



# STRAT-O-MATIC REVIEW

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## In This Corner...The Editors

### HOCKEY COMING IN FALL

Here comes summer! And, in a few short months (it seems like days when you live in Michigan), fall will have rolled around again. But with the coming of the fall of '78, Strat-O-Matic will be releasing its fifth table game--NHL hockey.

Although S-O-M has taken a temporary break from hockey-game development--because of the preparation of the new football cards--all signals are "go" for its release this fall. The last in-depth testing was a success--both statistically and for realism and playability--so it won't be long before the long-awaited hockey game will be in your hands.

The coming of fall won't be so sad after all.

### MORE PICTURES NEEDED

The Review again issues a plea to gamers to send in pictures of themselves and their leagues. Lengthy replays abound on the desks of the Review's editors, but photos are in short supply. So, send along a pic of yourself and friends.

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Oh, regarding pictures, be sure they are sharp and have some contrast. Many times dark clothing is worn, the background is dark, and the result if the photo reproduces poorly. A couple of pictures on the cover of the newest S-O-M Directory show the result of color pictures in dark settings.

#### NEW FIELDING CHART BIG HIT

Almost all reports we've received indicate that S-O-M's new baseball fielding chart is a big hit. Errors, at least in the GKSM's (Greater Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League) American League replay, seem to be occurring in realistic numbers.

The two-rating system has certainly added a new dimension to the fielding aspect of S-O-M. In particular, draft leagues have experienced much more head scratching as managers try to decide whether that "4" fielding, "16" error-rated outfielder is worth being a top pick in the draft.

Kevin Anderson of Lake Oswego, OR, questioned some of the ratings (Readers Roll 'Em section this month), zeroing in on Carl Yastrzemski and Reggie Jackson. Lack of space prevented Anderson's letter being reprinted in its entirety, as well as limiting our reply.

Without trying to demean Anderson's argument we still feel the ratings seem correct--statistical evidence backs them up, for one thing. Jackson has slipped tremendously the last couple of years, and S-O-M was quick to point this out to the Review last winter. He was such a poor defensive outfielder in New York that oftentimes he was replaced in the late innings.

Although S-O-M's policy is not to react to ratings that are questioned, it did reply that the ratings of Yastrzemski and Jackson are absolutely correct.

The error ratings, in going over S-O-M's formula, are determined by figuring how many errors a fielder would have committed had he played in every inning of every game. Regarding the range of fielders, speed is only one facet. Speed certainly helps, but because a runner is rated 1-16 or 1-17 doesn't mean he possesses the same speed when chasing a flyball or going to the hole at short. Quickness and speed are often not the same. Many outfielders, although blazing fast, never get a "jump" on the ball, thus nullifying their fleetness.

Yastrzemski would fall more into the category of Brooks Robinson in his prime. Not especially fast (maybe even slow), but with quickness and a knack of knowing how and where to play hitters.

In summation, S-O-M does a tremendous amount of research (working both with statistics and scouting reports, plus poring over a mountainous stack of publications) to arrive at ratings with validity and accuracy. S-O-M plays no favorites. Right, Dave Parker (OF-1, E-16)?

#### CORRECT CAPRA'S CARD

As you will find elsewhere in this issue, there's been a printing mistake on Buzz Capra's 1978 card with the Atlanta Braves. On the basic side, 4-column, No. 12, it reads "GROUND-" and that's all. Add to it so it reads: "GROUNDBALL 2b-X."

That change along with the one needed on the early Jerry Garvin cards (6-6 on the advanced side, against left-handed batters, should read "Fly cf (B) 3-20" the second part of the split number situation) were the only printing mistakes that either S-O-M or alert gamers have noticed.

#### GKSM AT 99-GAME MARK

Speaking of the GKSM, the longtime league is now at the 99-game mark of its American League, eight-manager, face-to-face replay. Todd Newell, at 14 the youngest member of the GKSM, and the son of Review co-editor Del Newell, still clings to first place. Ironically, Todd Newell is first, Warren Newell second and, believe it or not, Del Newell rests in third place, not too far back. Now for those final 55 games...



# Strat-O-Matic Spotlight

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## YANKS AGAIN PREVAIL

Two out of three isn't bad. That's the number of World Series replays the New York Yankees won in recent dice-rolling endeavors by Scott Jackson, Tom Cavaliere of Valley Stream, NY, and John Reid of East Rockaway, NY.

Jackson and Cavaliere both had the Yanks winning in a real-life matching six games, while the Dodgers stunned the Yanks in seven games in Reid's replay.

Jackson (Scott, not Reggie) had by far the most unusual single game when, in contest No. 4, Don Sutton and the Yanks' Ed Figueroa hooked up in a duel that was to eventually end in a double no-hitter. Figueroa walked two and struck out seven and his mates committed one error, while Sutton didn't issue a walk and fanned nine. L.A. won the game, 1-0, when Davey Lopes walked, stole second, went to third on a fielder's choice and scored on Fred Stanley's error in the seventh inning. The Yanks, however, went on to win the Series as Graig Nettles batted .708 and crashed four home runs.

In Cavaliere's replay, L.A. won two of the first three and then the Yanks swept the final three. Lou Piniella of the Yanks was named MVP after batting .364, with two doubles, a home run and three RBI. Sparky Lyle had two saves and a 1.00 earned run average in four games. Catfish Hunter (2-1), Ron Guidry (5-1), Don Gullett (3-2) and Mike Torrez (7-4) got the wins for New York; Don Sutton (7-3, 13 innings) and Tommy John (7-3) for L.A. Jackson homered only once, in the third game, while New York outhit L.A., .252-.220.

Reid was another who used the new S-O-M cards and followed the actual lineups--only he came away with a different ending. Rick Rhoden was the Dodger hurler, hurling L.A. to a 9-1 triumph in the final game. Steve Garvey, the Series MVP with five homers, 15 RBI and .393 average, walloped two roundtrippers in the showdown tilt. Jackson, meanwhile, batted a puny .043 (1 for 23). Ron Guidry did strike out 19 in a seven-hit, complete game 5-3 victory in contest No. 4.

Torrez won game three (9-6) and Lyle No. 6 (3-2), while Sutton (6-1), Hooton (13-3), Sutton again (3-2) and Rhoden posted wins for L.A.

## REDS REIGN IN ROUND-ROBIN

"If you like offense the new cards are for you," says Bill Daughtry, Vernon, NY, who soon after receiving his set played a round-robin series with the Yankees, Red Sox, Dodgers, Reds, White Sox, Rangers, Twins and Mets. "On appearance," he adds, "this is the best card set for putting runs on the board since the explosive '70 and '73 S-O-M editions. If you like those 1-0, 2-0 and 2-1 type contests, they will be as scarce as Irv Ousak cards with the '77 set."

When the smoke had cleared, the Reds emerged No. 1 with a 4-1 record. 1977 wasn't such a bad year, after all. But the wins didn't come easy, however, as all of them had to be pulled out in the final inning. Only loss was to, yep, the Dodgers, 5-4.

The surprising White Sox finished second (4-2), losing the finale to Cincy 8-5 when the relief pitching broke down and the defense committed five bobbles, L.A. was third (3-2), the Yanks fourth (2-2) and the Rangers and Twins 1-2 and Mets and Red Sox 0-2.

## SHORT SHAKES

...In a replay of Super Bowl XI, Minnesota shocked Oakland as Scott Eberle was on the dice-rollin' end. Fran Tarkenton of the Vikes completed 22 of 35 passes for 233 yards and four TDs, while Ken Stabler was 17 of 23 for 224 but had six throws picked off. The carnage: 41-28... George Turner, Needham, MA, was reading the Feb. Review ("New Card Time Soon Will Arrive") when down the road came the UPS truck, delivering the cards.



## Check Out These Baseball Innovations <sup>4</sup>

What do you do when injuries wipe out all players at one position? How do you penalize a team when an infielder has to be used at short-stop, yet has no fielding rating for such a position? How about the "5" fielder?

There is no such thing, you say. In S-O-M there isn't. But gamers have improvised and many have come up with such a stone-glove rating. Dave Siemienski's (Englewood, CA) Bodaji baseball league is one that has created a "5" for such situations.

Here are those nightmarish [for the manager on defense] "5" ratings by positions: [error ratings, when needed, are always the highest possible at each position]

X-CHART RATINGS

No.	2B	SS	1B	3B	LF S RF	CF	C
1	- SI**	SI**	SI**	SI**	TR***	TR***	pb S foulout
2	- SI**	SI**	SI**	SI**	DO***	DO***	pb S foulout
3	- SI**	SI**	SI**	SI**	DO**	DO**	pb S foulout
4	- SI**	SI**	SI**	SI**	DO**	DO**	wild pitch S gb B
5	- SI**	SI**	DO**	DO**	SI**	SI**	wild pitch S gb B
6	- SI**	SI**	DO**		DO**	DO**	wild pitch S gb C
7	- SI*	SI*			SI**	SI**	wild pitch S gb C
8	-					SI**	pb S gb C
9	-						
10	-	<u>8-12</u>	<u>7-15</u>	<u>6-14</u>	<u>8-13</u>	<u>9-12</u>	<u>9-12</u>
11	-						
12	-						
13	- SI*	SI*				SI**	pb S gb C
14	- gbC	SI*			SI**	SI**	pb S gb C
15	- gbC	gbC		DO**	SI**	SI**	pb S foulout
16	- gbC	gbC	DO**	DO**	FlyA	SI**	pb S foulout
17	- gbC	gbC	SI*	SI*	FlyA	FlyA	pb S foulout
18	- gbC	gbC	gbC	gbB	SI**	FlyA	pb S foulout
19	- gbC	gbC	gbC	gbC	SI**	FlyB	pb S foulout
20	- gbB	gbB	gbC	gbC	SI**	FlyB	pb S foulout

Also, "5" fielders have a +7 throwing arm in the outfield and +4 throwing as catchers.

### INJURIES

In addition to the "5" fielder, the Bodaji also sends along its injury chart that has worked quite well in bringing injury results in line with real-life happenings. When an injury possibility is rolled, pull a split number, check the plate appearances (at-bats and walks) or innings pitched and consult the chart below and on the next page.

No.	650	500	400	350	300	225	175	125	75	74
	+	<u>649</u>	<u>499</u>	<u>399</u>	<u>349</u>	<u>299</u>	<u>224</u>	<u>174</u>	<u>124</u>	<u>Less</u>
1	- I-1	I-1	I-1	I-1	I-2	I-3	I-5	I-6	5	6
2	- I-1	I-1	I-1	I-2	I-3	I-4	I-6	4	5	6
3	- I-1	I-1	I-2	I-3	I-4	I-5	3	4	5	6
4	- I-1	I-1	I-2	I-3	I-4	2	3	4	6	7

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## Injuries, batters, con't:

No.	650	500	400	350	300	225	175	125	75	74
	+	649	499	399	349	299	224	174	124	Less
5	- I-1	I-2	I-3	I-4	1	2	4	5	6	7
6	- I-1	I-2	I-3	R	1	3	4	5	6	8
7	- I-1	I-2	R	1	2	3	4	5	7	8
8	- I-2	R	R	1	2	3	4	5	7	9
9	- R	R	R	1	2	3	5	6	7	9
10	- R	R	R	1	2	4	5	6	8	10
11	- R	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	8	10
12	- R	R	1	2	3	4	6	6	8	11
13	- R	R	1	2	3	5	6	7	9	11
14	- R	R	1	2	4	5	6	7	9	12
15	- R	R	2	3	4	5	7	8	10	12
16	- R	R	2	3	4	5	7	8	10	13
17	- R	R	2	3	5	6	8	9	11	13
18	- R	R	2	4	5	6	8	9	11	14
19	- R	1	2	4	6	7	9	10	12	14
20	- R	1	3	5	6	7	9	10	13	14
MAX	- 0	1	3	6	8	11	14	16	21	24

Key: I=Impairing; R=Rest of game. Note also: (1) Pinch-hitters cannot be injured; (2) After a team's 25th game, players with 400+ plate appearances cannot be injured; 225-399 cannot be injured more than remainder of game; and 0-224 will follow the injury table as normal; (3) If a resulting injury exceeds a player's remaining games missed injury maximum, then he shall miss all games up to and including his maximum and any remaining games shall be converted to an impairing injury; (4) In the A.L., if a DH rolls a "6-6-6" then the opposing pitcher is injured.

## INJURY TABLE - PITCHERS

No.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	- I-4	I-5	I-5	I-5	I-6	I-6	I-6
2	- I-4	I-5	I-5	I-5	I-6	I-6	R
3	- I-4	I-5	I-5	I-5	I-6	R	6
4	- I-4	I-5	I-5	I-5	R	6	6
5	- I-4	I-5	I-5	R	6	6	6
6	- I-4	I-5	R	R	6	6	6
7	- I-4	I-5	R	5	6	6	7
8	- I-4	R	R	5	6	7	7
9	- R	R	R	5	6	7	7
10	- R	R	5	5	6	7	7
11	- R	R	5	5	6	7	8
12	- R	R	5	5	6	8	8
13	- R	R	5	5	7	8	8
14	- R	R	5	5	7	8	8
15	- R	R	5	6	7	8	9
16	- R	R	5	6	7	9	9
17	- R	R	5	6	8	9	9
18	- R	R	5	6	8	9	9
19	- R	4	6	6	8	9	10
20	- R	4	6	7	8	9	10
MAX	- 0	4	6	8	12	14	16

  

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	
1	- S, R	225	205	175	145	115	100	99 [Innings]
2	- S	+	224	204	174	144	114	Less
3	- S, R	180	160	130	110	95	70	69
		+	179	159	129	109	94	Less
4	- R, S	125	110	95	75	60	45	44
		+	124	109	94	74	59	Less

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Pitcher's injuries con't:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
5 - R	110	80	60	40	30	20	19
	+	109	79	59	39	29	Less

## IMPAIRING INJURY DETERMINATION

Batter1-2 (A) (B)

May pinch-hit only.

3-8 (C)OF/C, +2 to arm. INF,  
+1 to fielding.9-14 (D)

+1 to fielding.

15-17-3 on splits, against  
pitcher's, regardless  
of pitcher.18-20-3 running, drop one  
grade stealing.Pitcher1-4+3 on splits, against  
pitcher's, regardless  
of hitter.5-14

Reduce endurance S-2, R-1.

15-20

+1 fielding.

Notes: A - For player with 500+  
plate appearances use 18-20.  
B - Cannot be used as a DH for  
duration. C - For A DH use 15-17.  
D - For a DH use 18-20.

If a player has been reduced to the listed minimum due to an impairing injury and he again receives an identical impairing injury, then the number of games listed shall be added onto the duration of his current impairing injury.

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## 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 in order to answer such questions completely. If your question regarding ratings does not appear in the Review within four months after being sent, you may assume the rating is correct.

QUESTION: Was a mistake made on Pete Banaszak's receiver card for the Oakland Raiders in the 1977 football cards? His stats were listed as 15 catches for 74 yards, yet I heard an announcer state he had 15 catches for 174 yards. A check with the Raiders verified the 15 for 174 statistics.

ANSWER: The Official National Football League statistics, which S-O-M uses, has Banaszak listed for 15 receptions for 74 yards. Street & Smith is another of the many publications that have his stats the same way.

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QUESTION: How did S-O-M find strikeout totals (for batters) for the pre-1920 Old Timer baseball teams?

ANSWER: No records were kept for strikeouts for batters in those years. S-O-M has devised a formula, however, which it feels is very realistic in attempting to reproduce such statistics.

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QUESTION: In what years did S-O-M come out with the following Old Timer baseball sets: 1920-1930? 1940? 1950-60? 1960 Series B?

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## Home Run Research Continues

Scott Messenger, the self-addicted "statistics freak," is back once again. Scott, who hails from North Hollywood, CA, is on a mission to determine the number of home runs given up by Old Timer pitchers.

Since Strat-O-Matic doesn't include such data on the cards, Scott decided to pore through old newspapers and, game-by-game, keep a tally on the number of home runs allowed. In the March issue of the Review, you may remember, the New York Yankee pitching staff was revealed to have allowed 42 home runs in 1927.

Now, Messenger is adding to the list of teams researched. Although foiled in his efforts to find out the number of home runs allowed by the 1905 Giants (23 were accounted for, but one was not, thus Messenger does not wish to disclose his findings until they are complete), he was successful when it came to the 1906 Cubs, 1921 Yankees and 1922 Giants, plus 1919 White Sox.

### 1906 CHICAGO CUBS

Messenger relates this team was difficult to research because three of the pitchers--Jack Harper, Orval Overall and Jack Taylor--played with other teams. All of 'em were traded to the Cubs in mid-season. So, Scott rolled up his sleeves, dug a little deeper (he used four contemporary newspapers), and came up with a 12-home run breakdown. All four newspapers, it should be mentioned, agreed too.

Here is the breakdown:

Three Finger Brown	- 1	Jack Pfiester	- 3
Jack Harper	- 2 [0 with Chicago]	Ed Reulbach	- 2
Carl Lundgren	- 3	Jack Taylor	- 4 [1 with Chicago]
Orval Overall	- 2 [1 with Chicago]	Others	- 1

### 1921 YANKEES

Gave up a surprising 50 home runs. But the '21 Yanks were an easy team to research because there were no trades involving pitchers during the season. Of the 50 allowed, 47 were served up by hurlers who received S-O-M cards.

The breakdown:

Rip Collins	- 6	Waite Hoyt	- 3	Jack Quinn	- 2
Alex Ferguson	- 4	Carl Mays	- 10	Bob Shawkey	- 15
Harry Harper	- 3	Bill Piercy	- 4	Others	- 3

Note that Bob Shawkey really did allow 15 home runs. That is not a typing error.

### 1922 NEW YORK GIANTS

This team was also a trouble area for Messenger, as one of the home runs allowed by Hugh McQuillan may or may not have been given up while he was with the Boston Braves. The total for home runs allowed by the Giants was 69. And of Fred Toney's five coughed up, four occurred in one game against the Pirates, according to Messenger.

The breakdown:

Jess Barnes	- 10	Artie Nehf	- 15	Fred Toney	- 5
Red Causey	- 2	Rosy Ryan	- 5	Others	- 13
Claude Jonnard	- 7	Jack Scott	- 7		

### 1919 WHITE SOX

Another comparatively easy team to figure out, with 23 of 24 home runs accounted for. And the 24th doesn't really matter, since it was given up by one of two pitchers, neither of whom received a card.

The breakdown:

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Eddie Cicotte	- 5	Dickie Kerr	- 2	John Sullivan	- 0
Red Faber	- 7	Grover Lowdermilk	- 0	Lefty Williams	- 7
Bill James	- 2		- 0	Others	- 2
[0 with Chicago]		Erskine Mayer	- 1		

Messinger, as a sidelight, points out that Sullivan pitched only 15 innings and fielded a miserable .429--having 0 putouts, 3 assists and 4 errors. Mayer's home run, incidentally, was served up to Babe Ruth.

Some of the readers may ask, "Why worry about home runs on Old-Timer cards"? But many of the S-O-M purists really want to know. Many have asked why S-O-M doesn't have HR totals on the Old-Timer cards. The answer, of course, being that such records were not kept. That's where Messinger's research fits in. He's supplying the records. Purists can now, if they wish, alter some of those cards when it comes to home run numbers. Shawkey, for instance, would need some major revamping, as he has a home run on 5-8 (split 1-5).

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### Three 20-Game Winners

## Pitching Carries '54 Indians To Title

Pitching, that facet of baseball which is becoming a lost art [on the basis of some of the prodigious hitting feats with the new cards], was back in the spotlight when Pete Manzollillo replayed an eight-team full-length season.

What Manzollillo, a seven-year S-O-M veteran who's played over 3,500 games, did was to take eight teams--selecting them strictly on the basis of excitement--and send them against each other. "It was my most exciting season ever," enthused Manzollillo, after the five-month replay was completed.

Four teams, it turned out, battled down to almost the last game of the season before the 1954 Indians--sparked by three 20-game winners--claimed championship honors. The 1976 Cincinnati Reds were only one game back and the hard-hitting 1953 Dodgers and 1961 New York Yankees just three lengths off the pace.

Cleveland, despite the scramble at the top, never relinquished a lead it grabbed early. Pitching carried the Tribe as Mike Garcia compiled a remarkable 23-8 record with an even more remarkable earned run average of 1.59. Early Wynn (21-17) and Bob Lemon (20-12) comprised a "Big Three" as the team had an incredible 2.37 ERA. Bobby Avila, the spray-hitting second baseman, was the league's leading hitter with a .383 mark.

#### 1976 REDS: 'CHOKE TEAM'

Manzollillo reports that the Reds, despite the second-place finish, were the "choke" artists of the league, losing innumerable games that could have jumped them over the Indians. A thumping by the lowly 1962 Mets in the next-to-last game of the season finished off the Reds for good.

The Dodgers, conversely, made a wild rush down the stretch, coming from eight games out with 18 to play and tying the '61 Yanks for third. League MVP Duke Snider (49 home runs, 132 RBI, 132 runs) walloped seven homers in six games at the end of the season to win long ball crown.

As a team the Dodgers averaged 5.2 runs, scored in double figures 21 times and inflicted frightful 24-4 and 18-0 beatings on the Mets. Meanwhile, the '61 Yanks were carried, surprisingly, by their pitching staff as the hitters slumped. Roger Maris and Mickey Mantle hit "only" 47 and 42 home runs, respectively, while as a team the so-called "Bombers" hit only .253. Whitey Ford rang up a nifty 24-8 record

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and Bill Stafford (2.22 ERA) tossed the league's only no-hitter, against the Mets, to somewhat offset the lack of punch.

#### SECOND DIVISION

The final standings found almost a "second division" as the 1976 San Diego Padres and California Angels, 1970 Chicago White Sox and '62 Mets were all far off the pace. The Padres grabbed fifth place, but were 20 games behind the '61 Yanks and '53 Dodgers.

San Diego did start fast, however, posting a 34-20 record, including sweeping the Indians in a three-game set. Randy Jones won the most games in the league, posting a 25-16 record, while serving up only 1.98 earned runs per outing. The Padres began to slide shortly after a stretch of games that went 17, 19 and 25 innings. Exhaustion claimed the Padres.

Nolan Ryan and Frank Tanana were hard-luck pitchers for the '76 Angels, Ryan once losing 4-1 to the Mets after allowing only a single to opposing pitcher Bob Miller in the seventh inning. Bobby Bonds did have a streak of 10 hits in 10 consecutive at-bats.

Tommy John was a one-man gang for the White Sox, with a 15-17 record and 2.32 ERA. But the Sox lost their first 18 games. Enough said! The Mets featured three 20-game losers--Roger Craig, 24; Al Jackson, 24; and Jay Hook, 21--and lived up to their reputation, losing 118 games. Frank Thomas, although hitting a puny .188, did drive in 93 runs.

Manzollillo, who resides in Bellmore, NY, played the entire season solitaire.

#### Standings and leaders:

	Won-Lost	GB	Batting	Home Runs
1. '54 Indians	102 60	-	Avila IND .383	Snider DOD 48
2. '76 Reds	101 61	1	Griffey REDS .378	Maris YANKS 47
3. '53 Dodgers	99 63	3	Furillo DOD .353	Mantle YANKS 42
'61 Yanks	99 63	3	Snider DOD .333	Camp'lla DOD 41
5. '76 Padres	79 83	23	Howard YANKS .323	Melton WS 39
6. '76 Angels	64 98	38		
7. '70 White Sox	60 102	42	Runs: Snider DOD 132	
8. '62 Mets	44 118	58	Doubles: Morgan REDS 41	
			Triples: Gilliam DOD 19	
			Steals: Morgan REDS 53	
<b>RBI</b>				
Snider DOD	132	Won-Lost		ERA
Foster REDS	127	R.Jones PAD	25-16	Garcia IND 1.59
Maris YANKS	113	Erskine DOD	24-7	Erskine DOD 1.97
Furillo DOD	109	Ford YANKS	24-8	R.Jones PAD 1.98
<b>Strikeouts</b>		Garcia IND	23-8	Zachry REDS 2.21
Ryan ANGELS	360	Wynn IND	21-17	Stafford YANKS 2.22
Tanana ANGELS	280	Lemon IND	20-12	
Ford YANKS	216			

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## Questions & Answers

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ANSWER: 1920-1930 - 1965; 1940 - 1966; 1950-60 - 1967; 1960 Series B - 1970.

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QUESTION: What is Eddie Leon's power rating for the 1972 Cleveland Indians? There is a blank space on my card.

ANSWER: "W"

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QUESTION: What is the reading on Buzz Capra's 1978 baseball card, elementary side, four-column, No. 12?

ANSWER: It should read: "GROUNDBALL [2b] X."



## Readers Roll 'Em

### WANTS PENALTIES IN S-O-M

I noticed in one of the back issues of the Review an editor's note which said S-O-M doesn't have penalty ratings for football because it "would detract from the statistical realism of the game," but if the demand is great enough the company might incorporate them in the future.

I'm hoping the company does. I feel penalties would add more realism to an already great game. As the game now stands, it isn't possible to have any first-and-20 situations or second-and-25, as so often happens in real football. Having penalties would add even more strategy as to how players would handle first and second down and long situations.

I would also like to see the company add a reprint of great football teams like it did with its 1960's Series B baseball teams. I suggest eight teams: 1967 Packers, 1968 Jets, 1969 Chiefs, 1969 Vikings, 1971 Cowboys, 1972 Dolphins and the 1972 Redskins. I feel many fans would like to replay Super Bowl III, or test Garo Yepremian's "passing" arm.

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### LIKES BASEBALL IMPROVEMENTS

I would like to congratulate the Review on its excellent work. The March issue was especially well done. I was impressed with Steve Homner's wind factor and have decided to use it next year in my Spruce League.

The new fielding chart was well thought of by members of my league. One complaint: why a separate rating for pitchers when S-O-M has all pitchers rated "2"?

I especially like the no-hitter section of the Review. Try to expand this, as well as including more consecutive scoreless or walk-less innings,

etc. I have never had a no-hitter.

Finally, I would like to see clutch hitting incorporated into S-O-M, either by the company or some ingenious gamer. I'm sure a good, accurate, workable system could be devised.

Kevin Lawless  
Kansas City, MO

Editor's note: S-O-M listed four fielding ratings for pitchers for possible future use. Currently, however, S-O-M feels it has individualized pitcher fielding ratings via the error rating.

### MORE OLD TIMER TEAMS NEEDED

I hope that Strat-O-Matic will continue to produce more Old Timer football teams.

I think the 1963 Cleveland Browns should be included, because Jim Brown had his greatest season, rushing for 1,863 yards with a 6.4-yard average. Perhaps, S-O-M will produce some teams from the 1940s and early 1950s this year.

Henry Dressel  
87 Cherry St.  
Etna, Pittsburgh,  
PA

### ANOTHER VOTE FOR GRID TEAMS

I congratulate Strat-O-Matic Football for the Old Timer teams. I assume they did well with them financially.

Why not continue the series? I, for one, and I assume most people, cannot afford \$15.95 for the 1972 Miami Dolphins, or \$13 for the 1973 Buffalo Bills.

What full-blooded S-O-M Football fan would not pay a measly \$1 for them as Old Timer teams? Please suggest this to S-O-M.

Mark Moore

### DEcriES HIGH PRICES

I have played S-O-M Baseball and football in an organized league for four years. The league still exists, though will probably be reorganized for baseball due to a decline in interest.

But, on to another subject. I would like very much to get past

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editions of S-O-M. But the prices people want are ridiculous. In your Feb. issue somebody wanted \$12.50 for the 1972 Miami Dolphins.

The point is, past editions of S-O-M are usually highly overpriced. I admit that the demand is not great, but from the ads I've seen for the past three months, it must far exceed the supply.

Why doesn't S-O-M license someone to print back editions for those who want them? They would pay royalties to S-O-M. The prices could be kept high in order to keep those people who have past editions quiet.

Right now some people must be making a "killing" selling past editions. But as the hobby grows, more people will want past editions.

Pvt. Charles Williams  
Fort Sam Houston, TX

Editor's note: S-O-M, at this time, has no plans to reprint either back baseball or football teams. The game company's position on reissuing old card sets was fully explained in an article appearing in the Oct., 1974 Review.

#### BLASTS MANAGERIAL DROPOUTS

This letter is addressed mainly to people who join PBM leagues. All it takes is two managers to quit and the league folds. If you don't want to sit down and write out a long draft, join a straight-team replay.

A league usually folds when the commissioner tells the members to figure out their stats and send them in. This happened in our league. Out of eight people, only two sent in stats.

A good way to prevent such people from ruining a good league is to raise the entry fee, putting it toward newsletters and awards. With a high fee, only the people who really want to be in a league will respond.

John Reid  
1 E. Dewey St.  
E. Rockaway, NY

#### CORRECTING CAPRA'S CARD

Please pass along this change to readers on Buzz Capra's 1978 card: 4-12 on the basic side is groundball (2b) X. It only says "Ground-" on the card, but I called the factory (S-O-M) and it straightened it out.

Speaking of S-O-M, I was up bright and early on that fateful morning of Jan. 27. While most folks were nestled snug in their beds, Russ Birke and I were journeying to that hallowed Taj Mahal to pick up our new cards. After purchasing them, we just sat in my car, in the freezing cold, for the next two hours, drooling over those virgin cards.

Soon, the parking lot was filled with people in parked cars, frantically shuffling through mint baseball cards. Well, we declared a national holiday, forgot about school, and spent the rest of the day limbering up those dice.

Within a week, we were holding our draft at the Strat-o-matic Club of Long Island, just recently formed by Steve Kurzban. There are about four different baseball leagues and two football leagues. Russ Birke and Steve Pyatt and I are all in the basic A.L. draft league. We've already played half of our 81-game schedule.

Pete Manzolillo  
Bellmore, NY

#### UNHAPPY WITH DEAL

In the Jan., 1978 Review, an ad appeared in the "For Sale" section. Among the listed teams, I needed four for a future replay from 1965. I bid high enough to win the teams and sent my check in.

When the teams arrived, a letter came along with them saying that there were still teams available. Since there were some teams I could use for a face-to-face league, or whatever, I bid \$1.25 each for three teams. Soon I received a letter stating "will accept \$1.25 each for other three teams." That day I sent the check.

However, three weeks later, I received the check with a note with "All sold" scribbled on it. Fortunately, I did not need these teams

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desperately, nor did I turn down another offer for them. But what about the person who does ignore other chances, only to find his accepted bid is no longer wanted?

I don't want to mention the person's name. Although the "Dirty Dealers" list you had was helpful, it took up too much space, and was also not accurate. It could have been a mistake of honest motives.

Mike Custer  
500 Fifth Ave.  
Lyndhurst, NJ

Editor's note: The Review always tries to contact the "accused" in such cases of wrongdoing. But first the Review has to be notified. If a satisfactory solution can't be worked out and the "accused" fails to respond to an inquiry, then that party's name is turned over to S-O-M (usually the game company refuses to have any more dealings with the person). In some cases, the postal authorities have been contacted concerning suspected mail fraud. But, fortunately, most cases are the result of misunderstandings and amiable solutions soon followed. The case you describe, although not the "S-O-M thing to do," does not constitute fraud, since you did receive your check back.

#### REACTS TO NEW FIELDING CHART

Upon first glance, I suspect the new fielding system is designed so that the rating (1, 2, 3, or 4) is an indicator of the fielder's range (shown by the fact that the rating determines how many hits the fielder lets through), while the error rating indicates how he handles the ball once in contact with it. If I am mistaken on this point, please let me know and explain why the chart is set up that way. If the above is correct, then I have a few misgivings about the system.

One example is Carl Yastrzemski. He is rated a "1" and a perfect "0" for errors. In other words, there is no way he could ever goof up in the field; he is perfect.

My question is this: Yaz would definitely be a "1" fielder on the basic version side or on the advanced side without the error rating, because in the past the "1" has taken into consideration his whole fielding expertise.

But now with the new system, S-O-M says that not only is Yaz a perfect fielder, but his range and ability to make sure no hits get through is as good as anybody in the field. Now Carl is rated a 1-13 runner, surely not a speedster. And I've read where perhaps he didn't deserve to get the Gold Glove because he didn't make errors on balls that others may have reached but he couldn't. If this is the case, I would say that in this case the new system has failed.

Example No. 2 is Reggie Jackson. Reggie is rated a "4" plus an error rating that is the worst possible to get. I can't understand how he could go from one of the best two years ago to the very worst today. Now, on the basic version or in the old advanced version he certainly would be a "4," taking everything into consideration. But he is a 1-16 runner (even though he did loaf at times during the season) and even the worst ball handler should rate better than a "4" in range if he is a 1-16 to 1-17 runner.

Now, even if the system is not supposed to be designed so that the rating indicates range and the error factor indicates errors then I still cannot see why Jackson is rated the very worst and Yaz the very best. I am not supposing to know more than the game company about fielding since it spends much more time on it, but I cannot help but wonder if it does take everything into consideration.

Kevin Anderson  
Lake Oswego, OR

Editor's note: S-O-M stands by its ratings (and entire system of doing so). Much of your questioning of the ratings cited involves foot speed of the players, which is a small part of the fielding picture. Yastrzemski fielded 1,000, committed no errors and had 303 total chances; Jackson was a .949 fielder with 13 errors, fewer assists (16-7 in favor of Yaz) and had 47 fewer chances. Yaz' Gold Glove status usually ensures a "1" rating in S-O-M, too.



# Trivia Quiz For Sophisticated Fans

BY ROBERT HENRY  
New York, NY

Recent events have left me in a state of total confusion. From the reader comments, it is clear that interest in the trivia questions is plummeting rapidly. At the outset, it was criticism of a question included for the purpose of showing an oddity in S-O-M (i.e., the presence of the \*\* results on groundball Bs instead of on groundball As). S-O-M Baseball is computerized and shows all the effects; much of the personal aspect of the game is lost due to the machine-like quality. Thus, to add a little spiece, I include questions like the above, Mike Hershberger's triple plus injury, and Whitey Ford's Flyback.

Since the criticism of the oddball features of the column, criticism has focused on the integral questions like most 1 fielders on a team; most 1-8 runners on a team; and players with 15 or more home runs. These questions are an integral part of the column. They are what the subject is all about. If people do not want these questions, then they do not want to read the column.

My purpose in writing the column was to provide something for the sophisticated S-O-M fans. As Tim Brace, an experienced fan, observed several years ago, there is little in the Review to attract his attention. Many of the advanced fans here in the East feel the same way. The presence of columns or articles on hit placement (see the fine article on how S-O-M assigns hits in the advanced game on the basis of average) or player selection (see the article describing how S-O-M fills its rosters) or Mike Gilbert's on lineups have been too few and far between.

Instead a continuous wave of replays is forced upon us (many, if not most, of which are internally inconsistent as astutely pointed out by Steve Beren). Given the internal inconsistencies, how can we believe the other figures? But, that is not really the point. I, and other advanced fans, am convinced of S-O-M's accuracy. Do you think that I would waste my time with the game if it were inaccurate? Replays prove nothing to me; I believe in S-O-M's accuracy. The statistics in the replays should be so accurate as the replays. This total lack of sophistication perhaps reached its apex in a recent issue, with people running around looking for 20-sided dice as if they were as hard to find as old S-O-M cards.

Anyone who has attended any of the last four conventions knows where they can be purchased. It is for these advanced fans who are convinced of S-O-M's accuracy, who have used 20-sided dice as a matter of habit, and who attend the conventions or other tournaments--it is these 10 percent--to whom I devote my efforts in writing the trivia column. For these fans, the irrelevant trivia is the only feature which can possibly attract their attention.

## PROBING THE OLD-TIMERS

On another subject, that of Old-Timer baseball cards, the belief that S-O-M overrates them is widely held. One need only look to the 1953 Dodgers for proof? Carl Furillo was very slow (i.e., 1-9 slow) yet was rated 1-14. Duke Snider was borderline fast, about 1-14, but certainly not 1-16.

Who ever considered Gus Bell a "1" fielder as he is on the 1961 Reds? I try to justify Bell by believing if he were not a "1" he would never play due to the presence of hitters like Wally Post and Jerry Lynch.

People who consider S-O-M's old-timers overrated are many of the sophisticated fans who are very pleased with S-O-M's basic product.

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For a real look at this overrating, take a look at the 1962 Giants and Mets. S-O-M originally rated players on these teams from 1-13 to 1-19; in reprinting them for the old-timer series, S-O-M merely knocked two points off each rating (except for Sammy Taylor who lost four points). Thus, Frank Thomas, who received the second worst rating possible (1-14) in the original set, lost two points and becomes a 1-12 in the reprint. From there, he lost four points by 1963 when he was 1-8.

The same applies to Gil Hodges and lead-footed Ed Bailey and Willie McCovey. Others turned the neat trick of going from below average (1-15 where 1-16 was average) to above average (1-13): Choo Choo Coleman, Felix Mantilla, Marv Throneberry, Tom Haller, Orlando Cepeda, Jim Davenport and Harvey Kuenn. For me to say that the Giants had no player rated below average (i.e., 1-12) would be grossly misleading.

To the point that I can do so and still retain credibility, I will bring the old-timers into the discussion in the future.

Editor's note: Robert Henry's trivia column returns next month. In the meantime, the Review editors thought readers might be interested in finding out his reasons for such a column and the questions he raises in it. Criticism of the column, as was pointed out last month, has been on a small-scale.

Regarding replays, they're by far the hottest item sent to the Review--frequently 20-30 a month arrive. We try to give all aspects of the S-O-M world a "slice of the pie," so to speak. We attempt to have a monthly blend of replays, playing tips, questions and answers, trivia, league and people features, etc., hoping that the Review will appeal to all S-O-M gamers. The biggest shortcoming of replays, in our opinion, is that many times they are impersonal, or just mere statistics. The human-element is what interests us. We want to know more about the people playing S-O-M, their league associates, and how they began their dice-rolling careers.

And, finally, if you're not satisfied with the Review, we hope you will express your feelings in the Readers Roll 'Em section, as that's what it's for.

### Oliva Has '7' Injury, Too

Oops! Robert Henry passes along word that gimpy-legged Tony Oliva, 1976 card, should be included with Manny Mota in any discussion of the worst injury on an S-O-M card. As was pointed out last month, Mota's injury at '7' in the new card set was the worst ever received by a modern player. But Oliva was really the first to get that ill-fated '7'.

So make that double 7--Mota and Oliva are both equally likely to become hospital cases!

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## **S-O-M Lots Of Fun In Liberty**

"Give me Liberty...and give me Strat-O-Matic."

That well could be the battle cry for eight businessmen in the community of Liberty, NY, all of whom, when not plying their trades, roll S-O-M Football dice for a hobby.

The eight, ranging in age from 24 to 30 (average age is 26), formed the Liberty S-O-M Football League. Their latest endeavor was a 14-game, advanced-version replay based on the 1976 season. Each coach picked a team from that season and then each could add one draft choice from any of the teams (regardless of year) belonging to commissioner Wayne Benton.

Teams selected were: AFC - Oakland, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh and New England; NFC - Washington, Los Angeles, Dallas and St. Louis. The league looked highly competitive. And it was!

Oakland, coached by 24-year-old Bill Tolan, won the AFC with a 10-4 record. Ken Stabler fired 28 touchdown passes (Cliff Branch hauled in 16 of 'em) en route to winning AFC MVP laurels, while Mark VanEeghan rushed for 1,195 yards. Rich Caster of the Jets was Oakland's No. 1 draft pick.

Cincinnati, guided by Tom Poley, 30, added O.J. Simpson (1,153 yards rushing, 58 receptions) but still could finish no better than 7-7. The Bengals did reach the playoffs, however, defeating Oakland in a 21-17 thriller in the season's finale.

Pittsburgh's defense was the league's doormat, surprisingly, allowing 311 points. Franco Harris' being injured for three games didn't help, although he rushed for 739 yards. Dave Dermier, 25, wound up guiding Steelers to 6-8 record. Bob Griese was draft pick.

New England was most explosive AFC team, scoring whopping 345 points as draft choice Roger Carr had 78 receptions for 1,494 yards and 13 TDs. Mike Haynes returned six punts for TDs also. But defense was a porous as offensive unit was potent and Bill Stoddard's (24) Pats were doomed to a 6-8 finish.

### **WASHINGTON WINS NFC**

The NFC race was even closer than the AFC, with coach Wayne Benton's (26) Washington club grabbing first with a so-so 8-6 record. No. 1 draft pick Bert Jones (the NFC's MVP) helped the 'Skins to 7-3 start. And the defense played a key role, too, allowing league-low 270 points.

Los Angeles, guided by Dave Kawauchi (26) and with Ted Kwalick as draft choice, qualified for playoffs with 7-7 record. A late-season 30-24 defeat of Dallas sent the Rams into the playoffs. Ram running game was solid with Lawrence McCutcheon and John Cappaletti combining for 1,600 yards, while defense swiped 44 enemy aeriars.

Walter Payton with the Dallas Cowboys--an unbeatable combination, right? Wrong! Although Jim Mar (24) made Payton his draft pick and Sir Walter rambled to a league-leading 1,500 yards (5.7 average), the Cowboys could fare no better than .500 (7-7). Billy Dupree had amazing 97 catches. But defense was "doomsday" only to Dallas, allowing a league-high 363 points.

Bad start cost Cardinals as Kevin Mullen's (24) team lost first five games. Draft pick Chuck Foreman rushed for 745 yards and caught 53 passes and Jim Hart was leader in attempts and completions, but Cards played out a 5-9 record hand.

### **WASHINGTON WINS IT ALL**

In the conference championship games, Oakland overcame a 15-14 halftime deficit to overpower Cincinnati, 31-18, and Washington outlasted Los Angeles, 31-27. Cincy defense couldn't contain Oakland as

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Stabler connected on 12 of 20 tosses for 230 yards and two TDs. Simpson did rush for 100 yards for Bengals. Meanwhile, Los Angeles got 14 quick points and then watched Washington's Bert Jones go 20 for 28 for 218 yards through the air and Mike Thomas rush for 161 yards. The 'Skins also choked off L.A.'s vaunted ground game, limiting it to a mere 69 yards.

In the Super Bowl, Oakland led 14-10 at halftime, only to see the game turned around by Eddie Brown's 51-yard TD gallop with a punt return in the third quarter. Jones was named MVP of the game after completing 15 of 24 passes for two scores, while Washington's defense should have been accorded the same honor after holding Stabler to 12 completions in 31 tries and stealing four of his passes.

#### Leaders:

<u>Rushing</u>	<u>Att-Yds.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Receiving</u>	<u>No.-Yds.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Avg.</u>
Payton DAL	265-1499	12	5.7	DuPree DAL	97-869	4	9.0
VanEeghan OAK	223-1195	10	5.4	Trumpy CIN	88-964	7	11.0
Simpson CIN	215-1153	7	5.4	Casper OAK	79-824	2	10.4
McCutcheon LA	195-846	8	4.3	Carr NE	78-1494	13	19.2
Foreman SL	182-745	4	4.1	Kwalick LA	75-846	7	11.3

<u>Passing</u>	<u>Att-Comp</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Scoring</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Jones WAS	318-177	54%	2209	16	Bahr CIN	114
Stabler OAK	422-238	57%	3442	28	Branch OAK	96
Harris LA	316-154	49%	2242	17	Dempsey LA	94
Hart SL	465-246	53%	2914	14	Baaken SL	92
Griese PIT	310-161	52%	2114	10		

<u>Punt Returns</u>	<u>No.-Yds.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Kickoff Returns</u>	<u>No.-Yds.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Avg.</u>
E.Brown WAS	56 911	3	16.3	Bryant LA	42 1132	1	27.0
Johnson DAL	67 880	4	13.1	E.Brown WAS	53 1419	0	26.8
Haynes NE	69 867	6	12.6	Shelby CIN	70 1860	4	26.6

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### Wanted

WANTED: Complete 1968 set, including extras. State condition and name your price. I'll answer all replies providing you send a SASE. Send offers to: John M. Donovan, RR. 1, Box 271 A, Hillsboro, IN 47949. I'd put my phone number except I'm never home save for when I'm playing Strato Baseball.

WANTED: 1970 Twins, Pirates; 1971 Giants, A's; 1972 Reds, Tigers; 1973 Mets, Orioles, Reds; 1974 Dodgers, Orioles. Will accept low, reasonable bids, or trade with anything in my for sale (this issue) ad. Jim Schuler, Box 34, Old Zionsville, PA 18068

WANTED: Basketball--1972-73 Knicks, Lakers. Must be complete, excellent condition. Will pay \$1.25 each team; you pay postage. Contact: Ira Feuerlicht, 711 Amsterdam Ave. New York, NY 10025.



WANTED: Any year before 1970 of the Detroit Tigers and Pittsburgh Pirates. Would also like 1970 Reds and Padres and 1972 Tigers and Pirates. Please send condition and bids. For definite reply send SASE. Nick Saidoo II, 314 W. 2nd Ave., Flint, MI 48503

WANTED: Based on 1974 Angels, I need Bill Stoneman so the team can be complete or incomplete as long as I can get Bill Stoneman. Will pay very well. Write to: Al Michaud, 115 Pleasant St., No. Pembroke, MA 02358

WANTED: Complete baseball Old Timer set and most recent College Football game with teams. Will trade with baseball teams of these years: 1969 (missing San Francisco), 1970 (missing N.Y. Mets, California Angels, Oakland, Cleveland, Atlanta, Chicago White Sox) and 1971 (missing Washington). Will also trade with 1968 and 1969 football teams. Will accept best offer after 6 weeks, money or trading. All trading teams good condition. Contact: Terry Harlander, 22602 68th Pl. W., Mtlk. Terr., WA 98043 (206-778-5057).

WANTED: Will pay these prices: 1962 Yanks, \$15; 1964 Yanks, \$15; 1969 Orioles, \$7; 1971 Pirates, \$6; 1973 extra players, \$10. Teams must be complete and the cards in at least good condition. Am interested in many other teams and individual cards. Please send a complete list. I have many baseball and football teams available for trade or sale. Contact: Dick DeGrasse, RFD 1 Box 205A, Hampden Highlands, ME 04445

WANTED: Any complete S-O-M Baseball teams or sets before 1973, with or without extras, especially 1964-1969. Also need '74 Expos and extras for 1975, 1976. I have '74 A's and '71 Mets to sell or trade. Will anybody with these cards please contact me immediately? State condition of cards when

replying. I will answer all replies. Write: John Borack, 1932 S. Pontenova Ave., Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

WANTED: All pre-1974 football teams. I especially would like the 1969 Kansas City Chiefs, 1969 Minnesota Vikings, 1967-1968 Houston Oilers, 1967-1969 San Diego Chargers, 1973 Buffalo Bills. Must be in good condition. Send bids to: Mark A. Moore, Rt. 4 Box 381 B, Seguin, TX 78155

WANTED: To buy, any football team. Will trade 35 baseball players of your choice. Send SASE for list of baseball players. Jim Burns, 101 Hillside Lane, Syosset, NY 11791

WANTED: Complete baseball sets in reasonable condition, with no writing on the cards, and extra players included. Following are the years requested: 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972 and 1973. Also requested are the 1974 Kansas City Royals and the 1974 Philadelphia Phillies. Send all replies to: David M. Stamper, Campion Towers, 914 E. Jefferson, P.O. Box 490, Seattle, WA 98177, or call (206) 626-6231. All inquiries will be answered.

WANTED: Baseball, 1963 Los Angeles; 1968 Detroit; 1969 N.Y. Mets; 1970 Baltimore; 1971 Pittsburgh; 1972 Oakland; 1973 Oakland. Send your price to: Gary Knight, 1152 Ingleside, Baton Rouge, LA 70806.

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

WANTED: Opponents in the Dade County-Greater Miami area. Contact: Andy Robinson, 7480 Southwest 130 St., Miami, FL 33156 (305-235-0794).

WANTED: Football, any teams, 1967-69. Any trade involving a 1967-69 football team given first consideration. Andy Robinson, 7480 Southwest 130 St., Miami, FL 33156 (305-235-0794).

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WANTED: Baseball 1962 season through 1974. I am also interested in single teams, especially 1962 Dodgers, 1963 Dodgers, 1969 Orioles, 1970 Reds, 1971 A's, 1972 A's. Send price and condition to: John Russo, P.O. Box 1323, Morgan City, LA 70380 (phone: 504-395-5115)

WANTED: 1969 and 1973 Mets. Will pay \$5.00 for each. Contact: Neil deMause, 140 Riverside Dr., New York, NY 10024

## For Sale

FOR SALE: 1973 Football teams: Minnesota, St. Louis, New Orleans, Cleveland, Baltimore, Kansas City, Washington, Los Angeles, Pittsburgh, New York Giants, Oakland, Chicago and Buffalo (the year O.J. Simpson had 2,003 yards). All cards in very good condition. \$11, which will include postage. First come, first served. Sold as set only! Send no money now. Address inquiries to: David W. Cupps, 465 So. Eberhart Rd., Butler, PA 16001

FOR SALE: Entire S-O-M collection! Baseball - 1964 to 1967 and 1970-1975. Some pro football and college football. All cards in new, excellent, or good condition. For free complete list of available teams and the condition of each, send me a postcard. Do not send SASE, as I will pay postage for lists. If you wish to submit a bid at this time, please do. Hurry! Keith Walker, 1518 Lackland Dr., Arlington, TX 76010

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FOR SALE: Baseball - 1974 complete set (with extras); 1969 Red Sox; 1974 Cubs, Mets, Cards, Phils, Expos; 1975 White Sox, Royals, Yanks, Rangers, Braves, Cubs, Dodgers, Giants, Cards; 1976 Rangers, Twins, Red Sox. Will sell to highest bidder, or will trade for anything in my wanted ad. Jim Schuler, Box 34, Old Zionsville, PA 18068

FOR SALE: Baseball - complete sets: 1966 [\$75], 1967 [\$60], 1969 (no extra players, \$40), 1970 (with extra players, \$35), 1968 Tigers [\$8], Cardinals [\$7.50], Cubs [\$4], Reds [\$4], Orioles [\$5], Indians [\$4]. Set of six teams, \$20. Basketball - complete sets: 1972-73 [\$30], 1973-74 [\$20], 1975-76 [\$10]. Football - 1971 Cowboys [\$7], Vikings [\$5], Colts [\$5], Browns [\$3], Chiefs [\$4], Redskins [\$4]. Set of six teams [\$20]. 1972 Steelers [\$6], Cowboys [\$5], Vikings [\$4], Chiefs [\$2.50], Bills [\$2.50], Bengals [\$2.50], Cardinals [\$2.50]. Set of seven teams [\$15]. Everything in good condition. Write: Robert Hellstrom, 717 Neuva Gorda, Culver, IN 46511

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FOR SALE: Baseball - 1974 Padres, Mets, Cubs, Astros, Giants, Braves, Cardinals; 1975 both National and American League teams; 1976 National League teams. All years have additional players and are in very good shape. Jeff Cristaldi, 18 Dorothy Dr., Torrington, CT 06790

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## League Forming

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**LEAGUE FORMING:** Are you tired of the headaches of joining a new league? The American Draft Association, an established play-by-mail baseball league, is now beginning its third successful season. We need backup managers. The ADA is an eight-player draft league that uses the basic version. We take players from both the American and National leagues, using the latest cards. There is a 152-game schedule, and we send out a newsletter at least twice a month. If you are interested in joining, write to: Dwight Sterling, Normandy Village 24-4, Nanuet, NY 10954

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professional draft process with all managers present. This will be a face-to-face league. I believe that with that kind of prize money involved, you're entitled to at least see your opponent. I have devised a method by which we can run our league smoothly and proficiently. Scheduling will be flexible and miscellaneous rules will be discussed on draft day. But I can tell you one thing for now--the rules will separate the men from the boys. To find out about further details write: Steven Laskin, 2167 E. 33rd, Brooklyn, NY. Or call 212-951-6796 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. League will start when all franchises have been contracted for. First come, first serve basis (although sincerity, reliability, competitiveness and sophistication will have some bearing on selections). Members of the league should be prepared to do some light traveling.

LEAGUE FORMING: I am looking for 13 reliable managers for a play-by-mail league with all of the American League teams. Will use the advanced cards and play with the extra players. We will start as soon as possible, so write as soon as you can. I will double-check all of the statistics to try to eliminate all the cheating I can. If interested, write to: Douglas Crandall, Box 60, Glade, KS 67639

LEAGUE FORMING: Attention, we are forming a draft league and are looking for four managers. We will be using the advanced side of the 1977 American League cards. If interested send SASE along with game experience and age to: Austin Weeces, Rt. 3, Jefferson City, MO 65101

LEAGUE FORMING: The Florida Gold Coast Baseball Classic is looking for the perfect S-O-M Baseball drafter. If you think that you can draft the top 25 players of the 1977 regular season cards, then challenge FGCBG and our computer. Each player has been assigned a very precise rating for his overall worth. It will be worth \$75 to the best drafter, \$35 for second place and \$20 for third place, and the

best part is all it costs you is a single stamp; no entry fees required. Just send us your list of the top 10 pitchers of 1977 that you would draft first, the top 15 hitters of 1977, your starting lineup (pitcher included) and your overall top draft choice. All ties will be broken by FGCBG judges, and all former and current members of FGCBG are ineligible. The deadline for entries is July 15. Only one entry per person or address please. Contest results will be posted in the September Review. This will be an annual championship. Please mail all entries to: Bob Lopeck, 149 Lone Pine Drive, Hallandale, FL 33009

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

LEAGUE FORMING: NASOMBA is beginning its fourth year and needs one or more managers for 1978. Because of some sudden withdrawals of league members, these new managers are needed immediately. NASOMBA is a N.L. draft league that uses the same players from year to year, using the latest set of cards. The new manager(s) will be expected to take over a team immediately. He will start about three weeks behind schedule, but will still play all 162 games. Everyone is consid-

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## S-O-M League, Replay Scene

1975-76 BEST TEAMS FOOTBALL REPLAY - A solitaire effort by Duane Swasso of Colorado Springs, CO...Pittsburgh emerged the winner, compiling a 9-4-1 regular-season record and then smashing Oakland, 26-10, and, in the Super Bowl, Miami, 21-3, in the playoffs...Miami, runnerup in the East Division, downed West winner in the first game of the playoffs, 31-17...O.J. Simpson of lowly Buffalo rushed for 1,619 yards, Bob Griese of Miami was No. 1 in aerial completions (60.5%), Roger Staubach of Dallas accounted for the most aerial yardage (2,818 yards) and Chuck Foreman of Minnesota had the most receptions (65).

### Standings:

East Division	Won-Lost	Tied	West Division	Won-Lost	Tied
Pittsburgh	9 4	1	Minnesota	8 6	0
Miami	8 5	1	Oakland	7 7	0
Washington	6 8	0	Denver	6 8	0
Buffalo	5 9	0	Dallas	6 8	0

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M S T FOOTBALL LEAGUE - Mark Rensenbrink and Mitch and Ted Elliot formed coaching triumvirate that replayed nine-team [three teams per coach], 12-game version of 1976 grid season...Minnesota played Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, finishing a sad-sack 3-9 during regular season and then winning four straight and capturing Super Bowl...oh, eight of nine teams qualified for playoffs, making task of Vikes infinitely easier...MVP Walter Payton sparked surprising Chicago to 7-5 record and wins over Los Angeles and Pittsburgh [twice] en route to reeking up 1,516 yards rushing...Mark VanEggen of Oakland (1,443) and L.A.'s Lawrence McCutcheon (1,041) were the other 1,000-plus runners...Bert Jones of Baltimore was the outstanding quarterback, completing 245 of 427 passes for 3,520 yards, 24 TDs and a 57.4 percent on-target mark. Oakland's Ken Stabler had a 61.3 completion percentage, but tossed 25 interceptions...The Colts' Roger Carr and St. Louis' J. V. Cain both had 88 catches, although Carr had a whopping 1,733 to 743 advantage in yardage gained...Fran Tarkenton completed 20 of 34 passes for 247 yards and Ahmad Rashad had eight receptions for 93 as Minnesota subdued ground-oriented New England in the Super Bowl, 33-24.

### Standings:

East	Won-Lost	Central	Won-Lost
Baltimore (TE)	8 4	Pittsburgh (TE)	8 4
New England (MR)	6 6	Minnesota (ME)	3 9
Dallas (ME)	5 7	St. Louis (MR)	3 9

  

West	Won-Lost	Playoffs:
Los Angeles (MR)	7 5	Minnesota 24, Pittsburgh 7
Oakland (TE)	7 5	Los Angeles 23, Dallas 10
Chicago (ME)	7 5	Oakland 35, Chicago 14
		New England 35, Baltimore 10
		Minnesota 35, Oakland 7
		New England 33, Los Angeles 13

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HALL OF FAME REPLAY - Stephen Ryan, Norwood, MA, put the four oldies but goodies teams through their paces in a 162-game replay... National League A won out by five-game margin over A.L. A, with "B" teams lagging far behind...Six players--Bill Dickey, Al Simmons, Babe Ruth, Jimmy Foxx, Gabby Hartnett and Hank Aaron--hit three home runs in a single game, while Nap Lajoie once hit for the cycle.

Standings and leaders: (continued on next page)



	Won-Lost	GB	Batting	Home Runs	
N.L. A	94 68	-	Keeler NLA .366	Ruth ALA	56
A.L. A	89 73	5	Hornsby NLA .337	Simmons ALB	49
N.L. B	72 90	22	Jackson ALB .334	Aaron NLB	46
A.L. B	67 95	27	Lajoie NLA .329	Gehrig ALA	44
			Appling ALB .327	Mathews NLB	44
<u>RBI</u>			Warner NLA .326		
Simmons ALB	149		Musial NLA .322	<u>Wins</u>	
Ruth ALA	128		Simmons ALB .321	Brown NLB	23
Hornsby NLA	114			Johnson ALA	22
			<u>ERA</u>	Walsh ALA	22
<u>Hits:</u>			Young NLA 2.98	Alexander NLA	22
<u>2B:</u>	Heilmann ALB 43		Alexander NLA 3.26	Mathewson NLA	22
<u>3B:</u>	Wagner NLA 22		Johnson ALA 3.85	Young NLA	21
	Cobb ALA 22		Mathewson NLA 3.99	<u>Strikeouts</u>	
<u>SB:</u>	Cobb ALA 215			Koufax NLA	316
	E.Collins ALA 72		<u>HRs Allowed</u>	Waddell ALA	263
<u>Losses:</u>	Nichols NLB 25		Mathewson NLA 56		
	Gomez ALA 25		Waddell ALA 56		

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MONTREAL EXPOS 1976 REPLAY - Barry Willmore, Stratford, Ontario, undertook the thankless task and found out the hard way that you've gotta have talent to win...the Expos wound up 54-108--or one win less than in real-life...six months to complete...Don Stanhouse hurled no-hitter against hard-hitting Pittsburgh in highlight of long season. Stanhouse walked two and fanned four in gaining a 1-0 decision...Steve Rogers, however, was Montreal's best overall pitcher, winning 15 of team's 54 games and striking out 186 in 265 innings. Rogers wound up 15-16 with a 3.77 ERA...overall, Expos had 4.25 ERA and puny .199 batting mark...top hitter for anemic attack Expos was light-hitting short-stop Tim Foli (.246). Enough said...Foli also led in RBI with 55, while Larry Parrish swatted 14 homers--nothing that would cause anguish for Hank Aaron.

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ered, including those who have no experience in PBM. If very interested, please write to: Doug Cochrane, 1509 Mallah Dr., Sarnia, Ontario N7V 3R4

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