hitter, as did a quartet of Houston hurlers, but Atlanta came away the winner.

### SHORT SHAKES

Mike Feinsten of St. Louis Park, MN, is a busy gamer, having replayed nine full seasons of baseball and football during the last seven years. He keeps an extensive record book and estimates he's played over 1,500 baseball and 2,000 football games with S-O-M...Tom Brown, a senior at Bloomington High, Bloomington, IL, was introduced to S-O-M games by his junior high math instructor--a Mr. File. Seems an optional class called scorekeeping brought Brown and S-O-M together. The instructor used the baseball game in the class. Brown's had many memorable moments since that initial meeting, including a perfect game by Carl Morton of the 1973 Braves against the Giants and the 1906 Cubs routing the '76 Reds, 18-8, slashing 24 hits--all of 'em singles... Tom Tresh's power performance for Larry Fryer's Ontelaunee Knights in the Nocturnal Glitcher PBM league was nothing trashy. Tresh had a less than sensational beginning on any claim to fame feat when he unceremoniously made three errors in two innings and helped to snatch defeat out of the jaws of victory for the Knights. But he did hit a meaningless two-run homer in the ninth inning against Dale Barnes' Zenith City Zwiefuls (what's a Zwieful?). Tresh then led off the next game with a solo homer, cracked a two-run blast in the third and followed up with a three-run smash in the fifth--giving him four consecutive home runs.



## 'Lone Star' Shines Brightly

### Phils, Yanks Win 'Current Season' Replay

The "Lone Star" continues to shine brightly. Jim Beauchemin of Plattsburgh, NY, has successfully completed his solitaire "Lone Star League" that featured up-to-date 1977 baseball rosters [see June, 1977 Review].

Beauchemin, you may remember, took 12 teams [six in each league] and played the 1977 season. All the player transactions were made [free agents were affixed to their new teams, trades were followed and new cards were dragged up for rookies and players who didn't have a card based on 1976].

A 150-game schedule was played, with each team within a league meeting the others 18 times and those in the other league 10 games each.

Beauchemin had to do plenty of roster juggling because of personnel shortages. Some examples of his problems were: Tommy Underwood being traded from Philadelphia [he was 11-3 for the Phils at the time] to St. Louis, which wasn't part of the six-team National League setup. Oakland was a nightmare all season, with players coming and going as through a revolving door. Dick Allen was leading the A's in batting average and RBI--and then he retired and his card forced to follow suit. Mike Torrez went from the A's to the Yankees, in exchange for Dock Ellis; and then Ellis was packed off to Texas for nothing in return. Jesus Alou, 1974 vintage, wound up the A's left fielder at season's end and 1975 Larry Lintz was cavorting at shortstop.

The New York Mets were literally destroyed by all the maneuvers, losing Tom Seaver by trade, Joe Torre (plus--300 hitter) to retirement and Dave Kingman via trade.

But, despite the multitude of problems (which is par for the course in such a replay attempt), Beauchemin finally reached the day when the final out was made and the "Lone Star" was over--at least for another year. Here's the way it all came out. The advanced game was used, as was a DH in both leagues.

#### PHILLIES WIN N.L. HONORS

Philadelphia ran away from the rest of the field in the National League, winning by a 12-game spread...Outfield of Bake McBride (.340), Garry Maddox (.353) and Jay Johnstone (.344) scored close to 300 runs...Mike Schmidt and Greg Luzinski, as a result, drove in 210 runs between 'em...Pitching was adequate, but bullpen of Ron Reed and Gene Garber helped immensely.

Injuries wracked the Dodgers, whose pitching staff surrendered home runs in alarming numbers [Rick Rhoden gave up 43, 36 to lefty hitters]...Rick Monday hammered 37 roundtrippers [far better than in real-life '77] and Steve Garvey, old dependable, hit .313 and had 99 RBI...Davey Lopes, although frequently injured, managed to steal 74 bases...Catcher Steve Yeager had awful season, batting puny .194, while left fielders combined for a miserly .220 average.

Starting pitching and erratic defense kept Chicago Cubs from going any higher than third, 19 games back of Phils...Steve Ontiveros batted .300, Bobby Murcer clouted 33 home runs and Bruce Sutter had 12-7 record with 19 saves to form heart of team.

Offense was also good for San Diego as George Hendricks hit 26 homers, Gene Tenace 25 and Dave Winfield batted .297 and stole 30 bases...Randy Jones, injured in real-life and just a shell of former pitching self, had a good year, going 21-12...Dave Kingman played most of season with Padres and hit 30 homers, but only .216...Dave Friesleben was 16-12, Rollie Fingers 5-4 with 20 saves--but staff was hurting after trio...Padres also missed defensive play of departed Doug Rader at third and Tito Fuentes at second.

Beauchemin rates Montreal as club of future because of youth after his replay. Nameless player cards portrayed youngsters such as Cromartie and Dawson late in season...Dave Cash (.292), Ellis Valentine (.290, 17 HRs) and Tony Perez (20 HRs) were chief offensive threats...Pitching was sore spot, although Steve Rogers (15-13), Wayne Twitchell (10-4) and Joe Kerrigan (13

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saves] were bright rays.

Trades ripped New York Mets apart as 52-98 will attest to...Kingman had 14 homers when he was dispatched...Ed Kranepool was leading hitter with modest .277 average, 12 HRs, 67 RBI...Bad defense and anemic offense spelled doom for pitching staff...Kingman, incidentally, wound up leading team in home runs.

#### YANKS HOLD OFF 'HALO' GANG

The New York Yankees, with nary a loud beep from any of the player cards, captured the American League by a six-game margin over runnerup but healthy California...Graig Nettles, Reggie Jackson and Thurman Munson combined for 80 homers...Mickey Rivers and Willie Randolph combined with Roy White to steal nearly 200 bases...Free agent Don Gullett disappointed, finishing 13-12 with 4.02 ERA and only three complete games...But Catfish Hunter and Mike Torrez made up for him by each winning 20 games, although Hunter often served up the long ball.

California had Joe Rudi, Don Baylor and Bobby Grich all season in the Lone Star and presence of trio made quite a difference (remember Rudi and Grich missed much of '77 real-life campaign with injuries)...Grich hit .283 with 16 homers; Rudi drove in 85 runs, although batting only .229; and Baylor stole 62 bases but batted just .232...Frank Tanana was Cy Young Award winner after going 25-9 with 2.15 ERA...Nolan Ryan was 18-15 after winning last six starts and pitching a no-hitter against Oakland, while Gary Ross was 16-11 and Dave LaRoche super out of the bullpen...Angels won last 12 games.

Boston lived with its bats and died with the arms of its pitchers...Jim Rice had superlative season, hammering 45 home runs, batting .309...Conversely, George Scott delivered only 12 HRs and batted .233...Reggie Cleveland was only effective starter, finishing 18-11 with 2.55 ERA...Staff had horrendous 4.74 ERA...Bill Campbell relieved 88 times, had 7-12 record, 3.65 ERA and 17 saves--but even he gave up too many crucial home runs that cost games.

Cleveland missed LaRoche, as Wayne Garland was bombed frequently first half season and Dennis Eckersley was erratic...Garland did finish strong at 16-13 and Eckersley had good season at 18-13 and 204 strikeouts...Andre Thornton (1975 card) crashed 22 homers, Rico Carty led team in RBI and John Grubb and Rick Manning combined to score 183 runs.

Milwaukee was 40-35 at mid-season, but then dipped to 21-54 the second half...Pitching and defense totally collapsed...Offense didn't help as Sal Bando checked in with .226, 20 HR marks after hot start...Cecil Cooper also struggled, winding up .243 with 7 HRs...Ken Sanders saved 10 games in early going--and then was released...Catchers couldn't stop opposition from stealing.

Oakland: 41-109. Record tells it all for sad sacks of baseball...Shortstop was one of many sore spots, as 65 errors and a multitude of hits got through position...A's lost all 16 games to Yankees and Phils...Only credits on an otherwise debit-filled ledger were Willie Crawford batting .307 after coming over from Houston and Bill North's swiping 79 bases.

#### YANKS WIN 'SERIES'

In the so-called World Series, the Yankees took only five games to whip the Phils in a best-of-seven set. Hunter won two of the games, including a three-hit, 2-0 shutout in game four, while Reggie Jackson smashed three home runs--not in one game, though--and was chosen Most Valuable Player.

#### Standings and leaders:

National	Won-Lost	GB	American	Won-Lost	GB	Batting
Philadelphia	96-54	-	N.Y. Yankees	95-55	-	G.Maddox PHI .353
Los Angeles	84-66	12	California	89-61	6	Johnstone PHI .344
Chicago	77-73	19	Boston	84-66	11	Carty CLE .326
San Diego	77-73	19	Cleveland	80-70	15	Munson NYY .317
Montreal	64-86	32	Milwaukee	61-89	34	Lynn BOS .316
NY Mets	52-98	44	Oakland	41-109	54	Garvey LA .313
<b>Home Runs</b>						
Rice BOS	45		Murcer CHI	33		Rice BOS .309
Schmidt PHI	44		Kingman NY-SD	30		Chambliss NYY .306
Monday LA	37		Nettles NYY	30		Luzinski PHI .304

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All that's left is for a dome to be created and perhaps robots acting out the results of the dice rolls.

Steve Schumacher, the Strat-O-Matic stadium maker from Houston, TX, has just about everything else. His latest building venture was the installation of a computer equipped with a video screen that spews out messages during a game.

Steve Schumacher, in a recent letter,

A black and white photograph of a miniature baseball field, likely a model or a small-scale replica. The field is shown from an elevated perspective, featuring the diamond, bases, and outfield. The infield is clearly marked with white lines, and the bases are visible. The outfield is a dark, rectangular area. The entire model is set on a base, and there are some small structures or equipment visible around the field.

The video screen, as the pictures show, looks like a small TV set. Between games, Schumacher relates, it is used to calculate statistics.

Notice, if you can make them out, the oval slots extending from the playing field. Those are for glasses or cups, plus one recessed area has an ash tray.

On a happier note, Schumacher says the "good news is that I think I now have the ultimate in Strat-O-Matic facilities."

Now for that dome...  
We wonder if Steve Schumacher has seen  
"Star Wars"? The months ahead may answer that.

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<u>PBI</u>		<u>Steals</u>		<u>Pitching</u>		<u>ERA</u>	
Carty CLE	116	Rivers NYY	88	Tanana CAL	25-9	Reed PHI	1.96
Rice BOS	112	North OAK	79	Jones SD	21-12	Tanana CAL	2.15
Nettles NYY	111	Lopes LA	74	Hunter NYY	20-8	Sutter CHI	2.30
Schmidt PHI	108	Baylor CAL	62	Carlton PHI	20-9	Jones SD	2.35
Luzinski PHI	102	Randolph NYY	56	Torrez NYY	20-10	Torrez NYY	2.46
Munson NYY	102						
<u>Relief</u>				<u>Strikeouts</u>			
Reed PHI	17-4	22	[Saves]	Ryan CAL	299		
Sutter CHI	12-7	13		Tanana CAL	255		
LaRoche CAL	6-4	24		Eckersley CLE	204		
Garber PHI	10-3	18		Carlton PHI	165		
Fingers SD	5-4	20					



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## Wanted

WANTED: 1974 baseball, individual teams or complete set. Complete sets only for years before 1973. State teams, years, complete price list. Write: Robert Martino, 6 Farley Dr., Rensselaer, NY 12144

WANTED: 1969 Mets, 1969 Braves; 1970 Boston, Oakland, Pirates, Cubs, Mets, St. Louis, Reds, Atlanta, Senators; 1971 Oakland, Pirates, Mets, Braves, Houston; 1972 White Sox, Pirates, Mets, Reds, Braves; 1973 White Sox, Mets, Pirates, Reds, Dodgers, Giants. Lowest bids on teams accepted. David Drake, E. Main St., Brookside, NJ 07926

WANTED: Complete sets - baseball, 1972, 1971 and all pre-1965. Baseball extras - 1974, 1972, 1971, 1970. First reasonable price will be accepted. Please state year, price and condition. Reply to: Rick Hicks, 425 New York St., Huntington, WV 25704.

WANTED: Baseball - 1968 Tigers, 1968 Orioles. Football - 1968 Cowboys, Raiders, Colts, Jets, Browns, Bears; 1967 Bears, Browns, Vikings. Write: Jim Perkins, R#1 Kendaville Rd., Edmore, MI 48829.

WANTED: S-O-M Baseball teams - 1966 Braves, Giants, Orioles; 1968 Tigers, Indians, Cubs, Cardinals; 1969 Mets; 1971 Tigers, Indians, Giants; 1972 Reds, Phillies, Tigers; 1973 Angels, Reds, Indians, Tigers, Mets, Braves; 1974 Dodgers; 1975 Tigers. Please state condition and whether extra players are included. What other S-O-M Baseball teams do you have

for sale? All SASE answered. Don't be afraid to respond! Greg Crouse, 2500 Shaw Ave., Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223

WANTED: Complete baseball sets, without extras, for years 1969 through 1973. Rich Schockow, 79 Coolidge Ave., Spencerport, NY 14559

WANTED: Baseball teams - 1963 Dodgers; 1963, '64 Yankees; 1966 through 1974 Orioles; 1969 through 1974 Royals; 1964, '68 Cardinals; 1971 Pirates. No extras, but teams must be complete. Please state condition of the cards offered when replying. All bids answered. Write to: Kevin Lawless, 6936 Edge Vale Road, Kansas City, MO 64113

WANTED: A 20-sided die or information concerning where it might be purchased. Tom Marzagalli, 168 N. Oak St., N. Massachusetts, NY 11758

WANTED: 1960-62, 1964-66, '68 and 1971-73 Red Sox teams. Also want 1964 Orioles and 1968 Tigers. Must be in at least very good condition. Good prices paid. All offers answered. Contact: Tom Johnson, 895 Prospect St., North Dighton, MA 02764 (phone: 617-822-6112 after 4 p.m.).

WANTED: 1969 Mets and Orioles; 1971 A's. Individual cards - 1970 Dick Drago, 1971 Juan Marichal, 1972 Merv Rettenmund and 1973 Jim Slaton. Will accept from lowest bidder. Send offers to: Jim Becher, 381 Mason Ave., Haledon, NJ 07508

WANTED: Complete 1966 Orioles, Giants; 1968 Tigers, Cards; 1969 Mets; 1969-71 Orioles; 1971 Pirates. Top dollar paid for these classic teams in good condition. Lowest bid accepted. All replies answered. Send bids to: Jeff Cofran, 3310 Westover Rd., Topeka, KS 66604



WANTED: 1975 Oakland without extra players and also 1975 Ollie Brown. Will pay good price if they are in good condition. Send offer of one or both to: John Martin, 48 Church St., Weymouth, MA

WANTED: Football - 1968 Colts, Jets; 1970 Colts; 1971 Cowboys; 1972 Redskins, Dolphins; 1973 Bills; 1974 Vikings; 1975 Steelers. Willing to bargain. Cecil Van Reenen, 3707 Auburn Rd., Huntington, WV 25704 [phone: 429-2786].

WANTED: All Pittsburgh Pirates 1961 to present; teams with or without extras. Extras alone accepted also and '60 extras; '71 Orioles also. Send bids: Rob Schellhaas, 52 Jackson Ave., Everett, MA 02149.

Editor's note: There were no extras for the 1960 baseball season.

WANTED: 1963 Los Angeles Dodgers; 1964 St. Louis Cards; 1966 Baltimore Orioles. Would anyone in possession of these teams please contact me immediately! Your time and acknowledgement of my request will be greatly appreciated. Michael C. Mackey, 154 Altmar Ave., West Islip, NY 11795 [phone: 516-667-2444].

WANTED: 1966-67 Green Bay, 1966-67 Kansas City, 1967 New Orleans football teams. Contact: Michael Stewart, P.O. Box 128, Hernando, MS 38632

WANTED: We need some help for the Champaign-Urbana, IL convention and possible Atlanta, GA convention. We are looking for people to run the conventions. There is a \$20-30 per day fee for this help, depending on what we collect. You must know the football and baseball rules very well. Also we need help in making copies of rules and information sheets for free or inexpensively. Finally, we need donations to help pay for the flyers to be sent out in Jan.-Feb. These people would be reimbursed in July-Aug., 1978. Any amount is welcome. If you can be of any help please write to: Rick [Wolfman] Shapiro, 9161 Kilpatrick, Skokie, IL 60076. Hwoooooh!

## For Sale

FOR SALE: Complete sets, rosters and extra players included: Baseball - 1976, '75, '74, '73. Football - 1973. Complete Hall of Famers series. Individual teams, 1974 A's; '72 A's; '72 Astros; '66 Cubs; '71 Cubs; '69 Cubs. All cards range from mint to excellent condition. S-O-M Reviews, Feb. '76 to Sept., '77. World Series record book, batting and pitching average book [containing tables to find averages at a glance], between 300-400 scoresheets. Buyer of most items receives my dice, charts, pitching cards, split deck. A SASE guarantees a reply. Bidding ends at the end of 5 weeks after ad appears. Phil Valvo, 898 Wellington Ave., Apt. 120, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007.

FOR SALE: Basketball - 1972-73 complete set. Baseball - complete sets: 1969, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975. Football - complete sets: 1968, 1970, 1972, 1973. Highest bidders; all teams in excellent condition. Will only answer with SASE. Marc Kenen, 15 Forester Dr., Princeton, NJ 08540.

FOR SALE: 1974 National League baseball season. All extra players included. Will sell as set or individual teams. Will consider all offers. Contact: Jeff Cristaldi, 18 Dorothy Drive, Torrington, CT 06790.

FOR SALE: List of baseball, football teams and individual players 1967-1974. S-O-M Reviews from 1971. Send 25¢ for list and one player. J. Schmitt, 1338 W. Maumee #87, Adrian, MI 49221

FOR SALE: 1973, 1974 complete baseball sets [1974 with extras]. Plus: 1969 Red Sox; 1975 Orioles, White Sox, Royals, Yanks, Rangers, Braves, Cubs, Dodgers, Phils, Giants, Cards. Will trade for, or buy, 1970 Twins, Pirates; 1971 Giants, A's; 1972 Reds, Tigers; 1973 Mets, Orioles, Reds; 1974 A's, Dodgers, Orioles, Pirates, Reds. Will accept best offers. Write to: Jim Schuler, Box 34, Old Zionsville, PA 18068

FOR SALE: Complete baseball card sets for years based on 1969 [\$30], 1970 [\$28], 1973 [\$17], 1974 [\$13] and 1975 [\$9.50]. I'll take best offers starting with price listed for each year. Write: Joe Matlen, 7402 Amigo, Reseda, CA 91335

FOR SALE: 1973 Football teams except San Francisco 49ers. Teams are in good [continued on next page]



condition; no writing. Would prefer trade for 1970 N.L. baseball teams. Send bids to: Bob Flaherty, 6 Earl St., Rockville, CT 06066

FOR SALE: Basketball game with 1974-75 all teams; 1975-76 all teams; 1973-74 Knicks, Celtics, Bullets, Lakers, Bucks. Partial scorepad included. \$35.00. 1975 college football, eight teams and game, \$7.00. Ken Shoop, 43 Vineta Dr., Vernon, CT 06066

FOR SALE: Football - 1972 Vikings, Bills, Steelers, Cardinals, Bengals, Chiefs, Cowboys. All good condition. Basketball - game parts, 1972-73, 1973-74 and 1975-76 card sets, all in good condition. Football teams will be sold either together or separately. Basketball teams will be sold either by complete season or all three seasons together. SASE will ensure a reply. Send bids to: Robert Hellstrom, 717 Neurra Gorde, Culver, IN 46511

FOR SALE: Baseball teams, 1953 Brooklyn Dodgers; 1970 Minnesota Twins, Montreal Expos, New York Mets; 1971 Cleveland Indians, Atlanta Braves; 1972 Houston Astros. Will trade for other S-O-M Baseball teams. Send me your list of traders. Terry L. Hoofmar, 1212 Quarterline Rd., Muskegon, MI 49442

FOR SALE: Basketball - 1972-73 Lakers (\$2), all 1974-75 and all 1975-76 teams with 20 ABA players (\$5 per year). Baseball - 1927 and 1961 Yanks, 1953 and '65 Dodgers (65¢ per team); 1974 A's and Dodgers (70¢ per team); 1972 Astros, Cubs, Expos, Mets, Yankees, Reds, Cardinals, White Sox, Dodgers, Pirates, A's (\$2 per team); 1971 Pirates (\$2); 1973 Braves, A's, Giants, Red Sox, Rangers (\$2 per team). Football - 1958 Giants, 1963 Bears, 1965 Browns (65¢ per team); 1969 Dolphins, 1972 Cowboys (\$2 per team); 1973 Jets, Dolphins, Raiders, Giants, Rams, Vikings, Eagles, Chiefs (\$2 per team). All 1975 Football teams (\$9); all teams in excellent condition. Jerry Bollettieri, 114 Colony Lane, Syosset, NY 11791

FOR SALE: Baseball cards. Sets for each year contain all teams, including extra players; excellent condition. Will sell in sets only. 1973, 1974 and 1975 - \$17 each. 1976 - \$10. Complete 50-team Old Timer set - \$15. Robert Kuzmiak, 1059 Pompton Ave., Apt. 1A, Cedar Grove, NJ 07009

FOR SALE: 1974 football, complete set, excellent condition, for \$15.00, plus postage. Writer: Max Feierstein, 8 McCurdy St., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada R2V 3B2

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1965 Astros, Dodgers, Orioles, White Sox, Twins, Tigers, Kansas City, Angels, Senators, all for sale at \$5 per team; 1966 Cubs, Orioles, Indians, Twins, at \$4.50 per team; 1967 Cubs, Reds, Mets, Cardinals, Giants, Red Sox, White Sox, Tigers, \$4.00 per team; 1970 Yankees, \$3.00; 1971 Astros, Mets, Phillies, Cardinals, Padres, \$3.00 per team. The following 1966 teams have players missing. Each asterisk indicates the number missing - 1, 2, or 3. 1966 Reds\* (\$3.50), Dodgers\*\*\* (\$2.00), Phillies\* (\$3.50), Giants\* (\$3.50), Red Sox\* (\$3.50), Kansas City\* (\$3.50), Angels\*\*\* (\$2.00), Yankees\*\* (\$2.50), Senators\*\* (\$2.50). Inquire about individual missing players. Will mail third class upon receipt of order. Darrel M. Brown, 228 Betty Jo Lane, Memphis, TN 38117

FOR SALE: 1972-73 basketball cards, complete set, excellent condition. Trade for (1) pre-1970 football cards, (2) any baseball cards, (3) or any combination of football and baseball cards. Will trade for best offer. Richard Shurrager, 6161 Ave. Juan Diaz, Riverside, CA 92509

FOR SALE: Football - Pittsburgh Steelers 1967-1976 (good condition), New England Patriots 1967-76 (good), New York Giants 1967-76 (good), Minnesota Vikings 1967-76 (excellent). Baseball - Minnesota Twins (1924 Senators and 1964-1976), Oakland A's (1911 and 1931 Philadelphia A's, 1964-76 A's, Kansas City and Oakland), Los Angeles Dodgers (1941 and 1953 Brooklyn, 1964-76 Los Angeles), Cincinnati Reds (1940, 1965-76) plus one set of the '61 Reds made in 1961 by S-O-M and one set of 1961 Dodgers made in 1961 also by S-O-M. Old Reviews - Vol. I Nos. 5-7 and 10; Vol. II, Nos. 1-2. Send to my address: David M. Whitacre, 1000 Beechwood Dr., Girard, OH 44420



## League Forming

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Want your own team instead of inheriting one in an established league? I'm forming a PBM baseball league which will use the new cards [based on 1977 season] when S-O-M sends them out. 12 or 24 teams (depending on number of replies), draft setup. League will be a continuous system--the players you draft now are yours in all future seasons. 162-game schedule to be played at a pace any S-O-M freak can surely handle. Frequent newsletters will be printed. Experience helpful but not required. I'll have schedules prepared early, so that two weeks after '77 cards are mailed we can hold the draft and get moving. Why wait for a league that isn't ready until summer when you can start by March? Send your resume (name, address, age, experience if any) to: Steve Beck, 1363 73rd St., Brooklyn, NY 11228. All letters will be answered.

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Greater Baltimore, Maryland advanced face-to-face baseball league forming for next spring season. Cards based on 1977 season. Fee and deposit required. 27-game season per team requires minimum weekly meetings during April, May and June of 1978. Send SASE for full information. Jim Schwanebeck, 4610 Arabia Ave., Baltimore, MD 21214

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Wanted, new members to fill immediate vacancies in the Spencer Des Moines Strat-O-Matic Association, currently replaying 1976 major league season (1977 replay April-October 1978). Advanced game, draft format, 24 franchises, four-five home games per week, comprehensive statistics, realistic usage limits for all players, bi-weekly newsletter. Commissioner Brad Furst, 5251 Winding Way 24, Carmichael, CA 95608 (phone: 916-487-6585).

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Interested in forming or joining a face-to-face baseball league. Call or write: G.A. Phillips, 1419 Capital Ave., NE, Apt. 36, Battle Creek, MI (616-965-3485).

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Attention! NASOMPA needs more members! The National

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Association of S-O-M Players needs from 3 to 7 managers. It is a draft league using the 1976 American League cards, advanced version. We will start as soon as we have enough members, so write soon. Michael Kay, RFD#1, Box 246, Canterbury, CT 06331

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Need 12-15 managers for 24-team PBM league. Actual 1977 teams used (1976 based), excluding expansion teams. 162-game schedule, with no trades. A.L. and N.L. teams used. Extra players included. Small entry fee. Either call or write the address listed. Tell qualifications. Will answer all letters. Larry Langellier, Box 70, Wellington, IL 60973 (phone: 815-984-3244; no collect calls!).

**LEAGUE FORMING:** The Howell Mountain National Strato League is looking for a few good men to replay the 1976 National League. If you can keep up with the strenuous pace we participate at and desire a multiple season enlistment, this is the league for you. We will play the first year rather quickly and then slow down for a more realistic season when the new teams come out. This 1976 replay will allow us to determine who is willing and able to participate in the 1977 replay. Send your name, address, phone number and selection of teams in order of preference to: H.M.N.S.L., 327 Grainger, Angwin, CA 94508

**LEAGUE FORMING:** An established PBM baseball league is looking forward to its third season and is looking for several managers. This is a continuous league with a draft held every year from the nine players that each team must drop. Milwaukee, Texas and Philadelphia are just a few of the teams available. Also, we are expanding with two more teams in the A.L.; they will be called the Seattle Mariners and Toronto Blue Jays, although they might have nothing in common with the real teams. If you are interested in an American League club or an expansion team, send inquiries to: Mike Dunn, 6336 Treeridge Trail, Oakville, MO 63129. If you are interested in a National League team, or have no preference regarding which league you play in, contact: Steve Rigdon, 205 Runyon Ave., St. Louis, MO 63125, or call Steve Rigdon at 314-638-3916.

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Anyone interested in

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joining a PBM basketball league that will play full schedule. For more information writer: Jim Dewey, N. 5904 Milton, Spokane, WA 99208

LEAGUE FORMING: Needed are three dependable and reliable managers. We, SOMLBA, are an advanced, draft PBM baseball league with three team vacancies we must fill to complete our 88-game schedule. Our first two seasons have been exciting and successful and we are looking for a great 1978 season. We are not an all-star league; we use 240 players (no extras) of varying caliber. This year we plan to have a rookie draft as well as a re-entry draft. If interested, send resume of past playing experience and any questions to: Tom Stadthaus, 123 Reich Ave., Mahwah, NJ 07430

LEAGUE FORMING: Need 23 managers for PBM non-draft league. We'll use '78 cards ['77 records]. Rush your name, age, address, experience, etc. Preferable age 15 or over. Must have lots of experience, but small amount or none in PBM. Write to: Rob Kennedy, 5014 Ridgeview Dr., Waco, TX 76710

LEAGUE FORMING: Five reliable coaches for PBM basketball league using newest cards. Straight team, basic side, 48-game schedule with trading. Eight teams with two four-team divisions. Three teams taken are Philadelphia, Denver, Boston. League fee \$2.50 for many newsletters. Would you like Houston, Portland, L.A.? Any team except three mentioned above could be yours. Rush top five preferences to: Todd Sharek, 25 Ricketson St., No. Dartmouth, MA 02747

LEAGUE FORMING: PBM advanced baseball; we will use the 1977-based cards when they are issued by S-O-M. 12 to 18-team league, depending on number of replies; three divisions plus wild card team for playoffs. Semi-draft format; actual teams, protect 15, cut 9, then draft 10 more from non-league teams to fill your weak spots. This will be a continuous system league; the players originally assigned to

you are yours for all future seasons. Bi-weekly newsletters will be printed; 162-game schedule, played at pace that I have experienced to be ideal. Schedules are now being prepared. As soon as we have our cards we can draft and get going. Reply to: Jim Beauchemin, RFD#2, Box 619, c/o Edward Deyo, Plattsburgh, NY 12901, or call 518-563-8175. All replies will be answered.

LEAGUE FORMING: First class league looking for first class managers. One or two openings available, but also looking for standbys. SOMADL is entering its third season as an American League, 14-team draft league. Only those willing to make a long-term commitment need apply. Write: Bruce Herman, P.O. Box 6657 Reynolds Station, Winston-Salem, NC 27105

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

LEAGUE FORMING: Play-by-mail basketball using advanced side of 1976-77 cards. We will be using a draft set-up for our first season. One dollar entry fee to be paid later. For more info, send SASE to: Mike Borzenski, 6105 Lerner Way, Lansing, MI 48910

LEAGUE FORMING: The American Draft Association needs a manager to take over an established team. We are also looking for back-up managers. The ADA is a play-by-mail baseball league that plays the basic version. We draft players from both the American and National leagues to form the eight teams in our league. The ADA plays a 152-game schedule and has a newsletter come out at least once every two weeks. Our league will be starting its third successful season when the new cards come out. Anyone interested should write to: Dwight Sterling, Normandy Village 24-4, Nanuet, NY 10954

LEAGUE FORMING: Need managers in Boston area for play-by-phone league in February with 1977 cards. N.L. teams only. Call Mike Ryan (617-769-0249), or John Magnifico (617-289-5346).

LEAGUE FORMING: The NESOMBL is looking for 5 new managers. It is an advanced



baseball league, consisting of 12 teams. It's currently entering its fifth year. We need 3 managers plus 2 back-ups. The teams up for grabs are not losers. To qualify, you must be 15 years of age. Send a brief summary of your PBM experience to: George Amrhein, 361 Bost Drive, West Mifflin, PA 15122

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Have you been looking for a good play-by-mail baseball league to join? Well, look no further. The Greater United States Strat-O-Matic Organization (GUSSOMO) is seeking reliable managers for the upcoming season. Our league is starting its 7th year. The setup of the league is as follows: We have a 24-team replay, but we incorporate the use of a draft. Each team cuts down to 14 players (from original 24-man roster). The players who were dropped go into the 10-round draft. The team with the lowest winning percentage has 1st pick and the team with the best winning percentage gets the last pick in each round. By doing this, we try to balance things out and make the teams a little more even. The 3 top teams in each of the 4 divisions make the playoffs. We have detailed newsletters and lots of fun! So join us. The league fee is \$10.00 and you must own all 26 teams. Write today with a list of the teams you would like to manage before they're all gone. Write to: Jeff Fleischman, 965 Chemise Dr., San Jose, CA 95135, or call 408-266-1611. Please enclose a stamp if you write.

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Do you want a team of your own? Are you veteran PBM managers sick of long, dragged out seasons? Would you draft league managers and you straight team, no draft managers like a change? You rookies, would you like a league that's not too complicated or long? Then join this PBM league. The league has no name as of yet. It will be named when it is ready to start. The league will be straight teams, with certain players from unused teams (if any) to be placed in a draft. We will play around 100 games, basic

version, with trading. The new 1977-based cards (including the extra players) and the new, improved X-Chart will be used. I would like to start the league in March or April. If you respond soon, you can probably get the team you want. There will be a low entry fee, but let's not worry about that yet. Just send me your team preference list (in order, 1-26), and I'll send you a questionnaire. It will be a great league, so don't delay. Come on and join up. Contact: Tom Johnson, 895 Prospect St., North Dighton, MA 02764

### Basketball Playing Tip

Please note that a correction is needed for the basketball playing tip regarding fouls that was submitted by Larry LaRochelle and appeared in the November, 1977 Review.

Under 2 A, it should read: "...If the split number is greater than the new number (Foul rating X 2), then consult the defensive player's defensive rating for the outcome of the shot.

The former reading had if the "split number is equal to or less than the new number..."

An example: Doug Collins defending against Lionel Hollins. Foul reading is result. Multiply Collins' foul rating (4) times 2 (equals 8). So, foul 1-8, defensive rating 9-20. If a "9" is drawn, check defender's rating--no foul.

### Directory Additions

- \* ROB SCHELLHAAS, 52 Jackson Ave., Everett, MA 02149 (phone: 389-7219; 26; minister; 2 years experience; plays baseball, mainly solitaire.
- \* RANDY CHASE, 4661 Riverview West Linn, OR; 25; radio announcer; 7 years experience; plays all three pro sports games; currently replaying Portland Trailblazers' last season; solitaire gamer.
- \* TODD NEWELL, 6422 Meadowview, Kalamazoo, MI 49004; 14; student; 6 years experience; plays baseball, football; member of GKSM (Greater Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League); son of Review co-editor Del Newell.



## Football Replay Mission Is Not Impossible

Once William McNeill of Washington, DC, makes up his mind to accomplish a task, nothing--including time--stands in his way. McNeill started the 1972 football season in 1973, with a goal of completing a full-schedule replay. Four years later, after a five-month hiatus for foreign study, a five-month span working two jobs to save for college, two different college settings and a four-month student teaching period, he completed it.

He's now, according to last reports, preparing game sheets for the '73 season.

McNeill adds that when replaying the '72 season he used the elementary defense, advance pass rush, injuries for offensive players only, and a different timing system. His offensive philosophy was varied; emphasis being on run first, although the long pass was a featured weapon.

The results were amazingly true-to-life as Miami went unbeaten during the regular-season and defeated Washington in the Super Bowl. The 27-20 Dolphin victory was markedly more exciting than the mundane 14-7 real-life affair.

### A LOOK AT THE NFC EAST

Dallas won nine of first ten games, had the league's best offense and went on to compile 12-2 record. Craig Morton was No. 2 passer and Calvin Hill No. 5 rusher in NFC...Washington was tied by Minnesota and Green Bay and wound up second at 10-2-2--good enough for a wild card playoff berth...Philadelphia was exciting, whipping New Orleans (48-41), New York Giants (30-27) and scoring 304 points. But the Birds gave up 394--third highest in NFC...N.Y. Giants also suffered from defensive blahs. Highlight of season, during which six games were lost by six or less points, was 22-21 win over Dallas...Cards were dealt a bad hand both offensively and defensively--giving up 396 points.

### NFC CENTRAL

Green Bay relied on ball-control to compile glittering 11-1-2 record. Pack rushed 582 times and gained 2,359 yards (4.0), with John Brockington amassing 1,279 and McArthur Lane 850. Won five games by five or less points--thanks mainly to kicking of Chester Marcol (30-of-47 field goals)...Minnesota was hard-luck, porous defensive club. Vikes lost or tied six games with four points the difference in each of the setbacks...Chicago had league's worst passer--Bobby Dougless--but best running quarterback (604 yards). Bears moved along ground as Jim Harrison plowed for 841 yards and Cyril Pinder sprinted to 644...Defensive collapse last six games took roar out of Lions. Biggest win was 38-31 over Minnesota.

### NFC WEST

Los Angeles won first five games and last seven to sweep to title. Willie Ellison rushed for 1,148 yards, Jim Bertelsen 1,052 and David Ray accounted for 126 points (45 PATs, 27 field goals)...Atlanta was on title flight via arm of Bob Berry (59.6%, 2649 yards) and running of Dave Hampton (1,256) and Art Malone (793)--but the Falcons couldn't beat the Rams and wound up second...Steve Spurrier passed to Gene Washington for 69 receptions, 1,650 yards and 11 TDs. 49ers scored 376 points but had off days against Rams and Falcons...Archie Manning was a threat with his passing (227-391, 3,311 yards, 18 TDs), but that was all the offense New Orleans could muster.

### AFC EAST

True to life, Miami racked up 14 straight wins, scored 414 points and yielded only 169. Plus the Dolphins intercepted 23 passes and recovered 21 fumbles. Defense gave up 17 or less points 12 times--high was 20 to Vikes and Giants--while scoring 30 or more on seven occasions. Mercury Morris (1,080), Larry Csonka (1,032) and Jim Kiick (923) added up to 3,209 yards on ground. Giants gave Dolphins closest scare, bowing 21-20...New York Jets had offense--John Riggins (1,216), Emerson Boozer (820), Rich Caster (49 catches), Ed Bell (49). Joe Namath had big game against Oakland in 41-37 loss, connecting for



17 of 31 passes for 340 yards and 5 TDs...Baltimore bounced back from bad start (five straight losses), won six of last nine and knocked Kansas City out of playoffs...Buffalo had O.J. Simpson (1,317 yards, 5.4 average) and little else. O.J. had six 100-yard-plus games, although Raiders once held him to 19 in 11 carries...New England defense was out of sight as Pats were bombed for 532 points.

## AFC CENTRAL

Cleveland surprised by knocking off Pittsburgh in 12th week, 31-10, holding Steeler ground game to 96 yards, and then followed up by tying Cincinnati, 31-31, to eventually post 9-3-2 record. Leroy Kelly rushed for 1,326 yards for Browns...Pittsburgh was toughest to run against, giving up just 974 yards (2.9 per rush), but couldn't beat tough teams--losing to Oakland, Dallas, Cleveland and Cincy...Horst Muhlmann's off-target field goal kicking (23 of 46) cost Cincinnati dearly...Houston, meanwhile, won only one game, 41-40, over San Diego.

## AFC WEST

Oakland featured Daryle Lamonic (196-324, 60.5%, 17 TDs) and AFC's top rusher Marv Hubbard (280-1,441, 5.1). Offense produced whopping 5,068 yards and defense picked off 24 passes...Len Dawson's passes to Otis Taylor (73, 1,408 yards, 11 TDs) made Chiefs a threat, but secondary and rushing attack were weak...Denver jumped away to 5-2-1 record, but lost next five games. Secondary frequently burned for Broncos...San Diego suffered from poor kicking game (17 of 35 field goals). Turnovers, a whopping 44, also hurt. Yielded 417 points. Enough said!

## PLAYOFFS

NFC: Washington 30, Los Angeles 24; Dallas 26, Green Bay 17. Championship - Washington 27, Dallas 13.

AFC: Miami 20, Pittsburgh 3; Cleveland 25, Oakland 21. Championship - Miami 19, Cleveland 13.

## SUPER BOWL

In free-wheeling thriller, Miami ground out 263 yards and survived Billy Kilmer-directed aerial blitz for 27-20 victory over Washington. Dolphins were sparked by Csonka (22 carries, 167 yards) and Morris (16-96). But Washington, after watching its ground game struggle to only 69 yards in 36 rushes, almost pulled out triumph as Kilmer completed 27 of 43 passes for 363 yards. Game ended with 'Skins on Miami 20 when Tim Foley intercepted his fifth pass of playoffs.

## STANDINGS, LEADERS

AFC East	Won-Lost-Tied	PF	PA	NFC East	Won-Lost-Tied	PF	PA
Miami	14 0 0	414	169	Dallas	12 2 0	371	213
N.Y. Jets	8 5 1	406	392	Washington	10 2 2	366	186
Baltimore	6 8 0	292	297	Philadelphia	5 9 0	301	394
Buffalo	5 9 0	290	334	N.Y. Giants	4 10 0	301	382
New England	0 14 0	197	532	St. Louis	3 11 0	201	396
<u>AFC Central</u>				<u>NFC Central</u>			
Cleveland	9 3 2	333	229	Green Bay	11 1 2	321	212
Pittsburgh	10 4 0	354	212	Minnesota	6 6 2	315	316
Cincinnati	9 3 2	344	253	Chicago	4 9 1	248	334
Houston	1 13 0	228	386	Detroit	3 11 0	282	389
<u>AFC West</u>				<u>NFC West</u>			
Oakland	10 3 1	388	258	Los Angeles	12 2 0	398	242
Kansas City	7 6 1	328	266	Atlanta	10 4 0	362	337
Denver	6 7 1	315	335	San Francisco	6 7 1	376	346
San Diego	2 12 0	279	417	New Orleans	2 12 0	261	443
<u>Rushing</u>	<u>Att-Yds</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Receiving</u>	<u>No.-Yds</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>TD</u>
L.Brown WAS	254-1492	5.8	16	Jackson LA	83-1813	21.8	9
Hubbard OAK	280-1441	5.1	14	Gilliam MIN	75-1503	20.0	13
Johnson NYG	302-1364	4.5	14	Taylor KC	73-1408	19.3	11

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## 1972 Leaders (con't)

Rushing				Receiving			
	Att-Yds	Avg	TD		No-Yds	Avg	TD
Kelly CLE	269-1371	5.0	9	Washington SF	69-1650	23.9	11
Harris PIT	316-1326	4.1	11	Newland NO	67-733	10.9	3
Simpson BUF	242-1317	5.4	11	Willis HOU	66-584	8.8	0
Brockington GB	302-1279	4.2	11	Abramowitz NO	60-1210	20.1	7
Hampton ATL	297-1256	4.2	12	Mitchell T. BAL	60-752	12.5	7
Riggins NYJ	285-1216	4.2	9	Rucker NE	58-1464	25.2	8
C.Hill DAL	258-1195	4.6	7	Beasley MIN	56-615	10.9	3
Passing							
	Att-Comp	Yds	%	TD-Int.	Points		
Tarkenton MIN	415-253	3410	61.0	21-10	93.7		
Morton DAL	307-184	2691	59.9	17-11	92.0		
Berry ATL	317-189	2649	59.6	17-10	91.0		
Anderson CIN	333-186	2497	56.4	20-5	87.8		
Lamonica OAK	324-196	2724	60.5	17-14	86.9		
Gabriel LA	284-160	2168	56.3	17-11	84.8		
Spurrier SF	277-157	2418	56.6	20-17	84.1		
Domres BAL	304-156	2193	51.3	14-6	82.0		
Dawson KC	374-204	2606	54.5	21-14	79.8		
Kilmer WAS	259-148	2164	57.5	12-12	78.9		
Johnson DEN	331-184	2555	55.5	15-14	78.0		

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## Football Playing Tip

Thomas Jordan used to watch the "Monday Night Game of the Week" in pro football faithfully. In fact, from 1974 through 1976 he personally timed every game. From this study of number of plays, and the time consumed to run off the various types, the native of Troy, MI, has devised another method of timing S-O-M games.

His proposed system revolves around the use of a calculator; an inexpensive one that can be purchased for less than \$10. Set the calculator at 15.0 and then click off the time as specified for the various plays listed below. Each unit is worth six seconds on the clock.

Notice that a long/short pass that is completed will run off approximately seven units--or 42 seconds. A penalty, meanwhile, consumes only six seconds, or one unit, as do time outs, field goals and touchdowns.

"The system is extremely accurate, easy to memorize and far more exciting to use in the last two minutes of the half," mentions Jordan.

Here's an example of how it works:

Set the calculator at 15.0. A running play would be worth six units (so subtract six from 15.0, leaving 14.4). Next a pass is completed (subtract 0.7, leaving 13.7 minutes). Now an incomplete pass is thrown (0.1 is subtracted, leaving 13.6 minutes). And so on...

Here is the new timing chart:

## TIMING CHART

UNITS	TYPE OF PLAY	UNITS	TYPE OF PLAY
0.1	- Penalty	0.3	- Interception
0.1	- Timeout	0.4	- During two-minute offense
0.1	- Field Goal	0.5	- Injury
0.1	- Touchdown	0.5	- Quarterback sack
0.1	- Fumble lost	0.5	- Quarterback loss
0.1	- Incomplete pass	0.5	- First down measurement (?)
0.1	- Out of bounds	0.6	- Running play
0.1	- Punt (fair catch)	0.7	- Completed pass
0.2	- Kick return	0.7	- Long/Short Gain
0.2	- Punt return		
0.2	- Punt (blocked)		
0.2	- Punt (rolls dead)		

Note: Some of the timing units will not apply to S-O-M Football in its regular form. But most eventualities are covered, even for the most innovative fans.



## S-O-M Baseball Trivia Corner

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Here we go again, starting off the new year with a batch of questions and answers from Strat-O-Matic Baseball trivia buff Robert Henry. Without further ado, here are the answers to the questions posed in the December Review.

QUESTION: Has any modern-day player stolen 20 or more bases without being rated at least stealing "A"?

ANSWER: 1968 Reggie Smith, rated stealing B for pilfering 22 bases, is the only one.

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QUESTION: Has any modern-day player hit 40 or more real-life home runs without receiving at least 10 home run chances on his S-O-M card?

ANSWER: Yes, 1970 Carl Yastrzemski hit 40 home runs while receiving only 9.5 home run chances on his card. And 1973 Darrell Evans hit 41 while receiving only 9.5 home run chances also. But it should be noted that both batted an unusually large number of times--Yaz having 694 plate appearances and Evans 719.

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QUESTION: Has any modern player stolen 40 or more bases without being rated at least stealing "AA"?

ANSWER: 1963 Maury Wills, 1963 Luis Aparicio, 1969 Wills and 1975 Claudell Washington all stole 40 bases without being rated AA, as each was rated A. The 1963 players should probably be improved to AA due to a subsequent change in the S-O-M formula. Wills was rated AA in 1962 for stealing 104 bases since S-O-M had not as yet developed the AAA rating. Thus, S-O-M was reluctant to give the AA in 1963 for the 40 stolen bases in light of 1962 Wills' rating. Now, with the AAA, the AA rating would be appropriate for 1963 Wills and 1963 Aparicio.

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QUESTION: Who holds the record for most consecutive cards with 12 or more home run chances?

ANSWER: Harmon Killebrew received 12 or more home run chances, 1961-1964. In 1961 he received 12.6, 1962 12.3, 1963 13.25 and 1964 12.6.

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QUESTION: Although the 1968 St. Louis Cardinals are regarded by many as the worst hitting pennant winner in S-O-M history, the team can field a regular player rated "2" at each position except center field, where Curt Flood is rated "1". Can any other modern-day pennant winner field a regular "2" or better player at each position?

ANSWER: Technically, no. However, with only a slight stretch of the imagination, the Cardinals' adversaries in the World Series, the Detroit Tigers, can be regarded as achieving this defensive milestone. The Tigers can place a 2 or better fielder at every position except shortstop. The regular shortstop, Ray Oyler, was rated 2 but received a card for the Seattle Pilots (who did not exist in 1968) in the expansion player set. Thus, if one treats Oyler as a member of the team for which he actually played in 1968, the Tigers do have a 2 or better at each position. In fact, the Tigers are superior defensively to the Cardinals, as Bill Freehan (catcher), Don Wert (third base), Al Kaline (right field) and Mickey Stanley (center field) are all rated 1.

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QUESTION: Has any modern player been rated stealing A at age 40?  
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ANSWER: At an age when most players are either retired or rated stealing E, Willie Mays, 1971 season, was rated A at age 40.

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QUESTION: Hank Aaron, Brooks Robinson and Frank Robinson are the only players to receive a card in every set, and all are non-pitchers. What was the last year for which it could be said that a pitcher had had a card in every set?

ANSWER: Jim Bunning received a card in each set from 1960 through 1971.

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QUESTION: Who holds the record for most real-life home runs by a player rated power-W against lefty or righty pitching in the advanced game [question submitted by Greg Crouse]?

ANSWER: 1971 Brooks Robinson and 1973 Oscar Gamble, both of whom hit 20 home runs, were rated power-W against left-handed pitching.

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

1976 SAN DIEGO PADRE REPLAY - Conducted by Paul Wootten, a student at Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY...Padres played in uncharacteristic 47-34 record manner first half season; San Diego-like 36-45 second half...83-79 finish was still better than real-life...Randy Jones, true to actual happenings, was sparkler of pitching staff with 23-12 record, 2.10 earned run average...Dave Friesleben (13-10, 3.87), Rick Sawyer (12-14, 3.49) and disappointing Brent Strom (8-15, 4.38) were other starters...Attack was hurt by loss of Dave Winfield's bat for extended periods because of injuries. Winfield still managed to hit 14 homers and knock in 62 runs, however...John Grubb (.322, 14 HRs, 72 RBI) and Mike Ivie (.282, 9, 88) were leading swingers, however...Ivie and Jones, who wound up hurling 309 innings and completing 24 games, were most valuable players...Ivie led team in hits (166) as well as RBI...reliever Dave Tomlin was a pleasant surprise, compensating somewhat for Strom's dismal season, going 7-2, 1.46 with 11 saves.

BEST TEAMS 1975 FOOTBALL LEAGUE - Face-to-face, four-member league representing three schools in Peabody, MA...showing their geographic loyalty, two of the coaches selected New England, which didn't really help the Patriot cause since they finished third in one division and last in the other...Jim Amos' Baltimore Colts knocked off Doug Finnegan's St. Louis Cardinals in so-called Super Bowl, 28-14, as Colts picked off five Jim Hart passes...Hart ended regular-season with 62.7 per cent completion mark, throwing 15 TD passes and being intercepted 15 times...Baltimore's Bert Jones was on-target 53.3 per cent of time and was 17-4 in TD/interception ratio...O.J. Simpson topped rushers with 1,182 yards for 4.7 average, while Terry Metcalfe of Cards was runnerup with 1,114 (5.1) and finished No. 1 in kick and punt returns with 31.6 and 24.1 averages, respectively...Glenn Doughty of Baltimore led in catches with 57 for 16.1-yard average and Mel Gray was runnerup, with Card speedster hauling in 54 passes for whopping 24.7 average.

### Standings:

Division I	Won-Lost-Tied	Division II	Won-Lost-Tied
Minnesota (John McGrenery)	8 5 1	St. Louis (DF)	10 4 0
Buffalo (Jim Amos)	8 5 1	Baltimore (JA)	9 5 0
New England (Bob Ford)	6 8 0	Dallas (JM)	5 9 0
San Francisco (Doug Finnegan)	5 9 0	New England (BF)	4 10 0

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EAST COAST BASEBALL ASSOCIATION (ECBA) - 12-team draft league which plays 162-game schedule...1975 season was won by Larry Fryer (Hamburg, PA) and his Outcasts, who rose out of second-place to sweep the playoffs...1976 season was won by commissioner Dan Hoffman's Twin Tier Titans (August, 1977 Review),

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who captured Division I with glittering 117-45 mark but were eliminated in playoffs...Cincinnati won Division II with 115-47 record, but also lost in playoffs...unheralded Rudy May (10-10, 2.54 ERA in regular-season) shut out Yankees, 3-0, for Outcasts in seventh game of World Series.

Standings and leaders:

Division I	Won-Lost	GB	Division II	Won-Lost	GB
Twin Tier Titans (Dan Hoffman)	117-45	-	Cincinnati Reds (Mike Weiermiller)	115-47	-
Elmira Yankees (Mark Weiermiller)	92-70	25	Outcasts (Larry Fryer)	93-69	22
Montreal Expos (John Nastro)	90-72	27	Bootleggers (Jeff Gromis)	93-69	22
Ridgewood Renegades (Wess Sass)	87-75	30	Chemung Cougars (Ralph Hebb)	77-85	38
Cardston Pheasants	81-81	36	Zenith City Zwiefuls (Dale Barnes)	77-85	38
Richton Ripp Squad (Tom Fees)	35-127	82	New York Condors (Sean Crosbie)	65-97	50

Playoffs: Outcasts d. Bootleggers, 2-1; Outcasts d. Titans, 3-2; Yankees d. Reds, 3-2. World Series: Outcasts d. Yankees, 4-3.

Avg. - Carew (REDS) .377, Garr (REDS) .342. Homers - Schmidt (TI) 44.

RBI - Schmidt (TI) 113. Wins - Ryan (TI) 27, Hunter (TI) 26. ERA - Hunter(2.20)