



STRAT-O-MATIC REVIEW

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In This Corner...The Editors

If a batter tests the Boston Red Sox outfield defense or the Baltimore infield, you might as well put his card back in the "dugout"--he's almost a sure out.

Both the Sox outfield and Bird infield have three "1" fielders in the new 1975 Strat-O-Matic baseball card set, something you seldom see but the type of defense sure to gladden the heart of managers guiding such stalwart gloves.

Baltimore is blessed with Brooks Robinson at third, Mark Belanger at short and Bobby Grich at second--all "1s"--while Boston could field a perimeter defense with Carl Yastrzemski (left field), Rick Miller (center) and Dwight Evans (right)--all "1s", too. And while on the subject of fielding, 28 players drew "1" ratings, excluding those who bore no resemblance to regulars, with Cincinnati having an amazing five players with a top rating. Pete Rose (left field), Cesar Geronimo (center/right), shortstop Dave Concepcion, Joe Morgan at second and catcher Johnny Bench all are "1s". Plus Bench and Geronimo are also -4 in their throwing, two of eight players to receive the rifle-like rating.

Eight players were pegged "AA" stealers, while Lou Brock, to no one's surprise, was a "AAA". The double "AAs" were Larry Lintz (Montreal), Bobby Bonds (San Francisco), Concepcion and Morgan, Dave Lopes (Los Angeles), Bill North (Oakland), Cesar Cedeño (Houston) and John Lowenstein (Cleveland).

Carlton Fisk, Boston catcher who missed most of last season with an injury, was rated a "1". He was included in the 96 additional players, though. The game company also gave out four "bonus" cards with the purchase of the extra players. Alex Johnson, Jim Northrup, Bob Oliver and Frank Robinson, because putting them on the team they finished the season with would not be fair, were given cards but without a team name. Thus, you may put them on the team you feel they belong with.

Also S-O-M gave Herb Washington of Oakland a stealing [A] and running [-1-17] rating, although not a card. It also clarified an injury to an American

League pitcher. As reported in the Review earlier, an injury occurs to the pitcher in the field only when a white 6 and a red dice total of 12 is rolled with the DPH batting.

Other interesting observations from a cursory look at the new S-O-M cards reveal:

* Ferguson Jenkins of the Texas Rangers doesn't have a walk on his pitching card. He allowed only 45 free passes in 328 innings so that's understandable.

* Buzz Capra has a super pitching card for Atlanta. Against right-handed batters, for instance, he can be touched for only a walk on No. 6-5. Against lefties he isn't quite as tough--thank goodness! He gave up only 163 hits in 217 innings real-life.

* Mike Jorgensen, who drew 70 walks while batting 287 times officially, will be a pitcher's nightmare. He's got walks, against right-handers, in the three-column on Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, plus another walk on 2-6.

* Hank Aaron can murder righties, although he's not as devastating facing lefty pitching. Against a right-hander, Hammerin' Hank can sock homers off 2-5, 2-6 [1-19] and 3-6.

* Mike Schmidt of the Phillies, in contrast, feasts on lefties, delivering home runs off 1-5, 1-6 and 1-7 [1-18].

* One of the all-time great hitting cards, although it wouldn't be realistic to use him often against left-handed pitching, belongs to Dave Rader of San Francisco. He's got straight hits on 1 4-10, 3 5-10 and 2-4, 6, which should be worth about a .700 batting average [only kidding]. He must have enjoyed himself the 14 per cent of the time that he had a chance to bat against lefties in real-life.

Elsewhere on the Strat-O-Matic scene this month:

* BIRTHDAY TIME -- The Review, which began publication in March, 1971, is celebrating another birthday this month.

* CHANGE OF ADDRESS -- If you're planning to do so, please notify the Review at least six weeks prior to your move. The Review is sent third class and is not forwarded by the post office if you've moved. The Review cannot accept the responsibility of issues reaching you if you do not give adequate time for the address to be changed.

* FIRST CLASS MAILING -- For the Review is available at an extra 10¢ per month.

* DIRTY DEALERS -- After exhausting all avenues to clear up complaints and meeting with no success, the following people should be avoided as far as any future S-O-M dealings: STEVE STREET, 1215 James Place, Dansville, IL 61832, and CLYDE MATSUSAKA, 1459 Punch Bowl St., Honolulu, HI 96813. The Review has received complaints about both, written to both and received no answer. If in the future complaints about both are resolved, the names will be removed from the "Dirty Dealers" section. Both are accused of receiving money through the mail and either not delivering cards as promised or pocketing league fee money.

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Year Of The Turkey

S-O-M Beat Goes On For TUSAB

And the dice red glare gave proof through the night that the TUSAB was still there...

The United States Army Band Strat-O league, 12 members strong, should have its baseball dice rolling to a rhythmic beat nightly now, what with the new S-O-M cards in its hands.

Recently the newest work by the Washington, D.C.-based group (the league was the subject of a feature story in the August, 1973 Review) crossed the desk of the Review--a 78-page, professionally-done yearbook that took 3½ months to prepare.

Jammed with everything from team summaries (which are classics in baseball humor), world series description, records, a multitude of awards (including the infamous "Bolo Award" that is given to those players who distinguished themselves by their ineptitude) to special categories (such as one-hit, three-homer games, etc.) the yearbook is a tribute to one of the fastest growing S-O-M leagues in the country.

It wasn't too long ago that the United States Army Band league consisted of only six members, playing a 60-game schedule. The recent season had eight mentors playing 120 games and current plans call for 12 teams going the full 162-game route.

Ron Hickey, Arlington, VA, again acted as the USAB's spokesman, sending the yearbook, plus picture, to the Review.

The average age of the nine managers who participated [two with one team] was about 25, with two of the mentors outside the world of music, although six of the members belong to the U.S. Army Band.

A draft that took 3½ hours back on an early February evening commenced the league's fourth season, which saw for the first time a division of teams into four American and four National. The N.L., in particular, was extremely close, with all four teams in first place at some point during the season and only two games separating all the teams at the 90-game mark.

PITCHING DOMINATES

Pitching stole the spotlight in the all-star setup, with earned run averages ranging from 3.01 to 3.73, while batting averages started at .250 and dipped all the way to .221 on a team basis. Rod Carew, A.L. real-life bat king, was second in the TUSAB with a .321 mark--nearly 30 points off his real-life pace--while Pete Rose's NL-winning .317 was 21 points lower than his real-life .338. Home run totals were right in line, however, with Hank Aaron hitting 32, Reggie Jackson 27 and Dave Johnson 28. Willie Stargell was utterly terrible, though, hitting a dismal 14--for which he was rewarded by being named N.L. Bolo Player of the Year.



1974 TUSAB STRAT-O-MATIC
BASEBALL LEAGUE

SEATED: (from left)
TIM RUNNING, DAN YODER,
DAVE SCHELL, RONN SEIM.

STANDING: LEE GAUBE, RON
HICKEY, DON EGAN, BOB
RICHARDS, STEVE JONES

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'YEAR OF THE TURKEY'

TURKEYS [Ron Seim, 69-51] -- 1974 was "Year of the Turkey" in the A.L... Seim made incredible draft selections, nabbing MVP Carew, Cy Young winner Bert Blyleven, Fireman of Year John Hiller and awesome attack force of Bobby Murcer, Calrton Fisk and John Mayberry...Carew led league in runs [76], hits [149], doubles [25], stolen bases [45]...Steve Braun, 15th round draft pick, led league in hitting with .322 average, raising his average 19 points in last 12 games...Buddy Bell was supersub for Turkey Turfers, collecting 11 game-winning/tying hits...Pitching staff led AL with 736 strikeouts, prompting comment: "If they can't hit it, you can't boot it."...Hiller, nicknamed "The Heart", made 52 relief appearances, had 20 saves and nine wins.

DOW CITY DEUFI (Steve Jones, 57-63) -- .221 batting average was worst in Stratodome, with infield combining for a puny .195 average...Reggie Jackson, first pick of winter draft, was pride of team with 27 home runs, 81 RBI and 62 runs scored--accounting for 143 runs, or over third of entire team total.. Team ERA was 3.01--best in league--but poor hitting and untimely errors were costly...Joe Coleman, for instance, lost his first six games while yielding only 2.34 earned runs per outing. He finished 8-17, but with a fine 3.09 ERA. Gaylord Perry was 13-11, 2.65, and Jim Palmer 13-10, 3.09...Doug Bird was big surprise. A 20th round draft pick, he shared Cy Young honors after giving up only one home run in 66 innings and compiling microscopic ERA of 0.82.

BALLBUSTERS-69ers (Dan Yoder-Roger Duncan, 53-67) -- Changed managers at the 60-game mark. Challenged for first briefly after that, but then lost 12 of 14 and fell back for good...Featured Nolan Ryan. Dr. No. struck out 10 or more batters on 11 occasions...Sparky Lyle was THE BULLPEN, with 13 saves, six relief wins and 1.85 ERA. He didn't give up an earned run his first 17 appearances...One of season highlights occurred late in season when Thurman Munson hit for Bill Freehan and was immediately injured. Rico Petrocelli had to go behind plate and he responded by throwing out Bobby Bonds (AA, 1-19) costing the Light Brigade a 4-3 game...Frank Robinson hit three home runs in one game--first ever to accomplish feat in TUSAB.

SHORT SUBJECTS (Dave Schell, 51-69) -- Schell, dubbed the "Egg", had it on his face again, finishing last for second time in three TUSAB seasons... Luis Tiant, so-called "ace" of staff, had 9-12 record and served up league-high 30 gopher balls...Defense was also weak, committing 97 errors...Carl Yastrzemski did shore up a respectable attack with a .319 average, 18 home runs.

LIGHT BRIGADE (Don Egan, 67-53) -- Led by Hank Aaron and Bobby Bonds, Light Brigade charged to N.L.pennant. Aaron hit 32 homers, had a .298 average and a fantastic .705 slugging percentage, winning MVP honors in the N.L. Bonds hammered 26 homers, knocked in 78 runs and stole 41 bases--tops in league. Pair each delivered game-winning hit 11 times...Team had knack for pulling out games in late innings, during one three-game stretch pulling out wins in all after two-run ninth inning homers by Aaron, Bonds and Ron Fairly, in succession...Reggie Cleveland (13-5, 2.78 ERA) and Jon Matlack (16-8, 3.12) were top hurlers. Ironically, Matlack, who was offered in trade after going 6-5 early in season, went 10-3 second half after deal was spurned by Phillies.

MISCREANTS (Ron Hickey, 65-55) -- Had the lead at 84-game mark, but lost eight of nine and dropped back...Top draft picks were disappointments: Stargell (240, 14 homers, 39 RBI--Bolo of Year); Johnny Bench (12 HRs, .195), Don Sutton (2.52 ERA, 14-9 record but labeled disappointment by Hickey), and Dusty Baker (hitless first 22 at-bats, .221). Only Dave Johnson produced as expected (28 HRs)...First base was problem, both in reaching it and finding someone to man it...In 42 games Miscreants scored two or fewer runs, prompting pitchers and hitters to ride different buses, eat in separate restaurants, etc.

SKIVVIES (Lee Gause, 63-57) -- Surprise team of TUSAB. Picked for last in pre-season polls, stayed close to top throughout season...Led league in hits, RBI and home runs and had second best ERA (3.24) of all eight teams...Joe

Morgan, Richie Hebner and Bill Robinson all hit 20 homers apiece, with Morgan stealing 48 bases and finishing runnerup in the N.L. MVP voting...Cy Young winner Steve Renko (16-7, 2.66) headed the mound staff...Defense did live up (or down) to pre-season appraisal, however, as three team members were on post-season Iron Glove Team.

PHILLIES (Bob Richards, 55-65) -- Lost 15 of last 19 games, capping dismal season. Two close losses, by 6-5 margins, to Light Brigade in games 92 and 93 signaled the end for Phillies, who played their home games at Disabled Veterans Stadium...Pete Rose (.317) was only N.L. hitter to top .300...Lack of long ball, especially in crucial situations, hurt...Andy Messersmith wasn't stopper expected to be, going 7-12 and yielding 31 home runs...Felix Milan had only one error in 91 games at second base.

WORLD SERIES

Turkeys, down 3-1, rallied to win Series, four games to three. Rod Carew's seventh inning double chased home Mark Belanger in 4-3 final game won by Turkeys. Rich Coggins batted .429, Steve Braun .438 for Turkeys, while Bernie Carbo hit .500, Ron Hunt .400 for Light Brigade.

Play-By-Mail 'Instruction Sheet'

With so many leagues ready to throw out the first pitch for another Strat-O-Matic play-by-mail baseball season, it seems a good time to show what a typical "instruction sheet" for visiting managers to send to home managers might look like. The following has many variations possible, naturally, but it does provide for the "basics" and be especially helpful to those embarking on a PBM venture for the first time.

The following "instruction sheet" remember is sent to the home manager so he will know what your lineups, pitchers, strategy, etc. will be.

Date _____		Series# _____	vs. _____
Lineup Game No. _____			
<u>Player</u>	(Pos.)	(Fld.)	<u>Injury Replacement</u>
1.	[]	[]	C - _____
2.	[]	[]	1B - _____
3.	[]	[]	2B - _____
4.	[]	[]	3B - _____
5.	[]	[]	SS - _____
6.	[]	[]	LF - _____
7.	[]	[]	CF - _____
8.	[]	[]	RF - _____
9. Pitcher	[]	[]	
<u>Pitching Rotation</u>			<u>Relief</u>
1.	4.		1. Lost cause: _____
2.	5.	7.	2. Middle Innings: _____
3.	6.	8.	3. Ace of Staff (7+) _____
<u>Defensive Changes</u>			4. Injury starter: _____
Replace _____ with _____			5. Tight game, two runs either way, use: _____
if: _____ in inning _____			
Replace _____ with _____			<u>Pinch-Hitters:</u> Use in order given unless
if: _____ in inning _____			special instructions are given.
<u>Sacrifice and hit-and-run:</u>			1. Bases empty: _____
[Give complete instructions as to situations, players, pitchers, etc.]			_____

Pinch-Hitting (con't)

2. Runners on: _____, _____, _____, _____

Stealing - List those who you want to steal bases, and in what circumstances:Extra bases - Take an extra base with following runners, under these circumstances:Infield "In" S "Deep":Additional instructions:

Baseball Playing Tips

CATCHER THROWING RATINGS

Is it possible to incorporate catcher throwing ratings prior to when such ratings appeared on S-O-M cards? Dean Fuller, Willits, CA, has devised a simple method rating catcher's throwing [1972 season and back didn't have such ratings]. If a catcher is rated "1" fielding, his arm is -3; "2" -2; "3" -1, "4" 0. Although the system is far from perfect, it does provide a starting point others may wish to enlarge upon, or perhaps add more variation or sophistication to.

REGULATING USE OF PITCHERS

[Contributed by Brad Furst, Lawton, OK] -- Starting pitchers who pitched 6 or more innings in last appearance must rest 3 or more days/games. All other pitchers (including asterisked starting pitchers who hurled less than 6 innings in their last appearance) must rest 1 day/game if in their last appearance they pitched 2 or more innings; 2 days/games for 4 or more innings; 3 days/games for 6 or more innings; 4 days/games for 8 or more innings; etc. A pitcher facing one batter or more in an inning has pitched the entire inning, for this purpose.

SPLIT DECK/ODD PLAY CHART

[Contributed by Thomas Swank, Little Falls, NJ] -- Use faces of 60 playing cards, scotch-taping paper across the face of card with three sets of numbers 1-20. This eliminates, first of all, from having to reshuffle split deck many times. Then put odd play happenings on cards in this order: No. 1--all three have odd play results; 2--two of three cards have odd play; 3--one of three have odd play; 4--no odd plays. Repeat same ratio for 5-8, 9-12, 13-16, 17-20. You select type of odd plays to put on cards [Feb. Review had an odd play chart you may wish to borrow ideas from]. Be sure to vary odd plays [example: odd plays on No. 1 should all be different]. If odd play that comes up cannot occur (runner thrown out at second, second baseman injured--but actuality there are no runners on base), then ignore odd play result.

FIELDING A BUNT

[Contributed by Victor Garcia-Rivera, Fairfield, OH] -- Here is a chart that would have the first baseman and third baseman's fielding ratings come into play in a bunt situation: (add up the two ratings and consult chart)

<u>Total</u>	<u>Effect</u>
2-3	- Bunt rating lowered one grade.
4	- No effect, except if infield is in, lower another notch.
5-6	- No effect.
7-8	- Move up bunt rating one level (if batter is already "A" then if infield is in do not lower his rating).

Readers Roll 'Em

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S-O-M NOT BACKWARD

I have played Strat-O-Matic for three years and subscribed to the Review for two. This is only the second time that I have written, and I think it is about time, too.

I cannot understand how Ron Tidrow of Indianapolis (January Review) can say that S-O-M has a backward policy in regards to expansion. The S-O-M game company has heard the cries of Review readers and responded by printing more baseball Old-Timers, a basketball game and other extras. Now it is planning a hockey and college football game.

The game company has given reasons, which I think are sufficient, for not printing baseball teams of the 1960s, Football Old-Timers, etc.

Also, I agree with Andrew Kennedy on the subject of S-O-M putting players on the team they played the most with during the season. If S-O-M would change its policy regarding this it would be more realistic for dice-rollers who want to replay a full season.

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S-O-M FOOTBALL A-OK

As an S-O-M Football veteran of three years, I think the game is excellent. I really can find only two faults: one is that I'd like to see an occasional out-of-bounds play and I'd also prefer a better timing system for the last two minutes.

In real football, as many as 15 plays can be run, while in S-O-M only eight can be run. Perhaps five or 10-second intervals on the timer would help.

Andrew Kennedy has an excellent point when he mentions the fact that baseball players sometimes are put on the wrong team, making for a problem in managing some teams. This also applies in football, where placing a

quarterback or running back on the "wrong" team can mean too many or too few plays allotted for that team. I like the way S-O-M handled the situation at quarterback for Green Bay's and San Francisco's 1973 teams, giving each three quarterbacks. This year the situation, with Norm Snead (N.Y. Giants and San Francisco) and John Hadl (Los Angeles and Green Bay), could be sticky.

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Editor's note: Decisions on those questions, and also whether the Pittsburgh Steelers will have three quarterback cards, have not officially made by S-O-M, as of this printing.

REPRINTS REVISITED

As an ardent fan of S-O-M and as an owner of a mint set of 1960 all-star baseball cards, let me offer a proposal to settle the reprint controversy.

Why not borrow an idea from one of S-O-M's competitors and reprint the 1959 baseball season on a limited basis. If this project would be financially successful, other seasons of the '50's could be printed (working backwards a year at a time).

Many of the stars of the early '60's were on rosters of the teams of the late '50's and S-O-M managers would then have a chance to coach players such as Nellie Fox, Bill Skowron, Joe Adcock, Gil Hodges, Larry Sherry and many, many others.

Perhaps, if we unite behind this effort, Mr. Richman would be receptive to it and if financially successful who knows how many teams we would have available to manage.

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VOICE OF THE 'LITTLE GUY'

Since my letter concerning the Review appeared in the May issue, a few responses have been placed in the Review to it. Now, I would like to respond to those responses. First of all, let me thank Craig Haynes, Dave Kuznicki, Neil Schulman and anyone else who may have supported me in my belief that the Review is prejudiced. All of them have

expanded on my theory and all are 100 per cent correct.

Almost every month we hear of J.G. Preston, Jeff Guterman, "Wolfman" Shapiro, or another of the "biggies". But how many times do we here about a Dave Kuznicki, Neil Schulman or Craig Haynes. I'm sure they and many other S-O-M devotees have ideas that are worthwhile. How many others have had the same experiences as Dave Surdam and his PCL? Yet, because they are not a power in S-O-M like Surdam, their experiences are not printed.

Notice that the people who oppose my protest are those who are hurt by it; e.g. Jeff Guterman. Sure Richard Mayhan doesn't consider the Review prejudiced, he's been treated very well by it. How can you consider yourself oppressed when you appear twice in the Review?

Also, when the "little guys" speak up, your response is short and not to the point. You tell us to identify ourselves as "little people" or miss the point by talking about a telephone call instead of responding to our requests.

Yet when Guterman or someone else praises your magazine, you elaborate for as many as four sentences on why that person's statement is true.

But, don't get me wrong. I thoroughly and wholly enjoy the Review, except for this one snag in its production. Neil Shulman, Craig Haynes, Dave Kuznicki and I have spoken our words. Now I call upon our comrades, the other "little people", to take their places and stand with us against the S-O-M "biggies".

Jack Regan
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Editor's note: Sounds like a call to battle. Our strategy of defense remains the same: all material will be judged on its general interest, whether it provides new ideas, etc. In our opinion there are no such things as "big guys" and "little guys"--it's more a question of quality of material, and many times space limitations.

PUBLICIZE GKSML MORE

I think the Strat-O-Matic Review is fantastic. It adds a whole new dimension to Strat-O-Matic. I await each issue with much eagerness.

I also think the no-hitters are boring and I think that the GKSML (Greater-Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League) should be more publicized. It sounds like a great league. I look forward to the college football game--it should be great.

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ADVICE FROM DEDICATED S-O-M FAN

As an avid reader of the Review and a dedicated S-O-M fan, I think it's time I chipped in my two cents worth on the recurring arguments bouncing around lately within these pages.

First of all, this ridiculous "big people" vs. "little people" mini-feud. I'm certainly not a "big person" but I have a bit of advice for the complaining "little people". If you want to get your name in the Review, do it the way I did. Come up with something useful, such as a playing tip, or something unusual and interesting, such as the tournament I played [see Nov. Review--"Kessinger MVP In Unique Tourney"].

Also, a word for those who continually complain about the "no-hitter" column. Wait until you experience a no-hitter, then you'll know why people write in about them. The tension and excitement in the late innings is incredible. I should know, as I've had seven no-hitters, and each one is just as exciting as the first.

On the Old-Timers, if more are made, fine. But, I think the game company has the know-how to select which teams should be included. I'm not criticizing those who have offered suggestions, but, look, we could send in the name of every half-decent team from 1876 to the present if we wanted.

Finally, the controversy over pitchers' ratings. I totally agree with the Review when it said they're not worth the trouble. In S-O-M Football there is no provision for penalties, which certainly play a bigger part in that game than would additional pitchers' ratings in baseball. As long as people are going to nit-pick over minor things, why not add provisions for

weather, twi-night games, jet lag (when traveling from coast-to-coast this is a problem), size of ballpark and the like?

Mark Bakke
McVillie, ND

BOOMER SOONER

I enjoyed your pictorial story in the December Review, "A Look Inside S-O-M Factory," particularly the picture of Harold Richman. He's sure young-looking to be such a great genius. Here's wishing him many more successful years in the table-gaming business.

I'm very interested in the new college football game. Hope they don't forget the University of Oklahoma--I'm a Boomer Sooner, and would particularly enjoy having the 1971 Sooners, who scored 534 points while going 11-1, including trouncing Auburn, 40-22, in the Sugar Bowl.

Jim Elliott
Orange, CA

INDIVIDUALITY NOT NEEDED

Lately, many people have written about the lack of individuality in the baseball player cards. Personally, I'd rather the cards remain the same. Obviously there is the same chance of throwing consecutive twos as there are throwing a two then a three. I find it much easier to compare players if their hit number placement is similar.

I'm glad the long battle about reprinting old cards is over. At first I was for the idea, but after having some second thoughts, I saw the point of the Strat-O fanatic who dished out \$25 for a particular card set. The most practical idea still would be an all-star set from the 1960s.

Now that the baseball cards are almost here, there has been a growing concern about fielding ratings. Mike Abbey (Oct. Review) suggested an excellent chart. It would be great if S-O-M adapted this chart and gave three fielding ratings (range, errors, double plays). I believe it would lead

to more realistic results. Incidentally, I don't think the Golden Glove Awards should affect fielding ratings.

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VOTE FOR '22 BROWNS

I agree with those who feel more Old-Timer teams are needed, and that such future teams shouldn't be judged solely on whether or not they won a pennant.

My vote is for the 1922 St. Louis Browns, who compare very favorably with the New York Giants of that year. The Browns also had some great individual players--George Sisler, who hit .420 and had 105 runs-batted-in and stole 51 bases; Ken Williams, who hit 39 home runs, becoming the only non-Yankee to win the AL homer championship during the 1920s; Jack Tobin, who batted out a total of 207 hits; Urban Shocker, who was 24-17 with a 2.97 ERA, and Eddie Vangilder, who was 19-13 with a 3.42 ERA.

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TEAM INTERCEPTIONS

Through the Review I have joined two PBM leagues in my one year of reading. Some of my friends who do not take the Review say I am getting ripped off. But even if you raised the price (don't get any ideas) it would still be worth it. The readers of the Review have submitted some fine ideas and tips and they are to be commended.

I would like to share an idea, which may sound silly, but here it is: (1) team interception returns in football. Someone once suggested that S-O-M should have individual interception returns. Well, the obvious reason it can't is because some individuals had too few and also how would it be set up. With team interception returns there's a sufficient number. There could be a chart set up, reading 2-12, and placed on the specialist card under extra points.

George Fiegler
Highland, IN

Super S-O-M League Is Just That

One Strat-O-Matic League that success and good vibes have been emanating from is the Super Strat-O-Matic League, a three-sport setup commissioned by Dave Lewis, an on-the-move gamester who resides in Monticello, FL.

What makes the league unique is the fact that all three sports are played, by seasons, plus the customary drafting and retaining of teams from one year to the next are also done. The play-by-mail setup also has a president/statistician for each sport as well as an overall commissioner in Lewis.

Members of the league include Dennis Yost, 19, founder of the Kubis Khan basketball league and Super S-O-M's hardwood commissioner who lives in Baltimore; Mike Quintero, baseball editor/statistician who lives in Van Nuys, CA; Tim Faust, 16; Bob Doty, 15, youngest member of the league but one of its most energetic; Ted Dinkle, 24, football president, 13-year S-O-M vet, married and a computer programmer; and Dave Lewis, five-year S-O-M vet, high school salutatorian and member of numerous leagues over the last five years.

BASEBALL LEAGUE WON BY DEMIGODS

Currently the Super S-O-M League has completed a six-team, 162-game baseball season, is putting the final touches on a football replay and embarked on a basketball campaign.

Ted Dinkle's Delaware Demigods emerged champions in baseball, compiling a 98-64 record to edge out Bob Doty's Danvers Bobcats by two games. Dinkle, who prophesized earlier that the "Demigods were the best right from opening day," was named Coach of the Year. Willie Stargell of the Bobcats was Super Player of the Year after cracking 53 home runs, knocking in 130 tallies and batting .325, while Tom Seaver of Tim Faust's fourth-place Lakewood Streakers was picked Super Pitcher of the Year. Tom "Terrific" was just that, posting an 18-17 record, allowing only 215 hits in 298 innings, striking out a tremendous 266 batters and hurling 29 complete games in 37 starts. Mike Marshall of Dennis Yost's last-place Baltimore Orioles was named Fireman of the Year after recording 23 saves among the Birds' 63 victories.

TEAM SUMMARIES

DELAWARE DEMIGODS (Ted Dinkle) - Led almost all the way...solid pitching in Dock Ellis (17-8, 2.51 ERA) and Andy Messersmith (22-8, 3.22)...powerful hitting in Dave Johnson (46 HRs, 122 RBI), Hank Aaron (35 HR, 93 RBI), and Reggie Jackson (30 HR, 91 RBI)...team didn't hurt when Carl Yastrzemski, Amos Otis, Sal Bando, George Scott, Thurman Munson, Nelson Briles, Bill Lee, Sparky Lyle and Bob Gibson were in lineup, either.

DANVERS BOBCATS (Bob Doty) - Ran out of gas at season's end but gave Demigods surprising battle for first...paced by big bats of Willie Stargell and Joe Morgan (126 walks)...Dave Concepcion, Tony Perez, Bill Robinson and 24-game winner Jim Colborn also made sizeable contributions.

DEEP SOUTH DOORKNOCKERS (Dave Lewis) - Early favorite but never quite lived up to potential...Batting king Rod Carew hit .335 and overall offense was generally good due to presence of Darrell Evans, Jose Cardenal, Mike Lum, Ken Singleton and Jeff Burroughs...pitching also capable because of Bert Blyleven, Jerry Koosman and John Hiller.

LAKEWOOD STREAKERS (Tim Faust) - Had great one-two pitching punch in Seaver and Nolan Ryan...hitting far from spectacular, but did feature Jim Northrup (tops on team with .300 average), Bobby Murcer, Pete Rose and Willie Horton. Dick Kapitan will be team's new manager in '75.

VAN NUYS VAGABONDS (Mike Quintero) - Proved that nice guys almost finish last...Quintero truly one of nicest guys to peek head of dugout...Bobby Bonds was bright spot, clouting 39 home runs...pitching strong on paper but Jim Hunter, Jim Palmer (14-17, 3.91), Don Sutton and Tommy John were dismal in performance.

BALTIMORE ORIOLES (Dennis Yost) - Stumbled out of starting gate and went on to finish 35 games behind the frontrunner. Ralph Garr and Brooks Robinson were bright spots in an otherwise dreary picture...Gaylord Perry, expected to be "stopper", suffered 25 losses, including 11 in a row.

Super S-O-M Baseball standings and individual leaders: (based on '73 season)

	Won-Lost	GB	Average		
Delaware	98-64	--	Carew [D-S]	.335	Cedano [BAL] .297
Danvers	96-66	2	Garr [BAL]	.329	Bumbry [BAL] .291
Deep South	86-76	12	Stargell [DAN]	.325	Murcer [LAK] .288
Lakewood	76-86	22	Morgan [DAN]	.323	Rose [LAK] .287
Van Nuys	67-95	31	Northrup [LAK]	.300	Singleton [D-S] .282
Baltimore	63-99	35			Lum [D-S] .282
<u>Home Runs</u>					
Stargell [DAN]	53		Stargell [DAN]	130	Carew [D-S] 209
Johnson [DEL]	46		Bonds [V-N]	124	Cedano [BAL] 201
Bonds [V-N]	39		Johnson [DEL]	122	Morgan [DAN] 195
Morgan [DAN]	37		Evans [D-S]	97	Garr [BAL] 178
Aaron [DEL]	35		Morgan [DAN]	93	Stargell [DAN] 177
Evans [D-S]	33		Aaron [DEL]	93	
B. Robinson [DAN]	30		Jackson [DEL]	92	<u>Doubles</u>
Jackson [DEL]	30		Cedano [BAL]	90	Cedano [BAL] 44
Burroughs [D-S]	29				Stargell [DAN] 43
<u>Triples</u>					
Garr [BAL]	15		Morgan [DAN]	142	Jackson [DEL] 41
Bumbry [BAL]	14		Stargell [DAN]	99	Brock [V-N] 40
Zisk [DAN]	11		Bonds [V-N]	99	<u>Hit By Pitch</u>
Maddox [LAK]	10		Brock [V-N]	94	Hunt [V-N] 33
<u>Won-Lost (Pot.)</u>					
Messersmith [DEL]	22-8		Seaver [LAK]	2.45	<u>Stolen Bases</u>
Colborn [DAN]	24-9		Ellis [DEL]	2.51	Morgan [DAN] 97
Tiant [DAN]	12-5		Blyleven [D-S]	2.88	Carew [D-S] 96
Ellis [DEL]	16-8		Koosman [D-S]	3.03	Brock [V-N] 87
Gibson [DEL]	14-7		Rooker [DEL]	3.05	<u>Strikeouts</u>
Holtzman [D-S]	19-11		Ryan [LAK]	3.07	Ryan [LAK] 335
Blyleven [D-S]	21-13		Messersmith [DEL]	3.22	Seaver [LAK] 266
Forster [DAN]	11-8		Grimsley [BAL]	3.27	Blyleven [D-S] 235
Briles [DEL]	13-10		Briles [DEL]	3.31	Matlack [BAL] 211
Twitchell [LAK]	13-10		Marshall [BAL]	3.45	Sutton [V-N] 208
<u>Shutouts</u>					
G. Perry [BAL]	4		Marshall [BAL]	23	<u>Complete Games</u>
Seaver [LAK]	4		Lyle [DEL]	8	Seaver [LAK] 29
Ryan [LAK]	4		Hiller [D-S]	8	Messersmith [DEL] 25
Ellis [DEL]	4				Sutton [V-N] 25
Lee [DEL]	4		<u>Innings Pitched</u>		<u>Hits/Game</u>
			Blyleven [D-S]	309	Seaver [LAK] 6.48
					Ryan [LAK] 6.66
					Blyleven [D-S] 7.02
					Bibby [V-N] 7.56

Strat-O-Superstars

Steven Walters of Potosi, MD, is more than just one of those Strat-O-Matic card collectors who buries his old card sets in S-O-M "vaults", never to be seen again. The owner of all teams 1965-1973, Hall-of-Famers, Old-Timer teams, plus most of those from 1963, '64 and '62, Walters instead likes to pore over his collection whenever time permits.

From his observations he's come up with a list of "Strat-O-Superstars," or baseball players who have achieved the maximum rating in each of the three original categories (stealing, running and defense). These categories have been part of the game since 1963, with hit-and-run, bunting, throwing and power ratings being added to the advanced game starting with the 1971 edition.

With the original three categories as his guide, Walters came up with this list of "Strat-O-Superstars:"

YEAR	PLAYER	TEAM	POSITION
1997	Wee Willie Keeler	H-O-F	LF, RF

1908	Honus Wagner	H-D-F	SS
1909	Don Bush	Detroit	SS
1911	Eddie Collins	A's	SS
1906	Frank Chance	Cubs	1B
1906	Johnny Evers	Cubs	2B
1964	Luis Aparicio	Baltimore	SS
1971	Amos Otis	Kansas City	CF
1972	Bobby Bonds	S.Francisco	RF
1972	Cesar Cedeno	Houston	CF
1973	Bobby Bonds	S.Francisco	RF
1973	Cesar Cedeno	Houston	CF
1973	Joe Morgan	Cincinnati	2B

Walters also mentions that the following players should receive special consideration, although not having a perfect rating of "AA, 1-17, 1":

1965	Maury Wills	Los Angeles	SS	[AAA, 1-17, 2]
1909	Ty Cobb	Detroit	RF	[AAA, 1-17, 2]
1911	Ty Cobb	H-D-F	RF, LF	[AAA, 1-17, 2]

Another special rating should go to Hank Aaron, according to Walters. "Between the years 1963-1966 and in 1968 his ratings were stealing (A), running (1-16) and defense (1-RF). Aaron's consistency in these areas is unequaled during this time period."

The following players received the maximum rating for hit-and-run, bunting and power: 1971 Bill Buckner and 1971 and '73 Joe Morgan. The only player to receive a maximum rating for stealing, running, defense, plus the advanced ratings for hit-and-run, bunting and power is the 1973 Joe Morgan.

Western Wildcats Crowned Diamond Champs

Sparked by MVP Mike Lum and the second and third base combo of Rod Carew and Darrel Evans, the Western Wildcats, managed by Dennis Van Haltsma, won the third version of the Mid-West Baseball Association's draft league replay.

The league, with six managers from Michigan and two from Illinois, is noteworthy because it includes Bryan Baker (whose split-number three-die method was found in last month's Review) and well-known S-O-M gamer Rick (Wolfman) Shapiro of Skokie, IL. Shapiro has since had to leave the league because of pressing commitments with his S-O-M Clearinghouse and planning for the upcoming summer convention.

A 154-game schedule was played, with the Wildcats running up a 102-52 record to easily claw all opposition in the Southern Division (nearest contender was 22 games back) and Holland's Hurricanes (managed by Dennis' brother Rick Van Haltsma) edging out the Zeeland Zonkers (guided by MWBA commissioner Tom Davelaar of Holland) by only one game in the Northern Division.

Lum batted .312 off 201 base hits, Carew had a league-leading .335 mark, and Evans slammed 36 home runs to go with a league-high 111 RBI to spark Western in its runaway. In the Northern Division it was anything but a runaway, however. Zeeland appeared to have it wrapped up with a seven-game lead going into the final two weeks. Then the Hurricanes blew past it by winning 10 of their last 11 games, while Zeeland got "zonked" in 10 of its final 13 in a great "El Foldo" act.

Holland was sparked by Cesar Cedeno, who slashed 53 doubles, 34 home runs, scored 117 runs, stole 35 bases and batted .313, while Zeeland's big guns were Willie Stargell (45 homers, 102 RBI) and reliever John Hiller (23-16 record, 14 saves and a 1.83 ERA).

MWBA PLAYOFFS

The two top teams in each division qualified for the playoffs. Western made short work of Wolfman's Skokie crew, winning the best-of-five series in

Four as Steve Rogers (20-7 during the regular-season) posted a pair of triumphs. The Northern Division playoff duplicated the regular-season title battle as Zeeland gained revenge by winning in five games--every one decided by one run and the last two going 10 innings.

Zeeland, down two games to one, pulled out the fourth by scoring twice in the ninth inning to knot the game, 3-3, and then winning it on Ted Simmons' RBI-single in the 10th. In the finale, the Zonkers again tied the score by scoring a run in the ninth and finally won it when Stargell crashed a homer in the 10th. Hiller was the superstar of the first playoff round, however, appearing in all five playoff games for the Zonkers, winning two, saving one, striking out 18 and giving up only nine hits over 19 innings.

WORLD SERIES

Zeeland, with momentum on its side (along with Hiller, Co.), continued to roll by winning the first two games, 4-3 and 3-2, again both being decided in 10 innings and Hiller picking up the wins. George Stone turned Western's fortunes around in game three, however, combining with Grant Jackson for a 2-0 shutout.

The Wildcats then jumped on Ken Holtzman in the first frame of game four, driving him from the mound with three runs in a 6-2 triumph, then rode Evans' three-run fourth-inning homer to a 5-3 victory in No. 5. A 15-hit attack, keyed by Jose Cardenal's three-run homer and a two-run shot by Al Kaline, tied the series with Zeeland winning No. 6, 8-5.

Zeeland's dream of an upset faded quickly in the showdown game, however, as Western jumped on Holtzman again, scoring six runs in the first two innings in an eventual 6-3 wrapperupper. Rogers was again the winning hurler, the fourth time in the playoffs he was in such a role.

MWBA standings and final stats:

Northern Division		Won-Lost	GB	BA	ERA	
Holland (Dennis Van Haitzma)		85-69	--	.256	3.33	
Zeeland (Tom Davelaar)		84-70	1	.260	3.13	
Grandville (Dave Guy)		70-84	15	.256	4.01	
Ottawa (Matt Guy)		65-89	20	.248	3.42	
Southern Division		Won-Lost	GB	BA	ERA	
Western (Dennis Van Haitzma)		102-52	--	.264	3.13	
Skokie (Rick Shapiro)		80-74	22	.274	3.37	Note: Dave Ragains
Flint (Bryan Baker)		75-79	27	.248	3.65	has moved to Pala-
Cadillac (Dave Ragains)		57-97	45	.245	4.37	tine, IL.
Batting		Home Runs		RBI		
Carew (WES)	.335	Aaron (FL)	50	Evans (WES)	111	
Lopes (OTT)	.333	Stargell (ZEE)	45	Aaron (FL)	109	
Soderholm (OTT)	.318	D.Johnson (GR)	37	Perez (CAD)	104	
Garr (OTT)	.313	Evans (WES)	36	Stargell (ZEE)	102	
Cedeno (HOL)	.313	Cedeno (HOL)	34	Lum (WES)	101	
Lum (WES)	.312	Jackson (HOL)	32	D.Johnson (GR)	96	
Simmons (ZEE)	.297	Hits		Runs		
Cater (FL)	.293	Carew (WES)	235	Bonds (SK)	118	
Fuentes (SK)	.291	Cedeno (HOL)	206	Cedeno (HOL)	117	
Doubles		Lopes (OTT)	205	Carew (WES)	111	
Cedeno (HOL)	53	Lum (WES)	201	Stargell (ZEE)	101	
Cardenal (ZEE)	41	Triples		Stolen Bases		
Lum (WES)	40	Davis (OTT)	13	Carew (WES)	96	
Perez (CAD)	40	Breeden (ZEE)	12	Harper (ZEE)	60	
Game-Winning Hits		Lum (WES)	12	Bonds (SK)	57	
Stargell (Zeeland)	19					
Evans (WES)	16					
Lum (WES)	15					

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Pitching	W - L	ERA	Comp. Games	Shutouts	14	
Hiller [ZEE]	23-16	1.83	Sutton [OTT]	34	Sutton [OTT]	9
Sutton [OTT]	26-14	2.07	Wood [SK]	27	Ryan [HOL]	6
G.Jackson [WES]	15-8	2.09	Bibby [FL]	24	Medich [SK]	5
Parker [HOL]	11-1	2.56	Grief [CAD]	24		
Bibby [FL]	19-15	2.66				
Hernandez [CAD]	8-14	2.78	Strikeouts		Saves	
Rogers [WES]	20-7	2.93	Ryan [HOL]	315	Marshall [HOL]	19
G.Stone [WES]	13-7	3.04	Sutton [OTT]	283	McMahan [FL]	18
Osteen [SK]	13-13	3.11	Bibby [FL]	244	Hiller [ZEE]	14

Gilbert Completes Analysis

A Look At Old-Timers

This month marks the completion of Mike Gilbert (Menomoneie, WI) Old-Timer team baseball analysis, with the 1906 Chicago Cubs and 1905 New York Giants holding forth in the spotlight.

Gilbert, as all Review readers must realize by now, is an avid fan of the Old-Timer teams. His in-depth look at all the teams, especially his team averages, have been invaluable for giving S-O-M gamers the opportunity to compare the relative strengths and weaknesses of the great teams of the past.

Mike does much more than just chart the plusses and minuses of the teams, however, as, in addition to school studies and work, he also has participated in the Hinsdale League (which has completed numerous replays), the last 154-game season of which matched the '06 Cubs, 1911 A's, 1919 White Sox, '27 Yankees, '48 Indians and 1973 A's. Results of the replay will be coming up in a future issue of the Review.

For this month's analysis, remember when looking at the ratings listed below, they are taken as an average on a straight curve from all the Old-Timer teams. The teams are thus judged and evaluated against each other, rather than the league as a whole at the time they played. Exceptions to this average are pitchers (both starters and relievers) and bench, which Gilbert has based on his own opinion.

The rating scale used is as follows: 1--Poor; 2--Fair; 3--Good; 4--Excellent. Note also that the first column in each category refers to team average and the second (in parentheses) to individual average.

1906 Chicago Cubs

			Lineup to think about:
Average	-	1.9 (.2785)	1. Sheckard LF-1
Stealing	-	5.0 (A+.125)	2. Schulte RF-2
Running	-	4.9 (1-15.6)	3. Chance 1B-1
Power	-	1.0 (2.25)	4. Steinfeldt 3B-2
Fielding	-	4.9 (1.5)	5. Kling C-1
Starters	-	4.9 --	6. Evers 2B-1
Relief	-	4.4 --	7. Slagle CF-2
Bench	-	2.7 --	8. Tinker SS-2
Totals	-	3.7 (average)	

Comments: This is a well-rounded team. As for the pitching, you can do almost anything. There are six pitchers with over 200 innings and they range from fair to very good. Runs are not too hard to come by with this lineup, but if it fails try putting Slagle second, moving Schulte to fifth and shifting Kling and his followers down a slot.

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1905 New York Giants

Average	-	2.7	[.283]	Lineup to think about:	
Stealing	-	5.0	[A]	1. Mertes	LF-3
Running	-	4.9	[1-15.25]	2. Devlin	3B-3
Power	-	1.3	[3.75 HRs]	3. Bresnahan	C-1
Fielding	-	2.9	[2.12]	4. Donlin	CF-2
Starters	-	3.9	--	5. McGann	1B-2
Relief	-	4.3	--	6. Browne	RF-2
Bench	-	3.0	--	7. Gilbert	2B-2
Totals	-	3.5	[average]	8. Dahlen	SS-2

Comments: Pitching is definitely set, because there are only six. I suggest a five-man rotation, leaving out Elliott and pitching Mathewson every four games. Remember that today's starting pitcher is tomorrow's reliever with a staff such as this. Use the hit-and-run lavishly, especially with Sam Mertes and Art Devlin. Take extra bases with 1-16 and 1-17 runners and think twice about the rest. If you are having trouble with Billy Gilbert's hitting, put in Sammy Strang for a while. As with all of the "new" Old-Timers, your lineup should never be set, unless it is winning. Beware of your third base and left field fielding problems, also.

Questions & Answers

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

QUESTION: Why doesn't Mickey Mantle's 1962 card have a "lineout into as many outs as possible" on it?

ANSWER: S-O-M cards in that year were made by hand, thus an oversight in not including such a possibility on Mantle's card.

QUESTION: With the infield "in", runner on first base and groundball "B" occurs, is the runner out at second base, or batter out at first base?

ANSWER: Runner on third, if there is one, is out--all other runners advance one base.

QUESTION: Will Larry Lintz also be rated an "AAA" stealer like Lou Brock? Lintz stole 50 bases in only 319 at-bats.

ANSWER: Lintz has been rated an "AA" stealer off his 1974 season.

QUESTION: Is Will Wynn's rating for the Philadelphia Eagles (1973) correct? I watched all of the Eagle home games that season and thought he should have been a "5" instead of a "0".

ANSWER: Wynn's rating is correct, according to the game company.

QUESTION: Looking at the 1974 roster, based on 1973 statistics, was there a mistake on Al Downing's pitching card? Shouldn't it have read

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"Starter, Reliever"? Using Don Sutton, Andy Messersmith, Claude Osteen, Tommy John, all with three-game rests, it doesn't leave room for Downing, unless an injury occurs.

ANSWER: The listing is correct for Al Downing. He was in 30 games that year, and started 28 of them. S-O-M didn't feel he should be listed as a reliever, too, since he appeared in that role so seldom. Using a five-man starting rotation over 162 games, each pitcher would start approximately 32.4 games--which closely resembles the Dodgers' starting appearances.

QUESTION: If Bob Didier's 1973 card with the Detroit Tigers is based on statistics from 1971, why has his defensive rating been changed and why were the hit placement numbers altered?

ANSWER: The defensive rating was changed from a "2" in '71 to a "3" in 1973 to more fully reflect his defensive abilities, which had changed in two years. The computer placed the hits differently on his '73 card--the actual '71 card itself was not used, rather the stats from that season--but the probability of hits occurring remains the same.

QUESTION: How is an offensive foul accounted for in NBA basketball; as a personal or team foul? Also, when does the bonus situation go into effect in NBA games? And how does it work?

ANSWER: Good questions. Checking with Rich Walker, assistant basketball coach at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, MI who had a tryout with the Cleveland Cavs of the NBA, here are his answers: [1] an offensive foul is counted as both a personal and team foul; [2] The bonus situation goes into effect with the seventh team foul of the quarter, or the last two minutes of every quarter when a foul is committed; [3] in the bonus situation the team shooting has a one-and-one situation (if it makes the first shot it receives a bonus), or if it is a two-shot foul the offensive team has three shots to make a total of two.

QUESTION: What was Randy Hundley's fielding rating for the 1970 Chicago Cubs?

ANSWER: This question has been answered before in the Review. But, for the benefit of more recent subscribers, his rating should be a "2".

QUESTION: Why doesn't Ike Hill of the 1974 Chicago Bears (1973 season) have a touchdown on his punt return card? I thought he had one return for a TD, plus one of some 70 yards.

ANSWER: Hill has a 72-yard return on No. 12. S-O-M feels this would account for one touchdown over a full season's worth of punt returns.

QUESTION: While playing the 1974 Cleveland Browns (1973 season), I came across two confusing situations on Don Horn's quarterback card: First, on both long and short pass, No. 11, guessed right, it has "must run", but yet it says "will not occur" on the flip side of the card. The other puzzling number is under long pass, No. 11, guessed wrong, where it has "int. +34, 2-6, 11, 12, X, 7-10"--a repeat of the same interception numbers as for No. 10. What should the correct readings be?

ANSWER: Change "must run" to "pass rush" on both No. 11s. And it should be blank, or an incomplete pass, for No. 11, long pass, guessed wrong.

Guest Columnist

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BY GENE MILENER

I have an idea that could save play-by-mail leagues time and money, add an extra page to the Review at no extra cost, and could help Review readers join a PBM league in the most efficient way possible.

Every month you run loads of advertisements for leagues that are looking for managers. Then people who want to join a league send out an application to many leagues, just hoping to be accepted by one of them. Then there is the problem created by this practice whereby leagues end up accepting someone who has just joined one of the other leagues that he wrote to. This is a big problem for some leagues, and yet few people really know about it.

To solve these problems, I propose that the following system be put into effect by someone willing to take on the task, and someone well known enough to make it popular.

There should be a place where people could write if interested in joining a PBM league. They would send a post card, with name, address, phone, age, and type of league they would like to join: Old-Timer, one-year league that always changes [variety league], or a continuous league. They would, of course, have to specify which sport they want to play.

These cards would then be filed according to each one's specifications. Then, any league needing a manager could write this organization, categorizing the type of league they are (they should send a SASE). This would get managers for leagues faster than the current "ad" system does, plus it would eliminate the problems mentioned above.

I think that the obvious place for such an organization, would be the "Clearinghouse" mentioned recently in the Review. This way the "Clearinghouse" would be further established as a PBM headquarters, and also could check its files on managers to help protect leagues from a faulty postcard applicant.

Editor's note: The above idea has merit, but a major drawback would be that the choice process (a prospective manager to choose his own league; likewise a league to select its own managers) would be missing. Many people would not like a "third party" making such decisions for them.

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WANTED: 1968 and '69 S-O-M Football teams. Any or all (prefer all). Mike Jiu, 9135 Menard, Morton Grove, IL 60053

WANTED: 1966 Cubs, Tigers, Orioles, Braves, Astros; also individual players--'66 J. Wyatt (Red Sox), J. Fisher (Mets), A. Shamsky (Reds), H. Killebrew (Twins). I'll also buy any '68 and pre-'66 baseball teams. Send your bids to: Larry Fryer, 709 North Fourth St., Hamburg, PA 19526

WANTED: Desperately, the Montreal Expos based on 1970 statistics. Need to complete replay. Send price to: Bruce Beingessner, 3509-43A Ave., Red Deer, Alberta, Canada T4N 3E9

For Sale

FOR SALE: Football game, 26 1973 teams. Dolphins, Raiders, Steelers, Bills, Redskins, Cowboys, 49ers, Giants, all from 1972. Good to excellent condition. Home-made team covers. Game parts included, 2/3's score pad. Highest bid accepted, plus \$1.50 postage. Send bids by April 1. Winning bidder notified. Terry Henry, 1214 Emeraldal Road, Orlando, FL 32808

FOR SALE: Baseball 1973 teams complete. Mint condition. Additional players not included. 1972 teams, not complete. Excellent condition. 1971 teams, complete. Good condition. Additional players added. 1968 teams, complete. Fair condition. 20 nameless cards--all 34 Old-Timer teams complete. Fair to mint condition. Hall-of-Famers, series A, excellent condition. Reviews--Oct. and Nov., 1971, 1972-74; exceptions, May, '72, March-Nov.-Dec., '74. S-O-M Directorys included. Will sell all for \$20.00. Football: 1969 teams, complete, good to excellent condition, \$6.00. Basketball: 1972-73, complete; 73-74, Los Angeles, New York, Boston, Milwaukee, Capitals, Chicago, Detroit, Buffalo. Both sets in mint condition. All for \$9.00. Everything mentioned \$30.00. A great buy. Mike Huckleberry, 1205 West Cypress, No. 112, San Dimas, CA 91773 (phone - 213-331-1566)

FOR SALE: Must sell. All issues of Review, Aug., 1971 through Feb., 1975, except Sept., '73, Feb. and Dec., '74. Baseball: original set of Old-Timer teams (excellent condition); all 1971 teams (mint); all 1972 teams (mint); all 1973 teams (mint); 1969 (mint) -- Boston, California, Chicago, Chicago Cubs, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Houston, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Montreal, New York Yankees, Oakland, Philadelphia, Seattle, Washington.

1970 (mint) -- Baltimore, Boston, California, Cleveland, Detroit, Houston, Kansas City, New York, New York Yankees, Milwaukee, Minnesota, Montreal, Oakland, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, San Diego, Washington. All letters answered. Highest bidder. Write: Russ Miller, 16 Earl Road, Huntington Station, NY 11746

FOR SALE: From what we have viewed, the Matejka-Raldiris Statistic Bureau now has the lowest price of any of the other statistic bureaus. Our price is 4¢ while other bureaus charge from 5-7¢. Don't worry about accuracy, our computer takes care of that problem. Your basketball, baseball and football scoresheets will be returned after a short period of time. Your statistics will be typed and accurate. So, get the most of your money and send your scoresheets to: Hiram A. Raldiris, 15 Stephens Ave., Middletown, NY 10940

FOR SALE: Football teams for 1967, 1968 and 1969. Minimum bids: \$5.00 per team for 1967; \$4 per team for 1968; \$3 per team for 1969; \$1 more for playoff teams. If you enclose a check along with your bid, you will probably get the team. If you think any prices are too high, you may risk underbidding, but if you do, please send SASE. Also have over 250 baseball teams dating back to 1963 for sale, too numerous to list here. Send your want list and I'll quote you a price. Robert Henry, 15919 Ferguson, Detroit, MI 48227

FOR SALE: Football--Denver, 1967, Dallas and Chicago, 1968, and 1969 AFL. Best offer accepted. Write: Richard B. Robertson, 7725 Canal Court, McLean, VA 22101

FOR SALE: Baseball card set based on 1973, in excellent condition. Send bids over \$6.00. Only winner will be notified. James Levin, 15 Russell Circle, Natick, MA 01760

FOR SALE: Statistics for all teams, players, 1901-1973/lifetime 1876-1973/all-stars 1876-1900. Send for free list: Kenny Rothenberg, 1323 Euclid Avenue,

Miami Beach, FL 33139

FOR SALE: Great buys on '69-73 teams; selling whole sets of '70, '71, '72, most '69 and some '73 teams. Have two sets of '70, '71, '72, so will send as set, or individually. One year whole league, \$10.00; one year all major league teams, \$18.00, individual team's \$1.50. Specify year, league or teams. Must send check or money order now. Honesty guaranteed. Write: Ev Fullam, 471 Mansfield Ave., Darien, CT 06820

FOR SALE: Baseball -- 1971 Kansas City, Washington, California, Oakland, Minnesota, Baltimore, Detroit, Cleveland, Boston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Montreal, Pittsburgh, Cubs; 1972 -- Boston, Baltimore, Detroit, Kansas City, Oakland, ChiSox, California, Pittsburgh, Cubs, St. Louis, Atlanta, Los Angeles, San Francisco; '72 teams include extra players; 1973 -- Oakland, New York Yankees, Orioles, Red Sox, Cards, Mets, Atlanta, Los Angeles, Cincinnati, San Francisco. All Old-Timer teams, except '05 Giants, '06 Cubs, '48 Cleveland. The following baseball teams have some writing on back: '68 Baltimore, Yanks, Mets, Pirates, Twins, Braves, Cleveland; '67 Detroit, Minnesota. Basketball: '72-73 Chicago, Golden State, Milwaukee, Boston, New York, Atlanta, Baltimore; '73-74 Los Angeles, Buffalo, Boston, Philadelphia, Detroit, New York. Contact: Keith Stern, 140-16 Debs Place, Bronx, NY 10475

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FOR SALE: '71 Orioles, Cardinals, Reds, A's, Giants, Pirates; '72 Red Sox, Cubs, Tigers, White Sox. Teams in great condition. I'll sell to highest bidder after 10 days after bids begin coming in. Minimum bid (separately) is 30¢, [together] is \$2.50. Hurry, write to: Terry Turner, Route 1, Henderson Lake Road, Canton, GA 30114 [minimum purchase \$1.50]

FOR SALE: S-D-M Review Volume I No. 3 on. Top third of first page of May, '74 issue is missing. All others are intact and in very good to excellent condition. Bidders for entire set or consecutive runs will receive priority. Willing to trade. Send offer with self-addressed stamped envelope (no money!). Deadline: 25th day of the month of this issue. Make me an offer I can't refuse. A.F. Mazeika, 9665 E. Baker St., Tucson, AR 85710

FOR SALE: 1972 and 1973 baseball sets with extras. These complete sets are no longer available from the game company. Sets are in near mint condition. Sold only in complete sets. \$12 each or highest bid. I pay postage. Nite Mahan, 1708 Jewel Dr., Longmont, CO 80501

Editor's note: These card sets are available from the Strat-O-Matic Game Co., too.--'73 complete.

FOR SALE: Football game with the following teams: 1973 Minnesota, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Los Angeles, Miami, Buffalo, Oakland, Denver, Detroit, N.Y. Jets, Washington; 1972 Chicago, Minnesota, Pittsburgh, Miami, Detroit, Dallas; 1967 -- complete set. Teams may be bought separate, except for the 1967 set. The cards are in good condition. Also for sale, baseball game with all 1972 teams except Detroit, N.Y. Mets, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and N.Y. Mets and Oakland for 1973. Send bid to: Richard Swanstrom, Box 159, Moose Lake Minnesota, 55767.

FOR SALE: 1972-73 basketball game and cards in mint condition. Just \$6.00. 1969 Dolphins, Bills, Broncos, Oilers, Bengals, Chargers in mint condition, 75¢ each. Six Old-Timers from the 1920's and 30's era, 60¢ each or will trade all of the following for complete 1970 baseball set with extra players. 1972 season football set (with game box) in excellent condition and 1971 Pirates and Senators included, just \$15.00 or will trade for complete 1969 baseball set. Also, will pay 25¢ for 1972 season Hank Aaron. Send card

sets, check or money order to: John Kirkbride, 510 Glen Valley Dr., Norristown, PA 19401

FOR SALE: Basketball game and all parts. Includes following teams: Detroit, Cleveland, Milwaukee, Los Angeles, Golden State and Houston. Everything in mint condition. \$5.00 or best offer. Also have a list of baseball teams I would like to sell. Write: Rick Straub, 476 Sharp St., Salem, OH 44460

FOR SALE: Free list of Strat-O-Matic items I have for sale. List includes 116 Football teams from '68 to '72; all 1971 baseball teams, nearly 200 cards from the '68 baseball teams; and Reviews from January '72 to present. Also, if you desire, when you write for the S-D-M list, you can also receive free a miscellaneous list. Send now for both. Jeff Cozzetto, 520 Rockview Ave., North Plainfield, NJ 07063

FOR SALE: Will sell cheap, baseball--1972 except for Mets, Orioles, White Sox (extras included); 1973 (extras included); nameless players (baseball); football--1970 Lions, Eagles, Colts, Falcons, Chiefs and Raiders; 1971--all teams; basketball 1972-73 all teams. All cards in excellent condition. Write: Dave Lengel, 24 Lincoln Drive, Wernersville, PA 19565

FOR SALE: Baseball 1970, both leagues--mint condition, don't have additional players; 1972, both leagues--excellent condition, have additional players; 1973, both leagues--mint, have extras. Plus the following teams, all mint condition: 1971 Bucs, Padres, Mets, Braves, Dodgers, White Sox, Indians, Orioles. '71 teams have extras. 1905, 1906, 1909, 1909, 1911, 1919, 1935, 1946, 1950, 1953, 1931, 1940 Old-Timers. These teams are 75¢ apiece. 1970 teams are \$16.00 a set; 1972 \$15.00; 1973 \$14.00. Send bids to Steve Hartsell, 241 Witham Rd., Encinitas, CA 92024

FOR SALE: 1967, '68 baseball, complete, fair to good condition, some cards marked but all playable. '70 baseball complete, very good condition. '69 Mets, Braves (2), Orioles (2), Twins (2), White Sox, no extras. '68 Orioles, Cubs. First edition Hall-of-Famers. '34 Cardinals plus a few odd cards. Will trade for other than S-D-M. Send self-addressed stamped envelope to: A.F. Mazeika, 9665 E. Baker St., Tucson, AR 85710

FOR SALE: All baseball teams, 1970-73 (except a few '70 American League). Some Old-Timers and 1967 teams. All Football 1971 teams, assorted others. List available. Highest offer. Ethan Burger, 10 Avalon Road, Great Neck, NY 11021

FOR SALE: Football--1968 Chiefs, Cowboys, Jets, Steelers, Packers, Rams, Raiders, Colts, Chargers, Lions; 1969 Bengals, Browns, Dolphins, Oilers, Bills, Jets, Chargers; 1970 49ers, Vikings, Cowboys, Colts, Bears, Rams; Baseball--1969 Cardinals and Pirates. 1968 Pirates taped for protection. Several players on 1968 teams slightly warped. Some writing on Cards and Pirates. '69 teams mint condition. Wanted: '68 Cards, '69 Rams, pre-1970 baseball. Richard Negrete, 10550 Woodale Ave., Mission Hills, CA 91340

League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: Attention all S-O-M buffs: The Greater United States Strat-O-Matic Organization [G.U.S.S.O.M.O.] is embarking on its fourth season of successful play-by-mail baseball. Dependable managers are needed to replay the 1975 Major League schedule using the entire 24 teams and 96 extra players. If you would like to join the best play-by-mail league in existence, then send a list of the teams in order of preference (over half the positions are filled already) along with a brief sketch of your S-O-M playing experience. Former managers of G.U.S.S.O.M.O. are invited to send for details concerning this year's league. To all managers, old and new, write for information to: Jeff Fleischman, 5374 Southbridge Court, San Jose, CA 95118. The 1975 version of G.U.S.S.O.M.O. will be bigger and better (combination team and draft league), so don't miss out. Please enclose a stamp with your letter for a quick reply. League fee is \$5.00.

LEAGUE FORMING: Need 12 managers for an A.L. replay using the new cards with additionals. Would like only competent and experienced managers who can keep us with a

fast-paced schedule using the advanced version. Contact: Albert D. Goldson, 920 Metcalf Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473 [212] 329-7448.

LEAGUE FORMING: There are some of us game players who are not able to join a league either because we are too young or do not have experience. Well, I, the president of the BRMBL, am looking for players to join who don't need experience, plus there is no age limit. The Babe Ruth Memorial Baseball League will use the new cards coming out in 1975. It will be a draft league. I hope to use the A.L. and N.L. if possible. It depends on how many players I get to join. The fee will be \$4.00 to cover everything. Trade rules and other rules will be made after I get the members. Send five team names and \$4.00 to: Russell Meherios, 63 Thorton St., Revere, MA 02151. Hope you people that tried but couldn't join other leagues will join mine. Also need backup managers.

LEAGUE FORMING: What would you do if you were given three million dollars and all the major league ballplayers were free agents? Buy your own team. Be a general manager and coach. Handle teams, finances and manage the players through a 162-game schedule. For further information about this exciting play-by-mail league, write: Bruce Phelps, 117 East Barck, Luverne, MN 56156

LEAGUE FORMING: Attention S-O-M gamers! Here's your chance to see how well you would do running your own baseball franchise. The ISOMOTA baseball league, which is starting its second successful season, is looking for a few more managers, to go along with the great managers of last season. You could be the proud owner of Bench, Hunter, Marshall or Brock. It'll be your managing that will bring the team to first place. Not only will your managing skill be tested, but your general managing ability as well as players will be kept from year to year. It could be your decision to pass up the aging veteran and draft the potential future star. Trades will play a big part in building your trade into a pennant-winning powerhouse. ISOMOTA, a draft PBM league, uses all the cards, including extra players and uses basic side with many advanced ratings (hit-and-run, sacrifice, etc.) If you're interested, send your name, age, PBM and S-O-M

experience, plus a stamp to ensure a reply to: Mike Topoozian, 24 Eastbrook, Parsippany, NJ 07054. Send in no later than March 15th, as games start April 10th. Hurry, there are only a few openings left.

LEAGUE FORMING: One honest, competent and mature baseball manager wanted for the coming Midwest Baseball Association season. The draft of new player cards will be held March 1. All applicants will be contacted and all applications --including past experience in PBM leagues and age--must be sent immediately. Must own all the 1975 baseball cards. Your team

is an established one and will be very competitive. Contact: Dennis Van Hartsma, 623 Luegers Road, Holland, MI 49423 [phone - 616-335-8795].

LEAGUE FORMING: Managers wanted for PBM basketball league, using 1972-73 teams. Actual teams and schedule will be used, plus many interesting features, such as actual trades [example; if you are coach of Atlanta, Don Adams will be available to you until Oct. 31]. Back-up managers also needed. Send self-addressed stamped envelope and list of teams in order of preference to: Mike Rennick, 18 W. 785 Ave. Latours, Oak Brook, IL 60521.

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Football Playing Tips

The last football hasn't taken a crazy bounce--at least as far as many Strat-O-Matic gridiron buffs are concerned. The seasons are never-ending for such Football Fanatics.

Thomas Graves, a college sophomore who has been playing S-O-M since he was 12, has some interesting football playing tips that you may want to try. He's an English major, but a lover of statistics despite never liking math. He's also a big fan of Old-Timer baseball teams, having completed a couple of series using such teams. Graves lives in Weston, CT.

He also loves experimenting with the S-O-M Football game and has added the following playing tips to make the game more realistic as well as challenging:

MEDIUM PASS -- Pass is especially helpful during those third-and-19 situations when the short pass is too short and you don't want to try the "bomb". On the quarterback's card and the X-Chart use the short pass result, but add 10 yards to each gain. On receiver's card and defensive card read the long pass result, subtracting 10 yards from each gain 30 yards or over, including long gain results [TDs stay TDs, however]. Always check the Long Pass-One Man in Zone Column on defensive card unless there is a setup used like the Short Yardage Defense where there is only three men in the short pass zone and no man in long pass zone.

FIVE-TWO DEFENSE -- One linebacker may blitz (or go off and double-team, making this a 4-2 defense) while the other two LBs straddle the three flat pass zones, thus "covering" all three zones. On QB's card you look under guessed wrong, on receiver's card check whatever was called on play. The defense would be checked for one LB in zone column, but LB ratings for this play would be considered "0".

DRAW PLAY -- Play is run in the line buck and off-tackle slots, but you always look at the running back's end run section. When call is run, Nos. 3, 9 and 11 are automatically the worst result. When play is guessed wrong, however, and pass is called, 3 and 11 are the worst results but 9 is a short gain. Rest of results on the running card are read normally with regard to call of pass or run, always on the end run section.

On the defensive card check the line buck or off-tackle sections, depending what you have called. If call is a run, read the result as if a LB is blitzing in that zone, whether he actually is or not. If the call is pass,

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LEAGUE FORMING: Wanted one or possibly two managers to join the GCUSPBM for next season. This is the league's second season and is one of the country's best-run leagues. All the managers are fair and responsible. You must own the new 1975 cards. I want managers with previous experience and it would be nice if you live in the New York state area. We need backups, too. Dan Hoffman, 76 Evergreen Ave., Elmira, NY 14905

LEAGUE FORMING: Openings in the NDL--three-year old PBM draft league to use new cards--spots in both National, American Leagues. Backup managers also needed. Looking for experienced, dependable managers. No entry fee--God save the freebie. Write: John Spellman, 19 Edgemere Drive, Cranston, RI 02905. Or call (401) 781-2934.

LEAGUE FORMING: Want experienced, reliable managers to start a PBM baseball league. Will use new cards as soon as they come out, plus additional players. Must be 16-and-up and willing to complete season. Send summary of yourself plus team choices in order of preference to: Steve Arata, 505 Ridge Rd. S.W., Vienna, VA 22180

LEAGUE FORMING: Starting in April the National American Draft Organization, a dependable play-by-mail league using the upcoming 1974 cards will begin. Basis of play will be a draft using the advanced version of the baseball cards. We will play with 12 teams, with six in the NL and six in the AL. There will be four divisions with three teams in each. When responding, please specify your choice of either AL or NL that you would prefer to manage in. Please! Only responsible and dependable players need apply. Unfortunately, a \$3.00 entry fee is necessary for a weekly newsletter, prizes and emergency phone calls. This league will endure to be a well-run and organized league. We plan to expand in following years. State age, address, phone number, etc., along with a background of yourself and any S-O-M playing experience that

you might have. Please enclose a stamp. Contact: Kevin Cooter, P.O. Box 371, Colorado City, CO 81019

LEAGUE FORMING: The GNSMBL still needs a few managers to take over the following teams: Detroit, Cleveland, Milwaukee and Kansas City. It's a 1973 replay, using all 24 teams. Entry fee is \$3.75, but hurry, to be assured a spot! Send name, address and a short summary about yourself to: John Kirkbride, 510 Glen Valley Dr., Norristown, PA 19401. Only write if you are truly interested in joining a well-run PBM league.

LEAGUE FORMING: The PCL (Pacific Coast League) is starting this year. It will be a replay of the National League, and will start after new cards come out. Please send list of teams in desired preference to: Don McKenzie, 1024 W. 14th, Port Angeles, WA 98362

LEAGUE FORMING: PBM league starting its second season needs reliable managers. We will use eight American League teams, and draft four players from the teams not being used to complete a 24-man roster. We will use the new cards and play 120-game season. There is also a \$1.00 entry fee. If interested send a biography of yourself and stamp to: Steve Parewski, 5036 N. Oneida Ave., Norridge, IL 60656

LEAGUE FORMING: SNBA, SABA and SNFL all are looking for reliable managers as backups in case a manager quits. A good chance to get into a second year league. Available will be spots for football and both baseball leagues. Baseball uses '73 cards; football uses '72. For baseball, please send list of experience. Football open to "rookies". Write: Gary Callahan, 5859 State University Dr. Room 316B, Long Beach, CA 90815

LEAGUE FORMING: Want eight managers for P-B-M league using the 1975 American League cards coming out in March. Draft style, with a fee of \$5.00 required to be paid by April 1. At least a \$1.50 portion will be refunded at the end of the season. No experience needed; just reliable managers to play the whole season. Send: Name, age, address and fee to assure a team in the league. Write to: Rod Maroney, 1549 W. Surrey, Phoenix, AZ 85029

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Football Playing Tip

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however, if a linebacker is blitzing, he is ignored. You would read the result as if no one is blitzing whenever a pass is called on the draw. The draw, as a result, will do worse than a normal run when the defense has guessed run, but better when the defense is thinking pass and coming with a heavy rush--as is true in real-life. The rule also captures the erratic behavior typical of the draw, while having it go up the middle on the game board.

To mark the draw, put one marker on the "Run" circle of the defense section of the play selector to designate it's a draw and then use the other two in the normal manner, putting either off-tackle or lineback with the runner. Also, allow a quarterback with an end run card to try the draw (the medium pass explained earlier can be done similarly, usig the pass circle on the defensive section to denote the play.