



## STRAT-O-MATIC REVIEW

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*Game Box Is Most Colorful Of 'Em All*

### And Now Here's S-O-M Hockey!

It's true, as the old adage goes, that you can't judge a book by its cover.

But, unless first appearances are completely deceiving, Strat-O-Matic has come up with another big hit in its hockey game, which went on sale to an anxious public in mid-October.

The game box design, for starters, is certain to catch the eye of every S-O-M fan, whether he (she) is interested in hockey or not. Action photos abound. It's the most striking, certainly most colorful, of all the table games produced by S-O-M.

The game company sent the Review a sample of the game in early October, sort of a sneak preview of what was to come. A playing board was included, instructions, split deck cards as well as advanced action cards. Samples of various player cards were also included, although no complete teams had returned from the printer at the time.

Just a quick read of the instructions, plus a perusal of the gaming components, was enough to have the Review's co-editors literally lacing on skates and reaching for dice.

Every element of hockey is included, from shooting, passing and

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skating, to saves by goalies, penalties, face-offs to even intimidation, where the Dave Schultzes will make their presence felt. Best of all, the hockey game can be played quickly and in various forms--a basic game, advanced or super advanced, depending on the amount of detail one prefers.

S-O-M says the advanced hockey game can be played in 60 minutes or less, with the super advanced taking 75. All three versions can be played solitaire, too.

All 18 teams are included in the complete game, with each team consisting of 16 skaters and two goalies. Rosters and a list of most frequently used lines are also included. Also, of course, there will be power play lines and penalty-killing lines for each team. Guidelines will be provided, otherwise you can make up your own.

#### COACHING IS IMPORTANT

As in all S-O-M games, your coaching will have a big say in determining the outcome. In hockey you can choose from three offenses and four defenses, depending on whether you want to be conservative or put on maximum pressure on offense, or how many forecheckers you wish to employ on defense.



MARY NEWELL, WIFE OF REVIEW  
CO-EDITOR DEL NEWELL, SHOWS OFF  
NEWEST STRAT-O-MATIC CREATION

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BREAKAWAY - C (LW) if breakaway/penetration rating 3 or more - if not - lose puck to opponent

REBOUNDS - Defense - any player with defense rating 2 or more - if none on ice - any opposing player has rebound shot

INTIMIDATION - Opponent takes away puck - possible penalty POWER PLAY - 16

ICING - Puck iced - PP team loses puck - SH LD has control

LOOSE PUCK - Power Play - recovered by SH team - LD has control  
Even strength - recovered by home team - RW (LD) has control

PASSING - Against (E) - lose puck to opponent  
Against (SH) - inside shot for any player 1-opp.  
Against (PP) - lose puck to opponent

ASSISTS -  
Any Player  
9 3 1 2 5 4

INJURY - Visiting team LW for remainder of period

Of course, there will be a limit to how much good coaching affects play, as not even a Scotty Bowman could make a winner out of the hapless Washington Capitals. Conversely, a novice at the game will probably succeed against most teams if coaching the powerful Montreal Canadiens.

As a check of Guy Lafleur's card (next page) reveals, each player is rated in many categories. Outside and inside shooting ability are measured, as are success off rebounds or breakaways; passing ability also comes into play as does defensive prowess. The number of penalties incurred is another ratings area, as is intimidation as well as ability to win face-offs.

Goalies, meanwhile, are rated for effectiveness in blocking shots from outside and inside, as well as rebound/breakaway.

And statistics, as in baseball, football and basketball, are listed at the bottom of each player's card--thus giving every gamer a quick appraisal of a player's talents.

A 30-card advanced action deck activates play and each time the puck changes hands or a shot is attempted, a card is pulled to determine the on-ice happening. In turn, a card(s) may have to be selected from a split deck (see sample this page). And you can tell from the categories listed on the card that the game is comprehensive to the zenith degree--with breakaway shots, rebound shots, intimidation, icing, loose puck, passing, assists and even injuries all an integral part of the game.

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The advanced action cards (see example below) are divided into various categories, depending on the type of offense (1, 2, 3, Power Play, Short-Handed) employed, as well as defense (0, 1, 2, 3 forechecker[s]).

Of course, the basic, or elementary, game is far less complex--and quicker to play. S-O-M recommends that everyone begin with the elementary version and then progress to the advanced, and, for many, super advanced.

Visual strategy will also be possible with the hockey game, since both lineups will be placed on a colorful gaming board. Offensive and defensive styles of play will also be indicated on the board, plus there's also a unique penalty timing chart at the end of the playing arena. Because of the table, the killing of penalties and the attacking team's striving for a power play goal are certain to provide for many lively moments in each game.

#### S-O-M HOCKEY NOW AVAILABLE

The last bit of good news from S-O-M is that the hockey game is available (some eager gamers may already have it) and can now be purchased via the mail.

Price for all 18 NHL teams (324 players), game box and all parts, plus instructions, is \$14.50, and that includes 75¢ for handling.

Or if interested in the gift special set--four teams: Montreal, Boston, New York Islanders and Buffalo; all gaming parts--the tab is \$8.75. A total of 72 players will come in this special set.

Third method of purchasing would be the selector set, whereby four teams and all gaming parts sell for \$9, with each additional individual team costing 60¢. All orders should be sent to: Strat-O-Matic Game Co., Inc., 46 Railroad Plaza, Glen Head, NY 11545.

TONY ESPRITO  
CHICAGO BLACK HAWKS

GOALIE

SUGGESTED STARTS 80% 4

OUTSIDE 1 Goal  
2:20 Save - Facroll

INSIDE 1 Goal  
3:20 Save - Facroll

REBOUND/BREAKAWAY 1:3 Goal  
4:20 Save - Facroll

GAMES 64 1977-78 STATISTICS  
GOALS AGAINST 168 SHUTOUTS 5  
AVERAGE 2.53

#### SAMPLE GOALIE CARD

GUY LAFLEUR MONTREAL CANADIENS				RIGHT WING			
1 - SKATING - 1-12 (1-2)	1-2	1-12 (1-2)	5	OFFENSE - 4 DEFENSE - 3 PENALTY - C BREAKAWAY/PENETRATION - 4			
2. Goal+ 1-3	2. Goal+ 1-3	2. Goal+ 1-3	A. Inside shot for LW 1-RO	1. Takes away puck has inside shot 1-LW			
3. X any 0 player	3. X-DLW	3. X-DLD	B. Inside shot for C 1-LD	2. Takes away puck has inside shot 1-C			
4. Goalie rating	4. Goalie rating	4. X-C	C. Outside shot for LW	3. Takes away puck has outside shot			
5. X-DLW	5. X-DLD	5. Goalie rating	D. Inside shot for LW 1-opp.	4. Takes away puck has outside shot			
6. X-DC	6. X-DC	6. Goalie rating	E. Outside shot for C	5. Outside shot for RW			
7. X-Rib	7. X-Rib	7. X-Rib	F-G. Outside shot for LW	6. Outside shot for C			
8. X-DRW	8. X-DLD	8. X-DLW	H. Outside shot for C	7. Takes away puck has outside shot ONLY			
9. X-DLD	9. Goal 1-15	9. 1-15	I. Outside shot for any player	10.11. Penalty			
10. Goalie rating	10. Goalie rating	10. Goal	J. Inside shot for LW	12. Takes away puck			
11. Goal 1-16	11. Goal	11. Goal	K. Inside shot for C	13. Takes away puck			
12. Goal	12. Goal	12. Goal	L. Inside shot for any player	14. Outside shot			

1977-78 STATISTICS  
GAMES 78 TOTAL GOALS 60  
POWER PLAY GOALS 15 ASISTS 72  
PENALTY MINUTES 26

#### SAMPLE PLAYER CARD: GUY LAFLEUR

OFFENSE		PASSING	
1	G	1	G
0 Forecheckers	1 Forechecker	2 Forecheckers	3 Forecheckers
OFFENSE 2 (Home)	Lose puck - Outside shot ONLY for any player	Opponent Defense 2	Opponent Defense 9
OFFENSE 2 (Visitor)	INSIDE SHOT FOR RW 1-LD		
0 Forecheckers	1 Forechecker	2 Forecheckers	3 Forecheckers
OFFENSE 3	Opponent Defense 9	Lose puck - Outside shot ONLY for any player	Opponent Defense 1
POWER PLAY		SHORT HANDED	
Passing J		Opponent Defense 13	

#### ACTION CARD



## Strat-O-Matic Spotlight

Strat-O-Matic games continue to find their way into print from coast to coast.

Latest media offerings come from the Portland News Herald and, across country, from the Huntington Herald-Dispatch and The Evening Journal in Martinsburg, both West Virginia-based papers.

Larry Anderson, a young man with a passion for S-O-M and a fantasy of starting a league with four or five others and replaying an entire schedule, is featured in staff writer Hal Madsen's story, "The Games People Play," in the Portland paper. Madsen, after interviewing Anderson, said: "It's (S-O-M) a game of fantasy and bliss for the fanatic and yet, Larry Anderson is a fanatic."

A solitary player out of necessity, Anderson plays both baseball and football, keeping results in a bulging notebook, which is updated after every game. He admits to being a fan of the California Angels (ever since he once watched Nolan Ryan pitch) and likes Kansas City and Montreal because of their hitting.

His wife goes along with his gaming endeavors, too, buying him a baseball game for his birthday.

"I enjoy the game because it's a good intellectual stimulus," said Anderson. "It gives me depth into baseball when I watch it on television. Do I second-guess the real guys? Sure I do."

### MEANWHILE, BACK IN THE EAST

Going East, to West Virginia, assistant sports editor Bill Trimble had a column on the International Strat-O-Matic Football Organization, which appeared in the Huntington Herald-Dispatch.

Trimble gives a brief history of the eight-team draft league (mentioning one of the original teams was dubbed the "Washington Monuments," another the "Mud Fork Mud Dobbers"), a brief description of how table games are played and anecdotes arising from the league's many playing ventures.

One league member, John McCoy, for instance, engaged in a playoff game the morning of his wedding day. In baseball, a disgruntled manager once eliminated reliever Rawley Eastwick with a flick of his Bic, and Jim Rice was turned into confetti after failing to come up with a key hit. Tight end Billy Joe Dupree, '74 vintage, sailed out the window of a dorm once--a sixth-floor room--only to have his subdued coach come looking for him in the rain (Dupree was found).

The Evening Journal's touching base with S-O-M came about when columnist Bob Elmer misfired and called Al Rosen the third baseman for the '48 Cleveland Indians (Ken Keltner was; Rosen was with the '54 Tribe). S-O-M buff Myron Pecora called him to task on the oversight, and mentioned that S-O-M Baseball was the reason he was familiar with the old timers.

### AS REGGIE GOES...

Paul Barth of Corona del Mar, CA, replayed the 1977 World Series, using exact lineups and the advanced version of S-O-M, and watched the Los Angeles Dodgers spring a mild surprise, winning the Series, 4-2.

Biggest reason for L.A.'s success, and New York's lack of it, was Reggie Jackson's poor performance. The real-life Hercules of autumn hit a mere .217 with two home runs. And teammate and antagonist Thurman Munson didn't fare much better, batting a lowly .231.

Meanwhile, the Dodgers hit .270 as a team with Reggie Smith (.360, two HRs), Dusty Baker (.364), Rick Monday (.385) and Steve Garvey (three HRs) leading the way. Graig Nettles did hit .364 and Don Gullett struck out 21 in only 16 innings for the Yankees, who won only game 3 (7-1 as Jackson hit two out) and 5 (Gullett: three-hit shutout, 2-0).

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Reggie Smith's two doubles and homer won the opener for L.A., 5-2; Baker went four-for-five and Davey Lopes, Bill Russell and Garvey all struck homers in 2, a 7-1 win; Lee Lacy's grand-slam homer decided No. 4, 8-6; and three runs in the 12th inning wrapped up the Series in No. 6.

#### SHORT SHAKES

...In two contrasting football games with the new cards, Oakland lost a shootout to Pittsburgh, 65-52, then rebounded for a 2-0 victory. Mario Kapralos and friend Tony Migardi of Toronto were the unbelieving participants...The Toronto connection also replayed the Super Bowl and, with Mario guiding Denver, the Broncos pulled off a 24-20 upset. Much-maligned Denver quarterback Craig Morton completed 18 of 25 passes for 250 yards, with Haven Moses catching nine for 162 yards...Crown Todd Giorgio of Garfield, NJ, king of Tom Swank's Gambit IV baseball tournament. Giorgio, managing the '71 Pirates to a 9-2 record, whipped Swank's '77 Phillies in the championship game, 8-0, as Dock Ellis hurled a two-hitter. A total of 22 gamers entered the tourney, with Rick Martin capturing the Old Timer Tourney with the '27 Yanks...Tommy Jones likes to play S-O-M Baseball solitaire, creating his own teams with fictitious players. One such team, the Rebels, with a pitcher patterned after Sandy Koufax, blanked a Yankee all-star team, 3-0, with the Koufax imitator pitching a no-hitter. But the very next game the Rebels didn't let out a yell with their bats as Whitey Ford of the Yanks hurled a retaliatory no-hitter...Max Feierstein of Winnipeg, Manitoba, is among the multitude of S-O-M fans awaiting the hockey game. But he may have trouble fitting it in with his numerous other gaming endeavors. A gamer for all seasons, and a solitaire player 99 percent of the time, Feierstein sets up leagues and plays a 36-game baseball schedule, 18 in basketball, 14 in pro football and six in college football. He also plays hockey on a high school team...Falling behind was just what manager John Borack's Annihilators seemed to need to spark them to victory in the playoffs of the Hacienda Heights, CA, draft league baseball replay. Borack's charges met Anthony Reets' Breezers in the playoffs and three times came charging from behind to win games in the best-of-seven series. Once, the Annihilators trailed 7-0, only to win 8-7 in 13 innings. Manny Mota's two-run 9th inning homer decides another, 5-4, and a three-run, late inning rally is the key in a 7-6 triumph. The series went six games...

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### Looking For Back Issues Of Review?

The following back issues of the Strat-O-Matic Review are still available. To purchase, send check or money order to: S-O-M Review, P.O. Box 27, Otsego, MI 49078.

1978 - Oct., Sept., August. Cost: 60¢ each. July, June, May, April, March, Feb., Jan. Cost: 50¢ each.  
 1977 - Dec., Nov., Oct., Sept., Aug., July, April. Cost: 50¢ each.  
 1976 - Nov., Oct., June. Cost: 50¢ each. Jan. Cost: 45¢.  
 1975 - Nov. [very limited], Oct., Sept., Aug., July, June, May, Feb., Jan. Cost: 45¢ each.  
 1974 - Dec., Nov. Cost: 45¢ each.  
 1973 - August. Cost: 40¢.

S-O-M Directory - Cost: \$1.00:

Please include a second choice when ordering either Feb., 1977, or Nov., 1975. Both months are extremely limited.

\*\*\*\*\*T-Shirt Contest Continues\*\*\*\*\*

It's not too late to send your [Glen Head, NY 11545]. Winning entry entry in for the Strat-O-Matic Game for design, logo, etc., will win the Company's T-Shirt design contest new hockey game and set of new [send to: S-O-M, 46 Railroad Plaza, baseball cards.



### Basketball Playing Tip

## How To Create Team Defense Card

Rick Dean of Tempe, AZ, feels he has a solution to the problem of what to do for a team defensive card when playing S-O-M pro basketball with all-star teams or in draft leagues.

Common method now is to just pick a team defensive card, perhaps one that somewhat resembles the composition of the all-star or draft league team, and roll the dice.

Dean, however, has a better idea; one you might want to try. He has not mentioned how realistic it is--or what effect it has on statistics--but it appears an improvement over just selecting a defensive card by blind draw.

His concept is based on establishing a team defensive card based on total defensive ratings of the individual players. So, you have to add the defensive ratings of the starting players together (and likewise to adjust when substitutions are made).

Here are the charts, one for man-to-man defense, the other for double-teaming:

#### MAN-TO-MAN DEFENSE

Number on left is dice roll result; across top refers to total individual defensive ratings.

	<u>5</u>	<u>6-8</u>	<u>9-11</u>	<u>12-14</u>	<u>15-17</u>	<u>18-19</u>	<u>20</u>
2 -	.....OFFENSIVE FOUL.....						
3 -	.....FOUL (1).....						
4 -	X		X	X			X
5 -	.....X IF ANOTHER PLAYER IS DOUBLE-TEAMED.....						
6 -	.....CHECK INDIVIDUAL DEFENSE FOR RESULT.....						
7 -	X	X	X		X		
8 -	.....REBOUND SITUATION.....						
9 -	X	X		X		X	
10 -	.....TURNOVER.....						
11 -	.....FOUL (2).....						
12 -	.....X + FOUL (1).....						

#### DOUBLE-TEAMED

	<u>5</u>	<u>6-8</u>	<u>9-11</u>	<u>12-14</u>	<u>15-17</u>	<u>18-19</u>	<u>20</u>
2 -	.....OFFENSIVE FOUL.....						
3 -	.....FOUL (1).....						
4 -	TO	X	X				X
5 -			X	TO	TO	X	
6 -		X			X	TO	
7 -	X			X			TO
8 -	.....REBOUND SITUATION.....						
9 -	X	TO	TO				
10 -	.....TURNOVER.....						
11 -	.....FOUL (2).....						
12 -	.....FOUL (2).....						

Fouls on  
defensive  
player:  
(roll one  
die)

1 - on LG  
2 - " AG  
3 - " C  
4 - " LF  
5 - " RF  
6 - " de-  
fender

# Andy Schwartz Wins Draft Baseball Classic

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Florida  
Gold Coast  
Awards \$240

Strat-O-Matic games are played for fun 99 and 44/100 percent of the time.

But, occasionally something comes along, usually in the form of a contest, that enables one to garner a financial gain.

Such was the case with the Florida Gold Coast Baseball Classic (FGCBC) that was conducted via the mail this summer. The brainchild of Bob Lopeck and fellow FGCBC associates, the contest involved a gamer trying to draft the best 25-man team--according to an elaborate rating system devised by the FGCBC--and then monetary compensation being distributed on the basis of the results.

The 1978 baseball card set was to be used, and the 'best' were to be selected from all players, including the extras. "Whenever an entry would come in," relates Lopeck, "we would take the players on the entry, add their pre-assigned ratings up, both hitters and pitchers, combine them, and then compare them with the other entries that we received to come up with the final and official order of finish."

## \$100 TO THE WINNER!

Andy Schwartz, Shaker Heights, OH, was the ultimate winner of the draft-a-team contest. His final score was 25614.807, and he pocketed \$100 for compiling it. Second was Jim Muldrow of Monroe, NC, who had a score of 25562.580 and was \$50 richer because of it.

All told, \$240 was doled out in prizes to the top 10 finishers. A plaque also went to the overall winner.

Where did the prize money come from? you ask. Lopeck says that he and the other members of FGCBC annually donate close to \$500 apiece to local charities and to support the Little League. All told, close to \$4,000 is donated. The \$240 in prize money came from that fund.

"The contest was set up by FGCBC solely for the benefit of the S-O-M gamester, because we believe that, for the most part, he or she has been ripped off too many times by shady dealers and by phony or rigged contests," explains Lopeck. "The members of FGCBC feel that we should put an end to this practice by offering a substantial amount of prize and trophy winnings, with no entry fees required and no strings attached."

## MOST ARE TRANSPLANTED PHILLIE FANS

For most of the past seven years (excepting the time he spent in the Air Force), Lopeck has been a member of the face-to-face baseball league participated by all those involved with the FGCBC. They gather every Monday night for about four or five hours, play S-O-M, partake of drink and eat and occasionally watch portions of the game of the week on TV.

"Most of us are transplanted Philadelphia Phillies fans, not one of us was born or raised in Florida, but all migrated down from the Northeast within the past 10 or 15 years," according to Lopeck.

The gamut of occupational pursuits runs from bank officers, computer engineers (which Lopeck is) to an executive secretary. Members include: John Barringer, 26, of Pembroke Pines; Harry Wallace, 21, Hallandale; Aaron Shifrin, 33, Hollywood; Joe Kerr, 19, Miramar; Robert Reynolds, 19, Opa-Locka; Greg, 25, and Judy Cutler, 24, Miami; and, of course Lopeck, Opa-Locka.

## WHO'S ON FIRST...WHAT'S ON SECOND...

A total of 56 gamers entered the contest--a low total considering there was no entry fee--with Rod Carew the only player to be named on all ballots. Tom Seaver was a runaway winner among the pitchers, being named on 52.

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The FGCBBC also determined a point system for further rating the players, depending upon how they were listed on the entry form. Hitters were given points on a 1-15 basis, with 15 being tops, and pitchers 1-10. Contestants were to list players in order of value, as well as by position. If players were listed in alphabetical order, or in some other manner than order of preference, then hitters were given eight points and pitchers five and one-half.

Eventually, a top 10 list of finishers was compiled by the FGCBBC, which put together a top 15-listing of regular players and top 10 of pitchers.

Here are the contest's results: (the FGCBBC's best 25-player point total was 26259.975)

<u>Top 10 Finishers</u> (name, address, money won, score)		
1. Andy Schwartz, Shaker Heights, OH [\$100]	25614.807	
2. Jim Muldrow, Monroe, NC [\$50]	25562.580	
3. Willie Ringen, Frankfort, KS [\$25]	25553.120	
4. Mike Fulton, Seattle, WA [\$20]	25536.472	
5. Kelly Conway, Grandview, MO [\$15]	25503.462	
6. Glen Wetzal, Platteville, WI [\$10]	25502.305	
7. J. Felice, Parma Heights, OH [\$5]	25494.801	
8. Mike McCouchie, Raleigh, NC [\$5]	25460.935	
9. Kevin Becicka, Hibbing, MN [\$5]	25439.283	
10. Jeffrey Lewis, Fresno, CA [\$5]	25433.742	

<u>Top 15 Hitters (points)</u>		<u>Top 10 Pitchers (points)</u>	
1. Rod Carew [56]	674.5	1. Tom Seaver [52]	374.5
2. George Foster [53]	545.0	2. Bruce Sutter [49]	301.0
3. Dave Parker [46]	452.0	3. Frank Tanana [45]	289.5
4. Joe Morgan [44]	399.0	4. Rich Gossage [44]	251.0
5. Carlton Fisk [43]	379.0	5. Nolan Ryan [35]	250.5
6. Jim Rice [37]	348.0	6. Ron Guidry [33]	203.5
7. Lyman Bostock [37]	334.5	7. John Candelaria [30]	191.5
8. Mike Schmidt [43]	334.0	8. Jim Palmer [32]	182.5
9. Rennie Stennett [35]	242.0	9. Steve Carlton [25]	158.5
10. Al Cowens [35]	237.0	10. Bert Blyleven [28]	153.5
11. Reggie Smith [28]	187.0		
12. Steve Garvey [28]	182.0		
13. Garry Templeton [22]	161.0		
14. Greg Luzinski [18]	157.0		
15. Larry Bowa [24]	154.0		
Johnny Bench [20]	154.0		

Note that number in parentheses refers to number of ballots player was on.

Most Frequently named--by position (1st team)

2B - Morgan	LF - Foster	3B - Schmidt
1B - Carew	C - Fisk	CF - Bostock
RF - D. Parker	SS - Templeton	P - Seaver

SCHWARTZ' WINNING ENTRY

<u>Hitters</u>		<u>Pitchers</u>
1. Carlton Fisk	9. Ellis Valentine	1. John Candelaria
2. Rod Carew	10. Garry Templeton	2. Bruce Sutter
3. Joe Morgan	11. George Foster	3. Burt Hooton
4. Bake McBride	12. Dave Parker	4. Joe Sambito
5. Rennie Stennett	13. Al Cowens	5. Rich Gossage
6. Ken Singleton	14. Reggie Smith	6. Gary Lavelle
7. Mike Schmidt	15. Jim Sundberg	7. Nolan Ryan
8. Lyman Bostock		8. Ron Guidry
		9. Frank Tanana
		10. Bert Blyleven

In conclusion, Lopeck reports that the venture was a satisfying experience for the FGCBBC and that plans are already being formulated for the contest next year.



# Readers Roll 'Em

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## ERA TROUBLE/HITS ALLOWED

I have had trouble down through the years with obtaining life-like ERAs from pitchers with high hit to innings ratios and low ERAs (i.e., Randy Jones, Pablo Torrealba, etc.).

I was wondering why S-O-M doesn't try to compensate for this factor. Two possible solutions would seem to be to include groundball "A's" on their pitching cards, or to include a hit along the lines of the critical inning single--that is to distinguish a single on the pitcher's card with some sort of mark and allow it to be a single if, and only if, no one else is on base. Otherwise, it could be either a lineout or a groundball A as above.

If these have been previously rejected, then could you please outline why.

Dana Bunner  
Morgantown, WV

Editor's note: S-O-M frequently takes the high-hit, low-ERA factor into consideration when assigning defensive ratings. Such pitchers, however, are certain to suffer and be less effective (have higher ERAs) if in a draft league, or taken out of their regular-team context.

## THANKS FOR CONVENTION

I would like to thank Rick Shapiro, Dale Barnes and Bob Anderson for the National S-O-M Convention this summer. It was well-organized and very fun. I met many people and saw people play many different ways.

But, like other gamers I talked to at the convention, I was very disappointed that not one person from the Review or the game company was at the convention. Please come next year and enjoy the fun.

Jeff Hersh  
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Wilmette, IL

## 'REAL FIELDING RATINGS'

The new baseball X-Chart has spawned much interest, comment and improvement. One such 'im-

provement' was the creation of "Real Fielding Ratings" from the new X-Chart. The controversy that surrounded the sale of this information and the prominent coverage it received in a recent issue of the Review has yet to include one point that should lay this issue to rest forever.

Any dedicated gamer who has been computing lefty/righty batting averages on his S-O-M cards over the years should quickly recognize a similarity between E ratings on the new X-Chart and split chances on the cards themselves. A small investment of time and paper and intelligent application of the correct computations will result in these real fielding ratings--done entirely on your own.

Furthermore, when these fielding ratings are created, you will never need to do the computations again, as each E rating combination with 1, 2, 3 and 4 fielders will have been created. With this in mind, the recent controversy over the publication of the "ad" on the front page of the Review becomes a moot issue.

It is a shame that Bruce Herman (obviously a dedicated gamer) decided to charge money to other gamers for this information, rather than offer the entire list to the Review for distribution to all gamers, at no charge. However, that is his choice, and beyond speculation on my part as to the reasons why.

Finally, it should be noted to those gamers choosing to use this system that it is, in practice, a very good method of selecting draft choices using defensive ability as the criteria. And for bringing this system to our attention, both Mr. Herman and the editors of the Review should be commended.

Dan Doucette  
30 Proctor Circle  
Peabody, MA

## TOO MANY INJURIES

A friend of mine and I recently sent in a baseball replay

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and we mentioned that some stars were not present in the stats because of injuries.

We are again in progress with our replays and are having the same problem. We both seem to have the same problem with 1-12. We would like to follow the game rules and use the injury system but some teams are being ruined by following it.

We would appreciate your ideas and comments on this problem.

Kirby Rohr  
Larry Hostetler  
Altura, MN

Editor's note: Our suggestion would be to use one of the many injury playing tips that have been printed in the Review. Almost all of them are based on injuries occurring in relationship to amount of games missed in real life.

#### APPLAUDS HOME RUN RESEARCH

I'd like to applaud the efforts of Scott Messinger in tracking down the home runs allowed by pitchers of earlier Old Timer teams. Few people realize fully the amount of work that goes into the creation of just one Old Timer team.

A couple of years ago, I elaborated on the subject of roster selection, which is but a small part of the total task of creating an Old Timer team. Another phase, as Scott is doing, is the research which involves laboriously going through each box score for the entire season to collect data missing from record guide books.

Other valuable bits of information are located from newspaper research, such as starting lineups most often used, duration and frequency of injuries, trades and players sent down or called up, etc. While I haven't gone through all of the box scores for every Old Timer team, I would assume that the game company did this for each team it created.

So, in conclusion, it does exact a great deal of effort to produce an Old Timer set. And, in passing, I don't feel it's right for those who haven't done any

research on the Old Timer teams to criticize the painstaking efforts of those who have made honest attempts to learn more about these earlier teams.

Jim Elliott  
Fort Worth, TX

#### 'HIGHWAY HYPNOSIS'

I enjoyed this summer's convention; my first. I made the journey by car, with Russ Birke. It took us 21 hours to get there. I got a \$50 speeding ticket on Interstate 80 in Ohio. I think "highway hypnosis" was setting in from all that driving, because I was going 22 mph over the speed limit.

We had a good time nonetheless; it was fun meeting Strat people from around the country. We had to leave Saturday night if we ever expected to get home for Monday, so we didn't find out who this year's champs were. It took us 24 hours of driving to get home!

Also, throw in that I somehow ended up off the interstate in Pennsylvania and drove miles out of our way. That means we were awake for 36 straight hours--we played Strat all day Saturday and didn't get home until 9 Sunday night.

Anyway, my driving exploits earned me the Chuck Scrivener "Sap Award" from Russ--a crumpled copy of Chuckie's 1977 card, the one with the .083 average.

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#### MORE OLD TIMERS...

I would like to compliment you on what I have found to be a generally entertaining publication. Although there is always room for improvement, I believe the Review serves the S-O-M community quite well.

I have been following with interest the pleas from readers for S-O-M to produce more Old Timer sets, and I conclude that this is not unlike trying to squeeze blood from a rock. Quite frankly, how-

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ever, I can't understand why this is so. Rather than waste energy on such ideas as a clearinghouse, doomed to failure from the start, why not have a concerted effort in an area where more fan participation is almost guaranteed--more Old Timer cards. I'm sure any reasonably organized effort with reasonable demands would bring a more positive response.

Another point I would like to make is where's Harold Richman? I believe one of the basic functions of a publication such as this, besides bringing the fans together and providing for an exchange of ideas, is to provide a direct line of communication to the game creator.

The Review provides an excellent opportunity for Mr. Richman to express his views and philosophy on S-O-M games and gaming in general. Also, many readers ask very good questions which often go unanswered. These are questions that can only be answered by the game designer. I realize Mr. Richman must be a busy man, but I don't believe a short column, say every couple of months, is out of the question. Besides, it would give readers a chance to get their information first-hand.

Finally, I would like to clear up a slight misconception. In a letter back in March, '78, Robin Hager states that the thing he likes most about S-O-M is the normalization feature. Now, either S-O-M has produced a set of cards I don't know about or Mr. Hager is slightly mistaken.

As far as I can tell, no S-O-M cards have any adjustments to compare them against a standard. Besides, the Old Timer roster states that the teams will perform accurately and realistically against others of the same league and period. What it is stating, in fact, is that no normalization formulae have been used in preparation of the cards.

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Editor's note: 'Blood' has come forth from that rock before; S-O-M

has created numerous Old Timer sets (based on periods of time, rather than one league season), including a recent one in football. S-O-M, once the hockey game is available to the public, plans more such sets--and will, like in the past, have the Review conduct a poll to determine the teams most desired by gamers.

Your idea of more input from the game company is a good one. However, you are right that Harold Richman and his assistants are, for the most part, too busy to do a column on a regular basis. Numerous articles have appeared, written by game company officials (tips on how to play the college football game, by James Williams; how S-O-M determines fielding ratings, by Steve Barkan; as well as Harold Richman's views on why S-O-M would not be re-issuing older baseball card sets).

The Question & Answer section also is tuned in directly to S-O-M, as the answers are, in most cases, those of the game company.

Hopefully, more input will be possible in future months. An article dealing with the trials and tribulations regarding the creation and testing of the new hockey game would be a natural, for instance.

GAMER WOULD LIKE TO SEE...

Just want to compliment you on your fine magazine. The format reminds me of the similar magazines for Diplomacy players. Is this my imagination?

Things I'd like to see: (1) How PBM S-O-M works; (2) How to start a multi-person league (I've played solo for years); (3) what happens at a convention; (4) more additional rules (like "outfield in" and "who shoots") and tips, and a guide to previously printed ones.

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Editor's note: We know nothing about Diplomacy. What team does he play on?

## Meanwhile, At Another Convention...

BY TOM FEES  
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Quird and Zot Ardfard [two very fictitious characters] have taken it upon themselves to organize their very own Strat-O-Matic mini-convention. One day conventions of this type were being held successfully all over the country so the two college students were very optimistic. Now I take you to the pair rapidly preparing for the big event. Quird is literally buried in a pile of letters.

Quird: Geez, Zot, do you think we got any response from our ad in the Review?

Zot: I don't know, but my tongue feels like a piece of leather after licking all of these envelopes containing our responses.

Quird: I'd help you but my fingers are numb from opening these letters. How do you suppose we'll fit all of these people in our basement?

Zot: Oh, we'll manage. I just hope we don't have too many people like Derk Cumquirp. He doesn't calmly roll the dice like ordinary people, he catapults them! Whenever we play a game face-to-face, we always end up spending half our time on hands and knees looking for the little beggars.

Quird: At least he doesn't have a bad temper like Gik Hortephk! You should see what he does when he hits a strikeout sandwich!

Zot: What's a strikeout sandwich?

Quird: That's when you have a strikeout surrounded by two hits like on 1-6 on the 1977 Richie Zisk card. Gik always seems to hit those. Whenever he does, he makes the card into an airplane and flies it out a window. I sure won't lend him my cards again. He made my 1973 Atlanta Braves look like a squadron of B-52's!

Zot: Hack Sapling sure never has any reason to get mad. He has completely infallible luck. He always hits those little split chances in clutch situations.

Quird: I'll say he's lucky! He's won two national conventions in a row in elementary baseball.

Zot: And in our play-by-mail league he always takes the most putrid teams and turns them into winners. He even got the 1969 Padres to finish .500!

Quird: He's coming to our mini-convention. Perhaps we can discover his secret! By the way, do you think 55 pounds of pretzels, 45 pounds of potato chips, 23 cases of soft drinks and a jar of 2,000 aspirin tablets will be enough for our convention?

Zot: Only if it's single-elimination.

Now, on to the convention, which is proving a phenomenal success. Gamers from all over are on the scene...the action is very intense.

Quird: Well, we both got eliminated in the first round. I didn't think anyone could beat my 1927 Yankees.

Zot: Yeah, but remember you had to trade teams after one game and use your opponent's team in the next. That's why I use crummy teams. If you hold a good team to a small lead, you'll probably win!

Quird: Ha! Then how come you and your '62 Mets got eliminated in the first round?

Zot: Some guy came along with his homemade version of the 1899 Cleveland Spiders. Remember that team? It went 20-134! I didn't have a chance!

Quird: Sapling sure does! He's really getting lucky with those 1964 Phillies!

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Zot: Yeah, I heard he bailed one series out by scoring 11 runs in the bottom of the ninth in the second game with his opponent's 1972 Rangers.

Quird: Oh, come on! That's too lucky! Let's go watch him and try to discover his secret.

Zot and Quird gather around a large table where Hack Sapling is hopelessly demolishing his opponent in the semifinals.

Quird: Hack, how do you get so lucky?

Hack: It's all in the dice! (He reveals a pair of what seem to be ordinary dice) These two dice are blessed by who I consider to be one of the best clutch hitters of all time, Ron Fairly.

Zot: But why not have all three dice blessed?

Hack: Well, I figured going 162-0 in a season would be a little boring. These two blessed dice are quite sufficient.

Quird: HeyZot! Where are you going?

Zot: I'm going to see where I can get ahold of Bruce Sutter!

Editor's note: Tom Fees is a student at the Illinois Institute of Technology, a five-year veteran of S-O-M gaming, a member of three PBM leagues and a frequenter of national S-O-M conventions. It's from these experiences that he penned the above play--which may be a first for S-O-M, and certainly is for the Review.

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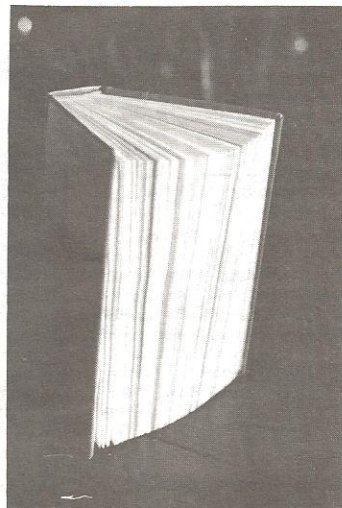
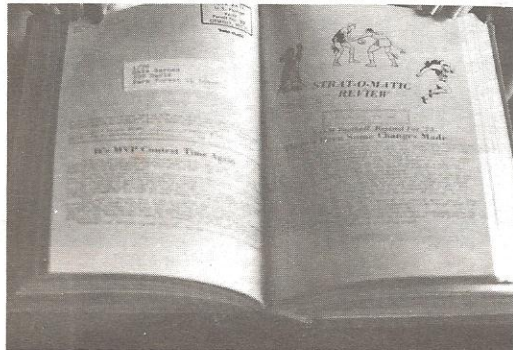
## Barnes Is 'Bound' To Enjoy Review

Dale Barnes is one who doesn't use back issues of the Review to wrap the garbage, or train the dog. Instead, Barnes, who lives in Park Forest, IL, keeps all his Reviews together to the extent of having them bound in volume form.

He paid a Chicago firm to bind back issues and is well on the way to starting a Strat-O-Matic 'library.'

Cost, in case you were curious, is \$9 per bound volume--with each consisting of three years worth of Reviews.

Barnes also enclosed some pictures of his project, which you are 'bound' to enjoy.



## S-O-M League, Replay Scene

EAST COAST BASEBALL ASSOCIATION (ECBA) - Play-by-mail league that has completed four full, 162-game seasons, using basic game...12 managers, most of whom reside in New York, Hamburg, PA, areas...Ralph Hebb is commissioner, Dan Hoffman co-commissioner...players are retained from year to year (12 protected) and a draft of rookies held annually...ECBA year-book is slick, 40-page project, jammed with statistics and team summaries...Hoffman's Twin Tier Titans captured second straight World Series after rolling to 111-51 regular-season record in replay using 1976-based cards. Titans ravaged opponents like Ivan the Terrible as Ken Griffey (.349), Joe Morgan (.345, 125 runs), Dave Parker (.323), Steve Garvey (.320) and Mike Schmidt (43 HRs) led an offense that batted .284 and cracked 187 home runs. Pitching wasn't bad either, as Tom Seaver (23-13, 2.87), Jim Palmer (23-13, 3.07) and Frank Tanana (28-6, 3.43) formed terrific trio...

Standings and leaders:

American Division			Won-Lost GB			Batting		
Twin Tier Titans [Dan Hoffman]			111	51	-	G.Brett	STA	.360
Shoemakersville Orioles [Jim Beltz]			98	64	13	LeFlores	STA	.352
Paddock Stallions [Larry Mendelsohn]			95	67	16	Griffey	TTT	.349
Long Island Aces [Rich Firth]			92	70	19	Morgan	TTT	.345
Montreal Expos [John Nastro]			89	73	22	Johnstone	PHI	.328
Aspinwood Angels [Larry Cohen]			55	107	56	Madlock	CON	.326
National Division								
Reading Phillies [Ken Reaser]			92	70	-	D.Parker	TTT	.323
Capital Confederates [John Lubick]			85	77	7	Watson	ACE	.320
Chemung Cougars [Ralph Hebb]			82	80	10	Garvey	TTT	.320
Outcasts [Larry Fryer]			71	91	21	Home Runs		
Bay Area Bootleggers [Tom Beltz]			63	99	29	Schmidt	TTT	43
Elmira A's [Bill Cox]			39	123	53	Kingman	CON	33
						Jackson	PHI	31
						Monday	OUT	31
RBI			Doubles: Otis COU 52			IP: Richard COU 333		
Perez STA	124		Triples: Brett STA 18			K: Ryan COU 318		
Garvey TTT	123		Runs: Morgan TTT 125			Lost: Koosman BOOT 21		
			Hits: Brett STA 249			SH: Denny ORI 7		
ERA			Steals: Morgan TTT 108			SA: Eastwick ORI 14		
Eckersley STA	2.44		Errors: Harrah ANG 42			HRA: Candelaria CON 29		
Messer'th ORI	2.54		Wins			Tanana TTT 29		
Koosman BOOT	2.64		Torrez TTT 28					
Torrez EXP	2.70		Garland ORI 26					
R.Jones EXP	2.73		Seaver TTT 25					
Denny ORI	2.75		Playoffs:			Titans d. Confederates, 3-2		
Richard COU	2.84					Orioles d. Phillies, 3-1		
Alexander STA	2.87		World Series:			Titans d. Orioles, 4-0		
Seaver TTT	2.87							

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ALL-STAR FOOTBALL LEAGUE - Brothers Doug and Alex Brosonski formed six-member league (home base: Longwood, FL) that replayed 1974 teams with 1974 real-life cards...14-game schedule was played...unique feature was that teams were drafted, rather than actual, thus plenty of offensive pyrotechnics: one playoff game saw John Redmond's Cowboys demolished by Alex Brosonski's Cardinals, 55-20...Brosonski brothers met in so-called Elderberry Bowl, with Raiders nipping Cards, 26-24, as Franco Harris scored twice, gained 108 yards in 18 carries for winners...Other coaches included: Ed Cox (Dolphins), Garry Dabb (Broncos) and Scott Manley (Bucs).

Standings and leaders:

AFC	Won-Lost	PTS.	OPP	NFC	Won-Lost	PTS	OPP		
Dolphins	5	9	338	403	Cardinals	12	2	563	239
Raiders	4	10	333	396	Cowboys	12	2	373	374
Broncos	3	11	269	399	Bucs	6	8	266	356

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<u>Rushing</u>	<u>Att-Yds.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>Receiving</u>	<u>No.-Yds.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TD</u>
Pruitt CARD	219-1293	16	5.9	Kwalick BRON	93-893	9.6	3
C.Hill BRON	262-1242	12	4.7	Branch RAID	88-1378	15.6	10
<u>Passing</u>	<u>Att-Comp</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>KD Ret:</u>	<u>Metcalf CARD</u>	
Anderson CARD	204-129	2045	18	63.2		(28-888-31.7-2)	
Jones COW	332-204	2916	22	61.4	<u>Punt Ret:</u>	<u>Upchurch CARD</u>	
C.Johnson BUC	331-194	2501	13	58.6		(37-897-24.2-6)	

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GREATER DELAWARE COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE (GDCFL) - Mike Turnis, Hopkinton, IA, passes along word that Minnesota Vikings, after years of trying harder and still falling short, won Super Bowl in this actual-team replay of 1976 season, defeating Raiders, 21-14...Tarkenton was hero for Vikes in Super showdown, connecting on 19 of 26 passes for 179 yards and one score, while Chuck Foreman rushed for 112 yards, caught eight passes and tallied twice...only 10-game regular season was played...highlights and lowlights included: San Diego racking up 542 yards in win over Kansas City; Philadelphia scoring 28 points in final quarter to top Cincinnati, 31-13; Jim Turner kicking a 52-yard field goal against Detroit; Pittsburgh losing opener to Chicago, 23-21, then reeling off nine straight wins; Joe Namath throwing six interceptions against Buffalo; San Francisco fumbling ball away eight times against Atlanta; Denver sacking Oakland QB eight times--yet losing game, 50-91; and George Hunt of N.Y. Giants hitting on only one of 17 field goal attempts....Tarkenton was leading passer, completing 212 of 322 passes for 65.8 percent accuracy, 2,595 yards and 20 TDs...Delvin Williams of the 49ers was top rusher, gaining 1,029 yards in 151 carries for 6.8 average, in NFC, while O.J. Simpson, as expected, paced AFC ball-toters with 1,326 yards in 211 carries for 6.3 average and 14 TDs.

Playoff results: Oakland 21, Baltimore 13; Miami 17, Pittsburgh 14; Los Angeles 34, Dallas 28; Minnesota 28, St. Louis 20.

Championship games: (AFC) Oakland 21, Miami 20  
(NFC) Minnesota 30, Los Angeles 24 (OT)

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BEBSDM BASEBALL LEAGUE - Eight-team face-to-face league headquartered in Butler, PA...in existence since 1972...players are retained from



BEBSDM managerial lineup: (back, left to right) Doc Scisly, Steve Milich, Larry Vasbindrer, Bill Stanford. (Front) Tom Zanot, Bob Hollobaugh, Harry Townsend, Bob Steiner.

mal draft" filling any voids in rosters. 'Instructional draft' is one in which managers draft minor league players as "futures"...80-game schedule is played...Bill Stanford has had monopoly of late, winning six straight titles with Hawaii Zephyrs, but he's currently guiding expansion team (San Juan Parrots) and turned Zephyrs over to Steve Milich..Oh, and Milich's team currently has 23-game lead in final stages of latest replay...World Series is played between division winners.

(More League Scene reports on next page)

**BEST TEAMS REPLAY** - Glen and Nate Wetzel, Platteville, WI, played four best teams--Pittsburgh, Los Angeles, Minnesota, Oakland--through 12-game schedule in football, based on 1976 season...advanced version... all games face-to-face...Oakland won both halves, compiled overall 8-4 record and defeated Pittsburgh in playoff, 17-3. Pittsburgh ended with 7-5 regular-season mark...In brother rivalry, Glen defeated Nate, 13 games to 12...Each brother played same number of games with each team... Highlights: L.A. sacking Fran Tarkenton for safety with 1:15 left as Rams nip Minnesota, 8-6; Tarkenton completing 23 of 33 passes for 301 yards in 23-13 victory over Rams later; Ken Stabler passes 56 yards to Mike Siani for TD and Clarence Davis dashes 27 for another score as Oakland soundly whips Steelers in playoff, 17-3...Tarkenton amassed league-high 2,170 yards off 180 completions in 328 passing attempts, while Stabler fired 18 TD strikes, but had league-high 17 interceptions...Mark van Eeghen of Raiders was top rusher with 1,001 yards in 192 carries.

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**1977 BASEBALL MINI-SEASON** - Stan Watson, Cerritos, CA, replayed a 60-game season for the seven teams in the American League West, with the effort consuming 10 weeks and encompassing a total of 210 games...Kansas City, as expected, won the division with a 39-21 record. Hal McRae (.304, 13 home runs), Darrell Porter (.310), Amos Otis (13 HRs), Fred Patek (36 steals) and Dennis Leonard (12-3, 2.27 ERA) paced the Royals who had a four-game bulge over Minnesota, five over California and 11 over both the White Sox and Texas...Rod Carew of the Twins led in hitting with .356, teammate Larry Hise in RBI (62) and Oscar Gamble of Chicago was the top long-ball threat, slamming 21 homers...California's Bobby Bonds smashed 15 homers, but batted puny .228...Richie Zisk of Sox had 19 roundtrippers...Toby Harrah of Rangers batted .323 with 16 homers...Seattle struggled all 60 games, yielding 94 homers and being waxed for 5.33 earned runs per game.

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**FATHER-SON 1976 FOOTBALL REPLAY** - Jeff Foltz, 15, and his father took 12 teams from the 1976 grid season and, playing the basic version of the pro game, went at it over a 14-game haul...The duo, from Villanova, PA, watched Pittsburgh win its division--there were three--two playoff games and then defeat Minnesota in the Super Bowl, 17-16...A great defense and Franco Harris' running (1,142 yards) were the ingredients that made Pittsburgh a big success...New England whipped Oakland twice, 34-31 in an overtime thriller, and 29-17, although the Raiders won the division...Rams edged Minnesota, 10-9, in season's finale to win division over Vikes as both had 10-4 records...L.A. was another defensive-oriented team as evidenced by Lawrence McCutcheon gaining only 814 yards in 232 carries...49ers' Jim Plunkett was awful, completing mere 41 percent of passes, while Kansas City and Houston were in over their heads, both ending with 1-13 records.

Playoffs, standings and leaders:

**Playoffs:** Pittsburgh 23, San Francisco 3; Minnesota 20, New England 12; Minnesota 20, Oakland 17; Pittsburgh 35, Los Angeles 13.

Standings	Won-Lost		Won-Lost		Won-Lost
Oakland	11 3	Los Angeles	10 4	Pittsburgh	10 4
New England	10 4	Minnesota	10 4	Dallas	9 6
Detroit	8 6	San Francisco	8 6	St. Louis	5 9
Buffalo	3 11	Houston	1 13	Kansas City	1 13
Rushing		Passing	% TD	Receptions	
Simpson BUF	1830	Tarkenton MIN	63.0 15	Lane KC	68
Williams SF	1408	Stabler OAK	62.5 26	Chandler BUF	63
VanEeghen OAK	1189	Staubach DAL	58.9 18	Burrough HOU	63
Cunningham NE	1182	Harris LA	58.6 16	Casper OAK	61



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## Anchors Away For Rich Vioral

### His S-O-M Ventures Are Played At Sea

When the anchor is lifted, Rich Vioral swings into action, lifting his dice and embarking on another S-O-M Baseball journey.

Vioral, in the Navy and stationed on the USS Sterett CG-31, plays in four play-by-mail leagues as well as conducting numerous solitaire ventures while at sea.

His most recent replay, he claims, was the best yet. In it, eight Old Timer teams were matched in a 154-game replay, with the 1936 New York Yankees and 1929 Chicago Cubs winding up deadlocked with 86-68 records. Vioral was so delighted with the tight race--'57 Milwaukee and '34 Detroit were also within four games of the leaders--that he passed up a playoff "because I felt neither team deserved to be called a loser."

George Sisler, '22 St. Louis Browns, led the league in hitting with a .364 average and Hack Wilson, '29 Cubsies, smashed 51 home runs. But Johnny Antonelli and Willie Mays made a pitch for respectability for more recent teams as Antonelli had the lowest earned run average, 2.84, and Mays was tops in RBI with 144. Both performed for the '54 New York Giants in the days when the Polo Grounds was home and San Francisco was more noted for its earthquake.

Here are the league standings and leaders:

	Won-Lost	GB	Batting	
'36 New York Yankees	86 68	-	Sisler 22SL	.364
'29 Chicago	86 68	-	Hornsby 29CHI	.360
'57 Milwaukee	84 70	2	Gehrig 36NYY	.353
'34 Detroit	82 72	4	Dickey 36NYY	.352
'54 N.Y. Giants	77 77	9	Reiser BR00	.349
'22 St. Louis Browns	75 79	11	Mueller 54NYG	.337
'41 Brooklyn	75 79	11		
'67 Boston Red Sox	51 103	35		
			<u>RBI</u>	
			Mays 54NYG	144
			Hornsby 29CHI	142
			Wilson 29CHI	137
			Gehrig 36NYY	132
<u>Home Runs</u>				
Wilson 29CHI	51		Doubles: Hornsby CHI 46; Rolfe 36NYY 45	
Gehrig 36NYY	47		Triples: Reiser BR00 21; Bruton MIL 19	
Mays 54NYG	45		Runs: Gehrig 36NYY 132; Wilson CHI 129	
Aaron MIL	42		Hits: Sisler SL 226; Reiser BR00 222	
Yastrzemski BOS	42		Steals: Cuyler CHI 69; Sisler SL 61	
Williams SL	36		Shutouts: Ruffing 36NYY 6; Wyatt BR00 5	
Covington MIL	36		Saves: Murphy 36NYY 13.	
Camilli BR00	36		Strikeouts: Lonborg BOS 287; Wyatt BR00 219	
<u>ERA</u>			<u>Won-Lost %</u>	
Antonelli 54NYG	2.84		Ruffing 36NYY	23-9 .718
Davis BR00	2.93		Root CHI	24-10 .706
Root CHI	3.05		Pearson 36NYY	21-9 .700
Ruffing 36NYY	3.11		Malone 36NYY	12-6 .667
Wyatt BR00	3.14		Bush CHI	25-13 .658
Higbee BR00	3.34		Antonelli 54NYG	24-13 .648
MVP - Hack Wilson				

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# Brooklyn-N.Y. Giant Rivalry Recreated

BY JOHN ROJAS  
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I had given thought to an idea of playing out a season-long schedule of the Old Timer teams some time back in my younger and more active S-O-M days when I had less responsibility and pressure on me for maintaining a living and a family.

Yet, I still give a lot of thought to all sorts of approaches and ideas concerning the S-O-M Baseball game. The very quality of the product enhances my interest and affection towards this phenomenal creation of Harold Richman to the point that it injects a desire to be inventive as one wishes to be within the realm that the game's flexibility will permit.

I thought I might share this singular idea with others who may have or otherwise given some thought to it. I am not claiming to be the idea's originator.

What I had attempted at first was to set up a schedule involving each Old Timer team, but found that many teams too numerous to contend with. I neither had the time or patience for that kind of ordeal. So, instead of having six Yankee teams, six Giants, three Cardinals, etc., I thought why not consolidate each multi-team group into separate player pools and thus form one club each in the Old Timer league.

I picked the players, regardless of their era, whom I thought would best represent that team at any given position. It was not easy; imagine the surplus of talent that six great Yankee teams could produce. Size of rosters for all teams, however, should be equal, regardless of the talent pool drawing from. I included the Hall of Fame cards as well.

## CONSOLIDATING 'DA BUMS'

Here are two examples of consolidated multi-team rosters:

### BROOKLYN DODGERS

SS Pee Wee Reese (53)  
2B Jackie Robinson (47) HOF  
RF Carl Furillo (53)  
CF Duke Snider (53)  
C Roy Campanella (53)  
1B Dolph Camilli (41)  
LF Ducky Medwick (41)  
3B Billy Cox (54)

### Pitchers

Burleigh Grimes (20) HOF  
Whit Wyatt (41)  
Carl Erskine (53)  
Preacher Roe (53)  
Dazzy Vance (24) HOF  
Clem Labine (53)  
Jim Hughes (53)  
Hugh Casey (41)

### Bench

Dixie Walker (41), Pete Reiser (41),  
Gil Hodges (53)

### N.Y. GIANTS

LF Irish Meusel (22)  
1B Bill Terry (30) HOF  
CF Willie Mays (55) HOF  
RF Mel Ott (29) HOF  
3B Hank Thompson (54)  
C Frank Snyder (22)  
SS Al Dark (54)  
2B Frank Frisch (23) HOF

### Pitchers

Christy Mathewson (08) HOF  
Joe McGinnity (04) HOF  
Carl Hubbell (33)  
Art Nehf (22)  
Don Liddle (54)  
Hoyt Wilhelm (54)  
Hi Bell (33)  
Red Causey (22)

### Bench

Casey Stengel (22), John Mize  
(47) HOF, Dusty Rhodes (54)

Players from the '65 Dodgers and '62 Giants were not included because they actually performed for Los Angeles and San Francisco.

I ended up with nine American League teams and 11 National League, ultimately adding Oakland, California, Texas and San Diego to fill out a 24-team league.

It is really something to have a game that allows you to recreate that Brooklyn-N.Y. Giant rivalry, as well as turning St. Louis and Philadelphia into two-team towns again.



# GKSML Baseball Records Revealed

## Allen's 54 Homers, Brock's 154 Steals Are Highlights

People frequently write to the Review asking about records--the GKSML's (Greater Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League), in particular.

For either curiosity or comparative reasons, gamers ask who hit the most home runs in a season? won the most games? recorded the most strikeouts?

In response to those many inquiries, the Review co-editors went back and researched through the GKSML's 16 full-season, draft-league replays and came up with all-time records. Every one of the replays was 154 games in duration, and teams participating ranged from eight to ten. American and National Leagues were always separated--so you can see that all-star leagues were not the goal of the GKSML, thus the records most realistic.

The names of the GKSML members are not important (see October Review for latest GKSML replay results), although it should be mentioned that 23 individuals have participated in the league since its inception in 1970. The first league was a replay of the 1969 National League; followed by a '70 A.L. replay. Beginning with the 1971 real-life season, the GKSML has replayed both leagues.

Joel Wright, who was a legend in his time when it came to rollin' S-O-M dice, has the best won-and-lost percentage among the GKSML mentors. He won pennants in '69, '70 and in both '71 seasons, winning 373 games, losing 243 for a .606 winning percentage.

Review co-editor Warren Newell is second on the all-time list with a .543 percentage (1,339-1,125), winning pennants and ensuing World Series three times--'77 A.L., '74 N.L., and '73 A.L.--plus came out of a runner-up spot in '76 A.L. (when the league had 10 teams, two divisions), captured the playoffs and again the World Series.

Now for those all-time individual records:

<u>Batting</u>		<u>Hits</u>		<u>Doubles</u>	
Oliva 70 AL	.378	Oliva 70 AL	238	Cromartie 77 NL	55
Garr 74 NL	.375	Tovar 71 AL	233	Stargell 74 NL	54
<u>Triples</u>		<u>Home Runs</u>		<u>RBI</u>	
Garr 74 NL	24	O.Allen 72 AL	54	Oliva 70 AL	148
Tovar 70 AL	23	Stargell 71 NL	52	Cey 75 NL	132
		Thompson 77 AL	50		
<u>Runs</u>		<u>ERA</u>		<u>Strikeouts</u>	
Bonds 73 NL	120	Kaat 71 AL	1.61	Seaver 71 NL	407 (293 IP)
Harrah 77 AL	115	Marichal 69 NL	1.79	Ryan 74 AL	383
		Dierker 69 NL	1.82	Ryan 77 AL	379
		Wood 71 AL	1.92		
<u>Stolen Bases</u>		<u>Won-Lost</u>		<u>Saves</u>	
Brock 74 NL	152/179	Hunter 75 AL	31-9	Todd 75 AL	36
Harrah 75 AL	81/107	Carlton 77 NL	30-8	Fingers 73 AL	36
		Ryan 72 AL	29-8		
<u>Complete Games</u>		<u>Innings Pitched</u>			
Ryan 77 AL	31	G.Perry 72 AL	357		
Blyleven 73 AL	30	Carlton 72 NL	355		
Hunter 75 AL	30				
Palmer 77 AL	30				
<u>Home Runs Allowed</u>		<u>Shutouts</u>			
Hunter 71 AL	58	Wood 71 AL	9		
Candelaria 77 NL	43	Dierker 69 NL	9		
<u>Walks</u>					
Ryan 77 AL	231				

### GKSML ALL-TIME TEAM RECORDS

<u>Batting</u>		<u>Hits</u>		<u>Doubles</u>	
Dale Holland 74 AL	.285	Dale Holland 74 AL	1571	Warren Newell 73 NL	301
<u>Triples</u>		<u>Home Runs</u>			
Warren Newell 76 AL	71	Clif Sage 77 AL	246		

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<u>RBI</u>			<u>Runs</u>		<u>Stolen Bases</u>	
Warren Newell 77 AL	810		Warren Newell 77 AL	839	Clif Sage 75 AL	271/
						392
<u>Errors</u>			<u>Strikeouts</u>		<u>Saves</u>	
Jim Myers 77 NL	86 (low)		Clif Sage 77 AL	1126	Jack Hills 73 AL	64
Doug Towne 77 AL	133 (high)					
<u>Shutouts</u>			<u>Hits Allowed (fewest)</u>		<u>Home Runs (fewest)</u>	
Dale Holland '75 NL	21		Clif Sage 74 AL	1116	Warren Newell 76 AL	83
Jack Hills 72 NL	21				Al Brinkert 74 AL	83
<u>ERA</u>			<u>Walks (fewest)</u>		Note that six individual and team records were set in 1977 real-life season.	
Jack Hills 72 NL	2.64		Jim Myers 76 AL	362		
Clif Sage 74 AL	2.70					

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## Wanted

WANTED: 1971 Coco Laboy and John Edwards; also '69 Mets, Cubs, Braves, Twins and Orioles, with extras. Also '68 Tigers, '66 Orioles and other pennant winners from 1960s. Will pay cash or trade from following: Basketball - complete 1972-73 season, all teams excellent except for Golden State (good); 73-74 76ers and Warriors (very good); '74-75 Bucks, Bullets, Knicks, Celtics, Bulls and Kings (excellent). Baseball - 1972 A's; '75 Twins and Giants; '76 Yanks, Royals, Mets, Astros, Twins, Indians, Phils, Reds, A's (no extras). Also many loose 1973 baseball cards. Bruce Grossberg, 53 Church St., Ramsey, NJ 07446 [201-825-8530]

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WANTED: 1964 and 1965 baseball sets. Must be originals, complete and in good condition. Will answer all offers and take most reasonable. Send bids to: Doug Bukowski, 5415 So. Homan, Chicago, IL 60632



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### For Sale

FOR SALE: Baseball - all 1967 teams, except St. Louis Cardinals;

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FOR SALE: Baseball - 1969 Red Sox; 1974 set with extras, Cubs, Mets, Expos; 1975 White Sox, Cubs, Royals, Yanks, Rangers, Braves, Dodgers, Giants, Cards; 1976 Red Sox, Rangers, Twins, Orioles, A's, Giants, Cards, Dodgers, Astros, Mets, Pirates. Will accept best offer or trade for teams in my wanted ad in this Review. Send to: Jim Schuler, Box 34, Old Zionsville, PA 18068

FOR SALE: Attention S-O-M Football fans! If you are just beginning another S-O-M Pro Football season it's an excellent time to give the S-O-M Pro Football "Kit" a try. For only a \$3.00 investment you can purchase this second edition, 22-page collection of more than 40 rules and variations that help make S-O-M Pro Football as realistic as possible. Included are such things as fumble recoveries, option plays, measurements, tackles and much more--plus numerous offensive and defensive formations. All rules and charts are explained in detail. In addition, this 1978 edition is revised and updated from the 1975 edition of which over 100 were sold at this same price. Perfect for novice and expert alike, so don't delay, send \$3.00 plus 75¢ postage today. No risk, all monies refunded if you're not satisfied. Send to: Jamie Potter, RD#1 Box 89 D, Overhill Farm, Oneonta, NY 13820

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