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Pitching Dominance Over In S-O-M Baseball?

A Look At New Cards

With the new baseball cards already out, undoubtedly many leagues have already begun their new seasons. And it's easy to see that scoring runs shouldn't be much of a problem--just scoring more runs than your opponent will be the main difficulty.

Looking at the American League cards first, a number of things will help in the run-scoring cause. Of course the designated hitter is the biggest booster, but the scarcity of good fielders as compared to previous years will see many outs in the past go through for hits. There is also a larger number of hitters with .265 averages or better than usual, plus some good basestealers, all of which adds up to some potentially explosive baseball in the junior circuit.

There are some individual players worth their weight in gold. Rod Carew's a good example, with his .350 average "AA" stealing rating and "2" at second base. There are also some pitchers with excellent cards. The higher batting averages have made some of the top-notch pitcher's cards even tougher, with Nolan Ryan particularly outstanding. Of course, there are many pitchers in both leagues who would need the mound moved 10 feet closer to home plate to be effective.

The National League will offer its usual brand of exciting baseball, with much more strategy involved, unless one decides to use the DH there also. Again the NL has a tremendous amount of good hitters, with outstanding cards belonging to Willie Stargell, Hank Aaron (wow! in the home run department), Bobby Bonds and many others. The senior circuit also has better infielders, especially at shortstop where there are three "1s" (Larry Bowa, Bud Harrelson and Roger Metzger) compared to only one in the AL (Mark Belanger). The NL offers more in the power department, because of the above mentioned names, but lacks some of the speed of the AL.

The pitching in the NL seems to have deteriorated some from the year before. Naturally, Tom Seaver is strong again, and there are a few others in the same category. But some traditionally good pitchers, a la Ferguson Jenkins, leave something to be desired.

Fasten your safety belts, some hitting collisions are ahead!

Chicago Bulls S-O-M Hardwood Champs

Perhaps it's only coincidence, but the Chicago Bulls proved to be the best of the eight finest NBA teams in a replay by Mark Esposito of Franklin Park, IL--the home state of the Bulls. Mark and a friend, Dave Quinn, played a 40-game schedule for each of the eight--160 games in all--using the elementary version of the new Strat-O-Matic Pro Basketball Game, and the Bulls not only won division honors but also raced past the Los Angeles Lakers in the playoff finals.

Chicago easily won the Western Division, compiling a nifty 33-7 record. The Lakers were a distant second, 12 games back, while New York won the Eastern Division with a 24-16 slate.

Chicago forward Bob Love led the elite league in scoring with a 30.0 per game average and won most valuable player accolades for his pointmaking prowess. Archie Clark of the Baltimore Bullets was MVP runnerup after sparking his club to 17 victories in its last 20 games.

Chicago, New York, Los Angeles and Baltimore all made the playoffs where, in the first round, the Lakers ousted the Knicks in seven games--Gail Goodrich hit a shot with 12 seconds left in the final game for the Lakers' margin of victory--and the Bulls ran over the Bullets in four games. Baltimore, tied with Milwaukee with 19-21 regular-season records, won a playoff game to determine the qualifier to join the final foursome.

It was surprising Milwaukee fared no better than it did, plus Boston fell far short of real-life performance by posting only an 18-22 ledger.

BULLS WIN IN FINALS

In the finals the Bulls won the first game, 109-93, as Chet Walker netted 30 points, Bob Love 23 for Chicago and Jim McMillan 22 for L.A. Fabled Jerry West was held to only 12 points by the defensive work of Jerry Sloan. Chicago also grabbed the second, 100-74, as Love poured in 28 and Walker 26. McMillan and West totaled 18 and 16, respectively for the Lakers.

L.A. bounced back in the third game, romping 135-116 as McMillan and Goodrich wound up with 37 tallies apiece. Love and Walker had 28 each for the Bulls. Love and Walker were again on target in game No. 4, won by Chicago, 118-101, as Walker had 30, Love 25 and Jim King surprised with a whopping 27. West led the Lakers with 23.

In the last game--No. 5 of the best-of-seven--Chicago edged L.A., 95-92, with Walker again on a tear with 28 points. Goodrich topped the Lakers with 17. Walker, as might be suspected, won playoff MVP honors after averaging 28.4 points for nine games. Love was just a step behind with a 28.3 average. Chicago meshed an amazing 49 per cent of its playoff field goal shots, with Walker banging in 57 per cent of 190 shots attempted.

Standings and point leaders:

West	Won-Lost	GB	East	Won-Lost	GB
Chicago	33-7	--	New York	24-16	--
Los Angeles	21-19	12	Baltimore	19-21	5
Milwaukee	19-21	14	Boston	18-22	6
Golden State	16-24	17	Atlanta	10-30	14

Scoring

1. Love, Chi.	30.0	6. McMillan, L.A.	20.6
2. Jabbar, Mil.	27.0	7. West, L.A.	20.6
3. Hudson, Atl.	26.1	8. Clark, Balt.	20.5
4. Maravich, Atl.	24.7	9. Frazier, N.Y.	20.5
5. Goodrich, Atl.	20.7	10. Walker, Chi.	20.1

PLAYING TIP

Steve Parewski, Norridge, IL, suggests lowering a basketball player's defensive rating by one point when he is tagged with his fifth personal foul.

Bengals Surprise In AWA League

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In what definitely has to be termed as the year of the runner, the AWA Football League has ended its 1973 season. Paced by Ron Johnson's 1674 yards rushing, no less than 14 runners topped the 1000 mark, including the incomparable pair of Larry Csonka and Mercury Morris who gained 1141 and 1090 yards, respectively.

The 1973 league champion, in the face of such powerhouses as the Dolphins, Steelers, Raiders, Redskins and the Cowboys, was, incredibly, the Cincinnati Bengals, coached by Neil Christie, who upset Mike's other team, the Dolphins, 19-13 in a thrilling overtime Super Bowl match. Neil had waited all year for a chance to coach the Dolphins in hopes of winning his first league championship, never dreaming that he would be upset by his own team in the Super Bowl. It was a highly successful year for Neil who won the coaches cup with a 26-19 mark.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Pacific Division	Won	Lost	Tied
Oakland (John Koeplin)	13	2	0
San Diego (Ken Morse)	10	4	1
San Francisco (Mike Applegate)	8	7	0
Los Angeles (Mike Simonds)	3	12	0
Central Division	Won	Lost	Tied
Cincinnati (Neil Christie)	10	5	0
Cleveland (John Koeplin)	8	7	0
Minnesota (Earl Yagi)	7	7	1
Detroit (Ken Morse)	5	10	0
Continental Division	Won	Lost	Tied
Green Bay (Earl Yagi)	11	4	0
Dallas (Steve Barrett)	9	5	1
Houston (John Koeplin)	4	11	0
Philadelphia (Neil Christie)	3	12	0

The Raiders won their first 13 games in a row in a fashion that would dub them as the "Miracle Raiders". Three of their games were won with touchdowns on the last play of the game and several others were pulled out in come-from-behind fourth quarter dramatics. Pittsburgh ended the win skein at "13" with a 28-23 triumph. The number proved to be unlucky for Oakland as it would not win another game. San Diego made the wild card spot with a remarkable 10-4-1 record, earning the spot over the Dallas Cowboys. The Chargers won it with a 38-3 dumping of the Raiders' second string--Dallas coach Steve Barrett was screaming bloody murder when it became evident that Raider coach John Koeplin had no intentions of beating the Chargers, thus putting a weaker team into the playoffs instead of the more powerful Cowboys.

The Central Division race was billed before the season as being the only four-team battle in the league. However, both Minnesota and Detroit faltered early, leaving Cincinnati to outleg the Browns to the division flag. The Bengals clinched the division with a late-season 20-13 win over the Browns.

When you talk about Cinderella teams, you have to include the Packers. At mid-season they were a full two games off the pace of the Cowboys and soon lost MacArthur Lane for five games with an injury. The Pack came back, however, and overtook the Cowboys, who later were forced to play in the unfriendly environs of Pittsburgh and Oakland. Then the late-season confrontation between the two ended with the Pack earning an inspired 20-13 victory. It was truly a remarkable achievement for coach Earl Yagi.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Gulf Division	Won	Lost	Tied
Miami (Neil Christie)	13	2	0
Kansas City (Mike Applegate)	10	5	0
Denver (Steve Barrett)	5	10	0
New Orleans (Daryll Alt)	3	12	0
Yankee Division	Won	Lost	Tied
Pittsburgh (Ken Morse)	10	5	0
Atlanta (Daryll Alt)	6	8	1
Buffalo (Steve Barrett)	6	9	0
New England (Mike Simonds)	4	11	0
Atlantic Division	Won	Lost	Tied
Washington (Daryll Alt)	10	5	0
New York Jets (Mike Simonds)	8	7	0
N.Y. Giants (Mike Applegate)	7	8	0
Baltimore (Earl Yagi)	4	9	2

The Miami juggernaut showed that they would be the team to beat. Offensively, the Dolphins rushed for an amazing total of 2942 yards to compliment the passing the league's No. 2 passer--Earl Morrall. Defensively, they were clearly No. 1--yielding nearly 400 yards less than the No. 2 defensive team, Pittsburgh. Garo Yepremian banged out a league record 171 points to bolster the mighty Dolphins. Miami's hopes for an undefeated season were squelched by the scrappy Packers who engineered a 20-12 victory as Yepremian missed two extra points. Kansas City earned the wild card spot by winning its last four games in a row.

Pittsburgh was practically given the Yankee Division title, since Atlanta was decimated by major injuries. But the Steelers were no fluke as they possessed the league's second best defense as well as the AWA's Rookie of the Year in Franco Harris, who gained 1379 yards for an incredible 6.7 average.

The Redskins got off to a shaky start by dropping three of their first four games, but led by MVP Larry Brown they turned themselves around and roared past fast-starting and fast-finishing, the New York Giants and New York Jets, respectively. Brown rushed for 1500 yards and caught 44 passes, scoring 18 touchdowns--16 on the ground. The Jets featured the league's best offense with Namath to Caster as the most feared passing combo in the league's history.

PLAYOFFS (WESTERN CONFERENCE)

Barnum and Bailey couldn't have put on a bigger circus than the first round of the Western playoffs. The Raiders, overwhelming favorite's off their regular-season performance, were smothered by the Bengals and quarterback Ken Anderson, 42-24. Anderson completed 12 of 18 passes for 195 yards and three TDs to bury the Raiders. In the "Cinderella Bowl" San Diego and Green Bay squared off and, in the biggest whitewash of the playoffs, Green Bay romped, 50-0. Charger quarterback John Hadl completed 14 passes--but only seven to his own team as the Pack's Jim Hill picked off four the aerials. The conference title was earned by Cincinnati in a 26-10 triumph over Green Bay. The Bengal defense was the key as Brookington and Lane were held to a combined total of 84 yards rushing.

PLAYOFFS (EASTERN CONFERENCE)

Kansas City's bid for a third straight AWA Super Bowl appearance was thwarted by the powerful Redskins, 24-6, as Larry Brown gained 188 yards in 29 carries. Sonny Jurgensen came off the bench to pitch a pair of touchdown passes. Pittsburgh and Miami met in the battle of titans in probably the most thrilling game of the year. The Steelers were favored because the Dolphins had lost Csonka and Paul Warfield with injuries. The Dolphins' plight grew worse when, on the first play of the game, Mercury Morris was injured. The Miami "No-Name Defense" refused to budge, however, and a 28-yard field goal by Yepremian on the game's final play tied the score and sent it into sudden death overtime. The Steelers

Miami then faced the red-hot Redskins--again without Csonka, Warfield and Morris. But the Dolphins took advantage of three pass thefts and four fumbles to offset the Redskin offensive superiority and earn an incredible 16-10 victory.

SUPER BOWL III

For the second time in the league's three-year history, the two Super Bowl Foes were owned by the same coach, in this case Neil Christie. So, Neil went with Miami, which now had its offense intact, and I took Cincinnati.

The Bengals drew first blood in the second period when Ken Anderson connected with Bob Trumpy for a 28-yard score. Miami cut it to 7-3 at halftime and then Cincy added two field goals in the third period for a 13-3 lead. Miami cut into the lead again, with Morris capping an 87-yard drive with a two-yard TD plunge. Late in the fourth quarter, Miami took advantage of a Bengal fumble and kicked a 28-yard field goal just as time ran out, tying the score at 13-11.

Finally, with 9:15 left in the overtime period, Anderson found Charlie Joiner all alone for a 26-yard TD play to win the Super Bowl for the Bengals. Cincinnati's defense was truly impeccable in the upset win--holding Csonka to 70 yards in 24 carries and Morris to 24 in 15 tries. Anderson, whose clutch passing highlighted the playoff series, was named MVP for the Super Bowl.

Individual statistics:

<u>Rushing</u>	<u>Att.-Yds.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Scoring</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
A. Johnson (NYG)	338-1674	14	5.0	Yepremian (Mia)	171
L. Brown (Wash)	333-1500	16	4.5	Pardee (SD)	143
Harris (Pitt)	207-1379	10	6.7	Muhlmann (Cin)	139
Riggins (NYJ)	239-1327	7	5.6	Blanda (Oak)	137
Hill (Dal)	267-1210	3	4.5	Stenerud (KC)	136
Simpson (Buff)	235-1176	8	5.0		
Csonka (Mia)	211-1141	9	5.4	<u>Interceptions</u>	<u>No.</u>
M. Garrett (SD)	236-1115	9	4.7	Dunlap (SD)	12

Receiving	No.	Yds.	TD	Avg.	James [CGR]	
Gilliam [Minn]	85	1353	12	15.0	W.Brown [Oak]	9
Biletznikoff [Oak]	84	1142	8	13.6	Beauchamp [SD]	8
Sanders [Det]	81	1004	9	12.4	Lockhart [NYG]	8
Caster [NYJ]	75	1555	11	20.9	W.Williams [NYG]	8
Tucker [NYG]	73	869	6	11.9		
R.Johnson [NYG]	73	622	2	8.5	Punt Returns	Avg.
Mitchell [Bal]	70	691	5	9.9	Bertelsen [LA]	15.2
Odums [Den]	67	743	5	11.1	Casanova [Cin]	13.8
					Dunlap [SD]	11.4
						TD

<u>Passing</u>	<u>Att-Comp</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>TD-Int.</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Morrall [Mia]	205-114	55.6	1465	12-5	87.8
Dawson [KC]	344-201	58.4	2318	14-8	82.9
Hunter [GB]	204-96	47.1	1350	14-6	79.8
Lamonica [Oak]	302-154	51.0	2503	17-14	78.6
Anderson [Cin]	375-201	53.6	2470	14-9	76.5
Snead [NYG]	356-210	59.0	2199	10-11	73.4
Tarkenton [Min]	445-253	56.9	2730	13-15	70.5
Brodie [SF]	274-155	56.6	1937	14-17	69.8

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CONVENTION SITE TOO FAR

I live many miles away from any other game-owner. In fact, I haven't heard of anybody within the same state as I. One of the points I'd like to make is that the S-O-M Convention, in New York, is too far for me. I know New York is a logical place for it, however why not have a couple of them at different places so more people could attend?

About the no-hitters: many say that the printing of these is boring, and maybe so. But taking them out wouldn't do any good. Besides, experiencing a no-hitter is one of the greatest things in the world. A person would just naturally want to tell as many people as he could.

Eric John's idea on a solitaire offense in a recent issue of the Review was a fantastic idea. I've been using a very similar one for a year and can say it works great. There is only problem. With his system a halfback, whose specialty is running outside, has the same possibility of running inside as the big powerful fullback whose specialty is running inside. The same is true in reverse.

One aid for this is to simply state that on third down, three yards or less, you "add" one fullback and take out one halfback. Third down and more than three yards to go, you "add" one halfback and take out the fullback. This would even things out quite a bit.

I think that Eric John has done a lot for the solitaire player with his new ideas.

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Editor's note: The Strat-O-Matic Game Co. has indicated to the Review that a national convention will not be held in New York this summer. That means that regional conventions are now very much a likelihood.

IN THE BEGINNING...

Could you tell me the first year Strat-O-Matic Baseball card sets were issued? Also when football and basketball first came out?

I disagree with one of your

reader's articles last month. I think the response would be terrific if the old 1960's baseball card sets were re-issued. I know I would purchase every year, as would a lot of my S-O-M friends. Is there any chance of this in the future?

I've owned every baseball game from A-Z and in my opinion none compare to S-O-M. The same goes for the S-O-M Review. Keep up the good work.

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Editor's note: The first set of Strat-O-Matic Baseball cards came out in 1961 and were based on the 1960 season. The year 1963 (based on the 1962 season) marked the first year an entire card set was issued. For football, 1968 (based on 1967 season) was the first and for basketball the summer of 1973 marked its initial appearance.

Regarding re-issuing of 1960 card sets: the game company feels that to re-issue entire seasons would be too costly and that the demand would not cover the re-printing and storage of such card sets.

'GAME ROOM' WOULD BENEFIT

In reply to Thomas Swank's article in the Dec. Review, I believe that having a "game room" would benefit Strat-O-Matic by the increased amount of people playing and buying the games. The Review is sensational. Keep up the good work.

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THANKSGIVING 'FAST-BREAK'

I am a freshman at University of California, Santa Cruz, who has played S-O-M Baseball since 1969 and Football since 1971. I recently purchased the basketball game (in Nov. to be exact) and my first game was during Thanksgiving break. A friend of mine, taking the Lakers, beat me (and the Knicks), 114-94.

The game seemed all right except for one aspect, and that was that three players fouled out. Two others

were on the verge of fouling out as they had five. That brought to my attention that they seemed to get the same amount of fouls whether they played close or back. The only thing that differed was the number of foul shots. Other than that I was satisfied with the game.

Also, I brought the football game to college with me and every Friday after classes my roommate and I play a game. I have been nicknamed "Strat-O-Matic Jones" (if you listen to Cheech and Chong, you know what that is). We have temper tantrums when the other person gets a break. The way we carry on after a game it's a wonder how we can face each other for the next game. But we manage.

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HOCKEY, GAME OF FUTURE

I agree with other readers who say hockey is the game of the future. I think it is a good idea for Strat-O-Matic to put out such a game. I am sure I would throw away my present hockey game and buy the S-O-M version, if one is put out.

Also, I think that the catcher throwing arm ratings will be a great addition and make for a much better baseball game.

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LIMITING RELIEVERS

I feel that the way to limit the use of relief pitchers is to use common sense. For example, a pitcher shouldn't be allowed to pitch more than two innings more than two days in a row. Of course stricter guidelines should be set, but the basic outline of real-life use of relief pitchers should be used.

And, while on the subject of pitchers, here is a playing tip I use. Have any starter reach a point of weakness in any inning if he gives up five hits and walks in one inning or a total of seven hits and walks over two successive innings. I feel this adds realism, in that a pitcher getting bombed in an

early inning is either taken out or is reduced in effectiveness thereafter.

I also think that a pitcher's ability to keep a runner should be included (maybe + and - as used for outfielders).

Keep up the good work! I enjoy the Review each month. My favorite part is league news, especially GKSM (Greater Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League) and MBA (Metropolitan Baseball Association).

By the way, has anyone made an outfield chart for extra inning situations? I have been experimenting with one.

And, Finally, a couple of questions. Do the members of the GKSM pay much attention to the age of the players involved when trading and drafting? Would you draft a player like David Clyde, Bill North or Dave Roberts for the future?

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Editor's note: The Review would be interested in seeing your ideas for an outfield chart for extra inning situations. We haven't, if our memories are correct, had such a chart in the past.

Regarding your questions, yes, attention is paid to the age and possible future ability of players when they are drafted or traded. Bill North (who had a good year) was drafted high in the recent GKSM draft, as could be expected. No one wanted to take a chance on David Clyde's future, even in the latter stages of the draft, however, as he was not picked. Eddie Bane, though, was selected late in the draft. Almost always, "Future" draft picks occur late in the draft (the eighth, ninth and tenth rounds usually). Some pan out while others (such as Pete Broberg, drafted as a "Future" a couple of years ago) don't live up to expectations.

WANTS COLLEGE GRID TEAMS

I agree with those who feel that S-O-M should offer college teams in several sets--the older teams, such as '46 Army, '29 Notre Dame, etc., and more recent teams like '69 USC, '70 Michigan, '70 Ohio State, '66 Michigan State, '70 Texas and so on. Admittedly, there would be a problem making running back cards for the Wishbone triple option offense. But I believe the problem is not that great.

It is time for S-O-M to recognize the new wave of popularity of college football.

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Hinsdale League Old-Timer Replays

Last month the Review detailed the earlier history of the Hinsdale, IL, Strat-O-Matic League. The foursome of Mike Gilbert, Joe Buckie, Kurt Scharfe and Fred Burtzos, it was pointed out, has completed four full-length baseball seasons with the Old-Timer teams plus one football replay.

The first three baseball seasons were covered in the Feb. Review, complete with standings and a listing of leaders for each.

The fourth Hinsdale League was a little different than the others; in that trades were allowed. Each team of the eight again could pick one Hall-of-Famer. The big news was the trading of Ty Cobb, an HOF added by the 1931 Philadelphia A's, to the 1961 New York Yankees in exchange for Luis Arroyo, Mickey Mantle, Roger Maris, Whitey Ford and Tony Kubek. Along with Cobb, the '61 Yanks also received Mule Haas, Dick Groat (whom the A's picked up in a "draft") and George Earnshaw.

The trade turned out to be a blockbuster as the '31 A's breezed to the Western Division pennant, finishing 25 games ahead of the runnerup '61 Yanks. Notice the importance of Roger Maris to the A's lineup.

Drafting was also done with the '50 Phillies and '60 Pirates being mixed up and dealt out to each of the eight teams. Thus each team had 26 players (20 regular, 1 HOF and 5 drafted). Two were cut and sent to the "minors", to be brought up with 30 games left.

One other note regarding this Hinsdale Baseball League, the 1927 New York Yankees were banned. This was due to "greatness," explained Gilbert.

Eastern Division	Won	Lost	GB	Pct.	HOF Added
1953 Brooklyn Dodgers (Mike)	82	72	--	.532	Alexander
1948 Cleveland (Kurt)	81	73	1	.526	Musial
1935 Chicago Cubs (Fred)	79	75	3	.513	Johnson
1946 St. Louis Cards (Mike)	64	90	16	.415	Koufax (traded)
Western Division	Won	Lost	GB	Pct.	HOF Added
1931 Philadelphia (Fred)	107	47	--	.695	Cobb (traded)
1961 N.Y. Yankees (Kurt)	82	72	25	.532	Walsh
1968 Detroit (Fred)	61	93	46	.396	Lajoie
1946 Boston Red Sox (Mike)	60	94	47	.390	Ruth
BA - Maris	.404	Hits - Musial ['46]			221
RBI- Maris	202	SB - Cobb			125
2B - Herman	53	ERA - Grove			1.52
3B - Cobb	21	WON - Grove			37
HR - Maris	91	SO - Koufax			357

HINSDALE FOOTBALL LEAGUE I

This league used regular teams with no draft.

Eastern Division	Won	Lost	Ties	Pct.	Pts.
1968 K.C. Chiefs (Fred)	10	4	0	.715	383
1968 L.A. Rams (Joe)	7	7	0	.500	416
1968 Baltimore (Mike)	6	7	1	.461	333
1968 Cleveland (Kurt)	1	13	0	.077	237
Western Division	Won	Lost	Ties	Pct.	Pts.
1971 Dallas (Mike)	10	3	1	.770	394
1968 N.Y. Jets (Joe)	9	5	0	.644	410
1970 San Francisco (Fred)	6	8	0	.429	292
1968 Chicago Bears (Kurt)	6	8	0	.429	257
Passing	Com.%	Int.%	TD	Net Yds.	
Gabriel (LA)	40.7	4.3	24	2826	
Namath (JETS)	36.8	5.6	35	3655	
Staubach (DALL)	43.1	4.7	18	2391	
Brodie (SF)	45.8	7.2	18	2394	

Passing con't	Com.%	Int.%	TD	Net Yds.	
Dawson (KC)	46.3	4.2	11	1042	
Concannon (CHI)	45.0	5.7	8	1367	
Morrall (BALT)	42.4	8.3	23	2283	
Lee (KC)	45.0	6.6	8	1013	
Nelson (CLEV)	37.1	4.8	11	2127	
Rushing	YDs	TD	AVG	Scoring	Pts.
Holmes (KC)	1368	6	6.0	Stenerud (KC)	140
Ellison (LA)	1364	17	4.5	Gossett (SF)	128
Kelly (CLEV)	1304	8	4.5	Maynard (JETS)	126
Sayers (CHI)	1288	11	4.3	Ellison (LA)	120
Stauback (DALL)	1082	11	5.1	Clark (DALL)	116
Boozar (JETS)	908	5	5.2	Turner (JETS)	107
Receiving	Rec.	YDs	TD	AVG	
Maynard (JETS)	78	1964	21	25.2	
Hayes (DALL)	71	1547	10	23.1	
Arbanas (KC)	67	646	3	9.6	
Washington (SF)	63	1304	6	20.7	
Snow (LA)	63	1132	10	18.0	
Truax (DALL)	62	514	3	8.3	
Morin (CLEV)	57	568	1	10.0	
Casey (LA)	54	987	6	18.3	

Rating The Old-Timer Teams

This month Mike Gilbert takes a look at the 1946 Boston Red Sox and the 1962 New York Mets, considered by many to be among the worst baseball teams of all time.

Remember, all Old-Timer ratings are taken as an average on a straight curve from all the teams, except for pitchers (both starters and relievers) and bench, which Mike has based on opinion. The rating scale used is as follows: 1 -- Poor; 2 -- Fair; 3 -- Good; 4 -- Excellent. Note also that the first column in each category refers to team average and the second (in parentheses) to individual average.

1946 Boston Red Sox

Average	-	4.4 (.309)	Lineup to think about
Stealing	-	2.1 (0)	1. DiMaggio CF-1
Running	-	2.3 (1-12.9)	2. Culberson 3B-4
Power	-	2.1 (10.6 HRs)	3. Pesky SS-2
Fielding	-	2.4 (2.2)	4. Williams LF-3
Starters	-	2.0 --	5. York 1B-2
Relief	-	2.3 --	6. Partee C-3
Bench	-	4.0 --	7. McBride RF-3
			8. Doerr 2B-1
Totals	-	21.6	

Comments: The only reason that I included a lineup for this team is because I did it for all of the others. Move everybody around until they hit. And they must hit because that is their only strong point. Take an extra base with Dom DiMaggio, Johnny Pesky and Bobby Doerr only. Steal with DiMaggio if the fancy strikes you. Dbbson usually proves an acceptable starter and reliever. Use Klinger lavishly.

1962 New York Mets

Average	-	1.2 (.263)	Lineup to think about
Stealing	-	2.4 (0+ .13)	1. Mantilla 3B-4
Running	-	3.4 (1-13.7)	2. Neal 2B-3
Power	-	2.4 (11.9 HRs)	3. Ashburn RF-3

Fielding	-	1.0	(3.2)	4. Thomas	1B-4
Starters	-	1.0	--	5. Hickman	CF-2
Relief	-	1.0	--	6. Woodling	LF-3
Bench	-	1.5	--	7. Chacon	SS-3
				8. Taylor	C-4
Totals	-	13.9			

Comments: Help! All that I can say is hope for the best. Perhaps, the only hope is that the pitchers' cards are not as bad as, perhaps, they should be. This is the worst fielding of the Old-Timer teams by far. Surprisingly, it's not the poorest hitting. The Mets had a .263 team batting mark and the '65 Dodgers finish last in that department with a .257 average. Mets do have better than average speed, but that doesn't help much if you can't get anyone in a position to score. Bright spots are that Richie Ashburn did hit .306 (although he only batted 389 times), Frank Thomas had 34 home runs and that team can be a lot of fun. "Marvelous Marv" Throneberry can be used at first base or the outfield--he performs equally "well" at either--and there are a handful of others (Jim Hickman) who might surprise overconfident foes with their hitting. But woe when it comes to the pitching and fielding departments!

Oliva Dominates GKSML All-Time Baseball Records

If the Greater-Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League (GKSML) ever installs a Hall-Of-Fame, Tony Oliva's one who's admission is almost a certainty. Oliva not only holds the all-time GKSML career batting mark, but also its single-season high plus he has the career lead in runs-batted in. These facts and many others were revealed recently when Mike Allison, co-editor of the Strat-O-Matic Review, finished the job of poring over season records for seven 154-game replays of S-O-M. The seven seasons were the 1964 American League, where actual teams were used, and draft replays of the 1969 National League, '70-71-72 A.L. Leagues and '71-72 N.L. Oliva, who once hit an all-time high of .378 in 1970, is the career batting leader with a lusty .335 mark based on 608 hits in 1813 at-bats. He's also the doubles leader with 128, including 52 in 1964, RBI pacesetter with 325, including 148 in 1970 and second in all-time hits (608) to Brooks Robinson (613), although batting 437 fewer times than Robbie. Harmon Killebrew, who stroked 49 homers in 1964 and 47 in 1970 has the home run lead with 119, although Hank Aaron is a close second with 116 and should easily overtake before the next season is history.

Among the pitchers, one-time reliever Wilbur Wood has the best earned run average (2.03) for hurlers who have toiled in at least 450 innings. He also has a nifty 60-35 career won-lost mark. Mickey Lolich, however, dominates most of the pitching categories, although perseverance more than performance seems to be Lolich's main forte. He's started the most games (161), won the most (70), hurled the most innings (1166), completed the most games (85), struck out the most (964)--but also lost the most games (72).

Here are how the all-time GKSML leaders shape up:

<u>Games Played</u>		<u>At-Bats</u>		<u>Hits</u>	
1. B. Robinson	599	1. B. Robinson	2250	1. B. Robinson	613
2. Yastrzemski	584	2. Aparicio	2040	2. Oliva	608
3. Aparicio	547	3. Yastrzemski	2010	3. M. Alou	563
4. Powell	536	4. Campaneris	1989	4. Tovar	561
5. McAuliffe	535	5. Alomar	1936	5. Yastrzemski	552
<u>Doubles</u>		<u>Triples</u>		<u>Home Runs</u>	
1. Oliva	128	1. W. Davis	37	Killebrew	119
2. Aparicio	100	2. Rose	34	Aaron	116

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3. Rose	95	3. Tovar	33	3. Powell	110
4. R. Smith	94			4. D. Allen	108
5. Otis	92			5. Stargell	107
<u>RBI</u>		<u>Runs</u>		<u>Stolen Bases</u>	
1. Oliva	325	1. Killebrew	289	1. Campaneris	135
2. Killebrew	314	2. B. Williams	270	2. Morgan	131
3. Powell	300	3. Yastrzemski	270	3. Bonds	118
4. Stargell	287	4. White	263	4. Kessinger	89
5. D. Allen	285	5. Oliva	256		
<u>Games Started</u>		<u>Games Completed</u>		<u>Innings Pitched</u>	
1. Lolich	161	1. Lolich	85	1. Lolich	1166
2. Downing	139	2. Jenkins	64	2. Osteen	988
3. McNally	134	3. Kaat	62	3. Jenkins	928
4. Osteen	129	4. Gibson	57	4. G. Perry	922
5. Kaat	123	5. Hunter	56	5. Kaat	874
<u>Games Won</u>		<u>Games Lost</u>		<u>Strikeouts</u>	
1. Lolich	70	1. Lolich	72	1. Lolich	964
2. Jenkins	64	2. McNally	62	2. Seaver	836
3. Wood	60	3. Gibson	53	3. McDowell	741
4. Carlton	59	4. Sutton	53	4. Jenkins	712
5. G. Perry	57	5. Kaat	48	5. Carlton	655
<u>ERA (450 Innings)</u>		<u>Shutouts</u>		<u>Saves</u>	
1. Wood	2.03	1. Wood	15	1. Frisella	42
2. Palmer	2.39	2. Lolich	14	2. McGraw	40
3. Seaver	2.43	3. Jenkins	13	3. Brewer	33
4. Blue	2.47				
5. Pattin	2.68	<div>Notes: [1] Jenkins has 64-37 career record and 2.92 ERA; [2] Jenkins has had seasons of 22, 21 and 21 wins; [3] Lolich's best season was 1970 when he was 21-13. He once lost 30 games in a single season. [4] Carlton has 59-36 record, helped by 28-13 slate in 1972. [5] Seaver has single-season strikeout mark with 407 [yes, 407!] in 1971.</div>			
6. Carlton	2.73				
7. Dierker	2.80				
8. Sutton	2.83				
9. Wilson	2.84				
10. P. Niekro	2.88				

Even Gamester Gets In Act During Replay

Craig Thompson of Indianapolis, IN, not only guided the Oakland A's through a complete 161-game replay of the 1971 season, he even joined 'em. Craig, among other things, made a card of himself from the blank player cards (a second baseman with power, since that appeared a definite "need" of the A's). The season was played against five other teams (Baltimore, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Detroit and Pittsburgh), and Craig reports he was the first of the six managers to complete the entire season.

"To compensate against low batting averages and high ERA's, we allowed trades for a fringe player within our respective league, after each 15-game set," points out Thompson. "A restriction was placed on the use of relief pitchers--no more than nine innings pitched in any nine-game set--also."

Despite the more-or-less super team league, many of the statistics were amazingly close to real-life. Vida Blue, for instance, had an 1.81 ERA (1.82 actual), Catfish Hunter 2.92 (2.96) and Mike Epstein hit 19 home runs (19) in 236 [237] at-bats.

Thompson, the power-hitting imposter at second base, ended up with stats as follows: 105 games, 394 at-bats, 99 hits, 16 doubles, 2 triples, 20 home runs, 61 RBI, 66 runs, 66 strikeouts, 63 walks and a .251 batting average.

On the next page you will find a composite of Thompson's results with the A's, plus team batting and pitching records.

<u>Batting</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>Hits</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>Avg.</u>		
Actual	5494	691	1383	194	25	160	.252		
'71 A's	5581	716	1435	221	30	168	.257		
<u>Pitching</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>SHO</u>	<u>W - L</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>IP</u>
Actual	57	18	101-60	1229	564	501	1002	3.05	1469
'71 A's	67	11	95-66	1272	590	572	1029	3.13	1474
<u>Won-Lost</u>				<u>ERA</u>				<u>Innings Pitched</u>	
Blue	26-19	[24-8]		Blue	1.81	[1.82]		Blue	347 [312]
Hunter	18-13	[21-11]		Hunter	2.92	[2.96]		Hunter	308 [274]
Segui	10-5	[10-8]		Roland	2.94	[3.13]		Segui	140 [146]
Moret	9-5	[4-3]		Moret	3.00	[2.92]		Moret	138 [71]
<u>Strikeouts</u>				<u>Batting</u>				<u>Runs</u>	
Blue	343	[301]		Davis	.325	[.324]		Jackson	82 [87]
Hunter	187	[181]		Mangual	.310	[.286]		Monday	73 [53]
Moret	91	[48]		Tenace	.294	[.274]		Davis	66 [26]
Fingers	78	[98]		Jackson	.270	[.277]		Thompson	66 [--]
<u>Hits</u>				<u>Doubles</u>				<u>Home Runs</u>	
Davis	154	[71]		Bando	23	[23]		Jackson	25 [32]
Jackson	136	[157]		Campaneris	22	[18]		Monday	20 [18]
Campaneris	130	[143]		Jackson	22	[29]		Thompson	20 [--]
Bando	129	[146]		Mangual	20	[8]		Epstein	19 [19]

Split Number Draw Gets A 'Save'

No-Hitters

Many times no-hitters in Strat-O-Matic Baseball are a split number away from success or failure.

That was the case for Dan Hoffman, of Elmira, NY, and Chicago White Sox super fan Ken O'Connor, of Rolling Meadows, IL, recently. Split numbers made all the difference in the world for them--one case the draw meant a no-hitter and the other a near miss.

Larry Dierker, pitching against the Minnesota Twins, got his no-hitter for Mr. Hoffman when a split number foiled Twins' slugger Harmon Killebrew in the eighth inning with Rod Carew, who had walked on base. The pitch to the "Killer" resulted in a roll of 6-4, or a 1-9 home run shot on Dierker's card. The split draw, luckily for Dierker, turned out to be a "10"--and the no-hitter was preserved. Dierker breezed through the final inning without a hitch, eventually striking out 16, including Bobby Darwin three times.

Terry Forster, drawing a rare start for O'Connor against the Oakland A's in a matchup of 1972 teams, gets the I-was-close no-hit award this month. Forster mowed the A's down successfully for 6 1/3 innings until an error by second baseman Jorge Orta ruined a perfect game bid. The no-hitter continued, however. Then in the ninth inning, and with two outs, Campy Campaneris rolled a 4-6 [single, 1-14, off Forster's card]. The number drawn, by O'Connor's trembling hand, was a "2" and Forster's hopes were smashed.

Other no-hitters this month didn't have the split card dramatics of the above mentioned pair, but they were no doubt thrillers for the gamers involved. Here they are:

* After three years of playing S-O-M Baseball, Jim Becher finally witnessed a no-hitter when Don Sutton of the Dodgers turned the trick against the Philadelphia Phillies. The Haledon, NJ, native reports that it took Sutton 12 innings to finally get the win in a game between 1972 teams.

* Mike Barless, Beaverton, OR, has had three no-hitters. Dock Ellis of Pittsburgh ['71 cards] recorded one against the '70 Astros, 3-1, and just missed a second, against Montreal, when Bobby Wine singled in the eighth inning for the lone hit. Sonny Siebert also notched a pitcher's dream when, hurling for the '70 Red Sox, he whitewashed the '71 Baltimore Orioles, 4-0, striking out

four and walking only one. Vida Blue was also admitted to Barless' no-hit club as his '71 card proved too much for the 1970 Cleveland Indians to solve, with the A's winning, 6-0, and Blue fanning seven.

* Doyle Alexander of Baltimore stepped into the no-hit spotlight for Dick Hunt of Ovid, MI. Alexander blanked the Chicago Cubs, 2-0, facing only 28 batters. A pair of errors ruined a possible perfect game, although a double play erased one of the runners. Hunt had played 494 games of S-O-M before the no-hitter came his way.

* No stranger to no-hitters has been Dave Mendonca of Milpitas, CA. In his first two years of S-O-M dice-rolling, he witnessed five. But since then it's taken three years to ring up No. 6. Fritz Peterson, pitching for the '66 New York Yankees, ended the three-year drought by throwing a perfecto against the '66 California Angels. Peterson had almost no close calls in the easy win, with Mickey Mantle's second inning home run taking care of the offense on the way to a 4-0 triumph. Incidentally, of the six no-hitters viewed by Mendonca, Peterson has two (his '68 card got the other against the '68 Dodgers) and Yankee pitchers have four.

Strat-O-Matic Spotlight

CONVENTION IN LIMBO

With the energy crisis worsening in some areas and gasoline prices skyrocketing, plans for a summer Strat-O-Matic Convention have been put in limbo, with the chances of such a convention growing more and more remote.

The Strat-O-Matic Game Co. has already indicated to the Review that it will be unable to host another convention in Brooklyn, or the New York area, this summer. The company has given the Review the "green light" to go ahead with a summer convention in Kalamazoo, MI, however.

Such a convention is unlikely at this time, however, with the energy crisis putting question marks over all forms of travel, especially auto, and gasoline rationing always a possibility. Because of the uncertainty created, the Review editors feel it would be unfair to raise false hopes for such a convention, only to have to postpone and very likely cancel it on short notice.

So, as of this month, there will not be a Strat-O-Matic Convention in 1974. Events could change, however, and if they do a late summer convention is a possibility (originally the Review planned a convention for June, 1974). We will definitely keep the readers abreast of any developments.

Of course, since there won't be a national convention the idea of regional conventions could be put into practice. But this would take some excellent leadership and organizational ability on the ground level. Many people have expressed interest in such conventions, and even wanted to put one on. If you do, be sure to let the Review know and we will do all we can to promote such an undertaking and inform the fans of S-O-M the country over.

THIS 'N THAT

. . . Paul Lechner and Steve Enke, a Strat-O-Matic playing duo from Stanton, CA, have come up with a couple of ingenious football matchups. In one, Steve took the '72 Dallas Cowboys and played them against an all-star team of '72 rookies. Surprisingly, the all-stars won, 30-17. Paul, meanwhile, conducted an elimination tourney with the six Los Angeles Rams teams S-O-M has put out since 1967. The '67 squad defeated the '68 Rams in the final, 27-21. . . In a 10-game replay of top 1969 and 1971 grid teams, Mike Ewen of Rochester, MN, reports that '71 Dallas won league honors with an 8-2 record, averaging 31.9 points per game. But in the Super Bowl, against 7-3 record Oakland, the AFC champ, three Dallas TDs in the fourth quarter weren't enough as a last-minute 65-yard scoring strike from Daryle Lamonic to Fred Biletnikoff gave the Raiders a thrilling 37-35 triumph. . . Frank Thomas was an unlikely hero in a monumental 1962 Mets' comeback victory over a Hall-of-Fame powerhouse. Gary Kurmis, Rochester, NY, says that Thomas blasted a three-run homer in a six-run Met eighth inning to shock Walter Johnson and tie the game, 6-6. In the bottom of the 11th inning and the score still deadlocked, Thomas unloaded again and the "Miracle Mets" were winners.

Guest Columnist

History Of Review Traced

Editor's note: The following article, written by Jeff Guterma, a 16-year-old sophomore at Roslyn High School, Roslyn, NY, is more a chronological resume of the history of the Strat-O-Matic Review rather than a true guest column. However, since there have been many new subscribers to the Review in the past three years, many people have wondered what they missed in the earlier issues. Jeff's article brings out the highlights of each issue and, perhaps, may stir interest in recent subscribers in what they would like reprinted. Let us know if any of the following catches your eye.

By JEFF GUTERMAN

Back in March, 1971, the first Review was printed. The issue contained a football replay from the 1969 season, a humorous article on the fun aspects of league play and started an Old-Timer baseball tournament. In March readers also found out how the advertisements would work and read part one of the "History Of Strat-O-Matic".

April included the GKSML (Greater-Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League) constitution--it plowing the way towards the start of other such leagues. The Old-Timer tourney was continued and the Readers Roll 'Em had its start. Also, a '69 baseball replay and part two of the "History Of S-O-M" were presented. In May, the front page introduced the '70 GKSML draft. It also included the finals of the Old-Timer Tourney, won by the New York Yankees of '27 over the '53 Brooklyn Dodgers, the final part of the "History Of S-O-M" and a very excellent article concerning an interview with members of the Detroit Tigers regarding S-O-M.

June found a picture of the game company officials on the cover, with a story over the Review staff's visit to the S-O-M game factory. An article about the female response to Strato turned a smile while a surprise came from reading of the '62 New York Mets' 4-3-game conquest of the '27 Yanks. In July the Rams beat the Raiders, 33-28, in the game company's annual matchup of the first two teams off the presses. The halfway results of the GKSML's NL 1970 season were given and a question and answer section was included for the first time.

The '06 Chicago Cubs and the '19 White Sox won a poll by the readers to determine what Old-Timer teams were most desired, in the August issue (the Old-Timers, a six-team set, have just been made available). An editorial defending S-O-M's accuracy in answer to a letter the month previous was found. Joel Wright won the GKSML's NL title and there was a revision of the All-Time records, after their absence in the July issue. In September, the records were halted because of seemingly unrealistic results. An LSU football league was spotlighted, plus the readers had a chance to meet the Review editors via a story.

October found J.G. Preston introducing the MBA (Metropolitan Baseball Association) play-by-mail; a replay of the '69 grid season with the Rams winning the Super Bowl and a question-and-answer column. Harold Richman answered questions posed by the readers in the November Review. Plus the '69 Orioles won a baseball replay and the GKSML grid season was launched. December offered Andrew Fischer's popular zone defense for S-O-M Football, David Stoker's article about a draft league and an 18-hour baseball marathon.

1972

Advanced Strat-O-Matic Baseball was introduced in the January issue. Jack Connelly's football penalty chart and Mike Applegate's Santa Clara grid league also shared the spotlight with coming of the two-sided, righty-lefty baseball cards. February found Jeff Sampson being crowned GKSML's first football champ, with the Kansas City Chiefs. Jeff Perigoni conducted a PBM grid tourney, Keywood Cheves presented football playing tips and there was a reprint of the "History Of S-O-M". March's Review contained Steve Checkosky's computer duels, the first guest columnist, with Don Miller introducing league play, and the second part of S-O-M's History. In April, Wilbur Wood became the first GKSML baseball player to be drafted, Tom Nelson's Super Bowl Tourney was presented and Graydon

Vigneau Jr. produced a replay of the '70 New York Yankee season that was amazingly realistic.

Humor was evident in May when the article "I Hate Cheating"--about a no-hitter lost in the ninth inning and saved by a switch in the dice results--appeared. Thomas Swank's Family Affair tournament and an excellent article outlining PBM baseball by J.G. Preston were other noteworthy features. In June, a yearbook belonging to Greg Gropel's draft baseball league was summarized--all 28 pages worth. Dave Lewis shared his ideas on advanced baseball and there was a tale of how the NL Hall-of-Famers, trailing 15-1, came back to defeat the junior circuit. In July, plans for S-O-M Football changes were made known, Joel Wright won his fourth straight GKSML baseball title, a supplementary X-chart, giving added ratings for percentage and range of fielders, was printed and Vida Blue and the late Roberto Clemente hooked up in a computer duel.

August revealed plans for the first S-O-M Convention, to be held in Kalamazoo, MI, the luck element in S-O-M Football, the Review editor's method of scoring baseball and the results of the 1972 MVP poll. September's issue told of the convention, with photographs and tournament results. Also the fate of Thomas Swank's family affair tourney, a feature on the Mid-Coastal Football League (which I am now a member of) and Joel Wright's bid for No. 5 were mentioned. An article outlining the various leagues--MBA, CFA, GABLE, GUSSOMO--was the lead in October, plus there were stories dealing with losing weight by the S-O-M method and an odd play chart that provided for rain outs, ejections, etc. The Canadian S-O-M League, the largest head-to-head grid league, was featured in November, plus Bill Terrando won a play-by-mail baseball tourney and Joel Wright captured his fifth straight GKSML baseball crown. December marked the first month the S-O-M game company started what was planned to be a monthly column. New S-O-M Baseball stadiums, built by gamesters, were described plus Dave Surdam's endurance idea for past years of S-O-M (before 1970) caught the reader's eye.

1973

A poll of readers as to their feelings toward the Review and the game company itself was printed in January. Mike Cummins revealed a baseball attendance chart, plus Mike Applegate's AWA face-to-face football league was featured. In February, four pages were added to the Review for the following month, Roy Dixon was praised for his fine work as a PBM president, an article about the new baseball teams and how they are received was the object of much interest and a random number booklet--the subject of much head scratching as to its content--was printed in its entirety.

March found Jeff Sampson again winning GKSML football honors, this time with the Dallas Cowboys. Joel Wright reveals his thoughts when drafting in baseball and Ed Grant presents an article on PBM football. Rick (Wolfman) Shapiro and Donna Cheverette square off in a baseball "Battle of the Sexes" series played by mail, the no-hitter column and bunting, sacrifice charts by Ronald Hickey are all part of the April issue. In May, the Review editors are pictured on the cover, the NASDL's constitution was first mentioned, Dave Surdam's feat of playing 69 baseball games in 10 hours drew reader's eyes and there was a story delving into the hows of drafting in S-O-M Football.

In June, plans for a second S-O-M Convention (in Brooklyn, NY) were introduced and the "Battle of the Sexes" resumed. S-O-M Basketball hit the July pages, there was more on the convention, Del Newell (Review co-editor) won the sixth GKSML baseball title and S-O-M gamesters contributed playing tips to more accurately reflect running ability with the new Football cards. An excellent article about emotions in S-O-M was written by Cheo Sitva and appeared in August, plus Robert Henry presented his system of finding lefty-righty batting and pitching averages. Convention '73 was the main topic of reading in September. There was a story about the Garfield brothers in their bid to win tourney football honors, Mike Allison had an article about the new football teams and J.G. Preston's MBA draft--held via telephone--also found their way into September's pages.

October found the spotlight on the convention's tourney winners, complete with pictures, plus Steve Barkan of the game company told of his experiences as the S-O-M Pro Basketball Game was being developed. GUSSOMO was also high-

lighted as the league's presidents were introduced to readers, plus J.G. Preston reported on S-O-M leagues across the nation. A poll of what Old-Timer baseball teams were most desired was published in November, with the 1900-1919 era teams top vote-getters. And in December, the readers gave their responses to S-O-M Pro Basketball, the Garfield brothers rode again, this time with a voluminous replay of the 1971 grid campaign that was won by the Dallas Cowboys (14-0), Mike Allison had an immensely fascinating Old-Timer replay, complete with stats, that was won by the '27 Yankees, Jack Hills won the GKSM's National League and defeated Del Newell in the World Series, Steve Inkles held a one-on-one basketball tourney and Mike Schwartz introduced the first basketball playing tip.

Editor's note: Jeff Guterman has been a subscriber to the Review since Dec., 1972. He acquired back issues of the Review to make this chronology possible.

Questions & Answers

QUESTION: What should Willie Davis' fielding rating be on his 1973 card, elementary side?

ANSWER: The rating, unclear, on some cards, should be a "1".

QUESTION: How is a blocked punt recorded in a punter's stats?

ANSWER: As a punt attempt and minus the yards lost (-9).

QUESTION: If double-teaming the wrong pass receiver and "receiver" comes up, what column do you look under?

ANSWER: The "wrong" column.

QUESTION: If an offensive rebound is grabbed, does the rebounder have to attempt a shot or can he pass off?

ANSWER: He must attempt a shot. He cannot pass to someone else.

QUESTION: If a foul is committed in Strat-O-Matic Basketball and the ball is taken out of bounds, do you still move the clock one space (12 seconds) even though a shot was not attempted?

ANSWER: Yes, the clock is still moved.

QUESTION: On Clyde Lee's basketball card, the elementary side says he played forward only and the advanced both forward and center. Which is correct?

ANSWER: The advanced side, as Lee played forward and center.

QUESTION: How does the bonus situation work in pro basketball?

ANSWER: The bonus shot goes into effect on the sixth team foul or on any foul committed in the last two minutes of a period. Prior to the bonus situation, the ball is taken out of bounds by the team that is fouled, unless it is a two-shot foul (shooting foul) or a one-shot foul after a basket is scored. In the bonus situation, the fouled player has two shots, or if fouled while in the act of shooting he has three shots to make two.

Advertisements

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Wanted

WANTED: Pre-1969 baseball sets and 1970 additional players. Will pay your price for sets in good shape. Contact: Martin Ports, 6 Panorama Drive, Newark, DE 19711

WANTED: All rosters for baseball teams, 1960-1972. Also, individual baseball teams from 1960-1971. State price to: Jeffrey Watson, 7125 Llanfair, Upper Derby, PA 19082

WANTED: Baseball teams and individual cards for 1960 through 1971. I will pay well for any pre-1965 teams or cards. Send offers to: Larry Wolf, 7602 Redding, Houston, TX 77036

WANTED: I am interested in buying any old football and baseball teams before 1969. Please contact: R. Roster, 5100 Blue Ridge Ct., Wallington, NJ 07057

WANTED: 1970 Viking defensive cards, 1969 Boog Powell and any pre-1969 baseball sets. Contact: Richard Borts, 220 Slater Ave., Providence, RI 02906

WANTED: Desperate! Back issues of the Review, Vols. III 8-III. 12, Oct. 1973-Feb. 1974. Will pay \$5.00. Decent condition. Write: Bryan Simmons, 22247 N. Brandon, Farmington, MI 48024

WANTED: Customers for the Gartner printing service and statistic bureau. Company will do printing as ridiculous low prices. I guarantee great results with a good guarantee. Our company will do baseball stats as a sideline. Our

stats come typed and 110 per cent accurate. Please write for information on our top-notch Strat-O-Matic services. We insure speedy service! Contact, GPS, 12 Homer St., Parsippany, NJ 07054

WANTED: Experienced statistician to relieve backlog of comprehensive individual, team and league statistics for baseball, football and basketball. Send: (1) name, address, phone; (2) qualifications, references (for whom have you worked previously in this capacity?); (3) wages bid (e.g. 5¢ per team per game-scoresheet, not including postage). Good opportunity for the man who wants to make statistics, but doesn't have time to play many games. Brad Furst, 1813 Lincoln #4, Lawton, OK 73501

WANTED: Have just received my first issue of the Strat-O-Matic Review. It is great. Would like to obtain all past issues of Review immediately, prior to Dec., 1973, as I want to catch up on all previous ideas and happenings by other Strat-O-Matic players. Editions need only be complete and readable. Living in Canada and being a true baseball fan and Strat-O-Matic player makes obtaining material very difficult. So please help out. All offers answered. Wayne Schreiner, General Delivery, Enderry, British Columbia V0E 1V0

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FOR SALE: 1969-71 baseball cards; 1969-71 football cards. Make bids on the cards you want with the price you will pay. Then I will send you a list of what I have available. I also have '72 baseball season cards, complete with extras, plus April, 1972-Dec., 1972 Reviews. I will trade any merchandise I have for sale for the football teams I want. If you have the football teams I want and just want to seal them outright, please contact me. Ron Dickinson, RR#1, Leaf River, IL 61047

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For Sale

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Coming Next Month. .

...15-year-old Mike Romatowski presents a complete 154-game replay of the 1972 National League baseball season--a project that he and his father teamed to complete. . .There will be pictures and a short story dealing with the Pacific Coast League, run by Dave Surdam. . . Rick [Wolfman] Shapiro returns and gives his views on the ever-troublesome syndrome: the wayward play-by-mail manager. Shapiro tells the steps he's taken to curb the antics of undependable managers. . .A unique custodians baseball league will be featured, plus there will be much, much more coming your way in April.

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condition. Send bids to: Roland Meinhardt, 149 Richland Meadows, Quakertown, PA 18951

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FOR SALE: 1970 Giants, Vikings, Rams, 49ers, Raiders, Chiefs, Browns, Dolphins. Sold as set -- \$4.00. 1972 Yanks, A's, White Sox, Orioles, Reds, Cardinals, Pirates, Astros. Sold as set for \$4.00. Send to: Pat Shandorf, Grahm Jr. College Leavitt Box 193, Boston, MA 02215

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FOR SALE: Football cards, 1967-1972. Good condition. '67 Packers, Raiders, Cowboys, Browns. No playoff teams from 1968-72. 1967-69 \$1.00 each. 1970-72 \$.85. Baseball cards, 1967, average, \$.40 each. 1969, '70, '71, very good. Two sets, 20 and 24 cards. No playoff teams 1969-71. 20 cards at \$.60 each. 24 at \$.80. S-O-M Review I-6 through I-12, \$.50 each. Now, wanting for myself: 1964 Cardinals, Yankees, '66 Orioles. Will buy, or consider trade with any of above. Make your wants known before April 12. Richard Gulezian, Rt. 1, Box 347, West Shore Road, Windham, New Hampshire, 03087

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FOR SALE: Football -- 1971 New York Giants and 1971 Pittsburgh Steelers. 1972 New York Jets. 50¢ each or all three for \$1.25. Baseball -- 1972 California Angels, Pittsburgh Pirates, Chicago Cubs, Detroit Tigers and Boston Red Sox. 40¢ each or all five for \$1.75. All teams in very good condition. Brian Warnert, P.O. Box 318, Cold Spring, MN 56320

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League Forming

LEAGUE FORMING: The Mid-Michigan League is now forming. I am organizing a draft league with the 1972 (last year's) cards. I have the A's, Pirates, Tigers, Orioles, Cubs and Giants. I need 5 managers. Write to me with a little something about yourself included. I will fill you in later. Write to: Dick Hunt, 424 North Main Street, Ovid, MI 48866

LEAGUE FORMING: Needed, eight managers for the brand new Play-By-Mail League. The Southern Strat-O-Matic Draft League (SSOMDL). We will have a big draft of the new players when they come out. We'll play 110 games with two divisions --East and West. If you are interested, write to: Tim Owens, 4392 E. La Cienega St., Tucson, AZ 85712. Anyone welcome, male or female, as long as you live in a southern state.

LEAGUE FORMING: Hey! All dedicated S-O-M Baseball players in England area. Here's your chance to join an established well-run play-by-mail league, the New England Baseball League. The NEBL is looking for a few new managers and if you apply right now, you could join one of the best PBM league's running. This year, our third, the NEBL will be a draft, using all 24 teams with extra players. A unique draft system will assure all managers of getting a competitive team. The best thing about this league is that we play only 42 games (excluding playoffs), with a minimum of hassles and headaches. You can play in your private leagues and still reap the benefits and fun that goes with play-by-mail. Don't delay! We'll start as soon as possible, with our starting target date being April 1. To ensure plenty of S-O-M fun this summer, write this minute to: John Peterson, R.D.#4, Montpelier, VT 05602, or call 1 (802) 223-3891. All players from New York welcome.

LEAGUE FORMING: Draft, using 1971 American and National League. If interested in being divisional head, please state so. \$2.00 entry fee. Sendname and

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Lafayette— The Redskins Are Here

In most grid replays of the 1972 season the Miami Dolphins have been almost untouchable. The AWA League's results indicated otherwise, however, as the Cincinnati Bengals cracked through the Miami wall of invincibility.

Now the Dolphins have flipped out in the Lafayette, CA, Strat-O-Matic League, losing to Pittsburgh in the playoffs after scoring the most regular-season points (495) and allowing the second fewest (259) in a 12-team, four-coach replay. The coaches, all from Lafayette, included Mark Alexander, Tim Lubeck, Gerald Lubeck and Paul Nagy.

During the regular season the Dolphins compiled a 10-4 record, finishing runnerup to the Pittsburgh Steelers (11-3) in the Eastern Division standings, but reaching the playoffs as the "wild card" team. There Pittsburgh ousted the Dolphins, 23-19.

Pittsburgh wasn't destined to become Super Bowl either as Washington took care of Kansas City, 22-20, in the playoffs and then worked over the Steelers, 48-24, scoring four touchdowns in the third period, in the season's finale. Pittsburgh, incidentally, was playing without Franco Harris, who was injured, in the Super Bowl.

Miami, with the league's No. 3 and 4 rushers, averaged 201.1 yards per game on the ground. San Francisco turned out to be the best team through the air lanes, netting 240 yards every outing. The 49ers were also tops against the pass, giving up only an average of 137.6, while Washington was the stingiest against the run, allowing only 93.4 yards.

The league was definitely a free-wheeling affair as scores were high and so were interceptions--with Joe Namath throwing 39 and John Brodie misfiring an amazing 41 times. Some high-scoring highlights were: Miami avenging an early setback by walloping the New York Jets, 55-0; Minnesota massacring New Orleans, 68-24, and the Steelers edging the Chicago Bears, 54-48.

Individual highlights and lowlights saw Larry Brown roll up over 500 yards running and with passes in a game against Cincinnati, scoring five TDs--two on passes of 79 and 85 yards--Roger Staubach led quarterbacks in rushing with 683 yards and Jerry DePoyster of Oakland had three consecutive punts blocked.

Only trade saw MacArthur Lane and Scott Hunter dealt from the Packers to the 49ers for Steve Spurrier and Jimmy Thomas, with the deal having little effect on the final league standings.

Among the coaches, Tim Lubeck was voted the best dice-roller, as evidenced by Jon Stagers' punt returns (a 24-yard average with five TDs) and numerous long returns with interceptions. Miami and Oakland were rated the most "snake-bit" teams and Gerald Lubeck received individual "honors" for failing to get a single team into the playoffs.

Lafayette S-O-M standings and statistics:

Eastern Division	Won	Lost	Tied	PF	PA	Off. Avg.
Pittsburgh (Tim Lubeck)	11	3	0	487	328	364.1
Miami (Mark Alexander)	10	4	0	495	259	---
N.Y. Giants (Gerald Lubeck)	6	8	0	340	386	---
N.Y. Jets (Paul Nagy)	5	9	0	333	450	---
Central Division						
Washington (Paul Nagy)	11	3	0	401	228	410.4
Dallas (Gerald Lubeck)	9	4	1	376	296	379.6
Green Bay (Tim Lubeck)	6	8	0	315	390	---
Cincinnati (Mark Alexander)	5	9	0	304	375	---
Western Division						
Kansas City (Tim Lubeck)	9	5	0	349	327	---
Minnesota (Mark Alexander)	7	6	1	340	288	---
San Francisco (Paul Nagy)	6	8	0	408	379	366.5
Oakland (Gerald Lubeck)	5	9	0	353	407	372.9

<u>Rushing</u>	<u>Att-Yds.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Receiving</u>	<u>No.-Yds.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Avg.</u>
Brown	387-2173	8	5.6	Kwalick	113-1214	4	9.4
Harris	308-2017	10	6.6	Chester	84-1485	7	17.7
Morris	213-1476	9	6.9	Washington	73-1585	9	21.7
Csonka	253-1294	14	5.1	Tucker	70- 744	4	10.6
R.Johnson	297-1258	9	4.2	Caster	67-1926	11	28.7
Riggins	221-1141	4	5.1	Brown	65- 911	15	14.1
Hubbard	223-1070	9	4.8	Smith [Wash]	63- 640	3	10.1
Lane	196-1008	5	5.1	Taylor [KC]	62-1099	8	17.7
Reed	195- 976	4	5.0	Trumpy	62- 638	4	10.3
Hill	219- 912	4	4.2	Sellers	55-1227	11	22.3
<u>Passing</u>	<u>Com.%</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Int.%</u>	<u>Avg. Gain</u>	<u>Scoring</u>		<u>Pts.</u>
Staebach	49.5	27	3.6	8.27	Gerela		153
Jurgensen	51.3	26	6.5	9.11	Yepremian		141
Brodie	50.8	27	9.6	6.86	Brown [23 TDs]		138
Dawson	48.7	24	5.3	6.84	Marcel		136
Griese	47.2	28	6.6	6.61	Cox		133
Lamonica	44.2	18	5.7	8.51			
Snead	50.9	14	4.6	5.92	<u>KD Returns</u>		<u>Avg.</u>
Bradshaw	38.2	28	7.6	7.79	Marshall		28.9
Namath	41.8	26	10.2	8.47	Thompson		28.6
Tarkenton	44.0	24	5.9	6.68	Davis		26.8
<u>Interceptions</u>	<u>No.</u>		<u>Punt Returns</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Punting</u>		<u>Avg.</u>
Anderson [Pitt]	15		Staggers [5 TDs]	24.0	Blanchard		45.8
Marsalis	14		Ellis	15.4	Walden		45.4
Wright [Minn]	13		Athas	14.1	Wilson		43.1

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address with S-O-M experience to:
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12524

LEAGUE FORMING: Baseball play-by-mail league forming. We will use the new 1974 A.L. teams and their extra players. There will be newsletters and stat sheets every few weeks. Only requirement is that you must be reliable and trustworthy. Send me a list of the 12 teams in the order you want them and a brief autobiography about yourself. Write: Ev Fulliam, 471 Mansfield Ave., Darien, CT 06820

LEAGUE FORMING: Need 11 managers in Warminster-Hatboro-Horsham, etc. area for face-to-face baseball league using 1973 cards when they come out. It will be a teams league. When you write, state which you prefer: An American or National League replay? Also, list favorite teams in both leagues in case we play the one you don't want. Don't choose Pittsburgh or Cleveland because I chose them [by drawing pieces of paper--completely

fair]. This is my first attempt at starting a league, so I'll appreciate any help, tips, etc. I'll try to print a newsletter periodically, but would like a volunteer to help. This will be a league for real statistical nuts [like me]. We'll use fielding chart found in July, 1972 and June, 1973 Review. I'll reply to all letters. Write: Rick Lentz, 1023 Coronet Rd., Warminster, PA 18974

LEAGUE FORMING: TSOML [The Strat-O-Matic League]. A play-by-mail league in which we'll start with the new baseball, then to football and basketball. If interested, write me and tell in which sport you're interested so I can get all the leagues set up. Play in as many as you like, but wait until the end of the basketball season before sending in team choices. For baseball and football, send in top six choices now. Send to: Cary Zeitlin, 26926 Claiborne Court, Hayward, CA 94542

LEAGUE FORMING: Join the Pacific League!! Two openings are available, but may be filled quickly. We're in our 4th season using 1971 cards. \$3.50 per season dues.

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We play 12 home games every three weeks. If you meet these qualifications, send your name, whether you would wish to be placed on our waiting list, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Dave Surdam, Route 8, Box 728, Pleasant Hill, OR 97401

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LEAGUE FORMING: Attention all S-O-M Baseball managers, 15 years old or under. If you want to be in an all new, exciting baseball league, then this is the league for you. We will play a 154-game schedule with 12 teams, using the 1972 cards. There will be play-offs and a World Series, with an All-Star game midway through the season. If you are a dependable manager, and want to belong to a well-run league, then I urge you to join this league. You will receive a newsletter every two or three weeks, which will keep you informed on all league information. When you write I will send you the constitution of the RBL and some information concerning it. Write today, as league starts drafting in March. Write: Dale Ways, Box 17, Pinconning, MI 48650

LEAGUE FORMING: The North American Baseball Association (NABA), a S-O-M/PBM league, needs two top-notch experienced managers to manage the California Angels and Chicago White Sox in the 1974 season. The league combines both an actual teams league with a draft league through the use of a graduated drafting system. A franchise fee of \$8.50 covers three trophies, weekly newsletters, postage, etc. A highly-competitive league that prefers managers over 20 years old. Send a brief biography and telephone number to: Jeff Dirgo, 330 East Cedar St., Livingston, NJ 07039

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