

## STRAT-O-MATIC REVIEW

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### Convention Again A Success *Tournaments Galore At Champaign-Urbana*

Over 80 people doubled their fun--and also the attendance from a year ago--at the second annual Champaign-Urbana, IL, Convention staged by Rick [Wolfman] Shapiro. Beginning as early as Tuesday, July 29, early arrivals made their way onto the branch of the University of Illinois campus where the three-day, weekend gathering was to be held.

More than 100 people watched the early action in the tournaments, which got under way Friday, including gamesters, their friends and families, and just the curious.

Convention '75 was populated by mainly people from the midwest, although some, such as Tom Nelson of Springfield Gardens, NY, journeyed from afar to be on the scene.

Altogether five tournaments were held, including three in baseball. Only drawback to the well-organized convention was the fact that tourney play consumed so much time that often matches had to be continued in the evening at the dormitory since the Illini Union--site for the convention--closed in early evening.

Nevertheless, a brisk business was eventually done in trophies--but not



until many survival of the fittest gaming struggles had taken place. The setting for the tournament drew praise from those in attendance. Three rooms were opened at the Union where the tournaments were conducted, while accommodations were extremely reasonable with the cost per evening in the dormitory amounting to only \$5 per person. Plus food was readily available either on-campus or the nearby community.

The turnout for Convention '75 doubled the attendance of a year ago, so it's likely that Convention '76 will also become a reality. Shapiro praised the efforts of a number of people for making the convention a hit. Such people as Bob Anderson, Keith Walker, Robert Henry (with the vast card collection), Mike and Fred Floreth, Steve Dempsey, Mike Erickson, Craig Ginsburg, and Mark Hatton contributed everything from financial aid for promotional work to their organizing efforts in running off the tournaments.

Shapiro also asks for Review readers' advice as to how to make next year's convention even better, particularly how to run off five tournaments in three days and yet leave the evenings free for other activities?

Now, how did the tournaments come out?

#### ADVANCED BASEBALL



This tournament had the most participants--75--and Shapiro himself made it into the finals. Fred Floreth, last year's champion, reached the final round of 16 and then was sidelined, however.

Rick Zolzer (7-0) and Shapiro (6-1) squared off in the finals of the double-elimination meet. Zolzer was using the '74 Dodgers; Shapiro the '71 Giants. Andy Messersmith and Juan Marichal battled to a 2-2 standoff in the opener. In the second game, after the combatants had traded teams, Bobby Bonds walloped a three-run homer and Gaylord Perry hurled a five-hitter in a 9-0 win, giving

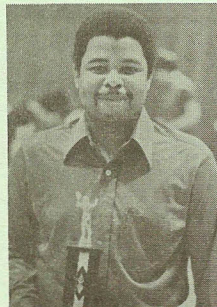
#### DALE BARNES, STEVE DEMPSEY

Mr. Zolzer the championship by a 11-2 run margin.

Also in the baseball tourney, Don Wilson of the '71 Astros hurled the only no-hitter, stopping the '73 Orioles for Steve Nemerovski.

#### ELEMENTARY BASEBALL (1905-57)

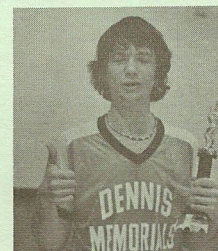
Dale Barnes, after getting smashed by scores of 15-6 and 16-4 in the advanced



TOM NELSON



MIKE ERICKSEN



RICK ZOLZER

FAMILIAR FACES AT CONVENTION  
Larry Steinberg (Left), Rick  
Shapiro, Robert Henry



baseball tourney, rebounded to win the early teams meet. Only 18 people entered the tourney. Barnes, of Park Forest, IL, faced Paul Boetto, also of Illinois, in the finals. Barnes won the first game behind the two-hit, shutout hurling of Curly Ogden of the '24 Senators, who stifled the bats of the '06 Cubs, 1-0. In the second game, with Barnes this time guiding the Cubs, Johnny Evers cracked a three-run homer (home run 1, 2-20 split chance of out) to nail down a 5-2 Cub triumph and give Barnes the crown by a 6-2 margin.

#### ELEMENTARY BASEBALL (1960-1974)

Thirty-six people vied for honors, including Dena Cummins (wife of Mike Cummins), the only woman to partake of tourney action. Keith Walker was the villain who eliminated her in the first round. Eventually, it boiled down to Steve Dempsey ('69 Cubs) and Steve Mihina ('74 Red Sox) when the championship stakes were on the table. Dempsey romped in the opener as Ron Santo hit a three-run homer in the first and the Cubs went on to an 11-4 triumph. The second game also belonged to Dempsey as overall he romped, 17-7.

#### ADVANCED BASKETBALL

Only 10 ten tested their S-O-M skills in advanced basketball, with Mike Erickson and Mark Hatton, from Richland, MI, facing each other in the championship showdown. Mike had the '73-74 Boston Celtics and Mark the '73-74 Golden State Warriors. The Warriors jumped out to an early 38-28 lead but a 44-point burst by the Celtics signaled the beginning of the end for Hatton's Golden Staters. The Celts continued to pile it on in the long contest, finally winning 137-106. John Havlicek led a balanced Boston attack (the point total was the tourney team single-game high) with 26 points, while Golden State was paced by Rick Barry, 31; Cazzie Russell, 26, and Nate Thurmond, 19.

#### ADVANCED FOOTBALL

The most fiercely competitive of the tournaments as 50 armchair quarterbacks went after the trophy. After the smoke of battle had cleared through the semifinals, only Tom Nelson and Alfred Wong, Mattoon, IL, survived. Nelson rated as the favorite as, behind the '68 Kansas City Chiefs' offense, he had run up scores of 53-24, 30-3, 40-23 and 34-23 in smashing opponents.

Wong planned on testing Nelson's strategy with the '73 Oakland Raiders. Nelson grabbed a 9-3 halftime lead after 30 minutes of what amounted to a field goal contest. After switching teams, however, Nelson went to work with the Raiders. Two quick Oakland touchdowns had Wong reeling and before long the score mounted to 37-10. Five pass interceptions aided Nelson immensely and Wong finally bowed, 37-17.

One final tournament was also held--to determine the overall elementary baseball champion. So Steve Dempsey ('69 Cubs) and Dale Barnes ('24 Senators) met in this playoff. Goose Goslin tripled twice in the opener and Walter Johnson did the hurling as Washington won the first game, 5-2. Dempsey bounced back in the second contest, however, as, handling the Senators this time, he watched Ossie Bluege slam a three-run homer to cap a four-run first frame. Ogden hurled another shutout, this time 4-0, and Dempsey was the overall elementary baseball champion by the margin of one run, 6-5.

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## S-O-M League, Replay Scene

THREE-SPORT, SAME CITY REPLAY -- Dick Hunt of Ovid, MI replayed full seasons for the Detroit Lions (1972), Detroit Pistons (1972-73) and Detroit Tigers (1973)...results were more indictative of recent losing trend as all except Pistons fared poorly...Jim Fyles of the N.Y. Giants picked off a pass in the first quarter, returned it 93 yards for a touchdown, setting the mood for replay with Lions. Lions lost 11 and won only 3 games--Atlanta (26-17), San Diego (31-10), New Orleans (24-20)...Joe Namath of Jets riddled Lions for six TD passes, amazing 533 yards in 42-14 blitz...Greg Landry completed only 47.1% of passes and had 22 thefts; Altie Taylor was top rusher with respectable 810-yard total in 150 attempts--5.4 average...Pistons had 47-35 record, but lost out in playoffs to L.A. Lakers in first round, 3-1 in games...



90% of games played advanced...Bob Lanier averaged 30.3 points and 14.6 rebounds, with 57% shooting accuracy from the field. He also set Hunt's all-time single-game point high with 83 in wild 145-133 win over Baltimore...team scored over 100 points in last 24 games...Dave Bing averaged 16.9 points, John Mengelt 12.8, Curtis Rowe 11.5...Rowe was big disappointment offensively, clicking on only 39.5% of field goals--at one time but 26%...played 156 games--not as many as real-life--with Tigers, with 63-93 record the result...big two of mound staff were Mickey Lolich (11-19) and Joe Coleman (15-18)...Willie Horton was leading hitter with 144 hits in only 411 at-bats--a .350 average.

1974-75 ALL-STAR FOOTBALL LEAGUE -- Face-to-face league with all members from Palo Alto High School, Palo Alto, CA...played 10-game schedule...draft league...Jim Mathrusse (9-0-1) clinched title early. O.J. Simpson was top rusher with 179 carries for 1,641 yards and whopping 9.2 average; Jim Hart had league-leading 64% complete average (101-158); and team had Oakland's defense... Ted Bailey (6-4) got offensive lift from Mercury Morris (6.6) and Larry Csonka (3.7) while Taylor (13.9) and McGill (10.1) were among three top punt returners...Tom Arnold (4-6)--did have Chuck Foreman (5.9) but very little else offensively...Brad Hubbard (4-6)--considered to have "fantastic luck" by opponents; First-year coach; Essex Johnson had 4.6 average, 945 yards rushing... Ron Nitz (4-6)--basically running team; Ken Stabler hit on 57% of passes, but had 7.5% picked off; vulnerable in middle using Miami defensive cards...Paul Grench (3-6-1)--lived by the pass with Roger Staubach and such receivers as Jerome Barkum, Harold Jackson, Ron Shanklin; lacked consistent short yardage runner in tough situations.

SOLITAIRE FOOTBALL REPLAY -- 1970 AFC season was replayed, solitaire, by Ryne Stefanacci of Herminie, PA...114 games [he played AFC teams against NFC when schedule called for] took him 25 months to complete...played advanced game...used S-O-M solitaire defensive chart, with offenses in control as Oakland scored 414 points, Miami 401...no shutouts...Baltimore won East with best defense--236-point yield--as Earl Morrall, John Unitas accounted for 3,000 aerial yards...Miami was second as Mercury Morris, Larry Csonka, Jim Kiick ate up 3,203 yards in 586 carries and Bob Griese had 61.4% completion rate for 166 passes...Jets lost six of last seven games, although Emerson Boozer was sparkler with 1095 yards, 8 TDs...O.J. Simpson gained 1015 yards, but fumbled 31 times for Buffalo...Pittsburgh captured Central aided by 6-0-1 start. John Fuqua carried 107 more times than in real-life, finishing with 1,391 yards...Cleveland lost five games with less than 2:00 remaining...Oakland was winner in West after scoring most points (414) and allowing second most (376)...Kansas City duplicated real-life record (7-5-2) as Warren McVea and Ed Podolak rushed for 1,288 and 965 yards, respectively. Len Dawson was choke man, however, completing only 40.6%...Denver had best defense against run (7 TDs) and Floyd Little gained 1,173 yards overland...Gary Garrison was bright spot for San Diego, winning MVP honors for his 100 catches. Chargers struck through air for 27 TDs, but defense gave up league-leading 387 points.

#### Playoffs

Baltimore 42, Oakland 28...Ed Hinton had 8 catches for 189 yards, 3 TDs for Colts  
Miami 17, Pittsburgh 10...Ball-control pays off as Csonka (92), Morris (74) help run off 44 ground plays.

AFC title game: Baltimore 36, Miami 34--Jim Duncan's 105-yard kickoff return with 1:45 left won game. A 52-yard Garo Yepremian field goal fell short at buzzer.

East	Won-Lost-Tied	Central	Won-Lost-Tied	West	Won-Lost-Tied
Baltimore	10 3 1	Pittsburgh	8 5 1	Oakland	6 4 4
Miami	8 5 1	Cincinnati	6 6 2	Kan. City	7 5 2
N.Y. Jets	4 7 3	Cleveland	5 8 1	Denver	6 7 1
Buffalo	4 9 1	Houston	1 11 2	San Diego	4 8 2
Boston	3 10 1				

Rushing: Fuqua (1391, 5.7); Morris (1381, 7.6); McVea (1288, 5.4); Little (1173, 4.1).  
Passing: Lamonica (50%, 3277, 24TD); Nelson (55.4%, 2452, 14 TD)  
Domres (53.5%, 1768, 19 TD); Morrall (50.7%, 1894, 10 TD).  
Receiving: Garrison (100, 1868, 12 TD); Jefferson (75, 1564, 7 TD).



## Strat-O-Matic Spotlight

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### 1920-1939 S-O-M POLL

Don't forget the Strat-O-Matic Game Co. plans on putting out six more Old-Timer baseball teams--from the 1920-1939 period--next spring when the new cards come out.

You can help determine which six will be chosen, too, simply by sending your choices to the Strat-O-Matic Review, P.O. Box 27, Otsego, MI 49078, as soon as possible. Don't send to the game company, however, as the Review is tabulating all results and then forwarding them to S-O-M.

Many subscribers who have been with the Review for a few years may remember that a large poll was conducted two years ago, with gamers expressing their preference to what time period was desired (1900-1919 or 1920-1939) and the top six teams in each time period.

The outcome resulted in 63.6 per cent of those polled favoring the 1900-1919 period, and S-O-M then followed by issuing six teams from that time zone.

In case you're wondering how the team voting came out for the 1920-1939 period, even though that wasn't chosen, here it is: [1] Detroit Tigers 1934, 75%; [2] 1927 Pittsburgh Pirates, 65%; [3] 1929 Chicago Cubs and 1936 New York Yankees, 55%; [5] 1929 Cleveland Indians, 35%; [6] 1935 Detroit Tigers, 1933 New York Giants and 1921 New York Yankees, 30%.

It's very possible S-O-M will decide to follow the above results when issuing the next six teams. But the game company wants to hear from the readers of the Review first. Have you changed your mind since two years have elapsed? Is one of your favorite's missing? Hurry! Get your vote in to the Review quickly, S-O-M is awaiting your decision.

### BACK, BACK...IT'S GONE!

It seems those amazing S-O-M feats always happen to others. That is they always used to. Not long ago, Todd Newell, son of Review co-editor Del Newell, hooked up in a neighborhood draft baseball league, using the new National League cards.

Three all-star teams were chosen and as luck would have it Johnny Bench wound up the property of Todd. In one game Bench smashed a home run in his final trip to the plate. No great feat, perhaps.

The next game Todd decided to give Steve Yeager a little work behind the plate and Mr. Bench wasn't in the starting lineup. In the seventh inning he went in to pinch-hit and remain in the game. In the pinch role he whacked another roundtripper. He followed that up with another HR in the ninth inning--three home runs in three consecutive at-bats.

Bench wasn't through yet, however. In the next game, his first at-bat, he again provided a souvenir for fans in the bleachers, and promptly followed that with another big blast in the fourth inning. The home run streak came to an end, finally, when he produced a measley single in the sixth. But five home runs in five consecutive at-bats--that's not bad!

### SHORT SHAKES

...You'll never convince Jeff Morse, Springfield, VA, that the 1972 Pittsburgh Pirates aren't the greatest baseball team of all time. In his replays the Bucs are always easy winners. Matched against the '27 Yanks in a best-of-seven series, the Bucs rolled in five games by scores of 4-9, 3-2, 9-8, 4-2 and 10-1. Ditto for the fate of the 1973 Mets (3 games to 1), 1961 Yanks (3-1) and 1962 Giants (4-1)...Jeff Banks, Philadelphia, PA, is conducting a replay of the '74 National League season. The Reds, perhaps taking the cue from the real-life happenings in the summer of '75, have an incredible 81-30 record at this point. San Diego, meanwhile, riddled with injuries and ineptness, is 26-68--46% games out of first!...Matching '27 Babe Ruth against the '62 New York Mets' pitching staff is like pitting Tom Thumb against a Great White Shark. Ruth literally "chewed up" the Mets in a recent two-game series played by Mark Froboom of Minneapolis, MN, a 16-year-old gamer who plays all three S-O-M games. Ruth homered three times in each game (the first was won by the Yanks, 12-4; the second was a Met upset triumph, 10-9) and finished with eight hits in 10 at-bats and 13 RBI....Ralph Garr, '75 cards (based on '74 season), terrified opposing

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pitchers. One who can attest to Garr's bat-wielding magic is Karl Brown of Lancaster, PA. After hundreds of S-O-M games and nothing out of the ordinary occurring, Brown watched Garr become the first to hit for the cycle when he performed the trick against the L.A. Dodgers. He singled, doubled, tripled and homered in six at-bats in a 10-inning game eventually won by L.A., 5-4... Good news-bad news department: Jon Landsman of Valley Stream, NY, once sent 21 batters to the plate in the first inning of a draft league baseball game, watched his terrors score 12 runs and Manny Sanguillen whack a pair of grand-slam home runs. But he wound up losing the game, 18-17!...Correction department: time certainly flies, but Karen Newell, contrary to last month's mention in the Review, is only 27 years young--not 30. She's the wife of Review co-editor Warren Newell, who spent the next couple of nights sleeping out on the lawn after the mistake was discovered.

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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 to answer such questions. If your questions regarding ratings do not appear in the Review within three months after being sent, you may assume the rating is correct.

QUESTION: Shouldn't Frank Demaree be listed as the 1935 Chicago Cubs' center fielder and not Fred Lindstrom? Demaree appeared in 48 more games in center field and had 43 more at-bats than Lindstrom.

ANSWER: Either one could be listed as the regular center fielder--it really doesn't matter, according to Strat-O-Matic.

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QUESTION: If the infield is "in" but a runner is not on third base, what would be the results on groundballs A, B, C and X? Please clarify this because I want to know if "runner on third" should be changed to "leading runner" or what?

ANSWER: Batter is out; all runners advance one base.

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QUESTION: Jerry Terrell of the Minnesota Twins started 18 games at third base in 1974, yet that position is not on his card. What should his fielding rating be?

ANSWER: "4"

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QUESTION: If you double-team a receiver or several receivers with the free safety or linebackers and the ball is thrown to a receiver not double-teamed, do you look at the guessed right column because you are still guessing pass, or do you look at the guessed wrong column as in the "key on runner" rule?

ANSWER: Look under guessed right.

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QUESTION: I was throwing a bomb in S-O-M Football and my opponent guessed me right. He double-teamed the receiver and was blitzing all three linebackers. However, the dice result was "free safety X or Long Gain." The instructions state that is you double-team the correct receiver and "Receiver, X or Long Gain" comes up the pass is incomplete. However, it was the free safety's rating, which was an "O", so we played it out as a long gain. Were we correct in doing so?

ANSWER: Yes. However, when did reading occur? The free safety should not be listed in new set of football cards.



## Readers Roll 'Em

### TO ERR IS TO BE HUMAN

In your August, 1975 issue you printed my on-base and total-base percentages for ten selected Hall-of-Famers. I'd like to point out that I erred in the rating of Ted Williams. He should have been listed with an on-base percentage of 73.43, and a total-base percentage of 106.98. Many astute and knowledgeable gamemasters noticed this I'm sure.

Richard Zaborsky

### CHECK REPLAY RESULTS

I have been bothered by the inaccurate football replays that you have printed. Let me explain: in football a basic check for final standings is that the total wins should equal the losses. In the June, 1975 Review, Dick Hunt's 1972 replay had 168 wins and 170 losses.

I think that any serious gamer should make this basis check whenever he does his standings so as to make sure some team wasn't rooked out of a win, and, perhaps, a playoff spot.

Which leads me to my next point of many football gamemasters playing the "wrong" playoff games. The NFL has a certain playoff priority system that determines who will meet who in the playoffs. For the 1972 season in the NFC, the Central Division champion should have played the Western Division champ and the wild card team should have played the Eastern champion, unless the wild card team was from the Eastern Division. In that case, the wild card team was to play the Western champion and the Central champion to play the Eastern champion. The winners would then meet in the conference championship game.

Now, I'm not trying to rip apart Richard Hunt's replay, although that's what it may look like. I know that many other replays featured in the Review have been incorrect in these two areas, so Richard is far from alone. What I'm trying to say is that

S-D-M players should take more care in compiling their standings and check the actual playoff matchups.

One other point. I noticed in the May, 1975 Review that the AWA had point ratings listed for their top passers.

I have written NFL offices, and they have always sent me back a letter saying that the ratings are not available to the public. If one of the members of the AWA Football League would write the Review and tell us all how they figured out these ratings, I, and I'm sure many others, would appreciate it.

I enjoy your magazine immensely and hope you continue to do a good job with it.

Bob Tate  
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Delmar, NY

### WANTS MORE FLYBALL ADVANCEMENT

How can a runner advance from second to third on a flyball? Flyball A never comes. I have replayed many seasons with the game and I have noticed that it only comes up about seven or eight times a year. A lot of times with nobody on base.

In real-life games, the fast runners go from second to third on deep flyouts and I have seen it happen three or four times in a game. Since Strat-O-Matic has many new additions which have put it at the top, can't something be done about this? Surely, you fellows who have your own leagues have noticed the absence of runners going from second to third, or first to third.

Carlos Hurtado  
191 S. Commonwealth  
Los Angeles, CA

### BOO, NO-HITTERS!

I feel that I've sat back and listened to all of the petty reasons that people make up to say why the no-hitter column must stay.

However, who wants to sit back and listen to people brag about their past accomplishments? I would rather read about the replays or some of the charts which do something to improve the game, rather than the no-hitter trash.

For those who might happen to enjoy the column, why not have a separate addition to the Review. In this way, those who do not appreciate the column would have to suffer for the Review's ignorance.

Lee Andrade  
Richmond, CA



Editor's note: Reports of no-hitters still come into the Review at a brisk pace. Obviously, there's a lot of interest in them. The gamesters who experience no-hitters are always elated--and many find the Review a way of sharing their jubilation.

#### BALLPARKS AND PITCHERS

Are pitchers' cards compensated for the individual ballpark they may pitch in. Take for instance Luis Tiant, who pitches in Fenway Park.

I also feel pitchers should have individual fielding and running ratings.

I like the Review and think it's great. Keep up the good work.

Norm Bradel  
3 Elwyn Ave.  
Carnegie, PA

Editor's note: The cards are computed on the basis of season results. Fenway Park, per se, obviously cannot be done--but the results of Tiant's hurling there are built into the cards.

#### ANOTHER VOTE FOR ABA

I am a player of S-O-M Basketball (not to mention baseball and football). My opinion is that ABA teams should be printed (and I'm sure many other readers think the same).

The only difference between the two leagues is the ball they use. It's only 170 players, anyway. The two leagues would still be less players than the baseball and football games, so why not?

Mike Sabella  
124 Belle Ave.  
Medford, MA

Editor's note: The Strat-O-Matic Game Co. still has not dropped any hints that ABA cards are coming in the near future. Creator Harold Richman wants S-O-M's version of the hardwood sport to be free of "bugs" (thus the most recent changes) before attempting any card expansion.

#### MY TURN...

Thought I'd write and give my views on topics being discussed throughout the S-O-M world.

In my opinion the August issue of the Review was not up to par with

those of June and July. However, the Review is worth the price of subscription in terms of the advertisements alone.

I also favor individual fielding ratings for pitchers very strongly and think running ratings could be individualized or raised to 1-12. Individual fielding ratings could be printed on the pitcher's card at a minimal cost increase.

I agree with the view that a Clearinghouse is unnecessary. What I would like to see, though, is some kind of organization that would allow gamers with similar interests to get together to form mail leagues. For example, I would be interested in play-by-mail leagues using '65, '67 or '69 cards, but do not have time to organize and run a league; also, I never see League Forming ads for these cards. A setup such as the one mentioned might solve a lot of problems for gamers like me, and for leagues having trouble getting enough managers.

Finally, a question: When will there be another East Coast convention? I had a terrific time at the '73 convention in New York, but there is just no way I can make it to Illinois or Michigan to attend one.

John Spellman  
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Cranston, RI

Editor's note: Conventions are held where there are people who have enough interest, time and finances to put one on. The organizing of one is a large undertaking.

#### DO-IT-YOURSELF RATINGS

Here's a good idea for S-O-M enthusiasts who have run into problems with pitchers' hitting ratings and additional cards--and one you can do yourself.

Jim Lonborg batted .096 last year while Mike Marshall batted .235, and they were given the appropriate numbered cards. However, Lonborg hit a home run and Marshall didn't. All one has to do is give Lonborg an "N" and Marshall a "W". Obviously in the advanced version of S-O-M Baseball the game company doesn't give a batter with no home runs an "N"--the same should be done for pitchers.

Pitchers' hitting stats may be found in the Sporting News "Baseball Guide" or in the January issue of Sporting News.

Albert Goldson  
Bronx, NY



## RECEIVES UNSIGNED POEM

The big argument brewing on the S-O-M scene seems to be the "Clearinghouse," as evidenced by the mail that I received in regards to the letter I wrote which appeared in the August issue of the Review.

One letter was a poem, which was unsigned, and criticized my position on the "Clearinghouse." The poet was angered at me for criticizing the "Clearinghouse." I still don't think it will work, as it will just start problems with people being unable to get in leagues.

I wish the person who wrote it would have the guts to sign his name.

Mike Rennick  
Oakbrook, IL

Editor's note: The Review has not heard from the Clearinghouse in many months. Whether the project was ever launched or not, we don't know. Regarding unsigned letters (poems, etc.) attacking a person's position, that's conduct unbecoming an S-O-M gamester. The Review pages will continue to be open to all. As someone once said: "I may not agree with what you've said, but I'll defend to the death you're right to say it."

## AUGUST ISSUE PRAISED

I found the August issue of the Review to be one of the most exciting, thoroughly complete issues you've ever printed. The quality of your magazine has improved greatly since you began printing the "League Scene" report, and I'm happy to hear that this feature will be a regular part of the Review from now on (I really look forward to reading about these "mini-scoops" of leagues, just as I enjoy the Readers Roll 'Em and Spotlight features, too).

Also, I enjoyed your pictorial spread of the game company's new headquarters in Glen Head, NY.

I was also interested in your comments regarding expansion of the Review. You stated that such expansion is unfeasible due to the higher bulk mailing charges you'd have to pay, weightwise. Have you

ever considered using lighter weight paper in printing the magazine? If a suitable lighter weight paper could be found, perhaps the magazine could be expanded to 28 or even 30 pages per month without any increase in mailing charges. If thinner paper can't be found, how about sending the Review via a lower class postage (i.e. fourth class, instead of third class)? Those who wish faster service could pay the extra amount for first or third class mailing.

If neither of these solutions is acceptable, why don't you figure out a price that you would have to charge per issue and per year to meet increased production and mailing costs? Then conduct a poll of your readership to find out whether subscribers would be willing to pay the increase in price to get the extra pages. As I stated in an earlier letter, more space is going to be required eventually in order to give adequate exposure to the two new games now being created by the game company.

Jim Elliott  
Orange, CA

Editor's note: We checked into the use of a lighter weight paper, but found that it would never hold up while being processed in the mails. Even now, with a solid weight paper, we get back six to ten Reviews every month that look as if they had undergone a "Jaws" attack while being shipped. A lower class of mailing wouldn't help, either. Third class mail is notoriously slow to some areas, with some readers not receiving their copy for as much as a month after initially being shipped out.

A very real problem concerning the Review currently is not expansion, but rather trying to hold the line in view of impending rate hikes in mailing. Our last price increase covered increased printing costs. We're watching closely to see when new mailing costs will go into effect and what impact it will have on us.

## SPREAD HITS AROUND

I agree with gamesters who want "random placement" of hits. Half the fun of S-O-M is checking to see what another player would have done in a particular at-bat with a given dice roll. If all the players are the same, all .300 hitters [for example] are the same. Therefore it is useless to bat one for another.

Edmund Figure  
Lincoln Park, MI



## Are 1968 Jets The Greatest?

### Joe Willie & Co. Win 'Best' Team Replay

Many elimination tournaments have been conducted to determine the "greatest" pro football team in the world of Strat-O-Matic. But there has been a dearth of attempts at matching the "greatest" against one another in a full-season replay.

Matt Lorenz, an active S-D-M gamer from Hamden, CT, finished up just such a grid replay not long ago. What he did was take the "most representative" team from each of the NFL franchises from the 125 teams that he owns. In most cases it was simply choosing the year the team went the furthest in the playoffs, or had its best season. Miami, 1972 version, was chosen over '73, however, and the '70 Baltimore Colts (Super Bowl champs) were picked over the '68 Colts, who were probably more powerful.

Some teams, of course, have never been good. So, in those cases it was a matter of trying to pick the best of the worst.

Here's the way the standings came out:

#### AFC

East	Won-Lost-Tied	Central	Won-Lost-Tied	
'72 Miami	12 2 0	'72 Pittsburgh	11 3 0	* - Wild card
'68 N.Y. Jets *	9 5 0	'72 Cleveland	8 5 1	playoff team.
'73 Buffalo	7 6 1	'73 Cincinnati	7 6 1	
'70 Baltimore	4 9 1	'71 Houston	3 11 0	
'71 New England	0 13 1			

#### Playoffs

- + '72 Miami 26, '68 Kansas City 7 (ball-control and Earl Morrall's passing key Miami).
- + '68 N.Y. Jets 21, '72 Pittsburgh 17 (Joe Namath passed for 2 TDs and 205 yards).
- + '68 N.Y. Jets 20, '72 Miami 7 (Jets stifled Miami running game--96 yards in 37 carries--while Namath was 14 of 28 for 214 yards, 1 TD)

#### NFC

East	Won-Lost-Tied	Central	Won-Lost-Tied	
'71 Dallas	10 3 1	'72 Green Bay	8 5 1	* - Wild card
'72 Washington *	8 5 1	'73 Minnesota	8 6 0	playoff team.
'70 St. Louis	7 7 0	'70 Detroit	7 7 0	
'70 N.Y. Giants	7 7 0	'70 Chicago	0 14 0	
'73 Philadelphia	5 9 0			

#### Playoffs

- + '71 Dallas 24, '72 Green Bay 9 (Dallas shut down Packer running game--77 yards in 35 carries--and Duane Thomas rushed for 164 yards and 3 TDs).
- + '73 Los Angeles 30, '72 Washington 19 (John Hadl threw 3 TD passes for Rams, who held 'Skins to 80 yards on ground).
- + '73 Los Angeles 12, '71 Dallas 6 (Lawrence McCutcheon rambled for 136 yards as Rams won field goal duel).

Rushing	Att-Yds	Avg.	TD
Simpson, BUF	318-2298	7.2	18
Brown, WAS	273-1363	5.0	10
Harris, PIT	191-1315	6.8	12
Holmes, KC	194-1260	6.5	9
Csonka, MIA	226-1247	5.5	11
Brookington, GB	273-1235	4.5	8
Johnson, NYG	253-1220	4.8	12
Lane, SL	224-1206	5.4	11
Morris, MIA	213-1143	5.4	12
Hampton, ATL	271-1068	3.9	4
Johnson, CIN	177-1068	6.0	5
Lane, GB	234-1046	4.5	5

Receiving	No.-Yds.	Avg.	TD
Carmichael, PHI	74-1127	15.2	10
Gordon, CHI	67- 949	14.2	7
Sauer, NYJ	64-1173	18.3	3
Maynard, NYJ	59-1408	23.9	12
Young, PHI	57- 819	14.4	3
Taylor, WAS	55- 768	14.0	5
Johnson, NYG	54- 569	10.5	7

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Passing	Att-Comp.	Pct.	Int-TD
Stabler, OAK	250-171	68.4	11-14
Tarkenton, MIN	263-167	63.5	4-14
Landry, DET	148- 86	58.0	4-8
Gabriel, PHI	475-273	57.5	16-22
Hadl, LA	239-130	54.8	12-14
Brodie, SF	397-215	54.2	14-18
Johnson, DEN	371-198	53.4	18-12
Dawson, KC	249-132	53.0	13-11
Namath, NYJ	383-198	51.7	16-17
Anderson, CIN	389-175	51.6	14-14

## SUPER BOWL

'68 New York Jets 24, '73 Los Angeles Rams 13. Namath and Jets took advantage of weak Ram secondary. Namath was 18 of 32 for 254 yards and two TDs. Jets had only 326-300 yardage advantage, but most was through air.

## TEAM SUMMARIES

'71 DALLAS -- Good rushing game, averaged 4.6 yards per carry...Roger Staubach was sub-par as passer, good as runner...twice upset by Philadelphia in regular-season.

'72 WASHINGTON -- Larry Brown never had run more than 32 yards, yet led NFC in rushing...first in conference with per-game defensive yield of only 254.2 yards. ..gained 314.8 per game...couldn't handle L.A.--beaten 17-13 in regular-season and again in playoffs.

'70 ST. LOUIS -- High-powered offense gained 340.6 yards per game--second only to Miami...inconsistent team which couldn't beat Dallas...did shut out Oilers, 3-0!

'70 NEW YORK GIANTS -- Faded in second half (2-5) and wound up 7-7...Ron Johnson was top rusher, specializing in breakaway jaunts...split with Dallas and Washington but beaten twice by St. Louis...scored only 113 points last half season.

'73 PHILADELPHIA -- Great passing game--Harold Carmichael, Charlie Young and Tom Sullivan each had 50 or more receptions...Roman Gabriel put ball in air 475 times, completing 57.5 per cent...ambushed Dallas twice (24-14, 27-23), but defense was porous.

'72 GREEN BAY -- John Brockington and MacArthur Lane both gained over 1,000 yards ...defense yielded but 215 points...no passing game.

'73 MINNESOTA -- Lost four of last five games to miss playoffs...Fran Tarkenton was usually on target (63.5%), but rushing game was often non-existent...defense was solid, allowing only 183 points.

'70 DETROIT -- Should have fared better after outscoring foes 327-239...only 7-7...won big in many games...bowed 13-12 to Philly in final week, costing chance to make playoffs...Greg Landry had 11.2 per-carry average.

'70 CHICAGO -- Lost every game, including six close ones...had little luck--or talent...Dick Gordon did catch 67 passes.

'73 LOS ANGELES -- Good pass-run game (Harold Jackson caught 43 passes for 25.2 average)...Lawrence McCutcheon had 1,012 yards in 210 carries--4.8 average... league-leading defense against run, but leaky secondary.

'70 SAN FRANCISCO -- Gene Washington hauled in 1,188 yards worth of passes (11 yards more than Green Bay passed for as a team)...John Brodie completed 54.2% of his passes...another inconsistent team...weak defense against run (165.0).

'71 NEW ORLEANS -- Surprised by winning six of first seven games...then trounced by Detroit (45-0) and Miami (48-0) and wound up scoring but 57 points second half of season without a win.

'73 ATLANTA -- Defense was often good but Bob Lee completed just 44.8% of passes. ..had bad luck against Saints, fumbling ball away seven times in one loss and bowing after a 2-3 field goal chance on the last play of the game was good, in the other.

'72 MIAMI -- First in offense (378 points) and defense (175)...averaged 345.9 yards a game, 117 more than foes...Mercury Morris and Larry Csonka both rushed for over 1,000 yards...lost to only Kansas City (17-10) and Cincy (31-10)... beat Jets twice during regular-season, then lost to them in playoffs.

'68 NEW YORK JETS -- Joe Namath had great short pass card despite 49.3% completion rate...George Sauer, Don Maynard grabbed 123 passes for 2,581 yards...Jim Turner kicked successfully 33 of 40 field goals, winning many close games, and led league with 136 points.



'73 BUFFALO -- O.J. Simpson led league in rushing (2,298; 7.2 average) and Bills were team rushing champs...passing game netted but 957 yards, however...O.J. gained 100 or more yards in every game, three times going over 200...lost all four games with Miami and New York.

'70 BALTIMORE -- Terrible rushing team (2.8)...passing game was more effective (John Unitas had 376-yard game against Denver)...probably weakest team ever to win a Super Bowl...outclassed in this replay.

'71 NEW ENGLAND -- Did tie Oakland, but lost everything else...defense was horrendous, giving up 353.4 yards per game and being ripped for 469 points.

'72 PITTSBURGH -- Early-season loss to Houston prompted insertion of Franco Harris in lineup and he ran wild after that (1,315 yards in only 191 carries)...scored 335 points, allowed only 198.

'72 CLEVELAND -- Often bent but never broken on defense (gave up league-high 188.7 yards rushing per game)...outscored foes 305-265, despite being outgained by average of 46.3 yards each outing...Leroy Kelly keyed good running game.

'73 CINCINNATI -- Slow start was fatal, but did rebound to win five of last six games...thumped K.C., Miami and Pittsburgh in late-season encounters...good running game (Essex Johnson, 6.0; Boobie Clark, 4.1)...porous secondary nullified good run defense and pass rush that resulted in 39 sacks.

'71 HOUSTON -- Upset the Jets, 17-13, for one of few thrills...had little offense, although did manage to outrush Baltimore...scored only 173 points--second to New England's 166.

'68 KANSAS CITY -- Had one of two best scoring machines in league, thanks to defense and special teams which chipped in with 12 TDs...Robert Holmes led ground game that averaged 172.4...defense intercepted 30 passes...clobbered Oakland twice, 44-16, 38-14.

'73 OAKLAND -- Had great stats but record doesn't reflect it...second in conference on defense, yet gave up 293 points...Ken Stabler completed league-high 68.4% of passes...once leveled Chargers, 44-10, outgaining them 523-84.

'71 SAN DIEGO -- Charger air game was good because of John Hadl and Gary Garrison...usually very competitive (upset Jets, 24-21), but defense often victimized by long, time consuming ground drives by opposition.

'73 DENVER -- Lost first four games--all to playoff-bound teams--and never got untracked...pass defense was weak area, allowing 198.5 per game while coming up with but ten interceptions.

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## Wanted

WANTED: Any 1972 S-O-M Baseball teams and also any teams before 1971. I would prefer complete sets, but will buy individually. I will also buy any set of additional player cards prior to 1973. Will pay your price. Alan Stoltz, 1895 Bunker Hill, Dubuque, IA 52001

WANTED: Any and all Philadelphia Phillies complete teams before 1974, with or without extra players. Why not bid, what have you got to lose? Send bids to: Mark McGonigle, 30 Indian Queen Lane, Maple Shade, NJ 08052. Happy game-playing, S-O-M buffs!



WANTED: Desperate for following baseball teams: 1961 Baltimore, White; 1962 Dodgers, Angels, Athletics; 1964 White Sox, St. Louis, Baltimore, Boston, Phillies, Cincinnati; 1965 Cincinnati; 1966 Baltimore. Will pay generous prices, especially for 1961 and 1964. Send all replies to: Gary Gannet, C/O Clifford Art Studio, 40 West 17th St., New York, NY 10011

WANTED: Desperately want these 1961 and 1962 baseball teams: 1961 Orioles, Chisox, Los Angeles (N), San Francisco, Braves; 1962 Los Angeles. Will pay up to \$3.50 for Dodgers only. Reds, Pirates. 1968 Orioles, Tigers. 1969 all teams, must be complete. All teams must be from very good to excellent condition. Absolutely, positively, no writing on cards. Will not buy any one team from any one year. If seeling, must be complete league such as I have listed from years desired. Send all offers to: Bob Staudt, 566 La Vista Rd., Walnut Creek, CA 94598

WANTED: Any of the following S-O-M Football card sets: 1964, 1965, 1966 or 1969. AFL or NFL, or both, but must be a complete year. Will take best offers. Send offers to: Don Holmes, 5238 Rahlves Dr., Castro Valley, CA 94546

WANTED: 1969 baseball set, 1967 Pirates, Aug. 1975 issue of the Review, 1968 cards, 1969 Twins and 1972 Dodgers. Will pay reasonable price. Send bids to: Mark Sadock, 1001 Sunset Drive, Berwick, PA 18603

WANTED: 1963 Dodgers and 1972-73 Lakers. Will pay well for these teams. Send prices to: Hugh Beyeler, 1015 N. San Gabriel Ave., Azusa, CA 91702

WANTED: 1972 extra players; 1971 Orioles, Pirates, A's, Giants, Cards; 1968 Cards, Tigers; 1969 Mets, Orioles. Teams must be in good condition and if possible include extra players. Send price and condition to: David Presson, Box 106 Star Route, East Prairie, MO 63845

WANTED: 1967 AFL teams. Will pay well for any of these teams, or will trade you any two baseball teams ('67-'73, plus Old-Timers) for each AFL team. John Carlson, 975 Flint Way, Broomfield, CO 80020

WANTED: Strat-O-Matic baseball teams-- 1967 Senators, 1963, 1964, 1966, 1970 and 1973 Cubs. Will pay to \$2.50 per team. Write: Dennis Pettit, 3120 Blackberry St., Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

WANTED: 1968 Tigers, Cards and Indians; 1969 Twins, Giants and Orioles; 1970 Reds, Orioles and Senators; 1972 Cubs and Phillies. Will pay top prices for cards in good condition. Send prices and condition to: Brad Wolfson, 8019 W. 39' St., Minneapolis, MN 55426

WANTED: 1961-1970 Phillies; 1961-1967 Kansas City A's; 1969, '70 Padres (all extra players must be included). Write to: Peter Gentle, 4344 Laurel Canyon Blvd. #4, Studio City, CA 91604

WANTED: 1972 Philadelphia Phillies, 1971 Phillies. Make offer or name price. Contact: John Rojas, P.O. Box 43-1438, South Miami, FL 33143

WANTED: Pre-1973 football teams, 1971 and '72 baseball teams, additional players, football manuals [1967-'72] and baseball guides [1971-'74]. Tom Mollen, 14904 County Rd. 6, Minneapolis, MN 55441

WANTED: I want to start building a collection of all sports teams; tell me what you've got. Walt Karwicki II, 252 West Cottage Pl., York, PA 17403. Please include price for any items for sale.

WANTED: To join play-by-mail baseball or or football league. I have been playing S-O-M Baseball for six years and football for two years. I am 22 years old and desperate to join a league. I also need the following teams for personal use: 1968 Cardinals, Tigers; 1962 Yankees; 1971 Orioles; 1964 Cardinals, Yankees. Send offers and responses to: Clem Barbazon, 5919 St. Roch, New Orleans, LA 70122. All letters will be quickly answered. Phone after 6 p.m.: 504-283-6058.

WANTED: 1970 baseball set, if possible with extra players; 1965 Willie Mays card. Will accept lowest bid. All letters answered. Send to: Dave Blane, 303 N.W. Furnish, Pendleton, OR 97801

WANTED: 1968-72 Chicago Cubs. I will buy from lowest bidder. Write to: Chuck Taylor, 2737 Henry St., East Gary, IN 46405



WANTED: 1966, '67, '68 baseball seasons; '69 Expos, '64 Athletics, Twins, Red Sox, Senators, Dodgers, Pirates, Cubs, Astros, Mets; 1965 Mets, Yankees, Cubs, Angels, Senators, Red Sox, Athletics, Phillies, Cardinals, Astros; '69 cards of Mike Shannon, Vada Pinson, or team. Will trade or sell '70 Indians, Orioles, Senators, Athletics, Yankees, Red Sox, Twins, Cubs, Angels, Pirates, Dodgers, Reds, Braves, Giants; Lions, Cowboys, Colts, 49ers, for teams above. Ken DiVincenzo, 1122 Washington Blvd., Mayfield Hts., OH 44124

WANTED: 1969 Johnny Callison, 1974 Bob Forsch; send an offer. Dale Barnes, 509 Davis St., Park Forest, IL 60466

WANTED: 1972 Dodgers, 1970 Padres, 1968 Cardinals, 1969 Twins, 1967 Pirates. Will pay reasonable price--all letters answered. Mark Sadeck, 1001 Sunset Dr., Berwick, PA 18603

### For Sale

FOR SALE: 1966 Twins; 1967 Braves. Football--1969 49ers; 1970 Falcons, Saints, Chiefs, Steelers, Oilers; 1971 Packers; 1972 Cards, Falcons, Chiefs, Vikings. WANTED: 1965 Braves, Reds; 1968 Cowboys, Colts, Jets; 1969 Vikings, Chiefs; 1970 Colts. Will trade one baseball or three football teams for one of these. Write: Hillel A. Italie, 114 Perth Ave., New Rochelle, NY 10804, or call (914) 238-0318

FOR SALE: Based-on 1968 baseball cards. Complete with extra players and in mint condition. \$35 or highest bidder. Joe Matlen, 26623 Greythorne, Farmington Hills, MI 48024

FOR SALE: S-O-M Reviews, December 1971-May 1974. I am selling them to the highest bidders on each. Steve Bauer, 11 Mark St., Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776

FOR SALE: 1972 Bills, Broncos, Chiefs, Colts, Patroite, Chargers, Bengals; 1973 Cowboys, Redskins, Jets, Eagles. Good condition. 50¢ each team. Contact: Scott Taylor, RR Box 251, Plymouth, IN 46563

FOR SALE: Attention all S-O-M Baseball fans! Now the S-O-M gamester can have complete and accurate lineups for all 24 Major League teams. After months of intensive research, we have now devised "The Lineup Guide". This Guide is, of course, invaluable for solitaire play and excellent for Major League replays. Not only does the 24-page booklet contain 1974 Major League lineups, but it also includes, for each team, a suggested pitching rotation and suggested order of relievers. It also lists substitutes and additional players. It can be used with or without additional players. Only \$2.00 for all 24 1974 Major League teams, or \$1.00 apiece for either the National or American League (12) teams. For advanced version only. Send to: Lineup Guide, 1701 North Hills Drive, Norristown, PA 19401

FOR SALE: [Football--play-by-mail or solitaire] After hundreds of face-to-face games, I decided a method to capture this excitement should be devised for solitaire players and play-by-mail leagues. You have read about its success in "Super S-O-M," the three-sport PBM league run by Dave Lewis (Monticello, FL), and I have received numerous other compliments on this simple, yet highly detailed system. 1975-76 instructions and pre-printed forms are now available with everything needed to start your own PBM football league, or to enjoy the most realistic solitaire version ever made possible. Send \$5 for all materials to: Ted Dinkel, 205 Clover Dr. Bon Ayre, Hockessin, DE 19707 [continued]

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### 'Dirty Dealers'

Here is a list of names of persons accused of wrong-doing when it comes to Strat-O-Matic products, and whom have failed to respond to queries from the Review. These people should be avoided in any future S-O-M dealings.

STEVE STREET, 1215 James Place, Danville, IL 61832--accused of receiving \$50 for football cards from Al Hartley, 205 S. Dohney Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90211, and never sending cards or returning money.

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

CLYDE MATSUSAKA, 1459 Punch Bowl St., Honolulu, HI 96813--accused of [continued on page 23]



FOR SALE: Football, '71 Rams, Dolphins, Raiders, Vikings, Lions, Chiefs, Giants, Bills, Redskins, Falcons, Steelers, Browns, 49ers, Jets, Colts; '72 Bengals, Cowboys, Giants, Lions, 49ers, Browns, Packers, Redskins, Chiefs, Jets, Raiders, Rams; '73 Cowboys, Raiders, Falcons, Vikings, Redskins, Oilers, Eagles, Steelers, Bengals, Dolphins, Broncos; '70 Bears; 69 Houston, Chargers; '68 Atlanta, Saints. All football teams in very good to excellent condition. Baseball, '68 Pirates, Tigers; '71 Dodgers, Tigers; '73 Yankees, Red Sox, A's, Cardinals, Dodgers, Mets, Giants. All Old-Timer teams, except '05 Giants, '06 Cubs, '41 Yankees, '48 Cleveland. All baseball teams in very good to excellent condition. Basketball, 1972-73 Knicks, Bucks, Bullets, Celtics, Hawks; '73-74 Pistons, Lakers, 76ers, Celtics, Braves. All basketball teams in excellent condition. Send bids to: Keith Stern, 140-16 Debs Place, Bronx, NY 10475

FOR SALE: Complete set of football cards: 1968 season cards--\$35.00 or highest bid; 1969 season--\$32.00 or highest bid; 1970 season--\$26.00 or highest bid; 1971 season--\$20.00 or highest bid. All cards in very good condition; some have writing. Chris Ranken, 133 Rockland Dr., West Lafayette, IN 47906

FOR SALE: Mint, never been used: '57 Braves, '61 Tigers, '60 Pirates, '54 Giants, '46 Red Sox, '27 Yankees, '24 Senators, '54 Indians, '22 Giants, '65 Twins, '09 Pirates, '31 A's, '34 Cardinals, '35 Cubs, '19 White Sox, '09 Tigers, '53 Dodgers, '50 Yankees, '50 Phillies, '41 Dodgers; 60¢ each. WANTED: pre-1968 Pirates, Tigers teams. Matt Elwart, 24705 Almond, East Detroit, MI 48021

FOR SALE: Baseball, 1968 Giants; 1969 Giants; 1970 Braves, Reds, Dodgers, Giants, Padres, Mets, Pirates, Cubs, Yanks, Red Sox, Orioles, Indians, Tigers, A's, Senators, Twins; 1971 Reds, Astros, Dodgers, Padres, Expos, Pirates, Cards, Phils, Cubs, entire A.L.;

1972 N.L. and A.L. whole [sold only as set], and Cubs, Astros, Reds, Pirates, Giants, Tigers, Royals, Yanks, A's, Indians; 1973 Pirates, Astros, Red Sox, Giants. Football, 1969 Chargers, Broncos; 1970 all 26 teams [sold only as set] and Packers, Raiders, Dolphins, Broncos, Browns, Eagles; 1971 all 26 teams [sold only as set] and Redskins, 49ers, Cowboys, Browns, Raiders, Dolphins, Chiefs; 1972 Browns. Send self-addressed, stamped envelope to ensure reply. Mike Italia, 114 Perth Ave., New Rochelle, NY 10804 [914] 235-0318.

FOR SALE: Football, complete sets of NFL, AFL teams from 1967 to 1972. Bid by year only on a complete set. Baseball, 1969 N.L., A.L.; 1970 Dodgers, Reds, Twins, Orioles, Pirates, Cards; 1971 Dodgers, Braves, Pirates, Cubs, Mets, Cards, A's, Twins, Orioles, Tigers; 1972 Dodgers, Braves, Reds, Pirates, Cubs, Cards, Phillies, A's, White Sox, Royals, Orioles, Indians. Bid on individual baseball teams only. Most teams in good to excellent condition, though some teams look worn. Only winners will be notified unless SASE is enclosed. Send bids to: Steve Zupan, 33045 Wildomar Rd., Elsinore, CA 92530

FOR SALE: Baseball Fans! Now is your opportunity to purchase old Strat-O-Matic teams and/or sets at the most reasonable price ever. Based on 1969 through 1973, you may buy any major league baseball team put out. There will be no bidding; just send a check or money order (cash if you're willing to take the risk) at 75¢ per team. It will be first come, first serve. If a team is unavailable, your check, money order or cash will be returned promptly within 24 hours. Send to: Jeff Guterman, 28 Emm Lane, Roslyn, NY 11576

FOR SALE: Join the Strat-O-Matic Association of America. Formed to give players the opportunity to exchange playing experiences. Send 20¢ to: S-O-M A.A., 28 Emm Lane, Roslyn, NY 11576

FOR SALE: Football, 1970 [2], 1971 [1], 1972 [2], 1973 [1]; just teams; all complete; all teams; mint condition; best offer; bids start at \$1.00. Baseball, assorted teams from '66, '69-70; send for list; excellent condition. Basketball, complete set, no teams, good condition; 75¢+ postage and handling. Send bids and/or money to: Larry Nolan, 45140 Farnsworth St., San Leandro, CA 94579. Include SASE for faster service.



FOR SALE: Attention Strat-O-Matic Baseball fans! You're not the only one who has had an argument concerning a statistic, with a friend. You can solve that problem now. Just send 20¢ (mailing and printing of statistics) to: Baseball Statistics Past and Present, 28 Emm Lane, Roslyn, NY 11576. Please note that when you request a player's home run total for lifetime, for example, you'll get as much info that we can print.

FOR SALE: 1971 Senators, Twins, Royals, Angels, Tigers, White Sox, Yankees, Brewers, Indians, Dodgers, Astros, Padres, Expos, Pirates. Never used! \$5.75. Selling all 1973 teams with extras. Good condition. \$7.75. Both sets, \$13.00. Selling complete football game with all 1972 teams in excellent condition, \$9.75. Selling complete basketball game with 1973-74 teams; never used; \$6.75. I pay postage. Write: Phil Ledesma, 12344 Felton Ave., Hawthorne, CA 90250

FOR SALE: 13 back issues of S-O-M Review; Aug. 1974-Aug. 1975; \$4.00 for all 13. Football game (without card set), \$4.00. Baseball game (without card set), \$3.00. These games are complete for use in both basic and advance versions. 1973 football cards, \$8.50; 1973 baseball cards, \$7.50. Rosters included with both sets. Also, individual teams: 1969 Bills, Bengals and Chargers; 1970 Rams; 1972 A's and Dolphins. All teams 50¢ each. Everything in mint condition. Special offer--take everything for \$27.95. Send offers (no check or money, just intent to buy) to: Brian Meredith, 411 Pinedale St., Southbridge, MA 01550

FOR SALE: Business responsibilities force drastic reduction in my S-O-M involvement. Following items must go: complete sets will not be split. Other teams go individually. Baseball, 1966 complete [fair]; 1970 complete [w/extras less Tiger extras and one SD card, good]; 1971, two 1972 and 1973 sets [all four w/extras and all good]; complete Old-Timer set with A and B HOF

sets [very good]; 1968 Cards, Astros, Cubs, Mets, Phils, Reds, Braves, O's, Pirates, Indians, Red Sox, A's, Yanks, Twins [fair to good]; 1969 Padres, Astros, Pilots, Angels, Royals, White Sox, Tigers, Indians, Senators, Red Sox [good]. Football, 1971 complete [good--a few cards slightly torn]; 1972 complete [very good]; 1968 Raiders, Chargers [good]; 1969 Dolphins, Chargers, Browns, Raiders, Colts, Chiefs, Rams, Cowboys, 49ers, Packers, Vikings, Giants, Falcons [good]; 1970 Cowboys, Lions, Chargers, 49ers [good]. Also, S-O-M Review, May 1972 to present. Bidder with highest total winners gets extras. Bidding closes 15th of this issue's month. SASE insures reply. Eric Johns, 140 East Essex Lane, Ft. Wayne, IN 46825

FOR SALE: S-O-M Football teams. 1972 complete set in mint condition. These 26 teams have never been used. Bids to start at \$20. 1970, 1971 teams in excellent condition--Chiefs, Vikings, Raiders, Cowboys, Dolphins; 1970 Chiefs, Cowboys, Raiders, Vikings; 1969 teams in good-excellent condition--Lions, Vikings, Bears, Chiefs, Giants, Raiders, Cowboys, Colts, Browns. Minimum bids on teams to start at \$1.00. Steve Bauer, 11 Mark St., Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776

FOR SALE: These '69 teams, in excellent condition, to the highest bidder--Padres, Astros, Giants, Dodgers, Braves, Cards, Cubs, Twins, Yankees, Royals, Tigers, White Sox, Pilots, Indians, Senators, A's, Angels. Send highest bids to: Jeff Martow, 5609 Redwood Ave., Montreal, Quebec H4W 1T8

FOR SALE: All the 1971 football teams, except Houston Oilers. All 26 1972 teams. Bids for one or all the teams will be accepted. The highest bid will be given the teams. Write to: Randy Roe, 6110 Hokie Court, Richmond, VA 23234

FOR SALE: Seven 1969 teams--Cubs, White Sox, Royals, Astros, Padres, Expos, Pilots. Bids accepted until Sept. 20th. Only winning bids will be notified unless you send a stamp. Dale Barnes, 509 Davis St., Park Forest, IL 60466

FOR SALE: S-O-M Football game, including all the necessary game parts as well as four 1972 teams: Dolphins, Cowboys, Redskins, Steelers; all in excellent condition. Send bids to: Rich Grant, 100 Marsh Cres., Regina, Sask., Canada S4S 5R6



## League Forming

**LEAGUE FORMING:** I am forming an eight-team draft, play-by-mail league using the '73-74 basketball cards. We will draft from 12 NBA teams. It will be a 40-game schedule, about two or three games a week. There will be a \$2.00 entry fee. For more information write: Joe Altman, 80-48 217 St., Queens Village, NY 11427. Hurry, league starting soon!

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Looking for Strato buffs in Southeastern Ohio or nearby areas of Kentucky or West Virginia for a face-to-face league, preferably football. Access to a car would probably come in handy. Write and tell me a little about yourself, with your address, phone number, etc.: J.G. Preston, 170 West South Street, Jackson, OH 45640. Don't call-- I work strange hours.

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Looking for managers interested in joining football play-by-mail league, using the new 1974 cards. Send your picks to me in order of preference. Each manager could possibly manage two teams, depending on the response. A \$1.00 entry fee will be required. Only other requirement is that you're interested enough to put a little time into it. Write: Doug Winslow, 1226 Pharmacy Ave., Scarborough, Ontario, Canada M1R 2H9

**LEAGUE FORMING:** 34 managers are needed for the replay Review readers have asked for time and again. We will be using all 34 Old-Timer teams, through a 154-game schedule. The schedule is moderately paced, so anyone should have the time to participate. If you have the Old-Timer teams, or plan on getting them, don't pass up this opportunity. Send a list of the 34 teams in order of preference. There will be a fee of about \$3, but don't send it until notified. Dale Barnes, 509 Davis St., Park Forest, IL 60466

**LEAGUE FORMING:** Baseball is a business, so why not run a play-by-mail league like it? Using a new system that myself and five

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other friends in the area have developed, we have set up a PBM league using the newest American League teams and extras. Entry fee is \$6, \$3 of which will be refunded when season is completed. Wish to start by October. Please send teams in order of preference. All former members of Gil Hodges Memorial PBM league are invited. But hurry, only six places left! David Ahlstrom, 15 Pine Brook Drive, Lorchmont, NY 10538

## Basketball Playing Tip

### ODD PLAY CHART

BY BOBBY HINES  
Stony Creek, VA

Whenever a 1-1-1 is rolled in the last four minutes of a quarter, pick a split number for an odd play result.

Nos.	Result
1-4	- Offensive foul.
5-8	- Turnover, offense gives up ball.
9-12	- Successful field goal.
13	- Offensive shooter ejected; defense gets two shots.
14	- Defensive player guarding shooter ejected; offensive player gets two shots.
15	- Offensive coach ejected; defense gets two shots.
16-18	- Jump ball.
19	- Shot missed, rebound situation.
20	- Basket and one free throw.

\* When coach is ejected, choice of shooter is gone. Go down line for determining shooter, starting with RF. No double-teaming when coach is ejected. Only eject coach, however, in third or fourth periods. Pick another split if "15" is drawn in first half.

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## Solitaire Defense For S-O-M Football

Some popular Strat-O-Matic game playing tips never die...nor do they ever completely fade away, either. One such playing tip was contributed by Frank Kastelic of El Cerrito, CA. It involved a solitaire defensive chart for S-O-M Football, a chart which reflected an accurate balance between the passing and more recent ball-control running games portrayed in the pros.

First introduced to the Review pages over two years ago, it continues to be popular. Many new subscribers have never seen it, so this month the Review is reprinting it, along with a solitaire pass rush chart that is activated by the roll of one die.

The charts:

### SOLO DEFENSE CHART

(Select play, then roll one die to determine defensive call and number of men in attacked zone)

Down	S Yards To Go	Line Buck		Off-Tackle		End Run	
		Right	3-Men	Right	2-Men	Right	2-Men
1	11 to 16	12	12	12	1	12	12
1	10	1234*	12	1234*	1	1234*	1
1	9 or less	1234*	123	1234*	12	1234*	1
2	11 to 16	12	12	12	1	12	12
2	8 to 10	1234*	12	1234*	1	1234*	12
2	7 or less	1234*	123	1234*	12	1234*	1
3	16 or more	1	12	1	12	12	12
3	6 to 15	123*	12	123*	12	123	12
3	3 to 5	1234*	12	1234*	12	1234*	12
3	2 or less	12345	1234	12345	123	12345	1

\* Guessed right only when inside opponent's 10-yard line.

Down	S Yards To Go	Flat Pass		Short Pass		Long Pass	
		Right	1-Man	Right	4-Men	Right	1-Man
1	11 to 16	1234	1234	1234	1234	1234	1234
1	10	123	1234	123	12	123	12345
1	9 or less	123	1234	123	123	123	1234
2	11 to 16	1234	1234	12345	1234	12345	1234
2	8 to 10	123	1234	123	123	123	1234
2	7 or less	123	1234	123	123	123	1234
3	16 or more	12345	12	12345	12345	12345	12345
3	6 to 15	1234	12	12345	12345	12345	12345
3	3 to 5	123	12345	123	12345	123	12
3	2 or less	12	123	123*	123	12	1234

\* Guessed right only when inside opponent's 10-yard line.

### Pass Rush Chart--Advanced (Roll white die to indicate No. of blitzers)

1, 2 -- no linebackers blitzing; 5 -- 2 linebackers blitzing  
3, 4 -- 1 linebacker blitzing; 6 -- 3 linebackers blitzing



## S-O-M Game-Playing Part Of Survey

BY NEIL ORSER

In April of this year, I distributed a questionnaire to various table-game fans across North America with the hope of completing a survey-type research project for my Grade 13 sociology class at school. Certain of the results that I received showed interest in this project, with different people asking for a copy of the final results. Therefore, to share my findings with other table-gamers, I am submitting the information that I gathered.

I would also like to take this opportunity to publicly thank all those who took part in my project and to commend everyone for their prompt response. I might also add that Strat-O-Matic games, as well as other company's games, have given me another opportunity to improve my school marks, as I was given a mark of 95 per cent on this research effort by a very interested teacher.

It is hoped that all those who read this will find it informative and interesting, and that they will draw their own conclusions from these tabulations. Finally, the purpose of this project is to determine whether or not the hobby, if I may call it that, has any noticeable effect on the family life of those involved in such activities.

### Survey results:

A. Number of questionnaires dispatched:	60.		
Number of questionnaires returned:	28.		
Total male responses:	27.		
Total female responses:	1.		
		<u>%</u>	<u>Hours/Week</u>
B. Gaming helped family in:	9	12 avg.	6 avg.
Gaming had no effect in:	86	10 avg.	4 avg.
Gaming damaged family in:	5	11 avg.	not available
C. Number of students heard from:	15		
Number of clerical works heard from:	9		
Number of manual laborers heard from:	3		
Number of unemployed persons:	1		
D. Number of married participants:	10		
Number of single participants:	18		
E. Number of responses from Canada:	8 of 11		
Number of responses from U.S.:	20 of 49		

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

### FOOTBALL

- 1973 - All teams available. Cost: \$11.00 for entire set; 75¢ per team.
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- 1971 - All teams available, except Dallas. Baltimore and San Francisco are limited. Cost: \$9.50 for entire set; 75¢ per team.
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- 1969 - Teams available are Buffalo, Cincinnati, Denver, Houston, Miami, San Diego. Cost: \$3.75 set; 75¢ per team.
- 1968 - No teams available.

### BASEBALL

- 1973 - All teams available except Pittsburgh, San Francisco, St. Louis, New York Mets, Montreal, San Diego. Cost: \$7.50 for set; \$1.25 for two teams; 65¢ each.
- 1972 - Only Oakland available. Cost: 60¢.

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## Free Throw Contest Champion

### *Spencer Haywood Zeroes In!*

Who's the greatest when it comes to shooting free throws successfully, using the 1973-74 Strat-O-Matic Basketball cards?

Mike Cummins and Jim Bradley of Pana, IL, decided to find out not long ago and conducted a tournament to determine the "greatest." Instead of just picking out who they considered the best charity shot marksmen and running off an elimination tourney, they held eliminations for each team, with the team free throw king then advancing into a final series of shootouts.

Each player, each round, was given 10 free throws. If a tie resulted at the end of 10, then the two players would continue shooting until the deadlock was ended.

The best team battle occurred between Geoff Petrie and John Johnson of the Portland Trailblazers. Both Petrie, who went into the final round having connected on 20 consecutive chances, and Johnson swished all 10 of their attempts. Finally, in a playoff, Johnson made all five of his chances while Petrie, after making four in a row--and 34 overall--finally missed and was eliminated.

Here are the team championship results:

Kansas City Kings: Howard Komives d. Don Kojis, 10-8; Los Angeles Lakers: Stan Love d. Jerry West, 10-5; Seattle SuperSonics: Spencer Haywood d. Slick Watts, 8-6; Buffalo Braves: Ernie DiGregorio d. Jim McMillian, 9-5.

Milwaukee Bucks: Mickey Davis d. Bob Dandridge, 2-1 after tying at 9-10; Houston Rockets: Mike Newlin d. Rudy Tomjanovich, 9-8; New York Knicks: Henry Bibby d. Walt Frazier, 8-7; Golden State Warriors: Rick Barry d. Jeff Mullins, 5-4 after 9-10 tie; Bullets: Phil Chenier d. Kevin Porter, 10-9.

Atlanta Hawks: Pete Maravich d. John Wetzel, 9-6; Portland Trailblazers: John Johnson d. Geoff Petrie, 5-4, after 10-10 tie; Philadelphia 76ers: Tom VanArsdale d. Don May, 10-9; Cleveland Cavaliers: Jim Clemons d. Luke Witte, 2-1 after 9-10 tie; Boston Celtics: Don Chaney d. Henry Finkel, 9-5.

Chicago Bulls: Howard Porter d. Chet Walker, 10-9; Phoenix Suns: Clem Haskins d. Dick VanArsdale, 10-6; Detroit Pistons: Bob Lanier d. George Trapp, 10-9.

#### Championship Shootouts

First Round: Haskins d. Lanier, 2-1 after 9-10 tie; Barry d. Bibby, 9-8; J. Johnson d. T. VanArsdale, 2-1 after 10-10 tie; Chenier d. Maravich, 9-7; Komives d. S. Love, 9-6; Haywood d. DiGregorio, 1-0 after 7-10 tie; Davis d. Newlin, 6-5 after 8-10 tie; Chaney d. Clemons, 9-7.

Second Round: Porter d. Chaney, 4-3 after 7-10 tie; Haywood d. Komives, 1-0 after 8-10 tie; Johnson d. Chenier, 5-4 after 10-10 tie; Barry d. Haskins, 10-8. Davis drew bye, automatically advances into third round.

Third Round: Haywood d. Barry, 10-7; Davis d. Porter, 8-7. Johnson drew bye.

Fourth Round: Davis d. Johnson, 9-8.

Finals: Spencer Haywood d. Mickey Davis, 8-5.

Haywood, with only an 81.4 percentage from the stripe, won out over such highly-touted shooters as Ernie DiGregorio (90.2) and Rick Barry (89.9), both of whom he defeated in head-to-head shootouts.

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### Directory Additions

- \* Mike Wilson, 105 Linden Dr., Camp Hill, PA 17011; played baseball four years, owns basketball.
- \* Norman Bradel Jr., 3 Elwyn Ave., Carnegie, PA 15106; 20; played baseball [both advanced, basic versions] nine years; member of N.O.L. play-by-mail league.
- \* Rhett Hagler, 8006 Allison Dr. SE, Huntsville, AL 35802; 20; plays all three games; 8 years S-O-M experience.



## *Guest Columnist*

### Happy To Have Happy

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BY TOM NELSON

In a spring issue of the Review, Happy Hairston was rapped by the editors as not being good enough to rank in the top 10 players of the NBA. I don't believe that Hairston is that good myself, but I noticed Dave Bing ranked sixth. And for one man's importance to a team, Happy would rank over Bing, who has had his two worst seasons of his career.

This so-called "power" forward has become an important factor in deciding NBA championships. Hard-nosed, clutch rebounders like Paul Silas, Dave De-Busschere, Curtis Perry and Hairston have been on five of the last six NBA champions. The power forward, teamed with a capable center, has been the trend. Consider the probable result of a Jabbar-Hairston combination in Los Angeles this winter.

The reason I must defend Hairston and his counterparts is that I have seen what he can mean to a club in S-O-M Basketball. I am a member of the Mid-Coastal Basketball League and Hairston is averaging 15 rebounds per game on a team consisting of: guards--Walt Frazier and Lucius Allen; center--Bob Lanier; forwards--Rudy Tomjanovich and Hairston.

Without going into how I got such a team in a draft league, the fact of the matter is that Happy has saved me in many games, snatching rebounds from opposing forwards when they cannot handle them.

#### HAIRSTON'S REBOUNDING SPECIALIST

The importance of Hairston in S-O-M can be traced to the fact that the rebound ratings on each player's card are not based on rebounds per game, but rebounds per 48 minutes! This shows their per game average if they play a full 48 minutes every game. In this respect, Hairston (who has been the best rebounding forward among starters in the NBA over the last two seasons, at least) is very close to Elvin Hayes, the 1973-74 rebound king, and even surpasses '74-75 leader Wes Unseld.

		<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Reb/Game</u>	<u>Reb/48 Min</u>
1974-75 Hairston	-	2283	12.8	20
" " Unseld	-	2904	14.8	18
1973-74 Hairston	-	2633	13.5	19
" " Hayes	-	3605	18.1	20

The rebounds per minute show how many rebounds a player pulls down every 48 minutes, which is more accurate than rebounds per game. In a game, this means more chances at an offensive rebound after rolling an "8". With a 50% shooting average, Hairston has to be considered one of the more dangerous inside shooters on offensive rebounds, since he's rated "6" off both offensive and defensive boards.

For those who contend that Unseld and Hayes pull down more rebounds or as many as Jabbar, Cowens, etc., consider that they played more minutes, and the longer you play the more rebounds you'll get. Besides, Hayes and Unseld both alternate at center, where you'll get more rebounds near the board.

I hope I have not offended fans of some players, but I feel that this is an important aspect of S-O-M and pro basketball--but gets little recognition. So, if you are in a draft basketball league and Haywood, Hayes and Wicks are gone, you might try sacrificing some high average rebounder and scorer and go for sure defense and the best rebounder in the league by picking Hairston!

Editor's note: Tom Nelson is 24 years old and lives in Springfield Gardens, NY. The Mid-Coastal Association plays both basketball and football. The play-by-mail draft basketball league has 12 members, with Emery Kurts of Santa Maria, CA, the commissioner.

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## Frank Robby Hits 60 Home Runs! “ *Majesties Most Majestic In 1966 Replay*”

Once upon a time Rick [Wolfman] Shapiro had a dream--a dream of creating the world's largest Strat-O-Matic League.

Like so many dreams, however, this one never bore reality. The undertaking was simply too large; the list of managers too small. A couple of leagues were formed, though, and did get out of the starting gate. The "Never Ending S-O-M League," for instance [featured in Feb., 1975 Review] completed its replay of the 1967 season.

Another--and apparently the last--division of the super league to make it through an entire season was the eight-team Ebbermek League, which used the 1966 cards. It was launched in Dec., 1973 with Bob Zajkowsky as commissioner. A draft, supervised by Ed Furman, was then held and the following spring a 162-game schedule was under way.

Its first season is history now and Eric Johns of Fort Wayne, IN, sends along information as to what transpired. He also mentioned that a draft of the 1967 players has already been held, a constitution drawn up and that play will soon be starting again.

Johns, who managed the Indiana Majesties, won the play-by-mail title--mainly because he broke open a close race at the three-quarter season mark by winning 31 of his final 40 games.

Frank Robinson was the most majestic of the Majesties, hitting 60 home runs--yes, 60!--and winning the triple crown. Bob Bolin was the surprise of the pitching staff, winning 24 games, while other highlights included Bart Ewing's Kansas City Jazz Kings stealing 274 bases, Dick Allen of Bob Zajkowsky's Woodbridge Bombers hitting four homers in one game and Sandy Koufax of Furman's Chicago Cruds striking out an amazing 386 batters.

### A LOOK AT THE TEAMS

**INDIANA MAJESTIES** [Eric Johns, Ft. Wayne, IN] -- Powered by Frank Robinson who hit 60 homers, drove in 152 runs, scored 122 and batted .322...had plenty of long-ball punch in Willie Mays [97 RBI] and Willie McCovey [96]...speed, too, as Lou Brock and Sonny Jackson stole 99 bases...Phil Regan was relief ace, saving 17 games...Bob Bolin was 24-5, Earl Wilson 18-18 and Juan Marichal won 17.

**CHICAGO RACQUETS** [Mark Podrazik] -- Below .500 at mid-season rallied to finish 87-75...another power team as Ron Santo hit .306, drove in 91 runs, Norm Cash slugged 36 homers, drove in 102, Tom Tresh hit 24 HRs, Mickey Mantle 23 and Dick McAuliffe 21...Jim Bunning was mound sparkler with 21-14 record and league-leading 2.10 earned run average.

**ANDERSON RAVENS** [Kevin Lane] -- Definite Pittsburgh look as Roberto Clemente hit .295 [97 RBI] and Willie Stargell had 33 homers. Clemente chipped in with 30 HRs, Don Clendenon 21...good starting trio in Tommy John [21-6, 2.64], Bob Gibson [19-13, 2.64] and Fritz Peterson [15-9].

**KANSAS CITY JAZZ KINGS** [Bart Ewing] -- Stole everything in sight [bases, gloves, bats, even the parking attendant]. Base thievery was specialty, pilfering 274...Matty Alou was biggest thief with 76, Maury Wills had 52 in only 392 at-bats...Felipe Alou top batsman with 31 HRs, 102 RBI and 85 runs...Jim Grant started 43 games and compiled 21-17 record.

**CHICAGO CRUDS** [Ed Furman] -- Team of irony as it hit league-high 201 homers, yet finished fifth in runs scored...low batting averages kept run total small as Jose Cardenal was leading swatter at .265...Harmon Killebrew led ample muscle attack with 37 homers, Joe Torre had 30 and Jim Lefebvre added 28...Sandy Koufax was strikeout king with 386 while registering 22-17 record and 2.47 ERA. Don Sutton was 15-10 and Bob Lockner was league's top fireman with 1.71 ERA, 20 saves and eight wins.

**WOODBRIDGE BOMBERS** [Bob Zajkowsky] -- Strong hitting but weak pitching...Dick Allen hammered 42 homers, batted .319 and drove in 116 runs; Tony Oliva hit .299 and homered 30 times; Orlando Cepeda knocked in 93 runs and Campy Campaneris stole 25...On the other hand, Sonny Siebert [14-17, 3.38] and Claude

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CHICAGO VETERANS (Ed Podrazik) -- Team was fortunate to have Hank Aaron who probably saved them from cellar with his 49 HRs, 102 RBI and 95 runs scored. He even led team in stolen bases with 14...Willie Horton chipped in 27 HRs and Randy Hundley poked 20... Gaylord Perry (16-11) and Jim Kaat (17-17) were able hurlers, but Larry Jackson (9-20) was bright spot only to opposition.

RHODE ISLAND RAMS (Roy Daeiell) -- From first place in the 1973 S-O-M Convention's baseball tournament to last place in a play-by-mail, that's the Fate of Daeiell...three 20-game losers (Don Drysdale, 12-22; Mel Stottlemyre, 9-24; Jim Maloney, 8-27) made it easier to capture basement...so did 102 losses! ...Mike Cuellar managed to work around this ineptness and lose only 18 games, while winning 11 and ringing up a respectable 2.78 ERA...Joe Hoerner was solid in relief with a 13-4 record and seven saves...team led league with 3.74 ERA...Rusty Staub (.275) was top hitter and Boog Powell had 28 HRs...Bill Mazeroski was a flop, batting only .202...

Final standings and leaders:

Indiana Majesties	96-66	--	F.Robinson, MAJ	.322
Chicago Racquets	87-75	9	Allen, BOM	.319
Anderson Ravens	86-76	10	Santo, RAQ	.306
K.C. Jazz Kings	86-76	10	M.Alou, JK	.304
Chicago Cruets	85-77	11	Clemente, RAV	.295
Woodbridge Bombers	79-83	17		
Chicago Veterans	69-93	27	<u>Home Runs</u>	
Rhode Island Rams	60-102	36	F.Robinson, MAJ	60
			Aaron, VET	49
			Allen, BOM	42
			Killebrew, CRU	37
			Cash, RAQ	36
<u> RBI </u>				
F.Robinson, MAJ	152		<u>Doubles</u>	
Allen, BOM	116		Yastrzemski, CRU	41
Aaron, VET	102		Clemente, RAV	34
F.Alou, JK	102		B.Robinson, JK	33
			Mays, MAJ	33
<u> Runs </u>			<u>Triples</u>	
F.Robinson, MAJ	122		Agee, RAV	15
Oliva, BOM	106		Cledenon, RAV	13
R.Allen, BOM	105		<u>Stolen Bases</u>	
			M.Alou, JK	76
			Wills, JK	52
			S.Jackson, MAJ	51
<u> Hits </u>				
M.Alou, JK	210		<u>ERA</u>	
R.Allen, BOM	196		Bunning, RAQ	2.10
F.Robinson, MAJ	195		Bolin, MAJ	2.44
			Koufax, CRU	2.47
			Barber, JK	2.56
			Gibson, RAV	2.61
			John, RAV	2.64
			G.Perry, VET	2.67
			Peterson, RAV	2.76
			Cuellar, RAM	2.78
			A.Jackson, MAJ	2.86
			J.Perry, RAQ	2.89
<u> Strikeouts </u>			<u>Wins</u>	
KouFax, CRU	366		Bolin, MAJ	24
Maloney, RAM	259		Koufax, CRU	22
Bunning, RAQ	242		Bunning, RAQ	21
Boswell, JK	228		Grant, JK	21
G.Perry, VET	224		John, RAV	21
<u> Comp. Games </u>			<u>Won-Lost %</u>	
Bunning, RAQ	29		Bolin, MAJ	24-5 .828
Koufax, CRU	28		John, RAV	21-6 .778
Grant, JK	23		Hoerner, RAM	13-4 .765
			<u>Saves</u>	
			Locker, CRU	20
			Regan, MAJ	17
			Drabowsky, RAV	12
			<u>Shutouts</u>	
			Bunning, RAQ	7
			Koufax, CRU	6
			E.Wilson, MAJ	6

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