



## STRAT-O-MATIC REVIEW

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**Summertime Gamer's Frolic Set For Aug. 4-6**

### Convention Time In Champaign-Urbana

The countdown is picking up for the Strat-O-Matic world's largest happening of the summer of 1978--the fifth annual S-O-M National Convention, Friday through Sunday, Aug. 4-6, at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana.

Between 150 and 200 gamers are expected to descend on the sprawling campus for the annual happening. Rick [Wolfman] Shapiro and Dale Barnes are the prime movers behind the convention, which they expect to be the best ever.

There will be, as always, something for everyone, whether your thing is playing S-O-M games, buying and selling cards, or just the desire to meet others like yourself.

Six tournaments are planned, according to Shapiro (who urges as many contestants as possible to bring their own games and teams, beginning with Elementary A and B baseball and Super Advanced football on Friday, Aug. 4, and then Advanced football and baseball plus College Football on Saturday. A person, however, will be allowed to participate in only one tournament a day. There might be a losers' tournament as well, if there is enough interest. Sunday, Aug. 6, will be the finale,

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with all the trophies being presented.

Many former champions will be on the scene, reports Shapiro--who's no pushover when it comes to playing the baseball game. Tom Nelson is expected to make the trip from New York to regain the Advanced Football title.

Entry fee for the tournaments and convention is \$3 per person. And, if you hurry, there's still time to get in on the fun. Just send your entry fee to: Dale Barnes, 509 Davis St., Park Forest, IL 60466. Include a list of the tournaments you wish to participate in and send an SASE to Barnes, who will then send back an entry card listing the times of the tournaments, a map of the campus as well as additional information regarding the convention.

S-O-M gamers will be taking over the campus (or most of it) that weekend. Shapiro has again lined up lodging at a minimal cost, with the Florida Avenue Residence Halls reserved for conventioners for \$6.50 per night plus tax. The convention will be staged in the Illini Rooms (A, B, C). People may start arriving for the convention as early as Tuesday, Aug. 1, as some one will be there to greet you at that time.

Among the other activities planned are a two-night bowling tournament, a one-on-one basketball contest, as well as ample time to buy, sell and trade cards, or just engage in gaming talk and make new friends. Aug. 4-6 at Champaign-Urbana! 10-9-8-7...

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## Review Forced To Raise Prices

The upcoming convention is the good news this month. Now for the bad news.

The Review has been forced to raise its subscription rates. Increased printing costs, additional mailing rates and just plain inflation--that's an evil-sounding word today, isn't it--have necessitated the changes.

Hopefully the cost increase won't drive away any subscribers or would-be subscribers. For the money, we think the Review is still a darn good buy. Check the newsstand near you sometime and you will see what we mean. Any magazine selling for less than a dollar is usually nothing more than a "pulp" magazine. The slick publications, with their pages bulging with advertising, are usually far more expensive than that.

Back to the rate increases. In attempting to keep them as minimal as possible, a three-month subscription will now cost \$1.80 (60¢ per issue), a six-month \$3.25 (54.2¢ per issue) and a year \$5.75 (48.1¢ per issue). That's a jump of 30¢, 50¢ and 65¢ for three-, six- and 12-month subscriptions, respectively, from the previous rates. Of course, the longer you subscribe, the less you pay per issue. A year's order, for example, will save you 12¢ per issue than if you subscribed for three months.

The increased rates were a long time in coming. The Review has not had a rate increase in over two years--so we think we've held the line against the mass charges of inflation reasonably well.

Along with the across-the-board subscription rate increases, first class mailing, as we're all aware unfortunately, has also been raised. With the jump to 15¢ by Uncle Sam for first class, the Review has been forced to raise to 15¢ as well. People who are currently subscribers and who have paid for first class mailing, however, will continue to receive such mailing at the old 13¢ rate.

So much for the bad news this month. Hopefully, it wasn't so bad for most of you. And hopefully you will continue to subscribe and share your ideas, playing tips and replays with us.

Roll 'em!

## Review's MVP Contest Closes

Jim Rice of the Boston Red Sox and Greg Luzinski of the Philadelphia Phillies will be named Most Valuable Players in the American and National Leagues, respectively. At least in the opinion of many Review subscribers.

The dynamic slugging duo was the No. 1 choice of the fans in the Review's latest MVP contest. Rice, in fact, was a runaway winner, amassing 86 votes, far outdistancing runnerup in the A.L. Reggie Jackson, who wound up with 28. Rod Carew was third with 27 votes.

Over in the N.L., however, the balloting was much closer. Luzinski polled the most--37--but George Foster was on his heels with 35 and Dave Parker was a close third with 31.

The prize for the Review subscriber who correctly picks the MVPs is a set of the new baseball cards (plus extras) when they become available the latter part of January of next year. In case of a tie, then the person who picked the most division winners correctly (and if a tie, then with the closest percentage compared to real-life) would win the cards.

### RINGEN WAS LAST YEAR'S WINNER

Terry Ringen of Beattie, KS, was the recipient of the new cards this year. No one picked both MVPs--Rod Carew and George Foster--correctly, but Ringen was one of four people to forecast the correct finish in the four divisions. He was closest with his percentage calls, however, thus winning the cards.

Back to the balloting. Following Luzinski, Foster and Parker in the N.L. were Joe Morgan (25), Rick Monday (23) and Steve Garvey and Mike Schmidt (19 each). And in the A.L. it was Jackson behind (way behind) Rice, Carew and then a distant, distant fourth was Richie Zisk (10). Twenty-four players in the N.L. received votes, while 31 did in the A.L.

Now we'll sit back the rest of the summer and await the results.

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

The following teams are still available from the Strat-O-Matic Game Co., Inc., 46 Railroad Plaza, Glen Head, NY 11545. The year listed is the year upon which the cards are based. Please include a 75¢ handling charge for each order.

### FOOTBALL

1972 - Teams available include Atlanta, New Orleans, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Houston and New England. Cost: \$1.25 for 2 teams, 75¢ per team.

1973 - Teams available include New Orleans, San Francisco, Cleveland and New England. Cost: \$1.25 for 2 teams, 75¢ per team.

1974 - All teams available except Los Angeles, Minnesota, Miami and Oakland. Cost: \$9.00 for set, \$1.25 for 2 teams, 75¢ per team.

1975 - All teams available except Minnesota. Cost: \$10.50 set, \$1.25 for 2 teams, 75¢ per team.

### BASEBALL

1974 - Oakland is only team available. Cost: 65¢. Extra players are available, however. Cost: \$2.70.

1975 - Teams available include only Cincinnati. Cost: 65¢.

1976 - All teams available. Cost: \$10.00 for set; extras sell for \$2.70; Seattle and Toronto both for \$1.00.

## AWA Can't Believe It!

The AWA football members still can't believe it. There are cries to break up the Cincinnati Bengals, or better the dice-rollin' hand of Neil Christie. "Mr. Magic Dice," as the AWA has dubbed Christie, has, in case you haven't already noticed, done it again. He and his Bengals are again champs of the popular face-to-face Strat-O-Matic league that operates out of Santa Clara, CA.

Christie's Super Bowl victory, the third for the Bengals in the last five years, came at the expense of the Baltimore Colts, 27-24, in an overtime thriller that was watched by the league's membership--all of whom were rooting for Earl Yagi's Colts.

In fact, victory celebrations--for the Colts--were already to begin when, in the overtime, Baltimore marched down to the Cincy 22 and Yagi called on Toni Linhart to finish it off with a field goal (2-10 chance). But a roll of "11" came up, to the groans of the assembled gamers, and Cincy and Christie were still alive for another drive. The Bengals quickly capitalized on the reprieve, moving swiftly downfield, with Chris Bahr's 29-yard field goal finally deciding matters.

### 1976 LOADED WITH OFFENSE

Mike Applegate, one of the founders of the AWA and an S-O-M player since 1964, says that the 1976 real-life season was dominated by the offenses. Oakland set a league record by amassing 439 points (29.3 per game) and Kansas City, although oftentimes defenseless, did muster a league record 61 touchdowns (434 points) when on the attack.

Eleven rushers went over the 1,000-yard mark, with Walter Payton breezing to 1,632, while Pittsburgh and New England both rang up 14-1 records, the first time the feat's been accomplished.

The format for play in the AWA was the same as in previous seasons: a 15-game schedule, plus playoffs, with coaches taking actual teams (three per coach). Three teams had to be carried by the league, however, because one of the members was forced to resign.

### A LOOK AT THE DIVISIONS

Those familiar with the AWA (page 20 of newest S-O-M Directory), remember the popular division names the league uses: Snodgrass, Duck, Black 'N Blue, Granada, Mongo and Apple. Where the names originated, no one knows. The divisions have no criteria as far as team composition, although every year the competition is always fierce within each.

Here are the highlights and lowlights in the respective divisions:

**Snodgrass** - Captured easily by New England (14-1), which defeated runnerup Oakland (13-2) twice, 17-14, 27-21. Good ground game, passing of Steve Grogan in the big games and solid defense made an almost unbeatable combination--only loss being to Kansas City, 16-10...Raiders ran roughshod over everyone, except Pats; crushing hapless Jets, 62-7, in one infamous game...Mike Livingston passed Kansas City to surprising 9-6 record and won MVP honor for achievement. MacArthur Lane scored 20 TDs for Chiefs, who had league's most inept defense...Seattle was competitive as Jim Zorn passed for whopping 3,544 yards and Sherman Smith rambled to 930 yards, but defense surrendered 437 points...Philadelphia was 3-12, losing seven games by five points or less.

**Duck** - Bert Jones and Lydell Mitchell paced Baltimore (naturally!), which wound up 12-3 and three games ahead of Chicago, Detroit and Dallas, all 9-6...Detroit started fast, winning first four games, but faltered at mid-season...Chicago had tough schedule and wound up losing pair of heartbreakers to Colts, 19-16 and 34-28. Payton was "virtually unstoppable," according to AWA commissioner Mike Applegate...Dallas suffered from lack of a running game and Roger Staubach had to carry team with

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passing. A 1-5 record within division finished Cowboys, who vowed, "Wait until next year!"

Black 'N Blue - Disappointing division as Washington rode home a winner with 9-6 record, clinching title in 11th week...Jim Hart had great season [3,919 yards, 20 TDs] for St. Louis, but defense was decimated by injuries...San Diego lost seven of last eight after good start...Miami was humiliated six times, giving up over 400 yards, and finished 27th overall on defense...Defense, or lack of it, was also downfall of N.Y. Giants.

Granada - Los Angeles and Denver had 10-5 records, splitting two games, Broncos winning first 28-27, and Rams the finale, 20-7. Latter loss cost Denver playoff berth...Rams set league record with 54 interceptions, 18 by Monte Jackson--another record...49ers had best one-two ground game in league as Delvin Williams rolled up 1,345 yards, Wilbur Jackson 934...New Orleans struggled all season, except when upsetting Rams...Tampa Bay did surprisingly well, knocking off Saints, 14-10, mauling Miami, 31-21, and bringing down Seahawks, 26-23.

Mongo - Minnesota easily won lacklustre division, despite dropping first three games. Fran Tarkenton guided Vikes to 10-5 record...Cleveland was best team in the league, operating between the 20s, but didn't score enough points...Both Atlanta and Houston had nonexistent offenses.

Apple - Steel Curtain clanged shut often enough for Pittsburgh to have league's No. 2 defense. Terry Bradshaw hooked up with Lynn Swann for 12 TDs. Steeler defense intercepted four passes in 50-0 rout of Denver...Cincinnati split with Pittsburgh, losing 11-10, and winning last game of regular season, 35-13--setting in motion drive to title...Buffalo had O.J., and that was all...Green Bay and Jets weren't much better.

#### PLAYOFFS

Cincinnati 20, Minnesota 6 - Injury to Tarkenton finished off Vikes, as Stan Fritts burst through Minnesota defense for 144 yards in 23 carries.

Pittsburgh 14, Los Angeles 3 - Mike Kruczek came off bench to complete 14 of 19 passes for 167 yards and one TD while Steel Curtain sacked James Harris eight times.

Cincinnati 7, Pittsburgh 0 - Ken Anderson connected with Isaac Curtis for 68-yard TD strike on Cincinnati's second possession. Bengals stopped Steelers (Franco Harris) on a fourth-and-one situation at Cincinnati 23 late in game to preserve victory.

New England 29, Washington 13 - Pats capitalized on late-game bobbles by 'Skins, scoring three times in last 5:45 after trailing 13-8.

Baltimore 24, Oakland 20 - Jones fired a 17-yard TD pass to Roger Carr with 45 seconds remaining to pull out win. Jones was 15 of 24 for 188 yards and three TDs, while Ken Stabler was 14 of 22 for 222 and one score.

Baltimore 17, New England 6 - Jim Cheyunski raced 64 yards with a Grogan pass to spark Colts to win. Baltimore lost Jones early to injury and had to go with Bill Troup at QB (13 for 27 for 180 yards passing).

Super Bowl - Cincinnati 27, Baltimore 24 - Cincinnati had scored earlier Super Bowl wins over Miami (No. III), 19-13, and Los Angeles IV), 30-20. Christie (161-115-9) and Yagi (153-124-8) carried league's best coaching records into showdown game. Jones passed for three TDs, including a 16-yard pitch to Raymond Chester that sent game into overtime. Bahr's three-pointer eventually decides it. Anderson was on-target 15 times in 34 throws for 299 yards, while Jones was 16 of 29 for 203 with three playoff pitches but also three interceptions. Bob Trumpy, who caught four passes, including a 30-yarder that led to the winning field goal, was named MVP of the game.

So another AWA is history. And Neil Christie continues to treat the rest of the league as if they're a bunch of Rodney Dangerfields (showing them no respect). But hopes are high again for next year, especially for Steve Barrett who will have both Dallas and Denver.

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AWA lineup of coaches: Mike Simonds (New England, Los Angeles), John Koeplin (Oakland, New Orleans, Atlanta), Mike Applegate (Kansas City, N.Y. Giants, San Francisco), Neil Christie (Seattle, Miami, Cincinnati), Earl Yagi (Baltimore, Minnesota, Green Bay), Dave Jackson (Chicago, Houston), Ken Morse (Detroit, San Diego, Pittsburgh), Steve Barrett (Dallas, Denver, Buffalo). Washington, Philadelphia and Tampa Bay were carried by league after coach dropped out.

#### Standings and leaders:

##### Coliseum Conference

<u>Snodgrass Division</u>	W	L	T
New England	14	1	0
Oakland	13	2	0
Kansas City	9	6	0
Seattle	4	11	0
Philadelphia	3	12	0
<u>Duck Division</u>			
Baltimore	12	3	0
Chicago	9	6	0
Detroit	9	6	0
Dallas	9	6	0
<u>Black 'N Blue Div.</u>			
Washington	9	6	0
St. Louis	7	8	0
San Diego	6	9	0
Miami	5	10	0
N.Y. Giants	4	11	0

##### Citadel Conference

<u>Granada Division</u>	W	L	T
Los Angeles	10	5	0
Denver	10	5	0
San Francisco	8	7	0
New Orleans	3	12	0
Tampa Bay	3	12	0
<u>Mongo Division</u>			
Minnesota	10	5	0
Houston	6	8	1
Cleveland	6	9	0
Atlanta	2	13	0
<u>Apple Division</u>			
Pittsburgh	14	1	0
Cincinnati	11	3	1
N.Y. Jets	5	10	0
Buffalo	4	11	0
Green Bay	4	11	0

<u>Rushing</u>	<u>Att-Yds.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Receiving</u>	<u>No.-Yds.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Avg.</u>
Payton CHI	341-1632	9	4.8	Mitchell BAL	70-516	4	7.4
Simpson BUF	292-1355	9	4.6	Trumpy CIN	65-870	6	13.4
Williams SF	287-1346	7	4.7	Casper OAK	65-760	2	11.7
Van Eeghen OAK	262-1262	11	4.8	Joiner SD	63-1423	14	22.6
McCutcheon LA	267-1221	6	4.6	Lane KC	60-613	6	10.2
Young SD	189-1157	8	6.1				
Pruitt CLE	204-1153	5	5.7	Scoring: Thomas CHI 121			
Harris PIT	287-1131	8	3.9	Int.: M.Jackson LA 18			
Thomas WAS	274-1111	10	4.1	Punt Ret.: Marshall PHI 15.0			
Mitchell BAL	271-1103	8	4.1	Coach of Year: Ken Morse			
<u>Passing</u>	<u>Att-Comp</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>TD-Int.</u>	<u>Rate</u>		
Livingston KC	366-218	59.6	2858	25-9	96.6		
Jones BAL	355-222	62.5	2706	24-13	93.2		
Tarkenton MIN	419-242	57.8	2791	21-11	93.8		
Staubach DAL	397-224	56.4	2865	17-10	93.1		
J.Harris LA	239-121	50.6	1887	20-13	82.7		
Anderson CIN	393-202	51.4	2822	18-10	79.8		

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### Directory Additions

The following names should be added to the latest edition of the Strat-O-Matic Directory:

- \* BROWNING, KEVIN, 545 Sonia Rd., Madison Heights, MI 48071; age 18; student at Detroit; has played baseball for five years, also plays football and basketball; member of LGMBL (Lou Gehrig Memorial Baseball League).
- \* COGHLIN, JIM, 219 Braebrook Ave., Pointe Claire, Quebec, Canada H9R 1V7; three years experience; plays baseball and football, enjoying football the most; mostly solitaire player; belongs to ICFL, play-by-mail football league; anxiously awaiting hockey game.
- \* CROOVER, KEN, 623 N. Summit, Bremerton, WA 98310; age 29; teacher; 12 years experience in baseball, been playing football and basketball

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# Readers Roll 'Em

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## COLLEGE BASKETBALL, ANYONE?

I would just like to say a few things about S-O-M and the Review. Both have given me pleasure for five years. I own all four games. I guess I've played around 1,000 baseball games. I've had many thrills in my baseball dice-rolling experiences, from triple plays to a no-hitter by Vic Willis of the '09 Pirates.

I've had a couple of disappointments, though, like losing a no-hitter in the bottom of the ninth with two outs. But I guess that's baseball.

Football has given me the same amount of thrills. I only recently bought basketball and college football, and they are also great games.

I enjoy the new baseball chart and the new Old Timer football teams. I would like to see S-O-M come out with a new game: college basketball.

If S-O-M came out with college basketball, it would only make a great gaming factory greater.

Mike Davis  
5368 Laured Place  
Cincinnati, OH

## AWARD FOR REVIEW

Congratulations! For you have become the first recipient of the Bodaji Baseball Strat-O-Matic Achievement Award for excellence in the field of table-game journalism.

Our league thought that this prestigious award should go to the Strat-O-Matic Review, in recognition of its role in bringing gamers together and informing the Strat-O-Fans of the current trends around the country.

Your certificate [suitable for framing] is enclosed.

I personally feel that your readers do not fully appreciate what goes into the production of the Review. I happen to know printing costs and other production problems that go with publishing something even as small as your publication, and I know your profit must be minimal, if

one exists at all. What I think they fail to realize is that with four of you working on this each month, and considering your reasonable prices, that this has to be a labor love. When I read about pleas for more pages or criticisms about content, I think "shut up, and be thankful we have this much!"

Also, we [Bodaji] would like it to be properly noted that we think S-O-M's new fielding chart is fantastic. It now individualizes the players in the correct perspective [as objectively as possible in a necessarily subjective system] and it practically adds the pitcher's fielding rating that many have been clamoring for. The pitcher's error rating is the most important part of their column on the chart and each position gets its own separate treatment. Great, just great!

Dave Siemienski  
815 N. Market St.  
Inglewood, CA

Editor's note: The award has been properly framed, and now rests uneasily beside a slow-pitch softball trophy, a most improved bowler's award and the MVP [most vicious player] trophy.

## FIELDING CHART A 'GEM'

Your last several issues have been even better than usual; continue your usual superlative work.

Two quick comments in passing: The new fielding chart is a gem and adds a further dimension to this already brilliant game. Echoing fellow gamers sentiments, I am feverishly awaiting the hockey game. If this venture is successful and widely accepted, Mr. [Harold] Richman [S-O-M's creator] will have another feather in his creative cap.

Mike Ryan  
64 Cameron  
Norwood, MA

## DECRIES '10 PERCENT' IDEA

I like the trivia quiz but that column in your May issue upset me. What kind of garbage is this 10 percent nonsense? I have

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played Strat-O-Matic since 1967. I know a "7" comes up more times than a "12" but I do not understand all of the odds mentioned in the Trivia Quiz. I have a 20-sided die given to me as a gift. I do not know where they can be purchased. I generally like replays. I do not consider myself to be a so-called sophisticated fan and I can understand why they (the elite 10%) are attracted to irrelevant trivia. They are irrelevant!

I like to say again that I like the Trivia Quiz and by all means it should continue, but the 10% crap and the attitude that I'm sophisticated, I'm advanced, I'm better, should end. The Review and conventions bring people together, but this 10% garbage will tear them apart.

S-O-M is all things to all people. It is imagination to me. I can watch Babe Ruth, dead for 30 years, smash a Koufax curve for a long home run, or strikeout on the same pitch. I can pull Reggie Jackson out of a game and never get a word of backtalk from him. I can make Henry Wiggen, Bruce Pearson and all their fictional teammates from "Bang the Drum Slowly" come alive and play the major leaguers of today. S-O-M is relaxation, escape and a cheap high with an occasional low.

Kelly Huey

Editor's note: Huey's sentiments, regarding the so-called "sophisticated fan" column that appeared in the Review, were shared by many readers. In defense of Robert Henry, who wrote the column, we don't believe he was trying to berate anyone in the S-O-M world. Rather, since he mistakenly assumed the trivia quiz was unwanted, he was attempting to present a "case" for whom the quiz was designed. There was only a smattering of criticism of the trivia quiz, it should be pointed out, but there was an unfortunate time lapse during which the Review depleted its stockpile of questions. Henry was unaware of this--thus a period where no trivia questions appeared.

Robert Henry has done a lot of good works when it comes to S-O-M, and this should not be overlooked. Hopefully the matter can be laid to rest and the "sophisticated" as well as the masses of gamers may continue to enjoy the trivia quiz.

#### VOTE FOR TRIVIA

I've been a subscriber for two years and there are many things I would like to talk about.

I like Robert Henry's Trivia Quiz; I hope he keeps it up. I plan to go to the convention for my first time at such a gathering and I hope to meet a lot of gamers.

I agree that S-O-M should reprint a whole season of the big leagues. If S-O-M already has the formula, I think it would be rather easy to find a roster and print the cards.

Regarding a new soccer game, that would be great, as Jim Mitzelfeld pointed out in a recent issue. S-O-M would probably sell games where they don't have a big market (Tulsa, Memphis, etc.).

And, under S-O-M's patent law (rights), can a gamer photocopy his own cards and sell his originals?

Jeff Hersh  
2226 Schiller  
Wilmette, IL

Editor's note: There's much more to printing card sets (back or contemporary) than just finding a roster sheet. Overall batting and pitching averages for that year have to be included in any card-making formula, too. Regarding photocopied cards: patent rights would be violated if the copied cards were to be put up for sale. Originals? No. If you copy your own cards, who's go to know about it?

#### BOOK OF RECORDS

I was wondering if there would be a Strat-O-Matic "Book of Records?" If there isn't one now, I'd be happy to create one.

If S-O-M gamers would send their records (i.e., most home runs in a 162-game season, etc.) to: Dean Abbott, Route 3, Box 152, Battle Lake, MN 55515.

Then, in about a month, I will send the records (both good and bad) to the Review and continue to update

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them in upcoming months. Records would be kept for all sports.

Dean Abbott

Editor's note: A records section was attempted in the early years of the Review, but it failed because of the "all-world" marks that flooded the publication. Some gamers, sad to say, set out to break records by altering lineups, opponents, schedules, etc. It became, in short, a farce; the records became incredulous. But realistic and "earned" records would definitely be interesting. Perhaps something could be done in this area of S-O-M. Let us know of your results.

#### 'START YOUR ENGINES'

I would like to congratulate the Review on its great coverage of the S-O-M world. Its monthly columns are just excellent.

I'd like to touch on the possibility of a racing game. Maybe a stock car version with stars like Richard Petty and Dave Pearson dueling it out on the last lap.

Another version could use the Indianapolis cards. How about the excitement of A.J. Foyt getting a fifth Indy 500 victory. Auto racing has been around a long time and I think it would make a great and exciting game.

Now, let's get back to the Review. You say that more pages would cost more money, but soon they may become necessary. As you get more and more readers, you get more and more replays and ads. I also wonder if a play-by-telephone league could be perfected?

Scott Eberle

Editor's note: As you have probably already noticed, the Review has been forced to raise its subscription rates again, as well as advertising rates for the first time. The government's raising of the mailing rates has forced the Review to put in across-the-board increases to stay solvent. As far as adding pages to the Review, that would only add to the mailing costs. Just two more

pages would add enough weight (mailing) to double the cost. Thus, we have to continue with a 24-page booklet.

#### HANDLING OR POSTAGE?

I think it is very unfair that Strat-O-Matic charges 75¢ for postage. A few weeks ago I received the "Official Baseball Guide." I paid 75¢ for postage.

Will Strat-O-Matic be giving a rebate (since the postage rate marked on the package was 30¢), or have a better way of charging for postage in the future? Perhaps it could charge postage handling costs proportionate to what or how much you buy from S-O-M.

I'm in total disagreement with Robert Henry and his trivia quiz. In the May Review he states that the trivia quiz is for sophisticated fans. Since when has trivia ever been known for being sophisticated? He criticizes replays being printed in the Review, but many other gamers and myself would much rather see replays than two pages written by one person about trivial trivia.

Chris Jones  
Needham, MA

Editor's note: You are confusing postage and handling costs. S-O-M charges 75¢ handling cost for every order, regardless of size of the order. The postage, which S-O-M pays, varies according to the size of the package. If special delivery is asked by the customer, then the customer must bear the additional cost. The 75¢ handling charge is assessed whether your order is for 36 sets of the baseball cards, or a split deck, or even a pair of dice.

#### WAITING FOR HOCKEY

First of all I would like to say the Review is great and should be expanded.

Also, I think it is great S-O-M is putting out hockey. I can't wait to buy it. I hope S-O-M can also create soccer and college basketball. Old Timers would be nice in all sports, too.

Finally, does anyone know of a realistic way of playing basketball solitaire?

Norman Ginsparg  
Chicago, IL

## Gold Cup Baseball Tourney Continues

Steve Beren's, the major domo behind the 1978 Gold Cup Strat-O-Matic Baseball tournament, is busily rolling his way through first-round series.

Latest results received from Steve, who's awarding \$50 in prize money to the first-through-fourth-place finishers in the national tournament, indicate playing the games will take some time.

If you remember last month's article dealing with the Gold Cup, contestants pick two teams whose combined won-and-lost records don't go over .500. Each team plays a three-game series--the good as well as the bad team--and a split or 4-2 record earns that team the right to advance into second-round play. Contestants pay a \$3 entry fee and, you will remember, Berens plays all the games solitaire, shipping score-sheets to the victors and the vanquished immediately after completing the games.

In the latest games, Willis Ringen of Beattie, KS, with the 1976 Houston Astros [-2] and 1977 California Angels [-14] was pitted against Robert Fafata, Jr. of Pittsburgh, PA, and his 1973 Pirates [-2] and 1973 Montreal Expos [-4]. Fafata survived to play another round, at least, winning the series 4-2, with the '73 Pirates taking two of three from the '76 Astros and the '73 Expos duplicating the feat against the '77 Angels.

Next, it was Milton Deutsch, New York, NY, and his 1977 Pirates [+30] and 1976 White Sox [-33] against Gary Sky O'Callahan, Chico, CA, and his 1972 Cubs [+15] and 1975 Angels [-17]. Deutsch emerged a 4-2 winner, again winning two-of-three in each series.

Glen Wetzel, Platteville, WI, and Wayne Wheeler, Cardston, Alberta, were matched in the next with Wetzel setting the strategy for the 1977 Cincinnati Reds [+14] and 1977 Angels [-14] and Wheeler for the 1977 Dodgers [+34] and 1977 A's [-35]. Wetzel came out of that one, 4-2.

And, finally, Terry Lee, Irvine, CA, and his 1971 Mets [+4] and 1971 Reds [-4] were matched against Jim Rosenbeck, Medina, NY, and his 1975 Dodgers [+14] and 1977 Angels [-14]. Rosenbeck won out, 4-2, taking two-of-three games in each series.

Incidentally, of the latest rounds of games played by Berens, only the 1977 Reds, guided by Wetzel, swept the series, defeating the Dodgers of '77 in three straight games. One other noteworthy feat occurred when Nolan Ryan of the '77 Angels struck out 27 in 17-plus innings against the '71 Reds, only to lose an 18-inning heartbreaker, 5-3.

More on the rapidly growing tournament will be coming your way next month.

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## Directory Additions

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since both came out; admits to not being able to play the games as much as he would like because of lack of time, but does keep up with the new cards.

- \* HERSH, JEFF, 22265 Schiller, Wilmette, IL 60091 (change of address from 1335 Harms Rd., Glenview, IL 60025); 15; student; 2 years experience; plays all four games; member of face-to-face baseball draft league.
- \* HARRIS, JEFF, 765 Geneva, Romeoville, IL 60441; 27; computer operator; played football 11 years, basketball 6 and baseball 4; member of CSS League, face-to-face actual team. Other members: Bob Worth, Larry Wesley, Dave Man, Jim Jacklebee, Ron Krukowski, Ed Leweck, Tim Littrell.
- \* MAVIN, ROBERT, 21 Donald St., Kitchener, Ontario, Canada N2B 3G6; 30; accountant; played baseball for 5 years; member of SOMNADA.

## 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 in order to answer such questions completely. If your question regarding ratings does not appear in the Review within four months after being sent, you may assume the rating is correct.

QUESTION: Regarding the "T" ratings for catchers: John Bench has T-numbers 1-10. Does this mean all numbers 1 through 10 mean an error has occurred? Or does this mean if a 1 or 10 is drawn an error occurs?

ANSWER: If on a successful steal of second or third, split numbers 1, 2, or 3 come up, then you consult the T-rating. If this second split number draw results in Nos. 1-10 (Bench's rating), then he has committed a throwing error. But if Nos. 11-20 had been picked, then no error.

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QUESTION: I believe S-O-M made an error on Steve Yeager's catcher "T" rating. He's listed as a 1-15 "T" rating. Is this a mistake or is his arm really that wild?

ANSWER: According to S-O-M, Yeager's rating is correct. They have statistics (including throwing errors) for all catchers, and Yeager was off-target more times than you would expect for someone so highly regarded defensively.

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QUESTION: Would you please clarify the meanings of the single asterisk and double asterisk after a hit?

ANSWER: Number of asterisks refers to number of bases runners advance on hit.

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QUESTION: What is the difference between "Double, Double\*" and "Double\*\*"?

ANSWER: A double with no asterisks means runners on base when double was struck could advance an additional base. For example, with runner on first and batter doubling, runner could try for home. That's when the outfielder's throwing rating, runner's speed as well as the number of outs are all taken into consideration. We are not familiar with a "Double\*" since runners would have to advance a minimum of two bases on such a hit. While on the subject, some leagues allow the so-called "cutoff rule," whereby the defensive manager may elect to let the runner score or take the extra base, but hold the batter to first or the number of bases of the hit. This is not found in S-O-M's instructions, however; it is strictly an optional rule, but one that has become very popular.

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QUESTION: On hits that don't have an outfield position listed after them, how is it determined to which field the ball was hit?

ANSWER: In all such cases the ball is assumed to be hit to center field.

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QUESTION: I'm an avid sports nut eagerly awaiting the release of the S-O-M

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Hockey game. Can you answer some questions regarding the game? Such as: How many players for each team? Will goaltending be a big factor? Will shooters' abilities count heavily on their overall performance? Will there be penalties?

ANSWER: S-O-M prefers not to release any information about the hockey game at this time. From our conversations with S-O-M it is safe to assume that there will be enough individual player cards to fill out three lines, that goaltending as well as shooting ability will have a big effect, and that there will be penalties. In fact, there very definitely will be penalties.

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QUESTION: Alan Bannister and Jorge Orta of the Chicago White Sox were both, based on the '76 season, rated "A" stealing and 1-17 running. On the new cards, based on '77, the running rating for both has remained the same, but the stealing has dropped to "D." This seems strange. Are the stealing ratings correct?

ANSWER: Yes. Bannister stole four bases and was caught attempting to steal three times; Orta also swiped four but was cut down four times. Four stolen bases do not an "A" stealer make.

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## Advertisements

Advertising rates will be changed beginning next month. The rate changes are not designed to raise prices overall, rather to have some conformity and to eliminate advertising rate categories that were unnecessary. Also, it is hoped, that by adjusting the rates many of the lengthier ads will be reduced. We are not trying to cut down on the number of ads, rather the length of them--because of our space limitations. The new rates, which again will go into effect with the August, 1978 issue of the Review, will be as follows: first 30 words--60¢; 31-60 words--\$1.00; 61-100 words--\$1.50; 101-150 words--\$2.00; 151-200 words--\$3.25.

When you send in ads, specify either WANTED, FOR SALE, or LEAGUE FORMING. And name card sets by the year upon which they were based. Note also that only advertisements regarding Strat-O-Matic products, related merchandise (baseball guides, etc.) and leagues will be accepted. And merchandise competing with S-O-M products (i.e. scoresheets) also may not be offered for sale. Ads, to be included in the next issue of the Review, must be in by the third of the month. Late ads will be held over until the next month for publication. And money for ads will not be refunded, but will be credited to your subscription if you do not wish the ad to appear.

### Wanted

WANTED: Complete baseball sets, in reasonable condition, with no writing on the cards, and extra players included. Following are the years requested: 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972 and 1973. Also requested are the 1974 K.C. Royals and the 1974 Philadelphia Phillies. Send all replies to: David Stamper, Campion Towers, 914 E. Jefferson, P.O. Box 490, Seattle, WA 98177, or call

(206) 626-6231. All inquiries will be answered.

WANTED: Baseball - 1963 Los Angeles; 1968 Detroit; 1969 N.Y. Mets; 1970 Baltimore; 1971 Pittsburgh; 1972 Oakland; 1973 Oakland. Send your price to: Gary Knight, 1152 Ingleside, Baton Rouge, LA 70806

WANTED: All pre-1974 football teams. I especially would like

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the 1969 Kansas City Chiefs, 1969 Minnesota Vikings, 1967-68 Houston Oilers, 1967-1969 San Diego Chargers; 1973 Buffalo Bills. Must be in good condition. Send bids to: Mark Moore, Rt. 4, Box 381 B, Seguin, TX 78155

WANTED: Baseball - 1972 season through 1974. I am also interested in single teams, especially 1962 Dodgers, 1963 Dodgers, 1969 Orioles, 1970 Reds, 1971 A's, 1972 A's. Send price and condition to: John Russo, P.O. Box 1323, Morgan City, LA 70380 (phone: 504-395-5115).

WANTED: Steve Carlton (1972, 1974), Andy Messersmith (1974), Lou Brock ('77), Rod Carew ('77) and George Foster ('77). 10¢ per card, 60¢ overall. Call: (704) 392-7944; Scott Troxler.

WANTED: 1972 and 1973 American League baseball sets with extra players (not necessary). Plus extra players in both leagues for 1970. Phone: 507-282-1463. Steve Berndt, 3021 Crescent La. NW, Rochester, MN 55901. Please include SASE.

WANTED: 1970-74 National League and extras; 1971-72 American League and extras; 1961-69 Pirates. Want to buy or trade. If you would like to trade, send a list of teams you are looking for ('74-77 or Old Timers). Cecil VanReenen, 3721 Stanton Ave. SE, Charleston, WV 25304

WANTED: Football - must be complete and in fair-to-good shape. 1967 - Los Angeles Rams; 1968 - Dallas Cowboys. I'll pay \$8 for each team. FOR SALE: Football - only as set. Most teams in good condition. Will sell or trade for 1967 Rams, 1968 Cowboys, 1969 Lions and Rams, and 1973 Dolphins. I'll sell the following 33 teams for \$10 or trade them for the above five: 1969 - San Diego; 1970 - Atlanta, Buffalo, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Houston, Kansas City, Los Angeles, New York Giants, Jets, Philadelphia, San Diego, Pittsburgh, Washington; 1971 - Cincinnati, Kansas City, New York Jets; 1972 - New York Giants, Jets; 1973 - Denver; 1974 - Chicago, Houston, New

England, Oakland, San Diego; 1975 - Oakland. Incomplete; 1970 - Boston, Green Bay, Miami missing 1 defensive card; Minnesota, New Orleans missing 1 specialist card. Send offers to: Mark Woloszyn, 1052 Hudson Ave., Rochester, NY 14621

WANTED: Pre-1973 football; good condition. FOR SALE: 1973 football teams. Highest bids accepted. Mark A. Moore, Rt. 4, Box 381 B, Seguin, TX 78155

WANTED: To buy any S-O-M baseball, football or basketball teams. I would like to buy teams at as cheap a price as possible. Max Feierstein, 8 McCurdy St., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada R2V 3B2

WANTED: Complete baseball sets or individual teams. Following years are requested: 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966 and 1967. Send all replies to: John J. Kelley, 10 Clark Circle, Lynn, MA 01905, or call (617) 599-5680.

WANTED: 1972 Steve Carlton, 1971 Vida Blue and 1975 Fred Lynn (based on year shown). Will buy or trade as I have several 1973 teams. Send bids and SASE to: Steve Johnson, 1547 Bunker Dr., Lima, OH 45805

## For Sale

FOR SALE: 1970 through 1975 S-O-M Baseball sets with additional players. Also 1971 without additional players. More than one on most sets. Larry Wolf, 5648-D Birchmont, Houston, TX 77091

FOR SALE: Point analysis of all 1978 cards--advanced version. Cards broken down by "on-base points," "power rating" and "home run points." Cost: \$4. Don Femmel, 1911 N. Drexel, Indianapolis, IN 46218

FOR SALE: 1978 lefty and righty batting averages. Complete, concise and easy to read. A must for the true baseball fan! Send \$1.25 to: Joseph Zatko, 2106 A. Jordan Dr., Whitehall, PA 18052

FOR SALE: The Old Timer football teams. The cards are in the same condition as when bought. I have an extra Green Bay team that will  
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sell along with the other six. Teams will sell as set only. Bidding will be held until the third Saturday of this month's issue. I really could use the money, so please send your bid to: Scott Eberle, 7253 Springport Rd., Parma, MI 49269

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1962 Reds, Dodgers, Braves, Twins, White Sox, Tigers; 1963 Giants, Pirates, Twins, Orioles, Mets, Dodgers, Cards, Dodgers, Colts, Tigers, White Sox, Yankees; 1964 Cards, Braves, Giants, Dodgers, Red Sox, Yankees, Tigers, Orioles, Twins, Phillies; 1965 Giants. Minimum bid on above teams is \$5.00. 1966, all teams except Angels, Red Sox, Cubs; 1967-1975, all teams. Minimum bid is \$2.00 on above teams. Football - 1967 Cardinals, Steelers, Saints; 1968 Eagles, Saints, Falcons; 1969 all teams except Colts, Redskins, Rams, Lions; 1970-1975, all teams. These are all original teams. All basketball teams and game also. Winning bidders will be notified by phone. Mark Rubin, 137 South Hall St., Manchester, NH 03103 (phone: 603-668-3412)

FOR SALE: Are you tired of Tom Seaver not getting relieved when he gives up 10 hits in the third inning? Or Nolan Ryan getting relieved because of three walks in the ninth inning while pitching a no-hitter? If you are, stamina ratings are for you! With the stamina rating system (Review, June '77), pitchers reach their points of weakness according to the number of runs, hits and walks given up over the course of the game. To get computer-determined stamina ratings for every 1977-season pitcher, including extra players, send \$1 to: Kevin Knight, 1152 Ingleside Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70806

FOR SALE: Football teams. Complete sets from 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976 (1972 unused). Also more than half the teams from 1967, 1968, 1969. For a list of teams available, write [by June 30] to: Neil Parikh, 835 Humboldt, Winnetka, IL 60093 (312-446-0719)

FOR SALE: Baseball - all 26 1976 teams (expansion teams included), \$18. 1975 and 1974, \$20 for each 24-team set. 1972 Mets, White Sox, Yankees, Red Sox, Orioles, Pirates, Tigers, Dodgers, Cubs, Astros, \$1 each or all 10 teams for \$6. The 1974, 1975 and 1976 sets include rosters and extra players. Basketball - 1972 Celtics, Bucks, Knicks, Bullets, Lakers, plus all game parts, \$10. Old Review - 39 issues from April, 1973 to June, 1977; 50¢ each (be sure to specify issue), or all 39 for \$12. Football - 1972, 1973, 1974 complete sets, each \$20. 1971 Colts, Chargers, Patriots, Browns, Packers, Broncos, Cowboys, Dolphins, Lions, 49ers, Redskins, Chiefs, Jets, Raiders, Vikings, Rams, all for \$12. 1975 Vikings and Steelers, both for \$1.50. Or everything in this ad for \$140. All cards are in excellent condition and I will pay postage. Send to: Glenn Reigrod, 66-22 Fleet St., Forest Hills, NY 11375

FOR SALE: Complete baseball sets, including extras in good to excellent condition. 1970 [\$40], 1971 [\$35], 1972 [\$30], 1973 [\$25], 1974 [\$20]. Write to: Thomas Tucker, 1309 Denlyn St., Novato, CA 94947

FOR SALE: S-O-M Football teams: 1969 season (10 teams at \$3.50 each), 1970 season (17 teams, \$3 each). Baseball: 1966 season (two teams, \$3 each), 1967 season (4 teams, \$3 each), 1968 season (2 teams, \$2 each), 1969 season without extras (1 complete season, \$28; 4 teams, \$2.25 each; with extras (7 teams, \$2.50 each), 1971 season (1 National League, \$16, teams with extra players, 7, at \$2.25 each; no extras, 2, .90 each), 1972 season (8 teams with extras, \$1.50 each, 5 without, \$1.20 each), 1973 season (1 team no extras, \$1.15), 1974 extra player set, \$3. Reviews: I-6 to I-10, 3 from Vol. II, 3 from Vol III, 40¢ each. Send large SASE for listing. H.C. Collins, Jr., P.O. Box 283, Thomasville, NC 27360

FOR SALE: 1974 National League in excellent condition. 1965 baseball both leagues. Not in very good (continued on next page)

shape, with writing and players missing. Please include SASE [phone: 507-282-1463]. Steve Berndt, 3021 Crescent La. NW, Rochester, MN 55901

FOR SALE: Baseball sets, no extras, good to mint condition, with minimum bids in parentheses: 1973 [\$17], 1975 [\$15], 1976 [\$13], 1977 [\$11]. Also selling 1975 and 1976 official baseball guides [\$4 each]. SASE guarantees reply. Send offers to: R. Kallauner, 2935 Ridgelake Dr., G-9, Metairie, LA 70002

FOR SALE: 1964 Twins baseball cards. No cards missing--3 have writing on--otherwise mint. Please give bids. If you are not contacted by end of this month, your bid was not high enough. William Barclay Jr., 1955 Larkdale Dr., Glenview, IL 60025

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1973 (minus extras, 3 cards), 1974 (minus extras), 1975 and 1976 complete sets, Hall of Fame series, assorted Old Timer and other teams. All cards in good to excellent condition. Entire collection, including game parts, to highest bidder. May bid separately but will try to sell entire collection. Football - 1974 (4 finalists, Bengals, game parts), \$8. Write: Scott Powter, 144 Heather Ave., Pte. Claire, Quebec M9R 3A4

FOR SALE: 1973 baseball set, complete and nearly perfect. Will sell only as complete set. Best offer. Will accept letters for one month. Doug McKenzie, 15967 SE Patsy, Milwaukie, OR 97222

FOR SALE: Plenty of teams both football and baseball--dates go back to '69; also included, original '65 Dodgers and '64 Indians. Also have '71 Vikes, Chiefs, Dolphins in football. Send 15¢ for complete list to: Bill Gilbert, 11301 Woodbine, Redford, MI 48239

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1970 through 1975, complete sets with additional players. Football - 1967 49ers, Falcons and Chiefs; 1972 Steelers, Bengals, Bills, Vikings, Chiefs, Cardinals and Cowboys. Basketball - 1972-73, 1973-74 and 1975-76, complete

sets. All cards in good condition. Send bids to: Robert Hellstrom, 717 Neuva Gorda, Culver, IN 46511. [Phone: 219-842-2335]. WANTED: Complete pre-1970 football and baseball card sets. Send condition and price to above address.

FOR SALE: Professional collection for release. In excess of 10,000 S-O-M cards are going to be released to the public soon. The collection has been in existence since 1964 and accordingly some of the teams are very unique, while others are quite mundane. For example, such teams as the 1963 L.A. Dodgers and N.Y. Yankees are available. Similarly, one can purchase the 1970 Baltimore Colts. In total we are making available: Baseball - 1963-1977; Football - 1967-1972; Basketball - 1972-1973. Prices are functions of the inherent quality of the team, the card condition and volume purchases [increased purchases, decreased unit prices]. In consideration to the public all prices are negotiable. If you are interested please contact: David L. Stern, 3106 Lake Ellen Dr., Tampa, FL 33618 [phone: 813-961-3212]

FOR SALE: 1972 Cardinals, Mets, Braves, Giants, Reds, Dodgers, Astros, Expos. Good condition. Extras included. \$1.25 each, or best offer. 1967 Phillies, Reds, Braves, Mets, Pirates, Astros. No extras. Mets minus one player. Fair condition. \$1.00 each or best offer. Mike Naddeo, 5317 E. Ludlow Dr., Scottsdale, AZ 85254

FOR SALE: Football - All 1967 teams except Saints and Raiders; 1968 Browns, 49ers, Vikings; 1969 Bears, Bengals, Cowboys, Redskins, Browns, Lions, Packers, Raiders, Chargers, Rams, Chiefs, Vikings, Dolphins; all 26 1970 teams; all 26 1971 teams; all 26 1972 teams. All in good to excellent condition. SASE will assure a reply. Send bids to: Randolph W. Roe, 6110 Hokie Court, Richmond, VA 23234

FOR SALE: Hanging up the dice sale--everything must go. Hundreds of baseball and football teams. Your big chance. Send SASE to: Tim Cawley, 3808 Wilcox, Downers Grove, IL 60515

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FOR SALE: Baseball - 1974 Cubs, Cardinals, Mets, Astros; 1975 both National and American League teams. All above teams have additional players and are in good shape. Also, brand new 1977 National League additional players, \$1.00. Contact: Jeff Cristaldi, 18 Dorothy Dr., Torrington, CT 06790

FOR SALE: Baseball game, all parts including 20-sided die, \$5. All baseball teams listed, 50¢, 3 for \$1.25: 1931 A's, 1933 Giants, 1934 Tigers, 1934 Cardinals, 1941 Dodgers, 1948 Indians, 1950 Yankees, 1953 Dodgers, 1954 Indians, 1954 Giants, 1950 Phillies, 1957 Braves, 1960 Pirates, 1965 Dodgers, 1967 Red Sox, 1946 Red Sox, 1946 Cardinals, 1961 Detroit. All teams in excellent condition. 1976 Yankees, Red Sox, Orioles, Royals, Reds, Pirates, Cardinals, Tigers, Mets, Phillies, 15¢ per team. Basketball game, all parts, \$5. Basketball teams, if all bought with game, \$2; separately 40¢: 1975-76 Cavaliers; 1976-77 Rockets, Lakers, Celtics, Nuggets, 76ers, Braves, Blazers. Chris Franco, 954 New Dover Rd., Edison, NJ 08817. First come, first served

FOR SALE: Baseball, complete sets with extras: 1972, 1974 and 1976 seasons. Complete football sets for 1969 through 1977 seasons. All reasonable offers will be considered. Contact: Steve Lorenz, 406 Pinewood Drive, Utica, NY 13502

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1969 Yankees, Royals, White Sox, Angels; 1970 Yankees, A's, White Sox, Twins, Mets, Cubs, Cardinals, Giants, Astros, Braves; 1968 Braves; 1967 Yankees, Dodgers, Giants; 1971 Tigers, Royals, A's, White Sox; 1972 Oakland; 1973 Baltimore; 1974 Oakland; 1975 Cincinnati. Football - 1975 complete set. 1976 complete set. Basketball - 1976-77 complete set. WANTED: Baseball - 1972 Yankees, Twins, Phillies, Dodgers, Padres; 1973 Angels. I would prefer to trade for the teams I want, but I welcome bids. Also, I will pay high prices for

a set of extra players for 1972 and 1973. All inquiries will be answered. Write or call: A.M. (Eddy) Edwards, III, Box 7917, University, MS 38677 (phone: 601-234-5214)

## League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: The Winter National Draft Baseball Association will begin its first 154-game PBM season September 20. Eight teams will be formed by drafting from the 1977 N.L. cards without extras. A DH will be used. Draft will be conducted by neutral party so I don't have an advantage. Champion will play world series against champion of WAQBA, an A.L. draft league. Send resume, including age, experience and phone number, to: Larry Lampsa, Rt. 2, Box 105, Gilbert, MN 55741 (phone: 218-865-6039)

LEAGUE FORMING: The Houghton Beach Club is happy to announce the long-awaited opening of its Strat-O-Matic, advanced strategy, face-to-face, draft league. Some mandatory regulations will be enforced, but for the most part league policy will be established by the league's participants. Applications are now being accepted from individuals residing between Vancouver, B.C., Portland, or, and Spokane, WA. The Seattle, Tacoma, Everett metropolitan area will represent the league's geographical center and headquarters. Persons interested should send complete resumes and any league policy preferences to: H.B.C., Tournament Offices, David M. Stamper, Chairman, The Highlands, Seattle, WA 98177. All inquiries will be answered.

LEAGUE FORMING: Any basic version gamer in the Charlotte, NC, area. I'll be managing the 1977 Dodgers, you'll have choice of your own teams. You only pay for your own scoresheets and gas to get to my house. Call (704) 392-7944 and ask for Scott Troxler.

LEAGUE FORMING: Need six to eight managers for new baseball league. 1977 season, advanced rules, draft and trade league. Start as soon as possible. I have never been in a PBM draft league and would  
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appreciate any advice as to drafting a PBM league. If interested, send summary including age, PBM experience and phone number. All replies answered. Call (906) 786-5947, or write to: Bill Roberts, 401 Ludington St., Escanaba, MI 49829

**LEAGUE FORMING:** The American Draft Association is looking for backup managers. We are a draft baseball league and we use the basic version. The ADA is now playing its third successful season. We take players from the latest cards, drafting from both the American and National Leagues. Also, if the American Draft Association decides to expand next year from its current eight teams, the backup managers will be the first to receive the new teams. If you are interested in the ADA, write to: Dwight Sterling, Normandy Village 24-4, Nanuet, NY 10954

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Join up with a new 24-team, 162-game, draft league. The initial season will get under way later than other leagues, but will allow you to play into the fall and winter, when other leagues have finished. There will be an initial draft, including extras, followed by drafts of new players each season. There are no protection lists, so managers with foresight can build strong teams. Keep the same players year to year, or trade them. We expect the league to last a long time. We'll have a regular newsletter. Send your reply in right away, so we can get going. The first 24 are in. Doug Moog, 235 Hillcrest Rd., East Aurora, NY 14052

**LEAGUE FORMING:** We're looking for 7 reliable managers for a new PBM baseball league. We will play a 162-game schedule using the new 1977 National League cards, advanced side. Well organized schedule will take only about 4 months to play. Entry fee will be \$5, of which \$3 will be refunded at the conclusion of the season. Also, complete league standings and statistics as well as other

features will be sent out periodically. Send list of teams you would like to manage, in order of preference. Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Chicago, Houston and New York have already been taken. If interested, write: Kevin Alexander, 37 Rock St., Newark Valley, NY 13811

**CONVENTION FORMING:** Register now for the 4th annual Chicagoland S-O-M Baseball Tournament. This event will be held on Sunday, July 16, starting at noon in Park Forest, IL. \$1.00 reserves your spot. Specify if you prefer elementary or advanced. Don't miss this. Dale Barnes, 509 Davis, Park Forest, IL 60466

**CONTEST FORMING:** The Florida Gold Coast Baseball Classic is looking for the perfect S-O-M Baseball drafter. If you think that you can draft the top 25 players of the 1977 regular season cards, then challenge FGCBC and our computer. Each player has been assigned a very precise rating for his overall worth. It will be worth \$75.00 to the best drafter, \$35 for second place and \$20 for third place, and the best part is, all it costs you is a single stamp; no entry fees required. Just send us your list of the top 10 pitchers of 1977 that you would draft first, the top 15 hitters of 1977, your starting lineup (pitcher included) and your overall top draft choice. All ties will be broken by FGCBC judges. And all former and current members of FGCBC are ineligible. The deadline for entries is July 15. Only one entry per person or address please. Contest results will be posted in the September Review. This will be an annual championship. Please mail all entries to: Bob Lopeck, 149 Lone Pine Drive, Hallandale, FL 33009. And the best of luck to all entrants!

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#### WHAT DOES 'SASE' STAND FOR?

Many Review readers ask this question every month. It stands for self-addressed (your name and address are on it), stamped envelope.

## S-O-M League, Replay Scene

SEATTLE MARINERS REPLAY - Keith Miller of Willard, OH, conducted what might appear to many as an exercise in futility by replaying the 1977 season with the expansion club...but Mariners did finish with 64-98 record--exactly as in real-life...Mariners were shut out 25 times and won only five times in last 24 games...Kansas City's Doug Bird hurled a no-hitter against Seattle...Steve Braun was leading hitter with .286 average--two points shy of real-life mark. Joe Lis cracked team-high 15 homers, but Dan Meyer, who had 22 in real-life, accounted for only four...Best of pitchers was Stan Thomas with 11-6 record, 2.70 ERA...couple of player cards were changed to add players to roster: Juan Bernhardt was the 1976 Tommy Davis card and Craig Reynolds the '76 Ted Kubiak.

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OAK BAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE - A five-coach, 10-team (each coach handled two teams) replay of the 1976 season, using the best teams...Commissioner was Brian Webster who also guided Baltimore and Minnesota. Other coaches and their teams were: Stewart Arneil (Los Angeles-Pittsburgh), Andrew Johnstone (Dallas-Washington), Steve Brice (New England-Cincinnati), Brian Cheffins (San Francisco-Oakland)...Brice's Cincinnati Bengals surprised by winning division in last game of regular-season, then swept through playoffs, crushing L.A. in championship game, 55-24...12-game schedule was played, plus there were restrictions on overuse of players as well as penalties...Webster was acknowledged as outstanding coach, Bert Jones and Mike Thomas outstanding players, while championship game was entitled P.A.C. Bowl (Professional Armchair Coaches Bowl)...highlights included L.A. crushing 49ers twice, 37-15, 42-6; Baltimore linebacker Stan White's 106-yard return of an interception to beat New England; Pittsburgh's defense causing 38 turnovers; lowlights were Neal Colzie's 12 fumbles with punts for Oakland and costly injuries to Oakland's Mark vanEeghan, Washington's Mike Thomas and Minnesota's Chuck Foreman.

Standings and leaders:

Green Division			White Division			Playoffs
Won	Lost		Won	Lost		
Los Angeles	10	2	Cincinnati	7	5	Dallas 24,
Baltimore	7	5	Oakland	6	6	Baltimore 16
Dallas	7	5	Washington	6	6	Los Angeles 21
New England	4	8	Pittsburgh	6	6	Dallas 13
San Francisco	3	9	Minnesota	4	8	
Rushing			Receiving			Washington 20, Oakland 10
Att-Yds.	Avg.		No.-Yds.			
M.Thomas WAS	212-1043	4.9	Mitchell BAL	56	444	Cincinnati 29,
Harris PIT	184-731	4.0	Casper OAK	51	460	Washington 7
Williams SF	145-700	4.8	White MIN	42	824	
Passing			TD-Int.			
Att-Comp.	%	Yds.				
Anderson CIN	255-129	50.6	2258	17-13		
Bradshaw PIT	169-90	53.3	1512	6-7		
Jones BAL	309-166	53.7	2573	17-13		

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GRAND HAVEN S-O-M LEAGUE - Four-member league based in Grand Haven, MI...members: Jim Reilly (Chicago Cubs), Joel Chaffee (Red Sox), Perry Michaels (St. Louis) and George Maierhauser (N.Y. Yankees)...it was an all-star league using players from 1968-1976--and with plenty of trading...Thurman Munson cracked 34 homers, Sparky Lyle was 13-4 (2.41 ERA) and Catfish Hunter was 20-game winner for Yanks, who won league with 96-66 record...St. Louis hit .300 as team--tops in league--as Joe Torre batted .379 and drove in 121 runs, Rico Petrocelli had 41 homers and Rick Monday 40, and Bob Gibson was Cy Young winner after 25-14 season during which he fanned 292...Billy Williams, who was traded to Red Sox, was team's best player with .324 average, 37 HRs and 129 RBI. But Sox also had 5.07 team

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ERA, offsetting Fred Lynn (.322, 28 HRs), George Scott (40 HRs), Carl Yastrzemski (35 HRs) and Reggie Smith's (33 HRs) performances...Cubs swiped 347 bases, 162 of 'em by Lou Brock, but settled into last place as four pitchers lost 20 games apiece. Milt Pappas lost 16 in a row. Dick Allen homered 37 times and Ferguson Jenkins struck out league-high 306, although he suffered 25 defeats. Only no-hitter was spun by Cards' Lynn McGlothen--against Cubs.

Standings:

	Won	Lost	GB			
N.Y. Yankees	96	66	-	Boston	80	82 16
St. Louis	86	76	10	Chicago Cubs	62	100 34

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ALEXANDER DORM S-O-M BASEBALL LEAGUE - Recently completed second season at University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill...original teams used with no extras, although five players were drafted from unused teams...league expanded from four to eight teams and schedule was increased from 36 to 56 games...newest cards were used...Yanks won Eastern Division and L.A. Western...Rod Carew led league in batting (.409), Johnny Bench, Ron Cey and Graig Nettles in home runs (17), with J.R. Richard of Reds (he was picked up from Houston) winning Cy Young laurels with 9-4 record as well as no-hitting Dodgers...MVP, however, was Ted Simmons of St. Louis, who hit .381 and drove in league-high 51 runs in 56 games.

Standings:

Eastern Division		W - L	Western Division		W - L
New York (Rusty Monteith)	28-28		Los Angeles (John Williams)	32-24	
Boston (Mark Brewer)	27-29		Kansas City (Jim Muldrow)	29-27	
Philadelphia (Todd Hornaddy)	27-29		Cincinnati (Dave Rushing)	28-28	
Chicago Cubs (Tom Buske)	25-31		St. Louis (Carey Phillips)	28-28	

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THIRD MUSIC CITY BASEBALL LEAGUE - Randall Witt's (Franklin, TN) Grim Reapers won third MCSMBL season with a 91-69 record in five-team, draft league replay of 1975 season. Only 1975 A.L. cards were used; with basic version of game played, although with catcher's throwing...Witt said league was most competitive of trio replayed...Reapers reaped benefit of team ERA of 2.98, Reggie Jackson's 34 homers and 99 RBI and Phil (Babe) Roof's clutch hitting--12 homers and 52 RBI in only 140 at-bats--to win title. Bert Blyleven (20-12, 2.66) was "ace" of staff...Kelly Huey's Tennessee Trash team had best hitting in league and was on top for 72-game period. But lack of speed and defense that committed 149 errors took toll...Danny Biles' Florida Oranges had Cy Young winner in Frank Tanana (20-14, 3.04, 317 strikeouts), but 11-game losing streak early in season detoured its momentum, which it never regained...Richard Brennesholtz' Memphis Millionaires were an exciting team as Rod Carew won batting title and George Scott (40 HRs, .300, 124 RBI) was MVP...Gatlinburg Timersians, managed by Tim Biles, finished last but still improved considerably from previous year's 35-127 showing. No. 1 draft pick Thurman Munson responded with .323 average and Bobby Bonds, acquired in trade for Carew, clouted 32 home runs to go with 89 RBI.

Standings and leaders:

	Won	Lost	GB	Batting	Home Runs
Grim Reapers	91	69	-	Carew MM .341	Scott MM 40
Tennessee Trash	86	74	5	Munson GT .323	Jackson GR 34
Florida Oranges	80	80	11	Washington FO .314	Bonds GT 32
Memphis Millionaires	79	81	12	Orta TT .307	Mayberry FO 30
Gatlinburg Timersians	64	96	27		
RBI		ERA	Wins		Strikeouts
Scott MM	124	Blyleven GR	2.66	Palmer MM 22	Tanana FO 317
Lynn TT	100	Figueroa TT	2.75	Blyleven GR 20	G.Perry FO 245
Jackson GR	99	Palmer MM	2.79	Holtzman TT 20	Blyleven GR 231
		Hunter GT	2.91	Tanana FO 20	Palmer MM 201

## S-O-M Baseball Trivia Quiz...

Here we go again with Robert Henry's latest batch of Strat-O-Matic Baseball trivia questions. And again, like we did last month, the Review will be presenting both questions and answers each month.

- QUESTION: 1. Has any modern batting champion failed to receive at least 30 hit chances on his card?
- QUESTION: 2. Using the Earnshaw Cook system (i.e., a player is rated by multiplying his probability of reaching base safely by total bases per plate appearance), who is the best starting pitcher in S-O-M?
- QUESTION: 3. It has previously been stated that no shortstop was rated "1" from 1965-70. Who was rated "1" prior to 1965?
- QUESTION: 4. Who holds the record for the highest batting average on a modern player's card, counting only hits and walks on the player's own card?
- QUESTION: 5. Has any pennant winner been without a catcher rated better than "4" fielding?
- QUESTION: 6. Which pitcher holds the record (for modern pitchers) for most total bases allowed via hits on his card?
- Note: These questions do not include the 1977 set of baseball cards.

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### ...And Now For The Answers

- ANSWER: 1. Although Carl Yastrzemski spared the American League the embarrassment of having no .300 hitters by finishing at .301 in 1968, he received only 29.25 hit chances. Part of the reason for his low hit total was his 119 real-life walks, which resulted in 27 walk chances on his card, thus requiring fewer hits to reproduce the .301 average.
- ANSWER: 2. This system can be utilized easily in S-O-M by multiplying total on-base chances on a card (i.e., hits plus walks) by total bases allowed on hits. 1965 Sam McDowell, with a rating of 110.24 (5.2 singles and 16 walks), barely noses out 1972 Don Sutton with a rating of 113.5875 (.4 home runs, .15 triples, .6 doubles, 6.5 singles, four walks).  
Sam McDowell's calculation: 21.2 on-base chances; 5.2 singles produce 5.2 total bases;  $5.2 \times 21.2 = 110.24$ .  
Don Sutton's calculation: 11.65 on-base chances; 9.75 total bases (.4 from .4 home runs, .45 from .15 triples, 1.2 from .6 doubles, 6.5 from 6.5 singles);  $11.65 \times 9.75 = 113.5875$ .
- ANSWER: 3. Luis Aparicio (1962-64) and Ruben Amaro and Bobby Wine, both of the 1964 Phillies, were the only ones. S-O-M did not include fielding ratings in 1960 and 1961.
- ANSWER: 4. 1968 Gates Brown (Detroit Tigers), with 46.6 hits and 15 walks (card chances), comes away with a .501 average ( $46.6/93 = .501$ ). Rod Carew, Manny Mota and Roger Freed from the newest card set all either challenged or surpassed Brown. Carew, who batted .388 with Minnesota, had a basic card with 49 hit chances and nine walk chances ( $108 - 9 = 99$ , thus 49 hit chances divided by 99) for a .495 average off his own card. Freed, who had only 83 official at-bats with St. Louis in '77, had a .398 real-life average. He also had 49 card hit

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chances, but combined with 17 walk chances it all adds up to a .538 average off his own card, thus surpassing Brown's .501. Mota, however, is the best of them all. Although he only batted officially 38 times, the basic side of his '77 card has him with 45.1 hit chances and a whopping 25 walk card chances. Subtracting the 25 walk chances from 108 (card possibilities), leaves only 83, thus Mota comes away with a card capable of reproducing a .542 average--the highest in modern S-O-M history. Mota, incidentally, had a .395 real-life average.

ANSWER: 5. Yes, the 1960 Pittsburgh Pirates had two "4" catchers, Smoky Burgess and Hal Smith.

ANSWER: 6. Another dubious honor for 1975 Oscar Zamora, who allowed 84.35 total bases via 10.95 home runs, 1.95 triples, 16.1 doubles and 2.5 singles. Contrasted to McDowell and Sutton, Zamora reached a lofty 2,657.025.

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## Old Timer League No Ho-Hum Affair

### Only 13 Games Separate 1911 A's From Rest Of Field

Craig Heiland's 155-game replay of the 1900-1919 Old Timer baseball teams was anything but a bore. For 16 months the native of South Gate, CA, broke out his S-O-M game--and for 16 months he experienced as tight a pennant race as possible.

At the finish, the 1911 Philadelphia A's were on top with an 82-73 record--nine games over .500. But right behind came the 1919 Chicago White Sox and 1909 Detroit Tigers with 81-74 marks, just a single game off the pace. In fact, only 13 games separated the spray-hitting A's from last-place 1906 Chicago.

The pennant race came down to the last series of the season in a fitting climax, with the A's in first and Detroit and Chicago within striking distance, but forced to play each other. The A's took two out of three from the last-place Cubs. Three wins by the Sox, however, would give them the pennant, two a tie, while Detroit needed a sweep to forge a deadlock.

Detroit was promptly eliminated, losing the first game. But then it bounced back to post a 4-2 victory in the second. In the finale, with the Sox leading 4-2 entering the ninth and on the verge of salvaging a tie with the A's, Detroit rallied for two runs and a tie. Then, in the 11th, Sox pitcher Bill James committed an error that let in the winning run and ended Chicago's season on a sour note.

#### HITTING DOMINATES

"It was interesting," concludes Heiland, "that hitting made the difference in a pitching-dominated era." Ty Cobb of Detroit was chosen Most Valuable Player after hitting .402, stealing 77 bases and clouting 10 home runs. Philadelphia had four regulars who hit .300-plus while the White Sox had three.

Most of the pitchers came away less than shell-shocked, however, as Christy Mathewson of the 1905 New York Giants was accorded Cy Young Award honors after compiling a 28-12 record with 240 strikeouts and minuscule earned run average of 1.72.

#### TEAM SUMMARIES

1911 A's - Danny Murphy led the parade of regulars who topped the .300 mark, finishing at .337, plus he chipped in with 105 RBI and had a knack for delivering the clutch hit...Frank Baker batted .319 with 116 RBI and stole 30 bases...Eddie Collins was a disappointment, however,

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batting only .299...Chief Bender (18-8, 2.12 ERA) and Eddie Plank (19-14, 2.76) were key cogs in pitching crew that was above average.

1919 White Sox - Chicago had blend of good pitching and hitting... Lefty Williams (22-15), Eddie Cicotte (21-17) and Dickie Kerr (17-6) were big three on mound, although James--he of the infamous erratic toss--was a dismal hurler, losing 14 of 20 decisions and yielding 6.08 earned runs per game...Shoeless Joe Jackson pounded out a .340 average with 114 RBI and six roundtrippers, while Ray Schalk surprised by hitting .306...Happy Felsch, in an offsetting performance, batted a puny .214.

1909 Tigers - Hitting was inconsistent, despite presence of Cobb, Sam Crawford (.307, 107 RBI) and Donnie Bush (44 steals)...pitching actually was better than hitting...Ed Summers was 19-12, Ed Killian 12-10, but George Mullin and Ed Willett slumped to 15-19 and 15-21, respectively.

1905 Giants - Held first place early in season but dropped back for good after mid-season slump...good speed but lacked hitting...Mike Donlin hit .374 with 10 homers and 29 steals, Roger Bresnahan .313, Art Devlin swiped 54 bases and Sam Mertes 36--thus accounting for the offense...Mathewson was easily the league's best pitcher but the rest of the staff was, for the most part, ineffective. Red Ames, although he blew a third strike past 214 batters, wound up 10-22 with a 5.48 ERA.

1909 Pirates - Pitching was adequate but hitting lacked depth, that's why Pittsburgh never rose from depths of second division...Monus Wagner was top hitter with .329 average, 30 steals, while Bobby Byrne pilfered 35 bases; so much for the attack...Babe Adams (10-2, 1.59) and Howie Camnitz (17-15, 2.19) were best of hurlers, as Lefty Leifield (9-19) and Vic Willis (15-22, 4.20) failed frequently in the so-called big games.

1906 Cubs - Chicago started slowly, sinking to last, and never was able to pick up the tempo...Three Finger Brown was a "blue chipper" with his 20-11 record and 2.38 ERA, but pitchers suffered because of lack of support...Jack Taylor was 12-20 and Orval Overall 5-20...some of the averages were average: Frank Chance (.319), Harry Steinfield (.314) and Frank Schulte homered 10 times and Chance and Johnny Evers combined for 95 steals, Chance with 53, but there was no big RBI man on the club.

#### Standings:

	Won	Lost	GB
1911 Philadelphia A's	82	73	-
1919 Chicago White Sox	81	74	1
1909 Detroit Tigers	81	74	1
1905 New York Giants	79	76	3
1909 Pittsburgh Pirates	73	82	9
1906 Chicago Cubs	69	86	13

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## Coming Next Month...

...Coming your way in the August issue of the Strat-O-Matic Review will be a "game plan" for how to play-by-mail in a football league...the GKSM's American League season--just completed--will be reviewed...you will learn how to rate players from past seasons as far as an "e" rating in baseball; guidelines will be presented...some innovations in the kicking game might give you a little extra boot out of S-O-M Pro Football...while the no-hitter column is back...plus, hopefully, a sneak preview of the hockey game will be coming your way--all in the August issue. Watch for it soon!

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## Strat-O-Matic Spotlight

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AND THAT'S THE WAY IT IS...IN S-O-M!

Strat-O-Matic games continue to make news all across the country, as evidenced by clippings sent to the Review recently.

Terry Kelleher, a sports writer for the Miami Herald, for instance, wrote a colorful article on the gaming craze entitled, "Take Me 'In' to the Ballgame," during the course of which he described his own humble beginnings in the world of shake, rattle and roll and then concluded by rating the baseball games on the market today.

Both Harold Richman, creator of S-O-M games, and Del Newell, co-editor of the Review, were interviewed via phone by Kelleher. Richman touched on the gaming market: "The market is growing, but not by leaps and bounds...It's a hard-core following; first you have to be a game addict, then a sports addict...People that buy these games are sophisticated: they want new developments...A new game must be as good as the others and different."

And Newell said of the Review: "The Review puts us in touch with each other. Before, some of us felt like closet queens who rolled dice at night."

Bob Lopeck, a Review subscriber from Opa-Locka, FL, sent along a clipping of the article.

Two other articles also appeared recently, one in the Denton Record-Chronicle and the other in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, both, of course, in the Lone Star state.

Ken Sins at the Star-Telegram zeroed in on S-O-M, saying, "This is Strat-O-Matic Baseball, a wing of the passion known as table games which transform normally mild-mannered, rational sports fans into raving maniacs." He went on to say: "Table games allow the participants a piece of the action, a chance to manipulate million dollar athletes on the dining room table with dice, spinners and cards."

Sins also described the typical table gamer as "A male in his mid-20s...highly intelligent and [who] likes his games challenging with a high degree of strategy involved."

Nancy Cochran was the woman behind the prose in the article appearing in the Denton paper. She talked with Carl Kieke, a graduate student at North Texas State University who belongs to a play-by-mail league comprised of friends who met while students at Austin College (Sherman, TX), and Dan Perrine, a student at NTSU and avid fan of the Old Timer teams.

Perrine, although not an introvert, said of table-game baseball: "If you can't go outside and play baseball, you can stay inside and have a good time. You know, it costs \$3.50 or \$4 to get into a baseball game these days," continued Perrine, "so why not stay home and have your own World Series?"

Kieke, a meticulous gamer who sends 1½-page, single-spaced typed PBM instruction sheets with his team on road trips, has never met Perrine. The two play S-O-M, but have different philosophies regarding mode and era used.

### SHORT SHAKES

...Richard Rzasa of Ansonia, CT, pitted a team of 1950-60 Old Timer stars against the best of '77 in a best-of-seven baseball series and found the contemporary stars the winners, 4-3, capturing the showdown game, 7-6. Dave Parker's three-run homer capped a seven-run uprising the last three innings for the N.L. stars, who trailed early, 6-0. Steve Garvey hit .367 with two homers and seven RBI and Larry Bowa .461 for the '77 stars, while Willie Mays batted a lusty .571, slammed an amazing eight homers and knocked in 13 runs for the oldsters...We've heard of pulling rabbits out of hats, but Jay Lewis (along with friend Curt Clifton) pulled a winner out of a box. Throwing 18 teams into the

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box at random, the duo drew teams out and played an elimination tournament --St. Louis Cardinals of 1973 becoming the champs. Tommy Agee of the Cards was MVP after hitting five home runs and collecting 14 RBI in five games...Larry Wilke and Bill Maddock, S-O-M Baseball players since 1970, wanted to watch themselves perform--so they did, creating cards based on their real-life batting and pitching stats...Not even Lenny Lyles' runback of the opening kickoff for a TD could save the 1958 Colts in their championship confrontation with the 1975 Steelers in the final game of "The League Members'" (Reading, PA) elimination tournament. Pittsburgh, coached by Bob Kondracki, recovered nicely from Lyles' gallop, storming back for a 41-21 victory. Bill Richardson ('62 Packers), John Manubay ('58 Colts), Joe Manubay ('76 Raiders), Brian Kondracki ('73 Dolphins) and Bob Impink ('74 Steelers) were the other coaches...In a solitaire replay--Anthony Grasmeyer Memorial League--of the 1976 season, Ted Simmons led the N.L. in hitting with a .435 mark and Hal McRae checked in with a .447 average for the 60-game season rolled by John Dormer. Dave Kingman shared the spotlight, putting the lumber to a whopping 33 home runs in a total of 68 games (counting playoffs)...