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College Football Is Here

The Strat-O-Matic Game Company's putting the finishing touches on its newest creation, college football, so look for it coming your way very soon.

As the Review went to press, S-O-M was still awaiting a return of all the teams from the printer. The team list, rather than being restricted to only the top eight--or the major bowl teams--has been expanded by S-O-M to 24 and should satisfy those collegiate gridiron buffs who desire a plentiful selection.

In addition to UCLA, Ohio State, Oklahoma, Michigan, Alabama, Penn State, Arkansas and Georgia Tech, S-O-M also will put out Mississippi, Florida, Nebraska, Arizona State, California, Colorado, Texas, Texas ASM, Brown, Yale, Harvard, Dartmouth, Michigan State, Illinois, Pittsburgh and Notre Dame.

S-O-M plans on selling the game with the eight bowl teams (cost: \$9.00) and a \$5.00 additional cost for 16 more teams, or \$13.00 for the complete game and 24 teams.

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Coming Next Month...

...Coming your way in the August issue of the Strat-O-Matic Review will be a detailed report on the results of the GKSM's American League replay and a look at its National League draft...the Canadian Strat-O-Matic League out of Edmonton, Canada, the largest head-to-head Strato grid league in existence, holds its sixth Super Bowl...Larry Fryer maps out a schedule to follow for a play-by-mail baseball league; a must for those contemplating joining such a league or those organizing one...all this and much, much more coming your way in August...

As pointed out last month, the college football game will be a complete break from anything done by S-O-M in the past. There will not be individual player cards--which may turn off some S-O-M fans--but there's a definite lure for the traditional gaming fan, whether male or female.

The husband and wife team of Linda and Bob Yonke, both of whom are employed by S-O-M, enjoy the game immensely. "Linda never really cared to play the other S-O-M games," mentions Harold Richman, creator of the games. "But she likes this one."

The basic rudiments of the game will be the 24 teams, naturally, a 70-card deck that contains an offensive and defensive reading on each card, and a play chart. "Each of the teams is rated offensively and defensively for running, passing, interceptions and fumbles," adds Richman. "You can key on the play now rather than a running back in the pro game. You still will have the same basic plays as in the pro game, though."

"It's a fast game to play and one that has a definite skill factor. A game can be played in around an hour to an hour and 15 minutes. The rules are easy to read--in fact you can begin to play the game after reading the rules only 10 minutes. It's that simple. But yet it's a complex game, from the standpoint that you create the complexities by your own thinking."

"There's about a 14-point skill factor involved [meaning the novice coaches and no talents when it comes to gridiron strategy could suffer some shellackings in the beginning]. James Williams, in our office, is very good at the game, for instance. He'll beat most people four out of every five games."

How about you? Will you be content to take Oklahoma and give your "little brother" Yale and make repeated forays into his end zone? Or might you want to try UCLA, pitting the Bruins against Ohio State in a Rose Bowl rematch? And, remember there also will be two teams created equal--no advantage either running or passing for either--that gamers can also play.

The college football game will be coming your way soon. Watch for it!

Convention '76 Set For July 30

Large S-O-M Throng Expected At Illinois U. Campus

Look for the biggest turnout yet at a Strat-O-Matic Convention organized by Rick [Wolfman] Shapiro. The latest howlings from the Wolfman hint that upwards of 150 to 200 people are expected for the third annual national convention being staged in Urbana, IL, July 30 through Aug. 1.

Preparations have all been made, according to Shapiro, and now he's just waiting for the first arrivals to hit the University of Illinois campus. Rick's counting on a heavier turnout from the state of Illinois than in past years, principally because of 3,000 flyers sent throughout the state and a recent interview by a news agency. "After the school printed an article about the convention in the Daily Illini, I was interviewed by a news agency," says Shapiro. "This interview may appear on 20-25 radio stations in Illinois right around the time of the convention."

Shapiro also mentions that 50 people have already signed up to attend. So, this summer's S-O-M gathering could well see the largest turnout at a convention since the first national convention was held three years ago in Brooklyn, NY.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

July 30, Friday -- Advanced Football, Elementary Baseball A (1905-1957) and Elementary Baseball B (1960-1975).

July 31, Saturday -- Advanced Baseball and Advanced Basketball. Contestants will be allowed to play in just one/day. There may be a losers' tourney, too, but that will be decided at the convention. Scott Ellis of Mt. Vernon, IL, will handle arrangements for such a tourney.

August 1, Sunday -- Finals in all tourneys and presentation of awards.

Many past convention champions have indicated to Shapiro that they will be back bidding for more honors and trophies. Some of the well-known S-O-M leagues will be represented, too. Keith Walker, commissioner of the Continental S-O-M Baseball Association, will be on hand. Shapiro joined the league this season (to occupy his free moments) and reports that as many as five members could be on the convention scene. One who is expected is Gerald Ittenbach, 53 years young and one of the few senior citizens who publicly acknowledges he rolls dice for a hobby.

GAMES, SCORESHEETS NEEDED

Shapiro, who must be given credit for virtually single-handedly organizing and running off the tournaments, admits he can't do it all. He has lined up plenty of support and helpers from the S-O-M Club, a campus organization whose existence makes it possible for the campus Union and dorm to be used for the convention (at the dorm, the Florida Avenue Residence Hall, lodging is again available for around \$5.50 per person per night).

He also could use some help from the conventioners; namely that as many as possible bring their own games and a supply of scoresheets, especially for baseball.

EVENING ACTIVITIES PLANNED

Even though the tournaments are slated for only the daylight hours this year, Shapiro mentions that many other activities can be pursued in the evenings. Rather than have an all-tournament convention, which can leave limp many a dice-rollin' hand after three days, Shapiro says a bowling tourney could be held (if there's enough interest), plus there will be pinball, a chance to dip in a pool, perhaps a one-on-one basketball tourney, and a chance to explore the university's unique Plato Computer System, featuring games such as football, baseball, star trek, etc. Shapiro became so fascinated by the Plato challenges that he once spent nine hours straight playing the games.

Also, there will be an opportunity in the evenings for people to become better acquainted, perhaps discuss some of the so-called "burning questions" in the S-O-M world (such as the pros and cons of the "Clearinghouse"), and to buy and sell teams--which in itself lures many card collectors and gamers to a convention.

The next big happening in the S-O-M world gets under way Friday, July 30. Will the next trophies have your name on one of them?

S-O-M League, Replay Scene

FEDERAL BASEBALL LEAGUE -- Currently three-manager (each with three teams), three-division, play-by-mail draft league that operates in the state of Texas...Now in 13th year, starting play in Beaumont in 1963; existed as head-to-head, four team and manager league until 1969...PBM has been format ever since, excepting three weekend "jamborees" when all the players get together...league members are David Stoker and Jim Reeves, both sports writers at the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, and Joe Lee Smith, sports information director at Lamar University, Beaumont...60-game schedule is played, with most of action occurring on Sunday and Wednesday from March through July...Smith is official league statistician and makes surezerox copies of boxscores are sent to other league members immediately after games have been played...Original teams, Texans for Smith and Stoker's Monarchs, have dominated play, the Texans winning 11 division titles and seven overall titles and the Monarchs three division crowns and three championships...Texans won 1975 crown, too, winning 12 of last 14 games to seize Southern Division. Monarchs did defeat them in title series, though...most memorable game in latest season was Texans producing eight consecutive pinch-hits and pulling out an 8-7, 11-inning victory over Reeves' Mariners late in the campaign...FL records include Stan Musial hitting .405 in 1969 (Old-Timers were eased out after that), Lee May's 23 home

runs and 54 RBI in 1970 and a 13-3 pitching record by Mel Stottlemyre in 1974. Best team record was 43-17 by the 1966 Texans.

BEST TEAMS FOOTBALL REPLAY -- Larry Foster of Greensboro, NC, conducted this solitaire replay pitting the best seven teams of the 1974 real-life season against each other...Pittsburgh ran away with regular-season honors, winning out by a three-game margin with an 11-3 record...Highlights included: Pittsburgh's Lynn Swann returning punts for an amazing 1,173 yards and seven touchdowns, Marv Hubbard of the Raiders once plundering the usually tough Miami defense for a whopping 213 yards in 32 carries, and Joe Ferguson of the Bills completing 12 straight passes--and against the Viking secondary...Four teams reached the playoffs, with Pittsburgh sacking Miami, 26-13, and Larry Brown scoring three touchdowns in Washington's 21-10 romp over Oakland...The Super Bowl was dominated by the Steeler Curtain once again as Pittsburgh crushed the 'Skins, 31-16, holding Brown to a puny 41 yards and Billy Kilmer to 6-of-16 passing.

Standings and leaders:

	<u>Won-Lost</u>	<u>Passing</u>	<u>Att-Comp.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>TD-Int.</u>	
Pittsburgh	11-3	Jurgensen	171-107	64.9	6-5	
Oakland	8-6	Tarkenton	352-194	55.1	13-22	
Washington	8-6	Ferguson	214-116	54.2	10-11	
Miami	6-8	Griese	255-138	54.1	12-19	
Los Angeles	6-8	<u>Rushing</u>	<u>Att-Yds.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TD</u>	
Minnesota	5-9	McCutcheon	252-1344	5.3	5	
Buffalo	5-9	Simpson	270-1256	4.6	4	
		Harris	208-1027	4.9	8	
<u>Receiving</u>	<u>No.-Yds.</u>	<u>TD</u>	Hubbard	188-1010	5.4	7
Branch	60-1075	13	Csonka	197-785	4.0	6
C.Taylor	54-983	4				
Foreman	54-497	3				

NBA PLAYOFFS, 1973-74 -- Charles Amacker of Dallas, TX, found thrills galore (and a couple of miracle comebacks) in this solitaire replay...New York Knicks were the surprise-filled team, battling back from a 3-0 deficit to Boston to win the Eastern Conference championship...In the Western Conference, Chicago spotted Los Angeles a 2-0 lead then roared back to take the series, 4-2; Detroit ousted Milwaukee and a foul-plagued Kareem Abdul Jabbar, 4-2, and Chicago won the last two games to overcome Detroit in the finals in seven games...Detroit, paced by Bob Lanier and Curtis Rowe, blitzed the Bulls in the opener, 122-78, but eventually succumbed, losing the last two games, 123-121 and 114-104...In the East, New York outscrapped Capital, 4-3, winning the finale, 111-103; Boston survived a first-game 116-115 loss and finally nailed the coffin down on Buffalo in six games (in one game Boston paraded to the free throw line 56 times and connected on 42), and, finally, Boston appeared on the verge of stampeding the Knicks in the conference championship playoffs, racing out to a 3-0 lead...At halftime of game No. 4 the scoreboard read: Boston 60, New York 43. But miracle No. 1 was coming right up. With Dean Meminger and Phil Jackson coming off the bench to help Dave DeBusschere on the boards (where the Knicks had been mauled without much resistance in the earlier games), New York fought back behind the scoring of DeBusschere and Jerry Lucas and eventually pulled out the game, 106-105, on Walt Frazier's last-second shot...Momentum switched suddenly to the Knicks, who won the next game, 110-104 [DeBusschere netted 30], and the next, 107-105, and finally the seventh and deciding game, 110-106--only after the Celtics missed three shots in the last minute...Unfortunately for the Knicks, they were allotted just one "Impossible Dream" in the playoffs. The Chicago Bulls, contrary to real-life, quickly moved in on the still-celebrating Knicks before they realized they were in the championship series and quickly disposed of them in four games...The championship belonged to the Bulls, but to Amacker the greatest thrills came from New York's never-to-be-forgotten comeback against Boston.

AL KALINE COMMEMERATIVE LEAGUE (AKCL) -- Play-by-mail draft league using teams from 1950-62, excluding the Mets... Five-manager setup featured drafting of individual teams and then selection of five players per manager from remaining teams from period of time... 120-game schedule... hitting and power prevailed over pitching and speed... Gary Kirchherr of Kalamazoo, MI, was AKCL Commissioner and supplied league newsletter... '61 Tigers won it all as four hitters had 29 homers or more [Rocky Colavito, 32; Norm Cash, 30; Yogi Berra, 29], Al Kaline (who else!) hit .321 and Frank Lary was 22-6 with 2.87 ERA... second went to '61 Cincinnati Reds, guided by Kirchherr, who featured Frank Robinson (91 RBI), Roy Campanella (40 HRs, 105 RBI, .305) and Hoyt Wilhelm (15-4, 15 saves, 1.29 ERA)... '54 Indians won 23 of final 30 games to share second with Reds; Roger Maris whacked 47 homers, Bobby Avila hit .339 and Larry Doby and Al Rosen had 20 and 19 homers, respectively... Andy Seminick (24 HRs) and Del Ennis (23) and Johnny Antonelli (15-13) were best players for last-place '50 Phils, while '62 Giants wound up disappointing fourth, despite possessing likes of Willie Mays (34 HRs, 90 RBI, .341), Orlando Cepeda (26 HRs) and Warren Spahn (15-12).

Standings and leaders:

	Won-Lost	GB	
'61 Tigers [Tim Maurice]	69-51	--	Avg. - Mays ('54 Ind.) .341
'54 Indians [Dave Spurling]	63-57	6	Avila [" "] .339
'61 Reds [Gary Kirchherr]	63-57	6	Kaline ('61 Tigers) .321
'62 Giants [Gary Thomas]	53-67	16	Hits - Avila ('54 Ind.) 162
'50 Phillies [Carlos Bossy]	52-68	17	Doubles - Kaline ('61 Tigers) 40
Home Runs - Maris ('54 Ind.) 47			Triples - Gilliam ('61 Reds) 14
Campanella ('61 Reds) 40			Comp. Games - Spahn ('62 Giants) 21
Mays ('62 Giants) 34			Strikeouts - Ford ('61 Reds) 169
Saves - Mossi ('54 Ind.) 16			Wins - Lary ('61 Tigers) 22
			ERA - Lary ('61 Tigers) 2.87

MID-SOUTH S-O-M LEAGUE (MSSOML) -- Now into its fifth season of baseball... uses eight draft teams from both American and National Leagues... Richard Mayhan of Little Rock, AR, is founder of league... play-by-mail... 108-game schedule... records tumbled in replay based on 1974 season as Joe Morgan set three league marks (89 RBI, 90 runs scored and most walks, 83)... Little Joe batted .303, led in homers with 24 and was runnerup to Lou Brock in steals with 67... Other records set included Rod Carew hitting .353, Brock swiping 96 bases, Carew rapping 164 hits, Gaylord Perry winning 20 games, Tom Murphy saving 12 games and Lee Stanton who had the distinction of failing to find the ball on 103 third-strike situations.

SUPER TEAMS FOOTBALL -- A three-player league using eight of the better teams from 1973-74 seasons... league members were Steve Tresca and brother Bob Tresca, plus Ken Bianco... Oakland won regular-season with 12-2 record, got by Los Angeles in first playoff game, 31-12, before succumbing to Miami in title matchup, 20-9... Ken Stabler of Raiders was MVP after completing amazing 72 per cent of passess, including 22 in row at one point... '73 Buffalo Bills featured O.J. Simpson who rushed for league-leading 1,633 yards and 19 TDs... Pittsburgh, despite being nicked for 272 yards rushing by O.J. in one game, wound up second.

Standings	Won-Lost	Pts.-PA		Won-Lost	Pts.-PA
Oakland ('73)	12-2	404-201	St. Louis ('74)	6-8	275-313
Pittsburgh ('74)	9-5	348-301	Minnesota ('73)	6-8	293-341
Miami ('73)	8-6	308-286	Dallas ('73)	4-10	286-368
Los Angeles ('73)	7-7	361-330	Buffalo ('73)	4-10	317-445

Rushing: Simpson (279-1633, 5.9), F. Harris (295-1184, 4.0), Hill (216-1135, 5.3)
McCutcheon (242-1063, 4.4), M. Morris (241-1048, 4.3).

S-O-M Paper Receives An 'A' **Strat-O-Matic Spotlight**

Give Strat-O-Matic Games an "A" for assistance in providing Larry Fryer, of Hamburg, PA, with a topic for a term paper in a Technical Writing class. Because of S-O-M, and Fryer's involvement with the games, enough interest was stirred for him to write a comprehensive report--33 pages worth--and eventually receive an "A" grade.

"The prof was fascinated by S-O-M!" mentions Fryer. His theme was "How To Build A Winning Team In Strat-O-Matic Play-By-Mail Baseball." The report covered the basics in a term paper--table of contents, bibliography, concluding remarks, an appendix, etc.--but the major topics presented were certainly foreign to most every college English instructor: "How to play-by-mail? What is a play-by-mail league like? How to build a winning team?" A far cry from the reasons for the fall of the old Roman Empire.

Fryer's report is also useful as a beginner's guide to S-O-M play-by-mail leagues. For the novice player, or the uninformed, here's a plan outlining what you have to do to get into a league, how to build a winner once a part, and how a league should function.

Fryer, for instance, explores such subjects, under the chapter entitled "How To Build A Winning Team," as winning on the road, how to set up an instruction sheet, theory on stealing, evaluating your own team, the importance of fielding, trading, and drafting.

Also included are a schedule [for 12 teams, 160 games], showing the series-by-series breakdown; a timetable for sending instructions, playing games, and then sending in the results; and a detailed instruction sheet, with everything you ever wanted to know about an S-O-M PBM lineup but would have never thought to ask.

In the next two months, the Review plans on running a series on PBM leagues--a topic many people have inquired about, especially recent subscribers--and Fryer's views will be explored in detail.

SHORT SHAKES

...Keith McHugh of Fresno, CA, had more than a few surprises occur with his 128-team, gigantic baseball elimination tournament. Using mostly teams from the 1970-74 period, plus a few Old-Timers from the 1960's, McHugh watched all the World Series champs quickly fall be the wayside, except for the '73 A's, who survived four rounds before bowing. The '72 Yanks (thanks to a two-out, two-run homer in the ninth by Bernie Allen that carried them past Baltimore, 3-2) and the '74 Reds (who needed a bases-loaded homer by pitcher Clay Carroll to get by Texas in the first round) met in the finals. Color the champion Red as Cincy prevailed, 6-2 in games won. Steve Kline of the Yanks did, however, win four games via shutouts leading up to the series with the Reds...Kevin Kirk, who lives in the state of North Carolina, continues to claim the record for marathon S-O-M playing. He and a friend rolled their dice for 26 hours straight...Credit the S-O-M Directory with an assist for bringing Bill Gutscher and Bill Bullen together. Both, residents of Denver, CO, had suffered from withdrawal pains because neither could find an opponent to play against face-to-face. A check of the Directory led to their finding each other. They've been meeting once a week now for the last eight months and have an eight-team baseball league well under way...Todd Sharek of North Dartmouth, MA, couldn't wait to try out his pride and joy, the '75 Boston Red Sox, when the new cards arrived. He immediately ran his charges through a 20-game exhibition season and the results had him calling them the "Slaughter-house Nine." The Sox were only 15-5 record-wise, but boomed out a .321 team batting average, scored 124 runs and had seven .300-plus hitters in the lineup, led by Jim Rice who batted .393 and had five homers to go with 23 RBI...How long does it take to play a complete game of S-O-M Basketball? David Lewis, president of the Super Strat-O-Matic League which plays all three games, says he can play a game in an hour to an hour and 15 minutes, keeping all stats including rebounds and assists.

Questions & Answers

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

QUESTION: On Tony Taylor's 1974 baseball card against lefties he has two injuries listed--on 2-3 and 3-3. Is this correct?

ANSWER: Yes, according to S-D-M.

QUESTION: Why wasn't Mike Ryan included on the 1946 Boston Red Sox? He was a starting pitcher and catcher.

ANSWER: Connie Ryan was a second baseman and third baseman for the 1946 Boston Braves. There was no Mike Ryan on the '46 Red Sox.

QUESTION: What are the ratings for the following: [1] Wayne Causey's running rating for the '64 Kansas City A's? [2] running and stealing ratings of Rocky Colavito of the '64 A's? [3] and numbers for 1-7 on Boog Powell's 1972 card with Baltimore [it says only "Triple, Single*"]?

ANSWER: [1] 1-14; [2] 0 stealing, 1-10 running; [3] S-D-M's records show for basic game Powell's 1-7 reading should be a home run; For advanced game it is a strikeout both ways.

QUESTION: Why was Dick Tidrow placed on the New York Yankees [1974], when he also played for Cleveland?

ANSWER: Tidrow was placed on the Yankees because that was the team he ended the season with.

QUESTION: In basketball, is a defensive player, taken inside by the offensive player, eligible to double-team? Example: if the offense has three men eligible to shoot on a play, and then moves the other two men inside, the defense must move its two defenders inside. But are they [the defenders] eligible to double-team or not?

ANSWER: First of all, only one player can double-team. In answer to the question, yes. However, if a player positioned inside is left unguarded and has a shot, he automatically has a layup--2-8 good, 9-12 no good.

QUESTION: When a pass in basketball results in a dazzler or a percentage shot are they considered to be a shot taken? Does the clock move? Also, the same for a turnover resulting from a pass?

ANSWER: Yes, as you can't score without shooting. The time clock does move on dazzlers and percentage shots. The clock also moves on all turnovers.

QUESTION: When a switch occurs in basketball, is it for an entire play, including for a rebound? Or is it for one shot only?

ANSWER: Switch is for the entire play.

QUESTION: Why isn't Gene Bearden a three-day starter as he pitched 230 innings for the 1948 Indians? Russ Meyer of the 1953 Brooklyn Dodgers is and he pitched 191 innings.

ANSWER: Gene Bearden was in 37 games and started 29, Russ Meyer was in 34 and started 32. Bearden didn't have enough starts.

QUESTION: Can the pitcher hit-and-run in S-O-M Baseball?

ANSWER: No For the basic game, yes for advanced game.

QUESTION: In football, if a team plays the run in "short yardage defense" and the dice roll on the defensive card is a 6, 8, 9, 11, with a square following, is it a short gain or less yardage?

ANSWER: Less yardage. Even though the linebackers are on the line, the defensive backs are backing up the line in an obvious rush call.

QUESTION: What do you do when playing a 1975 Football team against an earlier year team when returning a kickoff and a 7, 8 or 12 is rolled on the 1975 returner's card?

ANSWER: A troublesome question. Only thing that can be done at this time is to roll the dice again.

QUESTION: On Dave Kingman's 1973 card, 1-4, there is a Double 1-13, Flyball (LF). What should it also read?

ANSWER: The flyball is 14-20 and it should also read "B".

QUESTION: What does SASE mean? I see it often in the Review, especially the ad section.

ANSWER: SASE stands for a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

QUESTION: Not long ago the Review stated, in reference to a question of why Mike Schmidt's 1974 card has an injury on it when he played every game, that "every card has an injury chance." Why then doesn't Lou Gehrig of the 1927 New York Yankees also have an injury on his card?

ANSWER: The '27 Yankees were produced when S-O-M cards were done manually. Since the use of computers came into vogue, all cards have some chance for injury, no matter how slim the chance may be.

QUESTION: What is the ruling on the 1974 card of Tony Taylor? It says "pinch-hitter," yet has three positions listed. Can he play the infield, or what?

ANSWER: Tony Taylor was used primarily as a pinch-hitter. He can play the infield if the regulars are injured. He should be used seldom, if at all, in the infield, however.

QUESTION: I noticed on Joe Adcock's card for the 1957 Milwaukee Braves that he had a fielding rating of "4." In a record book it stated his fielding average as .996, which is exceptional. This and Bill Freehan's 1974 card with the Detroit Tigers are obviously mistakes.

ANSWER: Both fielding ratings are correct, according to S-O-M. Remember a fielding rating in S-O-M involves much more than just a real-life fielding percentage.

Who's First? What About Second? **How To Draft For P-B-M League**

Joining a play-by-mail baseball league for the first time can lead to many anxious moments. First, there's always the thought lurking that the league won't make it--an unreliable, unorganized commissioner, or uninterested managers could lead to its obituary all too soon.

If the league gets off the ground and all members seem to be in harmony, there could be other problems. More minute, but often a stumbling block for new managers, is the problem of how to draft for a PBM league. Since you don't gather with all the other managers and pick players, how do you really know what or whom is still available? Most leagues simply ask that you list your draft choices in order. But what if you're dealing with 800, perhaps 500 players?

Kent Mitchell, a 24-year-old Strat-O-Matic buff who resides in Long Beach, CA, has experienced both the birth pangs of league play and also their death rattle in his eight-year dice-rollin' career. He's played in both football and baseball PBM leagues and is currently a member of Robert Motsinger's ALBL setup.

"Recently the league president asked each of the 15 members to write in a list of the top 275 players so a draft could be conducted," mentions Mitchell. "It dawned on me that this method of drafting could result in an unbalanced team, with perhaps too much or too little pitching, or too many or too few players at the key positions. So instead I made up a list of about the top 30 players at each position and explained how I wanted each of my draft picks to be used."

Since many others will likely run into the same situation, the Review editors thought it interesting to take a close look at Mitchell's methods for drafting and also how he rated the players at each position. The following is based on a draft of players using the new S-O-M cards:

SAMPLE DRAFT FOR PBM LEAGUE

1st Round -- 1. 1st choice, Joe Morgan; 2. 2nd choice, Fred Lynn; 3. best ranked starting pitcher.

2nd Round -- best ranked catcher.

3rd Round -- best ranked starting pitcher.

4th Round -- best ranked left fielder.

5th Round -- best ranked third baseman.

6th Round -- Best ranked starting pitcher.

HOW THE PLAYERS WERE RANKED

Starting Pitchers

1. Seaver
2. Messersmith
3. Hunter
4. Palmer
5. R. Jones
6. Tanana
7. Reuss
8. Sutton
9. Montefusco
10. B. Forsch

Relief

1. Gossage
2. Hrabosky
3. Todd
4. Apodaca
5. Hilgendorf

1st Base

1. Mayberry
2. Scott
3. Garvey
4. Watson
5. Powell

Catchers

1. Bench
2. T. Simmons
3. Munson
4. Sanguillen
5. Fisk
6. Tenace

Center Field

1. Lynn
2. Joshua
3. Baylor
4. Cedeno
5. McBride

2nd Base

1. Morgan
2. Carew
3. D. Cash
4. Grich
5. Stennett

3rd Base

1. Brett
2. Madlock
3. Schmidt
4. Cey
5. Rose

Right Field

1. D. Parker
2. Bonds
3. R. Jackson
4. R. Smith
5. Murcer

Shortstop

1. Bowa
2. Concepcion
3. Harrah
4. Speier
5. Campanaris

Left Fielders

1. Foster
2. Luzinski
3. Rice
4. Cardenal
5. Johnstone

A.L. Wins Replay Of 'Greats'

Heilmann Chosen MVP As Hall Of Famers Duel

Oftentimes better competition brings out the best in athletes; sometimes supposedly talented players, though, sink out of sight as if struggling in quicksand under similar situations.

It's interesting, as a result, to pore over the results of a 162-game baseball replay conducted by Richard Zaborosky and a friend, Bill Hazel, to find out how the "greats" performed--against each other. Hazel took the American League Hall of Fame B series team and Zaborosky guided the National League.

And, if you were a fan of the A.L.'s prowess, you would have jumped for joy at the results. The American Leaguers prevailed by an 18-game margin, finishing with a 90-72 record. Harry Heilmann won MVP honors after being installed at first base on a permanent basis midway through the season by Hazel. Heilmann hit a replay-leading .359, knocked in 85 runs and homered 19 times--all in 499 official at-bats.

Hal Newhouser, also of the A.L., was the Cy Young Award winner after racking up 25 wins in 34 decisions, striking out 318 in 341 innings and producing a minuscule--at least for the time and competition--earned run average of 3.14.

Other highlights of the replay included the N.L.'s Gabby Hartnett homering three times in one game; the A.L. outscoring the N.L., 891 runs to 771; the N.L. winning the home run derby, 221 to 205; and the A.L. outhitting the N.L., .282 to .250.

Joe Jackson was another big star for the A.L., leading in hits [247] and triples [20] as well as batting .349. Jimmy Foxx, meanwhile, led in runs [126], RBI [127] and homers [51]. Mickey Mantle slammed 43 homers and drove in 122 runs, but Hank Aaron, although he socked 38 roundtrippers, batted only a puny .188. Willie Mays wasn't much better, coming in at .206 despite 35 long belts.

For the statistical-minded, here's a detailed look at how all the "greats" came out after being pitted against each other over a 162-game schedule:

American	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	Avg.
J. Jackson	707	121	247	46	20	5	76	.349
Heilmann	499	97	179	27	2	19	85	.359
Foxx	586	126	165	20	3	51	127	.282
Simmons	675	109	220	31	12	32	115	.326
Mantle	588	108	168	15	3	43	122	.286
Gehring	572	83	173	28	0	9	65	.302
Boudreau	530	67	152	17	6	9	74	.287
Berra	529	62	119	13	5	13	79	.225
Greenberg	295	45	62	2	0	21	53	.210
Manush	53	6	17	3	0	0	4	.321
Baker	134	21	33	5	4	2	19	.246
Appling	153	15	42	2	1	0	11	.275
Schalk	50	4	13	3	0	0	6	.260

	G	GS	CG	IP	BB	K	ER	HR	W - L	ERA	SHO
Bender	41	41	17	297	113	185	129	42	17-18	3.91	4
Chesbro	41	41	25	308	133	174	146	44	18-21	4.27	1
Newhouser	40	40	32	341	152	318	119	43	25-9	3.14	2
Gomez	40	40	19	289	140	173	171	48	16-12	5.33	0
Coveleski	44	0	0	80	32	45	50	17	7-6	5.60	0
Ruffing	39	0	0	76	33	35	47	18	4-3	5.57	0
Wynn	34	0	0	68	38	54	33	9	3-3	4.37	0

NATIONAL	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	Avg.
J. Robinson	648	104	165	25	11	8	47	.255
Anson	649	97	197	23	13	9	68	.304
Vaughan	592	100	174	26	9	17	85	.294
Medwick	585	89	202	51	5	27	106	.345
Aaron	506	72	95	7	1	38	109	.188
Mays	630	88	130	3	5	35	87	.206

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National	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	Avg.
Hartnett	487	59	115	14	0	29	76	.236
E. Mathews	556	71	125	15	1	34	92	.225
F. Robinson	290	43	75	20	0	14	41	.259
Banks	33	4	9	0	0	3	5	.273
Mize	53	4	13	1	0	4	7	.245
Clemente	103	19	27	1	1	1	10	.262
Lombardi	47	2	13	0	0	1	3	.277

	G	GS	CG	IP	BB	K	ER	HR	W-L	ERA	SHO
Brown	41	41	31	340	89	174	143	41	19-19	3.78	3
Vance	41	41	22	329	151	341	138	36	20-18	3.78	1
Grimes	50	18	3	176	67	88	113	30	8-15	5.78	0
Nichols	40	40	16	287	149	142	189	46	13-18	5.92	1
McGinnity	53	22	8	215	88	76	144	34	11-17	6.03	3
Drysdale	29	0	0	57	26	38	43	13	1-3	6.79	0
Roberts	30	0	0	46	22	19	20	5	0-0	3.91	0

It Makes 'Cents'

Dale Barnes of Park Forest, IL, can never be accused of allowing his Strat-O-Matic dice-rolling fingers to stiffen up. He's always on the active list when it comes to play-by-mail and head-to-head competition, especially in baseball.

As a result of his vast experience in PBM leagues, he's come up with a better idea of sending instructions and beating the spiraling cost of postage. His idea is to send instructions on a postcard. Sure, it's a little crowded. But it can be done.

Below, Barnes has a sample instruction sheet for his Old-Timer Baseball PBM league. He's able to fit it all on a postcard, too. Since the cost of letters has jumped to 13¢, Barnes says "it makes 'cents'" to use his method.

Sample:

Lineup	Injury Sub	Starters	Relief	Series #11
Rice RF	Leibold	Johnson	Ogden	'24 Senators
Judge 1B	Shirley	Marberry	Russell	at '41 Dodgers
McNeely CF	Leibold	Zachary	Zahniser	
Goslin LF	Leibold	Mogridge	Martina	
Ruel C	Tate			
Bluege 3B	Taylor			
Peckinpough	Bluege			
SS				
Harris 2B	Taylor			
Pitcher	Ogden			

[1] Only remove Johnson for a pinch-hitter.
Remove all other pitchers after three runs.
[2] Steal with Rice early in the game or when not held.
[3] Hold B's or better on first.
[4] Take third 1-14+; home 1-12+.
[5] Sacrifice with pitcher whenever possible. [6] Pinch-hit for pitcher in 7th or later if I trail: use 1. Tate, 2. Leibold, 3. Taylor.
[7] Infield in -- with tying or lead run on third, 0 or 1 out.
[8] Replace Goslin with Leibold in 7th if I lead.

Over a 20-week, play-by-mail season, Barnes estimates that at least \$1.50 can be saved by sending instructions (even series totals) by this method. He adds: "The amount saved doesn't seem like that much, but it's enough to keep your Review subscription going for another three months."

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Readers Roll 'Em

PART-TIME PLAYERS FUROR

First of all, I would like to throw in my two cents on the current "part-time players" furor which has been raging for the past few months. I believe that part-time players should not be excluded from team rosters just because they had a superlative record in limited at-bats. This is because I feel most gamers are sincere and conscientious, and not a bunch of idiots whose sole object is to get a bunch of their "all-world feats" in print.

Rather, I feel that at least 95 per cent of all S-O-M gamers would use players such as Dusty Rhodes, 1968 Gates Brown, etc., in the role that they actually played during the season--pinch-hitters who played a few games in the field.

As for the other 5 per cent, if they want to waste all the time and effort that goes into completing a successful replay, that's up to them. Certainly they will be wasting paper and a postage stamp by sending unrealistic results to the Review, as I'm sure the Review would not print a replay which has things like '74 Rick Auerbach among the batting leaders.

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Editor's note: As Jim Elliott's recent two-part series on player selection by S-O-M shows, players are not excluded for reasons such as having a "good" year but with limited at-bats. Criteria instead deals mainly with the team's total roster and whether the player is one of the top 20 used, or needed. The Bob Hazle case [1957 Braves] is a good example. He hit over .400 in a relatively few at-bats. But he wasn't excluded because of his high average--rather because the Braves had to have a backup catcher, namely Del Rice. There was also another outfielder on the Braves' team--who batted more times than Hazle--that also failed to receive a card.

EXTRA! EXTRA! OLD-TIMERS

I hope you print this letter because I think it will receive tremendous response.

I am in favor of an extra player set for Old-Timer teams. I would like to create a petition--a list of gamers who are in favor of an extra set--and send it to the game company.

Here is my plea: Anyone interested, send me your name and, if possible, a list of players you think should be in this set. Commissioners of leagues could send in for all members and save postage.

In my estimation I will need approximately 300 names to get this "bill" passed. I plan to attend Rick [Wolfman] Shapiro's convention this summer and hopefully get about 75 signatures.

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'OBSESSED WITH REALISM'

I am a 27-year-old former marketing graduate who's a 12-year veteran of Strat-O-Matic games. I am surprised by the sophistication of the modern table-game player. The current players seem to be understandably "obsessed with realism," as evidenced by the multitude of improvements made by the game companies in recent years.

Also, for better or worse, there are many more games in existence nowadays.

It seems that a number of S-O-M players are concerned with "figuring the game out." Well, I applaud their persistence and ingenuity, but the question is: are they really apt to construct their own cards each year? Their own cards would, of course, be sloppier looking, they would take hours and hours to compose, and they would not take into consideration, things like: batter's ability to hit grounders and hit into double-plays, flyout tendencies and other lesser known statistics.

Time is of the essence in table-game playing and I hope that very few players are preoccupied with being a "Strat-O-Matic intellectual," instead of plugging away at the completion of their particular schedules, which are quite time-consuming as we all know so very well.

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MISSING: DOOLEY WOMACK

In response to your editor's note about the opening of Pandora's Box in a back issue of the Review, let me throw a few more omissions in. Probably the worst of all time is the omission of Tommy Davis on the 1969 Seattle Pilots. Tommy played in 123 games for the Pilots (454 at-bats, 29 doubles, 80 RBI and a .271 average).

He was traded in the closing moments of the 1969 season to the Astros, where he played in 24 games and had 79 at-bats and a .241 average. I know all about the company (S-O-M) policy of putting the players on the team they finished with. But how does it explain the omission of Dooley Womack on the Pilots? He was the one that the Pilots got in the trade for Davis. If company policy had been followed, Womack should have gone to the Pilots with his 65 combined innings between the two clubs.

In my opinion this has to be the worst omission. Seattle couldn't win with 20 Tommy Davis' but it would have been nice to have him. I think the game company solved this former problem with the addition of the teamless players of several years back, namely the 1975 card set where four additional players (who split time between clubs) were issued.

In basketball, the biggest omission to date has to be the lack of Nate Archibald of the '73-74 Kansas City-Omaha Kings. "Tiny" played in 35 games and averaged 17.6 points per game. More importantly, he logged 36.3 minutes per game and figured heavily in Kansas City's 33 victories.

John Brisker of the Seattle SuperSonics also from '73-74, averaged 12.5 points in 35 games, but was also omitted. All things considered, the game company does an excellent job of filling rosters, but it's those few that they miss that makes you grit your teeth and mutter, "Where have you gone, Bob Hazle?"

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FIELDING BLAHS

In regard to the number of complaints about fielding ratings and to the Supplementary X-Chart printed last month, I would like to express my own ideas.

Probably the most complaints about fielding come from gamers who play the advanced version of the baseball game. One look at the instructions for S-O-M Baseball shows that all rules regarding fielding are part of the basic game. My suggestion is that the game company find a satisfactory advanced game fielding system and add it to its present advanced game rules.

Mike Allison's Supplementary X-Chart is the first step in this direction. But it requires the gamer to evaluate his own players. Since the game company already has researched this area in determining its own ratings, they should be able to come up with similar ratings and a similar chart that is statistically accurate.

Since these ratings would be only for the advanced game, no changes would be necessary in evaluations of past teams; and current basic ratings could be used by players of the basic game.

Finally, I would suggest that a new catcher's card be included that would eliminate "wild pitch followed by foul-out" and a new pitcher's card-X that, in addition to fielding, could include wild pitches, balks, pickoffs and hit-by-pitch.

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BILL FAHEY'S CARD

While poring over the 1975 baseball cards I came across Bill Fahey's, a Texas Ranger catcher. He had only 37 at-bats and apparently only one plate appearance against lefties--in which he walked. However, he has out possibilities against lefties on the advanced side of his card.

I think he should only be able to get walks off lefties. His walks against southpaws are on 1-5 to 1-7, 2-5 to 2-9 and 3-5 to 3-9 only, the rest being outs. I think that is unrealistic.

I'm sure some managers would save him as a pinch-hitter for just the "appropriate" time, but he could be limited to just one plate appearance against a lefty. I'm not trying to put anything down, just pointing out a slight flaw in the best game on the market.

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RATINGS FOR PITCHERS

I would like to compliment S-O-M on the new baseball cards' glossy finish. I also liked the "Flyball B" idea put in by Todd Giorgio in the April Review.

I feel pitchers should have individual running and fielding ratings along with a rating for holding runners on steal attempts. S-O-M could give a rating of -2, -1, +1, or +2 for all of the pitchers.

I am looking forward to seeing the college football teams this summer.

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WANTS TWO EXTRAS

Almost all of the letters I have sent to the Review in the past have dealt with various "gripes" I have had with S-O-M rules or ratings. But we gamers realize that the only perfect baseball game is the real thing.

I would like to thank the Review editors for giving us a chance to air our opinions, gripes, etc. I don't think I opened a "Pandora's Box" when I said some of S-O-M's card selections were questionable. I believe the game company should give Richie Rochlitz's idea some serious consideration (Rochlitz suggested two extra players for each Old-Timer team). This would further improve the most near-perfect game this side of the major leagues.

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100 PER CENT SUPPORTER

It's been quite some time since I last wrote, but I hope it's not interpreted as a lack of interest. I still faithfully receive the Review, but am content, for the most part, to watch others argue the pros and cons of conflicting points of view.

However, at this time I feel strongly about the subject and wish to voice my opinion on the matter of pitchers' hitting cards. I place my 100 per cent support for

the idea proposed by Craig Seeman (and many others). Any one of his proposed methods of handling pitchers' hitting cards (March, 1976) are acceptable to me. The need is clearly evident; additional hitting cards can only better the best baseball game on the market.

I also feel that individualized fielding ratings should be given consideration. Strat-O-Matic Baseball is baseball in every other phase of the game, why not these areas? The excuse that there's not sufficient data, or interest, just isn't valid or acceptable to those gamers that want that extra measure of detail.

Also, look at it this way, the job has been rendered easier because it now only affects the National League. I definitely second Mr. Seeman's proposal and wholeheartedly agree with his statement that, "Readers, it's up to you to start writing..."

Additionally, I'd like to comment further on a letter written by Bill Kiever of Plainville, NY, in the March issue. Although Brock fielded at a .966 clip and Jackson .965, as stated by the Review and the game company, fielding percentage just does not really indicate a fielder's value, or ability. For instance, how many times a year is a fielder charged with an error on a ball that 80 per cent of the fielders would only wave at? Additionally, the figures Kiever quoted were somewhat in error, as Brock had 247 putouts, 5 assists (not 8), 9 errors (not 10), and 0 doubleplays (not 2). Jackson, on the other hand, had 315 putouts, 13 assists (not 8), 12 errors (not 10) and 5 doubleplays (not 2).

Five doubleplays definitely indicates something, especially considering Jackson is a right fielder and on an average sees less chances than either a left or center fielder would.

Although I agree with Kiever to some extent that Brock is not a 4 fielder, neither is he deserving of a 1. My personal opinion is that Brock is no better than a 3 and has no better than a zero throwing arm rating.

I wish also to suggest that those people interested in fielding statistics and fielding performances check the article in the March issue of the Baseball Digest.

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S-O-M Baseball Trivia Corner

And, away we go with this month's list of answers to the Strat-O-Matic Baseball trivia quiz found in the June issue of the S-O-M Review. As is always the case, the answers are provided by Detroit's Robert Henry, who has stockpiled the largest collection of S-O-M Baseball cards known.

Henry's address is 15519 Ferguson and he'll gladly answer any questions sent directly to him by readers--providing an SASE (self-addressed, stamped envelope) is provided.

Here are the answers for the June quiz:

QUESTION: At which positions were 1965 Bert Campaneris and 1967 Cesar Tovar rated? Each played all nine positions during the seasons listed, but what were the ratings?

ANSWER: Campaneris was rated shortstop-3, left field-3, right field-4, second base-4. Tovar was rated third base-3, outfield-3, second base-3, shortstop-4, first base-4, catcher-3. The 6-3 rating is quite mystifying, however, because his one inning exhibition in 1968 represents Tovar's only catching experience in the major leagues.

QUESTION: Which hitter holds the record for most strikeouts on a card?

ANSWER: Dave Duncan, 1967, received an unbelievable 87 strikeouts on his card.

QUESTION: Which hitter holds the record for fewest results followed by ++ on a card?

ANSWER: Dave Duncan, 1967, again wins the dubious distinction, having no ++ results on his card.

QUESTION: Which player has the greatest loss of speed from one year to the next shown on his cards?

ANSWER: The one season record is shared by Frank Thomas (1-12 in 1962 Old-Timers, 1-8 in 1963) and Bill White (1-15 in 1966, 1-11 in 1967). The greatest loss in speed between two cards occurred to Tony Oliva, who went from 1-16 in 1971 to 1-8 in 1973 after missing almost the entire 1972 season with a knee injury. The original 1962 cards, with running ratings ranging from 1-13 to 1-19, were excluded for obvious reasons.

QUESTION: Which modern players have been described on their cards as being "pinchhitter"?

ANSWER: 1963 Merritt Ranew, 1967 Bob Johnson, 1968 Gates Brown and 1974 Tony Taylor share this distinction.

QUESTION: Which teams have enjoyed perfect defense at the keystone combination with shortstop and second baseman both being 1's?

ANSWER: For modern teams, the 1974 and 1975 Baltimore Orioles (Mark Belanger--shortstop, Bobby Grich--second) and the 1974 and 1975 Cincinnati Reds (Dave Concepcion--shortstop, Joe Morgan--second) are the only ones achieving that defense.

QUESTION: Which teams have had two AA base stealers from 1960-1975?

ANSWER: The Los Angeles Dodgers (Maury Wills and Willie Davis), the 1966
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Chicago White Sox (Don Buford and Tom Agee), the 1971 Kansas City Royals (Amos Otis and Fred Patek), the 1972 Cincinnati Reds (Joe Morgan and Bobby Tolan) and the 1974 Reds (Morgan and Concepcion) each had two AA stealers.

QUESTION: Which team had the most potent one-two punch for home runs?

ANSWER: The 1961 New York Yankees, featuring Roger Maris [16.6 home runs on his card--HRs on 1-9, 1-10, 1-11, 1-12, 2-2, 2-3, 2-4 and 2-5 for split of 1-3] and Mickey Mantle [15.15 home runs--on 2-7, 2-8, 2-9, 2-10] hold this record.

For your next S-O-M quiz, the Review will be trying something a little different. Instead of a question-and-answer session, how about trying to match the player with his peculiar feature--as researched by Robert Henry?

Instructions are to fill in the blank at the left of the player's name with the letter that best describes his peculiar feature. The answers for this month's quiz will be found in the August issue of the Review.

Don't despair so quickly on this one. The answers are there. Take your time and carefully pick 'em out. Some of the questions have been asked before, so some of you in-the-know S-O-M fans are already to first base with the newest quiz.

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| <u>0</u> 1. 1974 Garvey | A. Received an injury on 3-8. |
| _____ 2. 1962 Norm Cash | B. Holds record for most strikeouts on a modern pitcher's card. |
| _____ 3. 1963 Aaron | C. Pitched more than 300 innings but received no extra base hits on his card. |
| <u>J</u> 4. 1968 F. Robinson | D. Rated 1 defensively after being rated a 4 at the same position the year before. |
| _____ 5. 1965 Sandy Koufax | E. Received 11.5 home runs on his card, flyball A, stealing A, running 1-16, and was a 1 fielder. |
| _____ 6. 1962 Retzer | F. Hit 39 home runs in real life, but did not receive a Flyball A on his card. |
| _____ 7. 1963 Dick Radatz | G. Co-holder of record for most strikeouts on a modern-day starting pitcher's card. |
| _____ 8. 1963 Mantle | H. Received injuries on 2-2 and 3-12. |
| _____ 9. 1969 Gibson | I. Last player to receive a triple split. |
| _____ 10. 1966 McDowell | J. Rated stealing B on some cards, stealing E on other cards. |

Doesn't It Burn You Up When...

...You control Oakland's Ken Stabler for three quarters and lead the Raiders, 17-0, when suddenly he can't miss and beats you, 28-17.

...You pull a huge upset by leading the New Orleans Saints over the Steelers and your father's only comment is, "Now that the game's over you can mow the lawn!"

...Your entire offensive line is injured and all you can throw on your running back cards are 3s, 9s and 11s.

...You deftly guide your team on a steady, time-consuming 80-yard touchdown drive--only to see your opponent return the ensuing kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown.

...Your beleaguered quarterback, unsuccessful at almost everything up to that point, finally throws a touchdown pass--only to be injured on the play and out for two games.

...You key on O.J. Simpson and he scores anyway from your five-yard line, off his own card.

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...Your game against the rough-tough Pittsburgh Steelers has mercifully come to an end, then you notice your quarterback's card appears scratched, bent and even ripped slightly down the center.

...After weeks of preparing for the "Super" showdown, your best friend beats you so matter-of-factly that you're in a state of shock for weeks.

(Contributed by Pat Higdem of Brunswick, ME)

There's No Place Like Home **Celtics Awesome In 1974-75 Replay**

There's no place like home, just ask Bill Fraser who recently completed an 82-game 1974-75 basketball replay with the Boston Celtics. Fraser, who lives in Bath, ME, watched the powerful Celts operate like a buzz-saw in his imaginary Boston Garden, winning 38 of 41 games. On the "road" Boston was more life-like, posting a 29-12 record.

It's interesting to note that Boston whipped real-life NBA king Golden State four times without suffering a loss. Los Angeles, Kansas City, New Orleans and Cleveland also dropped four games without retaliation, while the New York Knicks were victimized by an 8-1 margin and Philadelphia 7-1.

Boston did have trouble with Portland, however, splitting four games, and also was 6-3 against Atlantic Division foe Buffalo.

Fraser kept complete stats for his favorite team and had the Celts outscoring foes by a 113.7 to 97.1 per-game margin, also outrebounding 'em by a 55.5 to 42.8 per-game count. Center Dave Cowens had the team's one-game scoring high, 46 points against Detroit, while he also sank 17 field goals against the same team. Bob McAdoo's 38 was the most points scored against Boston. Against Los Angeles the Celtics once poured in 151 points, while in another game, with the accent on defense, Boston choked Phoenix off with but 55 points.

For those statistic conscious, here is an individual breakdown on how the Celtics fared in 1974-75:

Celtics Fared in 1974-75:								
	G	Pts.	Avg.	Reb.	Avg.	FTA	FTM	Pct.
Jim Ard	71	250	3.5	2.6	65	52	.800	* Note that
Don Chaney *	82	589	7.2	3.1	174	138	.793	Chaney was
Dave Cowens	74	1860	25.1	15.5	498	380	.763	selected as
John Havlicek	82	1576	19.2	6.5	406	348	.857	the team's
Glenn McDonald	70	514	7.3	2.0	140	99	.707	outstanding
Don Nelson	79	1321	16.7	8.1	280	225	.804	defensive
Paul Silas	82	843	10.3	13.8	287	203	.707	player.
Kevin Stacom	54	190	3.5	0.5	37	34	.919	
Paul Westphal	82	798	9.7	2.1	195	140	.718	
Jo Jo White	82	1370	16.7	3.6	311	251	.807	

Looking For Back Issues Of Review?

The following back issues of the Strat-O-Matic Review may still be purchased. Send to the Strat-O-Matic Review, P.O. Box 27, Otsego, MI 49078.

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- 1972 -- Oct. [extremely limited], August, cost 40¢ per issue.

For those issues in extremely short supply, please be sure to order a second choice in case the first is depleted. Remember also, that a few of the newest Strat-O-Matic Directories are still available. This is a must for anyone contemplating playing in or forming a play-by-mail league. Cost of the directory is 70¢.

Dice-Rollin' Joy In The Valley **All Aboard Merrimac League Fun Train**

The Merrimac Valley Strat-O-Matic Baseball League (MVSL) is a fun-filled, five-member dice-rolling venture whose antics are worth sharing with Review readers. All members are in their early 20s, most are baseball buffs from way back, and all are avid fans of S-O-M's version of the diamond sport.

They all reside in Merrimac, MA, and once a year embark on a 100-game, actual teams replay. The MVSL is currently well into its fourth season. "The league takes pride in its statistical accuracy and fierce competition, plus realistic outlook towards S-O-M," offers Frank Dolansky, who sends along the MVSL's latest results plus a humorous sketch of each of the members.



TOP: (FROM LEFT) DAN HOYT, GEORGE DOLANSKY, BOB RYAN.
FRONT: FRANK DOLANSKY, DICK

DELONG
songs, especially after victories...Known as sneakiest, craftiest and most wily member of MVSL; perhaps disliked...Won pennant with '61 Yanks [67-33] as Mickey Mantle and Roger Maris hit 33 and 32 home runs, respectively; pitching was solid also as Whitey Ford was 15-5, Bill Stafford 16-6...Seattle, as previously mentioned, was big surprise, finishing fifth.

FRANK DOLANSKY -- Four-year MVSL member who's been playing S-O-M for 13...22 years old; a mechanic by trade...the league's clown...never won a championship [did reach World Series last year], but continues to try hard...owns short wave radio so he can listen to Reds' games in wee hours of morning...confesses he wakes up in middle of night because of nightmares over Chris Spier's fielding...1961 Reds finished second with 65-35 record; had awesome attack as Vada Pinson and Frank Robinson both hit .320-plus, while Jim O'Toole was Cy Young winner at 16-3, 2.33, and Jim Brosnan had 1.50 ERA along with 24 saves...Other team, 1973 San Francisco Giants, wound up fourth at 53-47; Bobby Bonds had great season but rash of injuries kept Giants from climbing higher.

DAN HOYT -- Also 22 and a four-year vet of league...currently senior at Curry College in Milton, MA...has considerable play-by-mail experience...New England's No. 1 Red Sox fan...easiest
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Dick DeLong, newest member of the MVSL, had a memorable rookie season as he guided the power-hitting 1961 New York Yankees to the title and a 4-2 crunching of the 1961 Cincinnati Reds in the World Series.

DeLong just might be managerial timber for the Major Leagues; not because of the exploits of the '61 Yanks, but because his second team--each manager has two clubs--was the less-than-awesome 1969 Seattle Pilots. They wound up 43-57, the biggest surprise in the MVSL, thanks to DeLong's trading of Mike Hegan for Willie McCovey. Big Mac promptly slammed 41 homers--remember, in only 100 games--and drove in an incredible 106 runs.

Now, who are those guys in the MVSL and what are some of the antics they go through?

DICK DELONG -- Five-year S-O-M vet, 22 years old and head teller at a Merrimac bank...nicknamed "Big Apple" as he's typical "sick New York sports fan." Announces games, talks to his players and hums Yankee theme songs, especially after victories.



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manager in league to predict, always plays percentages...nicknamed "I.W." as intentional walk is favorite weapon...has yet to win pennant or championship...guided 1960 Pittsburgh Pirates to third-place 55-45 record, while 1962 New York Mets, well, they wound up an anticipated last at 37-63...Mets' record is actually better than could have been expected...Dick Groat batted .359 and Bob Friend was 12-6 [2.82] for Bucs, while Al Jackson was 9-11 [3.15] and Julio Navarro saved 18 games for the Mets, who finished only one game behind the 1962 Chicago Cubs.

GEORGE DOLANSKY -- Is refrigeration technician by trade, avid S-O-M buff in less serious moments...four-year MVSL member and 13-year dice-roller...sickens other MVSL managers with Chicago Cub trivia and souvenirs; reputed to be No. 1 Cub fan in country...called "sore winner" as he rubs in victories by going over highlights of conquest to disenchanted foe...plays S-O-M in a rage; often would have been banished to a penalty box, if would existed...two teams, 1963 Los Angeles Angels and '62 Cubs, wound up sixth and seventh in latest replay...Angels were wrecked by injuries, finishing 42-58 and missing Fifth place on the last day of season; Frank Thomas, acquired from Mets in trade, supplied 25 homers...poor pitching killed Cubs, who got solid performances from ex-Pirates Bill Mazeroski and Bill Virdon, to go along with Ron Santo.

BOB RYAN -- Newest member of MVSL...22-year-old computer analyst...nicknamed "Ducky" because of resemblance to Dick Schofield...has played S-O-M for 10 years...fastest dice-roller known to man...also specializes in playing the trumpet for all MVSL World Series national anthems.

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Wanted

WANTED: Football -- 1967, 1968, 1970 and 1971 Kansas City Chiefs. 1967 Green Bay Packers, 1968 N.Y. Jets. Send bids and the condition of the cards to: Mark Simmons, 815 West State, Centerville, IA 52544

WANTED: Baseball -- paying highest price ever. Especially want '71 Mets, '69 Mets, with extras; '71 Giants, and the 96 extra players for the 1972 season. Also wanted: '71 A's, '71 Dodgers, '71 Yankees, 1971 extra players, '70 Mets, '70 Pirates, '69 Braves, '69 Cubs, '69 Orioles, '69 Phils and the '68 Mets. All reasonable offers accepted. Send to: Jim Pinchak, 6 Schary Ct., Clifton,

NJ 97013

WANTED: Painesville-Ashtabula, Ohio-area. Let's play face-to-face. Baseball or what-have-you; 15 years experience. Contact: Frank Capo Jr., 432 Morrison St., Geneva, OH 44041

WANTED: 1967 Strat-O-Matic Football teams, set or individual teams. Contact: Terry Neiss, 5801 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112 [phone 717-652-4844]. Send or phone your price to me.

WANTED: All 1975 extra players from Oakland, Minnesota, Kansas City, Texas, California and Chicago. Will accept lowest bid. Tim Begalka, Rural Route 1, Clear Lake, SD 57226

WANTED: Top prices paid for 1968, 1970, 1971 Oakland A's with additional players. Also, interested in pennant winners and S.F. Giants of above years. All teams should be complete and in very good to excellent condition. All above preferred with additional players. I need 1969 additional players in very good to excellent condition, too. Also, very much interested in joining PBM league that won't fold. I have no PBM experience but have been playing S-O-M for seven years. Please send all responses to: Tom Unthank, 2348 Sycamore Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95404

WANTED: To buy old teams. Must be complete and in fair to good condition. Teams wanted: 1968 New York Jets, Chicago Bears, if not available 1969 Jets, 1970 Bears; 1969 Kansas City Chiefs; 1970 Detroit Lions, San Francisco 49ers. I'll pay \$1.00 for each of the above teams. I only want one of each team. Contact: Mark Woloszyn, 1052 Hudson Ave., Rochester, NY 14621

WANTED: 1. 1971 and/or 1972 baseball clubs with additional players; 2. Official Baseball Guide for 1975; 3. 1972 additional baseball players only; 4. 1969 NFL and/or AFL teams from Boston, Kansas City, New York and Oakland; 5. Any S-O-M teams or sets from the past that you are willing to sell cheap. Send offers along with condition and description of cards, an SASE if you want a sure reply to: Dale Bjerke, 14425 15 Ave., No., Plymouth, MN 55441. Bidding closes for first four numbers July 30th, number five closes August 15th. Will buy best offers. Send today!

WANTED: 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971 and 1972 Chicago Cubs. Also have basketball teams from 1973-74 and 1974-75 seasons to trade. Name prices and contact: Steve Griparis, 123 Emery St., Joliet, IL 60436

WANTED: 1971 and 1972 Philadelphia Phillies. Name price and please contact at address below. John Rojas, P.O. Box 43-1438, So. Miami, FL 33143

WANTED: The following teams -- 1963 Dodgers; 1966 Phillies, Giants, Twins, Orioles, Dodgers, Yankees, Braves, Pirates; 1967 Cards, Red Sox; 1968 Mets, Tigers, Cards; 1969 Yankees, Braves, Reds, Astros, Mets, Dodgers, Giants; 1970 Angels, A's, Cubs, Senators; 1971 Pirates, Astros, Cards. Contact: Brent Goodwin, A's, Cards. Contact: Brent Goodwin, Rt. 5, Box 499 N., Conroe, Texas 77301

WANTED: 1969 American League (plus additional players only); 1970 A.L. (plus additional players only); 1972 A.L.-N.L. (plus additional players only); 1973 A.L. (plus additional players only); 1973 N.L. (plus additional players only); 1971 Houston Astros, Oakland A's, Kansas City Royals; 1972 Los Angeles Dodgers. Will pay excellent price. Best offer. David Smith, 9265 Airlie Blvd. #37, LaSalle H8R 2A7, Quebec

WANTED: 1969 to 1970 Expos; 1961 to 1970 Red Sox. Also 1973 Red Sox and Expos. Name price and please contact: David McKenzie, 38 Rose St., Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada

WANTED: 1973, 1971 and 1970 baseball card sets. Must have the additional players; any condition accepted. Will pay postage. James H. Overmeyer, 11 Bird Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

WANTED: Will accept lowest bid for 1969 Mets and 1964 Phillies. Must be in good condition. Want either team. Thomas Hassan, 723 Highland Ave., Newark, NJ 07104

For Sale

FOR SALE: Baseball -- 1974 A.L. and N.L. with extras, good condition, three roster sheets included. I pay postage price. Cost: \$13.00. Football -- 1971, '72, '73 (years are those printed on cards); excellent condition; complete. Roster sheets included. I pay postage. Prices: \$20.00 each season (\$55.00 all three years). Prefer by phone: Butch Haber [212 241-0950], or write: 2085 Rockaway Parkway, Bldg. 11, Apt. 51, Brooklyn, NY 11236

FOR SALE: 1968-72 teams. Send for list. Complete and original. Also, almost all single cards from 1966-70. All basketball teams for sale. Mark Rubin, 10 Elk Drive, Bedford, NH 03102 (phone 603 472-5746)

FOR SALE: Selling 1972 and earlier season baseball cards at three cents per card. Minimum order is \$1.00. Larry Wolf, 3329 Monticello Court, Anchorage, Alaska 99503

FOR SALE: Batting averages against lefties and righties for all of the cards, based on the 1975 season. Get ahead of opposing managers by knowing who has the best average against a certain pitcher. Use it to trade, draft or make your lineup. Cost is only \$1.50 postpaid. Glenn Healey, 4175 Prestwick Ct., N. Ft. Myers, FL 33903

FOR SALE: Baseball -- 1974 Mets, A's, Rangers, all Old-Timer teams at 60¢ apiece. Football -- 1969 Oilers; 1971 Bills, Redskins, Giants, Rams, Vikings, Falcons, Steelers, Jets, Dolphins, 49ers, Lions; 1972 Bengals, 49ers, Giants, Browns, Lions, Rams, Bears, Raiders, Packers, Chiefs, Redskins, Jets; 1973 Broncos, Redskins, Dolphins, Cowboys, Steelers, Vikings, Oilers, Bengals, Falcons, Eagles. Football teams are 75¢ apiece or \$1.25 for two teams. Basketball 1972-73 Bucks, Hawks; 1973-74 76ers, Pistons, Lakers, Knicks. Basketball teams are 50¢ apiece. Please include 13¢ for each team orders. Auction: one 1971 baseball set in mint condition. Contact: Keith Stern, 140-16 Debs Place, Bronx, NY 10475

FOR SALE: The following complete baseball sets -- 1969 [\$35.00], 1971 [\$30.00], 1972 [\$25.00], 1973 [\$20.00], 1974 [\$15.00]. All baseball sets come with rosters and 96 additional players. Also, the following complete football sets are for sale -- 1968 [\$40], 1969 [\$40], 1970 [\$35], 1971 [\$30], 1972 [\$25], 1973 [\$20], 1974 [\$15]. All baseball and football sets are in excellent condition. Send check or money order to: Richard Keyes, 911 Merrill Drive, Greensboro, NC 27410

FOR SALE: Baseball -- 1971, 1972 complete, 1968 Yankees, Angels, most Old-Timers, all Hall-of-Famers. Highest bidders accepted. Tom Robertson, 1145 Northwest 200th St., Seattle, WA 98177

FOR SALE: Will take first reasonable bid for -- 1973 Football [excellent condition], full set; 1971 Football [good condition], full set; 1974 American League, with extras [excellent condition]; 1973-74 full basketball set [excellent condition]; 1972-73 top 50 NBA players [good condition]; 1962 baseball, top 100 players [good condition]; 1973 A's and Giants [baseball, excellent condition], with extras. Baseball [separately or as a set] -- 1972 Giants, A's, Cubs, Sox, Reds, Tigers, Cardinals; 1971 Giants, Cubs, Braves, Pirates, Sox, Orioles, Tigers, extra players; 1970 Cubs [excellent condition, never used]; 1968 Braves [good condition]; 1905 Giants, 1909 Tigers, 1948 Indians, 1946 Red Sox. Football -- 1972 Packers, Atlanta, Pittsburgh, Miami, N.Y. Giants and Bears [excellent condition]. Also, I do statistical work for all sports, 3¼¢ per game [done by computer!]. Please hurry with bids. First halfway decent bid wins! Write or call: Mike Brown, 900 N. Michigan Apt. 600, Chicago, IL 60611 (312-787-9490).

FOR SALE: Must sell fast! Baseball -- 1963 Angels, Indians, Athletics, Braves, Pirates, Cardinals; 1966 Giants, Orioles; 1967 Twins, Tigers; 1969 Cubs; 1970 Twins; 1971 A's, Pirates, Giants; 1972 Reds, Pirates; 1973 A's, Reds; 1974 A's, Orioles, Pirates, Dodgers, Reds; 1974, 1975 complete sets with additional. Football -- 1967 Giants, Packers, Bears; 1971 Lions, Rams, Dolphins; 1972 Steelers, Cowboys, Dolphins, Packers; 1973 Rams, Bengals, Bills, Cowboys, Dolphins; 1974 Vikings, Cardinals, Cowboys, Steelers. Also, Hall-of-Fame teams and all Old-Timer teams, plus game box and equipment. Name your price. John Heath, 1930 Floraview Drive, Dubuque, IA 52001

FOR SALE: Our bureau has received several inquiries asking us if we are still in operation. The Matejka-Raldiris Statistics Bureau is still very much in business. We are quite established and had, therefore, decided to pull our ad out of the Review. However, due to the increased cost in our overhead, we have been forced to raise our price to 8¢ per game; a modest fee for the efficient service provided. Hiram A. Raldiris, 15 Stephens Ave., Middletown, NY 10940

FOR SALE: Entire baseball game with 1973 cards. Perfect condition. All 24 teams without extra players. Will take

highest bid. Steve Stockton, 13104 E. 43rd Terrace, Independence, MO 64055 (phone 1-816-254-3556, call anytime).

FOR SALE: Football -- 1970 Colts, Cowboys, Bears, Vikings, Rams, 49ers; mint condition; \$3.00 per team; \$15.00 for set. 1968 Browns, very good condition, \$5.50; Lions, very good condition, \$5.00--\$10.00 for both. Baseball -- 1973 complete with additional players; mint condition; \$20.00. 1972 complete; mint condition; \$20.00. 1971 complete; mint condition; \$25.00. 1971 complete with additional players; very good condition; \$30.00. 1970 complete with additional players; very good condition; \$40.00. 1968 Yankees, Reds, Red Sox, A's, Angels -- \$5.00 per team, \$20.00 for set. All teams in good to very good condition. A few players have a little minor writing on them. If you consider the prices too high, you can underbid the prices, or you can overbid for a better chance for a set or team. I will give everybody plenty of time to respond. In case of tie, there will be an auction between the interested parties. Send SASE to: Richard Negrete, 11539 Babbitt, Granada Hills, CA 91344 (phone 213-368-3226).

League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: Anyone in the Central Pennsylvania area (Dauphin County) interested in playing in a face-to-face Strat-O-Matic Football league this fall contact: Terry Neiss, 5801 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112 (phone 717-652-4844).

LEAGUE FORMING: I am presently engaged in a monstrous replay and I'd like to solicit your aid. The replay involves all of the Old-Timer teams. If you have all A.L. teams or all N.L. teams, including the new ones and are interested, write to: Bob Wheeler, 8410 Ave. 184, Tulare, CA 93274. Gone already are 1927 Yanks, '05 Giants and '67 Bosox. Send top 15 preferences. You'll play

approximately 80 games.

LEAGUE FORMING: Are you like me and like to play S-O-M Baseball in the fall and winter also? Here is your chance to join an eight-team, PBM, advanced side, American League draft league. Games start in late September and run through February. Using this year's cards, without extra players, you could draft for Fred Lynn, John Mayberry, Rod Carew, Catfish Hunter and all the other stars. You start from scratch and build your own team up. I plan to run this league for several years. Protect players each year and draft for others as each season comes around. I will have at least ten newsletters with complete league statistics. 160-game schedule. Entry fee or \$2.25 collected later. Send a resume of yourself to: David Lutes, 13105 E. 43rd St., Independence, MO 64055. Don't hesitate. Everyone considered.

LEAGUE FORMING: Anyone in the Philadelphia Pennsylvania area or the suburbs interested in playing in a face-to-face Strat-O-Matic Baseball league call or write: Jim Rush, 703 Meetinghouse Rd., Elkins Park, PA 19117. Also, anyone interested in organizing a bicentennial Strat-O-Matic convention in Philadelphia call 215-TU6-5445, or write.

LEAGUE FORMING: The Inter-Queens Baseball Association is looking for five competent managers. This is a face-to-face league and the only requirement is that you can come to Flushing every three weeks. For further information call (212) 886-1461, or write: Scott Miller, 144-48 26th Ave., Flushing, NY 11354

LEAGUE FORMING: Looking for 11 reliable managers for a new play-by-mail baseball league. We will be using the actual teams from the new American League cards and play a 162-game season. If you like a fast-paced schedule then this is the league for you. An entry fee of \$5.00 will be charged, \$3.00 of which will be refunded if you complete the season. Send your list of teams, in order of preference, and a small resume including any PBM experience, to: Bill MacLeod, 17362 Via San Ardo, San Lorenzo, CA 94580 (phone 415-278-3196).

LEAGUE FORMING: Experienced league starting third season needs reliable backups. This is a very solid league made up of draft teams. For further info write: Ralph Hebb, 1149 W. Church St., Elmira, NY 14905

LEAGUE FORMING: The USSOMBL is forming and needs reliable managers to participate in an 162-game season. We will be drafting from all the 1974 players (including the extras). The number of managers will be determined by the preliminary interest. A constitution has already been drafted and a copy will be sent to anyone interested. The only requirements are that you own a Strat-O-Matic set or have access to one and that you'll be willing to play the entire season. Interested? Write: Joseph Arouni, 289 Mill Road, New Canaan, CT 06840

LEAGUE FORMING: I need 10 qualified managers to manage a team in a new fall and winter league forming soon. We will be drafting from the 1975 cards. We will be using American League stars. This is a fast-paced league so I want only experienced PBM managers. If you are interested, send a brief description to: Don Blvestein, 50 Humphrey St., Swampscott, MA 01907. All letters will be answered.

LEAGUE FORMING: I am starting another great league for the east coast. I am looking for 22 managers and the only requirement is that you keep up your schedule and don't fall behind. The league is based in the east, but I will accept all who reply no matter where you live. The league will include all 24 teams. Chicago Cubs and Montreal Expos are already taken but all other teams are open. List your teams in both leagues in order of preference and state which league you would rather be in, American or National. Don't worry if you live in California or British Columbia, as all names will go into a hat to see who gets top choice. The league will use the new cards before trades and will play the basic game. If interested, write: Donald Collins, 102 Winslow St., West Saint John, N.B., Canada E2M 1W5

LEAGUE FORMING: A new league based on the 1969 cards is now being formed. This will be a

draft, play-by-mail league using both the American and National League regular players. Age and experience are not necessary, the only requirement being that you own the 1969 cards and that you are honest and dependable. There will be a two-division setup, with five or six teams in each division. There will also be a small entry fee. This league has been a long time in the planning and will be an enjoyable experience for all involved. We will start play in September, but we will get everything organized now. Write: Adam Burrows, 5 Clubway Lane, Hartsdale, NY 10530, or call 914-472-3328, weekdays 7-11 p.m. (E.D.T.). This league will be a success.

Baseball Playing Tip

David Bendau, whose chart for wild pitches, passed balls and balks was printed in the June issue of the Review, says there were three omissions from that chart.

So Bendau, who hails from Columbus, OH, has hastily sent them along to the Review for inclusion this month.

The additions are:

For Kansas City - 5-2 passed ball.

For the New York Yankees - 4-5

wild pitch.

For the New York Mets - 4-3 balk.

What's Available At S-O-M?

FOOTBALL

- 1974 - All teams available. Cost: \$11 for entire set; 75¢ per team.
- 1973 - All teams available except New York Giants and Buffalo. Cost: \$9.75 for set; 75¢ per team.
- 1972 - All teams available. Cost: \$10.50 for entire set; 75¢ per team.
- 1971 - All teams available except Miami, Dallas, Baltimore, San Francisco, Kansas City, Detroit, Minnesota, Green Bay, Los Angeles, Washington. Cost: \$7.00 for set; 75¢ per team.
- 1970 - Only Boston available. Cost: 75¢.
- 1969 - Only Cincinnati, Denver, Houston, Miami, San Diego Available. Cost: \$1.25 in multiples of two; 75¢ per team.

BASEBALL

- 1974 - All teams available. Cost: \$10 for [continued on back page]

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1973 - Only Oakland available. Cost: 65¢.
1972 - Only Oakland available. Cost: 60¢.
1971 - Only Pittsburgh available. Cost: 55¢.

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