



## STRAT-O-MATIC REVIEW

Devoted exclusively to the  
Strat-O-Matic Game fan,  
with the consent of the  
Strat-O-Matic Game Co.

\*\*\*\*\*  
VDL V-3, May, 1975 45¢  
\*\*\*\*\*

### In This Corner...The Editors *New S-O-M Directory Ready*

If you're looking for someone to join that play-by-mail league you're forming, seeking pen pals, or just curious as to what's going on in the world of Strat-O-Matic, the new Strat-O-Matic Directory is a must for you.

Now available through the Strat-O-Matic Review (P.O. Box 27, Otsego, MI 49078) at a cost of 70¢ (which includes first class mailing), the new Directory has over 250 individual name listings, with complete info including gaming experience for each. Plus there's close to 70 leagues mentioned, with sketches of each, and a three-page photo gallery of people you've been reading about in the Review.

Hurry! Copies are limited. Don't miss out on the newest S-O-M gaming guide.

\* FOOTBALL CHANGES -- Next month, with kickoff time just around the corner, the Review will be featuring the newest wrinkles in Strat-O-Matic Football. Don't be concerned that the changes will result in having to purchase a new game--the old playing board will still be useable. Watch for changes such as the safety blitz, the use of three wide receivers, two tight ends and three running backs (full-house backfield), a five-two defense ("New England") and more. Some of the changes have been incorporated into the game by ingenious S-O-M buffs previously--now they'll be an official part of it.

\* NO PICTURES THIS MONTH -- The Review was unable to obtain pictures of the new building housing the Strat-O-Matic Game Co. for this month's issue. Hopefully a picture spread can be presented soon. Certainly, a lot of people are curious as to what the newest home of S-O-M looks like.

## Baseball League Has Over 30 Look

Editor's note: It may be a little too harsh to call the Greater Paynesville (MN) Area Strat-O-Matic Baseball League the "Over the Hill Gang". Though a face-to-face setup with all eight members over the age of 30, except one, the league is definitely young at heart when it comes to table-top baseball. Few could match it for the zeal of its members--most of whom are teachers in the small community--who always await the arrival of the new cards in a big way.

BY DICK BUTLER  
Paynesville, MN

This will be our sixth season for our league which, prior to this year, was made up entirely of teachers. Not bad for a community with a population of only 2,000. Previously we played another table-top baseball game for three years, but we switched to Strat-O-Matic three years ago when the lefty-righty and other great changes came into being. We've never been sorry for the switch. This season a druggist and banker have been added to our "lineup". Actually



### 'OLDIES BUT GOODIES'

STANDING, FROM LEFT: DICK REALDSEN, BOB CUSHMAN, TOM VEGOE, DICK BUTLER, WALT STRANGMAN, RAY JONES. SEATED: MEL JOHNSON (THE SLEEPY ONE), TIM RUNNING (SHOWING DISPLEASURE AFTER DROPPING A FOUR-GAME SERIES)

our draft was held back in November (as soon as the unofficial stats were printed in "Sporting News") so everyone knew their roster--only didn't know what the cards would look like.

I don't think our league is your typical Strat-O-Matic league, if 17 is the average age of the S-O-M game player. I'm 36 and three of our managers are somewhat older than I. We're all good friends and have been teaching here about 15 years or so. The only league member under 30 is Tim Running, the new high school band teacher who moved from Washington, DC, where, ironically, he was a member of the TUSAB (The United States Army Band S-O-M League).

What subjects do other S-O-M managers teach? Well, we have a high school counselor, a history teacher, two physical education instructors and an English teacher (that's me). All of us have Masters' Degrees.

We started our league with eight teams. Five of the original managers are still with us. A sixth left teaching and moved out of town last spring. For two seasons we expanded to 10 teams, but fell to six last season. When the teacher left us last year, we thought we'd really be fouled up with only five sound franchises left. Then the druggist and banker got wind of the league and volunteered to join, plus Running rushed to the rescue.

I cannot tell you of the interest and enthusiasm S-O-M game-playing has generated here (and it is certainly not because we have nothing better to do). We're all devoted baseball fans and get immense satisfaction out of the head-to-head play, the draft each new season, the struggle to add strength or bolster weaknesses through trades. We frequently get together socially and it's a rare occasion when table-top baseball doesn't get a good share of the conversation. I'm sure some of our teaching colleagues think we're in our second childhood already. Generally, though, our wives have been tolerant (we don't even get kidded anymore). I'll be playing Strat-O-Matic, as will the others,

(continued)

## Strat-O-Matic Spotlight

### 1972 PIRATES MAKE FOES WALK PLANK

Tom Swank, the 31-year-old Strat-O-Matic baseball buff from Little Falls, NJ, not long ago joined with seven other dice-rollin' fanatics for a little S-O-M sword rattling. The eight gathered at John Babbitt's home in Ridgewood, NJ, and a day-long tourney was instantly set in motion. Each chose a team from the 1971, '72 or '73 seasons and played each foe one time for a seven-gar total.

When the last die had been rolled, Swank emerged the victor, cruising to seven consecutive triumphs behind the pillaging of the 1972 Pittsburgh Pirates. Just as the Pirate ship was sailing to its final victory, on TV another ship, the Posidon, was going over and another adventure was just beginning.

When gamesters, such as Swank, Babbitt and company, get together for most of a day (a total of 28 games were played), the characteristics of each become more obvious with the passing of time. Swank, for instance, was dubbed "Quick Yank" for the quick jerk he gave his pitchers--often at the first hint of trouble.

Babbitt, 42, who wound up last with a 2-5 record with the 1973 Braves, was the "Juggler", for his constant lineup shuffling. Tom Ginter, 16, Swank's paperboy, guided the 1973 A's to a 4-3 record and second place. He was known as "Bunt To Glory" for obvious reasons. Third-place went to Leo "Bear" Barr, 3-4 with the '71 Orioles, a 30-year-old quiet, restrained gamester--a rarity, indeed.

Rick "Flash" Zolzer, 19 and a neighbor of Barr's, was just the opposite. He played the game so fast most foes couldn't keep up, prompting Swank to observe: "Plays so fast that if he ages as fast he's probably 79 by now." He wound up fourth, 3-4, with the '73 Dodgers. Keith "The Kid" Babbitt, 11 and John's son was fifth with the '72 Cubs (3-4). "Losing to 'The Kid' always hurt the most," observed Swank of the reaction to defeat at the hands of the youngest tourney dice-roller. Andy Kennedy, 19, a student at Seton Hall University, was 3-4 with the '73 Giants and nicknamed "Dandy". He was a "Dandy of a person and quite handy, as he memorized the fielding chart after 10 years," points out Swank. Gene "Bags" Bagliere, a 29-year-old S-O-M rookie from Creeskill, NJ, wound up seventh with the '73 Reds, 3-4. His specialty was turning "A" stealers loose to commit base larceny, manning a defense with as many "1" fielders as possible and hit-and-running behind "A" batters.

### LIFE WITH FATHER

Anthony Carbone Jr. of Jamaica, NY, fell in love with Strat-O-Matic games in 1967 at the age of 12, was unwilling divorced from them at 16, and now call himself an "S-O-M member for life." Carbone separation from S-O-M came about when his father, claiming "he was too old to play that baby game," forced him into involuntary retirement.

Carbone took to playing the game at friends' homes, or when his father was at work. A subscription to the Review changed matters in Dec. of 1974, however. "I showed my father the letters of older S-O-M gamesters and he was so amazed that his attitude was a complete turnaround," relates Carbone.

Today, at age 19, Carbone's in his S-O-M prime. In fact, he even has his very own room in the basement, designed especially for his S-O-M playing. Who built the room? His father, naturally.

### SHORT SHAKES

...Maynard Zuterman of Montreal Quebec conducted an interesting experiment to test the prowess of the running versus the passing games in football. He took the 1971 Dallas Cowboys and pitted an all-passing attack and an all-rush to see what the outcome would be. First and fourth downs were guessed "right" situations for the defense, and second and third "wrong". Also, there was no double-teaming or keying. When it was over, the passing unit had the ball only 40 plays compared to 78, but won out, 49-45, with Roger Staubach

completing 54 per cent of his passes. Bullet Bob Hayes was his favorite target, catching 10 passes for a whopping 454 yards (45.4 average) and five touchdowns. From the rushing front, Staubach galloped for 366 yards in 39 carries, scoring three times, while Duane Thomas had 313 yards in 36 cracks... One, two, and almost three, and the '54 Giants were out. Two home runs in succession and a near-miss on a third broke up a game between the hard-hitting '53 Dodgers and the Giants played by Butch Haber, Brooklyn, NY. The Bums broke up a scoreless battle in the fourth inning when Duke Snider doubled with two outs, Roy Campanella singled him home and then Gil Hodges and Carl Furillo unloaded back-to-back home run shots. The miss was by Billy Cox. The Dodgers won, 6-0...Wherever Jabbar goes, victory is sure to follow: Tired of watching the Bucks run over Chicago, Allen Rodney and his brother (North Miami Beach, FL) switched the centers of the two teams to see what would happen. As could be expected, Jabbar poured in 35, fouled out both new Buck centers in a 119-109 Chicago win...Jeff Jennings and Eric Stearns of Seekonk, MA, were on the viewing end of Sandy Koufax' record-breaking strike-out performance that saw him fan 22 in a 12-1 romp over a team of '71 American League all-stars...Almost matching that performance was Nolan Ryan, who breezed a third strike past 20 batters in a 1-0 California 11-inning win over Kansas City in Phil Ledesma's (Hawthorne, CA) 1973 replay. Losing pitcher Paul Splittorff hurled shutout ball for 10 innings, until Lou Piniella lost a flyball in the "lights" to let in the winning tally...You could have combined the Texas Rangers, Northwest Mounties and the Pinkertons--they still wouldn't have been able to get their man (out) as far as the Atlanta Braves were concerned. The Braves, with Rick Gray of Jamestown, NY, watching the bombardment, leveled the Rangers, 31-1, as Dusty Baker went 4-for-4, homered twice and knocked in six runs and Hank Aaron, Dave Johnson and Craig Robinson drove in six apiece also...Mark Campbell, Sacramento, CA, would like to see S-O-M add individual pitcher pick-off ratings and combine them with a catcher's throwing when a runner attempts to steal. Instead of a -1, -3, etc. reduction when a runner is being held, Campbell feels every pitcher should be given a rating as to how well they hold runners...

\*\*\*\*\*

## Curbing 'Dirty Dealers'

Scratch one name from last month's listing of "Dirty Dealers" to avoid when buying, selling, or thinking of joining an S-O-M league. Gerald Ittenbach, Box 280 Rt. 1, Linden, NC, cleared his name of such dealings when he notified the Review that all checks sent to him for joining his play-by-mail had been returned to the sender uncashed.

It seems Ittenbach was taken ill last fall, under a physician's orders to take complete rest, and had to abandon plans for the league. Kevin Kious had complained of sending \$15 and hearing nothing. Almost at the same time the April Review came off the presses, Ittenbach was returning the checks. Now, the matter appears resolved to everyone's satisfaction, except that the league idea never really got off the ground.

Unfortunately not all accusations and alledged rip-offs have been settled so smoothly. A small number of people still have not contacted the Review to explain charges leveled against them for allegedly fraudulent dealings. Despite inquiries from the Review to do so, no answer has been forthcoming.

Here, again, is a list of people who have been accused of being "Dirty Dealers" and should be avoided by all:

STEVE STREET, 1215 James Place, Danville, IL 61832--Accused of receiving \$27 from Richard York, Detroit, MI, and never sending cards as promised.

CLYDE MATSUSAKA, 1459 Punch Bowl St., Honolulu, HI 96813--Accused of receiving league entry fees and never being heard from again.

RICK ARROYO, 1812 Dayton Ave., San Leandro, CA 94579--Accused of making highest bid for cards and then never honoring bid.

DANIEL WHITMARSH, 1095 Pleasant St., Norwood, MA 02062--Accused of accepting player cards and never sending money for them.

CLIFF LEWIS, 7816 Palo Duro NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110--Accused of not sending back money (\$9.00) after receiving game from Phil Ledesma.

## NBA Foul Rules Explained

Usually the Review doesn't reprint or answer questions relating to rules for professional sports--feeling that the majority of the S-O-M gamesters know them anyway. But because of some information printed in the March Review--erroneous information worthy of a technical foul call--National Basketball Association rules regarding fouls definitely should be clarified.

A number of vigilant readers wrote in pointing out the errors in our answers, which came from Rich Walker, an assistant basketball coach at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, MI who once had a tryout with the Cleveland Cavs. Apparently Walker "flunked" the written test on the rules, however, especially the part about the bonus situation, number of fouls, etc.

So, to clarify the situation for all readers (we found out there were many S-O-M gamesters who were hazy about foul rules, like ourselves), here is a reprinting of pertinent NBA rules. The information printed below was sent in by Steve Parewski of Norridge, IL, and comes from a Chicago Bulls' program.

\* **PERSONAL FOULS** - Each player is allowed six personal fouls before he is disqualified.

\* **OFFENSIVE FOULS** - An offensive foul is charged as a personal foul to the player involved, but is not added to the team foul total for the purpose of determining bonus free throws. No free throw is awarded and the ball is taken out of bounds by the defensive team. Nor are double fouls [which don't occur in S-O-M Basketball] added to the team total for the purpose of determining bonus free throws.

\* **TEAM FOULS** - Each team is limited to four personal fouls per quarter, with each foul in excess of four per quarter to be penalized by an additional free throw. During each overtime period the limitation shall be three personal fouls per team with an additional free throw for each personal foul in excess of three. If a team has not committed its quota of four fouls during the first 10 minutes of each quarter, and its quota of three team fouls in the first three minutes of any overtime period, it shall be permitted to incur one team foul during the last two minutes of each quarter, and the last two periods, without incurring the penalty of an extra free throw.

\* **FREE THROWS** - If the foul committed by a player is in excess of the number limited for his team and calls for a single free throw, one additional free throw is allowed. If the excess foul calls for two free throws, the penalty free throw shall be permitted if any of the free throws are unsuccessful.

\*\*\*\*\*

### Looking For Back Issues Of Review?

The following back issues of the Strat-O-Matic Review may still be purchased. Send to the Strat-O-Matic Review, P.O. Box 27, Dtsego, MI 49078. Some months are in extremely short supply, so please list a second choice when ordering.

- 1975 -- January, February, March, April, 45¢ per issue.
- 1974 -- December, November, 45¢ per issue. October, January, 40¢ per issue.
- 1973 -- December, November [very limited], October [very limited], August, July [limited], 40¢ per issue.
- 1972 -- December, November, August, 40¢ per issue.

Be sure to send to the Strat-O-Matic Review, not the Strat-O-Matic Game Co. If you do not make a second choice, and your first choice is not available, the money will be credited to your subscription.

\*\*\*\*\*

THE NEW, ENLARGED STRAT-O-MATIC DIRECTORY IS NOW AVAILABLE!

## Readers Roll 'Em

### CLEARINGHOUSE REVISITED

In the past few issues of the Review, there have been many letters commenting on the Strat-O-Matic Clearinghouse being organized. Being one of the three persons busily engaged in this task (Rick "Wolfman" Shapiro and Bill Hansing are the others), I feel qualified to make these comments and replies.

In the April issue, Mike Topoozian expressed his concern over a person being "tagged with an unreliable label". The Clearinghouse organizers are very much aware of this and we have made arrangements for such a problem:

[1] Each member of the Clearinghouse will be permitted to see copies of every evaluation written on him--he will NOT know the authors of any of these evaluations; [2] If there are extreme disagreements between the evaluations of one person, the Clearinghouse will investigate each evaluation to see if any bias exists; [3] If a member, upon reading evaluations of himself, finds an opinion he disagrees with, he may submit an appeal to the Clearinghouse and the case will be investigated; [4] If an evaluation is found to be biased, inaccurate, or unfair, it will be removed from the Clearinghouse files will all efforts to clear that person's name from any 'black-lists'; [5] The evaluation files will be kept up-to-date. We realize that everyone can make a mistake, in filling out an evaluation or in their S-O-M league play--so files that are considered too out-of-date will be destroyed.

Mr. Topoozian also states that he sends out a questionnaire to his prospective managers. This is an excellent idea for all league organizers. The Clearinghouse is not meant to be the final word, only an aid to finding better, more reliable and sincere managers and league organizers.

I hope it can be seen that, through these and other methods, we intend on safeguarding the names and reputations of the

Clearinghouse members. If there are still some readers who still fear some aspect of the Clearinghouse, or do not understand it, please feel free to write me, Rick Shapiro, or Bill Hansing. We will be glad to discuss the Clearinghouse with you.

Keith Walker  
905 E. Park-#21  
Carbondale, IL 62901

### CLUTCH HITTING NEEDED

I don't know if you have printed this idea before as I am a new subscriber. Clutch hitting, or lack of it, could easily be put on the hitter's card, the same way a pitcher's tiredness is figured on his card. With runners on, the outs with asterisks would be changed to hits. Also, hitter's who choke with runners on would be penalized by changing hits to outs.

I also think pitchers should be rated for how well they hold potential stealers on instead of depending so much on the catcher's throwing arm rating. The pitcher often has more to do with keeping a runner from stealing than the catcher.

David TerWee  
Fairview, SD

### NO-HITTERS MUST STAY

As an avid baseball fan, I think the no-hitter column must stay. Even though I haven't had a no-hitter, I enjoy reading about others and hope to have one in someday myself. I'm tired of hearing how stupid and boring they are. Wait until you experience one and then you'll understand.

Jeff Rohwer  
19724 Q. St.  
Omaha, NB

### LONG AND SHORT BASEBALL SEASONS

I would like to suggest an answer to those readers who would like the thrills of a 162-game season, but are hesitant to join a play-by-mail league because they may not have the time.

In the past I have played 60-game seasons--playing for all teams. But games between the weaker clubs often became boring. So, last year, being a Red Sox fan, I decided to play just games involving Boston. For all

non-Boston games I used the results of real games. Then I adjusted the actual standings by the results of my Red Sox games. So, it's like a PBM league--only the other players are the real-life teams. Then, if for some reason you cannot keep playing, you have not ruined anyone's league but your own.

Christopher Wise  
Hanover, MA

#### BASKETBALL IGNORED

The Review is ignoring basketball. Month after month there is almost nothing on basketball; no replays, playing tips or other burning issues.

Well, I'm going to start a few burning issues. First, the company's selection of players isn't too good. Take the first year, it left out Happy Hairston from Los Angeles and put in Travis Grant. Hairston played 939 minutes and Grant 153. They both play forward and could easily be switched. Also, Joby Wright was left off Seattle and he played 77 games. This year the game company left out Nate Archibald--he was sixth on the team in minutes. The obvious reason he was left out was because he would have made K.C.--Omaha better than it was that season.

How about Jerry West? He was in the same position as Archibald, yet he was included. Another issue is extra players--players like Wright, Hairston and Archibald being left out. There is an obvious choice for each team to make an extra choice, and most teams even have two.

ABA teams also should be printed, at least an all-star team. Also all-time teams should be printed.

Mike Rennick  
18 W. 785 Ave. LaTours  
Oakbrook, IL

Editor's note: In comparison to baseball and football, info on basketball has been in short supply. More replays, playing tips, etc. have arrived at the Review recently, so, hopefully, more information may be presented in upcoming issues. Many leagues, especially play-by-mail, are just winding up seasons.

There has been a dearth of information when it comes to describing how gamers feel about the game--whether they like it or not and why, and how well they like the recent changes. We, the editors, would be interested in how long it takes to play an average game, what shortcuts people use, etc.

#### ANOTHER VOTE FOR ABA

As a player of S-O-M Basketball (as well as the two other S-O-M games), I would like to express an opinion I'm sure I'm not alone with. There is a need for ABA cards.

The difference between the two leagues is growing smaller all the time. This is due mainly to the likes of Dr. J (Julius Erving), George McGinnis, Larry Kenon, Artis Gilmore, Marvin Barnes, Freddie Lewis, George Gervin, Moses Malone, Ron Boone, Bobby Jones, Mack Calvin, Ralph Simpson, etc.

What do the readers think?

Marvin Lorenz  
R#2  
Greentown, IN

#### S-O-M GOVERNMENT, ANYONE?

It is my feeling that the next project taken on by Mr. Harold Richman not be hockey, bowling, or even Canadian Football, but rather Strat-O-Matic Government.

It could be based on the great happenings of 1974 and teams could be made of any given number of countries, 10-50-100--the possibilities are endless. The game would be set up like the baseball game, with politicians and government officials receiving public opinion ratings comparable to fielding ratings.

So, you could roll, for example, Conservative [X] and depending on the individuals' public opinion rating you could determine positive or negative feedback. The game would be totally realistic with designated press secretaries where you would find it easy to roll "I Quit". Henry Kissinger would probably spend more days abroad than in the U.S. All the big world wheels would be battling over oil. And Richard Nixon's card would be covered with "Appear In Court", plus injury and steadily sinking public opinion.

Of course, it's up to you if you want a draft league, PBM and so forth. You decide if you will allow trades (like bombs for oil), or to allow bribes

or even conspiracies to bump off a fellow league member with a small defenseless country. It only adds to the realism.

Dale Barnes

Editor's note: Mr. Barnes' added that his comments were meant for entertainment purposes, to add a touch of humor, but should definitely not be taken seriously.

#### WANTS 'PATTERN' CHANGED

Since the inception of the S-O-M Review, the readers have made many suggestions which have led to changes in the games. Now, I would like to make a plea for another change.

I'm tired of looking at the same cards year after year. You know, the typical .300 hitter has a good third row. In fact, to some degree I predicted the type of card that Yastzanski, Jackson, Mike Marshall, Rudi, and others would have this year. Over the years, a good year for Yaz ('65, '66, '67, '68, '70, '74) and Pete Rose ('68, '69, '71, '72), generally meant a good third row, walks in the second column and hits on 1-7, 1-8.

Usually most player cards have a "pattern". I'm sure that most of you have recognized these patterns. What I am trying to say is, let's expand on these patterns or discard them. What I really would like to see is a "Random Selection Method." That is, mess up the results on the cards! Why have all the hits or strikeouts bunched together? Why have all the extra base hits (namely home runs) on successive numbers with their chance probabilities in a descending order?

For an example, take the 1975 Joe Rudi card. Why not shove his home runs over to 2-4 and 2-5, or his 3-8 and 3-9 singles to 1-5 and 1-6? Or change his home run chances to 3-4 instead of 3-5, or even on both?

Pitching cards could use a little scrambling also. Why aren't there hits on ones, twos, elevens and twelves?

The cards that people tend to remember are those peculiar ones such as those with triple splits or columns void of outs. I think

that in setting up cards, a little more variety could be used.

John Heath  
Dubuque, IA

Editor's note: A number of readers have expressed concern about the same point. However, for every gamester that would like to see more variety, there's one who's a staunch backer of the "traditional" card makeup.

#### FULL-SEASONS NOT NECESSARY

I am writing after seeing Tom Oldweiler's letter in the January Review. I agree 100% with him. Most of us "little guys" don't have to play full seasons. You should still get realistic stats from playing shortened seasons. If people send in stats for a shortened league (30-40 games), how about printing them to give us smaller gamesters a chance to compare averages.

I am 15% and have been playing a year. I think all the games are great, but the baseball game is easiest to play. Also, the Review is great. And, I'm all for college football.

Bob Fray  
416 Highland Ave.  
Clarks Summit, PA

Editor's note: Unless of special interest, the Review usually prefers full-season replays to abbreviated. We do have a tremendous backlog of shortened-season replays, however, and our experimenting currently with a "League Scene" report so that many of these leagues can share the spotlight.

#### '27 OR '21 BABE RUTH?

Recently I received my new set of baseball cards and also the complete set of four Hall-of-Fame teams. This is a set any baseball table-gamer should be delighted with.

There is only one point I would like to make in criticizing the Hall-of-Fame set. On Babe Ruth's card the 1927 year was selected as his best season. Yet, as Robert W. Creamer points out in his superb book about the Babe, his best all-around season was 1921, not 1927. In 1927 Babe slammed his famous 60 home runs, but in every other department he did better in 1921. He did hit 59 home runs in 1929.

Allen J. Wiener  
Washington, D.C.

## S-O-M League Scene

\* YOUNG EXECUTIVE BASEBALL LEAGUE -- Embarking on second season after successful 80-game campaign last year...Oakland A's won regular-season and also playoffs, defeating Chicago White in four games and Los Angeles in seven to do so...six-member play-by-mail league, with each manager selecting team (including extra players) and adding three stars from unused teams. A's, for example, added Rod Carew, Willie Stargell and Burt Hooton...newsletter was sent every 10 days, with communication one of league's foundation stones... new members this season include: Tony Violanti, Buffalo, NY; Keith Babbitt, Ridgewood, NJ; Denny Lowery, Vancouver, WA; John Politowski, Oxnard, CA; Brett Myers, Bakersfield, CA, and Howard Meadows, Marshalltown, IA.

Standings and leaders:

	Won-Lost	GB	(Manager, Home Town)
1. Oakland	50-30	--	Rick Zolzer, Fishkill, NY
2. N.Y. Mets	46-34	4	John Babbitt, Ridgewood, NJ
3. Baltimore	41-39	9	Steve Walters, Potosi, MO
4. Montreal	38-42	12	Leo Barr, Fishkill, NY
5. Los Angeles	37-43	13	Russ Karney, Spokane, WA
6. Chicago W. Sox	28-52	22	Chuck Holman, Tucson, AZ

Batting: Cedeno [.345], Mota [.329]; Wins: Ellis, Fingers, 12; Blyleven, Hits: Cedeno [114] Seaver, Holtzman, 11.  
 Doubles: Allen [30] Strikeouts: Ryan [178], Seaver [149].  
 Triples: Orta [11] ERA: Acosta [1.50], Pina [1.75].  
 Home Runs: Aaron [37], Cedeno [29] Saves: Fingers [8], Marshall [6].  
 RBI: Aaron [69], Stargell [67] MVP: Aaron, Cedeno.  
 Stolen Bases: North [56] Cy Young Award: Seaver.

\*\*\*\*\*

\* BEST TEAMS BASEBALL REPLAY -- Jeff Cottongim of Prior Lake, MN took six teams through 162-game season...top four teams qualified for playoffs, with second-place (regular-season) '72 Cincinnati Reds wiping out '71 Pirates in World Series, four games to one...played games solitaire, but visions of expansion and neighborhood face-to-face league this time around.

Standings and leaders: (using 1974 cards)

	Won-Lost	GB	Home Runs: Stargell [51], Ferguson [45]
'73 Dodgers	93-69	--	RBI: Stargell [156], Fisk [109]
'72 Reds	86-76	7	Wins-Loses: Seaver [24-9], John [21-9],
'73 Mets	86-76	7	Palmer [21-12]
'71 Pirates	78-84	15	ERA: Palmer [2.36], John [2.63],
'71 Orioles	74-88	19	
'72 Red Sox	69-93	24	

\*\*\*\*\*

\* WORLD BASKETBALL LEAGUE -- An all-star draft league that started with six coaches and was virtually a revolving door of coaches through most of the season...two members of play-by-mail league were involved in accidents, thus setting a precedent for more trouble that followed...Roger Fahey was league's organizer, while a couple of the original members were from Canada and one from Milwaukee, WI...Regina Revengers (coached by Raymond Nelson) won league behind Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Spencer Haywood, Sidney Wicks, Charlie Scott and Earl Monroe...Nate Archibald of the Red Devils had a season-high 77 points in one game, while Hurricanes once outpointed the Red Devils, 157-144.

Standings and leaders:	Won-Lost	GB	Scoring
Regina Revengers	26-14	--	Archibald [RD] 36.1
Austin Colts	22-20	5	Jabbar [RR] 32.2
Whitstone Wizards	19-23	8	McAdoo [HUR] 29.2
Hurricanes	17-23	9	Barry [AC] 20.8

Huskies	16-24	10	Maravich [HUS]	19.0	Rebounding	
Red Devils	14-26	12	Lanier [RD]	19.0	McAdoo [HUR]	19.5
					Chamberlain [HUS]	16.6
					Thurmond [AC]	15.7
					Cowens [WW]	16.2
					Hayes [WW]	14.8
<u>Assists</u>			<u>FG %</u>		<u>Blocked Shots</u>	
West [WW]	11.3		Jabbar [RR]	71.0	Cowens [WW]	88
Archibald [RD]	10.9		Hawkins [RR]	67.0	Thurmond [AC]	68
			Russell [RD]	62.0		
<u>Free Throw %</u>			Chamberlain [HUS]	59.0		
Barry [AC]	92.0		Archibald [RD]	56.0		
McMillian [HUR]	87.0					

\*\*\*\*\*

\* COAST TO COAST BASEBALL LEAGUE (CCBL) -- Play-by-mail baseball league run by Steve Parewski of Norridge, IL...consists of eight managers who chose actual A.L. teams from 1974 cards and drafted from four teams not in use.. Oakland, which won the East easily and then blasted Minnesota, four games to zero, in the World Series, drafted George Scott, Jeff Burroughs, Dick Allen and Walt Williams. Allen was the Series MVP with a .368 batting average, two homers and eight RBI...league members included: Perry Andrus [Minnesota], Tom Robertson [Boston], Ken Kennedy [California], Don McKenzie [Baltimore], Sean Crosbie [Kansas City], Dan Hoffman [Oakland], Mark Chmielewski [Detroit] and Parewski [New York]...a 120-game season was played.

## Standings and leaders:

Standings and Records			Pitching			Batting	
West	Won-Lost	GB	East	Won-Lost	GB	Batting	
Minnesota	65-55	--	Oakland	82-38	--	Spikes [CAL]	.357
California	60-60	5	New York	61-59	21	Bumbry [BAL]	.356
Boston	58-62	7	Kansas City	51-69	31	Jackson [OAK]	.339
Baltimore	55-65	10	Detroit	48-72	34	Carew [MIN]	.320
Hits: Jackson [OAK] 163			Strikeouts: Ryan [CAL] 274; Lolich [DET] 149.				
Doubles: Jackson [OAK] 33;			Wins: Holtzman [OAK] 19, Ryan [CAL] 18, Hunter				
Coggins [BAL] 32.			[OAK] 17.				
Triples: Bumbry [BAL] 12.							
Home Runs: Jackson [OAK] 37,			ERA [based on 66 innings or more]:				
Spikes [CAL] 25			Lyle [NY] 1.70		Reynolds [BAL] 2.19		
Bando [OAK] 22			Ryan [CAL] 1.93		Fingers [OAK] 2.44		
RBI: Jackson [OAK] 98			Bird [KC] 2.02		Holtzman [OAK] 2.44		

\*\*\*\*\*

## Baseball Playing Tip

### When To Try For Extra Base

Stephen Schumacher of New York city doesn't believe tipsters have been hitting the nail on the head with recent suggestions for taking into account what field the ball is hit when deciding to send a runner for an extra base. Since the game company makes no distinction between the various fields, Schumacher believes S-O-M players should do likewise. If you're playing the game solitaire and trying to be fair about sending/not sending runners, he suggests the following chart as to whether the green light is on or not. He worked out the chart with Earnshaw Cook's Percentage Baseball book, its sequel and some elementary algebra.

Play	Situation	0 Outs	1 Out	2 Outs	Note:
Single	Runner on first, or first & second	14	14	15	Note: all situations are for no-star hits.
Single	Runner on second, or second & third	13	10	8	

(continued on following page)

<u>Play</u>	<u>Situation</u>	<u>0 Outs</u>	<u>1 Out</u>	<u>2 Outs</u>
Single	Runners on first & second, or bases loaded	12	11	10
Double	Whenever man on first	14	12	10
Sac. Fly B?	Runner on third	12	8	--
Sac. Fly B?	Runners on first & third	13	9	--
Sac. Fly B?	Runners on second & third	13	10	--
Sac. Fly B?	Bases loaded	14	11	--

### *Revised Stealing Ratings*

Although base-stealing ratings in S-O-M Baseball aren't set up strictly by percentage of success on theft attempts, Mike Kaplan of Brooklyn, NY, feels they should be. He's prepared a stealing chart that sub-divides further the "A" stealers, basing it on percentage of success.

Lou Brock, because he was successful on only 73 per cent of his base-stealing attempts he doesn't figure should have been an "AAA", for instance. To set up the chart below, he pegged the average catcher's arm in the National League to be a "+1". To use the chart, however, you must have the number of attempted steals, successes and failures to determine the thievery rating.

A drawback to the chart, naturally, is that it's strictly based on a success-failure ratio, and doesn't take into consideration intangibles such as the type of team the player was on, whether or not it used the hit-and-run extensively, whether it often played for the "big inning" at the expense of the running game, etc. These factors many times have a lot to do with the number of stolen bases attempted by a player.

The chart:

<u>Letter Rating</u>	<u>% Stealing Success</u>	<u>Rating (without being held and +1 catcher)</u>	<u>Rating (being held and after +1 catcher is figured in)</u>
AAA1	-- 100%	-- 1-20	-- 1-20
AAA2	-- 95%	-- 1-19	-- 1-19
AA1	-- 90%	-- 1-18	-- 1-16
AA2	-- 85%	-- 1-17	-- 1-15
AA3	-- 80%	-- 1-16	-- 1-14
AA4	-- 75%	-- 1-15	-- 1-13
A1	-- 70%	-- 1-14	-- 1-12

Under 70% stealing success, use S-O-M stealing ratings for player.

### *Passed Balls, Wild Pitches*

Brett Miller of Salt Lake City, UT, has added more possibilities for wild pitches and passed balls occurring in Strat-O-Matic Baseball. When he replayed Oakland through a 162-game season without his chart he had only 12 wild pitches and six passed balls. With the chart, and again over a 162-game season, there were 92 wild pitches and 30 passed balls. Use the chart only with a runner on base and when the red die totals "7" but doesn't produce a hit/walk.

<u>Die</u>	<u>Result</u>						
2	PB-2* or 1	5	PB-1	8	WP-1	11	WP-2* or 1
3	PB-1	6	WP-1	9	WP-1	12	WP-2* or 1
4	PB-1	7	Resume play	10	WP-1		

2\* - runner with 1-14 running advances two bases.

## Questions & Answers

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

QUESTION: What should Lou Brock's [AAA] stealing rating be? What effect does holding an AAA on a catcher's throwing rating have?

ANSWER: A question that was answered last month. But, unfortunately, the answer raised new questions. The 1975 Strat-O-Matic Baseball roster sheet listed an AAA stealer and mentioned if he was being held his running rating should be reduced -1, and the catcher's throwing rating then figured in. But, going unanswered was the question of the exact stealing rating for an AAA. Your S-O-M game box mentions an AA stealer, but not an AAA. S-O-M creator Harold Richman, when contacted on the subject, said an AAA should be considered the same as an AA, BUT that he could not be held nor would a catcher's throwing rating come into play when he was stealing. In other words, an AAA could steal anytime with no reduction. For stealing second it would be 1-17, third base 1-11 and home 1-7. Some gamemasters had, in absence of a listed rating, given an AAA a 1-19 and then deducted -1 if being held and also figured in the catcher's throwing rating. In many cases it would work out the same.

\*\*\*\*\*

QUESTION: Didn't Steve Braun of the Minnesota Twins play first base also last year? If so, what should his rating be?

ANSWER: No. Braun played only the outfield and third base. He had 197 total chances as an outfielder and 57 in 17 games at third.

\*\*\*\*\*

QUESTION: Clarify center's solitaire "star" rating. Elmore Smith of Los Angeles has only one star, but the chart says all centers are five-star.

ANSWER: Elmore Smith, when his rating is converted for solitaire play, would be a five-star, or be used strictly inside, as would most centers.

\*\*\*\*\*

QUESTION: Can basketball players without "I" play inside and without stars outside?

ANSWER: Yes. The listing on the card is the way they were used most frequently

\*\*\*\*\*

QUESTION: Why does John Mize's card for the 1950 New York Yankees have the same percentage of home runs as Roger Maris' 1961 card, when Maris is supposed to have a better percentage for home run chances?

ANSWER: You have to take into consideration the number of walks that Maris has as compared to Mize.

\*\*\*\*\*

QUESTION: What should Cyril Pinder's off-tackle keyed result be on the roll of "9" for the 1973 cards [based on '73 season]?

ANSWER: -2

\*\*\*\*\*

QUESTION: Situation: In football, defense guesses pass and double-teams flanker with free safety and there are three men in short pass zone. If defense comes up on dice roll, do you look under three or four men? If you double-team flanker and play is short pass to split end, do you look under three or four men?

ANSWER: [1] Look under four-men in zone and [2] look under three-men.

\*\*\*\*\*

QUESTION: Can you double-team the halfback with the free safety, even though the right linebacker is double-teaming the split end?

ANSWER: Yes.

\*\*\*\*\*

QUESTION: On Sonny Jurgensen's 1972 Washington Redskin card on a #3 reading in the long pass column, an interception occurs in both guessed right and wrong columns, but an incomplete pass is the result in the double-teamed column. Is this correct?

ANSWER: No. It should read Int. +35 in the double-team column.

\*\*\*\*\*

QUESTION: Can you sacrifice a runner home from third base in Strat-O-Matic Baseball?

ANSWER: No. The squeeze play must be used with a runner on third base.

\*\*\*\*\*

QUESTION: Is the fielding rating on Brooks Robinson (based on '74 season) correct?

ANSWER: Yes. He is rated a "1".

\*\*\*\*\*

QUESTION: S-O-M Football situation: On a long pass play the right linebacker is double-teaming the split end and the free safety the halfback. The right linebacker is a "5" and free safety a "0". The roll is a white die of "4" and red "9" ["free safety X or 27"]. Since the linebacker was double-teaming, is it still considered to be one-man in long pass zone, and would pass be for 27 yards or incomplete?

ANSWER: If the free safety is double-teaming the halfback or someone other than the split end, it is considered "0" men in zone because the linebacker does not move into the zone. However, the split end would still be covered by the right corner back and double-teamed by the linebacker. The pass would be incomplete automatically.

\*\*\*\*\*

QUESTION: Is a look-in pass that is intercepted considered a flat pass when checking for an interception return?

ANSWER: No, a look-in pass is not considered the same as a flat pass.

\*\*\*\*\*

QUESTION: What is the long gain limitation in Strat-O-Matic Football?

ANSWER: It refers to long gains on runs. A player may not exceed his longest run on any long gain result with one exception: if a player's longest run was a touchdown of 30 yards or more he may exceed his longest run. A player's longest run followed by a star indicates a touchdown run. This rule applies to long gain run results only. Example: If a running play results in a long gain of 75 yards and the runner's longest run is for 50 yards, his run would be for 50 yards. If his longest run was 50, followed by a star, his run would be 75 yards. The long gain limitation is explained in the S-O-M Football instructions.

I know as long as the game is available.

Our schedule, which is set up on a day-to-day basis and includes double-headers (thus a fifth and even a sixth starter must be used on some occasions), is for a 68-game season--12 games against the three other teams in the same league and 10 against the four teams in the other league.

Early leaders are Ray Jones (9-4), who has a team built around the likes of Nolan Ryan, Mike Cuellar, Steve Busby, relievers John Hiller, Mike Marshall and Dave Giusti, and Ralph Garr, Joe Morgan, Brooks Robinson, Rick Monday, Jim Wynn and Bobby Bonds; Bob Cushman (8-5), with Don Sutton, Ron Reed, Steve Carlton, Steve Foucault, Grant Jackson, Al Hrabosky, Bobby Grich, Lou Brock, Al Oliver, Ken Henderson, Don Baylor and Cesar Cedeno; and Tom Vegoe (8-5), with Carl Yastrzemski, Dave Cash, Bert Campaneris, Hank Aaron, Mike Hargrove, Reggie Smith, Richie Zisk, Willie Davis, Tom Seaver, Vida Blue, Ken Holtzman and Sparky Lyle.

Butler also points out that newcomer Running is the current leader in ECA [Earned Cry Average], while he has posted the most unearned cries.

\*\*\*\*\*

## Advertisements

Rates per issue will be as follows: First 30 words--50¢; 31-50 words--70¢; 51-70 words--\$1.00; 71-100 words--\$1.50; 101-120 words--\$1.80; 121-150 words--\$2.00; 151-175 words--\$2.50; 176-200 words--\$3.00. When you send in ads, specify either WANTED, FOR SALE, or LEAGUE FORMING, and name card sets by the year upon which they were based. Note also that only advertisements regarding Strat-O-Matic products, related merchandise and leagues will be accepted. No other brand names may be mentioned or advertised. Also, no advertisements concerning photo-copied Strat-O-Matic cards or related products will be accepted. If, when responding to ads, you find photo-copied cards being offered, contact either the Strat-O-Matic Review or Strat-O-Matic Game Co., as patent rights are being violated by any such reproduction. Ads, to be included in the next issue of the Review, must be in by the third of the month. Money for ads will not be refunded. If you do not want an ad to run, notify the Review immediately and the money will be credited to your subscription.

### Wanted

WANTED: 1969 edition of S-O-M Baseball, with 96 additional players, or 1969 additional players. Send all offers to: Richard Lally, 135-47 128th St., South Ozone Park, NY 11420

WANTED: Any complete baseball sets or individual baseball teams from 1968 or older. Send condition and price to: Ron Lockenvitz, 1112 West Kern St., Normal, IL 61761

WANTED: Extra baseball players for seasons '69 and '72. Must be in very good to excellent condition. Willing to trade first two years of S-O-M Review for extra players. Contact: Dave Sausser, 1809 Glendora Way, Salinas, CA 93901

WANTED: Any or all 1971 baseball teams with extra players. Will pay your price. Send list of teams, Price and condition to:

Kevin Clark, Box 73, Corinna, ME 04928

WANTED: 1967 Tigers, Angels, White Sox, A's, Yanks. I will pay \$1.50 each. 1968 Braves, Dodgers, Red Sox, Yanks, A's, Twins, White Sox, and Senators. For these teams I will pay \$1.25 apiece. I will pay \$1.00 each for the '69 Giants and Cards. I also will pay \$4.00 each for the '68 and '69 extra players. In addition, I will trade any two of the teams listed in my for sale ad for any one wanted team. Joe Moorehouse, 12926 Stamford, Warren, MI 48089

WANTED: 1969 Mets, 1970 Braves, 1971 Cards. Reasonable price will be paid. Send bids and SASE to: Mark Sadock, 1001 Sunset Dr., Berwick, PA 18603

WANTED: Pre-1971 Rams Super Bowl teams. Send bids to: Alec Keyes, 131 Berry St., Valley Stream, NY 11580, or call 516-872-8581. Will buy from lowest or first bidder.

WANTED: 1968 Tigers, '69 Twins, '70 Yankees, '71 Giants. I will accept first offer on all teams, but will buy separately if it's a better bid. All letters answered. Peter Lucas, 4111 Azele, Tampa, FL 33609. Also, have 1973 A.L. extra players from 10 teams, trade or sell.

WANTED: Following 1970 Football teams: Bengals, Bears and Rams. If you have any or all, please write to: Jay Hammeran, 7956 Sheldale Way, Cincinnati, OH 45242

WANTED: Football--1969 Rams, 1970 Chiefs, Giants. Also, any loose baseball and football cards, any year. Send prices to: Larry Fryer, 709 N. 4th St., Hamburg, PA 19526

WANTED: Playing tips for baseball. I will pay 25¢ for a tip I think good. For charts I will pay up to 75¢. If I don't want them, I will send them back to you. Also, any manager willing to play a full National and American League replay with the new cards with me. We will play 162 games. For more information contact: Bob Jostes, 14546 Lexington Ave., Harvey, IL 60426

### For Sale

FOR SALE: S-O-M Baseball '66, complete set, '70 Yanks, Detroit, '67 Twins, White Sox, Pittsburgh, Giants, '68 Cleveland, Reds, San Francisco, Braves, '65 Twins, '63 Cubs, San Francisco, Detroit, Mets, Baltimore, Braves, 1971 N.L., 1972 A.L. Bid on sets.

WANTED: 1962-64 Twins, 1962 Yanks. Send bids to: Keith Fosness, 1438 14<sup>th</sup> St. So., Fargo, ND 58102

FOR SALE: 1972 baseball. Complete set including extra players. Good to excellent condition. \$12 or best offer. Write: Mike Baitinger, 3219 N. Prospect, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

FOR SALE: Big clearance sale. All teams must go. Selling at incredibly low prices. Up to 15¢ off of some teams at time of purchase. '70 Twins, Orioles, A's, Dodgers,

Pirates, Reds; '71 Cardinals, Red Sox, Indians, Giants, Tigers; '72 Pirates, A's, White Sox, Twins; '73 Royals, Expos, Angels. Old-Timers: '11 A's, '19 White Sox, '09 Tigers and Pirates, '06 Cubs, '62 Mets, '60 Pirates; Hall of Fame sets A and B. These are brand new and going for even lower prices. Send me your list and I'll quote you a price. Terry Henry, 1214 Emerald Rd., Orlando, FL 32808

FOR SALE: Attention! S-O-M buyers and sellers, I have just developed an accurate guide for buying and selling S-O-M teams and sets called "The Official 1975 S-O-M Price Guide." This covers every team put out by S-O-M. It has complete and accurate prices of all teams. Don't get gyped by a seller who wants Fort Knox for his teams. You will know if it's a good or bad buy. There might be a time where you want a team badly and unsure of the right price you should fork out. Sometimes it's okay to pay "heavy bread" for a team you really want. But, don't go berserk. Everyone should have one. Only \$1.50 is needed to get this guide that is guaranteed to save you money. To show you money isn't everything, I will trade for any pre-1969 baseball or football teams, or for any two 1969-71 baseball teams. Send \$1.50 in money order, cash or teams, plus 25¢ postage to: Richard Negrete, 10550 Woodale Ave., Mission Hills, CA 91340

FOR SALE: 1969 NFL and AFL football game, \$25; 1972 NFL-season cards, \$10. Baseball teams--1963 Dodgers, Cardinals, Giants, Yankees, White Sox, Twins, \$7; baseball game with 1971 cards, \$12; baseball game with 1972 cards, \$12; 1973 baseball season cards, \$6; baseball game with Old-Timer teams (all 34), \$10; complete basketball game with 1972-73 season cards, \$10. Please specify that you are buying S-O-M products. All the above items are in mint condition, except the six 1963 teams which are in excellent condition. Items will be sold on a first come, first served basis. David Urban, 131 South 4th Ave., Manville, NJ 08835

FOR SALE: Baseball--1965 Dodgers, Twins; '66 Pirates, Reds, Orioles, Twins; '67 Reds, Braves, Dodgers, Cubs, Phillies; '68 A's, Orioles, Houston, Cubs, Twins, Pirates, Senators; '69 all teams except Mets and Orioles; '70 Brewers, Twins, Cubs, Dodgers, A's, Angels, Phillies, Yankees, Giants, Orioles. Football--

FOR SALE: Baseball teams--1968 Cubs, Giants, Cards, Mets, Tigers, Orioles, Indians, \$4.00 each. 1969--all teams except Giants and Cards, 75¢ each. 1970--Twins, Orioles, Angels, Tigers, Reds, 75¢ each. 1971-72--all teams with extra players, 50¢ each. Old-Timer teams--1922 Giants, '24 Senators, '31 A's, '34 Cards, '35 Cubs, '40 Reds, '41 Yanks, '41 Dodgers, '46 Sox, '60 Pirates, '61 Tigers, '62 Mets, 50¢ apiece. All teams in good to excellent condition. First come, first served. All letters answered. Money refunded if your team(s) have already been sold. I pay postage. Joe Moorehouse, 12926 Stamford, Warren, MI 48089

FOR SALE: 1973-74 basketball game, complete with all teams. Game is in mint condition and has never been used. Send bids to: Kevin Clark, Box 73, Corinna, ME 04928

FOR SALE: Complete 1971 Football set and '72 Dolphins, '72 Redskins, '72 Packers, '72 Raiders, '72 Bears, '72 Cowboys, '72 Bills, '72 Steelers. Will sell '72 teams as a set or separately. '71 teams will be sold as a set only. Send bids to: Jeff Reddick, 914 Nolbey Street, Cardiff, CA 92007

FOR SALE: 1963-1964-1965 baseball teams. 1963--all except Indians, Angels, Chisox, Senators, Colts; 1964--all except Tigers, Mets, Yanks, Reds, Cards; 1965--all except Cubs, Dodgers, Phillies, Colts. Condition: 1963--mint (except Twins, Yanks, good-excellent); 1964--mint (except Orioles, Dodgers [good], Giants, Twins [fair], Sox [fair-poor]); 1965--excellent. Enclose S.A.S.E., send offers to: Brian Cox, 16½ Warner St., Newport, RI 02840

FOR SALE: Complete S-O-M Football set. Game parts and cards in good condition; 160 scoresheets included. All '73 cards and Los Angeles, Kansas City, Miami, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Cincinnati and Green Bay from 1972. Highest bidder wins. Winner pays postage. '72 sold separately or together with rest. Write: Mike Aaron, Box 201 Rt. 2, Dixon, MO 65459

FOR SALE: 350 S-O-M Baseball cards (mostly 1973); Football: 1972 Bengals, Packers, Cowboys; 1973 Chargers, Lions, Browns, Giants, Jets. Send bids to: Wesley Sass Jr., 917 Onderdonk Ave., Ridgewood, Queens, NY 1122

FOR SALE: Basketball game with '73 and '74 cards (good condition), \$6.00 plus postage. Also for sale, S-O-M Review from I-1 to II-12 (first two years). Highest bidder will be accepted for Review. Contact: Dave Sausser, 1809 Glendora Way, Salinas, CA 93901

FOR SALE: 1967 football in excellent to mint condition and some people are asking \$4.00 or more per team but I will sell as a complete set for \$60 postpaid. All 25 teams are complete and that averages out to less than \$2.50 per team. I also have the 1970 football teams in excellent condition and complete and I am asking \$20 for it, postpaid. I have 1971 and 1972 and two sets of 1973 and will sell each for \$8, postpaid. I will sell the works for \$85 postpaid. I am interested in Strat-O-Matic Baseball from 1971 with extras, 1972 with extras and 1973 with extras. I will pay \$12 for the 1971, \$10 for the 1972 and \$10 for 1973. Sets must be in excellent condition or better. Make check or money order payable to: Richard York, 19171 Derby St., Detroit, MI 48203

FOR SALE: 30 baseball teams from 1971-1973. If interested, write for list. My address is: Mike Kipfer, R.R. 1, Monroe, IN 46772

FOR SALE: 1973 Strat-O-Matic Football set; 26 teams; mint condition; two-thirds of scorepad left; \$45.00 postpaid. 1972-73 Strat-O-Matic Basketball set; 8 teams (Milwaukee, Chicago, New York, Boston, Baltimore, Atlanta, Golden State, Los Angeles); excellent condition; \$6.00 postpaid. Both games \$17.50 postpaid. Great buy! Specify set wanted along with check or money order to: Mark Haberman, 1512 Mower Ct., Wauwatosa, WI 53213. Honesty guaranteed. First come, first served.

FOR SALE: 1970 and 1972 baseball cards. No additional. Very good condition. 1971 football cards; excellent condition. 1972-1973 basketball cards; mint condition. Highest bidder accepted. Write: Gary Green, 10312 S. Cook Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453

'67 Cowboys, Colts, Miami, Rams, Broncos, Chargers, Raiders, Packers; '68 Browns, Oakland; '69 all teams; '70 all teams. Strat-O-Matic Review--'71 May, June, July; '72 May, June, Sept. through December; '73 all 12 months; '74 all except May and June. Send bids to: Bill Duffy, 409 Hillside Road, Ridley Park, PA 19078

**FOR SALE:** Do you find that figuring out your stats is a boring and messy job and also takes up a lot of your valuable time? If this is your problem, why not let the experts help you out? The Paluch Statistics Bureau will give you complete stats for baseball, football and basketball, for only 8¢ per game. Your stats are handled with the utmost care and are double and triple-checked for accuracy. We guarantee you will be completely satisfied. Just ask our many satisfied customers throughout the country. Write: Mike Paluch, 3325 S. Hoyne, Chicago, IL 60608

**FOR SALE:** Auction! Baseball sets based on the following seasons--1966, 1968, 1969, 1970 (with extra players), 1971 (extras), 1972 (extras), 1973 (extras), Hall-of-Famers "A", Old-Timer teams (all but the newest series [1900-1910]). Also, game box with all parts and 1½ pads of score-sheets. Football sets with the 1970 and 1971 records. The two football sets should be bid on together, because they are a bit mixed up and the winner will have a small amount of sorting to do. Winners pay postage. Highest bids accepted. Bidding closes in two weeks. Brad Olsen, Rd. #1, Box 125, Geneva, NY 14456

**FOR SALE:** Basketball set, includes Knicks, Bucks, Cavaliers, Celtics, Pistons. Only \$5.50. Jeff Willis, 4014 Ashville, Garland, TX 75041

**FOR SALE:** Complete, based-on 1967, baseball set. Some cards marked, but all playable. \$35, or highest bidder. Joe Matlen, 26623 Greythorne, Farmington Hills, MI 48024

**FOR SALE:** Baseball--1971 Reds. Football--'69 49ers, '69 Bengals, '70 Chiefs, '70 Redskins, '70 Falcons, '70 Saints, '70 Steelers, '70 Oilers, '70 Jets, '71 Rams, '71 Cards, '71 Packers, '72 Chiefs, '72 Cardinals. **WANTED:** Football--1967 Packers, '68 Colts, '68 Jets, '69 Chiefs, '69 Vikings, '70 Colts. Baseball--1965 Reds. Will pay well. Write: Hillel Italie, 114 Perth Ave., New Rochelle, NY 10804

\*\*\*\*\*

## What's Available At S-O-M?

### FOOTBALL

**1972** - All teams available. Cost: \$10.50 for entire set; 75¢ per team.  
**1971** - All teams available. Cost: \$10.50 for entire set; 75¢ per team.  
**1970** - Teams available include: Atlanta, New Orleans, Philadelphia, Boston, Baltimore, Cleveland, Denver, Houston, Pittsburgh, San Diego, New York Jets. Cost: \$6.00 for set; 75¢ per team.  
**1969** - Teams available include: Buffalo, Cincinnati, Denver, Houston, Miami, San Diego. Cost: \$3.75 for set; 75¢ per team.  
**1968** - No teams available.

### BASEBALL

**1973** - All teams available. Cost: \$10.00 for complete set; 65¢ per team.  
**1972** - Teams available include: Boston, Detroit (both low in stock), Oakland. Cost: 60¢ per team.

All orders should be placed with the Strat-O-Matic Game Co., Inc., 46 Railroad Plaza, Glen Head, NY 11545. Include a 25¢ handling fee for all orders. Do not send orders to the Strat-O-Matic Review. Also, when ordering individual teams, please list a second choice in case one of the teams is out of stock.

\*\*\*\*\*

## Coming Next Month...

...Final plans for Rick Shapiro's summer S-O-M Convention will be revealed...the latest S-O-M Football changes will be given a close look...the John Dewey High School Strat-O-Matic Club will take all as to what goes on during school "free periods"...plus much, much more will be coming your way in the June Strat-O-Matic Review.

## League Forming

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Need three managers right away to take over the following club pairs: Boston-California, Texas-Milwaukee and Minnesota-Detroit. You will manage two clubs throughout the season. Prefer only those who can keep up with a fast-paced schedule. This league is an AL replay and the season has already started, so hurry! Contact: Albert Goldson, 920 Metcalf Ave., Bronx, NY 10473

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Wanted, 12 fair, reliable managers for 1971 replay (American League). This will be, for the most part, a democratically run league, as the only rule that I'm making is that there will be no extra players used. No experience necessary. The entry fee will be \$6.00, \$2.50 of which will be refunded at the end of the season. However, don't send the money until after you've been assured a spot in the league. World Series victor will receive next year's cards free of charge. Newsletters will be published bi-weekly. Backups are needed, also. For a league ballot, send your name, address and list of teams, in order of preference, to: Wayne Wheeler, P.O. Box 203, Cardston, Alberta, Canada T0K 0K0

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Fantastic new play-by-mail league, using new '74 baseball cards, needs reliable managers. If you enjoy drafting, buying, trading, selling; and if you're an S-D-M "nut" like me, write to: Keith Walker, 905 E. Park #21, Carbondale, IL 62901

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Mature, competent, conscientious managers are wanted for a National League draft league using the new 1975 cards. There will be 10 teams in this league and they will be drafted from the 240 regular edition players. This league will be a success. There will be a \$4.00 entry fee. Send name, address and a short paragraph about yourself to: Tommy Brown Jr., Route 2, Caneyville, KY 42721, or call 502-259-3956 after 6 p.m. CDT.

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Wanted, managers to join GCUSPBML for second season. Two good teams open. Season to start when I receive enough responses. You must have 1975 cards. First response gets choice of team. Dan Hoffman, 76 Evergreen Ave., Elmira, NY 14905

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Want 24 managers for a well-organized play-by-mail baseball league using all of the new cards, plus additional players. We will use the original 24 teams, but trading will be allowed. No P-B-M experience is necessary. But, I want reliable managers to play the entire season. Unfortunately, there will have to be an entry fee of \$6.00 for bi-weekly newsletters, prizes, emergency phone calls and other expenses (at least \$1.00 will be refunded if you complete the season). I can assure you that this league will be one of the best-run and organized leagues. So send name, address, phone number, age, the entry fee (to assure a team in the league) and a list of teams in order of preference, along with a brief background of yourself. Write to: Roland Meinhardt, 149 Richland Meadows, Quakertown, PA 18951

**LEAGUE FORMING:** I am looking for five managers in the Indianapolis area to form a head-to-head baseball league. Contact: Michael Jeffries, 5129 Southgreen Dr., Indianapolis, IN (phone: 786-2665).

\*\*\*\*\*

## Rejecting Shots

The World Basketball League uses the following chart to determine blocked shots in S-D-M Basketball:

(1) Use any time center's rating is needed against driving opposing player and shot is no good. Roll two dice, if 2, 4, 8, 10 is rolled, shot is blocked.

(2) If center's rating is needed against another center and shot is no good, then 2, 4, 10 is blocked shot. If it was outside shot, then 2, 4 would mean a block.

(3) If defense results in a miss for a forward or guard, 2, 10 would be a block inside, while 2 would be a block outside.

You may want to increase or decrease the shot-blocking ability, depending on the player involved, too.

## Stadium Builder's Dream

19

# **Super S-O-M Structure Planned**

Editor's note: Steve Schumacher of Houston, TX and a member of the GHSML (Greater Houston Strat-O-Matic League) is a noted builder and creator of S-O-M "stadiums". His works have appeared in the Review before (including pictures). Here is his newest report from the world of Strat-O stadium building.

BY STEVE SCHUMACHER

Last year's "super stadium", which was featured in the Review, is no more. Inconvenience caused by the "stands" and a malfunctioning "super scoreboard" prompted my decision to take down the stadium and build a new one that would really enhance the playing of S-O-M Baseball, rather than just being something to look at.

The new stadium will have no "stands", because we found that the stands in last year's stadium kept us from using the playing field for dice-rolling, cards, etc. They also made it hard to see the electronic scoreboard, which was inside the enclosed structure.

The new ballpark will be open, that is, it will consist of a playing-field table and a scoreboard with no stands, so that the players can play the game in the stadium (on the playing-field table) and will be able to easily see the scoreboard in center field.

The playing field, which is finished, is an impressive sight. The surface is made of green velvet, which is perfect scale-model Astroturf. With white lines and "dirt" areas taped on, it looks like the modern playing surfaces in Cincinnati, Houston, Pittsburgh and San Francisco.

Scoreboard I have planned will really be incredible. Like last year's board, it will display via electronic digits the scores for both teams and the inning number, and will have lights to show the men-on-base situation. Unlike the old board, it will have two innovations that will make league play in the GHSML more interesting than ever before. First, an automatic split-number generator eliminates the need for split cards or dice charts. A simple push of a button displays a random number from one to 20 on the scoreboard.

Second, an automatic dice-generator eliminates the need for dice. A push of a button and a random-number generator generates three random numbers, each between one and six, and turns on the corresponding "dice display" on the scoreboard. The scoreboard is now under construction and due to be completed soon.

For the GHSML at least, it will be a whole new ball game in 1975.

\*\*\*\*\*

## **Sluggers 'Hall Of Fame'**

Steven Meretzky has researched the great home run cards in Strat-O-Matic Baseball and come up with a list of 18 that he believes rank in the "sluggers hall-of-fame".

"With the new Hall-of-Famers there are now cards for almost everyone of the great home run hitters," points out Meretzky. "I have gone through all my cards (HOFs, old-timers and every regular season except 1962 and 1966) and determined the 18 best single-season home run cards."

Meretzky's research involved assigning each column of the hitter's card 720 total points and the whole card 2,160 points (on the basis of 20 points for numbers 2 and 12, 40 for 3 and 11, all the way to 120 points for 7). Walks were disregarded by Meretzky, so the listing on the following page actually shows home runs per trip to the plate rather than home runs per at-bat.

The total number of home run points was then determined.

Meretzky admits that some cards may have been overlooked, but mostly it would be those with few at-bats but a good home run percentage--not the sluggers we have come to know and appreciate.

Here is the list of S-O-M's top 18 home run hitters, their total points out of 2,160 and the per cent chance of getting a homer every time the roll lands on the hitter's card:

PLAYER AND YEAR	POINTS	HOME RUN %
1. Hank Aaron - 1973	330	15.28
2. Hank Aaron - 1971 [regular card]	324	15.00
3. Roger Maris - 1961	316	14.63
Johnny Mize - 1950	316	14.63
5. Babe Ruth - 1927	312	14.44
6. Willie Stargell - 1971	309	14.31
7. Willie Mays - 1965	306	14.17
8. Hank Aaron - 1971 [HOF card]	305	14.12
9. Hank Greenberg - 1938	304	14.07
10. Dusty Rhodes - 1954	300	13.89
11. Jimmy Foxx - 1932	297	13.75
12. John Blanchard - 1961	294	13.61
13. Willie McCovey - 1969	288	13.33
Johnny Mize - 1947	288	13.33
15. Mickey Mantle - 1961	282	13.06
16. Mickey Mantle - 1956	280	12.96
17. Willie Stargell - 1973	276	12.78
18. Willie Mays - 1955	270	12.50

\*\*\*\*\*

## '06 Cubs, '27 Yanks Replay Winners

Over the years that the Review's been published there's been a dearth of replays involving Old-Timer baseball teams. Many S-O-M devotees, however, have expressed a great deal of interest in such replays. So, this month the Review is taking a look at the Hinsdale League's fifth season, a six-team, 154-game replay that involved the 1906 Chicago Cubs, 1911 Philadelphia A's, 1919 Chicago White Sox, 1927 New York Yankees [naturally], 1948 Cleveland Indians and one recent power (at least it was thought to be), the 1973 Oakland A's.

Mike Gilbert, whose Old-Timer evaluations were a monthly feature of the Review for over a year and one-half, was a member of the league, guiding the 1911 A's in the face-to-face competition. Each team was allowed to add one Hall-of-Famer, in reverse order of team choice, with the '27 Yanks picking pitcher Ed Walsh, who won a league-high 38 games and posted a 2.03 earned run average--third best in the league.

Even Babe Ruth missing 35 games with injuries didn't slow the Yankee powerhouse in the two-division league as the Bronx Bombers ran away with the West, reeling off a 102-52 record, 28 games ahead of the second-place '48 Indians. The 1906 Cubs won in the East, but it wasn't easy as only four games separated the Cubs, 1911 A's and '19 White Sox.

Standings and leaders from Hinsdale, IL, League V:

Eastern Division	Won	Lost	GB	[HOF Player]
1. '06 Cubs [Joe Buckie]	81	73	--	[Joe DiMaggio-3rd pick]
2. '11 A's [Mike Gilbert]	79	75	2	[Pete Alexander-2nd pick]
3. '19 White Sox [Fred Burtzos]	77	77	4	[Walter Johnson-1st pick]
Western Division				
1. '27 Yankees [Fred Burtzos]	102	52	--	[Ed Walsh-6th pick]
2. '48 Indians [Mike Gilbert]	74	80	28	[Bill Dickey-5th pick]
3. '73 A's [Kurt Scharfe]	48	106	54	[Stan Musial--4th pick]

Batting		Home Runs	
DiMaggio .357	Boudreau .338	Gehrig 56	Musial 33
Gehrig .356	Ruth .329	Ruth 50	DiMaggio 24 (con't)
Musial .343			

<b>RBI</b>		<b>Hits</b>		<b>ERA</b>		<b>Wins</b>	
Gehrig	174	D. Mitchell	219	P. Alexander	1.24	Walsh	38
Ruth	138	DiMaggio	214	W. Johnson	1.65	Alexander	30
DiMaggio	104	F. Chance	193	Walsh	2.03	G. Bearden	26
<b>Doubles</b>		<b>Triples</b>		<b>Stolen Bases</b>		<b>Strikeouts</b>	
Gehrig	41	E. Combs	23	E. Collins	54	W. Johnson	272
F. Baker	39	Musial	19	R. Oldring	34	Alexander	263
<b>Comp. Games</b>		<b>Shutouts</b>		<b>Innings Pitched</b>		<b>Walsh</b>	
Walsh	38	Alexander	11	Walsh	411		
Alexander	34	Johnson	10	Johnson	377		
Johnson	34	Walsh	9	Alexander	376		

\*\*\*\*\*

### Dynasty Forming In AWA?

## **Cincinnati Surprises Foes—Again**

The Cincinnati Bengals are one of many National Football League teams with a capable passing attack, solid runners, though not spectacular, and a respectable defense. But, somehow the Bengals aren't the picture of champions.

Neil Christie must be a super coach when it comes to Strat-O-Matic Football. The native of San Jose, CA pulled off another they-said-it-couldn't-be-done this winter by guiding Cincinnati to its second straight AWA Football League title.

Christie speeded up Paul Brown's championship timetable by watching his Bengals take Los Angeles apart, 30-20, in Super Bowl IV, after Cincinnati had swept through the regular-season with a 10-4-1 record.

For those not familiar with it, the AWA is a face-to-face league that originated in Santa Clara, CA and which includes eight coaches, guiding three teams apiece through a 15-game schedule. Six divisions of four teams each were divided into two conferences--the Coliseum Conference and the Citadel Conference.

Christie, a constant annoyance to the league's other coaches with his lofty 91-51-8 career win-and-lost mark, overcame a slow Cincy start and a rash of injuries with a balanced offense that soon made Pittsburgh (23-18), and division foe Dallas (26-10 and 38-7) victims. Dallas faded out of contention for the playoffs as Roger Staubach fired 29 interceptions, many in critical situations. The Cowboys also had a habit of losing to teams (i.e. San Diego, 17-7) they shouldn't have.

Cleveland was a surprise winner in the Duck Division, closing out with a five-game regular-season win skein. The Browns edged Pittsburgh, 16-9, in a thriller in the last game of the season to pull one game ahead of the Steelers. Pittsburgh wound up on Cleveland's seven-yard line as the game ended. It was that kind of season for the Steelers--awesome on defense, capable on offense, but often on the losing side of the scoreboard. Particularly galling to Pittsburgh fans was a 13-0 shutout to Baltimore, the only victory by the Colts all season.

Minnesota easily captured the Black 'N Blue Division behind quarterback Fran Tarkenton, although Kansas City held foes to a mere 174 points and won a wild card playoff berth after a 9-6 log. Miami outdistanced all the others in the Seagull Division while finishing first in both total offense and total defense. The Dolphins also rolled up an amazing 3,062 yards rushing, with Larry Csonka pounding for 1,254 and Mercury Morris scooting for 1,243 more.

Daryll Alt proved to be no Norm Van Brocklin as he took Atlanta into the playoffs with a 10-5 record. Pat Sullivan came off the bench after a Bob Lee injury and guided Atlanta on a five-game win streak, including knocking off Oakland, runnerup to Atlanta, 14-9.

An explosive attack carried Los Angeles to victory in the Dagmar Division as John Hadl rifled 27 TD passes and Lawrence McCutcheon ripped opposing defenses enough so that the Rams averaged 27 points per game. McCutcheon was

(continued)

named rookie of the year for galloping for 1,226 yards and 5.5 yards every carry. San Francisco was the biggest surprise out West, as the 49ers, behind stingy defensive play, lifted eyebrows by conquering Washington (10-0), L.A. (19-17), Oakland (20-6), Buffalo (20-6), Minnesota (22-14) and tied Miami (13-13).

## PLAYOFFS

Coliseum Conference - Cleveland almost put Minnesota on the sidelines at the outset as Greg Pruitt dashed for 153 yards in 23 carries only to have the Vikes hold on for a 25-24 victory. Cleveland scored three touchdowns in the final quarter, but a first quarter safety proved to be the winning margin. Cincinnati also advanced as Horst Muhlmann drilled home five field goals in a 22-6 win over Kansas City. In the championship game, Greg Cook came off the bench with three minutes to play after Ken Anderson was injured and promptly passed 70 yards to Bob Trumpy for the winning six-pointer in a 20-13 thriller.

Citadel Conference - David Ray, after wearing goat horns most of the game, finally emerged as the hero as L.A. turned back Atlanta, 19-16, in overtime. Ray had missed an extra point in the second quarter, three field goals in the fourth quarter and a 20-yarder early in overtime. He finally connected with a 21-yarder with 9:30 gone in the overtime. Miami, meanwhile, scored the first time it had the ball, then held on to throw back San Francisco, 14-7. Then, in the championship game, everything clicked for the Rams as Hadl threw three TD passes and McCutcheon danced for 144 yards in only 13 carries as L.A. blew out the championship hopes of the Dolphins, 41-14.

## SUPER BOWL

Al Beauchamp turned out to be Cincinnati's hero and the Super Bowl's most valuable player as he ran back one interception for a touchdown and later, with the Bengals ahead 27-20 in the waning minutes, he picked off another that set up a clinching field goal. The two thefts, coupled with a 23-yard TD jaunt by hulking lineman Ron Carpenter with another and a costly fumble that the Bengals turned into a TD, were simply too much for the L.A. offense to overcome. McCutcheon did all he could for the Rams, powering his way to 124 yards in 23 carries.

League standings, coaches, and individual leaders:

## COLISEUM CONFERENCE

Snodgrass Division	Won	Lost	Ties	Rushing	Att-Yds.	Avg.
Cincinnati (Neil Christie)	10	4	1	Simpson, Buf.	304-1960	5.1
Dallas (Steve Barrett)	8	7	0	Hill, Dal.	289-1296	4.5
N.Y. Giants (Mike Applegate)	5	9	1	Brockington, GB	307-1277	4.2
N.Y. Jets (Mike Simonds)	3	11	1	Csonka, Mia.	287-1254	4.4
				Morris, Mia.	196-1243	5.3
Duck Division				R. Johnson, NY	311-1239	4.0
Cleveland (John Koeplin)	9	6	0	McCutcheon, LA	221-1226	5.5
Pittsburgh (Ken Morse)	8	7	0	E. Johnson, CI	209-1134	5.4
Philadelphia (Neil Christie)	7	7	1	Mitchell, Bal	309-1124	3.6
Baltimore (Earl Yagi)	1	13	1	Little, Den.	272-1103	4.1
Black 'N Blue Division				Receiving	No.-Yds.	Avg.
Minnesota (Earl Yagi)	10	4	1	Sanders, Det.	74-875	11.8
Kansas City (Mike Applegate)	9	6	0	Doughty, Bal.	73-1203	16.5
Detroit (Ken Morse)	7	8	0	Hill, Dal.	70-709	10.1
New Orleans (Daryll Alt)	5	10	0	Rucker, NE	65-1415	21.8
				Sullivan, PHI	62-452	7.3

## CITADEL CONFERENCE

Seagull Division	Won	Lost	Ties	Scoring	Pts.
Miami (Neil Christie)	13	1	1	Yepremian, Mia.	158
Washington (Daryll Alt)	9	6	0	Mike-Mayer, Atl.	145
St. Louis (John Koeplin)	6	9	0	Leypoldt, Buf.	137
Green Bay (Earl Yagi)	3	12	0	Muhlmann, Cin.	126
				Gerela, Pit.	125

(continued)

<u>Mongo Division</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Ties</u>
Atlanta (Daryll Alt)	10	5	0
Oakland (John Koeplin)	8	7	0
Denver (Steve Barrett)	6	8	1
New England (Mike Simonds)	5	10	0

AWA's MVP - D.J. Simpson  
 Rookie of Year - Lawrence McCutcheon  
 Coach of Year - Mike Applegate  
 (San Francisco)

<u>Dagmar Division</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Ties</u>
Los Angeles (Mike Simonds)	12	3	0
San Francis. (Mike Applegate)	9	4	2
Buffalo (Steve Barrett)	8	7	0
San Diego (Ken Morse)	4	11	0

<u>Passing</u>	<u>Att-Comp.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>TD-Int.</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Hart, SL	403-222	55.1	3071	20-6	90.2
Sullivan, ATL	167-90	53.9	1313	11-5	89.3
Tarkenton, MIN	340-203	59.7	2289	17-6	89.1
R. Johnson, NYG	250-135	54.0	1809	18-8	87.9
Griese, MIA	297-156	52.5	2392	15-10	83.5
Anderson, CIN	349-181	51.9	2682	21-14	80.7
Dawson, KC	195-124	63.6	1359	9-10	78.2
Hadl, LA	293-137	46.8	2275	27-20	75.8
Spurrier, SF	172-91	52.9	932	5-3	71.3
Manning, NO	373-187	50.1	2745	13-15	69.5

\*\*\*\*\*

## Here's Your MVP Contest Ballot

### MVP

\_\_\_\_\_ [American League]

\_\_\_\_\_ [National League]

### Division Winners & Pcts.

\_\_\_\_\_ [AL East] \_\_\_\_\_ [AL West]

\_\_\_\_\_ [NL East] \_\_\_\_\_ [NL West]

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ (print clearly)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City & State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\*

### *Review Staff*

EDITORS: Warren Newell (Otsego, MI), Del Newell (Kalamazoo, MI)

PRODUCTION: Karen Newell (Otsego, MI), Mary Jane Newell (Kalamazoo, MI)

PRINTING: Oliver S Tobias (Kalamazoo, MI)

MAILING: Monthly; third class unless subscriber desires otherwise.

Strat-O-Matic Review  
P.O. Box 27  
Otsego, Michigan 49078

**BULK RATE**  
**U.S. Postage**  
**PAID**  
**Permit No. 32**  
**OTSEGO, MICH.**

**THIRD CLASS**

If the number before your name is 5/75 this is the last issue of your subscription. To renew your subscription, check number of months desired and enclose amount (preferably check or money order, but not coins) designated.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3 months, \$1.35; \_\_\_\_\_ 6 months, \$2.50; \_\_\_\_\_ 1 year,  
\$4.70. New Strat-O-Matic Directory \_\_\_\_\_, 70¢.

\*\*\*\*\*

## It's MVP Contest Time Again

It's new contest time and another chance for you to test your skill at picking the most valuable players in both the American and National Leagues. And, if you're successful, you will win yourself a set of the new Strat-O-Matic Baseball cards for next year.

In case more than one person should name both MVPs correctly, the person who comes the closest to predicting the winners of all four divisions and their winning percentages will be declared the winner.

Mark Roblez of Salt Lake City, UT won last year's contest. He was unable to pick both MVPs (he called one correctly), but came the closest on won-and-lost percentage for the four division champs, all of which he forecasted correctly.

This year's contest will close on June 10, and all entries must be postmarked no later than this date. Only one entry per person will be accepted. To enter the contest, fill out the blank provided on page 23 and send it to the Strat-O-Matic Review [P.O. Box 27, Otsego, MI 49078]. Do not send your entry to the Strat-O-Matic Game Co., however, as entries sent to it will be disqualified.

Remember the contest closes June 10. So, get your entries in immediately.