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Harold Richman, SOM's Creator Joins In Question & Answer Corner

Q: MR. RICHMAN, WHAT ABOUT THE PRINTING OF FOOTBALL OLD-TIMER TEAMS, COLLEGE TEAMS AND/OR CANADIAN FOOTBALL TEAMS?

A: Old-timer football teams at present are impossible to print up because of lack of time since the cards have to be made out manually, plus lack of availability of needed statistics. As for college football, not enough statistics are kept. As for Canadian football, at present the market is not big enough.

Q: MR. RICHMAN, WHAT ABOUT PRINTING OF OLD-TIMER BASEBALL TEAMS AND WILL THE SOM POLL (AUGUST ISSUE) BE USED?

A: More old-timer teams should be coming in the '72 season and yes the Review poll will be followed.

Q: WHAT ABOUT OTHER SPORTS GAMES MADE BY SOM?

A: At present the basketball game is being researched and will be the next SOM game. However, it will be a while before the game will be made available.

Q: WE NOTICED ON OUR SOM FOOTBALL CARDS THERE WERE 2-12 CHANCES FOR FIELD GOALS, ON THE NEWER CARDS THE BEST WAS 2-10. WHY IS THIS?

A: This has been changed to make a field goal not necessarily automatic from certain zones. Because most field goal kickers only attempt 9 or 10 times over a season from a particular area which does not give you a good basis to give a man a 2-12 rating.

Q: WHY ON THE OLD-TIMER ROSTER IS BILLY O'DELL OF THE 1962 GIANTS NOT GIVEN AN ASTERISK INDICATING HE CAN START EVERY FOURTH DAY WHEN HE LED THE GIANTS' STAFF IN INNINGS PITCHED WITH 281 AND WHEN JACK SANFORD (265 INNINGS), JUAN MARICHAL (263) AND BILLY PIERCE (162) WERE ALL GIVEN ASTERISKS? WHY WERE BOB GIBSON AND DICK HUGHES (1967) ORIGINALLY GIVEN ASTERISKS ON THE 1968 SOM ROSTER SHEET (FOR YEAR '67) INDICATING THAT THEY COULD START EVERY FOURTH DAY, BUT NOT GIVEN ASTERISKS ON THE OLD-TIMER ROSTER?

A: These were errors in printing of the roster sheets. Asterisks should be given.

Q: WHY, IN VIEW OF HIS IMMENSE POWER, WAS WILLIE MCCOVEY NOT GIVEN A "FLYBALL A" IN 1962?

A: Evidently, an error on the part of the Game Co., remember then the cards were made out manually.

Q: CAN A DEFENSIVE MANAGER IN BASEBALL MOVE HIS INFIELD "IN" WITH A RUNNER ON THIRD ONLY OR WITH RUNNERS ON SECOND AND THIRD ONLY?

A: Any time a runner is on third base, infield in can be used.

Q: REGARDING THE "SHORT YARDAGE DEFENSE": WITH BOTH CORNERBACKS STRADDLING THE FLAT AND SHORT PASS ZONES, TIGHT SAFETY STRADDLING THE LOOK-IN AND SHORT ZONES AND THE FREE SAFETY MOVED UP INTO THE SHORT PASS ZONE, WHY DO YOU ONLY COUNT THREE MEN IN THE SHORT PASS ZONE--SOMEHOW THERE'S ONE MAN NOT ACCOUNTED FOR? (SECONDLY, WHAT WOULD PREVENT YOU FROM USING THIS DEFENSE EVERY TIME YOU CALLED A RUNNING PLAY? ALTHOUGH IT'S TO BE USED FOR SHORT YARDAGE SITUATIONS ONLY, WHERE DO YOU SET THE LIMITATIONS--ACCORDING TO THE DOWN, FIELD POSITION, ONLY INSIDE A CERTAIN YARD LINE)?

A: There are no limitations on the use of this defense because it is required that the defense call run plus they only have three men in the short pass zone and none in the long pass zone which leaves them wide open for a pass. However, any league can make their own rules regarding this defense.

Q: WHAT DO YOU DO IF YOU EXPERIENCE MULTIPLE INJURIES AT A POSITION, SAY TIGHT END, AND YOU DON'T HAVE ANY RECEIVERS UNINJURED AS REPLACEMENTS?

A: Either bring in the first man that was injured or put another receiver at that position or make up any rules that you feel are justified.

Q: WHY WAS FRED NORMAN ('70) PUT WITH THE ST. LOUIS CARDINALS WHEN HE ONLY PITCHED ONE INNING FOR THEM?

A: This is strictly an arbitrary ruling by the Game Co. It should be noted that in situations such as this, fielding ratings, running ratings, or any ratings in the game that you, as a game player feel are unjust, can change, after all the game is yours. However, remember the amount of research the Game Co. has gone through to arrive at these ratings.

Q: WHY AREN'T RUNS-BATTED-IN LISTED ON THE SOM BATTING CARDS?

A: There is only so much room on the bottom of the card for statistics and again it is arbitrary as to what statistics are put down.

Q: WHY WAS MAURY WILLS, 1962, ONLY GIVEN AN "AA" STEALING RATING (HE STOLE 104 BASES) YET AFTER STEALING 94 IN '65 HE WAS GIVEN AN "AAA" RATING?

A: The "AAA" rating did not come into effect until the 1963 set.

AFC Produces Both 'Super' Winners In Pair Of Replays

That Central Division of the National Football Conference might be nicknamed the "Black-And-Blue Division" because its teams are so physically tough, but it's in the Western Division of the AFC where the championship teams come from--at least that's the case in a pair of interesting SOM replays sent in by Daniel Constantino and Richard Zaborsky.

In both replays, based on 1969 but using the realigned division setup first started in 1970, Western Division AFC teams emerged as Super Bowl Champions.

Kansas City, like in real-life, won in Zaborsky's replay, nipping Minnesota in a defensive struggle, 12-3, while Oakland compiled a 16-1 overall record, including a 16-14 "Super" triumph over the same Vikings, to win it all in Constantino's gridiron skirmishing.

In Zaborsky's replay, Detroit (12-2, matching Dallas with the best regular season won-lost mark), Atlanta, Dallas, Kansas City, Cincinnati and the New York Jets all made the playoffs, while Minnesota and Oakland got in with the best second-place marks.

Quarterback Greg Landry rolled up 363 passing yards and Errol Mann booted five field

goals and that was all for Dallas, 36-7, in the playoff opener. Next Atlanta was buried under the Minnesota pass rush (10 times for minus 90 yards) and lost, 19-6, as Joe Kapp threw two TD strikes. The Jets, after leading 14-3 at halftime, lost to the ground-churning Kansas City Chiefs, 31-14, despite Namath's 212 aerial yards. And Warren Wells caught eight passes and Daryle Lamonica clicked on 19 of 35 attempts for 339 yards as Oakland bombed Cincy, 41-14.

Kansas City slowed Oakland in its next game, however, winning 24-7, sacking Lamonica eight times for 54 yards in losses. In the other pre-Super Bowl showdown, Minnesota defeated Detroit for the third time during the season, 27-17, turning the game around in the third quarter when Dave Osborn rambled 33 yards to paydirt to snap a 10-10 tie.

Finally, in the Super Bowl, Kapp had three first half interceptions and K.C. lost the ball three times on fumbles as a defensive struggle developed. When it was all over, Kansas City reigned because of Jan Stenerud's toe, as he kicked three-pointers from 38, 29, 37 and 25 yards for a 12-3 victory.

In Constantino's Super Bowl, Oakland jumped out to a 16-0 lead after three George Blanda field goals and a five-yard TD pass from Lamonica to Charlie Smith. Minnesota made a big bid in the final quarter to pull out victory, intercepting a pass and recovering an onside kickoff and turning both into touchdowns, but Oakland held on for a 16-14 win, sacking Kapp seven times in the process.

Division winners were: Buffalo, Cleveland, Oakland in the AFC, with Kansas City best of the second-place teams, and New Orleans, New York and Detroit (with Minnesota also making the playoffs) in the NFC.

Playoff action saw Buffalo upset the Chiefs, 13-10; New Orleans nip Detroit as Errol Mann missed a last second 51-yard field goal, 27-24; Oakland subdue Cleveland, 17-9, on Pete Banazak's five-yard TD run on a fourth-and-goal situation; and Minnesota squeak past New York, 17-14, when Kapp hit Dave Osborn with a six-yard touchdown pass with only 30 seconds left. Conference titles went to Minnesota, which clubbed the Saints, 30-7, and Oakland which got past Buffalo, 19-7.

Tom Woodeshick of Philadelphia was the leading rusher with 1041 yards, Floyd Little had the top average, 5.6, and Charlie Taylor, Roy Jefferson and Gene Washington (S.F.) each caught 72 passes. Sonny Jurgensen won the passing title, completing 23 TD strikes along the way, George Blanda won the scoring crown with 113 points and Roy Gerala of Houston hit on 20 of 23 field goals.

And, for those who like to compare the American and National Football Conferences, the NFC had a 23-15-2 advantage in interconference play.

It's 1960 All Over Again;

Mazeroski Hits Winning HR

Remember that World Series thriller back in 1960 when the Pittsburgh Pirates nipped the Yankees, four games to three, when Bill Mazeroski delivered a dramatic ninth inning homer in the final inning of the seventh game?

Well, Pittsburgh's second sacker did it again for Doug Carniglia in a replay of the 1966 season, which ended with Detroit and Pittsburgh meeting in the World Series. Denny McLain, who won 16 games during the regular season, blanked the Pirates through eight innings of that final game, leading 2-0, when Mazeroski strode to the plate, reminiscent of '60, and clouted a game and series-winning three-run homer.

Readers Roll 'Em

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Dear Sirs:

I am replaying the '70 National League. My most interesting game thus far (through 100 games) was a Cincinnati-San Francisco game won by Cincinnati, 17-14, with Bench driving in 9 runs.

I have one complaint with Strat-O-Matic. It concerns their policy of not including players who have been traded late in the season. For instance, Tony Gonzaley batted 430 times for Atlanta during the '70 season. He was placed on waivers and ended up with the Angels. Ralph Garr was brought up near the end of the season and batted 96 times. Garr's card was included with the '70 Braves but not Gonzales. For the sake of realism, Gonzales, who played in 123 games should be included, and not Garr who was in 37 games.

Sincerely,

Mark Elliott
Alexandria, VA

Dear Sirs:

I have been playing SOM baseball for two years now and find it incredibly accurate and authentic. However, I don't know if you or anyone else has noticed the unusually high frequency of two-base hits which occur for most players. I've played a 30-game 1970 NL season so far and have compared the ratio of doubles-to-total-hits for each player. The ratios are consistently and extremely high compared to real life, and I think I know why; two-base hits occur too frequently on pitchers' cards. Pitchers are rated according to hits allowed, walks, strikeouts, and home runs allowed but I highly doubt that they are constructed according to doubles allowed. Instead (so I infer from examining the cards), doubles seem to be a method of determining ERA in relation to the hits-per-innings-pitched ratio. A pitcher with a low hits-per-innings ratio but a fairly high ERA often seems to be given a higher doubles-allowed

chance so that the fewer hits will account for more runs. Conversely, a pitcher with a high hits-per-inning ratio but a relatively low ERA is given a lower doubles-allowed chance so that the fewer hits will account for more runs. Conversely, a pitcher with a high hits-per-inning ratio but a relatively low ERA is given a lower doubles-allowed chance. Now I'm not knocking this method, because it's a great idea if done accurately. I feel, though, that too many two-base hits are creeping onto pitchers' cards and thus into hitters' statistics.

What I have done is this: for all split numbers on pitchers' cards (such as Home run: 1-10; Double: 11-20) where the second group of numbers calls for a double, I have changed the result to "Single**". This is the only case in which I make any changes, and so far it seems to have ironed out the inaccuracy.

I wouldn't want to quibble over minor inaccuracies, but I think that this is the most extensive and glaring flaw in the game. I wonder if you would consider my observations and, if you can see my point, would pass them on to the game company.

In conclusion, I would like to congratulate you for your fine paper and urge you to keep up the good work. The playing of sports table games must surely be one of the fastest growing hobbies in the country, and it is to your credit to have provided a forum for the owners of the best game available--Strat-O-Matic.

Sincerely,

Jerry Kail
Ladoga, Indiana

Dear Sirs:

I've been playing Strat-O-Matic for almost five years now, and it has given me many, many hours of fun and excitement. Your magazine is a fantastic way to sell, buy, or trade teams. This past month, I

have sold half of my '67 set, almost my complete '68 set and my '69 set at amazing profits. Those old Strat-O-Matic teams sell like hotcakes.

I would also like to say, that Ellery Kane's system of rating players is an excellent system.

I urge anybody who wants to buy, sell or trade teams, to put an advertisement in the Strat-O-Matic Review. You won't be sorry!

Sincerely,

Larry Steinberg

Dear Sirs:

I think your magazine is great, but I feel it should be longer, I am in favor of several ideas which readers have expressed:

(1) Old-timer Football teams ('64 Colts, etc.)

(2) Lefty-righty batting and pitching cards. Almost all teams have one position or more being platooned. Pinch-hitters who bat left almost never bat against left-handed pitchers and vice-versa with batters who bat from the right side.

(3) A system for hit batters. (Ron Hunt has been hit by pitch 32 times this year)

I have found Strat-O-Matic very enjoyable. In the second SOM football game I played (Houston-Green Bay) Joe Dawkins of Houston rushed for 4 TD's in one quarter to put Houston ahead 31-0 but Bart Starr passed to Carroll Dale for 5 TD's in the next three quarters to win the game for GB 35-31. In my baseball schedule Willie Davis was hitting .510 after 100 AB's but in the next 56 at bats, his average dropped to .394. Claude Osteen has been involved in 28 and 26 inning games, winning the second one 3-2 after losing the first one 4-3. Thank you for a great magazine to go with a great game.

Yours truly,

Max Weder
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
Canada

Dear Sirs:

I would like to compliment you on the SOM Review. It is very interesting and informing. I have quite a few things I

would like to have printed in the Review.

First of all, we have a new record. Believe it or not, Willie Stargell batted .437 in our 1969 replay.

We also had an unusual no-hitter. In the fifth game of the 1969 playoffs, Claude Osteen of the Dodgers pitched a no-hitter against the Mets. Osteen faced just 28 batters. Don Clondenon reached on an error and Ron Swoboda reached on a walk. But Swoboda was erased on a doubleplay.

In our 1970 replay, with a little over a fifth of the season completed we have already had 3 no-hitters. Mike Nagy of the Red Sox and Tom Hall of the Twins pitched no-hitters just 6 games apart on the schedule. Jim Hannan of the Senators also pitched a no-hitter.

I think it would be a good idea to give each pitcher his own hitting card, stealing rating, fielding rating, and running.

At the moment we are in the middle of a 71-team tournament. We are hoping you will print the results.

Yours truly,

Brad Carr
Greenup, Illinois

Dear Sirs:

I would like to congratulate you on publishing an excellent magazine for an excellent game. Your magazine helps all of us "fanatics" to realize that we are not alone. I have been playing the baseball game since 1965 and the football game since 1967. Both are excellent and the most realistic table games I have ever played.

I have some interesting highlights to relate from my years of playing Strat-O-Matic. In a recent game of my 1968 AFL replay, Noland Smith of Kansas City returned consecutive 44-yard punts by Curly Johnson of the New York Jets 86 and 90 yards for touchdowns. Smith wound up with three returns for 195 yards, a 65.0 yard average!! However, despite his superhuman efforts, the Chiefs still lost, 31-28. When I first received my 1970 football cards I replayed the 1971 Super Bowl. You guessed it, Baltimore beat Dallas 16-13 on a 43 yard field goal by Jim O'Brien with only three plays left in the game. The Colts won despite the fact that Johnny Unitas was injured on the

second play of the game. In six years of playing Strat-O-Matic baseball I have not had a single no-hitter.

As far as all-time records go, I have tied one of the football records. Sonny Jurgensen of the 1969 Washington Redskins threw 71 passes in a 49-7 romp over the Steelers. Jurgensen completed 46 passes including his first ten in a row.

Sincerely,

Steve Forester
Birmingham, Michigan

Dear Sirs:

I was introduced to Strat-O-Matic baseball by a friend in 1967 and since then I have derived much pleasure and enjoyment from the game. I have made it a study and I am proud to say that I have a fairly good understanding of the forming of the player cards from ran statistics.

In the August issue of the Review, Ellery Kane introduced his system for rating the player cards. I would like to suggest an improvement. As we all know the game is based on the chance of rolling a certain number on the dice. The probability of rolling a 6, 7 or 8 in any one column is the same (.024). Likewise, the probability of rolling a 4, 5, 9 or 10 is the same and also 2, 3, 11 or 12. (.016 and .008 respectively). If you adjust the point ratings so that the numbers of equivalent probability had the same rating the system would be more effective.

Another idea I have had is to create a team from the nameless player cards. The result is a team that will challenge the most skilled manager. I played my team, which I called the Winooski Warriors, against all comers and eventually ended up with an 82-80 record after 162 games with a team batting average of .260 with 156 home runs. While my hitting was fairly impressive, my pitching was a headache. Only two of my pitchers had less hits than innings pitched and my staff allowed 68 more runs than my team could score. I would be interested in statistics from others who have done this also.

Sincerely,

Roy L. Dixon
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Sirs:

Exceptional magazine you people have put on the "market" to supplement a great game. I anxiously await the September issue to kick-off the Football Season. You really struck home with your article, "LEAGUE PLAY IS FUN?" and followed that up with yet another, "FOUR BETTER OR WORSE..." It's nice knowing that other people are as involved in the game, and a relief to know that the emotional outbursts are as much a part of the game as the roll of the dice, and not some sign of a creeping mental disorder. (smile)

My admiration (and sympathy) to Harold Richman for his methods of setting up and calculating the football cards. I managed to utilize the Nameless Players for this baseball season, beefing up each team to 25 men. For the teams not having 10 pitchers, I gave them an additional pitcher, and the other teams received another utility man. (I ordered two sets of Nameless Players to accomplish this). I researched each team so I could add a player that actually played for the respective club that season, then set about the "task" of giving them fair stealing, running, and fielding ratings, plus match the card to the man to the best of my ability. This small (by comparison) amount of figuring consumed at least 30 hours, stretched out to about 3 weeks - the job of calculating an entire NFL has to be monumental, hence my admiration and sympathy to Mr. Richman.

Sincerely,

Charles D. Kilgus
APO San Francisco

Dear Sirs:

I have been reading past letters to the Review and have paid particular attention to the readers who want two-sided cards for batters, one side how they did against right-handed pitchers and how they did against southpaws. I have strong feelings toward this; I think it should not even be considered. I have two reasons. First: It would make the game too complicated. Second: say a player had 300 at-bats and was a left-handed hitter. He batted .240 on the year and was used almost exclusively against right-handed pitchers. But, he got 20 at-bats against southpaws. During those 20 at-bats he got lucky and got 11

hits, three of them homers and one triple.

Can you imagine what kind of a card he would have? Now, if you were the manager of this player, would you put him against right-handed pitchers or southpaws? He would obviously be used against right-handed pitchers since he is left-handed. Or would he? I know my fellow SOM players and I would bet that that player would be used everytime I used a left-handed pitcher. This would obviously alter his statistics and make him do better than he really did. There is only two ways I can really think of improving the game without making it too complicated. One is with the stretching rule. The rule states that if there are men at first and second and a batter singles, you have the option to stretch. If you stretch and are safe, you end up with men at 2nd and 3rd. I disagree with this method. Say that Tovar was on second and Killebrew on first. There is a single to left. In my opinion, the defensive manager ought to have the option on what runner to try and throw out. Unless Tovar was the tying or winning run, I would try to get Killebrew every time. Tovar is almost a cinch to make it home, but for Killebrew it isn't so easy getting to third. I think the rule should be changed so you can attempt to throw out another runner instead of the lead runner. You should at least be able to hold the other runners from advancing by instead of picking a split to just tell the offensive manager he is not trying for the man at home and will hold the runner at first from going to third. The second way of improving the game is to add HBP. Usually everybody gets hit by a pitched ball a couple times and some players get hit on purpose. Ron Hunt and Ceasar Tovar are a couple of players who are penalized by not having HBP on their cards.

Our neighborhood just finished a 1967 replay. The most exciting thing for me was the World Series. The Cardinals and the Tigers were in it and I had the Cards. I took the Tigers four straight and in the fourth game, believe it or not, Bob Gibson pitched a perfect game. Besides that no-hitter, our neighborhood has had six no-hitters, one of which Dean Chance lost 1-0.

I believe SOM is the best game on

the market and should not be changed, unless it is a good change and will not make the game too complicated.

Sincerely,

Mark Campbell
Sacto, California

Dear Sirs:

Just thought I'd let you know that I think your magazine is pretty good. It could be improved by omitting some of these long replay stories (i.e. October, "Los Angeles Rams Scale Super Bowl Mountain") I expected to read the story of his Super Bowl game, but all I get is a bunch of useless statistics that don't mean much to me. Articles like the one about how the play-by-mail league works are much more interesting and useful. So keep up the good work.

I also have a few replays of my own. The Dallas Cowboys won my Super Bowl on the last play of the game, a four-yard pass from "Dandy Don" Meredith to Bob Hayes, giving the Cowboys a 20-19 win over the real champs, the New York Jets.

In baseball, the 1970 California Angels surprised everyone, mostly me, by coming through in the playoffs for a surprising four game to one victory after the 1970 Baltimore Orioles for the SMBA (Strat-O-Matic Baseball Association) championship. Last years' winners, the 1968 Detroit Tigers finished in fourth place in the five-team division. Merv Rettermund and Wes Parker both batted .394 to lead the league in hitting, while Tony Perez hit 27 homers in the 76-game schedule.

Euphoria! This year in the SMBA, Rudy May of the Angels pitched a perfect game versus Kansas City. It was unusual, because he did not strike out a batter in the 1-0 victory.

Sincerely,

Robbie Thompson
Hazelton, Iowa

Dear Sirs:

First of all, let me congratulate you on a fine editorial in the August issue of the Review. You have said so beautifully what I try to tell others who complain about our great game.

I recently attended an Oriole double-header at Baltimore's Memorial Stadium.

During the first game I heard a man in front of me say to his friend, "Hey Bill, how do you think Strat-O-Matic will rate Frank Robinson next year?" I later talked to these men, who explained that they had been playing the game since junior high school, having numerous replays and leagues. They also mentioned that they once played with another tabletop game, but they soon came back to Strat-O-Matic. The other game seemed to have fairly realistic results but was much more involved to play than Strat-O-Matic. Just goes to show you, you can't go anywhere these days without running into a fellow Strat-O-Matic fan.

I would also like to report that in my 1970 replay, Jack Aker, relief ace of the New York Yankees, has pitched 34 2/3 innings without giving up an earned run and is still going strong. I read of Fritz Peterson's 36 2/3 no-run string in Robert Renzini's replay, and am waiting anxiously to see if Aker can top that. As you know, Aker pitched 70 innings last year, so he has pitched almost half of his innings without giving up a run.

Sincerely,

Steve Keplinger
Reisterstown, Maryland

Dear Editors:

Needless to say, I am very happy to receive the SOM Review every month. I'm glad someone decided to start it.

Some suggestions for SOM baseball: catchers should be supplied with 2 ratings. One would be their fielding rating for use on the X charts. That is the one supplied now. The other would be a throwing arm rating for holding runner's on with. These would not necessarily be the same. This would allow for more accurate rating than the composite rating used now. If a catcher is an excellent fielder, but has a poor arm or vice versa, he cannot receive a truly accurate rating using the current rating system.

I'd like to vote against right and left batter's and pitching cards. The extra expense would not be worth the questionable gain in accuracy.

Sincerely,
SSgt. George B. Lippman
APO San Francisco

Dear Sirs:

In regard to the football records, I have several criticisms. In looking over the records it appears that most of the records were set in solitaire games. I believe the performances should only be considered if the game was played against an opponent. If someone were playing against me and gave or threw the ball to one player exclusively, I would start double teaming or keying. This is in regard to Matte's 51 carries and Long's 31 receptions.

If I wanted to break these records in a solitaire game, I could. But the amount a player participates is dictated by the needs of the team and the game situation. In view of this, I think many of the records are unrealistic. If pro football could not break these records in all those years, the game should not be able to in only four years if the game is supposed to be realistic.

These comments are meant to be constructive criticisms. I know that this is the best football game I have played (I have six) and my comments are aimed at helping the Review improve.

Sincerely,

Bill Sarubbi

Dear Sirs:

I would like to comment on the SOM All-Star team published in the August issue, sent in by George Cozby. I think he definitely should have included the 1965 Maury Wills. Wills was a 2-fielding shortstop, he hit .289, and was an AAA stealer. In the outfield he did not include the 1966 Matty Alou who hit .342, played all three outfield positions, was an A stealer, and did not have a strikeout on his card. At catcher, he left out the 1963 Elston Howard who was MVP and on his card in column 3 could not make an out. One last comment, the 1966 Triple Crown winner, Frank Robinson, was delated. He hit .316 with 49 homers and 122 RBI's.

Sincerely,

David Jacobs

Playing Tips For SOM Baseball

Steve Goldstein
Bloomfield, New Jersey

I have devised several things that I would like to share with other Strat-O-Matic players.

(1) By Parks, in split card situations: Add "N" to the better hit if a lefty pitcher faces a righty batter, or vice-versa. Subtract "N" if a righty faces a righty, etc. "N" equals plus or minus 6 in Atlanta, Boston, Wrigley Field or Cleveland; "N" equals plus or minus 2 in Kansas City, and "N" equals plus or minus 4 in all other stadiums.

(2) Righty-lefty shift: on a righty shift, simply add one to the third baseman's fielding number and subtract one from the left fielder's. On the lefty shift, add one to first baseman's rating and subtract one from right fielder.

(3) Revised injury chart: injuries exclude game playing in.

(AT BATS)											
Split	200	200	250	300	350	400	450	500	550	600	650
Card		249	299	349	399	449	499	549	599	649	Up
1	1-15 Batter ejected for arguing; 16-20 game rained out.										
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3/4	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5/6	2	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
7/8	3	3	3	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
9/10	5	4	4	4	3	2	1	0	0	0	0
11/12	6	5	5	5	4	3	2	1	0	0	0
13/14	7	7	6	6	5	4	3	1	1	0	0
15/16	9	8	8	7	6	5	4	3	1	1	0
17/18	10	9	9	8	7	6	5	3	2	1	0
19/20	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	4	3	1	1
Innings	30	31	61	91	121	151	181	211	241	271	300
Pitched		60	90	120	150	180	210	240	270	300	Up

(4) Revised stealing chart when runner is "leading off." Manager must call "leading off."

Toward 2B - AA 1-19	3B - AA 1-13	Home - AA 1-9
A 1-17	2B & 3B A 1-12	3B & H A 1-8
B 1-15	B 1-11	2B & 3B & H B 1-7
C 1-13	C 1-10	C 1-6
D 1-11	D 1-8	D 1-4
E 1-9	E 1-7	E 1-3

(5) "Pickoff plays" when runner is "leading off."

DICE	AA	A	B	C	D	E
2	B	B	B	B	0	0
3	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	S	S	S	0	0	0
5	S	S	S	0	0	0
6	S	S	S	S	S	S
7	S	S	S	S	S	S
8	S	S	S	S	S	S
9	S	S	S	S	S	0
10	S	S	S	S	0	0
11	S	0	0	0	0	0
12	SB	SB	SB	0	0	0
	(if fielder at base is "1" or "2")					
	E3	E1	E3	0	0	0
	(if fielder at base is "3" or "4")					

Key

B - Balk (one base advance)

0 - out (runner picked off)

S - safe

SB - runner steals next base

E - error (plus number of bases runner advances)

'Red Machine' Slips A Gear

Even the "Big Red Machine" of 1970 slips a gear and idles occasionally. John Peterson, Montpelier, Vermont, passes on that the Cincinnati powerhouse bolted away at the outset of his current replay, posting an .833 won-and-lost percentage and a team batting average over .300 the first one-fourth of the season. After a nine-game winning streak, however, the Reds went through a five-game losing spin and even went 26 innings without scoring a run. Some turnabout!

1924 Senators Rise Up And Conquer Star-Studded Field

The 1927 Yankees, considered by many to be the "greatest team of all time," don't always dominate all-time replays and tournaments. Thomas Swank, Little Falls, NJ, recently completed a 32-team tourney and, surprisingly, the 1924 Senators walked off with championship honors. The '27 Yanks, meanwhile, suffered defeat in the semifinals.

Swank, an avid Strat-O-Matic fan who prepared a detailed account of each round of the tourney, into Western and Eastern fields, 16 teams each. A best-four-of-seven-game elimination series was then held, with the winners from both fields meeting for the overall championship. Here are the tournament results:

EASTERN FIELD

'53 Dodgers d.	'53 Dodgers, W 4-0	'53 Dodgers W 4-1	
'65 Twins, 4-1			
'46 Cards d.	'46 Cards		
'68 Tigers, 4-0			
'61 Yanks d.	'61 Yanks, W 4-2		'53 Dodgers
'35 Cubs, 4-1			
'70 Reds d.	'70 Reds	'61 Yanks	
'60 Pirates, 4-3			
'31 A's d.	'31 A's, W 4-1		'40 Reds
'69 Orioles, 4-0		'31 A's	
'54 Indians d.	'54 Indians		'40 Reds W 4-1
'67 Cards, 4-1			
'22 Giants d.	'22 Giants		
'41 Yanks, 4-3			
'40 Reds d.	'40 Reds, W 4-0	'40 Reds W 4-2	
'62 Giants, 4-1			

WESTERN FIELD

'27 Yanks d.	'27 Yanks, W 4-0
'41 Dodgers, 4-1	

'54 Giants d.		'27 Yanks	12
'65 Dodgers, 4-0	'54 Giants		
'48 Indians d.		'27 Yanks	
'67 Red Sox, 4-1	'48 Indians W 4-2		
'68 Cards d.		'48 Indians	
'57 Braves, 4-3	'68 Cards		
'34 Cards d.			'24 Senators
'61 Reds, 4-2	'34 Cards		
'50 Phils d.		'50 Phils	
'69 Mets, 4-0	'50 Phils W 4-3		'24 Senators W 4-1
'70 Orioles d.			
'50 Yanks, 4-1	'70 Orioles		
'24 Senators d.		'24 Senators	
'46 Red Sox, 4-3	'24 Senators W 4-1		

In the finals the 1924 Senators triumphed, 4-3, winning the last game when Bucky Harris hammered a bases loaded home run and Walter Johnson hurled a four-hitter in a 6-2 contest. "Big Train" Johnson won the tournament here for the Senators, who ended with a 20-11 overall record including three series wins by 4-3 margins, posting a 9-4 won-lost mark and a 2.12 earned run average. He won two of the championship games, both four-hitters, and all told worked 123 innings, allowed only 78 hits, plus he whiffed 79.

Goose Goslin was the top hitter with a .304 average (38-125), but no other regular was over .294. Left-hander Tom Zachary, often remembered for serving up Babe Ruth's 60th home run in 1927, got credit for two of the wins in the series against the '27 Yanks, including a six-hit shutout, 2-0, in the last game.

Previous to the Western semifinals, the '27 Yankees had compiled a 12-1 record, the '24 Senators a 12-7 slate. The Yanks won the opener, 9-1, then the Senators outscored the "Bronx Bombers", 23-9, to win the other tilts by 9-6, 2-0, 10-3 and 2-0 margins.

Hank Aaron's Bat Booms

John Furman has already packed a lot of SOM baseball playing thrills into one year. Since purchasing the game a little over a year ago, John's witnessed a no-hitter by Jim (Catfish) Hunter against Minnesota--a 1-0 thriller--Hank Aaron hitting 19 homers in a 35-game replay, then seven more in a seven-game playoff series to finish with 26 in 42 games, Whit Wyatt winning his first 16 starts and Stan Musial hitting for the cycle in one game and coming back for a six-for-six performance in another.

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WANTED: '68 Bosox. Will pay 75¢. Will answer all letters. Also June and July issues of SOM Review for \$.50. Write: John Peterson, R. #2, Montpelier, VT 05602.

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WANTED: 1967 American League. Will take as part of larger package if necessary. Also want to contact other SOM baseball enthusiasts from New England, especially greater Boston area, interesting in forming league, occasional play, or just swapping experiences. Fred Davis, 170 Maple Street, Malden, MA 02148.

WANTED: '64 baseball, '65 baseball, '66 NL only. Also: '67, '68 football. Must be in good condition. Name price. Write: Ed Podrazik, 4317 S. Kedvale Avenue, Chicago, IL 60632.

WANTED: pre-64 Chisox, Dodgers, Astros. Also need '69, '70 Royals, '69 Expos. I need March, April, May and June issues of the Review. Will meet any reasonable offer. Am selling '67 Cowboys and Patriots. Any chance of a baseball league forming in the Fort Lauderdale area? W.P. Ernst, 3400 S.W. 26 Terrace, Lot 6, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33314.

WANTED: 1961 AL and NL except Tigers, Yanks, Reds. 1962 Dodgers, Reds, Cards. 1963 White Sox, Yanks, Red Sox, Twins, Dodgers, Giants. 1964 White Sox, Orioles, Angels, Cards, Dodgers. 1965 Orioles, Angels, Giants, Reds. 1966 A's, White Sox, Dodgers, Pirates, Astros. 1967 White Sox, Giants, Pirates. 1968 Tigers, Yanks, Orioles, Indians, Red Sox, Cards, Pirates, Giants, Braves, Reds, Mets. In good to excellent condition. Send teams and prices to Larry Claus, 876B Embarcadero del Mar, Goleta, CA 93017. Be reasonable! These are cards to play with not antiques or collector's items.

WANTED: March, April, May issues of the Review. Will pay up to 70¢ per issue if in reasonable condition. Also would like to buy any 1961-1967 baseball teams. Will pay up to 60¢ a team if in good condition. I'll pay the postage. I also want any Strat-O-Matic game owner in Honolulu to contact me. Phone 536-7527 or write: Clyde Matsusaka, 1459 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu Hawaii 96813.

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FOR SALE: 1968 Major League set. Entire set \$10.00. Either league for \$6.00. 1969 Cubs, 1967 Cards, Chisox, Bosox. Sold to highest bidder. All cards are in good condition. James H. Overmeyer, 11 Bird Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

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League's Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: Wanted new members. An established league in the Twin Cities is expanding. If you are interested in joining, please contact: Ed Martin, 1308 East 6th Street, St. Paul, MN 55106.

LEAGUE FORMING: SOM Football Fans, play by mail league forming. The Continental Football Association will start with replay of 1970-71 season. Each member gets to choose what teams he wants. Hurry! Write to me immediately, telling what team you want. You will get your schedule and rules for the game. Write Ed Grant, 626 Sumac Road, Highland Park, IL 60035.

LEAGUE FORMING: Am interested in joining conscientious play-by-mail football league. Would also be interested in baseball league. I am single, 24, have an A.B. degree in mathematics and work as a computer programmer. Am also interested in hearing from game owners in Raleigh, NC area for head-to-head play in football or baseball. Write: Michael L. McLawhorn, 504 N. Person Street, Apt. 6, Raleigh, NY 27604 or call 828-6903 in Raleigh, NC.

LEAGUE FORMING: Interested in joining or forming a Strat-O-Matic Baseball League in the Greater Kansas City area? Write: Lonny Hinote, 11624 West 68 Place, Shawnee, Kansas 66203. Or call (913) 631-3789.

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GKSML Launches Football Season

The GKSML (Greater Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League), after three successful baseball seasons, recently kicked off its first football replay, using eight teams from both the NFC and AFC. League members included Joel Wright, a senior at Comstock High School near Kalamazoo who has won all three baseball replays; co-editors of the Review Mike Allison and Del Newell; Del's brother Warren, a band instructor at Otsego Junior High School, 15 miles north of Kalamazoo; Cliff Sage of Otsego; and three newcomers, Jack Hills, a newspaper reporter from Sturgis; Bill Martin, a disc jockey at WAOP in Otsego; and Jeff Sampson of Portage, who joined the league after finding out about it through his subscription to the Review.

In addition, a professor of English at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Arnold Johnston, will be participating in the league on a substitute basis. A recent subscription to the Review brought him into contact with GKSML members.

On draft night each "coach" picked an NFC and AFC team. Numbers were drawn for the order of drafting, with the "coach" selecting eighth receiving first choice for the second round of picks. Here is the way the draft went: (1) Los Angeles Rams (NFC), Warren Newell; (2) Detroit Lions (NFC), Jack Hills; (3) Oakland Raiders (AFC), Joel Wright; (4) San Francisco 49ers (NFC), Cliff Sage; (5) Minnesota Vikings (NFC), Bill Martin; (6) Miami Dolphins (AFC), Mike Allison; (7) Baltimore Colts (AFC), Del Newell; (8) Dallas Cowboys (NFC), Jeff Sampson.

Second-round picks were: (9) Kansas City (AFC), Jeff; (10) Washington Redskins (NFC), Del; (11) N.Y. Giants (NFC), Mike; (12) Cincinnati Bengals (AFC), Bill; (13) N.Y. Jets (AFC), Cliff; (14) St. Louis Cardinals (NFC), Joel; (15) Denver Broncos (AFC), Jack; (16) Cleveland Browns (AFC), Warren.

Two games per night, one night a week, are planned. Each team will play the seven others in its conference twice, with no inter-conference action until the winners meet in a "Super Bowl" at the end of the season.

Highlights after nine weeks of play include a free-scoring 41-41 deadlock between Kansas City and Oakland, with the Raiders' George Blanda missing a 10-yard field goal in the final seconds, preserving the tie; Miami winning its first five games, including a 27-24 defeat of Baltimore, then losing three out of its last four; Minnesota's defense picking off eight Fran Tarkenton passes in a 27-7 romp over the Giants; New York Jets upset of Baltimore 27-23, and the Miami Dolphins pasting of Oakland, 55-3.

The first place teams are the New York Giants in the NFC (6-2-1) and the Kansas City Chiefs in the AFC (7-1-1). Believe it or not the three bottom teams in the NFC are Dallas (2-5-2), San Francisco (2-6-1) and Minnesota (2-7-0).

The Review wants to tell its readers of other leagues around the country. So send in details on the history of a league that you have going (four or more persons) plus pictures if possible.

Hands Can Handle Bat, Too

The Chicago Cubs whipping the Montreal Expos ('70 version), 13-2, doesn't have the ring of anything unusual to it. But, according to Will Schmidt, winning pitcher Bill Hands (a "1" hitting pitcher) cuffed home runs in consecutive at-bats in the sixth and seventh innings. That's unusual!

Baltimore King In 1969

Pete Crockett

I have just received my first issue of the Strat-O-Matic Review, and I think it's a pretty good magazine.

I own both Strat-O-Matic football & baseball games. With the football game I have player cards (all teams) based on the '69 seasons and am looking forward to getting the cards based on the '70 season. With the baseball game I have the complete sets based on '63, '69, and just received my cards based on the '70 season.

Also, I have an idea for when you play Strat-O-Matic baseball: when a manager elects for the lead runner to try for an extra base, my idea is that the defensive manager should have the option of either letting the lead runner advance an extra base but holding the other runner(s) to the base they're at or going after the lead runner and taking the chance that if you miss the lead runner the other runners will advance also.

STATS FROM 1969 SEASON (based on '69)

NL BATTING			NL HOMERS			NL RBIs			NL ERA		
Rose	.353	(.348)	McCovey	43	(45)	McCovey	120	(126)	Marichal	2.18	(2.10)
Clemente	.347	(.345)	Aaron	41	(44)	Santo	116	(123)	Carlton	2.19	(2.17)
Jones, C	.339	(.340)	L. May	40	(38)	Perez	116	(122)	Seaver	2.20	(2.21)
Alou, M	.334	(.331)	Perez	40	(37)	L. May	115	(110)	Gibson	2.24	(2.18)
McCovey	.316	(.320)	Wynn	33	(33)				Koosman	2.36	(2.28)

NL SLUGGING			NL RUNS			NL STOLEN BASES			NL STRIKEOUTS		
McCovey	.634	(.656)	Bonds	120	(120)	Brock	55	(53)	Jenkins	278	(273)
Allen	.605	(.573)	Rose	118	(120)	Morgan	50	(49)	Gibson	275	(269)
									Wilson	245	(235)

STANDINGS								
Eastern	W	L	Western	W	L	NL W-L	PCT	(20 decisions)
New York	99	63	Atlanta	95	67	Koosman	.880	(22-3)
Chicago	90	72	San Fran	89	73	Gibson	.704	(19-8)
Pittsburgh	90	72	Cincinnati	89	73	Ellis	.694	(16-7)
St. Louis	88	74	Los Angeles	86	76	Dierker	.678	(19-9)
Philadelphia	63	99	Houston	82	80	Jenkins	.628	(22-13)
Montreal	52	110	San Diego	51	111			

AL BATTING			AL RBIs			AL HOMERS		
Carew	.338	(.332)	Killebrew	129	(140)	Jackson	49	(47)
R. Smith	.316	(.309)	Powell	119	(121)	Killebrew	47	(49)
F. Robinson	.310	(.308)	Bando	113	(113)	Howard	47	(48)
Oliva	.309	(.309)	Howard	107	(111)	Petrocelli	46	(40)
Williams	.307	(.304)	F. Robinson	106	(100)	Yaztremski	44	(40)

AL ERA			AL W-L PCT			AL SLUGGING				
Bosman	2.24	(2.19)	Palmer	.762	(16-5)	Petrocelli	.615	(.589)		
Cuellar	2.26	(2.38)	Odom	.714	(15-6)	Jackson	.608	(.608)		
Palmer	2.29	(2.34)	Bosman	.714	(15-6)					
Cox	2.59	(2.77)	McNally	.689	(20-9)	AL RUNS				
Mess' th	2.67	(2.52)	Cuellar	.678	(19-9)	AL STOLEN BASES				
					Jackson	128	(123)	Harper	75	(73)
					Howard	117	(111)	Campy	65	(62)

*actual stats in ()

STANDINGS

<u>Eastern</u>			<u>Western</u>		
	W	L		W	L
Baltimore	107	55	Minnesota	98	64
Detroit	89	73	Oakland	87	75
Washington	88	74	California	71	91
Boston	88	74	Chicago	71	91
New York	81	80	Kansas City	66	96
Cleveland	61	100	Seattle	64	98

AL PLAYOFFS:

Baltimore 5, Minnesota 4
 Baltimore 7, Minnesota 3
 Baltimore 7, Minnesota 5

NL PLAYOFFS:

New York 4, Atlanta 2
 New York 5, Atlanta 1
 Atlanta 3, New York 2
 New York 5, Atlanta 3

WORLD SERIES: Baltimore dropped first two games, 1 to 0 and 2 to 1 as Tom Seaver and Jerry Koosman chalked up the victories, then bounced back to win next four and series. Mike Cuellar fired a three-hitter for Birds in the fourth game (3-1) and Dave McNally a two-hitter in the fifth (9-1).

14-Year-Old, Doctor Often Engage In SOM Grid Duels

Razmib Baboorian, Niagara Falls, New York, is a 14-year-old fan of Strat-O-Matic who's been playing the football game for the past two years. His favorite opponent is his brother-in-law, a doctor of psychology, who he defeats regularly. "He doesn't vary his offensive game plan enough," says Razmib.

The two have also added a couple of changes to the game, which readers might be interested in: (1) they make the defensive coach specify whether a linebacker moved out of position is blitzing or guarding against a run. They don't allow the linebacker to do both. If he blitzes, he's not counted in the run zone; if guarding against a run, he is not counted as blitzing in the "pass rush" chart. (2) Regarding the flat pass they made rules similar to those proposed by Andrew Fischer (September Review). When the linebacker is out of position it is figured as "guessed wrong" on a flat pass. So, any flat passes thrown to an empty zone are figured in the "wrong" column of the quarterback and receiver cards unless the receiver is double-teamed. In this way a defensive coach who decides to take the offense's "long game" away by blitzing or double-teaming, concedes the short (flat) passes as in real-life.

Let It Roll, Roll, Roll

After losing a game on a safety off a return of a punt that wound up on the two-yard line, Don Richardson, Murrys ville, PA, decided something had to be done. His solution was developing a method for letting a punt roll. It would be used when a punt is inside your 15-yard line and you don't want to risk a safety, or a fumble. If you call "let it roll," just add the number of yards obtained from the following chart to the punting yardage and that would be where the ball rolls dead.

(Roll two die)

2--11 yards
 3--2 yards
 4--4 yards
 5--9 yards

6--7 yards
 7--7 yards
 8--6 yards
 9--8 yards

10--5 yards
 11--2 yards
 12--1 yards

In The Strat-O-Matic Spotlight

TIP OF THE TOPPER TO PAUL KARAS

Stacks and stacks of statistics have been sent to the Review, but the list recently submitted by Paul Karas, Rochester, Michigan, is in a class by itself. Paul, along with his brother Mike and Dave Rink, played through an 162-game National League schedule for 1968.

The interesting thing about the stat sheets (10, one for each team, measuring 11 inches long and 15 inches wide) is that each appears to be a computer printout. Each contains the names of the players, of course, plus at-bats, runs, hits, average, doubles, triples, home runs, RBI's, walks, strikeouts, stolen bases, slugging percentage, pitcher's wins, losses, winning percentage, innings pitched, earned runs, ERA, hits, walks, strikeouts, home runs allowed, shutouts, complete games, and team totals and team average in both batting and pitching categories.

Arranged in neat columns, all the names and figures are so precisely done nary a mistake is visible. And that's pretty good for a string of statistics that covers over nine feet of one's living room.

San Francisco won the pennant with a 93-61 record, while Pittsburgh was second, 90-72, and real-life champ St. Louis was third, 89-75. Willie McCovey was chosen MVP after hitting 52 home runs and driving in 140 runs and Bob Gibson won the Cy Young award, racking up 32 wins, only nine losses, plus compiling a 0.99 earned run average (40 earned runs in 362 innings).

The Editors of the Review would be interested in hearing more from Paul, who's now working on the American League season, regarding how the stats were set up and the method used to print 'em. How about it, Paul?

NOVEMBER MAKES NINE

This month's Review marks the ninth issue and the Editors feel a progress report is in order. First of all, subscriptions, which reach every state in the Union, Canada, Puerto Rico, Italy, Japan and Hong Kong, China, are up to 1150. We're hopeful, with your help, that the Review can continue to grow.

Secondly, readers no doubt have noticed the Review has been enlarged to 20 pages. This is, we feel, another step in the right direction toward including as much Strat-O-Matic info as possible into a paper this size, and still keep the price within reason.

Thirdly, the Editors are hopeful that many of the subscribers can, in the future, take a few moments and dash off a few lines telling us about themselves. We're very much interested in the ages of those playing SOM games, their backgrounds, occupations, game experience, etc.

THIS 'N THAT

...Keith Muth, DuBois, PA, saved real-life box scores from all of last year's games, and is now following the listed lineups for a 162-game, 12-team American League replay... Johnny Bench did everything but sell popcorn in a four-game series against the '50 Phillies. Mark Elliott, Alexandria, VA, reports Bench homered seven times in 17 at-bats twice connecting for grand slams and drove in 20 runs...The St. Louis Cardinals football team unleashed a one-two scoring punch for Craig Barto, Emporia, Kansas, in leveling Philadelphia, 56-14, in a recent game. MacArthur Lane lugged the ball 43 times for 267 yards and four touchdowns, while Johnny Roland also tallied four times, two off punt returns...Alan Hubbard, Portsmouth, VA, can never be accused of letting his baseball

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dice gather dust. An owner of SOM baseball for only two months, he's already played 600 games...When your hot your hot item: Del Crandall of the '57 Milwaukee Braves stroked four hits in five at-bats, hit two home runs in the same inning (one a grand slam) and even swiped second base--not bad for a slow-moving catcher--enthuses Craig Schmidt, Kirkwood, Missouri...Max Weder, Saskatoon, Sask., has been on the dice-rolling end of a batch of no-hitters, but one especially interesting was Tom Murphy's job on the world champion Baltimore Orioles, based on the 1970 season. Murphy "faced" a Bird lineup that included only three regulars--the toll from a wave of injuries--and picked up the no-hitter despite walking eight...With both Calvin Hill and Walt Garrison racked up with injuries, Ron Dickinson found Duane Thomas was about the only running threat he could call on in a recent football game matching Dallas against Houston. The result was that Thomas toted the ball 24 times for 252 yards, scoring both touchdowns (1 and 61 yards) in a 17-9 victory...Bob Oliver crashed two grand slam homers and doubled for 10 runs--batted-in for game-player Mike Smith of Austin, Texas. Mike also passes on that Fred Scherman chugged out of the bullpen and pitched 11 scoreless innings of relief in a 21-inning thriller Detroit won over Boston, 7-6, and that Cincy's "Big Red Machine" was in high gear, power-wise, hitting eight homers in one game--two each by Pete Rose, Bernie Carbo, Johnny Bench and Lee May.

Next month in the Review: Remember Andrew Fischer, the Philadelphia SOM game-player who had the football playing tips in the September issue that were a big hit with readers? Well in the December Review he'll be back with his version of the "zone defense" in football, the popular secondary defense used by so many pro teams today. In addition, Kelly Huey, Chairman of the Nashville chapter of the Saint Louis Brown Fan Club, will lead you through a 162-game replay matching great Yankee teams--'27, '41, '50 and '61--of the past, one reader's top SOM football card choices will be revealed, plus there'll be more playing tips from J.G. Preston, numerous replays and the popular Readers Roll 'Em column.