

STRAT-O-MATIC

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REVIEW

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Offenses are opened up considerably

Here's look at new football cards

Well, what do you think? How do you, the readers of the Review, like, or dislike, the changes in Strat-O-Matic Pro Football?

Most of the changes, as pointed out in the Review prior to the cards coming out this summer, have to do with making the table-top game more in tune with the wide-open style of play in the NFL today.

Defensively, the incorporation of the 3-4 defense was a change that was needed and its use on the game board and for blitzing and pass defense were clarified. Much confusion over prevent super advanced rules seems to have been cleared up, too.

Now for the 1983 cards - based on the strike-shortened 1982 real-life pro football season:

* Passing game in S-O-M, obviously, has been opened up. The quarterback cards, for starters, seem to have more guessed right completions. Conversely, the defensive pass cards give up more completions.

* In a lot more situations, there is not that much difference between guessed right and guessed wrong columns. It's not as drastic as in the past, for sure.

Terry Bradshaw's card with the Pittsburgh Steelers is a good example. On numbers 5, 6, 9 and 10, for a short pass, he has completions both

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guessed right and wrong. Only number there is a completion difference is 2, with wrong being a 16-yard gain and guessed right an incomplete pass.

* There's a big difference between guessed right and guessed wrong columns when it comes to pass interceptions off the quarterback's card, however. Again, using Bradshaw's card as an example: Short Pass, No. 11, has interception, guessed right, on 2-9 and 12, but on guessed wrong the interception chance is only 2-3 and 12. A big difference.

* "Must Runs" are numerous now. Oftentimes there's a must run on guessed right, but an incomplete pass on guessed wrong on the quarterback's card. Sometimes it is to the advantage of the defense to guess wrong in such situations, since many quarterbacks have good must run columns.

* Many quarterbacks have seven short pass completions both ways.

* Also, there are many more long gains off the long pass column. Before there was, at best, one number that provided for a completion both ways. Now oftentimes there's more than one.

Dan Fouts' card is a good one in the long bomber category. On number 2 he's got a 31-yard gain both guessed right and wrong, and ditto for long gain on numbers 4 and 5 and +33 on number 9. Number 6 is a long gain on guessed wrong, but an incompletion guessed right. Defenses are going to be in a dither trying to figure out how to defend against that card.

* Ken Anderson of Cincinnati has the best completion card among all the quarterbacks when it comes to flat and short passes.

Vince Ferragamo shouldn't be under-rated in any draft league, as he has long gain on long pass, No. 7, guessed either way.

RUNNERS NOT AS EFFECTIVE?

* The runners, reports Warren Newell, Review co-editor, after a cursory check of the new cards, don't seem to be quite as effective. "This is probably because pass defense will be called most of the time."

* Freeman McNeil of the Jets has the best running back card, according to Warren, as he's almost a sure bet to gain good yardage on guessed wrong calls. Joe Cribbs (Buffalo), Wilbert Montgomery (Philadelphia) and Marcus Allen (Los Angeles Raiders) are the best of the rest.

* Earl Campbell is not the Earl of old as he has a fumble on 2-10 and 12.

RECEIVERS NOT AS IMPRESSIVE?

Along with the runners not having as good cards as before the changes, pass receivers also suffer. The best long threats are Wes Chandler of San Diego and Stanley Morgan of New England, both of whom have 10 chances for long gain on long pass guessed right.

* The pass defense cards have been changed, too. The No. 6, on short or long pass, used to be considered a "kiss of death." Now that number is a well-used completion number, even against good defenses.

* Again, like for fumbles, there's a big increase for interceptions, depending on whether guessed right or wrong. Miami has a super interception card. Against short passes, there's an interception, three men in zone, 2-8 on No. 9 and, four men in zone, on 2-8, 11, 12. On a dice roll of 11, three men in zone, the pass is incomplete, but with four men in zone the 'chance' increases to a straight interception.

Miami's card for long passes shows, No. 4, a long gain if no one is in the zone but the opposite if one man is there - a straight interception. On No. 7 for the Dolphins, the chances are 2-8, 11, 12 of an interception with no one in the zone and a straight pickoff if one man is there.

* Seattle, perhaps surprisingly, also has good pass defense cards. Miami and Seattle are the two best.

* Pittsburgh has an interesting column on short pass, three men in zone, as there are no blanks - every dice reading has a possible completion, except for interception on No. 9.

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- * As far as ratings on the pass defense cards, here's the breakdown:
 Good to Excellent - Three.
 Good - Six.
 Average to Good - Three.
 Average to Poor - Four.
 Poor - Nine.
 Very Poor - One (Baltimore).

In other words, over one-third of the pass defenses have "poor" ratings.

* Back to the good news. Seattle has its cornerbacks with "5" ratings and its safeties are "6s".

* Denver runners are going to fumble a lot, having two dice roll numbers in which bobbles could occur: No. 5 - 2-9 and 12; No. 11 - a straight fumble. Ouch!

* Meanwhile, Kansas City doesn't fumble the ball on offense.

UPBEAT CARD FOR UPCHURCH

Denver's Rick Upchurch, thanks to a pair of touchdown returns in real-life, has a TD on No. 6 for punt returns.

* Mark Moseley of Washington has an awesome field goal kicking card from short to medium range. From 1-22 yards he kicks 'em through on numbers 2-11, and from the 23 to 32-yard line he's good 2-9.

* The Los Angeles Raiders, getting back to defense, have a super card against the run.

* There have been some changes made on low number readings off the defensive cards. In the past most defensive run cards had short gain on line buck, No. 2, and a long gain off-tackle on the same number.

Many cards no longer have automatic short and long gains in those situations. Also, No. 2 on end run is not an automatic long gain like before. Now, guessed right, it could be a short gain instead.

Overall, after looking at the cards, both individual and team, the defense will be forced to call pass a majority of the time. The passing games, particularly off the quarterback's card, look too good to call anything else frequently.

Turnovers should be increased, too, especially after the fumble number was moved from "5" to "6" and with the increased interception opportunities.

The Review editors are very much interested in your reaction to the changes, including the new solitaire chart(s) for advanced play. Solitaire gamers have obviously noticed that the "coach" runs the defense now, and relies on a dice roll, plus yardage and down situation, to give him/her the type of play the offense is using. What is your reaction to the new method of solitaire play?

Football playing tips

Here is a football playing tip devised by Norman Brahen and Ira Wolins, both from the City of Brotherly Love, Philadelphia, PA:

If a short pass from the 10-yard line or less OR long pass from the 20 to 40-yard line that matches the line of scrimmage PLUS 10 YARDS, it may or may not be a touchdown.

Example: Ball is on opponent's 30-yard line, long pass is completed for 40 yards. Roll two dice to determine if the receiver kept his feet in the end zone.

- 2, 3, 4 - Replay show BOTH FEET out.
- 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 - TOUCHDOWN!
- 10, 11, 12 - Replay shows ONE FOOT out.

Bostock Memorial a memorable event

James Sanders again is tournament organizer par excellence

They came from the East, West, North and South to roll dice and make friends at the Third Annual Lyman Bostock Memorial Tournament, which was staged July 16-17 at the Gary Works Supervisory Club in Hobart, IN.

Again it was James Sanders, the policeman from Gary, who almost single-handedly organized and put on the two-day Strat-O-Matic happening.

"In all we had 68 gamers who participated in the tournament," said Sanders after recovering from a fun-filled but sleepless weekend. "Many more people were in attendance, in addition to those who played in the tournament. Many well-known gamers from all over the country were here, such as Steve Shumacher from Houston, TX; Robert Henry, former baseball trivia quiz expert; Tom Nelson, avid football player from New York, and many more.

"Many old friendships were renewed and many new ones were started. Every year this tournament has grown and gotten better."

MARC FROBROM IS FIRST TO ARRIVE

The first gamer to arrive was Marc Frobrom, from Minnesota, who checked in at the Susse Chalet Hotel at 1:30 p.m. on July 14, two days before the tournament was to officially begin. Before the day was over, Tom Nelson and Seth Sherman, both from New York, arrived and the trio, plus Sanders, spent the evening rolling S-O-M dice.

The next day, Friday, saw the majority of the gamers roll in, with at least 50 people streaming in and out of Sanders' apartment, partaking of fun and food. Some gamers went over to nearby Chicago and watched the White Sox play Toronto that evening.

"The atmosphere in my apartment was like before the Super Bowl," enthuses Sanders. "Many gamers found room at my apartment to play S-O-M. We watched old NFL films on my video recorder. To sum it up, it was a very enjoyable evening. Seven gamers slept at my apartment that night. They were on the floor, the sofa, waterbed and some were in sleeping bags.

TOURNAMENTS GALORE

When it came to on the table action, there was plenty of that, too, at the tournament. All told, four tournaments were conducted, with the winners and runnersup in each receiving large, colorful trophies, compliments of the game company.

The advanced baseball tournament attracted the most gamers, as expected, with 36 vying for honors. Teams were broken down into four divisions, with all playing a 10-game schedule Saturday and the two teams with the best records moving on to Sunday's playoffs.

When the last die had been rolled, Bob Clineman's 1971 Baltimore Orioles were champions, defeated 1956 Brooklyn, guided by Steve Olsen, in the World Series, 1-2, 3-0, 8-3, 12-3 and 4-1. Baltimore bashed 11 home runs in the Series and lost the opener by virtue of Brooklyn scoring two runs in the ninth inning off Jim Palmer, who had nursed a 1-0 lead through eight innings.

Baltimore's closest call came in the playoff semifinals, when it eliminated '71 Oakland, 3-2, after trailing by two games at one point and in the final game by a 4-1 margin.

Hard-luck manager of the advanced baseball tournament had to be Mike Miller, who directed the '77 White Sox. The Chisox lost to '76 Boston in extra innings in a game they needed to win to make the playoffs and overall suffered three heartbreaking extra-inning defeats in mini tourney play.

Semifinals results, in case you're curious, found '56 Brooklyn edging '77 Cincinnati, 3-2, and '71 Baltimore doing likewise to '71 Oakland.

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1976 RAMS REIGN IN FOOTBALL

The super advanced version of football was used and 24 gamers went after honors. Again there was a divisional breakdown, with three-seven-team divisions playing a round-robin schedule and the top four teams from each qualifying for the playoffs. The playoffs were double-elimination.



JAMES SANDERS (MIDDLE) IS SHOWN WITH ADVANCED BASEBALL RUNNERUP STEVE OLSEN (RIGHT), CHAMPION BOB CLINEMAN.

Finally, after thousands of dice rolls, 1975 Pittsburgh nipped the 1968 New York Jets in an overtime thriller, 26-24, and the 1976 Los Angeles Rams blanked the supposedly invincible '72 Miami Dolphins, 19-0, both results in the semi-finals.

In the Super Bowl, matching Ed Grap's '76 Rams against Pete Nicholson's '75 Steelers, LA broke open a defensive duel in the fourth quarter and racked up a 30-7 triumph.

A 52-yard ramble with an intercepted pass by Monte Jackson in the fourth quarter

was the play that turned the tide in favor of LA.

For the score conscious, here are the results of the football tournament in the double-elimination playoffs:

'76 LA d. '76 Pittsburgh, 3-0; '72 Miami d. '79 Pittsburgh, 13-10; '68 NY Jets d. '69 Kansas City, 30-20; '75 Pittsburgh d. '58 Baltimore, 26-23; '76 Pittsburgh d. '79 Pittsburgh, 14-0; '75 Pittsburgh d. '68 Jets, 26-23; '76 LA d. '72 Miami, 29-21; '69 Kansas City d. '58 Baltimore, 33-14; '72 Miami d. '76 Pittsburgh, 9-3; '68 Jets d. '69 Kansas City, 37-3.

SABRES KINGS ON ICE

In the super advanced hockey tourney, nine gamers took part, playing a round-robin schedule of eight games.

Six of the eight teams made the playoffs, with first-round play consisting of best-of-three series; semifinals best-of-five and the

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Stanley Cup a best-of-seven series. The surprising 1979-80 Buffalo Sabres, coached by Bill Waldheuser, upended the 1980-81 New York Islanders (Duane Lyons) in six games to win the 'Cup' along with a large trophy contributed by S-O-M.

Excellent goaltending and tight checking were cited by Waldheuser as keys to victory for the Sabres in the finals.

Semifinals results had the Sabres defeating the '81-82 Edmonton Oilers, 3-1; and the '80-81 Islanders disposing of the '80-81 St. Louis Blues, 3-0.

"A special feature of the hockey tournament was Don Walker," adds Sanders. "He caught the hearts of most gamers in attendance with his play-by-play announcing of every hockey game he played. He was very good at it. I have never seen a Strato player more involved in a game than he was. He could announce live hockey games and do a terrific job."

Walker's team was the '81-82 Islanders, who reached the first round of the playoffs before bowing to the '80-81 Islanders.

IT'S ELEMENTARY - '61 YANKS, OF COURSE

In the elementary baseball tournament, which attracted 18 players, John Patton's 1961 Yankees defeated Eric Rasmussen's 1979 Pittsburgh Pirates in the championship series in five games.

Rasmussen had the distinction, along with taking the powerful Yanks five games, of being, at 13, the youngest gamer to participate in any of the tournaments.

SANDERS SAYS 'THANKS'

"Even though we fell short of the goal of 100 gamers," continues Sanders, "the tournament was a success. A lot of time and hard work was put into this tournament, but it is something that I enjoy doing."

"So many gamers sent in little donations that helped and offered their assistance in so many ways. Special thanks go to Harold Richman (creator of the S-O-M games), the Review, Bob Anderson (\$150 donation) and Luke Kraemer, Steve Poricini, both of whom assisted me so well in running everything."

"Also, special thanks should go to my girlfriend, who cooked food for all those at my apartment Friday night and put up with me not taking her out the last three weeks leading up to the tournament so I could stay by the phone to answer calls from gamers."

"If I have any regrets, the one is that the tournament has become so large that I will never be able to play in it. I can live with this, though, because I enjoy watching the other gamers play and can get an exhibition game in once in awhile."

"A friend and I were to share a team in football, with him running the defense and I the offense. We got to play three quarters and were leading 34-0 when my services were needed elsewhere."

And that's the way it was at Convention 1983!

The 'Quiz' has played S-O-M, too

Tony Brizzolara, relief pitcher for the Atlanta Braves (he was when this issue of the Review went to press) who has been frequently mentioned on these pages, is not the only big leaguer who has or is playing Strat-O-Matic.

The July 11 issue of Sports Illustrated, in an article about Dan Quisenberry by Steve Wulf, it was mentioned that while growing up the Quisenberry brothers frequently rolled dice.

"Inside they played Strat-O-Matic, a baseball board game," says Wulf. "Dan had an annoying habit of biting the pitcher's card when things were going wrong," continued the article about baseball's premier submarine pitcher who may be the best reliever in the "big" today as well.

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WANTED: 1977 special printing of Seattle Mariners and Toronto Blue Jays for 1976 set; 1974 season Philadelphia Phillies card of Terry Harmon and 1976 season San Francisco Giants' extra player cards for Glen Adams, John D'Acquisto, Mike Sadek and Charlie Williams. Mike Mayko, 390 Welch's Point Road, Milford, CT 06460

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WANTED: Baseball teams 1960-1977. Will buy them or trade old baseball cards for them. Write to: John Boorman, 2930 E. Corey Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46227

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WANTED: 1970 Yankees, Cubs. 1967 Rams, Colts; 1968 complete football; 1972 Jets. Will buy or trade. I can offer assorted 1971 baseball teams (w/extras and rosters) and assorted football teams 1967 through present. Also, any Long Island football enthusiast who would like to start a league, write: Peter O'Leary, 32 Westgate Blvd.,

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WANTED: Backup managers and/or managers interested in joining the Roll 'Em Baseball International League (RBI). Powerful, partial draft teams available. Season has already begun, but we still need mature, responsible managers to finish out season. This is your chance to join an organized PBM league that will be around for years to come. Please contact: Dave Owens, 13208 Lamplight Village, Austin, TX 78758 (512-255-7174).

WANTED: To correspond with anyone who uses a microcomputer to do S-O-M stats. Would like info and advice on hardware and software. Will reimburse any reasonable costs you incur in helping me. Debra Buchanan, 1225 S. Lumber St., Apt. 1A, Allentown, PA 18103 (1-215-866-8057)

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FOR SALE: Complete hockey seasons - 1977-78 to 1981-82; each season \$15.50. Complete football seasons - 1977, 1978, 1980; each season \$15.50. Basketball game, old/new, all game parts, four teams, \$10. Basketball teams - complete 1977-78 season, \$12; four teams from 1978-79, \$3.50. Will sell or will trade for either past baseball season. All letters answered. I pay all postage. Larry Gavlak, RD #1, Box 410, Houtzdale, PA 16651

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FOR SALE: Football, 1974 NFL, complete and in excellent condition; for \$30. Send to: Glen Reigrod, 66-22 Fleet St., Forest Hills, NY 11375

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games started, complete games, shutouts and saves. Also, included for each pitcher is his batting record, at-bats, hits, home runs and batting average. Send only \$4 for one season or \$7 for both to: Robert Hellstrom, 717 Neuva Gorda, Culver, IN 46511

FOR SALE: Complete baseball sets [with additional players]: 1977, \$25; 1978, \$22; 1979, \$20; 1980, \$17; 1981, \$15. Complete football sets: 1977, \$25; 1978, \$22; 1979, \$18; 1980, \$15. I will pay all postage. All teams in good condition, or better. Ken Rothenberg, 1321 Euclid Ave., Apt. 2, Miami Beach, FL 33139

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League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: The Southern California Football League is growing. This super-advanced league seeks coaches in the Los Angeles area for face-to-face competition. We have as many as three spots open for this, our second season. We are seeking reliable coaches for a once-a-week commitment. Adults preferred. Transportation a must. Coaches will be required to turn in weekly stat sheets. A deposit is also required for use toward year-end awards and the league banquet. For further information please contact: Dave Levin, 7409 Woodman Ave. #102, Van Nuys, CA 91405 (213-781-6730). All inquiries will be answered. League play is set to begin the first week in October. So don't delay.

LEAGUE FORMING: Now establishing straight team PBM league. League to consist of 6 A.L. and 6 N.L. teams. Need 3 managers; each will have 1 A.L. and 1 N.L. team. Send SASE with 3 picks in each league. Everyone available except: Cubs, (continued)

Yankees, Cardinals, Orioles, Blue Jays, Braves. Season begins Oct. 1, 1983; will be a 156-game season. Send replies to: Wayne Slaven, 226 W. Elm St., Marion, KY 42064

LEAGUE FORMING: Michigan Majors PBM advanced baseball league is looking for managers. We're in our second year and need one or two managers to take over teams in each league. We play 1 team in A.L. and N.L. IF interested, write to: Don Miron Jr., 5500 N. Elms Rd., Flushing, MI 48433

LEAGUE FORMING: The M S M Baseball League is searching for 5 managers for an 8-team N.L. draft league operating this fall. Features include: bi-weekly newsletters, trophies, yearbook, all-star game and a partial refund of entry fees upon completion of season. If interested, write: Scott Menser, 317 East Keigan St., Dawson Springs, KY 42408

LEAGUE FORMING: The Finest established Seattle/Everett face-to-face, super advanced football league is looking to expand or merge. Contact: David Stamper, 22425-100th Ave. West, Edmonds, WA 98020 (206-775-7897)

LEAGUE FORMING: Football PBM league. This football PBM league will be quite different from those that have tried PBM football and failed. I am organizing S-O-M Football buffs who are serious about the game and starting a draft league unlike regular PBM leagues you will not play home games; you will play two other teams with instructions from them while your team plays elsewhere. This eliminates the downfall of every PBM football league where home team wins every game because the coach knew all the plays before. We will have 16-20 teams and each coach will play 16 games. We will go at a pace of one game a week as in the NFL. Please do not get involved if you are not going to give the league 100 percent. Super advanced rules will be used and newsletters with full stats will be published every fourth week. I have already started taking names so contact me immediately. SASE a

must. Send name, age, phone number to: Larry Scotti, 638 Woodrow Road, Staten Island, NY 10312

LEAGUE FORMING: The USBL PBM basketball league is looking for new coaches to add to our great coaching staff. We have just finished our first year and are ready to start our second. We need two coaches to fill in for old teams and we will try to expand by adding a few teams. Right now we have 10 teams. Our league features a day-by-day schedule, contracts and free agents. Please send resume to: Cliff Dolgins, 67 Old Country Road, New Rochelle, NY 10804. All replies will be answered.

LEAGUE FORMING: Advanced version PBM 1961 league forming. Depending on amount of managers, we will play 154 games. Weekly newsletters during season. Please contact: Paul Zucker, 2475 N. Haskell #512, Tucson, AZ 85716

LEAGUE FORMING: The OOPS Football League will begin its 15th season in 1983 (we have been using S-O-M cards since 1975). We are a face-to-face league in the Los Angeles-Orange County area. We are an ongoing draft league (when you acquire rights to a player, either through the draft or by trade, you keep them for life). New teams draft from an expansion pool which includes many quality players, such as Ken Anderson, Wilbert Montgomery and Vince Ferragamo. All teams draft from previous year's NFL rookies. We follow NFL draft and scheduling rules and our season runs concurrently with the NFL. For further information, write: P.O. Box 4141, Downey, CA 90241. Or call: Paul Mankiewicz, 213-861-2151, or Dave Siemienski, 213-640-8008.

Contests

CONTESTS: The first Joe Delaney Memorial Tournament will be held in Kansas City, MO, on Nov. 12-13. There will be advanced and elementary baseball as well as advanced football. Trophies will be awarded to the winners and runnersup in each event. Have you ever wondered how well you'd do against people from around the country? There will

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This S-O-M game's a 'puzzle'

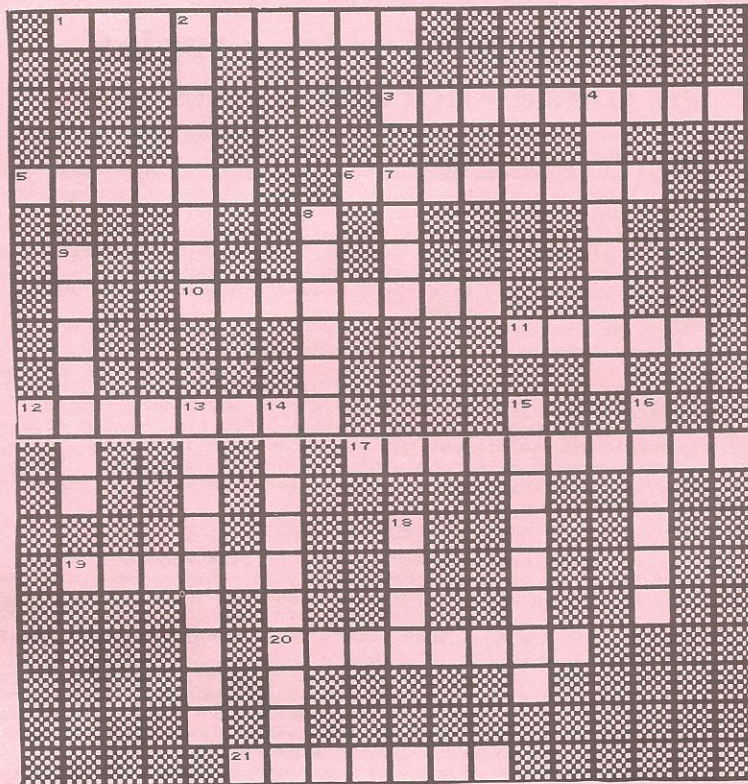
The Review is introducing something special this month - something we hope becomes a regular feature on these pages.

Contributed by Dave Corbett, a 19-year-old gamer from Waltham, MA, the first crossword puzzle dealing with Strat-O-Matic has found its way onto the pages of the Review. Corbett, a student at Bentley College, majoring in business computer systems, accidentally came across the idea for an S-O-M crossword when teaching a computer course.

He experimented with it and has sent a puzzle along to test gamers as to their knowledge of S-O-M games.

"The puzzle deals with S-O-M games in general," says Corbett, "with [B] standing for a question relating to baseball, [BK] to basketball, [H] to hockey and [F] to football."

Here is the puzzle (questions are on the next page and answers for this month's crossword are found on page 23):



CROSSWORD PUZZLE QUESTIONS

ACROSS CLUES

1. 1-20
3. RUNNER'S DELIGHT (F)
5. FIELDING EQUALIZER (B)
6. EXPERT VERSION
10. MANAGER'S MOVES
11. SELECTION OF STARS
12. AIR CONTROL (F)
17. WIN A FREE S-O-M CARD SET (B)
19. MAN UNDER THE GUN (H)
20. SUMMER GAME
21. SUBMIT GAME

DOWN CLUES

2. DEVASTATING BLOWS
4. S-O-M HOME
7. THE GENERATOR
8. WHEEL AND DEAL
9. SUPER PASS (BK)
13. MAN ADVANTAGE - PLURAL (H)
14. GOOD LEAD (B)
15. IT'S A REVISED GAME
16. S-O-M MONTHLY
18. PRESET FACTOR

Cincinnati wins long replay of strike-shortened season

What would have happened if the strike-shortened 1981 baseball season had gone the distance instead?

The Michigan Majors PBM Baseball League, even though it wasn't its primary goal, found out when it played the entire season with all the actual teams except for Seattle and Toronto.

Cincinnati, which had the best overall record in baseball but didn't qualify for the playoffs (because it didn't win either the first or second half), proved to be the best of them all as George Benson, of Hicksville, NY, guided the Reds to a 99-63 record and eventual World Series conquest of the Chicago White Sox.

All told, 12 managers took part in the first Michigan Majors league, with each mentor guiding an American and National League team. Special rules were used because of the strike to govern at-bats and innings pitched. Pitchers with over 100 innings and batters with over 300 at-bats could play all season - the rest 160 percent of their card totals.

The DH was used in the A.L., as in real-life, but the old stealing system was continued, as the new one was voted down in a league vote. Everything was advanced as far as other features of the game. Teams in the same division played each other 18 times and those in the other division 12 times.

ST. LOUIS WINS 108, BUT...

Actually, the St. Louis Cardinals had the best record of them all, winning a whopping 108 games and losing only 54. Richard Molino, Yonkers, NY, guided the Redbirds, who were ousted from the playoffs by Cincinnati.

The Chisox took the A.L. West (92-71) and Detroit the East (97-65), with Chicago topping Detroit in the playoffs.

One no-hitter was tossed - by Pete Vuckovich of Milwaukee against K.C. - in the A.L. and one was hurled - by Scott Sanderson of Montreal, against San Francisco - in the N.L. Ironically, Ira Feuerlicht of New York, NY, was the victim in both pitching gems. Vuckovich's no-hitter was one notch better as he wound up with a perfect game.

Here's the managerial lineup for the Michigan Majors and the teams that each managed: Don Miron Jr. (Detroit-Chicago, NL), Mike Swain (Chicago, AL-Montreal), Bob Blanchard (Boston-Atlanta), Benson (Baltimore-

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Cincinnati), Dave Turoci (California-Philadelphia), Dave Anderson (New York, AL-San Diego), Ken Feuer (Texas-Houston), Bill Allhusen (Oakland-New York, NL), John Skillings (Minnesota-Los Angeles) and Molino (St. Louis-Milwaukee). A couple of different managers ran Cleveland-Pittsburgh.

Home base for the managers is Tresque Isle, ME (Blanchard), Seaford, NY (Anderson), Highland, IN (Turoci), Flushing, MI (Miron), Holly, MI (Swain), Houston, TX (Feuer), Seaford, NY (Allhusen), Minneapolis, MN (Skillings) and Yonkers, NY (Molino).

Real-life champion, in case you are curious, was Los Angeles, which defeated the Yankees in six games in the World Series. The Yanks, who finished four games behind Detroit in S-O-M, whipped Oakland in the real-life playoff, 3-0, while L.A. won a playoff from Houston and then downed Montreal, 3-2, to win the real-life N.L.

Standings and leaders:

American East				American West				Note: Chicago d. Oakland in a one-game playoff.
	W	L	GB		W	L	GB	
Detroit	97	65	-	Chicago	92	71	-	
NY Yankees	93	69	4	Oakland	91	72	1	
Baltimore	89	73	8	Texas	82	80	9½	
Boston	79	83	18	Kansas City	81	81	10½	
Milwaukee	73	89	24	California	78	84	13½	
Cleveland	67	95	30	Minnesota	51	111	40½	

Batting				Home Runs				RBI				2B			
Lansford CLE	.334			Luzinski CHI	41			Luzinski CHI	131			Cooper MIL	58		
Almon CHI	.312			Armas OAK	40			Armas OAK	121			3B			
Mumphrey NY	.311			G.Thomas MIL	39			D.Evans BOS	115			Castino CHI			
Gibson DET	.308			E.Murray BAL	36			Murray BAL	113			21			
Murray BAL	.306			Grich CAL	35			Thomas MIL	113			R			

Wins				ERA				Strikeouts				Lemon CHI			
Morris DET	29-9			Righetti NY	1.91			Carlton OAK	348			113			
McCatty OAK	24-15			McCatty OAK	2.27			Barker BOS	281			H			
Carlton OAK	23-13			Morris DET	2.44			Righetti NY	262			Lansford			
Burns CHI	23-14											CLE 223			
John NY	23-11											SB			

National East				National West				Fireman: Fingers (11-7, 21 saves)				Wilson KC			
	W	L	GB		W	L	GB								
St. Louis	108	54	-	Cincinnati	99	63	-					110			
Philadelphia	90	72	18	Houston	93	69	6					2B: Hernandez			
Montreal	86	76	22	San Francisco	89	73	10					SL 59			
Pittsburgh	68	94	40	Los Angeles	83	79	16					3B: Templeton			
NY Mets	60	102	48	Atlanta	75	87	24					SD 23			
Chicago Cubs	53	109	55	San Diego	68	94	31					R: Henderson			

Batting				Home Runs				RBI				H: Hernandez			
Madlock PIT	.350			Schmidt PHI	52			Schmidt PHI	140			SL 219			
Hernandez SL	.345			Foster CIN	46			Foster CIN	134			SB: Raines			
Perkins SD	.326			Horner ATL	36			Dawson MON	131			MON 160			
Baker LA	.325			Dawson MON	33			Matthews PHI	115						
J.Morales SF	.322			Kingman NY	31			Hernandez SL	114						

Wins				ERA				Strikeouts				Fireman: Sutter SL 9-9 with 29 saves.			
B.Forsch SL	28-8			Knepper HOU	2.17			Valenzuela LA	310						
Soto CIN	25-10			Gullickson MON	2.25			Soto CIN	299						
Seaver CIN	25-13			Sutton HOU	2.34			Ryan HOU	286						
Norris PHI	23-10														
Hooton LA	22-7														

Note: Trading was allowed thus the reason some players are on teams other than those in real-life. One blockbuster trade involved the shipping of Mike Norris from Oakland to Philadelphia in exchange for Steve Carlton. They both, as the statistics show, had excellent seasons.

Strat-O-Matic spotlight

RINGENS ROLL 'EM AGAIN - FOR 30 HOURS!

Remember the Ringen family - Father Willis and sons Terry and Deron - the dice-rolling trio from Beattie, KS? Well, the Ringens were partaking of their favorite table-gaming pastime, Strat-O-Matic, over Memorial Day weekend as they, along with three other members of the PZML play-by-mail draft baseball, got together for some marathon gaming.

Gathering spot was Byron, NB, at the home of Terry Ringen (his father and Deron still reside in Beattie), and other league members on the scene were Doug Crandall, Salina, KS; Rookie Messick, Ft. Campbell, KY; and Al Lee, Tucson, AZ, the latter of whom was passing through on his way to New Jersey.

Over 100 games were played during over 30 hours of gaming, with Lee's Mets winning the most games. It turned out that most of the sextet were also involved in other leagues and games were played in some of those, too. Other leagues included the Lou Gehrig Memorial Baseball League and Pioneer Hot Steve League.

Terry Ringen, some of you will remember, won the Review's Most Valuable Player Contest two years in a row.

Another marathon is planned for late October, according to PZML members, with the marriage of Doug Crandall being part of the festivities. Ten gamers, representing four baseball leagues and one basketball, are expected for the October gathering.

SHORT SHAKES

...And the beat goes on for Dean Amrhein of West Homestead, PA, who has been replaying a 20-team, full season for 1968. Amrhein started his project in Nov., 1980, and has now completed 1,210 games. He's disappointed that Denny McLain has no shot at 30 wins and that Bob Gibson is also never going to achieve a 1.12 ERA, but he's elated at the success of pitchers such as Jim Nash, Pat Jarvis and Bob Bolin, who has a 19-2 record with 1.22 ERA in 147 innings...Remember that old-timer football replay that appeared in the July Review (page 23-24) and which contained no name of the gamer responsible? Well, the "unknown gamer" has come forth in the form of Joe Earls of Sturbridge, MA...It's still in the research stage, but Mike Keeley has plans for a career replay using all of Steve Carlton's cards since 1967. "I plan on looking up old newspapers at the library to obtain opposing teams and their pitchers that Carlton faced," reports Keeley, who obviously wants to make the replay as realistic as possible...The number 13 may be unlucky, but the number 12 is anything but - at least according to Rich Meyersen, who took the A's and played his brother Mike in a replay of the 1973 World Series. Rich started Catfish Hunter and Tom Seaver was Mike's choice for the Mets. Oakland grabbed an early lead and Hunter mowed the Mets down in order through 24 straight batters. With two outs in the ninth, Willie Mays was sent in to pinch-hit: setting up a duel between one of the premier pitchers and one of the all-time greats in the twilight of his career. Well, Mays rolled a 1-11 single chance and it looked like the Catfish was going to be snagged one out short of the no-hitter and perfect game. Instead, Sal Bando made a diving grab at third (a 12 split number was pulled) and the pitching gem was preserved...Don't forget to give the Review plenty of notice (at least six weeks) when moving. And remember that third-class mail is not forwarded. We receive far too many complaints from subscribers who move, don't receive their Review at the new address, and want another. Almost in every case the Review is at the previous address and has not, and will not, be forwarded. First-class mailing, however, is forwarded...Ron Tidrow, Indianapolis, IN, and friend Tom Mink replayed the 1956 N.L. and reported that Cincinnati finished 94-60 and won by a four-game spread over Milwaukee. Ted Kluszewski was MVP after belting 43 homers, driving in 141 runs and batting .323. The Reds lost in the World Series, however, 4 games to 2 to the New York Yankees...

Readers roll 'em

RAISE AD PRICES?

In general, you guys do a pretty good job considering the fact that the Review is obviously not the result of full-time effort. However, since I have been a subscriber since 1974, may I make a few comments?

1. Frequently I see complaints from both other readers and from you, the editors, that there are too many ads in the Review. Isn't the simple solution just raising the price of the ads?

Del [Newell, Review co-editor], you work for a newspaper, don't you, and the ads pay for most of the cost of the paper, right? Double the prices on the ads and you're really not going to price yourselves out of the market. I mean, six bucks is a cheap price for a 300-word ad in literally the only advertising medium available.

2. Please ease up on coverage of the GKSM (Greater Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League). I agree, it's an outstanding, stable league, but do I really care whether Bruce Mulder or Jim Bannon's particular collection of players goes .500? I'm sure they're very nice people, but why would I be interested? Of course, I understand I am in the minority on this issue.

Anyway, in general I do look forward to my copy of the Review each month. I just think it should contain material that will enhance the enjoyment of the Strat-O-Matic hobby, with playing tips and an open forum for opinion and comment from other gamers.

But what could be more boring and useless than a page full of statistics from somebody else's replay, especially if it's a draft league or a partial replay?

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Kirkland, WA

Editor's note: The number of ads has decreased in recent months, alleviating the problem, at least temporarily. We don't know whether the reduction in ads was due

to our pleas or just "seasonal." The Review has not raised its prices for subscriptions or ads in a long time, and hopefully won't have to do so at least until next year. As far as an open forum for comment from readers, the Review monthly prints a guest column (if one is available), plus the Readers roll 'em section - where your letter was found this month.

A VOTE FOR LATE '60s

The next season Strat-O-Matic should print should be the 1969, '68 or even the '65 years. We have two seasons of hitting already.

Also, jumping up a few years will get us some new stars in each set. Once again I am leaning towards the '69 season because that season would produce a better selection of teams, in my opinion.

The 1965 season would also be a good choice as we can relive those great Sandy Koufax and Juan Marichal matchups.

JAMES SANDERS, Gary, IN

ANOTHER VOTE FOR '60s

Add another vote to those who desire to see the 1962-1970 seasons reprinted with advance sides.

I simply don't get anywhere near the enjoyment out of playing the basic game as I do the advanced game of S-O-M Baseball. The realism is lost to a large degree, and since I grew up following the players from the 1962-1970 period it is disappointing not to be able to pit the pre-1971 and post-1971 teams against each other with authenticity.

To be honest, I also resent paying \$10 to \$15 a team for teams with a basic side only, which I consider inferior quality. Old doesn't necessarily make something better.

JEFF WILSON
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AND ANOTHER...

The teams I grew up with were the teams of the 1960s. I'm sure

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there are hundreds of gamers, like me, who would love to set the clock back 15 to 20 years and play their heroes again. Sure, we can still play them. But Roberto Clemente throws just like Matty Alou.

I'd like to play the real Los Angeles Dodgers, with a switch-hitting infield, or the '69 Mets with two infields.

I've gone on record before as being a player, not a collector or seller. I don't care if the cards are 1/2 size, 3/8 size; red, orange or purple. I'd just like to play my boys of summer, against each other, on grass, with gray road uniforms, in Forbes Field one more time.

Take me out to the ball game...

JOHN McTERNAN
Belleville, IL

CONVENTION A BIG HIT

For anyone who didn't get a chance to go to the Lyman Bostock Memorial Tournament in Hobart, IN, and wondered how it went, the answer is very well.

This was the first convention that I've attended and although it had a few small problems, like all the conventions, James Sanders did a very good job and made all gamers feel very welcome.

From Tom "The Tank" Nelson to "Ming the Merciless", we all had a great time. Thanks, James!

RON BRAMMER
Kansas City, MO

BIGGER AND BETTER...

Too bad you (Review editors) couldn't make it to the convention in Hobart. Each year it keeps getting bigger and better.

James Sanders, as usual, did a real good job. But then again I'm a little biased, since I gave Jim a hand running the baseball this year.

The biggest problem this year in the baseball was that some gamers play at such different speeds. The fast players get impatient and the slow ones feel rushed. I'm not sure what do do about it, except to encourage people to speed up.

I hope you can make it down

next year. Based on the attendance increases the last two years, I'd say Jim has a good chance of breaking 100 contestants next year.

LUKE KRAEMER
West Lafayette, IN

CLARIFICATION NEEDED

First, I would like to compliment you on a fine product that you put out. I have been getting the Review for the last 10 years or so and anyone really interested in the S-O-M products (I buy two, baseball and basketball) should benefit enormously from the magazine.

I would like to comment on your editor's note to a letter written by Jerry Unger (April, 1983) in which you state that S-O-M does not allow the infield in unless there is a runner on third base. The basic game rules do state that fact, but not the advanced game rules.

The advanced game rules state "Playing the infield in will affect all strategy moves found on the advanced strategy chart." The basic game rules also state that one may not use the sacrifice bunt with a runner on third - which I think is also valid for the advanced game.

Then, if you can't use the infield in unless there is a runner on third, and you can't sacrifice with a runner on third (when supposedly you can have the infield in), how can the sacrifice ever be affected by the positioning of the infield (and the chart does specifically say to look at the next letter on the chart if the infield in is in effect)?

While the rules need some clarification (suggestion to S-O-M that a new rewrite is in order with all the changes over the last few years), this one seems obvious.

Finally, in the basic version, there is no way that the infield in or out could affect the sacrifice (only one column), so one would never put the infield in with men on first (and/or second) and risk the hitter hitting away and getting the "++" reading; but in the advanced version there is some impact to using that maneuver from the defensive manager's viewpoint.

KENNETH FRICKE
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Baseball playing tip

Pitchers are rated for defense, holding on ability

BY KURT SMEBY, Las Vegas, NV

I'm disappointed that Strat-O-Matic doesn't rate pitchers better defensively. As is, all are rated a "2." This means that Rudy May is supposedly able to field grounders with the same adroitness as Larry Gura. I have taken the liberty of observing the pitchers as fielders over the last two years and have read up [several sources] on scouting reports. On occasion, I've even telephoned a major league club for information.

So, now, S-O-M gamers will have true pitchers' fielding ratings. Incidentally, these are based on both 1982 and 1983; but since fielding usually stays the same [progress is slow because pitchers seldom work on this aspect of the game], it can be used both in last year's and the coming year's cards.

'HOLDING ON ADJUSTMENT'

The second rating [in parentheses] is the "holding on adjustment" for each pitcher. Again, the same research went into the ratings and can be used for this and next year's card sets. Simply add the adjustment to the final, unadjusted chance number [with normal -2 and -4 added in, per S-O-M rules].

Because it's a combination of two years research, all rosters may have minor variations; gamers should look around if their favorite (or a prospect) is desired. If not listed, assign a 3 [0] rating.

Pitcher's fielding and holding-on ratings:

<u>BALTIMORE</u>		<u>CHICAGO</u>		<u>DETROIT</u>		<u>BOSTON</u>	
S.Davis	3 [0]	Bannister	2 [0]	Morris	1 [0]	Aponte	2 [-1]
Flanagan	2 [-1]	Barojas	2 [0]	P.Underwood	4 [+2]	Eckersley	4 [0]
Grimsley	3 [-1]	Burns	4 [+1]	Pashnick	2 [0]	Bird	3 [+2]
D.Martinez	2 [0]	Dotson	2 [-1]	Petry	3 [-1]	Clear	4 [+1]
T.Martinez	3 [+1]	Hickey	1 [-1]	Rozema	3 [0]	Husst	3 [0]
McGregor	1 [-1]	Hoyt	4 [+1]	Rucker	3 [+1]	Ojeda	3 [-1]
Palmer	1 [-1]	Kern	3 [0]	Saucier	4 [+1]	Stanley	3 [+2]
S.Stewart	2 [-1]	Koosman	3 [+1]	Tobik	3 [-1]	Tudor	2 [-2]
Stoddard	4 [0]	Lamp	4 [+2]	Ujdur	2 [-1]		
		Lyle	2 [0]	Wilcox	3 [-1]		
<u>CLEVELAND</u>		<u>CALIFORNIA</u>		<u>MILWAUKEE</u>		<u>MINNESOTA</u>	
B.Anderson	4 [0]	Corbett	2 [0]	Bernard	3 [0]	Boris	2 [+1]
Barker	4 [+3]	Curtis	3 [+1]	Caldwell	2 [0]	Castillo	2 [+1]
Blyleven	1 [0]	K.Forsch	2 [0]	Easterly	3 [0]	R.Davis	2 [0]
Brennan	1 [-1]	Goltz	2 [-1]	Fingers	2 [-2]	Felton	3 [0]
Eichelberger	2 [+1]	Hassler	3 [+1]	Haas	2 [-1]	Havens	2 [-1]
Glynn	4 [+1]	John	2 [-1]	Ladd	2 [0]	D.Jackson	3 [+1]
Sorensen	3 [-1]	Kison	3 [-1]	McClure	2 [-3]	Little	3 [0]
Spillner	2 [0]	Renko	3 [+2]	Slaton	2 [-1]	O'Connor	2 [0]
Sutcliffe	3 [-1]	Sanchez	4 [0]	Sutton	2 [-1]	Redfern	2 [-1]
Waits	2 [0]	Witt	3 [0]	Augustine	3 [0]	Viola	3 [-1]
		Zahn	3 [0]			Williams	3 [0]
		M.Mahler	3 [0]				
<u>KANSAS CITY</u>		<u>SEATTLE</u>		<u>NEW YORK</u>		<u>OAKLAND</u>	
Armstrong	4 [+2]	L.Anderson	3 [0]	Alexander	2 [0]	Beard	3 [0]
Black	2 [0]	Beattie	2 [+2]	Erickson	2 [-1]	Burgmeier	1 [0]
Blue	2 [-2]	Caudill	3 [+2]	Frazier	2 [0]	Hanna	3 [+1]
Castro	3 [0]	B.Clark	2 [+1]	Gossage	3 [-2]	Keough	2 [-1]
Gura	1 [-2]	Moore	2 [-2]	Guidry	1 [0]	Kingman	3 [+1]
Hood	3 [0]	Nelson	3 [+2]	R.May	4 [+3]	Langford	2 [0]
Leonard	2 [-1]	G.Perry	2 [0]	Murray	2 [0]	McCatty	3 [+1]
Quisenberry	2 [-1]	Stanton	2 [0]	Rawley	3 [0]	Norris	2 [-2]
Splitterff	3 [-2]	Vandeberg	2 [-1]	Righetti	3 [0]	Owchinko	3 [0]
				Shirley	1 [-1]	T.Underwd.	2 [0]
				LaRoche	3 [0]		

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TEXAS		TORONTO		ATLANTA		CINCINNATI	
Boitano	3 [-2]	Clancy	3 [+1]	Bedrosian	4 [0]	Berenyi	3 [0]
Comer	2 [+1]	J. McLaughlin	3 [+1]	Boggs	2 [-1]	Gale	2 [+3]
Darwin	3 [-1]	Garvin	2 [-2]	Camp	2 [0]	Harris	2 [-1]
Honeycutt	2 [+1]	Gott	3 [0]	Dayley	2 [0]	Hayes	2 [0]
Hough	2 [+1]	AL Jackson	3 [+1]	Falcone	3 [0]	Hume	2 [+1]
Matlack	2 [+1]	Leal	3 [0]	Forster	3 [+1]	Leibbrandt	3 [+1]
Mirabella	3 [0]	Morgan	2 [+2]	Garber	1 [0]	Lesley	4 [+1]
Schmidt	3 [-1]	Stieb	1 [0]	R. Mahler	2 [0]	Pastore	2 [-1]
Tanana	2 [+2]			P. Niekro	1 [-2]	Price	4 [-1]
Pacella	3 [0]	HOUSTON		Perez	2 [+1]	Puleo	2 [0]
CHICAGO		Boone	2 [-2]	Walk	3 [0]	Soto	2 [0]
Campbell	2 [-1]	Knepper	2 [0]	LOS ANGELES		MONTREAL	
W. Hernandez	3 [0]	LaCorte	3 [0]	Hooton	4 [+3]	Burris	3 [0]
Jenkins	3 [+3]	LaCoss	3 [+1]	Howe	2 [-1]	Fryman	3 [+2]
Kravec	3 [+2]	J. Niekro	1 [+2]	Niedenfuor	3 [0]	Gullickson	3 [+1]
Martz	4 [+1]	Roberge	3 [+2]	Reuss	2 [0]	Lea	2 [-1]
Noles	3 [0]	Ruhl	2 [0]	Romo	4 [+1]	Lerch	3 [0]
Rainey	3 [-1]	Ryan	2 [+1]	O. Stewart	2 [-1]	O. Palmer	2 [-1]
Ripley	3 [0]	M. Scott	2 [-2]	Valenzuela	2 [-1]	Reardon	2 [0]
L. Smith	3 [+1]	D. Smith	2 [-1]	Welch	2 [-1]	Rogers	2 [-1]
Tidrow	4 [+2]	NEW YORK		Zachry	3 [0]	Sanderson	2 [0]
Proly	3 [0]	Allen	3 [-1]	ST. LOUIS		Schatzeder	2 [0]
PHILADELPHIA		R. Jones	3 [+1]	Andujar	1 [-2]	B. Smith	3 [-1]
Altamirano	2 [-1]	Leach	3 [+2]	Bair	3 [+2]	PITTSBURGH	
Bystrom	2 [0]	Lynch	2 [0]	B. Forsch	1 [0]	Baumgarten	3 [0]
Carlton	3 [-1]	Orosco	2 [-1]	Kaat	1 [0]	Candelaria	2 [0]
Christenson	4 [-1]	Seaver	2 [+2]	Keener	3 [0]	McWilliams	2 [-1]
Farmer	2 [+1]	Swan	3 [0]	Lahti	2 [0]	Moskau	2 [-2]
Holland	2 [0]	Torrez	3 [0]	LaPoint	3 [-1]	Rhoden	2 [0]
McGraw	2 [0]	Diaz	3 [+1]	Mura	2 [0]	O. Robinson	2 [-1]
Monge	3 [0]	Holman	3 [+1]	Stuper	2 [-2]	Romo	1 [0]
Reed	3 [+2]	Ownbey	2 [-1]	Sutter	4 [-1]	Sarmiento	2 [0]
Ruthven	2 [+2]	SAN FRANCISCO				Scurry	3 [+1]
Denny	3 [-1]	Barr	1 [-1]			Tekulve	3 [0]
SAN DIEGO		Breining	3 [+1]			Niemann	3 [0]
Chiffer	3 [0]	Hammaker	4 [+1]				
DeLeon	2 [+1]	Krukow	2 [0]				
Dravecky	2 [0]	Laskey	2 [0]				
Lollar	3 [+1]	Lavelle	2 [-1]				
Lucas	3 [-1]	R. Martin	2 [-1]				
Montefusco	3 [+2]	Minton	2 [0]				
Show	3 [0]						
Sosa	2 [0]						
C. Welsh	3 [0]						
Whitson	3 [+2]						

Lastly, since Strat-O-Matic no longer rates fielding ranges on the X-Chart for 1, 3 and 4 pitchers, the chart listed on the next page will fill in for those omissions.

Note that on 2 (#19) is a gbB instead of gbC (as S-O-M lists). The gamer may, if he/she wishes, still use gbC, but I recommend that if he uses my ratings, he also makes this change to further symmetric distribution.

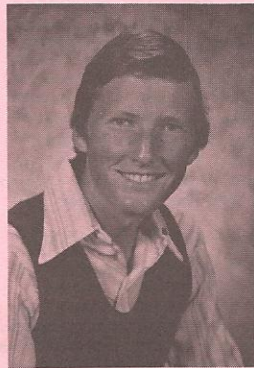
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Pitcher's X-Chart adjustment for full pitchers' fielding ratings:

Split #	1	2	3	4
1	gbA	SI*	SI**	SI**
2	gbA	SI*	SI*	SI**
3	gbB	gbC	SI*	SI*
18	gbA	gbB	gbC	SI*
19	gbB	gbB	gbC	SI*
20	gbA	gbA	gbB	gbC

Profiles in Strat-O-Matic

Jay Melnarik, a 21-year-old Strat-O-Matic gamer from Culver City, CA, is this month's profile. He's been rolling dice for the baseball game since 1971 - the baseball game is the only S-O-M game he plays - and says an older brother introduced him to the wonders of dice-rollin.



JAY MELNARIK

Melnarik was a member of a neighborhood face-to-face league after his introduction to gaming, but by high school found he was into solitaire gaming in a big way.

"I have played over 4,000 games in my career and have used the same dice since 1971," says Melnarik. "My favorite baseball team is Pittsburgh. But I also like the Orioles, Astros and White Sox. My favorite player was Willie Stargell, but now it is Chet Lemon."

Melnarik not only likes certain teams, but he takes those favorites annually through a 162-game replay. In fact, he's now completed four straight such replays, using the basic version of S-O-M, starting in February shortly after the new cards arrive, and finishing the project on the first of August.

He's currently working as a court clerk for a large law firm in Los Angeles. He collects autographs (currently, Melnarik has over 700) and admits that another love of his life is distance running.

Thrills in S-O-M are many, according to Melnarik, with one of the highlights being the winning of the 1976 World Series with Baltimore against his best friend's Philadelphia Phillies. Melnarik's fourth starter, Mike Cuellar, pitched a no-hitter against the Phillies to make the Series a special treat.

Two other no-hitters witnessed by Melnarik include Jim Kaat of the 1975 White Sox mowing down an all-star lineup from the same year. And Britt Burns outdueling Nolan Ryan in a 1981 matchup.

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No-hitters

COBB GOES 1-FOR-27!

Having to face Ty Cobb four times in a game is usually enough to guarantee that a pitcher has little, if any, chance of pitching a no-hitter. But what if that's all a pitcher faced - Ty Cobb, over and over again?

Kevin Lawless, an innovative gamer from Kansas City, MO, almost witnessed the feat that was thought impossible when Dizzy Dean gave up only one hit facing Ty Cobb clones. Dean held Cobb, a .367 hitter, to one single in 27 official at-bats. Cobb walked eight times, stole four bases and scored twice.

Lawless' replay consisted of matching Babe Ruth clones [power] against Cobb clones [spray-hitting, high-average batting] against the best pitchers. Sandy Koufax, Walter Johnson, Jim Palmer and Don Drysdale are just a few of the many hurlers who were utilized to try and shackle the Big Two.

Lawless says he's been playing S-O-M Baseball since 1976 and that Dean's gem was the first he's experienced.

Another no-hitter that got away was in the Hacienda Heights Strat-O-Matic League, which uses contemporary as well as old-time greats. Dazzy Vance, pitching for Pat McKinney's National League team against Anthony Reets' N.L. squad, nursed a 1-0 advantage through eight innings. Babe Ruth's sixth-inning home run was the big blow entering the ninth.

But then Johnny Mize, pinch-hitting for Garry Templeton, stroked a home run [1-12 chance] with one out to knot the score and ruin Vance's bid. After another out, Jackie Robinson singled, stole second and rode home on Bill Terry's single. Thus Vance not only lost the no-hitter in the ninth, but also the game, 2-1!

SIX YEARS LATER...

Bill Hall is another one of those dice-rollers who had to wait a long time before witnessing a no-hitter. In his case it was six years before Curt Simmons stopped the Brooklyn Dodgers, 1-0, in a 1956 replay game. Adding to the high drama for Hall was the fact the Phillies didn't score until one out in the ninth inning and that he had earlier been on the disappointed end of two one-hitters.

Other no-hitters to cross the desk of the Review recently included:

* Dave Owens, Houston, TX, and longtime gamer [2,000-plus games] has had only two pitching masterpieces, the first in 1978 [1977 cards] when Catfish Hunter blanked an all-star lineup and the second coming recently when Ron Guidry duplicated the feat against another 'star squad. Owens is currently replaying the 1982 Houston Astros schedule and reports he's proving to be a much better manager than Bill Virdon. Houston has a 31-21 record through 52 games.

* Richard Molino also broke the no-hit drought this summer as Rick Sutcliffe of the Indians outdueled Rudy May of the Yankees, managed by Peter Cossifos. The Indians scored seven runs in the sixth inning to post a 7-0 win as Sutcliffe fanned five for Molino, who calls Yonkers, NY, 'home' stadium and has played S-O-M for seven years.

* Roger Wright must be doing something right when he rolls 'em as, beginning in 1977, he's had four no-hitters. The first for the Milwaukee, WI, native was in 1977, shortly after he began playing the game. Howie Pollet of the 1946 Cardinals stifled the hard-hitting 1961 Yankees in that memorable game. Wright waited impatiently for five years before viewing another no-hitter - and then watched them come in rapid-fire order, three within a year. J.R. Richard of Houston got the second, using the 1977 cards and shackling Cincinnati; Dave Righetti of the Yankees got the third, against the 1982 Oakland A's, while the fourth was recorded by Lew Burdette of the 1961 Braves against the same-year Phillies.

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Standings and leaders:

Playoffs:
Braves d. Dodgers, 3-2
Astros d. Braves, 4-3 (2-1,
7-0, 6-7, 0-3, 4-2, 2-7, 4-2.

EMPIRE STATE STRAT-O-MATIC LEAGUE (ESSOM) - One of best organized leagues in S-O-M, thanks to efforts of Larry King, New York, NY. ESSOM has both fall and spring leagues and this report centers on 1981 Fall League (based on 1980 cards)...ESSOM is draft league, plays 156 games plus playoffs and has long waiting list of managerial hopefuls...Brian Fischel's Delmarva Giants (Brian resides in Wilmington, DE) captured the Fall League championship, defeating Tom Perella's (Tiverton, RI) Pawtucket Apaches in the semifinals, 4-2 in games, and, in the championship series, King's Phoenix Pisces, 4-1, as Dave Parker had four doubles and batted .389 and Mike Schmidt two home runs for the winners...Overall, Delmarva's highlights included Schmidt blasted an ESSOM record 63 home runs and knocking in 171 runs; Parker hitting 21 homers and collecting 104 RBI, Paul Molitor batting .318 and the Giants batting .280 as a team, second highest in the league...Other managers and their teams in the ESSOM

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included: Don Malaquiti, Acushnet, MA [Boston Oaks]; Paul Alexander, Staten Island, NY [Staten Stallions]; Russ Karney, Parma, OH [Parma Black Sheep]; Howard Meadows, Grand Junction, CO/Albert Goldson, Bronx, NY [Colorado Snowcaps]; Harold Coleman, Newark, DE [Newark Blue Bombers]; John Babbitt, Ridgewood, NJ [Colonial Cougars]; Jeff Nelson, Minneapolis, MN [Minnesota Chargers]...Cecil Cooper led Boston in most offensive categories: .335 [BA], 23 [HR], 98 [runs] and 85 [RBI], while Oaks, who chased [do Oaks run?] Giants all the way, finishing three games back, had big two on mound in Floyd Bannister [19-13, 2.77] and Matt Keough [18-13, 3.75]...The Stallions led league in homers [197], fewest errors [77], but also lowest batting average [.247]...Colorado, which had a managerial change, had the worst record, despite Ben Oglivie's 44 homers and 112 RBI. Britt Burns was 14-17 but had a nifty 2.68 ERA and completed 19 games. Seventeen shutouts melted the Snowcaps...King's Pisces led in hitting [.290] and steals [185], were shutout only four times and featured three .300-plus hitters in George Brett [.357], Ken Singleton [.318] and Willie Wilson [.311]. Mike Norris [20-11] and Goose Goessage [27 saves] were the hill aces...Pawtucket had the best team ERA [3.44], featuring a staff headed by Rick Langford [22-14], Brian Kingman [17-12] and Vide Blue [17-17]. Rickey Henderson swiped 121 bases as the Apaches had all Oakland A's outfield. Apaches won 31 of 50 one-run games and 64 of 90 in which they scored first...Geritol Kid Award goes to veteran hurler Woodie Fryman of Newark, who had six wins and an eye-opening 38 saves. Ed Murray [44 HRs] and Gorman Thomas [36] supplied the power...Danny Darwin was sparkler for Colonial, saving 22 games and winning 15 others...The Chargers were anything but that on the basepaths as Bill North swiped 54 bases - four less than the entire team stole. Having Reggie Jackson [39 homers, 104 RBI] and Jim Rice in the lineup did result in 71 roundtrippers between 'em...Other highlights included Lance Parrish socking three home runs in one game twice, George Foster and Schmidt clouting three home runs apiece when the bases were loaded and Kingman eight times hitting two homers in a game...Each of the managers also prepared a season's summary and one, that by Tom Perella, manager of Pawtucket, featured awards to the players. There were the usual awards, such as MVP, rookie of year, Gold Glove, etc. But there were some others worth repeating, including: Calvin Klein Overpriced Merchandise Award - Tony Armas, who fell apart completely in the second half. Tony's .235 average was a clear disappointment. Mick Jagger Longevity Award - To Rick Langford, who pitched 336 innings and had 28 complete games. Atari "Space Invaders" Award - Rickey Henderson, for 121 successful "landings." Richard Simmons "Macho" Award - To Rick Bosetti, for hitting three home runs in only 11 at-bats.

Standings and leaders:

ESSOM FALL LEAGUE

American	W	L	GB	National	W	L	GB
Delmarva Giants	87	69	-	Phoenix Pisces	97	59	-
Boston Oaks	84	72	3	Pawtucket Apaches	88	68	9
Staten Stallions	82	74	5	Newark Blue Bombers	87	69	10
Parma Blacksheep	71	85	16	Minnesota Chargers	68	88	29
Colorado Snowcaps	52	104	35	Colonial Cougars	64	92	33

Batting (AC)	Home Runs (AC)	RBI (AC)	R: Schmidt
Cooper BOO .335	Schmidt DEG 63	Schmidt DEG 171	DEG 141
Rivers COS .325	Oglivie COS 44	Oglivie COS 112	H: Cooper
Molitor DEG .318	Kingman PBS 35	Parker DEG 104	BOO 218
Schmidt DEG .306	Hendrick STS 31	Hendrick STS 86	2B: Bochte
Bochte PBS .301	Mayberry STS 25	Cooper BOO 85	PBS 43

ERA (AC)	Wins (AC)	Strikeouts (AC)	3B: Rivers
Burns COS 2.68	Bannister BOO 19	Burns COS 175	COS 11
Bannister BOO 2.77	Keough BOO 18	Guidry STS 168	SH: Barker
May PBS 2.94	Stone PBS 16	Bannister BOO 165	STS 6
Barker STS 3.26	John DEG 15		SA: Quisenberry
Dotson STS 3.26	Barker STS 15	(continued)	BOO 18

Batting (NC)
 Brett PHP .357
 Singleton PHP .318
 Wilson PHP .311
 Stapleton CDC .311
 Murray NBB .302

Home Runs (NC)
 Murray NBB 44
 R.Jackson MIC39
 Thomas NBB 36
 Rice MIC 32
 Brett PHP 27

RBI (NC)
 Murray NBB 132
 R.Jackson MIC104
 Thomas NBB 94
 Brett PHP 93
 Murphy PAA 90

R: Henderson
 PAA 107
 H: Singleton
 PHP 195
 2B: Yount PHP 48
 3B: Brett PHP 17

ERA (NC)
 Langford PAA 3.23
 O.Jackson CDC 3.25
 Blue PAA 3.41
 Kingman PAA 3.51
 Blyleven PHP 3.64

Wins (NC)
 Langford PAA 22
 Norris PHP 20
 McGregor NBB 18
 Blyleven PHP 18
 Blue PAA 17
 Kingman PAA 17

Strikeouts (NC)
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 Blue PAA 153

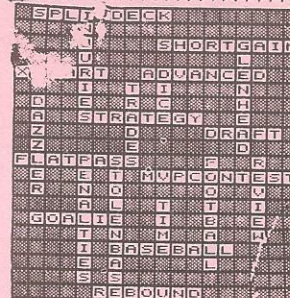
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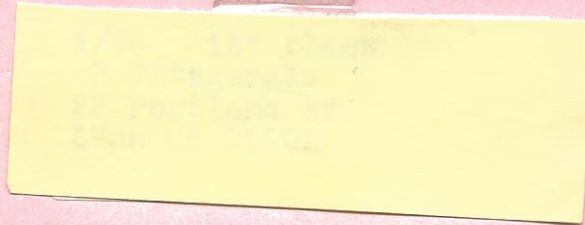
Championship - Delmarva d. Phoenix, 5-4 (4-run 6th inning was key); 3-2 (Champ Summers' 2-run 1st inning homer and a solo HR by Schmidt were difference); 4-1; 2-4 (Carlton Fisk's 8th inning home run off Ron Davis gave Phoenix its only win of series); 3-2 (Phoenix scored one run in bottom of 9th and had bases-loaded with Brett batting against Davis. But Brett flew out to center and Delmarva clinched 1981 ESSOM Fall League championship.

NEW YORK GIANTS 1970 REPLAY - Ed Olechnowski, of Smithtown, NY, and a friend wanted to see if they could get the 1970 New York Giants in the playoffs - via Strat-O-Matic...The real-life Giants went a respectable 9-5, but didn't qualify. A 10-4 record was needed to beat out Dallas and Detroit that year...The duo of gamers didn't prove to be as effective as coaches as what the Giants had in real-life, however, going 8-4-2 and again not qualifying for the playoffs...The percentage may have been better, but the two ties still tarnished the overall record...As far as statistics, Olechnowski reports they were "very realistic." Fran Tarkenton completed 58.5 percent of his passes, 249 of 425, while in real-life he was at 56.3 percent (219-389). His passes gained 2,828 yards while in real-life the tally through the airplanes was 2,777 yards - a 51-yard improvement...Overland, Ron Johnson's S-O-M stats were 274 carries, 1,248 yards for a 4.5 average (real: 263-1,027, 3.9) and Tucker Fredrickson's 121-406, 3.3 (120-375, 3.1)...Only Ron Johnson's pass-catching stats seemed far off as he had 48 receptions for 487 yards in real-life, whereas in S-O-M he nabbed 92 passes and turned them into 801 yards...Even the scoring was almost right-on as Pete Gogolak totaled 107 points in real-life and had 100 in S-O-M...Team statistics were accurate, too, as the Giants rushed for 124.9 yards a game in S-O-M (128.5 real-life) and passed for 206.9 (206.5), while on defense New York gave up 129.9 yards in S-O-M rushing (120.8) and 177.4 (189.2) passing.

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