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1977 S-O-M Convention Best Ever

Well over 100 gamers, including many past champions, descended on Champaign-Urbana, IL, the latter part of July for the fourth straight summertime convention put on by Rick (Wolfman) Shapiro. Close to 200 people took part in the festivities in some capacity, either as tournament hopefuls, parents, girl friends, wives, or just the curious.

As usual, Tom Nelson and Ed and Seth Sherman from New York were the first to arrive, pulling in a full week before tournament play commenced. In all, California, Missouri, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Florida, Georgia, New York, Tennessee, South Carolina and Canada were the states represented by the turnout.

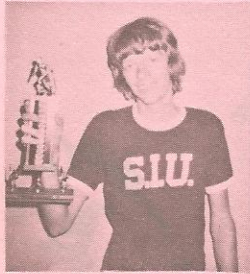
Past champions back looking to pick off more honors were Fred Floreth (adv. baseball, 1974), Bob Anderson (ele. baseball, 1974), Steve Dempsey (ele. baseball-B, 1975 & '76), Tom Nelson (adv. football, '75), Paul Boetta (adv. baseball, '76), Dale Barnes (ele. baseball-A, '75), Austin Weeces (ele. baseball, '76), Mike Ericksen (adv. basketball, '75), Steve Rigdon (adv. football, '76). Four female contestants also participated--the most ever.

Many people, in addition to Shapiro, worked in front and behind the scenes to make the convention another success. Barnes handled the mail, bought the trophies and took the pictures (see page 2); Nelson and Brad Furst helped compose the football rules; Robert Henry donated teams as door prizes; Hiram Raldiris also helped with the trophies; and Bob Anderson and Fred Floreth helped run the tournaments.

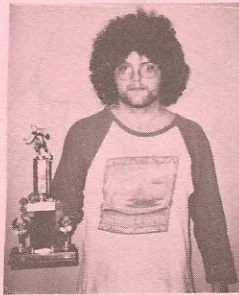
PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

Here are the tournaments and ultimate winners:

ADVANCED FOOTBALL - Ed Sherman ('67 Rams) won out over 20 other gamers, defeating Tom Nelson ('68 Chiefs) in the final, 17-6. Remember, teams are
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BOB CYPHERS
Elem. Baseball



MIKE DUNN
Super Adv. Football



ED SHERMAN (LEFT), TOM NELSON (RIGHT)
Finished 1-2 In Advanced Football



DALE BARNES (LEFT), JOHNNIE BRANIGAN
Runnerup, Winner Elem. Baseball A

switched at halftime, negating the effect of a powerful team meeting a sub-par one. In the semi's, Sherman defeated Mike Dunn ('72 Minnesota), 53-7, and Nelson topped Steve Rigdon ('70 Lions), 41-24.

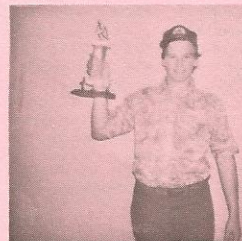
ELEMENTARY BASEBALL (1905-57)
- Johnnie Branigan ('40 Reds) defeated Dale Barnes ('24 Senators) in the final round, 7-5 in runs (teams are switched in the two-game round). Both finalists, incidentally, were from Park Forest, IL.

ELEMENTARY BASEBALL (1960-76)
- Steve Dempsey, bidding for third straight win, fell in fourth round. Bob Cyphers ('74 Angels) edged Bob Galvin ('71 Orioles) in the finals, 10-8, after trailing at one point by six runs.

SUPER ADVANCED FOOTBALL - First time tourney, with 18 entered. Furst ('75 Oilers) bowed to Mike Dunn ('76 Colts) in final, 27-24, as Dunn, using Houston the second half, scored all his points in that half. Unbelievably, Houston outpointed the Colts by a 51-0 margin. Dan Pastorini wound up going 28 for 52 for 340 yards and three TDs.

ADVANCED BASEBALL - As usual, had biggest turnout (80). Almost all the former champs entered this tournament. Byrd Schrock ('76 Astros) and Dave Brown ('76 Twins), a pair of newcomers, met in finals, with Schrock taking an 8-6 overall decision.

Shapiro, who has worked tirelessly putting on the last four tournaments, announced (see Nov. Review) that plans are in the works for regional as well as a national convention next year.



BYRD SCHROCK
Advanced Baseball King

1958 Colts 'Greatest' Of Them All

One single-elimination tournament is hardly tantamount to supplying a unanimous vote, but this corner has found the 1958 Baltimore Colts to be the greatest of the old-time pro football greats.

The Colts, led by quarterback Johnny Unitas, running back-receiver Lenny Moore, Alan [The Horse] Ameche, receiver Ray Berry and a sound defense were too explosive for the other five former great National Football League teams that comprised the first such set put out by Strat-O-Matic.

The 1962 Green Bay Packers, rated on a par by S-O-M with the '58 Colts, clashed with the Baltimore bombers in the championship game. And, after grabbing a 10-0 lead by the outset of the second period, the Pack fell back for good as Baltimore exploded for a runaway 31-17 triumph.

Two-way threat Lenny Moore was the catalyst in the Colts' offense, coming back after being held to minus one-yard rushing in the first half to finish with 105 yards rushing and one touchdown, in only 12 carries. Moore also caught five Unitas passes for another touchdown and 78 yards.

Baltimore had a scare in its first game, however, holding off the Cleveland Browns of 1965 by a 27-24 score. The Colts, aided by the luck of the draw, then advanced directly into the finals of the abbreviated tournament. Green Bay, meanwhile, methodically demolished the 1958 New York Giants, 24-0, then rebounded from an early 14-0 deficit to overpower the 1963 Chicago Bears, 38-21.

The Bears had earlier disposed of the 1960 Philadelphia Eagles in a first-round contest, 29-10. The Eagles, considering all facets of the game, appeared the weakest of the sextet, by far.

PLENTY OF OFFENSE

All of the teams packed an explosive punch when it came to offense, even though the '58 Giants were throttled by the Packers and limited to a net of 70 yards. It would be interesting to see how the Giants and Eagles would fare in a matchup against each other.

The Eagles just couldn't contain the Bears' surprisingly potent offense, thus the Philly offense never had a chance to shift into high gear.

Most of the big name performers played up to expectations. Jim Brown, for instance, blasted to 121 yards in 22 carries in the Browns' only appearance. And Jim Taylor, Green Bay's hard-to-bring-down fullback, plowed for 90, 153 and 104 yards in a total of 64 carries over a three-game span.

It's a certainty that all who play the Old-Timers are in for similar offensive thrills. S-O-M's newest creation is another immense hit. The Review would like to be informed of your gaming results with the new teams, so be sure and let us know. Hopefully, someone soon will play the Old-Timer teams through a full-season (whether it be 12 or 14 games).

TOURNAMENT TIME!

Here's how the Old-Timer tournament games came out:

1958 BALTIMORE COLTS 27, 1965 CLEVELAND BROWNS 24 - For a team that trailed 20-3 midway through the third quarter, Cleveland put up a valiant fight in an effort to pull out a comeback win...Browns actually outgained Colts in total offense, 330-312...Brown, as mentioned above, had 121 yards and one TD in 22 carries, while QB Frank Ryan connected on 14 of 26 passes for 215 yards, with two TDs and two interceptions...Unitas sparked Colts, hitting on 19 of 31 tosses for 222 yards and touchdowns to Jim Mutscheller, Ray Berry and L.G. Dupre...Top rusher for Colts was Moore, who, after being held to -3 yards in first half, bounced back to finish with 50 in only seven carries.

1963 CHICAGO BEARS 29, 1960 PHILADELPHIA EAGLES 10 - Bears picked off three of Norm VanBrocklin's aeriols and offensively rolled up whopping 427 yards, 223 along ground trail...Billy Wade was 11-of-17 passing for 197 yards and two scores--both to Mike Ditka, while sub Willie Galimore rushed for 108 yards in 11 carries...VanBrocklin was 14-of-30 for 158 yards...

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Eagles only had 54 yards rushing, in 19 carries...Tommy McDonald hauled in five VanBrocklin tosses for 93 yards, including 16-yard TD.

1962 GREEN BAY PACKERS 24, 1958 N.Y. GIANTS 0 - Packers were overwhelming, limiting Giants to 70 yards and eight first downs...Bart Starr picked Giants apart, completing nine of 16 passes for 128 yards and three TDs...Paul Hornung came off bench to ramble to 76 yards in six carries behind line that included five "3s"...Don Maynard's 48-yard punt return was only bright moment for Giants.

1962 PACKERS 38, 1963 BEARS 21 - An offensive circus as Bears shot out to 14-0 lead as Wade hit Bo Farrington (56) and Johnny Morris (8) for TDs...Teams went on to pile up 692 yards, 372 by Pack and 320 by the Bears...The defensive-minded Bears, who wound up being unable to contain the Pack, even had 21-14 lead in third quarter after 77-yard, 12-play drive for score...Pack scored game's last 24 points, as Taylor ran 13 yards and Starr passed 15 to Boyd Dowler, 5 to Ron Kramer, and Jerry Kramer toed 18-yard field goal...Starr was 12-of-19 for 140 yards and three TDs; Taylor had 153 yards, two TDs, in 23 carries...Wade was even better, connecting on 18 of 29 passes for 250 yards and two TDs...Pack, however, limited Bears to 86 yards on ground in 24 cracks, while amassing 246 in 45 carries...

[CHAMPIONSHIP GAME] 1958 COLTS 31, 1962 PACKERS 17 - Packers may have burned selves out having to play extra game. Started fast, grabbing 10-0 lead, but couldn't cope with Colt firepower in second half...Colts had only 10 yards rushing first half, but hit Packers with 207 overland after halftime...Unitas, sticking with ground game most of second half, finished with 13 of 21 for 204 yards and one TD passing. Moore (Lenny) rambled to 105 yards in 12 carries and Ameche and Dupre chipped in 60 and 52, respectively...Moore also caught five passes for 78 yards and another score...Colt defense sacked Starr five times for 44 yards in losses...Starr was 12-of-20 for 115 yards and one TD; Taylor gained 104 yards in 20 carries, while Ron Kramer caught six passes for a paltry 36 yards...A six-yard pitch to Kramer gave Packers 17-10 third quarter lead at 6:45 mark, but Lenny Lyles' 90-yard TD return with ensuing kickoff turned game around for good...Colts had 405-225 total offense advantage.

Scoring summaries:

- [1] 1958 Colts 0 13 7 7--27
 1965 Browns 3 0 7 14--24
 Browns - Groza, 27, field goal, 6:00, 3-0
 Colts - Mutscheller, 9, pass Unitas (Myhra kick), 10:15, 7-3
 Colts - Ameche, 9, run (kick failed), 9:00, 13-3
 Colts - Berry, 8, pass Unitas (Myhra), 9:00, 20-3
 Browns - Collins, 62, pass Ryan (Groza), 8:15, 10-20
 Browns - Brown, 39, pass Ryan (Groza), 9:15, 17-20
 Colts - Dupre, 10, pass Unitas (Myhra), 5:45, 27-17
 Browns - Brown, 3, run (Groza), 2:00, 24-27
- [2] 1963 Bears 0 17 6 6--29
 1960 Eagles 0 3 0 7--10
 Eagles - Walston, 14, field goal, 13:45, 3-0
 Bears - Ditka, 12, pass Wade (Jencks kick), 10:15, 7-3
 Bears - LeClerc, 20, field goal, 4:15, 10-3
 Bears - Cesares, 4, run (Jencks), 1:00, 17-3
 Bears - Galimore, 1, run (kick failed), 10:00, 23-3
 Bears - Ditka, 39, pass Wade (kick failed), 12:45, 29-3
 Eagles - McDonald, 16, pass Jurgensen (Walston), 9:30, 10-29
- [3] 1962 Packers 0 10 0 14--24
 1958 Giants 0 0 0 0--0
 Packers - Kramer, 29, field goal, 10:00, 3-0
 Packers - Taylor, 16, pass Starr (Kramer), 8:15, 10-0
 Packers - McGee, 12, pass Starr (Kramer), 8:45, 17-0
 Packers - Taylor, 31, pass Starr (Kramer), 3:45, 24-0

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- [4] 1962 Packers 0 14 7 17--38
 1963 Bears 7 7 7 0--21
 Bears - Farrington, 56, pass Wade [Jencks kick], 8:45, 7-0
 Bears - Morris, 8, pass Wade [Jencks], 14:15, 14-0
 Packers - R.Kramer, 12, pass Starr [J.Kramer], 6:30, 7-14
 Packers - Taylor, 8, run [Kramer], 3:00, 14-14
 Bears - Casares, 14, run [Jencks], 9:00, 21-14
 Packers - Taylor, 13, run [Kramer], 6:15, 21-21
 Packers - Dowler, 15, pass Starr [Kramer], 14:45, 28-21
 Packers - R.Kramer, 5, pass Starr [Kramer], 8:00, 35-21
 Packers - J.Kramer, 18, field goal, 1:30, 38-21
- [5] 1962 Packers 7 3 7 0--17
 1958 Colts 0 10 7 14--31
 Packers - T.Moore, 7, run [Kramer kick], 11:15, 7-0
 Packers - J.Kramer, 27, field goal, 14:30, 10-0
 Colts - Moore, 19, pass Unitas [Myhra], 11:30, 7-10
 Colts - Myhra, 13, field goal, :00, 10-10
 Packers - R.Kramer, 6, pass Starr [Kramer], 6:45, 17-10
 Colts - Lyles, 90, kickoff return [Myhra], 6:30, 17-17
 Colts - L.Moore, 2, run [Myhra], 14:45, 24-17
 Colts - Ameche, 7, run [Myhra], 8:45, 31-17

Change Walter Payton's Card!

Yes, that Walter Payton card for the Chicago Bears needs some adjustment. Many readers couldn't believe Chicago's runningback phenom could gain less yardage when the defense called the play wrong, as occurred on the printing for lineback, No. 8.

The "+8" in the right column is correct on a lineback. But the "+5" listed for called wrong is incorrect. Change that to "+8", according to S-O-M.

Make one other change for Payton on a lineback, too. Make it "+22" on No. 4, guessed wrong, instead of "+27." Those changes will make Payton's card statistically, as well as realistically, correct.

Another change that should be brought to attention of S-O-M gamers is on the New England advanced version defensive cards. Here's what the changes should be:

LINEBUCK - Change the split number reading to "F+1, 2-10, 12 for 1-Man, 2-Men and 3-Men on No. 5. +1, 11"

OFF-TACKLE - Leave the numbers (yardage) as stated, but change the split number reading to "2-10, 12 or...11"

on No. 5.

END RUN - Leave No. 5 reading as they are, but put "F" in front of all three numbers across No. 10.

Going back to LINEBUCK and OFF-TACKLE, put "F" in front of the numbers (yardage) straight across on No. 12. Thus reading: F+2, F+1, F+1; F+1, F-4, F-4.

One final set of changes involves the Pittsburgh Steelers, as was mentioned in last month's Review. For those who missed them, the changes are: LINEBUCK and OFF-TACKLE - Make the split reading on No. 5, straight across, 2-10 a fumble, 11-12 no fumble; and, on No. 12, add F. On END RUN, add an F straight across on No. 10, but leave No. 5 as is.

Football Playing Tip

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Two-Minute, 'Hurry-Up' Offenses Introduced

If you're a football fan, you're no doubt familiar with the two-minute offenses the pros use to jam in so many plays at the end of the second and fourth quarters. But now Charles Beall, of Dallas, TX, has what he thinks is a better idea to increase the number of plays in those crucial moments--the "hurry-up offense."

Beall calls his timing schemes "Super Advanced Timing" and says they've been tested in dozens of games and have "proven quite realistic."

First of all, remember that the advanced timing techniques are to be utilized only the last two minutes of the second and fourth quarters. Next, change the timing scheme to include the below times as well as those provided with Strat-O-Matic's gaming board.

	1:53	1:38	1:23	1:08	0:53	0:38	0:23	0:08
2:00	1:45	1:30	1:15	1:00	0:45	0:30	0:15	

Next, the movement of the clock is accomplished as follows:

	Run or Completed Pass	Incompleted Pass	Run/Completed Pass Without Timeout	Incomplete Pass With Timeout
Normal 2-Minute Offense	4 spaces (30 seconds)	2 spaces (15 seconds)	2 spaces (15 seconds)	1 space (7 or 8 seconds)
Hurry-Up Offense	3 spaces (22 or 23 seconds)	1 space (7 or 8 seconds)	1 space (7 or 8 seconds)	0 spaces

Time field goal attempts as incompleted passes. Time intercepted passes the same as completed passes. The offensive coach must select either the "hurry-up" offense, to conserve times, or the normal offense, to "run out the clock."

Beall also suggests that as part of the "Advance Timing" methods that the clock should not be moved for kickoffs not run back, since the clock in a real-life game would not have started until the ball was touched and not moved, either.

One more suggestion from the Dallas gamer would be that of S-O-M providing for fumbles after pass receptions--only on the receiver's card and then on infrequently rolled numbers, such as 2 or 12.

Looking For Back Issues Of Review?

The following back issues of the Strat-O-Matic Review are still available. To purchase, send to: Strat-O-Matic Review, P.O. Box 27, Otsego, MI 49078. Include a second choice when ordering issues that are in "extremely limited" supply.

1977

Sept., August, July, June [limited], May [extremely limited], April, Feb. Cost: 50¢ each. Note that March and Jan. are no longer available.

1976

Dec., Nov., Oct., July [limited], June, May [extremely limited]. Cost: 50¢ each. Jan. also available at cost of 45¢. Note that Sept., August, April, March and Feb. are no longer available.

1975

Nov. [limited], Oct., Sept., August, July, June, May, Feb. and Jan. Cost: 45¢ each.

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Readers Roll 'Em

MAKING GREAT EVEN BETTER

I've been playing Strat-O-Matic Baseball for over 10 years now and it's just as much fun now as then. My only complaint, as some fans will agree, is the absence of quite a few stars. Players like Ralph Kiner, Jim Bottomley, Joe Wood, Earl Averill, Jesse Haines, Ed Delahanty, Ted Kluszewski, Chick Hafey, Jesse Burkett, Vern Stephens, Bob Johnson and better years from Chuck Klein, Joe Sewell, Lefty O'Doul and Fred Lindstrom should be made available. It would make a great game even better.

Bob Flaherty
Rockville, CT

FOLLOW JOHNSON'S EXAMPLE

When S-O-M issued the 1975 set of additional players it included a player without a team name. On the roster sheet S-O-M stated that Deron Johnson, the bonus player, should play on (Chicago for 148 games and then play with Boston for three games).

This should be done all the time. When players played with two or maybe even three teams the season before, they could be listed on the roster sheet with the amount of games played with each team.

Pitchers could be listed by how many innings they pitched. Obviously, this would not be the best thing to do for statistical accuracy, as a player has different stats with each team. But this is the next best thing to printing two and sometimes three cards for an individual player.

It wouldn't be too hard to do.

Don VanNatta Jr.
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Mahwah, NJ

NEARING THE FINISH

I would like to say that I especially look forward to the S-O-M Review every month--my favorite sections being those on playing tips and full-length replays.

I am at the closing of a replay now, having played 149 games for

the 1971 season. It has been a five-year-plus undertaking (the reason for the longevity being other baseball leagues, football leagues, etc.).

In my 149 games for each team, I've had one no-hitter (by Luke Walker of Pittsburgh against the last-place Phillies).

I would also like to say that the Review has kept me going; seeing other replays, etc. I have also kept going because my goal is to have the replay in the Review. It's been in my head since September, 1973, when I received my first Review.

Mike Custer

HOW TO SEND IN STATS...

I have to say that the S-O-M Review is great. I like to see what's in it and compare stats with others. But I do have some questions maybe you or someone can answer:

1. When a groundball is hit to the first baseman, how does one decide whether the first baseman gets an assist for the lob to the pitcher, or just a putout for taking the play himself? In 13 years I still haven't figured this one out.

2. How does one play S-O-M by PBM (play-by-mail)? I have never seen it described in the Review.

3. How does one send info and stats to you for publication. I just finished a season and am working on final stats and the World Series and would like to share my stats and experience of 13 years of play, which includes over 3,000 baseball games, 200-300 football and basketball, mostly solitaire. I have played face-to-face only about five or six games.

What Format would you like the data in?

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Editor's note: All manuscripts, league yearbooks, etc., should be sent to the Strat-O-Matic Review, P.O. Box 27, Otsego, MI 49078. A brief summary of the league, its members and background should be included. We are more interested in the personal experiences of the gamers, not as much in lengthy statistical reports. Pictures also make a replay report more interesting.

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OPPOSES TRIVIA QUIZ

I am in agreement with the letter by Chris Jones in the August Review. I think that the Review should drop the trivia corner because it really does not interest me the least to know which team has the most 1-rated fielders or how many chances for home runs some unknown player of 15 years ago had.

I believe the Review should give more space to the league replay scene and more space to the football, baseball and basketball tips that are sent in from various players across the country.

I have found that I use a lot of the tips. I am currently using the fumble return chart for football and the angle punt chart. I thank the players that sent those in to the Review.

Lastly, I would like to see two things added to the baseball cards when they come out next spring. First, I would like to see the abbreviation OH on the card. Mostly because if a player played one game in left field and 161 at OH you wouldn't know, unless you were an avid baseball fan, whether the player played 161 games in left field or not.

Secondly, which is a bit like the first, put the amount of games next to the position to help gamers decide whether the OH in the example above would play left or whether some other player should.

Jim Amos
25 Eisenhower Rd.
West Peabody, MA

A VOTE FOR TRIVIA QUIZ

I really enjoyed the coloring of the August Review.

I'd like to comment on Chris Jones' letter. I like the trivia quiz! It is far from a waste of space. I'll admit now that I own some of the older cards and the trivia quiz has made them more fun, as well as being informative.

Some of the questions are boring, like the 8++ one, but I can't think of anything that could replace the trivia quiz.

There has been a lot of talk about injuries lately. I have a

suggestion. Take 1974 Mike Schmidt (he played 162 games). On 1-2 you could have "Single 1-19, Flyball B 20 plus injury. The injury chance would only be on 20--thus only an 0.05 chance for an injury.

Finally, why didn't the Review have a rundown of the players and teams in the MVP contest, like you did last year?

Mark Guerra
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Yeadon, PA

Editor's note: Regarding your last question, we didn't have a complete breakdown of the team voting. Individual MVP choices, yes; but time and deadline circumstances prevented tabulating of the team preferences. We will compare the readers' choices with the actual standings, however, when the baseball season is over.

Secondly, we hope that the two letters this month relating to the trivia quiz don't set off a stampede of letters pro and con on the subject. Different viewpoints on the subject are always welcome, and desired, but please no comment just to get "in my two cents worth."

SHIPPING MISTAKE

If I had one complaint to make about the Strat-O-Matic Game Co., it would be about its errors in shipments.

I ordered six teams plus the Old-Timer set in football. However, there was an error in shipment. I received the Detroit Lions instead of the Minnesota Vikings. As one can see, no minor omission.

So I wrote to the company about an exchange. They said if I sent back the Lions they would send the Vikings. The total cost of this transaction was 73¢; a 13¢ stamp, 25¢ for a special envelope and 35¢ postage to send back the Lions. It's no great amount of money to pay, but it was S-O-M's error. Is it fair?

Rhett Hagler
8006 Allison Dr. SE
Huntsville, AL

Editor's note: S-O-M says if a mistake has been in shipping, such as the case above, to send back the wrong team, mention the cost of reshipping and that the correct team plus reimbursement for the shipping expense will be sent out immediately to you.

Strat-O-Matic Spotlight

Strat-O-Matic games mean many different things to people of all walks of life. For some it fulfills a craving to work with statistics. For others an opportunity to re-create professional sports, in one's living room. Some are just "gaming freaks" who are 'hooked' on them. And others are curious to find out the results when famous teams, from different eras, clash in so-called "battles of the ages." To others gaming is a hobby; they prefer it to collecting stamps, girls, or playing backgammon.

And, even though sports gaming didn't come into vogue until probably the early 1960s, there are a few senior citizens rolling dice as their favorite means of passing time in retirement.

Sometimes, table games are a savior to a shut-in. Such was the case of W.G. Vasvary Jr. of Mentone, CA, who was confined to his bed for over two months because of a herniated disc.

"Your Review and our ol' buddy Strat-O-Matic Baseball have kept me sane," writes Vasvary. "I have enjoyed them more than you might think (because of my condition). I hope to finish a 154-game season with the original eight National League teams, but I'll be using the 1972 and 1974 player cards. It's an interesting race so far."

Vasvary, 29, also, passes on word that he should be up and around by fall. When that occurs he's planning on joining a play-by-mail league. We bet he'd make a good member, too. They don't come any more dedicated than a gamer who, although flat on his back for months, still continues to play S-O-M.

CHRISTMAS-GIFT TIME

It's not too early to start thinking about Christmas, and what to get that brother [sister] or son [daughter], or perhaps even pop [mom]. Strat-O-Matic games, of course, would make excellent gifts, as would a subscription to the Review.

A three-month subscription to the Review, for instance, would make an excellent gift for those with a limited budget but those eager to please an older brother away at college, or perhaps a friend in a play-by-mail league. Many leagues share the Review each month, passing it around until it becomes dog-eared. Probably no one ever thought to provide them with a copy of their very own!

Games, if you're interested, can be ordered from Strat-O-Matic Game Co., Inc., 46 Railroad Plaza, Glen Head, NY 11545 [write for details and prices], and the Review can be ordered from the Strat-O-Matic Review, P.O. Box 27, Otsego, MI 49078. Subscription prices are found on the back page. Also, if you desire, cards will be sent out by the Review, informing the gift recipient of the upcoming subscription.

SHORT SHAKES

...Mick Cornett throws down the gauntlet: The University of Oklahoma [OUSOMA] declares itself the national collegiate champion, since no challengers responded to its query for other colleges interested in head-to-head or play-by-mail competition. Any dissidents may respond by writing: Mick Cornett, OUSOMA President, 3925 N.W. 58 Terrace, Oklahoma City, OK 73112...Ira Wolins of Philadelphia took the Group A Hall of Famers and played them against an All-Star team from the 1975 season. The result, as could be expected, was an 8-3 verdict in favor of the oldies. Walter Johnson got the pitching win and Bill Terry went two-for-three and knocked in two runs to win MVP honors. The OTs didn't hit a ball out, however, while Graig Nettles and Gene Tenace homered for the 'Stars...Oklahoma was the national champion in college football, at least in the opinion of cousins Glenn and Stu Healey of Grand Rapids, MI. In the finals of a single-elimination tournament, the Sooners nipped Michigan, 10-7, as the Wolverines turned the ball over five times on turnovers. In the semifinals, Michigan trounced old nemesis Ohio State, 28-7, and Oklahoma slipped past Nebraska, 14-9. One-game highs were 346 yards rushing by Oklahoma, 443 total offense by Nebraska, plus other highlights included Yale's 9-7 upset of Pittsburgh and U-M's 60-0 thrashing of California...

CanAm Completes Another Season

The day doesn't appear on the horizon when the CanAm play-by-mail Strat-O-Matic League can be added to the fail-by-mail list of casualties. Not after completion of its third full-season replay and the issuance of a slick 19-page yearbook. Those were sure signs of good health by the eight-member league comprised of gamers whose ages range from 18 to 28.

For those unfamiliar with CanAm, its makeup is just as the name implies. Members are from Canada, including commissioner Gary Fell, the yearbook's editor who hails from Arvida, Quebec, and the U.S. Tim Olson of Plymouth, MN, is the youngest member, 18, and he is attending his final year of high school. Many of the others are in college and a few have jobs by day and roll their dice by night.

CanAm is a draft league (trading permitted), using both American and National League cards. Latest season was a replay of 1975. Gary Fell's Stampeders and Tim Olson's Pirates won their respective divisions and clashed in the World Series. For Olson it was nothing new--playing in the Series. It was his third trip into post-season play.

STAMPEDERS 'STAMPEDE' OPPONENTS

Sparked by MVP John Mayberry and young fireballer Frank Tanana, Manager of the Year Fell's Stampeders rushed out and collected 103 wins--setting a CanAm record. Mayberry clouted 31 home runs, knocked in 118 runs and scored 108 as the team had a .282 batting average. Tanana, meanwhile, was No. 1 in earned run average (2.54) and set a league record by striking out 326. Fireballing Frank had a 24-8 record.

Fell had even more talent at his command in George Brett (.318, 87 RBI), Larry Bowa (.308), Thurman Munson (.306), Dave Parker (.301, 21 HRs) and Jose Cardenal (.295, 100 runs). Fell also proved to be a shrewd trader, acquiring Andy Messersmith (11-5, 2.36 with the Stampeders) in exchange for Claudell Washington and Rudy May.

With Messersmith, Tanana, plus Don Sutton (20-10, 3.03), Phil Niekro, Jerry Koosman and an excellent relief corps, the rest of the league was outclassed--at least during the regular season.

SMOOTH SAILING FOR PIRATES, TOO

Tim Olson's Pirates, although not as overpowering as the Stampeders, opened the season with a win and never were dislodged from first place in the West Division, finishing with an 88-72 record. Mike Schmidt, although batting a sub-nothing .200, did slam 39 homers. Dave Kingman supplied 35 long shots.

After that the Pirates literally stole their way to the title, stealing an incredible 299 bases. Cesar Cedeno (87 thefts), Rod Carew (.312, 45) and Bert Campaneris were the main thieves. The above mentioned, plus Steve Garvey and George Foster, made for an exciting offense, while Bert Blyleven, at one time 12-8 and struggling, won 11 games in a row to finish at a glittering 24-9 and 2.59. Jim Palmer (21-19, 2.94) and Tom Seaver (16-14, 3.33) gave the Bucs a "Big Three."

WORLD SERIES SURPRISE

The Stampeders were the pick to win the World Series because of the awesome offense, and the fact Seaver, Ken Singleton, Kingman and Manny Sanguillen missed portions of the Series due to injuries.

But Palmer bested Sutton in a pitching duel in the opener, 2-1, and Messersmith followed with a four-hit, 3-0 whitewash in the second, evening the series. Then in game three, home runs by Garvey, Kingman and a game-winner by Gene Tenace gave the Bucs a hard-earned 3-2 decision.

Game four was equally hard-earned as the Pirates scored in the bottom of the ninth for a 4-3 decision. Down 3-1 the Stampeders appeared on the ropes. But they stormed back to take game five, 10-4, rapping out 15 hits (Brett had four), and then tied the Series by winning No. 6, 6-1.

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In the final, Carew drove in all three runs--two with a homer--as the Pirates eked out a 3-2 decision, Palmer the winning pitcher and also Series MVP.

A LOOK AT THE OTHERS

In addition to Fell, 19, and Olson, 18, other managers and their teams were as follows: Clark Bayble, 20, Maroons; Steve Wilson, 20, Bearcats; Kevin Conrad, 20, Banditos; Ron Fell, 28, Tigers; Paul Wooten Jr., 18, Blue Hens, and Bob Ryan, 22, Gauchos. Conrad, Wilson, Baglole and the Fells are all Canadians, while Wooten lives in Seaford, DE, Ryan in Waltham, MA, and Olson in Minnesota.

MAROONS - Late-season blahs by pitching staff cost them title in East... Jim Hunter was Cy Young winner (26-8, 2.62); staff also included Jerry Reuss (17-12, 3.16) and Ed Figueroa (15-10, 3.32)...George Scott (39 HRs, 101 RBI) and Ron Cey (29 HRs) supplied power, and Joe Morgan led league in steals with 93 despite hitting only .263. Baglole was a rookie manager.

BEARCATS - No. 1 draft pick Fred Lynn helped the team improve...Streaky team, winning 25 of 32 games then going 4-12 during another stretch...Bill Madlock won batting title with .357 average and Lynn was Rookie of Year after hitting .343 with 18 homers and 86 RBI...Lot of home run punch as Greg Luzinski hammered 35, drove in 116 runs, and Reggie Jackson and Cliff Johnson had 24 and 23, respectively...Late-season slump cost Randy Jones (19-17, 3.46) chance to win 20...Al Hrabowsky (8-4, 2.18) and Tug McGraw (8-3, 2.98) helped team to 38 saves...Defense was atrocious, however, as 100 unearned runs were scored by opposition.

BANDITOS - Last year's champs struggled at outset and quickly fell into cellar, where they remained...Bake McBride (.313) led in hitting, while George Hendrick had 24 home runs, Reggie Smith 22...Pitching, Gaylord Perry (15-19), Bob Forsch (12-11) and Ken Holtzman (12-16), was sub-par, Dave Concepcion (.215) and Lee May (.235) were silent offensively, while infield contained a sieve-like three "4s"

BLUEHENS - Rookie Rick Manning was surprise, hitting .307...But Gary Carter (.222), Bobby Grich (.191) and Bucky Dent (.202) were all huge disappointments...Good staff, at least on paper (or cards) of Doug Rau (12-16), John Montefusco (13-16), Steve Busby (9-19) and Jon Matlack (7-13), was frequently battered.

GAUCHOS - Acquired Pete Rose (.307, 183 hits, 44 doubles) and Claudell Washington (.290) in trades but even they didn't help the Gauchos from being saddled with league-record 100 defeats...Willie Stargell and Joe Rudi did clonk 29 and 26 home runs, respectively, but hitting was non-existent from others such as Dave Lopes (.186) and Mark Belanger (.163)...Pitchers were frequently shell-shocked, as Gary Nolan (7-18), Rudy May (9-18), Mike Torrez (11-20) and Burt Hooton (10-17) and their records attest to...Rollie Fingers (12 saves) and Dave Giusti (6-3, 2.84) did form a capable bullpen.

Standings and leaders:

East Division	Won-Lost	GB	Avg.	ERA	West Division	Won-Lost	GB	Avg.	ERA
Stampeders	103-57	-	.282	3.21	Pirates	88-72	-	.254	3.46
Maroons	96-64	7	.257	3.04	Tigers	75-85	13	.253	3.93
Bearcats	84-76	19	.253	3.81	Bluehens	65-95	23	.240	4.03
Banditos	71-89	32	.239	3.68	Gauchos	60-100	28	.249	4.34

Batting

Madlock (BEA) .357 Hits: Brett (STA) 216; 2B: Lynn (BEA) 59; 3B: Brett (STA) 19; Homers: Bonds (TIG) 42; RBI: Mayberry (STA) 118; Lynn (BEA) .343 Runs: Mayberry (STA) 108; Steals: Morgan (MAR) 93; Brett (STA) .318

Carew (PIR) .312

Bowa (STA) .308

Rose (TIG-GAU) .307

Munson (STA) .306

ERA

Tanana (STA) 2.54 Palmer (PIR) 2.94

Blyleven (PIR) 2.59 Sutton (STA) 3.03

Hunter (MAR) 2.62 Reuss (MAR) 3.16

Messers'th (GAU) 2.64 Blue (TIG) 3.20

Strikeouts: Tanana (STA) 326; Wins: Hunter (MAR) 26; Saves: Hrabowsky (BEA) 21; Comp. Games: Palmer (PIR) 35; Losses: Torrez (GAU) 20; Shutouts: Palmer (PIR) 6.

S-O-M Baseball Trivia Corner

Just like new cars rolling off the assembly lines, Strat-O-Matic Baseball trivia questions continue to pour from Robert Henry's typewriter.

Henry, the quizmaster from Detroit, MI, has yet to let the keys quit smoking, turning out a monthly set of head-scratching questions like clockwork. This month is no exception as Henry has another set that'll send you back scurrying to find those old card sets, and some not-so-old, searching for answers.

Don't, at least for this month, send any questions to Henry that need a personal reply. His address is subject to change, pending departure for college. So, give him a one-month moratorium.

Here are this month's answers:

QUESTION: Who holds the record for most cards with 10 or more home run card chances?

ANSWER: Excluding his Hall of Fame and 1957 cards, Hank Aaron leads the way with ten (1960, 1962, 1963, 1966, 1967 and 1969-73), followed closely by Willie McCovey (total of nine--1962, 1963, 1965-70 and '73) and Harmon Killebrew (total of nine--1960-64, 1966, 1967, 1969 and 1970).

QUESTION: Harmon Killebrew was a notoriously slow baserunner. However, he does share one positive running record. What is it?

ANSWER: He shares the record for the highest stealing rating achieved by a modern 1-8 runner. Killebrew was rated stealing "C" and running 1-8 in 1969. Another who was rated "C" and 1-8 is 1972 Dick Dietz.

QUESTION: Did Fritz Peterson ever receive a card (pitching) with no walks and no strikeouts? (question submitted by Ira Dunkel)

ANSWER: Although he received five consecutive walkless cards (1968-72), Peterson never received a card with no walks and no strikeouts. The year he came the closest, 1973, he had two walk and one strikeout chance on the card. In 1972 he had four strikeouts and no walks; in 1974 one walk and three strikeouts.

QUESTION: The 1976 Oakland A's set the record for most 1-17 runners (six). Which team holds the record for most 1-8 runners? (question submitted by Steve Kotkin)

ANSWER: Six teams all had three 1-8 runners "scampering" around the bases: 1964 Phillies (Gus Triandos, Wes Covington and Frank Thomas), 1969 Pirates (Jerry May, Willie Stargell and Carl Taylor), 1973 and 1974 Twins (Phil Roof, Harmon Killebrew and Tony Oliva), 1976 Indians (Ray Fosse, Rico Carty and Boog Powell) and 1976 Mets (Jerry Grote, Ed Kranepool and Joe Torre).

QUESTION: What is the record for most strikeouts by a pitcher over three consecutive seasons (card chances for strikeouts)?

ANSWER: Dick Radatz struck out 148 from 1962 to 1964 with the Boston Red Sox. But Skip Lockwood of the New York Mets with 52 chances in 1975 and 49 in 1976, may break the record by next year.

Next Month's Trivia Quiz

- QUESTION: A question not long ago focused on several pitchers who have received triple splits, but did not mention any hitters. Who is the only hitter to receive a triple split? Hint: This player holds what is probably the best known single-season record for real-life performance and for S-O-M performance--and his card has been reproduced in the Review.
- QUESTION: Given the recent strikeout performances of several pitchers, it seems hard to believe that Sandy Koufax established a strikeout record with 269 in 1961. (This record, of course, was soon broken by several others, including Koufax) How many strikeouts did Koufax receive on his S-O-M card (card chances)? Question was submitted by Rick York.
- QUESTION: Has any modern batting champion been rated running 1-8?
- QUESTION: A relief pitcher with an earned run average less than 2.00 is quite an asset to a team. A lefty-righty relieving combination is also quite valuable. And, so are the high strikeout relievers. Which modern team had a lefty-righty relief combination, with each pitcher's ERA less than 2.00 and each pitcher with more than 40 card strikeout chances?
- QUESTION: Who holds the record for fewest hits on a modern starting pitcher's card (one who worked regularly, at least 162 innings)?
- QUESTION: Who holds the record for most home runs on the advanced side of a card (either versus left-hander or right-hander)? Question submitted by Jon Mack.

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WANTED: Tge 1969 Atlanta Braves, New York Mets, San Francisco Giants, Chicago Cubs, Minnesota Twins, Baltimore Orioles, Cleveland Indians and the Washington Senators. I will pay \$1.50 for every team except the Washington Senators. I will pay \$2.00 for the Senators. The teams must have 20 players and the teams must be complete. Send to: James Lizon, 131 Stratford Rd., New Britain, CT 06053

WANTED: To buy 1963 Dodgers; 1967, 1968, 1969, 1971 Tigers; 1967 White Sox; 1969 and 1971 Orioles. Must be complete team. Extras not necessary. No xerox. Will answer all offers. Contact: Ken Pecylak, 532 Fox Run Trail, Apollo Beach, FL 33570

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WANTED: Complete 1967 baseball set in good condition. Will pay \$50.00. Also complete 1962 baseball, minus N.Y. Mets. Will pay \$100.00--send offer. I will pay all postage. Mike Warren, NAVCAMSEASTPAC Box 103, Pearl Harbor, HI 96860

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WANTED: To buy 1968 Detroit Tigers; 1968 St. Louis Cardinals; 1968 Cleveland Indians; 1968 San Francisco Giants; 1969 A's; 1969 S.F. Giants; 1970 Reds; 1971 Pirates. Would like extras, but not necessary. Mail all bids to: Gary Hromi, 5443 Anita Dr., Parma Hts., OH 44130. Will answer all bids.

WANTED: 1966, '69, '70 and '71 Orioles. Send bids to: Richard Dunn, Route 2, Mayfield, KY 42066

WANTED: The complete 1972 baseball set, with extras. Also, the 1973 extra players. I need these badly. Contact: Tom Kleckner, 254 Simkins Hall, Austin, TX 78705

WANTED: 1967, 1968, 1969, 1972 Detroit Tigers; 1968 St. Louis Cardinals; 1969 New York Mets. Teams must be complete and in good condition. Will pay any reasonable price. Write to: David Brewer, 1291 East Outer Dr., Monroe, MI 48161

WANTED: Trying to complete collection. I need any complete Strat-O-Matic Baseball teams prior to 1975, except 1971 American League. Especially need 1967 Baltimore, Cleveland, Kansas City and Washington. Also need extra players, especially from 1975 season. Will buy individual teams or complete sets. Please state condition of cards when replying. Help! I need these cards desperately. Send offers to: John M. Borack, 1932 S. Pontenova Ave., Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

WANTED: Following baseball teams in very good or mint condition, including extras. 1971 St. Louis; 1970 Yankees, Red Sox; 1969 Mets,

Yankees, Orioles, Braves, Twins, Reds, Pilots, Pirates, A's, Senators, Phillies, Dodgers, Red Sox, White Sox, Cardinals, Giants. Also wanted, additional sets for 1971, 1972. Will pay up to \$1.50 for teams (\$2 if mint) and \$4 for additional player sets. Must be complete. Send available teams list to: Martin Feldman, 214 So. Centre Avenue, Rockville Centre, NY 11570. Include SASE.

WANTED: The following individual cards for baseball - 1971 Lou Brock, 1971 Jim Northrop, 1971 Doug Griffin, 1975 Wayne Garrett. I also need the 1971 extra players and the 1971 roster. Football - 1969 Miami Dolphins. All letters answered. Contact: Richard Panariello, 9160 SW 55 Ct., Cooper City, FL 33328

WANTED: I would like to buy any Strat-O-Matic Baseball teams or sets for any year prior to the 1975 season. Please send the team or set name, year, condition and the price you are asking. I will answer all replies. Send to: A.M. Edwards, III, Box 7917, University, MS 38677

WANTED: 1974 baseball, individual teams or complete set. Complete sets only for years prior to 1973. State teams, years, complete price list. Write: Robert Martino, 6 Farley Drive, Rensselaer, NY 12144

WANTED: I've been an S-O-M gamer since 1965. I would like to play the game with the following teams of the past. I will pay a reasonable price for these teams; of course, I would expect a full 20-player set, and for them to be in reasonably good condition. I would get much more enjoyment from playing with these teams: 1963 S.F. Giants, St. Louis Cardinals, Milwaukee Braves, Minnesota Twins; 1962 L.A. Dodgers, N.Y. Yankees, Detroit Tigers, Boston Red Sox, Cincinnati Reds, and 1964 Phillies. Write: Phil Solimine, 989 Apt. 4 Clifton Ave., Clifton, NJ 07013

WANTED: Baseball. Top prices paid for 1967 Tigers and Reds; 1968 Tigers, Cardinals and Reds; 1969 Tigers and Reds; 1970 Tigers and Reds; and 1971 Reds. Send price list and condition of teams to: Steve Simon, 7689 Stout, Detroit, MI 48228

WANTED: 1970 baseball items - Detroit, Oakland, Boston and Milwaukee; the American League extras, or will take bids on 1970 complete set. Write: Bob Marsh, 257 Argyle Rd., Rocky River,

OH 44116 [216] 791-5714.

WANTED: Complete 1969 and 1971 baseball sets, with extras. Any condition. Rich Schockon, 79 Coolidge Ave., Spencerport, NY 14559

WANTED: Any '75 Football teams, except Baltimore, Minnesota, Pittsburgh, Houston, Miami, Los Angeles, Cincinnati, Oakland, Washington, Dallas, St. Louis, Buffalo or any 1974 teams except Oakland, St. Louis, Minnesota, Los Angeles. Will trade the following: 1976 Baltimore, New England, Pittsburgh, Oakland, Washington, Dallas, Minnesota, Los Angeles. Send to: Kevin Bachelder, 59 Church St., Weymouth, MA 02189

WANTED: 1964 White Sox; 1967 Twins; 1968 Tigers; 1969 Orioles, Mets. Will pay top prices. Write: Jeffrey Berkin, 47 Huron Rd., Bellerose, NY 11426

WANTED: Baseball - 1968 Cardinals; 1964, 1966 Dodgers; 1966 Orioles; 1973 Expos; 1967-1970 Mets. Football - 1969, 1970 Bills; 1967-69 Jets. Will answer all responses. Please state condition of best player and rest of team. Contact: Matt Fenton, 721 Shoreacres Dr., Mamaroneck, NY 10543. Call (914) 698-0721.

WANTED: I wish to buy the 1973 cards of Amos Otis and Hank Aaron. Good condition or better. No markings please. I will pay a reasonable price, but will buy the best offer. Send offers to: Randy Grote, 5721 Countess Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46815

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For Sale

FOR SALE: 1971 baseball complete with extras. Bidding closes October 15. Send stamp, get reply, list of other teams for sale. Stan Bogart, 2824 Third Street, Trooper, PA 19401.

FOR SALE: 1974 edition of MacMillan's The Baseball Encyclopedia. Data on players from 1876 through 1973. Only \$12.00 postpaid.

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Book has 1,532 pages. Strat-O-Matic Baseball - 1965, 1966, 1967, 1970, 1971--both leagues. Write to: Darrel M. Brown, 228 Betty Jo Ln., Memphis, TN 38117

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1966 Braves; '67 Detroit; '68 Baltimore, Detroit, San Francisco, Oakland; '69 Detroit, Cubs, Baltimore, Seattle, Cincinnati, Yanks, Atlanta; '70 Minnesota, Los Angeles, Baltimore, Boston, St. Louis, Yanks, Cubs; '71 Baltimore, Detroit, San Francisco, Pittsburgh, Los Angeles, Oakland. Bid on either individual teams or groups of teams. Basketball - 1972-73, '73-74, '74-75 as complete sets only. Any trade offers involving pre-1970 football teams (especially playoff teams) will be given first consideration. Send bids to: Andy Rubinson, 7480 SW 130th St., Miami, FL 33156 (305) 235-0794

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FOR SALE: 1974 Vikings, Rams, Eagles, Cardinals, Steelers, Bengals, Raiders, Dolphins; 1973 Cowboys, Redskins--60¢ apiece. 1976 Rangers, Angels, White Sox, A's, Orioles, Tigers, Indians, Brewers, Padres, Astros, Giants, Braves, Cubs, Mets, Expos, Cardinals--50¢ apiece. Hall of Fame set A--\$2.00. Send offers to: Tim Emery, 604 N. Kniss, Luverne, MN 56156. Please enclose 50¢ for postage. All cards in excellent shape.

FOR SALE: How to play-by-mail! Comprehensive six-page report ready now! Send \$2.00 to: Bob Warsinski, 17471 Revere St., Southfield, MI 48076

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1968 Orioles; 1969 Pilots; 1972 Royals; '73 A's; 1974 set, no extras, will sell individually. 1974 teams with extras - Padres, Giants, Braves, Indians, Brewers, Tigers, Yankees, Red Sox (minus Rick Miller), Royals, White Sox, Twins. Football - 1973 Dolphins. Basketball - 1973-74 set, not sold individually. No answers without SASE. Send bids to: Ray Vanderhoff Jr., 17 Lakeside Ave., Bloomingdale, NJ 07403

FOR SALE: To highest bidders [following sold only as complete units] - 1965 National League [Pirates minus Clemente and Stargell]; 1967 American League and 1968 A.L. All teams in good to excellent condition. Following teams sold individually - 1962 White Sox and Angels [both excellent]; 1963 Dodgers, Twins, Giants, Cards, Yanks and White Sox [all excellent]; 1964 Yanks and Phils [both excellent]; 1965 Yanks [good] and Orioles [fair, missing two cards]; 1966 Orioles, Yanks, Angels, Giants and Phils [all excellent]; 1967 Dodgers [fair]; 1968 Cards [good], Dodgers [fair] and American League extras [excellent]; 1969 Pilots [mint], Yanks [good], Royals [good], Twins [good], Orioles [excellent], A.L. extras [excellent], Giants [good], Braves [good], Mets [good], Dodgers [good], Cubs [good] and Expos [mint]; 1970 Yanks [mint], Red Sox [fair], Orioles [mint], Twins [good], Angels [mint], Royals

[mint], Reds [good] and Pirates [good]; 1971 Braves [mint], Yanks [mint], A's [mint] and Pirates [mint]; 1972 Astros [2, mint] and 1972 White Sox [2, mint]. Send bids to: Dave Mendonca, 1930 Messina Dr., San Jose, CA 95132, or call (408) 926-6331. I will pay all postage. Also for sale: S-O-M Reviews, 1971 Nov.-Oct.; 1972 Jan., April, July-Dec.; 1973 Feb.-Dec.; 1974 Jan.-Dec.; 1975 Jan.-Dec.; 1976 Jan.-Sept. Sold as units or individually.

FOR SALE: 1962 Dodgers, 1962 Mets; 1963 Yankees, '63 Twins, '63 Red Sox, '63 Giants; 1967 Cardinals, '67 Giants; 1968 Cardinals, '68 Giants, '68 Braves, '68 Dodgers, '68 A.L.; '69 baseball. Bids on individual teams of league accepted. Send bids with SASE to: Charles Castiglioni, 2245 Glenwood Rd., Brooklyn, NY 11210

FOR SALE: Complete 1970 and 1971 Football sets, \$60 each. 1969 Saints, Broncos, Bears, Oilers, Lions, 49ers, Rams, Giants, Jets, Bills and Eagles are also available--\$2 per team or \$20 as a set. All teams are in excellent condition. All SASE will be answered. Send to: Bill Thompson, 3731 S. Glenstone Box 28, Springfield, MO 65804

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1969 Cards, Cubs, Senators, Orioles, Yankees, Royals, Mets, Dodgers, Padres, Angels, Twins--excellent condition, no extras; 1970 complete set, excellent to mint condition, no extra players; 1971 Astros, Royals, Chisox, Tigers, A's, in good condition; 1972 Giants, Expos, Pirates, Reds, Phillies, Padres, Astros, Dodgers, Royals, Bosox, Brewers, Rangers, Yankees, Twins, fair to good condition. The following teams have extra players - 1972 Indians, Orioles, Angels, Twins, Tigers, Royals, Chisox, Bosox, Brewers, A's; 1973 Bosox, Twins, Indians, Brewers, Tigers, Orioles, A's, Chisox, Angels, Yankees, Reds, Pirates. Good to excellent condition. Football - 1971 Cards, Chiefs, Bears, Browns, Eagles, Lions, Patriots, Dolphins, Chargers, Cowboys, Packers, Giants, Vikings, Bills, Rams, Raiders, 49ers, Redskins, Jets, Falcons, Saints, Oilers. Good condition, except for initialing on corners. Bid for either a set or for individual teams. Figure postage into your bid. SASE guarantees reply. Write: Bob Warsinski, 17471 Revere St., Southfield, MI 48076

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FOR SALE: 1964 American and National Leagues, good condition. Write: Keith Fosness, 510 17th St. So. Apt. 4, Moorhead, MN 56580

FOR SALE: Football - 1975 Vikings, Bengals, Steelers, Rams, Cowboys, Raiders, Dolphins, Oilers, Bills, Colts, Cardinals; 1973 Bills, Raiders, Cardinals, Redskins, Packers, Steelers, Rams, Dolphins, Cowboys; 1972 Cowboys, Redskins, Dolphins, Jets; 1971 Cowboys, 49ers, Browns, Jets, Chiefs, Dolphins, Colts, Redskins, Vikings; 1970 Cowboys, Vikings, Patriots; 1969 Oilers, Broncos, Dolphins. Baseball - All 42 Old-Timer teams. Basketball game with 1973-74 Bucks, Knicks, Bullets, Celtics, Lakers. Send bids to: Donnie Little, 5372 O'Bryan Ave., Montreal, Quebec, Canada H4V-2A9

FOR SALE: Baseball - 1900-10 Old-Timer set, \$3.50; 1972 N.L., \$6.00; 1973-74 complete, \$14.00 For each; 1972 Orioles, Red Sox, Indians, White Sox, Tigers, Twins, Brewers; 1973 Twins, Angels; 1974 Pirates, Phils, Reds, Cubs; 1975 Mets, Cards, Red Sox, Giants, Royals; 1976 Mariners (2), Blue Jays (2), A.L. extra players; 1965 Dodgers, N.L. and A.L. Hall of Fame teams, \$1.50 for both, 65¢ for individual teams, \$1.00 for extras. Football - 1969 Eagles; 1970 Patriots, Redskins, \$1.00; 1972 complete, \$10.00; 1973 Raiders, Cowboys, Eagles, Bills, Vikings, Falcons, Dolphins, Broncos; 1974 Dolphins, Eagles, Redskins, Patriots, Vikings, Steelers, Cards, Bills, Rams, Broncos, Raiders, Cowboys, 75¢ each. Basketball - 1972-73 Bucks, Bullets, Celtics, Knicks, 76ers, Lakers, Bulls, Warriors; 1974-75 76ers, Bullets, Kings, Sonics; 1975-76 76ers (2), Nets, Suns, Celtics, Cavaliers, Nuggets, Warriors, 55¢ each. College Football - complete game with all 1975 teams, \$10.00. All teams in very good to excellent condition. Send SASE to: C. Steinmetz, 2114 Oakmont St., Philadelphia, PA 19152

League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: Eleven managers wanted for PBM draft league using 1976 American League cards with

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extras. There is a \$2 entry fee and prizes will be awarded to top two teams. Rookie managers accepted. If interested, send draft choices by the method shown on page 9 of the July, 1976 issue of the Review to: Michael Kay, RFD 1, Box 246, Canterbury, CT 06331

LEAGUE FORMING: Need 10 experienced managers for new 12-team PBM league. Actual 1977 teams (based on 1976), except Seattle and Toronto. 152-game season, with no trades. Both A.L. and N.L. teams, w/intra-league play. Additional players included. Entry fee - \$3.50 includes newsletter. Either call or write to address below. Include qualifications, and list of 12 teams in order of preference. Do not send fee with application. Martin Feldman, 214 So. Centre Avenue, Rockville Centre, NY 11570 (516) 536-4920. Include SASE.

LEAGUE FORMING: PBM advanced basketball! Regular teams. Trading. Write for more information any time before the 24th. Send a stamp. Mike Brook, 4050 North Warner Rd., Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

LEAGUE FORMING: We're starting a PBM, eight-team Old Timer league, with a 154-game schedule, using the 1905 Giants, 1911 A's, 1920 Indians, 1927 Pirates, 1927 Yankees, 1931 A's, 1948 Indians and 1953 Dodgers. We need seven managers. There will be trading periods. Send preferences, age, experience and SASE to: Michael Kashket, 97 Manet Rd., Newton, MA 02167. Letters will be honored until Nov. 1.

LEAGUE FORMING: We will be using the 1976 American League teams, plus extras. We will be playing basic version with a few advanced rules. Send list of teams, in order of preference, also address and \$3.00 entry fee to: Mike Doran 3529 S. Riemel Rd., Durand, MI 48429

LEAGUE FORMING: I need 11 reliable managers for a 12-team PBM replay league. 1972 cards with extras will be used. Trading is permitted. All teams except Seattle and Toronto may be selected for the league. If you are interested and are sure you can finish the 160-game schedule, send a list of 12 teams, in order of preference. First come, first served! Entry fee \$2.50. Do not send money with application. Call or write: Don Jones, 5935 Hickam Dr., Dayton, OH 45431 (513) 253-5250.

LEAGUE FORMING: Three reliable managers needed. The 1978 edition of the American League baseball cards will be used. Tentative starting date April 15, 1978. Anthony Paldino Jr., Box 1001 Tower A, Hempstead, NY 11550 (516-560-4511) or Joseph Paldino, 1515 W. 5th St., Brooklyn, NY 11204 (212-331-3260) should be contacted if you are interested.

LEAGUE FORMING: 1976 American draft league in its first season needs ten more managers for the 12-team league. No play-by-mail experience needed. Only requirement is that you enjoy S-O-M enough to play a 162-game season. The league promises to be a good one, as the commissioner and assistant commissioner both have good PBM experience in both NASOMBA and CSDMBA leagues. League rules and entry fees will be discussed in introductory letter. If interested, send a resume of your S-O-M experience to: Jim Patterson, 647 Oshawa Blvd. N., Oshawa, Ontario, L1G5T8

LEAGUE FORMING: The Tradewater Winter League (eight-team, play-by-mail setup using current American League cards plus extras) needs four or five managers for the upcoming season. Anyone willing to finish the season will be accepted. All managers have a good chance for a good team. So don't delay! Write: Dean Monson, 3540 West 4700 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84118, or call (801) 958-5390 between 6-10 p.m., mountain time.

LEAGUE FORMING: I need five managers to coach the Denver Nuggets, San Antonio Spurs, Cleveland Cavaliers, N.Y. Nets and Golden State Warriors. Cards dated 1975-76. Twenty-game season over 20 weeks and post-season playoffs. Send inquiries with list of five above teams, in order of preference, to: Richard Reiss, 243 Lafayette Avenue, Passaic, NJ 07055

LEAGUE FORMING: Would like to join PBM or face-to-face league using 1976 National League cards, advanced. Have experience. Marc Silverstein, 25 Fay Rd., New City, NY 10956. Rockland County and surrounding area. (914) 634-2348.

LEAGUE FORMING: The North Atlantic Baseball Association is in need for just a few more managers to start its season in the fall. This is a PBM draft league using the 1977 American and National League teams. We will use eight-ten teams depending on the amount of response. We use the advanced version and play 160 games. We only want dependable and experienced managers. An entry fee of \$4.00 is needed. Hurry to insure you a spot in the league because places are going fast. Write: Scott Ellis, Rt.#3, Box 139, Seaford, DE 19973

LEAGUE FORMING: Play-by-mail league using Phillies, Pirates, Mets, Cubs, Cardinals, Expos, Padres and Reds. No fees. Using 1977 cards. Send for details: Mark Guerra, 1125 Bell Ave., Yeadon, PA 19050

LEAGUE FORMING: Reliable coaches needed for face-to-face football in the Minneapolis area. Prefer to use pre-1974 teams, but could switch to this year. No entry fee. Write or call: Brad Hines, 109 Wayside Rd. East, Hopkins, MN 55343. (612) 935-7466.

LEAGUE FORMING: Need reliable managers for a face-to-face baseball league in Washington area. Based on 1976 cards. Schedule and type (draft or actual-team) dependent on members' interests. Minimum once-a-week commitment. Call (202) 232-8988 or write: Barry Shanks, 2901 Connecticut Ave. NW #211, Washington, DC 20008

LEAGUE FORMING: The LBOESOML is in its first trial season. This is an eight-team setup using an inter-locking schedule with 1976 cards, plus extras. Managers needed for: Mets, Reds, Pirates and Padres. Write for details, and state preferred teams, to: Mark Guerra, 1125 Bell Ave., Yeadon, PA 19050. No fees.

LEAGUE FORMING: Attention football fans in the greater-Boston area. The GBSOMFL is about to begin its first great season of football. We are looking for five coaches from the North Shore and three coaches from the South Shore to replay the 1976 football season. The only prerequisites are these: (1) You own or have access to a car; (2) you live in a home with a phone; (3) you can afford \$10 for good faith dues; (4) you are 18 or older. If interested in playing call: Mike Ryan in Norwood, at 769-0249, or John

Masnifico in Revere, MA, at 284-0715.

No-Hitters

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Larry Demery Is 'Perfect' In Draft League

No-hitters are still cherished, much sought-after happenings in S-O-M Baseball. And usually, barring the use of a "created" weak-hitting lineup, not too many gamers experience the thrill.

Over the summer months reports of such happenings did filter into the Review, however, enough to warrant bringing the no-hitter column out of limbo.

A couple of perfect games were among the latest collection of no-hitters. Larry Demery, an unlikely candidate for anyone's top ten list of pitchers most likely to someday hurl a no-hitter, did just that for Craig Crawford of Marion, IL. Hurling for the Indians against the Dodgers in the Greater Marion S-O-M League (draft; head-to-head), Demery mowed down 27 hitters without a hitch.

Closest calls came in the first inning, when Willie Montanez rolled a 4-7 (1-8 hit chance) and in the bottom of the ninth when Ron Cey rolled a 2-5 (1-12 hit chance). Demery struck out six as Jim Broeking, manager of the Dodgers, looked on unbelievably. Demery needed some last-inning help on offense to win the game, however, as Cesar Cedeno doubled in two runs for the 2-0 final.

Jim Perkins of Edmore, MI, a veteran of over 840 S-O-M Baseball contests, reports that George Earnshaw of the '81 A's was 'perfect' against the '69 Angels. But Perkins considered Jerry Garvin's two-hitter against Seattle this summer to be even more remarkable. Garvin, pitching for the other expansion team, Toronto, had a no-hitter for six innings until Dave Collins singled. Collins also singled in the ninth--but that was all Garvin allowed.

Perkins also points out that during his S-O-M career he's watched Frank Robinson clout home run No. 1,000 (over the 840-game) and Thurman Munson of the '76 Yankees hit for the cycle.

NO-NAME NO-HITTERS

Two unlikely pitchers that also joined the no-hit club this summer were Mike Kilkenny and Dave Laxton, members of the '69 Tigers and '76 Tigers, respectively. Kilkenny, certainly no household name, got his in the Merrimac Valley S-O-M League, Merrimac, MA, setting down the '69 Cubs, 2-0. He struck out seven and walked six against the normally hard-hitting Cubbies, who went on to play .710 ball for the season. It was the MVSL's first no-hitter, coming after six seasons and over 2,000 games.

Laxton, who outdueled Jim Palmer of Baltimore, 1-0, fanned nine and issued five walks en route to the no-hitter for Jim Keeley of Lennon, MI. It was the first time Keeley had witnessed a no-hitter. Palmer was anything but manhandled by Detroit, giving up only one safety--a home run by Mickey Stanley in the ninth inning.

THE WET LOOK

Gaylord Perry, 1976 vintage, got another no-hitter, setting down a lineup of backup All-Stars, headed by Al Oliver and Jim Wynn. The gamer rolling the dice for the feat, however, failed to send along his name so we can't give credit where credit is due.

Another veteran hurler, Steve Carlton, '77, fired a no-hitter for the Phils against St. Louis. Carlton whiffed nine and walked two in a 1-0 gem. Francis Kannar Jr. of Hackensack, NJ, 26, played the game solitaire.

Out of the past, Ken Holtzman, '70 version (then with the Cubs), no-hit the hapless '62 Mets, 11-0, as Ray Vanderhoff of Bloomingdale, NJ, was witness to the mismatch. Holtzman's wasn't a no-hit masterpiece, though, as he issued six walks, committed an error and struck out eight.

Credit Bert Blyleven with two no-hitters. One occurred for Kirby Rahn, Altura, MN, who watched the Blyleven of '74 throttle the Rangers in a replay game. One walk spoiled a perfect game bid. And Ken Silva, Charlestown, NH, was on the dice-rollin' end of another Blyleven no-hitter--this one using the '71 cards. In fact, Silva had three no-hitters that season, the others by Chuck Dobson and Marty Pattin.

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The Mets, frequently on the receiving end of no-hitters because of a sometimes pathetic attack, oftentimes turn the tables--thanks mainly to Tom Seaver, Jerry Koosman and Jon Matlack. It was Koosman who got one recently for Howard Crowder of Edison, NJ, pitching for the Mets against John Lowey's L.A. Dodgers. Koosman retired the first 24 batters, then walked two in a row, and wound up striking out 12 and walking just the two. Only two balls were hit to the outfield as Koosman wound up with a 6-0 triumph.

Not nearly so sharp, but still a no-hitter, was the performance by Bruce Kison of the '74 Pirates in a contest against St. Louis that was played by Mike Turnis, Hopkinton, IA. Kison fanned six and survived an error and four walks to notch the no-hitter. The Cards almost spoiled his shutout (score: 4-0) in the ninth when they loaded the bases on two walks and an error--only to have Kison retire the final batter.

Last mention of no-hitters is a near miss that Mark (The Bird) Fidrych was involved in against an all-star lineup of 1976 players. Hurling against the likes of Bill Madlock, Hal McRae, Dave Kingman, etc., the Bird went 8 2/3 innings without being ruffled for a hit. Only one walk had spoiled an otherwise perfect performance, according to Bob Flaherty, Rockville, CT.

But then along came little Freddie Patek and singled--off the Bird's glove, no less. "Awwk! Awwk!"

Cincy Sluggers Make Ex-Met Big Winner

Seaver Is Superstar With Reds

What would happen if that pitching superstar with the no-hit supporting cast finally had a chance to perform backed by an offense that matched his mound talents? Dave Bendau, Columbus, OH, made the switch in Tom Seaver's favor ahead of time, putting him with the Cincinnati Reds in a 1976 replay.

And the results were all in favor of Tom Terrific. No longer did Seaver have to nurse a narrow lead through the late innings, or hope that one run wouldn't be enough to deal him another setback. The Reds backed Seaver with six runs a game, scoring 198 times to 63. Cincy batted .276 with him on the mound, while Seaver stifled the opposition, holding them to a .190 mark.

Seaver went from a 14-11 record and 2.59 earned run average with the Mets, to one who won 27 of 31 decisions and posted a 1.79 ERA with the Reds. Quite dramatic improvement, thanks to the hard-hitting, good-fielding Reds.

Here's a comparison of Seaver's real-life stats with the Mets in 1976

	CG	SHO	IP	HIT	Runs	ER	HR	BB	K	W-L	Pct.	ERA
Actual:	13	5	271	211	83	78	14	68	235	14-11	.560	2.59
Replay	28	11	291	197	62	58	14	63	230	27-4	.871	1.79
(Reds)												

Baseball Playing Tip

Richard Vickroy of Johnstown, PA, is a newcomer to the Review's subscription lists who has some new and old ideas regarding S-O-M Baseball. First of all, and the idea is not a new one, is for gamers to take bingo chips, number them 1-20, and put them in a two-pound coffee can (if one can afford it). This will be the method of selecting split numbers, in lieu of the split number deck.

An innovative suggestion, however, is that when the highest possible number is drawn when a base is stolen successfully, the runner advances an extra base on an overthrow by the catcher. For example, if a safe steal is Nos. 1-12 and a 12 is drawn, the runner steals and advances an extra base because of the wild throw. Managers may concede a stolen base.

Last playing suggestion is to use only the top part of the split reading when checking the catcher's X-Chart with runners on base. Use the bottom part with no runners on base. Wild pitches and passed balls are not always followed by a popout, points out Vickroy.

Last Call For New Directory

Tune up your CB. Send out the word far and wide. This is the last call to be included in the newest Strat-O-Matic Directory.

The name game (arranging the names in some semblance of order) is about to begin by the Review's co-editors, Warren and Del Newell. If all plans follow the current timetable, the newest S-O-M Directory should be available to the public shortly before Christmas.

But the imperative thing now is that as many gamers as possible be included in the next who's who of Strat-O-Matic. We would love to see over 500 individual names, a minimum of 150 leagues and a large photo gallery included in the next Directory.

Remember, the Directory provides a great opportunity to meet new people in the S-O-M world, join leagues, and renew old acquaintances. So, sign on today.

All you have to do to be included is fill out the form below (include pictures of yourself, league members, neighborhood chums, etc.) and send to the: Strat-O-Matic Review, P.O. Box 27, Otsego, MI 49078.

Your Name, Address, Zip Code _____

Age, Occupation (if student, indicate) _____

S-O-M Experience (when you begin playing S-O-M)? _____

What S-O-M games do you currently play? How long have you played them?

_____;

Do you belong to a league? Name? _____

Type of league (PBM, Face-to-face, solitaire, etc.)? _____

Members (number and their names), game played (baseball, etc.), schedule played, draft or actual-team, and other background information: _____

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1974
Dec. and Nov. Cost: 45¢ each. Only two months available.

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Only Dec. still available. Limited supply. Cost: 40¢.

1972
Only August still available. Limited supply. Cost: 40¢.

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

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MAIN LINE BASEBALL LEAGUE - A play-by-mail, 12-member draft league that uses advanced version of game. Rich Ivey of Radnor, PA, is spokesman for MBL...Latest report from league had its 1976 standings, leaders, but nothing about league personnel.

Standings and leaders: (note that some teams played fewer games)

Eastern Division			Western Division		
Won-Lost	GB		Won-Lost	GB	
N.Y. Yankees	103-59	-	Phoenix	99-63	-
Denver	101-61	2	Seattle Rainiers	97-65	2
Sedro Woolley	90-72	13	Philadelphia	77-85	22
Baltimore	87-74	15 1/2	Brooklyn	72-90	27
Miami	75-86	27 1/2	Seattle Sails	58-104	41
Washington	71-91	32	N.Y. Voyagers	41-121	58

Batting		Home Runs		RBI		Doubles	
Carew (MIA)	.328	Bonds (RAIN)	39	Bench (BROK)	121	Joshua (BAL)	38
Cardenal (PHI)	.322	Foster (BAL)	38	Stargell (DEN)	115	Bench (BROK)	37
Bowa (DEN)	.319	Bench (BROK)	34	Foster (BAL)	110	Speier (BROK)	37
Thomas (PHI)	.314	Stargell (DEN)	33	Bonds (RAIN)	110		
O.Cash (MIA)	.308	Rudi (WASH)	30				
Brett (DEN)	.308						

Triples		Hits		Runs		Stolen Bases	
Joshua (BAL)	16	Joshua (BAL)	203	Morgan (RAIN)	110	Morgan (RAIN)	87
Metzger (PHOE)	15	Cardenal (PHI)	201	Bonds (RAIN)	101	Lopes (NYV)	84
Brett (DEN)	15	Smith (DEN)	195	Joshua (BAL)	98	Brock (RAIN)	48
				Cardenal (PHI)	98		

Wins		Comp. Games		Strikeouts	
Sutton (RAIN)	26-9	Seaver (PHOE)	28	Montefusco (BROK)	252
Seaver (PHOE)	25-9	Sutton (RAIN)	26	Seaver (PHOE)	242
Blyleven (DEN)	22-9	Palmer (MIA)	25	Blyleven (DEN)	240

SOLITAIRE 1972 BASEBALL REPLAY - Jesse Seegmiller of Price, UT, was a model of gradualism as he took over three years but successfully completed a solitaire replay of the 1972 American League baseball season...He did, however, play 162 games for each team, where in real-life the season was shortened because of a player strike...Players were limited to 25 per cent more at-bats and innings pitched than real-life...Yankees, not Detroit, won in the East, thanks to a great bench, while Oakland edged Minnesota in the West...Yanks featured Bobby Murcer (.303, 27 HRs, 122 RBI), Roy White (100 runs), Mel Stottlemyre (20-11, 2.59 ERA), Steve Kline (21-10, 2.65), Sparky Lyle (10-9, 16 SA, 1.87) and great bench of Felipe Alou (.299), Ron Blomberg (.290, 17 HRs, 80 RBI), Johnny Callison (.298, 13, 62) and Bernie Allen (.271, 19, 49)...A's got great seasons from Joe Rudi (.323, 15, 88), Mike Epstein (.292, 29, 91), Reggie Jackson (21, 86, although hitting only .237), Bert Campaneris (80 steals) Catfish Hunter (26-12, 2.45), Ken Holtzman (22-15, 3.23) and Rollie Fingers (9-5, 16 SA, 2.05)...Oakland won playoff in four close games, 4-3, 2-3, 5-4, and 13-11...Dick Allen was MVP, batting .303 and leading league in runs (133), RBI (156) and homers (44)...Hunter won Cy Young Award...Pitching, overall, dominated league...Texas swiped 149 bases (Dave Nelson had 92), had 156 sacrifice bunts--and was shut out 30 times!

Standings and leaders:

East	Won-Lost	GB	Avg.	ERA	West	Won-Lost	GB	Avg.	ERA
New York	98-64	-	.257	3.02	Oakland	93-69	-	.242	3.13
Detroit	88-74	10	.243	2.88	Minnesota	86-76	7	.245	2.86
Baltimore	88-74	10	.227	2.63	Kansas City	82-80	11	.256	3.80
Milwaukee	86-76	12	.244	3.01	Chicago	81-81	12	.233	3.23
Boston	79-83	19	.239	3.75	California	77-85	16	.241	3.20
Cleveland	67-95	31	.237	3.24	Texas	47-115	46	.224	3.92

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Average	Home Runs	RBI	ERA
Scheinblum [KC] .333	Allen [CHI] 44	Allen [CHI] 156	Wood [CHI] 2.16
Kirkpatrick [KC] .323	Mayberry [KC] 35	Murcer [NY] 122	G.Perry [CLE] 2.18
Rudi [OAK] .323	Smith [BOS] 34	Mayberry [KC] 110	J.Perry [MIN] 2.25
Carew [MIN] .314	Briggs [MIL] 30	Briggs [MIL] 108	Lock'd [MIL] 2.39
Mayberry [KC] .308	Doubles	Hits	Lolich [DET] 2.43
Murcer [NY] .303	Chambliss [CLE] 50	Rudi [OAK] 213	Hunter [O] 2.45
Allen [CHI] .303	Triples	Runs	Dobson [BAL] 2.50
	Stanton [CAL] 13	Allen [CHI] 133	
Wins	Innings		
Wood [CHI] 27-21	Palmer [BAL] 23-12	Kline [NY] 21-10	
Hunter [OAK] 26-12	G.Perry [CLE] 23-12	Stottlemire [NY] 20-11	
Lolich [DET] 26-13	Holtzman [OAK] 22-15		
Strikeouts	Innings		
Ryan [CAL] 369	Wood [CHI] 434		
Lolich [DET] 298	G.Perry [CLE] 367		

SOLITAIRE FOOTBALL REPLAY - Bob Hess of Wood River, IL, used the eight best teams from the American Football Conference in 1973 and replayed a 14-game season, using the elementary game...Oakland, contrary to its real-life failures of that time, rose up out of second-place in the West (7-7) and captured the playoffs. The Raiders knocked off Pittsburgh, 23-13, and then Cincinnati for the championship, 24-9...Pittsburgh won the East with an 11-3 record, with Miami and Buffalo sharing second at 10-4...Rushing stats were greatly inflated as O.J. Simpson had 2,209 yards in 300 carries--a 7.4 average--and Mercury Morris ripped off yardage at 8.4 clips (225-1,886)...Ron Johnson (215-1,195), Greg Pruitt (168-1,175) and Clarence Davis (207-1,087) were all 1,000-plus rushers...Gary Garrison was the leading receiver with 62 catches worth 1,088 yards and a 17.5 average; Reggie Rucker had 60 receptions for 1,643 yards and a whopping 27.4 average...Ken Anderson of the Bengals was the highest rated passer (125-232, 1,833, 53.9%) with a 76.8 mark, with Ken Stabler second at 65.7 (173-320, 2,065, 54.1).

Standings and playoff results:

East	Won-Lost	West	Won-Lost	Playoffs:
Pittsburgh	11-3	Cincinnati	7-7	Oakland 23, Pittsburgh 13
Miami	10-4	Oakland	7-7	Cincinnati 30, Miami 28
Buffalo	10-4	Cleveland	6-8	Oakland 24, Cincinnati 9
San Diego	2-12	New England	3-11	

BASKETBALL REPLAY - Phil Meade and Tom Nahigian, Arlington, MA, played each team 17 times using the 1976-77 rosters but the player's best season from 1972-73 thru 1975-76...New York Knicks swamped all opponents, winning 16 of 17 games, averaging 121 points and shooting at a .525 percentage from the field...Knicks roster included Earl Monroe ('72-73), Walt Frazier ('72-73), Bob McAdoo ('73-74), Spencer Haywood ('72-73) and Jim McMillian ('75-76)...David Thompson once poured in 81 points against Milwaukee, while Portland kept the scoreboard smoking against Detroit, burning in 148 points...In a mini-play-off, the Knicks defeated Denver, 4-1.

Standings and leaders:

Atlantic	Won-Lost	Central	Won-Lost	Midwest	Won-Lost
N.Y. Knicks	16-1	Cleveland	13-4	Denver	12-5
Boston	10-7	Houston	11-6	Chicago	12-5
Philadelphia	8-9	Washington	9-8	Indiana	10-7
N.Y. Nets	6-11	Atlanta	5-12	Kansas City	9-8
Buffalo	4-13	New Orleans	5-12	Detroit	8-9
		San Antonio	5-12	Milwaukee	4-13
Pacific	Won-Lost				
Portland	11-6	Scoring (Team now; card used)			
Phoenix	9-8	Jabbar (LA; '72-73)	34.4		
Golden State	9-8	Maravich (NO; '75-76)	34.3		

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Pacific Con't		Scoring Con't		
Los Angeles	7-10	Knight [IND; '75-76]	33.3	Thompson [DEN; '75-76]
Seattle	4-13	McAdoo [BUF-NY; '73-74]	32.7	28.6
<u>Field Goal %</u>		Archibald [NYN; '72-73]	31.9	F.Brown [SEA; '75-76]
McAdoo	.821	Barry [GS; '74-75]	30.1	27.8
Jabbar	.598	Erving [PHI; '75-76]	28.8	Hayes [WASH; '75-76]
Ray [GS; '75-76]	.589			27.3
Mengelt [DET-CHI;				
'72-73]	.576			
Lanier [DET; '75-76]	.572			

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