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'06 Cubs, '19 White Sox Top Teams In SOM Poll

Response was good in the Review's poll to find out what new old timer teams and players the readers would like to see printed. One hundred and seven different teams and 127 different players received votes. The votes for the teams ranged from pennant winners to last place finishers, even two St. Louis Brown teams received votes, however, not enough to make the top ten (or top 30 for that matter). The club that received the votes for the most different teams was the A's with ten of its teams being nominated. Then came the Pirates with nine, then the Cards, Tigers, Red Sox, Giants, and Cubs with 8 different teams nominated. Now here's a rundown of the top eleven teams in the order they finished and some of the voters comments beside them.

1. 1906 Chicago Cubs--"A team with Tinkers, Evers, to Chance famous double play combination, fantastic pitching and good hitting." "This team won an amazing 116 games and only lost 36 for a .763 PCT."
2. 1919 White Sox--"Great team pitching" "Good defense" "Good hitting" "I have read they may be stronger than the '27 Yankees."
3. 1909 Tigers--"Ty Cobb won triple crown and altogether led the league in 8 different categories. Team stole 281 bases, with pitching ERA of 2.26."
4. 1912 Red Sox--"An all around outstanding team featuring Joe Wood 34-5 won-lost record and an ERA of 1.91 and Tris Speaker hitting for a .383 AVG."
5. 1909 Pirates--not one comment, but a lot of votes!!!!
6. 1911 A's--"Million dollar defense, fielding average of .964" "five regulars batted over .300, and the only man who was ever nick-named home run, "Home Run" Baker."
7. 1910 A's--again not one comment, but a lot of votes!!!!
8. 1902 Pirates--"Four 20-game winners, first place, Honus Wagner .330, G. Beaumont .357."
9. 1929 Cubs--"Had four batters hitting over .340, had team batting average of .303 and led league in DPs and fielding average."
10. 1934 Tigers--"Should have been printed a long time ago. Fast team, great hitting with team average of .300."
11. 1959 White Sox--"Right on and go-go White Sox."

Voting for more Hall of Fame players was scattered over 127 different names from as

far back as "Cap" Anson to as present day as Willie Mays. Even Babe Ruth the pitcher received some votes. Here is a list of the Top 28 in the order they finished.

1. Jimmie Foxx (easily took most wanted old-timer)
2. Mordecai "Three Fingers" Brown
3. Al Simmons, Hank Greenberg, Chief Bender, Charlie Gehringer, and Luke Appling
8. Harry Heilmann
9. Mickey Mantle
10. Adrian "Cap" Anson, Jackie Robinson
12. Joe Medwick, Kiki Cuyler, Sam Crawford, Joe McGinnity, Hugh Duffy, Dazzy Vance, Gabby Hartnet, and Ed Delahanty
20. Joe Jackson, Ed Mathews, Frank "Home Run" Baker, Jack Chesbro
24. Hack Wilson, Yogi Berra, Rube Marquard, Ralph Kiner, and Lloyd Waner

The results have been sent to the game company for their consideration. The Review would like to thank you for taking the time to send us your views. Since we received good response the Review will be turning to the readers in the future to find out your feelings.

Jets Rule Football Playoffs

Carlos Hurtado
Los Angeles, California

In a 1969 replay of the American Football Conference, unlike in real life, the New York Jets defeated the Cleveland Browns for the championship, 37-17. New York qualified by beating Oakland in sudden death, 27-24, when Jim Turner kicked a 10-yard field goal to win the game after Joe Namath had passed 35 yards to Don Maynard to set up the tie-breaking points.

Cleveland, in the meantime, stopped Kansas City (the Super Bowl champs), 21-17, as Bill Nelsen of the Browns completed 15 or 26 passes for 180 yards. Len Dawson, meanwhile, was only seven out of 17 for 76 yards, plus he had four tosses intercepted.

Here are final standings and passing and rushing leaders:

WESTERN				CENTRAL				EASTERN			
W	L	T		W	L	T		W	L	T	
Kansas City	11	3	0	Cleveland	7	5	2	New York	10	3	1
Oakland	9	4	1	Houston	7	7	0	Baltimore	8	5	1
San Diego	7	6	1	Cincinnati	5	7	2	Buffalo	5	9	0
Denver	7	7	0	Pittsburgh	2	10	2	Miami	4	8	2

PASSING		TDS	Int.	RUSHING		ATT.	YDS	TDS
Lamonica (OAK.)	31	27		Little (Den)	211	1496	17	
Namath (NY)	23	11		Post (S.D.)	203	1145	12	
Hadl (S.D.)	17	7		Kelly (Cleve.)	196	1099	6	
Cook (Cincy)	14	14		Garrett (K.C.)	188	986	10	

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In last month's issue of the Review, a letter appeared in the Readers Roll 'Em section that criticized the accuracy of Strat-O-Matic baseball because team standings and batting averages turned out to be unrealistic after a 55-game schedule.

The Editors of the Review, although encouraging constructive criticism of the Review and the game company itself, feel the attack on the accuracy of the company was unjustified in view of Strat-O-Matic's past and present accomplishments.

Over 800 letters and postcards have crossed the desk of the Review and that was the lone letter critical of the game company--the rest highly complimentary, some to a zenith degree.

We, the editors, respect the right of readers to have their say (that's the purpose of the Readers Roll 'Em section) and ran the letter to show that the "bad" as well as the "good" would be published by the Review.

However, the letter attacked the accuracy of Strat-O-Matic, and here we definitely disagree, basing our disagreement on numerous personal replays plus league results sent in by readers.

Whenever dice are used (the chance element), and regardless of the painstaking manual efforts or computerization that go into the making the player cards, unlikely results can appear, especially using a shortened schedule or by using players in an unrealistic manner.

A few times in replays we have found results for some players and teams to be unrealistic at the one-third mark of the schedule, sometimes the half-way point. But, the longer the season, the more in line the results became, sometimes to the point where a batter's average and home runs and a pitcher's record and earned run average were almost identical--sometimes exactly--to real-life statistics.

Nobody wants a game that is so exact that the fun of playing it disappears. In a full-season replay you're going to experience a lot of joy with the streaking hitters and the hot pitchers and, likewise, be frustrated when they don't perform up to card expectations. Usually, however, over the long run, players level off or begin to find the "right column range" and batting averages and home run totals finish close to real-life marks.

Take the case of Rick Reichardt of the 1967 California Angels. At the half-way point of an American League replay, Reichardt had clouted 17 home runs, or exactly his entire regular season output. What did Mr. Reichardt do the second half of the season? He managed to connect for only two home runs in the last 77 games to finish with 19.

When Rick was hot, he was hot, and when he was cold, he was cold, when it came to the long ball.

Admittedly Reichardt's "hot" and "cold" long-ball performances were out of the ordinary--most players performing at a more consistent level.

When playing full-season replays, managers, if they are striving for team accuracy, have to play batters and pitchers according to the number of real-life at-bats and innings pitched. Nothing brings a quick-starting team down faster than having to play that .206 hitting second baseman (who batted 450 times) regularly in place of the .310-swatting "manager's choice" who batted only 150 times.

Likewise having to work the pitcher with the ballooning 5.06 earned run average, but who happened to put in 170 innings, into the starting rotation doesn't help a team's won-and-lost chances either. Every manager would like his mound choice to sport a 2.70 earned run average or less, but when such a player appeared in only 65 innings to use him more would be unrealistic and certainly alter team standings.

In conclusion, the Editors of the Review have found the accuracy of Strat-O-Matic amazingly realistic, based on personal replays. Hopefully, the reader who was disappointed with his replay results will give the game another try--perhaps a solid test such as a full season. We're sure the disillusionment will disappear.

Readers Roll 'Em

Dear Sirs:

This is a reply to Roger Kents' letter in the REVIEW. Mr. Kent is the type of man who obviously would flip a coin 200 times and be astounded that it was heads only 66 times. Does he expect it to be heads 100 times with only 200 attempts (50%)? He must. HE was shocked and bewildered to find McCovey batted only .243. He failed to realize that McCovey batted, at the most, 220 times. Why, Mr. Kent, do average leaders need 502 appearances at the plate?? Kent must believe, since he plays only 55 games, that players can't go into slumps. He also fails to list at-bats for players. Kranepool's high average might be that he batted only 75 times. Strange how after 25 games a couple years ago Bob Allison was batting over .400 and then ended the season batting below .300 (25 is half as many as your 55 game "league"). The latter applies to your "unrealistic" home run leader. Then you claim that since the Cubs of '69 finished three behind their record that S.O.M. is not accurate. Of course we all know that the Mets were out of it when the Cubs had an eight-game lead. In conclusion, I am disillusioned about the accuracy of ROGER KENT'S conclusions.

Jim C. Lampman
Rancho Cordova, California

EDITOR'S NOTE: We received many such letters concerning Mr. Kent's letter in the last issue. We did not have room for all of the letters, and besides we felt that more than one letter on the subject would be rather redundant. So we decided to let Mr. Lampman say it for everyone.

Dear Sirs:

I am sending in this renewal for one year. I think your paper is great. As far as the football and baseball games are concerned, I don't know what I'd do without them. I've been playing the baseball game for six years (I am almost 18 and a senior in high school) and the football game for two years.

I had my own best team playoff and the

winner was, surprisingly, the 1948 Cleveland Indians. They defeated the 1922 New York Giants, 3-1, in the final game. Incidentally, the New York Yankees of 1927, the team I picked to win, were beaten in their first game in 10 innings by the New York Giants, 4-3.

The only complaint I have had over the six years is that I've never had a no-hitter, but have had a few one-hitters. But, that's not too bad considering the fun I've had. When I go to college, I'm going to start my own league. By the way, I've started two or three others in Aurora getting Strat-O-Matic games, and they love them.

Sincerely,

Dan Kuebler
Aurora, Indiana

Dear Sirs:

Recently, a number of fellow Strat-O-Matic players and I, comprising the Greater Murrysville Strat-O-Matic League, attended a Pittsburgh Pirate game at Three River Stadium, at which time I gave Vic Davalillo a box containing Strat-O-Matic. Inside the box was an envelope for each Pirate with their name on it. A total of 30 brochures were put in the envelopes (coaches were included, too).

In each players' envelope was his Strat-O-Matic card of the 1970 season. Needless to say, they probably ended up burning the whole package since the Pirates lost to the Mets, 8-2. The box containing the envelopes, unopened, sat the bench for the first two innings before being carried into the clubhouse by an unidentified man in a white coat.

I obtained my 30 brochures through the mail from Strat-O-Matic. I urge people in other cities to do the same--especially in the minor leagues. Send 10 cents for each brochure.

Keep up your exceptional Strat-O-Matic paper.

Frank Redding
Murrysville, Pennsylvania

Dear Sirs:

I began playing Strat-O-Matic in the summer of 1968 and in my 1967 replay I experienced possibly one of the most frustrating games imaginable, though I seriously doubt it when considering the possibilities. Anyway, it was only about my 20th game when I set about getting a game with considerably low prospects over with. The Indians' Sam McDowell was to meet the Senators' Phil Ortega, both of which teams and pitchers had something less than a sparkling season.

As expected, the game dragged on. The score was 3-0 Senators in the sixth inning when I noticed that Phil Ortega had a no-hit, perfect game going. Of course, my consciousness of the perfect game proved to be a jinx, for in the seventh inning Tony Horton led off by reaching base on a rare Ed Brinkman fumble. Joe Azcue and Max Alvis promptly were put out, but then Chuck Hinton looped one of those ridiculous, aggravating three-base errors to "Golden Glove" winner Frank Howard. Vern Fuller was then retired, but the damage had been done. Ortega pitched a no-hit gem, a "pitcher's perfect game", but had failed to record a shutout and a perfect game due to the lead gloves of his teammates. Some 650 games later, I haven't had a no-hitter since that 4-1 victory, and I still haven't forgiven Mr. Howard.

Just to prove how vincible the '27 Yanks can be, let me add that the '67 Tigers slaughtered them and Wilcy Moore, 19-1.

In criticism of the Review, I would like to say that infinitely the most interesting reading is the subject matter of league play. To further this, I suggest you publicize the current results of your particular league replay.

Sincerely,

Bruce Pake
Portola Valley, California

Dear Sirs:

How close to home your article about draft night and how hard it is to decide who to draft. Three friends and I decided to have a league, using the 1970 National League, and we drafted in this order: 1-2-3-4, 2-3-4-1, 3-4-1-2, 4-1-2-3, and repeat five more times.

The first 16 players drafted were:

(1) Bob Gibson; (2) Johnny Bench; (3) Tom Seaver; (4) Jerry Koosman; (5) Gaylord Perry; (6) Billy Williams; (7) Hank Aaron; (8) Bobby Bonds; (9) Dick Dietz; (10) Manny Sanguillen; (11) Tommie Agee; (12) Jim Hickman; (13) Orlando Cepeda; (14) Wes Parker; (15) Joe Torre; and (16) Gary Nolan.

As of this writing, the person who drafted first is 5-0, second is 0-8!, third is 7-1 (myself), and the person who drafted last is 0-3.

By the way, I recommend advertising in your paper. I advertised in the May issue and two days after I received my Review, I sold my '69 baseball set and the same day I got an offer for the Old-Timers I had for sale.

Sincerely,

Pete Crockett

Dear Sirs:

Recently, while working at the post office I overheard two young postal assistants talking for half an hour about baseball. I thought if they liked the pastime that much they might be interested in Strat-O-Matic baseball. I soon discovered it was SOM baseball that they were talking about. They inquired which teams I had and were so hungry for new teams I sold them ten of my older teams for \$1.50 apiece. Not a bad profit.

I would be interested in knowing why the SOM game people cannot reproduce the teams from, say, a year or two ago once they have gone out of stock on them. (Editor's Note: Printing of all teams is done on a volume basis, thousands and thousands of each team. There would not be enough demand for recent years to make such printing practical.)

I was elated to see in your Review that the SOM game company is considering producing additional old-timer teams. I'm very anxious to see different years for Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig, besides 1927.

Sincerely,

Rich Hudson
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Sirs;

I am very much encouraged about your

publication as well as, of course, the Strat-O-Matic games themselves. I have consistently looked forward to the arrival of the Review and have drawn some ideas for the game itself.

First of all, I am in complete support of Strat-O-Matic coming out with more old-timer teams from the early 1900s. I would be most interested in the Red Sox. Another interesting idea might be to put out mediocre teams of earlier decades, or teams that didn't quite win pennants.

Another idea mentioned was the possibility of a basketball game. However, let me stress the importance of developing a game with both brevity and accuracy, a combination that has been so instrumental to the success of the baseball and football games.

My last idea, which was introduced in the Review, is the possibility of a platoon system for the baseball game. I realize that it is important not to spoil the game with useless trivial strategems and I also realize that it would be almost impossible to radically change a game that would make the present one obsolete. However, I might have a possible solution to the problem. As an addition to the advanced game, each player's split card numbers would be added to or subtracted from depending upon the player's ability to hit a right-handed or left-handed pitcher. For example: "A" might be great against right-handed pitchers and not so good against left-handers. On top of this card would be printed "Bats right: Add 5; Subtract 7." In this case the owner would make the appropriate changes if he wanted to. This would of course, apply to extra base hits on a similar basis.

Sincerely,

Marc Goldstein
Huntington Station, NY

Dear Sirs:

I have received the first issues of the Review and it's just out-a-sight. I really dug the three-piece bit on Harold Richman, 'cause it showed that the people responsible for Strato's two great games are human just like the people who play them.

I have a system for rating players I'd like to pass along. My friends and I use this system to rate players before we start a league and draft players. It

works like this: a numerical value is placed on each number on the side of the card: 2-1 pt., 3-2 pts., 4-3 pts., 5-4 pts., 6-5 pts., 7-6 pts., 8-5 pts., 9-4 pts., 10-3 pts., 11-2 pts., 12-1 pt.

You give the number that has a clean hit or walk next to it the credit assigned to it on the scale. Sometimes there is only a partial hit (double 1-6, ground-ball 7-20). Every number that means a hit is worth .05. 1-6, thus would be worth .05 times 6, or .30. Then you multiply by whatever the number it appears next to is worth. Let's say it is next to a 4. So, .30 times 4 equals .90, so that's what this fractional hit would be worth.

The same system holds true for pitchers, the rule here being you don't count anything that need the X chart as a clean hit. The ratings for pitchers will come out even in the numerical figure the more effective hurler. Simply take the pitcher with the most strikeouts and/or less opportunities for the X chart. This means more clean outs, and less chance for the runner to advance.

Sincerely,

Ellery Kane

Dear Sirs:

This is my sixth year of Strat-O-Matic and the games are great, but your magazine enhances even more my pleasure. In a recent issue there was an article about wives which was a big breakthrough with my wife. She even said that she would like to hear from other wives whose husbands play Strat-O-Matic. Maybe we can convert her. Write to Mrs. Linda Tidrow, 445 Linwood, Indianapolis, Indiana 46201. We both are eager to hear from couples.

Secondly, I would like to register my vote for making the 1910's a great team. I particularly would welcome a chance to play the 1919 Series.

Sincerely,

Ron Tidrow
Indianapolis, Indiana

Reprint GKSML Constitution

In the April Issue we printed a constitution for the Great Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League. We have had many requests for a reprint so here it is.

GKSML CONSTITUTION

1. The league will consist of eight managers, who will each manage a 25-player team. The team will be selected through a league-wide draft of 12 teams (20 players each).
2. League will meet every Monday night, unless league members (majority) agree to another night.
 - A. Time--Start: 6:30-7:00 p.m. No game will start after 10:45 p.m.
 - B. Site--At each league members house (if feasible) on a rotating basis.
3. Entry fee--\$3.00. Payable on first night at time of draft.
 - A. If a player drops from league or has two unexplained absences (or makes no attempt to notify other league members of his upcoming absence and secure a substitute), he will be dropped from the league and his entry fee forfeited.
 - B. Payoff at finish of 154-game schedule will be as follows:
 - (1) 1st place--\$12.00
 - (2) 2nd place-- 8.00
 - (3) 3rd place-- 4.00
 - (4) If a tie, then a best two-of-three game playoff will be used to break it.
4. Rules regulating play:
 - A. Players are to bat and pitch according to the number of times at bat and the innings pitched that year.
 - B. A pitcher must have three days rest between starts. If over 300 innings pitched, or if pitcher obviously will not make allotted innings late in season, a two-day rest will suffice.
 - (1) If a starter fails to go beyond four innings, then a two-day rest would be sufficient before the next start.
 - C. If a player bats more than he should (or pitches more), then any games that player(s) plays in will be forfeited. Stats will be kept, though.
 - (1) Exception would be if manager receives permission from three-player committee to use player more than official stats called for. Permissible only when there is no one else available at that particular position because of limited number of at-bats or injuries.
 - (2) Managers should be aware of innings pitched for pitchers, at-bats and that every position is adequately stocked when drafting.
 - D. With runners on base the defensive manager must have an opportunity to hold the runners or call infield "in" or "deep" with runner on third base. Manager of team at bat should give defensive manager time (maximum five seconds) to make his moves. If no word from defensive manager, play continues with dice roll and, with runner on third, infield is "deep."
5. Statistics:
 - A. Score sheets should be filled in completely after every game. It's the job of the home team scorer to see that it is done.
 - B. Statistics to be kept (they should be kept up to date each week):
 - (1) Batters: games, at-bats, hits, doubles, triples, home runs, runs-batted-in, runs scored, stolen bases, average.
 - (2) Pitchers: games, games started, complete games, won-and-lost record, innings pitched, hits, earned runs, walks, strikeouts, shutouts, saves, earned run average.

6. Trading will be permitted anytime up to the 100th game on the schedule. But, in order for trades to be completed, they must be done at the start of the evening and managers involved must be able to supply up-to-date averages on the players they are trading. If averages are not up-to-date, no trade can take place.

7. Injuries:

- A. Eight is the maximum number of games a player can be injured at one time. (1) Between games 139-154, three games will be the maximum at one time.
- B. When a player is injured, his name should be written down on a master list (an injury sheet) at the time he is injured, with number of games injured and total for season.
- C. Injury table:

<u>Number of games can be injured, other than game now playing in.</u>	<u>Number of at-bats, including walks.*</u>
0.....	701--up
1.....	660-700
3.....	630-659
4.....	600-629
6.....	580-599
7.....	560-579
8.....	540-559
9.....	530-539
10.....	510-529
11.....	500-509
Any Amount	Below 500

* Remember to add at-bats and walks together when using chart.

8. Assignments:

- A. Warren - game sheets and standings board.
- B. Mike - league leaders (weekly)
- C. Del - schedule
- D. Joel - treasurer (keeps until league's end, entry fees)
- E. Three-player committee to rule on situations involving part 4-C of constitution - Duane, Cliff and Randy.

'53 Dodgers, '27 Yanks Clash Again In Replay

Richard L. Shapiro
Skokie, Illinois

The '53 Brooklyn Dodgers and '27 New York Yankees met in the championship series, just like in the Review's All-Time elimination tournament, after both won league titles in a 60-game old-timers season.

Brooklyn caught fire the second half the season, winning 21 of its last 30 games to finish four games ahead of the '34 Cards in the National League as Carl Furillo hit close to .400 the last 30 games and Roy Campanella and Duke Snider were the power boys.

In the American it was a runaway by the '27 Yanks, who opened with eight straight wins and rolled to an amazing 25 victories in their first 30 games. In fact, the Yanks clinched the pennant with 11 games to go, the '31 A's finishing second, 10 games behind the Yanks' 45-15 clip.

The Dodgers startled the Yanks in the "World Series," winning the first two games by scores of 7-6 and 2-0, as Clem Labine tossed the shutout. New York bounced back, however, winning the next three, 10-1, 5-2 and 3-0, and the Dodgers were suddenly faced

with elimination.

In the sixth game the Dodgers opened up on the Yanks early as Snider and Jackie Robinson poled grand-slam home runs for an 8-0 third-inning lead. The Yanks counter-attacked with the long ball, too, as Babe Ruth smashed a pair of homers, his third and fourth of the series, and Bob Meusel one to cut the Dodger lead to 9-6...and that's the way it stood as the ninth inning came up.

A walk and two straight outs left the Dodgers one out away from a series-tying win. But then Mark Koenig singled, Ruth sliced another hit, which scored a run, and Lou Gehrig cracked a double that scored Koenig. Suddenly it was 9-8 with runners on second and third and two outs, and Tony Lazzeri at the plate. Lazzeri then lined a hit that tallied Ruth, and Gehrig followed with the winning marker as the Yanks won the series by a 4-2 margin.

Incidentally, in the Review's All-Time Series the Yanks had emerged triumphant four games to one.

Standings and leaders:

NATIONAL	WON	LOST	GB	AMERICAN	WON	LOST	GB
1. '53 Dodgers	37	23	--	1. '27 Yanks	45	15	--
2. '34 Cards	33	27	4	2. '31 A's	35	25	10
3. '35 Cubs	31	29	6	3. '46 Red Sox	28	32	17
5. '54 Giants	31	29	6	4. '54 Indians	27	33	18
5. '22 Giants	28	32	9	5. '41 Yanks	24	36	21
6. '46 Cards	20	40	17	6. '24 Senators	21	39	24

Batting: Mays, '54 Giants, .368
 Home runs: Mays, '54 Giants, 20
 RBIs: Mays, '54 Giants, 64
 Campanella, '53 Dodgers
 Won-lost: Erskine, '53 Dodgers, 14-5
 ERA: Root, '35 Cubs, 2.74
 Strikeouts: P. Dean, '34 Cards, 104

Simmons, '31 A's, .373
 Ruth, '27 Yanks, 20
 Williams, '46 Red Sox, 53
 Hoyt, '27 Yanks, 15-4
 Moore, '27 Yanks, 1.93
 Grove, '31 A's, 108

Question & Answer Corner

Q: IF THERE IS A RUNNER ON SECOND BASE AND THE BATTER GETS A GROUND BALL, SECONDBASE-MAN X (OR ANY OTHER INFIELD POSITION EXCEPT CATCHER) AND THE RESULT IS "OUT WITH NO RUNNERS ON BASE-4", WHAT IS THE RESULT?

A: As stated in the rule, "If no runners are forced, runners hold". So the runner would hold.

Q: ON THE INFIELD-IN CHART IT SAYS ANY GROUND BALL FOLLOWED BY ++ IS A HIT. I HAVE 46 TEAMS, I LOOKED AT EVERY PLAYER AND NOT ONE OF THEM HAS THAT SYMBOL. WHAT HAPPENED OR WHAT SHOULD I USE?

A: Every player printed has that symbol at least once on his card unless there was a possible typing error. However, no way could there have been that big of an error. You may have been fooled by the fact the symbols are a little different on the card than on the chart. On the chart the symbol is more like a cross, on the cards it's in the shape of a plus sign.

Q: WHEN YOU CALL "SACRIFICE" OR "SQUEEZE PLAY" AND OBTAIN 2 OR 3 (BATTER BEATS OUT BUNT...), IS THE BATTER OUT OR NOT?

A: Batter is safe. Consider it as a well placed bunt and give the batter credit for a single.

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Wanted

WANTED: '60 Yankees, '62, '63 and '64 Yankees, '63 Dodgers and '64 Cardinals at 70¢ apiece. Write: Jim Marshall, 136 West Avenue, Ocean City, NJ 08226.

WANTED: Will buy or trade for any SOM baseball teams before 1969, including old timers. Want old roster sheets and previous issues of SOM REVIEW. Robert Henry, 15919 Ferguson, Detroit, MI 48227.

WANTED: Will pay 75¢ per team for the following baseball teams: 1963 Colts, Mets; 1964 Angels, Mets, Red Sox. Will pay \$1.00 per team for 1963 Yankees, Dodgers, White Sox, Twins; 1962 any teams except Mets, Giants. Will pay \$2.00 per team for 1964 Cardinals and 1962 Dodgers. Write: Steven Walters, 804 Richeson Road, Potosi, MO 63664.

WANTED: I would like to have these teams in my possession: 1967 Chicago White Sox, 1966 Los Angeles Dodgers. If interested, please write: Steve Shalon, 700 Willow Tree Lane, Glencoe, IL 60022.

WANTED: BASEBALL - '68, '64 Cards; '68 Tigers; '62-'64 Yankees; '61-'67 Giants; '63-'66 Dodgers; '66 Orioles. FOOTBALL - '61-'67 Packers; '67 Rams; '64-'67 Colts; '61-'62 Lions; '63 Bears; '63-'66 Browns; '66 Chiefs; '63-'66 Bills; '63-'65 Chargers; '62 Texans. Also interested in joining or forming a league. Call (212) 527-7139 or write Tom Nelson, 188-20 Nashville Blvd., Springfield Gardens, NY 11413. Will pay well.

WANTED: 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966 American and National League baseball teams. Will pay well, depending on condition of the teams. Write: Ed Podrazik, 4317 S. Kedvale Ave., Chicago, IL 60632.

WANTED: 1969 Astros, Expos, Giants, and Pirates. Will pay \$3.00 for all four or will buy for 75¢ each. Write: Kevin Kiou, Box 49, Rochester, IL 62563.

WANTED: '64 baseball teams-- complete set, NL & AL. Also 1967 Detroit Lions football, make offer. Brad Titus, 3-A North Street, Delmar, NY 12054.

WANTED: S.F. Giants '68 and earlier; 60¢ per team. Mail to David Foos, 78 Strohm Street, Rochester, NY or call (716) 663-2959.

WANTED: Complete 1970 major league set. If possible would like set with 96 additional players. Will pay \$8.00 for set without additional players or \$10.00 for set with additional players. Write: Russell Stein, 3300 Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90034.

WANTED: Any NY Yankee teams (other than older timer teams) from the 1966 season or older. Will pay 50¢ each or discuss. Robert White, 329 Westment Aven., Norfolk, VA 23503.

WANTED: Any or all Atlanta Brave teams between 1961-1967. Will pay 50¢ per team. Write: Steve Creasey, R. R. 1, Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360.

WANTED: 1962 Yankees, Dodgers; 1963 Giants, Dodgers, Braves, Reds, Cards, Phillies, Chisox; 1964 Giants, Reds, Chisox; 1965 Giants, Chisox; and 1966 National League teams (would particularly like complete league); 1966 Orioles; 1967 Twins, Athletics, Chisox, Tigers. Will buy any or all of preceding teams, or will trade 1968 Dodgers, Reds, Phillies, Pirates, or Mets for any of the above mentioned teams. Jon Silver, 22 Grove Drive, Portola Valley, CA 94025.

WANTED: Any or all of the following Philadelphia Phillie teams: '64, '65, '66, '67, '68, '69. Will pay well. Write: Tom Watson, 15192 Lockhart Road, Hinkley, CA 92347.

WANTED: I would like to purchase the 1968 baseball teams. Please send your price that you want for them. Also any teams since Strat-O-Matic began publication. Please state price. Richard York, 6470 E. State Street, Pellston, MI 49769.

WANTED: Any pre-1970 baseball teams, especially Pirates. Will pay reasonable price. Also for sale many 1966-70 oldtimer and additional players individual cards, 5¢ each. I have most of the players but not many full teams. Write: Dean Amrhein, 362 Bost Drive, W. Wimmifflin, PA 15122.

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WANTED: 1964 Dodgers, 1963 and 1962 both leagues (baseball). Send best offer. Write: Michael Griffin, 808 Connell Street, Dysart, Iowa 52224.

WANTED: Strat-O-Matic teams and/or sets prior to 1967. Will pay reasonable price. Have 1969 baseball set for sale or trade. Write: Will Pierson, 22 Hawthorne Lane, Jeffersonville, IN 47130.

WANTED: 1968 Colts, '69 Chiefs, '70 Bears and Lions. Will pay 50¢ a team. Also would like rosters and rules. Write: Steve Osburn, 115 E. 13th, Newton, Kansas 67114.

WANTED: 1962 (based on 1961), both leagues. Any Yankee team. Willing to pay \$12.00 for 1962 set. David Rosner, 38 Somerset Drive North, Great Neck, NY 11020.

WANTED: Any San Francisco Giant team through 1969. Also '65, '66 Tigers. Will pay any reasonable price for cards in good condition. Write: Dave Stone, 3352 Sierra Oaks Drive, Sacramento, CA 95825.

WANTED: Any baseball teams 1962 through 1968. All letters answered. All reasonable offers accepted. Cards in good shape. Write: Ed Furman, 1155 S. Wisconsin, Oak Park, IL 60304.

WANTED: '60, 61 Indians, \$1.00; '61 Orioles, Pirates, \$.70; '62 Cubs, \$.95; '64 Twins, \$1.00; '64 Athletics, \$.70. Mike Landwer, 135 S. Hawthorne Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46219.

WANTED: 1964 or 1965 or 1967 White Sox, '62 or '63 Dodgers, '63 Twins. You name price, will trade. Also league forming, write: Richie Winters, 782 Judson Highland Park, IL 60035.

WANTED: '66 Mets, Reds, Phillies, Braves and Astros. In good condition please, will pay 50¢ each or higher. Write: Harry Tselentis, 3027 East 17th St. Oakland, CA 94601.

WANTED: SOM teams from 1963-1966 Braves, Giants, Cubs, Dodgers. Also interested in playing by mail or in league in my area. Write: Tom Coberly, 702 Main Street, Fowler, Colorado 81039.

WANTED: '64-'67 Giants; '62, '63, '64 Yankees; '62, '66 Dodgers; '63, '64 Cardinals '63, '67 Twins; '64, '66 Orioles; '64, '67 Chisox; '64, '65 Reds; '65, '66 Pirates; '64 Angels; '64 Phillies; '67 Tigers; good condition. Best Bid. Write: Jon Guinn, P.O.Box 695, Centralia, WA 98531.

WANTED: 1967 AL and NL player cards and 1968 AL and NL player cards--will pay \$8.00 for each 1967 and 1968 set. Kevin McNany, 15 Terrace Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15205.

WANTED: '62, '63, '64, and '66 Dodgers teams. Also 1964 Giants, Braves, Cardinals, Yankees, Tigers, White Sox, and Senators. Make offer. Also anyone interested in league play write Emery Kurts, 1380 W. Main St., Sp. 59, Santa Maria, CA 93454.

WANTED: Any old roster sheets and previous issues of the Strat-O-Matic Review, will pay well. Will trade '70 National League for American or National League, '66 or earlier. Greg Sliwa, 31 Canterbury Lane, New Shrewsbury, NJ 07724.

WANTED: I'll give \$6.00 for the 1966 National League or \$10.00 for both leagues. For sale (football) 1969 AFL and game. Anthony Johnston, 4001 Cedar Hill Rd., Little Rock, AR 72205.

WANTED: 1968 additional players. If willing to sell, write me soon and name your price. Will buy from lowest bidder. Warren Smith, 150 Landing Ave., Smithtown, NY 11787.

For Sale

FOR SALE: A collection of Strat-O-Matic cards. In mint-unused condition from 1961-1970, plus 1967-69 pro football to be sold by mail bid to the highest bid received by August 15. I recently purchased this entire collection from a Kansas farmer who had been buying the card sets each year as an investment only and he never played the game! The 1963 to date baseball cards were still in unopened packages as received from the SOM Game Company. I have since purchased heavy, air-tight reclosable plastic bags and placed each team in one for protection. These bags alone cost me \$25.00. Bid whatever you wish, but remember bidding closes August 15. If you wish to limit the amount you spend or make deferred payments please state this promptly on your bid sheet. Winning bidders pay postage. Have only one of each available, so good luck! Baseball cards: 1961 top four teams plus NL & AL All-Stars, complete mint set, 1962 American League, 1962 National League, 1963 (AL), 1963 (NL), 1964 (AL), 1964 (NL), 1965 (AL), 1965 (NL), 1966 (AL), 1966 (NL), 1967 (AL), 1967 (NL), 1968 (AL), 1968 (NL), 1969 (AL), 1969 (NL), 1970 (AL), 1970 (NL). Football cards: 1967 (NFL), 1967 (AFL), 1968 (NFL), 1968 (AFL), 1969 (NFL), and 1969 (AFL). All bids will be confidential. Terry C. Ray, 2913 Lenn Street, Kansas City, MO 64129.

FOR SALE: 1968 Cubs, Reds, Indians, and Red Sox. 1969 Pilots, Royals, Twins, Tigers, Indians and White Sox. 1968 teams are teams never used. \$1.50 for '68 teams and \$2.50 for '69 teams; contact Ken Hutchings, 1415 W. 246th Street, Harbor City, CA 90710. I will pay postage.

FOR SALE: '67 Reds, Pirates, Braves, Giants, Bosox, Twins, Indians and Tigers. '68 A's, Yankees, Senators, Pilots, Royals, Angels, Bosox, Dodgers, Pirates, Phillies, Padres, Mets, Expos. All teams in good condition. Will take best offer. Larry Steinberg, 9409 N. Lorel Avenue, Skokie, IL 60076.

FOR SALE: 1968 old NFL, 1969 two sets of old AFL, 1 NFL \$4.00 a set. Edd McNeal, 1518 Shannon Street, Green Bay, WI 54304. Good Condition!

FOR SALE: Will keep stats for 5¢ a team per game. Dave Surdan, R. 8 Box 728, Pleasant Hill, Oregon 97401.

FOR SALE: 1964, 1966 and 1968 major leagues, 1965 National League; 1967 Cardinals and Red Sox; oldtime teams 1920's-1960's (25 teams). Price: \$50.00 for all; will not sell just part of package. Stanly Roberts, 841 E. 38th St., Austin, TX 78705.

FOR SALE: Let me compile your statistics quickly and accurately. Only 5¢ per game per team. George Cozby, Box 105, Jonesboro, IL 62952.

Leagues Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: Interested in starting either a baseball or football league with anyone around Springfield, Illinois please contact Alan Cohen at 522-4868. Thank you very much.

LEAGUE FORMING: Anyone interested in forming a league in the Bronx, NY area? If so, please write or call 597-5193,

John Croce (age 14), 3133 Bruckner Blvd., Bronx, NY 10461 (or perhaps by mail).

LEAGUE FORMING: Anyone interested in forming a mail league or a league in the Westchester area, write: Marc Margolius, 460 East Prospect Avenue, Mt. Vernon, NY 10553.

Joel Wright Wins Third Straight Baseball Title

History repeated itself again in the Greater Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic Baseball League as Joel Wright made it three pennants in a row, this time winning with a team drafted from the 1970 American League season.

At the end of a 154-game season, Joel rang up 95 victories and was saddled with only 59 defeats--a pace that provided him with an eight-game cushion over his nearest pursuers, Del Newell and Mike Allison, co-editors of the Review, who finished tied for second.

Last year Joel had won pennants by two (Chicago White Sox, 1964) and five-game (National League draft, 1969) margins. But only during the first month, in which he had to share the lead with Mike with a 10-6 record, was Joel even remotely threatened this time around. In fact, the latter part of the campaign the biggest question was who would finish second, first place being a foregone conclusion.

Joel had a "Big Three" pitching trio in Gary Peters (17-7), Sam McDowell (16-12) and Mel Stottlemyre (17-10), some excellent relief twirling from Stan Williams (1.70), Ken Sanders (1.72) and Tom Timmerman (1.80), who between 'em won 23 games and saved 31 others, plus he had seven batters who hit 19 or more home runs. Jim Fregosi socked 26 homers, drove in 91 runs and batted .298, while Merv Rettenmund hit .356 and slammed 22 roundtrippers in 329 at-bats, and Ray Fosse hit .310.

Final standings and leaders:

FINAL	WON	LOST	GB	BATTING	HITS
1. Joel Wright	95	59	--	1. Oliva .378	1. Oliva 238
*2. Del Newell	87	67	8	2. A. Johnson .336	2. Tovar 206
3. Mike Allison	87	67	8	3. Yastrzemski .321	3. A. Johnson 196
4. Warren Newell	86	68	9	4. White .318	
5. Cliff Sage	74	80	21	5. Harper .316	
* Won playoff by scores of 3-2, 7-2.					
				DOUBLES	
				1. Oliva 50	
				2. Otis 39	
TRIPLES		STOLEN BASES		RUNS	
1. Tovar 23	21	1. Stanley 36	36	1. Harper 110	SHUTOUTS
2. Stanley 14	14	2. Kelly 33	33	2. White 107	1. Wright 4
3. Belanger 10	10	3. Alomar 31	31	3. Oliva 98	HOME RUNS
				1. J. Niekro 42	
HOME RUNS		RBIs		ERA	
1. Killebrew 47	47	1. Oliva 148	148	1. Hall 2.37	COMPLETE GAMES
2. Harper 39	39	2. Killebrew 111	111	2. Palmer 2.52	1. Palmer 22
3. Howard 37	37	Harper 111	111	3. Wright 2.81	
4. Oliva 32	32	4. Howard 96	96	4. Cuellar 2.89	
5. Powell 30	30	5. Pinson 95	95	5. Culp 3.03	

In The Strat-O-Matic Spotlight

STRAT-O-MATIC ALL-STARS

George Cozby (Jonesboro, IL) and friends got together recently and voted for a Strat-O-Matic All-Star team consisting of players from the 1962-70 seasons. George is interested in what the readers think of the choices.

FIRST TEAM

Catcher - Joe Torre, 1964
 First Base - Willie McCovey, 1969
 Second Base - Rod Carew, 1969
 Third Base - Brooks Robinson, 1964
 Shortstop - Dick Groat, 1963
 Outfielders - Rico Carty, 1970
 Willie Mays, 1965
 Roberto Clemente, 1967
 Right-handed Pitcher - Bob Gibson, 1968
 Left-handed Pitcher - Sandy Koufax, 1964

SECOND TEAM

Catcher - John Bench, 1970
 First Base - Orlando Cepeda, 1967
 Second Base - Felix Millan, 1970
 Third Base - Ron Santo, 1964
 Shortstop - Rico Petrocelli, 1969
 Outfielders - Tommy Davis, 1962
 Pete Rose, 1969
 Frank Robinson, 1962
 Right-handed Pitcher - Luis Tiant, 1968
 Left-handed Pitcher - Sam McDowell, 1968

SANDY VS. SAM

The two fireballers, Sandy Koufax of the Dodgers and Sam McDowell of the Indians, swapped pitches in a real dilly for Greg Funk (El Cajon, CA) recently. Playing against a make up team, Koufax struck out 20, including 10 in a row, and just missed a perfect game when he issued a two-out walk in the ninth inning. McDowell, meanwhile, allowed only three hits (all in the same inning) and breezed a third strike past 19 swingers in a losing effort.

More breeze from bats attempting to meet up with a McDowell fastball, according to Pete Prerok (Libertyville, IL), as "Sudden Sam" blitzed 21 Kansas City Athletics in an 8-3 victory.

THIS 'N THAT

...The two Hall-of-Fame teams are just too tough, at least that's what Jim Marshall (Ocean City, NJ) found out when he put the two up against outstanding teams from 1922 through 1970. The Hall-of-Famers came up with a combined record of 171-151...Brian Russell (St. Louis, MO) related a couple of games when the basepaths were a jammed as a freeway at rush hour time. In one game Minnesota Twins' pitchers from '69 walked New York Yankee hitters ('27 version) 18 times and allowed 16 hits, and in another the '46 Red Sox outlasted the '24 Senators, 17-14--31 runs worth of scoring and not one the result of a home run...Lots of readers have passed along no-hitters which have left a soft spot in their dice rolling hands, but John Kahane (Chomedey Laval, Quebec) says that after over 40 games he's yet to experience a no-hitter--Bob Gibson made it into the ninth before losing a bid--a grand-slam home run or even an extra inning game...Boog Powell went boom and New York's Fritz Peterson saw his 36 2/3 scoreless innings string snap (Robert Renzini, Scranton, PA). Powell delivered his homer in the first inning to end Peterson's (1969) string of goose eggs. Renzini also reports that Jim Turner's 38-yard field goal was the difference in his first Super Bowl as the Jets nipped Dallas, 6-3...Jeff McWhirt (Gas City, IN) has been playing Strat-O-Matic baseball for the last three years and the lone no-hitter he's experienced was by Luis Tiant two years ago...Charles Bothory passes along some football records: Mike Garrett, most rushing attempts (361), touchdowns rushing (20), total touchdowns (22), all based on 1967, plus he adds that Dallas has won three straight football championships, defeating Green Bay in '67 56-6, the Pack again in '68, 23-3, and the Vikings in '69, 27-13...

All-Time Records

The football records list had the biggest shake-up in the latest revision of the All-Time Strat-O-Matic Records with quarterback Sonny Jurgenson stealing the show by completing 56 of 68 passes for 12 touchdowns in an 84-10 devastation of Pittsburgh (Mike Parnos), based on the 1969 season.

Jurgenson's passing performance, which included 13 straight completions, created the biggest change in the All-Time Records section, which will be printed quarterly from now on rather than every month.

Daryle Lamonica of Oakland established a new mark for touchdown passes in a season when he hooked up with receivers for 41 TD strikes during 1967 (Bill Nunan, Millbrae, California). Lamonica riddled the Miami secondary for nine touchdowns in a 77-0 rout, while as a team Oakland compiled a 13-1 record, losing only to San Diego, 23-21, on the last play of the game.

Other additions to the football list include Bob Long's 31 pass receptions in one game against New York (1969) and Jerry Smith's nabbing seven TD passes in one game (against the Steelers)--both by Mike Parnus. Also, Jan Stenerud took over sole possession of the No. 1 spot in field goals, booting eight in a '69 victory over Baltimore, 31-13 (Dave Whitacre).

Tony Oliva, spraying hits all season long, set a new batting average mark to highlight the changes in the baseball records. Drilling 238 hits in 629 at-bats for Del Newell (in the GKSM), Oliva finished with an impressive .378 average--53 points higher than his real-life average.

Campaneris and Cesar Tovar shared baseball honors with Oliva, as Campaneris swiped 110 bases and Tovar banged out 67 doubles--both new Strat-O-Matic records.

A couple of higher batting averages than Oliva's were sent in, but no mention was made as to whether the average was compiled over an entire season (154 or 162 games) or an abbreviated schedule. Records, unless stated otherwise, should be based on an entire schedule.

Jim Grant, Minnesota, 1965, carved his niche in the pitching records as he won 31 games and lost only 9 in 1965 (Paul LaFleche, Montreal, Quebec). Grant recorded six shutouts among his record-tying 31 wins and pitched 348 innings. Only thing marring Grants' big season was the 39 home runs he allowed.

Football

	Strat-O-Matic	Real-life
Passes attempted one game:	(71) Norm Snead, 1967	(68) George Blanda, 1964
Most passes completed:	(56) Sonny Jurgenson, '69	(37) George Blanda, 1964
Most yards passing:	(715) John Brodie, 1969	(554) Norm Van Brocklin, 1951
Most touchdown passes:	(12) Sonny Jurgenson, '69	(7) held by five players
Most passes intercepted:	(7) D. Lamonica & Terry Hanratty, '69	(8) Jim Hardy, 1950
Most rushing attempts:	(51) Tom Matte, 1969	(38) Harry Newman, 1934 Jim Nance, 1966
Most yards rushing:	(429) Gale Sayers, 1968	(243) Cookie Gilchrist, '63
Most touchdowns rushing:	(6) Gale Sayers, 1969	(6) Ernie Nevers, 1929
Most pass receptions:	(31) Bob Long, 1969	(18) Tom Fears, 1950
Most yards gained:	(452) Warren Wells, '68	(303) Jim Benton, 1945
Most touchdowns receiving:	(7) Jerry Smith, 1969	(5) Bob Shaw, 1950
Most field goals:	(8) Jan Stenerud, 1969	

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Most passes caught (season): (107) Fred Biletnikoff, '69 (101) Charley Hennigan, '64
Most touchdown passes (season): (41) D. Lamonica, 1967 (36) Y.A. Title, 1963
George Blanda, 1961

Baseball

	Strat-O-Matic	Real-life
Batting average:	(.378) Tony Oliva, 1970	(.440) Hugh 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, 1966	(61) Roger Maris, 1961
Doubles:	(67) Cesar Tovar, 1970	(67) Earl Webb, 1931
Triples:	(21) Roberto Clemente, 1968	(36) Owen Wilson, 1912
Runs:	(137) Bobby Bonds, 1969	(192) Billy Hamilton, 1894
Stolen bases:	(110) Campy Campaneris, '69	(104) Maury Wills, 1962
Earned run average:	(1.27) Bob Gibson, 1967	(1.01) Dutch Leonard, 1914
Most wins:	(31) Sandy Koufax & Phil Niekro, 1969 Jim Grant, 1965	(41) Jack Chesbro, 1904
Innings pitched:	(379) Bob Gibson, '68 & '69	(482) Amos Rusie, 1893
Strikeouts:	(515) Sam McDowell, 1965	(382) Sandy Koufax, 1965
Shutouts:	(13) Bob Gibson, 1968 Gaylord Perry, 1969	(16) Grover Alexander, 1916

Next month in the Review a big kick-off for the football season will be presented with numerous replays and playing tips, plus a feature story about league play at a major university. Baseball news will also share September's spotlight, plus there will be the customary 'Readers Roll 'Em' column and 'Questions & Answers'. Who are the editors of the Review? Next month the readers will have a chance to meet the editors, find out their backgrounds and trace the beginnings of the Review. These articles and much more await you in the September issue of the Review.

Keep your letters, comments and questions coming in. Letters, replays and ads, to be considered for the next issue must be in by the third of the month.