## STRAT-O-MATIC REVIEW



Devoted exclusively to the
Strat-0-Matic game fans, with
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## Introducing Advanced SOM Baseball

Harold Richman, the energetic creator of Strat-0-Matic, hasn't been resting on his laurels despite turning out fantastically successful baseball and football sports table games. Instead he's added some new steps to the baseball game, resulting in a great leap forward for fans striving for more realism in their dice-rolling duels.

A big hit with young and old alike from all over the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico and far-flung foreign countries as well, the Strat-0-Matic Baseball game will have an advanced version for the first time this year which should solidify its lofty rating among "gamesters."

Remembering the tremendous flow of letters and cards that have crossed the desk of the Review hopeful of the now-created changes, it's no secret that a lot of SOM baseball fans are going to be jumping for joy at the news. And, for those who expressed disapproval with changes, you're not forgotten either, as the elementary version of the game will remain the same as in the past.

Okay, so what are the changes that the Strat-0-Matic Company has allowed the Review to reveal to you, as subscribers, first?

First off, THERE WILL BE RIGHTY-LEFTY BATTING AND PITCHING CARDS. On one side of the card will be an elementary version of the card--like in the past--but on the reverse side will be found the advanced card divided into a batter's performance against a lefty pitcher on the left-hand side and against a righty on the right-side (see example). The same format is also followed for a pitcher.

The batter's hitting style is found in the extreme top left-hand corner of the batting card, to the left of the player's name. An "R" indicates he hits right, an "L" left. An "S" means a switchhitter, and he's assumed to bat left against right-handed pitching and right against left-handed pitching.

Also, on each card, will be the percentage of times a batter hit against both types of pitching and the percentage a pitcher hurled against both types of batters. The hitting style of a pitcher, meanwhile, is located before the word pitcher on his card (\#1, \#2, \#3, or \#4), plus his throwing style is found at the top in the middle of the card.

Secondly, A PITCHER WILL HAVE AN ENDURANCE FACTOR RATING, which will indicate a specific inning in which a pitcher's effectiveness may be reduced drastically. The endurance factor inning is found at the top of the card directly after the words "starter" and "relief". If a pitcher both starts and relieves, he will have two endurance factor innings.

All pitcher's cards contain double readings, with a result indicating both an out "or" a hit, followed by a dot. The second part of the reading is always a hit and is
only applicable when the pitcher has reached the "point of weakness" of his endurance factor (the first part is ignored). When a pitcher has not reached his "point of weakness," the second result is ignored, however.

A pitcher's "point of weakness" isn't reached, however, until he allows three or more hits and walks in the inning proceding, during or after his factor inning. For example: A starting pitcher with an endurance factor inning of 6 allows 2 walks and 1 hit in the fifth inning. His "point of weakness" would begin with the first batter in the next inning. If the endurance factor inning has been reached when the three hits and walks in one inning are allowed, the "point of weakness" begins with the very next batter.

For a pitcher with an endurance factor inning of 6 , however, all hits and walks through the fourth inning do not contribute toward a "point of weakness".

Thirdly, ALL HOME RUN READINGS FOUND ON THE PITCHER'S CARD ARE SUBJECT TO CHANCE DEPENDING ON THE POWER RATING OF THE BATTER. All batters are rated either "N" or "W" in power. If an " K ", no change results in a home run reading, but if the rating is a "W", the home run reading is changed to a "single**." Thus, a weak-hitting batter will not be able to hit home runs off a pitcher's card. Some batters, however, will have a power rating that varies according to whether they're hitting against a right-handed (RHP) or left-handed (LHP) pitcher.

A combined fourth change is that BATTERS CAN NOW BUNT AND HIT-AND-RUN ALONG WITH HITTING AWAY. Each batter will be rated for "bunting" and the "hit-and-run" and an advanced strategy chart will provide the result. At the same time, the defensive manager will have the option of calling the defense "deep" or "in" when the offensive manager reveals what the batter will be doing.

A BATTER WILL NOW BE ABLE TO BE HIT BY A PITCHED BALL. This will be incorporated onto the cards.

And, lastly, OUTFIELDERS WILL BE RATED FOR THEIR THROWING ARMS, which will come into effect on all baserunning attempts for an additional base on singles and doubles not followed by asterisks. On each outfielder's card is, in addition to his fielding rating, $a_{i}$ throwing rating in parenthesis. The throwing rating will come into play by either subtracting the amount of the rating from the runner's rating or adding if the outfielder has a poor throwing rating.

This use of the outfielder's throwing rating comes into play not only when trying to advance the extra base as mentioned above, but also when a manager decides to send a runner from third (flyball B, followed by a ?) home on a flyout.

Those are the changes that will be coming your way this next baseball season. Sounds exciting doesn't it? And, in case your wondering what the cost increase will be, here's another surprise: for a complete game--\$12.00 at the old price--the new cost will only be $\$ 12.75$, very minimal indeed.

SAMPLE CARDS


|  | of $P$ | OUTFIRLD |  | $C F-4(+1)$ Seathog $-E$ $R F-3(0)$ Runnigh <br> RF-3(0) Running-HC LF $-3(0)$ <br> $1 B-3$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Power - N | Bunting-C Hit! Run-B |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { US Right-hand Pitching } \\ & \text { ABSO- } 60 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| IL | 2 L | 32 | IR | 2R | 3 R |
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# Southfield SOM League In 6th Season 

by Bob Garber, Commissioner
EDITORS NOTE: This is the first of a series of monthly reports about SOM league play. Southfield is a suburb of Detroit, Michigan.

The league was formed in September of 1969 with six people from the general neighborhood to play Strat-0-Matic basebal1. The original six members (all are current members, as well) are: Don Peven, Rob Peven, Larry Topor, Ken Garber, Marty Garber, and myself (Bob Garber). We had a replay of the 1968 American League season, and everyone liked the game so well we decided to form a permanent league. In March of 1970, Mike Elledge became the seventh member of the league. That year we had a draft of the American League players in the spring, and picked teams from the National League in the fall. Then, last winter, Mike introduced us to SOM football, which became an immediate success.

This spring we had another draft from the American League (this year's edition), and now we are involved with a league using teams from the 1970 National League. In this latest league, we have expanded to a total of nine players, adding Larry Graff and Alan Wenokur. Also, we split into two divisions, which will create a "World Series" when the current league ends.

One thing about the Southfield SOM League, we have had great enthusiasm from everyone without it we never could have survived so long. All games are played at my house--we have our own part of the basement set aside forStrat-0-Matic. Each person has a notebook to record their statistics in, however with nine people it takes a lot of work to combine stats and keep everything organized. So far, however, the way things are going, the league will continue at least through the summer of 1973 , when Mike and I will start college.

One other feature of the League is a tournament involving all 24 teams, conducted at the end of every year. The 1968 winner was the St. Louis Cardinals, and the '69 champion was Los Angeles, who upset the Baltimore Orioles four games to three in the finals, winning the last game 2-1 in the ninth.

As can be imagined from over two years of SOM, we have had some remarkable games:
Boog Powell once hit 2 grand slams in one game! Steve Carlton, with a little help from the Cardinal hitters, beat Montreal by a score of 19-0! Three of the last four leagues have gone down to the last day of the season to decide the champion!

There have been six one-hitters, including two by Mel Stottlemyre in different years. The closest anyone has come to a no-hitter is the 1969 Ron Reed, who has a perfect game for $72 / 3$ innings before Chris Cannizaro homered for the Padres.

In football, Detroit needed just a victory over the Oakland Raiders to clinch the title in our first football league. With time for only one play left, 0akland had the ball on the Lion 44, behind 9-6. Out of sheer desperation Dary Lamonica threw a bomb to Warren Wells, who miraculously grabbed it and scored the winning TD. Two weeks later, 0akland defeated the Lions in a playoff to win the title.

Here are all the league winners and excerpts from our record book:

|  | Source of cards used: |
| :--- | :--- |
| teams | 1968 American League |
| dràft | 1968 Nationa1 League |
| draft | 1969 American League |
| teams | 1969 National League |
| teams | 1969 NFL-AFL |
| draft | 1970 American League |
| teams | 1970 National League |


| Winner | Margin of victory (in games) |
| :--- | :---: |
| Marty Garber | 4 |
| Larry Topor | 1 |
| Bob Garber | 2 |
| Ken Garber | 1 |
| Bob Garber | 1 |
| Bob Garber | 5 |

IN PROGRESS

Best Record: 31-17, Bob Garber, 1970
Most home runs: 18, Hank Aaron, 1970
Highest average: .389, Willie Davis, 1970
Most runs batted in: 52, Willie Stargell, 1970
Lowest ERA: Mike Cuellar, 1.98, 1971
Highest win-loss pct.: . 889 (8-1), Bob Johnson, 1971
Most strikeouts: 112, Sam McDowe11, 1971

## So You Want Football Penalties .. .

Jack Connelly, West Webster, New York, has developed a penalty chart for Strat-0-Matic football, one he claims has proven authentic over a 100 -game testing period. In addition to the penalty chart, which is listed below, Jack also has some other football playing tips he would like to share with readers:
(1) In the final two minutes when a flat pass gains seven yards or less, move the clock only one space. . .eight or more yards, then move the clock two spaces.
(2) In final two minutes the offensive team may use an additional receiver to replace a running back. The defense can then use the middle linebacker to double team--this would be the best prevent defense.
(3) On a field goal attempted from 32-yard line or less, ball can be returned (see No. 1 back on kickoff return chart) from nine yards deep in the end zone. From the 33 or further, ball can be returned from the goal line. This is in keeping with this season's new rule.
(4) On a fumble recovery by the defense, roll again. If "11" comes up, defensive team is entitled to a runback using interception chart.
(5) Additional tight end (replacing split end) can be used on any third or fourth down and short yardage situation for blocking purposes on a run. He assumed same rating as the regular tight end on the other side.

Here is the penalty chart:
Penalty Chart: A penalty occurs on a regular dice roll of 1, 2, 3 or 2, 3, 4 or 4, 5, 6. When any one of these sequences comes up, roll three dice again, total the three numbers, and refer to the chart below. Totals of 3 through 10 indicate offensive penalty, while totals of 11-18 are penalties against defense.

3 Intentional Grounding, if pass is incomplete. If completed pass disregard penalty. If running play is called, offsetting penalties.
4 Unsportsmanlike Conduct
5 Offside, include all kicking plays
6 Kicking play only, offside; otherwise play stands
7 Punt or field goal only, holding; otherwise play stands
8 Holding
9 Offside
10 Clipping (includes runbacks; if runback is over 7 yards, mark off from that point)
11 Holding
Offside
Offside; includes all kicks except kickoff
14 Roughing Passing or Roughing Kicker; otherwise offsetting penalties
15 Kick play only, offside; otherwise play stands
16 Offside
17 Unsportsmanlike Conduct
18 Face Mask Violation
If "Unsportsmanlike Conduct" or "Roughing Passer or Kicker" occur against defense on scoring play, mark off on ensuing kickoff.

Kicking Plays are affected only by numbers 5, 6, 7 and 13, 14, 15

Runbacks are affected only by numbers $4,10,17,18$.

# Hall-Of-Famers Romp 

Eric Greenhalgh
Midland, Michigan
Two summers ago three others and I played a 162-game season with six old-timer teams (including the two Hall of Fame teams) and six 1968 teams. The teams were divided into two divisions, with teams playing 18 games against each team in their own division and 12 games against each team in the other division.

The two Hall of Fame teams were easily the class of the league with the 1927 Yankees being the only other team over . 500 . The last-place 1935 Cubs finished 92 games behind and had three 20 -game losers.

FINAL STANDINGS:


## Win Some, Lose Some

Subing for the injured Jim Marsalis, Kansas City's Willie Mitchell picked off erratic passes by Boston's Mike Taliaferro in a recent football game (Emery Kurts, Santa Maris, CA) in which the Patriot QB was intercepted seven times. Willie, an " 0 " rated defensive back, had his weak moments, too, as Taliaferro did beat him five times, good enough for 70 yards and one touchdown. Mitchell's four returns accounted for 83 yards and one touchdown.

## Readers Roll 'Em

## Dear Sir:

I think your paper is fairly good, but I am inclined to agree with some people and say that some of those baseball and football replay articles should be omitted to make room for more interesting articles. I think the "Question and Answer" section is very good and should be leng thened.

I've noticed that many people have been commenting on two-sided pitching and batting cards according to leftyrighty statistics. Personally, I am against two-sided cards as they would make SOM too complicated.

However, I have my own solution to the problem, as I would like to see a little more realism. First, I marked each pitcher's card, indicating if he was right-handed or left-handed. Second, I went through each team and took out all of the players whom I felt were platooned that season against certain types of pitchers. I marked each of those batters with a letter (L or R) according to: which type of pitcher he could bat against.

In a real game each manager is to name his starting pitcher and whether he is a righty or lefty. This will somewhat decide what lineup a manager will pick as certain lefties can't start versus lefty pitchers--such as Bernie Carbo, Tom Haller, Wayne Garrett, Art Shamsky, Rich Hebner, Willie Stargell ('70), Ellie Hendricks, Jim Spencer, Rich Reese and Don Mincher, etc. My rule for righties, who are platooned, is that they may start versus righties, but must bat in the seventh spot in the lineup, unless he usually hits fourth, and then he would bat in the sixth spot. Some examples are: Donn Clendenon, Brant Alyea, Bob Robertson, Manny Mota, etc.

Two more rules: (1) if a left-handed batter started against a righty but a lefty reliever comes in, he is allowed to bat against the lefty; (2) if a lefthanded batter was not allowed to start because of a lefty pitcher, he may come back into the lineup as soon as a righty reliever enters the game. A
lefty may not pinch-hit against another left-handed pitcher.

This method works very well for me.

Sincerely,<br>John Ladd<br>Ross, California

Dear Sir:
Thanks for a great magazine? Although i am rather young I enjoy Strat-0-Matic immensely. There has not been one day without at least one game. I would like to compliment Steve Goldstein for his revision of the injury chart. We were averaging one injury per game before the November issue of the REVIEW.

I have found Strat-0-Matic to be by far the best game on the market. Every player in the league is hitting, pitching and fielding very realistically. The only oddity, however, is the fact that the ${ }^{1} 70$ Reds are struggling to stay close to 500. Although Cincy's pitching is realistic the Red's bats are unbelievably guiet. The team's batting average is around .125. What's even stranger is the fact the combination of Rose, Tolan, Perez and Bench has never topped . 100!! I would like to comment on the letters concerning two-sided batting cards. I disagree with this idea. As another writer said, the complication would not be worth the questionable gain in accuracy. Thanks again for a great game and magazine.

Sincerely,
Andrew Herbet Montreal, Canada
P.S. Interest in Strat-0-Matic here in Canada is at a tremendous level.

Dear Sirs:
I would like to make a few comments concerning the football records listed in the Review. I often wonder if they were
set during elementary or advanced play?

Some sort of denotation as to which version was used might be helpful in the future

Also, it would be interesting to know how some of the records were set. Did they occur during a solitaire replay, or were two players pitted against one another? Any light that could be shed on these matters will surely be appreciated by your readers.

I would also like to pass on some highlights of a recently completed 1970 season, based on a 162-game schedule: Ken Holtzman of the Cubs pitched the only no-hitter-against the Reds; then Tony Conigliaro hit four grand-slam home runs while the Red Sox hit 12 as a team; Rico Carty had a 34 -game hitting streak; Bob Robertson of the Pirates hit 56 home runs and drove in 162; and Johnny Bench (54) and Willie Stargell (53) also topped the 50 -homer mark.

Sincerely,
Mark Siekierski Brookhaven, Pennsylvania

EDITORS NOTE: The Review, as many readers probably have already noticed, has discontinued the printing of the "AllTime Records" section. Unrealistic records, especially in football, with little detail explaining how they occureed, we felt were making a sham out of the list. A passer trying 71 passes in one game, another completing 56 and and another gaining 715 yards! These are examples of records that were hard to believe. We are certain these records had to be set during a solitaire game, not competitive play.

Only three subscribers have asked about the fate of the "Records" section, while many, like Mr. Siekierski, have posed the question of "how did the in individual records occur?" Outstanding accomplishments will still be mentioned in the Review every month, but unless there's more interest from the readers, the "All-Time Records" list (which included both football and baseball records dealing with SOM) as such will be dropped.
Even Mr. Siekierski's highlights put the finger on the problem in trying to determine whether outstanding feats are genuine or not. Robertson, for instance, only batted 390 times in real-life in ${ }^{\prime} 70$, yet in the replay hit 56 homers and had 162 RBI's. Did he bat only the 390 times he actually carded, or was he played as a
regular throughout the 162 games?

Dear Sirs:
First, let me say I really enjoy your magazine. How about making a magazine devoted to SOM baseball and one to football? I am happy you increased the size of the Review to 20 pages.

Currently, I am finishing a 1970 American League replay with four other managers and myself. We each have a team in the Eastern and Western divisions. In the West there is a wild scramble with California and Minnesota tied with only 10-15 games left. In the East, Baltimore's leading a surprising Boston team by four games with 10 left. Another surprise was New York which, after a great start through 40 games, went into a slump and, despite some trades, kept falling and is now in fourth place, 25 games out of first.

After the playoffs and the World Series, we will send you the results. Our managers are all between 13-15 years old. We started a league in 1969 and have had one every year since. The first year I played SOM was 1967.

Keep up the good work on the Review. .

## Sincerely,

D.S. Grey

Grandville, Michigan
Dear Sirs:
I recently received the November issue of the Review and I think it is absolutely great with the four extra pages.

The reason I have written, however, is because I thought with SOM making all the new old-timer teams, why not make an oldtimer league? Take a season that was a real batting year (NL 1894, with 60.300 plus hitters, including Hugh Duffy's alltime high .440) and one real good pitching year (1880 NL, with seven 20-game winners, five of whom won 30 or more and two 40).

And in 1894, despite all the good hitting, there were still 12 20-game winners, even though the earned run averages weren't so hot. In 1880 the leading batter was still .360, despite the great pitching.

All you SOM fans who are for this please write to the Review about your feelings.

Another thing, I think the SOM company
should make the 1961 season with complete rosters so that anyone could replay this great season with all its home runs. And, if not the 1961 season, how about the 1927 season?

Sincerely yours,
Michale Sjoeberg
Chicago, Illinois
Dear Editors:
First, I would like to renew my subscription for three more months. must admit that the REVIEW has improved tremendously. Enclosed is \$1.05. Can't wait till next issue.....

My name is George Donald Richardson, I prefer Don, I am 16 and a junior at Franklin Reg. High School in Murrysville, PA. I like all sports and I participate in basebal1, football, basketbal1 and most any sport I can. I have both baseball and footbal1 S0M, but I find little time to play them now. My favorite baseball player is "The Great one" (Roberto Clemente), my favorite football player is Milt Morin (great receiver in the clutch, my best man in STRAT), my favorite basketball player is Earl "The Pearl" Monroe. I also belong to the Murrysville Strat-0-Matic League. As far as the Review is concerned, I have had two playing tips on the pages of the Review. Those two tips that I developed to improve the play of the games, (Bullpen Rule \& "Let it Roll").

## Sincerely,

Don Richardson
Murrysville, Pennsylvania
Dear Sirs:
I am 13 now and have been playing Strat-0-Matic Baseball for four years and football fur three. During that time, I've never had a no-hitter. Using the 1971 cards (based on 1970) I recently finished a league season and, to my surprise, the Cincinnati Reds finished in fifth place in the West.

One interesting highlight: I tried the Houston Astros of 1968 against a combination of NL and AL Hall of Famers. The HOF's won easily, as expected, 24-0, with Babe Ruth hitting three home runs in three at bats.

## Sincerely,

R. Wolfson

Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania
Dear Sirs:
Your magazine has added just that much more to the Strat-0-Matic games and I hope that you keep up the good work. I am presently winding up a 90-game schedule for both the National and American Leagues. Biggest surprise in the finished NL was the ' 66 Astros winning the pennant by a game over the ' 65 Dodgers. In the AL, with games still remaining, the ' 67 Tigers lead the ' 67 Orioles by one game.

Sincerely,
Bil1 Logan Midland, Ontario

Dear Sirs:
I would like to add my voice to those opposed to righty-lefty hitters' cards. One reason has been stated before. Suppose a player hits . 400 in only 10 at-bats lefty. This would throw his seasonal average off considerably. Therefore, it is not statistically feasible. My other objection to this is that if the pitcher is changed from a lefty to a righty, or vice versa, each player's card would have to be turned over to the appropriate side. This would interfere with the smooth-flowing style of SOM baseball. Regarding pitchers' hitting cards, I think it would be better to give each pitcher his own card with separate running, stealing, and fielding ratings. Take Bob Gibson for example: in 1970, he hit . 303, which is considerably better than the four rating. Other pitchers have more power power than that of a "4". rating, and many are definitely not "2" fielders. There must be one limitation to this however. This is that a pitcher may not be used as a pinchhitter until all $\overline{n o n}-$ pitchers have been used.

If Mr. Richman is developing a basketball game, he should keep a few things in mind. Of course, it must be accurate. I made the mistake of shelling out $\$ 10.95$ for a game so inaccurate, that in the brief league I had, shooting percentages were $56 \%$ and in one game the Chicago Bulls had only nine rebounds for the entire game. Also, the game should have the same smooth-flowing style that the other SOM games have. Each player's card should
be complete. Other bulky charts shouldn't
be necessary, since the cesult should be obtained direct from the player's card, except in a few special instances. The cards may be two-sided if'necessary. Cards and special rules for ABA teams should be made, since the ABA can definitely be considered a major league.

Finally, I want to compliment the
Editors of the Review for a great newspaper about a great game.

Sincerely,
Paige Miller Hicksville, New York

Dear Sirs:
First of all, I want to congratulate you on your fine magazine. I have been playing Strat-0-Matic baseball for three years now and there is no better game on the market as far as I'm concerned.

Due to the limit on free time I have to play SOM, I have a tight 24 -game schedule for all 24 teams. I'm married the father of one, 34 years old and work a swing shift.

Probably the biggest highlights I've had were no-hitters, the greatest being during the 1968 season when Bob Gibson of St. Louis almost had back-to-back games. He threw the first one at Atlanta and had a second going for eight innings before ending up with a one-hitter against San Francisco.

During the 1969 season, Andy Messersmith of California threw one against Baltimore, while this year I've had three--Clay Kirby of San Diego against Los Angeles; Wayne Simpson, Cincinnati, against San Dieşe; and Ray Culp, Boston, against Minnesota. All these games were played against an opponent not solitaire.

I recently received an SOM football game and already three people are interested in it.

## Sincerely,

E. P. Borucki

Bruceton, Tennessee

## Gentlemen:

I really enjoy the Review, particularly the stories about the GKSML (Greater Kalamazoo Strat-0-Matic League). I also
"Readers Roll 'Em" and playing tips, many of which I have incorporated in my game playing.

I hope Mr. Richman is an ice hockey fan because I would really like to see Strat0 -Matic come out with a hocky game.

Also included are results from my fiveteam, 32 -game baseball replay. When other SOM fans read that I only played a total of 80 games they will probably cry out-in horror and say, "Only an 80-game schedule-and this guy calls himself a real game player!" The truth is I don't call myself a real game player. I don't see how people can complete 162-game schedules, or ten games a day. Between school and my summer job, I can't seem to play more than five to ten games a week.

Anyway, the Los Angeles Dodgers (19-13) won the pennant in my league, with Philadelphia second (17-15), followed by the Chicago Cubs (16-16), Houston (16-16) and Boston (12-20). Carl Yastrzemski of Boston, however, was the league's MVP with a . 342 batting average, ten home runs and 25 RBI's. Cla ude Osteen of LA won the Cy Young pitching award with a $5-\frac{1}{2}$ record and a 1.74 ERA in 62 innings.

This short replay also made a believer out of me that good pitching will out do good hitting. The first-place Dodgers had the league's three best pitchers, while last-place Boston had five of the top six hitters.

Sincerely,
Jon Brams
Wilmington, Delaware
EDITORS NOTE: Jon brings out a good point when he mentions that he doesn't have the time to complete a full 162 -game schedule for basebal1. Many table-gamers, no doubt, experience the same problem, thus the reason for so many abbreviated schedules and makeshift leagues. Perhaps some of the readers who have completed full seasons would like to pass on to the Review their "secret" or method for playing a large number of games in a short time.

The editors of the Review have found league play the answer (GKSML ), being able to complete a 154-game slate in around four months, playing one night a week and averaging between 10-13 games per meeting-and that includes keeping complete statistics.
look forward to results of readers' replays,

# Santa Clara Grid League 

by Mike Applegate

Santa Clara, California
EDITORS NOTE: Mike Applegate, Santa Clara, CA, describes in interesting detail the Santa Clara Valley's Strat-0-Matic Football League season (based on 1970). Members of the league range in age from 17 to 21, and all have been playing SOM for seven years.

The Santa Clara Valley Strat-0-Matic League has completed its 1971 season. Using 12 of football's top teams in 1970 the league was divided into two divisions of six teams each. Each coach had one team in each division which were labeled "National" and "American". Each team played teams in its own division twice and each team in the other division, except its opposite team, once for a 15-game schedule.

The League coaches were Neil Christie, who coached Cincinnati (N) and Miami (A); Ken Morse, Detroit (N) and St. Louis (A); Mike Applegate, Kansas City (N) and San Francisco (A) ; Earl Yagi, Baltimore (N) and Minnesota (A); and Mike Simonds, Jeff Applegate and Steve Barrett who shared Dallas (N), Oakland (N), Los Angeles (A), and Denver (A).

The competitiveness in this league would be hard to match elsewhere as by the end of the second week only two teams remained undefeated. By the fourth week there were none. Upsets were common and proved to be very decisive in the final standings.

Baltimore, aided by "Rookie-of-the-Year" Ron Gardin's seven TDs on punt returns, won 10 of its first 11 games before finally running out of gas, losing its last four in a row. Kansas City seemed out of it early as injuries caused them to fall to 1-4, before catching fire and winning nine of their last ten games, including a pair of late-season crucials against the Colts, 13-10 and 17-13. The scrappy Bengals edged into first place with a final-game 26-20 upset victory over Minnesota. Division favorite Detroit suffered a mid-season six-game losing streak which dropped them from the race, but dealt Baltimore a death blow with a final game 19-6 victory.

In the American Division the Rams and Vikings pulled away from the pack early but the Rams were dealt a crippling blow when they lost Roman Gabriel for the last four games of the year, all of which they lost. The 49ers slipped into the playoffs by winning their last two games of the seas on over Los Angeles (37-7) and Dallas (32-7) while Miami fell to the Lions (20-13) and St. Louis (20-17).

In the playoffs, Kansas City upset Minnesota 24-23 and San Francisco edged Cincinnati 20-16 to set the stage for the Super Bowl.

The first half was a field goal kicking contest between the Chiefs, Jan Stenerud and the 49ers' Bruce Gossett with Kansas City holding a 9-6 halftime lead. The second half started just as the first half ended. Gossett's toe knotted the score at 9-9. At that point league MVP John Brodie went to work, guiding the 49ers to two touchdowns - a oneyard plunge by Ken Willard and a one-yard keeper by Brodie - giving the 49ers a 23-9 lead at the end of three quarters. Len Dawson and the Chiefs came right back in the fourth quarter. An eight-yard scoring toss to 0tis Taylor and a 12-yard TD run by Ed Podolak tied up the game 23-23 as regulation time ran out. Receiving the sudden death kickoff, San Francisco could not move the ball and had to punt. A 17-yard scamper by Podolak set up a 23-yard field goal by Stenerud, giving the Chiefs a $26-23$ victory.

Out of contention early with a 1-4 record, the Chiefs fought all the way back to emerge as Super Bowl champs!

| NATIONAL | $\frac{W}{9}$ | $\frac{L}{4}$ | $\frac{T}{2}$ | Dallas | $\frac{W}{4}$ | $\frac{L}{10}$ | $\frac{T}{T}$ | AMERICAN | Minnesota | $\frac{W}{9}$ | $\frac{L}{5}$ |
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| Cincinnati | 9 | $\frac{T}{T}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kansas City | 10 | 5 | 0 | Oakland | 4 | 10 | 1 | San Francisco | 8 | 5 | 2 |
| Baltimore | 10 | 5 | 0 |  |  |  |  | Miami | 8 | 6 | 1 |
| Detroit | 8 | 7 | 0 |  |  |  |  | Los Angeles | 7 | 8 | 0 |


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|  |  |  |  |  | Csonka | 201 | 1024 | 5.1 | 4 |  |  |
| RECEIVING | NO | YDS | AVG | TD | PASSING | ATT | COMP | PCT | YDS | TD | INT |
| Truax | 70 | 770 | 17.0 | 7 | Brodie | $\overline{422}$ | 243 | 57.6 | 3439 | 21 | 18 |
| Sanders | 65 | 738 | 11.4 | 6 | Gabriel | 256 | 144 | 56.3 | 1929 | 14 | 7 |
| Hayes | 61 | 1143 | 18.7 | 6 | Landry | 226 | 123 | 54.4 | 1571 | 8 | 8 |
| Washington (SF) | 60 | 1371 | 22.9 | 7 | Lamonica | 435 | 217 | 49.9 | 2871 | 15 | 21 |
| Whalen | 56 | 511 | 9.1 | 3 | Carter | 339 | 164 | 48.4 | 2210 | 13 | 9 |

## SEASON HIGHLIGHTS:

(1) Garo Yepremian kicked eight field goals in a 31-10 Miami victory over Denver;
(2) Ron Gardin returned three punts for touchdowns in a 45-28 Baltimore victory over Los Angeles:
(3) Karl Sweetan, filling in for injured Roman Gabriel, hit on 22 of 33 passes for 269 yards and one TD to lead the Rams past San Francisco, 19-10.

## Football Stat Tips

No one asked, but the Editors of the Review feel that some hints for keeping SOM football stats might be helpful. First off, remember when a passer is tackled for a loss attempting to throw, the yardage lost is deducted from his passing yardage, not from his rushing. In high school and college it's different--losses attempting to pass are subtracted form the passer's rushing and his passing yardage is not touched.

If you've ever wondered how a pro team could end up with only 44 yards passing after you remember seeing a 50-yard completion on TV, the above is the reason. That unfortunate quarterback, although having one big gainer, no doubt spent most of the afternoon on his back after trying to pass, thus the small net yardage total.

Another point to keep in mind when figuring punting stats is that a blocked booting attempt is not charged to the kicker, only to the team. Thus a punter who totaled 120 yards for three punts and had one blocked for minus nine yards would still have three punts for 120 yards, but the team would have four punts for 120 yards.

Finally, when figuring out who your top passers are, remember that a quarterback must throw at least 140 passes to qualify, plus a QB's rating is based on the following categories: percentage of passes completed, touchdown passes, percentage of passes intercepted and average gain per pass attempted.

## A Shining Starr

Quarterback Bart Starr of the Green Bay Packers, 1968 mode1, was a shining Starr for Michael J. Borzenski of Lansing, MI, in a recent game against the Pittsburgh Steelers. Starr went to the air often, throwing 79 passes, and completed 61 for 629 yards and five touchdowns as the Pack bounced the Steelers, 49-23.

There are no more May issues of the Review available.

## '27 Powerhouse Best Of All-Time Yankee Teams

Kelly Huey, Chairman of the Nashville, Tennessee, chapter of the Saint Louis Browns fan club, recently took four New York Yankee powerhouse teams of the past and pitted them against each other in a 162 -game replay.

And the 1927 Yankees, who've been making a habit of running away from the competition in most replays, did it again in Huey's roaring to 96 wins, a . 593 percentage, and outdistancing the second-place '61 Yanks by 19 games. After the ' 27 Yanks, however, the rest of the field was closely bunched, with the ' 61 Yanks a game ahead of the ' 41 version, and the ' 41 outfit one ahead of the 1950 Bronx Bombers.

The Ruth-Gehrig outfit of ' 27 broke open pennent race the last one-third of the season when it won 40 of the last 54 games, including 33 of the final 42 .

Roger Maris of the ' 61 Yanks outdueled Mickey Mantle ('61) and Babe Ruth ('27) for the home run title. Maris poled 60 roundtrippers, one short of his actual 162-game total, and Mantle and Ruth finished deadlocked with 56 apiece. Ruth, however, was tops in runs-batted-in with 139 and Elston Howard ('61) hit a lusty . 349 to pace the hit parade.

Wilcy Moore ('27) 16-13 overall, pitched the only no-hitter, performing the trick against the ' 61 Yankess. Moore walked Mickey Mantle twice, allowing three althogether, and didn't permit a runner to get beyond second base in hurling only the second no-hitter that Huey's been witness to in over 4,000 SOM baseball games.

In other highlights, Ruth walked 164 times, Earle Combs ('27) slugged 53 doubles and 13 home runs--a consistent extra base performance--and Joe DiMaggio ('41) ran a close second to Combs in the extra blow department with 48 doubles, 13 triples and 26 homers.

Although playing a league involving Yankee teams, Huey also put in a patriotic plug for the St. Louis Browns of 1944, saying "I only wish that more people had seen the greatness of the 1944 Browns." In '44 the Browns under manager Luke Sewell edged the Detroit Tigers by a game for the pennant and later lost to the St. Louis Cardinals in the World Series, 4-2.

Standings and leaders:

1. 1927 Yankees
2. 1961 Yankees
3. 1941 Yankees
4. 1950 Yankees

| $\frac{W}{96}$ | $\frac{L}{66}$ | $\frac{P C T}{593}$ | $\frac{\text { GB }}{--}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 77 | 85 | .475 | 19 |
| 76 | 86 | .469 | 20 |
| 75 | 87 | .463 | 21 |

HOME RUNS

1. Maris, 60
2. Mantle, 56
3. Ruth, 56
4. Gehrig, 39

RBIS

1. Ruth, 139
2. Gehrig, 126
3. Lazzeri, 118 4. Keller, 117

AVG

1. Howard, . 349
2. Combs, 328
3. Dimaggio, 323
4. Bauer, . 321

STOLEN BASES
Lazzeri, 35

WINS

1. Pennock, 22-8
2. Hoyt, 20-13
3. Ford, 17-14
4. Lopat, 17-11

ERAs

1. Moore 2.52
2. Shocker 2.89
3. Pennock 2.97
4. Ford

SHUTOUTS
Hoyt, 6

STRIKEOUTS

1. Ford 212
2. Reynolds 183
3. Stafford 147
4. Russo 143

RUNS
Ruth, 142

HITS
Combs, 218

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## Wanted

WANTED: Two 1962 Dodger teams. Will Pay $\$ 1.00$ per team. Please write John Eigenauer, 1530 Princeton, Apt. "C", Santa Monica, California 90404.

WANTED: Urgently, ' 65 Braves will pay $\$ 3.00$ if in acceptible condition. Send to Mark Chalpin, 195 St. Paul Street, Brookine, MA 02146.

WANTED: HELP! I am in dire need of the following teams and players: 1968 Cardinals; '67 Dpdgers and Tigers. 1966 Giants, (or '66 Marichai, Perry, Priddy, Linzy and Gabrialson) Dodgers, Orioles and Red Sox. 1965 Giants, Reds, Cubs, Mets, Astros, Angels, Red Sox. Yankees, Tigers, Chisox, Orioles, Athletics, Senator and Indians. 1964 Cardinals, Pirates, Mets, Yankees, Angels, Red Sox and Tigers. 1963 Mets, Dodgers, Giants, Astros, Cubs, Cardinals, Reds, Yankees, Chisox, Tigers, Senators, Athletics and Red Sox. I will pay we11. Wrtte: Joe Fante, 62 Funston Avenue, Albertson, NY 11507. Also write if you have extra players for sale fnom the above teams.

WANTEDL Any complete baseball teams or loose players' (any incomplete teams) from 1966 or earlier. Please state what you have, the condition \& the price in your first letter or post card. Thanks. SSGT. George Lippman, 2127 Comm. Sq. Box 3127, APO San Francisco 96328

WANTÈD: 1963 \& 1965 baseball sets. Will pay up to $\$ 25.00$ for each set, depending on what condition they are in. Write immediately to: Mark Campbell, 5500 Gina Court, Sacramento, CA 95841

WANTED: '62 Tigers, '62 Dodgers, '66 Dodgers; will pay $75 \phi$ for fair and $\$ 1.00$ for good conditioned teams. Write: John Chin, 822 Oak Street, Hood River, OR 97031

WANTED: 1968 New York Jets. 1967 GB Packers and 1967 0akland Raiders. Will pay up to $\$ 2.00$ per team. Write: Toussaint Potter, 236 Ivy Lane, Teaneck, NJ 07666

WANTED: Baseball 1966: Angels, Cubs, Mets, Astros, Senators, Yanks, Red Sox, Indians, Giants, Cards, Dodgers, Phils, A's, Reds, Braves, Orioles. 1965: Twins, Yanks, Dodgers, Braves, Reds, Fiants, Cards, Phils, Orioles,
A's; 1964: Pirates, Ange1s, Cubs, Mets,
Astros, Senators, Yanks, Red Sox, Indians,
Giants, Cards, Dodgers, Phils, A's, Braves, Twins, Tigers. Cards must be in good condition. Send offers to: Will Vierson, 22 Hawthorne,Lane, Jeffersonville, IN 47130

WANTED: Any baseball teams ' 67 or older. I also have other teams I would be willing to trade or sell. Roy Dixon, 8040 Van Patten Rd., Norfolk, VA 23505.

WANTED: 1967 American League, will buy as part of larger package of necessary. Also want to contact other SOM baseball enthusiasts, anywhere but especially from New England, for live play, or by mail, or just swap ideas and experiences. John Burnham, 51 Highland Avenue, E. Northfield, MA 01630

WANTED: Complete in good condition - 1967 Packers, Raiders, Browns, Rams. Will pay any reasonable price or will trade any of these; 64-Cardinals, for any of above. Richard Gulezian, Spruce Hall \#304 Bentley College, Waltham, MA 02154

WANTED: 1969 New York Mets in any reasonable condition. Will pay any reasonable price. Address: E. Perlmutter, 2234 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11229.

WANTED: Desperately, the March ' 71 and April '71 issues of the SOM Review. You name price. Letters received before January 10 will be answered, Greg Sliwa, 31 Canterbury Lane, New Shrewsbury, NJ 07724

## For Sale

FOR SALE: 1969 Browns, 49ers, Giants, Jets and Vikings (in very good condition). 55\$ each. WANTED: 1967, 1968, 1969 Mets. Write: Richie Bauer, 11 Mark Street, Port Jeff. Station, NY 11776

FOR SALE: I have been a SOM owner since 1962 and am selling teams and numerous individual cards. Here's your chance to purchase the cards of the stars of the 1960's and to complete teams with missing cards. 1962 cards (Mantle, Maris, Koufax, etc.) are available. A surprise team which all SOM owners would love to have is also available at a low price. 01d issues of SOM Review can be purchased. Send for your bidding sheet by enclosing $10 \phi$ or a stamp to cover postage. You won't regret that you sent for this bargain sheet! Write: Gary Stoller, 77-38 79th Place, Glendale, NY 11227.

FOR SALE: Basebal1: 1966-Cardinals, Dodgers, Orioles, Reds, Twins, Red Sox; 1967-68 NL except Phillies. 1968 A's and Tigers. 1969 Orioles, Twins, A's, Mets, Cards, Pirates, Cubs, and Expos. 01dtimers 1940's set. Football: 1967 Rams, Jets, Colts, Bowboys, Eagles. 1969 Redskinz, Lions, Eagles and Giants. Also WANTED: 1964-65 Phillies. 64 Yankees. Send offers to: Michael Vardaro, 1020 Harrison Street, Bristol, PA 19007

FOR SALE: Over 500 Strat-0-Matic baseball cards from 1963 thru 1969. These players are from loose teams, do not have any complete teams. These cards are in fair to good condition.
Such great names as the 1965 Hank Aaron, 1966 Boog Powell, 1968 Willie Mays, and many other greats. Prices range from $5 \phi$ to $25 \phi$. Depending on the greatness of the player. Cards sold on first come first served basis, have only one of each. For more information and list of players available send $10 \phi$ to: Barry Green, 29 West End Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11235.

## League's Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: All SOM baseball fans, an exciting new league using the great old timer teams from both A \& B sets. For more information write: Joe Belzer, 1446 Texas Circle, St. Louis Park, MN 55426

LEAGUE FORMING: Anyone in the Queens/ Nassau area interested in joining our Strat baseball and football league or merging leagues? (specify number of members) Our present league covers between Flushing and Manhasset; we five are college kids but aren't interested in any specific age groups, but rather those with good playing experience and capable of providing themselves with some means of transportation. However, all replies are encouraged. For further information write immediately. Peter 0'Leary, 32 West Gate Boulevard, Plandome, NY 11030

## Football Playing Tip

John Tolan
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Use the following chart to determine if missed field goals are blocked, returned or touched back.

| GOOD | TOUCHBACK | BLOCKED | YARDS | RETURNED |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | 3-5 | 6-- 8 | -15 | 9-12 |
| 2-3 | 4-7 | 7-9 | -12 | 10-12 |
| 2-4 | 5-8 | 9-10 | + 3 | 11-12 |
| 2-5 | 6-9 | 10 | 0 | 11-12 |
| 2-6 | 7-10 | 11 | - 6 | 12 |
| 2-7 | 8-10 | 11 | -25 | 12 |
| 2-8 | 9-11 | + 2 | + 7 | - |
| 2-9 | 10-11 | 412 | - 3 | - |
| 2-10 | 11 | 12 | -13 | - |
| 2-11 | 12 | - | - | - |
| 2-12 | - | - | - | - |

for returns shake to see how far the KICK goes

| 2 | 45 | 4 | 22 | 5 | 38 | 7 | 40 | 9 | 33 | 11 | 47 |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 3 | 37 |  |  | 6 | 27 | 8 | 21 | 10 | 25 | 12 | TB |

use one of your kickoff returners to return it.
One Out Away ... And...
Two outs in the ninth inning, Bob Gibson's one out away from a no-hitter and Vada Pinson steps into the batter's box for the Cincinnati Reds in an SOM game played by Bill Carter, using teams from the year 1965.

Will it be or won't it?
The dice roll adds to the tension as Pinson's got either a single (split number 1-13) or he lines out (14-20). The draw...and...and...it's a "15!" Gibson's got his no-hitter and Carter, who was 20 years old at the games outset, is now turning 30.

## And In This Corner . . . The Editors

When we, the Editors of the Review, took a trip to the game company early last year, we were extremely impressed by the SOM creator's (Harold Richman) views toward criticism of his game. As he said, "Criticism has made this game what it is today." By just takin! a look at the first set that came out and comparing it with the 1970 cards, one can see a big change. And starting next year, an even bigger change. About five or six issues ago readers wrote in that they would like a righty-lefty factor. And since then, there has been much controversy on the pages of the Review about this. The main objection seemed to be based on a fear of the game becoming too complicated and the cost too high.

It's obvious now that Mr. Richman listened to both sides, since game players can still play the game the way they used to (with the elementary version), or use practicall every real-life alternative that a manager can have thru the new advanced version. And on top of this, the cost has hardly risen. Over the past couple of years other games have increased their cost and added practically nothing. And we feel that Mr. Richman should receive a big thanks from all game players for his consideration to the people who buy his game. So, we'll say it for you, "Mr. Richman, thanks a lot for the most complete baseball game on the market."

## A GUEST COLUMNIST

We have had many requests for an added column with a possible guest columnist. Okay! We too care what you think, so, anyone who would like to be a guest columnist drop us a line with your name and address, plus an idea of what you might like to write on. Evel those we have corresponded with on this issue, please write back in to let us know you are still interested. The guest columnist spot will be held by a different person each month and in the following issue we will print in "Readers Roll 'Em" responses to the previous column--good or bad. We will let you know well in advance when you will be the featured columnist and will give you a deadline date. If you do not hear from us at first, it will be because of the many people we will have requesting to write, but never fear, your time will come. You must be a subscriber of the Review, and no money will be paid for your column. Guest columnist spots will be handed out on a first come first serve basis.

## DIRECTORY FOR SOM PLAYERS

In the past, three months we have received many requests for an SOM Directory of Game Players, and we feel it is a good idea too. It would give everyone a chance to meet many other game players when traveling, or just thru the mail. So, if you would like to have your name printed in the Directory send in your name and address(telephone number if desired) plus your okay for your name to be printed. At least 200 names must be received in order for the Directory to be printed. If we receive the number, the Directory would be available in a couple of months.

## HELP!!!

We have a decision to make, so we are going to leave it up to you. In the past five months our production cost have risen almost $30 \%$. When the cost of mailing rose from six to eight cents it was a $33 \%$ increase in our mailing cost. Then, when we decided to increase our paper to 20 pages, our printing cost soared $25 \%$. We hesitate to raise the cost but here are the alternatives...1) raise the cost from $35 \phi$ to $40 \phi$ per issue, this raise would not effect present subscriptions, only renewels and new subscriptions,
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## In The Strat-O-Matic Spotlight

BRAVES GO ON WARPATH

Doug Carniglia, Woodland Hills, CA, has good reason to wonder how it was possible for the Atlanta Braves of 1966 to finish fifth in the National League pennant race, ten games behind the title-winning Los Angeles Dodgers.

Doug replayed the Braves' season recently, and you'd think it was the Injuns versus George Armstrong Custer ail over again, the way Aclanta worked over its foes.

When the smoke of battle had cleared, Atlanta had produced a remarkable 103-59 record, averaged 5.82 runs per game and slammed 244 home runs. Hank Aaron was the big belter, smashing 54 and driving in 138 runs; Joe Torre hammered 48 roundtrippers, drove in 144 runs and batted . 337; Felipe Alou had a 28, 108 and . 331 slate; Mack Jones tagged 27 circuit shots and Rico Carty (. 352 average) and Ed Mathews each produced 20.

Denny Lemaster (11-8 in real-7ife) had a 15-3 pitching record behind the hitting bombardment, with a 3.49 ERA, while reliever Clay Carroll was $16-3$, had a 2.78 ERA in 85 games and was credited with 29 saves.

## SOUNDS INTERESTING

Tom O'Neill, Mt. Prospect, IL, is currently developing a computer program which he claims will enable the computer to play the elementary version of Strat-0-Matic football against an opponent.

Teams will be of equal strength, with average defenses and average players, according to Tom. A printout of the game should be available in a couple of months, says Tom, who will be sending along information to The Review when it's ready.

DAYS OF JOY AND SORROW
When Chicago's Ferguson Jenkins mowed down a lineup of eight. 300 hitters on a onehitter, it marked the most exciting SOM baseball game experienced by Charles Kapner, Seattle, WA. Jenkins allowed only a triple in the first inning to Clarence Gaston in the superb game, plus in another memorable tilt he once struek out 15 Mets, including 11 in a row.

While Kapner has fond memories of Jenkin's exploits, he's also experienced many unpleasant moments the past two years, namely hitting into triple plays on 11 occasions.

## THIS 'N THAT

...Robert White, Norfolk, VA, is another who's a fan of Bob Gibson of St. Louis. Twice he's watched Gibby (1968 version) twir1 no-hitters and in two other games he "died" with him when he lost no-hit bids in the ninth inning...For a little guy, Don Buford of Baltimore has always packed a sting at bat. Frederic Davis, Malden, MA, reports that Don came up with a dandy long-ball performance against Boston in a recent game matching 1970 teams. The Birds won, 3-2, in 15 innings, but not before Buford tied the game 1-1 with a ninth inning homer, tied it again at 2-2 with another shot in the 14th and, finally, won it with his third roundtripper in the 15 th...Donnie Padgett, Bybee, TN, stayed with his "ace", Dizzy Dean, all the way as the ' 34 Cards outlasted the ' 67 Cards in a 24-inning marathon, 4-2...Jim Turner of the New York Jets booted nine out of ten field goals successfully in a football game played by Dan Fumagalli, Joliet, IL, as the Jets won, 48-44, while Robert McGregor, Girard, OH , was on the dice=rolling end as San Francisco's Bruce Gossett split the uprights on eight of nine attempts as the 49ers booted

New Orleans into submission, 31-10...Bill Anderson, Oklahoma City, OK, has prepared a chart whereby you can roll two die and determine the crowd size for your baseball games... Dallas' "Doomsday Defense" was doomed every time St. Louis MacAthur Lane touched the football in a ' 70 game played by Sandy Tolan, Milwaukee, WI. Lane toted the ball 37 times, rolling up 375 yards and scoring on jaunts of 62.74 and 75 yards, plus plunging over twice from a yard out to account for five touchdowns in a 51-38 St.Louis victory...Frank Averil1, who had been playing SOM for for and one-half years, once had Juan Marichal and Woodie Fryman hookup in a pitching duel and have no-hitters going through nine innings. Marichal came out the winner when Willie McCovey homered in the 11th inning in a 1-0 thriller. Ron Hunt first spoiled Fryman's no-hitter with a 10th inning single. Marichal, meanwhile, pitched a perfect game...A Marichal he certainly isn't, but Tom Bradley of California did notch a no-hitter when he blanked Detroit, 8-0, for Jay Miller, Aurora, IL. Bradley had a 2-5 record at the time of the masterpiece, plus he had been giving up more than a hit an inning.

## O'Brien Again Colt Hero

Jim 0'Brien, Baltimore's kicking hero in last season's Super Bowl win over Dallas, was again the key to victory in a replay of the "big game" as played by Brian (T-Bone) Tanenbaum of Skokie, Illinois.

0'Brien, the mod booter in his first year with the Colts, booted five out of five field goals, including the game-winner with only 15 seconds left as Baltimore outlasted the Cowboys, 22-20, in the replay version.

The field goals were only part of the thrills Tanenbaum experienced. Dallas, mainly because of Calvin Hill's eight-yard touchdown jaunt, held a 10-9 (three field goals accounted for all of Baltimore's scoring) lead at halftime.

The, after Dallas built a 20-12 lead late in the fourth quarter, Baltimore struck twice swiftly to put points on the scoreboard. Earl Morrall hooked up with Eddie Hinton on. a 35 -yard TD pass play with 1:30 left and, after an onside kickoff failed, Dallas recovered and fumbled and lost the ball on the next play, and 0'Brien came through with his game-winning boot from 29 yards out.

## The Biggest Thief

Ever wonder what the breakdown was when a runner swipes over 100 bases? Rick Straub, Salem, OH, watched Bobby Bonds of San Francisco steal 124 not long ago and he said he stole second successfully 100 out of 130 times, third 20 of 26 and home four of 12 . That's a lot of basepath larceny!

Rick adds that along with Bond's record-breaking effort, Gaylord Perry (32-6) and Bob Gibson (32-8) have had big winning seasons on the mound in SOM baseball.

## Summer Breezes

Sandy Koufax, a TV announcer today and a famed strikeout artistsfor the Dodgers not long ago, handcuffed the Detroit Tigers of ' 61 twice in extra-inning games played by Richard Whalen, Linderhurst, NY, striking out 20 in a 15-inning game and then 19 in 12 innings--yet lost both games by 1-0 scores.

Johnny Bench of the ' 70 Reds was another who felt the breeze from a strikeout. After belting three home runs in his first three at-bats in a game, Bench then was whiffed his next three tripss to the plate.

## Rancho Cordova League

Instead of a player draft, the Rancho Cordova Strat-0-Matic Baseball League located in Sacramento, California, used a "Hi-Lo" system (placing a team with a winning record and a loser together) for setting up a four-manager replay using the 1970 cards.

Commissioner Ron Cristian sent the Review a copy of the league's yearbook and pointed out that the Los Angeles Dodgers (actually made up from the New York Giants and Washington Senators) won the championship over a 162 -game span.

James Lampman guided the pennant winners to a 100-62 record, Cleveland (Cleveland and the Chicago Cubs) managed by William Kutscher was second, 82-80, 18 games behind; Christian's Chicago White Sox (Chicago and St. Louis) were third, 74-88, 26 games back; and Bill Goldsworth's Montreal Expos (Atlanta and California) finished last, 68-94, 32 games off the winning pace.

The league followed a calendar schedule, with doubleheaders often breaking up the pitching rotations, plus it allowed trading as evidenced by the fact that Atlanta's real-1ife Rico Carty ended up leading the league in hitting with a . 325 average as a member of the Chicago White sox nine.

Leading home run hitter turned out to be Hank Aaron of Montreal (via Atlanta) with 44, while Bill Melton of Chicago was right behind with 41. Aaron was also tops in runs-batted-in with 134, plus he tied with Bobby Bonds of LA for the most runs scored with 139 .

Big hurling winner was Los Angeles' Pat Jarvis with a 26-9 record, while Bob Gibson of Chicago had the lowest earned run average among the regulars with a 2.83 mark and bested Sam McDowell of Cleveland in the strikeout department, 369 to 308.

The RCSL is currently completing another baseball replay as well as a football league that has expanded to eight managers.

# Cubs,Nip Four-Team Field 

Bob Arnold
Cherry Valley, Illinois
I have had the Strat-0-Matic Baseball game since October, 1970, and I just recently completed my second 162 -game season using four teams--the New York Yankees, Minnesota Twins, Los Angeles Dodgers and Chicago Cubs. Even though I used only four teams, the player's individual totals were remarkably similar to their real-]ife totals for ' 70.

Team standings (162 games):

|  | Won | $\frac{\text { Lost }}{77}$ | $\frac{\mathrm{GB}}{-}$ | Home Runs: ${ }^{\text {K }}$ |  | Killebrew Williams | 3634 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2. Minnesota | 83 | 79 | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| 3. Los Angeles | 79 | 83 | 6 |  |  |  |  |
| 4. New York | 77 | 85 | 8 | Wins: | Jenkins | 27 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Singer | 25 |  |
|  |  | entage | Jenk | 71 (27-8) |  |  |  |

I haven't had a no-hitter yet, but I've had 14 grand-slams, with Joe Pepitone of the Cubs tying a major league record with five in one season.

If the number before your name is $1 / 72$, this is the last issue of your subscription. Have checked number of months and enclosed amount designated to renew my subscription. 3 mos. \$1.05 6 mos. \$2.10 $\qquad$ $1 \mathrm{yr} . \$ 4.20$

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or 2) cut back to 16 pages, or 3) the next time your friend asks to read your Review, tell him to subscribe. Let us know your feelings, we will pass along the final decision to you in the March issue, thus giving you plenty of time to write us.

## 44 Red Sox Are Champs

The '46 Bostor: Red Sox outlasted a 20 -team field in a single-elimination all-time baseball tournament played by George Flores, Soledad, CA. Before disposing of the Milwaukee Braves of ' 57 in the finals, $5-3$, the Bosox eliminated the ' 22 Giants, 3-2: the '61 Yankees, 4-1; the ' 40 Reds, 3-1; and the ' 41 Yankees, 4-1. Johnny Pesky was the leading Red Sox hitter with a . 318 average.

The ' 27 Yanks, champs of so many tournaments, were eliminated in the first round by the ' 40 Reds, $4-0$, however, while the ' 53 Dodgers lost a slugfest in the opening round to the '54 Indians, 10-7.

Coming next issue will be the final results of the GKSML Football League, the first part of "The History of Strat-0-Matic" (a partial reprint of two earlier articles), League Play in Japan, more playing tips - like how to stunt your defensive line, replays and the rest. With the added four pages to the Review, we urge.more than ever your participation through cards and letters. Letters, replays, and adds to be considered for the next issue must be in by the third of the month.

