



STRAT-O-MATIC REVIEW



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FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: James L. Williams, Steve Barkan, James E. Williams,
Harold Richman, Pauline Williams, Rhett Behrmann, and Karen Truskowski.

What is one story tall, contains 3,600 square feet of room, is jam-packed with boxes containing personalized player cards and stacks of games and, although not comparable to the Taj Mahal, at least to the uninformed, most certainly ranks as the eighth wonder of the world to its avid followers?

The answer, of course, is the Strat-O-Matic Game Co.

Home for the company is in the city of Port Washington, on Long Island in New York. It's here that Strat-O-Matic's creator, Harold Richman, and his half dozen assistants start the wheels turning that lead to thousands of hours of fun for people of all ages who are playing his popular baseball and football games.

Recently, two editors of the Review and their wives had the pleasant experience of visiting the game company and meeting and talking at length with its creator.

Richman, it turns out, is not 10 feet tall like you might suspect someone who'd developed such realistic games to be, rather he's a youthful-looking 35-year-old with close-cropped dark hair. Surprised, as if she had expected to meet someone who had two heads on his shoulders, one of the wives remarked: "Gee, he's quite good looking. He looks like someone I've seen in the movies."

The touring foursome met Richman, his attractive wife Shelia, and their two small children at their home in Great Neck, which is located about 15 miles from Port Washington. That evening, over dinner at a swank French restaurant in Great Neck, Richman talked freely about his life with Strat-O-Matic, the disappointments, joys and his future plans.

At his home he had brought out a copy of the first game he put on the market, an All-Star baseball set. The green and white box was smaller than the present one but the cards were much larger. Those cards, minus individual fielding and running ratings, were the launching pad for Strat-O-Matic, however, despite the fact that Richman thought the future of the company was going to be short-lived.

"I had 1,000 of these games made up," remarked Richman, "but only 350 were sold." To anxious inquiries about what he did with the other 650--the 350 are now collectors' items--Richman said: "I burned them. I didn't really burn them, rather I put them in the garbage to be hauled away. In fact, this is the only game from the original set that I have left, and even it has a few players missing."



MRS. PAULINE WILLIAMS

Because of letters suggesting that the game include fielding and running ratings, Richman reacted by including them in the next set. "Constructive criticism is always good," responded Richman, "it helped make this a better game."

In the morning Richman picked up mail at the Great Neck post office (he also receives mail in Port Washington) and then went to the company where a tour was conducted.

Actually the present Strat-O-Matic housing is the third stop for Richman as far as homes for his company. First the game was put out in his father's basement. Then he moved to a second floor office in Port Washington. Richman still grimaces when he thinks of the time he had to carry over 100 boxes, by himself, up a flight of stairs after heavy arrival of stock. Also, it was here that a fire started in the building adjoining Strat-O-Matic during the night and Richman, holding his hands about a foot apart, said "this is how close we came to being burned out." Fortunately, firemen arrived just in the nick of time and limited the damage to only a slight warping of some of the cards, due to the intense heat.

The present company includes an office area, with three desks and an assortment of filing cabinets (separate files are kept for baseball and football customers), a large room where orders are filled and readied for mailing, and another large storage room that Richman admitted was only partially filled with stock, despite the appearance that only a shoehorn could squeeze in anything more.

The mailing room was, naturally, the hub of activity as it was here that all orders were speedily processed and sent on their way within 48 hours after being received.

All orders are personally filled, since the game is a separate unit and the cards have to be added. Because the cards are separate, Strat-O-Matic offers special selector sets and even individual teams, something other game companies do not. Tables, set up in a horseshoe shape, contain the team boxes (there are 500 teams per box). And as each order comes in, one of Strat-O-Matic's lineup swings into action and takes the horseshoe route, drawing out the teams as the order calls for. A complete baseball game thus calls for a game to be pulled from the immense stacks nearby, 24 stops along the team-box trail and then the final packaging.

Games and cards are trucked to the company, being produced in New York, although Mrs. Pauline Williams, Richman's long-time employee, still has the job of arranging the printed cards in team sets of 20 players each and then putting 500 teams in each box.

Once, Richman related, one of the boxes was stolen from a truck. "Can you imagine the surprise to the thief when he opened up the box and found 500 Lou Brooks from the St. Louis Cardinals looking at him."

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Kansas City Bests NFL, AFL Rivals

Jeff Perigoni
Arabi, LA 70032

Enclosed are the results of our first Strat-O-Matic league. It consisted of the four teams we felt were strongest in the NFL and AFL in 1969. The four teams were:

1. K.C. Chiefs coached by Barry Esquivel (Arabi, LA)
2. Oakland Raiders coached by John Bell (New Orleans, LA)
3. Detroit Lions coached by Phil Russo (Arabi, LA)
4. Minnesota Vikings coached by Jeff Perigoni (Arabi, LA)

Since completion of our first league, we have expanded to five teams with the addition of the L.A. Rams (Coached by Ronnie Scarengoes of New Orleans). Also, the Minnesota coach switched from the Vikings to the Cowboys for the second league. Surprisingly, after two complete rounds in the second league, L.A., Dallas, and Detroit are battling for first place.

FINAL STANDINGS	W	L	T	PASS RECEIVING	PASS C	YDS	AVG	TD	LONGEST
1. K.C. Chiefs	7	5	2	1. Sanders	95	1073	11.2	7	56
2. Detroit Lions	7	7	0	2. Washington	63	655	10.4	6	35
3. Minn. Vikings	6	7	1	3. Taylor	61	846	13.8	3	70
4. Oakland Raiders	6	7	1	4. Cannon	49	568	11.5	3	35
				5. Biletnikoff	42	973	23.1	16	73

QB RATE	PASS ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	RATE
1. Lamonica	374	160	32	2313	22	.571
2. Munson	360	160	20	2186	15	.566
3. Dawson	257	128	26	1369	9	.547
4. Livingston	132	61	12	779	3	.520
5. Cuzzo	164	60	12	807	4	.450

RUSHING	CARRIES	YDS	TD	LONGEST	AVG
1. Osborn	224	1409	5	58	6.0
2. Farr	247	1145	3	38	4.6
3. Garrett	194	1070	4	27	5.5
4. Todd	163	872	1	51	5.3
5. Holmes	185	745	3	25	4.0
6. Banaszak	126	519	2	16	4.1

Readers Roll 'Em

Dear Sirs:

I have checked number of months and enclosed amount designated to renew my subscription. Please forgive me for not sending in the entire back page of the Review. I just couldn't stand cutting off the story on the other side of the back page.

As the months go by, the Review is getting better and better. I now find myself at the end of every month standing on top of the mailbox waiting for the Review. The only way I think you can really improve it would be by lengthening it.

Now, not only is Strat-O-Matic the best game around, but the Strat-O-Matic Review is the best sports table games paper around. Keep up the good work.

Strat-O-Matic forever,

Stephen Keplinger
Reisterstown, MD

Dear SOM Review:

I received an overwhelming response from the ad I put in your Review concerning a mail replay league. We are calling the league, 'The INTERNATIONAL REPLAY LEAGUE'.

We have both the AL and NL set up for a 162 game schedule. There are four managers in each league, making a total of eight. They are from all over the country and Canada.

We of the IRL would like to send in monthly results of both pennant races to your Review. Highlights of games and series will be sent to you as the races progress.

Below are the managers and where they come from.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

G. Thompson - Long Beach, CA
D. Bauer - Lomita, CA
R. Pope - Barrington, IL
P. Conrad - Virginia, VA

AMERICAN LEAGUE

J. Schmitt - Grosse Pointe Farms, MI
J. Cangdon - Bridgeport, CT
R. McInnis - Ontario, Canada
J. Clark - Rockford, IL

The American League is not fully settled as yet. But we hope you will run our league in your Review. If I'm not mistaken, I believe this is the first SOM nation-wide replay ever. We hope its the best. I currently am working on an INTERNATIONAL REPLAY "FOOTBALL" LEAGUE.

I will be putting an ad in soon, in your Review.

Sincerely,

Glenn E. Thompson

Dear Sirs:

I've been playing Strat-O-Matic baseball for the past seven years and I'm really impressed with your magazine. It allows all the true Strat-O-Matic players a chance to express and exchange ideas concerning the game.

In the past I've replayed each baseball season and also had six leagues with my friends, in which we drafted players from all the cards we had purchased since 1964. I find that the drafting of players, and also the trading of players, is the most fun of the game. It is also very important to the final outcome of the league. The trades made can be the difference between coming in first or being an also ran.

In one trade I gave up Tony Oliva ('66), Curt Flood ('65), Dean Chance ('64), Don Mincher ('64) and Art Shamsky ('66) for Frank Robinson ('66) and Mel Stottlemyre ('64). It turned my team from a third place team (in a four-team league) into a champion. I had to bargain for four solid hours to make the deal. In another league I traded Harmon Killebrew ('66) to get Bill White ('64). In the final game of the season, White singled in the winning run in the bottom of the 10th inning to win the pennant by one game. And the player I beat was the player who traded me Bill White.

Sincerely,

Robert Geer
Charleston, SC

Dear Sirs:

I am thrilled at having a magazine devoted completely to the fans of Strat-O-Matic, the greatest table game in the world. Dennis Taylor's idea about each pitcher having his own hitting card is good, and each pitcher could have his own fielding rating and running speed, also.

Starting next season, I am using the injury chart in the GKSML Constitution (by the way, what does 'GKSML' mean?) and Nick Carter's idea concerning hit batsmen. I have two five-team leagues right now, and I will send you the results at the end of the season. Already, three players, Don Kessinger, Ron Santo and Joe Pepitone of the 1970 Cubs, have each had five hits in one game. Keep up the great work on the Review.

Tom Gredell
Park Forest, IL

Dear Sirs:

I have played the Strat-O-Matic Baseball Game for two years. I am completely satisfied with no complaints, whatsoever. However, I feel I have an improvement for the game.

This is the age of platoon baseball. Batters from the right side go against left-hand pitchers. Batters from the left side face right-hand pitchers. This is especially true when using pinch hitters. Practically every major league team uses the two-platoon system with one or more hitters. Some teams make pitching assignments according to the power of the opposing team. If one team is heavily laden with right-hand power hitters, the opposing manager will try to start a right-hand pitcher. This theory is reversed for lefties. In harmony to pinch hitters, it is quite rare to see a major league manager call for a left-hand pitcher to face a right-hand batter.

My idea is to print the hitter's batting record versus right-hand pitchers on one side and left-handers on the other. For pitchers, put his record right-hand batters on one side and left-handers on the other, also.

It is with much consideration I make this suggestion. I feel this is the only way to improve the game.

Sincerely,

Stanley G. Emert, Jr.
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Sirs:

I've been reading your Strat-O-Matic Review and have noticed many letters suggesting that pitchers have a separate hitting card and two-sided cards for left and right-hand batters. However, I can't see how this would help to improve the game, since most pitchers do bat about the same and there are not that many left-handed batters. Also, left and right-handed batters bat about the same anyway.

Terry Mann
Fort Wayne, IN

Dear Sirs:

Please send me the Review. I think the game is the greatest pastime for all ages and I think this is really neat for you to publish the Review.

I've been a game player for over five years and I have purchased every team ever published by the company. We have many players here in Missouri and we all appreciate you coming up with such an idea.

Once again, thanks!

Ron Brammer

Dear Sirs:

I've had my Strat-O-Matic game since 1964.

Since 1964 I've kept my cards in excellent shape by covering each card with plastic wrap. This has several advantages; it keeps the cards in excellent condition and you can keep track of each player's home runs by writing them on the back of the players card without marking the cards themselves. Also you can easily erase the previous total by rubbing out the last entry with your finger. You can also keep track of a pitchers won-lost record in the same manner.

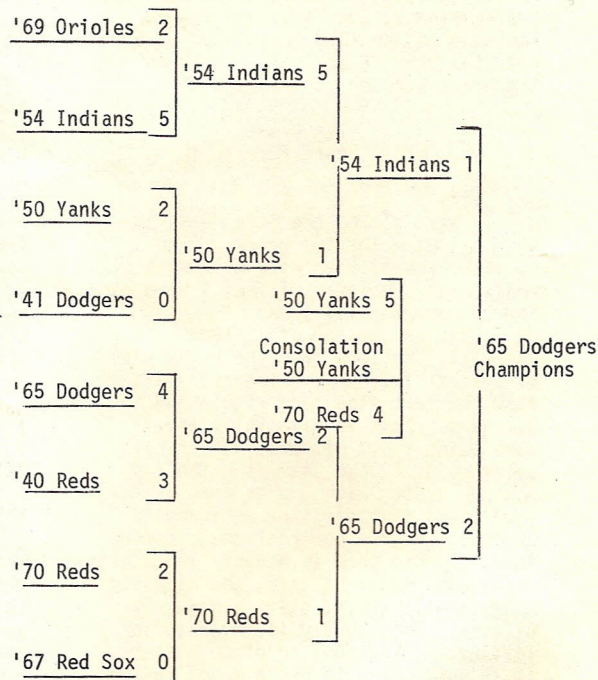
G. E. Thompson
Long Beach, CA 90813

1965 Dodgers Win Elimination Tourney

Arthur Hains
Marshall, Missouri 65340

In a tournament filled with surprises, the 1965 Dodgers won the All-Time Tournament held during the past week in Marshall, MO, by a number of Strat-O-Matic owners. It was a single-elimination tournament, requiring less time so that we could proceed with our regular season play. L.A. got off to a fast start by shutting out the highly regarded 1922 Giants, 3-0, behind the pitching of Sandy Koufax. The '65 Dodgers gained the finals by squeaking by the Reds, 2-1, and the '50 Yanks were defeated 5-1 by the surprising 1954 Indians and Bob Lemon. It was the Yankees in 10 innings over the Reds for third place, 5-4, while Koufax was stopping Mike Garcia and the Indians, 2-1, for the championship.

1927 Yankees	8	
1969 Mets	4	'27 Yanks 1
1946 Cardinals	2	
1969 Orioles	3	'69 Orioles 4
1953 Dodgers	4	
1967 Cardinals	0	'53 Dodgers 2
1954 Giants	3	
1954 Indians	4	'54 Indians 5
1961 Yankees	4	
1965 Twins	1	'61 Yanks 2
1950 Yankees	2	
1960 Pirates	0	'50 Yanks 3
1941 Dodgers	9	
1962 Mets	0	'41 Dodgers 4
1924 Senators	3	
1957 Braves	2	'24 Senators 3
1922 Giants	0	
1965 Dodgers	3	'65 Dodgers 6
1935 Cubs	3	
1950 Phillies	2	'35 Cubs 4
1961 Reds	1	
1940 Reds	6	'40 Reds 13
1941 Yankees	7	
1946 Red Sox	9	'46 Red Sox 2
1970 Reds	7	
1948 Indians	1	'70 Reds 5
1934 Cardinals	3	
1962 Giants	7	'62 Giants 3
1970 Orioles	3	
1967 Red Sox	5	'67 Red Sox 5
1931 Athletics	4	
1961 Tigers	5	'61 Tigers 2



ADVERTISEMENTS

RATES: Per Issue - up to 30 words, 50¢; 31-50 words, 70¢; 51-70 words, \$1.00; and 71-100 words, \$1.50. When you send in your ads, specify either FOR SALE, WANTED, or LEAGUE, name any card sets by the year upon which they were based.

NOTE: Only advertisements regarding Strat-O-Matic products, related merchandise, and leagues will be accepted. No other brand names may be mentioned or advertised. No advertisement concerning photocopied Strat-O-Matic player cards or related products will be accepted.

Wanted

WANTED: 1968 set \$10.00 or 50¢ a team. Prefer set. '67 Chisox, \$1.50, '66 Orioles, Dodgers, '65 Reds, '64 Phillies, @ \$1.00. '64 Cards, Yankees @ \$1.25. James H. Overmeyer, 11 Bird Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

WANTED: Any of the following teams: '67 Reds, '67 Pirates, '65 Giants, '64, '66 Orioles, '64 Cubs, '67 White Sox, '63, '64, '66 Dodgers. Will buy any or all of these teams from lowest bidder. Daniel Metzger, 2614 Wabash Rd., Lansing, MI 48910.

WANTED: I would like to buy any team(s) from the 1960 season to the 1964 season. Will pay well. Write: Robert McGregor, 443 Churchill Road, Girard, OH 44420.

WANTED: All of 1962 teams with the exception of Giants and Mets. Also interested in 1963 Cardinals, 1964 Kansas City A's, Washington Senators, Houston Colts, Boston Red Sox, Baltimore Orioles, Chicago White Sox, Minnesota Twins, New York Mets, Pittsburgh Pirates, Cincinnati Reds, Chicago Cubs, Milwaukee Braves, Philadelphia Phillies, 1965, All AL and NL. Will pay well. Write: Barry Green, 29 West End Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11235.

WANTED: 1969 baseball and football, except Vikings and Chiefs. Will buy as a set or as individual teams. Write: Steve Inkles, 42 Hurtin Street, Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776.

WANTED: 1969 football Cowboys, Saints, Jets, Giants, and Cardinals. Will pay 25¢ per team. Write: Jim Konnerth, 2816 Berkley Rd., Erie, PA 16506.

WANTED: Any San Francisco Giant team from 1963-66. I'll meet any reasonable price for cards in good condition. Bruce C. Rivkin, 21 Cedar Drive S., Old Bethpage, NY 11804.

WANTED: 1964 Cardinals, 1965 Giants, 1965 Dodgers, and 1966 Pirates. Would like cards that are in good condition. I will pay \$1.50 per team. Write: R. W. Geer, ETR3, USS Dominant (MSO 431) c/o FPO New York, NY 09501.

WANTED: 1967 National League baseball player card set, in good condition. Will pay \$2.50. Write: Walt Murphy, 435 Beechwood Avenue, Haddonfield, NJ 08033.

WANTED: Willing to trade all of the following for complete 1966 or older National League. Both 1967 leagues; 1969 Mets, Orioles, Reds, Pirates, and Twins; 1968 (football) Browns, Bears, Chiefs, Chargers, Colts, and game. You pay postage. Write: Anthony Johnston 4001 Cedar Hill Rd., Little Rock, AR 72205.

WANTED: '65, '66, '67 Tigers and '68, '69 Pilots. Will pay \$1.00 for a team. Write: Dave Stone, 3352 Sierra Oaks, Sacto, CA 95825.

WANTED: 1962 Dodgers. Will pay well, (send offer). Or, will trade for 1969 team(s). Pat Sullivan, 11232 Ivanhoe St. Garden Grove, CA 92640

WANTED: List of players with fielding, running, stealing ratings for 1963 and earlier Boston Red Sox teams. Ken Hoffman, 266 Carroll St., New Bedford, MA 02740.

WANTED: I play only NL games. If you play just AL games and would like to trade player cards involved in inter-league trades contact: Jim Riggs, Box 21, Chautauque, NY 14722.

WANTED: 63-69 Red Sox except for 65 and 67. Make offer. Will sell or trade all '67 teams except Mets and Red Sox. Mike Litel, 48 Dwight Ave., Plymouth, MA 02360.

WANTED: Any baseball leagues or teams 1963-1966. Willing to trade any of the following football sets. '67 Oilers, Raiders, Chargers, Chiefs, Jets, Colts, Packers, Bears, Browns, Cowboys, Rams, Giants, '68 NFL-AFL. Game and accessories for trade or sale, good condition. Joe Marcoccio, 502 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI 02886.

WANTED: 1963, both leagues, \$8.00. Will trade 8 old-timer teams from 1950's and 60's for 1966 Cardinals, Dodgers and Orioles. George Cozby, Box 105, Jonesboro, IL 62952.

WANTED: Any Chicago Cub team 1968 and earlier. Will pay up to 75¢ per team. Contact: Kevin Ford, 1049 S. Westmore Ave., Lombard, IL 60148. In Good Condition, Please.

WANTED: DESPERATELY; 1960 Strat-O-Matic baseball season. Name your price! Also interested in 1961-1968 baseball seasons. Have many sets to trade. Robert Henry, 15919 Ferguson, Detroit, MI 48227.

WANTED: 1962, '63, both leagues. 1965 American League. Willing to pay \$20.00 total, or \$8.00 for 1962 and 1963 each, and \$4.00 for 1965 American League. Write: Stanly Roberts, 841 E. 38th St., Austin, Texas 78705.

WANTED: '62, '63, '64, '65, 68 Yankees, and '63 Dodgers and '64 Cardinals. Plus 80 card 1960 season. Good condition. Write: Michael Morreale, 27 Arthur Ave., Staten Island, NY 10305.

WANTED: 1968, AL, NL cards. Willing to pay \$5.00. Cards must be in good condition. Write: Sandy Shapiro, 8016 West 18th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55426.

WANTED: Any Oriole team '66 or earlier. Willing to pay 50¢ each. Any Packer team '68 or earlier. Willing to pay 50¢ each. For Sale: '68 Orioles at 45¢ or highest bidder.

For Sale

FOR SALE: 1965 Mets, \$1.00 or highest bidder. 1966 baseball, Cleveland, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Atlanta, Minnesota, Baltimore, Detroit, and Pittsburgh, 60¢ per team or best bid. 1967 NL and AL baseball. 20 teams good condition, none missing. \$4.50 per league, \$7.00 all 20 or best bid. 1968 AL & NL baseball. All 20 \$3.50 per league or \$6.00 for all or best bid. Write: Ken O'Bryan, 1021 Rio Lane, Dayton, OH 45429.

FOR SALE: 1969 averages Orioles, Yankees Angels, Pirates, Cubs, Twins, Reds, A's, Tigers, Giants, Mets, Braves. Want \$5.00 goes to highest bidder. SEND Ken Malewicz, Guernseytown Road, Watertown, CN 06795.

FOR SALE: 1970 major league set including 96 additional players in excellent condition for only \$7.00. Write: Jeh Johnson, 14 Edgehill Road, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590.

FOR SALE: '24 Senators, '31 A's, '40 Reds, '41 Dodgers, '46 Red Sox, '48 Indians, 60¢ per team. Would prefer trading for teams from the '50s and 60s. Write; with your offer. I will also buy teams if the price isn't too high. Write: Brian Russell, 1613 E. Swan, Brentwood, MO 63144.

FOR SALE: 1969 Vikings, Raiders, Bengals, Eagles, Chiefs, Cowboys, Redskins, Rams. Will sell set or teams to high bid or trade set for 1920 and 30 era oldtimer baseball teams or 1940 era teams plus

hall of fame teams with either one.
Also will buy Phillie teams 1969 or older
from low bid. Dave Lengel, 24 Lincoln
Drive, Wernersville, PA 19565.

FOR SALE: ATTENTION FOOTBALL FANS!!
Here's your chance to purchase the
entire 1968 SOM AFL-NFL football teams.

Now with these teams, all 26, you
can relive the entire 1968 season with
your friends. All teams are in excellent
condition. The NFL is selling for
\$7.50 and the AFL is \$5.50....If you're
a fan of both leagues, you can save
\$1.00 by purchasing both leagues for
\$12.00.

I also have extra 1968 Oakland
Raiders, Cleveland Browns, Baltimore
Colts, and New York Jets. Price, 60¢
per team. First come first serve basis.
SO HURRY! Write: Joseph Fonte, 52
Funston Avenue, Albertson, Long Island,

New York 11507.

FOR SALE: Complete sets of 1966-
1968 player cards. Both leagues.
Also the following teams from the
1965 season: New York, Cleveland,
San Francisco, Minnesota, Detroit,
Philadelphia, Milwaukee (Braves),
Los Angeles, and Baltimore. Also
1964 White Sox. Best offer
(teams not sold individually except
1964 White Sox). Write to: Mike
Baitinger, 3219 North Prospect,
Ypsilanti, MI 48197.

League's Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: In Columbia, MO area.
Contact Will Schmidt, 503 S. Garth,
Columbia, MO (I am 14 if you care.)

LEAGUE FORMING: Want to form league
using '70 players in Spirit Lake,
Okoboji, Spencer, Iowa area. Start
June 15. Contact: Gary Cunningham,
2407 Tusitala, Apt. 405, Honolulu,
HI 96815.

LEAGUE FORMING: 17 year old on North
Side Chicago wants to form or join
league with any age. Write: Leonard
Itkin, 6724 Seeley, Chicago, IL
60645. Phone: (312) 764-4297.

LEAGUE FORMING: Anyone in the
Pittsburgh area of nearby interested
in joining a league? If so, Write:
Duncan Jameson, 249 Magnolia Pl.,
Pittsburgh, PA 15228 or call (412)
343-3158.

LEAGUE FORMING: High school senior
wants to form a league in Winnebago
County area. Write: Bob Arnold,
P.O.Box 336, Cherry Valley, IL 61016.

LEAGUE FORMING: Anyone in the Dayton
Kettering or Oakwood, Ohio area
interested in starting a league? If so
call (513) 293-4934, Ken O'Bryan.

LEAGUE FORMING: Anyone in the Bernards-
ville, New Jersey area interested in
joining a league? If so, write:
Walter, Chambers, 133A Claremont Rd.,
Bernardsville, NJ 07924 or call (201)
766-1791.

LEAGUE FORMING: Anyone interested in
forming a league or just playing games
write of contact Bob Kane, 880 Wegman
Road, Rochester, NY 14624 or call
436-7801.

Doug Powers
Chatsworth, California

My younger brother and I recently completed replays of the American and National Leagues based on the 1967 season. In the American League the Red Sox built up a big lead and hung on to beat out the Twins by a mere game. Even though Jim Lonborg had a disappointing 14-17 record, the Twins, led by Dean Chance (27-10), MVP Tony Oliva and Rookie-of-the-Year Rod Carew, could not nudge the Red Sox out of the top spot. Camilo Pascual, voted the Cy Young Award (24-12), led the Washington Senators to a surprising fifth-place finish.

In the National League the St. Louis Cards breezed all the way, winning it by four games. Chicago and Atlanta finished second and third behind the Cards. MVP Jimmy Wynn hit 55 home runs and helped the Astros to a seventh-place finish. Lee May was awarded the Rookie-of-the-Year Award and Al McBean won the Cy Young Award as the best pitcher (16-5), plus he hurled a perfect game against the disappointing Giants.

Final standings:

AMERICAN	W	('67)	L	('67)	GB	WINS	'67
1. Red Sox	93	(92)	69	(70)	--	Chance	27 (20)
2. Twins	92	(91)	70	(71)	1	Pascual	24 (12)
3. Tigers	85	(91)	77	(71)	8	R. Clark	23 (12)
4. Angels	84	(84)	78	(77)	9	Horlen	22 (19)
5. Senators	83	(76)	79	(85)	10	McLain	20 (17)
6. White Sox	82	(89)	80	(73)	11	Sparma	20 (16)
7. Orioles	79	(76)	83	(85)	14	Bell	20 (13)
8. Yankees	73	(72)	89	(90)	20	Siebert	20 (10)
9. Athletics	70	(62)	92	(99)	23		
10. Indians	69	(75)	93	(87)	24		
NATIONAL	W	('67)	L	('67)	GB	WINS	'67
1. Cards	91	(101)	71	(61)	--	McCormick	23 (22)
2. Cubs	87	(87)	75	(74)	4	Jenkins	23 (20)
3. Braves	84	(77)	78	(85)	7	Sisk	21 (13)
4. Pirates	82	(81)	80	(81)	9	Bunning	20 (17)
5. Phils	82	(82)	80	(80)	9	Drysdale	20 (13)
6. Reds	82	(87)	80	(75)	9	Seaver	20 (16)
7. Astros	81	(69)	81	(93)	10		
8. Giants	80	(91)	82	(71)	11		
9. Dodgers	75	(73)	87	(89)	16		
10. Mets	66	(61)	96	(101)	25		

'For Better Or Worse'...

Strat-O-Matic

Those foreboding words spoken during the marriage vows, "Do you take this man, for better or for worse...", should really be updated with an eye toward the Strat-O-Matic Game generation.

How about, "Do you take this man, for better or for worse, including his Strat-O-Matic game playing?"

Hubby's devotion to his table games is probably one of the first causes of alarm for the just-married young thing who so strongly believed that she had her man, all 100 percent worth.

Suddenly, a rival appears. Not one in the form of an enticing blonde at the husband's office, an 18-hole round of golf, or a night out on the town with the boys, rather a rival that comes in a red box, perhaps green, contains hundreds of strange looking "player" cards and a pair of dice.

"I thought he was weird," remarked one wife when asked her reaction to what she thought when she found her husband played Strat-O-Matic. "Just a short time after we got married he sat down and started playing this game. I couldn't believe it. Now, however, after eight years of marriage, I think the game's great."

Many wives never realize their husband's devotion to the games, simply dismissing them as "games." That attitude can lead to problems.

One wife, tiring of watching her husband play his baseball game, decided to have a little fun with her dice-rolling hubby. Playfully she grabbed the dice and backed away, chiding him in a jovial manner, "Now I got your dice, you won't be able to play anymore." To the normally mild-mannered husband this was simply going too far. Imagine, someone taking his dice. Almost instantly his "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" personality changed. No longer was he the good "Doctor," instead it was the vicious "Mr. Hyde" coming out in him. He grabbed his wife, pinned her against a wall and said, "Give me back my dice!" ...and she did.

Relating the incident later, the wife remarked: "I had never seen him act like that before. I was only kidding with him, I didn't think he'd take it so seriously."

Most wives, however, despite misgivings in the beginning, learn to accept their husband's "hobby," and a few even join in: "Before you realize how many actually play these games, you think there is definitely something wrong," commented another wife.

Many women are just as interested as men in professional sports and follow 'em closely, with interest spilling over to the table games, too. "I've played the games before and I really think they're interesting," remarked one. Another admitted that she often rolled the dice for her husband in a solitaire baseball replay he was conducting, then advanced to a scorer and, finally, was allowed to play the game.

Even Harold Richman's wife, Shelia, admits she joins in and plays her husband's creations, although she adds, "I don't play them very well."

Each married game-player, young and old alike, has no doubt had his own unique experiences with his wife accepting or balking at his "hobby." We've yet to hear of a divorce that resulted from Strat-O-Matic playing, but we've heard of some strange happenings. Here are samples:

* WIFE - "Dear, why is it that you always scurry around so and put your game out of sight whenever my parents or a friend comes to the house? Are you afraid to let people know what you're doing?"

HUSBAND - "Not at all! I just don't want to take the time to explain what I'm doing. After all, I am working on highly-complicated computerized research (the baseball cards are computerized) which, your friends, wouldn't understand anyway."

* The honeymooning husband who, on the night the league he belonged to was meeting, called from 300 miles away to find out how his team was doing under a substitute manager.

* WIFE - "Sometimes I believe you think more of bowling, golfing, basketball

playing and 'your game' than you do of me."

HUSBAND - "Not true. I plan on giving up bowling, golf and basketball next year--you'll move up to No. 2 on the list of things I most enjoy."

* WIFE-- "Are you and the 'kids' going to roll your dice tonight?"

HUSBAND - "Will you knock off the wisecracks. Stanley had an easier time finding Livingston in Africa than I have getting away one night a week for our 'adult' baseball league."

In The Strat-O-Matic Spotlight

MORE OLD-TIMER TEAMS, HALL-OF-FAMERS COMING

What other Hall-of-Fame player cards and Old-Timer teams should the Strat-O-Matic Game Co. put out? You can help Strat-O-Matic decide by sending in your suggestions to the Review. Presently the Strat-O-Matic Co. is contemplating printing Old-Timer teams from 1901-1919, that is if there is enough interest, plus adding to the Hall-of-Fame sets.

If you're a fan of the 1919 Chicago White Sox (like reader Al Mazeika), here's a chance to let it be known. If you were disappointed one of your old-time favorites wasn't included among the Hall-of-Famers, here also is an opportunity for you to put in your bid.

Remember, however, all responses are to be sent to the Review, not the game company. The replies will then be tabulated and sent to Strat-O-Matic.

THE SOUNDS OF STRAT-O-MATIC

Neil Currie, 15-year-old game-playing enthusiast, is a talented trombone and piano player who writes that he's continually frustrating his parents by playing Strat-O-Matic instead of practicing.

"Just to show that all kinds of people play Strat-O-Matic," says Neil, "I'm a Grade 10 Royal Conservatory piano student and a Grade 9 Royal Conservatory trombone student."

Some highlights of Neil's letter included: Tony Conigliaro (1969) hitting four straight home runs in a single game after striking out his first trip to the plate; no-hitters by Mickey Lolich and Hall-of-Famers Sandy Koufax and Walter Johnson; a successful steal of home by Pittsburgh's Willie Stargell on a 1 or 2 chance--pulling the 2--with the Pirates leading 7-2; and his favorite football team, the Kansas City Chiefs, winning 20 straight games without a loss under his coaching.

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE!

Oops! Crossing over the desk of the Review and into the May issue of the Review was a "WANTED" ad from Bob Clark, Rockford, IL, that was in the realm of a 'mission impossible.'

Bob asked for SOM football teams prior to 1967, such as the '66 Packers, Cowboys and Patriots, '64 Colts, etc., and was willing to shell out \$4.00 a team to get 'em. Catch, of course, is that first SOM football season was based on 1967--there are no teams now available prior to '67.'

The Review didn't notice the error until the ad had gone to print. So, Bob's getting his money back and, we hope, no replies.

NO-HITTERS

Again a few interesting no-hitters were passed along to the Review this month. Many of the "routine" no-hitters we've had to pass over for lack of space, but each month we receive a few that are of an unusual nature.

Bob Quayle, Ventura, CA, for instance, watched Bill Stafford of the '61 Yankees set down the power-hitting '27 Yanks on a no-hitter, 2-0. Stafford struck out Ruth to complete his masterpiece, finishing with eight whiffs and two walks.

In another no-hitter, Dick Bosman (1969) of the Washington Senators fired a no-hitter at the Houston Astros in an inter-league game, turning the trick over 10 innings before his mates could pull out a 3-2 win. It seems, according to Donald DiGennaro (Rochester, NY) that Bosman walked Jim Wynn and Joe Morgan in the third inning, and each preceded to steal second, third, and home, giving the Astros a 2-0 lead.

Mike Epstein's two-run homer in the 9th inning tied the game and Frank Howard's blast in the 10th gave Bosman the win, finally.

Jonathan D. Salant, commissioner of the Plainview-Old Bethpage Strat-O-Matic League in Old Bethpage, NY, reports that the league, now its fourth year, has only had one no-hitter--that by Luis Tiant in 1969. Tiant, incidentally, had two other potential no-hitters shattered in the 9th inning.

THIS 'N THAT

...What's the fastest time for playing a Strat-O-Matic baseball game complete with stats? The company reports the fastest time passed along was three minutes! For football the fastest pace was 28 minutes...Rocky Colavito, former home run slugger for Cleveland, Detroit and Kansas City, enjoys Strat-O-Matic, too. His letter, ordering the game for his son and praising the company for its creation, is on the wall of Strat-O-Matic's office building...Will Schmidt (Columbia, MO) is playing an Old-Timers league and reports that Roger Maris, '61 Yanks, has walloped 20 home runs in the first 30 days of the season and Mike Garcia has won five games and lost only one for the last-place '54 Indians..."Belting" Bob Tillman (1969) turned a complete about-face in helping Atlanta to playoff victories over Minnesota and Oakland in Jay Miller's (Aurora, IL) replay. Tillman, a .195 hitter, transformed into a .531 swinger in the playoffs, hit six home runs and was voted the MVP...Eric Kahn (Canton, OH) writes that his mother, who plays the baseball game occasionally, is a long-time Cleveland Indian fan and that she's anxiously awaiting an Old-Time Indian team with Hal Trosky, Earl Averill, Joe Vosmik and Mel Harder on it...

Playing Tip

6 Defensive Backs - the rule (the defender adds a reserve defensive back to be placed in the short pass zone or to be used to double team) applies to add 1 defensive back, but now another back is added and placed either in the short pass zone or double-team box.

Here a lineman is removed also with the following stipulations:

- a. The defensive pass rush rating is decreased by 2.
- b. On any result of - 9 followed by the small dotted box, the defender must roll 1 die. If a 5 or 6 is rolled, the pass is incomplete and the - 9 does not apply.
- c. Any running play directed at the position left vacant by the removed lineman resulting in a reading of "defensive tackle or end, - X or + Y," the runner automatically obtains the greater yardage, if no player (i.e., linebacker) is there.

Surprise

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'62 Mets Stun '27 Yanks In Best-Of-Seven

Dale Carr
Spring City, PA

Recently my neighbor purchased Strat-O-Matic's new 1962 Mets and immediately challenged me to a best-of-seven series with he taking the 1927 Yankees and I the 1962 Mets. Realizing that my chances of victory were slim, to say the least, I thought I would go along just to see how many home runs the Yanks would hit.

The first game went somewhat in the manner expected, with the Yanks winning, 12-7. But when Al Jackson threw a four-hit shutout in the second I thought I might have a chance. When it was all over--seven games later--the Mets had surprised by winning four games to three. Clutch home runs by Frank Thomas and Felix Mantilla, great pitching by Al Jackson and Craig Anderson along with an unaccountable letdown in Ruth's and Gehrig's HR production, a pitching collapse in some games and a complete inability to get clutch hits, led to the Yanks' demise.

I was recommended by Strat-O-Matic to send you my results for possible publication. I only hope you marvel at the results as they did.

First game:

Yanks	510	010	005--12	15	1	WP - Hoyt (1-0)
Mets	020	200	300--7	12	1	LP - Miller (0-1)

Second game:

Yanks	000	000	000--0	4	1	LP - Moore (0-1)
Mets	000	204	12x--9	11	1	WP - Jackson (1-0)

Third game:

Mets	000	000	000--0	5	1	LP - Hook (0-1)
Yanks	001	060	71x--15	16	0	WP - Pennock (1-0)

Fourth game:

Mets	200	000	000--2	4	0	WP - Anderson (1-0)
Yanks	000	000	001--1	6	0	LP - Shocker (0-1)

Fifth game:

Mets	000	100	002--3	5	1	LP - Craig (0-1)
Yanks	300	000	13x--7	11	1	WP - Hoyt (2-0)

Sixth game:

Yanks	002	000	000--2	11	2	LP - Moore (0-2)
Mets	002	001	00x--3	10	0	WP - Jackson (2-0)

Seventh game:

Yanks	300	101	001--6	15	3	LP - Pennock (1-1)
Mets	300	004	00x--7	8	0	WP - Morehead (1-0)

Highlights:

Mets--Choo Choo Coleman batted .500 (7 for 14) and Ritchie Ashburn .360 (9 for 25); Frank Thomas slugged four homers and drove in nine runs; Al Jackson had a 2-0 record and a 1.00 ERA. "Marvelous Marv" Throneberry, incidentally, hit .077 (1 for 13). Yanks--had .310 team batting mark, compared to Mets' .240; Earle Combs hit .423, Lou Gehrig .393, Babe Ruth .375 and Mark Koenig .323; Tony Lazzeri hit three home runs but Gehrig only had one and Ruth didn't connect at all; Joe Dugan led in RBIs with seven; pitching staff had ERA mark of 3.90 compared to Mets 5.81, Urban Shocker had 2.00 and Herb Pennock 2.65 slates.

ALL-TIME RECORDS

Well, it was almost all quiet on the Strat-O-Matic All-Time Records front this month. The calm was shattered mainly because Baltimore's Frank Robinson cracked a recordbreaking 66 home runs in a replay of the 1966 American League season by Roger Conley (Chillicothe, OH).

Not only did Robinson, who hit 49 in real-life, better Hank Aaron's feat of 62 roundtrippers, he also hit safely 202 times, drove in 151 runs and batted .335. The Orioles, however, didn't win the pennant like in real-life, falling to fifth place, five and one-half games behind title-winning Detroit.

Boby Bonds, San Francisco, and Matty Alou, Pittsburgh, also had their names added to the records list. Bonds set a new mark for runs scored with 137 and Alou for doubles, tying Tony Oliva, '64, with 52. Both feats occurred in Gordon Awtry's (Odessa, Texas) replay, in which St. Louis' Bob Gibson tied his won record for most innings pitched in a season with 379.

One name was added to the football records section, as Fred Cox of Minnesota twice kicked seven field goals (Michael Morreal, Staten Island, NY) in one game in a replay of '69, tying the record held jointly by Jan Stenerud and Jim Bakken.

Football

	Strat-O-Matic	Real-life
Passes attempted one game:	(71) Norm Snead, 1967	(68) George Blanda, 1964
Most passes completed:	(49) John Brodie, 1969	(37) George Blanda, 1964
Most yards passing:	(715) John Brodie, 1969	(554) Norm Van Brocklin, 1951
Most touchdown passes:	(9) Don Meredith, 1968	(7) held by five players
	Norm Snead, 1967	
Most passes intercepted:	(7) Daryle Lamonica, '69	(8) Jim Hardy, 1950
	Terry Hanratty, '69	
Most rushing attempts:	(51) Tom Matte, 1969	(38) Harry Newman, 1934
		Jim Nance, 1966
Most yards rushing:	(429) Gale Sayers, 1968	(243) Cookie Gilchrist, 1963
Most touchdowns rushing:	(6) Gale Sayers, 1969	(6) Ernie Nevers, 1929
Most pass receptions:	(24) Carroll Dale, '69	(18) Tom Fears, 1950
	G. Washington, '69	
Most yards gained:	(452) Warren Wells, 1968	(303) Jim Benton, 1945
Most touchdowns receiving:	(6) Don Maynard, '68	(5) Bob Shaw, 1950
Most field goals:	(7) Jan Stenerud, '68 & '69	
	Jim Bakken, 1969	
	Fred Cox, 1969	
Most passes caught (season):	(107) Fred Biletnikoff, '69	(101) Charley Hennigan, 1964
Most touchdown passes (season):	(40) Sonny Jurgensen, '67	(36) George Blanda, '61
		Y.A. Tittle, '63

Baseball

Batting average:	(.369) Pete Rose, 1968	(.440) High Duffy, 1894
Runs-batted-in:	(154) Hank Aaron, 1969	(190) Hack Wilson, 1930
Hits:	(241) Matty Alou, 1969	(257) George Sisler, 1920
Home runs:	(66) Frank Robinson, '66	(61) Roger Maris, '61

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Doubles:	(52) Tony Oliva, 1964	(67) Earl Webb, 1931
	Matty Alou, 1969	
Triples:	(21) Roberto Clemente, '68	(36) Owen Wilson, 1912
Runs:	(137) Bobby Bonds, 1969	(192) Billy Hamilton, 1894
Stolen bases:	(104) Bert Campaneri, '68	(104) Maury Wills, 1962
Earned run average:	(1.27) Bob Gibson, 1967	(1.01) Dutch Leonard, 1914
Most wins:	(31) Sandy Koufax (Hall of Famer)	(41) Jack Chesbro, 1904
	Phil Niekro, 1969	
Innings pitched:	(379) Bob Gibson, '68 & '69	(482) Amos Rusie, 1893
Strikeouts:	(515) Sam McDowell, '65	(382) Sandy Koufax, '65
Shutouts:	(13) Bob Gibson, '68	(16) Grover Alexander, '16

In our next issue the Review will contain the final part of the story about the visit to the Strat-O-Matic Game Co., what's happening at the half-way point in the Greater Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League replay, more pictures of the game company, plus a new feature - Questions and Answers, numerous replays, playing tips and 'Readers Roll 'Em'. All letters sent to the Review become the property of the Review and cannot be returned, and we reserve the right to print any letter sent to us. If you will be sending something you would like in the Review (letters, replays, or ads), they must be in by the third of the month to make the next issue. We regret that with the overflow of mail we were unable to print every letter. Many will be held over for future issues, but keep your letters coming in, after all it's you that makes the Review what it is.

* Readers, you will notice an ad on page _____ without a name or address on it. Would the person who placed the ad please send his name and address to the Review. Also, those wishing to answer, replied for this month should be sent to the Review.