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# Here's rating, by position, of 1987 S-O-M player cards

It was close, but the 1987 Strat-O-Matic Baseball card set just beat the Review's deadline for the March issue. True, the Review had received many of the National League cards earlier. But the 'whole thing' didn't arrive via UPS until the midnight hour.

But that was still time enough for Jeff Green, highly successful manager in the Greater Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League (GKSML), which includes Review co-editors Warren and Del Newell, to list his best at each position in both the American and National leagues.

Green's ratings are based on the actual card, and not age, potent-

ial, team playing for, or color of socks worn on the field. Here are Green's player ratings for the new cards:

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

- First Base

  1. Keith Hernandez, NY (1e6)

  2. Von Hayes PHI (3e16)
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  3. Glenn Davis HOU (4e12)
  4. Bob Horner ATL (3e10)
  5. Will Clark SF (2e18)
- 6. Andres Galarraga MONT (2e8)
  7. Leon Durham CHI (3e9)

- 8. Sid Bream PIT (3e20)
  9. Jack Clark SL (4e8)
  10. Steve Garvey SD (2e8)

- Second Base

  1. Bill Doran HOU (le19)

  2. Ryne Sandberg CHI (1e5)

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### AMERICAN LEAGUE

- First Base
  1. Don Mattingly NY (1e6)
  2. Eddie Murray BALT (2e18)
  3. Pete O'Brien TEX (2e12)
  4. Wally Joyner CAL (1e17)
  5. Kent Hrbek MIN (2e11)
  6. Pat Tabler CLEV (3e15)
  7. Alvin Davis SEA (4e23)
  8. Darrell Evans DET (4e3)

- 8. Darrell Evans DET (4e3) 9. Willie Upshaw TOR (2e13) 10. Cecil Cooper MIL (3e16)

- Second Base
  1. Lou Whitaker DET (1e13)
  2. Willie Randolph NY (2e24)

Second Base con't

3. Steve Sax LA (3e17)

4. Tom Herr SL (2e10)

5. Johnny Ray PIT (3e6)

6. Juan Samuel PHI (3e29)

7. Rob Thompson SF (2e20) 3. Marty Barrett BOS (2e14)
4. Frank White KC (1e11)
5. Tony Bernazard CLEV (3e19)
6. Tony Phillips OAK (3e21)
7. Bobby Grich CAL (3e15) 8. Ron Oester CIN (2e21) 8. Jim Gantner MIL (2e12) 9. Steve Lombardozzi MIN (2e8) Tim Flannery SD (3e6) 10. Damaso Garcia TOR (2e13) 10. Wally Backman NY (3e30) Shortstop
1. Tony Fernandez TOR (1e14)
2. Cal Ripken BAL (2e14) Shortstop 1. Ozzie Smith SL (1e17) 2. Hubie Brooks MON (3e32) 3. Dick Schofield CAL (1e22) 3. Dickie Thon HOU (2e21) 4. Alfredo Griffin OAK (1e25) 5. Alan Trammell DET (2e25) 4. Mariano Duncan LA (2e40) 5. Garry Templeton SD (2e24) 6. Scott Fletcher TEX (3e19)
7. Julio Franco CLEV (2e23)
8. Ozzie Guillen CHI (2e24) 6. Shawon Dunston CHI (3e40) 7. Jose Uribe SF (2e18) 8. Rafael Santana NY (2e23) 9. Craig Reynolds HOU (3e14) 9. Spike Owen BOS (3e23) 10. Wayne Tolleson NY (4e16) 10. Steve Jeltz PHI (3e27) Third Base

1. Wade Boggs BOS (2e21) Third Base 1. Mike Schmidt PHI (1e8) 2. maue poggs BUS (2e21)
2. Gary Gaetti MIN (2e22)
3. George Brett KC (2e23)
4. Doug DeCinces CAL (2e15)
5. Brook Jacoby CLEV (3e26)
6. Mike Pagliarulo NY (2e22)
7. Jim Preslav CPA (2e15) 2. Buddy Bell CIN (2e11) 3. Chris Brown SF (3e28) 4. Denny Walling HOU (2e18) 4. Denny Walling Hob (2016)
5. Ken Oberkfell ATL (2011)
6. Ray Knight NY (3021)
7. Tim Wallach MON (2021)
8. Terry Pendleton SL (1021)
9. Ron Cey CHI (4019) 7. Jim Presley SEA (2el6)
8. Carney Lansford OAK (3e6)
9. Steve Buechele TEX (2el6)
10. Paul Molitor MIL (3e27) 10. Jim Morrison PIT (4e23) Left Field

1. Phil Bradley SEA (2el) Left Field 1. Eric Davis CIN (1e10) 2. Joe Carter CLEV (2e10)
3. George Bell TOR (2e11)
4. Jim Rice BOS (3e8) Tim Raines MON (1e7) 3. Gary Redus PHI (2e8) 4. Ken Griffey ATL (3e4) 5. Brian Downing CAL (3e4) 5. Candy Maldanado SF (2e6) 6. Dan Pasqua NY (3e5) 6. Jeff Leonard SF (2e10) 7. Juan Beniquez BAL (2e14) 8. Ruben Sierra TEX (2e10) 7. John Kruk SD (4e6) 8. Vince Coleman SL (3e10) 9. Gary Matthews CHI (4e16) 10. Mookie Wilson NY (2e10) 9. Gary Ward TEX (3e2) 10. Jose Canseco OAK (4e15) Center Field Center Field

1. Dale Murphy ATL (le6) 1. Kirby Puckett MIN (1e6) 2. Kevin McReynolds SD (3e9) 3. Len Dykstra NY (2e5) 4. Mitch Webster MON (3e9) 2. Rickey Henderson NY (1e7) 2. Rickey Menderson W (1e7)
3. Fred Lynn BAL (2e6)
4. Robin Yount MIL (2e1)
5. Gary Pettis CAL (1e8)
6. Brett Butler CLEV (2e3)
7. Oddibe McDowell TEX (2e4) 5. Barry Bonds PIT (2e6) 6. Eddie Milner CIN (1e5) 7, Willie McGee SL (1e4) 8. Billy Hatcher HOU (2e6) 8. Lloyd Moseby TOR (2e7) 9. Dwayne Murphy OAK (1e3) 9. Dan Gladden SF (3e6) 10. Willie Wilson KC (2e3) 10. Milt Thompson PHI (2e4) Right Field 1. Tony Gwynn SD (1e4) Right Field 1. Jesse Barfield TOR (1e3)
2. Dwight Evans BOS (1e6)
3. Dave Winfield NY (1e6) 2. Andre Dawson MON (1e4) 3. Darryl Strawberry NY (2e8) 4. Glenn Wilson PHI (1e4) 4. Kirk Gibson DET (3e3) 5. Tom Brunansky MIN (3e7) 5. Dave Parker CIN (2e9)

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Right Field con't 6. Chili Davis SF (2e10) 7. Kevin Bass HOU (3e5) 8. Andy VanSlyke SL (1e13) 9. Mike Marshall LA (2e11) 10. Keith Moreland CHI (4e6)

Catcher
1. Tony Pena PIT (1 -3)
2. Gary Carter NY (1 0)
3. Mike Scioscia LA (2 -2)
4. Jody Davis CHI (1 -3)
5. Bo Diaz CIN (2 -1)
6. Bob Brenly SF (4 +1)
7. Mike Lavalliere SL (2 -2)
8. Terry Kennedy SD (3 +1)
9. Ozzie Virgil ATL (4 +2)
10. Alan Ashby HOU (3 +1)

1. Mike Scott HOU
2. Rick Rhoden PIT
3. Fernando Valenzuela LA
4. Mike Krukow SF
5. Bob Ojeda NY
6. Dwight Gooden NY
7. Nolan Ryan HOU
8. Bob Knepper HOU
9. Danny Cox SL
10. Floyd Youmans MON

Starting Pitcher

Relief Pitcher

1. Rob Murphy CIN

2. Ricky Horton SL

3. Kent Tekulve PHI

4. Mark Davis SF

5. Dave Smith HOU

6. Lee Smith CHI

7. Jesse Orosco NY

8. Gene Garber ATL

9. Todd Worrell SL

10. Roger McDowell NY

Top Rockies
1. Will Clark SF
2. Barry Bonds PIT
3. Lance McCullers SD
4. Kal Daniels CIN
5. Todd Worrell SL
6. Rob Thompson SF
7. John Kruk SD
8. Barry Larkin CIN
9. Bruce Ruffin PHI
10. Benito Santiago SD

6. Cory Snyder CLEV (3e5)
7. Rob Deer MIL (3e10)
8. Harold Baines CHI (3e6)
9. Ruppert Jones CAL (2e6)
10. Pete Incaviglia TEX (4e16)

Catcher

1. Lance Parrish DET (1 -3)
2. Rich Gedman BOS (3 -3)
3. Bob Boone CAL (1 -3)
4. Ernie Whitt TOR (3 -1)
5. Jim Sundberg KC (2 -1)
6. Tim Laudner MIN (3 0)
7. Rick Dempsey BAL (2 0)
8. Mickey Tettleton OAK (3 +1)
9. Chris Bando CLEV (2 +1)
10. Joel Skinner CHI (3 -1)

Starting Pitcher

1. Roger Clemens BOS

2. Mike Witt CAL

3. Ted Higuera MIL

4. Jack Morris DET

5. Dennis Rasmussen NY

6. Don Sutton CAL

7. Charlie Hough TEX

8. Curt Young OAK

9. Kirk McCaskill CAL

10. Bert Blyleven MIN

Relief Pitcher

1. Tom Henke TOR

2. Mark Eichhorn TOR

3. Dave Righetti NY

4. Calvin Schiraldi BOS

5. Mark Clear MIL

6. Doug Corbett CAL

7. Don Aase BAL

8. Bud Black KC

9. Steve Farr KC

10. Bill Dawley CHI

Top Rookies

1. Cory Snyder CLEV

2. Wally Joyner CAL

3. Pete Incaviglia TEX

4. Mark Eichhorn TOR

5. Ruben Sierra TEX

6. Danny Tartabull SEA

7. Eric King DET

8. Glen Braggs MIL

9. Darnell Coles DET

10. Calvin Schiraldi BOS

Note that the rookie ratings were based on this year's card and also future potential. All the other players were rated on the basis of this year's Strat-O-Matic card.

## 'World' TBA countdown begins

### Who are those guys competing for national honors?

The last of the qualifiers have started making travel plans, mock drafts are being held in scattered parts of the country and the 1986 cards are being scrutinized for every possible Strat-O-Matic Baseball

Why? Because the Table Baseball Association's World Championships will soon be staged in Chicago (Howard Johnson's, 8201 Higgins Road). The TBA, almost moribund and about to be lowered into the ground only slightly more than eight months ago, has been revived by John Kreuz, a financial planner who lives in Glenview, IL 60025 (phone: 312-635-6747) and is now alive and doing very well.

The culmination of Kreuz's efforts will be the World Championships which will bring together those who placed highest in regional tournaments - in other words, most likely the best S-O-M Baseball players in

"Our last tournament was in San Diego," reports Kreuz. "We had a turnout of 45 and I was thrilled with that because not too much publicity got out about it. Al Hartley of El Segundo, CA, defeated David

Anderson of San Diego in the finals.
"Hartley will be attending the World Championships and that means six of the eight tournament champions will be at the World. All 64 people that qualified (top eight finishers at eight regional tournaments) received a letter from me asking them to participate. In all probability, 33 will be here; three divisions of 11 managers each."

A few unusual happenings occurred at San Diego, among them: \* Sean Riley of Long Beach, age 14, became the youngest player to ever qualify for play past first-round pool play. "He did very well,"

lauded Kreuz. "This was his third tournament."

\* There was also a "Custer-Had-It-Better" outcome as John Hathaway slaughtered Jerry Shaw's Vida Blue by a frightful 30-1 count. Hathaway, who flew in from Lansdale, PA, cracked six home runs against Blue, who went the distance despite yielding 21 hits and 15 walks. Since it was a lost-cause game in pool play, Shaw, who hails from Concord, CA, just let Blue finish it out.

"Five players scored four runs and every starter scored and drove in at least one run," pointed out Kreuz. "Floyd Rayford had nine RBI,

including a grand-slam home run."

### MEINHARDT WILL DEFEND TITLE

Bill Meinhardt, last year's TBA world champion, will be back to defend his title when March 20 rolls around in the Windy City. Meinhardt, who was featured in the January, 1987 issue of the Review, qualified for the World Championships by winning the regional in Philadel-

phia.

Also expected to be on the scene, matching managerial and drafting skills, are Dana Perlstein (Hollywood, CA); Randy Metzloff (Kitchener, Ontario). who won the Detroit regional: Bill Fenlon of Chicago; and Jon Silverstein of Cambridge (winner at Boston)

"They all want the competition," says Kreuz. "They want to find

out how good they are."

Kreuz has made some subtle changes in S-O-M's rules for tournament play, among them allowing the defensive manager the option of not trying to throw out a runner stealing. "The manager can just let the runner go and avoid the risk of a 'T' rating and throwing error."

Also, Kreuz has slightly modified the Catcher's X-Chart so that on a "passed ball followed by popout" reading, the result is still a passed ball but the popout is ignored and the batter bats over.

Some players - usually those with 178 or more at-bats or 88 innings pitched - will be used, even though they were additionals.

### S-O-M returns from attic to tabletop Gamer returns to first love'

"Your game was my pride and joy, much to the dismay of my parents, who insisted that school work was more important. I decided that being stupid was better, as long as I was having a good time playing Strat-O-Matic

When I discovered sex the game took a cozy spot in the attic. when I discovered sex the game took a cozy spot in the attic.
After I was married, I tried to take it up again as a hobby. After
two months of having my friends over nightly, my wife said, 'if I
didn't throw out all the games, we could get a divorce.'
Finally, 10 years later, I have come to my senses. I'm throwing
out the wife and ordering some new games.

Please also send me a list of all the old baseball teams you may
still have in stock (1985 and older). Is there still a S-O-M Review?"

Editor's note: The above letter was sent to the Strat-O-Matic Game Co. It was penned by Raul Tellez, HHC, 123d Sig Bn Box 322, APO New York, NY 09036. Judging from the letter, Tellez has returned to S-O-M gaming. No word on the fate of his wife, though. She may now be residing in the

## Ball park ratings have been changed

Comiskey Park (-8), Arlington Stadium (plus 6) altered the most Some gamers were concerned when Strat-O-Matic issued its ball park ratings last year that the ratings were set in concrete, since they

supposedly covered a five-year span.

Not so.

S-O-M has revised its ball park ratings for 1987 considerably. In fact, only a few ratings have remained the same. Most have had minor alterations, although a few have been drastic, reflecting, of course, the home run output or singles production for the ball park in question.

Biggest change affected Comiskey Park, home of the Chicago White Sox. Comiskey went from a 1-12 power park to 1-4, or a reduction of eight. Texas, on the other hand, increased from a 1-5 home run factor to a 1-11, or an increase of six.

Five of the American League ball parks - Boston, Detroit, Kansas City, Oakland and Seattle - remained the same as far as home runs.

Over in the National League, the increases and decreases weren't so pronounced. Cincinnati did go from a 1-8 home run park to 1-11, an increase of three, and Montreal and St. Louis were reduced two. Largest increase in the N.L. was Philadelphia going from a 1-4 single to 1-8.

Wrigley Field and San Diego are N.L. home run havens with 1-14 ratings both against right-handed and left-handed batters. San Diego's home run effect was increased from 1-13, while Chicago's was lowered from 1-15.

Interestingly, only Houston (1-2) and San Francisco (1-8) had the

same home run chances as last year.

Seattle continues as a power hitter's delight as its 1-17 home run readings remain the same. Detroit's Tiger Stadium, for left-handed batters, is next best with a 1-14 chance, Boston's "Green Monster" is a 1-10 while left-handed hitters have only a 1-7 shot in Fenway Park.

There should continue to be base hits galore in Fenway, however. as the straight single (LHB) and 1-17 single (RHB) have only been lowered slightly. It's now a single 1-19 for LHB and 1-15 for RHB.

Base hits won't be sprayed out in the N.L. as the best park (continued on next page)

(Atlanta) has a 1-13 base hit chance against both RHB and LHB.

Here's a look at the new ball park singles and home run ratings
for 1987 (increase or decreases from 1986 are underlined):

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Baltimore					
R SI* 1-11       LO (ss) 12-20 -2       R RR 1-11       FLY (IF) B 12-20 -2         Detroit       L SI* 1-2       LO (2b) 3-20 S       L HR 1-14       FLY (rf) B 15-20 S         Milwaukee       L SI* 1-6       LO (2b) 7-20 ±4       L HR 1-5       FLY (rf) B 6-20 ±1         New York       L SI* 1-7       LO (2b) 8-20 ±1       L HR 1-9       FLY (rf) B 10-20 ±2         Torente       L SI* 1-9       LO (2b) 10-20 -1       L HR 1-11       FLY (rf) B 12-20 -1					
Detroit  L SI* 1-2 R SI* 1 LO (2b) 3-20 E R HR 1-14 FLY (rf) B 15-20 E R HR 1-11 FLY (1f) B 12-20  Milwaukee  L SI* 1-6 LO (2b) 7-20 H R HR 1-15 FLY (rf) B 6-20 H R SI* 1-6 LO (2b) 7-20 H R HR 1-5 FLY (rf) B 6-20 H R SI* 1-6 LO (2b) 8-20 H R HR 1-5 FLY (rf) B 6-20 H R HR 1-5 FLY (rf) B 6-20 H R HR 1-5 FLY (rf) B 6-20 H R HR 1-5 FLY (rf) B 10-20 H R HR 1-8 FLY (rf) B 12-20 H R HR 1-8 FLY (rf)					
New York L SI* 1-7 LO (2b) 8-20 ±1 L HR 1-9 FLY (rf) B 10-20 ±2 R SI* 1-7 LO (ss) 8-20 ±1 R HR 1-8 FLY (lf) B 9-20 ±3  Toronto L SI* 1-9 LO (2b) 10-20 -1 L HR 1-11 FLY (rf) B 12-20 -1					
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R SI* 1-9 LO (ss) 10-20 -1 R HR 1-11 FL1 (11) B 12 20 -2					
California L SI* 1-5 LO (2b) 6-20 S L HR 1-12 FLY (rf) B 13-20 -1 R SI* 1-5 LO (ss) 6-20 S R HR 1-12 FLY (lf) B 13-20 -1					
Chicago L SI* 1-9 LO (2b) 10-20 S L HR 1-4 FLY (rf) B 5-20 <u>-8</u> R SI* 1-9 LO (ss) 10-20 S R HR 1-4 FLY (lf) B 5-20 <u>-8</u>					
KansasCity L SI* 1-11 LO (2b) 12-20 <u>+1</u> L HR 1-3 FLY (rf) B 4-20 <u>S</u> R SI* 1-11 LO (ss) 12-20 <u>+1</u> R HR 1-3 FLY (lf) B 4-20 <u>S</u>					
Minnesota L SI* 1-16 LO (2b) 17-20 $\pm 3$ L HR 1-11 FLY (rf) B 12-20 $\pm 1$ R SI* 1-13 LO (ss) 14-20 $\pm 1$ R HR 1-11 FLY (1f) B 12-20 $\pm 1$					
Oakland L SI* 1-3 LO (2b) 4-20 <u>-1</u> L HR 1-5 FLY (rf) B 6-20 <u>S</u> R SI* 1-3 LO (ss) 4-20 <u>-1</u> R HR 1-5 FLY (lf) B 6-20 <u>S</u>					
Seattle       L SI* 1-5       LO (2b) 6-20       -3       L HR 1-17       FLY (rf) B 18-20 S         R SI* 1-5       LO (ss) 6-20       -3       R HR 1-17       FLY (1f) B 18-20 S					
Texas L SI* 1-11 LO (2b) 12-20 $\underline{S}$ L HR 1-11 FLY (rf) B 12-20 $\underline{+6}$ R SI* 1-11 LO (ss) 12-20 $\underline{S}$ R HR 1-11 FLY (lf) B 12-20 $\underline{+6}$					
NATIONAL LEAGUE					
Chicago L SI* 1-9 LO (2b) 10-20 <u>+3</u> L HR 1-14 FLY (rf) B 15-20 <u>-1</u> R SI* 1-9 LO (ss) 10-20 <u>+3</u> R HR 1-14 FLY (lf) B 15-20 <u>-1</u>					
Montreal L SI* 1-4 LO (2b) 5-20 <u>-2</u> L HR 1-4 FLY (rf) B 5-20 <u>-2</u> R SI* 1-4 LO (ss) 5-20 <u>-2</u> R HR 1-4 FLY (lf) B 5-20 <u>-2</u>					
New York L SI* 1-6 LO (2b) 7-20 -1 L HR 1-10 FLY (rf) B 11-20 +1 R SI* 1-6 LO (ss) 7-20 -1 R HR 1-10 FLY (lf) B 11-20 +1 (continued on next page)					

Philadel.	SI* SI*			9-20 9-20			IR 1-9 IR 1-9		10-20 10-20	
Pittsburgh		1-10 1-10					IR 1-9 IR 1-9		10-20 10-20	
St. Louis		1-11 1-11	(2b) (ss)			L H	IR 1-4 IR 1-4		5-20 5-20	<u>-2</u> <u>-2</u>
Atlanta		1-13 1-13		14-20 14-20		L H R H	IR 1-13 IR 1-13		14-20 14-20	
Cincinnati				13-20 13-20			R 1−11 R 1−11		12-20 12-20	
Houston		1-10 1-10		11-20 11-20			HR 1-2 HR 1-2	(rf) (lf)	3-20 3-20	<u>S</u>
L.Angeles		1-11 1-11		12-20 12-20			HR 1-6 HR 1-6		7-20 7-20	<u>=1</u> <u>=1</u>
San Diego	SI*	1-4 1-4		5-20 5-20	<u>S</u>		HR 1-14 HR 1-14		15-20 15-20	
San Fran.		1-4 1-4		5-20 5-20	<u>-2</u> <u>-2</u>	L F	HR 1-8		9-20 9-20	<u>S</u>

## Back to the future for Herold brothers

It was back to the future for the Herold brothers - Tom, Dave and Dan - with their replay of the 1968 baseball season, the same one that Strat-O-Matic has just released in its advanced, or futuristic, form.

The brothers Herold, believe it or not, finally got around to playing the World Series last spring, 17 years after the first die was cast starting the '68 replay.

"Our baseball season was essentially completed when I left for college in 1974," relates Tom Herold, the league's official statistician. "We found time to conduct the playoffs one day a couple of years

ian. "We found time to conduct the playoffs one day a couple of years later, but the World Series was left for another time."

That time didn't arrive until the spring of 1986 when the broth-

ers, all of whom had gone to school, married and begun families, visit-

ed Tom in Rochester, MN.

Finally, after all those years, S-O-M was hauled out and the league champs, Detroit and San Francisco, went at it in a best-of-seven World Series. "I remembered that we had the 1968 cards here (at my home) and now we could finish what we had begun so long ago."

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The Series was played straight through, with no 15-year-long lunch breaks, and that evening, along about 10, San Francisco had caged the Tigers in six games. Reliever Frank Linzy saved three of the games for the Giants, including Nos. 5 and 6, while unsung Ray Sadecki was the MVP after posting a 2-0 record and giving up but one earned run in 12 innings while striking out 12.

Bill Freehan hit three home runs for Detroit, which won games 2 (6-4) and 4 (7-3) but lost by scores of 3-2, 3-2, 10-2 and 7-1, with Bobby Bonds, Jim Ray Hart and Willie McCovey clouting two apiece for the Giants. And what about Denny McLain, who in real-life won 31 games? Well, he was 1-1, losing the opener to Juan Marichal. 3-2, and besting

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Marichal in game four, 7-3, although needing relief help from John

And where was St. Louis, the team that battled the Tigers in the World Series in that pitching-rich season? Well, the Cards finished second to Pittsburgh in the East, a game behind, and didn't make the playoffs, which the brothers used for the replay. San Francisco did go 102-60 and capture the so-called West, whereas in real-life the Giants finished second, nine games behind St. Louis.

Even though the 1968 cards were used, the brothers replayed the 1969 season. At that time the ages of the Herolds were: Tom (14), Dave (12) and Dan (8). Today, Tom lives in Rochester, MN, and works for the Mayo Clinic as a nuclear medicine technologist. Dave resides in Fayette IA and is a student at Upper Iowa College. He plans to coach and teach at the high school level.

As far as Dan, the youngest, he's living in Kasson, MN, and is also employed at the Mayo Clinic, as a polysomnographic technician. Tom is the league's statistician and Dave entertains his brothers by doing play-by-play announcing of the dice-rollin' action.

BEST RACE WAS IN THE EAST

Best divisional race was in the N.L. East where, in order, the Cubs, Mets, Phillies, Cards and, finally, Pittsburgh occupied first place. The Bucs, led by Matty Alou (.351), Willie Stargell (28 home runs) and Bob Moose (19-3) clinched the title the next-to-last game of the season.

St. Louis was a close runner-up, thanks to Gibson (26-6, 1.28 ERA, 274 strikeouts, compared to real-life numbers of 22-9, 1.12, 268). Long suffering Cub fans had Ernie Banks (35 HRs, 107 RBI), Billy Williams (31 HRs, 94 RBI, .303) and Ken Holtzman (18-15) to cheer on. The Phils' Dick Allen tied for the lead in homers (41) and led in RBI (123).

In the West, San Francisco won its first six games, Gaylord Perry went 13-0 out of the starting gate and the Giants coasted in. Willie McCovey (36 HRs), Jim Hart (28 HRs) and Willie Mays (25 HRs) supplied more than enough power. Marichal was 23-7 and Perry finished up 21-7. Pete Rose of the Reds led the N.L. in hitting with a .335 average, while Hank Aaron of Atlanta had a .331 average with 41 roundtrippers.

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Washington.								
AL East	Won-	Lost	GB	AL West	Won-	Lost	GB	
Detroit	97	6.5	17	Minnesota	100	62	-	
Baltimore	96	66	1	Oakland	87	75	13	
Poston	92	70	5	Kansas City	79	83	21	
Cleveland	90	72	7	California	73	89	27	
New York	80	82	17	Chicago	68	84	32	
Washington	52	110	45	Seattle	58	104	42	
NL East	Won-	-Lost	GB	NL West	Won-	Lost	GB	
Pittsburgh	89	73		San Fran'co	102	60	_	
St. Louis	88	74	1	Cincinnati	93	69	9	
New York	81	81	8	Atlanta	90	72	12	
Chicago	7.7		12	Los Angeles	84	78	18	
Philadelphi		92	19	Houston	76	86	26	
Yentreal	6 3	23		San Diego	5.3	109	49	

Playoffs Detroit d. Minnesota, 3-2

Playoffs
San Francisco d.
Pittsburgh, 3-0

### Review begins new MVP Contest

### No winner in 1986; deadline for entries again May 10

Review readers fired blanks last year in the annual Most Valuable Player Contest, Nobody was on-target with either Roger Clemens in the American League or Mike Schmidt in the National League.

Clemens not being picked wasn't a surprise since pitchers seldom

win both Cy Young and MVP honors. But Schmidt? What about back to the future? A slow start, which isn't unusual for Schmidt, probably swayed voters to cast their ballots elsewhere.

So much for 1986. Now for 1987 and the Review's 16th MVP Contest. Again every subscriber is eligible and again the prize is a set of the new (1988) baseball cards, including extras. And this year, because there wasn't a winner in 1986, if there's a two-way tie two sets of cards will be awarded.

Again readers will be asked to send in their MVP choices before May 10. And along with picking MVPs, readers are also asked to name the division winners and their winning percentages. The latter will be used if more than two people tie for the award.

The cost is again a bargain - the price of a stamp and envelope. You can either clip out the ballot below or write/type out your choices on a sheet of paper/postcard.

Only one ballot per subscriber will be allowed and all ballots must be postmarked before May 10. Don't wait until the last moment to see how players are doing, either. Remember slow-starting Mike Schmidt.

#### MOST VALUABLE PLAYER BALLOT

Most Valuable Player:	
American League	
National League	
<u>Division Winners &amp; Percentages:</u>	
American League East	%
American League West	%
National League East	%
National League West	%
Print Clearly	
Your Name	
Address	and make status about about their
City/State	<u>Zip</u>
Send to: Strat-O-Matic Review P.O. Box 27 Otsego, MI 49078	

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### Better half gets better of S-O-M 1983 Yankee replay

Steve Oberman of Brooklyn, NY, knows how to get his wife's okay for his Strat-O-Matic Baseball dice-rollin' ventures. Just include her

in the gaming pastime, too.

So, that's what he did when he conducted a solitaire replay of the 1983 New York Yankees, using a 162-game schedule and all the supplementary of the

tary rules except for not having a loz-game schedule and all the supplementary rules except for not having injuries.

"Since I only had 20 players per team (no extras), no injuries were used," relates Oberman. He did make one roster change, however. He substituted the 1984 version of Don Mattingly (league-leading .343 average) for the 1983 edition. Oberman wanted to see what difference Mattingly would make.

The 162-game schedule was replayed, with 22 against friends face-to-face, 90 solitaire...and the rest Oberman played face-to-face (not

cheek-to-cheek, as in dancing) versus his wife Vera.

"My wife set two conditions for playing," says Oberman: 1. I would help her with the strategy and lineups; 2. She would only manage the Yankees (who she was familiar with from television) and I had to manage the opposition,"

The Yankees won 98 games and lost 64 in the replay, which would have won the pennant in 1983. And how did Vera do? Out of 50 games she managed, the Yanks were triumphant 32 times, for a winning percentage

of .640.

"In comparison," points out Oberman, who, other than making a veiled reference to "lucky dice," had little to say about his wife's success, "the combined replay record (98-64) came out to a .605 winning

percentage."

Vera (the 'V' could also stand for victory) also had her favorite pitchers. "She would always ask me whose turn it was in the rotation," says Oberman. "If it wasn't (Ron) Guidry or (Dave) Righetti, she usually found she had some housework to do. I would bet they started 40 of

those 50 games."

His wife had the right idea as Guidry (21-9, 3.42, 156 strikeouts in real-life) had statistics of 23-10, 3.30 and 202 strikeouts in 289 innings. And Righetti (14-8, 3.44, 169) had replay numbers of 21-11, 3.22 and 216 strikeouts in 268 innings. Ray Fontenot (16-12, 3.64) and Shane Rawley (17-18, 3.95) were the others in a four-man, all-southpaw starting rotation.

Goose Gossage handled the bulk of the bullpen duties, compiling a 13-9 record, 2.44 ERA and saving 27 games. Goose also struck out 102 in

96 innings.

On the attack, Mattingly batted .319 and led the team in doubles (42) and runs (109). Ken Griffey batted a team-high .321, Dave Winfield cracked 34 home runs and drove in 111 runs, plus he also swiped 25 bases out of 35 attempts.

The replay took over a year and a half to complete and Oberman averaged between two-three games per week.

### Strat-O-Matic spotlight

WILDERNESS STRAT-O-MATIC

Most gamers play Strat-O-Matic on tabletops, whether it be a card table, dining room table, or a table found anywhere else in the house, basement, den, patio, etc.

Strat-O-Matic has been played in moving cars and trucks, trains (continued on next page)

and aboard ships.

But Mark Panagos, who calls Chino Hills, CA, home, may be the

first to take S-O-M backpacking with him.
Panagos, who admits that S-O-M Football is his favorite, even though he frequently plays the baseball game, says that "Another of my great passions in life is backpacking."

So, to make the twain meet, Panagos and a friend, Dave Foster, embarked on a camping trip into the wilderness...and took S-O-M Football

along.
"I jammed the board in my pack, along with the cards and charts." Later to solve the wind problem as far as affecting the defensive squares and markers on the board, a penny was placed on each game part that might otherwise need a flight plan. In their third game, it started to rain, so Panagos moved inside

his geodesic dome tent and the game was completed. "We claim to have played the first ever game of Strat-O-Matic under a dome, the Wilderness Dome," says Panagos.

### BEST OF THE WORST

Not too many hockey gamers would be interested in a series matching the 1978-79 Rockies and the '83-84 Devils. Two bad teams, But Kevin Laster, Dallas, TX, wanted to find out which team was worse, so he replayed what he's dubbed a "Worst-of-Seven series."

It was played solitaire and Colorado, because it had one more

point in the standings, was given home ice.

In the first game, Don Saleski, subbing for injured Wilf Paiement, scored two goals to lead the Colorado Rockies to a 4-2 victory. New Jersey bounced back in game two, blanking Colorado as Mel Bridgman scored one goal and set up another by Don Lever. Game three was a slaughter as seven different players scored for the Devils in a 7-1 romp.

Colorado's 4-1 win in game four tied the series at 2-2. Chico Resch, injured for two periods in game four, came back and made 26 saves in game five in a 2-1 New Jersey win. In game six, Colorado stays alive by scoring three goals in the first period en route to a 4-2 triumph. Three times the winners clicked on power plays.

Two more power-play goals spark Colorado to a 3-1 win in the deciding seventh game. Jack Valiquette was the series MVP with one goal and six assists. Resch was a close second as he had a shutout, save percentage of .917 and a goals-against-average of 2.25.

### ICE BOWL...IN THE SUMMER

Mark Frobom's "Ice Bowl Football Tournament" finally was played, but it wasn't until the summer of 1986.

It was originally scheduled for January, but because Frobom was hospitalized at the time, it was played last summer instead.

"Only ball-control teams (icy conditions aren't conducive to passing games) that were defensive-minded were used," says Frobom, who resides in Minneapolis, MN, where it's been known to get chilly in the winter months. The tournament was double-elimination and the winner received the "Bud Grant Trophy."

The bad luck award had to go to Colin Glidden, whose '79 Oilers had eight turnovers in a 24-3 loss to Dave Miller's '69 Vikings and five miscues in a 19-3 setback to Rob Murray's '72 Packers. Houston

only had 90 yards passing in the two games.

Because of the defenses, good luck and bad luck were often one game apart. Mike Haynes of Frobom's '76 Patriots, for instance, return-(continued on next page)

ed three punts for touchdowns in two wins over '72 Green Bay. But then against Bob Rue's '73 Steelers, Haynes fumbled four punts, one of which was converted into a TD. And as for Rue, well, his luck turned sour against the '69 Vikings as he had three punts blocked in a 22-9 defeat.

Finally, the Super Bowl of the "Ice Bowl" came down to Rue's '73 Steelers and Miller's '69 Vikings in a rematch. The Steelers committed four turnovers and the Vikes five and the Steelers won out, 17-10.

Losing teams averaged only 8.5 points and almost five turnovers,

ays Frobom, who has Ice Bowl II scheduled for this winter...and outdoors.

#### SHORT SHAKES

...Rick Guzman (Phoenix, AZ) found out how important fielding was over the short haul as Texas (8-4 record) won his mini replay of the A.L. West. The Rangers averaged 5.92 runs, but more importantly made only five errors. Chicago was 7-5 and second, with Kansas City 6-6 and third...David Kreig of Seattle threw for seven touchdowns, four of 'em to Steve Largent, in a 66-9 romp over Minnesota in a 1984 replay game... While attempting to influence a friend to return to S-O-M Baseball after a seven-year hiatus, Joe Zatko just happened to be party to a no-hitter and almost a perfect game. Rick Reuschel, '85, pitching against a draft team, retired the first 22 batters, gave up a walk to Harold Baines in the eighth and then mowed down the last five. Closest call was a 3-3 rolled by Mike Pagliarulo which, because the advanced rules were played, went from a straight single to a ball park factor single chance of 1-9. A "10" was drawn. "Needless to say, my friend's interest in Strat has now been rekindled and dramatically," says Zatko...Another no-hitter was reported by Mark Panagos, Chino Hills, CA, making it five in four months and eight in an S-O-M career that dates back to 1972. Sid Fernandez, pitching in the Can Am Baseball League (CABL), notched the latest no-hitter.

### Guest columnist Only minor changes needed BY BOB BAURKOT, EASTON, PA in S-O-M Baseball game

I started playing Strat-O-Matic Baseball since 1975 at the age of 11. I now play baseball, football and basketball, with baseball and football my favorites.

I am a graduate of Penn State University (Vinny who?) with a

degree in secondary education.

S-O-M has always had the best games on the market, but the recent changes in baseball has made it uncatchable. The only things left to be done, in my opinion, are to give pitchers a rating for holding runners on and to add some statistics to the batters' cards. I believe I have a simple way to do both of these.

The first is pitchers holding on runners. There's so much talk nowadays about how the runners steal off the pitcher and not, as previously believed, off the catcher. I think each pitcher should be given a rating (i.e., -1) and then the catcher's rating can be adjusted according to the average rating of that team's pitchers (of course a pit-cher with 100 innings would have his rating count twice as much as a

pitcher with 50 innings).

Example: Gary Carter has a -3 throwing arm for the 1985 Mets. If
the Mets' pitchers had an average holding rating of -1, then Carter would have his rating changed to a -2, (continued on next page)

It is very simple and I only see one problem with it: I don't know if there is enough information on how well pitchers hold runners on base, but I believe there will be someday soon.

The pitchers hold on rating should also include a pickoff/balk number. For a hypothetical case, let's say Ron Darling of the Mets has a number of 5. When checking for a good lead with the supplementary stealing, roll all three dice instead of two. If a 6-12 is rolled, then you must roll one dice over again. A 1-5 would be a pickoff and a 6 would be a balk. This would be optional and those who don't want to use it can continue to roll two dice to check for a good lead.

Another change that would make the game a little better would be to add more statistics to the cards, including runs scored and stolen

There is no reason to write out "AT BATS" and "HOMERUNS" when an abbreviation (AB and HR) will do just fine. Everyone knows what they stand for (except my mom).

Also, there is a line on the advanced side that looks like this:

"51% AGAINST LEFT-HANDED PITCHER Power-N/ 49% AGAINST RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER Power-N'

Again just use abbreviations, but include batting averages against each type of pitching. Why not have it read:

"51% vs. LHP .287 Power-N / 49% vs. RHP .290 Power-N"

One other thing could be included at the top: the player's average in "clutch" situations.

As I've said before, Strat is the best of all the games, but even the best can be better. That has already been proven to all of us.

### **Ouestions & Answers**

Editor's note: Questions pertainiing to individual and team ratings will not be answered in most cases, unless a mistake has been made on the card. The game company cannot, for reasons of security, divulge its card-making formula, which would be necessary to answer some of the questions completely.

QUESTION: How many times must a player play a position for it to be on his baseball card? (Mike Brenner, Philadelphia, PA)

According to Strat-O-Matic, if it's an infielder or a catch-ANSWER: er, one game must be played at that position for it to be listed. In the case of outfielders, the player's name must be in a minimum of two boxscores at that position.

QUESTION: In hockey the instructions say that when a "goalie rating" comes up and the result is not a goal, then it is automatically a faceoff. Is this a mistake in the instructions? If not, why are other possibilities printed on the goalie card? (Rob Nelson, Millbrae, CA)

Saves involving a goalie's rating are not automatically faceoffs. You refer to the result on the goalie's card. ANSWER:

### Readers roll 'em

#### HOW ABOUT FUN POLL?

Keep up the fine work - you have an enjoyable product and most of us readers appreciate the amount of work you put into our "fanzine." For all the complaints, without the Review we'd all be a bit poorer in our Strat-O-Matic world.

A quick suggestion: How about a fun, Review-run poll? Have your readers send you their best/favorite 25-man all-time roster, dating from the continuously issued card era (i.e., 1969 season on), based on the advanced side of the cards.

Let's see if we can get a

Let's see if we can get a team together that could truly challenge the other great S-O-M card set - the 1927 Yankees, 1961 Yankees, Hall of Fame teams, etc.

JEFF FEUER 169 Wilmington Ave. Dorchester, MA

Editor's note: Thanks for the kind words; we'll continue to do our best. As far as the all-time team poll, we'll tabulate the results if they are sent to us.

### BACK TO THE PRESENT

I received the 1977 S-O-M Review I ordered and it was great. Gamers wanted clutch hitting, ball park considerations put in effect and past seasons reprinted. Ten years later, the game includes just that.

I also read an interesting writeup on the GKSML's records. Dick Allen at the time was the single-season home run leader with 54.

What I would like to read in the Review is an update of your records, Also, how about the all-time Strat leaders as sent in by the gamers, such as highest batting average, most home runs, RBI, wins, etc.?

RICHARD BREEST 1332 Greenlea Dr. Holiday, FL

Editor's note: The Greater Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League's statistician, Jeff Kik, is currently updating all the records, both individual and won-lost for managers. As far as records sent to the Review, lack of space has prevented those from being kept.

### ENJOYED JANUARY ISSUE

I really enjoyed the January 1987 issue of your magazine. What really made this issue was the sneak preview of the 1986 baseball cards.

Thanks also for including the instructions for ordering them.

However, I do have a couple of complaints about the preview.

 You should have told us about any new changes in the rules, similiar to last year's clutch hitting and ball park adjustments.

2. You also should have informed us about any price changes. Though you gave us the prices for the new 1986 cards, you didn't say if the prices for such items as scoresheets, old-timer teams and nameless players would

change.

3. I also wanted to know about any physical changes in the cards themselves. I, for one, would like to see slugging and on-base percentages printed on hitting cards and hits, walks and home runs per nine innings printed on pitching cards. I'm thinking of writing these stats on the player cards for this season.

These complaints, however, are minor compared to the enjoyment I received from the preview.

DOUGLAS PUTHOFF
Elberfeld, IN

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Like many basketball fans, I (continued)

enjoy college games as well as pro. It makes for more versatility in coachinng.

It is my understanding that the game company cannot legally print individual college players on cards. Would it be possible for S-O-M to rate the top 20 or so teams for the basic version and just print the ratings in the Review?

I know it's legal for magazines to print college players names. S-O-M could then sell blank cards and a lot of people would be happy. I know of some other game companies that do similar procedures, but they're not up to Strat's quality.

JOE HORNBECK Davenport, IA

Editor's note: The policy regarding the NCAA has changed. College names can be used. But S-O-M, as mentioned in recent issues of the Review, will not be printing names on the cards when the revised College Football game is available this fall. At this time, S-O-M has no plans for college basketball, at least officially it has no plans.

### 'BEST' AND 'WORST'

It occurred to me that your terminology "Best" and "Worst" concerning the SBA's salary system in the Dec. issue might be misleading.

We prefer to call salaries "high" or "low"; the given salaries do not try and say that player X is better than player Y, only that his salary is higher.

We put a big emphasis on playing time (a 6-minute rest man usually is a higher salary than most 12-minute rest men, I believe), plus choose general areas of rating players, e.g. only best shooting column is counted and not a composite of all three, block men only get extra salary points if a 1-16 or above, etc., replay artists go cheap usually, etc.
I thought I'd clear this

up before you get a ton of

letters saying, "No way is Sikma better than Gilmore," etc. As a matter of fact, I con-sider Kurt Rambis (salary of 21) one of my valuable players, since his salary is low and he does the job I want him to do (play defense and rebound). Besides, I couldn't afford a 45 LF anyway.

Yes, with the 320 salary cap low salary guys can be very valuable indeed.

GARY GRABER 5422 Clinton Blvd. Jackson, MS

#### ROSTERS NEEDED EARLY

I believe it would be very helpful for most S-O-M gamers, especially baseball, if the game company would issue a list of players for each team that will receive cards in the new sets as soon as they are aware themselves.

Possibly when S-O-M sends out its brochure in January advertising the new card sets it could include the roster sheet (this would apply for past seasons also).

However, most gamers who are interested in replaying their favorite team's season should have a pretty good idea who the 20 most representative players are. In this case, it is those extra players, now 199, that

gamers are wondering about.

Maybe the game company could send the Review a list of all the extra players and have them printed in the January or February issue.

The majority of people interested in a single team replay are probably quite curious as to who they are actually going to have on their team. Obviously the more players on your team, the closer you can adhere to at-bats and innings pitched, etc., and therefore produce a more realistic replay.

MIKE CRANEY Loogootee, IN

Editor's note: Your letter, like (continued on next page)

all of those printed in the Review, will be read by the game company. The Review would be more than happy to print the roster sheet in either its January or February issue every year.

### COLLECTION OF ERRORS

Over the years, the Review has informed readers of errors on Strat-O-Matic cards and also provided the correct data which should be annotated on our cards, data provided by the game company.

What are the chances of either the Review or the game company publishing a complete booklet of all errors/corrections which should be made on all S-O-M cards ever printed?

I can remember some pretty serious errors, which, without correction, could definitely have affected the realism of a particular team's performance.

It worries me that there might be some corrections I don't know about and have not been able to make the correction

I think such a booklet would add tremendously to the reputation of realism the game already has, yet unfortunately feel the games' authenticity suffers greatly without it when someone isn't positive that the information on the cards is what's supposed to be there or not.

MELVIN KAPUTNICK

Editor's note: Almost every card correction, or team rating correction, has appeared in the Review. A project - one of many - that the Review's editors would like to complete, is a listing of all the corrections over the years. Many of the corrections, however, particularly those pertaining to printing errors, were corrected when the mistake was discovered and most gamers received a card that had already been changed.

#### OLD-TIME TEAMS WANTED

Hey, what happened to S-O-M's plans to recreate foot-ball teams of the past?

A poll was done back in early 1984, asking what teams Review readers would like to be created. A past-season set was supposed to come out in the summer of '85. It is now the beginning of '87.

I realize I could purchase teams from fellow gamers, but being only a four-year S-O-M fan I'm not ready to invest in the type of money they want.

I'm sure other readers feel

I'm sure other readers feel the same way. I'm only 16 and have no idea what the '58 Colts, '72 Dolphins, '67 Packers, '75 Steelers were like.

Does S-O-M have any plans for a computer version of the football game?

MARK GARNER 5 Arthur Dr., East Fort Washington, MD

Editor's note: Priority items at the game company are, in addition to the yearly new cards for all of its products, computer disks for Commodore and IBM in baseball and the revised college football game. New old-timer football teams, or basketball teams, are on hold as far as any future plans.

### WHO IS THAT GUY?

This past summer while on vacation in San Diego, my wife and I were eating at an outdoor cafe on the dock. My wife struck up a conversation with a couple seated next to us.

When I looked up, to my amazement the man was Willie Stargell. I shook his hand and my wife said "My husband knows all about baseball; he plays Strat-O-Matic Baseball."

Willie Stargell looked at her and said, in a very sympath etic manner, "Uh! Oh!" STANLEY SCHICK

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### Wanted

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Richard Breest, 1332 Greenlea Dr. Holiday, FL 33590-6759

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### League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: Group of executives, 28 and older, looking for new members in a draft league, super-advanced rules, in west Los Angeles and San Fernando Valley area. Call: Tom Pichotta (818-999-3344, daytime)

LEAGUE FORMING: Sophisticated, experienced managers sought for TRACBAL, a 14-team A.L. PBM draft league in its fourth year. League has moderately paced 162-game schedule, March through October, with deadlines strictly enforced. Players are serious, membership is stable, commissioner is dedicated. You can't find a better league. Write for application. Bruce Herman, 53 Russell Road, Wellesley, MA 02181

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LEAGUE FORMING: Established baseball league in Chicago northwest suburbs seeking managers for expansion teams. Draft format with all super-advanced rules. Call before 9 p.m. Larry Braus (439-3261)

LEAGUE FORMING: The CCBA is looking for a few good men, Draft baseball league, using advanced rules plus enhancements, needs managers and backups to join us for our 10th season. Must be very reliable, experienced at S-O-M and knowledgeable about baseball. Contact: Steve Klein, 456 San Jose Ave., Unit H. Burbank, CA 91501 (818-846-7792)

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LEAGUE FORMING: The WCBA is starting its second season. It's a 15-team league of three divisions, with playoffs, wild cards, rookie drafts every year. We are looking for good, reliable managers. We need to hear from you as soon as possible so we can get started with our best season ever. It's never too late to call or write. First-come, first-serve. Call or write to: Larry Hernandez, 1312 E. Lemon, Lompoc, CA 93436 (805-736-8413)

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