



## STRAT-O-MATIC REVIEW



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Ever wonder how a play-by-mail league works?

The editors of the Review, who have never participated in such a league, thought readers might be interested in finding out and have been in communication with the newly-formed Metropolitan Baseball Association, the brain-child of 14-year-old Strat-O-Matic whiz John Louis-Gordon Preston, better known as J.G.

He's only a freshman in high school in Port Washington, NY, the home of Strat-O-Matic, but at the rate he's going he's likely to be President some day. Right now, however, he's settled for just being President of the MBA mail league.

J.G., who often visits Strat-O-Matic to talk and exchange ideas with Harold Richman, SOM's creator, launched the MBA with an ad in the Review and the response quickly filled out an eight-manager league.

Instructions for how the league operates are spelled out in minute detail in an eight-page pamphlet sent to all applicants for a manager's position. A 154-game season is planned, spanning 21 weeks, with manager's to play "home series" of 11 games with each of the seven other teams.

As J.G. explains it: "On a given date each of the managers mails his instructions to the home manager for that series. The home manager uses his own cards to play the games, then compiles the statistics and sends them and highlights to me and the scoresheets, along with instructions to the visiting manager. When the visiting manager has approved the scoresheets he sends them to me so that I can get the necessary details from them. If the visiting manager finds an error in the sheets, he points out the error when he sends them, along with an official protest, and I will rule."

A \$2 entry fee is charged (covering the costs of mimeographing stats, postage and creating a league yearbook). Each series is to be played at three-week intervals and there is a point penalty system for being late with instructions or stats that could lead to expulsion from the league.

The 1968 cards are being used with a 25-player roster consisting of the basic 20 players, four extras and one Hall of Famer (it must be a player who played with that particular team, i.e., Ty Cobb with Detroit, or if no player is available, a manager can pick from the unclaimed HOF's).

In addition, each manager can draft 10 optional players, plus each year a manager

receives any new players that in real-life played for his team (like, for instance, Vida Blue being available in 1972 to any manager who drafted the Athletics). New players on unclaimed teams can also be acquired as optional choices.

The number of optional players that can be "activated," or actually put on the roster, varies according to a unique and complex player pricing system that J.G. uses. Batters and pitchers are rated in all categories and given a value (i.e., Hank Aaron, '68, was valued at \$76,500). When the total value of a team is added up, it is compared to the other teams. For each \$40,000 a team is behind the leader, it has the "option" of activating an optional or reserve player and deactivating a player on the regular roster, thus maintaining league balance.

Along with his unique pricing system, J.G. has made some additions to the game that are part of MBA play, including rainouts, hit-and-run plays, catcher's errors, rating outfielder's throwing ability, suicide squeeze, a pitcher's adjustment rating (a pitcher's X card is created) that includes more wild pitches and passed balls (especially for knuckleball floaters) and, for the first time, balks and pickoffs and injuries.

Although space doesn't permit a complete explanation of each of the above, future issues of the Review will contain many of these playing additions.

Leaving nothing to chance, J.G. also has an elaborate instruction sheet that each "visiting team" manager sends to the "home" manager. Included in this are a lineup, listing position and fielding rating; pitching rotation, including a rainout hurler; relievers (broken down further into "middle inning", "lost cause," "ace of staff" and should be "overworked" categories), injury replacements; when to relieve; who to pinch-hit and their order; defensive changes; when to hit-and-run; who to steal; etc.

### *Highlight*

Mike Mattingly sends along statistics after 88 games of a replay of the 1964 American League season. Real-life winner New York has a four-game lead over Baltimore with a 58-26 record, while Kansas City is a distant tenth, 37 games off the pace. Brooks Robinson of Baltimore is the batting leader with a .342 average, while Felix Mantilla of the sixth place Boston Red Sox has been on a team with a .335 mark, 41 home runs and 100 runs-batted-in. Top pitchers are Whitey Ford of N.Y., 14-5, Dean Chance of Los Angeles and Joe Horlen, Chicago, both with 14-5 slates, and Downing, New York, 14-6.

### *Richie Allen Finds HR Range*

Richie Allen

Herb Pearson, Ontario, Canada, combines all 24 teams to determine the best team overall. Last year Oakland won it all and this year Minnesota is out in front. In highlights this season, Richie Allen has homered in seven consecutive games for St. Louis and the Chicago Cubs buried the hatchet in Baltimore for a 20-0 "Little Big Horn" scalping.

# Los Angeles Rams Scale Super Bowl Mountain

by Pete Crockett

The Los Angeles Rams scaled pro football's highest mountain in a replay, notable for its amazing individual statistical accuracy, based on the 1969 season. Winners of the Coastal Division of the National Football League by a game over the Baltimore Colts, the Rams went on to nip Minnesota, 21-17, and crush Cleveland, 63-14, in playoff games and then defeat the AFL champion New York Jets in the Super Bowl, 21-14.

Kansas City, the real-life 'Super' champ, won the Western AFL title, but then was upended by New York in the title game, 24-6. In an earlier playoff contest, Jan Stenerud's 27-yard field goal in the final seconds knotted the count with Houston and his "sudden death" nine-yard boot gave the Chiefs a 23-20 thriller over the Oilers.

Another thriller took place as Los Angeles made its way to the Super Bowl. After leading Minnesota, 21-10, midway through the third period, LA had to hold on as the Vikings cruised to a TD when Joe Kapp hit Dave Osborn on a 12-yard toss and a last-second rally fell short on the Ram one after a 41-yard completion to Gene Washington on the game's last play.

In the Super Bowl, Richie Petitbon galloped 77 yards with a stray Joe Namath pass in the first quarter and Larry Smith sped 23 and 25 yards for second half touchdowns to spark the Rams. Namath, shaken by the interception when the Jets were on the march early, bounced back to throw TD strikes to Don Maynard and George Sauer--the last with only 2:15 to play.

Sonny Jurgensen, who led Washington to a surprising seven straight victories (the 'Skins lost five and tied two of their next seven to finish with their identical '69 record, 7-5-2) was the NFL's most valuable player, while halfback Carl Garrett was voted the honor in the AFL.

Statistically speaking the league was a great success as Daryle Lamonica hit 51.8 percent of his passes on 220 completions in 425 attempts, compared to 51.9 and 221 of 426 in real-life, and Gale Sayers led the NFL in rushing with a 4.3 average (4.4 real-life).

## POST-SEASON SCOREBOARD:

AFL Playoffs - Kansas City 23, Houston 20 (sudden death); New York 31, Oakland 16; New York 24, Kansas City 6 (championship)

NFL Playoffs - Los Angeles 21, Minnesota 17; Cleveland 27, Dallas 10; Los Angeles 63, Cleveland 14 (championship)

Super Bowl - Los Angeles 21, New York 14

Pro Bowl - NFL 24, AFL 20

## Standings and statistical leaders:

WESTERN	W	L	T	P	OP
Kansas City	11	1	2	315	204
Oakland	9	4	1	382	220
Denver	7	6	1	293	302
San Diego	5	9	0	249	310
Cincinnati	5	9	0	331	435

Rushing	ATT	YDS	AVG
Garrett, KC	168	872	5.2
Post, SD	182	779	4.3
Garrett, Bos	142	776	5.4
Nance, Bos	193	767	4.0

## AFL

EASTERN	W	L	T	P	OP
New York	9	4	1	381	287
Houston	6	7	1	275	282
Miami	5	7	2	265	274
Buffalo	4	8	2	224	318
Boston	3	9	2	240	343

SCORING	TD	XP	FG	TP
Turner, NY	-	40	33-49	139
Stenerud, KC	-	30	35-54	135
Blanda, Oak	-	41	25-40	116

PASSING	ATT	COP	PCT	YDS
Lamonica, OK	425	220	51.8	2950
Namath, NY	363	183	50.8	2902
Tensi, Den	277	137	49.7	1782
Wyche, Cin	141	76	53.8	942
Beathard, Hu	345	163	47.3	2111

RECEIVING	No.	YDS+	AVG	TD
Alworth, SD	62	1048	16.9	10
Denson, Den	53	977	18.6	5
Bilet'f, Oak	53	877	16.5	6

COASTAL	W	L	T	P	OP
Los Angeles	9	5	0	330	206
Baltimore	8	6	0	279	283
Atlanta	5	8	1	237	268
San Francisco	5	8	1	235	324

## NFL

CENTRAL	W	L	T	P	OP
Minnesota	12	2	0	295	108
Green Bay	9	5	0	257	219
Detroit	8	5	1	285	194
Chicago	1	13	0	120	322

CENTURY	W	L	T	P	OP
Cleveland	10	4	0	312	287
New York	8	6	0	283	224
St. Louis	5	9	0	282	368
Pittsburgh	1	13	0	196	406

CAPITOL	W	L	T	P	OP
Dallas	12	2	0	365	230
Washington	7	5	2	357	323
New Orleans	5	8	1	343	309
Philadelphia	3	9	2	286	382

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG
Sayers, Chi	269	1146	4.3
Matte, Balt	236	1045	4.4
Wood'k, Phi	206	988	4.8
Brown, Wash	202	977	4.8
Hill, Dall	204	944	4.6

SCORING	XP	FG	TP
Gossett, LA	34	30-43	124
Cox, Min	29	30-48	119
Mann, Det	30	25-48	105

PASSING	ATT	COP	PCT	YDS
Jurgenson	445	257	57.8	2837
Morton	300	155	51.7	2192
Starr	148	91	61.5	971
Tarkenton	358	188	52.7	2489
Nelson	374	202	54.1	2681

RECEIVING	NO	YD	AVG	TD
Taylor, Wash	71	1173	16.6	11
Abramowicz, N	71	1141	16.2	14
Jefferson, PI	67	1082	16.1	8

BIGGEST UPSET OF THE YEAR: Cincinnati 45, New York 27  
 HIGHEST SCORING GAME (both teams): Denver 48, Cincinnati 25  
 BIGGEST CLOBBER OF THE YEAR: Oakland 65, Cincinnati 7  
 LOWEST SCORING GAME (both teams): Cleveland 7, Detroit 0

### Highlight

Score one for the modern-day players. A 1969 All-Star team defeated a Hall of Fame squad, 4-3, as Johnny Bench hit two home runs, Frank Howard one and Ken Tatum got the pitching victory in relief of Bob Gibson. The likes of Hank Aaron, Willie McCovey, Harmon Killebrew, Rod Carew, Reggie Jackson and Howard and Bench dotted the '69 lineup. Ty Cobb and Joe DiMaggio both homered for a Hall of Fame cast that included Lou Gehrig, Babe Ruth, Honus Wagner and Nap Lajoie among others. (Glen Price, Seaford, NY)

### Highlight

Grover Alexander, pitching for the National League Hall of Fame team, completely stilled the bats of Ruth, Gehrig, Simmons, Mantle, Cochrane and DiMaggio as he fired a no-hitter against an All-Star squad, 3-0. Alexander fanned six and walked two. Stan Musial, Mel Ott and Honus Wagner each had two safeties to pace the National's eight-hit attack off Sandy Koufax. (Kenneth Fricke)

## Readers Roll 'Em

Dear Sirs:

I am writing in regards to the controversy over the performance of batters against right or left-handed pitchers. First of all I feel that by introducing this complicated system into the game it would destroy the relatively fast, simple and smooth playing procedure which makes Strat-O-Matic Baseball so unique. Second, the lowered hitting effectiveness of lefty vs. lefty and vice versa simply isn't true of all batters and then only in varying degrees. There are no complete records to work from and a general pattern would be completely unreal for many of the better hitters.

Al Kaline, for example, in 1962 batted .304 against left-handers and .303 against right-handers. Stan Musial, a lefty, hit left-handers for a .330 average and averaged .325 against right-handed hurlers. He hit lefties better! In 1962, John Callison banged out a .300 average against southpaws and a .297 mark against the righties; he's left-handed. Right-hander Orlando Cepeda chalked up a .304 average against lefties but once again his bread'n butter pitches came from righties as he hit .326, 22 points better.

A long list could be cited each year to show that this righty-lefty, lefty-righty business is completely exaggerated. Once again I would like to say that I prize my Strat-O-Matic game on its swift, smooth playing procedure and its high quality of accuracy and I believe introduction of this system would be a mistake.

Sincerely,

Jim Phelps  
Manson, Washington

Dear Sirs:

I would like to comment on Ellery Kane's system of rating players (August Review). His system is excellent, although he left out one important factor, namely walks. Going by his system, Gil Garrido

of the Atlanta Braves and Jim Wynn of the Houston Astros have almost identical ratings, although there is an 18-point difference in their batting averages. If you roll the dice 500 times for each player, they should both get about the same number hits, but Wynn will get a great many more walks, giving him fewer at-bats than Garrido. This would then give him a higher batting average.

My system would be, after following Mr. Kane's system, to assign walks a numerical value also. After coming up with the total, subtract it from 108 (the total numerical value of all the numbers on the card). Take this number and divide it by the player's hit rating and the resulting number is the figure you should go by. Wynn's final rating would be .296 and Garrido's .233.

I have been playing Strat-O-Matic for two years (I am 16) and have had one no-hitter--that by George Stone of the Braves against the Cubs, 6-0, based on the '69 season. Clete Boyer, of all people, booted a grounder to spoil a perfect game.

I thoroughly enjoy the Strat-O-Matic Review and hope that Mr. Richman comes up with a basketball game soon.

Sincerely,

David Barrett  
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Sirs:

Recently a few friends in the neighborhood, all of whom play Strat-O-Matic, decided to form our own league and draft players just as the editors of the Review did. The only thing I tried new was that the six of us drafted two separate teams. This way, if one team bombs, you have another chance with the other. It worked out quite well. Most everyone had one good team and one bad. I recommend this idea highly for any group that is contemplating a league of its own. The only thing I regret about our league was that we could not play more than 44 games (due to vacations and jobs).

In case Ellery Kane (August Review, Reader's Roll 'Em) had not noticed, all

pitcher cards are equal in regard to Fielding-X chances. What I recommend would be to count hits, homers, strikeouts and walks when rating pitchers. You could even take into account how well the pitcher hits, a four being obviously better than one. Other than that, yours system is admirable.

Sincerely,

Tom O'Neill  
Mt. Prospect, Illinois

Dear Sirs:

First of all I must congratulate George Cozby and his friends on their picks for the Strat-O-Matic All-Star team listed in the August Review. I am in full agreement on all picks but one, somehow the 1967 Carl Yastrzemski was overlooked. He won the Triple Crown that year, and I think he could replace the '69 Pete Rose as an outfielder on the second team; or the '70 Yastrzemski could replace the '67 Orlando Cepeda at first base on the second team, since Yaz' '70 stats weren't much different than his '67.

One reason I like Yastrzemski so much is because he does so well for me. In my first season, '67, he won the Triple Crown by hitting .368, clouting 65 home runs and driving in 158 runs during a 162-game schedule.

Incidentally, since an All-Star team was picked, I would like to add my vote for an MVP: Willie Mays of the '65 Giants.

Sincerely,

Bob Clark  
Rockford, Illinois

Dear Sirs:

I received my first issue of the Review and was generally pleased with it. My criticisms are too much emphasis on old-timers and irrelevant replay statistics; i.e., the AFC statistics for 1969-- a year in which the AFC didn't even exist--and the 'Joel Wright Wins Third Title' article about teams I didn't even know. With a few changes I think you will have an outstanding publication.

Jay Walker  
Boston, Massachusetts

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Joel Wright article was a wrap-up of the Greater Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League's recent baseball season, appearing in the August Review. The GKSML has been in almost every issue, although we realize more recent subscribers are not familiar with it. It is an eight-manager (including the editors of the Review) baseball setup formed in the Kalamazoo, MI area two years ago, and the replay results in the August issue were based on a 154-game season, using an individual player draft from the 1970 American League.

Dear Sirs:

This is in reply to Marc Goldstein's letter (August Review). I think he has some very good ideas. Especially the one about the platoon system for baseball. Another I like is an idea for a basketball game. I would enjoy it and so would many other people.

Sincerely,

Chuck Beck  
Youngstown, Ohio

Dear Sirs:

I find the Review a very enjoyable magazine and am glad I have been a subscriber since its start. My favorite section is the "All-Time Records," because I am a statistic nut. I love to look at baseball records and the most enjoyable part of Strat-O-Matic game is looking at the stats when you're done.

Also, it was I rather than Mike Parnos with which Sonny Jurgenson broke the passing records that were listed in the August Review.

Sincerely,

Pat Sullivan  
Garden Grove, California

Dear Sirs:

I have had Strat-O-Matic baseball for almost a year and have enjoyed it immensely. It's so realistic and authentic that even batting and earned run averages are true-to-life in a very short season. Last year I played a 36-game schedule (based on 1969) and, more often than not, players had realistic averages.

Here are a few: Art Shamsky .304 (.300 real-life), Ron Brand .253 (.258), Al Soangler .212 (.211), Jim Hickman .232 (.237) and Dick Schofield .258 (.257); Dan McGinn 3.90 (3.95), Tug McGraw 2.25 (2.25), Jim McAndrew 3.50 (3.47), Dave McNally 3.17 (3.21), Vincente Romo 3.12 (3.13) and Ray Culp 3.75 (3.81).

Sincerely,

John Peterson  
Montpelier, Vermont

Dear Sirs:

The Review continues to improve with every issue. I only hope as long as I am interested in Strat-O-Matic I will be able to keep up my subscription.

I am very envious of the GKSM (Greater Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League) reported in the Review. This type of a face-to-face league seems like the major leagues of table games. I am 27, married and have played table games for 10 years (Strat-O-Matic for seven). I have tried all types of games and am convinced SOM is the best. I only wish there was some way for me to get into such a fantastic league as the GKSM.

I have been in several mail leagues, but two I entered this year folded and I became very discouraged. I enjoy the game very much and I demand complete statistics and seeing a league through no matter what position I finish. If anyone knows where I can get into an SOM baseball or football league that is established and needs an experienced player for years, please let me know. It's too bad I live where a face-to-face league like GKSM will never materialize.

Sincerely,

Jerry Newton  
Carpinteria, California

Dear Sirs:

I have been playing SOM football for four years and SOM baseball for five years in our St. Paul area SOM league. During this time I have witnessed and experienced many strange and surprising incidents. Like the time Pat Collins of the '27 Yanks belted four consecutive

homeruns off his own card. The day Don Mossi pitched a perfect game against the powerful 30 A's, and the time Daryle Lamonica threw five interceptions in a row.

And during this time our league has adopted many additional rules. One of the rules I think the readers would be interested in applies to the football game. It's a penalty rule. After you roll the dice to determine the outcome of the play, a penalty will occur if the dice are in a consecutive sequence with the white die being the lowest number of the sequence. (Example: white 1 red 2,3; white 2 red 3,4; white 4 red 5,6.) Now to determine which teams the penalty is on roll the two red dice, if the total of the two dice is less than 8 the penalty is on the offense, if the total is 8 or greater, the penalty is on the defense. And to determine if it is a 5 or 15 yard penalty roll one die, if a 1 or 2 come up it is a 15 yard penalty, if a 3, 4, 5, 6 come up it is a 5 yard penalty. Of course the other team has the option of taking the penalty or the play.

Our St. Paul league is hoping to become a larger league in the future. With more people we hope to come up with still better changes in the game. We are trying to get one person for every team. And we hope someday the champs of our league would play the winners from other leagues to form an SOM Superbowl.

Sincerely,

Ed Martin  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sirs:

Congratulations on the success of your magazine. It has been very interesting and helpful to me. I especially want to thank Duncan Jameson (July Review) for his playing tip on holding potential base stealers. Before his suggestion I had no idea on how to hold base runners while playing the game solitaire.

Sincerely,

Paul Perrone

## Birds Big Winners

With World Series time fast approaching, the Editors of the Review thought it might be interesting to look back and take a peek at what happened last year. Everyone knows that Baltimore stopped the "Big Red Machine", the Cincinnati Reds, in five games in real-life. So we thought it interesting to look back and see how some of the readers came out with their replays of the 1970 World Series:

### Orioles

Clyde Matsusaka  
Honolulu, Hawaii

With a friend, David Fong, managing the Orioles, Clyde Matsusaka guided the Reds and quickly fell in four straight games as Ellie Hendricks, Baltimore's catcher, hit two home runs and batted .500, plus he clinched the finale with a two-run single in the ninth inning in a 7-6 win. The Reds, surprisingly, outhit the Birds, 41-36, over the four-game span, but 10 errors by the Cincy defense betrayed the pitching staff. Scores were: 7-4, 6-3, 6-5 and 7-6.

### Orioles

Richard Unterberger  
Bala-Cynwyd, Pennsylvania

Ellie Hendricks, Baltimore's unsung catcher, proved to be the big hero as the Orioles nipped Cincinnati, four games to three, in the World Series. A pair of grand-slam homers by Hendricks proved the Reds' downfall, while Boog Powell gave an indication of things to come when he hit a home run (1-2 chance) with two on in the ninth inning for a 6-5 victory over Gary Nolan in the opener.

### Orioles

James Overmeyer

Baltimore clubbed 12 home runs and withstood a four-homer jab by Cincy's Johnny Bench to subdue the Reds in six games in a World Series replay. The Reds won two of the first games, then Baltimore took over and swept the final three. Bench homered in games two through five, but back-to-back homers by the Robinson boys, Frank and Brooks, in the 12th inning nailed down a 7-5 sixth game victory and the Series. All told 20 home runs were hit. Scores were: Cincy 7-3, Baltimore 12-8, Cincy 3-0, Baltimore 4-2, 10-4 and 7-5.

### Reds

Cliff Sutton  
Roanoke, Virginia

Johnny Bench, the National League's Most Valuable Player in 1970, showed why

against Baltimore in the World Series as he batted .394 (13 for 33), hit six home runs and batted in 15 runs in leading Cincinnati to a four-game to three triumph. Bench was the big power in the Reds' 17 home run barrage against the Orioles, while Hal McRae chipped in by personally destroyed the Birds in game No. 5 by whacking three homers and doubling in a 12-7 victory. Don Gullett came up with a pair of surprising wins to anchor the Cincy pitching corps, including notching the win in the finale against Dave McNally. Scores were: Baltimore 9-5, Cincinnati 6-5, Baltimore 9-2, Cincinnati 7-4 and 12-7, Baltimore 5-4, and Cincinnati in the windup, 7-6.

## Kansas City Gains Revenge

Pat Shandorf & Mike Romeo  
Amsterdam, New York

In a 1969 replay the Kansas City Chiefs, the real-life Super Bowl champions, defeated the Los Angeles Rams, 17-10, to rule the dice-rolling football world. Mike Garrett scored two touchdowns for Kansas City and LA quarterback Roman Gabriel tossed an 89-yard "bomb" to Wendell Tucker in the big plays of the game. Kansas City's Jan Stenerud and LA's Bruce Gossett traded field goals to account for the rest of the scoring.

Earlier Los Angeles had whipped Dallas, 29-12, and Kansas City topped Oakland, 19-10, to set up their Super Bowl meeting. Both the NFL and AFL were four-team divisions. Final standings were: NFL: Los Angeles 9-4-1; 2. Dallas 6-7-1; 3. Minnesota 4-8-2; 4. Detroit 3-9-2. AFL: 1. Kansas City 9-4-1; 2. Oakland 8-5-1; 3. Cleveland 8-6; 4. New York 4-8-2.

## Playing Tip

John A. Sear  
Santa Ana, California

Instead of receiving an automatic first down when gaining the exact amount of yardage needed, roll one die. If it is odd, the offense receives the advantage--a first down--if it is even, the defense has the advantage--next down and "inches" to go for a first. This can be applied to goal line situations as well.

Also, if in throwing a long pass (only) and it is completed more than 10 yards beyond the end zone, it should be considered incomplete. The same applies to interceptions (both short and long passes) beyond the end zone. If 10 yards exactly, you can use the one die method to determine if caught or out of the field of play.

With regard to injuries, the team with the player who is injured rolls one die and if a "six" comes up it means he had to use a time out to remove the player from the field.

## Koufax, Gibson In Hurling Duel

Sandy Koufax ('65 Dodgers) and Bob Gibson ('70 Cards) put their fastballs on display in a recent game for James H. Overmeyer. Koufax, pitching for the Dodgers, fanned 20 against an all-star team composed of Johnny Bench, Willie Mays, Lou Gehrig, Ty Cobb and Phil Rizzuto. Home runs by Gehrig and Rizzuto keyed a 3-1 all-star victory, however, while Gibson set down 14 Dodgers via the strikeout route.

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### Wanted

WANTED: 1964 American and National Leagues. Will pay well depending on condition of teams. Steve Shalon, 700 Willow Tree Lane, Glencoe, Illinois 60022.

WANTED: In good to excellent condition: 1964 Giants, Orioles, Yankees, Indians, Angels, Senators, Athletics, Bosox, Twins; 1966 Giants, Dodgers, Pirates, Phillies, Chisox; 1967 Pirates, Chisox; 1968 Tigers. Will pay well for teams in good condition, will pay excellently for teams in excellent condition. Have for sale complete oldtimer set, 1922 Giants to 1961 Yankees (20 teams) \$7.50 and 1968 NL except Braves. Jon Silver, 1400 East Cotati, Rohnert Park, CA 94928.

WANTED: I will pay \$1.00 apiece for the following individual player's cards: 68 Willie Horton, 62 Leon Wagner, 63 Dick Stuart, 61 Jim Gentile, 66 Frank Robinson, 66 Joe Torre, 62 Ernie Banks, 66 Richie Allen, 61 Orlando Cepeda, 64 Dean Chance, 68 Luis Tiant, 64 Larry Jackson, 63 Juan Marichal. Cards must be in good condition send to P.J. White, 44 Auburn Avenue, Rochester, NY 14606.

WANTED: Desperately needed, 1964 Cardinals, Yankees, and Giants. 1965 Giants and 1966 Orioles. Need to complete a set. Will pay top price. Send offers to Gale Hassell, 1434 East Gunn, Appleton, Wisconsin 54911.

WANTED: 1967 and 1968 Raiders in good condition. For any price up to \$5.00 for both. George Tosti, P.O.Box 756, Westley, CA 95387.

WANTED: March, April, May and June issues of the Review. Will pay \$2.00 each if in one piece and readable. Steve Forester, 964 Pierce Street, Birmingham, MI 48009.

WANTED: I will pay up to \$20 for complete year sets from 1962-1970, up to \$4 for individual teams, and up to \$.50 for individual players. I also need a SOM football game complete with accessories and whatever teams you have. The first people who sell to me will receive a free baseball team (upon request) of my choice. PEACE! George Cozby, Box 105, Jonesboro, IL 62952.

WANTED: '60, '61, '63 Cardinals; '63, '66 Dodgers; '60, '63 Yankees; '64 Phillies and 1968 Indians. Will pay good money and meet any reasonable offer. Need teams desperately for a tournament. Write: Steve Cox, 401 Sherwood Rd., Carmi, IL 62821.

WANTED: '68 SOM baseball teams both leagues. Would also like to start league (by mail if desired). Write Dan Kolton (age 12), 29129 Southgate, Southfield, MI 48076 or call 358-0502 (313).

WANTED: 1967 Green Bay Packers. Will pay \$2.50 or lowest offer. Mike Sandora, 84 Monument Stratt, Portland, ME 04101.

WANTED: Any baseball teams except oldtimers, 1967 and 1970. Best bid. Greg Dietrich, 6003 Harney Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63136.

WANTED: I'm wondering if anybody has the whole 1966 baseball league including American & National League plus the whole 1968 season including the National & American League. Contact Michael Tenentes, 635 Bay Ridge Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11209.

Wanted: 1961-1968 Phillies and Pirates teams. Also I would like the first and second issues of Review. Name price. Doug Goldberg, 855 Selmer Rd., Philadelphia, PA 19116.

WANTED: baseball: '61 Angels, '62 Colt 45's 60¢. Send offer. Roger Fahey, 13-31 146 Street, New York, NY 11357.

WANTED: Strat-O-Matic players in Livingston, NJ. Please contact David Jacobs, 5 Bowling Drive, Livingston, NJ 07039 or call 994-1791. For Sale: 1968 Yanks, Bosox, and 1967 Giants, Bosox.

WANTED: 1965 Tigers, any Giant teams before 1967 other than 1962. Name price. Dave Stone, 3352 Sierra Oaks Drive, Sacramento, California 95825.

WANTED: Any Oriole team before 1966. Will pay \$1.50 for 1964 Orioles, other teams, \$1.00. Write: Mark McConnell, 4924 Verde Drive, Oceanside, CA 92054.

WANTED: '67 Raiders, '68 Jets, '69 Chiefs, and '69 Vikings, 50¢ apiece. Please contact Richard Rogerson, 7227-94 Avenue, Edmonton, 83, Alberta, Canada.

WANTED: All back issues of SOM Review. Willing to pay 50¢ each. J.G. Preston, 67 Davis Road, Port Washington, NY 11050.

WANTED: 1962 and 1963 Dodgers, '68 Tigers, and '69 Mets. Will take lowest bid. Write: Mark Thalacker, 321 North Ellen Street, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613.

WANTED: '68 Cards, '66 & '67 teams and any Card or Yankee teams before '68. I will buy from lowest bidder. I also want any baseball game owner in Des Moines, Iowa to write me. Write: Brian Russell, 1519 Sanford, St. Louis, MO 63139.

WANTED: Any Dodger team before 1964; any Red Sox team before 1965; also 1965 White Sox. Will pay \$1.50 per team. Clay Kempf, Route 1, Box 20A, Wildomar, CA 92395.

WANTED: Will buy from lowest bidder, complete 1967 Rams and 1969 Vikings in good condition. For fast reply, write: Jon Brams, 5 Mason Court, Wilmington, DE 19808.

WANTED: Baltimore Oriole teams, 1966 or older. I will pay \$1.00 per team if in good condition. Roy L. Dixon, 8040 Van Patten Rd., Norfolk, VA 23505.

WANTED: 1968 Strat-O-Matic baseball teams. Will pay \$15.00 and \$17.00 with extra players. Please enclose a roster sheet. HURRY. NEED VERY BADLY. Write: Richard York, 19171 Derby St., Detroit, MI 48203.

WANTED: 1962, '63, '64, '65 Pirate teams, useable condition, make offer. Also will buy any 1967 or older teams, 70¢ maximum per team. Dean Amrhein, 361 Bost Drive, W. Mifflin, PA 15122.

WANTED: Baseball cards, \$1.50 per team for 1963 Yankees, 1963 Dodgers, 1964 Yankees, 1964 Cardinals and 1968 Tigers. Write: Wayne Larrivee, Pease Terrace, Lee, MA 01238.

WANTED: '69 Braves, Giants, Astros, Padres. If interested send in your bid before the 20th. Lowest bidder wins and pays postage. Write: John Spellman, 19 Edgemere Drive, Cranston, RI 02905.

WANTED: 1962-66, '68, '69 National and American Leagues in complete sets. Want old roster sheets and cards in good condition. Will pay \$3.00 per league. Write: Don Vojta, 11 Cedar Street, Floral Park, New York 11001.

WANTED: Any baseball full set of cards prior to '69. Also old roster sheets; all letters answered. Write: David Rosner, 38 Somerset Drive, North, Great Neck, NY 11020.

## For Sale

FOR SALE: 1970 Dodgers, Astro's, Twins, Orioles and Red Sox. All five teams for \$1.25. Steve Shalon, 700 Willow Tree Lane, Glencoe, IL 60022.

FOR SALE: 1970 football set, never been used. All 26 teams for \$7.00. Also am interested in joining league for baseball. Mark Zeligman, 5109 Cedar Crest Rd., Topeka, Kansas 66606.

FOR SALE: Over 500 Strat-O-Matic baseball cards for sale. Cards are from '67, '68, '69 and '70 sets. Cards are in good condition. \$10 - Glenn Davis, 103 West Knowles Avenue, Glenolden, PA 19036.

FOR SALE: All 1969 baseball teams except Bosox. Additional players included. Also '67 Phils and 20 oldtimer teams from 1920-61. Most teams in perfect condition. Buy individually or as a set. Dave Lengel, 24 Lincoln Drive, Wernersville, PA 19565.

FOR SALE: 1968 Jets, Colts, Raiders, Browns; 1969 Chiefs, Vikings, Cowboys, Rams. All in good condition. 75¢ each plus postage. Write: Joe Sommer, 130 West Clearview Avenue, Worthington, Ohio 43085.

FOR SALE: 1970 football teams except Oilers, Dolphins, Bills, Chargers, all for \$7.00. Eric Rosekrans, 1131 Blanchette Dr., East Lansing, MI 48823 or (517) 351-2298.

FOR SALE: NL and AL Hall of Famers. '27 Yankees, '46 Cards, '50 Yanks, '54 Giants, '54 Indians, '57 Braves, '60 Pirates, '61 Yanks, '70 Reds, '70 Dodgers, '70 Giants, '70 Pirates, '70 Mets, '70 Cards, '70 Twins, '70 Athletics, '70 Angels, '70 Orioles, '70 Yanks, '70 Red Sox. All the cards are in excellent condition, and none are missing. Also I'm selling the game itself too. All the pieces are included. Highest bidders pay postage. Will sell the teams separately. Anyone who has 63, 64, or 65 Mets yearbook please contact me. Will trade some SOM teams or will pay well for yearbooks. Yearbooks must be in reasonable condition. Also selling batting and pitching averages at a glance. William Hyman, 4 Edgewood Dr., Freehold, NJ 07728.

FOR SALE: Will compile statistics for SOM baseball, football at 5¢ a game. Specify if you desire your scoresheets returned. I pay postage. Tom Loebig, 23 Nevins St., Rutherford, NJ 07070

FOR SALE: 1969 season except Giants, Mets, Orioles. 20 oldtimer teams, 1920's - 60's. NL and AL Hall of Fame teams. Receive bids until October 11. Top bid gets pick. Send bids to Gale Hassell, 1434 East Gunn, Appleton, Wisconsin 54911.

FOR SALE: The following list is for sale: the prices are: 1970-45¢; 1969-50¢; 1968-50¢; 1966-60¢; 1965-70¢; per team. 1970: Mets, Orioles, Reds, Cards, Astro's. 1970: Pilots, Orioles, Twins, Padres, Cubs, Red Sox, Expos, Mets, Yankees, Pirates, Braves. 1968: Brock, Tigers, Cubs, Yankees, Mets, Giants, A's, Indians. 1966: Astros, Giants, Twins, Orioles, W. Sox, Braves, Tigers, Dodgers, Phils, Pirates, Cubs. 1965: Braves, Cards, W. Sox, Giants, Twins. Write: Wayne Edmunds, 22 West Hill Rd., Colonia, NJ 07067. Please include postage.

FOR SALE: 1970 American and National League teams except Brewers, Royals. Sell all for \$7.00. Eric Rosekrans, 1131 Blanchette Dr., East Lansing, MI 48823 or (517) 351-2298.

FOR SALE: The services of "Surdam's Statistical Services." (Baseball stats). Will keep statistics for as low as 3 1/2¢ per team per game. Stats computed are those stated in GKSML constitution. Willing to start a league in Eugene, Oregon area. Dave Surdam, Route 8, Box 728, Pleasant Hill, Oregon 97401.

FOR SALE: 1968 Cards, Tigers, Giants, Dodgers, Orioles, Red Sox. Good condition. Will sell (\$3.00) or trade for six other teams '67 or earlier. Gerald Black, 646-69 Avenue, Laval, Quebec, Canada.

FOR SALE: Will keep stats for 5¢ for both teams per game. Richard Jordan, 810 Longfield Rd., Philadelphia, PA 19118.

FOR SALE: Strat-O-Matic teams from '64-'70. For more information, write: Tom Conway, 53 Shawnee Avenue, Ft. Thomas, KY 41075. Also: wanted Cleveland Browns from '68-'70.

## Leagues Forming

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LEAGUE FORMING: Anyone at the University of Michigan interested in forming a baseball or football league after September 7 contact Steve Forester, Room 3333, Markley Hall.

LEAGUE FORMING: SOM Football Fans, play-by-mail league forming. We will play last year's schedule with each member having a division. HURRY! Write: Steve Keplinger, 328 Timber Grove Rd., Reisterstown, MD 21136.

LEAGUE FORMING: Any high school (or college) students interested in starting a league in the Bronx, NY area kindly contact either Paul Wasserman, 2805 Grand Concourse or Ira Wallin, 1420 Grand Concourse. Others are welcome to write also.

LEAGUE FORMING: Cambridge-Boston, MA area. Managers needed for most American League teams. Contact: Ken Hoffman, Lowell House G-21, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA 02138 (617) 498-3821.

LEAGUE FORMING: To all those that wrote inquiring about the Metropolitan Baseball Association: due to a deluge of replies many of your queries were not answered. Our major and minor league spots were filled almost immediately. Those of you who sent dues money and are not going to be with the league will have it returned. Sorry but what can I say? Thanks from J.G. Preston.

LEAGUE FORMING: Anyone interested in forming baseball league by mail living in San Francisco Bay area or vicinity write: Ray Smith, 3281 Loma Alta Drive, Santa Clara, CA 95051.

LEAGUE FORMING: Anyone in the Richmond, Virginia area interested in starting either a football or baseball league please write Ronnis Smith, 2909 Dellrose Ave., Richmond, VA 28017 or call 262-4274.

LEAGUE FORMING: Anyone interested in starting either baseball or football league in Southern Connecticut, please contact Ken Paulsen 787-2539, or write to 1006 Winchester Avenue, Hamden, CT 06517.

LEAGUE FORMING: Anyone interested in forming league in Huntington, Long Island area (similar to GKSM format) please call or contact me. Tel. 516-271-4012; address: 286 Cook St., Huntington Station, NY 11746.

LEAGUE FORMING: Strat-O-Matic baseball league forming in Broadmoor section of Little Rock, Arkansas. High school age only! If interested call 565-2666. Ask for Tommy.

LEAGUE FORMING: Anyone interested in joining or starting a baseball or football league in Honolulu area please contact Clyde Matsusaka, 1459 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 or call 536-7527.

## Highlight

Fred Floreth, Litchfield, Illinois, who has been playing Strat-O-Matic baseball for five years, comments on the 96 additional players and how accurate even these cards are. Proof was provided when Jim Beauchamp of '70 Cards, batted exactly 84 times in a replay, the same as in real-life, and produced the same real-life stats in hits (20), average (.238), doubles (2), triples (0), home runs (2) and runs (11).

## *In The Strat-O-Matic Spotlight*

THE IRL MOVES ALONG AT A RAPID CLIP

The International Replay League (IRL), organized by current President Glenn Thompson, Long Beach, California, is progressing smoothly. Monthly statistics and league standings are sent to the Review and current records show that some of the teams have already crossed over the 80-game mark on the way to a season-long replay.

Current leaders are Pittsburgh in the NL East, with a 1/2 game lead over Chicago; Cincinnati in the West, with an 8 game bulge over San Francisco; surprising Boston in the AL East, leading Baltimore by 2 1/2 games; and Minnesota in the West, 2 1/2 games over Oakland. Also, the IRL is replaying 12 of the Old-Timer teams and the '27 Yanks top the American League by 7 1/2 over the '54 Indians and the '50 Philadelphia Phillies and '53 Brooklyn Dodgers are tied in the NL, 1 1/2 games ahead of the '35 Chicago Cubs.

Thompson points out that the Reds have been the most surprising team in the replay, based on the 1970 season. In fact, when the teams were selected, Bosox manager Jim Langdon lamented: "I have the Boston Red Sox; it looks like another agonizing season..."

### NO-HITTERS

Larry Barker, Middletown, Ohio, has the spotlight this month, not because of a no-hit feat but because of how close he's come to seeing the trick performed. Six times Larry has had pitchers go into the ninth inning, only to have the no-hit bid shattered. Once, both Jim Perry of Minnesota and Skip Lockwood of Milwaukee entered the ninth frame with no-hitters--a rare happening, indeed--but both ended with two-hitters, the Twins winning, 1-0.

Rudy May of California finally did hurl nine innings of no-hit ball against Oakland. Neither team could score in the nine-innings, however, and May lost his no-hitter and the game in the 10th as the A's scored three runs.

Eric Rosekrans, East Lansing, Michigan, had a no-hit beauty as Sonny Siebert (entering the game with a 1-7 record) stopped Houston, allowing only three balls to be hit out of the infield on the way to a 12-0 win. Siebert struck out nine and was worked for five walks.

A team effort no-hitter occurred for David Rosner, Great Neck, New York, when the trio of Walter Johnson, Lefty Grove and Ed Walsh combined talents for a perfect game, 7-0, hurling for the American League Hall-of-Famers against the National League. But, Michael Griffin, Dysart, Iowa, scores one for the NL, as Grover Alexander gave the AL a dose of the no-hit medicine.

### THIS 'N THAT

...Douglas Hanauer, Cincinnati, Ohio, thinks the '54 Indians' 53-0 massacre of the '57 Braves is statistically impossible, but adds, "perhaps I am just jealous because my highest score ever was 20-1." Doug adds that he's experienced five no-hitters--including one by Gary Roggenburk of the '64 Twins, who twirled the masterpiece when called upon for his only start of the season after injuries decimated the regular rotation...Mike Nadeau, Chelsea, Michigan, likes to put the ball in the air in his football games as evidenced by Daryle Lamonica hitting 36 or 54 passes for 646 yards in one game and Roman Gabriel netting 568 yards in another, 424 going to receiver Wendell Tucker, based on '69 stats...Mike Moreak, Staton Island, New York, joins the ever-growing list of SOM fans who want to see a basketball or hockey game put out, plus old-timer football teams made available. He also sends along some interesting football highlights

including five touchdowns in one game by Denver's Floyd Little, Fred Cox of Minnesota kicking seven field goals twice in one season and a 97-yard pass hookup by Buffalo quarterback Jack Kemp with Marlin Briscoe, all based on 1969...Mark Elliott, Alexandria, Virginia, reflects that Atlanta has been unloading its heavy artillery in the late innings during a recent baseball replay. A 10-run eighth inning put Chicago under not long ago, marking the third time this season the Braves have paraded across the plate with nine or more runs in the eighth or ninth inning...Emery Kurtz, Santa Maria, California almost had to send out an SOS for the extra player cards when four injuries depleted the St. Louis Cardinal roster during a '67 game. Emery ended up using Dave Ricketts (who batted 99 times that year) at first base. Another injury would have brought a second pitcher into the lineup...To prevent his baseball cards from being spindled or mutilated, Corby Anderson, Butte, Montana, uses a bar of wax and coats each player to preserve 'em. Sounds messy, but Corby claims it works for him...

## Question & Answer Corner

Q: SHOULD AN ADDITIONAL YARD BE ADDED TO JAN STENERUDS FIELD GOAL RANGE OF 43-47 YARDS? HE KICKED ONE 55 YARDS ON OCTOBER 4, 1970 AGAINST DENVER.

A: Yes! That 55 yarder slipped by Strat-O-Matic, and Mr. Richman said that Stenerud's range should be 43-48 yards.

Q: WHY WAS DETROIT'S 1970 PASS RUSH RATING ONLY A "2"?

A: The Lions may have had many strong points but rushing the passer wasn't one of them. Detroit ranked 24th out the 26 NFL teams in getting to the passer (getting to the opposing quarterback only 23 times). The only teams worse than the Lions were the Saints with 17, and the Dolphins with 18. Sorry, we have to agree with the Game Co.'s rating.

Q: WHAT ABOUT GREAT NEGRO TEAMS AND PLAYERS OF THE PAST--LIKE JOSH GIBSON, SATCHEL PAIGE, ETC.--WILL THEY SOMEDAY BE AVAILABLE?

A: Unfortunately, there is no way possible for two main reasons--1) no official records were kept, so cards would have to be printed on word-of-mouth information, which of course, would not be very accurate. 2) only major league statistics are used by the company (even federal league stats would not be used even though its players were of major league quality).

Q: WHY WAS GENE MICHAELS OF THE NEW YORK YANKEES RATED A "2" (28 ERRORS) AND TEAMMATE HORACE CLARKE A "3"?

A: Quote from Mr. Richman, "Horace Clarke was definitely a "3", Michaels was a borderline case and in borderline cases there is always room for arguments."

Q: IF YOU HOLD A RUNNER, DOES THAT MEAN YOU HOLD HIM AS LONG AS HE IS ON BASE, UNTIL THE NEXT OUT, OR UNTIL HE ADVANCES?

A: Just for the present batter.

Q: WHAT DOES "GROUNDBALL E" MEAN ON THE '61 SET OF SOM CARDS?

A: It means an error, consult error chart to see what results. In this first set there were no fielding ratings.

Q: WHAT YEAR DID STRAT-O-MATIC BASEBALL AND FOOTBALL FIRST COME OUT?

A: Baseball's first set was in 1961 (based on the 1960 season), and football in 1968 (based on the 1967 season.)

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Q: THE ONLY THING WRONG WITH THE REVIEW IS IT ISN'T LONG ENOUGH. IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT LONGER, HOW ABOUT MAKING IT TWICE A MONTH?

A: Currently, we are working on plans with our printer to enlarge the paper to 20 pages. Our main problem is with the added weight that would double our mailing cost. If we can work it out, the Review will be 20 pages large beginning with the November issue. As for two issues a month: the idea is under consideration, however, at the present time it doesn't seem possible.

Q: IF THERE IS A RUNNER ON FIRST BASE AND YOU GET CATCHERS CARD X (CATCHER IS A "1") AND THE SPLIT CARD RESULT IS A "4", WHAT HAPPENS? THE CHART SAYS "SAFE AT FIRST ON DROPPED POPOUT," BUT THAT WOULD PUT TWO MEN ON FIRST BECAUSE THE X CHART SAYS "A RESULT WITHOUT A NUMBER INDICATES NO ADVANCEMENT OF RUNNERS."

A: Runners advance one base.

Q: IF THERE IS A RUNNER ON SECOND BASE AND THE BATTER HITS A SINGLE THAT THE RUNNER ON SECOND STRETCHES HOME, IS THE BATTER, WHO ADVANCED TO SECOND, CREDITED WITH A SINGLE OR DOUBLE?

A: Batter is credited with a single. He's assumed to have advanced to second on the throw home.

Q: THERE IS SOME CONFUSION AS TO THE PITCHERS FIELDING, IS HE A TWO OR THREE?

A: Old pitching cards say 3, but the new pitching cards and the Game Co. say that the pitcher is now a 2 fielder.

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.