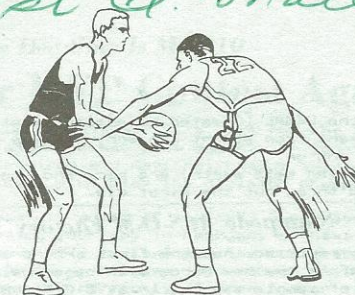


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## STRAT-O-MATIC REVIEW

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### New Cards Finally Arrive!

We had heard plenty about "blackouts," "brownouts" and the various types of outages, but the Review editors, in the last month, almost experienced their first "whiteout." The new baseball cards came perilously close to not reaching their destination in time to beat the Review's publication deadline.

But the UPS (United Parcel Service) truck arrived just in the nick of time--on the very date the Review was to be taken to the printer in Kalamazoo, MI. UPS was still just that with us--rather than "DOWNS."

The great snowstorm (blizzard) was the culprit as far as the delay, as many midwesterners found out to their sorrow. The box to the Review, for instance, took almost two full weeks to make the journey from Glen Head, NY. People in California, the southern states and many other parts of the country were probably unaffected (and their cards likely came through right on schedule), but the midwest was paralyzed for a couple of days.

According to an UPS deliveryman, Larry Hapner (who had been watching for the package for over a week and a half, Pennsylvania was the trouble area, with many packages being delayed. Extra trucks, we were told, had to be sent into the state to relieve the massive pileup of packages.

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The members of the GKSML (Greater Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League), as could be expected, went from slight concern, to deep concern to "panicville" as the wait went on and on.

But the cards (seven sets worth) are here and the GKSML is ready to hold its annual draft and throw out the first die.

### *Stampede At S-O-M Factory*

The game company reported that the first orders started going out on Friday, Jan. 27. Before the new cards even began being shipped, however, close to 120 groups of people stopped in at S-O-M and purchased the cards. People came by car, bus, even plane to be among the first to get their hands on the new cards. Three eager young men, from Virginia, arrived with satchels and purchased 26 sets--yes, 26 sets!--of cards, the largest single order ever filled by S-O-M.

Fortunately, pictures of many of the groups were taken, as well as finding out how far people had come (and by what mode of travel) and the Review will be presenting a story (plus pictures) next month of that "opening day" of shipping at S-O-M.

### NEW CARDS LOOK GREAT

The new cards, as promised, were filled with hitting might. George Foster of the Reds had home runs in the one column, Nos. 5 and 6 straight and most of 7. And Rod Carew had hits splashed all over the one and three columns. Foster, remember, clouted 52 home runs; Carew batted .388.

Ellis Valentine of Montreal is a draft-league manager's dream. Not only is he a "1" in right field, but he has a -5 throwing arm and, against left-handed pitching, has home run chances in the one column on five, six, seven, eight and part of nine. Unbelievable!! The figuring is Mr. Valentine will see very little southpaw pitching and almost exclusively right-handed--since he's a little more human facing that type of hurling.

The new fielding chart is certain to add another whole dimension to the game, as well. Everybody is rated, including the pitchers and catchers. One of the more interesting cards is that belonging to Dave Parker of Pittsburgh. Parker is a "1" in right field, with a -5 throwing arm. But he's an "e-16" as far as error rating--which means he's going to bobble plenty of balls since that rating is the worst possible for an outfielder.

With the new advanced fielding chart, pitchers, catchers, centerfielders, third basemen, shortstops, second basemen, first basemen and left-right fielders all are rated separately.

S-O-M does wish to make it clear, however, that all pitchers are still rated "2" for fielding. The error rating will vary, but the fielding remains "2". Pitchers are given four ratings on the new chart. But the "1", "3" and "4" categories are, as of this time, just for possible future use. REMEMBER! ALL PITCHER'S ARE "2"!

The Review is interested in how gamers across the country, and Canada, etc., have reacted to the new advanced fielding chart. So, as soon as you can give your dice a rest (they probably need a break by now), send us a card telling us your reaction to the changes in the fielding.

### CHANGE JERRY GARVIN'S CARD!!

One mistake on the new cards wasn't caught immediately, so many of you receiving your new cards early might have a "bad" Jerry Garvin. On the advanced side of Garvin's card (he's with the Toronto Blue Jays), on No. 6 in the No. 6 column against left-handed batters, the second part of the split is a maze of undecipherable etchings.

The second part should read: "Fly cf (8) 3-20."

The mistake was caught quickly, however, so many of the orders were caught in time and a new Jerry Garvin card replaced the "bad."



Entry Deadline Is May 10

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## Time For MVP Contest Again

Let those dice rest for a moment. It's time for the Strat-O-Matic Review's Most Valuable Player contest once again. If you think you know who the MVPs will be in the American and National League this summer, take a moment, send us your choices, plus pick the division champs and their winning percentages.

And, if you're successful, a set of the 1979 S-O-M Baseball cards (plus extra players) will be coming your way in February of next year. Terry Ringen of Beattie, KS (Jan., 1978 Review) was the most recent MVP contest winner--and he should be enjoying his new cards about now.

Ringen picked only one MVP correctly--George Foster of Cincinnati--but did forecast the four division winners and came the closest with their winning percentages. For the first time, however, no one selected both MVPs right. Four called one correctly and had the division winners, but Ringen emerged No. 1 on the basis of percentages.

If you desire to get in on the action this year, simply send along to the Strat-O-Matic Review your choice for MVP in each league, list the division winners and their percentages. Ties will again be broken on the basis of division winners and percentages.

Also, you must be a current subscriber to the Review to enter the contest. And, please, only one entry per person.

Again the entry deadline will be May 10, with entries received after that date disqualified. Please don't send entries to the Strat-O-Matic Game Co., as the contest is run by the Review.

You may send in the entry blank below, or send a postcard or similar form that has your selections printed clearly. Send all entries to:

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## 'Statistics Freak' Researches Pitchers' Home Run Totals

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I am without doubt one of the most avid "statistics freaks" in Strat-O-Dom. As my favorite statistic is home runs allowed, I naturally became quite upset when I learned the Old Timers and Hall of Fame teams' pitchers did not have that particular stat on their cards. So I vowed to do something about it.

My chance came when I learned the periodical collection at the college I attend, UC Davis, had the New York Times, Chicago Tribune and Washington Post from their beginnings, on micro-film. Delirious with joy, I began to tackle the job of determining home runs allowed for the Old Timers. My first assignment, I decided, would be the 1927 Yankees. Many painstaking (but happy) hours later, I completed the task.

I looked at every boxscore of the season, noting each pitcher, starter and relievers, and the home runs hit off each of them (if any). There were two or three instances where the Times did not mention the pitcher, or else was ambiguous about it. In those instances, I checked the Tribune and the Post. After completion of the season, I double- and triple-checked the number of appearances and starts for each pitcher. My results, being identical with those of the Baseball Encyclopedia, became official.

During the 1927 season, Yankee pitchers were nicked for the grand total of 42 home runs. The breakdown is as follows:

Waite Hoyt - 10	George Pipgras - 2	Urban Shocker - 8
Wilcy Moore - 3	Dutch Ruether - 8	Myles Thomas - 4
Herb Pennock - 5	Bob Shawkey - 1	Joe Giard - 1
	(no card)	(no card)

I do not realistically see how these figures could be wrong--unless the reporters for the three papers were all blind. Each gamer, of course, has the option of using these figures, or he even may want to try this research himself and try to agree with my figures.

However, to prove my honesty, I will send anyone who wants one a copy of my notes for 1927, showing the starting pitcher, relievers, and HRA for every game of the season. He must send me 25¢ (to cover printing costs) and an SASE, and I shall be happy to send him a copy.

My next project, by the way, is the 1905 Giants. When I have finished with that team, I shall report the "official" results to the Review.

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## Strat-O-Matic Spotlight

AN 'A' FOR STRAT-O-MATIC

Jim Amos, West Peabody, MA, is another who furthered his education via Strat-O-Matic games. Taking the cue from Larry Fryer (who did a college theme on the subject of play-by-mail leagues), Amos cranked out a 14-page thesis for a prep school course entitled: "How To Organize Your Own Strat-O-Matic League."

The paper told about Amos' beginnings with play-by-mail leagues, and how his face-to-face league was organized.

The high school gamer confesses he had some doubt as to how his project would go over: "She's going to hate it. What does she care about S-O-M?" But when the papers were returned, Amos was relieved to find an "A" emblazoned across the front page. "The comments on the paper told the entire story," enthused Amos. "They were filled with interesting remarks about how fascinating the game sounds and that it almost made her go out and buy the game!"

Editor's note: Amos is a junior at St. John's Prep in Danvers, MA.

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Steve Parewski, Norridge, IL, sends along info on how to obtain those sought after 20-sided dice. He recommends contacting Lou Zocchi, 7604C Newton Drive, Biloxi, MS 39532. The inked digit dice (one white, one red) sell for \$3.00, plus there's a 50¢ postage charge for all orders. If interested, it would be best to contact Zocchi for details.

## SHORT SHAKES

Rick [Wolfman] Shapiro writes that a summer S-O-M Convention at Urbana, IL, is again on the docket. It probably will take place either July 28-30, or August 4-6. Wolfie's already received the "OK" from the college to hold it again at Champaign-Urbana. Proposed conventions in Atlanta, as well as New York and California, have apparently fallen through, however... Todd Sharek of No. Dartmouth, MA, traced his S-O-M "roots" recently and found 1,375 games of baseball, 150 of basketball and 50 football. Not bad for a 14-year-old gamer... Paul Maxson, Glendale, AZ, has a wild, wild football replay going, which includes the six Old Timer teams, the '74, '75, '76 Steelers, '74 Miami Dolphins, '75 and '76 Baltimore Colts, '76 Oakland and '74 and '75 Minnesota. Competition is tough, tough, tough... A young gamer from Centerville, MA, Stephen Trimble, likes to play as many games as possible each baseball season with all the teams. In his solitaire efforts he's had two no-hitters--Bruce Kison and Dock Ellis, both of Pittsburgh--watched Tom Seaver of the Mets strike out 19 Dodgers, nine in a row; witnessed Reggie Smith's slugging when he bashed two grand-slams and drove in eight runs in one game; watched Tom Grieve hit three homers in a 10-inning contest, and watched the Cleveland Indians once execute 6 double plays in a game... A quartet of gamers from Notre Dame University and Oklahoma University will square off in a 96-game challenge match, using the 1976 National League baseball cards. Each school will draft one team--the drafting to be done via telephone (both will foot the bill equally). Mick Cornett, president of the Oklahoma University Strat-O-Matic Association, reports the two schools are trying to arrange a halfway point for representatives of each to duel face-to-face.

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## Stadium Created Out Of Cardboard, Felt

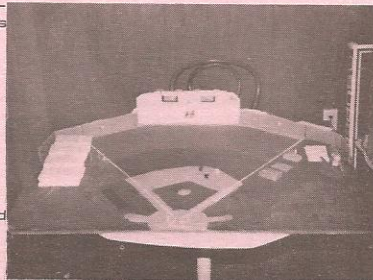
Bob Jostes of Maderia, OH, is another who believes Strat-O-Matic Baseball is enjoyed most when played in the proper setting. With that in mind, Jostes has taken the cue from Houston's Steve Schumacher and created his own S-O-M stadium.

Although not the electronic marvel that Schumacher created, Jostes' stadium is a notable achievement. He worked on it for four years, improving it each year, and now gets the urge to roll dice just from looking at the complex.

The stadium is ringed with cardboard and has a scoreboard (from another game) in center field. The field is a ptpourri of felts--green for the grass and playing field, blue for the bases, plate and pitcher's mound, purple for the coaches boxes and third base dugout and brown for home plate and the batters' boxes. The felt was costly, too, but it noticeably cuts down the rattle of the dice. Latest improvements by Jostes consumed two days of precious game-playing time. But it was worth it.

What next?

Stands around the outfield? Maybe an electronic scoreboard and lights? A new rug for the field? One thing's for sure, S-O-M stadiumbuilders never rest. Right, Steve Schumacher?





## Baseball Playing Tips

Steve Homner of Gary, IN, believes that Strat-O-Matic Baseball is much more than just rolling dice and checking cards for results. There are wind, rain and size of the park factors to be considered, too.

A 26-year-old gamer who's been playing S-O-M for 15 years, Homner and his dice-rollin' cohorts in the steelmill town have added many innovations to the tabletop version of the diamond sport.

Here are some of the changes:

### SIZE OF PARKS

Before each league season commences, each manager declares what kind of ball park his team will be playing in for the entire season. Limitations range from -2 to +2, with plus two meaning it's a small park and "+2" is added to every home run possibility (split chance), not to exceed 1-19. A minus two, conversely, would indicate a larger park and "-2" would be subtracted from the home run chance (not less than 1). Managers could also set their parks at -1, even, or +1.

Any solid home run number, of course, would still remain a home run, regardless of the park's dimensions. And remember, parks cannot be changed during the season.

### RAINOUTS

In Homner's league, each team is given a rain percentage before the season, with the rating usually reflecting the geological region the team supposedly called "home." Examples: Death Valley Prospectors 1% rain percentage; Caracas Banditos - 11%; New Hampshire Hams - 5%; Mongolian Muskrats - 8%.

A rain chart, based on percentages, was developed by the league and it's as follows:

Percentage	Total of 3-Dice Roll	%	Dice Roll	%	Dice Roll
0%	= 3	8% =	3, 14, 17	15% =	3, 4, 5, 13
1%	= 4	9% =	3, 4, 7, 18	16% =	13, 15, 17, 18
2%	= 3, 4, 18	10% =	13	17% =	11
3%	= 16	11% =	5, 8	18% =	3, 4, 10, 18
4%	= 4, 5	12% =	3, 13, 17	19% =	3, 4, 7, 8
5%	= 15, 17, 18		18		18
6%	= 5, 16	13% =	3, 12	20% =	8, 13
7%	= 7	14% =	4, 6, 7, 17		

As the chart reveals, teams with higher rain percentages are more likely to have more rainouts. How this system works is that before each game the home team rolls to see if the game is rained out. If the home team has an 8% rain percentage, and a 3, 14, or 17 is rolled with three dice, then the game is rained out.

Games also can be rained out while in progress. If a 1-1-1 or 6-6-6 are rolled in a game then the threat of rain has occurred. After completing the play in progress, a "rain roll" is conducted, with the total of three dice then checked against the above rain chart.

If the contest is less than four innings along when the clouds open up, no records will count and the game must be rescheduled. If the game is four or more innings old, then the same roller picks a split card to determine at what point the game will be rained out.

The following chart should be used:

Split Card	Result
1-5	- Game is called immediately.
6-10	- Complete next batter and then game is called.
11-15	- Complete next two batters and then game is called.
16-19	- Complete next three batters and then game is called.
20	- Complete next four batters and then game is called.

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Note: when consulting chart, intentional walks do not count as a batter. 7

#### WIND FACTOR

As every baseball fan is also well aware, wind does make a difference, too. Candlestick Park inhabitants will vouch for that. So, Homner has also taken that into consideration as well. This will encompass whether the wind is calm, blowing out, or blowing in, along with the rate.

Here's how it all works: before each game, select a split card and either subtract or add the result to any home run possibilities, excluding solid home run chances.

Then consult the following chart:

Split Card	Result	Split Card	Result
1	- +3 to HR possibility	15-17	-1 to HR possibility
2-3	- +2 " " "	18-19	-2 " " "
4-6	- +1 " " "	20	-3 " " "
7-14	- Even (no change--wind is calm)		

The result of this is then figured in with park size. Example: If Caracas has a park rating of -2 and a split card of 18 is drawn for the wind index, then the HR ratio is -4. Again, remember lowest possible is 1 and highest 1-19.

#### 'REST' FOR PITCHERS

Last innovation from Homner and his cohorts touches on resting of starting and relief pitchers. A chart (below) has been devised for both:

##### Starters

Inn. Pitched -	4+	2-3+	Less than 2
Rest	- 3 Days	2 Days	1 Day

##### Relievers

Inn. Pitched -	7+	5-6+	3-4+	Less than 3
Rest	- 3 Days	2 Days	1 Day	No Rest

##### Relievers (Doubleheaders)

Inn. Pitched -	8+	6-7+	4-5+	Less than 4
Rest	- 3 Days	2 Days	1 Day	No Rest

Note: Homner's league goes by days instead of games, and usually provides for a one-day break between series.

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## Baseball Playing Tip

While on the topic of baseball playing tips, Rob Schellhaas of Everett, MA, has chipped in with a couple of offerings you may want to consider for your gaming endeavors.

**PICKOFF ATTEMPTS** - May be made on any runner on first base. The runner is out if three ones are rolled. The disadvantage is that this maneuver also brings the infield "in" and sets up the "++" possibility. It can be used only once per runner, even though it is done more frequently in real-life.

**DOUBLE PLAY SITUATION** - With runners on first and second and groundball-A or X-3 to shortstop or third baseman, lead runner is forced at third, and then either runner may be played on for the second out of double play. The other runners are played on according to their running ability (plus 2), with a split number being drawn to determine whether DP was successful or runner beat throw. This maneuver adds more excitement (and puts more pressure on the defense) to a seemingly routine twin-killing. The defensive manager has the dilemma, in some cases, of trying to double a fleet-footed runner steaming toward second, or a slower runner going to first. With bases loaded, infield out, play can be made at home by any infielder and then on batter going to first, adding +3 to the runner's ability.



## Questions & Answers

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

QUESTION: Why does the "groundball ++" apply to holding the runner on in baseball, when only the first baseman is involved?

ANSWER: Because the second baseman and shortstop are involved, too, in that both could be moving to guard against steal attempts.

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QUESTION: Why was Frank Baker, in 1971, rated power "N" when he had only one home run?

ANSWER: Based on his home run-at-bat percentage, Baker had few at-bats in 1971, thus the "N" rating.

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QUESTION: The rules in football imply that a team using the 3-man line, 5 defensive backs, cannot blitz any linebackers, but can perform the safety blitz. Is this correct?

ANSWER: Yes.

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QUESTION: With the Old Timers and the new 1976 cards in football, flat pass at 8 and 9 on the basic defense cards reads "receiver," a place that traditionally has been short gain. I like the idea but if I should play the 1962 Green Bay Packers against the 1972 Dolphins, the Packers obviously have an advantage in the flat pass defense card over the Dolphins. Are there any suggestions on how to equalize the older and newer cards?

ANSWER: No, according to S-O-M. Matchups between teams described above, will have to be played with the cards as they are.

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QUESTION: On the 1975 football cards, advanced side, there are readings such as "defensive back in zone X or +30." For solitaire play, is this identical to last year's reading of "free safety X or +30"? In other words, is the "defensive back in zone" the free safety?

ANSWER: Yes. The 1976 cards also have the reading the same way. Prior to 1975, the free safety was mentioned by name in such situations.

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QUESTION: I have a question regarding Don Horn's 1973 card with the Cleveland Browns. On long and short pass he has must run, but must run will not occur. Also, on short pass 8, it reads "receiver +13." What should they be?

ANSWER: Insert "pass rush" for the must run situations. On No. 8 it should read "receiver" only, scratch the +13.

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QUESTION: In what year did Strat-O-Matic start issuing four additional player cards in baseball?

ANSWER: 1969-season cards.

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# Readers Roll 'Em

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## REVIEW NEEDS TO IMPROVE

Greetings once again from the state of Tennessee. Due to procrastination on my part, I'm just now getting around to sending you the stats for the 4th Music City Strat-O-Matic Baseball League.

In addition, the first Franklin-Antioch-Nashville Football League was recently completed. It may possibly be the first face-to-face Old Timer football league sent in.

On another subject, although the Review hasn't improved greatly, refuses to stand with the gamers, and answers questions evasively, it's all we have and, hopefully, if we can raise enough Cain we can all pull together and accomplish something worthwhile.

Like more Old Timers, extra players, polls and (I hate to be so critical, but I hope it's constructive) a bigger and better Review.

Also, I'm wondering why there hasn't been a Review representative at the national convention for at least three years. You won't print this because you consider me a radical, an activist if you will, but I consider myself the voice of the people.

In the December Review, Kelly Huey called me the best. Kelly tends to exaggerate. Although I consider myself a pretty good player, there is no way I could possibly claim that distinction. At least not until a couple of national convention trophies come my way. Incidentally, thanks Wolfman (Rick Shapiro), on behalf of everyone who has participated in convention activities.

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Editor's note: We will try to do better. Remember the changes that have occurred in the S-O-M world in the last seven years, however. It may be more than mere coincidence that the Review has been coming your way over the same time span.

## POINTS OUT ERRORS

First of all, I would like to point out a terrible mistake made in William McNeill's 1972 Football replay (Jan., 1978). In his final standings, he put Pittsburgh (10-4-0) over Cincinnati (9-3-2) as the wild card team in the AFC.

However, since ties weren't figured into the winning percentages in 1972, Cincinnati had the better record and should have been in the playoffs. Also, since we don't know how Cincinnati did against Cleveland in the regular season, the Bengals may be champions of the AFC Central.

In any case, the Bengals belonged in the playoffs instead of the Steelers, and I suggest Mr. McNeill should replay the playoffs and let the Review know the results.

Also, Tom Grzywacz's letter in the December, 1977, Review suggests that Eddie Murphy played 30 games in the outfield for the Chisox in 1919 while hitting .486. The fact is, Murphy played only six games in the outfield that year, spending the rest of his time as a pinch-hitter and had only 35 at-bats. Sorry about that, Tom.

Finally, let me say that I had a feeling of *deja vu* when I first picked up the January Review. January, 1977!? Oh, well, I guess that proves that no one--not even the editors of a great magazine like the Review--is perfect. Seriously, though, I hope you keep up the good work and I only wish that I had started subscribing earlier than I did.

Wayne Wheeler  
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Cardston, Alberta

## BRING BACK PENALTY CHART

I was wondering if it is at all possible that you could reprint the penalty chart found in the March, 1977 issue? I cannot recall exactly who designed the chart, but I do know that it was apparently quite popular and you are out of those back issues.

Unfortunately, I started receiving the Review in April, 1977, and was therefore one month late. I am just starting football and I find it very exciting, though penalties are needed because they play such an

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important role in actual football games. I would be very happy (as would many other gamers) if the Review could reprint this chart.

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Editor's note: The chart you refer to was devised by Richard Noonan of Patchogue, NY. The Review hopes to be able to reprint the chart in the near future.

#### LONGER GAMES: MORE POINTS

I would like to make a suggestion for those who love offensive football games. Instead of using the timing system the rules provide for (30 seconds per play), I use only 15 seconds for all plays.

This allows for more offensive plays and more points, especially when playing solitaire. This proved out when I replayed the 1971 teams (basic version). There was only one team that allowed fewer than 300 points, and only three teams that scored less than 300.

Suggestions for Old Timer teams: 1969 Mets and the 1903 Boston Red Sox (first winner of World Series). And how about Old Timer football teams (more of them)?

One final note: In the Dec., '77 issue, one of the trivia questions said that there was no modern player who was rated E stealing, 1-17 running. I, however, found in looking through my back cards that '75 Pete Rose was an E, 1-16. I wonder if there are any others?

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#### S-O-M IS THE 'BEST'

First of all, I would like to say that I have played many other baseball games and I think S-O-M is beyond doubt the best one yet. The thing I like most about S-O-M is the normalization feature.

One thing I don't like about S-O-M, however, is that it hasn't yet come out with a complete Old Timer season. And whenever someone mentions it in this column, we readers get no response on the

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company's position on this matter. I think that if S-O-M did issue a complete season for a reasonable price, many devoted rollers (including myself) would gobble up the offer as soon as it came out.

I also agree with Keith Adams that a new injury chart is a must. Also, how about a pitcher's holding rating since most bases are stolen off the pitcher anyway.

In response to Bruce Zimmerman's letter in the Nov. issue, I would suggest that gamers upset because a certain player was (in his mind) unfairly rated, not take Bruce's advice because one change can lead to bigger and worse things.

I have first-hand experience because a fellow roller and I decided that some ratings in the '75 set were unfair. After a while we got power hungry and started making little deals: "...you change mine from a 3 to a 1 and I'll let your pitcher be a 9 (.) instead of a 6 (.)". We ended up with Lou Brock a 1 (-5); a former 4 (+1).

Besides not getting true results from our players, we ended up with a complete set of cards ruined by a bunch of marks all over them. I think if Harold Richman (S-O-M's creator) was ingenious enough to invent this game, he ought to be capable of rating the players properly. Besides, if any mistakes are found in the cards, they are usually printed in the Review anyway.

Robin Hager  
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Ashland, IL

#### WANTS MORE OLD TIMERS

How much longer will we be deprived of such cards as 1912 Chief Meyers (.358 hitting catcher), 1912 Joe Wood (.34-5, 1.91 ERA), 1923 Tris Speaker (.380, 59 doubles, 17 homers), 1920 George Sisler (.407), 1930 Fred Lindstrom (.379, third baseman), 1896 Hughie Jennings (.401, shortstop), 1804 Hugh Duffy (.393), 35 HRs), 1930 Chuck Klein (.386, 40 HRs), 1930 Pie Traynor (.366), 1949 Ralph Kiner (54 HRs), 1930 Hack Wilson (.356, 56 HRs) and 1914 Dutch Leonard (1.01 ERA)? The list goes on, as does the wait of baseball buffs hooked on S-O-M. Will any of these ever be available?

Richard Zaborsky  
Youngstown, OH



## Dallas Wins Super Bowl Replay Thriller

Two of the great features of Strat-O-Matic games are that they allow you to replay seasons of past years...and also preview, in a sense, upcoming events.

So it was three days before Super Bowl XII as co-editor of the Review, Del Newell, decided to match the Dallas Cowboys against the Denver Broncos to see how the game "would come out" in real-life.

Teams based on the 1976 season were used, with Craig Morton being shifted from the New York Giants to the Broncos and Lydell Mitchell's card with Baltimore replacing Tony Dorsett for the Dallas Cowboys.

Dallas wound up scoring 27 points--just as in the real-life game--but Denver didn't perform similar to its "Butterfinger Bowl" showing and instead made the final score much closer than 27-10. In fact, Dallas' Efren Herrera had to boot a 41-yard field goal with no time showing on the clock to win the game, 27-24. It was probably the most thrilling solitaire football game that Del Newell had played.

### NO FUMBLES LOST

Most noticeable difference was the lack of turnovers. Whereas in real-life the two teams combined for 10 miscues, the table-top version saw only one pass interception and no fumbles lost. Denver backs had a lot of opportunities pop up on Dallas' defensive cards, but no bobbles were lost.

Morton, however, did have one pass swiped (unlike the four in the real game, though)--and it was a key play early in the game. Denver had taken the opening kickoff and marched steadily downfield. But Mel Renfro picked off a Morton aerial and raced 69 yards for a touchdown with less than four minutes played.

Denver bounced back, however, and drove to a touchdown--with Otis Armstrong's five-yard run accounting for the equalizer at 5:45 of the first period. At this point, Denver had run 17 scrimmage plays...and Dallas hadn't as yet touched the football on offense.

### WILD FINISH

Roger Staubach, who was later selected the game's Most Valuable Player, gave Dallas a 14-10 halftime lead when he tallied on a six-yard run off a "must run" situation.

Early in the fourth quarter, with Dallas' "Doomsday Defense II" asserting itself, the Cowboys took the lead for what appeared for good when Golden Richards hauled in a seven-yard pass from Staubach. It was 24-17, Dallas, but still with 12:30 remaining.

Denver, after a couple of aborted efforts to mount a drive, found itself working against the clock in a desperate attempt to tie the game and force an overtime. The Broncos reached the Dallas 38 and then, with only 1:15 remaining and on third down, Morton hooked up with big-play specialist Rick Upchurch on a 38-yard "long-gainer" that tied the score.

Dallas, far from being demoralized, used two timeouts and a 50-yard pass from Staubach to Drew Pearson to move the ball into range for Herrera's winning boot.

### STAUBACH NAMED MVP

Staubach, as mentioned earlier, was selected MVP, as he completed 16 of 23 passes for 229 yards and one touchdown plus scored on the six-yard run. The "Orange Crush" defense, however, did sack Jolly Roger four times for 33 yards in losses.

On the ground, Denver had a large superiority, outrushing Dallas by a 167-39 margin. Otis Armstrong picked his way to 130 yards in 23 carries for Denver, gaining 82 of it on 16 first-half totes. Dorsett (i.e. Mitchell) was a flop for Dallas, carrying the ball nine times and ending with a negative two yards.

Overall, Denver gained 332 yards off 64 scrimmage plays and Dallas a

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Scoring and statistical summary:

Dallas - 7 7 3 10--27  
Denver - 7 3 7 7--24

Dallas: Mel Renfro, 69, intercepted pass (Efren Herrera kick), 7-0.  
Denver: Otis Armstrong, 5, run (Jim Turner kick), 7-7.  
Denver: Turner, 29, field goal, 10-7.  
Dallas: Roger Staubach, 6, run (Herrera kick), 14-10.  
Denver: Haven Moses, 6, pass from Craig Morton (Turner kick), 17-14.  
Dallas: Herrera, 47, field goal, 17-17.  
Dallas: Golden Richards, 7, pass from Staubach (Herrera kick), 24-17.  
Denver: Rick Upchurch, 38, pass from Morton (Turner kick), 24-24.  
Dallas: Herrera, 41, field goal, 27-24.

	DALL	DEN
First downs....	13	18
Rush/Yds.....	26/39	37/167
Pass. Yds.....	229	175
Passes.....	23-16-0	26-14-1
Fumbles lost...	0	0
Yds. lost pass.	33	9

Rushing: Dallas - Newhouse, 8-19;  
Dennison, 3-7; Dorsett, 9- -2. Denver -  
Armstrong, 23-130; Keyworth 13-37.  
Receiving: Dallas - D. Pearson, 4-120;  
DuFree 4-41; Dorsett, 3-28; G. Richards  
3-23. Denver - Moses, 3-55; Upchurch 2-53;  
Odoms, 4-37.

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## Replay Of Grid Greats Is Swiftest

### Tennessee-Based League Is First Face-To-Face

One of the quickest replays, we've discovered, is that using the six Old Timer pro football teams. Replaying a 14-game season for the sextet amounts to only 42 games, plus playoffs--and can easily be accomplished in a month to six weeks by the avid gridiron gamer.

Two more such replays crossed the desk of the Review editors recently; one a solitaire effort by Billy Thompson of Springfield, MO ("Same Ol' Solitaire League"), the other perhaps the first head-to-head, full-season replay using the Old-Time grid greats.

Thompson reeled off his replay in just one month, and then probably took much longer to put together a statistic-filled chronology of what took place--a 26-page yearbook.

Meanwhile, the first Franklin-Antioch-Nashville Football League was going at it face-to-face. Randall Witt of Franklin, TN, was commissioner of the league, which was comprised of six members. Teams were doled out on the basis of gaming experience, with the "rookie" coaches being given the best teams and the "veterans" the likes of the 1960 Eagles. A two-division setup was created, with each team playing the others within the division four times (eight games) and teams outside twice each (six games). The basic version of the game was used because of the inexperienced gamers, although keying and double-teaming were allowed.

Thompson's replay went pretty much according to plan, with the 1958 Baltimore Colts finishing first, the '62 Green Bay Packers second and '65 Cleveland Browns third. Experience paid off, however, in the FANFL, as Witt guided the lowly '60 Eagles to a division title and Richard Brennesholtz did likewise in the other with the '65 Browns. Baltimore and Green Bay, both given to rookie coaches, fell into the basement in their respective divisions. So coaching was obviously the key to success in the FANFL.

Thompson's yearbook, a slick, professional publication, would satisfy even the most avid statistical fanatic. Along with complete team results and individual statistics, team totals in such categories as rushing, passing, interceptions, kicking and punting, first downs, fumbles and sacks are also listed. All-Star teams were also listed.

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For example, the '65 Browns had 110 first downs by rushing, 149 passing for a total of 259--or a league-leading 18.5 average. And Baltimore intercepted 31 passes as a team, returned them 388 yards--the longest 48 yards--scored once and averaged 12.5 yards every runback.

Jimmy Brown of the '65 Browns was the SOSL's Most Valuable Player, leading the league in rushing with 1,615 yards, touchdowns with 19 and finishing runnerup in scoring with 114 points.

Baltimore captured the SOSL title, however, finishing 10-3-1 over the regular-season haul and then downing the second-place Packers in a playoff championship game, 17-10. Ray Brown, a Colt defensive back, was chosen MVP of the title clash after intercepting three Bart Starr passes, the last setting up the game-winning TD in the fourth quarter. Baltimore and the Pack met four times during Thompson's replay, Green Bay winning the first, 20-17, and then the Colts the last three, 24-17, 20-16 and 17-10 in the title game--an 18-point margin.

After losing the opener to the Packers, Baltimore won its next six before being upset by Philadelphia, 19-14. The Colts had league's most feared offense, averaging 362 yards per game...Alan Ameche rushed for 1,001 yards, dual threat Lenny Moore rambled for 861 and caught 49 passes for 908 more... plus Baltimore defense led in sacks with 48.

Green Bay, meanwhile, won its five games then played .500 ball afterwards. ..Fullback Jim Taylor was second leading rusher with 1,504 yards, had 18 TDs rushing--tops in league--but fumbled ball away league-high 20 times... Great trio of receivers in Max McGee (47-901), Boyd Dowler (47-742) and Ron Kramer (39-564)...plus 227 points was lowest yield on defense.

Cleveland had great offense and awful defense, Philadelphia surprised somewhat by knocking off Baltimore and Green Bay back-to-back in mid-season and going 5-2-1 down the stretch, the '63 Bears yielded only 303.5 yards a game defensively and featured end Mike Ditka (59 catches, 830 yards) and the punting of Bobby Joe Green (45.8), while '58 Giants, after winning first two games, hit the skids and didn't win another the rest of way.

The Giants, surprisingly, gave the Colts fits, losing by a point (7-6) on Pat Summerall's missed extra point and tying them 10-10 in their second game. New York, which was plagued all season by Charlie Conerly's 38.2 per cent completion accuracy, went one six-game stretch and scored a mere 24 points.

#### EAGLES ON TITLE FLIGHT IN FANFL

Witt, who has become something of a folk hero for his S-O-M playing exploits, obviously got the most out of the meager talent on the '60 Eagles. The Eagles won their division, going 6-4-4, and then topped Cleveland in the Super Bowl, 24-21. Clarence Peaks, the Eagles' regular-season MVP, rushed for a whopping 181 yards, and the Bird defense held Jim Brown to 100 in 33 carries, both instrumental in the final outcome.

Witt's defense was dubbed the "rubber band" after allowing 382 yards a game. But Norm VanBrocklin and Sonny Jurgensen combined for 3,788 yards passing and the secondary picked off 39 passes.

Baltimore faltered because Johnny Unitas had 26 passes intercepted (8.8 per cent), while Frank Gifford was a double-threat for the Giants, who were passed over for a playoff berth because Philly had the better record within the division.

Over in the West Division, Cleveland averaged 30 points as Jim Brown rambled to 1,738 yards and Gary Collins caught 62 Frank Ryan passes. Chicago's defense was magnificent, giving up only 299 yards a game, but the offense was pathetic, scoring only 17 per contest. The Bears couldn't handle Cleveland, losing four lopsided games to the Browns. Green Bay lost a flock of close games under rookie mentor Tim Williams, although Jim Taylor rushed for 1,559 yards and the offense was the second highest scoring.

Other members of the FANFL, in addition to Witt, Brennessholtz and Williams, were Danny Biles (coach of the New York Giants), Tim Whitby (Baltimore) and Chip Schnakenberg (Chicago).

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STANDINGS AND LEADERS FOR THE FANFL AND SOSL



SOSL	W-L-T	Pts	OPts
'58 Baltimore	10-3-1	349	239
'62 Green Bay	9-4-1	332	227
'65 Cleveland	7-7-0	349	350
'60 Philadelph.	6-7-1	308	322
'63 Chicago	5-9-0	202	265
'58 New York	2-9-3	129	256

FANFL	W-L-T	OYds	OYds
East Division			
'60 Philadelphia	6-4-4	4701	5343
'58 New York	8-6-0	4844	4562
'58 Baltimore	6-7-1	5182	4634
West Division			
'65 Cleveland	9-3-2	5211	4656
'63 Chicago	5-9-0	4127	4185
'62 Green Bay	4-9-1	4617	4597

Rushing	Att-Yds	Avg.	TD
J. Brown CLE	274-1615	5.9	16
J. Taylor GB	270-1504	5.6	18
Ameche BAL	208-1001	4.8	11
L. Moore BAL	113-861	7.6	6
Peaks PHI	131-740	5.6	6
Gifford NY	136-670	4.9	5
Bull CHI	129-563	4.4	2

Rushing	Att-Yds	Avg.	TD
J. Brown CLE	356-1738	4.9	16
J. Taylor GB	282-1559	5.5	9
Ameche BAL	211-912	4.3	9
Peaks PHI	126-836	6.6	7
Gifford NY	154-730	4.7	6
Webster NY	134-677	5.1	4
L. Moore BAL	106-644	6.1	14

Receiving	No.-Yds	Avg.	TD
Ditka CHI	59-839	14.2	5
Berry BAL	56-795	14.2	11
Collins CLE	56-1006	18.0	12
Retzlaff PHI	53-1006	19.0	5
L. Moore BAL	49-908	18.5	7
Dowler GB	47-742	15.8	1
McGee GB	47-901	19.2	5
Morris CHI	45-760	16.9	2

Receiving	No.-Yds	Avg.	TD
Retzlaff PHI	63-1226	19.5	11
Ditka CHI	63-511	8.1	1
Collins CLE	62-1473	23.8	12
L. Moore BAL	62-1283	20.7	9
Dowler GB	59-631	10.7	3
McDonald PHI	56-1089	19.4	4
McGee GB	53-1185	22.4	6
Morris CHI	53-796	15.0	9

Scoring	TD	FG	PAT	Pts.
Walston PHI	6	14	38	116
Brown CLE	19	0	0	114
Taylor GB	18	0	0	108
Groza CLE	0	20	41	101
Kramer GB	0	18	38	92

Scoring	TD	FG	PAT	Pts.
L. Moore BAL	23	0	0	138
Brown CLE	18	0	0	108
Groza CLE	0	15	55	100
Walston PHI	6	5	46	97
Summerall NY	0	16	38	86

KO Returns	No.-Yds	Avg.	TD
Adderly GB	21-677	32.2	2
Lyles BAL	25-707	28.3	0
Kelly CLE	30-846	28.2	0

KO Returns	No.-Yds	Avg.	TD
Adderly GB	29-948	32.7	4
T. Brown PHI	12-360	30.0	0
Lyles BAL	29-839	28.9	0

Punt Returns	No.-Yds	Avg.	TD
Morris CHI	33-419	12.7	0
Wood GB	53-561	10.6	0
Kelly CLE	25-252	10.1	0

Punt Returns	No.-Yds	Avg.	TD
Wood GB	32-491	15.3	1
Roberts CLE	14-179	12.8	0
Kelly CLE	12-137	11.4	1

Punting	No.-Yds	Avg.	Long.
Green CHI	76-3482	45.8	66
Collins CLE	56-2507	44.8	71

Punting	No.-Yds	Avg.	Long.
Collins CLE	30-1369	45.6	71
Green CHI	45-2014	44.8	59

Passing (SOSL)	Att-Comp	Pct.	Yds.	TD-Int.	Avg. Gain
VanBrooklin PHI	313-167	53.4	2764	24-21	8.83
Starr GB	336-174	51.8	2468	12-12	7.35
Ryan CLE	242-124	51.2	1833	15-14	7.57
Unitas BAL	288-135	46.9	1995	17-15	6.93
Wade CHI	369-175	47.4	2251	9-22	6.10
Conerly NY	241-92	38.2	1339	5-19	5.56

Passing (FANFL)	Att-Comp	Pct.	Yds.	TD-Int.	Sacks/Losses
Ryan CLE	296-178	60.1	2791	24-22	21 - 191
Starr GB	337-191	56.7	2591	20-19	30 - 267
VanBrooklin PHI	396-221	55.8	2845	23-21	38 - 340
Unitas BAL	294-152	51.7	3362	17-26	56 - 479
Wade CHI	374-197	52.7	2450	18-19	35 - 302
Conerly NY	256-140	54.7	1917	12-17	17 - 152



# No-Hitters

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## 'Marathon Man' Comes Up With Pitching Gem

Tyler Housel of Watervliet, NY, is Strat-O-Matic's version of the "Marathon Man." On the morning of Tuesday, Dec. 27, he rose early and began rolling S-O-M dice. Then, 90 hours and 10 minutes later, on Friday, Dec. 30, at 12:20 p.m., his dice-rollin' escapades came to an end.

For the endurance feat, Housel is laying claim to Strat-O-Matic Baseball's marathon record. Witnesses also dropped in on Housel from time to time to vouch for his staying power, among whom were his mother, Stella, and friends Bill Snay, Eric Randall and John Bouchard.

Randall, the editor of the local school newspaper, snapped pictures of Housel in action--and even managed to be on the scene taking shots during a no-hitter by Tom Seaver of the 1976 New York Mets. Seaver was hurling against the 1976 Pirates and set the normally hard-hitting Bucs down without a safety. Only an error spoiled a perfect game bid. The photos of Seaver setting down the Bucs in the early innings might be the first pictorial record of a no-hitter in S-O-M.

### HOORAY FOR DEBBI!

Another no-hitter that was far removed from a mundane happening occurred when Debbi Schellhaas, the wife of Rob Schellhaas of Everett, MA, had Don Gullett of the '75 Cincinnati Reds set down her husband's '76 New York Mets through nine innings without a hit.

Rob had just shortly before persuaded Debbi to play a short 16-game series with him involving the two teams. Then Gullett took the mound. As events turned out, Gullett didn't get the win, nor did he pitch a complete-game no-hitter. In fact, the Mets won the game in 11 innings, 4-0.

But Gullett did hurl nine innings without being touched for a safety. He was in trouble in the fifth inning, loading the bases with walks with only one out, but escaped unscathed and unscored upon. John Milner's single in the 10th was the first hit off Gullett, who ultimately watched reliever Rawley Eastwick suffer the loss after the Mets bunched two singles with Pete Rose's error for a run in the 13th.

### MAKING WAY FOR THE NEW

Since it won't be long before the first no-hitters with the new baseball cards come rolling in, now is the time to clear the spindle of past no-hit happenings.

...Jim Bibby, 1973 Texas Rangers (advanced cards) shackled Kansas City, 9-0. Bibby fanned seven, walked four and twice retired John Mayberry on split 1-15 HR, 16-20 (Flyout B) chances. Thomas Jordan of Troy, MI witnessed Bibby's feat.

...Glen Sarvady of Park Ridge, IL, reports two no-hitters, one not so surprisingly by Tommy John against the 1973 Chicago Cubs, and the other, surprisingly, by Dick Lange of Boston against Detroit, using the '74 cards. Lange was plagued with fits of wildness, walking nine including loading the bases in the 7th and 8th innings--but survived without yielding a hit.

...Gaylen Faughender of Geddes,

SD, also has experienced more than one no-hit gem--Wally Bunker of the '65 Orioles stifling the Chicago White Sox, 2-0, walking three and striking out four, and, in the most exciting one, '65 Sandy Koufax of the Dodgers going 13 innings without yielding a hit against the '65 Cards, only to lose a 1-0 thriller on Bill White's 14th-inning homer.

...Dennis Eckersley, making his first start for the 1975 Cleveland Indians against the hard-hitting Boston Red Sox, allowed only one walk in tossing a no-hitter for Jim Rosenbeck, Medina, NY.

...John Candelaria, 1976 vintage, got his the hard way in Dave Schein's (E. Brunswick, NJ) draft league replay. Candy struck out five, walked five, even hit a pair--but still managed to no-hit a lineup comprised of Rod Carew, Mike Schmidt, Larry Hise, etc.

...Francisco Barrios of the White Sox ('77 cards) provided Victor Curiel with his first no-hitter, stopping California with a 11-strikeout performance.



## S-O-M League, Replay Scene

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OLD TIMER BASEBALL REPLAY - Conducted by Mark Frobom, Minneapolis, MN, a three-team effort using 1921 Yanks, 1929 Cubs and 1934 Tigers...154-game season...Hack Wilson, Chicago's stumpy slugger, terrorized the league, turning in most consistent offensive performance ever experienced by Frobom; Wilson was second in home runs with 40, led in RBI with 168 and batted .338 ...Cubs won league by comfortable 16-game margin over '21 Yanks, as Rogers Hornsby batted .358, Kiki Cuyler .371--tops in league--Guy Bush (21-11) won Cy Young Award and Pat Malone (21-11) and Charlie Root (18-13) formed Big Three mound staff...Lack of pitching depth cost Yanks as team displayed potent attack led by Babe Ruth (49 HRs, .357, 152 walks) and Bob Meusel (33 HRs, 125 RBI) who still displayed a penchant toward inconsistency. Carl Mays was 19-20 in 364 innings of toil, while Waite Hoyt was 17-15, Bob Shawkey 13-17 (2-11 down stretch)...Tigers lacked teeth on attack, as Hank Greenberg's 29 homers led club. Hammerin' Hank also knocked in 133 runs and slashed 55 doubles, Marv Owen surprised with .353 average and 100 RBI, but Charlie Gehringer disappointed despite .320 average and opponents, after Schoolboy Rowe and Tommy Bridges, feasted on pitching staff.

Standings and leaders:

	Won-Lost	GB	Batting	Home Runs
1929 Cubs	88-66	-	Cuyler CUB .371	Ruth YANK 49
1921 Yankees	72-82	16	Hornsby CUB .358	Wilson CUB 40
1934 Tigers	71-83	17	Ruth YANK .357	Hornsby CUB 34
			Owen TIG .353	Meusel YANK 33

RBI	Won-Lost	
Wilson CUB 168	Malone CUB 21-11	Root CUB 18-13
Ruth YANK 149	Bush CUB 21-11	Hoyt YANK 17-15
Greenberg TIG 131	Mays YANK 19-20	Rowe TIG 17-15

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1975 BOSTON RED SOX REPLAY - Bill Fraser, Bath, ME, wanted to see how much better off the Red Sox would have been if Carlton Fisk had not been injured and had played the entire season. The Sox would have been even tougher, as with Fisk in the lineup full-time the team rang up a 109-53 record compared to real-life 95-65...Fisk made good even better...Fisk, playing 140 games, batted .333, knocked in 108 runs, homered 23 times and combined with Fred Lynn (.365, 210 hits, 31 HRs, 134 RBI), Jim Rice (.312, 20, 106) and part-timers Denny Doyle (.333), Juan Beniquez (.344) and Cecil Cooper (.349) to give Sox awesome offense...Pitching benefitted from howitzers, too, as Luis Tiant (22-5, 3.32 ERA), Bill Lee (20-8), Rick Wise (21-9) and Roger Moret (15-6), among others, combined for team 3.57 ERA...Milwaukee was Sox's favorite patsy, dropping 16 of 48 games to the Beantowners, while Bosox were 14-4 against Baltimore and Detroit. Only Cleveland, 7-11, won more games than lost against Boston. Oakland, the West Division champ, fell eight times in 12 meetings with the Red Sox...Bobby Bonds, George Scott, Jim Hunter and Jim Bibby were among the handful of players not swept over by the surging Sox tidal wave--Bonds crashing eight homers, Scott seven and Hunter and Bibby each going 4-0 against Boston.

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N.T.L. BASEBALL - Combination face-to-face, play-by-mail draft league using National League only...Commissioner is John Blomstrom, Houston, TX, where half of the league's eight members reside...Blomstrom's Astros (1975 season cards) captured league's first pennant as Randy Jones (23-12) and Tom Seaver (22-11) were dynamic mound duo, Ted Simmons finished second in batting at .337 and Dave Kingman was tied 1 in home run derby with Johnny Bench for second with 29...Andy Messersmith of manager Dennis Madej's Mets was most amazing hurler, however, finishing with modest 14-12 record and 2.32 ERA--but with seven shutouts and three no-hitters! One of the no-hitters was a perfect game...John Candelaria of the Cubs no-hit the Pirates, who were blanked 15 times en route to a sub-par 68-86 record...Managers and their teams included:

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John Blomstrom (Astros), Sam Cortese (Braves), Mike Daivies (Dodgers), Dave Brandwein (Cubs), Dave Blomstrom (Reds), Craig Becker (Giants), Tim Blomstrom (Pirates) and Dennis Madej (Mets).

Standings and leaders:

	Won-Lost	GB	Batting	Home Runs
Astros	93-61	-	Madlock RED .340	Foster DOD 33
Braves	87-67	6	Simmons AST .337	Bench GIA 29
Dodgers	82-72	11	Lacy DOD .329	Kingman AST 29
Cubs	81-73	12	Sanguillen CUB .319	Schmidt BRA 28
Reds	76-78	17		
Giants	76-78	17	RBI	Won-Lost
Pirates	68-86	25	Foster DOD 107	Jones AST 23-12
Mets	53-101	40	Parker CUB 104	Seaver AST 22-11
			Matthews BRA 104	Candelaria CUB 20-12
ERA				Hooton GIA 19-12
Messersmith MET 2.32			Reuss PIR 2.71	Rogers RED 17-13
Sutton RED 2.34			Seaver AST 2.72	Sutton RED 17-16
Jones AST 2.56			Candelaria PIR 2.73	

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EIGHT-TEAM SOLITAIRE FOOTBALL - Replay of 1975 season that was loaded with offense...conducted by Paul Thiel, Burlington, MA...Pittsburgh and New England shared AFC title, with Pittsburgh winning playoff by a rousing 51-38 score; Dallas won so-called NFC, edging Oakland by a game...Miami was also in "NFC"--so much for real-life conference alignments...To show offense, New England averaged 40.9 points per-game; gave up 25.8...St. Louis averaged 38.1 and gave up 40.5...only 10-game schedule...Pittsburgh knocked off Oakland in title game, 35-28...Roger Staubach of Cowboys was leading passer, completing 154 of 224 tosses for 88.8 per cent accuracy, 3,094 yards and 29 TDs...Franco Harris of Steelers rushed for 1,604 yards (6.2 average), Baltimore's Lydell Mitchell 1,560 (4.8) and O.J. Simpson of the Bills amassed 1,558 (6.2). Harris once rushed for 307 yards, Staubach passed for 438 and Fred Biletni-koff of the Raiders had 17 receptions in a game against "phantom" defenses.

Standings:

AFC	Won-Lost	PF	PA	NFC	Won-Lost	PF	PA
New England	8 2	409	258	Dallas	7 3	378	302
Pittsburgh	8 2	361	222	Oakland	6 4	354	319
Baltimore	5 5	266	316	Miami	2 8	210	339
Buffalo	2 8	257	300	St. Louis	2 8	381	405

Playoffs: Pittsburgh 51, New England 38; Oakland 31, Dallas 27.

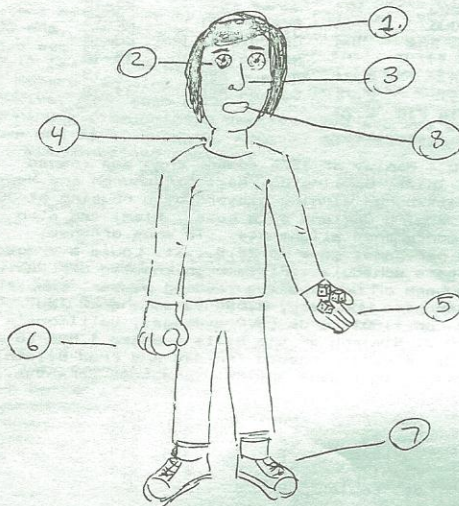
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THE LEAGUE - Another of the quickie 162-game baseball seasons, using a mixture of Hall-of-Fame, Old Timers and contemporary greats, that Bob and Bill Hazel and Richard Zaborzky, Youngstown, OH, engaged in...Bob, aided immensely by a masterful trade, won 91 games, Bill 77 and Zaborzky crashed into the basement with but 71 triumphs...the 'trade' involved Bob sending Arky Vaughan, Rico Petrocelli and Elston Howard to brother Bill, in exchange for Honus Wagner, Ron Santo and Gabby Hartnett. This pre-season maneuver gave Bob seven 1s on defense--thus, in effect, giving him the title before the first pitch was tossed out...Babe Ruth was the "2" in Bill's lineup, other than the pitcher...Bob wound up with the league's best batting average (.280) and also its lowest ERA (4.06)...Mordecai Brown (HOF) was the No. 1 pitcher with a 20-13 record, while reliever Dale Murray saved 17 games--a league record...Bill had the power aggregation as Hank Aaron socked 60 roundtrippers, Lou Gehrig 43 and Roy Campanella 44. But Bill, while setting the pace in homers and runs scored, also watched his oft-battered mound staff serve up 4.96 earned runs per outing...Zaborzky finished last despite Ty Cobb (.337, 142 thefts), MVP Jimmie Foxx (48 HRs, 151 RBI), Willie Keeler (258 hits, league-leading .363) and pitching trio of Walter Johnson, Pete Alexander (23 losses) and Christy Mathewson. Johnson was 17-19, Alexander 14-23 and Mathewson 19-18.

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## Anatomy Of A Gamer



PETE MANZOLILLO IS ANOTHER WHO SPENDS MOST OF HIS WAKING MOMENTS EITHER PLAYING STRAT-O-MATIC, OR CREATING SOMETHING CONNECTED WITH HIS FAVORITE TABLETOP GAMES.

MANZOLILLO, WHO LIVES IN BELLMORE, NY, RUNS AN EIGHT-TEAM SUPER SOLITAIRE BASEBALL LEAGUE, WRITES SONGS (TO THE TUNE OF RECENT POPULAR HITS), AND MAKES UP HIS OWN CARDS OF HIMSELF FOR HIS LEAGUE ENDEAVORS.

THE CARDS ATTEMPTING TO DUPLICATE HIS REAL-LIFE LITTLE LEAGUE EXPLOITS, ALTHOUGH WORLDS REMOVED FROM S-O-M'S CARD-CREATING FORMULA, WHERE NEVERTHELESS FUN TO LOOK OVER. PETE GAVE HIMSELF HOME RUNS IN THE ONE COLUMN, NOS. 7-10 STRAIGHT AFTER HE HIT .385 WITH FOUR OVER-THI-FENCE CLOUTS ONE SUMMER.

MANZOLILLO'S MOST INTERESTING CREATION, HOWEVER, WAS THAT OF THE ANATOMY OF A STRAT MANIAC. IT'S CERTAIN TO HIT HOME WITH MANY GAMERS.

### The key:

1. The brain. Has stored all the vital stats on the player cards.
2. The eyes. Weary and glazed from staying up late for "just one more game."
3. The nose. Through evolution, has adapted itself to close off the odor of dinner wafting into the gamer's room.
4. The neck. Useful for choking after blowing a no-hitter in the ninth.
5. The dice hand, or "hand of fate." Has been clocked at 1.7 rolls per second.
6. The pencil hand. Locked in this position from holding scorecard pencil too long.
7. The foot. Used for kicking a suitable object after George Foster gets a 15-game injury.
8. The mouth. Emits low, guttural sounds when Raiders are held scoreless on a goal-line stand, or a hearty roar after Walter Payton "breaks one" for long yardage.

And now for a little sing-along (to the tune of "Rolling on The River by Ike and Tina Turner):

Left a good job in the city  
Playin' Strat every night and day  
And I lost plenty of sleep  
Rollin' them dice 'til 1 a.m.

Chorus: Strat dice keep on turnin',  
Strat fan keep on yearnin',  
Rollin', rollin',  
Rollin' them Strat dice.



## Advertisements

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### Wanted

WANTED: All player cards from the 1972 Football season Miami Dolphins (17-0-0) team. Reply to: A. Vegas, 14445 SW 73 St., Miami, FL 33183

WANTED: Football - 1966 and 1967 Green Bay; 1968 N.Y. Jets; 1968 and 1970 Baltimore; 1969 Kansas City; 1970 Minnesota; 1971 Dallas; 1972 Washington; 1973 Miami. Send your price to: Gary Knight, 1152 Ingleside, Baton Rouge, LA 70806

WANTED: 1972 Miami Dolphins and 1973 Buffalo Bills; must be in good or better condition. Also need a 20-sided die. Write to: Mario Kapralos, 140 Fairbank Ave., Toronto, Ontario M6B 3T9

WANTED: All Red Sox teams before 1975. Please send prices to: Tom Phillips, Choate Rosemary Hall, Wallingford, CT 06492

WANTED: 1969-1974 complete sets in baseball. Please send lists, prices and condition to: Rick Eymer, 561 Sylvan Ave., San Mateo, CA 94403. Any reasonable offer will be given serious consideration.

WANTED: 1973 Atlanta Braves; extras not necessary; excellent condition. I will pay \$3 plus postage and handling (first class). Also, roster of players for the 1969 baseball teams put out by S-O-M (50¢). Greg McMillen, 8427 14th Ave., Kenosha, WI 53140

WANTED: Any Oakland Raider S-O-M Football team from before 1974. Prefer 1972. Specify year. IF interested write: Scott Cote, 287 College St., Chicopee, MA 01020

WANTED: Baseball, 1971-74 San Frisco Giants; extras preferably. Contact: Frank Kennar Jr., 361 Lookout Ave., Hackensack, NJ 07601

WANTED: 1967 Green Bay Packers, 1968 N.Y. Jets, 1969 Chiefs, 1970 Colts, 1971 Cowboys, 1972 Dolphins. Send price and condition of teams to: Robert Kondracki, 237 N. 6th St., Reading, PA 19601

WANTED: 1971 Dodgers, Pirates, A's, Giants, Orioles, Tigers; 1972 Reds, Phils, Pirates, Chisox, Tigers; 1973 Reds, Dodgers, Mets, A's, Bosox, Orioles; 1974 Dodgers, Pirates, Phils, Orioles, Yankees; 1975 Bosox, A's, Pirates, Phils. Teams must be complete and in good to excellent shape. Low, reasonable bids accepted. Send SASE for reply to: Jeff Schuler, Box 34, Old Zionsville, PA 18068

WANTED: Football - 1972 Miami Dolphins, 1973 Buffalo Bills. Will pay \$2.00 per team. Please give condition of team. First come, first serve. But will answer all SASE. Write to: Gary Duke, 421 Curtis St., Brush, CO 80723

WANTED: John (Frenchy) Fuqua card based on 1973 season and Clay Carroll based on 1972 season. Send bid and condition to: Mike Balmer, 1005 Falcon, Columbia, MO 65201

WANTED: 1973 Buffalo Bills; will pay up to \$1.35 for team. Contact: Jay Slimak, 16140 Pike Blvd., Brook Park, OH 44142

WANTED: Complete set of 1967 American League. Will accept best offer. Bidding ends one month from publication of this ad. If desired, I have a mint set of 1976 baseball cards to trade.

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Send SASE to: John Draniczarek,  
6157 W. Warwick Ave., Chicago,  
IL 60634

WANTED: 1970 baseball card season ['71 edition]; want good condition. It's based on a first come, first serve process. Write: Scott Smith, 9 Wayne St., Alpha, NJ 08865

WANTED: Will pay the following price for teams - 1964 Cards, \$15; 1964 Yanks, \$15; 1964 White Sox, \$13; 1965 Indians, \$9; 1966 Giants, \$9; 1969 Mets, \$12. Teams must be complete and in at least fair condition. Please state condition. Lower bids accepted. I will pay postage. All offers answered. Contact: Dick DeGrasse, RFD#1, Hampden Highlands, ME 04445

WANTED: Any complete S-O-M Baseball teams or sets before 1973, especially 1967-1969. Also need 1974 Expos and/or 1974 Willie Davis. I have 1974 A's to sell or trade. Will anybody with any of these cards please contact me immediately? Your help will be greatly appreciated. State condition of cards when replying. All replies will be answered. Write: John ("2-10") Borack, 1932 S. Pontenova Ave., Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

WANTED: I need to have the following teams; they must be in good to excellent condition. I will pay any reasonable price for them. They are: the 1963 Giants, 1963 St. Louis Cardinals, 1963 Milwaukee Braves, and 1964 Minnesota Twins. I only want these teams, nothing else. Write to: Phil Solimial, 989 Apt. 4 Clifton Ave., Clifton, NJ 07013

WANTED: Baseball - 1964 Phillies; 1969 Mets; 1973 A's 1969, 1970, 1971 Orioles; 1968 Tigers. Football - 1968 Jets; 1969 Chiefs; 1971 Cowboys, Chiefs, 49ers. State condition (very good or better only); complete sets only (don't need extras); figure postage in price. Write: John Hoffman, 55 Millside Lane, Mill Valley, CA 94941

WANTED: Baseball - 1969-76 teams plus their extras. Also, Pirates 1961-69 plus their extras. Football - 1973 Bills; 1972 Redskins, Dolphins; 1971 Cowboys; 1970 49ers,

Colts, Lions, Cowboys; 1969 Chiefs; 1968 Jets, Colts. Send bids to: Cecil VanReenen, 3707 Auburn Rd., Huntington, WV 25704 (phone: 304-429-2786)

## For Sale

FOR SALE: The following S-O-M teams at the lowest possible prices. Cheaper than from the game company itself. Complete football sets 1973 (\$13), 1974 (\$9) and 1975 (\$9). Baseball - All 42 Old Timer teams for \$14 and all Four Hall of Fame teams just \$2.50; 1963 Orioles for \$3; 1970 Cubs for \$1.50. Complete baseball sets with extras - 1975 (\$11) and 1976 (\$10.50). Complete basketball sets - 1973-74 (\$5) and 1975-76 (\$6.50). Lowest price ever advertised for the 1975 College Football game with all 24 teams and game itself for just \$5. I pay postage on all items. All in good condition. Satisfaction guaranteed! Jim Mitzelfeld, 19107 Chelton Dr., Birmingham, MI 48009 or call (313) 644-5139

FOR SALE: 1973 Reds, Pirates, Mets, Dodgers, Cardinals, Red Sox, White Sox, Royals, Brewers and Giants. Want to trade for 1969 and 1966 Orioles. Will trade any or all for these classic teams. Send SASE and bids to: Steve (Boom) Johnson, c/o League of Champions Hall, 1547 Bunker Dr., Lima, OH 45805

FOR SALE: S-O-M Football teams - 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970. Condition good to excellent. I have a price in mind for each team and will sell either to the first person who meets my price, or to the highest bidder by the end of the month. Mike Bordelon, 5445 Braesvalley, 724, Houston, TX 77096

FOR SALE: 1922 Giants, '35 Cubs, '41 Dodgers, '46 Cards, '61 Tigers, '62 Giants, '65 Dodgers and Twins, '67 Bosox and Cards. Excellent condition. 50¢ per team or best offer. 6 basic nameless sets, 6 basic/advanced nameless sets, as is, to highest bidder. Basketball, 1972-73 Lakers, Bucks, Knicks, Celtics, Bullets, Sixers, plus all game parts. Excellent condition; to highest bidder. Will swap anything above for equal value in my wanted ad (see preceding page). Send SASE for reply to: Jeff Schuler, Box 34, Old Zionsville, PA 18068

FOR SALE: Complete football teams from 1977, in excellent condition. Also, 1974

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Miami Dolphins and Buffalo Bills; mint condition. 1961 New York Yankees, set up for basic play only. SASE guarantees reply; send bids to: Mario Kapralos, 140 Fairbank Ave., Toronto, Ontario M6B 3T9

FOR SALE: 1975 College Football (\$10), 1974 Football set (\$15); 1977 baseball, 26 teams, plus extras (\$12); 1973 A's, Yanks; 1974 Pirates, Braves, Los Angeles, Reds, Mets, Cardinals, Orioles, Red Sox, White Sox, A's, Rangers; 1975 Royals, Phillies (all \$1.50 a team). 1974 extras (\$4). Everything good condition. Write: Max Feierstein, 8 McCurdy St., Winnipeg, Manitoba R2V 3B2, Canada

FOR SALE: Stats kept. Send me your scoresheets and I'll send your stats back. Baseball, Football and basketball. 7¢ per game. Typewritten stat totals. Send your scoresheets to: Ken Eickholt, 11451 N. Saginaw Rd., Clio, MI 48420

FOR SALE: All teams 75¢ each. Baseball - 1973 Oakland; '74 Oakland, '74 N.Y. Mets, '74 Texas; '76 Texas. Football - 1968 New Orleans, '68 Atlanta; '69 Houston; '71 N.Y. Giants, '71 Atlanta, '71 Buffalo, '71 Pittsburgh, '71 N.Y. Jets, '71 Baltimore; '72 Green Bay, '72 Cleveland, '72 Washington, '72 Jets, '72 Detroit, '72 Kansas City, '72 Cincinnati, '72 San Francisco, '72 Giants, '72 Oakland, '72 Cleveland; '73 Cincinnati, '73 Philadelphia, '73 Atlanta, '73 Denver, '73 Houston, '73 Miami, '73 Dallas, '73 Washington. Please include 13¢ postage per team. Write: Keith Stern, 140-16 Debs Place, Bronx, NY 10475

FOR SALE: 1975 S-O-M College Football, complete set, 24 teams, excellent condition; 1976 pro basketball, complete, set of 5 teams (Denver Nuggets, Phoenix Suns, Boston Celtics, Portland Trail Blazers, Philadelphia 76ers). Excellent condition. Stats also done for 10¢ a game. Send bids or stat sheets to: Steve Shubert, 225 Virginia Circle, Gainesville, GA 30501

FOR SALE: Must sell my S-O-M collection to help finance college research. 1969-1974 entire foot-

ball; excellent condition. 1969-1974 entire baseball with additional players from 1972-1974; good to excellent condition. Would like to sell in sets such as 1972 AFC or 1973 American League, but will sell individual teams if the price is right. Also, I have extra 1970 entire football set that I will sell in individual teams only. Highest bidder wins. Please enclose a stamp if you expect a reply. Send to: Michael Waldrip, 5837 Cherokee Drive, Walls, MS 38680 (phone: 601-781-1162)

FOR SALE: Statistics service, reasonable rates (very). Do you find that too much of your league's time is spent compiling statistics? We have experienced S-O-M fans who are avid statisticians. Baseball, football, basketball; if you're starting a new league or season write today. Include sport, number of teams and games and, in detail, what you want us to do for you. All SASE will be answered. Kin Roseborough, 14-B Woodland Terrace, Columbia, SC 29205

FOR SALE: Do you ever get into a trend of playing Strat-O-Matic Baseball games and look back and find out you haven't done stats for 37 games? Well, you can continue to play games and we'll do your stats. That's right! We'll send you neatly typed statistics with extra copies. Low prices and quick service. For more information, send a SASE to: STATS, 4102 W. Mill Rd., Milwaukee, WI 53209

FOR SALE: 1974-1975 basketball game with box. 1963 A's, Indians, Angels; 1966 Braves, Giants; 1969 Cubs, Dodgers; 1970 Twins; 1971 Royals, Tigers; 1972 Pirates, Reds, Astros, Tigers, Angels, A's, Indians, Yankees; 1973 Indians, Royals, White Sox, Orioles, Cubs, Astros, Braves, Mets, Tigers, Yankees, Reds, A's; 1974, 1975, 1976 full sets. 1967 Packers, Bears, Giants; 1968 Giants, Vikings; 1970 Packers, Broncos, Eagles, Browns; 1971 full set; 1972 Rams, Redskins, Steelers, Dolphins, Cowboys, Packers; 1973 Rams, Bengals, Cowboys, Dolphins, Vikings; 1974 full set, Football game box. All teams full and in good condition. Send bids to: Kevin Lammer, 2350 Wilbricht, Dubuque, IA 52001

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1973 set, no extras; good condition. SASE guarantees reply. Send offers to: Robert Sipper, 305 Brook Hollow, Hanover, NH 03755



FOR SALE: S-O-M Baseball - 1974 and 1976 National League teams, both seasons with extra players. Will sell as set or as separate teams. Also, 1976 S-O-M Football AFC teams only; sold as set or separately. I will consider all offers. For information write to: Jeff Cristaldi, 18 Dorothy Dr., Torrington, CT 06790

FOR SALE: 1975 football - Washington, Miami, Baltimore; 1974 Miami. 75¢ each or all with game for \$7. Also numerous 1973-76 basketball players at 2¢ each. Send 25¢ for list to: James Burns, 101 Hillside Lane, Syosset, NY 11791

FOR SALE: Basketball 1974-75, all teams (18) very good condition. Price: \$6. Jerry Felice, 8289 Beverly Dr., Parma Heights, OH 44130

FOR SALE: Complete 1967 and 1969 football sets in excellent condition, also 1968 Bengals. All game parts also available. Baseball - complete unless noted: 1964 Orioles, White Sox; 1965 Twins, Mets, Tigers (-1), Braves (-1), Pirates (-1), White Sox (-2); 1967 Red Sox, Cubs, Giants (-1), Orioles (-2), Cubs (-2), Dodgers (-6); '22 Giants, '24 Senators, '31 A's, '34 Cards and '35 Cubs. I also have 247 cards from the '63 set; no complete teams, will sell, but am interested in further completing this group. Will buy or trade for '63 cards and complete '64 set. Please include a list of individual '63 cards offered. All SASE answered. Tom Meyers, 3001 W. Grace St. #3, Richmond, VA 23221

FOR SALE: Any baseball league that needs a statistician is in luck. I will be glad to do stats for 7¢ a game. All SASEs will be answered. Jim Plank, 101 Tumblebrook Road, Wilmington, DE 19807

FOR SALE: 1965 Giants, Cubs; 1966 A's, Twins, \$9.75 each team; 1970 and 1971 all baseball teams, \$6.25 per team; 1972 and 1973 all baseball teams, \$5.25 per team; 1974 and 1975 all baseball teams, \$4.25 per team; 1975 A.L. and N.L. extra players, \$3.25 each league. 1972 Dolphins, \$13.95; 1972 Steelers, Redskins, Packers,

\$8.95 each; 1968 and 1969 all football teams, \$6.75 per team; 1970 and 1971 all football teams, \$5.95 per team; 1967 Colts and Raiders, \$8.95 each; 1969 Mets, \$6.95. Prices listed are the minimum bid. Higher bids will be accepted. Items will be sold to highest bidder. Send bids to: John McNabb, Jr., 431 Russell Road, DeKalb, IL 60115

FOR SALE: 178 baseball teams in good condition. Include all 1970, 1972, 1973, 1976, and Old Timers, assorted 1971, 1974 and 1975 teams, and 1973 and 1976 extras. Prefer to trade for pre-1974 football teams. Best trade or money offer accepted. Will trade by year, or by league. All replies answered. Write: Marc Fajer, 15 Stratford Rd., Miller Place, NY 11764

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1976 (year printed on cards), mint condition, never used; all 26 teams plus extras; 8 roster sheets (4 regular, 4 expansion). Price: \$16. Includes postage. Back issues of Review (March, 1974 to present) might be for sale. Prefer by phone. Butch Haber (212 241-0950), 2085 Rockaway Pkwy., Building 11, Apt. 5-I, Brooklyn, NY 11236

FOR SALE: 1967 Cleveland, Detroit, Reds; 1966 Twins; 1965 White Sox, Dodgers, Cardinals, Cleveland, Cubs, Pirates. Wanted '63 Twins, Dodgers, Cardinals. Keith Fosness, 510 17th St. So. Apt. 4, Moorhead, MN 56560

FOR SALE: The following football teams, all in good condition: 1974 St. Louis, Oakland, Los Angeles, Minnesota; 1975 Cincinnati, Baltimore, Dallas, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, Oakland, Minnesota, Miami, Houston, Buffalo; 1976 New England, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Dallas, Oakland, Washington, Minnesota, Los Angeles. Cost: \$11 for the set, 50¢ individual teams or the highest bid. I'll pay postage. Send to: Kevin Bachelder, 59 Church St., Weymouth, MA 02189

## League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: A brand new PBM league, using new cards. It will be a draft league, using advanced version. First come, first served. As soon as we receive your reply, you're in. Send replies to: John Van Note, 5944 Alma St., Philadelphia, PA 19149

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LEAGUE FORMING: Reliable managers are needed to take over established teams in PBM baseball league. Drafting will begin soon, so write to: Joe A. Garcia, 6354 N. 11th, Fresno, CA 93710

LEAGUE FORMING: Participate in the Gold Cup Challenge Series to determine the 1978 world champion of Strat-O-Matic Baseball! Join the competition for \$50 in cash prizes! If you think you're the best S-O-M player around, here's your chance of a lifetime to prove it. The Gold Cup Challenge Series aims to be S-O-M's answer to the World Series, Super Bowl and Stanley Cup. The Gold Cup Challenge Series is a unique play-by-mail, advanced baseball elimination tournament. A special system has been devised to guarantee all entrants a fair chance to "win the gold." If you're young or old--if you play to win or just for fun--if you love statistics or prefer the challenge of competition--don't miss out on this innovative tournament. For rules and information about participating, write: Gold Cup, c/o Steve Beren, 34-30 78th St., Apt. 6A, Jackson Heights, NY 11372. Be bold--try to "win the gold."

LEAGUE FORMING: New play-by-mail baseball league forming, using cards and extras from 1972-based cards through new cards. The league will use actual teams, but each team will be made up of its best players from 1972-1977. You will decide which year's card to use for players with cards for many years on the same team. Advanced game will be used. If you are interested in becoming part of what is sure to become an interesting and exciting play-by-mail league, send a list of 10 major league teams in existence through all the years, along with your age and experience to: David Schein, 286 Dunhams Corner Road, East Brunswick, NJ 08816. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for a reply. League will probably consist of 8 teams, with members selected on a first come basis. There will be a league entry fee of about \$2.50 to cover cost of correspondence and a league newsletter. Do not

send fee with initial resume.

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LEAGUE FORMING: Would you like to be a member of the best Winter American Draft Baseball League around? WADBA needs two managers for our 1978-79 season. We just completed our second year as our season runs from September 20 to January 30. We need you now so the free-agent draft can be held after the new cards come out. WADBA uses American League cards and plays 154 games. We keep players from year to year. There are 8 teams and a series is scheduled every 10 days. Newsletters printed after every two series. The two teams that need you are competitive. One team's members include: Barrios, Colborn, Hiller, Slaton, Tidrow, the Brett brothers, Tiant, Hisle, Horton, Lezcano, Otis, Rudi, Yaz and Yount. The other team includes: Cleveland, Garland, Kern, Hunter, Wise, Bando, Beniquez, Dent, Chambliss, Ford, Poquette, Randall and Staub. Both teams will have 10 draft picks, including a high pick in round one. How does Page, Ruppert, Wills, Rozema, Tom Johnson, Guidry or Gullett sound? WADBA has competitive, dedicated members. Send some info about yourself and include which team you prefer to: David Lutes, 13105 E. 43rd St., Independence, MO 64055. Now you can play baseball year 'round.

LEAGUE FORMING: The NASOMBL is in its first trial season and needs 8 more managers to start the league. This is a PBM league using the advanced version of the new 1977 cards. Only A.L. players with extras will be used. Entry fee will be discussed in an introductory letter. If you would like to join, send your 24 draft picks to: Mario Kepralos, 140 Fairbank Ave., Toronto, Ontario M6B 3T9

LEAGUE FORMING: Play-by-mail baseball league; actual teams; 1978 teams; will start April of this year. Rush! Name, experience, team wanted. Please write today: Rob Kennedy, 5014 Ridgeview Dr., Waco, TX 76710

LEAGUE FORMING: Greater Baltimore, Maryland advanced face-to-face baseball league forming for spring season; cards based on 1977 season. Fee and deposit required. 27-game season per team requires minimum weekly meetings during April, May and June of 1978. Send SASE for full information to: Jim Schwanebeck, 4610 Arabia Ave., Baltimore, MD 21214

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**LEAGUE FORMING:** Looking for reliable managers for baseball league based in the Levittown, Philadelphia, N.J., area. It is a face-to-face, advanced play league. This league is in its second year and is looking to expand to nine or more teams. Dean Sullivan, 22 Canary Road, Levittown, PA 19057

**LEAGUE FORMING:** The CanAm Strat-O-Matic League is looking for one honest and reliable manager to take over the reins of an established team. CanAm is a draft league with 10 teams, plays 160 games and allows trading. After each season there is a draft for the new stars. We'll be introducing

a waiver system for the upcoming season. We want managers now, although the season is from Sept. to Feb., as there is a draft in March. Now you can try your hands with such experienced players as Pete Rose, Carlton Fisk, Davey Lopes, Jerry Morales, Ralph Garr, Rollie Fingers, Mike Torrez and Burt Hooton. The advanced side of the new cards will be used (no extras). We only want honest and reliable managers who want to play. CanAm is an established play-by-mail league which will be entering its fifth successful season this fall. If you are interested, send a resume of yourself, including S-Q-M and PBM experience, age, whether you are willing to be a backup manager, etc., to: Gary Fell, 302 Thornton House, Mount Allison University, Sackville, New Brunswick E0A 3C0