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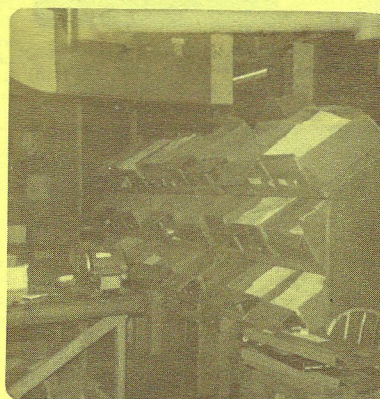
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A Look At S-O-M's New Home



HERE'S FRONT ENTRANCE TO NEW HOME OF
STRAT-O-MATIC GAME COMPANY



TWENTY-SIX BOXES OF FOOTBALL
CARDS AWAIT DIPPING INTO

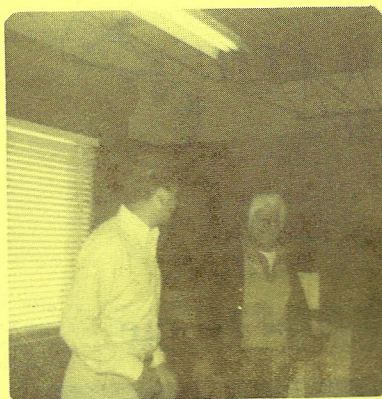
The new home of the Strat-O-Matic Game Company is in Glen Head, NY. The building is one story but with considerably more room than the old location. There is, in fact, three rooms of storage space beneath the main floor (actually the three rooms were designed as a bomb shelter). Another significant addition created by the move was that of a conference or testing room--where changes in the S-O-M Games are pondered and tested. This room has been especially busy of late because of the many changes planned for football, as well as some alterations ticketed for basketball.

Most significant change in basketball will be the creation of a team defensive card, modeled after that of the team card in football. There will be some changes in shooting, too, with more percentage shots being attempted. All the changes are designed to speed up the game even more.

Steve Barkan and James Williams, both top-level assistants to S-O-M founder and owner Harold Richman, gave the new basketball playing rules a stringent testing and played most games in an hour and 20 minutes or less. That might seem too long, until you're reminded that extensive stats were kept, including such things as number of different types of shots attempted. Steve reports that the basketball game should be the best yet--certainly the quickest.

It should be mentioned that although the game company has made changes in both football and basketball, everything needed to play the new versions will come with the new cards and that the purchase of a whole game will not be necessary.

Back to the game company. At the left is a picture of Harold Richman talking in the office with Al Elsmann of Inca Printing, located in New York city. It's Inca Printing that does all the S-O-M player cards. Elsmann was making a final check before starting work on the 1975 Strat-O-Matic Football cards which many of you will soon be receiving.



HAROLD RICHMAN (LEFT), S-O-M'S CREATOR, TALKS WITH NEW YORK-BASED PRINTER AL ELSMAN WHO PRODUCES ALL S-O-M PLAYER CARDS



DOROTHY GROVES MAKES UP BASEBALL GAMES; RETAIL GAMES IN BACKGROUND



SECRETARY LINDA YONKE HANDLES CALL FROM INQUIRING CUSTOMER

Dates Are August 1-3

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S-O-M Convention Countdown Under Way

The countdown is well under way for the launching of the first roll of dice at the National Strat-O-Matic Convention at Champaign-Urbana, IL, August 1-3. Rick [Wolfman] Shapiro, organizer of the event, is looking forward to a turnout of from 100-200 people. And there should be something for everyone, too. Along with the tournaments in baseball, basketball and football, there should be plenty of opportunity to socialize with many of the people whose names have appeared frequently in the Review, pore over Robert Henry's (Detroit) vast S-O-M card collection, perhaps buy, sell or swap cards, and even partake of the on-campus recreational activities offered, that's if you should exit quickly from tourney play.

J.G. Preston, a former summer employee of the S-O-M Game Company, is expected to attend the convention. His views should provide an interesting "inside" on the workings of S-O-M and its ingenious creator Harold Richman.

"The most important factor which makes the university an ideal location for a convention is that everything is relatively close," points out Shapiro. "The dorm is only a 15-minute walk from the Union. There are other eating places besides the school's cafeteria just a block or two away from the Union. And, since most people will be staying at the dorm, your roommates and neighbors are likely to be opponents in the tournaments. This will give you a chance to meet them beforehand, perhaps discuss strategy and make it so you're not strangers when you meet over the tourney table."

All the tournaments, Shapiro adds, will be rough and good tests of abilities, and that the luck factor will not play a major role in one's success or failure. If one wants to enter the tournaments in a casual mood and play for the fun of it, that's fine too.

The tournaments that will be staged include: advanced baseball, football and basketball, and two elementary baseball [one with teams from 1905-1957, the other teams from 1960-1974]. The tourney schedule will find the advanced football and baseball tournaments getting under way Friday, Aug. 1; both continuing on Saturday, plus the three other meets beginning; with all championship rounds being staged on Sunday.

Some of the gamesters expected to vie for honors include: Defending elementary baseball champion Bob Anderson of Chicago, IL; Roy "Mad Shuffler" Diaell, winner of the 1973 elementary baseball championship at the National Convention held in Brooklyn, NY; last year's advanced basketball king Bart Ewing of St. Louis, MO; last year's basketball runnerup Brad Furst, who is expected to come all the way from White Sands, NM, and Harold Roughton, the advanced football champ last summer.

J.G. Preston and Tom Nelson, of Mid-Coastal League football fame, are expected to give all a battle for gridiron laurels, while Shapiro reports that Alfred Wong of the U. of Illinois is another battle-tested football buff who could win it all. In baseball, Fred Floreth of Litchfield, IL, will be back to defend his advanced-version crown. Diaell might make a run at him, rather than play the elementary version. And there will also be Eric Johns and Steve Walters, both veteran and innovative gamers, in the baseball field as well.

If you're still interested in getting in on the fun, Shapiro reports that it's possible to do so--if you hurry. Since tournament fields are about to be drawn up it's important that you contact the Wolfman immediately. Write him at 9161 Kilpatrick, Skokie, IL, 60076, tell him what tournaments you're interested in and send along a \$1 [to cover the cost of trophies] and a stamp so that he can reply instantly.

Who'll be the new (or maybe it will turn out the "old") national Strat-O-Matic champions? A roll of the dice by you might just go a long way toward deciding.

Directory Addition

STEVEN ESTEY, 212 Spring, Burlington, IA 52601; 28; teacher and jayvee basketball coach; plays football and baseball; plays in local head-to-head league.

What You've Always Wanted To Know ⁴ About Staging A Tournament

Many people may have contemplated having an S-O-M Tournament--only if at the neighborhood level. A problem that always arises regardless of the magnitude of the tournament is how to set one up and run it off and be fair to all participants.

Rick [Wolfman] Shapiro, who is hosting the Strat-O-Matic National Convention Aug. 1-3 at Champaign-Urbana, IL, has put together a set of rules which helped last summer's convention to sail along smoothly. The rules give you an idea to the minute detail that must be adhered to if disputes are to be avoided.

So, if you're in a tournament mood, unable to attend the convention, and want to stage your own, here's a format [for advanced baseball only in this case] to follow:

TOURNAMENT RULES - ADVANCED BASEBALL

1. Managers should pick two teams from the 1971-74 cards [two-sided] and decide which will be first and second choices to use in tournament.
2. Keep stats whenever possible on scoresheet--a written record prevents disputes from arising. Name of teams and round number of game should be listed.
3. Team you start tourney with will be your first choice. If both managers have the same team, flip coin or roll die to decide who uses first choice.
4. Two games will be played, switching teams at the end of the first game with your opponent.
5. Most runs scored for two games decides winner. If tied in runs, continue to play second game until someone scores.
6. Dice must land flat on playing surface.
7. Home team is changed for the second game.
8. All Strat-O-Matic rules apply, except the following:
 - A. There will be no DH [designated hitter] or catcher's throwing rating [unless both managers agree beforehand, and are using 1973-74 teams].
 - B. There will be no injuries.
 - C. No pitcher may be used more than a total of nine innings in both games. However, if second game goes beyond nine innings, you may use your starting pitcher, if still in the game, until the 12th inning.
 - D. A pitcher who starts one game may not start another in the same round. A starter in game one may relieve in game two [maximum nine total innings], providing he has reliever listed on card.
9. A three-man pitching rotation is needed. You may pitch anyone in the first game. After teams are switched, you may start anyone except the pitcher your opponent started.
 - A. For the next round, first game, you must start a third pitcher [different than two used in previous round]. Second game, however, you may start anyone except pitcher used in previous game.
10. A starting pitcher may not be removed before the seventh inning unless he is tired, given up four earned runs, is behind by three or more [innings 1-4], or any runs [5-6]. If in innings 5-6, your pitcher has given up three earned runs and the game is tied with your opponent threatening to score, you may remove pitcher.
11. A player may not play any position other than what is listed on his card.
12. All 1973-74 American League pitchers are "1" hitters. No player who has less than 150 plate appearances [hits and walks] listed on his card may start. He can be used to pinch-hit at any time, or as a defensive replacement in the seventh inning or later, however.
13. Alternate split systems may be used instead of split numbers, but both managers must agree before the game to its use.
14. Catcher's holding will be: Catcher 1 [-5]; 2 [-4], 3 [-3], 4 [-2].
15. Cut-off throws: If you go after a lead runner trying to advance, regardless if he's safe or out, all following runners advance an extra base. To prevent other runners from advancing, just let the lead runner advance safely and a cut-off throw is assumed to have been made.

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Questions & Answers

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

QUESTION: On the 1970 Kansas City Chiefs advanced defense card was there an error on Off-Tackle, one-man, No. 7? It reads +5 yards. But the elementary Off-Tackle card says 0 yards for No. 7.

ANSWER: Yes, the reading is correct. The elementary card shows a 0 reading for both Nos. 7 and 8. But the advanced side, even though it has a +5 on No. 7, has a 0 or +5 on No. 8 and a 0 or +8 on No. 9--which figures out to a stingy defensive rating against the rush since the Kansas City tackles are either a 6 or 5 individual rating.

QUESTION: For the 1970 Baltimore Colts there wasn't a significant runner, only Norm Bulaich with 426 yards. Am I missing a runner, since Tom Nowatzke had only 248 yards, Jackie Maitland 209 and Sam Havrilak 159?

ANSWER: Those runners, for what they were worth, were the top ground gainers for the Colts that season. It should be pointed out, however, that Baltimore relied mainly on the pass as Johnny Unitas and Earl Morrall put the football in the air over 400 times between 'em.

QUESTION: What does "++" mean on No. 10 under outside shot-back in the 1972-73 basketball game?

ANSWER: The answer, found under the double-teaming section of the rules, states that the shot is automatically good if the offensive player's defensive man is double-teaming someone else. The field goal shot is no good, however, if the player shooting is being guarded by his defensive man.

QUESTION: In the advanced Strat-O-Matic Baseball game, the best hit-and-run is a "B" and can only be when the infield is "in," yet the infield can only be "in" when there is a runner on third base. The hit-and-run cannot be used when a runner is on third. How does one become an "A" hit-and-run batter? Is this a mistake in the rules, or what?

ANSWER: A batter can become an "A" hit-and-run if a runner is being held on first base. If a runner is being held it is the same as the infield "in" when looking for "++" situations, bunting and the hit-and-run. Thus, if a runner is being held and the hitter is a "B" hit-and-run, he becomes an "A", or moves up one rating level. You are correct that the hit-and-run cannot be used with a runner on third base.

QUESTION: What should Tommy Davis' field goal reading from 1-12 yards on his 1967 San Francisco 49er card be?

ANSWER: The reading should be 2-7 for a successful field goal, 8-12 for an unsuccessful. Many of the cards have a "2-71" reading, which is simply a printing error as far as the extra "1".

QUESTION: Ken Singleton was rated a +1 throwing, yet most Major League players and managers agree that he has one of the strongest arms in baseball. His throws have been measured at 85 miles-per-hour, yet he receives a bad rating. Why?

ANSWER: Singleton's arm may be powerful, but that doesn't make it accurate. His rating is correct.

QUESTION: How do you figure Lou Brock's stealing rating? What effect does holding an AAA stealer or a catcher's throwing rating have?

ANSWER: This question was answered in the May Review. But Robert Schumacher from New York city questioned S-O-M creator Harold Richman's answer, saying it was contrary to the advanced game stealing instructions, and further suggesting that perhaps there should be a basic and advanced version for an AAA stealer. Checking with S-O-M, the answer found in the May Review followed the reduction guidelines set forth in the basic game (an AAA cannot be held). So, as a result, there are two ways of handling an AAA. First, the basic game: an AAA is a 1-17, cannot be held and the catcher's arm is not figured in; secondly: (advanced version), an AAA is a 1-17, the rating is reduced -1 if being held and then the catcher's throwing is figured in.

QUESTION: On Ed Herrmann's 1970 card for the Chicago White Sox, what should be the correct results for numbers 8 and 9 in the one-column and numbers 5 and 6 in the three-column?

ANSWER: Herrmann's 1970 card has a home run on 1-8, groundball (2b) A++ on 1-9, and single on both 3-5 and 3-6.

QUESTION: On Al Kaline's 1975 card there isn't any defensive rating or any positions listed. Also, he has no throwing arm rating. Is this a mistake?

ANSWER: Al Kaline is to be used solely as a designated hitter. He has no defensive or throwing arm ratings.

QUESTION: What happens if a runner is being held and a batter comes up with no "groundball A++" like Dave Duncan of the 1967 Kansas City A's?

ANSWER: Not much in Duncan's case. Almost all hitters do have a "groundball A++", but Duncan was one of the few without such a situation. If you wish, one could be put on 1-11. The game company reports that all batters should have at least one such situation, and that it was an omission in the case of Duncan (who only batted officially 101 times).

QUESTION: Do you move the clock for a jump ball in Strat-O-Matic Basketball? And is a "Foul (2)" counted as an attempted field goal?

ANSWER: No, you don't move the clock for a jump ball. Foul shooting and field goal attempts are completely separate.

QUESTION: When did Strat-O-Matic first come out with the baseball and football cards?

ANSWER: The baseball game first came out in 1961 (based on 1960 results) and the football in 1968 (based on 1967 season).

Old-Timer Baseball Replay Finally Completed

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After starting fast, coming to a grinding halt for over a month, the ISOMOTA (International Strat-O-Matic Old Timers Association) has completed its first season. Answering the call from the Review for a full-season Old-Timer baseball replay, Mike Topoozian of Parsippany, NJ, says the ISOMOTA had plenty of ups and downs in its first season before a 156-game schedule was finally completed for seven teams.

Started a year ago after an ad in the Review, the ISOMOTA originally had seven members. Everything went smoothly in the play-by-mail league until September rolled around and some of its members went off to school and no longer had time to roll S-O-M dice. Through all of November and the beginning of December nary a game was played. But, alas, two replacement managers were finally found, the league resumed and the season, plus a playoff, was completed.

Managers who went the route included Tom Angel, 23, Ocala, FL; Kevin McDonough, 16, North Pembroke, MA; Dave Stebbins, Leominster, MA; Dave Clark, Leominster, MA; Tom Natoli, Parsippany, NJ, vice-president of the league; and Mike Topoozian, Parsippany, NJ, the league's president.

Trading was permitted and some players appeared to be going through a revolving door. Babe Ruth was traded--but for five players, while another big trade involved 13 players--yes, 13!--with Mickey Mantle, Carl Furillo and Roberto Clemente, among others, being swapped for Ty Cobb, Hank Aaron, and Warren Spahn and Frank Robinson.

Despite the early-season blahs, the league did add a page to S-O-M Old-Timer history by finishing its season. And, latest word from the ISOMOTA is that its second season is successfully under way.

Here are the standings, leaders and playoff results of ISOMOTA I:

| <u>National</u> | | <u>Won-Lost</u> | <u>GB</u> | <u>Average</u> | |
|----------------------------|------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------|------|
| Armenians (Mike Topoozian) | | 104-52 | -- | Cobb (ARM) | .390 |
| Black Sox (Tom Angel) | | 88-68 | 16 | Furillo (RED) | .362 |
| Express (League) | | 79-77 | 25 | Aaron (ARM) | .348 |
| Tantilizers (K.McDonough) | | 54-102 | 50 | Simmons (TAN) | .332 |
| | | | | Gehrig (ARM) | .321 |
| <u>American</u> | | <u>Won-Lost</u> | <u>GB</u> | Snider '53 (RED) | .321 |
| Devils (Dave Stebbins) | | 81-75 | -- | Wagner (ARM) | .318 |
| Nats (Tom Natoli) | | 80-76 | 1 | Collins '11 (ARM) | .315 |
| Redskins (Dave Clark) | | 60-96 | 21 | Cash (BS) | .313 |
| | | | | Dimaggio '41 (ARM) | .312 |
| <u>Home Runs</u> | | <u>RBI</u> | | <u>Hits</u> | |
| Ruth (ARM) | 71 | Ruth (ARM) | 164 | Cobb (ARM) | 258 |
| Mays '62 (EXP) | 59 | Mays (EXP) | 145 | Collins '11 (ARM) | 215 |
| Aaron (ARM) | 53 | Mays '62 (Nats) | 145 | Furillo (RED) | 214 |
| Mantle (RED) | 51 | Gehrig (ARM) | 138 | Aaron (ARM) | 202 |
| Campy (NATS) | 51 | Mantle (RED) | 125 | Wagner (ARM) | 202 |
| Maris (NATS) | 46 | Aaron (ARM) | 119 | Gehrig (ARM) | 201 |
| Mays '54 (NATS) | 45 | Campy (NATS) | 115 | Mays (EXP) | 196 |
| Cash (BS) | 39 | Dimaggio '41 (ARM) | 112 | Snider (RED) | 194 |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | <u>Strikeouts</u> | |
| <u>ERA</u> | | <u>Wins</u> | | Koufax (NATS) | 352 |
| Johnson (ARM) | 2.86 | Mathewson (EXP) | 27 | Dean (BS) | 260 |
| Garcia (BS) | 3.18 | Johnson (ARM) | 26 | Brown (RED) | 221 |
| Grove (DEV) | 3.34 | Dean (BS) | 25 | Mathewson (EXP) | 195 |
| Mathewson (EX) | 3.36 | Coombs (ARM) | 24 | Grove (DEV) | 183 |
| Cicotte (EXP) | 3.70 | Koufax (NATS) | 22 | | |
| Koufax (NATS) | 3.76 | Camnitz (DEV) | 22 | <u>Losses</u> | |
| Drysdale (NATS) | 3.77 | Cicotte (EXP) | 20 | Dean (BS) | 22 |
| Camnitz (DEV) | 3.95 | Grove (DEV) | 18 | Drysdale (NATS) | 20 |
| Derringer (NATS) | 4.28 | Drysdale (NATS) | 18 | Nehf (TAN) | 20 |

New 'Odd Play' Chart

The Merrimac Valley Strat-O-Matic League (Merrimac, MA) took an instant liking to Dan Hoffman's "Odd Play" chart that appeared in the Feb., 1975 issue of the Review. However, there were certain aspects of the chart that it thought could be improved on. The 6-12 dice roll to put the chart into effect was thought unrealistic, as was the high frequency of ejections and injuries.

So, using Hoffman's good ideas as a foundation, the MVSL has created a chart of its own you may want to try. George Dolansky, president of the MVSL, is the creator of the chart presented below.

ODD PLAY CHART

(Goes into effect when an injury occurs and hitter remains in the game, split numbers 1-4. Pick another split and:)

Split No.

- 1-2 - Pitcher on mound at time of play develops sore arm and must immediately leave the game.
- 3-4 - Lead runner picked off by the pitcher. (Note: If injury play is last out in inning or no runners are on, ignore odd play result.)
- 5-6 - Next batter after injury possibility argues over strike call and is ejected from the game. (Note: If play was final out in inning, first batter from opposing team argues and is thrown out of the game.)
- 7-8-9-10 - Game rained out. If game did not go long enough to become official it will be rescheduled for the earliest possible date.
- 11-12-13 - Next triple may be stretched into inside the park home run. Hitters running rating is used for the play at the plate. This is an option-type play and if manager declines no other triple, other than the first one occurring, may be stretched.
- 14-15 - Manager at bat is ejected from the game for arguing ball-strike call with umpire. (Note: This means if third out is the injury play, opposing manager is ejected for the remainder of game for arguing ball-strike call on his first hitter.)
- 16-17 - Lead runner is picked off by catcher if: (pick another split)
 Catcher is a 1 -- 1-19 picks off lead runner, 20 runner safe.
 " " 2 -- 1-16 picks off lead runner, 17-20 runner safe.
 " " 3 -- 1-12 picks off lead runner, 13-20 runner safe.
 " " 4 -- 1-6 picks off lead runner, 7-20 runner safe.
 (Note: If injury play is last out in inning or no runners are on, ignore odd play result.)
- 18-19-20 - Pitcher balks, runners move up one base. (Note: If no runners are on or injury play was last out in the inning, ignore odd play result.)

Other information:

- (1) If manager is thrown out of the game, no hit-and-run, stealing, squeeze plays, or defensive replacements may be used.
- (2) If game being played is in Astrodome, ignore rain out and insert, no odd play occurs.

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Buzz Capra Blitzes Phillies

No-Hitters

Buzz Capra of the Atlanta Braves is anathema to right-handed batters, as a quick glance at his 1975 card (advanced side) will prove. If candidates for possible no-hitters using the new cards could be lined, he would definitely belong in the front of the line.

Capra did just that recently--pitch a no-hitter--as Atlanta blitzed the Phillies, 8-0. A pair of home runs by Davey Johnson made Capra's task an easy one, as the Braves' right-hander walked only two batters. Brad Williams of Fairburn, GA, was on the viewing end of Capra's gem.

Capra wasn't the only hurler to strike no-hit gold with the new cards. Vida Blue was another, no-hitting the Cleveland Indians, 3-0, while striking out 11 and walking nary a batter. Oakland's swift lefty zonked Oscar Gamble with a pitch and had a close call when George Hendrick rolled a 3-6 (Single 1-13) in the seventh. Campy Campaneris grabbed the liner (split number 16) and Vida was home free, however. Joe Rudi hit a pair of home runs for the A's, as Jeff Russell of Rockaway, NJ, comprised the crowd for the historic game.

Dave Freisleben, also with the new cards, mowed down a mixed team for another no-hitter, this one by Al Michaud of No. Pembroke, MA. Freisleben fanned nine and walked four and ended the game with a pair of strikeouts.

Doc Medich of New York gave Baltimore an almost flawless dosage of fast-balls and curves with Randy Cross of El Segundo, CA, looking on. Medich walked Paul Blair in the first inning (he was erased on a double play) and after that plucked the Birds clean at the plate, facing but 27 batters and winning, 3-0.

Joining the first time club was Steve Griparis of Joliet, IL, who not long ago watched Don Gullett of Cincinnati stymie Milwaukee without a hit after facing only 29 batters. A walk and an error were all that spoiled a perfect game. Gullett struck out nine and walked only one batter.

Other no-hitters recorded recently include:

- * Nolan Ryan won a 1-0 thriller for Chuck Holman of Tucson, AZ--his third no-hitter in over 20 years of table gaming. Ryan's Express roared to nine strikeouts, while walking four. Ryan also hit two batters. His closest call was in the eighth inning when Ken Reitz had a 6-4 roll (1-7 HR, 8-20 Fly LF). The split was an "8" so the no-hitter was preserved.

- * Waite Hoyt of the '27 Yanks handcuffed the '74 A's, 4-0, and Bill Singer of the '73 Angels duplicated the effort against the '61 Yanks for a pair of no-hitters viewed by Jeff Morse, Springfield, VA.

- * Jim Hunter, off to a fantastic start for Bill Peters, N. Olmsted, OH, won his eighth game of a new-season replay by blanking Cleveland, 3-0. The Catfish no-hit the Indians; with only Oscar Gamble, who reached first on an error, a baserunner. Gamble, of course, was hit by Hunter's teammate, Vida Blue, in another no-hitter (mentioned above).

- * The Indians got revenge of sorts for their no-hit ills when one of their own--Gaylord Perry--tossed a no-hitter against Oakland in a 1972-season replay game. Perry, hurling for Brent Goodwin of Conroe, TX, struck out a whopping 13 batters, including Reggie Jackson and Sal Bando three times. It was Goodwin's first no-hitter in three years of S-O-M playing.

- * Steve Rogers of Montreal (1974) turned back the clock for his no-hitter. With Bruce Binkowitz of Morganville, NJ, rolling the dice, Rogers went nine innings without allowing a hit against the '65 Dodgers. But, alas, Don Drysdale of Los Angeles was also cruising along with a shutout. In the 10th inning, Rogers retired the side without a hit and Ron Hunt ended matters in the bottom of the frame by slamming a bases-loaded home run for the Expos. It was Binkowitz' first no-hitter--and a perfect game to boot!

- * Jim Palmer, 1973 vintage, set down Boston without a hit for Tim Swisher of Hartford, MI. Palmer whiffed eight, walked three and got out of a touchy situation when a 6-6 roll by Carlton Fisk came up a "15" split number.

- * The spray-hitting Los Angeles Dodgers, 1975 cards, were shackled by Rick Wise of Boston, 5-0, with only two runners reaching first base via walks. Wise outdueled Andy Messersmith in notching the no-hitter for Russell Medeiros of Revere, MA.

Readers Roll 'Em

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A VOTE FOR ALL-STAR TEAMS

I've read many opinions on whether the game company should issue the 1960's baseball cards. I, myself, would like to see them printed. But it is clear S-O-M has no intention of doing so.

To the serious fan, an all-star team would not be enough. So, why not print up an all-star team for each year? Or go one better and make up an all-star team for each team. Some teams, like the Padres, wouldn't be exactly stocked with talent. But if you wanted to buy the all-star Tigers of the '60's, it would be possible. C'mon S-O-M, at least an all-star team for us drooling fans.

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PALUCH BUREAU PRAISED

I have been a Strat-O-Matic gamester for many years and have thoroughly enjoyed the game. Now, with the publication of the Review, my horizon has been vastly broadened. Being at the ripe old age of 13 I find it hard to find the time for S-O-M, school and various sports, let alone the arduous hours needed on stats. But with the coming of the Review, I have been able to play my games and then send my stats to the Paluch Statistics Bureau, advertised in the Review, from which I have received both prompt and accurate results.

I find all articles in the Review very interesting, especially those on the Greater-Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League and Readers Roll 'Em. One thing I do find disturbing is when the "little people" nag the Review for not printing their material. I believe if their stats are interesting, they would be printed.

It was mentioned in the January issue by a reader I totally agree with about the absence of hit-by-pitch in the basic baseball game. This would surely add more realism to the game.

Mike Dinkel
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

SORRY, BUT...

I am interested in finding out whether Mr. [Harold] Richman uses statistical data or merely subjective evaluation when he determines stealing and fielding ratings, etc.? If he uses statistical data and you can give me his system, I would appreciate it very much.

Also I feel that the S-O-M Review should help determine the 1975 season's top rookies. You should give names to the 20 nameless cards.

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Editor's note: Such ratings as fielding, stealing, etc., are the result of extensive research combined with statistics. The system used by S-O-M is not available to the S-O-M Review, nor anyone else. As far as rookies and putting names on nameless cards, this would be easier done by individual gamesters than the S-O-M Review. Such cards would certainly be subject to change, since today's rookie sensations might be back in the minors come September. In other words, it's hard to rate a rookie while the season's in progress.

OLD-TIMERS OVERRATED

I would like to say that I believe the S-O-M Old-Timer teams are overrated by the game company and would like to see something done about it. The 1927 New York Yankee pitching staff is one good example. A team that hit so many home runs, it's hard to believe that it's so difficult to get one off of their staff.

Also, I agree with the guy who suggested using a wider range of pitching hitting cards. This is a must for anyone claiming to have realistic results regarding a pitcher's overall performance during the course of a season.

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Editor's note: The example of it being difficult for other A.L. batters to hit home runs off New York Yankee pitching only reflects real-life results. The '27 Yankees, for instance, hit 158 home runs, almost three times as many as the next team. Philadelphia was a distant second with 56. Also, after N.Y. hitters, the next individual in home runs was Ken Williams with 17.

TWO CENTS WORTH OF THOUGHTS

First of all, I've sat back and observed the so-called "little guy-big guy" controversy for a long time now, and I think it's time I threw in my two cents.

Granted, some names are seen more than others in the Review. And some people feel that this is unfair. My answer? No, it isn't. I'm tired of the readers looking at the name on the letter instead of the contents! As far as I'm concerned, the Review chooses letters according to their value to the public, not because there's a "Wolfman" or a Keith Walker under them.

If these people who scream about this would read the letter and not the name, they would see that these letters are good and intelligent. I feel that the Review has done a good job of sorting out the right things to print. We "little guys" should write good and interesting letters, and then we'll be heard. But let's not feel discriminated against until we do.

As far as random columns go, I don't really care as long as the results come out the same. Michael Rennick was totally unfair in calling the idea ridiculous, though, because whoever suggested it has a point. Random hit placement isn't a bad idea if only to break the monotony of the cards, especially for those of us who have been with the game for a while.

How about a poll about some issues like this and Old-Timer teams?

Also, I think it's time S-O-M changed its policy about placing players on the team they finished with. I think the best answer is more teamless players, in fact, any fairly active player should be treated this way if traded in mid-season. The six players listed in the June Review (Osteen, Hands, Hunt, etc.) should be done this way, in addition to the four S-O-M already did that way. Any improvement over the present way would be great.

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ACCURACY IS MOST IMPORTANT

I would like to make a few comments on some of the things which have appeared in the Review during the last few months. First of all, I believe that the current "traditional card makeup" vs. "random selection method" dispute is the most ridiculous argument that I've heard since I started subscribing in July of 1974, even more ludicrous than the "big people" vs. "little people" controversy and the "reprint" vs. "no reprint" debate.

What makes this argument especially idiotic is that nobody has gotten to the point. To me, variety in the cards doesn't really matter, but accuracy does. Therefore, if it can be proven that using the so-called "random selection method" will produce more accurate results than the system in use now, then I say fine, let's change. But if there is no difference, then I don't see what difference it makes.

Secondly, I would like to applaud the Review on its new column, called "S-O-M League Scene". In my opinion, it is a very good successor to the spot by Mike Gilbert's Old-Timer analysis, as it gives some exposure to those who don't have time for a 12-team, 162-game replay.

Also, a short note on the no-hitter section of the Review. Keep it in. After all, I've had four no-hitters in four years, including one perfect game, but still feel the tension as a pitcher enters the sixth or seventh inning with a no-hitter intact.

Finally, I would like to ask a question. Is there still no word on when the S-O-M Hockey game will be out? As an avid hockey fan, I can hardly wait for its release.

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Editor's note: Still no word on the hockey game from S-O-M. A number of gamesters have sent their ideas for such a creation to the game company, but it's doubtful if much delving into the games has taken place. S-O-M has spent a lot of time recently on changes in the football game. As far as polls go, they're great for creating interest. But if the game company isn't prepared to react to them, they're of little value. Many people interpret polls as being the "final word." That's not always the case.

'CLUTCH HITTING' NEEDED

I must say that I agree with David TerWee when he said that clutch hitting should be built into the cards. For the 1974 Expos, catcher Barry Foote was the best clutch hitter on the team. However, in my games whenever a runner is on base and Foote is at bat, he grounds into a double play. He's driving me nuts!

Also, in my opinion Jeff Rohwer was right about the no-hitter column. Experiencing one was exciting enough, but then seeing it printed made it more so.

Dale Barnes' idea of S-O-M Government was delightfully original.

About the backlog of replays of shortened seasons, how about printing the Review every two weeks? I can't stand the month-long wait anyway.

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HERNANDEZ 'AA', TOO

I just had to write in and tell you how much I enjoy your publication each month.

In the March 1975 issue of the Review you have all the "AA" stealers listed for 1975. Left out of this list, however, was Enzo Hernandez of the San Diego Padres. Was this an oversight of yours while writing up the article, or was it a mistake of the game company while printing up the cards?

Also, is there any chance at all within the next five years that the Strat-O-Matic Game Company will come out with either ABA player cards or a NHL game?

Steve Griparis
Joliet, IL

Editor's note: Hernandez' name was inadvertently left out of the list of "AA" stealers. He is definitely one. As far as five-year plans go, it's safe to assume that S-O-M will have a hockey game definitely by then and probably ABA cards will be available. The latter, however, has no confirmation from the game company at this time though.

READY FOR A COMEBACK

I see, after reading a recent issue of the Review, that someone has come up with a system of eliminating lousy players from play-by-mail leagues. The Clearinghouse it's called. It might be a good idea, I'm not sure. I might be on the list.

Now, I'll get to the meat of this letter. First my history in play-by-mail leagues: I've been in three leagues which folded, I've quit three, started one that folded and tried to start one but didn't because of lack of response. Looks pretty bad, huh, but there may be excuses for some of them. The three that folded and the one that never got started, I had no control over. The other four happened about the same time which may be the reason since I was trying to do too many things at once. Still, I must take most of the blame for not knowing better.

I'd like to apologize to the following people for my mistakes: Rick Palmer, John Croce, Dennis Copyak, Dan McSweeney, Max Weder, Bob Cebelak, Ron VanderVeen, Jeff Fleischman and Jim Chanos. I hope you guys read this. If I've forgotten anyone, sorry.

After a year and a half layoff, I think I'm ready for a comeback. I'd like to get in a play-by-mail baseball league, maybe two. This letter is sincere; I want to start off with a clear conscience. I hope this letter will help clear my name.

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LIKES HIT 'PATTERN'

I like the pattern that S-O-M uses to place hits and walks on the player cards. And I believe most S-O-M players (gamesters) feel this way, rather than having a random selection method.

A random selection method would result in longer games because you would continually have to check the cards. I wouldn't mind S-O-M experimenting with a few players--making their hit and walk placement random--just to see how they are accepted.

Joe Damore
Buffalo Grove, IL

Editor's note: There are many S-O-M cards that are not the traditional "pattern" in makeup. Willie McCovey and Richie Hebner, for instance, have their hits and walks widely scattered and certainly don't follow a "pattern."

Kubis Khan Goes Full-Season Route Again

While many baseball and football play-by-mail leagues flourish, full-season basketball replays are about as rare as Norm VanLier blocking Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's sky hook.

The Kubis Khan Basketball League, with commissioner Dennis Yost at the controls, is an exception, however. It has completed a full 82-game schedule for each team, not only once but twice. If it isn't the first 17-team, 82-game Strat-O-Matic basketball league, it should be among the oldest, having started in May, 1973.

Kubis Khan II began with 17 coaches and because of play-by-mail attrition was down to 11 at the finish. The commissioner's office did see to it that all games were played, however. The 11 who completed the season and their teams were: Dave Lewis (Atlanta), Jim Stewart (New York), Rial Cummings (Boston), Richard Bello (Philadelphia), Max Weder (Milwaukee), John Hrick (Chicago), Jim Werschler (KC-Omaha), Mike Takagawa (Los Angeles), Bill Radcliffe (Portland), Stan Hyatt (Golden State) and Bill Macholz (Phoenix).

These people, obviously, are what successful PBM leagues are all about! Now, how did the league's division races come out?

The winners were Atlanta, which, led by Pete Maravich and Lou Hudson, got off to a fast start and stayed in front of the slow-starting Bullets all season; New York, which edged out Boston as the Celtics lost their last seven games; Milwaukee, the best defensive team in the league, and Los Angeles, which posted the best home record in the league (32-9).

Atlanta surprised by receiving steady performances from Jim Washington and Herm Gilliam, while Walt Bellamy, although inconsistent, wasn't the weak link he could have been in the middle. The Bullets were tough on the road, but had problems offensively. Elvin Hayes was good at times, but only shot 40 per cent from the field. Mike Riordan and Phil Chenier also scored well, although Wes Unseld and Kevin Porter were seldom heard from offensively.

New York was led by Dave DeBusschere and Walt Frazier, although Bill Bradley and Earl Monroe didn't play up to expectations. Boston had a well-rounded game--that is before it went into its el foldo at the end. Buffalo had great individuals in Bob McAdoo (scoring champ) and Ernie DiGregorio (assist leader) but little defense.

Milwaukee had the league's MVP in Jabbar, who averaged 29.9 points and 13.9 rebounds, as it had a victory-margin differential of 10.3 points overall. Chicago's attack was built around the scoring of Chet Walker and Bob Love and Clifford Ray rebounded very well. Detroit would have beaten Chicago out for second if it could have found another solid guard to go with Dave Bing and Curtis Rowe had found the scoring range to help out Bob Lanier up front.

Out West, Gail Goodrich sparked the Lakers, who also benefitted immensely from the acquisition, by trade, of Len Wilkens, Jeff Mullins and George Johnson. Portland, behind Geoff Petrie and Sidney Wicks, had the league's No. 1 offense, but defense was another story. Lack of a center also hurt the Trailblazers. Golden State just missed the playoffs, losing out on percentage points to Portland. Rick Barry and Cazzie Russell led the offense and Nate Thurmond dominated the boards for the Warriors, who had the second best defense.

In the first round of the playoffs, Milwaukee eliminated Portland in five games as Jabbar three times scored 40 points. The Chicago-Los Angeles series was another story, however. The Bulls opened up a quick 3-0 lead and then Goodrich pumped in 40 points in three straight games as the Lakers tied it up. Finally, Jerry Sloan held Goodrich to 24 in the finale as the Bulls pulled out a 111-107 victory with Chet Walker netting 32.

Wes Unseld came alive on the boards and defensively and Hayes averaged nearly 35 points as the Bullets rallied from a 3-1 deficit to oust New York. The Bullets won the showdown game, 107-102, as Unseld, who combined with Hayes controlled the boards in the series, held DeBusschere in check. For Atlanta, the Cinderella story came to an end against Boston as the Celtics won the opener, 112-111, and then cruised to three easy wins. Maravich was stifled by Don Chaney's defense, while John Havlicek, Dave Cowens and JoJo White all

averaged 20-plus points per game.

In the semifinals, Capital and Boston engaged in a seven-game duel with the Bullets shocking the Celtics in the final, 106-105. Boston had to go overtime in game No. 6, finally outscoring the Bullets 12-9 in a second extra session for a 127-124 triumph. Overall Hayes and Chenier averaged 30 points a game, Porter set up many easy scores with crisp passes and Hayes and Chenier also held down White and Cowens in crucial moments on defense.

The other semifinal series belonged to Bulls' center Cliff Ray, who held Jabbar to under 20 points per game and outrebounded him as Chicago made off a 4-1 win. Chicago's defense was the key as it shackled all but Bob Dandridge--and that after Milwaukee had completely dominated the Bulls during the regular season. None of the games were one-sided, though, the Bulls winning 110-108, 101-98, losing 104-100, and winning 114-111 and 122-120 in overtime.

The championship series was another classic. Chicago started fast, taking the first two games, 108-99 and 110-109. But the Bullets rebounded, winning the next two, 118-116 and 117-102. Chicago won the fifth, 107-105, and lost the sixth in the final seconds, 107-106. In the showdown, with Riordan and Chenier handling the scoring, Hayes and Unseld ruling the boards (as they had done all series), the Bullets eked out a 107-104 victory.

Standings and leaders of Kubis Khan II:

| Standings and Leaders of 1983 NBA Season | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------|----|-------------------|----------|-------------|------------------|----------|---------|
| Atlantic Division | | | Central Division | | | Pacific Division | | |
| | Won-Lost | GB | | Won-Lost | GB | | Won-Lost | GB |
| Atlanta | 41-41 | -- | New York | 51-31 | -- | Milwaukee | 55-27 | -- |
| Capital | 37-45 | 4 | Boston | 50-32 | 1 | Chicago | 49-33 | 6 |
| Houston | 32-50 | 9 | Buffalo | 39-43 | 12 | Detroit | 48-34 | 7 |
| Cleveland | 31-51 | 10 | Philadelphia | 27-55 | 24 | KC-Omaha | 29-53 | 26 |
| <u>Scoring</u> | | | <u>Rebounding</u> | | | <u>Assists</u> | | |
| | Won-Lost | GB | | Points | Assists | | Points | Assists |
| Los Angeles | 49-33 | -- | McAdoo | 33.5 | Tomjanovich | 27.5 | | |
| Portland | 46-36 | 3 | Petrie | 33.4 | Hudson | 26.3 | | |
| Golden State | 46-36 | 3 | Barry | 30.5 | Carr | 26.3 | | |
| Phoenix | 34-48 | 15 | Lanier | 30.2 | Haywood | 25.8 | | |
| Seattle | 33-49 | 16 | Goodrich | 30.1 | C.Scott | 25.4 | | |
| | | | Maravich | 29.9 | C.Russell | 25.2 | | |
| | | | Jabbar | 29.5 | J.Walker | 24.6 | | |
| | | | Havlicek | 28.7 | B.Love | 23.9 | | |
| <u>Rebounding</u> | | | <u>Assists</u> | | | <u>Steals</u> | | |
| Hayes | 18.3 | | Unseld | 14.8 | DiGregorio | 7.7 | | |
| Ray | 16.7 | | Jabbar | 13.9 | Murphy | 7.1 | | |
| Cowens | 16.3 | | D.Smith | 13.6 | Robertson | 7.1 | | |
| McAdoo | 15.7 | | Ellis | 13.2 | VanLier | 6.8 | | |
| Hairston | 15.2 | | Haywood | 12.8 | | | | |
| Lanier | 15.2 | | | | | | | |
| Thurmond | 15.2 | | | | | | | |

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Strat-O-Matic Spotlight

BEWARE OF BOB PONTE OF BAKERSFIELD

If you ever have the opportunity to join a Strat-O-Matic Baseball league with Bob Ponte of Bakersfield, CA, in it, forget it. Bob, it turns out, is pretty tough to beat when it comes to rolling dice. In fact, he's so tough that he's won the last 11 consecutive Bakersfield All-Star League championships.

The four-member league, started three years ago, has never had anyone else emerge as champion--except Bob Ponte. In the most recent replay Bob ran away from the rest of the pack by a whopping 12-game margin, compiling a 95-67 won-and-lost record in a league in which only the best players from 1964, '66, '69, '71, '72 and '73 were used.

On top of dominating the league when it comes to winning games, Ponte also likes to rub it in with spectacular, record-breaking performances occasionally. Such as the time not long ago when his sluggers belted nine home runs in eight innings and pitcher Vida Blue, '72, set down the opposition with only a ninth inning single by Bobby Bonds ('69 Giants)--the closest anyone in the league has ever come to witnessing a no-hitter.

The home runs were belted out by Dick Allen ('66 Phillies), Hank Aaron ('71 Braves) who had two, Frank Robinson ('66 Orioles), Willie McCovey ('69 Giants), Rico Petrocelli ('69 Red Sox) who also hit two.

The other members of the league who futilely pursue Ponte every season include Steve Noma, Joe Hernandez and Dave Almond.

We wonder if he's still within sight in their current replay?

OLDIES BUT GOODIES

One of the older groups of Strat-O-Matic buffs is found in Penticton, British Columbia, Canada. There you will find a six-manager baseball league whose members range in age from 27 to 36. Every year the six--Laurie Downey, Jim Tompkins, Dick Joyner, Terry Montgomery, Doug Persson and Paul Carbury--play an 80-game baseball schedule, using actual teams, and with each manager taking two teams of good quality and four altogether.

Rookie Paul Carbury is the "youngster" of the league at 27, while veteran Jim Tompkins is the "old-timer" at 36 (and one of the few S-O-M players willing to admit it). The occupations of the six range from two lumber salesmen, a chartered accountant, newspaper circulation manager, newspaper city editor, to a local bartender (who supplies refreshments on league night).

The league doesn't use the designated hitter, even when replaying the American League, because it limits the strategy involved, and it does have a "bunt for a hit" rule. It works as follows: with no one on base manager can try for bunt hit and if batter rolls 2-5 for an "A" bunter, 2-4 for a "B", 2-3 for a "C", or 2 for a "D" the bunt is successful. Otherwise no and batter hits away. Of course, the defense can pull the infield "in" at any time to lessen the chances of a bunt single, with the usual risk (i.e. ++, means a base hit).

SHORT SHAKES

...What happened to all those profile pictures? The Review staff thought it had a good idea running the pics of S-O-M gamesters and their backgrounds. The well has run dry as far as such material, however, so how about sending us a recent snapshot and a little info?...Tim Bollier of Mineral Wells, TX, had a series of unusual happenings recently in a game between San Diego and Cincinnati using the new baseball cards. The Reds finally outslugged the Padres, 21-12, but not until Joe Morgan had smashed four home runs--a solo shot in the first inning, a grand-slam in the second, two-run blow in the third and a three-run wallop in the fourth--and Dan Oriesen another bases-loaded roundtripper. Cincy scored 11 runs in the second inning and at one point had a 19-0 lead...Bob McAdoo had the nets "smoking" in a recent basketball game played by Gary Graber of Phoenix, AZ. McAdoo, a member of the Shamrocks (21-9 after 30 games), missed his first field goal shot of the game. Then he amazingly fired the next 33 into the nets, connected on 16 of 17 free throw chances and finished with a stupendous 82 points. Overall he's averaging 34.

Pittsburgh Men Of Steel In Playoffs

The real-life Pittsburgh Steelers just may have taken the cue from a Strat-O-Matic Football replay from the 1973 season conducted by Jim Becher of Haledon, N.J. The Steelers, as every Football fan is well aware, captured the NFL championship in 1974, with a rock-ribbed defense repeatedly shutting down foes. In Becher's replay, the Steelers came out of a "Wild Card" spot in the playoffs to blow past the favorites and win it all--probably marching to a victory beat in the playoffs at the same time the real-life Pittsburgh team was doing likewise.

Pittsburgh only had an above-average 9-5 record during the regular-season. But after finishing runnerup to Cincinnati in the AFC Central division, the Steelers downed the heavily-favored Oakland Raiders in the first game of the playoffs, 21-14, ambushed Miami in the AFC championship game, 23-21, and rallied in the final minute to eke out a 17-12 Super Bowl triumph over the Los Angeles Rams.

O.J. Simpson, to no one's surprise, was selected most valuable player after piling up 2,129 yards and 18 touchdowns in 273 running attempts. San Francisco was the biggest surprise overall, just missing the the playoffs with an 8-6 record. Biggest disappointment was Washington, which could muster only a 5-9 slate.

Here are the final standings, playoff results and individual leaders:

| AFC | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|------|------|-----------|-------------------|---------|------------------|-------------|----------------|----------|------|------|------|----|
| Eastern | | | | Central | | | | Playoffs | | | | | |
| Won | Lost | Tied | | Won | Lost | Tied | | | | | | | |
| Miami | 13 | 1 | 0 | Cincinnati | 10 | 4 | 0 | Miami 31, | | | | | |
| Buffalo | 9 | 5 | 0 | * Pittsburgh | 9 | 5 | 0 | Cincinnati 14 | | | | | |
| N.Y. Jets | 9 | 5 | 0 | Cleveland | 8 | 6 | 0 | Pittsburgh 21 | | | | | |
| Baltimore | 5 | 9 | 0 | Houston | 1 | 13 | 0 | Oakland 14 | | | | | |
| New England | 1 | 13 | 0 | * Wild card team. | | | | Pittsburgh 23 | | | | | |
| Western | | | | NFC | | | | Miami 21 | | | | | |
| Won | Lost | Tied | | Eastern | Won | Lost | Tied | | | | | | |
| Oakland | 12 | 2 | 0 | Dallas | 10 | 4 | 0 | Atlanta 26 | | | | | |
| Kansas City | 7 | 6 | 1 | Philadelphia | 7 | 7 | 0 | Minnesota 24 | | | | | |
| Denver | 6 | 8 | 0 | St. Louis | 7 | 7 | 0 | Los Angeles 16 | | | | | |
| San Diego | 2 | 11 | 1 | N.Y. Giants | 6 | 8 | 0 | Dallas 14 | | | | | |
| Central | | | | Washington | 5 | 9 | 0 | Los Angeles 50 | | | | | |
| Won | Lost | Tied | | Western | Won | Lost | Tied | Atlanta 14 | | | | | |
| Minnesota | 13 | 1 | 0 | Los Angeles | 11 | 3 | 0 | Super Bowl | | | | | |
| Detroit | 5 | 9 | 0 | * Atlanta | 8 | 6 | 0 | Pittsburgh 17 | | | | | |
| Green Bay | 5 | 9 | 0 | San Francisco | 8 | 6 | 0 | Los Angeles 12 | | | | | |
| Chicago | 2 | 12 | 0 | New Orleans | 2 | 12 | 0 | | | | | | |
| * Wild card team. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Passing | | | Att-Comp. | % | TD-Int. | Rushing | | | Att-Yds. | Avg. | TD | | |
| Stabler (OAK) | | | 264-165 | 62.5 | 22-10 | Simpson (BU) | | | 273-2129 | 7.7 | 18 | | |
| Tarkenton (MIN) | | | 272-169 | 62.1 | 16-8 | McCutcheon (LA) | | | 212-1398 | 6.6 | 9 | | |
| Staubach (DAL) | | | 231-138 | 59.7 | 18-12 | Morris (MIA) | | | 191-1288 | 6.7 | 9 | | |
| Gabriel (PHI) | | | 416-242 | 58.2 | 24-12 | Brockington (GB) | | | 246-1209 | 4.9 | 7 | | |
| Hart (SL) | | | 305-177 | 58.0 | 16-9 | C.Hill (DAL) | | | 166-1112 | 6.7 | 9 | | |
| Spurrier (SF) | | | 237-136 | 57.4 | 12-10 | Hampton (ATL) | | | 231-1043 | 4.5 | 8 | | |
| Griese (MIA) | | | 207-115 | 55.6 | 15-8 | Osonka (MIA) | | | 198-1038 | 5.2 | 9 | | |
| Receiving | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | No. | Yds. | Avg. | TD | | | | No. | Yds. | Avg. | TD |
| Carmichael (PHI) | | | 67 | 1289 | 19.2 | 6 | Young (PHI) | | | 55 | 909 | 16.5 | 5 |
| Taylor (WAS) | | | 59 | 1010 | 17.1 | 6 | Rucker (NE) | | | 53 | 999 | 18.8 | 3 |
| Willis (CIN) | | | 56 | 514 | 9.2 | 3 | | | | | | | |

16. An "out-3" on the fielder's chart means advancement of the lead runner only if a double play is completed.
 17. A groundball "B" with runners on first and third and the infield "deep" results in the runner on second out on a fielder's choice and the runner on third scoring.

Win Super S-O-M Grid League

Bengals, Rams Join Forces

What is quarterbacked by Ken Anderson, has a running back quartet of Lawrence McCutcheon, Jim Bertelson, Essex Johnson and Boobie Clark, and has receivers Harold Jackson, Isaac Curtis, and Bob Trumpy?

The answer, in case you're not familiar with the Super Strat-O-Matic Football League, is a team called the New England Marauders--a combination of the Cincinnati Bengals and Los Angeles Rams. Dick Kapitan took those two teams and created one that compiled a 10-2-2 record and won the football phase of the Super S-O-M League, a tri-sport setup that plays all three S-O-M games in season.

Dave Lewis of Monticello, FL, is Super S-O-M's commissioner and also coach of the Deep South Destroyers (Oakland and Atlanta). Other members of the unique group include: Ted Dinkle, football president and coach of the Delaware Dragons (Pittsburgh and Philadelphia); Dennis Yost (remember the Kubis Khan?), coach of the Baltimore Colts (Miami-Buffalo); Mike Quintero, coach of the Van Nuys Miners (Dallas-Kansas City) and Rial Cummings, coach of the Bay Area Hyperboles (Minnesota-Washington).

Each coach, as you probably could tell, picked two teams from the NFL, with the coach picking first also selecting last, or in reverse of the first round. Trading was allowed, rosters limited to 40 players and players were limited to actual number of passes, rushes, receptions, etc.

The league also used "game plan" sheets, prepared by Ted Dinkle, for its play-by-mail venture. And the Review is hopeful that Ted will send along a copy so that many curious readers may take a look at one.

Results of the football league are contained in a voluminous, well-done 45-page booklet entitled "The Point After," prepared by Dick Kapitan.

The league, it should be mentioned, didn't suffer the PBM blahs of most such endeavors, with only one coach having to be replaced during the season.

Now would be a good time to analyze what separated the winners from the also-rans in Super Strat-O-Matic Football.

Balance was definitely a key for New England, which shocked everyone--except Kapitan--by going unbeaten the first 11 weeks of the season. The Marauders were second in overall offense (the Colts were first) and had the best defense against the rush. Baltimore, meanwhile, had O.J. Simpson and Larry Csonka in the same backfield and was second in overall defense. The Juice, Player of the Year, racked up 2229 yards in 326 carries for a 6.8 average.

The passing combo of Roman Gabriel to Harold Carmichael made the Dragons a feared team, as did the rushing of Franco Harris and Mercury Morris and a defense led by Joe Greene. Lack of offense hurt the Miners, while Deep South got deep in the hole when it lost its first seven games. The Destroyers, relying heavily on Ken Stabler's passing and the late-season running of Marv Hubbard, knocked off Baltimore in week eight and went on to win five of its last seven games.

Bay City needed a new manager, Rial Cummings, when Bob Doty departed in mid-season. The Hyperboles' defense was super, but the offense stale and lacklustre, despite all-star team quarterback Fran Tarkenton.

Here are the Super S-O-M's final results:

| | Won-Lost | Tie | GB | | Won-Lost | Tie | GB |
|-------------|----------|-----|----|------------|----------|-----|----|
| New England | 10-2 | 2 | -- | Van Nuys | 5-8 | 1 | 5½ |
| Baltimore | 10-4 | 0 | 1 | Deep South | 5-9 | 0 | 6 |
| Delaware | 6-8 | 0 | 5 | Bay Area | 4-9 | 1 | 6½ |

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| Passing | Pct. | Att-Comp | Yds. | TD-Int. | Sacks |
|----------------|------|----------|------|---------|-------|
| Tarkenton (BA) | 58.7 | 366-215 | 2172 | 13-15 | 41 |
| Stabler (OS) | 58.0 | 286-166 | 1629 | 12-8 | 28 |
| Staubach (VN) | 57.6 | 366-211 | 2251 | 10-20 | 37 |
| Gabriel (DE) | 51.7 | 479-248 | 2835 | 16-18 | 35 |
| Griese (BL) | 51.2 | 250-128 | 1977 | 13-16 | 18 |
| Anderson (NE) | 49.8 | 289-144 | 2059 | 18-13 | 24 |

| Rushing | Att-Yds. | TD | Avg. | Receiving | PC-Yds. | TD | Avg. |
|-----------------|----------|----|------|-----------------|---------|----|------|
| Simpson (BL) | 326-2229 | 15 | 6.8 | Carmichael (DE) | 75-1124 | 4 | 14.9 |
| McCutcheon (NE) | 252-1106 | 10 | 4.3 | Young (BL) | 67-818 | 5 | 12.2 |
| Morris (DE) | 179-934 | 14 | 5.2 | Gilliam (BA) | 56-840 | 6 | 15.0 |
| Foreman (BA) | 176-859 | 3 | 4.8 | C. Taylor (BA) | 50-618 | 5 | 12.3 |
| Hill (VN) | 172-844 | 4 | 4.9 | Siani (DE) | 50-584 | 2 | 11.6 |
| Bertelsen (NE) | 166-728 | 1 | 4.9 | Jackson (NE) | 48-923 | 11 | 19.2 |
| Csonka (BL) | 154-688 | 3 | 4.4 | Bulaich (DE) | 47-343 | 4 | 7.2 |
| Hubbard (OS) | 169-674 | 5 | 3.9 | Foreman (BA) | 47-321 | 0 | 6.8 |

Scoring -- Muhlmann (NE), 161; Punt Returns -- Bradley (DE), 13.5
 KO Returns -- Francis (BL), 33.9;

| Team Offense | | | Team Defense | | |
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| 1. Baltimore | 208.7-165.1 | 373.8 | Bay Area | 114.6-165.4 | 280.2 |
| 2. New England | 146.4-190.6 | 337.0 | Baltimore | 128.1-175.1 | 303.2 |
| 3. Van Nuys | 133.4-184.9 | 318.3 | Delaware | 145.2-164.7 | 309.9 |
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Wanted

WANTED: 1968 Cards and Tigers, 1969 Twins, Giants, Mets and Senators, 1970 Reds, Orioles, Braves and Twins, 1972 Phillies and Cubs. Will pay extra for 1969 Twins and 1970 Reds. Send teams or offer to: Brad Wolfson, 8014 West 34th St., St. Louis Park, MN 55426

WANTED: 1970 baseball cards complete; set of 1972 extra players; two sets of 1973 extra players. Also, pre-1971 Braves, Angels,

Pirates. Have first season basketball to trade. Send prices to: Gary Callahan, 5820 Flambeau Apt. 1, RPV, CA 90274. Call 213-377-8533. Experienced buyer-references guarantee honesty.

WANTED: Any complete Green Bay Packer football teams from 1967-1974. Please send condition of teams and price to: Terry Battistone, Route 1, Brownsville, WI 53006

WANTED: 1969 Pilots, 1971 and 1972 Pirates, any Washington Senators teams, and any Philadelphia Phillies teams. Send condition, year and price to: John Gordner, 943 Belair Drive, Berwick, PA 18603

WANTED: 1966 Sandy Koufax. Will pay \$1.50 to the first letter received. Also, 1965 Giants, 1966 Giants. Will pay \$2.00 for each. Send to: George Murphy, 8033 Chase Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90045

WANTED: 1968 Tigers, 1969 Mets, 1969 Baltimore, all with extra players. Immediate need due to formation of league. Will pay top price for cards in good condition. Send price and condition to: Steve Cuddeback, 313 NW 42nd St., Boca Raton, FL 33432, or call 305-392-0489 after 7 p.m. Time element vital! Will reimburse seller for phone call if offer is accepted.

For Sale

FOR SALE: Baseball, 1968 season, \$30.00, or best offers. This was in my ad on page 20 of March issue. The top bidders never came through, so, it's first come, first serve. I know this is unfair because not everybody gets the Review at the same time. But I tried to give everybody a shot last time and wound up with no sale. Send self-addressed, stamped envelope. Send no money unless notified. I deal on a "pay first, then merchandise is sent" basis. Please follow instructions or no reply will be sent. No trade offers please. A.F. Mazeika, 9665 E. Baker St., Tucson, AZ 85710

FOR SALE: Baseball--1969 A's, Cubs, Orioles, Pirates, Red Sox, Reds, Twins; Yanks, White Sox; Tigers are missing one player; 1969 Braves missing two players. 1970--(with extras) Dodgers, Giants, Reds, Orioles, Twins, Yanks. Also have the extras from the other 18 1970 teams, except Cubs, A's, Pirates and Red Sox. Football--1969 Browns, Giants, Vikings, Bengals, Bills,

Broncos, Chargers, Chiefs, Dolphins, Oilers, Raiders. Baseball teams \$1, or highest bids (less for teams missing players); football teams \$1.25, or highest bids. All letters answered. WANTED: 1968 and 1967 football teams. Send to: Mike Jiu, 9135 Menard, Morton Grove, IL 60053

FOR SALE: 1971 and 1972 AL and NL teams; 1946, '67, '69 Bosox; '69 Braves and A's '62 Mets; NL Hall-of-Fame; Football--'69 Cowboys, Lions, Rams, Chiefs, Vikings, Saints, Jets and Raiders. Best offer. Randy Reid, 1640 Juanita, Redlands, CA 92373

FOR SALE: Baseball--most 1967 teams, 1966 Twins, 1969 Tigers and Twins, complete 1972 and 1973 sets. You can bid on any team or complete sets. Football--some 1968 teams, complete sets 1969 to 1972. Send bids and SASE to: Richard Siteman, 13 Sheridan Street, Portland, ME 04101. LEAGUE FORMING: I am forming a PBM basketball league when the new teams come out. This will be a continuing draft league. If interested send SASE to: Richard Siteman, 13 Sheridan Street, Portland, ME 04101

FOR SALE: All S-O-M Baseball teams 1963-71 in good or better condition, each team priced: 1963 [\$7.50], 1964 [\$6.60], 1965 [\$5.50], 1966 [\$4.50], 1967 [\$3.50], 1968 [\$2.50], 1969-71 [\$1.50]. Pennant winners from 1963, 1964 and 1966 \$1 extra. Make bid on pennant and division winners 1968-71. No additional players available. Teams will be sold on a first-come-first-served basis, but doubles of most teams available. WANTED: 1960 S-O-M Baseball, will buy or trade for it. Robert Henry, 15919 Ferguson, Detroit, MI 48227

FOR SALE: Complete basketball game with everything needed to play; nine '73-74 teams including Boston, Los Angeles, Golden State, Phoenix, Milwaukee, Chicago, Capital, New York and Detroit, and one unused scorepad. All for only \$8.00. Send SASE to: Brett Miller, 2625 E. 2940 S., Salt Lake City, UT 84109

FOR SALE: I will figure complete stats for 4¢ per game. Guaranteed correct or money back. Send to: John Farmer, 2 Orleans Court, Lake Saint Louis, MO 63367

FOR SALE: 1963 Reds, Boston, Pittsburgh, Washington, Cleveland; 1965 Baltimore; 1966 Twins; 1967 Dodgers, Detroit, Cleveland; 1968 Baltimore. WANTED:

1962-64-65 teams, 1963 Twins, St. Louis, Dodgers, Philadelphia. Will buy or trade. Keith Fosness, 1438 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ St. South, Fargo, ND 58102

FOR SALE: Attention grid fans! This may be your last chance to customize your Strat-O-Matic Football Game. Because of a trip, I will no longer sell S-O-M "Kits" after those remaining in stock are sold. This same ad will run until that time. The "Kit" is a collection of over 40 rules and variations to S-O-M Football, which, when added to your game, make it much more fun and realistic. Not only does this "Kit" have the game company's approval, but it has also been sold to about 80 pleased customers. Included in this 25-page "Kit" are such things as: penalties, fumble recoveries, option plays, tackles, and more. Plus numerous offensive and defensive formations and player ratings. Every rule explained in detail. Remember, this may be your last chance to buy, so, send \$3.00 for your "Kit" today. Send to: Jamie Potter, RD-1, Coventry Rd., Greene, NY 13778

FOR SALE: Basketball game, 13 1972-1973 teams. Not included are Knicks, Warriors, Cavaliers and Rockets. Fair to good condition. Game parts included. Highest bid accepted, plus \$1.50 postage. Send bids by July 10. Winning bidder notified. Robert Fuld, 153-28 80th St., Howard Beach, NY 11414

FOR SALE: Baseball, 1965 Twins and Dodgers; 1967 Braves, Dodgers, Cubs, Cardinals, Phillies; 1968 Cubs, A's, Yankees, Braves, Boston, Twins, Senators. Football, 1967 Cowboys, Colts, Broncos, Chargers, Rams and Giants; 1968 Browns and Oakland; 1969-70, all teams to be sold separately. Bill Duffy, 409 Hillside Road, Ridley Park, PA 19078

FOR SALE: Need some help with your stats? Why not give the Paluch Statistics Bureau a try. Only 8¢ per game gets you complete stats for baseball, basketball or football. Imagine that, for only a few pennies a game you can just sit back and let us do the work.

And you don't even wait long for your results. So, come on give us a try. Write: Mike Paluch, 3325 S. Hoyne, Chicago, IL 60608

FOR SALE: Football, 1968 Rams, Colts, Cowboys (missing Bob Hayes), Packers, Oilers, Chiefs, Chargers; 1969 Vikings, complete AFL; 1970 49ers, Giants, Lions; 1972 Dolphins, Bears, Steelers, Redskins. 1969 AFL sold in sets; starting bid at \$7.50. Baseball, 1971 Pirates, Giants, Tigers, Athletics, Orioles; 1972 Reds, Dodgers, Astros, Sox, Chisox (no extras). All teams fair to good condition. Highest bid accepted. Contact: James Prevost, 1335 West Malone, San Antonio, TX 78225

FOR SALE: Should you platoon? It's up to you, but this might help you decide: 1975 advanced version batting averages. Find out how a batter will do against a left or a right-handed pitcher. Also included, how many times a batter grounded into a double play. For 1975 players and extra players. Send \$1.75 in check, money order, or cash to: Joe Zatko, 923 N. Penn St., Allentown, PA 18102

League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: Now forming, Great Old-Timers Strat-O-Matic edition (got some). This league is absolutely free! It is played by mail, and you must have all 34 teams. Teams picked by lottery. Need reliable managers. Write to: Jay Friedlander, Plaza Towers, 122, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

LEAGUE FORMING: Nine managers wanted to manage a well-run, 20-team draft league. We will start with 1970 season and work our way up. Each manager will manage one American and one National League team. There will be trading, All-Star games, etc. Send draft choices by position, which position wanted first, etc. \$4.00 service fee. **WANTED:** Any 1964, 1965 team; 1969 Reds, Braves, Padres, Orioles and additional players; 1970 Yankees, Braves and additional players; 1971 additional players. Craig Babcock, 59 Hempstead Rd., Spring Valley, NY 10977

LEAGUE FORMING: Experienced American and National League replays. Currently midway through '73. SNBA and SABA (second and first-year leagues) are looking for replacement managers.

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How To Use '34' Defense In Football

The month of July is upon us. And that means the opening kickoff for Strat-O-Matic Football can't be far behind. New card time is here and it won't be long before thousands of gamers are trying out the newest wrinkles by S-O-M with its football game.

Jay Hammeran of the Southwestern Ohio Strat-O-Matic Football League has a new defense he'd like to see used--that is if S-O-M doesn't include it among its changes. It's called the "34 Defense" and it consists of using three up men and four linebackers, rather than the traditional four-three setup. Here is how Hammeran, who cites the frequent use of this defense in recent years, sets up a "34 Defense":

"You can replace any defensive player (preferably a defensive tackle) with a fourth linebacker. To eliminate this defense from being impenetrable, you must determine whether this extra linebacker will be used as a man against the run or the pass. Against the run, if you wish to do so, you can place him as an extra man in any zone. Therefore, if you had one man in the end run zone, you would now have two. Reduce the pass rush rating by one. If you need somebody's rating, just use the usual readings. If you need the rating of the man you removed, use the fourth linebacker's rating instead.

"For those who play solitaire, roll one die. A 1, 2, or 3 would be a running defense; 4, 5 or 6 a passing defense, as far as where that linebacker would be added.

"For a pass defense, use the same rules except it would help if you didn't put this linebacker in the long pass zone. Instead, put him in the short pass zone and let the free safety stay in the long pass zone. As far as blitzing, use him as just another linebacker. Instead of having four linebackers blitz, however, he is considered a lineman. He can be the third blitzing linebacker, however."

Advertisements

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Short draft and permanent trading.
Send name, address, phone number
and experience to: Gary Callahan,
5820 Flambeau, Apt. 1, RPV, CA
90274, call 213-977-8533

LEAGUE FORMING: I am looking for
13 managers (two teams per manager)
in the South Orange-Maplewood
area to form a head-to-head foot-
ball league. Contact: Michael
Newman, 9 Courter Ave., Maplewood,
NJ 762-0691

LEAGUE FORMING: I want to meet
all persons who live in greater
Cleveland and want to join an
S-O-M league to contact me. You
must be responsible. David
Shires, 7712 Dudley, Cleveland,
OH 631-5099

Editor's note: Would the party
that contacted Michael Schwartz
and sent him \$20 for merchandise
in reply to an ad, please contact
him. Send him your name and

address so that he may return the money.
Since receiving the money, the address
of the sender was lost and Mr. Schwartz
is currently try to set the situation
right.

LEAGUE FORMING: We need 12 to 24 mana-
gers to start a play-by-mail draft
league using the new cards. Draft will
involve National, extra and maybe Ameri-
can players, depending on number of
answers. Only requirement is that you
are reliable. A small fee of \$2.00 is
required. If really interested, send
brief description of yourself to:
Doug Cochrane, 685 Oshawa Blvd., North
Oshawa, Ontario, Canada L15 Z1

LEAGUE FORMING: Wanted five reliable
managers for new PBM league. This will
be draft league using 12 teams from 1975.
There will be \$3.00 entry fee. Write to:
Mark Haskins, 292½ Simmonsville Ave.,
Johnston, RI 02919

Strat-O-Matic League Scene

* MAIN LINE BASEBALL LEAGUE -- Play-by-mail league now into its fourth season... Mike Ross of Tempe, AZ and Kit Rossano, Bellevue, WA, rose up from the cellar finishes of a year ago to capture the Western and Eastern Division titles, respectively... Ross' Eugene Aces featured Tom Seaver (29-9, 2.41 ERA), Nelson Briles (17-14), Ken Holtzman (17-14), a 3.24 team ERA, and a 177-homer attack that included Reggie Jackson (34), Bobby Murcer (27) and Tony Perez (26)... Second-place in the draft league belonged to Rod Wolfson (Bryn Mawr, PA) and his Clearwater Gunners in the West and John Korman's (Ft. Washington, PA) Miami Barracudas in the East. Wolfson had best mound staff (3.15) with Bert Blyleven (3.06), Jim Palmer (2.99), Rollie Fingers and Sparky Lyle, plus team set a new MBL record by committing only 86 errors... Rossano's Mammoths, compared unfavorably with the 1962 Mets the year before, rose up and won the East after being bolstered by newcomers Steve Busby, Steve Rogers and Bill North. Mike Lum was biggest star with 41 doubles, 24 homers and .311 average; North stole 53 bases and Rogers was 21-9, Rick Reuschel 20-9 and Dave McNally 17-11... Rod Carew of the Barracudas led the league in hitting with a .375 mark; Willie Stargell of Don Wisenor's (Cleveland, OH) Dayton Kaps won the homer crown with 51 (Darrell Evans of Carl Cole's, Wayne, PA, club was second with 43); Lou Brock of defending champ Mike Volberding's (Bellevue, WA) Seattle Rainiers stole 107 bases; while Pete Rose of Mike McConchie's (Virginia Beach, VA) club was second in hitting at .366... In playoff, Aces whipped Mammoths 4 games to 1. Seaver hurled 4-0 shutout in opener, striking out 11; Fran Healy and Toby Harrah homered in a 6-1 second-game triumph; a 14-hit attack resulted in a 10-2 win in game three; the Mammoths stayed alive, 4-3, behind Steve Rogers' pitching; and the Mammoths died, 5-4.

Standings:

| East | Won-Lost | West | Won-Lost |
|----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| Kit Rossano | 92-70 | Mike Ross | 89-73 |
| John Korman | 85-77 | Rod Wolfson | 86-76 |
| Mike McConchie | 84-78 | Carl Cole | 84-78 |
| Jim Murphy | 82-80 | Dennis Ross | 83-79 |
| John Shirez | 70-92 | Mike Volberding | 83-79 |
| Rich Ivey | 66-96 | Don Wisenor | 69-93 |

* MILMONT PARK STRAT-O-MATIC BASEBALL LEAGUE (MPSOMBL) - Head-to-head draft league using two top teams (plus Philadelphia) from each division from 1974 cards... Comprised of four members who played 78-game schedule... Steve English's Rochester Rotten Rats, led by Mike Schmidt's .311 average, 77 RBI, 79 stolen bases and 19 home runs, won out with a 48-30 record... Other teams, managers and records included: Poughkeepsie Pallbearers (John Gallagher), 42-36; Woodlyn War Hawks (Sal Pitts), 35-43, and New York Nostrils (Tony Dinunno), 31-47... Milmont Park, incidentally, is located in Pennsylvania... The Pallbearers put away the Rotten Rats in the World Series, however, 4-3 in games. Reggie Smith hit four homers for the winners in the Series.

Leaders: (200 or more at-bats; 50 or more innings pitched)

| Batting | HR | AB | RBI |
|--------------|------|-----------------|------|
| Zisk (NY) | .355 | Wynn (WO) | 20 |
| Cash (NY) | .339 | Schmidt (RR) | 19 |
| McBride (PP) | .331 | Stargell (PP) | 16 |
| | | Bench (PP) | 45 |
| Wins-Losses | ERA | Strikeouts | |
| Carlton (RR) | 13-3 | Forsch (PP) | 1.68 |
| Jenkins (RR) | 13-3 | Marshall (PP) | 2.03 |
| John (PP) | 13-6 | John (PP) | 2.13 |
| | | McGlothlen (WW) | 146 |
| | | Carlton (RR) | 124 |
| | | Jenkins (RR) | 105 |

* GREAT PLAYERS LEAGUE - A six-team league played solely by Austin Weeces of Jefferson City, MO, in which the four Hall-of-Fame teams, plus the best players of the present were used... The National League A team won it all, compiling a

108-52 record...Cy Young paced the champs by racking up a 30-8 mark...Teams consisted of National League A, National League B, American League A, American League B, American League [Weeecs' team] and National League [Weeecs' team].

Standings and leaders:

| | Won-Lost | GB | Batting | |
|---------------------|----------|----|------------------|-------|
| National League [A] | 108-52 | -- | Musial [NL A] | .352 |
| American League [B] | 100-60 | 8 | Keeler [NL A] | .346 |
| National League [B] | 79-81 | 29 | J.Jackson [AL B] | .341 |
| American League [A] | 69-91 | 39 | Home Runs | |
| National League [W] | 63-97 | 45 | Greenberg [AL B] | 59 |
| American League [W] | 61-99 | 47 | Musial [NL A] | 45 |
| | | | Ruth [AL A] | 45 |
| RBI | | | Wins | |
| Musial [NL A] | 158 | | Young [NL A] | 30-8 |
| Greenberg [AL B] | 155 | | Young [NL A] | 2.04 |
| Wagner [NL A] | 125 | | Covelski [AL B] | 28-10 |
| | | | Bender [AL B] | 2.21 |
| | | | Bender [AL B] | 28-12 |
| | | | Grove [AL A] | 2.45 |
| Strikeouts | | | | |
| McDowell [AL W] | 330 | | | |
| Koufax [NL A] | 318 | | | |

* COLUMBIA FOOTBALL LEAGUE - Free-wheeling six-team head-to-head football league located in Columbia, MO...Lum Olson is commissioner and also coach of the 1971 Kansas City Chiefs, which won the title with a 12-1-1 record...Chiefs won 10 games in a row during one stretch and didn't lose until the final game of the season when the 1969 New York Jets ambushed them, 45-37...Other coaches and teams included: Chuck Brown (1972 Green Bay), Louis Landhuis (1969 New York Jets), Mark Landhuis (1971 Cleveland), Kevin Goodrun (1970 Chicago Bears) and John Somers (1971 Dallas)...Wild scoring games highlighted league's play as Chicago scored a whopping 543 points, including massacring the Packers, 70-10, and Cowboys, 66-24...Best game of season was Kansas City's 24-21 thriller over Chicago. K.C. led at one time, 24-7, but Chicago scored two late touchdowns and failed on a fourth-and-goal from the eight in the final minutes...Bobby Douglass' passing performance for Chicago was a big surprise.

Standings and leaders:

| | Won-Lost | Ties | OFF-DEF | Rushing | Att-Yds. | Avg. |
|----------------|----------|------|---------|------------------|----------|---------|
| Kansas City | 12-1 | 1 | 391-193 | McVea [CHI] | 208-1718 | 8.3 |
| Chicago | 10-3 | 1 | 543-279 | Brockington [GB] | 222-978 | 4.4 |
| Green Bay | 4-6 | 4 | 274-323 | Podolak [KC] | 184-901 | 4.9 |
| New York Jets | 5-9 | 0 | 313-406 | Snell [NY] | 188-799 | 4.3 |
| Cleveland | 3-8 | 3 | 250-414 | Receiving | No-Yds. | TD Avg. |
| Dallas | 3-10 | 1 | 255-411 | Gordon [CHI] | 112-2005 | 25 17.9 |
| Passing | Att-Com. | Yds. | Pct. | Taylor [KC] | 83-2012 | 17 24.2 |
| Dawson [KC] | 395-222 | 3913 | 56.2 | Maynard [NY] | 76-1696 | 9 22.3 |
| Douglass [CHI] | 363-221 | 3756 | 60.1 | | | |
| Namath [NY] | 358-173 | 3180 | 48.3 | | | |

* STEELERS SURPRISE MIAMI - Pittsburgh swept past favored Miami, 20-3, in the Super Bowl of a solitaire football replay of the 1973 season conducted by John Gordner of Berwick, PA...Miami won Division I with a so-so 9-5 record, Pittsburgh Division 2 with a more impressive 12-2 slate...O.J.Simpson was the top rusher with a 5.6 average (235-1401), Lawrence McCutcheon was second at 5.6 (230-1294) and John Brockington and Chuck Foreman also netted over 1,000 yards...Harold Jackson of the Rams averaged 25.5 yards for every one of his 57 pass receptions, while John Gilliam caught 74 for 1432 yards and a 19.4 average...Passing was less emphasized as John Hadl had the most yards (2465) and Fran Tarkenton the best completion percentage (50 per cent)...Semifinal playoff games saw Miami take apart Los Angeles, 31-17, and Pittsburgh outdefend Minnesota, 17-7...Final standings in Division I: Miami (9-5), Los Angeles (8-6), Buffalo (6-8), Kansas City (4-10), New York (4-10); Division II: Pittsburgh (12-2), Minnesota (10-4), Dallas (9-5), Oakland (5-9), Green Bay (3-11).

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'Dirty Dealers' List Dwindles

Only three names remain on this month's list of alleged "Dirty Dealers" and the Review is happy to report no new names have been added. For those unfamiliar with the list, the names found on it are of people accused of fraudulent dealings by mail involving Strat-O-Matic products or leagues.

The Review still needs your help in keeping the wrong-doing to a minimum. So, be sure to contact the Review immediately if you suspect something is wrong or that a transaction is taking an unusually long time to be completed.

The Review's policy is to contact the accused party and, if no response, then print the party's name in the "Dirty Dealers" section.

Here are the names of three people who have been accused of wrong-doing and not cleared their names. These people should be avoided in S-O-M dealings.

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

RICK ARROYO, 1812 Dayton Ave., San Leandro, CA 94579--Accused of making highest bid for cards and then never honoring bid.

DANIEL WHITMARSH, 1095 Pleasant St., Norwood, MA 02062--Accused of accepting player cards and never sending money for them.