



## STRAT-O-MATIC REVIEW

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### College Football Coming This Summer

UCLA versus Ohio State in the Rose Bowl! Oklahoma versus Michigan in the Orange Bowl! Alabama versus Penn State in the Sugar Bowl! Arkansas versus Georgia in the Cotton Bowl!

Those matchups will be possible in the soon-to-be-released Strat-O-Matic College Football Game. "We will have the eight bowl teams for sure, and possibly as many as 16 teams in all in the First set," mentions S-O-M creator Harold Richman.

"The college football game will be a completely different concept from our other games, though. There will be no dice, for instance. Instead, cards will be used to determine play results. And there will not be individual player cards. Many people may dislike that. But most people do not know the college football players that well."

To prove his point Richman asked Review co-editor Del Newell to name the starting backfield for Sugar Bowl contestant Penn State. Needless to say, the "Four Horsemen" turned out to be far off the mark.

Extensive testing has gone in to the football game, which is likely to be made available to the public in late July or early August. And since such

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## Illinois U. Campus To Again Be Site

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### Convention '76 Countdown Under Way

The countdown is beginning for the third annual Strat-O-Matic Convention. Rick [Wolfman] Shapiro is again hard at work tying up the organization loose ends for the next big happening in the S-O-M world.

Again the national convention will be held in Urbana, IL, at the Illini Student Union on the campus of the University of Illinois. The dates will be July 30 through August 1. And again a full schedule of tournament activity is planned, plus Shapiro has lined up other recreational pursuits such as bowling, one-on-one basketball, and possibly even a consolation tournament in some of the games.

Also, a time has been set aside for people interested in buying and selling teams--which was a big hit at Robert Henry's mini-convention in Detroit over the winter. The tourneys, Henry emphasizes, will be conducted during the day only, and other interests [there's also a pool] may be pursued in the evening.

Early arrivals are welcome, according to Shapiro, who says that if 20-30 from any one tournament make the scene ahead of time that tourney may start early.

#### TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

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

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

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

#### FORMER CHAMPIONS ARE BACK

At presstime, Shapiro had been notified that nine former champions were planning on attending. The lineup of former champs includes: Bob Anderson [Elem. Baseball, '74], Fred Floreth [Adv. Baseball, '74], Bart Ewing [Adv. Basketball, '74], Tom Nelson [Adv. Football, '75], Steve Dempsey and Dale Barnes [Elem. Baseball, '75], Mike Ericksen [Adv. Basketball, '75].

Other well-known S-O-M gamers planning to be there are Mark Hatton, Mike Cummins (and his wife, Dana), Steve Parewski and Robert Henry, who'll be bringing his vast baseball card collection--probably the most complete in the S-O-M world. All told, Shapiro expects about 150-200 people. A large number of gamers have already indicated they would be in attendance, but Shapiro is issuing an appeal for more female contestants, something in short supply the past two years.

#### FACILITIES AGAIN AVAILABLE

The S-O-M Club, a campus organization, makes it possible for Shapiro to use the Union and dorm for the convention. Housing, for about \$5.50 per night per person, will again be available in the dormitory [Florida Avenue Residence Hall, a 12-story building]. The dorm is the closest to the convention site, but there are hotels and motels in Champaign and Urbana.

A \$2.00 entry fee will again be collected and that will be used to pay for trophies and advertisements. Again, it should be pointed out, Shapiro is shouldering almost all the burden of staging the convention--a mammoth undertaking, to be sure.

Those wishing to sign up in advance for the convention, or seeking additional information, should contact: Rick Shapiro, 9161 Kilpatrick, Skokie, IL 60076. A stamped, self-addressed envelope will be necessary to receive a reply.

#### CONVENTION INFORMATION

As mentioned above, it will be possible to arrive earlier than the scheduled starting date. One of the organizers of the convention will be present and [continued on next page]



accommodations will be ready.

Only the advanced baseball and the two elementary baseball tournaments will be double elimination, although a loser's tournament may also be held for those who bow out quickly. Shapiro also stresses the importance of people bringing their own games for the respective tournaments, and two teams for any of the baseball tournaments and football (unless you wish to play a '74 team with the new kickoff and punt returns you will need three because you will only be able to use it if your opponent also has a '74 team).

For basketball, teams will be picked at the convention. The 1974-75 season teams will be used. Except for basketball, you may use any teams you want.

Scoresheets are, like lack of games, also a problem. So, if you have any extras, bring 'em along.

In all tournaments teams will be switched (in baseball: two-game series, switch after first game; basketball and football: switch at halftime). Only in baseball are there restrictions upon certain players being freely used. Some of them are: 1. A starting pitcher used in the first game of any round must have two rounds of rest before starting again. Your opponent may use any eligible starter after you switch teams (in effect the same starter if he wishes) as long as that starter has had two rounds of rest. 2. No player with less than 150 plate appearances (walks and at-bats) may start. 3. There will be strict rules about a starter's removal. 4. One pitcher may hurl a maximum of nine innings per round. 5. The winner of any tournament match will be the one who scores the most runs (points). 6. If you tie in runs (points) at the end of the round, then it's considered one-half win and one-half loss.

#### GET YOUR ENTRIES IN

Remember, the countdown toward Convention '76 is moving rapidly along. So, contact Shapiro quickly and reserve yourself a spot. The dates again are July 30-31 and Aug. 1. As the Fonz would say, "Be there!"

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## **Wow! Hunter, Messersmith, Rooker Total 68 Wins** **Pitching Decisive In All-Star Teams Replay**

The ISOMOTA (International Strat-O-Matic Old Timers Association) appears to be another of those S-O-M play-by-mail leagues that could be safely listed under the column entitled "Successes." Not long ago it completed its second baseball season and Mike Topoozian reports that seven of the eight managers went the distance and that a backup manager took the reins for the lone dropout (he had a last-place team) in a highly enjoyable season.

The ISOMOTA is no longer an Old-Timer league, however, going "modern" in its last replay. Eight teams were involved, four in a National Division, four in the American; the basic version of S-O-M was used, but with bunting, hit-and-run, and catcher throwing ratings included. Each team was made up of 30 players (five in the so-called minor league) and they are kept from year to year. Twenty players can be protected at draft time.

Pitching turned out to be the deciding factor in this all-star league, with Topoozian's Eastbrook Armenians winning the National Division and then claiming the World Series. Jeff Burroughs, Willie Stargell and Richie Zisk all had sub-par seasons for the Armenians, who compiled a 92-62 record, but the pitching compensated for it as Catfish Hunter won 25 games, Andy Messersmith 22 and Jim Rooker 21.

Tom House, acquired in a trade, was fantastic down the stretch, winning eight games and saving 14 others. Part-timer Carlton Fisk's smashing 13 home runs in 181 at-bats and a defense of five "1's" didn't hurt the cause, either. On the next page is a team-by-team rundown, World Series highlights, and statistical leaders.

It should also be mentioned that the Armenians won 34 of their last 50 games and also got a big lift from subs, with six of them coming off the bench to hit .300 or better.



National Division continued.

ENDWELL ALL-STARS, 87-67 [Mike Savage, Endwell, NY] -- Pete Rose led team in five categories, including batting [.294]...Bert Campanaris swiped 52 bases while Jim Wynn cracked 37 homers...Good pitching staff: Nolan Ryan (2.68, 21 wins, 352 strikeouts), Steve Busby (22), Luis Tiant (17), and reliever John Hiller (5 wins, 18 saves)...Willie Horton (two HRs) and Bill North (.190) were big disappointments.

LAKE PARSIPPANY PANTHERS, 64-90 [Tom Haynes, Parsippany, NJ] -- Good hitting led by Rod Carew (.375, 235 hits, 81 stolen bases), Dick Allen (39 HRs, 101 RBI), Reggie Smith (32 HRs, 91 RBI, .296) and Ralph Garr (.284, 31 SBs... Best hitting in league couldn't overcome poor pitching...No hurler broke 3.00 ERA, although Jim Perry did win 20 games.

OCALA ACES, 56-98 [Ingram Purvis, Ocala, FL] -- Disappointment but a team of the future...Barr lost league-leading 24 games and Jon Matlack was 19-18 with 2.96 ERA, but could have been better with better support...Good power as lineup featured Johnny Bench (25 HRs), Darrell Evans (18), Cesar Cedeño (19, 66 stolen bases), Dave Winfield (28, in only 352 at-bats)...Add John Mayberry, Dave Parker, Claudell Washington and Greg Luzinski and the Aces now have the high cards.

American Division:

PARSIPPANY RANGERS, 93-61 [Doug Smith, Parsippany, NJ] -- Featured an all "1" defensive lineup (except pitcher)...Joe Morgan scored 134 runs and stole an equal number of bases, while Rick Monday batted .302...Speed to burn as Larry Bowa swiped 52 bases and part-timer Mickey Rivers had 14 [he might help this year]...Gaylord Perry was heart of mound staff, winning 29 games with 2.64 ERA...Mike Marshall (remember this is based on '74 season) collected 18 wins and was 2.09.

NEW JERSEY NATS, 85-69 [Tom Natoli, Parsippany, NJ] -- Lots of power with Mike Schmidt (32 HRs), Reggie Jackson (31) and Hank Aaron (28)...Batting averages were low, however, with Dave Concepcion's .276 tops...Had "Big 3" on mound in Ferguson Jenkins (19 wins, 2.78), Phil Niekro (21, 2.77), Jim Kaat (19, 3.81), while Paul Lindblad had 22 saves and was 1.95.

LEOMINSTER LOBSTERS, 71-83 [Dave Stebbins, Leominster, MA] -- Lacked home run power as Al Oliver was leader with 14 HRs...Bill Buckner batted solid .295, but Bill Madlock and Oliver hovered around .270...Davey Lopes swiped 37 bases and Bert Blyleven was top pitcher with 16 wins.

WESTCHESTER WINOS, 68-86 [Dan Cirillo, Yonkers, NY] -- Not much to drink to although Lou Brock stole 122 bases and Buzz Capro had 2.96 ERA.

WORLD SERIES

Armenians and Rangers battled through seven games before Jeff Burroughs' two-run homer in the bottom of the eighth nailed down a 3-2 win and gave the Armenians the championship. Topoozian's Armenians won the first game (8-6, as Toby Harrah hit two-run homer in ninth), lost the second (7-4), won the third (8-7, despite a three-run ninth-inning rally by the Rangers), and the fourth (9-2, as Carlton Fisk hit his fourth homer of the Series), lost the fifth and sixth games (7-2 and 4-3), before pulling out the finale.

LEADERS

Average	Home Runs	RBI	Runs: Morgan [RAN]
Carew [PAN]	.375	Allen [PAN]	101
Monday [RAN]	.302	Schmidt [NAT]	101
Smith [PAN]	.296	Monday [RAN]	93
Maddox [ARM]	.295	Wynn [ALL]	93
Buckner [LOB]	.295	Smith [PAN]	91
ERA	Wins	Strikeouts	Triples: Rose 23
Marshall [RAN]	2.09	Ryan [ALL]	352
G.Perry [RAN]	2.64	Blyleven [LOB]	265
Ryan [ALL]	2.68	G.Perry [RAN]	222
Niekro [NAT]	2.77	Jenkins [NAT]	211
Jenkins [NAT]	2.78	Busby [NAT]	206
		Ryan [ALL], Niekro - all 21	Games - Hiller <sub>64</sub> [ALL]
			Stolen Bases:
			Morgan [RAN] 120
			SH - Ryan [ALL] 8
			SA - Lindblad
			[NAT] 22



## Advertisements

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### Wanted

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

WANTED: Lot #1 -- 1968: Indians, Cardinals, Tigers, Cubs. Lot #2 -- 1971: Cubs, Reds, Pirates, Cards, Mets. Lot #3 -- 1972: Dodgers, Phillies, Indians; 1973: Orioles, Astros; 1974 Braves. Bid on lots only. Send bids and SASE to: Paul DeGroot, 906 Catalina, Corpus Christi, TX 78411. Bidding ends Mon. State condition of cards. Will answer only those who send an SASE.

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

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

WANTED: 1961-1964 baseball. Willing to buy or trade many 1969 and 1970 teams for few 1961's-'64's. Make offer to: Dave Scheer, 8 Berry Lane, N. Chili, NY 14514

WANTED: I need help compiling the statistics on a 12-team Old-Timer league that I have played through about 130 games of a 154-game season. I will pay a reasonable price. The more people I can get to help, the

easier it will be. Even if you can do only a small number of games, it will be very much appreciated. Peter Denman, 2316½ West Main, Houston, TX 77006

### For Sale

FOR SALE: 1967 Tigers, Twins, Indians, Cubs, Braves, Reds, Giants. Bids accepted to July 1. Teams in fair to good condition. Send bids to: Brian Russell, 504 N. Oak, Nevada, MO 64772.

FOR SALE: Complete sets in excellent condition -- 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974 baseball cards; 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973 football cards. Will sell to top bidder, minimum bid is \$10.00 for each card set. Please include SASE. Thank you. Bob Clineman, 216 E. Terra Cotta Ave., Crystal Lake, IL 60014

FOR SALE: Lot #1 -- 1969 Boston Red Sox (18 players), 1969 San Francisco Giants, 1969 Cincinnati Reds, 1969 Detroit Tigers. Lot #2 -- 1969 Houston Astros, 1969 Philadelphia Phillies (writing on Dick Allen's name), 1969 San Diego Padres. Lot #3 -- 1972 Oakland A's, 1972 Pittsburgh Pirates. Lot #4 -- 1973 Cincinnati Reds, 1974 Cincinnati Reds, 1973 Los Angeles Dodgers, 1974 Los Angeles Dodgers, 1974 Baltimore Orioles. Lot #5 -- 1973 New York Mets, 1973 New York Yankees, 1974 New York Mets. Lot #6 -- 1973 Oakland A's, 1973 St. Louis Cardinals, 1973 Pittsburgh Pirates, 1974 Pittsburgh Pirates. Lot #7 -- 1935 Chicago Cubs. All teams must be sold. Bid on lots only. Game is for sale for \$3.50 plus postage. Also for sale: statistics for any baseball team from 1900-1973. Each team 20¢ or six for \$1.00. Baseball standings for any year from 1900-1975; 25¢ a year or five for \$1.00. Write: Pete Durso, 1520



N. Columbia, Naperville, IL 60540

FOR SALE: Bid on complete and original teams -- 1967 Pirates, 1968 Pirates, Cubs, Reds, Mets, A's; 1969 Royals, Pilots, Twins, Reds, Tigers, Orioles, Pirates, Braves, Padres, Expos; 1970 Braves (2), Cubs, Pirates, Cards (2), Orioles, A's, Angels (2), Red Sox, Twins, Indians, White Sox, Yanks (2), Houston, Giants, Dodgers; 1971 Pirates, Mets, Braves, Phillies, Astros, Reds (2), Giants, Expos, Cards, Padres, Dodgers, Cubs, Angels (2), A's, Brewers, Royals, Senators, Twins, Red Sox, Tigers, Indians, Orioles; 1972 Giants, Mets. Also 1969 Chiefs, Raiders; 1970 Lions, 49ers, in football.

WANTED: pre-1971 roster sheets. Also would the person who stole my 1965 teams at the New York Convention please return them. Also wanted are 1966 Red Sox, Angels, Cubs and some 1963 singles. Contact: Mark Rubin, 10 Elk Drive, Bedford, NH 03102 (603-472-5746). How about a Boston Convention in '77?

FOR SALE: Football closeout sale -- 175-plus football teams for sale from 1967 and 1969 on through. Some teams are incomplete but most teams are complete. Also included are some football books from the Sporting News. Sale price is \$200.00 postpaid, less than on the average of \$1.25 per team. Make check or money order payable to: Richard York, 19171 Derby St., Detroit, MI 48203

FOR SALE: Selling 1972 and earlier season baseball cards at 3¢ per card. Minimum order is \$1.00. Larry Wolf, 3329 Monticello Court, Anchorage, Alaska 99503

FOR SALE: 1962 and 1974 baseball sets; 1967 Rams, Colts, Packers, Cowboys; 1969 Chiefs, Vikings, Rams, Raiders; 1971 Cowboys, Colts, 49ers, Dolphins; 1972 Dolphins, Cowboys, Redskins, Steelers; 1973 Raiders, Dolphins, Cowboys, Vikings. All excellent condition. Send bids with SASE to: David Einberg, 19020 Saratoga Glen Place, Saratoga, CA 95070

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

FOR SALE: 1969 Football set, 1970 Dolphins, 49ers, Giants, Raiders; 1968 Lions, Giants, Packers, Vikings, Bears, Cardinals; 1969 sold only as set, others may be separate. Only winning bids will be notified. Steve Scheinbaum, 2520 Batchelder St., Brooklyn, NY 11235

FOR SALE: Will trade my baseball teams from 1968-1973, football from 1970-1973, or 1973-74 basketball for 1968 Jets football and 1969 and 1970 extra players, including Dean Chance, Jim Grant, Ron Herbel and Hoyt Wilhelm from 1970. My baseball teams include world champs and pennant winners (such as 1968 Cardinals and 1970 Orioles). Contact: Mike Custer, 500 Fifth Ave., Lyndhurst, NJ 07071

FOR SALE: Baseball -- 1970 White Sox, A's, Senators, Mets, Astros, Brewers, Red Sox; Royals, Phillies, Cardinals, Cubs; 1973 Orioles, Reds, A's. Basketball -- 1972-73 Cleveland; 1973-74 Chicago, Capital, Buffalo, Boston, Los Angeles, Milwaukee, Detroit and New York. Also the 1974 Miami Dolphins. Will accept highest bids or will trade for 1968 Tigers; 1972 Royals, Astros; 1973 Braves; 1973-74 Atlanta Hawks or 1972-73 New York Knicks; or 1973 Atlanta Falcons. Send bids to: D. Scott Johnson, 2295 S. University Bldg. #10, Denver, CO 80210

FOR SALE: 1971 baseball, \$15.00; 1972-74 baseball with extras, \$15.00; Hall-of-Fame set A, \$1.50; all Old-Timer teams except 1920-1930 series B, \$12.00. 1972-73, 1973-74 basketball, \$10.00 each; 1973 football with 1972 Dolphins, \$12.00. All in excellent to mint condition. All sold in complete sets only. Write: Danny Walker, Rte. 25, Brookfield Ctr., CT 06805

## League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: The Inter-Queens Baseball Association is composed of 24



teams based on the S-O-M cards. We are currently engaged in a 54-game schedule and are in need of some competent managers. Rules and teams vary from the actual makeup. Each year a draft will be conducted from the new rookie cards. Teams will remain continuous unless a trade is made or a player retires. At the end of each season you can cut a player and put him in the following year's draft. The teams will be as you make them! Only requirement is that you are willing to maintain the team and its schedule. The league has been operating on a smaller basis for six years. Please mail your name, address and age with questions and comments to: Scott Miller, 144-48 26th Ave., Flushing, NY 11354, or Mark Meltzer, 3243 90th St., Jackson Heights, NY 11369

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Here is your big chance to get in on the best S-O-M league around. The Super Strat-O-Matic League, a three-sport, established league, is looking for capable backups who would be willing to work hard for a full-time franchise. We play the year 'round and use a draft format. For more info and an application, write: Dave Lewis, Rt.#1, Box 233, Monticello, FL 32344

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Attention all Old-Timer fans! The Great Old-Timer Strat-O-Matic Edition will soon begin its second season. This is a play-by-mail league and you must have all 42 teams. There is no league fee. The only qualification is reliability! You must be prepared to play over the entire summer. So, if you're a dependable person and would like to manage an Old-Timer team, send your top 16 choices, along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope, to: Jay Friendlander, Plaza Towers, Apt. 1211, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034.

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Wanted -- Four good managers for the brand new A.D.L. baseball draft league. Please send me a return letter soon! I will accept you even if you have a bad past record. So

come on! Join the American Draft League! Tim Owens, 214 Anne Marie Circle, Lakeland, FL 33803

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Forming a basketball league with the cards dated '73-'74. The fee is \$4.00, for numerous newsletters and a champion's plaque. List and send your five choices (teams), in order of preference. Inquiries may be sent to: Rich Reiss, 243 LaFayette Avenue, Passaic, NJ 07055. In order for me to reply, a stamped, self-addressed envelope must be enclosed.

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Wanted six to 12 managers to manage the following teams from the 1973 season -- Los Angeles, Texas, Kansas City, Baltimore, Boston, Oakland, Cincinnati, Chicago Cubs, New York Yankees, Chicago White Sox, Cleveland and Atlanta. This will be a draft play-by-mail, 162-game season. Trading will be allowed up until the 81st game of the season. For more information write to: Herbie Phares, 833 N. Hampton Rd., Springfield, OH 45504

**LEAGUE FORMING:** The Inter-Queens Baseball Association is looking for 10 competent managers. This is a face-to-face league and the only requirement is that you can come to Flushing every three weeks. For further information call (212-886-1461), or write: Scott Miller, 144-48 26th Ave., Flushing, NY 11354

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Would like to form S-O-M Baseball league in San Jose area. All interested send name, address, age to: David Einberg, 19020 Saratoga Glen Place, Saratoga, CA 95070

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## Directory Additions

- \* Ken Shrop, 43 Vineta Dr., Vernon, CT 06066; plays all three games, playing S-O-M for three years.
- \* David Lutes, 13105 E. 43rd St., Independence, MO 64055; 16; has played baseball for five years; currently managing Philadelphia Phillies in the Continental Baseball Federation.
- \* Andy Gaudin, 31231 W. Chelton, Birmingham, MI 48009; 14; plays both football, baseball; two-year member of SGSBL and ASFL leagues. Phone: 313-647-2872.
- \* Marshall Bice, 30100 Westbrook Pkwy., Southfield, MI 48076; 15; plays in SGSBL. Phone: 313-642-8857.
- \* Bob Manza, 32464 Beaconsfield, Birmingham, MI 48009; 14; played in SGSBL for two years. Phone: 313-644-8538.



## Strat-O-Matic Profiles

### TOM HOFFMAN



Eighth-grade student at Pottsville Middle School in Pottsville, PA...plays all three S-O-M games...experienced league member, currently in six-team, 32-game, draft basketball setup...eager for S-O-M to produce hockey game...been at both ends of league spectrum, finishing first with L.A. Rams in football, last in baseball with Houston Astros...experienced one no-hitter in baseball, that by Wilcy Moore of the 1927 New York Yankees...all league affiliations have been of neighborhood variety thus far; aspires to play in play-by-mail league in near future.

### DAVID SHIRES



Admitted S-O-M Baseball addict who resides in Cleveland, OH...underwent back operation in 1973 and became hooked on S-O-M during recovery period, playing over 3,000 games--most of them solitaire...now 26 years old...fixes pinball machines for livelihood...participated in two PBM leagues...two no-hitters are most memorable moments in S-O-M Baseball. Wilbur Wood of '72 White Sox stopped '72 Yanks in one, '65 Jim Kaat had 10 innings of perfect hurling going against '65 Dodgers and Don Drysdale before losing 11-inning thriller. Drysdale, incidentally, wound up with a one-hitter in the dual pitching masterpiece.

### STEPHEN TRIMBLE



Introduced to S-O-M in 1968 by older brothers when seven years old...now 14 and a seven-year veteran of dice-rollin' wars...lives in Centerville, MA...first big baseball thrill occurred in 1974 when Dock Ellis tossed first no-hitter, against the New York Mets...played through 105-game season that year, with Mets winning World Series...has had two no-hitters, one by Ellis, the other by Bruce Kison of Pittsburgh against the hard-hitting Reds in 1975...into full-season replays currently, although limited time has habit of abbreviating them...other big moments in baseball include Tom Seaver striking out 19 Dodgers in a 1974 game, Willie Smith smashing four home runs in a single contest, Tom Grieve replacing Jim Spencer early in a contest involving the Texas Rangers and slamming seven homers, and a dramatic, two-out grand-slam HR by Bill Robinson of the Phillies in the bottom of the ninth inning of a '74 tilt.

### NICK ROMANO

S-O-M Baseball vet of eight years who lives in Overland, MO...likes to take top four teams in each league and run through a solitaire league every season...23 years old...L.A. Dodgers have been power in recent years, winning three titles in a row prior to last season's triumph by Cincinnati...most memorable event was when Hank Aaron, '72 season, whacked four home runs in a game to pin a defeat on Tom Seaver and the New York Mets...another highlight worth sharing was the torrid homer-hitting spree that Cincinnati's Lee May went on in a shortened 81-game season during 1972. May, playing all 81 games, walloped an amazing 30 home runs.



## Fielding Ratings Increased To 16 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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A REMINDER! Entry deadline for the Strat-O-Matic Review's newest Most Valuable Player contest is June 10. Send your picks for MVPs in each league and division winners and their percentages to: Strat-O-Matic Review, P.O. Box 27, Otsego, MI 49078.



## THIRD &amp; FIRST BASEMEN &amp; PITCHERS

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16.	3	3	3	3	E	E	E	E	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1
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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
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OUTFIELD																
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11.	5	5	5	5	1B	1B	1B	1B	2B	2B	2B	2B	2B	2B	2B	2B
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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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## What's Available At S-O-M?

### FOOTBALL

- 1974 - All teams available. Cost: \$11 for entire set; 75¢ per team.  
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 1972 - Only Oakland available. Cost: 60¢.  
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## Questions & Answers

QUESTION: Was Frank Robinson's stealing rating for 1968 correct? He stole 11 bases that year, but was given an "E" rating.

ANSWER: His stealing rating should be "B".

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QUESTION: Why was Marc Hill, instead of Tim McCarver, included with the 1974 St. Louis Cardinals as backup catcher? McCarver had 74 games, 106 at-bats, played first, catcher and third base, while Hill had only 10 games and 21 at-bats.

ANSWER: McCarver was traded to Boston in a waiver deal at end of season, thus was not with Cardinals when season was over.

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QUESTION: What is the result when the football is on the opponent's 25-yard line, a long pass is attempted, and is intercepted +37?

ANSWER: The pass is figured to be intercepted in the end zone.

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QUESTION: In the advanced version of baseball, on the back of the cards, what does it mean "against right-hand pitcher 36%" and "against left-hand pitcher 64%?" Then on the pitcher's card it states "against left-hand batter 10%" and "against right-hand batter 90%."

ANSWER: For a batter it means the percentage of at-bats against both types of pitchers; the same being true for pitchers as to the types of batters faced and the percentage of facing each. For a batter, following the example mentioned, he batted against right-handed pitchers 36 per cent of the time, against left-handers 64 per cent.

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QUESTION: On the 1970 Boston Patriots, both quarterbacks can throw for long gains, yet none of their receivers are allowed to catch them. In fact, the longest gain by a receiver is 48 yards. What happens if a long gain occurs? Is the yardage for only the longest gain by the receiver, or what?

ANSWER: Should be "long gain".

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QUESTION: I don't understand the pass prevent defense adjustment rule about throwing a pass to a vacated flat pass zone. Could you elaborate? Does it apply to look-in passes?

ANSWER: Yes, as linebackers have dropped back, there is no coverage in vacated zones.

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QUESTION: In the new Hall-of-Fame teams, Hank Aaron has on his lifetime side the following outfield ratings: LF - 1, CF - 2, RF - 2. Shouldn't this be RF - 1, CF and LF 2? On the 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966 and 1968 card sets he was a RF - 1. Also, Mickey Mantle was a LF - 1, CF and RF 2. Is this right as Mantle was never a regular left fielder until the last two years he played outfield?

ANSWER: According to Strat-O-Matic, the ratings represent their fielding ability had they played those positions during any part of their careers.

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QUESTION: I recently purchased Strat-O-Matic Baseball and find the following confusing: on the groundball chart, infield in section, they refer to "++" situations. Is this the same as "+" in the advanced game?

ANSWER: Yes.



## Currently Into 8th PBM Season **Pacific S-O-M League Continues To Thrive**

Horace Greeley's expoundings on the West and why young men should go there still have a contemporary ring to them--especially when considering successful Strat-O-Matic Baseball play-by-mail leagues.

One of the most successful calls Pleasant Hill, OR, home. That's where Dave Surdam, manager and general manager of the California Angels, operates out of as he keeps the Pacific Strat-O-Matic League functioning smoothly.

Surdam, no stranger to the pages of the Review, what with his valuable playing tips and keen insight into the PBM scene, has just recently thrown out the first die for his league's eighth season. Quite an accomplishment when you consider most leagues fail to survive the initial season and few go beyond two campaigns.

The PSOML's 1973 Yearbook was released a while back and a glance at its contents helps explain the league's longevity. The book is 40 pages in length and contains every imaginable statistic. There are, of course, the standings, individual and team statistics, and a team-by-team won-and-lost breakdown as well. Even errors, double plays, hit-by-pitch and home run percentages were compiled on a team basis.

Surdam modestly disclaims all the credit for the PSOML's success, pointing to dedicated managers such as Jim Phelps, Norm Chouinard and Ed Furman for helping smooth over the rough spots. In fact, the newest yearbook was dedicated to the trio in a show of appreciation.

### NO EL FOLDO ACT BY FOLDERS

Ed Furman's Manila Folders captured the PSOML's 1973 season championship in a ten-team, two-division, 162-game, play-by-mail replay. The Folders, remembered in the past for sliding out of sight of the leaders in the waning weeks of the season, were far superior to the other teams in the Norm Chouinard Division, compiling a 104-58 record. They easily outdistanced second-place Los Angeles, holding a 29-game bulge at the finish.

In the Jim Phelps Division it was Surdam's juggernaut that ran away from the pack, holding a 30-game spread over the Southern Illinois Argalis. Remember this was a draft league, with players kept from season to season, thus the two winning powerhouses had the earmarks of wise drafting, shrewd trading and the patience of staying with players until they blossomed.

Furman, who lives in Cicero, IL, watched his charges reel off wins in 30 of 36 games early in the season to put a permanent claim on first place. The Folders were tough in all departments. Rubber-armed Wilbur Wood hurled an amazing 404 innings and compiled a 26-16 record, while the other starters consisted of Vida Blue (21-12), Reggie Cleveland (19-8) and Steve Rogers (13-3). In the bullpen was the truly dynamic duo of Rollie Fingers and John Hiller who between 'em saved 43 games.

Hitting was the equal of the pitching with Bob Watson (19 homers), Rick Monday (29 HRs), Cesar Cedeño (.303, 37, 137 RBI), Joe Ferguson (27 HRs), Rich Coggins (.332) and Dick Allen (19 HRs).

### WORLD SERIES ENDS IN SURPRISE SWEEP

Surdam had a 118-44 record in his division and whipped the Folders in 11 of 18 games--thus the Angels were favored to cop championship series honors. Good balance was again the key as the Angels had an unbelievable pitching staff of Nolan Ryan (29-13, 2.78), Tom Seaver (32-11, 2.16), Andy Messersmith (17-7) and Jon Matlack (19-3, 2.21). There were few weak links in the hitting, unfortunately for the other teams, as 40 players hit 10 or more home runs and the Angels hammered 277 roundtrippers.

Joe Morgan and Willie Stargell each had 41, with Morgan also driving in 128 runs and Stargell 138, while Amos Otis had 34 and Hank Aaron 31. Not one regular batted over .300, but it didn't really matter as the attack was consistent enough to produce a .268 team average--second best in the league.

In the championship series, Steve Rogers, helped by three innings of

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solid relief by Fingers, outdueled Tom Seaver in the first game, 2-1. Rich Coggins and Doug Rader slammed solo homers for the victorious Folders, with John Mayberry countering with a long blast for the Angels.

Game two also went to the Folders as Monday crashed a bases-loaded homer in the top of the seventh to tie the game, 7-7, setting the stage for former Angel Cesar Cedeño to single home two runs in the eighth for a 9-7 triumph. John Hiller picked up the win in relief.

Hiller also played a crucial role in the third game. Monday had staked the Folders to a 3-1 lead by the seventh inning with a solo roundtripper. But in the seventh the Angels loaded the bases with no outs, only to see Hiller come on and strikeout, in succession, Reggie Smith, Aaron and Morgan. That was the last hurrah for the Angels, who lost 3-1.

In the fourth game it was again a 2-1 decision with Rogers besting Seaver. Allen homered for the Folders, Stargell countered for the Angels, and Monday--who else?--lifted a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the ninth to chase home Al Bumbry, who had singled, with the run that ended the series.

#### Final standings and leaders:

Chouinard Division	Won-Lost	GB	Avg	ERA	Batting (405+ At-Bats)
Manila Folders	104-58	--	.265	3.12	Carew [OR] .328
Los Angeles Dodgers	75-87	29	.247	3.39	Rose [OR] .315
Frederickton Voyageurs	64-98	40	.244	4.23	Garr [OR] .309
New York Mets	64-98	40	--	--	Hunt [SI] .307
Detroit Tigers	63-99	41	--	--	Simmons [LD] .306
<b>Jim Phelps Division</b>					
California Angels	118-44	--	.268	2.76	Home Runs Morgan [CA] 41
So. Illinois Argalis	88-74	30	.264	3.86	Stargell [CA] 41
Oregon Roadrunners	80-82	38	.278	3.97	Bonds [SI] 37
Kent Fur Trappers	77-85	41	.264	3.91	Cedeño [MF] 37
Los Angeles Conquistadors	77-85	41	.240	3.64	Perez [OR, SI] 35

RBI	Wins
Stargell [CA] 138	Seaver [CA] 32
Cedeño [MF] 137	G. Perry [SI, OR] 31
Morgan [CA] 128	Ryan [CA] 29
Perez [OR, SI] 119	Wood [MF] 26
Bonds [SI] 118	Byllevan [LC] 22

Strikeouts	ERA
Ryan [CA] 399	Seaver [CA] 2.16
Byllevan [LC] 294	Matlack [CA] 2.21
G. Perry [SI, OR] 288	Downing [LD] 2.70
Seaver [CA] 283	Byllevan [LC] 2.72
Palmer [FR] 182	Ryan [CA] 2.78

Games started: Wood [MF] 54  
 Complete games: G. Perry [SI, OR] 38  
 Saves: Fingers [MF] 36  
 Innings pitched: Wood [MF] 404  
 Shutouts: Byllevan [LC] 8

Won-Lost %	Hits: Carew [OR], 217
Matlack [CA] .864	Doubles: Cedeño [MF] 8 Stargell [CA] 48
Seaver [CA] .744	Triples: Garr [OR] 19
Messersmith [CA] .708	Runs: Morgan [CA] 144
Cleveland [MF] .704	Extra base hits: Stargell [CA] 93
Ryan [CA] .690	Stolen bases: North [LD] 102
	Total bases: Cedeño [MF] 377
	Slugging: Stargell [CA] .580

#### Back Issues Of Review Available

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- 1976 - May, 50¢; April, March, Feb., Jan., 45¢.
- 1975 - Nov., Oct., Sept., August, July, June, May [limited], April [very limited], March, Feb., Jan. 45¢ per month.
- 1974 - Oct. and Jan.--extremely limited; cost 40¢ per issue.
- 1973 - Dec., August, July [extremely limited]; cost 40¢ per issue.
- 1972 - Oct. [extremely limited], August; cost 40¢ per issue.

For those issues in extremely short supply, please be sure to order a second choice in case of depletion of the first.



## Chart Reflects 1975 Team Results **Melting Pot Of Wild Pitches, Passed Balls,...**

BY DAVID BENDAU  
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Here is a chart for team wild pitches, passed balls and balks to be used for the 1975 baseball season. Having used this system in previous seasons, I can honestly say that anyone using it will get the approximate number of each.

I did use team totals, however, instead of individual totals. This was done because the number of errors made by each team is figured into the results and there is no way to determine how many errors were committed behind each individual pitcher.

Here are the instructions for the use of the revised chart listed below: [White die, first number; red dice total, second number] 1. Disregard the chart if no one is on base; 2. When there is a WP, PB, or a balk, always play the hit or out result first, and then have the runner(s) advance one base before the next batter makes a hit or an out.

Example: With a man on first base, a 4-5 is thrown and there's a wild pitch. The play result is thus a Single\*\*, the runner on first base goes to third and then scores on the wild pitch.

3. If the play result is the last out of the inning or results in the runner(s) on base being out, as soon as another reaches base by any means, have him advance to second base if it was a WP, PB, or balk (even if it does not occur for an inning or so).

4. Naturally, when referring to the Catcher X-Chart, disregard the wild pitches and passed balls, and just take the out result.

5. In the event of a split number result (for example, 4-2, 1-12, passed ball; 4-2, 13-18, balk), be sure to note it and draw or roll for split number. Using the example, if a 19 or 20 were picked, there would be no WP, PB, or balk.

Remember the chart is for WP (Wild Pitch), PB (Passed Ball) and BK (Balk), and is based on the 1975 real-life season.

Team	WP	PB	BK
Baltimore -	4-2 [1-16] 4-5	5-2 [1-11]	5-2 [12-18]
Boston -	4-2 [1-10] 4-4	4-2 [11-16]	4-2 [17-18]
California -	4-7	4-2 5-2 [1-3]	5-2 [4-8]
Chicago -	4-2 [1-8] 4-3	4-2 [9-11] 5-2	4-2 [12-16]
Cleveland -	4-2 [1-8] 4-6	4-2 [9-20] 5-2	6-2 [1-19]
Detroit -	4-2 [1-13] 4-5	4-2 [14] 5-2	4-2 [15-20]
Kansas City -	4-2 [1-2] 4-5	4-2 [3-9]	4-2 [10-13]
Milwaukee -	4-7	4-2 [1-17] 5-2	6-2 [1-6]
Minnesota -	4-2 [1-16] 4-5	5-2 [1-18]	6-2 [1-5]
New York -	4-2 [1-5]	5-2	4-2 [6-12]
Oakland -	4-2 [1-3] 4-6	4-2 [4-12] 5-2	4-2 [13-19]

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	WP	PB	BK
Texas	- 4-2 [1-16] 4-5	4-2 [17-18] 5-2	6-2 [1-14]
<b>National League</b>			
Atlanta	- 4-2 [1-4] 4-6	4-2 [5-10] 5-4	5-2 6-2 [1-13]
Chicago	- 4-2 [1-4] 4-4	4-2 [5-12] 5-2	6-2 [1-17]
Cincinnati	- 4-2 [1-4] 4-6	4-2 [5-11]	4-2 [12] 5-2
Houston	- 4-2 [1-17] 5-2 4-7	5-3 6-2 [1-17]	4-12 5-12 [1-9]
Los Angeles	- 4-2 [1] 4-5	4-3	4-2 [2-5] 5-2
Montreal	- 4-7	4-2 [1-17] 5-2	4-2 [18-20] 6-2
New York	- 4-2 [1-19] 4-5	5-2 [1-17]	4-2 [20]
Philadelphia	4-2 [1-4] 4-6	4-2 [5] 5-2	4-2 [6] 4-3
Pittsburgh	- 4-2 [1-19] 4-4	4-3	5-2 6-2 [1-3]
St. Louis	- 4-2 [1-7] 4-6	4-4	4-2 [8-17]
San Diego	- 4-2 [1-6] 4-5	4-2 [7-19]	5-2 [1-17]
San Francisco	4-6	4-2 [1-6] 4-3	4-2 [7-16] 5-3

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## Solitaire Playing Tips Who Shoots In S-O-M Basketball?

Wilbur Ringen of Beattie, KS, gleans S-O-M Basketball playing tips from the Review whenever they're presented. He, along with his son Terry, are avid players of S-O-M's version of the hardwood sport. In fact, currently they're well into a 153-game 1974-75 NBA replay, with 114 games already having been recorded for posterity.

The father-and-son team play face-to-face whenever possible, and both also roll dice on a solitaire basis. Both also are planning to join the Mid-Coastal PBM League for its next season.

Since Ringen is continually on the watch for playing tips regarding basketball, it's only natural that he would have devised some of his own. He admits to using many of Charles Amacker's suggestions (Feb. Review, 1976), and has also come up with the following tips/suggestions for solitaire play.

(1) A method for determining the shooter (rather than it being your choice) would be to take the red dice total (when the white die reading is 1, 2, or 3) and consult a prearranged chart as to who the shooter will be.

A sample chart might read:

Red Dice	Shooter
2-3	LG
4-5	RG
6-7	C
8-9	LF
10-11	RF
12	Your choice

\* The chart, of course, should be set up to reflect the % of shots taken by each player.

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[2] If a player is not eligible to shoot (i.e., a 3 on the white die but the indicated shooter is a 2 or less), then any 3 shooter may shoot.

[3] What type of shot should a player take? Always a problem, according to Ringen, who solves it thusly: A player with an inside only rating always shoots inside; player with one star always shoots outside and a player with five stars always penetrates--except on switches.

On switches, the player takes the shot he would have the best chance making (according to his opponent's defensive rating) if his team is even or losing. If his team is winning, have him attempt the shot his opponent is strongest defending against.

[4] On a percentage shot, use his highest percentage [outside, inside, or penetration] if team is even or losing, or lowest percentage if his team is winning.

When white die is 1, 2, or 3, use the following:

Type of Shot	Shooters Tendency	White Die	Type of Shot	Shooters Tendency	White Die
Outside	*	1,2,3	Outside	* I	1,3
Inside	I	1,2,3	Inside	* I	2
Penetration	*****	1,2,3	Outside	** I	1
Outside	**	1,3	Penetration	*** I	2
Penetration	**	2	Inside	**** I	3
Outside	***	1,3	Penetration	***** I	2
Penetration	***	2	Inside	***** I	1,3
Outside	****	2			
Penetration	****	1,3			

Incidentally, Wilbur Ringen plays a complete game of S-O-M Basketball, keeping all stats except for assists, in about 1½ hours.

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## S-O-M Baseball Trivia Corner

Ready or not, here's the list of answers to the questions posed in Robert Henry's Trivia Corner in May. For new subscribers, Henry is an avid Strat-O-Matic Baseball card collector (perhaps having the largest collection of any one, including the game company) who sends a monthly quiz to the Review.

No prizes are offered for success on the quiz. But it has proven to be informative, even for those who don't care to search for the answers or don't possess the older cards needed to do so.

Henry lives in Detroit, MI (15919 Ferguson) and will answer any questions regarding the baseball cards, providing an SASE (self-addressed, stamped envelope) is included with the query.

Answers to the May quiz:

QUESTION: Which modern player has hit the most home runs without receiving a "Flyball A"?

ANSWER: 1962 Norm Cash hit 39 home runs without receiving a "Flyball A" to establish the record.

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QUESTION: Has any modern player led his league in stolen bases without being rated an "AA" or "AAA" stealer?

ANSWER: Yes, 1961 Maury Wills [35 stolen bases], 1962 Luis Aparicio [31 stolen bases], 1963 Aparicio [40] and 1963 Wills [40] have all led the league in stolen bases with an "A" rating. (continued)



QUESTION: Has any player been rated "4" at a position in one season and "1" the next season at the same position?

ANSWER: Yes, Mike Anderson (RF-4 in 1972, RF-1 in 1973) and Steve Garvey (1B-4 in 1973, 1B-1 in 1974) are two who have. Another who exhibited this amazing improvement was Bill Buckner (LF-4 in 1973, LF-1 in 1974).

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QUESTION: Is it true that one printer's error resulted in a player having the results in one column reproduced in another column?

ANSWER: Yes, that description applies to 1962 John Buzhardt whose results from 5 to 12 in the 4 and 5 columns are identical. [Copy of 1962 Buzhardt card is printed with the permission of the Strat-O-Matic Game Co.]

JOHN BUZHARDT  
PITCHER-STARTER  
CHICAGO WHITESOX

4	5	6
2-popout (2b)	2-strikeout	2-popout (3b)
3-GROUND-BALL (P) X	3-groundball (P) B	3-GROUND-BALL (1B) X
4-FLYBALL (CF) X	4-CATCHER'S CARD X	4-popout (SS)
5-groundball (2b) C	5-groundball (2b) C	5-SINGLE
6-DOUBLE**	6-DOUBLE**	6-SINGLE
1-6	1-6	1-11
SINGLE**	SINGLE**	flyball (cf) B
7-20	7-20	12-20
7-TRIPLE	7-TRIPLE	7-WALK
1-2	1-2	8-strikeout
SINGLE**	SINGLE**	9-flyball (cf) B
3-20	3-20	10-WALK
8-HOMERUN	8-HOMERUN	11-groundball (1b) C
1-10	1-10	12-flyball (rf) B
DOUBLE**	DOUBLE**	
11-20	11-20	
9-popout (1b)	9-popout (1b)	
10-GROUND-BALL (3B) X	10-GROUND-BALL (3B) X	
11-FLYBALL (LF) X	11-FLYBALL (LF) X	
12-lineout (3b)	12-lineout (3b)	

1962 PITCHING RECORD

WON	LOST	E.R.A.	INNINGS PITCHED
8	12	4.20	152
HITS ALLOWED	WALKS ALLOWED	STRIKEOUTS	HOMERUNS ALLOWED
156	59	64	16

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QUESTION: Has any player (non-pitcher) in modern sets failed to receive an injury on his card?

ANSWER: Yes, 1964 Tony Taylor and 1969 Bill Melton received injury-free cards. That was prior to S-O-M going to computers.

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QUESTION: Which player has received the most "Flyball A" numbers on his card?

ANSWER: 1964 Don Lock set the record with six (on 2-9, 2-12 and 3-12, for a total of six chances).

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QUESTION: Which pitcher during the Strat-O-Matic era (1960-1974) has allowed

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the most home runs in a single season, and where did home runs appear on his card?

ANSWER: Denny McLain, 1966, tossed 42 gopher balls for the record. His card had home runs on 4-8 and on 4-7 (1-3).

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QUESTION: There have been many arguments over whether Brooks Robinson or Cleve Boyer was the better defensive third baseman. How do they compare in S-O-M?

ANSWER: Robinson has been rated 3B-1 every season, 1962-74. Boyer was rated 3B-1 on each of his cards, 1961-70.

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QUESTION: Has any batter received a "Flyball C" and has any pitcher received a "Flyball A"?

ANSWER: Although the results described above are rare, they have happened. In 1960 and 1961, both pitchers and hitters received Flyball A, B and C and Groundball A, B and C. 1962 Ron Hansen, 1962 Luis Aparicio, 1962 Sammy Taylor and 1964 Frank Bolling have received Flyball C. 1962 Frank Funk and 1963 Don Larsen are pitchers that have received Flyball A.

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Robert Henry also wishes to update an earlier question [April, 1976 Review] regarding which player has the worst injury result. The answer then, before the new cards and the latest set of Old-Timer teams came out, was 1963 Mickey Mantle who had an injury at 3-8. Travis Jackson of the 1933 New York Giants tops that, however, as far as being a member of the bandaged brigade. Jackson has an injury on 1-7. Lloyd's of London would never want to insure his health.

## Trivia Lineup For July

- QUESTION: At which positions were 1965 Bert Campaneris and 1967 Cesar Tovar rated? Each played all nine positions during the seasons listed, but what were the ratings?
- QUESTION: Which hitter holds the record for most strikeouts on a card?
- QUESTION: Which hitter holds the record for fewest results followed by ++ on a card?
- QUESTION: Which player has shown the greatest loss in speed between two cards?
- QUESTION: Which modern players have been described on their cards as being "pinchhitter"?
- QUESTION: Which teams have enjoyed perfect defense at the keystone combination with shortstop and second base both 1s? [modern teams only]
- QUESTION: Which teams have had two AA base stealers from 1960-75?
- QUESTION: Which team had the most potent one-two punch for home runs?

Answers to the above questions will be found in the July issue of the Strat-O-Matic Review.

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## Readers Roll 'Em

### THANKS S-O-M CREATOR

I want to say thanks to Harold Richman. Why? Well, for letting the S-O-M Review print Bill Fraser's and Larry LaRoche's article on hit placement (April, 1976). It was interesting and informative and I also enjoyed it very much. This really shows that Harold Richman cares about his loyal S-O-M fans.

Also, I would like to suggest that the 1968 Tigers and Cardinals be added to the Old-Timer set. And how about a Bicentennial baseball set for S-O-M fans?--the top three clubs in each league from 1962-64, for instance.

Joseph Damore  
Buffalo Grove, IL

### NO INJURY FOR '27 GEHRIG

I am writing in regard to your reply in the Question and Answer section of the Feb., 1976 Review. The reply was, "S-O-M reports that every card has some chance of injury, even though it might be minute. Every card is printed with an injury chance."

If I am not wrong, the 1927 card of Lou Gehrig does not have any chance for injury. The reason might be that Gehrig played in every game that year. But the 1974 card of Mike Schmidt has an injury chance and he played in every game that season. There is a long list of players who played in every game in a season and have an injury on their card. Could you clear this up?

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Since card makeup has been done by computers, every player has an injury chance. When Lou Gehrig's card was made, the cards were created manually. See Robert Henry's trivia corner this month for the names of other players who didn't receive an injury on their card--again in the days before the computer.

### A PINCH OF THE NEW...

Strat-O-Matic Baseball teams of the past are super. I'm part-

icularly fond of the 1950s and 1960s teams. However, I have an idea to improve the old teams by adding characteristics from the advanced version of baseball, especially bunting, hit-and-run, catcher's throwing and outfielder's throwing ratings.

New cards do not have to be made if say a roster were made for each team and sold separately. Possibly one sheet covering each team per era, i.e. one sheet for 1950s and 1960s teams (set A), etc., with the characteristics printed, would be easiest for control and economy of printing and handling.

Michael Brady  
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### DESIRES INDIVIDUAL FOUL RATING

I have a suggestion toward making S-O-M Basketball more realistic. I think there should be a foul rating for each player. Whereas a player like Wilt Chamberlain, who never fouled out of a game, would have a low rating, a player like Kevin Porter, who's always near the top in disqualifications, would have a high foul rating.

Bruce Zimmerman  
Omaha, NB

### SPLIT-NUMBER SYSTEM QUESTIONED

You will probably receive many letters similar to mine, but I would like to point out the inaccuracy of Danny Nordstrand's (April, 1976) split number system. The numbers 1, 7, 12, 16 and 19 each have the probability of occurring of 1/36, while each of the other numbers has a probability of 2/36.

I also experimented with a two-dice split-number system before I settled on the three-dice system which is so often mentioned in the Review. I discovered that it is impossible to make a two-dice system in which the probability of rolling the dice again is less than that of my three-dice system.

Bryan Baker  
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Flint, MI

EDITOR'S NOTE: Other Review readers such as Dick Butler, Paynesville, MN; James Murphy; Wayne Wheeler, Cardston, Alta., Canada, and a host of others pointed out the error in the split-number system.



## HOW DOES S-O-M COMPARE?

Has there ever been any decisive testing to determine how Strat-O-Matic fares statistically with other table baseball games on the market?

I realize that speed of playing time is an important consideration of many game players and that Strat-O-Matic is definitely the fastest played game that retains strong accuracy.

Jeff Holmquist

Editor's note: No such definitive testing has ever been done, to our knowledge. It would be difficult to find an impartial gamer to do a thorough study (test all the games) and come to a conclusion. We receive many league yearbooks from baseball and football in particular every year and stats often vary widely, principally because of the mode of play; i.e. play-by-mail, draft, actual replay, etc.

Because of the use of computers in baseball, S-O-M has no peer, in our opinion. We switched long ago (no more long games or a battery of cumbersome charts, not to mention junior math tests, to contend with) and have never been sorry. Still the best gauge is what other people think. How about you?

## DARES TO OPEN 'PANDORA'S BOX'

Creak! And someone dares to open Pandora's Box still further. I have written several letters to the Review asking why certain players have been deleted from certain S-O-M teams, to no avail. I see no reason why this letter will not follow suit and never be heard from again.

I'm glad to see that Frobo, Kirchherr and Roehlitz have broken through and have stated this dilemma. There was a time when if Review readers wanted a change they got it (righty-lefty factor, catcher's throwing arms).

Now the Review readers realize that many players have been excluded from Old-Timer teams that should have been printed. Just to increase this list I would like to add: '50 Yankees' Tommy Henrich, 73 games and 151 at-bats; Don Thompson of the '53 Dodgers, 96 games and 153 at-bats;

and Ben Wade, 7-5 and 90 innings pitched.

Although this letter may never be printed I do know that the Review editors will read it. If more readers voice their opinion maybe something will be done.

Craig Seeman  
Delaware, OH

Editor's note: Remember Old-Timer teams have a 20-player S-O-M roster. Not everyone can be included. Check Jim Elliott's two-part series (April and May Reviews). It's an excellent look at how S-O-M determines rosters. If you follow his criteria and still aren't satisfied, check back with us and we'll consult with S-O-M. Most exclusions, following Elliott's guidelines, are easily explained. Bob Hazle is an excellent example.

## NIXES SUPER BOWL TEAMS IDEA

I haven't written to the Review in a long time, but I think it's about time I write to you. The main thing I would like to comment about is a letter in a recent issue of the Review that said that S-O-M should make the Super Bowl football teams for the last eight years.

There is no way that I would support this, the main reason being I paid \$4.50 for the 1967 Green Bay Packers three years ago, and have seen that set advertised for as high as \$7.50. I am in favor of S-O-M printing Old-Timer teams prior to 1967.

As for Mr. Richman (S-O-M's creator) running for president, even though he would be a better choice than any Republican or Democrat the campaign would take him away from his duties with S-O-M. We couldn't have that now, could we?

Brian J. Russell  
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## PASS RATING BOOKLETS

I did some checking about the pass rating booklets that are put out by the National Football League. They can be acquired at no charge from the Public Relations Department of the NFL, simply by writing. An alternative to the booklet is the formula submitted by Ralph Coleman (Feb., 1976 Review, page 13). The formula is:  $5/6 [\text{Comp.\%} + (4 \times \text{TD\%}) - (5 \times \text{Int\%}) + (5 \times \text{Avg. Gain}) + 2.5]$ .

Mike Applegate  
Santa Clara, CA



## S-O-M League, Replay Scene

MID-COASTAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION -- Play-by-mail league using 12 teams...Such well-known gamers as Tom Nelson, a school teacher in Springfield Garden, NY, and Emery Kurts of Santa Maria, CA, are prime movers behind league. ...League experienced more than its share of difficulties in completing second season as 23--yes, 23!--coaching changes took place, many teams changing hands numerous times...League finally was completed although many teams fell short of 82-game schedule and others failed to turn in final stats...The New York Blades, guided by Tom Nelson, won the MCBA championship, defeating Brad Furst's Butte quintet, four games to zero...Members who turned in final stats included Nelson, Brian McCusker [Saskatoon Huskies], Jim Werschler [Saskatchewan Snow], Bart Ewing [Kansas City Orange Peels] and Kurts [Santa Maria Chiefs].

Standings and statistical leaders: [based on 1974-75 season]

Standings and Statistical Leaders: (based on 1980-81 season)					
North			South		
	Won-Lost	GB		Won-Lost	GB
Butte Wipers	65-10	--	Butte Wipers	65-10	--
New York Blades	69-8	--	Santa Maria Chiefs	56-22	10%
Regina Carlings	32-21	24%	Eisenhower Eagles	53-24	13
Saskatoon Huskies	36-41	33	K.C. Orange Peels	27-49	38%
Regina Revengers	23-42	37%	Corona Stars	16-58	48%
Roslyn Arrows	23-46	39	El Paso Diablos	10-65	55
Sask. Snow	22-58	48%			
Scoring			Rebounding		
	FG %				
Cowens [SM]	29.4	Lanier [NY]	.558	Cowens [SM]	18.7
Lanier [NY]	27.5	Tomjanovich [NY]	.521	Hairston [NY]	16.3
Dandridge [KC]	24.2	Smith [KC]	.516	Lanier [NY]	13.9
Monroe [KC]	23.0	Hairston [NY]	.512	Lacey [KC]	12.8

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HUNTINGTON BEACH S-O-M FOOTBALL LEAGUE -- Comprised of four coaches [Larry Israelson, David Blom, Matt Geck and Brett Fauria] who draft three teams from previous season and have one in each of three divisions...Latest replay consisted of 12-game schedule, using 1972 cards...Miami and Washington clashed in Super Bowl with Dolphins winning wild one, 44-37. 'Skins surprised by grabbing early 16-3 lead, but found themselves trailing by halftime, 27-23. Both Mercury Morris of Miami and Washington's Larry Brown rushed for over 200 yards, while Roy Jefferson of Redskins made 13 receptions for an unbelievable 413 yards...Highlights of regular-season included: John Brodie attempting 413 passes and connecting for 25 TDs for 49ers; Chester Marcol successfully booting 43 field goals out of 57 chances; N.Y. Jets' three-pronged offensive punch of Joe Namath [3,066 yards passing], John Riggins [1,250 rushing] and Rich Caster [87 catches for 1,739 yards]; Larry Osonka and Morris both rushing over 1,000 yards...Other highlights: Larry Brown totaling league-leading 3,090 yards and Jerry rushing, Sonny Jurgensen passing for league-leading 2,976 yards and 27 TDs; receiver Frank Pitts hauling in 44 passes for 1,403 yards and a 31.8 average for Cleveland.

Standings and leaders:

Standings and leaders:					
	Won-Lost	Ties		Won-Lost	Ties
Western			Central		
Oakland [BF]	8-4	0	Green Bay [LI]	8-4	0
San Francisco [MG]	7-5	0	Pittsburgh [DB]	7-5	0
Los Angeles [DB]	4-8	0	N.Y. Jets [BF]	4-8	0
Atlanta [LI]	3-9	0	Kansas City	3-9	0
Eastern			<u>Rushing</u>	Att-Yds.	Avg.
Miami [MG]	9-3	0	L. Brown [WAS]	333-1616	4.9
Washington [BF] *	9-3	0	Hubbard [OAK]	302-1281	4.2
Dallas [LI]	5-7	0	Riggins [NYJ]	285-1250	4.4
Cleveland [DB]	5-7	0			
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	Att-Yds.	Avg.	Passing	Att-Comp	Pct.	Yds.	TD-Int.
Csonka [MIA]	236-1061	4.5	Jurgensen (WAS)	354-195	55.1	3090	18-14
M.Morris [MIA]	235-1054	4.5	Morrall [MIA]	131-65	49.6	939	8-5
			Staubach [DAL]	399-198	49.6	2976	27-20
<u>Receiving</u>	<u>No.-Yds.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	Stabler [OAK]	157-88	56.0	1034	6-6
J.Smith [WAS]	95-896	9.4	Brodie [SF]	413-219	53.0	3052	25-26
Caster [NYJ]	87-1739	20.0	Dawson [KC]	389-202	51.9	2462	18-16
D.Taylor [KC]	85-1583	16.7					

Playoffs: Miami 28, Green Bay 9; Washington [wild card] won by forfeit over Oakland as Brett Fauria opted to send 'Skins into Super Bowl. Fauria had both teams.

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HALL-OF-FAME BASEBALL LEAGUE -- Great hitting smothered the pitching in this four-team, 81-game solitaire replay played by Bill Lampariello, Haverstraw, NY, in three months...team batting averages ranged from .263 to .300...OH rule was used--pity the poor pitchers!...The Bulls out of the National League won the World Series, defeating the A.L.'s Eagles in seven games...Bulls featured strongest pitching as Sandy Koufax was 11-4 with 140 strikeouts and Pete Alexander had 3.64 ERA...Roy Campanella slammed 26 homers for Bulls and Willie Keeler hit .353 and swiped 88 bases...Eagles held on in A.L. behind Chief Bender and Jack Chesbro [12 wins apiece] and hitting of Joe Jackson (.322, 72 steals) and Jimmy Foxx (.316, 22 HRs)...A.L.'s Raiders should have fared better, however, as it featured .300 team average, Babe Ruth (27 HRs), Lou Gehrig (24) and Joe DiMaggio (20), Cy Young winner Ed Walsh (12-3, 3.28) and MVP Nap Lajoie (.356, 99 RBI).

Final standings:

National League	Won-Lost	GB	American League	Won-Lost	GB
Bulls (Group A)	45-36	--	Eagles (Group B)	43-38	--
Bombers (Group B)	33-48	12	Raiders (Group A)	41-40	2

Leaders:

Homers - Ruth 27.	Doubles - Medwick 26.	Hits - Keeler & Lajoie 132.
RBI - Lajoie 99.	Triples - Cobb 13.	ERA - Walsh 3.28.
Avg. - Lajoie .356.	Runs - Cobb 78.	Wins - McGinnity 13-7.
Stolen bases - Keeler 88.		Strikeouts - Koufax 140.

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SOLITAIRE BASEBALL REPLAY -- Conducted by Charles Trebes of Baltimore, MD ...12-team league, divided into two divisions, with teams playing 154 games each...Lou Gehrig of 1927 Yankees dominated power categories by blasting 50 home runs, driving in 140 runs, slicing 14 triples and even gathering the most hits, 213... '27 Yanks easily captured their division, winning 114 games, then turned on '50 Yanks in World Series and swept it in four straight games... Trebes had a preference for Yankee teams as 10 of 'em were Bronx Bombers of varying vintage, most recent being 1973...Phil Rizzuto of the 1950 Yanks and Joe DiMaggio of '41 hit .453 and .444, respectively.

Standings and leaders:

AAA Division	Won-Lost	GB	AA Division	Won-Lost	GB
'27 Yanks	114-40	--	'50 Yanks	83-71	--
'41 Yanks	103-51	11	'70 Yanks	82-72	1
'69 Yanks	72-82	42	'73 A's	77-77	6
'68 Yanks	70-84	44	'71 Yanks	70-84	13
'73 Dodgers	65-89	49	'61 Yanks	68-86	15
'72 Yanks	61-93	53	'73 Yanks	66-88	17

Doubles - Paschal, '27 Yanks, 45. ERA - Feller, '41 Yanks, 1.51.  
Stolen bases - North, '73 A's, 114. Wins - Mathewson, '27 Yanks, 30.  
Strikeouts - Forster, '72 Yanks, 354. Rob Gardner, '71 Yanks, came the closest to a no-hitter when he pitched a one-hitter against the '69 Yanks.

Note that some players (Feller, Mathewson, Forster, etc.) performed with teams they did not originally play for.



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## Bowl Matchups Possible In College Football

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exhaustive testing was necessary to guarantee statistical accuracy, eight may be the number of teams issued with the first set. Eight teams, charts and other components will cost \$9.00--with the price higher if more teams.

"This will be the best card game ever devised for sports," adds Richman. Gridiron enthusiasts will be able to match the bowl rivals against each other, plus there will also be two teams included in which the ratings will be "even," thus permitting two coaches to clash and their strategy, rather than a team's power, deciding the outcome.

Richman also adds that James Williams emerged as the top-rated collegiate football player from among the S-O-M staff during the testing period. James was the toughest to defeat, Steve Barkan was second...and Richman, well he quickly moved on to another topic during our phone conversation when his ranking was hinted at.

More will be coming next month on the newest Strat-O-Matic creation--College Football. Watch for it!