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### Garvey Is No. 1 Among First Basemen

## The 'Real Fielding Ratings'

Sports of all sorts are a way of life for Bruce Herman, a 15-year Strat-O-Matic Baseball "fanatic" who is now sports publicity director for Wake Forest University.

A 1976 graduate of the university (B.S. in business), Herman has blended his interest in sports in general and S-O-M in particular to explore the inner workings of the baseball game.

He joined his first draft league four years ago, soon thereafter formed his own league (SOMADL), and has watched it grow and prosper for three years.

Because of his interest in draft leagues, Herman examined the new error ratings in some detail and combined them with the former 1, 2, 3 and 4 fielding rankings to create what he calls "real fielding rating." By taking the fielding and error rankings and combining them, Herman has prepared a chart listing the exact chance a batter has of getting on base if an "X-Chart" number comes up.

For example, Steve Garvey of Los Angeles is listed No. 1 among National League first basemen with an .854 rating--meaning a batter has only a .146 chance of getting on base on an X-Chart chance invol-

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ving Garvey.

Some players rated "4" oftentimes, according to Herman's research, turn out to be more valuable than a "2" or "3" because error rating is lower--thus a higher "real fielding rating" and thus a diminishing opportunity for a batter to reach base via a hit or error.

"I am a member of three draft leagues," mentions Herman, "and I take them seriously. Now, I feel I have a significant edge over a player who still must guess at the chart."

Herman has prepared charts, by position, rating every player in both leagues. "Some may argue that these charts take the judgment work out of making defensive substitutions. This may be true to a degree," he admits, "but it enhances drafting strategy, gives you more complete knowledge of your team and your opponent's and, most importantly, helps you win."

Herman equates the "real fielding ratings" with batting averages, pointing out you are more likely to use a player to pinch-hit with a higher average; the same being true when making a defensive substitution, the player with the lower on-base chance will usually be selected.

Because Herman is now selling (at \$3.00 per copy) his booklet of "Real Fielding Ratings," the Review will only be printing a sampling of his work. The two best fielders at each position, in both leagues, are listed below, however, for your perusal.

Remember when using the ratings, a .450 rating means a batter has a 55 percent chance of getting on base when an "X" chance is hit to that particular fielder.

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

<u>First Base</u>		<u>Second Base</u>		<u>Shortstop</u>	
Garvey LA	.854	Morgan CIN	.964	Concepcion CIN	.938
Montanez ATL	.781	Stennett PIT	.903	Bowa PHI	.927
<u>Third Base</u>		<u>Catcher</u>		<u>Center Field</u>	
Reitz SL	.879	Dyer PIT	.975	Cedeno HOU	.988
Schmidt PHI	.748	M.Hill SF	.975	Geronimo CIN	.952
<u>Left &amp; Right Field</u>		<u>Pitchers</u>			
E.Valentine MONT	.818	12 had .900 ratings while three had .210--the			
T.Scott SL	.813	lowest--ratings.			

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

<u>First Base</u>		<u>Second Base</u>		<u>Shortstop</u>	
Yastrzemski BOS	.846	F.White KC	.940	Belanger BAL	.927
J.Spencer CHI	.765	B.Smith BAL	.851	Dent NY	.791
<u>Third Base</u>		<u>Catcher</u>		<u>Center Field</u>	
G.Nettles NY	.842	F.Kendall CLE	.988	Lynn BOS	.964
A.Rodriguez DET	.804	Essian CHI	.988	Otis KC	.952
<u>Left &amp; Right Field</u>		<u>Pitchers</u>			
Yastrzemski BOS	1.000	4 had .900 ratings while three had .210 ratings.			
Rudi CAL	.963				

Note: For those desiring the complete list of "Real Fielding Ratings," which includes primary as well as secondary players, write to: Bruce Herman, P.O. Box 6657, Reynolda Station, Winston-Salem, NC 27109.

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## Gold Cup Baseball Tourney Under Way

There's gold in them thar dice rolls.

At least there's \$50 worth of winnings to those who pick off one of the first four places in Steve Beren's 1978 Gold Cup Strat-O-Matic Baseball tournament. The champion will receive \$25, runnerup \$12.50, \$7.50 goes to the third-place finisher and \$5 to the fourth.

The tournament is a play-by-mail elimination affair, the idea for which was conceived by Beren's, who lives in Jackson Heights, NY. In his unique way, it's another method of determining a so-called national S-O-M Baseball champion.

The tournament, which is open to all, works like this. Each participant selects two teams, but whose real-life records combined add up to .500 or less. Detailed strategy sheets are prepared by the manager, sent to Beren's, who in turn plays all the games. Entry fee for the tourney, by the way, is \$3.

Everyone plays a minimum of six games, by mail, using his best team for three games and then his second team for three. The contestant that wins the most of the six then advances into the second round. Each manager advances if the series is split.

After the first round, however, it takes at least a 7-5 record to move out of the second round; 11-7 the next; 15-9; and continuing through each round, each time adding four wins to the amount needed to advance. After nine rounds, for example, you would have to have at least a 31-17 record to advance into round ten.

Beren's matches up the teams by a blind draw. Official S-O-M rules are used, he reports, with no special optional rules. The final round consists of eight games and the winner will ultimately be declared the Gold Cup champion for 1978.

### 'WOLFMAN' IS ENTERED

Some of the well-known personalities in Strat-O-Matic are entered in the ongoing tournament, including Rick (Wolfman) Shapiro and Robert Henry. Shapiro, promising to donate all of his winnings toward the '78 National Convention this summer at Champaign-Urbana, IL, answered the Gold Cup challenge by saying, "I, of course, proclaim myself as the S-O-M Baseball champ! You may quote me to give all your other entries something to grumble about. I must enter to uphold my dignity as an S-O-M Baseball expert," howled the Wolfman.

### TOURNAMENT IS UNDER WAY

The tournament has already been launched and Beren's has issued reports on its progress. Entries are still being taken, however, for those desiring to take a shot at claiming the "gold."

Some gamers may not be excited about the play-by-mail aspect of the tournament. Skill in team selection, filling out strategy sheets, and the luck of the draw will probably determine the outcome. Face-to-face play, of course, is impossible; not all sections of the country could participate. So, that's why Beren's decided on the tourney format he's using.

"All contestants will receive scoresheets of all their games by mail," informs Beren's. (If interested in participating, check this month's League Forming section)

A designated hitter will be used plus pitching rotations must be four or more. And no relief pitcher may hurl more than six innings in a six-game period (two rounds)--thus curtailing the likes of Bruce Sutter, Rich Gossage, etc., from dominating a series.

### FOSNESS, STRONG REACH ROUND TWO

Beren's also reports that the first two series in the tournament

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are now history and that Keith Fosness of Moorhead, MN, and Glen Strong of Cranbury, NJ, have survived to play another round at least. Fosness chose the '75 New York Yankees [+6 over .500] and the '74 Kansas City Royals [-8]. Strong's teams were the '77 Chicago Cubs [.500] and '77 Houston Astros [.500].

Fosness met Charlie Burbach, Brooklyn, NY, and his '77 Minnesota Twins [+7] and '73 Atlanta Braves [-9] and Strong faced John Griffin Jr., Burlington, MA, and his '77 Houston Astros [.500] and '77 California Angels [-14].

Here are the results:

Game	Team	Runs	Pitcher	Game	Team	Runs	Pitcher
1	Burbach	1	Goltz	1	Griffin	2	Richard
	Fosness	2	Hunter		Strong	7	R.Reuschel
2	Burbach	6	Schueler	2	Griffin	1	Niekro
	Fosness	5	R.May		Strong	4	Roberts
3	Burbach	1	Thormodsgard	3	Griffin	2	Andujar
	Fosness	8	Medich		Strong	3	Renko
4	Fosness	6	Bird	4	Strong	2	Forsch
	Burbach	5	Niekro		Griffin	0	Ryan
5	Fosness	6	Fitzmorris	5	Strong	3	Richard
	Burbach	1	Morton		Griffin	1	Tanana
6	Fosness	10	Dalcanton	6	Strong	0	Niekro
	Burbach	8	Gentry		Griffin	1	Hartzell

Fosness wins round, 5-1.

Strong wins round, 5-1.

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## National Convention Set For Aug. 4-6

Friday through Sunday, Aug. 4-6, will be the time. The place: Illini rooms A, B and C on the campus of the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. The happening: the latest Strat-O-Matic National Convention, as presented by Dale Barnes and Rick [Wolfman] Shapiro.

Yes, the dates and sites are finalized. Signals are "go" for this summer's convention, which is expected to attract 150 to 200 gamers from the Midwest and hopefully all across the country.

Plans call for a wide range of activity, from tournament competition, to buying and selling S-O-M cards, to a one-on-one basketball tournament. Elementary tournaments A and B in baseball plus a super advanced football tourney will open Friday's schedule. The tournaments will be played throughout the day, from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m.--or to conclusion.

Advanced football and baseball, as well as college football (if enough people are interested) will be Saturday's agenda, according to Shapiro, with Sunday wrapup time and when the trophies will be presented.

Entry fee is \$3.00 and the amount, along with a list of tournaments (you may participate in only one per day) and a SASE, should be sent to: Dale Barnes, 509 Davis St., Park Forest, IL 60466. Barnes in turn will send back your entry card, list of times for tournaments, a map of the campus and additional information.

For those concerned about lodging, Shapiro adds that the Florida Avenue residence hall will be available for S-O-M conventioners, at \$6 per night plus tax. Some one representing the tournament committee will be on campus starting Aug. 4 to welcome the first arrivals.

"There might also be a loser's tournament," adds Shapiro, who has been instrumental in the success of past tournament ventures. "There will be, in addition to the tournaments, a bowling tournament, one-on-one basketball and 'Plato,' a computer game extremely popular with the students."

Tom Nelson as well as many other past champions are expected to be on the scene. And the welcome mat is out to all in the S-O-M world.



## Mid-Coastal League Has Best Season

Perhaps it was only fitting that Mid-Coastal Basketball Association pioneers Tom Nelson and Emery Kurts met in the finals--and then proceeded to wage the all-time classic game in the league's four-year history.

Tom, 27 and a math instructor for Opportunities Industrialization Centers in New York, and Kurts, who's moved his dice-rolling homestead from Santa Maria, CA, to Scottsdale, AZ, recently, are close friends (as close as being separated by 2,500 miles allows). The two, in fact, have visisted each other on vacations.

The duo also teamed up to form the MCBA, a draft league which played a 44-game season and playoffs in its most recent endeavor. "The MCBA had its best season ever," enthused Kurts. "We played a 44-game schedule and everyone finished. This doesn't sound all that great, but when you take into account we had 10 new coaches and only six vets it was quite an accomplishment."

### CHIEFS BLUNT BLADES

Nelson's New York Blades easily captured the Atlantic Division of the four-division MCBA, winning a phenomenal 41 of 44 games. Kurts, meanwhile, attempted to match him by running off a 35-9 record with the Santa Maria Chiefs.

The two eventually hooked up in the final playoff series. And, as per custom, the two managed to win at home and lose on the road. So, with the series tied 3-3, and the final game scheduled for New York, it looked like sharpen-up time again for the Blades.

Adding to Kurts' concerns was the fact also that New York had a 48-game, two-year win skein going at home.

Santa Maria, surprisingly, carved out a 51-47 halftime lead, despite New York's Billy Knight pouring in 32 points. Paul Westphal saved the Blades in regulation time by producing a three-point play as time ran out, knotting the score at 92-all and sending the game into overtime.

Nate Thurmond, backup center for the Chiefs who was taking fouled-out Dave Cowens' place, scored six points in the first overtime--only to have Knight counter with a pair of free throws, forging a 103-stalemate and another overtime.

After the second it was 120-120 and then, in the third extra session, Santa Maria pulled out a 139-137 triumph as Thurmond scored a pair of goals in the final minute.

### SHARING THE WEALTH

Brian McCuster's Saskatoon Huskies (28-16) and Mike Cummins' Pana Nighthawks (22-22) also won division titles. McCuster, whose teams had always finished below .500 until the recent breakthrough, is also a charter member of the MCBA. Kurts directs many plaudits toward McCuster, whose insight and overall knowledge have helped the league

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EMERY KURTS



TOM NELSON



BRIAN MCCUSTER



through some of its more difficult times.

Santa Maria featured such players as Dave Cowens (26.1 scoring, 15.2 rebounds--second in the league), Jamaal Wilkes (19.5) and Paul Westphal (18.7), while New York was led by the big three of Knight (26.0), Bob McAdoo (25.3) and Bob Lanier (22.9). Top names for Saskatoon in the draft league replay of the 1975-76 season were George Gervin (23.0), Artis Gilmore (22.6) and Paul Silas (21.9), who led the league in rebounding with a 16.6 retrieve average.

Buffalo's Randy Smith was the top triggerman for Cummins' Pana club, averaging 26.7 points. In addition, a draft was held of ABA players and Julius Erving--surprise!, surprise!-- was selected first by Jim Werschler's Regina Royals. Gilmore was No. 2, Alvan Adams (Saskatoon Blues), Knight and Bobby Jones (Santa Maria) were in the top five of the draft, which also included rookies as well as defensive cards.

Other members of the league and their teams were: Joe Altman (Hollis Hills), Bob Spellerberg (Fear City), Stuart Milet (Valley Stream), John Pecnik (Cleveland), Dave Pecnik (Northeast Ohio), Larry Selay (Williamsbridge), Willis Ringen (Beattie Beetles), Bart Ewing (Kansas City Habachi Cookers), Terry Ringen (Ringen's Roadrunners), Dave Hill (Saskatoon Blues), Robert Martin (Nome Nuggets). Russell Vensk later took over for Martin and guided the Nuggets.

Terry Ringen is a familiar name, as he won the Review's latest Most Valuable Player contest, while his dad, Willis, was the MCBA's elder statesman at 46 years young.

Standings, leaders and playoff results:

Eastern Conference				Western Conference			
Atlantic Division		Won-Lost	GB	Artic Division		Won-Lost	GB
New York Blades		41 3	-	Saskatoon Huskies		28 16	-
Hollis Hills		28 16	13	Regina Royals		24 20	4
Valley Stream		21 23	20	Saskatoon Blues		20 24	8
Fear City		10 34	31	New York Nuggetts		17 27	11
Capital Division				Century Division			
Pana Nighthawks		22 22	-	Santa Maria		35 9	-
Cleveland Cougars		21 23	1	Ringen's Roadrunner		27 17	8
Northeast Ohio		18 26	4	Kansas City		27 17	8
Williamsbridge		10 34	12	Beattie Beetles		3 41	32

#### Playoffs

Qualifying round: Valley Stream and Regina advanced.

East: Hollis Hills d. Pana, 4-1; New York d. Valley Stream, 4-0;

New York d. Hollis Hills, 4-1 (championship).

West: Sask. Huskies d. Ringen's Roadrunners, 4-1; Santa Maria d.

Regina, 4-0; Santa Maria d. Huskies, 4-2 (championship).

Scoring		Field Goal %		Free Throw %	
Jabbar HH	36.0	Ph.Jackson SM	.646	J.Walker FC	.886
Walton CLE	31.0	Shumate ROAD	.627	Silas (J) HUSK	.881
Dandridge KC	28.9	Haskins ROAD	.599	B.Smith NEO	.881
Erving REG	28.6	B.Jones SM	.581	Westphal SM	.879
Barnes ROAD	27.0	Lanier NYB	.580	McMillian VS	.871
R.Smith PA	26.7	Rebounding		Assists	
Cowens SM	26.1	P.Silas CLE	16.6	Westphal SM	7.0
Knight NYB	26.0	Cowens SM	15.2	White REG	6.2
TomjanovichBLU	25.5	Jabbar HH	14.9	Frazier HH	5.9
McAdoo NY	25.3	M.Lucas VS	13.6	Bing BLU	5.8
Maravich NEO	24.8	Walton CLE	13.4	Newlin SM	5.8
Thompson ROAD	23.0				
Gervin HUSK	22.9	All-Star game: West 119 (Julius Erving 26),			
Lanier NYB	22.8	East 109 (Billy Knight 18, Kareem Abdul-			
McMillian VS	22.8	Jabbar 17, Maurice Lucas 16).			
M.Green WB	22.7				



# Readers Roll 'Em

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## S-O-M COMMENDED

I would like to take this opportunity to commend S-O-M for providing the best set of cards I have ever seen. It is good to see the company taking a step towards giving each player who made a contribution a card. It is also pleasing to find that there hasn't been a repeat of the infamous John Wathan incident, nor the need to produce any cards such as that of Ken Pape.

I hope the improvements in the card set of this year will continue in the future.

Brian Webster

## IMPRESSED WITH FIELDING

I play the basic game in baseball, so I paid little attention to the new advanced fielding chart that came with the new cards. It looked complicated and confusing.

Recently, however, I took a closer look at the chart and was very impressed. The potential for errors compared to actual errors committed is phenomenally close. The splitting up of the 1B, 3B and P chart and the outfield chart is a welcome improvement, as are the individual ratings for pitchers.

I see no problem in using this chart for basic play as well as advanced. The error ratings can be referred to easily or perhaps even written on the basic side of the card.

Despite its rather formidable appearance, the chart is quite simple and easy to use. Just a super effort, and a big improvement on an already good fielding system.

I do have one question. Carl Yastrzemski received an "e-3" rating at first base, yet he fielded 1,000 at that position in 1977. Why is he given error chances? I'm sure S-O-M had a good reason for doing it.

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Editor's note: Yastrzemski was rated an e-3 at first because he only played the position seven games. The error ratings are based on a fielder playing every inning of every game.

## PRICES TOO HIGH

I agree with recent letters in the Review complaining of the high prices for old card sets and teams.

There was an ad in the April issue where some one wanted \$14.95 (at least!) for some 1966 teams and \$19.95 for the 1972 Dolphins. This is terrible. I can recall buying some 1964 teams for only \$2 a team!

I'm glad the trivia quiz is back. Also, 1976 Manny Mota and Tony Oliva each received injuries on "7".

Mark Guerra  
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## REPLAYING PAST SEASONS

I have read letters from other readers suggesting S-O-M print an entire season. I think this would be an excellent idea. My suggestions would include:

1. 1950 American League (4 teams only six games apart; third-place Red Sox scored 1,027 runs).

2. 1956 National League (top 3 teams only two games apart; Brooklyn's last pennant; Cincinnati hit 221 home runs!).

3. 1951 National League (were the Giants really better than the Dodgers?).

4. 1930 National League (6 teams hit over .302; lowest team ERA was 4.03).

Since S-O-M never printed these teams before, S-O-M wouldn't have to be concerned with owners of the original sets like they would if they reprinted, say, the 1962 season.

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# WANTS BASKETBALL OLD TIMERS

Since S-O-M has come up with old timer baseball and football teams, I don't see any reason why it can't come up with basketball old timer teams.

If it did this we could have players like Wilt Chamberlain, Jerry West, Billy Cunningham, Oscar Robertson, Willis Reed, Dave DeBusschere, just to name a few.

Duane Swesso  
Colorado Springs, CO

# PLUGGING SOCCER

I agree 100 percent with Jim Mitzelfeld's (April, '78) letter which called for an S-O-M soccer game.

Soccer is definitely here to stay, and I'm sure many people, including myself, would be interested in a soccer game.

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# MORE NAMES NEEDED...

I feel the Directory should be much more comprehensive and "all-inclusive." Now you list only the names and addresses of those who request being included in the Review (around 400). You should include everyone who has ever written to the Review and people who were included in the previous Directories. In addition, you should rent or purchase the game company's customer mailing list.

The Directory would then include thousands of gamers around the country and it would be more useful to the many gamers who have trouble finding fellow S-O-M players in their area.

Of course, there would be time and expense incurred by the Review staff, but most gamers would be willing to pay the extra money to get a better directory. I would also like to see the "photo gallery" cut out of the Directory.

Deleting the photo section, printing larger runs of the Directory and sending the Directory bulk rate (with postage-paid imprint) along with a

higher price would make the expansion of the Directory economically feasible. The Directory is already printed black and white (no color) and is printed on inexpensive stock, so the actual production cost is already low.

The significant cost increases for an expanded Directory would be the Review staff's time and the cost of the company's mailing list. Alas, I doubt that the company would allow its list to be used, even for a fee. That's too bad--the added interest generated by an expanded Directory would only help the company too (good will and probably an increase in re-orders from dormant S-O-M players contacted through the Directory).

It would also be nice to see two major divisions of the Directory: a junior section for gamers 15-and-under, and a senior section for gamers 16-and-up.

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Editor's note: The use of one's name in the Strat-O-Matic Directory should be, we feel, only done with the consent of the party involved. Otherwise many people would be contacted who do not wish to be so. Also, rival game companies, as well as companies of all types, like to obtain directories (as well as school yearbooks, mailing lists of all types, etc.)--and then besiege you with offers to buy their product. This has actually happened. Soon after the next-to-last Directory came out, many people in the listing received brochures in the mail advertising another game company's products.

The same line of reasoning applies to the game company's mailing list. In fact, we're surprised a "Watergate-style" break-in hasn't taken place in an effort to obtain such a list.

We at the Review would like to make the Directory more comprehensive. But, because of an unscrupulous few, the current form of soliciting names for the Directory will have to continue.

Each Directory--and there now have been four--has shown a marked increase in number of names, however. And, hopefully this trend will continue.



# Baseball Playing Tip

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## Split Number System Again Presented

What would another Strat-O-Matic Baseball season be like without Bryan Baker's split-number system? Thousands of gamers will never know--they already use it, or are about to use it after being introduced to it this month in the Review.

First introduced by Larry Thompson of California, the split-number system has been refined by Bryan Baker (Flint, MI) and become a "must" playing tip for gamers. It's used in lieu of the split deck and presents the chance of numbers 1-20 occurring on any dice roll. The split deck is, unless shuffled after every number drawn, unable to create that 1-20 chance every time.

Some folks have turned to 20-sided ["icosahedral"] dice as a substitute for the split deck. Others have used two, even three split decks. This cuts down on shuffling time.

The GKSM (Greater Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League), of which Review editors Warren and Del Newell are members, has used Baker's split-number chart ever since its introduction.

So, and this is mainly for new subscribers, here is Bryan Baker's split-number chart.

You might note that the chart is subdivided in that columns 1, 2, and 3 always refer to split numbers 1-10; and columns 4, 5 and 6 always refer to numbers 11-20.

Always roll three dice in lieu of drawing a split number. Numbers along right and left sides refer to two-dice total (red dice) and numbers across top refer to one-die total (white die).

No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	No.
2	- *	*	*	*	*	*	- 2
3	- *	4	7	11	14	17	- 3
4	- 1	4	8	11	15	18	- 4
5	- 1	5	8	12	14	18	- 5
6	- 2	6	9	11	15	19	- 6
7	- 3	5	10	12	16	20	- 7
8	- 2	6	9	13	17	19	- 8
9	- 3	7	10	14	16	20	- 9
10	- 1	4	8	13	17	18	- 10
11	- 4	7	7	13	15	*	- 11
12	- *	*	*	*	*	*	- 12

\* Roll dice again. This is necessary to guarantee that each number, 1-20, will have the same chance of occurring.

### MONY SPLIT NUMBER METHOD

Another split number system that has been widely adopted is one that first appeared a year ago in the Review, called the MONY (Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York) Strat-O-Matic Baseball League's method. Here's the way it works (again roll three dice):

Single Die	Two Dice	Split Roll (result)
Any	- 2 through 5	- Read single die (#1-6)
Any	- 6 or 8	- Single die, plus 6 (#7-12)
Any	- 7 or 9	- Single die, plus 12 (#13-18)
1 or 2	- 10 or 11	- 19
3 or 4	- 10 or 11	- 20
5 or 6	- 10 or 11	- Roll again
Any	- 12	- Roll again



## Only A 'Kids' Game'

### *Highs, Lows From Merry Men Of Merrimac*

The saying, "It's only a kids' game" is incredibly inaccurate when it comes to describing Strat-O-Matic. Grown men have been known to become quite fanatical when it comes to S-O-M. All who take up the dice with a zeal, it appears, are created equal when playing S-O-M.

Almost every league has its stories about unusual happenings. Players (the cards) being dismembered, even sacrificed in the fireplace of the old homestead, are commonplace happenings.

Occasionally, a league or an avid S-O-M gamer will send along to the Review unusual happenings and oddities, and we in turn try to pass them along to our readers. Such is the case with the Merrimac Valley Strat-O-Matic League (home: Merrimac, MA), a face-to-face baseball league that's been featured in the Review before.

Before going into some of the antics of the members of the MVSL (remember, these are all grown men, too), the cast of characters needs to be introduced: George Dolansky (president of MVSL; 6-year member), Dan Hoyt (6-year member), Frank Dolansky (6-year member), Bob Ryan (statistician, 4-year member), Rick DeLong (4 years; recently dismissed from league) and Judi Dolansky (6 years of agony).

And here's the way it's been in the MVSL the last six years:

- \* Dan Hoyt, depressed with the play of his '72 Boston Red Sox and losing to the '72 Cubs, 6-3, watches with new-found jubilation as Ben Oglivie hits a grand-slam home run to win the game, 7-6. Hoyt practically turns cartwheels in the "stadium"--and soon has his celebrating spoiled by George Dolansky, who just happens to be manager of the Cubs, who evicts him from the room. Hoyt is eventually welcomed back--two days later.

- \* Hoyt this time spills a 24-ounce bottle of Coca Cola over the bullpen of the Chicago Cubs. Dolansky smolders, but Hoyt stays.

- \* Frank Dolansky, suffering through a long season, shows up seven hours late on game night. Dolansky explained meekly that he had a flat tire. He offered no explanation as to why he didn't use the spare in the trunk.

- \* Hoyt--who else?--tips a 64-ounce bottle of Pepsi on a team. No, Hoyt is not a graduate of the Jethro Bodine school of neurosurgery.

- \* Power failure strikes MVSL for eight hours. So, until 2 a.m., members play S-O-M by candle light and kerosene lamp.

- \* The same night as the "blackout" wax drips from a candle onto Clay Carroll and almost ignites Cincinnati bullpen.

- \* Dan Hoyt switches to wearing a Met batting helmet while managing '62 New York Mets. He explains helmet is needed "to withstand vicious beatings this club takes." Others suspect it's to soften blows after he spills something on their teams.

- \* Rick DeLong joins the Dan Hoyt Fumblers club when he breaks out bottle of champagne to celebrate '61 Yanks winning pennant, pops cork--and then watches horrified as the bubbly sprays the ceiling and gushes onto rug. Judi Dolansky, George's wife, evicts DeLong from house, as well as rest of league, including George.

- \* Bob Ryan, vacationing in Florida, accidentally brings Luke Walker along on trip, thus depriving George of one of his better pitchers. MVSL solves problem by buying--for \$4.25--a Luke Walker card from a friend.

- \* Needing new member, MVSL recruits manager who gulps Pepto Bismol between innings...and leaves Steve Blass in while he's blasted for 16 earned runs. The new member became a former member within a week.

- \* George Dolansky, in an effort to pep up his '69 Twins, buys an airhorn, similar to those heard at hockey games. He decides to blow it after every Twin home run. A blast at 1:30 a.m., however, brings the local police to the door to investigate noise. George, with a Chicago Cub hat on his head and dice in his hands, had difficulty explaining his actions to the men in blue.

Do any of these sound familiar? You bet they do! That's the effect S-O-M has had on all of us. Remember, however, it's only a kids' game...



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

Robert Henry, although a busy young man attending school in New York and with numerous other activities consuming much of his time, still continues to find time to turn out trivia quiz questions.

After a couple of months hiatus, Henry has returned and presents another set of questions to send the sophisticated S-O-M gamer searching back through old card sets for possible answers.

In a break from past policy, the Review will be printing both questions and their answers each month, rather than questions one month and answers the following. Don't give up easily, however, and scan the answers too quickly. Do a little digging first, if possible.

Here we go with a new set of S-O-M trivia questions:

- QUESTION: Which modern-day players have received 45 or more hits on a card?
- QUESTION: 2. Which pitcher holds the record for fewest on-base chances?
- QUESTION: 3. Has any modern rookie been rated "1" at second base or shortstop?
- QUESTION: 4. Has any team had perfect defense at the keystone (i.e. "1" shortstop and "1" second baseman), with each player rated stealing "AA"?
- QUESTION: 5. Which modern player has batted the most times without receiving any "groundball A" chances on his card?
- QUESTION: 6. Who is the only player in S-O-M history to achieve more than 100 total bases on his card via hits (hint: he is an Old Timer)?

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### ...And Now For The Answers

- ANSWER: 1. 1961 Elston Howard [45.7], Roberto Clemente [46.2]; 1962 Tommy Davis [45.4]; 1967 Bob Johnson [45.4], Roberto Clemente [48.8]; 1968 Gates Brown [46.6]; 1970 Rod Carew [50], Clemente [46.4]; 1971 Tony Oliva [45.4], Joe Torre [47.6], Rennie Stennett [47.8], Ralph Garr [45.6], Glenn Beckert [45.2]; 1974 Ralph Garr [47.6]; 1975 Rod Carew [45.2], Bill Madlock [45], and 1977 Carew [49+]. Note that 1977 Carew also has 58 on-base chances out of 108 card possibilities.
- ANSWER: 2. 1972 Jim Brewer has only 2.55 chances on his card, 2.55 home runs and three walks. Overall record is held by 1913 Walter Johnson with only 4.6 hits and no walks.
- ANSWER: 3. Only rookie "1" second baseman was 1962 Ken Hubbs, who established a fielding record. No rookie has ever been a "1" at shortstop.
- ANSWER: 4. Yes, second baseman Joe Morgan and shortstop Dave Concepcion of the Cincinnati Reds in 1974 were both rated "1" and "AA" stealing.
- ANSWER: 5. 1968 Dick McAuliffe of the Detroit Tigers batted 570 times without receiving any groundball As. McAuliffe went the entire season in real-life without grounding into a double-play. Conversely, Roger Repoz [1968] holds the record for most groundball As for a player who grounded into no double-plays. Repoz received several doubleplay chances (i.e. groundball As) due to a sequel of events something like the following: S-O-M, upon receiving the 1968 statistics, made

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the card with no groundball As. One fan analyzed the card and compared it to a magazine which said that Repoz had grounded into DPs. He so informed S-O-M, which checked the magazine to discover the DPs and the game company then changed the card. A fan who received the corrected card then questioned why Repoz had received groundball As when he grounded into no DPs (according to this person's magazine). Finally, with this state of confusion, S-O-M did some investigating to discover that Repoz had, in fact, grounded into no doubleplays and that the first magazine was wrong. So, one variation is the presence of two 1968 Roger Repoz cards!

ANSWER: 6. 1930 Al Simmons achieved 102.8 total bases off 11.8 home run card chances, 4.25 triples, 9 doubles and 24.85 singles.

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### Wanted

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

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include all players. Willing to pay top price. Also, would like March, 1977, issue of Review. All replies will be answered. Send SASE to: Mike Koshin, 8723 Piney Branch Road #6, Silver Spring, MD 20901

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

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WANTED: Baseball, complete teams with extra players. 1971 - Oakland A's, St. Louis Cardinals, Pittsburgh Pirates, Baltimore Orioles; 1972 - Oakland A's, Pittsburgh Pirates, New York Yankees, Boston Red Sox; 1973 - New York Yankees, Atlanta Braves, St. Louis Cardinals; 1974 - New York Yankees. Football: 1967 - Green Bay Packers, Chicago Bears, Los Angeles Rams; 1969 - Kansas City Chiefs, Minnesota Vikings; 1972 - Washington Redskins. State price wanted and condition of teams. For a reply, enclose SASE. J.F. Luczynski, 140 Bracewell Ave., North Adams, MA 01247

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FOR SALE: Having trouble analyzing the new fielding chart? Want to know how to combine range and error ratings to find overall best fielders? I have calculated the exact chance of getting on base when you roll an X-Chart for every fielder in the 1978 game! Know their real fielding ratings. Find out that Tony Perez (a "4") is a better first baseman than Enos Cabell (a "2"). A must for draft leagues. Neatly typed with all players not only rated, but ranked at every position they play. Maybe you should trade that "1" for a "3" after all! Send \$3.00 to: Bruce Herman, Box 8657, Reynolds Station, Winston-Salem, NC 27109

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postage per teams. Keith Stern,  
140-16 Debs Place, Bronx, NY  
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FOR SALE: Baseball - 1964 -  
Braves, Reds, Senators; 1965 -  
Astros, Cardinals; 1966 -  
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Mets, Braves, White Sox, Pilots,  
Senators, Royals, Angels, Twins,  
A's; 1970 Angels, Tigers, Red  
Sox, Senators, Yanks; 1971 -  
Senators, Yanks, Tigers, Brewers,  
Royals, Twins, Angels, Mets,  
A's, Astros, Cubs, Padres, Pir-  
ates, Dodgers, Braves, Giants,  
Reds, Cards, Phils; 1975 - Reds,  
Red Sox, Orioles. Football -  
1967 - Giants, Cowboys, Browns,  
Bears, Raiders, Bills, 49ers,  
Eagles, Cardinals, Steelers,  
Packers, Chiefs; 1968 - Jets,  
Browns, Bengals, Bears, Rams,  
Cardinals, Steelers, Raiders,  
Oilers, Giants, Eagles, Colts,  
Chargers, Patriots; 1969 - all  
except the Bears; 1970 - all  
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cons, Eagles, Steelers, Chargers,  
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Redskins, Broncos, Chargers, Bills,  
Eagles, Falcons, Lions, Saints;  
\$6 each. 1969 - 49ers, Steelers,  
Falcons, Dolphins, Redskins, Pats,  
Cardinals, Giants, Broncos,  
Eagles; \$5 each. 1970 baseball -  
[20 cards each] Washington, Yanks,  
Atlanta, Indians, Tigers, Phillies,  
Oakland, Boston, Mets, Cubs,  
Giants, Angels, Brewers, Padres,  
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\$5 each; Orioles, \$6. 1971 -  
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Padres, Boston, Washington, Reds,  
Braves, Indians, Yanks, Mets, Cubs,  
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1017]

## League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: Need four to six  
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gue in Lynn, MA, area. 1976 cards  
will be used and basic game will  
be played. It will be draft and  
trade league. Start as soon as  
possible. First come, first serve  
basis. Hurry please. Call [617]  
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its sixth play-by-mail season this  
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upcoming season. We will operate  
a mini-season this summer to dev-  
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season. If you want to get into  
a really successful basketball  
league, this is your chance. If  
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yourself [including age, PBM  
experience, phone number]. Please  
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Canada S7J-QM1 [306-652-9004]

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be basic version. Wish to start  
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11518

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## Guest Columnist

# A Look At S-O-M Pro Football

BY BILLY THOMPSON  
Springfield, MO

Here are some changes which, in my opinion, would make Strat-O-Matic pro football even more realistic and strategic.

First of all, in dealing with the running quarterback, most of his runs weren't called and there aren't nearly enough "must runs" to give a quarterback 60 attempts. The "must runs" should be on the double-teamed column, in my opinion. When the quarterback looks downfield and finds his receivers are covered, that's when he takes off. I would think on Greg Landry, Roger Staubach, Terry Bradshaw and Bobby Douglass, over the past few seasons, that they should have a "must run" on 6 and 7 on the double-teamed column, in addition to the one they have on 5, right column.

Quarterbacks have also been known to scramble around the end or head straight back up the middle when there is a pass rush. On the chart there should be a "must run" or -7 fumble [2-7] -7 [8-12] on a certain number, perhaps 5. The fumble would be much more realistic since it is not a rare occurrence. The defense should always get the recovery. If the quarterback has a "must run" on the back of his card, roll for that. If not, use the other results.

### 'ALTERNATE RECEIVER', ANYONE?

Also, on the double-teamed column on receivers, I, and I'm sure many other gamers, would like to see a reading of "alternate receiver" come up. This would more likely be a back coming out of the backfield.

I would suggest rolling under "Flat pass-wrong" on the receiver's card. This back should always be mentioned before the pass play; perhaps a smaller disc could be placed on him. The reading "receiver" should also be included on the double-teamed column, so a typical running quarterback's card under the double-teamed short pass column would look like this:

2 -	8 - receiver
3 - alternate receiver	9 - alternate receiver
4 - -8* F 2-7, -8* 8-12	10 - int. +13
5 - -9*	11 -
6 - must run (pass rush?)	12 - int. +11
7 - must run	

It would be very easy to do and much more realistic to put a fumble on the receiver's card, and have fewer on the backs.

### ABOLISH 'DEFENDER'

And, since the advent of the zone defense, do away with the defender on the receiver's card. Instead have three plays for the short pass--short pass left, short pass middle and short pass right. His defender would now become whoever is in the zone thrown to. When the free safety is moved up, or extra defensive backs put in, their position could be the same as the "rover" linebacker.

You could now be picking on a poor defender with your top receiver, no matter who he is--but look out, there's a catch to it; how about free safety double-teaming with tight safety, or whoever--so if the tight safety is a "0" and is being picked on, let the free safety help him out and double-team the receiver, no matter who he is.

### BLOCKING RATING FOR BACKS

Oh, and one more thing, how about a blocking rating for backs. Put it on number 11 on the defensive card. But they will have to be rated 0, 4, 5, and 6 (I don't feel there is room on the offensive card).

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In closing, I would like to point out that Charles Beall had an excellent idea in the October Review regarding his two-minute "Hurry-Up" offense.

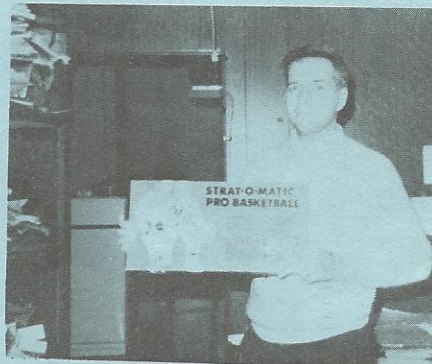
Thank you for my say--S-O-M is definitely the best game out, but these aren't really big changes and the whole S-O-M world would love and benefit from them. Don't call them final, though; I'm sure they need touching up.

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## Strat-O-Matic Spotlight

Add Andy Hirschhorn's name to the growing legion of table-game sports buffs who've visited the Strat-O-Matic Game Co. at Glen Head, NY. Hirschhorn, who resides in Old Westbury, NY, purchased cards at S-O-M, was given a tour of the facility and, as you can see, snapped a few pictures of S-O-M creator Harold Richman and his employees.

Richman is at right (holding the basketball game), while that's receptionist and S-O-M's girl Friday, Linda Yonke, hard at work at her desk in picture below. Note TV set in background--it's not all work and no play at Strat-O-Matic.



### LIONS ROAR IN PARMA

Scott Eberle of Parma, MI, may be the best lion tamer of them all. He certainly got the most of the Detroit football squad in a replay of the 1976 season. Although he admits to not favoring the Michigan team in any way, the Lions did compile a surprising 11-3 record--which got them into the NFL playoffs.

Minnesota, which had dealt the Lions a pair of regular-season losses, bolted out to a 26-0 halftime lead, only to have the Lions roar back with 28 second-half points and eke out a 28-26 victory. In the NFC championship game, Detroit was on top 33-25 with less than two minutes left against the Los Angeles Rams. But Cullen Bryant ran back the kickoff 94 yards and, after Detroit fumbled the ensuing kickoff, L.A. recovered and James Harris quickly passed to Ron Jessie for the winning TD (39-33).

### SHORT SHAKES

Mike Newman, 13, Maplewood, NJ, guided the Baltimore Colts (1958) to a 20-6 conquest of Ed Ginter's '68 New York Jets in the finals of Tom Swank's (Newark, NJ) first Strat-O-Matic Fanatics Bowl. Eleven teams were entered in the all-star field...even the '27 Yanks have "off" days at the plate, as Butch Haber (Brooklyn, NY) took the '22 Giants, with Art Nehf on the mound and silenced neighbor Bobby Shulman's 'Bombers' on four hits (Ruth and Gehrig each went 1-for-4) in a 4-0 shutout triumph.



# Experience Pays Off

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## Balanced Teams Keeps 'Interest' High

Maintaining a competitive balance is the way the Eastern North Carolina Strat-O-Matic Football League keeps interest up. The six-team, face-to-face league, whose coaches are all executives with Branch Banking and Trust Company (the state's oldest bank), doesn't want the notoriety of an omnipotent team.

Now in its fourth season, the ENCOSMFL has a unique mode of operation. It's a draft league--but a "blind" draft league. Rather than draft players, the league drafts teams from a blind draw. The top six teams are selected.

But before the draw, all the teams are analyzed as to strengths and weaknesses, and adjustments made to equalize competition. For instance, San Francisco back Wilbur Jackson wound up with Minnesota before the latest replay. Jackson replaced Brent McClanahan on the Viking roster. And Jim Plunkett of the 49ers was substituted for Mike Kruzcek on Pittsburgh's roster.

Coaching, more so than personnel, was to be the key to success in the ENCOSMFL.

### THREE NEW COACHES

The league has franchises in Wilson, Goldsboro and Stantonsburg, all cities in eastern North Carolina. The advanced game is played. Veteran coaches included Jack Mitchell, whose L.A. Rams were to outlast Tim Dale's Pittsburgh team in the "Superb Bowl," 10-9, John Allison (Oakland) and Scott Reed (Baltimore).

Dale, Danny Daniels (Dallas) and Ken Chalk (Minnesota) were all rookie coaches in the ENCOSMFL, which tops off its season with an annual banquet for coaches, wives and special guests.

### LEAGUE HIGHLIGHTS

Baltimore's big-play team captured the regular-season championship by winning its first seven games and finishing 8-2 (only a 10-game schedule was played). Bert Jones threw for 2,197 yards and 16 TDs, Roger Carr had 43 receptions and averaged 24.2 yards, while Raymond Chester nabbed 44 passes. The Colts also had the league's top scorer in Tony Linhart, who totaled 78 points.

Los Angeles finished second, mainly because of a porous pass defense that gave up 1,826 yards, but featured James Harris (1,687 yards, 52% completions, 17 TDs) and Lawrence McCutcheon (1,053 yards, 4.8 average), the league's top passer and rusher.

Meanwhile, Oakland, the pre-season favorite, finished 5-5, despite averaging 321.7 yards per game. Ken Stabler completed 58.2 percent of his passes for 1,992 yards (353 against Pittsburgh), but threw frequent and untimely interceptions. Mark VanEeghan rushed for 987 yards off a 5.7 average and Dave Casper led the league in receptions with 71.

Pittsburgh had quarterback problems until late in the season when Bradshaw took control and guided the team to a pair of wins. The "Steel Curtain" lived up to its billing, limiting foes to 99.7 yards per game, but the aerial defense was assaulted for 1,875 yards.

Minnesota lost its first three games and rallied to finish 4-6. Offense was inconsistent, although Fran Tarkenton passed for 1,582 yards off a 58.8 percent completion average, and defense often had trouble containing the run. Dallas won its last two games--and that was all. Roger Staubach was a shining star for Dallas, however, completing 54.2 percent of his passes for 2,033 yards.

### 'SUPERB BOWL'

In the playoffs, Pittsburgh surprised Baltimore, 18-6, holding Jones to only 12 completions in 34 attempts and intercepting three of his tosses, and Los Angeles dumped Oakland, 23-7, as Stabler fired a record

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eight interceptions.

In the Superb Bowl--the league's answer to the Super Bowl--Tom Dempsey booted a 36-yard field goal with 45 seconds remaining to lift L.A. to a 10-9 victory over the Steelers. Roy Gerela booted three field goals for Pittsburgh, including a 49-yarder in the third period, while Harris passed 32 yards for a score to Harold Jackson for the Rams, who trailed 6-0 at halftime.

Standings and leaders: (league was based on 1977 cards)

	Won-Lost	Rushing	Att-Yds.	Avg
Baltimore	8 2	McCutcheon LA	219-1053	4.8
Los Angeles	7 3	VanEeghan OAK	172-987	5.7
Oakland	5 5	Bleier PIT	157-686	4.4
Pittsburgh	4 6	Receiving	No.-Yds.	Avg.
Minnesota	4 6	Casper OAK	71-687	9.7
Dallas	2 8	Voigt MIN	68-358	5.3
		DuFree DAL	52-606	11.7
Passing	Att-Comp	Pct.	TD	% Int.
Harris LA	267-139	52.1	17	3.7
Jones BAL	296-140	47.3	16	4.1
Stabler OAK	263-153	58.2	13	7.6

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## Miami Reigns In 'Year Of Runner'

Back in the replay realm, the Berwick Area Strat-O-Matic League breezed through a 26-team, full-season replay of the 1972 National Football League campaign. Six members of the BASL, which had previously completed five 162-game baseball replays, took four teams apiece for the three-month venture.

Detroit and Cleveland were the "leftover" teams, and the other coaches alternated playing their games. "The replay spanned three months of hard work, dedication and great fun for the members," said a pleased Vince Trivelpiece after the final statistics had been tallied.

Here is the coaching lineup for the BASL (Berwick, PA): Sandy D'Ambrosio (Miami, Pittsburgh, New Orleans, Chicago); John McDaniel (St. Louis, New England, Houston; Los Angeles); Mark Sadock (N.Y. Jets, Dallas, Kansas City, Minnesota); Scott Shafer (Buffalo, Green Bay, Philadelphia, Denver); Trivelpiece (Washington, Cincinnati, San Diego, San Francisco); and Dan Williams (Oakland, Baltimore, Atlanta, N.Y. Giants). Trivelpiece, as a sidelight to the league's history, was winner of the Review's MVP Contest two years ago, while Sadock finished fourth last year.

### MIAMI IS REPLAY KING

Miami, as in real-life, won the Super Bowl, although it was Minnesota (14-13 victim) that it faced in the showdown rather than Washington. Minnesota was a surprise team, winning the Central Division of the NFC with an 8-4-2 record and later shocking Washington for conference honors, 35-20.

Miami, although not able to go unbeaten as it did in real-life, still produced a respectable 12-1-1 record in a season appropriately labeled the "Year of the Runner." Larry Brown galloped to a phenomenal 2,219 yards (6.2 average), O.J. Simpson was runnerup with 1,985 yards and Miami had the league's No. 7 and 8 rushers in Mercury Morris (1,316) and Larry Csonka (1,262).

Standings, leaders, playoff results:

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE									
East	Won-Lost	Ties	Central	Won-Lost	Ties	West	W	-L	-T
Miami	12 1	1	Cincinnati	12 2	0	Oakland	8	5	1
Buffalo	6 8	0	Pittsburgh	9 4	1	Kan. City	7	6	1
Baltimore	5 7	2	Cleveland	9 5	0	San Diego	7	6	1

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AFC con't	W	L	T
N.Y. Jets	5	8	1
New England	2	12	0

	W	L	T
Houston	1	13	0
	W	L	T
Denver	4	9	1

## NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Central	W	L	T	West	W	L	T
Washington	13	1	0	Minnesota	8	4	2	Los Ang.	9	5	0
N.Y. Giants	11	3	0	Green Bay	8	6	0	Atlanta	8	6	0
Dallas	8	6	0	Detroit	4	10	0	S. Frisco	6	7	1
St. Louis	3	11	0	Chicago	4	10	0	N. Orleans	4	10	0
Philadelphia	3	11	0								

	Yds.	Avg.	Receptions	No.	Yds.	Avg.
<u>Rushing</u>						
L. Brown WAS	2219	6.2	B. Tucker NYG	73	-	-
Simpson BUF	1985	5.8	O. Taylor KC	64	1189	18.6
R. Johnson NYG	1898	5.1	Biletnikoff OAK	64	1206	18.8
Hubbard OAK	1875	6.4	J. Hill BUF	62	1127	18.2
F. Harris PIT	1400	6.3	H. Jackson PHI	62	1094	17.6
Brockington GB	1376	3.8				
M. Morris MIA	1316	6.0	<u>Touchdowns</u>			
Csonka MIA	1262	5.4	L. Brown WAS	25		
Kelly CLE	1250	4.8	R. Johnson NYG	21		
Hampton ATL	1247	4.4	Podolak KC	20		

<u>Passing Yards</u>	<u>TD Passes</u>	<u>% Leaders</u>	
Manning NO	3624	25	Snead NYG 59.6
Tarkenton MIN	3035	24	Unitas BAL 59.2
B. Berry ATL	2891	23	Domres BAL 54.9
Namath NYJ	2872	22	Berry ATL 53.7
Snead NYG	2835		Tarkenton MIN 52.8

Playoffs:	AFC Miami 27, Pittsburgh 3	Miami 24
	Cincinnati 23, Oakland 21	Cincinnati 20
	NFC Washington 31, NY Giants 20	Minnesota 35
	Minnesota 23, Los Angeles 16	Washington 20
Super Bowl:	Miami 14, Minnesota 13	

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## S-O-M League, Replay Scene

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REPLAY OF 1975 AMERICAN LEAGUE - Anthony Abilo, Bronx, NY, devoted 1½ years to completing baseball replay plus turning out 60-page yearbook...Baltimore and Oakland won respective divisions...Jim Palmer of Birds and Ken Holtzman of A's notched no-hitters, while Frank Tanana struck out 393, four times fanning 15 or more...Jim Hunter of Yeags and Tanana were Cy Young winners, with Boston's Fred Lynn and Kansas City's George Brett the MVPs...league was solitaire effort, using advanced version of game.

Standings and leaders:

East	W	-	L	GB	Avg	ERA	West	W	-	L	GB	Avg	ERA
Baltimore	104	58	-	.261	3.08		Oakland	104	58	-	.249	3.37	
New York	94	68	10	.271	3.70		Kansas City	89	73	15	.267	3.77	
Boston	92	70	12	.285	4.07		Minnesota	80	82	24	.286	4.06	
Cleveland	75	87	29	.257	4.38		California	77	85	27	.266	3.66	
Milwaukee	68	94	36	.240	4.51		Texas	73	89	31	.253	4.17	
Detroit	45	117	59	.244	4.12		Chicago	72	92	33	.251	4.09	

Batting	Home Runs	RBI	ERA
Carew .360	G.Scott 43	Lynn 137	Alexander 1.76
Lynn .350	Powell 39	G.Scott 123	Palmer 2.28
Munson .333	Bonds 36	Baylor 123	Busby 2.35
McRae .333	Burroughs 35	Powell 120	Eckersley 2.38
Rice .325	Lynn 33	R.Jackson 115	Hunter 2.42
	Hendrick 33		

Runs:	Strikeouts
Singleton 117; Bonds 110	Hunter 25-14 Tanana 393
Hits: Carew 239, Lynn 237	Palmer 25-12 Blyleven 274
2B: Singleton 65, Lynn 58	Holtzman 24-11 Ryan 266
3B: Brett 22, Rivers 18	Busby 23-13 G.Perry 246
5B: Rivers 90, Remy 73	Tiant 23-13 Busby 234
CG: Palmer 32, Hunter 31	
SA: Gossage 24, LaRoche 19, Fingers 19	

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REPLAY OF 1969 BASEBALL SEASON - Dave Scheer (North Chili, NY) watched San Francisco fall back by three games at the 108-game mark and then storm past Los Angeles, St. Louis and Cincinnati down the stretch to pull out victory...replay took six months to complete...Scheer found home run totals to be inflated from real-life, quite a bit of fluctuation in ERAs, but walks, strikeouts and batting averages to be extremely accurate...Pete Richert of L.A. no-hit Houston (he had a 5.13 ERA at the end), Juan Marichal of the Giants had 10 victories in a row, Sandy Koufax of L.A. had 25 consecutive scoreless innings and Joe Nuxhall of the Reds 33, while Alvin Jackson, hurling for the hapless Mets, went 0-18 and finished with a 3-23 record...Koufax (28-7, 1.69 ERA, 305 Ks) was Cy Young Award winner and Bill White (.319, 37 HRs, 138 RBI) of St. Louis was MVP...Gene Freese of Phils was biggest surprise, hitting .332 in 217 at-bats...other highlights included: Roberto Clemente getting seven straight hits, John Callison eight in row; Jim Maloney striking out 18 in one game; Vada Pinson slamming three home runs in a contest; and Roger Craig of the Mets setting down the last 26 batters against Houston.

Standings and leaders:

Standings	Won-Lost	Actual	GB	Batting	
San Francisco	99-63	88-74	-	T. Davis LA	.357
Los Angeles	95-67	99-63	4	Clemente PIT	.328
St. Louis	95-67	93-69	4	Cepeda SF	.323
Cincinnati	89-73	86-76	10	White SL	.319
Chicago	87-75	82-80	12	Santo CHI	.314
Pittsburgh	84-78	74-88	15		

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	Won-Lost	Actual	GB	Batting	
Philadelphia	81 81	87-75	18	T.Gonzalez PHI	.311
Milwaukee	78 84	84-78	21	Clendenon PIT	.310
Houston	65 97	66-96	44	Aaron MIL	.307
New York	37 125	51-111	72	Pinson CIN	.302
Home Runs		RBI		Hits:	White SL 210, T.Davis LA 199
McCovey SF	42	White SL	138	28:	Callison PHI 46, Cepeda SF 43
Aaron MIL	40	McCovey SF	113	38:	White SL 13 Groat PIT 43
Cepeda SF	40	Pinson CIN	112		T.Taylor PHI 13
White SL	37	Santo CHI	109		Javier SL 13
Mays SF	36	K.Boyer SL	106	Runs:	White SL 122, Aaron MIL 115
F.Howard LA	33	Aaron MIL	105	58:	Wills LA 35, Brock SL 23
Santo CHI	32	Mays SF	105		
ERA		Wins		Strikeouts	
Nuxhall CIN	1.62	Koufax LA	28-7	Koufax LA	305
Shantz SL	1.68	Ellsworth CHI	23-8	Drysdale LA	272
Koufax LA	1.69	Marichal SF	23-9	Maloney CIN	239
Friend PIT	2.07	Nuxhall CIN	19-5	Marichal SF	227
Simmons SL	2.16	Friend PIT	18-11		
Ellsworth CHI	2.41	Shutouts:	Koufax LA 11, Friend PIT 7		
Maloney CIN	2.45				
L.Jackson CHI	2.49				
Spahn MIL	2.79				

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1965 LOS ANGELES DODGERS - Greg Crouse of Cuyahoga Falls, OH, took the '65 Dodgers through a 162-game solitaire season--matching them against every 1976 team four times as well as playing 12 other Old Timer teams, three 1974 teams and four Hall of Fame clubs (the Dodgers lost all eight to the HOF)...statistics for the hitters were amazingly close to real-life totals, considering the varied competition...all but two of the hitters were within five hits of real-life totals...Dodgers were only .500, however, 81-81, as Don Drysdale suffered with a 13-21 record despite 2.35 ERA...team batted lowly .239, although ERA was creditable 2.79...Sandy Koufax hurled 348 innings, struck out whopping 414, yielded only 211 hits and was 22-15 with 2.02 ERA...conversely, L.A. was shut out 23 times--seven by 1-0...Maury Wills was leading hitter with .292 average.

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GREATER POTTSVILLE FOOTBALL LEAGUE - Completed its third successful season, using eight teams from 1976 real-life season...face-to-face league which calls Pottsville, PA, home...basic version of game used...coaches: Joe Drff (Oakland, Minnesota), Jim Orlowsky (Chicago, New England), Tom Hoffman (Pittsburgh, Los Angeles) and Dave Meusel (Dallas, Baltimore)...injuries created havoc with league as Ken Stabler and Roger Staubach missed most of season and Chicago, which captured Century Conference with a 7-2 record, was slaughtered by Raiders in Super Bowl, 49-21, with Walter Payton sitting it out with an injury...Dave Casper of Oakland was MVP after catching 10 passes and scoring six times...Tony Dorsett (nameless player card) led league in rushing with 599 yards in 129 attempts (4.6), with Chuck Foreman (576) and Payton (575) second and third, respectively...Stabler was top passer with 82.5 percent accuracy (70-112) and 1,041 yards, while Roger Carr of Baltimore had 60 receptions for 1,139 yards and seven TDs.

League standings:

Century	Won	Lost	Capitol	Won	Lost	Playoffs
Chicago	7	2	Oakland	7	2	Chicago 23, Dallas 7;
Dallas	4	5	Pittsburgh	7	2	Oakland 10, Pittsburgh 0.
Minnesota	3	6	New England	3	6	
Los Angeles	2	7	Baltimore	3	6	



1976 FOOTBALL REPLAY (based on 1975 season) - Pittsburgh and Minnesota clashed in Super Bowl of this 10-team replay conducted by Curtis Elliott, Walnut Creek, CA, with Steelers prevailing by 21-7 score...Fran Tarkenton of Vikes was leading passer with 221 completions in 374 throws for 59.1 percent accuracy and 3,162 yards...O.J. Simpson led charge along ground, covering 1,666 yards in 271 tries for 6.1 average...Detroit's Charlie Sanders led in receptions with 81 for 677 yards...only 13-game schedule was played.

Standings, playoffs and leaders:

NFC	Won	Lost	AFC	Won	Lost	Receiving	No.	Yds.
Minnesota	9	4	Pittsburgh	9	4	Sanders DET	81	677
Los Angeles	8	5	Buffalo	7	6	D.Pearson DAL	65	1259
Dallas	7	6	Cincinnati	6	7	Swann PIT	64	1241
Detroit	5	8	Baltimore	5	8			
St. Louis	4	9	Oakland	5	8			

Rushing	Att-Yds.	Avg.	Passing	Att-Comp	Yds.	Pct.
Simpson BUF	271 1666	6.1	Tarkenton MIN	374-221	3162	59.1
Mitchell BAL	243 1502	6.2	Staubach DAL	337-191	2825	56.7
McCutcheon LA	261 1375	5.3	Bradshaw PIT	258-133	2196	51.6

Playoffs: Pittsburgh 37, Buffalo 13; Dallas 24, Los Angeles 3;  
Minnesota 30, Dallas 10. Super Bowl: Pittsburgh 21,  
Minnesota 7

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GREAT TEAMS LEAGUE - A 12-team football replay conducted solitaire by Bernie Rosen, Bloomfield, CT, which took over a year to play...advanced game rules were used whenever possible...Kansas City, 1969, and 1974 Oakland met in the championship game, with Oakland winning offensive duel, 33-23...in semifinal playoff games, Oakland turned back 1973 Los Angeles, 17-13, and Kansas City nipped surprising 1974 New England, 14-13...Highlights included: Lawrence McCutcheon of L.A. rushing for 318 yards in 31 carries against 1975 Minnesota; Oakland routing '75 Baltimore, 59-13 and 45-7; Miami having two 1,000-yard rushers in Larry Csonka (1092) and Mercury Morris (1020); and L.A.'s defense sacking quarterbacks for 642 yards in losses off 73 takedowns... '74 Washington had worst rushing offense, averaging only 3.3 yards, but still finished with 8-6 record...Minnesota also had poor running game, so Fran Tarkenton went to airplanes 465 times and led league in completions (250), yards (2962) and interceptions (24)...Craig Morton of the '69 Cowboys had the number on the back of his jersey practically imprinted on the field--being sacked 60 times...L.A. defense yielded only 1,433 yards rushing...Oakland, featuring rushing of Marv Hubbard (1,510 yards) and passing of Ken Stabler (57.9 percent completions, league-high 15 TDs) had most potent offense.

Standings and leaders:

Division I	W	L	PF	PA	Rushing	Att-Yds.	Avg.
1969 Kansas City	12	2	327	211	Hubbard 74 OAK	223-1510	6.8
1974 Oakland	12	2	411	248	Cunningham 74 NE	271-1450	5.4
1974 New England	10	4	325	280	McCutcheon LA	248-1311	5.3
1973 Miami	8	6	319	293	Harris PIT	262-1273	4.9
1975 Baltimore	4	10	227	359	Csonka MIA	208-1092	5.3
1975 Pittsburgh	2	12	210	274			
Division II					Receiving	No.-Yds.	Avg.
1973 Los Angeles	11	3	295	231	Foreman MIN	73 708	9.7
1974 Washington	8	6	227	234	Vataha 71 NE	64 1209	18.9
1969 Dallas	6	8	257	257	Branch 74 OAK	58 1162	20.1
1975 Oakland	5	9	244	306			
1975 Minnesota	3	11	258	310	Passing	Pct.	TD-Int.
1971 New England	2	12	207	327	Livingston KC	61.4	4-8
					Jurgensen WAS	60.6	5-6
					Stabler 74 OAK	57.9	15-12
					Dawson KC	56.3	8-8



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