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In This Corner...The Editors

HOCKEY OFF DRAWINGBOARD

For the multitude of table game fans who've wondered when Strat-O-Matic would have a hockey game available, things are looking up.

S-O-M reports that "some preliminary testing" has been conducted, most of it back in January, and that, perhaps, this summer it could be "Full speed ahead" toward development of the long-awaited ice game.

As this issue of the Review went to press, S-O-M was busily preparing the first set of Old-Timer professional football teams. The regular pro teams were also having their cards manually calculated, and a new set of college grid teams was about to be prepared. So, it was a busy time in Glen Head, NY.

But, the good news is that S-O-M has taken its first steps toward the creation of a new product--one long sought after by the game company's legion of fans.

WONDERING ABOUT WINFIELD

Some S-O-M Baseball fans have asked about the sudden development of Dave Winfield into a fielding phenom. The game company confirms his newest ratings, however--ratings that have him a "4" at all outfield positions and a "-4" throwing. Last year the San Diego Padres' outfielder was a "3" right-fielder and had a "-2" arm.

A "3" to a "4" isn't that unusual, but some people were wondering.

WHICH WAY DO YOU PLAY?

That's a question the co-editors of the Review often ask as they pore over the many replays sent to them. Seldom do gamers mention if they played the various games with the basic version, advanced, or, in the case of football, super advanced.

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We would like to know, though. An analysis of statistics can be done much easier and, also, the merits of no-hitters judged more completely. If a lefty pitcher mows down a rag-tag lineup of left-handed batters, it takes some of the lustre off the achievement.

So, when sending in that replay, no-hitter, etc., let us know which way the game was played.

MVP Contest Deadline Nears!

This is the last call for Most Valuable Player contest ballots to be sent to the Review. The deadline, which is May 10, is fast approaching.

Contest rules provide that to win you must pick both MVPs (National and American League) correctly. And if there's a tie, the one who either picks or comes the closest in selecting the division winners will take the prize-- which is again a set of the new baseball cards when they become available in January of next year.

Only subscribers of the Review are eligible to enter the contest. And, please, only one entry per person. Send in today to the: Strat-O-Matic Review, P.O. Box 27, Otsego, MI 49078.

MVP (American League) _____

(National League) _____

Division winners and percentages _____

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What's Available At S-O-M?

The following teams are still available from the Strat-O-Matic Game Co., Inc., 46 Railroad Plaza, Glen Head, NY 11545. Please include a 60¢ handling charge for each order.

FOOTBALL

1971 - Teams available include Chicago, Atlanta, New Orleans, N.Y. Giants, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Denver, Pittsburgh, New England, Houston, Cincinnati. Cost: \$6.00 set, 2 teams for \$1.25, 75¢ per team.

1972 - All teams available except Pittsburgh, Washington, Miami, Green Bay, Oakland, N.Y. Giants. Cost: \$8.50 set, \$1.25 for 2 teams, 75¢ per team.

1973 - All teams available except Pittsburgh, Miami, Washington, N.Y. Giants, Oakland, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Los Angeles, Minnesota. Cost: \$8.50 set, \$1.25 for 2, 75¢ per team.

1974 - All teams available. Cost: \$11.00 set, \$1.25 for 2, 75¢ each.

1975 - All teams available. Cost: \$11.00 set, \$1.25 for 2, 75¢ each.

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'Little Joe' Morgan Has Best Card **Baserunning, Fielding New Card Highlights**

BY ROBERT HENRY

Strat-O-Matic's newest product, the 1976 baseball card set, represented a disappointment to many players. Except for Joe Morgan's performance and for some baserunning heroics, 1976 produced very few outstanding or memorable hitting or pitching performances, and the new card set reflects that fact. For a set containing many fine cards, see 1973.

Fortunately, baserunning and fielding thrills overcame the mediocrity of the other phases to produce excitement for trivia buffs.

The best card went to baseball's best player--Joe Morgan--and it is indeed a memorable one. Morgan joined 1969 and 1973 Bobby Bonds in the exclusive group of modern players who hit with sufficient power to receive a Flyball A and to run with enough aggressiveness to receive stealing and running ratings of AA and 1-17, respectively. Morgan became the first modern player ever to receive 30 (30.8) hits and 30 walks on a card, but alas, he is the only outstanding hitter in the set.

LOCKWOOD MOST INTERESTING HURLER

The most interesting pitching card went to Skip Lockwood, who received 49 strikeouts (chances), enabling him to achieve a total of 101 strikeouts over two consecutive seasons (52 strikeout chances in 1975) for a share of the record previously held exclusively by Dick Radatz (101 strikeout total, 49 in 1962 and 52 in 1963). Lockwood and Radatz are the only modern pitchers to receive more than 48 strikeouts.

Although the hitting and pitching produced little excitement, the running and fielding were very impressive. The Oakland Athletics smashed the previous record of two AAs on a modern team by receiving four: Bert Campaneris, Don Baylor, Bill North and Claudell Washington. As a result of Oakland's performance, it was easy to overlook the fact that the Yankees (Mickey Rivers and Willie Randolph) equalled the old record shared by the 1964 Los Angeles Dodgers, 1966 Chicago White Sox, 1972 and 1974 Cincinnati and 1971 Kansas City.

Amazingly, the 1973 Orioles' record for most B or better stealers on a modern team, eight, withstood the onslaught of fine stealers. Even though the Royals, Reds and A's tied the record, the 1973 Orioles' name remains in the S-O-M record book. The Orioles had two A stealers and six Bs, compared to Oakland's four AAs and four As and Kansas City's one AA and seven As. The Athletics and Royals established a new record for most A or better stealers on a team--eight. The Reds produced one AA, four As and three Bs.

SPEED ON THE BASEPATHS

1976 was also a season for 1-17 runners. The Athletics established a record for most 1-17 runners--six. The Chicago White Sox (Alan Bannister, A, 17, LF-CF-RF; Ralph Garr, B, 17, LF-CF-RF; Pat Kelly, A, 17, LF-RF; and Jorge Orta, A, 17, LF-RF) and the Athletics (Don Baylor, AA, 17, LF-RF; Bill North, AA, 17, CF-RF; and Claudell Washington, AA, 17, RF-CF) joined the 1975 Angels and Cardinals as the only modern teams with 1-17 outfielders. As can be seen above, the White Sox even have a reserve!

Oakland became the first team capable of starting a AA, 1-17 outfielder.

One of the most interesting yet easily overlooked features among the runners was the emergence of Alan Bannister who became the ninth member of a select group consisting of modern American-born white players rated running 1-17 [1-19 in 1962]. Others were Mickey Mantle, Jim Landis, Wes Parker, Bill Russell, Larry Bowa, Fred Patek, Jerry Remy and Dave Collins.

The newest baseball set even produced a few B stealing catchers--Carlton Fisk, Thurman Munson and Johnny Bench, who tied the mark for highest stealing rating for a modern backstop. Once Cesar Tovar received an A stealing while being listed as a 3 catcher for one inning of work back in 1968. But he wasn't deemed a regular catcher.

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CRIES OF WE'RE NO. '1' PLENTIFUL

S-O-M demonstrated its awareness of the shortage of good hitting and pitching and added to the excitement of the set by assigning an unusually high number of 1 ratings. As a result, trivia fans are having a field-day analyzing the impact of this generosity on past records.

Dave Winfield joined Bill Tuttle, Jim Landis, Mickey Mantle, Willie Mays, Vada Pinson, and Rick Miller in the group of players rated 1 at all three outfield positions on a single card.

The Red Sox matched their record set in 1974 and 1975 of being able to play an all-1 outfield consisting of Fred Lynn, Dwight Evans and Rick Miller. Miller, who was rated 1 at all three outfield positions for the third time [he did it in 1973 and 1974 also] set a new record for most times achieving this feat. Boston, which became the only modern team with three 1 players at a single position in 1974 (LF-1 ratings for Miller, Evans and Carl Yastrzemski) became the second in 1975 (RF-1 ratings for Miller, Evans and Lynn).

The Reds achieved a perfect defense up the middle for the third consecutive season with the same players (C-1 Bench, 2B-1 Morgan, SS-1 Dave Concepcion and CF-1 Cesar Geronimo) and remained the only modern team to achieve this feat.

Baltimore joined its two immediate predecessors and the 1974-76 Reds as the only modern teams with perfect defense at the keystone (2B-1 Grich, SS-1 Belanger). The Phillies equalled the more frequently achieved record of perfect defense on the left side of the infield with Larry Bowa (SS-1) and Mike Schmidt (3B-1).

LONGEVITY RECORDS EXTENDED

The running and fielding phases also saw some longevity records extended and one significant streak ended. Larry Bowa (six consecutive SS-1 ratings, 1971-76) and George Scott (10 consecutive 1B-1 ratings, 1967-76) enhanced their records. Willie Davis maintained his record of achieving the top possible running rating in each set (1962-76) with another 1-17, and Lou Brock extended his streak of consecutive AA or better stealing ratings to 13.

But, the most significant fielding record of all, Brooks Robinson's 14 consecutive 3B-1 ratings, reached a conclusion as the "human vacuum cleaner" dipped to a 2.

The set was not a complete loss for Brooks, though, as he, Frank Robinson and Hank Aaron each received their 17th modern card, representing one for each set that S-O-M has produced. Since Brooks has announced that he will play in 1977, while F. Robbie and Aaron have indicated their intentions of retiring, the Oriole third baseman will eventually be the only player with a card in every S-O-M set.

A SAD NOTE STRUCK IN CARDS

The most peculiar item in the new set was the 2B-4 rating by left-handed Bobby Tolan, who never played the position.

Finally, one sad item is that four players in the set, Bob Moose, Danny Frisella, Danny Thompson and Mike Miley, are now deceased.

What's Available At S-O-M?

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BASEBALL

1972 - Only Oakland available. Cost: 60¢.

1974 - Teams available include Boston, Cleveland, Detroit, Oakland, Minnesota, N.Y. Yanks, Atlanta, N.Y. Mets, San Diego. Cost: \$5.65 set, \$1.25 for two, 65¢ each. Extra players - \$2.70 for full set (96 players).

1975 - All teams available. Cost: \$10.00 set, \$1.25 for two, 65¢ each. Extra players - \$2.70 full set.

BASKETBALL

1974-75 - Complete set. Cost: \$7.00 for set.

S-O-M Has Abundance Of Patterns

Gamers Explore Baseball Card Makeup

One of the more popular articles appearing in the Review over the last year was that by Bill Fraser (8 Charles St., Bath, ME) and Larry LaRochelle (Middle Road, Box 266, Woolwich, ME), which dealt with S-O-M Baseball card makeup. Their article (April, 1976) referred gamers to the various hit patterns utilized by S-O-M.

As was pointed out by the duo, S-O-M appears to use 12 basic patterns for National League hitters and 13 for American League.

Since many recent subscribers missed the article and the April, 1976 issue is no longer in stock, we felt it would be appropriate with the start of the real-life baseball season to print it again.

Here are the basic patterns (refer to the 1974 season cards):

1. The full 1-5 - hit from 1-5 to 1-10, 2-6, 3-5, 3-6 [see Rod Carew, Ralph Garr, Carl Yastrzemski].
2. The 3-6 and long 2 - hits from 2-5 to 2-10, extra base hit on 3-6 [see Richie Zisk, Pete Rose, Dick Allen].
3. The split 1-5 - hits from 1-5 to 1-7 with 1-10, 2-5 to 2-7 [see Reggie Jackson, Mike Schmidt, Dwight Evans].
4. The 1-8 - hits on 1-8, 1-9, 2-8, 3-5, etc. [see Richie Hebner, Willie McCovey, George Hendrick].
5. The 2-10 - hits from 1-5 to 1-7, 2-8 to 2-10, 3-7, etc. [see Jim Wynn, Rico Petrocelli, Rennie Stennett].
6. The 1-7 - hits from 1-7 to 1-10, 2-7, 3-7, etc. [see Johnny Bench, Bucky Dent, John Milner].
7. The 3-5 - hits on 1-9, 2-7, 3-5, etc. [see Sal Bando, Tony Perez, Darrell Evans, Doug Griffin].
8. The 1-2 - hits from 1-2 to 1-4, 2-8 to 2-10, etc. [see Ron Fairly, Dave Lopes, Rick Miller].
9. The 2-2 - hits from 2-2 to 2-4, 3-7 to 3-10, etc. [see Bob Robertson, Ron Cey, Bob Montgomery].
10. The 3-2 - hits from 3-2 to 3-6, 3-8 to 3-10, etc. [see Gene Tenace, Joe Ferguson, Bernie Carbo].
11. The 1-12 - hits on 1-4, 1-11, 1-12, 3-11, 3-12, etc. [see Dave Kingman, Ken McMullen, Mark Belanger].
12. The 2-12 - hits throughout 2 column, mostly 2-11, 2-12 plus 3-11 and 3-12 [see Brian Downing, Tom Paciorek, Ray Fosse].
13. American League only: the 3-12 - hits on 1-6, 2-6, 3-6, 3-4 and 3-12 [see Tommy Harper, Pedro Garcia, Andy Etchebarren].

WHICH PLAYER GETS WHICH CARD?

The second mystery surrounding the cards is which player gets which pattern? The answer is remarkably simple! Each player is ranked, by batting average, in relation to the other players on his own team. The player with the highest average on each team is assigned the pattern which is our number 1. The second best hitter gets number 2, etc. This explains why a .364 hitter like Rod Carew and a .283 hitter like Don Money can have the same types of cards.

As an example we will use the World Champion Oakland A's. You might want to check their card styles against our list as we present them in order. Joe Rudi .293, Bert Campaneris .290, Reggie Jackson .289, Claudell Washington .285, Jay Alou .268, Bill North .260, Sal Bando .243, Angel Mangual .233, Dick Green .213, Gene Tenace .211, Ted Kubiak .209, Ray Fosse .196 and Larry Haney .165.

SAME PATTERN ON PITCHING CARDS

The pitching cards follow the same basic idea. The rankings are based on lowest earned run average to the highest. The rankings are (using the 1974 [continued on following page])

Los Angeles Dodgers as an example]:

1. 4-4 - Geoff Zahn [2.03]
2. 6-4 - Mike Marshall [2.42]
3. 5-4 - Andy Messersmith [2.59]
4. 4-10 - Tommy John [2.59]
5. 5-10 - Don Sutton [3.23]
6. 6-10 - Al Downing [3.67]
7. 6-5 - Doug Rau [3.73]
8. 5-9 - Charlie Hough [3.75]; National League only.

The number we give [such as 5-4] is where the N-HR option is located. In the case of a tie in ERA or batting average, the player with the highest total of home runs or wins will get the top ranking [see Messersmith, 20 wins, and John, 13 wins].

Because of the length of this letter, we will leave it up to the readers to expand upon the patterns of the pitching cards.

MOST TEAMS FOLLOW PATTERN

A quick check will reveal that 20 of the 24 major league teams follow these patterns precisely. The four teams that don't only have one player that is out of line or one pattern missing. Baltimore has no number 2 hitter, both Tommy Davis and Brooks Robinson have No. 1 cards; Detroit's Jim Nettles is a 1-8, although he is very low on team list; Philadelphia's Gene Garber and Jim Lonborg are both 4-4 and there is no 5-9; St. Louis' Lynn McGlothen and Sonny Siebert are both 6-4's and there is no 4-10.

Both Philadelphia and St. Louis have extra players who fit into the missing slots; Jesus Hernaiz and Bob Forsch. We know for fact that this system has been in use since the 1971 season cards came out because they all match up, too.

Since we firmly believe this is the system used by S-O-M in making up its baseball cards and have proven it, we hope this letter ends all speculation by Review readers as to the hit placement on such cards.

Editor's note: The above was printed with the consent of the Strat-O-Matic Game Co., which received a copy of the letter before it was printed in the Review. Harold Richman, S-O-M creator, had mentioned before that approximately 12 to 13 patterns were used for hitters, with some variations.

Remember, however, that the above discussion centers on patterns of card makeup and that the individual cards are still just that--in other words, you may find cards following the same pattern but with results that reflect the individual player's performance [in regards to walks, extra base hits, etc.].

Directory Additions

- * Donald Jones, 5935 Hickam Dr., Dayton, OH 45431; phone 513-253-5250; age 22, married, one child; plays college and pro football, baseball; played S-O-M for six years; currently in Air Force; interested in joining Dayton area face-to-face league.
- * Larry Braus, 6545 N. Washtenaw, Chicago, IL 60645; age 17; plays all games; six-year veteran; interested in play-by-mail baseball league.
- * Todd Giorgio, 42 Chestnut St., Garfield, NJ 07026; age 16; has played baseball for five years, football and basketball for two, and college football; member of Sports Table Games Club at Garfield High, a draft baseball league.
- * Dave Siemienski, 402 20th St., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266; phone 213-545-8078; 14-year S-O-M vet; 29; creator of the 'Strat-O-Matic Baseball Stadium' featured in April, 1977 issue of the Review.
- * Winter American Draft Baseball Association (WAOBA); David Lutes, Independence, MO, is commissioner; league members include: Steve Stockton, Independence, MO; Tom Oldweiler, Columbia, MO; Jeff Merklin, West Jefferson, OH; Larry Lampsa, Soudan, MN; Ron Helsel, Owitt, MI; John Seward, Kalamazoo, MI, and Jay Jelinek, St. Louis, MO. Oldweiler is the reigning champion.

Questions & Answers

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

QUESTION: In super advanced football using three wide receivers and two running backs, what do you check for a blocking rating on an end run when the end's rating is needed?

ANSWER: Check the blocking rating of the end who replaced the end who lined up tight. Example: if a third wide receiver replaces the tight end, that replacement's blocking rating would be consulted on the running play described above--if the play was to that side.

QUESTION: When playing a 3-4 defense [such as the Houston Oilers] and you have both middle linebackers in the look-in pass zone, which linebacker's rating is referred to on a short pass to the fullback [assuming the ratings differ and a 7 is rolled on the defense]?

ANSWER: S-O-M says to designate one as the middle linebacker and the other as a "rover."

QUESTION: Can the free safety move into any flat pass zone for a two-man defensive coverage? If not, why not?

ANSWER: Yes, if the free safety is used and keys correctly. Otherwise, no.

QUESTION: On the pass rush chart, look at pass blocking 4, pass rush 1. The result on the dice roll of 2 is "-4**", with no indication of what the result is otherwise. What is it?

ANSWER: Result is X, otherwise.

QUESTION: Can one middle linebacker [in a 3-4] drop into the short pass zone on third down in a containment defense, or on any down, without calling it before the play?

ANSWER: No, only the outside linebackers can double-team, so that means the middle linebacker[s] can either blitz, stay put or key.

QUESTION: While looking over the 1976 cards, I noticed a very peculiar card. It belonged to John Wathan of the Kansas City Royals. His "adjusted average" was .235 on the card. But his average in real-life was .286 [12 for 42]. Why did S-O-M alter his average?

ANSWER: Although S-O-M card "purists" are certain to turn cartwheels, the game company says it changed the card for the following reasons: (1) Wathan's card, if computed at .286 and used more than 42 at-bats, would distort Kansas City's team performance; (2) there is the likelihood, since regular catchers Buck Martinez [267] and Bob Stinson [209] didn't bat that much, that Wathan would be overused; (3) it was Wathan's first time in the major leagues, thus his card was based on insufficient information..

QUESTION: How can you only have one man in the lineback area on defense in S-O-M Football? The tackles can't be moved out, or can they?

ANSWER: Yes, the tackles can be moved, in the super advanced game.

QUESTION: In the 1975 baseball card set I found Deron Johnson to be missing from the roster. Why was this?

ANSWER: Johnson was a bonus card based on the 1975 season. He played 148 games for Chicago, then three with Boston. S-O-M made him a "bonus" card without a team name. However, the 96 additional players had to be purchased to receive free card of Johnson.

QUESTION: Is there a mistake on O.J. Simpson's newest football card on an end run reading? On No. 6, keyed, it has a reading of "-5". Is this correct?

ANSWER: The result is correct, according to S-O-M.

QUESTION: How long does an onside kick take on the clock? After 1972, the NFL adopted a rule change which stopped the clock after all changes of possession in the final two minutes of each half. S-O-M's rules haven't been rewritten since, however, so should such a kick still be 30 seconds, or 15 seconds?

ANSWER: S-O-M says to make it 15 seconds now.

QUESTION: This may sound like a stupid question, but who is on defense on an onside kickoff?

ANSWER: The kicking team is considered on defense, the receiving team on offense for determining which came up with the football.

QUESTION: What advantage does the defender get if he double-teams under Rule VI (Pass Prevent Defense) where the linebackers do not move into the zone, or does this nullify the increase in manpower in the attacked zone?

ANSWER: There is no advantage.

QUESTION: If the split end is double-teamed and the long pass is called, but the free safety is double-teaming another man, how do you read the number of men in the zone?

ANSWER: 0 men.

QUESTION: In the 1974 football cards, Bob Berry of Minnesota has a "must run" on the passing side but yet on the back it says "will not occur." What should be done? [Repeat]

ANSWER: It should read "pass rush" instead.

QUESTION: Charles Rogers of Rockaway Beach, NY, an avid S-O-M Football player and founder of the S-O-M Viet Nam Vet League, queried the game company on why the Minnesota Vikings of 1975, with their impressive statistics, didn't have cards reflecting their awesomeness on both offense and defense. Rogers broke down the Vikings' statistics, both team and individual, and could not understand why S-O-M gave

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out the ratings that it did. Here is S-O-M's reply:

ANSWER: There are many factors which determine the offensive and defensive cards of the National Football League teams, not just the raw statistics. Minnesota of 1975 achieved its stats oftentimes against mediocre teams, winning seven of 10 games against the likes of Detroit, Chicago, Green Bay, San Francisco and New Orleans. If you play Minnesota's real-life schedule, then perhaps it will perform as it should. If you play it only against the better teams, it will not perform as well.

This past season is another example: Minnesota does well against mediocre teams, but crumbles against the best.

QUESTION: Under Rule VII in football, why only three men under "refer to Short Pass"? Why not four men?

ANSWER: The free safety keys on the run in this situation.

QUESTION: If the free safety double-teams the correct receiver on a long pass, do you: (a) read 0 men, 1 man or 2 men on the defensive card? (b) read right, wrong or rec. 2-tmd. on the quarterback's card?

ANSWER: 1 man and rec. 2-tmd.

QUESTION: When a team plays with three linemen and four linebackers it is possible to have 0 men in the off-tackle position. But if the team blitzes one linebacker in the off-tackle blitz area (not the tackle position) it is again possible to have one man in the off-tackle position. If a reading such as "defensive tackle 0 or +6" occurs, what is the result? There is no defensive tackle to check. A similar situation can occur on a lineback. There can be one tackle and one linebacker (in the lineback blitz area, not the off-tackle position). If the reading is "defensive right (left) tackle 0 or +6" what then is the result?

ANSWER: You would get the most yardage allowed.

Looking For Back Issues Of Review

The following back issues of the Strat-O-Matic Review are still available. Send to the S-O-M Review, P.O. Box 27, Otsego, MI 49078. Where very limited is listed, please include a second choice in case issue sought is no longer in stock.

1977

April, March, Feb., Jan. (limited), 50¢ each.].

1976

Dec., Nov., Oct., August (very limited), July, June, May (very limited), 50¢ each. March (extremely limited), Jan., 45¢ each. Note: Feb., April, Sept. issues are no longer available.

1975

Nov. (limited), Oct., Sept., Aug., July, June, May, April (very limited), March (very limited), Feb., Jan., 45¢ each. Note: Dec. is out of stock.

1974

Nov., Dec., 40¢ each.

1973

Dec., Aug., 40¢ each.

Readers Roll 'Em

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FIELDING RATINGS, ANYONE?

Although S-O-M produces the most realistic baseball game ever, one addition would make it better. That addition is individual pitcher's fielding ratings.

The game company has said in the past that not enough information was available to create accurate ratings for all the hurlers. I would tend to disagree because in the 1974 set there is a player by the name of Junior Kennedy who was given a card (as an extra) with the statistics as follows: AB - 19; Doubles, Triples and Home Runs - 0; Walks - 6, and Average - .158.

He was given fielding ratings of "4" at three positions--2B, 3B and shortstop. If the Game Co. can make a batter's card with a total of 25 plate appearances, why can't they create realistic fielding ratings for pitchers?

If the Game Co. should decide to make the fielding ratings individual, the players with not enough information could always be given a "2", the arbitrary rating given now. Also, there would be no problem as to the playing of newer teams against older ones. Just use the "2" as the rating for all pitchers.

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Editor's note: Remember a player like Kennedy has a card based on insufficient information. And it's that type of card that often times altered by S-O-M--which in turn brings howls from gamers that cards shouldn't be "watered down." Fielding ratings for pitchers would be nice, we admit. But S-O-M would likely have to make so many arbitrary decisions, because of insufficient fielding data, that 'realistic' ratings may be impossible to achieve.

A VOTE FOR CANADIAN FOOTBALL

I have enjoyed playing S-O-M for six years, but I do have a bone to pick with the game company. I strongly feel that it should print cards for the Canadian Football League. I know that the CFL would

receive enough support to make it worthwhile.

I know all Yankees say NFL football is better; to them I say no chance. In 1975 the average CFL game produced (1) more points, (2) more net offense, (3) more passing yardage, (4) higher average rush, (5) higher passing completion average, (6) longer punts, (7) more field goals and (8) fewer fumbles.

Dave Cutter of Edmonton booted a record 40 field goals in 1975.

The NFL has glamor names--O.J. Simpson, Franco Harris, Fran Tarkenton--but the CFL has glamor figures, too.

Calgary's Willie Burden rushed for more yards (1,896 to 1,817) and a better average (5.7 to 5.5) than Simpson, for example.

Sure, Canadian football is played on a wider field, but there are more people to defend it and fewer downs to make a first down. It's obvious that Canadian football is at least on a par with American football, stat for stat.

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Editor's note: While true that such a football game would sell well in Canada, it's unlikely that enough sales would be made in the U.S. to make it profitable. Conversely, that's why hockey would be a marketable game, it would sell well in both Canada and the U.S.

CRITIQUE OF COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Since there has been a lack of comment regarding the College Football game, I would like to offer my own critique.

The game is very different from Strat-O-Matic's other games. The card strategy is unique and the selection is similar to poker strategy. Card selection appears to be more important than play-calling.

The emphasis on card selection is the game's drawback. It feels more like poker than football. What is lacking is individual players. An end run by Ohio State just isn't the same as a downfield run by Archie Griffin.

The game company says that individual player cards were not made because people are not familiar with the players. To an extent this is true.

However, the company could give individual ratings in roster form. The ratings

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could be used in conjunction with the team charts, certain numbers being affected by the individual player.

I would suggest that individual ratings be incorporated into an advanced version of the game. The basic game would remain as it is now, along with the evenly matched teams. The game would feel more like football without sacrificing the good aspects of the card strategy.

Another area in need of improvement is the specialist teams. All teams do not kick, punt and return alike. The split deck offers absolutely no realism in this phase of the game. Teams, or individuals, must be rated to reflect the differences in kicking games.

I hope it doesn't sound as though I am ripping the game apart. It's fun to play and its unique concept has a lot of potential. However, improvement is needed before that potential can be realized.

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TOUCHING S-O-M'S BASES

I would like to comment on some of the matters frequently being discussed currently in the world of S-O-M.

Two more ratings would be nice for pitcher's hitting cards. But, regardless of the number, I feel they should be based on career stats, with recent trends being taken into account. For example: If a pitcher's career average is .175, but in the last three years he's gotten worse and has hit a composite .125 for those three. In that case the recent trend would weigh more heavily over the career total.

Fielding ratings for pitchers might be a good idea because of the comparative ease of incorporation into the present setup. I'm not in favor of individual pitcher hitting cards, nor stealing or running ratings, however.

The GKSM (Greater-Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League) is virtually my favorite part of the Review. I'd love to get into a league like that. I think the carrying

over of rosters and drafting system are excellent rules. When I'm finished with school, the existence of a face-to-face S-O-M league might be a deciding factor in which job offer I accept.

Rating cards for hits, etc.: The method of finding the number of chances of a certain category (doubles, home runs, etc.) is fine [referring to the one most commonly mentioned in the Review]. But for drafting purposes it is the total rating that counts, which cannot be done by adding up all of the hit/walk points and getting a figure. This would be the on-base rating, which is useful. But to get the overall rating you have to assign values to the different results to get a comprehensive rating.

I assign the values thusly: 8B - 25; 1B* - 27; 1B - 32; 1B** - 40; 2B - 58; 2B** - 50; 2B*** - 65 [only on fielding chart]; 3B - 78; HR - 100.

Pete Crockett

TWO-TEAM THEORY

I think I have a solution for roster selection on players like 1969 Tommy Davis.

First, the team he finished with will have its name on the card. Take Tommy Davis, for example. In 1969 he played in 123 games with Seattle and 24 with Houston. You would take Davis from the Astros and put him on Seattle, where he'll play about 123 games. Then return him to Houston where he'll play about 24 games.

I think it's the only thing that can be done. Besides, with Davis on Seattle for 123 games it won't change Seattle's standings very much.

Mark Guerra
1125 Bell Ave.
Yeadon, PA

AGREES WITH CRITIQUE OF CRITICS

I would like to comment on the fine job you are doing in serving the many S-O-M followers and I agree fully with John Donovan's letter in the April issue concerning the many technical critics of the cards. I'm sure much research goes into them, so they can't be too far off.

One subject that I haven't seen touched upon concerns the printing of earlier seasons (preceding S-O-M Baseball era). Many fine Old-Timer teams have been printed, but how about a complete season of the '30s, '40s or '50s?

Mike Kelley
Maplewood, MN

Seven Survivors In Basketball League

Mid-Coastal Association Completes Third Season

The Mid-Coastal Basketball Association made it through its third season, based on 1975-76--just barely, however.

Despite some of the well-known names in the Strat-O-Matic world acting as a cohesive force, the MCBA found itself beset with problems almost from the outset in trying to go through a 12-coach, 82-game replay.

Three members didn't return from the year before. No problem. Three coaches were waiting to take over a team. Five days before the scheduled opening tip-off, two more members vanished. Again replacements were quickly found. The schedule had to be revamped soon after the season started, another member departed and the postal strike in Canada further complicated matters.

Eventually five of the 12 coaches sidelined themselves, the season was shortened to 64 games, but, most importantly, the season was completed. Thanks to Emery Kurts, who founded the MCBA, Tom Nelson, his across-the-country buddy, Dave Hill, Brian McCusker, Bart Ewing, Jim Werschler and J.G. Preston the playoffs were completed and Nelson's New York Blades eventually crowned MCBA kings for the second year in succession.

FOUNDING FATHERS

Kurts, although he plays all three S-O-M games, feels basketball is by far the most exciting to play. He co-founded the MCBA with Tom Nelson and together they've provided the backbone to carry the league through three seasons--a rare feat in PBM activity, even rarer in basketball since baseball and football leagues are far more common.

Kurts lives in Santa Maria, CA, is 27, married and the father of two boys. He's played S-O-M since 1965, formerly belonged to the MCFL (Mid-Coastal Football League) and enjoys slow-pitch softball when he takes the diamond himself. "I really enjoy playing it [basketball] and it's so easy to get the feeling you are watching an actual game," says Kurts. "My average playing time runs from 60 to 90 minutes. This includes keeping full stats. There have been times when it has taken longer to total stats after the game than it did to play the game."

Nelson, 26, single, and a teacher who lives in Springfield Gardens, NY, is known for his shrewd (some call them "steals") trades in basketball. His New York Blades have won 119 out of 136 games the past two years--a phenomenal 87.5 per cent winning pace! In the playoffs this past season, the Blades disposed of Preston's Jackson Five in four straight games and then edged arch-rival Santa Maria, 4-3, winning the finale, 108-104.

Rudy Tomjanovich sparked the Blades with a 24-point scoring average, while Bob Lanier netted 23.6 per game and connected on .560 of his shots, Walt Frazier averaged 21.6 and Dick Snyder 19.1. Bill Walton and Paul Silas didn't slow themselves, especially off the boards where Silas pulled down a team-high 606 rebounds.

COWENS CLICKS FOR 30 PER GAME

Dave Cowens of Santa Maria, however, was the MCBA's top scorer as he pumped in 30.1 each outing. Cowens also wound up No. 1 in rebounding, claiming 18.2. Keith Wilkes had a 17.6 scoring average, Jim Price 16.5 and Mike Newlin 16.2 for the Chiefs, who finished runnerup in scoring (117.3 compared to the Blades' 119.9) and defense (105.3 compared to Kansas City's 104.1).

Final records and leaders:

Team Records	Won-Lost
New York Blades (Tom Nelson)	50-9
Santa Maria Chiefs (Emery Kurts)	47-15
Kansas City (Bart Ewing)	41-17

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Saskatoon Blues (Dave Hill)	25-27	Scoring	13
Jackson Rockets (J.G. Preston)	27-31	Cowens (SM)	30.1
Saskatoon Huskies (B. McCusker)	20-29	Carter (SH)	26.1
Regina Royals (Jim Werschler)	14-33	Wicks (SB)	26.0
		Tomjan'n (NY)	24.0
Rebounding	Field Goal%	Free Throw%	
Cowens (SM)	18.2	Snyder (NY)	.935
Thurmond (SB)	12.9	Price (SM)	.872
Mix (SH)	11.4	Tomjanovich (NY)	.827
Wicks (SB)	10.9	McMillian (SB)	.826

Here Comes Summer!

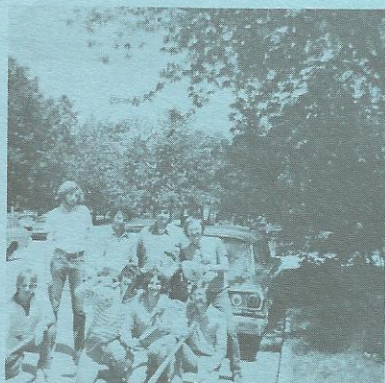
Sun, S-O-M, Conventions Make For Fun, Frolic

Hooray! Here comes summer, with the beach bashes, outdoor fun and frolic and, perhaps most importantly, the opportunity for S-O-M legions to tramp the country in search of fellow dice-rollers.

The Sixth National S-O-M Convention, for example, is planned again for Champaign-Urbana. Rick (Wolfman) Shapiro's annual summertime happening is set for Aug. 5-7.

The picture below might just encourage others to journey to the convention site, or perhaps stage mini-happens of their own. The shot is of members of the Never Ending S-O-M League at last summer's gathering in Centereach, NY. Eight of the ten members were on hand, with president Joe Matlen motoring from Michigan.

Background on 'Never Ending' is that it started as a draft league using the 1967 cards. Three years have elapsed--a convention was held at the conclusion of each--and the league is now ready to embark on a season using the 1970 cards.



PICTURED, FRONT ROW FROM LEFT: TIM FAUST, PEDRO SCHWARTZ, AL FABRIZIO, JOE MATLEN; SECOND ROW: ROGER FAHEY, DAVE STANDIG, LEO BARR, BILL KENNEDY

Bill Kennedy hosted last summer's convention and his wife even cooked an Italian meal for the never-ending eaters.

The playoffs, draft of 1970 rookies and trading were the main items on the agenda at the convention. Pedro Schwartz' Beacon Ballbusters defeated Dave Standig's Bethlehem Bombers in the World Series to cap another successful campaign.

Willie McCovey of the Ballbusters finished second in home runs (31) and first in RBI (88) and was named Most Valuable, while Leo Barr's Mike Cuellar (20 wins, 2.59 ERA) was Cy Young winner.

Here are the league's final standings for the 130-game season, and leaders:

Division I		Won-Lost	GB
Beacon Ballbusters (Pedro Schwartz)		79-41	-
Lakewood Rangers (Tim Faust)		65-55	14
Whitestone Zeppelins (Roger Fahey)		58-62	21
Michigan Muskies (Ron Helsel)		57-63	22
Wicklow Warriors (Scott Kallgren)		47-73	32
Division II			
Manhattan Muggers (Leo Barr)		73-47	-
Bethlehem Bombers (Dave Standig)		65-55	8
Centereach Roaches (Bill Kennedy)		65-55	8
Farmington Flyers (Joe Matlen)		60-60	13
Mesco Miscues (Al Fabrizio)		31-89	42
Average	Home Runs	RBI	Wins
C. Jones (PS) .341	Killebrew (RH) 32	McCovey (PS) 88	Cuellar (LB) 20
Clemente (DS) .324	McCovey (PS) 31	Clemente (DS) 87	Bosman (PS) 19
A. Johnson (TF) .322	A. Jackson (BK) 30	Killebrew (RH) 87	B. Gibson (PS) 19

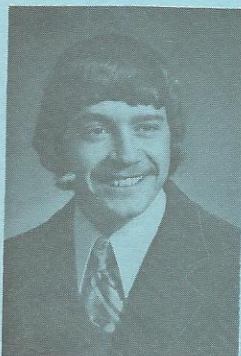
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Average		Home Runs		ERA	
Carew (PS)	.319	Petrocelli (RF)	30	L.Walker (TF)	2.10
Strikeouts		Saves		Palmer (BK)	2.20
Jenkins (DS)	206	Roland (BK)	18	Cuellar (LB)	2.59
Gibson (PS)	192	Perranoski (JM)	14	Seaver (LB)	2.67
Veale (BK)	190				

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S-O-M Profiles

MIKE TURNIS



A senior at Monticello High, Monticello, VA... introduced to S-O-M Football in 1972...now 18 years old...purchased S-O-M Baseball in June, 1974, and became addicted to game instantly...later that year bought football and basketball games--and has purchased cards for all three ever since...currently member of Continental S-O-M Baseball league (Dec., 1976 Review)...highlight of baseball career was having Steve Stone of the 1973 Mets hurl a no-hitter against the '74 Astros on June 19, 1975--a day that will live in infamy for Turnis. Stone also homered to make the game even more memorable...also plays football vigorously, with highlights including Larry Brown's dashing for seven touchdowns in one game against the Giants in a matchup of '74 teams; O.J. once getting loose for 292 yards against Miami in 1975; Bert Jones of the Colts completing 27 straight passes and account for 472 yards--in one game!...in basketball the biggest thrill was watching Kareem Abdul-Jabbar toss in 57 points as the Bucks destroyed Philadelphia, before the coming of George McGinnis and Dr. J.

CHRIS JONES



First shook hands with S-O-M Baseball back in May, 1970. Own game arrived in mail and soon was placed under tree for Christmas of that same year...Chris is 15 and in the ninth grade...lives in Needham, MA...usually a solitaire baseball and football gamer; occasionally finds face-to-face competition versus his brother...greatest thrill was having Bob Gibson, 1967 Cardinals, fire a no-hitter against the hard-hitting 1961 Cincinnati Reds. While Jones may be a common name, no-hit occurrences weren't so common as that has been Chris' only one...rabid Boston Red Sox and New England Patriot fan...watched Mark [The Bird] Fidrych shackle his beloved Bosox, 6-3, last June...participates in track and cross-country.

JONATHAN THOMPSON



Plays all three games, age 15, and lives in Gorham, NH...marvels at the records that have produced via his S-O-M dice-rolling...Lee May and Paul Blair (yes, Paul Blair!) both have walloped four home runs in a single contest, May personally destroying the Mets and Blair wrecking the Detroit Tigers...in football, O.J. rushed for 211 yards in only 12 carries and Ken Anderson completed 18 of 20 passes--both with cards based on the '74 season...Bob Lanier of Detroit was responsible for his greatest moment in basketball, producing 57 points in a Piston victory over the Chicago Bulls.

WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR PICTURE AND PROFILE TO APPEAR IN THE REVIEW? IF YOU DO, SEND US A CLEAR SNAPSHOT OF YOURSELF AND DROP US A FEW LINES TELLING OF YOUR BACKGROUND, HOW YOU BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH S-O-M, AND GAMING HIGHLIGHTS.

Advertisements

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Wanted

WANTED: I would like to buy or trade for 1972 Strat-O-Matic National League baseball cards. Have 1970 American League cards to trade. Contact: Michael Naddeo, 5317 E. Ludlow Dr., Scottsdale, AZ 85254

WANTED: Following S-O-M Baseball teams -- 1964 Cardinals, Phillies, White Sox; 1966 Orioles; 1968 Tigers; 1969 Orioles, Cubs; 1974 Dodgers. Football -- playoff teams preceeding 1973. Contact: John Napier, 190 Wildwood, Wheeling, IL 60090

WANTED: Complete sets of S-O-M Baseball (including extras for those years printed). Will pay very good price. Send offers to: Robert Sipper, 306 Brook Hollow, Hanover, NH 03755

WANTED: Complete S-O-M Football sets for years 1967, 1968, 1969 and 1970. Must be in good to excellent condition. Will pay \$150 for the four sets. Call 212-272-8110, or write to: Charles Puocchio, 106-03 Glenwood Road, Brooklyn, NY 11236. Seller must pay postage and handling.

WANTED: 1970, 1971 or 1972 baseball set. I also want '72 Phils and older and the Pittsburgh Pirates of 1967, 1968 and 1969. All teams must be in good condition. I will only accept lowest bids. Write to: Richard Rivera, 1006 N. 35, Camden, NJ 08105

WANTED: To buy 1969 Minnesota Vikings, 1972 Miami Dolphins, 1973 Buffalo Bills and 1973 Cincinnati Bengals. Will pay \$2-2.50 each. Peter Grina, 167 Elm Tree Lane, Elmhurst, IL 60126

WANTED: Oakland Raiders' teams from 1972, '70, '69. Will pay \$5.00 for 3 in good condition, \$3.25 for 2, or \$1.50 for 1 team. No xerox. Also interested in any leagues and/or systems used for league equalization (drafts, etc.) for baseball or football. Richard A. Gray, 5057 Petaluma Hill Rd., Santa Rosa, CA 95404

WANTED: Lowest offers accepted. Baseball -- 1971 complete, preferably with additional; 1972-73 Rangers, A's additional; 1972 Phillies; 1968 Tigers, Cardinals. Football -- 1967 Packers; 1968 Jets, Colts; 1969 Chiefs. FOR SALE or trade: 1967 Dallas, Cleveland, both football. Write: Timmy Bollier, Rt. 2, Box 37, Mineral Wells, TX 76067. All bids answered.

WANTED: S-O-M Baseball teams before 1973 and/or Football teams before 1972. State: teams, years and complete price list. Write to: Robert Martino, 6 Farley Drive, Rensselaer, NY 12144

WANTED: Baseball -- 1963 through 1966 Phillies. All offers answered. Send to: Jeffrey Beadles, 160 Sixth St. NW, Atlanta, GA 30313 [phone 404-892-9807]

WANTED: Los Angeles Dodgers of 1973. Will pay to lowest bidder. Call 1-603-532-6939 and ask for Ben, or write to: Ben Wheeler, Mountain R.D. Box 222 R.F.D. 1, Jaffrey, NH 03452

WANTED: I will pay \$3.00 each for the following teams -- 1969 Mets, Orioles, Twins, Cubs. Write: Lloyd Thorndyke, S.D. School of Mines, Palmerton 107, Rapid City, SD 57701

WANTED: Trade early and mid-1960s baseball and football bubblegum cards for the following in excellent condition -- 1966 baseball, 1963 baseball, [continued on next page]

1968, 1969, 1973 baseball extras. I will also pay a good price for any of these. M. Keeley, 2524 Stillwater Rd., Maplewood, MN 55119 [1-612-739-4206]

WANTED: 1969 Cubs and 1969 Mets. Will buy as a set or separately. All players, good condition, a must. Extras not necessary. Write: Andy Millman, 842 Lacrosse, Wilmette, IL 60091

WANTED: Baseball -- 1972 and 1973 extra players. Very flexible terms. Will throw in college football game [good condition] and postage. Tom Kleckner, 253 Simkins Hall, Austin, TX 78705

WANTED: Trade my baseball set of 14 Old-Timers and 16 1974 teams for the complete set of the 1969 baseball teams with or without extras. Contact: Vann Rogers, 1600 Summit Street, Dothan, Alabama 36301 [205-792-7785]

WANTED: Baseball -- 1969 Angels, Boston, Houston; 1970 Brewers, Yankees, Cubs, Reds; 1973 Pirates. Also interested in 1964 complete baseball set. Send offers to: Robert Bell, 160 8th St. N.W., Atlanta, GA 30313

WANTED: All Red Sox teams except 1946, '67, '75 and '76. Also want 1964 Orioles, '68 Tigers and '74 Cards. Must be in at least very good condition. All offers answered. Contact: Tom Johnson, 895 Prospect St., North Dighton, MA 02764 [phone: 617-822-6112 after 3 p.m.]

For Sale

FOR SALE: 1972 National League, all teams, \$5.00; 1973 N.L., \$5.00; 1974 N.L., \$4.00; 1975 N.L., \$4.00; 1971 Dodgers, Pirates, \$1.00 each; 1973-75 extra players sets, \$1.50 each. Old-Timer teams, 40¢ each: '41 Dodgers, '34 Cards, '54 Indians, '24 Senators, '31 A's, '27 Yankees, '61 Yankees, '35 Cubs, '22 Giants, '40 Reds, '06 Cubs, '05 Giants, '19 White Sox, '09 Tigers, '11 A's, '09 Pirates. 192 different 1972 A.L. players - \$3.00. Complete 1973-74 basketball - \$6.00;

1974-75 complete - \$6.00. Plus 18 assorted S-O-M Reviews, 1973 to present - \$4.00. Jeff Irwin, RFD 5, Princeton, IL 61356

FOR SALE: How to play-by-mail! New report loaded with tips about PBM. Details: [1] How PBM operates, [2] how to start your own successful Strat-O-Matic PBM league, [3] different types of PBM leagues and [4] much, much more. Ready for shipment now! Send \$2.00 to: PBM1, 17471 Revere St., Southfield, MI 48076

FOR SALE: Back issues of S-O-M Review, June 1973-May 1974; baseball cards complete, 1971, 1972 seasons; 70 miscellaneous cards from various seasons; football teams, 1970 Bengals, Raiders, Colts, Bills, Dolphins, Chiefs, Cowboys, Broncos. All cards in excellent condition. Send bids to: Jeff Moore, 245 Iberia St., Mt. Gilead, OH 43338

FOR SALE: Here is a chance to get some football and baseball teams cheap. I am selling the following 1971 football teams: Vikings, Cardinals, Jets, Eagles, Saints, Steelers, Oilers. All teams are in excellent condition. Cost is 50¢ per team or \$3.00 for all seven. I am also offering for sale my 1973 baseball teams. All teams are in excellent condition and include the extra players. I will sell the entire set for \$15.00 or 75¢ per team. All sales will be on a first come, first serve basis. I would rather sell this way than by bid. If interested, write to: Richard Siteman, 13 Sheridan St., Portland, ME 04101. Send no money until I contact you.

FOR SALE: Player cards - basketball, 1973-1974 season, \$8.00; baseball, 1974 season, \$11.00; football, 1968 to 1971 seasons, \$13.00 or best offer. Baseball cards include 96 additional players. All sets are complete. Write to: Robert Tsukamoto, 2413 38th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95822

FOR SALE: S-O-M Football teams, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970. Condition good to excellent. I have a price in mind for each team and will sell either to the first person who meets my price or to the highest bidder by the end of the month. Mike Bordelon, 1700 Carl Road, #209, Irving, TX 75061 [phone: 214-438-7271]

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FOR SALE: [A] 1971, 1972 and 1973 Strat-O-Matic AFC and NFC Football teams (will sell by conference or entire league); [B] 1971 S-O-M A.L. and N.L. baseball teams (will sell by league or both combined); [C] 24 issues of S-O-M Review (December, 1972-November, 1974. Send bids for any of these to: Richard B. Robertson, 7725 Canal Court, McLean, VA 22101

FOR SALE: 1974 baseball with extras; mint condition. Send offers to: Larry Braus, 6545 N. Washtenaw, Chicago, IL 60645

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1967, both leagues; 1970 Giants, Twins, Cubs, Yankees; 1971 A.L.; 1972 Pirates, Astros, Reds, Cubs, Red Sox, Brewers, Tigers, White Sox, Yankees; 1973 both leagues, plus extras; 1974 Cards, Reds, Phils, Pirates, Dodgers, Royals, Yankees, White Sox, Orioles, Rangers, Twins, Red Sox. Football - 1967 Rams, Packers; 1969 Broncos, Dolphins, Oilers, Chargers; 1970 - Cards, Oilers, Cowboys; 1971 - Packers, Patriots, Cards, Cowboys, Chiefs, Dolphins; 1972 - Dolphins, Chiefs, Patriots, Redskins, Cards, Bears, Packers; 1973 - Vikings, Raiders, Bills, Dolphins; 1974 - Patriots, Rams, Dolphins, Steelers, Raiders, Redskins, Cards, Vikings. I will accept bids until May 25. Write: Brian Russell, 10838 N. Lombard, Portland, OR 97203

FOR SALE: 1975 baseball game and cards with extra players. Brand new. All teams, \$18.00. 1975 pro football game and cards. Brand new. All teams, \$17.00. 1975 deluxe college football set, all teams. Brand new, \$14.00. 1975-76 pro basketball game with Nets, Knicks, Warriors, Cavaliers, Celtics and Lakers. Brand new. Will include score pad, \$8.00. Or, will sell all four sets together, \$55.00. Charles J. Shefulsky, 2 Sandy Court, Deer Park, NY 11729

FOR SALE: S-O-M Football teams - 1967 Packers, Cowboys, Chiefs, Raiders, Rams, Colts; 1968 Jets, Colts, Raiders, Chiefs, Rams, Cowboys, Steelers, Chargers;

Packers; 1969 NFL set; 1970 complete NFL set. 1973-74 basketball game with teams. Reply by making an offer to: Jim Jung, 236 McCaul St., Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5T 1W5

FOR SALE: I'm clearing out old teams to make room for new teams. Baseball - 1965 Tigers, White Sox, Cardinals, Angels, Red Sox (minus two catchers), \$5.00 each; 1969 Orioles, Mets, Pilots, Astros, Expos, Pirates, Reds, Braves, Royals, Cubs, Dodgers, Red Sox (minus Mike Andrews), Tigers (minus McLain and Kilkenny), \$2.50 each; 1970 Pirates, Indians, Angels, Royals, Dodgers, Red Sox, A's, Senators, \$2.00 each; 1971 Pirates, Tigers, Twins, Reds, Giants, Phillies, Cubs, Indians, Cardinals, Expos, Red Sox, Dodgers, Padres, White Sox, Mets, \$1.50 each; 1972 A's, Reds, Red Sox, Tigers, Pirates, Indians, \$1.25 each; 1973 all teams and extra players, \$15.00. Football - 1970 Raiders, Colts, Cowboys, 49ers, \$3.00 each; 1971 Patriots, \$1.75. You pay postage. Add 50¢ to total cost. All bids will be answered promptly! Bidding ends May 20. Write to: Chris Jones, 49 Mayflower Rd., Needham, MA 02192, or phone (617) 444-2202 between 5 p.m.-8:30 p.m. EST.

League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: Need reliable managers for new PBM baseball draft league using '76 A.L. and N.L. players. No extra players. \$2.00 entry fee. Fee will be required, with \$1 refunded at the end of season. Bob Mullen, 8 Chisolm Trail, Grand Rapids, MN 55744

LEAGUE FORMING: The PBMLOA has successfully completed its first season as a S-O-M play-by-mail baseball league. We are now looking for our second season, using the latest S-O-M Baseball cards. Four established teams are available, and we are considering expansion. For team rosters and complete information, write: David Liebeskind, 154 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn, NY 11215, or call (212) 965-4773

LEAGUE FORMING: I want a managerial spot in a non-draft, PBM baseball league, using the 1975 and/or 1976 cards, basic version. Contact: Thomas Johnson (phone: 617-822-6112 after 3 p.m.) at 895 Prospect St., North Dighton, MA 02764. All offers answered.

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LEAGUE FORMING: NSOMA, a N.L. draft league, needs two people to manage existing teams. You must have the new cards in your possession by April. The season will run from June 1 through September. Both teams are very good. League dues are \$4.50. If you are interested, write or call: Glenn Reigrod, 66-22 Fleet St., Forest Hills, NY 11375 (phone: 212-261-4287)

LEAGUE FORMING: Have you ever heard of O.O.P.S.? We are forming our first face-to-face S-O-M Baseball League for the Greater Los Angeles area. We are looking for responsible, adult-minded people who are interested in competing in a friendly, mature atmosphere. We will be a draft league, selecting from all 24 1976 teams, including the 96 additional players. OOPS is an ongoing club, so you will retain the rights to the players you draft as long as you are in the league. Players may be traded and, of course, there will be a new draft among the unowned players each year. Registration deadline for 1977 is May 22. We will play a 42-game schedule, plus playoffs and All-Star game, over nine meetings and 13 weeks, beginning with the draft on June 11. For further information write: Paul Mankiewicz, 9748 Bellder Drive, Downey, CA 90240, or call: In L.A. County (213) 861-2151; in Orange County (714) 559-5587. If interested, also ask about our S-O-M Football League, beginning its ninth year Sept. 10.

LEAGUE FORMING: Need five dependable managers to play S-O-M Baseball, basic game, in a face-to-face league. Will play with 1976 baseball set (no extras). Will have a draft and play about 6:30 to 8:30 at night. Call: 1-603-532-6939 and ask for Ben, or write to: Ben Wheeler, Mountain R.O. Box 222, RFD 1, Uaffrey, NH 03452

LEAGUE FORMING: S-O-M Baseball play-by-mail league involving inter-league play using these teams: Yankees, Royals, Blue Jays, Mariners, Phillies, Cubs,

Cardinals and Padres. No fees involved. Using 1977 cards. Send for details: Robin Hager, Box 65, Ashland, IL 62612

LEAGUE FORMING: Wanted - managers for a face-to-face football league located five miles outside of Harrisburg, PA. Would like answers from the following towns and cities: Harrisburg, York, Lancaster, Reading, Lebanon, Camp Hill, Pottstown, Carlisle, Middletown, Hershey, Steelton, Elizabethtown, Chambersburg, or any other surrounding communities. We provide cards, score-sheets, etc.; no entry fee, even willing to work something out transportation-wise. Only sincere need reply. We play on the all-star basis, using cards from the 1967 season to the new cards now out. Season starts Sept., 1977. We are currently a five-member league. Write or call: Terry Neiss, 5801 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112 (phone: 1-717-652-4844)

LEAGUE FORMING: The S-O-M-B-B-L is in its second year and is looking for a few new managers. It is a modern-day all-star league using the new cards and a 160-game schedule. Interested, reliable managers can call or write: Bruce Grench, 2828 South Court, Palo Alto, CA 94306 (415-321-7994)

LEAGUE FORMING: Looking for three managers for the Tradewater Winter PBM baseball league, using 1977 American League cards plus extras. Play will start in Sept. and includes a \$5.00 fee. The three teams available will be thrown into one pile and drafted by the three new managers. Players include Fisk, Carty, Grich, Yastremski, Bostock, Jackson, Otis, Chambliss, Munson, Blue, Travers, Bird, Lyle, LaRoche, Rivers, Brett, and many more. Mail reply to: Dean Monson, 3540 West 4700 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84118

LEAGUE FORMING: The University of Oklahoma Strat-O-Matic Association is looking for face-to-face team competition. We would prefer to meet other colleges on a home-away basis or meet at a neutral site. We will also accept challenges from other types of organizations. Call (405) 325-3100, or write: Mick Cornett, 340 1st St. Box 905, Norman, OK 73025

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S-O-M Baseball Trivia Corner

Quizmaster Robert Henry is serving double-duty this month--what with his analysis of the new baseball cards and his regular monthly serving of trivia answers and questions.

Like a never-ending fountain of knowledge, Henry keeps spouting answers, though, and raising new questions.

Remember, if you desire a personal reply to a question, you can write Robert Henry at 488 Seventh Ave., Room 1102, New York, NY 10018. Be sure to include an SASE.

Enough chit-chat, here are the answers to the questions raised in the April issue of the S-O-M Review:

QUESTION: Which modern players have been rated stealing AAA?

ANSWER: 1965 Maury Wills and 1974 Lou Brock are the only pure AAAs. The 1962 Wills was originally rated AA, because S-O-M had not developed the AAA. But with the publication of the 1974 set, he was uprated to AAA, retroactively. 1960 and 1961 Luis Aparicio and 1960 Wills were effectively rated AAA. Both are rated AA, but since the 1960 and 1961 sets included neither a provision for holding runners nor any fielding ratings, Aparicio and Wills are the equivalent of AAAs.

QUESTION: Who holds the record for most consecutive 10 or more home run cards (chances on the card)?

ANSWER: Two Willies from the San Francisco Giants--Willie Mays and Willie McCovey--gave pitchers the "willies" for several years and share the record, six, for the following home run totals:

Willie Mays--1961 - 10.45; 1962 - 12.6; 1963 - 10; 1964 - 12.9; 1965 - 15.3; 1966 - 10.25.

Willie McCovey--1965 - 10.4; 1966 - 10.75; 1967 - 10.75; 1968 - 11.5; 1969 - 14.4; 1970 - 10.7.

QUESTION: Which pitchers hold the records for most triples and for most doubles respectively on a modern hurler's card?

ANSWER: Julio Navarro, 1970, holder of the home run record with 12 chances, also carries the triple record with 4.2--off a 1-14 split on 5-7. 1975 Oscar Zamora, the runnerup to Navarro in the home run derby with 10.95, holds the double standard with 16.1. (Below are those Navarro and Zamora cards--both hitters' delights, for sure.)

JULIO NAVARRO

2 pitcher-relief

1970 PITCHING RECORD

OSCAR ZAMORA

1 pitcher-relief

PITCHING CARD

ATLANTA BRAVES

4	5	6
2-flyball (cf) B	2-groundball (p) B	2-lineout (1b)
3-FLYBALL (cf) X	3-GROUND- BALL (p) X	3-groundball (1b) C
4-HOMERUN	4-FLYBALL (cf) X	4-strikeout
5-HOMERUN	5-flyball (cf) X	5-strikeout
6-HOMERUN	6-flyball (cf) C	6-strikeout
7-GROUND- BALL (2b) X	7-FLYBALL (cf) B	7-strikeout
8-DOUBLE	8-FLYBALL (cf) B	8-popout (2b)
9-strikeout	9-FLYBALL (cf) B	9-lineout (3b)
10-strikeout	10-FLYBALL (cf) B	10-CATCHER'S CARD X
11-FLYBALL (cf) X	11-FLYBALL (cf) B	11-FLYBALL (cf) X
12-flyball (cf) B	12-flyball (cf) B	12-flyball (cf) B

1975 PITCHING RECORD

WON	LOST	E.R.A.	INNINGS PITCHED
5	2	5.07	71
HITS	WALKS	STRIKEOUTS	HOMERUNS
84	15	28	17

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PITCHING CARD

CHICAGO CUBS

4	5	6
2-groundball (p) B	2-groundball (p) B	2-groundball (p) B
3-FLYBALL (cf) X	3-FLYBALL (cf) X	3-FLYBALL (cf) X
4-HOMERUN	4-HOMERUN	4-HOMERUN
5-DOUBLE	5-DOUBLE	5-DOUBLE
6-SINGLE	6-SINGLE	6-SINGLE
7-GROUND- BALL (2b) X	7-GROUND- BALL (2b) X	7-GROUND- BALL (2b) X
8-strikeout	8-strikeout	8-strikeout
9-flyball (cf) C	9-flyball (cf) C	9-flyball (cf) C
10-FLYBALL (cf) X	10-FLYBALL (cf) X	10-FLYBALL (cf) X
11-GROUND- BALL (1b) X	11-GROUND- BALL (1b) X	11-GROUND- BALL (1b) X
12-groundball (p) B	12-groundball (p) B	12-groundball (p) B

QUESTION: Which modern teams have achieved perfect outfield defense by being able to play a "1" at each outfield position, simultaneously?

ANSWER: The 1974, 1975 and 1976 Boston Red Sox had all "1" outfields. In 1974 it was Carl Yastrzemski (LF), Rick Miller (CF, also LF and RF), and Dwight Evans (RF); in 1975 Yastrzemski (LF), Fred Lynn (CF) and Evans (RF); and in 1976 it was Miller (LF), Lynn (CF) and Evans (RF).

QUESTION: What is the highest running rating ever achieved by a modern catcher who played that position regularly?

ANSWER: John Roseboro, 1962, was rated 1-17. But before becoming too excited, remember that 1962 running ratings ranged from 1-13 to 1-19, so Roseboro's 1-17 is equivalent to a current 1-13 or 1-14. Roseboro, 1963, was rated 1-15 to achieve the best running rating for a catcher.

QUESTION: Which starting pitcher holds the record for most career strikeouts on his cards?

ANSWER: No surprise here as Bob Gibson leads the way with 367 career strikeouts. They were achieved as follows: (remember, these are strike-out chances on his card)

1962 - 32	1966 - 27	1970 - 33	1973 - 24
1963 - 24	1967 - 29	1971 - 24	1974 - 13
1964 - 29	1968 - 34	1972 - 25	1975 - 12
1965 - 31	1969 - 30		

QUESTION: What is the record for most S-O-M cards received by a modern player?

ANSWER: Since all received cards based on the 1976 season, Hank Aaron, Frank Robinson and Brooks Robinson now each have 17 cards, one representing each set of cards 1960-76. And since only Brooks Robinson has indicated he will play this season, he should become the longevity king.

QUESTION: Who is the only player (1960 to present) to receive the best home run card in a set in his final season?

ANSWER: Ted Williams, 1960, has that distinction. Williams had 12.75 home run card chances and narrowly edged out Roger Maris (12.25) that year.

Next Month's Quiz

QUESTION: Which batter holds the record for most consecutive cards without any strikeouts?

QUESTION: Which modern hitter holds the record for most total bases via hits on his card (i.e., one base for a single, two for a double, etc.)?

QUESTION: Which modern teams have had two regular starting pitchers with 40 or more strikeout chances each?

QUESTION: Mickey Stanley (1976) is rated 2 or better at four positions (LF-1, RF-2, CF-2 and 1B-2). Can any other modern player make that claim? Also, what is the record for which a player is rated 1 at most positions on a single card (question submitted by Ken Schmidt)?

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QUESTION: Which modern teams have had two or more players, each with 12 or more home run chances on their cards?

QUESTION: Which modern pitcher worked the most innings without receiving any strikeouts on his card?

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S-O-M League, Replay Scene...

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CANADO-AMERICAN-STRAT-O-MATIC LEAGUE (CASOML) - Actual teams replay of National League is basis for third-year setup that was founded by cousins, Richard and Norm Campbell, both of whom reside in Canada...Survived early woes of manager departures and is now on solid footing among PBM leagues... Cincinnati, managed by 21-year-old computer programmer Mike Poweleit, won an amazing 113 games and swept to the West title, while St. Louis, behind Lou Brock's 158 stolen bases, outlasted Philadelphia in the East, winning out by four games...Managed by Mike Regimbal, 23, the old man of the league, St. Louis ran off five straight wins against the stunned Phillies in the season's final series to clinch the title...Reds topped Cards in playoff, dropping first two games, then taking advantage of Brock being knocked out of series through an injury and sweeping the next three. Don Gullett blanked Cards in final, 3-0, while Clay Kirby tossed a three-hitter in game No. 3...Brock's 158 swipes was outstanding feat of league's glittering array of accomplishments...Based on 1974, Ralph Garr collected 261 hits, tripled 29 times and led in hitting at .369...Pete Rose pounded 56 doubles while Little Joe Morgan walked 169 times...Phil Niekro of Atlanta shattered most of CASOML's pitching records, winning 27, recording shutouts eight times, hurling 334 innings and finishing with a minuscule ERA of 1.75...Steve Carlton fanned 283 batters, but also walked 156...Niekro was the Cy Young Award winner, Ted Simmons (.317, 40 homers, 155 RBI) was MVP, Greg Gross of Houston was Rookie of Year and Regimbal was Manager of Year...Five no-hitters were also etched into the CASOML record book as Andy Messersmith (Dodgers) set down New York, Gullett got San Diego, Jim Lonborg (Phillies) baffled San Francisco, Dennis Blair and Dale Murray (Montreal) combined to set down New York, and Niekro (who else!) shackled San Diego.

Standings and leaders:

East	Won-Lost	GB	West	Won-Lost	GB	Batting	
St. Louis	92-70	--	Cincinnati	113-49	--	Garr (ATL)	.369
Philadelphia	88-74	4	Atlanta	98-64	15	W.Davis (MON)	.358
Pittsburgh	85-77	7	Los Angeles	93-69	20	Montanez (PHI)	.342
Montreal	77-85	15	Houston	82-80	31	A.Oliver (PIT)	.335
N.Y. Mets	67-95	25	S.Francisco	67-95	46		
Chicago Cubs	63-99	29	San Diego	47-115	66	ERA	

Hits: Garr (ATL) 261; Runs: Morgan (CIN) 138;
 RBI: Simmons (SL) 155; Doubles: Rose (CIN) 56;
 Triples: Garr (ATL) 29; Home Runs: Stargell (PIT) 44;
 Stolen Bases: Brock (SL) 158 (33 caught stealing).

Games: Marshall (LA) 103; Complete Games: Rooker (PIT) 23; Saves: Marshall 25;
 Shutouts: P.Niekro (ATL) 8; Strikeouts: Carlton (PH) 283; Losses: Grief (SD),
 Reuss (PIT) 22; Home Runs: Messersmith (LA) 37. Winning Pct.: Niekro .750.

SOLITAIRE N.L. 1975 REPLAY -- Harley Kernal III wheeled through a 162-game replay based on 1975...Philadelphia (East) and Cincinnati (West) both won by 13-game margins...Kernal, who hails from Goodland, KS, says that pitching made the task of both much easier. Philly had three 20-game winners in Steve Carlton (29-11), Larry Christenson (22-7) and Tom Underwood (21-14), while Cincy had five hurlers rack up 16 or more triumphs led by Gary Nolan's 20-11...Advanced side of cards was used...Ted Simmons had another big season in this replay, batting a mighty .370...Reds, true to life, had great array of hitters: Joe Morgan (.350, 15 HRs, 93 RBI, 100 steals), Pete Rose (.332), Ken Griffey (.301), Johnny Bench (29 HRs, 139 RBI), Tony Perez (23 HRs, 111 RBI) and George Foster (24 HRs, 101 RBI)...Phillies got big years from Larry Bowa (.354, 60 steals), Dave Cash (.305), Jay Johnstone (.304, 57 doubles), Greg Luzinski (.327, 32 HRs, 116 RBI) and Mike Schmidt (38 HRs, 122 RBI)...Carlton twirled only no-hitter, foiling Cincy's sluggers in a surprise.

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Standings and leaders:

East	Won-Lost	GB	West	Won-Lost	GB	Batting	
Philadelphia	103-59	-	Cincinnati	104-58	-	Simmons (SL)	.370
Pittsburgh	90-72	13	Los Angeles	91-71	13	Bowa (PHI)	.354
N.Y. Mets	83-79	20	S.Francisco	90-72	14	Joshua (SF)	.350
St. Louis	76-86	27	Houston	73-89	31	Morgan (CIN)	.350
Chicago	67-95	36	San Diego	68-94	36	Garvey (LA)	.339
Montreal	62-100	41	Atlanta	65-97	39		
Home Runs	Won-Lost		ERA				
Schmidt (PHI)	38	Carlton (PHI)	29-11	Carlton (PHI)	1.81		
Kingman (NY)	36	Seaver (NY)	23-16	Rau (LA)	2.04		
Luzinski (PHI)	32	Christensen (PHI)	22-7	Gullett (CIN)	2.05		
Parker (PIT)	32	B.Forsch (SL)	21-11	Sutton (LA)	2.07		
				Seaver (NY)	2.10		

Hits: Bowa (PHI) 246; RBI: Bench (CIN) 139;

Doubles: Johnstone (PHI) 57; Triples: Bowa (PHI) 20; Strikeouts: Seaver 318.

FACE-TO-FACE BASKETBALL -- Three-member, 24-game replay using three Eastern Division teams from 1973-74 season...Jess Seegmiller, Stan Miles and Alan Martinez, New Yorkers who were attending Brigham Young University, ran through the abbreviated schedule...Each team was allowed to draft two players from remaining teams, thus the N.Y. Knicks picked Bob Lanier (passing over Kareem Abdul-Jabbar) and Charlie Scott, Buffalo nabbed Spencer Haywood and Norm VanLier and Boston Elvin Hayes and Jerry Sloan...Knicks, thanks to Lanier's deadly outcourt shooting (he averaged 25.4 points despite missing many games with injuries) won league with 16-8 record, three games better than Boston...Bob McAdoo of the Braves poured in 50 and 48 in great solo scoring efforts and led in scoring with 28.2 average. Big Mac also pulled down 36 rebounds in one game. He was third behind Cowens and Hayes in retrieves, grabbing 13.4 compared to Cowens' 14.4 and Hayes' 13.7...Randy Smith funneled 14 of 15 shots through the nets and VanLier once chanked up 28 assists...John Havlicek (21.7), Don Nelson (21.2 and Cowens (20.0) were Nos. 2, 3 and 4 in scoring...Earl Monroe was tops from the field, swishing 92 of 167 shots for 55.1 per cent accuracy.

Standings:

	Won-Lost	GB	Off.	Def.
N.Y. Knicks (Jess Seegmiller)	16-8	-	117.3	114.9
Boston (Stan Miles)	13-11	3	116.6	113.9
Buffalo (Alan Martinez)	7-17	9	115.5	120.5

MERRIMAC VALLEY STRAT-O-MATIC LEAGUE (MVSL) -- Now has completed three replays, the latest an eight-team league that used the 1975 cards... teams are drafted and 100-game schedule played...managers, each of whom guided two teams, were: Frank and George Dolansky, Dan Hoyt and Bob Ryan...teams from each league are used; with drafting done from all and four actual team names selected...Cincinnati, managed by Frank Dolansky, won the N.L., compiling 69-31 record. All "1" infield, including Joe Morgan, and duo of Andy Messersmith and Don Sutton, made it easy for Reds...Los Angeles finished second and had league's top hitter in Bill Madlock (.342) and co-home run champ in Greg Luzinski (30) in the N.L...Minnesota, directed by George Dolansky, won A.L. flag by game over Baltimore. Big guns for the Twins were Reggie Jackson (33 HRs, 93 RBI) and Frank Tanana (15-6, 2.63 ERA)...Tanana's shutout in game No. 5 won playoff for Minnesota, while Cincinnati outscored L.A., 27-14, despite being extended the route in the N.L. playoffs...Cincy was too much in the World Series, winning in five games. Shortstop Rodger Metzger (.421) was Series MVP, although Messersmith was 2-0 with a 1.53 ERA. Tanana, incidentally fell to 0-2, 5.87 in the post-season skirmish.

Standings and leaders:

American	Won-Lost	GB	National	Won-Lost	GB
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Minnesota [G.Dolansky]	61-39 -	Cincinnati [F.Dolansky]	69-31 --
Baltimore [B.Ryan]	60-40 1	Los Angeles [B.Ryan]	53-47 16
Chicago [F.Dolansky]	49-51 12	Chicago [G.Dolansky]	39-61 30
Boston [D.Hoyt]	38-62 23	Montreal [D.Hoyt]	39-61 30
Batting			
Madlock [LA]	.342	Jackson [MIN]	93
Carew [CWS]	.332	Schmidt [CIN]	30
Lynn [BAL]	.327	Luzinski [LA]	30
Home Runs			
RBI			
Won-Lost			
Messersmith [CIN]	14-2	Jones [CC]	2.18
Tanana [MIN]	15-6	Messersmith [CIN]	2.48
Sutton [CIN]	13-4	Tanana [MIN]	2.63
ERA			
NL MVP: Morgan [CIN]			
AL MVP: Jackson [MIN]			
NL Cy Young: Messersmith [CIN]			
AL Cy Young: Tanana [MIN]			