



## STRAT-O-MATIC REVIEW



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### LSU's Home Of SOM Grid League

A set of dice do not necessarily make a gambler, but they (along with player cards and result charts) could turn one into a frenzied football fan.

Louisiana State University, which makes an annual fall habit of turning out tough gridiron teams, has a group of Strat-O-Matic football devotees who have organized a league and played out a couple of "seasons" since the spring of 1970.

Organized by a pair of professors in the Chemical Engineering Department, David Greenberg and Jerome Planchard, the league included two other instructors plus five graduate students. The idea for the league came out of a graduate seminar on the statistics involved in game theory, although it is strictly an extracurricular activity. "We had to close the league to undergraduates because of a fear that they might get too wrapped up in it and let their work suffer," says Greenberg.

Both Greenberg and Planchard have been long interested in table games and decided to form a league. Asked how they happened to settle on Strat-O-Matic as the football game their league would play, Planchard said: "David Greenberg was actually the originator of the league and he talked with friends at Oklahoma State U. who played the game. They told him that was the game to buy. At the same time, Pat Takahashi, a graduate student, saw an ad in a magazine and ordered the game. So both Greenberg and Pat got the game about the same time and shortly thereafter league play began.

"First we took existing NFL teams and added six players to each from a draft, but our last league (this past winter) was made up of players selected in a general draft. There were nine involved and each selected 44 players. A 10-game schedule was played for three divisions of three teams each."

First pick according to Planchard, was Gale Sayers of the Chicago Bears. Robert Holmes of Kansas City was chosen second during a full day of drafting that took place during Christmas vacation.

Some interesting sidelights have come out of league play: "Kansas City, the last couple of years, has been very strong," relates Planchard, "while Oakland never has too much success. We don't see how it does as well in real life."

The 1969 version of the Dallas Cowboys was rated the best team, according to Planchard's observations, while he only laughs at Joe Kapp asking for a million dollars



two years ago, "You could look at his rating card (1969) and see that he wasn't worth it. Of course his leadership qualities could never be put on a card."

One of the most thrilling games played in the LSU league occurred when Kansas City, trailing by nine points late in the fourth quarter of a playoff game, scored a touchdown, converted the point after, then kicked off and recovered an on-side kick. Jan Stenerud's field goal then won the game. Three plays and Kansas City had turned the game around and snatched victory from defeat.

Some changes have also been made in the game, according to Planchard. "We have penalties by using a fourth dice to determine their frequency. We wrote to the NFL offices to find out how often penalties occurred in a game (for the whole league, not individual teams) and incorporated that element into the game.

Unfortunately for the league, a couple of the graduate students have graduated from both their advanced studies and also the Strat-O-Matic league, moving to other cities because of job offerings. "We're in limbo, so to speak, right now," says Planchard. "But we definitely plan to resume league play as there's a lot of interest."

Who knows, maybe head coach Charlie McDlendon has a couple of quarterbacks who seem to be about equal in ability and he's having a hard time deciding on a starter. One final test to determine who receives the best grades for the starting role could be a game of--you guessed it--Strat-O-Matic football.

## Jets Nip Cowboys

Don Williamson  
New Iberia, Louisiana

The Joe Namath-led New York Jets, after watching a 16-0 lead melt away, rallied late in the fourth quarter to edge the Dallas Cowboys, 19-17, and win the Super Bowl in a replay of the 1968 season.

Jim Turner kicked an 11-yard field goal in the final minutes for the Jets' winning margin after Dallas had fought back to take a 17-16 lead after trailing 16-0 at half-time.

In the first half the Jets solved the Cowboys' defense for three field goals and a Namath-to-George Sauer 31-yard aerial TD strike.

Dallas bounced back, however, and scored when Craig Baynham went five yards around end, Bob Hayes galloped 82 yards with a punt return and Mike Clark booted a 14-yard field goal.

Eight teams were used in the replay, with New Orleans being shifted from the NFL to the AFL. New York won the AFL title on the last game of the season when Oakland spoiled Kansas City's hopes by pinning a 23-21 loss on the Chiefs, the Jets finishing with a 10-4 record compared to K.C.'s 9-4-1. Dallas ran away with the NFL crown, piling up a 10-3-1 mark while second-place Los Angeles was only 7-7.

### STANDINGS AND LEADERS:

AFL	W	L	T	P	OP
New York	10	4	0	441	286
Kansas City	9	4	1	349	305
New Orleans	6	8	0	279	334
Oakland	5	9	0	273	303

NFL	W	L	T	P	OP
Dallas	10	3	1	377	264
Los Angeles	7	7	0	223	283
Green Bay	5	8	1	248	296
Cleveland	2	11	1	235	362

Rushing	ATT	YDS	AVG
Snell	250	900	3.6
Holmes	235	813	3.4

Rushing	ATT	YDS	AVG
Kelly	219	883	4.0
Ellison	203	817	4.0

Passing	ATT	PCT	YDS
Namath	349	54.2	3,181

Passing	ATT	PCT	YDS
Meredith	329	55.9	2,817



# Playing Tips For SOM Football

Andrew Fischer  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Here are some slight modifications in Strat-O-Matic football which greatly improve the realism of the game:

(1) First, change the fullback's defender on pass plays to the middle-linebacker, as in real life.

(2) If a pass is thrown into a vacated flat or look-in pass zone, consult the WRONG column of the quarterback and receiver.

(3) Count as out of bounds and only 15 seconds, all flat passes (not look-ins) which result in odd gains; i.e., gains of one, three, five, seven yards, etc.

(4) Make a system of penalties. I use a chart from another game, but the following method works well: if the three dice add up to eleven, there is a penalty. Roll one die. Odd is offense and even is defense. Roll again. Odd is five yards and even in 15 (an accepted penalty is only 15 seconds).

(5) Change the fumble recovery for defense to the dice rolls from 7 to 10 (instead of 7 to 11).

(6) Create the opportunity for a "two-minute drill" at the end of the half or game. Do this by inserting four arrows into the timekeeper. Put one between 13:30 and 13:45; one between 14:00 and 14:15; one between 14:30 and 14:45; and one between 14:45 and 15:00. Count these arrows as one of the "15-second-interval dots" when the offense chooses to run the "two-minute drill" at the end of the half or game.

(7) Change the Injury Chart regarding number of games a player is injured to the following:

2 --	balance of game	plus 3 games
3 --	" "	" " 2 games
4 --	" "	" " 1 game
5 --	" "	" " 1 game
6 --	" "	" only
7 --	" "	" only
8 --	" "	" only
9 --	" "	" plus 1 game
10 --	" "	" 1 game
11 --	" "	" 2 games
12 --	" "	" 3 games

## Playing Tip

Doug Quint of White Plains, New York, has added a rule regarding situations when runners try for the extra base. Now when there are runners on first and second bases and there's a single, if the lead runner succeeds in advancing the extra base the second runner also advances another base. He uses the "cut off throw" option, however, which allows the lead runner to take the extra base freely, but holds up the following runner.

An example would be: a 1-17 runner on first advancing on a single. The defensive manager realized there's little chance of cutting down the lead runner's attempt to advance all the way to third (taking the extra base), so why not "cut the throw," let the runner take third and at the same time hold the batter at first?



## Readers Roll 'Em

Dear Sirs:

I liked the "Surprise!" article in the June issue. It proved that a good manager can do a lot with a poor team. I found that out with Milwaukee, as "my" Brewers ('70) have won nine of their last 10 games, against teams like Pittsburgh, Oakland and Los Angeles. And their doing it by 8-0, 7-3 scores, to boot.

My favorite article, however, was the "For Better or Worse, Strat-O-Matic." I now realize that I am an unmarried on the SOM hubby list! When I received the '70 cards, a friend and I looked them over at night (an annual ritual) and I broke a date with my girl. We broke up a week later! I won't be like "the honeymooning husband," however, who called long-distance to see how his team was doing in league play, but I think I'm hooked on SOM.

Don DiGennaro  
Rochester, New York

Dear Sirs:

I would like to comment on two letters that appeared in the July issue of the Review.

First, concerning a letter by Eric Kahn. Although Nettles doesn't have the skill or experience of a Brooks Robinson, I think Nettles merits better than a 3-rating. He started more double plays, accepted more chances and had a higher percentage, in less games.

Second, to Roger Kent, why doesn't he look at his team stats for his '69 league? Many times I have noticed that some players have poor or excellent seasons, however, the team records balance out.

Brad Titus  
Delnear, New York

Dear Sirs:

Records kept for all objectively measured sports demonstrate that each generation's athletes are stronger and faster than the previous generation's,

due to expanded population pool, improved nutrition and training methods, etc. In the case of major league baseball, other factors have been the post-war emergence of the slider and the Negro athlete and improvements in playing equipment.

How realistic is it, then, to play a team like the 27 Yanks against a contemporary team without somehow compensating for the "generation gap"?

If any reader has developed supplementary rules in this regard we would be most interested.

Very truly yours,

Raymond Sandoval-Alemany  
Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico

Dear Sirs:

Babe Ruth is often considered the greatest player to ever play baseball. However, 1927 was not his greatest year. I wish you would forward my feelings to Mr. Richman. I think he is offering the 60 home runs as a appeal to the sentiment of the SOM game players. A close study of Ruth's achievements in 1920 will make many people think this was his best year. Although he had 92 fewer official at-bats, he topped his 1927 totals of doubles, triples, walks, batting average, and slugging percentage. Although he hit only 54 home runs, his home run percentage was much better. At this time he was a better runner and a better defensive outfielder. How about the SOM Company offering his 1920 season as a bonus card in the next Hall of Famers that are produced.

Steve L. Constant  
Midland, Texas

Dear Sirs:

I'm stationed at Yokota Air Base, near Tokyo, Japan, and I have played many games of baseball here. My wife enjoys playing too. I am happy to say I have introduced Strat-O-Matic baseball to about 6 people here and they really like it.

One of my friends, Charles Kilgus (a civilian electronics technician) is working



for the U.S. government on the Island of Hokkaido, in Northern Japan. It's really remote and he has just finished (along with 7 other coaches) a replay of the '69 football season. They have just received their new baseball games and they are going to assign teams and organize a league.

Do you know of any other enthusiasts here in Japan?

We'll keep up the good work.

SSgt George B. Lippman  
APO San Francisco

Dear Sirs:

Regarding left and right handed hitting cards, I would like to bring up these questions:

First, what about the pitcher who bats three times in a season, like Ron Perranoski. If he batted three times and got one hit, one whole column would be hits, making him a great pinch-hitter? And what if he faced all righties, would his left-handed hitting side be blank? My answer to this question would be to have pitchers who batted over 40 times have hitting cards, and the others remain on the same system as now.

Second, what about guys like Donn Clendenon, who bats only against lefties? He might face righties only 10 times and get 4 hits. This would make him appear to hit well against righties, where he may not. This problem I have no answer to, but it must be answered if the left-right idea is to become part of the game.

While we're at it, why not make pitcher's cards different against left and right handed batters?

Although, it may not sound that way, I am in favor of two-sided hitting cards, but these questions must be answered first.

Will schmidt

Dear Sirs:

Please extend my subscription to the Review for a year. Enclosed is a check for the proper amount. I find the Review just a little disappointing (I expected too much, I guess), but nevertheless enjoyable and very interesting. The playing tips and the stats from readers leagues I like most. I dislike long accounts of single games, such as the football game in July issue.

The stories about the SOM Company itself

are OK, but I hope you space them out to one every other issue or so. And your All-Time records should be printed only every three or four months.

I started playing SOM baseball with the 1964 teams and football right when it came out, and am more than pleased with both games. The football game is not really suited for season replays, I've found, because a single game takes so long to play, and because a 14-game season is not long enough for realistic stats. But the baseball game is excellent for this purpose. To Roger Kent who said in the July issue that he was "disillusioned about the accuracy of Strat-O-Matic," I can only suggest that he continue his league for a full 162 games. Thru 3 such full-length leagues that I've run, my most unrealistic performance was by Paul Blair of the '66 Orioles, who hit .310 for me as compared to an actual .277 average. He also hit 15 HRs that season, as opposed to an actual 6.

As an example of how things can change in one league Harmon Killebrew had hit 29 HRs in the first 81 games. He hit only 8 in the second half.

Some great moments: Gates Brown, pinch-hitting specialist of the '68 Tigers, hit two grand-slams in two successive at-bats. Gaylord Perry, '66 Giants, started a season with five straight shutouts. I've had only one no-hitter, a rather unlikely one: Curt Simmons of the '64 Cards (3.43 ERA) no-hit the fairly strong '66 Giants in a tournament between teams of the 60's.

My current league consists of twelve of the pennant-winning teams of the 60's and has produced two surprises so far: despite the stiff competition, the '69 Orioles are far ahead, with a 27-13 record (we'll see if this holds up - but then, they were the pre-season favorite, because of their strength in all departments). The second surprise is that Sandy Koufax of the '65 Dodgers has a 10-1 record, with the season only 1/4 over. No other pitcher is even close to this.

One playing tip: to compute any kind of average, ERA, etc., just use a slide rule...it takes three seconds at most for a completely accurate answer...plus you can compute lots of other ratios if desired, such as number of at-bats per home run, or strikeouts per inning, or slugging averages.



Thank you for printing a magazine devoted entirely to Strat-O-Matic.

Sincerely yours,

Armando Mauduca  
Bridgeport, CT

Dear Sirs:

They say that baseballs carry very well in the dry, desert air of Arizona and we of the Phoenix Strat-O-Matic League have been trying to prove that dice even roll better!

Our league, which we proudly believe is the best organized table-top baseball circuit in the Southwest, is in its fourth season of summer competition. There are eight managers in our league--all high school and college aged. The league is divided into two divisions with Fletch Wilcox, Tim Ronan, Drew Faber, and Dan Faber in the Southern Division and David Wilkerson, Jerry Wilkerson, Kernan Ronan, and defending Gatorade Cup winner Nick Ronan in the Northern Division.

We actually employ a "super league" concept by using the top 20% of the major league ballplayers. In building their teams, the managers in the league participate in three different drafts. First, there is the team draft. The manager that the previous year finished last in the division that did not win the Gatorade Cup (symbol of the league championship) picks first and the champ last. This year Drew chose the Cincinnati Reds first and it appears to have been a wise choice as he leads his division by two games after 24 contests this year. Next is the player draft using the teams left over the chosen in the reverse order of managers. Teams that were chosen included the Braves, Red Sox, Pirates, Dodgers, Twins, Orioles, Yankees, and Reds, so Bob Gibson led off the player draft by going to Nick. After fifteen rounds the player draft came to a halt.

A double-elimination exhibition tournament was the next order of business. Fletch outlasted Kernan in the tourney to establish himself as the favorite. Before the regular season started, a waiver draft took place. Twenty-five players were protected by each manager and the rest were placed on "waivers." These were subject to draft, again in the order of the team draft. By the time of opening day, all teams were

trimmed to 25 men, thus everyone fielded an all-star team for super-league play. Trading ended after the third week of play and the rosters were set.

The 78-game schedule is composed of 54 divisional and 24 interdivisional games for each team at the rate of six games per week. A best-of-seven Gatorade Cup series follows the regular season and a north-south all-star game bisects the season.

This year we adopted the split-card-replaced-by-dice-roll method devised by Larry Thompson and explained in the second issue of the REVIEW.

After the fourth week, Nick, in his defense of the Gatorade Cup, is leading his division with a four-game lead over Kernan. Drew leads the Southern Division, two ahead of defending pennant winner Dan.

We keep comprehensive statistics in the following individual categories: AB, R, H, RBI, 2b, 3b, HR, BB, SO, SB, BA, and E. For pitchers: W, L, saves, IP, H, BB, SO, ER, CG, ShO, ERA. We also keep complete team stats in the same categories.

Individual leaders thus far are Merv Rettenmund (Jerry) with a .381 average, Donn Clendenon (Kernan) with eight homers, and Tom Hall (Fletch) with a 1.76 ERA.

As you have probably guessed, we all think Strat-O-Matic is the greatest and are appreciative of the fine job the Review is doing!

Dan Faber  
Phoenix Strat-O-Matic League

Dear Sirs:

It was around 11:30 in the morning of July 26 when I suddenly jumped out of my chair and started screaming NO-HITTER!!! Felipe Alou had just lined out to Eddie Leon. Sam McDowell had just pitched a hurler's dream. He struck out 13 walked 4 while winning 2-0.

As I ran down the stairs to inform my dad, he was sitting on the porch reading my Review. To my astonishment my name was in it. It was my most exciting day ever in Strat-O-Matic.

Jeffrey McWhirt  
Gas City, Indiana



## Orioles, Pirates In Tie

Dean Amrhein  
West Mifflin, Pennsylvania

Last year I had nine-team league of 1969 teams and old-time greats. As you can see, the race between the Orioles and the 1960 Pirates went right down to the wire, but the Orioles swept a three-game playoff to determine who would play my brother's champions, the 1969 Pirates, in the World Series. My Orioles won the series, four games to zero.

### STANDINGS AND LEADERS:

	WON	LOST	GB	
1. 1969 Orioles	76	44	--	Home Runs -- Maris, 49
1960 Pirates	76	44	--	RBIs--Oliva, 116
3. 1961 Yanks	67	53	9	Doubles--Oliva, 33
4. 1969 Pirates	66	54	10	Triples--Piniella, 12
5. 1969 Mets	61	59	15	Stolen Bases--Brock, 57
6. 1969 Twins	54	66	22	Pitching--Palmer, 18-6
7. 1969 Cards	49	71	27	Law, 17-7
1969 Pilots	49	71	27	Cuellar, 16-3
9. 1969 Royals	41	79	35	Ford, 15-6
				Stafford, 15-6

## Chiefs Best In West, But Lose In Playoffs

Scott Rubinstein  
Plainview, New York

I have just finished playing the 1969 AFL season and thought that you would be interested in the results.

EAST	W-L-T	WEST	W-L-T	RUSHING	ATT	YDS	TD	AVG
New York	7-5-2	Kansas City	10-4-0	Post (S.D.)	186	952	2	5.1
Houston	6-5-3	Denver	8-3-3	Little (Den)	173	869	8	5.0
Buffalo	7-7-0	San Diego	7-4-3	Garrett (Bos)	161	835	7	5.2
Boston	6-7-1	Oakland	6-8-0					
Miami	4-8-2	Cincinnati	2-12-0	PASSING	PCT	TD		
				Hadl (S.D.)	46.2	18		
Playoffs: New York	27	Denver	10	Beathard (Hous)	46.8	17		
Houston	21	Kansas City	17	Livingston (KC)	52.4	6		
Championship: New York	27	Houston	3					

League play was close all season long with eight teams having a chance to qualify for the playoffs in the last week of play. In the East, Buffalo and Boston led for most of the season but lost four of their last five games. Denver won its last game on Floyd Little's two-point conversion on the last play of the game. But first play in the West was denied them as Kansas City held on to beat Oakland, 26-21. For the second time during the season.



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WANTED: First issue of Strat-O-Matic Review. Also wanted 1968 National League baseball schedule. Write: Michael Sjoeborg, 5701 N. Kimball Ave., Chicago, IL 60645.

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WANTED: Willing to trade complete 1966 National League for 1964 or earlier complete league. (American or National). Write immediately: Wayne Edmunds, 22 West Hill Rd., Colonia, NJ 07067.

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

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WANTED: 1967 Packers, Cowboys, Raiders, Oilers. State price. Will pay postage. Richard Gulezian, Rt. 1, Box 347, West Shore Road, Windham, NH 03087.

WANTED: Any Braves, Giants, Reds, Pirates, Cardinals, Angeles, Tigers teams from 62 to 66 seasons. Will pay a good price. Joe Meade, 482 E. Erie St., Chandler, AZ 85224.

WANTED: Any complete baseball teams or loose players (any incomplete teams) from 1966 or earlier. Please state what you have, the condition and the price in your first letter or postcard. Thanks. SSgt George B. Lippman, 2127 Comm. Sq. Box 3127, APO San Francisco 96328

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

WANTED: 1964 Dodgers, 1963 and 62 both leagues (baseball). Send best offer write: Michael Griffin, 808 Connell St., Dysart, Iowa 52224.

WANTED: Any league National or American from 1963 to 1968. In fair condition if your price is reasonable. Write: John Parker, 6690 Ashworth Ave., South Burnaby, British Columbia, CANADA.

WANTED: 1968 Giants for 50¢, 1968 Mets for 50¢, 1968 Orioles for 50¢, 1968 Cardinals for \$1.00, 1968 Tigers for \$1.00. Also the roster sheet for these teams for 25¢. If interested write: Steve Shalon, 700 Willow Tree Lane, Glencoe, IL 60022.

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FOR SALE: '68 White Sox, '70 48 additional AL players, or trade for '65-'66 Mets. Greg Januska, 57 Linden St., Bayonne, NJ 07002.

FOR SALE: The 1961 Reds, original team made in 1961. 15 player cards, perfect condition. Will sell to highest bidder. Write: Wesley Emch, Jr., 228 E. Wilson, Girard, OH 44420.

FOR SALE: I'll keep stats for 5¢ a team per game. Write for terms at this address, Dave Surdam, Rt. 8 Box 728, Pleasant Hill, Oregon 97401.



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FOR SALE: All 1970 National League teams except, Expos, Padres. Will sell all for \$5.00. Eric Rosekrans, 1131 Blanchette Dr., East Lansing, MI 48823 (517) 351-2298.

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We would appreciate SOM leagues (with four or more persons) across the country to send information about the history of your league, the people in the league and pictures.



# In The Strat-O-Matic Spotlight

## A SMALL WORLD

When Carl Erskine of the 1953 Dodgers hurled a five-hit shutout against the 1970 Reds recently there was nothing earth-shaking about the feat...except that Carl Erskine was really at the scene of his dice-rolling triumph.

Kevin Lane, Anderson, Indiana, who plays on the Anderson College baseball team (which is coached by Carl Erskine) and also works as a sports writer for the Daily Bulletin, the city's evening newspaper, related the incident to us recently.

It seems the baseball team was journeying by car to a game and Kevin decided to take the game along with him and play the Reds-Dodgers. So, while Carl Erskine was driving, Carl Erskine the Strat-O-Matic baseball pitcher was blanking the Reds off the dice rolls of Kevin.

Kevin reports that he's been playing Strat-O-Matic baseball since 1964 and has had four no-hitters, including one by Sandy Koufax ('65 Dodgers) against the '64 White Sox. Gary Erskine, Carl's son managed the Dodgers in that one.

## THE 'HAWK' SOARS

If Ken (Hawk) Harrelson's pro tour golf swing is on target as well as his bat was a few years ago, his baseball feats, in passing years, will probably be forgotten.

Remembered for his mod clothes, long locks and home run power (which had diminished considerably the last two years) while performing for three American League clubs, the 'Hawk' is now gone from baseball and joined the pro golf tour.

K.T. Hoffman, who attends Harvard University in Cambridge, MA, won't be forgetting the 'Hawk' soon, however, not after what the '68 version (with Boston at the time) did in a replay. In 162 games, Harrelson smashed an amazing 57 home runs, drove in 185 runs, scored 126 and batted .295 (real-life: 35 HR, 109 RBIs, 79 runs and 279 BA). Hoffman pointed out that there should be some reservation on his accomplishments however, as the marks were compiled in a seven-team replay and not a full-league schedule (Detroit and Baltimore weren't included).

## NO-HITTERS

Baltimore's Jim Palmer pulled a "Johnny VanderMeer" for David Jacobs, Livingston, NJ, for the top no-hit trick of the month. Palmer, Baltimore's standout right-hander tossed a no-hitter against the Yankees, winning 4-0, then came back in his next start to no-hit the powerful Cincinnati Reds, 9-0.

Against the Reds, Palmer four times had No. 5 come up in the five column, but each time the 1-5 home run was avoided when drawing a split number and a fly out resulted. After back-to-back no-hitters, based on the 1970 season, Palmer then drew the Atlanta Braves for his next start. This time his no-hit skein got no further than 2 1/3 innings as Bob Tillman broke the streak at 20 1/3 innings with a single. The Braves went on to win, 4-2.

An unusual no-hitter was sent in by Paul DeWitt, Nashville, TN, who watched Dock Ellis of Pittsburgh toss a no-hitter against Houston on the night of June 12, 1970, in an SOM game. That same evening the real-life Ellis was setting down the San Diego Padres without--you guessed it--a hit!



## THIS 'N THAT

...The standings of the GKSML, printed in the August issue of the Review, were accidentally cut short while being prepared. Final standings were: (1) Joel Wright, 95-59; (2) tie between Del Newell and Mike Allison, 87-67, with Del winning two-of-three-game playoff; (4) Warren Newell, 86-68; (5) Cliff Sage, 74-80; (6) Dave Thompson, 71-83; (7) Randy Tien, 65-89; (8) Duane Scheel, 51-103...The football summary sheets printed by the Strat-O-Matic Game Co. are modeled after sheets used by the National Football League and contain all of the same basic stat info...Speaking of turnabouts, Richard Stone, Norristown, PA, had one he'll never forget when Houston, behind Larry Dierker, had San Francisco down 2-0 only to have Ron Hunt crack a three-run, two-out homer in the top of the ninth inning. Houston came right back when John Edwards singled and Keith Lampard doubled to put runners on second and third with no one out. Then the heavy hand of fate grabbed a liner off the bat of Joe Morgan and turned it (a dice roll of 3-2) into a game-ending triple play!....Spud Chandler of the '41 Yanks almost had back-to-back no-hitters, beating the combined '65-66 Reds and coming two outs away from duplicating the trick against the '67 Cards, reports Kenneth Fricke. Ken also mentions that "Big Train" Walter Johnson of the Senators had the '27 Yanks wallowing in a no-hitter, only to lose, 1-0, when Babe Ruth cracked a two-out home run in the ninth inning. More thrills were experienced by Ken when Denny McLain won 36 games in 1968 and Felipe Alou, Willie Mays, and Orlando Cepeda of the '62 Giants each stroked homers in the first inning of the game against the '60 Pirates, then came back in the second frame and each again delivered roundtrippers...When-your-hot-your-hot item: The Los Angeles Dodgers won 14 of 16 games for Larry Barker, Middletown, OH, and during the hot run had situations come up where a "1" was drawn on a "1-home run", "2-20-out" chance and the opposition drew a "20" when "1-19" was a hit and "20" was an out...First no-hitter in the International Replay League was turned in by Steve Hargan, who blanked the White Sox, 5-0, reports Rich McInnis of Thunder Bay in Ontario, Canada...What's the most strikeouts in a nine-inning game by two modern-day pitchers? David Goldenberg, Evansville, IN, wonders if 33 is tops. Tom Hall shifted 22 for him and Sam McDowell fanned 11 for a neighbor, Bruce Tabers, in a breeze-filled game...Michael Garafalo reports some mighty nifty feats such as Dick Dietz collecting six hits and seven RBIs in one game, Bill Sudakis drawing seven straight walks in a single contest and Juan Marichal pitching 60 straight scoreless innings--all in the 1970 season. He also adds that along with these Hall-of-Fame-type feats, pitcher Rich Robertson was edging into the "Hall-of-Shame" by getting knocked out of four straight starts in the first inning...Mike Lowther each year plays a tournament with all his teams--quite a job as he's got 160 teams. All told, he's now played over 10,000 games...Record for most games in one day has to go to Pete Crockett who once played 28 and figured stats for all...A number of readers have urged that Old-Timer football teams be printed, plus there's been some interest, especially by Canadian readers, for football cards based on north-of-the-border pro play...A first for Bill Blumberg after four years of playing SOM baseball: Tom Seaver of the Mets pitched a no-hitter against the Dodgers, winning 2-0 on Cleon Jones' homer. Blumberg, who the Mets says the box score is now framed in his living room. His Mets, incidentally, are 10 games behind the Pirates in a 1970 replay.

**Playing Tip**

David Rosner, Great Neck, New York

When there is a runner on third with less than two out in a game winning situation you may want to bring the outfield in to prevent the sacrifice fly. With the outfield in the following things take place:

<u>Flyballs</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Runners</u>
A, B, C	Flyout	Hold
X	Single	Winning run scores



## '69 Expos 'Best' Of 'Worst'

One of the outstanding features of Strat-O-Matic baseball is that it allows you, the fan, to play outstanding teams of the past as well as recent regular seasons. Many replays have been sent into the Review matching up some of the old-time powerhouses in tournaments. Bob Quayle, Ventura, CA, did things a little differently in a recent replay, however. Instead of taking outstanding teams and pitting 'em against others to decide the top team, he took four "worst" teams and ran off a 153-game schedule.

The 1969 Montreal Expos won the first major league championship by a north-of-the-border team in the replay, compiling a 101-52 record--a far cry from their regular National League season showing.

Of course the competition wasn't the '69 Mets, Pirates, Reds, etc., either. The Mets, 1962-style, finished second with a 92-61 mark, nine games behind; the '69 Phils were third, 65-88, 36 behind; and San Diego, '69, was fourth and last, 48-105, a whopping 53 games off Montreal's pace.

Bill Stoneman of the Expos reversed his real-life 11-19 record and finished 19-11, tossed a no-hitter and won the By Young award. Rusty Staub supplied a lot of the Expos' batting muscle as he drilled 39 home runs and rang up a .321 average--second in the loop. Bob Bailey and Mack Jones each chipped in 24 homers. The Mets' "Marvelous Marv" Throneberry, however, was the top hitter with a .331 mark, plus he connected for 26 roundtrippers.

### FINAL STATISTICS:

#### Hitting

1. Throneberry (NY)	.331
2. Staub (Mont)	.321
3. Bron (S.D.)	.318
4. Callison (Phil)	.309
5. Bailey (Mont)	.302

#### Home Runs

1. Staub (Mont)	39
2. Allen (Phil)	38
3. Johnson (Phil)	31
4. Colbert (S.D.)	27
5. Throneberry (NY)	26

#### ERA

1. Stoneman (Mont)	2.98
2. Jackson (Phil)	3.02
3. Hook (NY)	3.31
4. Wise (Phil)	3.32
5. Waslewski (Mont)	3.46

#### Wins

1. Stoneman (Mont)	19
2. Jackson (Phil)	16
3. Waslewski (Mont)	15
4. Hook (NY)	14
5. Craig (NY)	12

## Maris Wins Home Run Derby

Jeff Perigoni

Roger Maris (61) won the first of a series of home run derby tournaments. The rules are quite simple: if you roll a one or four on the white die you read column one. If you roll a two or five on the white die you read column two. If you roll a three or six on the white die you read column three. No pitcher cards are used. Runs are only scored by hitting a home run. Results: 1st round: Johnny Bench (70) d. Tony Perez (70), 6-4; Roger Maris (61) d. Frank Thomas (62), 4-2; Mickey Mantle (61) d. Willie Stargell (70), 15-2; Lee May, (70) d. Boog Powell (70), 3-2. 2nd round: Maris d. Bench, 5-3; Mantle d. May, 4-2. Finals: Maris d. Mantle, 8-6.



## Meet The Editors

Add a 30-year-old sportswriter with a 21-year-old disc jockey and add a touch of women's liberation and you have the ingredients that go into the editorial and production staffs of the Strat-O-Matic Review.

The brainchild of Mike Allison, 21, who has been in radio since his high school days and currently is a DJ at station WAOP in Otsego (18 miles north of Kalamazoo, MI), the Review is now in its seventh monthly edition and appears to have a bright future ahead of it.

Mike, who first contacted Harold Richman, Strat-O-Matic's creator, and made arrangements for printing over 100,000 flyers advertising the Review and then the Review itself, is joined by his wife Jan, who handles all the final typing of copy before it is sent to the printer to be photographed, reduced in size and printed in booklet form.

The second part of the Review team is Del Newell, 30, a sports writer at the Kalamazoo Gazette, and his wife Mary, who now keeps tabs on subscriptions and prepares labels each month. Del does most of the writing, including feature stories as well as editing replays and letters sent in by readers.

Formerly a third member was part of the Review team, but he resigned and his job was taken over by Mary Newell.

Introduced to Strat-O-Matic by Del, Mike started the wheels turning that led to the creation of the Review. "I wondered why other game companies had papers devoted to them and yet Strat-O-Matic, the best of them all, didn't. So, after a lot of thought weighing the good as well as bad of trying to put out a publication of this kind, I decided to contact Mr. Richman--the rest is history.

"Mr. Richman agreed to help us and offered to send out flyers advertising the Review in his baseball mailing--that's what got us off the ground."

Both Mike and Del admit to having played other table games in the past. "I got my start in table games back in the mid-50s," says Del, "but in 1963 I purchased Strat-O-Matic baseball and I've been hooked ever since. The duels between batter and pitcher really come alive with Strat-O-Matic (it's not just a batter versus a pitcher's rating), plus the individual fielding brings out the value of a good-field-no-hit player better than other similar games."

Neither Mike nor Del foresee a gold mine in the Review, but both enjoy putting it together each month and are hopeful that as subscriptions grow in size the Review will also grow and more expensive touches can be added. "There are a lot of other ways to make a lot more money," both add, "but nothing can beat the Review for interesting writing fun and meeting and enjoying thousands of people like ourselves."

### GALLOPING GREG LANDRY SCORES 5 TDS Neil Currie, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan

I have written to congratulate you for keeping your fine magazine running and to relate a rather unusual experience.

While managing the 1970 Detroit Lions against the 1970 Cardinals from St. Louis, I called upon quarterback Greg Landry to run the ball around end seven times. Being anxious to quell Detroit's passing attack, the defense guessed wrong on each occasion. The result was a total of 237 yards rushing for Landry alone, including five touchdowns on carries of 49, 42, 37, 33 and 26 yards, with two other carries of 25 yards each. After the dust cleared, St. Louis had been squashed 63-7.

If the five touchdowns rushing for a quarterback don't constitute some sort of a record, surely the magnitude of the paroxysm of incensement my opponent sustained does.



# Highlights Highlights Highlights

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Joe Marcoccio of Warwick, Rhode Island, makes sure that the highlights of four years of playing Strat-O-Matic baseball won't be forgotten. Joe, who belongs to the Continental Baseball League (a play-by-mail league), keeps a record book--now 12 pages long--that contains fascinating happenings.

According to the book, he has had six no-hitters, eight one-hitters and 28 two-hitters (four by Mike Cuellar of Baltimore in '69); Bob Moore ('69) had a 16-strikeout nine-inning performance; Jim Palmer, Cuellar and Dave McNally had consecutive shutouts; Jim Stanford ('62) won 12 straight games; Tom Seaver ('69) pitched 25 consecutive scoreless innings; Carl Yastrzemski and Boog Powell ('69) both hit two home runs in one inning and there have been 10 triple plays.

In the Continental League, Rico Petrocelli ('69) carved a niche for himself in the record book by going 11-for-11 in a three-game series and Bert Campaneria ('69) stole 114 bases in a 162-game schedule.

Joe's record book brought to mind letters sent to the Review containing other highlights. Here are some other dice-rolling feats that have been recorded and sent to the Review to be passed along to readers:

Mark Andersen (Baldwin, MO): 1969 game cards--(1) Reggis Smith, 27-game hitting streak; (2) Rico Petrocelli, 11 home runs in a 14-game stretch; (3) Nate Colbert and Willie Mays, three home runs in one game; (4) Dick McAuliffe, four times hit lead-off home runs; (5) Gary Gentry, no-hitter against the Expos. 1970 game cards--(1) Duke Sims, four home runs in one game, and having a chance for a fifth, drew a split number that resulted in a double; (2) Roy White, six-for-six in nine-inning game; (3) Tom Hall, struck out 16 in nine-inning game; (4) Andy Messersmith, no-hitter against Indians, missed perfect game when he walked Chuck Hinton with two outs in ninth.

Jim Marshall (Ocean City, NJ): (1) 32-game winning streak by National League Hall-of-Famers; (2) Tom Hall ('70) struck out 18; (3) White Ford ('50) allowed only two hits in three complete games; (4) Ed Plan (H.of F.), 13 straight wins; (5) Bob Feller (H. of F.), struck out seven straight batters; (6) 30-game hitting streak by Carl Furillo; (7) Willie Mays, hit three one season; (8) Warren Spahn, 37 scoreless innings, and Bob Gibson ('68), 35; (9) Ed Walsh, perfect game against 1960 Pirates.

Gene K. Levy (Los Angeles, CA): (1) Juan Marichal, perfect game against San Diego; (2) Tom Seaver, no-hitter against Houston; (3) Willie McCovey, four home runs one game, plus singled to total 11 runs-batted-in; (4) Tony Gonzalez, six-for-six against Pittsburgh; (5) Tom Haller, seven straight hits over two-game span; (6) Al Oliver and Don Kessinger, four doubles one game; (7) Rico Carty, hit safely first 19 games of season.

## Question & Answer

Q: WITH NO OUTS, A RUNNER ON THIRD AND A LOU BROCK-TYPE RUNNER ON FIRST IS IT POSSIBLE TO HOLD BROCK, WHEN LOGIC DICTATES, AND TO HAVE THE INFIELD "IN" AT THE SAME TIME?

A: Yes, and most times this is the best move (depending of course on the game situation) because the (++) would be a hit anyway.

Q: RULE 7. IN POINT A (GKSML CONSTITUTION) YOU SAY THAT 8 IS THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF GAMES A PLAYER CAN BE INJURED, BUT IN THE TABLE OF POINT C ONE CAN SEE THAT A PLAYER CAN BE INJURED FOR 9, 10, 11 OR ANY AMOUNT OF GAMES, ACCORDING TO NUMBER OF AT BATS. HOW IS THIS? AND DO YOU CONSIDER THE REAL LIFE AT BATS OR THE STRAT-O-MATIC LEAGUE AT BATS?



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A: The eight game maximum means the number of games a player can be injured at one time. The table shows the total number of games over a season that a player can be injured. We have to use the real life at bats because we don't know how many at bats he may end up with in the league.

Q: COULD YOU TELL ME A WAY OF FINDING STATISTICS.

A: The Strat-O-Matic Game Co. sells a book called PITCHING AND BATTING AVERAGES AT A GLANCE. We use it and find it to be one of the quickest ways to find averages.

Q: I HAVE BEEN OUT OF TOUCH WITH THE STRAT-O-MATIC GAME FOR ABOUT FIVE YEARS. I WONDER IF ANY NEW RULES HAVE BEEN MADE SINCE THAT TIME.

A: No major changes have taken place.

Q: WHY CAN'T A FLAT PASS BE THROWN INSIDE THE 10 YARD LINE?

A: Because the most territory possible between the line of scrimmage and the end of the end zone is 20 yards. So the defensive backs will literally be covering in the flat pass zone.

Q: WHAT BACK ISSUES ARE AVAILABLE OF THE REVIEW?

A: Funny you should ask, the only back issues available now are of the August issue.  
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Next month in the Review will be numerous replays and playing tips, 'Readers Roll 'Em' column and 'Questions & Answers'. These and much more await you in the October 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. We have been swamped with letters and replays and we urge you to keep them coming.