

STRAT-O-MATIC REVIEW

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S-O-M Football Revised For '75 **There's Been Some Changes Made**

Strat-O-Matic Football, which always tested a coach's strategy thoughtwaves in the past, promises to be even more exciting when the newest cards come out. There's definitely been some changes made for 1975, even though the basic idea of the game remains the same and the old game boards are still useable.

The changes involve more options on both offense and defense, rather than an overall revamping of the game itself. Some of the changes were still being worked on by the game company when the Review went to press, so a complete listing of the changes and explanation of each won't be available until next month when the cards are ready to come off the presses.

You will find the defensive cards having columns for one, two or three men on linebackers, 0, one or two men for off-tackle plays and 0, one or two men for end runs. Also, the long pass will have 0, one or two men situations, rather than just 0 or one man results. You can see from the above that it will now be possible to remove an end or tackle, to use four linebackers or even five defensive backs. A three-man rush line can also be used. Of course, all such changes involve advantages and risks.

Some plays, for instance, will read linebacker in zone or short gain. Thus if you do a lot of blitzing you may find the linebacker not at "home" when his reading (rating) is needed--with a short gain resulting.

Linebackers, it can be mentioned, will have the middle linebacker covering the fullback and right linebacker the halfback on pass plays. Five defensive

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backs may also be used, with the fifth back covering a third wide receiver if such an offense is used. The advantage, of course, will be that with five defensive backs all potential receivers are covered, plus the free safety is still free to double team. However, the defense must call the five-back defense prior to the offense calling its play. And the defense must also call "pass".

If a three-man defensive rush line is used, the team pass rush rating will be reduced by one in such situations.

It will also be possible to use a safety blitz. Many gamesters used such a tactic, but few, from what we've heard, ever developed a true, gambling safety blitz. It's definitely a gamble; oftentimes a hit or miss proposition. If, when the safety blitz is on, a reading of pass rush comes out, the quarterback is sacked for an automatic nine-yard loss. But on some readings their will be a question mark on the defensive cards. If this occurs a long gain is a result. Of course, many of the readings will remain the same. But the safety blitz should definitely add another exciting dimension to the game.

On offense there will be new twists, too. Three wide receivers may be used, thus forcing the defense to employ the free safety to defend against the extra pass catcher and tie him up from possibly double-teaming.

Three backs and two tight ends may also be employed, with the advantage here being an increased blocking rating for running plays. Plus keying becomes even more difficult because of the extra back.

The options will be many when time for the opening kickoff arrives. A coach who was content to sit back and let the game take its course in the past, will definitely have to come out of his slumber. And for those who've wanted more options, your call has been heard. Strat-O-Matic Football, 1975, promises to be the very best yet.

Roll 'em!

Final Convention Plans Revealed

Plans are progressing on schedule for Rick [Wolfman] Shapiro's second national Strat-O-Matic Convention which is slated for Aug. 1-3 in Champaign-Urbana, IL. Shapiro, who successfully ran off a series of tournaments last summer, has all the details worked out for this summer's gathering, which promises to be bigger and better than a year ago.

Five tournaments will be conducted over the three-day period: advanced baseball, football and basketball, and elementary baseball A [1905-1957 era] and B [1960-1974]. Site for the tourney action will be the campus Union [located on corner of Wright and Green in Urbana].

Also, Rick points out, the dorm at the corner of Florida and Lincoln in Urbana has been reserved for conventioners. Singles, doubles and couples can be housed here for a nominal charge per day.

Biggest concern for Shapiro currently is setting the wheels of progress toward organizing the tournaments into motion. He's currently setting up lists (incidentally the S-O-M Game Co. is also sending information out in flyer form pertaining to the convention) and would like to know your preferences as soon as possible. So, send off a letter (with a stamp enclosed) and list your top four tournaments. Enclose a dollar to cover costs of trophies and flyers. A card will be sent back saying your letter has been received and detailing your tournament schedule.

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Here is the tournament schedule. You may be interested in only one tournament, or unable to arrive in Urbana until Saturday. If so, indicate in your letter and Rick may be able to accomodate you.

Friday, Aug. 1 -- Advanced football and baseball.

Saturday, Aug. 2 -- Advanced football and baseball, plus other three tournaments begin.

Sunday, Aug. 3 -- Championship rounds held at the dorm.

Status Of Six Questioned

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S-O-M Baseball's Pick-A-Team Controversy

Every year at new card time a number of controversies begin swirling as to why certain players ended on the teams they did. The Strat-O-Matic Game Company has indicated before that a player is put on the team he finished with, not the team he necessarily played the most games with. That doesn't satisfy many people--especially those interested in a full-season replay of the actual teams and find that at-bats (or innings pitched) are inadequate because of players who were traded away late in the season and ended up on another team in S-O-M.

The easiest solution to the problem is to switch the players as you see fit. Dave Bendau, Columbus, OH, has compiled a list of players he feels should have been put on a different team, based on games played, than they were placed on in S-O-M.

It should be pointed out, before presenting Bendau's list, that S-O-M did provide, at no extra cost, four players as "bonuses" with the purchase of the 96 additional players. Those four were Alex Johnson, Jim Northrup, Bob Oliver and Frank Robinson, all of whom had long playing periods with one team but wound up the season on another. Johnson, for instance, played 114 games for Texas and only 10 for the New York Yankees. The playing ratio was similar for the others, thus the no-name [team] cards rather than placing the quartet on the teams it finished the season with.

Here is Bendau's listing of players he feels should be put on another team:

- 1 - Claude Osteen [pitcher], should be with Houston instead of St. Louis. He was in 23 games (21 as a starter) and 138 innings with Houston, and only eight games (two as starter) and 23 innings with St. Louis.
- 2 - Bill Hands [pitcher], should be with Minnesota instead of Texas. Was in 35 games (10 starts) and 115 innings with Minnesota, and only two games (both starts) and 14 innings with Texas.
- 3 - Ron Hunt, should be with Montreal instead of St. Louis. Was in 115 games with 403 at-bats with Montreal; only 12 games and 23 at-bats with St. Louis.
- 4 - Jim Holt, should be with Minnesota instead of Oakland. Was in 79 games with 197 at-bats with Minnesota; only 30 games and 42 at-bats with A's.
- 5 - Pat Bourque, should be with Oakland rather than Minnesota. Was in 73 games with 96 at-bats for Oakland; only 23 games and 64 at-bats with Minnesota.
- 6 - Tom McCraw, is optional choice. He was with California for 56 games and 112 at-bats; with Cleveland 45 games and 112 at-bats. Since the figures were so close for McCraw, Bendau left him with Cleveland, the team he finished the season with.

Hall-Of-Famers Crush All Opposition

It was like Custer at the Little Big Horn. Calvin Murphy trying to guard Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. Ken Buchanan trying to outpunch George Foreman. Billy Thompson's 153-game baseball replay was all of these, and more.

Thompson, who resides in Thayer, MO, tried an experimental league using the original National and American League Hall-of-Famers through an entire season. The HOFs did "battle" with assorted teams from the 1969-1973 seasons, and also some Old-Timer nines. It was no contest! The American League HOFs rolled up 139 wins and lost only 14 times, while the NL was 137-16. Five of the games pitted the two HOF teams, with the American League winning three.

The statistics, as can be imagined, were stupendous for the HOFs. The AL had 11 batters hitting .300 or better and five pitchers with earned run averages below 2.25. The NL wasn't far behind, producing eight .300-plus hitters and seven hurlers with 2.22 or lower ERAs. [continued]

After the smoke had cleared, eight pitchers won 20 or more games, including four in each league. What we're wondering is how did the two powerhouses ever manage to lose a total of 30 games?

Although most of the averages were lofty, Thompson mentions there were some disappointments. Frankie Frisch only batted .248 and Mel Ott .269, for instance. Some of the deflated stats Thompson attributes to the fact that the HOFs did face usually the best pitcher from each team they played.

Here are the Final American and National HOF statistics:

AMERICAN LEAGUE [Record: 139-14]

	GA	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	CS	AVG
Ty Cobb	125	565	147	229	43	26	6	91	81	15	.405
George Sisler	89	402	73	143	19	5	5	75	33	8	.356
Nap Lajoie	121	537	113	207	42	12	20	135	27	13	.385
Babe Ruth	125	499	124	119	16	3	32	102	6	5	.271
Joe DiMaggio	111	462	114	168	29	5	28	125	1	2	.364
Bill Dickey	106	419	79	128	14	6	24	96	0	1	.305
Eddie Collins	93	356	81	134	19	5	6	57	33	8	.376
Joe Cronin	120	463	76	117	25	5	12	75	2	8	.253
Ted Williams	127	449	135	169	28	1	41	146	1	1	.375
Lou Gehrig	104	397	100	138	22	4	25	92	4	7	.348
Jimmy Collins	137	532	91	170	43	14	10	110	18	10	.320
Mickey Cochrane	65	260	47	79	17	2	7	49	0	0	.304
Tris Speaker	59	224	27	84	10	3	1	50	17	7	.375

	GA	GS	GC	SHO	IP	H	BB	SO	ERA	W - L	HR
Bob Feller	33	29	19	6	252	187	95	251	2.11	27-3	10
Walter Johnson	30	28	25	12	248	141	53	177	1.27	26-2	13
Rube Waddell	32	28	21	5	255	202	67	230	2.22	26-1	22
Ed Walsh	32	28	20	6	245	194	43	146	1.98	26-1	17
Lefty Grove	22	13	8	2	123	114	27	78	3.15	11-1	12
Whitey Ford	22	13	9	1	127	118	29	85	3.05	11-3	11
Ed Plank	25	14	11	4	136	121	30	70	1.79	12-3	6

NATIONAL LEAGUE [Record: 137-16]

	GA	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	CS	AVG
Willie Keeler	125	558	122	224	21	15	8	82	69	20	.401
Honus Wagner	136	570	110	198	41	20	18	109	48	20	.347
Roger Bresnahan	57	224	34	59	11	2	2	44	25	6	.263
Mel Ott	111	420	75	113	22	2	23	78	3	2	.269
Bill Terry	117	495	89	179	23	7	14	108	4	2	.362
Rogers Hornsby	134	502	118	200	24	10	20	119	2	1	.398
Paul Waner	117	474	100	161	28	8	7	66	2	1	.340
Stan Musial	130	519	93	180	31	11	30	115	2	2	.347
Roy Campanella	121	493	99	137	16	2	38	113	1	0	.278
Zack Wheat	77	307	57	108	21	1	15	72	2	2	.352
Edd Roush	83	316	49	105	11	5	5	61	17	7	.332
Frank Frisch	74	294	34	73	7	3	3	29	14	9	.248
Pie Traynor	120	491	72	146	19	4	1	62	5	8	.297

	GA	GS	GC	SHO	IP	H	BB	SO	ERA	W-L	HR
Carl Hubbell	30	28	19	9	237	165	52	127	1.52	26-2	7
Cy Young	28	28	18	8	225	143	57	88	1.88	22-5	16
Pete Alexander	28	28	21	12	249	146	48	154	1.30	26-1	16
Christy Mathewson	29	29	20	7	233	152	37	182	1.35	25-2	16
Dizzy Dean	26	14	12	3	151	122	43	93	2.21	14-1	13
Sandy Koufax	28	13	9	3	150	107	41	159	2.04	13-5	14
Warren Spahn	27	13	10	1	132	96	35	62	1.98	11-0	8

Note also that Ruth did not have a super season, finishing with only a .271 batting average to go with 32 homers and 102 RBI. Ted Williams had a great season, winding up first among the HOFs in home runs [41] and RBI [146], while Ty Cobb and Wee Willie Keeler both hit over .400.

Readers Roll 'Em

S-O-M STEALING

Strat-O-Matic is definitely the best baseball game on the market, and one of the factors that contributes to this is the realistic stealing rating system.

However, there is one thing wrong with the system: too many players with far different stealing abilities are lumped under one rating. For example, last year Bobby Bonds stole 43 bases, while Lou Brock stole 70; both were AA's. This year Bonds and Dave Concepcion stole 41 bases and were AA's; Larry Bowa stole only two less for a total of 39 and was only an A. Elliott Maddox stole 21 and Dave Cash 20 and were also A's. Certainly a difference of five or ten bases is unimportant for comparing stealers, but when you get into situations like this the problem is obvious.

My solution: institute such ratings as AA+, A+ and B+ to cover such occurrences. In this system AA+s are 1-18, A+'s are 1-16 and B+'s are 1-14, to fill in the holes between the odd numbers in the existing system. To do these things the rules would be hardly changed at all. I realize that other factors enter into rating computation then just number of bases stolen (i.e. number of caught stealings compared to successes), but still some sort of revision is needed.

Also, I thoroughly agree with Jack Regan in the March issue. Certain of the "big people's" letters should not be printed. Thus, I suggest that in the future you print no more of Mr. Regan's letters.

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REVIEW A POOR JUDGE

I am writing on two issues which I, and my league members, feel are very important. First of all, is the little guy vs. big guy feud which has been going for some time. If the Review judges material by content and not who

send it in, then they can't judge content very well. If the Review would allow some guy to write about the ridiculous idea of random hit placement on the baseball cards, and leave out something else, then something has to be wrong. Obviously if you would allow something like this to be printed, then the material was judged by who wrote it, rather than what it contains.

Secondly, I believe that S-O-M is being over organized. Instead of a bunch of guys who play the game for fun, it has turned into a mass of organization. With proposed unions and centralization the game has turned into a bunch of zealots who blackball anyone they want and are controlling S-O-M. And the Review isn't helping any by printing anything that these people please.

Mike Rennick
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Editor's note: Regarding material printed by the Review, the "good" as well as the "bad" is presented--it depends on your point of view. As far as S-O-M being too organized, the proposed Clearinghouse, the way we understand it, isn't trying to unionize the S-O-M world, rather to promote the successful running of leagues (mostly play-by-mail). No one will ever have to belong to the Clearinghouse group--it's strictly an arbitrary thing. From now on, the Review promises to print only "good" news and will accept no contributions from people who take teddy bears to bed with them, or wear white socks with tuxedos.

20-SIDED DICE, ANYONE?

I wish to inform gamers that 20-sided dice can be purchased at some hobby shops and are excellent for replacing the split cards. No shuffling or ruffled edges, it is random and there are no "roll again" type situations.

Also a note on the odd play chart of Dan Hoffman's in the Feb. Review. When a manager gets ejected the coaches can still call plays, but are less likely to call them when needed. I use an "odd-even" type deal on the dice roll. When the coach attempts to call a play he must roll one die and get an odd number or the play is not called. This includes moving the infield "in" and holding a

runner on.

And, there should be hit-by-pitches in the basic game.

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'TIME LAG' RESPONDING TO ADS

I would like to say something which probably concerns many Review subscribers. It is the problem of buying teams from past years before somebody beats you to it. How many subscribers have sent for a "For Sale" ad, then finding out the teams were sold the week before? I have missed out by two weeks. No doubt that somebody close to Michigan won.

I'm not blaming the Review at all, but I suggest that sellers wait until everyone who wants to respond has a chance. A name could then be drawn out of a hat. Of course, this is just for people asking set prices, not bids.

People close to Michigan probably get their Reviews by the 25th of the month, but we in New England receive it around the fifth or sixth, approximately two weeks later.

By the way, I don't blame anyone who receives their Review early trying to be the first to send their check. I know this will not persuade most people, but I hope it will make you think.

Anyway, I always look forward to the Review every month, so I can share Strat-O-Matic with other people all over the country.

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Editor's note: The Review will again put in its "Advertisement" section a note asking people, who have placed "For Sale" ads, to wait a reasonable length of time before selling such merchandise. The Review does send many copies first class mailing (at an additional 10¢ per month cost to the subscriber), but beyond that cannot guarantee when the Review will arrive or speed up its delivery. The Review is sent out every month on either the 19th or 20th.

PITCHER'S HITTING CARD

In reference to Dean Amrhein's complaint and Chris Reed's solution for the pitchers' hitting cards problem, I made up my own No. 5 [.270] and No. 6 [.300] pitchers' hitting cards several years ago by altering an old, worn out card. My No. 5 card is a No. 3 card with 3-4 changed to double, 3-6 and 3-7 to single, and 3-12 to walk. My No. 6 is a No. 4 with 1-6 and 2-8 changed to single and 3-5 and 3-6 changed to walk.

These have proven accurate with use over a period of four or five years. Any player avid enough to want this much accuracy must have a few suitably "played out" pitchers' hitting cards by now available for conversion. You can make low power and high power both if you want.

These cards are, of course, approximations, but remember that the four cards available from S-O-M are only approximate, too!

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WAITING FOR HOCKEY

I would like to comment on some of the articles in the Review lately. First, I think the idea of a hockey game is great. Hockey is one of the most widely watched sports in North America and I'm sure many people will purchase the game when it becomes available.

Secondly, I don't think the idea of making a college football game is very good. I don't think there will be much interest in it since there are already three games out and a fourth planned. Most people, I feel, would rather spend money on a professional-type game, rather than college.

Thirdly, and most important, I think that the "Readers Roll 'Em" section of the Review is the best thing being done for Strat-O-Matic gamers. It gives everyone a chance to speak their mind and voice opinions.

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MORE CHANGES SUGGESTED

I've always been impressed with the way the S-O-M Game Co. responds to good suggestions by gamers, so here are a

couple.

First, punters in the football game are given no credit for the fact they might be good at kicking the ball high. Larry Seiple of Miami, for instance, had only a mediocre average but usually punted high, preventing returns.

Maybe the game company could add something to a "high punter's" card that would enable him to stop a return. For instance, on Seiple's card maybe a "5" could be "45--no return" and there might be more, depending on the punter.

In the basketball game, I think a good addition would be a "foul rating" for each player. Statistics are kept for total fouls, so maybe the game company could incorporate this into the game. For instance, a "2" dice roll in the advanced game on penetration is usually an automatic "X and (1)". Rick Barry, for instance, could have a "5" foul rating. In other words, if the last dice roll was a 3-2, it would be an "X and (1)," but if the roll was a 6-2, it would only be an "X", with no free throw.

I hope other readers will respond to these suggestions, as well as the Review. Keep up the good job, Review editors; I'm sorry you have so much trouble sifting out the garbage that comes in every month.

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ENJOYS REVIEW

First off I must tell you that I enjoy your mag immensely. I look forward to receiving it every month.

I'm 14 and a freshman at Copperas Cove High School (Texas). I played on the basketball team. Right now I'm on the final stages of a 1971 National Football League replay. I own all three games and enjoy them all.

The college football game sounds as if it will be great. My father is an avid college fan and if the game comes out this year I'll buy him the set.

I love reading about replays in

the Review, but wonder why there are more National League replays than American. Is the N.L. more popular?

Will Jennings

WANTS BASKETBALL OLD-TIMERS

I'm glad to see some enthusiasm for basketball old-timers. I would very much like to play the 1971-72 Lakers, who shattered a team record by winning 69 games, 33 in a row. It was the most exciting team I've seen in any sport.

Other basketball teams could include the 1966-67 76ers, 1969-70 N.Y. Knicks and one or two of Bill Russell's Boston Celtic teams. As for teams like the early Minneapolis Lakers, we must remember the differences in rules at that time. The absence of the 24-second clock made George Mikan, a slow runner, a superstar and deadly shooter. He never could have competed against today's stars. I would like to have the early teams, but these facts must be taken into consideration.

I also have a suggestion for a new set of baseball old-timers. Why not release a set of great New York teams? The Yankees' domination of the A.L. is history and the Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Giants had many pennant winners. The 1969 Mets could also be included. I would like to see a 12-team, all-New York set someday.

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WANTS MORE PAGES

I was looking through some old Reviews and noticed in the Feb., 1973 issue that you stated if the number of subscribers increased 300 more than you had at that time, you'd be able to add an additional four pages without an increase in price. But now there is an increase in price and no additional pages.

I'm sure since 1973 you have had at least 300 new subscribers. Why haven't the additional pages been added?

Jim Powell

Editor's note: The overall circulation varies between 1,400-1,500 today. Subscriptions have not increased by 300. There's a difference between increasing total circulation by 300 and 300 new subscribers. Printing and paper costs have increased tremendously, though.

Strat-O-Matic Spotlight

DAVE RADER FEASTS ON LEFTIES!

Oftentimes people ask questions about batter and pitcher cards, wondering if they are correct. And the answer, in almost all cases--especially in more recent years--is yes! Now, and for the past few years, the Strat-O-Matic Game Co. has been computerized, and that's how the baseball batting and pitching cards, both sides, are done. Before it was done manually, thus the chance for human error. But now the chance for error is almost nil.

So, if something doesn't look quite right to you, look a little closer. Remember to take into consideration the walks on a batter's card, too. They may alter things drastically from one card to another.

Sometimes S-O-M has had to create cards for players and use past performance as a guide--but that's only happened in a very few cases, and then when the player involved had little stat info from the past season but yet was needed to complete a roster. And, in such cases, S-O-M has always informed the gamester of the basis for such a card.

David Bendau of Columbus, OH, can vouch for S-O-M's accuracy. He couldn't believe San Francisco catcher Dave Rader's hitting card [advanced] against left-handed pitchers. It looked as if he could hit .800! Hits were located up and down the one and three columns, plus there were a couple of hit chances even in the two column. It turns out, as Bendau uncovered from a Sporting News, that Rader was particularly effective against lefties. Even though he's a lefty swinger, he batted .444 against southpaws in 45 at-bats. Against righties he was .266, batting against them 86 per cent of the time.

Take a look at Rader's card. Seeing is believing. If you have a draft coming up, unheralded Dave Rader would sure make an excellent secret weapon.

31-INNING GAME

David Cupps of Butler, PA, has been playing Strat-O-Matic Baseball for over two years and most of the happenings he's experienced have been mundane. But not long ago a seemingly routine game between Milwaukee and Los Angeles just couldn't be ended. The teams battled through inning after inning after a 4-4 standoff in regulation play. Finally, in the top of the 31st frame, Ken Berry of the Brewers was hit by a pitch, eventually reached third after a double play, and rode home with what would be the winning run when light-hitting, smooth-fielding John Vukovich lashed a single.

Both teams collected 19 hits in the marathon, with L.A.'s Willie Crawford knocking five safeties in 12 at-bats. Tom Murphy, after going the final 14 innings without allowing a run, was the winning pitcher for Milwaukee. Tommy John finally suffered the loss, but not until he hurled 13 innings, giving up only seven hits and the winning run.

SHORT SHAKES

...A Review subscriber from Salisbury, NC, not long ago took six leading sluggers [Babe Ruth, Henry Aaron, Willie Mays, Mel Ott, Ed Matthews and Mickey Mantle] and let them swing 100 times each against Sandy Koufax, Dizzy Dean, Warren Spahn, Christy Mathewson and Walter Johnson. Final results were: 1. Ruth, 30 homers; 2. Mantle, 30; 3. Aaron, 25; 4. Mays, 24; 5. Ott, 18; 6. Mathews, 21. Mathewson, incidentally, allowed the most, 37, and Johnson served up 32 roundtrippers...Lawrence McCutcheon of the L.A. Rams cut and sliced his way to a whopping 276 of his team's 303 rushing yards in a 38-24 romp over Buffalo in a '73 football game. Arthur Sherman and Dick Gregory, both from St. Louis, MO, watched McCutcheon run wild overland in 33 carries...In one of those football games where everything went right and wrong, depending who you were rooting for, Atlanta smothered New Orleans, 64-7, in a '72 fiasco played by Tim Cawley of Downers Grove, IL. The Saints were snake-bitten in the first quarter, turning the ball over four times on fumbles, two on kickoffs, and trailing 27-0. New Orleans, unable even to reach a third down situation in that first quarter, never got untracked. Atlanta's 21 second-quarter points didn't help, either. When the smoke had cleared, QB Bob Berry had completed his first 12 passes [20 of 30 overall] and kicker Bill Bell had totaled 14 points

Fielding Increased To 16 Ratings Here's Supplementary Baseball X-Chart

For those of you who crave more variety in the Strat-O-Matic Baseball fielding ratings and have become a Review subscriber recently, a supplementary X-Chart may be just what you're looking for.

The chart was created by one-time Review co-editor Mike Allison, who has since left the publication and is now studying for the ministry in Tennessee. What Mike did was to develop a chart which, instead of the 1, 2, 3, 4 ratings for every position, broke them down even more, into A, B, C and D classifications. It's now possible to have a 1A fielder, 2D, 3B, etc.

The letter will reflect the number of errors committed. A "D", for instance, commits the most. S-O-M, when it gives fielding ratings, uses much more than fielding percentages when doing so. A lot of fielders make more errors because they also get to more balls than others. Range, in other words, is also very important.

And what about that outfielder that fields 1,000--never had an ~~error~~ throughout the season--but yet has all the moves of a monument. The game company probably would make him a "3" or "4", reflecting his range for getting to balls, but also forcing him to be charged with numerous errors as well.

With the supplementary chart, a 1,000 fielder would be still a "4" (For range, thus hits would drop in on him), but also be an "A", meaning he didn't commit any errors.

Of course, before you could use the new X-Chart, you'll have to do your homework on the fielders and how they should be rated. Many people have desired to do this anyway: use the game company's chart as a guide but be able to add more variety to it at their own whim. Now you have the chance.

Remember also, whenever S-O-M Baseball is altered, the overall statistics could change to. Be sure your research is complete. Actually, the supplementary chart allows just as many batters to reach base against the defense, but by hit or error will vary depending on the fielder more than ever.

If you want to try the chart, here it is for your scrutiny. The key below explains the symbols on the chart. Note also that there is no chart for catchers.

- Key:** 1B - single, check corresponding number on fielding chart to see how many bases runner advances.
 2B - double, check corresponding number on fielding chart to see how many bases runner advances.
 3B - triple, clears bases.
 E - one base error, check fielding chart for runner advancement.
 2E - two base error, check fielding chart for runner advancement.
 3E - three base error, clears bases.
 1B-E - single and error, batter advances to second and runners advance two bases.
 X - Select another split card.
 1 - out, check fielding chart for result for runners.
 2 - out, check fielding chart for result for runners.
 3 - out, check fielding chart for result for runners.
 4 - out, check fielding chart for result for runners.

Note that there are now 16 possible fielding ratings for all positions, except catcher. The third and first basemen are lumped together with the pitchers, like on the S-O-M chart, and the second baseman, shortstops and outfielders all have separate charts.

The [] around a letter indicates the rating that corresponds to that on the regular S-O-M fielding chart.

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	1				2				3				4			
	A	B	(C)	D	A	(B)	C	D	A	B	C	(D)	A	B	C	(D)
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2.	3	3	3	1	1B	1B	1B	1B	1B	1B	1B	1B	1B	1B	1B	1B
3.	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2B	2B	2B	2B
4.	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2B	2B	2B	2B
5.	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1B	1B	1B	1B
6.	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1B	1B	1B	1B
7.	1B	1B	E	E	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
8.	1B	E	E	E	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
9.	E	E	E	E	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
10.	3	3	3	3	1B	1B	E	E	4	4	4	4	1B	E	E	E
11.	3	3	3	3	1B	E	E	E	4	4	4	4	E	2E	2E	2E
12.	3	3	3	3	E	E	E	E	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
13.	3	3	3	3	2E	2E	2E	2E	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
14.	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1B	1B	1B	E	E	E	E	E
15.	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1B	1B	E	E	E	E	E	E
16.	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1B	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
17.	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	E	E	E	E	4	4	4	4
18.	X	X	X	X	3	3	3	3	E	E	E	E	4	4	4	4
19.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2E	2E	2E	2E	4	4	4	4
20.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	3	1	1	1	2E	2E	2E	2E

SECOND BASEMEN

	1				2				3				4			
	(A)	B	C	D	A	(B)	C	D	A	B	(C)	D	A	B	C	(D)
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5.	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	1B	1B	1B	1B
6.	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1B	1B	1B	1B
7.	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1B	1B	E	E
8.	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	E	E	E	E
9.	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4
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14.	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	E	E	E	E	4	4	4	1
15.	3	3	3	3	1B	E	E	E	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	1
16.	3	3	3	3	E	E	E	E	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1
17.	E	E	E	E	3	3	3	3	X	X	X	X	1	1	1	1
18.	X	X	X	X	1	1	1	1	X	X	X	X	1	1	1	1
19.	X	X	X	X	1	1	1	1	X	X	X	X	1	1	1	1
20.	X	X	X	X	1	1	1	1	X	X	X	X	1	1	1	1

SHORTSTOP

	1				2				3				4			
	A	(B)	C	D	A	B	(C)	D	A	B	(C)	D	A	B	(C)	D
1.	3	3	1	1	1B	1B	1B	1B	1B	1B	1B	1B	1B	1B	1B	1B
2.	3	3	1	1	1B	1B	1B	1B	1B	1B	1B	1B	1B	1B	1B	1B
3.	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1B	1B	1B	1B	1B	1B	1B	1B
4.	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1B	1B	1B	1B
5.	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1B	1B	1B	1B
6.	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	3	1	1	1	1B	1B	1B	1B
7.	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	1B	1B	E	E
8.	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1B	E	E	E
9.	3	3	3	3	1B	1B	E	E	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4
10.	3	3	3	3	2E	2E	2E	2E	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4
11.	1B	E	E	E	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4

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13.	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1B	1B	E	E	4	4	4	4
14.	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2E	2E	2E	2E	4	4	4	4
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17.	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	2E	2E	2E	2E
18.	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	X	X	X	X	1	1	1	1
19.	3	3	3	3	1B	E	E	E	X	X	X	X	1	1	1	1
20.	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	X	X	X	X	1	1	1	X

OUTFIELD

	1				2				3				4			
	A	B	C	(D)	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	(D)
1.	1B	2B	E	2E	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5
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3.	4	4	4	4	2B	2B	2E	2E	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
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12.	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	2B	1B-E	1B-E	1B-E	1B	1B	1B	1B
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14.	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	1B	1B	1B	1B
15.	4	4	4	4	2B	1B-E	1B-E	1B-E	1B	1B	1B	1B	1B	1B	1B	1B
16.	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	2B	1B-E	1B-E	1B-E
17.	5	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
18.	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
19.	X	X	X	X	5	5	5	5	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
20.	X	X	X	X	5	5	5	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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Full-Season Braves Replay Completed

Full-season replays, in any sport, are always difficult to complete in Strat-O-Matic. The reason? There's just not enough time. That's why many people have joined leagues--enabling them to play a limited amount of games themselves, yet see a finished project for a larger number of teams in the end.

Another method of attaining much enjoyment, seeing the completion of a project and being able to make comparisons with real-life results, is to take one team through an entire season's schedule. A one-team replay, if you will.

Stan Awtrey, who lives in Atlanta, GA, did just that within the last year. He took the 1973 Braves (three 40-home run sluggers and a cloud of smoke) and, consuming 8½ months, replayed the entire season. He adhered as much as possible to manager Ed Mathews' coaching philosophy and, when the season was over, found that "his" Braves had a 77-85 record compared to the real-life 76-85 (one game was rained out). Awtrey also points out that college and work also interrupted his dice-rolling on numerous occasions, thus the long time needed to complete the replay.

Carl Morton was the surprise of a pitching staff that fared slightly better than in real-life, winning 20 games, throwing seven shutouts and compiling a 2.88 earned run average. Phil Niekro was 15-13, five shutouts and a 3.10 ERA, while Ron Schueler surprised by hurling 25 1/3 innings of shutout ball during one stretch.

The bullpen was weak, however, and Ron Reed never got it together, either, going 3-12, 4.60 and once going 14 games without a victory. Four cards were made from the extra cards for pitchers.

The pitching was overshadowed by the hitting, as it should have been. Dave Johnson (44), Darrell Evans (40) and Hank Aaron (40) all reached or topped 40 home runs.

Here's how Awtrey's Braves came out (real-life stats are in parentheses):

Batting	AB	H	R	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	AVG
Actual	5631	1497	799	219	34	206	758	84	.266
Replay	5695	1484	710	208	49	201	670	39	.260

Pitching	CG	IP	H	ER	HR	SO	BB	ERA	SHO
Actual	34	1462	1467	690	144	803	575	4.25	9
Replay	51	1444	1499	605	140	809	518	3.77	19

Fielding	G	DP	PO	E
Actual	161	142	4366	166
Replay	162	138	4332	158

Pitching	G	W - L	IP	H	ERA	So	BB
Devine	23(24)	2-2 (2-3)	31 (32)	46 (45)	5.80 (6.47)	16(15)	13(12)
Dobson	10(12)	2-6 (3-7)	65 (58)	80 (73)	5.53 (4.97)	24(23)	13(19)
Freeman	8(13)	1-3 (0-2)	36 (37)	46 (50)	5.00 (7.79)	27(20)	12(25)
Frisella	26(42)	2-4 (1-2)	39 (45)	51 (40)	3.46 (4.20)	24(27)	23(23)
Gentry	13(16)	6-2 (4-6)	87 (87)	77 (74)	3.93 (3.45)	30(42)	37(35)
Harrison	30(38)	8-13(11-8)	189(177)	165(161)	4.00 (4.17)	136(130)	104-98
House	33(52)	4-3 (4-2)	55 (67)	62 (58)	3.76 (4.70)	35(42)	24(31)
Leon	8(12)	1-1 (2-2)	15 (27)	20 (30)	3.00 (5.33)	12(18)	3(9)
Morton	35(38)	20-8(15-10)	268(256)	247(254)	2.88 (3.41)	136(112)	76-70
Neibauer	8(16)	2-2 (2-1)	16 (21)	23 (24)	6.18 (7.29)	9(9)	5(19)
J.Niekro	14(20)	1-0 (2-4)	25 (24)	17 (23)	2.52 (4.13)	6(12)	8(11)
P.Niekro	35(42)	15-13(13-10)	261(245)	247(214)	3.10 (3.31)	122(131)	91-89
Panther	21(23)	0-4 (2-3)	33 (31)	56 (45)	8.18 (7.55)	13(8)	12(9)
Reed	18(20)	3-12(4-11)	133(116)	176(133)	4.60 (4.42)	75(64)	34(31)
Schueler	28(39)	10-12(8-7)	191(186)	186(179)	3.20 (3.82)	144(124)	63-66

(Note: At the end of July on calendar schedule the Braves were 54-59. After winning the first five games in August, they lost 17 of next 18 and wound up 7-17 for month. A 16-9 record in September gave the Braves 77-85 final.

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Batting	Avg.	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Aaron	.268[.301]	435[392]	117[118]	17[12]	1[1]	40[40]	111[96]
Baker	.292[.288]	618[604]	181[174]	29[29]	4[4]	24[21]	64[59]
Brown	.228[.211]	57[58]	13[12]	3[3]	0[0]	0[0]	3[0]
Casanova	.200[.216]	225[236]	45[51]	4[7]	0[0]	3[7]	12[18]
Dietz	.345[.295]	113[139]	39[41]	7[8]	2[1]	2[3]	13[24]
Evans	.258[.281]	596[595]	154[167]	28[25]	8[8]	40[41]	105[104]
Garr	.295[.299]	676[668]	200[200]	31[32]	6[6]	9[11]	48[55]
Gilbreath	.285[.284]	70[74]	20[21]	3[2]	1[1]	0[0]	5[2]
Goggin	.202[.289]	89[90]	18[26]	3[5]	0[0]	0[0]	1[7]
Jackson	.242[.209]	190[206]	46[43]	3[5]	3[2]	0[0]	9[12]
Johnson	.251[.270]	576[559]	145[151]	23[25]	2[0]	44[43]	120[99]
Lum	.315[.294]	564[513]	178[151]	25[26]	11[6]	21[16]	78[82]
Dates	.287[.248]	376[322]	108[80]	7[6]	1[0]	2[4]	25[27]
Perez	.232[.250]	511[501]	119[125]	16[15]	6[5]	9[8]	46[57]
Tepedino	.283[.304]	134[148]	38[45]	4[5]	3[0]	5[4]	14[29]

Shake, Rattle And Roll!

S-O-M Baseball Played At John Dewey High

Four times a week Strat-O-Matic dice have been rolling at John Dewey High School in Brooklyn, NY. No, it's not a preparatory course in gaming, with the long-range goal of rolling in the big casinos at Las Vegas. Instead, it's the Strat-O-Matic Baseball Club doing its thing--and during school time.

League play is part of the school program for 12 gamers, who have used one of their "free periods" to launch the project. Each manager selected a team and a full-season replay is planned and currently well under way. Trades were permitted, so many of the teams, reports Scott Einhorn, bear little resemblance to the originals at this point.

The league was broken down into three divisions of four teams each. Four hours every week are spent on project "S-O-M Baseball."

The lineup for the league includes Einhorn [Yankees], Lee Weiser [Mets], Gordon Stein [Indians], Al Normandian [Orioles], Michael Leviton [Braves], Jonathan Gurevitch [Pirates], Dominick Mancuso [Reds], Peter Gordon [Rangers], Michael Fuchs [Padres], Paul Saltzman [A's], Murray Dana [Dodgers] and Bruce Edelstein [Cards].

Watch for the final results of the league's play; they'll be coming up soon in the Review.

Seven .300 Hitters Talk Of NSBA

Pirates Cruise To '72 Replay Victory

The Pittsburgh Pirates pillaged at the expense of all foes as they cruised to the title in the National Solitaire Baseball Association (NSBA). The Bucs produced a team batting mark of .299, had seven .300 hitters and compiled a club earned run average of 2.52 in sweeping to the championship in a solitaire, play-by-mail replay of the 1972 baseball season.

Mike Cummins of Pana, IL, guided the Pirates to victory in the actual-team replay, with Bryan Simmons, commissioner of the NSBA, urging the Cincinnati Reds on to the National League West crown, Randy Fosmore of Kalkaska, MI, managing the Boston Red Sox and Don Williamson of New Iberia, LA, the surprising California Angels to the American League East and West titles, respectively.

Other league members included: Paul Saxe, Clarion, PA; Kip Wortman, Farmington Hills, MI; Dave Adams, North Quincy, MA; Robert Jones, Baltimore, MD.

In the playoffs, the Pirates ousted the Reds, 3 games to 2, and the Angels

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stunned Boston, 3 games to 1. In the World Series the Angels' glass slipper no longer would fit and Pittsburgh wrote an unhappy ending to the Cinderella story by easily disposing of California, 4 games to 1.

Here are the NSBA's final standings and individual leaders (1972 season):

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East	Won-Lost	Pct.	GB	West	Won-Lost	Pct.	GB
Boston	95-67	.586	--	California	96-66	.593	--
Detroit	88-74	.543	7	Oakland	92-70	.568	4
Baltimore	88-74	.543	7	Chicago	90-72	.556	6
New York	86-76	.531	9	Kansas City	82-80	.506	14
Cleveland	67-95	.414	28	Minnesota	77-85	.475	19
Milwaukee	60-102	.370	35	Texas	50-112	.309	46

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East	Won-Lost	Pct.	GB	West	Won-Lost	Pct.	GB
Pittsburgh	107-55	.660	--	Cincinnati	97-65	.599	--
Chicago	102-60	.630	5	Houston	93-69	.574	4
New York	91-71	.562	16	Los Angeles	91-71	.562	6
St. Louis	91-71	.562	16	S. Francisco	79-83	.488	18
Philadel.	69-93	.426	38	Atlanta	72-90	.444	25
Montreal	63-99	.389	44	San Diego	53-109	.327	44

Batting

AL	NL
Carew .351	Cedeno .353
McMullen .349	B. Williams .338
Piniella .344	A. Oliver .327
Mayberry .331	Simmons .322
C. May .328	Rose .318
D. Allen .319	W. Davis .313
Pinson .317	Brock .309
Chambliss .316	Garr .309
Grich .316	Perez .306

Home Runs

AL	NL
Mayberry 47	Bench 44
Killebrew 37	B. Williams 42
Murcer 37	Aaron 39
Powell 36	E. Williams 38
D. Allen 35	Colbert 38
R. Smith 33	Stargell 36
Briggs 28	Kingman 36
Epstein 27	Wynn 28
Jackson 27	Cedeno 26

RBI

AL - D. Allen	126
Mayberry	125
NL - B. Williams	129
Stargell	123

Wins

AL	NL
Lolich 27	Carlton 29
Ryan 26	Jenkins 26
Wood 25	Blass 24
Kline 24	Gibson 23
Wright 23	Sutton 23
Palmer 22	Wilson 23
G. Perry 22	Seaver 23
R. Nelson 21	Matlack 20
Tiant 21	Billingham 20
Pattin 21	Reed 19

ERA

AL	NL
R. Nelson 1.32	Carlton 1.70
Hunter 1.70	Sutton 1.74
Messersmith 1.70	Seaver 2.06
Tiant 1.75	Spinks 2.15
G. Perry 2.01	Wilson 2.18
R. May 2.13	Matlack 2.20
Blue 2.18	Blass 2.28
Bradley 2.20	Gibson 2.42
Kline 2.25	McAndrew 2.44
Lolich 2.30	Ellis 2.53

Strikeouts

AL - Ryan	353
NL - Carlton	299
Saves	
AL - Lyle	21
NL - Giusti	34

Worst Categories

Losses	Walks	Home Runs	Hits Allowed
AL - Wood 23	Ryan 173	Holtzman 30	Wood 382
NL - Kirby 21	Arlin 131	Norman 37	Wise 324

Honors

AL - Mayberry	MVP	Cy Young	Rookie
NL - Cedeno	No-Hitters	R. Nelson	Fisk
AL	Palmer	Carlton	Baker
NL	P. Niekro	Fireman	
		AL - Lyle	
		NL - Giusti	

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S-O-M Basketball Tourney Time

Bill Salloum of Saskatoon, Sask., Canada, wanted to find out the best and worst teams in the NBA for the 1972-73 season and conducted a Strat-O-Matic Basketball tournament to find the answers. What he did was to divide the teams up, playing a "Skid Team" tourney (comprised of the worst teams) and also a best team tourney. Both were single-elimination, except that in the "Skid" tourney the team that lost advanced--remember he was trying to find the worst team.

Here is the way the tourney progressed:

SKID TEAM TOURNEY

K-C-Omaha 117, Houston 109 -- Nate Archibald's 35 points paced the Kings, who trailed 82-77 after three periods but took advantage of Rudy Tomjanovich's injury in the final quarter to outscore the Rockets, 40-27. Jack Marin had 21 points for Houston.

Seattle 105, Cleveland 89 -- Seattle outpointed Cavs 31-14 in last quarter to pull out win. Spencer Haywood had 17 of game-high 28 tallies in final period.

Buffalo 144, Portland 101 -- Randy Smith had 24 points, Elmore Smith, Bob McAdoo and Bob Kauffman 23 each to spark Buffalo. Geoff Petrie netted 29 for Portland.

Phoenix 111, Philadelphia 91 -- Another romp as Dick VanArsdale scored 24, Charlie Scott 22 and Neal Walk 20 for winners.

Houston 108, Cleveland 94 -- 28-of-36 free throw shooting by Houston was the key. Mike Newlin led the Rockets with 25 points, 13 in the second period, while Rudy Tomjanovich had 20. Cleveland advanced despite Austin Carr's 22 points.

Philadelphia 107, Portland 98 -- Biggest upset of tourney. Portland had 58-48 lead at the half and appeared victory-bound. Jeff Halliburton, who played only the second and final quarters, led the 76ers with 16 points and four others had 15 apiece. Sidney Wicks had 24 for Portland.

Portland 102, Cleveland 90 -- Cleveland "won out" by losing, being outpointed 31-19 in the fourth quarter after a 71-all stalemate after three periods. Portland dropped in 11 of 13 free throw chances in final 12 minutes. Petrie had 23 points, Wicks 22 for Portland, while Len Wilkens and John Johnson had 18 apiece for Cleveland.

BEST TEAMS TOURNEY

Los Angeles 107, Golden State 84 -- A tougher game than score indicated, as L.A. outscored Golden State 32-18 in final quarter. Jerry West scored 12 of his 24 points in last period. Gail Goodrich added 20 points for L.A. and Jeff Mullins matched that for Golden State.

New York 106, Atlanta 90 -- Knicks coasted to easy win, despite losing Jerry Lucas and Willis Reed via injuries in second quarter. Walt Frazier paced the Knicks with 21 points and Pete Maravich had 17 for the Hawks.

Milwaukee 112, Chicago 105 -- Bucks had to rally to pull out thriller after trailing 66-50 at halftime. Milwaukee scored 39 in third quarter in comeback and took the lead for good with five minutes to go in game. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar led Bucks with 34, Bob Dandridge added 28 and Lucius Allen 22. Clifford Ray's, 24 fired the Bulls.

Boston 111, Baltimore 110 -- Baltimore rally fell short after it had cut heavily into 11-point Celtic lead after three periods. Elvin Hayes netted 24 for Baltimore, Mike Riordan and Archie Clark 22 each, while Jo Jo White canned 23, Dave Cowens 20 for Boston.

Los Angeles 117, New York 116 -- Game was close all the way, with Knicks up by three (57-54) at halftime and one after three quarters. Fouls dealt N.Y. death blow, as it was called for 26 compared to L.A.'s 17. Lakers outscored N.Y., 27-20, from free throw line. Wilt Chamberlain had 27 points, West 22, Jim McMillian 21 for L.A.; Earl Monroe 25, Frazier 19 for Knicks. It was Wilt's three-point (yes! he made a free throw) at the buzzer that won game. He also claimed 20 rebounds as 12 players cracked double figures scoring.

Boston 103, Milwaukee 98 -- Poor four shooting (18 of 30) hurt Milwaukee as it let 79-73 third-quarter lead slip away. Cowens pumped in 26 points for Boston and held Jabbar to but 17. Paul Silas chipped in 25 and Don Chaney 21 for Celtics. Oscar Robertson had 26, Dandridge 18 for Bucks.

Boston 92, Los Angeles 86 -- The showdown amounted to a slowdown as far as interest was concerned. Boston would move ahead by 10-15 points and then L.A. would cut it to six-eight. And then Boston would spurt again. McMillian kept the score close for the Lakers with 25 points, with Chamberlain adding 18 and West 17. John Havlicek broke out of a mild scoring slump by netting 22 for Boston and Cowens broke 20 for the third time, finishing with 21.

As you may have noticed (especially if you're from Michigan) the Detroit Pistons were not part of either tournament. Since the Pistons were the closest team to .500, and because Salloum didn't want to give anyone a bye, Detroit was held out and put in a round-robin series involving the two winners--Boston and Cleveland.

In the short series Cleveland rose up and redeemed itself for its earlier sorry showing. First the Cavs whacked Detroit in a stunner, 109-97, as Wilkens and Johnson scored 23 points apiece and Bob Lanier had 24 for Detroit. Then, in the second game, Cleveland just missed the biggest upset of all, losing 97-95 to Boston as Cowens sank a last-second shot. Cleveland was on top by four going into the final period and even led by four with five minutes left. Cowens netted a game-high 25 points, White had 23 and Chaney 22 for Boston, and Carr 22 for the Cavs.

The tourney came to an end with Detroit, as expected, falling to Boston, 108-93, despite Willie Norwood's 21 points in a super sub role for the Pistons. Norwood never missed a shot from the field (10). Curtis Rowe chipped in 20 points for Detroit, but Cowens (who else!) poured in 31 for Boston and got 28 points worth of help from Chaney.

No doubt about it, Boston was the "best" team in Salloum's tourney. But who really was the "worst" is open to question.

Questions & Answers

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

QUESTION: On Tom Hall's card (Cincinnati Reds) for 1974 he has a 4-12 flyball on the basic side but it doesn't tell where the ball was hit. Should it be an X? And where is the ball hit?

ANSWER: The reading should be "[1f] X" on 4-12 for Tom Hall. Many of the card sets contained two Tom Hall cards, one without an X listing and a corrected version.

QUESTION: Are outfielders' throwing ratings for all outfielders? For example, if an outfielder plays left field and has a "+2" throwing rating, would he also be a "+2" for right and center even though no throwing rating is listed beside these positions?

ANSWER: Yes. An outfielder's rating is always assumed to be the same, regardless of position, unless indicated otherwise.

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QUESTION: Many charts have been cropping up in the Review about subtracting or adding onto an outfielder's arm when throwing from different fields. Doesn't S-D-M figure that into their ratings when giving throwing ratings?

ANSWER: Yes, the field a player plays is included when figuring S-D-M throwing ratings. Many gamesters prefer to improvise, or do-it-themselves, however, and like to try or experiment with such charts. Additional charts are unnecessary, though, for realistic results.

QUESTION: What happens in S-D-M Baseball with a runner on third and another on second and a groundball A or C comes up? It says on the game box that on an A groundball the batter is out, runner on third holds and other runners advance one base. There couldn't be two men on third base, however.

ANSWER: On a groundball A both runners hold, whether the infield is "in" or "deep". On a groundball C the runners would hold if the infield was "in" but both would advance one base if the infield was "deep".

QUESTION: What should be the statistics for Dazzy Vance (1934 St. Louis Cardinals) on the bottom of his card?

ANSWER: Vance's stats should read: WON 1...LOST 1...E.R.A. 3.66...INNINGS PITCHED 59...HITS ALLOWED 62...WALKS ALLOWED 14...STRIKEOUTS 33... HOME RUNS ALLOWED --. Vance played for two teams that season, putting in a short stint with the Cincinnati Reds also.

QUESTION: Is there any chance that S-D-M erred in rating John Lowenstein (1974 Cleveland Indians) an AA? He stole 36 bases but was caught 17 times. On the other hand, Larry Bowa, rated A, stole 39 bases and was caught 11 times. 1974 Enzo Hernandez (37-10) was AA, yet Bowa (39-11) was A. And, Amos Otis, in 1970, when he stole 33 bases without being caught once, was rated A, not AA. Or, instead is it possible that there was a mistake on Bowa rather than Lowenstein?

ANSWER: The stealing ratings are correct, according to S-D-M. It did point out that in addition to steal success and failures, total amount of playing time was another factor in determining such ratings.

QUESTION: John Edwards of the 1974 Houston Astros had one triple and one home run in 117 at-bats. On his S-D-M card he has a triple but not a home run, on the basic side. Is this correct?

ANSWER: Yes. Edwards could get a home run off the pitcher's card. Certainly much easier than picking up a triple.

QUESTION: Why is it that Sal Bando and Joe Rudi, both with 22 home runs, have the exact same HR chances on their elementary cards? Bando had 95 less at-bats and 43 less plate appearances. Is it a mistake, if not, how is it so?

ANSWER: S-D-M says home run chances are correct as printed. Bando's walks must be taken into consideration, according to S-D-M. But game company could disclose no further details as to why the same rating when plate appearances varied for the two.

Falcons Surprise In S-O-M Grid Replay

A player's desire can't be measured when playing Strat-O-Matic Football, obviously. What you see on the cards is what you get.

However, one interesting point looms clear in both the 1973 replay conducted by Jim Becher and the following replay of the 1972 season run off by Dick Hunt of Ovid, MI--that is that the Atlanta Falcons were a far better team than the birds of a feather who never seemed to flock together under taskmaster-coach Norm Van Brocklin. While the real-life Falcons, under the Dutchman, lost the big games, S-O-M's version did not.

In Hunt's replay, Atlanta slipped into the playoffs with a lowly 6-6-2 record, mainly because of a good running attack and a defense that allowed but 214 points. And, in the playoffs, much-maligned quarterback Bob Berry completed 17 of 36 passes for three touchdowns as the Falcons roughed up Dallas in a stunner, 52-14. Atlanta went on to win the NFC championship by trimming Green Bay--a Wild Card team--24-14 as Art Malone had 89 yards in 18 carries and scored twice.

Atlanta's title bubble finally burst in the Super Bowl, however, when the real-life champs, the Miami Dolphins, who had earlier conquered Oakland (28-21) and Pittsburgh (19-17), blitzed the Falcon defense for 30 points in the final quarter for a lopsided 43-7 victory. Miami had led only 13-7 after three periods.

Highlights of Hunt's regular-season replay included: (1) Atlanta had the best defense in the NFC, but also the poorest offense (scoring only 197 points); (2) Los Angeles won its first five games, then dropped eight of its last nine and failed to make the playoffs; (3) Bobby Douglass had a miserable 32.0 per cent passing mark--personally making Chicago's offense a disaster area; (4) Dallas, Hunt's favorite team during the replay, won 12 games and was tied twice before the shocker at the hands of Atlanta in the playoffs. The Cowboys went 9-0 before being tied by Cincinnati, 20-20, and later were tied by Baltimore, 21-21; (5) Cincinnati was "upset" seven times and finished last in the Central AFC; (6) Baltimore surprised at the outset by winning its first three games before slumping and finishing 5-6-3; (7) Miami, although winning the AFC East handily, was the victim of the "upset of the season" when the New York Jets surprised them, 21-19, as Emerson Boozer got loose on a 32-yard touchdown scamper with only two minutes to play.

Standings, playoff results and individual leaders from 1972 season:

NFC													
<u>Eastern</u>			<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Ties</u>	<u>Central</u>			<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Ties</u>	<u>Playoffs</u>	
Dallas	12	0	2	Minnesota	10	4	0	Atlanta 52, Dallas 14					
Washington	6	8	0	Green Bay	9	5	0	Green Bay 17,					
N.Y. Giants	5	9	0	Detroit	8	5	1	Minnesota 14					
St. Louis	4	8	2	Chicago	4	9	1	Atlanta 24, Green Bay					
Philadelphia	2	12	0					14					
AFC													
<u>Western</u>			<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Ties</u>	<u>Eastern</u>			<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Ties</u>	<u>Playoffs</u>	
Atlanta	6	6	2	Miami	11	3	0	Pittsburgh 31,					
San Francisco	6	7	1	Baltimore	5	6	3	Cleveland 17					
Los Angeles	6	8	0	New England	5	9	0	Miami 28, Oakland 21					
New Orleans	5	9	0	Buffalo	4	6	4	Miami 19, Pittsburgh					
				N.Y. Jets	4	9	1	17					
												<u>Super Bowl</u> - Miami 43,	
												Atlanta 7	
<u>Central</u>			<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Ties</u>	<u>Western</u>			<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Ties</u>		
Pittsburgh	9	3	2	Oakland	9	4	1						
Cleveland	9	4	1	Denver	6	8	0						
Houston	7	6	1	Kansas City	5	7	2						
Cincinnati	6	7	1	San Diego	5	8	1						

Receiving

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Receiving	No.	Yds.	TD	Avg.	Rushing	Att-Yds.	TD	Avg.
Gilliam	52	1552	0	29.8	Csonka	197-1212	11	6.3
Parks	64	1470	7	22.9	Bertelsen	187-967	14	5.4
G.Washington	66	1409	8	21.3	L.Brown	197-943	8	4.7
Burrough	52	1306	9	25.1	R.Johnson	174-868	10	4.9
Garrison	49	1113	5	22.7	Brockington	198-857	4	4.3
Passing	Att-Comp.	%	Yds.	TD-Int.	[Note: Hunt's passing leaders were based entirely on yardage gained passing]			
Manning	416-175	42.0	3274	15-22				
Tarkenton	319-181	56.7	2862	14-16				
Namath	320-134	41.8	2460	13-29				
Hadl	310-145	37.8	2444	13-25				

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Wanted

WANTED: Baseball teams--1970 A.L. and N.L., extras; 1968 A.L. and N.L.; 1966 A.L. and N.L.; 1971 St. Louis, Philadelphia and Kansas City. Good condition. All letters answered. Write: Dave Stebbins, 132 First St., Leominster, MA 01453

WANTED: 1968 expansion teams. Set of 80 extra players, based on 1968 season. Will consider parts of set. Send condition and price to: H.C. Collins Jr., P.O. Box 283, Thomasville, N.C. 27360

WANTED: The following players and teams from the 1969 season: Peterson, Timmerman, Siebert, Locker, Brabender, Pattin, G. Perry, Voss, Qualls, B. Williams, Fisher, Pilots, Giants' additional players, extra Yankee player besides Hamilton, Ellis, Lyttle. Baseball sets 1968, '70, '71, '72, '73; '68 roster sheet. Allen Rodney, 870 N.E. 178 Terrace, North Miami Beach, FL 33162

WANTED: In desperate need of the 1969 National League extra players. Will pay any price for cards in playable condition. Will also accept just the '69 Mets' extras if they are the only ones available. Adam Burrows, 5 Clubway Lane, Hartsdale, NY 10530 (914-472-3328).

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

WANTED: 1969, 1970, 1971 and 1972 additional players. Also, any loose baseball and football cards, any year. Send price wanted and info to: Larry Fryer, 709 N. 4th St., Hamburg, PA 19526

WANTED: 1968 Bengals and 1970 Bengals badly. Will pay \$3.00 for each. I pay postage. Write to: Jay Hammeran, 7956 Sheldale Way, Cincinnati, OH 45242

For Sale

FOR SALE: Baseball (good or better condition), most teams from 1966 [\$4.50 each], 1967 [\$3.50 each], 1968 [\$2.50 each], 1969 and 1970 [\$1.50 each]. No playoff teams or pennant winners available. Send SASE for list of teams 1969-65. Football (good or better condition) most teams from 1967 [\$4 each], 1968 [\$3.00 each] and 1969 [\$2.00 each]; play-off teams \$1.00 extra; Super Bowl teams \$2.00 extra. Also have some (not all) football teams (1967-69) in fair to good condition for \$1.00 less apiece than prices above. WANTED: 1960 baseball--will buy or trade. Robert Henry, 15919 Ferguson, Detroit, MI 48227

FOR SALE: 1972-73 (original) basketball game, 17 teams, hardly used. \$.50 per team or \$7.00 for whole set. And football game with extra parts [\$2.00]. 1970 Football teams: Miami, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Kansas City, Oakland, Minnesota, Los Angeles, Dallas, Detroit, San Francisco; most cards mint, some good-fair; \$0.35 per team (or \$7.00 for whole set). 1971 NFC, AFC: mint condition except Minnesota rating card is creased and for Miami rating card; \$0.30 per team or \$7.00 for whole set. 1972 NFC, AFC; used once; \$0.30 per team or \$7.00 for whole set. Plus, March 1972-Feb. 1973 S-O-M Review; 25¢ per issue. Send self-addressed, stamped envelope to insure reply. Steve Wilson, 2126 Iglehart Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104. Will take pre-1971 baseball teams or "S-O-M Library" books in trade (name your price). Honest folks, how can you go wrong with a steal like this?

FOR SALE: Complete set of 1968 S-O-M Football cards. Good condition with few pencil marks. I'll take bids \$10.00 and up. Write: Bill Fried, 1224 E. Courtland, Milwaukee, WI 53211

FOR SALE: Baseball cards mixed from 1971-73 seasons. All teams, \$25.00. Also eight Old-Timer teams ('27 Yanks, '34 Cards, '35 Cubs, '54 Giants, '57 Braves, '61 Yanks, '65 Dodgers and '53 Dodgers, \$6.50). Some writing on cards but still usable. Contact:

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Scott Trester, 13740 So. LeClaire Ave., Crestwood, IL 60445

FOR SALE: Baseball--1970, '71, '72, '73. Would prefer to trade one of these sets for '73-74 basketball. 1970--\$15; '71--\$12.50; '72--\$11.00; '73--\$10.00; '70--good condition; '71--good to excellent; '72--excellent; '73--mint. WANTED: 1973-74 basketball. Contact: Brian Butler, 912 Mullaghboy Road, Glendora, CA 91740

FOR SALE: Attention! I am selling my entire collection of S-O-M teams. All teams must go. Football (complete sets): 1968--\$40, 1969--\$35. Football (individual teams): 1967--Lions, 49ers, Patriots, Bills, Chargers; 1968--Eagles, Redskins, Lions, Saints, Falcons, Dolphins, Bengals, Bills, Broncos, Patriots (2); 1969--Eagles, Cardinals, Packers, Lions, 49ers, Falcons, Oilers, Browns, Bengals, Bills, Chargers. All individual football teams sell for \$2.00 each. Baseball (complete sets): 1968--\$40, 1970--\$35, 1971--\$25. Baseball (individual teams): 1968--Indians, Senators, Braves, Dodgers. All individual baseball teams sell for \$2.00 each. Feel free to underbid on any sets or teams as sets and teams not sold at the regular prices will go to the highest bidders. Send checks or money orders for purchases to: Richard Keyes, 608 Oak Drive, Dover, DE 19901

FOR SALE: Baseball--1969 Dodgers, 1970 Dodgers, Astros, Cards, Cubs, A's, Expos, White Sox, Royals, Washington, Brewers, Indians, Yanks, Red Sox; 1971 all teams except Padres, Braves, Cards, Expos, Angels, Tigers, Indians; 1972 all teams except Reds, Pirates, Oakland, Baltimore. Football--1970 all teams except Colts, Raiders, Giants, Cowboys, Rams, Vikings. Basketball--1972-73 Hawks, Knicks, Bucks, Celtics, Warriors, Baltimore, Bulls, Lakers. Note: some 1969 and '70 baseball cards have writing on them. I also have a few extra players for 1969-70-71-72. Teams are \$1.25 each; if you want the four extras send an extra 25¢. If I don't have the extra players I will return your 25¢. Football teams are 75¢ each and basketball 60¢ each. Larry Barker, 1616 Pershing Ave., Middleton, OH 45042

WANTED: Pre-1971 Los Angeles Rams and Super Bowl teams. Send bids to: Alec Keyes, 131 Berry St., Valley Stream, NY 11580, or call 516-872-8581. Will buy from lowest or first bidder. (This ad is corrected form of ad that appeared in the May Review)

For Sale

FOR SALE: If figuring out your stats takes up a lot of your valuable playing time, wise up and let the Paluch Statistics Bureau help you out. Only 8¢ per game gets you complete stats for baseball, basketball, or football. Imagine, for only a few pennies a game you can have complete stats typed and error-free without lifting a finger. Write: Mike Paluch, 3325 S. Hoyne, Chicago, IL 60608

FOR SALE: Hall-of-Fame stats! Find out who will get on base most; who will hit the most home runs; who the best hitters are; who the best pitchers are, and more. Only 50¢. If you want your cards analyzed, write for details: Jay Friedlander, Plaza Towers 1211, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

FOR SALE: 52 football teams from 1969-1972, many baseball teams and separate cards from 1968-1971. Also Reviews. SASE for list. Jeff Cozzetto, 520 Rockview Ave., No. Plainfield, NJ 07063

FOR SALE: Football--1973 Dolphins, Rams, Redskins, Cowboys, Raiders, Steelers, Bengals, Bills. Teams in excellent condition, used only a couple times. Baseball--1970 National League in very good condition. 1972 National League, except Padres, Astros, Dodgers. These are in excellent condition. Some have never been used. Teams sold individually or as a set. All replies will be answered. Send offer to: Bruce Cohen, 6 Purdue Place, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

FOR SALE: Baseball--1973 extra players (excellent condition); 1972 extras (poor); 1967 Cardinals (excellent); 1968 all except Giants,

Tigers, Chisox, Indians, Reds (fair); 1969 all except Padres (good). Highest bidder accepted. Tom Robertson, 1145 NW 200th St., Seattle, WA 98177

FOR SALE: 1973 Reds, Astros, Dodgers, Expos, Mets, Pirates, Cardinals, Giants, Orioles, Red Sox, Indians, Tigers, Royals, A's (excellent condition); 1973 Yankees (good condition). Will sell all teams for 60¢ each. Jeff Scott, 320 South Broadway, Tarrytown, NY 10591

FOR SALE: Baseball--1971 Mets, Phillies, Pirates, Expos, Cards, Reds, Braves, Dodgers, Yankees, Tigers; 1972 Dodgers, Braves, Astros, Giants, Angels, Royals, Bosox, Yankees, Orioles; all '72 teams include extra players; 1973 Mets, Cardinals, Giants, Dodgers, Yankees, Bosox, A's. All '71-73 teams in very good to excellent condition. All Old-Timer teams except: '06 Cubs, '05 Giants, '48 Cleveland. All Old-Timer teams in very good to excellent condition. 1967 Tigers, '68 Yankees, Twins, Mets, Braves, Orioles. All 1967-68 teams in fair to very good condition. Football--1973 Dallas, Oakland, Atlanta, Minnesota, Houston, Washington, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Denver, Miami; 1972 Dallas, Cincinnati, N.Y. Giants, Detroit, Cleveland, San Francisco, Green Bay, Los Angeles, Oakland, Washington; 1971 Jets, Chiefs, San Francisco, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Washington, Atlanta, Los Angeles, N.Y. Giants, Detroit, Minnesota, Oakland, Miami, Baltimore; 1970 Chicago; 1969 San Diego; 1968 Atlanta, New Orleans. All football teams in good to excellent condition. Basketball--1972-73 Milwaukee, Boston, New York, Atlanta, Baltimore; 1973-74 Boston, New York, Los Angeles, Detroit, Buffalo, Philadelphia. Please write: Keith Stern, 140-16 Debs Place, Bronx, NY 10475

League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: I need five managers to play in the National Play-By-Mail Baseball League, using the new N.L. cards. \$1.00 league fee and prize money. For information, enclose stamp and send to: Dale Miller, P.O. Box 806, 425 Maple St., Shafter, CA 93263. The stamp will bring you a quick reply.

LEAGUE FORMING: I am looking for five managers in the Indianapolis area to form a head-to-head baseball league. Contact: Michael Jeffries, 5129 Southgreen Dr., Indianapolis, IN 786-2665.

LEAGUE FORMING: Exclusive play-by-mail advanced basketball league. Only for gamers familiar with advanced version. We will have a draft league, using imaginary money. For 10 reliable coaches. Send S-O-M biography and name, etc. for application to: Jim Mathrusse, 138 Rinconada Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94301. Don't waste time; league starting soon.

LEAGUE FORMING: I am forming a draft league, basic version, using most recent cards. Everyone who writes to me is guaranteed a spot! No experience necessary; just should be dependable. For more information write to: Eric Frankel, 69 Monhegan Ave., Oakland, NJ 07436

LEAGUE FORMING: Need managers for a new play-by-mail baseball league. We will use the 1975 A.L. players and have a mail draft. Write: Danny Biles, 3957 Keeley Drive, Nashville, TN 37211. Calling 615-832-7896 can assure you of a team.

LEAGUE FORMING: Help! Due to circumstances beyond my control, I will be unable to fulfill my obligations in the play-by-mail league that I participated in last year. The league is a 12-team, two-league setup using the advanced version. I have many superstars, including Lou Brock, Ralph Garr, Steve Yeager, Fred Patek, Ron Blomberg, as well as the first round draft pick. I will operate the team until a good manager can be found. Please send your past experience in Strat-O-Matic, age, etc., to George McDonald, Box 297, Luverne, MN 56156

LEAGUE FORMING: Wanted a couple of reliable managers to fill remaining spots in 1975 American League draft. There is a \$5.00 fee with a \$1.50 refund if season is completed. Be ready to start quickly. Write to: Rod Maroney, 1549 W. Surrey, Phoenix, AZ 85029

LEAGUE FORMING: I am looking for five managers in the Indianapolis area to form a head-to-head baseball league. Contact: Michael

Jeffries, 5129 Southgreen Dr., Indianapolis, IN 786-2665.

LEAGUE FORMING: Old-Timer league, using eight teams from 1950-1962, except the Mets. We will draft five players apiece from the remaining teams over that period. Note that the 1961 Yankees are not available as a team choice, although their players will be available as draftees. This is to keep the league competitive. There will be a \$2.50 entry fee for the league, but send no money now, just your top six team choices in order to: Gary Kirchherr, 1021 Piccadilly Rd., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

LEAGUE FORMING: S-O-M play-by-mail baseball league using the new cards. Two division setup with 16 managerial spots. 154-game schedule with series played simultaneously. This is to be a continuous draft setup without additional players. Please reply only if you intend to be reliable. No entry fee. I intend to run this league for many seasons. Greg Friedman, 53 Annadale Road, Staten Island, NY 10312. State preference, American or National League.

LEAGUE FORMING: Need 12 reliable managers to manage draft teams using 1975 A.L.-N.L. cards. The teams are formed by division (A.L.-N.L. West and East) and the league fee is \$5.00, with at least \$1.00 being refunded if you complete your season. Send your choices, in order of preference from each division (three teams are formed from each division). Teams are given out on first come, first serve basis. Send to: Jeff Brewer, 2440 E. Gregson, Salt Lake City, UT 84109

LEAGUE FORMING: The NADBA (North American Draft Baseball Association) has a limited number of associate (non-active) memberships available. Only mature, serious-minded S-O-M players need apply. NADBA is entering its fourth season now with a stable membership of 16 teams. For more details send your name, address, age and phone number to: Michael L. McLawhorn, P.O. Box 27804, Raleigh, NC 27601

* Note: The league forming ad from Danny Biles, Nashville, TN (third ad from top on left side of page) should be cancelled. Notification of removal was received too late to strike it from page.

LEAGUE FORMING: Four honest, reliable managers are needed for a new draft league. This will be a play-by-mail league based on the '73 and '74 elementary baseball teams. The league will move at a relaxed pace and the entry fee is only \$4.00. If you are interested, please send a short biography of yourself, entry fee and list of 150 players you want to draft to: Ralph Illges, 6301 Waterford Rd., Columbus, GA 31904, or Alan Rothschild Jr., 2328 Fairway Ave., Columbus, GA 31906

LEAGUE FORMING: Head-to-head league forming in Chicago area. Will draft own teams from the National League players. If interested, contact: Steve Parewski, 5036 N. Oneida, Norridge, IL 60656. Phone [312] 457-0268

LEAGUE FORMING: Reliable, conscientious people are needed for a franchise in the Continental Baseball Association (play-by-mail). In its inaugural season, the CBA will play approximately a 100-game schedule--with 10 or 12 drafted teams. Anyone who owns the new Strat-O-Matic cards, extras included, and can devote enough time to make the league a success, may write for an application form. Send to: Corby Anderson, 820 Caledonia, Butte, MT 59701

LEAGUE FORMING: Fantastic new play-by-mail league, using new '74 baseball cards, needs reliable managers. If you enjoy drafting, buying, trading, selling, and if you're an S-O-M "nut" like me, write to: Keith Walker, 905 E. Park #21, Carbondale, IL 62901

'Dirty Dealers' List Dwindles

Two more names may be lopped off Strat-O-Matic's "Dirty Dealers" section. Last month, Gerald Ittenbach of Linden, NC, cleared his name of accused wrong doing by explaining his situation to everyone's satisfaction.

Phil Ledesma reports that he received \$9.00 from Cliff Lewis, Albuquerque, NM, as payment for a game. So, you can now strike Cliff Lewis from the "dishonored roll."

Richard York of Detroit, MI, reports that he received a personal check in the mail recently from Steve Street, Danville, IL, to the tune of \$27.00, thus clearing up another case that had dragged on for months. The cards that Street had promised to send York for the \$27 never were sent. But at least the money was returned.

Three names being "cleared" in the past couple of months must mean the "Dirty Dealer" section is working. Unfortunately, not all cases have been settled, so efforts must continue to see to it that all alleged fraudulent dealings are settled to the satisfaction of all.

The Review is counting on you, the buyer and seller, to keep us informed of any possible "dirty dealings" in the months ahead. Hopefully, before long there will be no need for a "dirty dealers" section.

Despite some names being cleared, others accused of rip-offs haven't been so quick to respond toward clearing their names. Here is the list of people who have been accused of being "dirty dealers" and whom should be avoided by all:

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

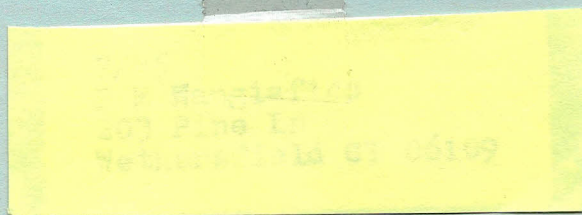
RICK ARROYO, 1812 Dayton Ave., San Leandro, CA 94579--Accused of making highest bid for cards and then never honoring bid.

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

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