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An NFL Season Worth Re-Living

Lewis' Storybook Ending, Peterson's Rush to History, Young QBs' Heroics

Even with a game as realistic as Strat-O-Matic, there's an element of fantasy to the game play. But imagination is scarcely sufficient to match the story of the 2012 National Football League season that gamers soon will have a chance to re-live on their table tops.

All-time great Ray Lewis returns from supposed career-ending injury and leads his underdog Baltimore Ravens to victory in the Super Bowl – after announcing his retirement.

The Ravens beat the San Francisco 49ers, a powerhouse that gets even better when its veteran quarterback is injured and replaced by the untested Colin Kaepernick.

Running and passing with a flourish not seen in the Bay Area since Steve Young, Kaepernick is one of several young QBs whose skill and daring lifted their teams to new success. Andrew Luck, Robert Griffin III and Russell Wilson all lead losing teams into the playoffs.

Not Hollywood enough for you yet?

Two other rookies help turn losers into winners. Running backs Alfred Morris (1,613 yards) and Doug Martin (1,454) are among the league's top five rushers.

They trail the most improbable comeback story of all. After knee surgery that would have sidelined most backs for the year, Adrian Peterson not only runs Minnesota into the playoffs, but leads everyone in breakaway runs while gaining an astonishing 2,097 yards, just eight short of the all-time record. His Strat-O-Matic card is something to behold.

But, wait – have you heard the one about Peyton Manning in Denver? A 36-year-old star quarterback with an injury so severe that it cost him all of last season, is released by the team he has glorified, has neck-fusion surgery and returns to his prior league-MVP form while leading a new team to the best record in the NFL.

Are you kidding me? Any one of these is a script-writer's dream. And now you get to

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Let's Play Two: The Price is Right to Begin Playing SOM Baseball Online

The play is fun. The online community is awesome. The stat reports are the best. And now, first-time users can join at the lowest price ever: Two teams for just \$14.95 (vs. the regular price of \$19.99 per team).

A year after the Strat-O-Matic Baseball Online baseball game moved to the SOM website, the reviews are great. If you haven't

shared the fun, the timing couldn't be better. Not only is the price right, but Strat-O-Matic is adding its Superstar Sixties game to the lineup that allows you to choose a league with the current teams, the ever-popular All-Time Greats, or the top players from the 1970s, '80s or '90s.

It's easy. Join a league. Draft a team. Set your lineups. Check your team's box scores and custom reports each day for two months. Winners get free teams for future leagues.

Superstar Sixties starts soon – see page 6

New this Summer from Strat-O-Matic

Football

Strat-O-Matic Pro Football 2013

2012 NFL season

1988 NFL season

1971 NFL season

1983 USFL season

ETA: Early August

Strat-O-Matic College Football 2013

with 2012 NCAA season

ETA: Late August

(see Pages 2-3 for more details)

Hockey

Strat-O-Matic Hockey 2013

2012-13 NHL season

1953-54 NHL season

1982-83 NHL season

ETA: Late September

(see Pages 4-5 for more details)

Basketball

Strat-O-Matic Basketball 2013

2011-12 NBA season

1968-69 NBA season (Windows only)

1969-70 ABA season (Windows only)

ETA: Cards-Late September

Windows-Late October

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Strat-O-Matic Baseball Online

Windows Football Upgrade

Run the Pistol with RG III, Run as Many Plays as the Pats

The excitement that the NFL's new breed of running quarterbacks add can be duplicated with new rules for the "Pistol Offense" in Strat-O-Matic's forthcoming release of its Windows Pro Football game.

Another optional feature will emulate up-tempo NFL offenses' ability to call more plays per minute and for clock-milking offenses to shorten the game for their opponents. A third will prevent low-use, high-gain running backs from distorting offensive play calling.

These advances in realism are among a dozen improvements in Strat-O-Matic Football 2013.

Only quarterbacks who ran the Pistol Offense regularly can do so. That's Cam Newton for Carolina, Colin Kaepernick for San Francisco, Russell Wilson for Seattle and Robert Griffin III for Washington.

All have better End Run cards when guessed Right than other quarterbacks and are permitted two more End Runs per game than other QBs.

When running the Pistol, as opposed to the Shotgun Formation, running backs can run off tackle, not only through the middle. This allows Pistol offenses to attack in any direction, with the shotgun's advantages for passing. That forces linebackers and safeties into tough decisions – especially since these teams have potent running backs as well.

Historical Team Pace

Intended only for historical NFL replays involving stock teams (not custom leagues), this optional rule will improve statistical accuracy by reflecting each team's offensive play frequency. No-huddle offenses will run more plays per minute. Deliberate offenses will run fewer.

"The pace rating is an internal computer rating that is not visible to the gamer," SOM explains. "However, the pace rating will improve statistical accuracy, as the total number of plays from scrimmage will be much closer to historical numbers when the option is used – especially for certain teams that ran a very fast-paced offense (such as the 2012 New England Patriots)."

Low-Use RBs

There's a new solution for gamers who have been frustrated by opponents' reliance

on little-used running backs with great stats.

For running backs (not quarterbacks or wide receivers) who averaged fewer than four carries per game, the big gains on their cards will be reduced to their actual average per carry whenever the white die is 2 or 3 (not for white die 1 or for rolls on the defensive cards) and the game is not a blowout.

Flat Pass Defense

Draft leagues will love an innovation that adds low-yardage completions to the Flat Pass sections of the Draft League Defense Cards. Gains (mostly +1s, +2s, and +3s) with 1 Man in Zone and 2 Men in Zone will increase completion percentage without distorting yardage, while making it easier to gain a first down with a Flat Pass on 3rd and 1-3 yards to go.

Protect Computer Codes, Organize Card Collections

Strat-O-Matic expects to launch a service soon that will allow customers to catalog their purchases in secure, individual storage areas on the game company website.

The voluntary system is designed to permit gamers to record the authorization codes for the Windows games and rosters they have purchased prior to Strat-O-Matic's E-Delivery system.

Having the codes cataloged online will eliminate the need for gamers to maintain the authorization-code cards they received before E-Delivery. And that will eliminate the worry about losing them.

Each gamer's Account area already stores the codes of E-Delivery products. Additionally, gamers will enter the codes from their authorization-code cards. Once the codes are submitted, the system will validate that they were entered correctly.

The entry system is information storage only. However, a side benefit allows gamers to catalog all their board games and card sets as a way of organizing their inventory. For long-time and multi-sport gamers that can represent a substantial library. Look for further announcements at www.strat-o-matic.com.

Great Together: The NFL and SOM

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re-write the endings with dice or computer keystrokes.

If all of that is not enough to look forward to – please – there's WR Calvin Johnson's record-setting 1,964 yards receiving, Drew Brees' league-leading 5,177 yards passing and 43 touchdown passes, and J.J. Watt's near-record 20.5 sacks, barely more than Aldon Smith's 19.5.

There's excitement just about everywhere with these ratings. In Houston, the division champ has Watt and WR Andre Johnson's return to greatness (112 catches, 1,598 yards). In Green Bay, Aaron Rodgers amazes again with 67.2 percent completions, 4,295 yards, 39 TDs and another division title.

In Seattle, a wild-card team has the best points differential in the NFL. The Seahawks have Marshawn Lynch's 1,590 yards worth of "Beast Mode" rushing and the league's No. 1 scoring defense, as well as Russell Wilson's impressive rookie QB play.

With Strat-O-Matic Pro Football, the hits just keep on coming.

College Football, Too

There's plenty of excitement coming in Strat-O-Matic College Football 2013 for the computer. While the NCAA inches closer to a playoff, Strat gamers don't have to wait to stage their What-If scenarios.

Could you finish Notre Dame's resurgent season with a victory to deny Alabama its third BCS championship in the last four years? How about reversing undefeated Ohio State's ban from bowl play and putting the undefeated Buckeyes into the title game?

Perhaps you'd have even more fun replaying "Johnny Football" Manziel's dashing Heisman Trophy-winning season that returned Texas A&M to greatness. Manziel's flashy running and passing merely set the all-time yardage records for the mighty Southeastern Conference – in A&M's debut as a league member.

With Alabama, A&M and such other college powers as LSU, Georgia, Florida and South Carolina, the SEC can provide a season full of thrills on your computer. Which team would you coach through that gauntlet of opponents? For pinball scoring, check out Oregon, Stanford and the rest of the exciting Pac-12 conference. So many good choices – Strat-O-Matic has ALL the teams.

Classic NFL / USFL Bonanza

1971 NFL

The 1971 NFL season showcases the Dallas Cowboys' first Super Bowl winner and Miami's first Super Bowl team (leading to consecutive Super Bowl champions in 1972 and 1973).

Others in the 1971 "six-pack" of carded teams will be Minnesota (11-3), Kansas City (10-3-1), San Francisco (9-5) and defending Super Bowl champ Baltimore (10-4).

Dallas (11-3) began 4-3 until Roger Staubach became the full-time starter and the NFC's No. 1 passer with a league-best 8.9 yards per pass and averaged 8.4 yards on 41 runs. Duane Thomas led the NFL with 11 rushing touchdowns. His 4.5 yards per carry and Calvin Hill's 4.4 combined with Staubach and WR Bob Hayes (24 ypc) to make the Cowboys the most explosive offense in the NFL with 406 points, topping 40 five times. The D in Big D was No. 1 in yards per rush, fumbles and sacks.

Miami (10-3-1) had the AFC's No. 1 passer (Bob Griese who had only 10 INTs), a versatile running attack (FB Larry Csonka and HBs Jim Kiick and Mercury Morris combined for more than 2,000 yards) and deep-threat WR (Paul Warfield: 23 ypc, 11 tds). The Dolphins had the AFC's second-best defense, limiting 12 foes to 14 or fewer points.

Minnesota and its Purple People Eaters led by Alan Page and Carl Eller had by far the most suffocating defense in the NFC (139 points allowed), strangling passing games for a mere 9.8 yards per completion and creating 45 turnovers.

Kansas City had star LBs Bobby Bell, Willie Lanier and Jim Lynch, second-ranked passer Len Dawson throwing to WRs Otis Taylor (1,110 yards, 19 ypc) and rookie Elmo Wright (20 ypc and the initiator of end-zone dances), and versatile RB Ed Podolak.

Baltimore's defense was as impressive as Minnesota's, allowing only 140 points while leading the AFC in run defense (3.2 ypc) and pass defense. DE Bubba Smith and LBs Ted Hendricks and Mike Curtis starred. The offense relied on HB Norm Bulaich's 4.9 ypc. The Colts topped 30 points four times.

San Francisco had the second-best scoring defense in the NFC, allowing a meager 44.5 percent pass-completion rate. The OL yielded the fewest sacks (11) while creating room enough for Ken Willard and Vic Washington to top 800 yards each.



1983 USFL

The United States Football League launched with 14 teams and such famous coaches as Chicago's George Allen, Tampa Bay's Steve Spurrier and Philadelphia's Jim Mora. Familiar players included New Jersey RB Herschel Walker, Michigan QB Bobby Hebert and Philadelphia LB Sam Mills.

Michigan (12-6) was the surprise 24-22 winner in the title game against Philadelphia. But the Panthers had 451 points, QB Hebert (27 TD passes), WR Anthony Carter (60-1,181-19.7 avg-9 TDs) and RB Ken Lacy (1,180 yards, 5.1 average).

Philadelphia (15-3) had by far the best record, the best defense and such recognizable All-USFL players as RB Kelvin Bryant (1,442 rushing yards, 16 TDs, 53 receptions), OT Irv Eatman and LB Mills.

Chicago (12-6), the top-scoring team with 456 points, lost an explosive playoff semi-final to Philadelphia, 44-38 in overtime. The Blitz had a pair of 1,000-yard RBs in Tim Spencer and Kevin Long, former Detroit Lions QB Greg Landry, WR Trumaine Johnson (81-1,322-10tds) and the second-best defense.

Boston (11-7) had the third-best offense. QB Johnnie Walton threw 20 TD passes, HB Richard Crump ran for 990 yards on a 5.2 average and WR Charles Smith had 1,009 yards receiving at 18.7 per catch.

Tampa Bay (11-7) had a pass-happy offense. Jimmy Jordan (60.9 percent completions) was the best of three quarterbacks who combined to throw 27 touchdown passes – 15 to All-USFL WR Eric Travillion. Travillion and WR Danny Buggs each eclipsed 1,000 yards receiving.

Oakland (9-9) won the Pacific Division with QB Fred Besana (62.7 percent completions, 21 TDs, 2.9 percent INTs) and All-USFL TE Raymond Chester.

1988 NFL

San Francisco was only 10-6 in the regular season. But in the post-season, the 49ers crushed 11-5 Minnesota, 34-9, and 12-4 Chicago, 28-3. That set up one of the most dramatic Super Bowl finishes ever, when Joe Montana drove the trailing 49ers 92 yards to the winning touchdown in the final minute over 12-4 Cincinnati. That was San Francisco's third Super Bowl victory. A fourth the following year – all in the 1980s – made it one of the NFL's iconic franchises.

San Francisco topped 30 points six times with HB Roger Craig gaining 2,036 yards from scrimmage, QB Joe Montana completing nearly 60 percent of his passes, and WRs Jerry Rice and John Taylor both topping 20 yards per catch. Taylor also took two punts to the house. Safety Ronnie Lott and DL Michael Carter and Charles Haley starred for a defense that was especially strong against the run (3.6 average).

Cincinnati went from worst (4-11 in 1987) to first in 1988 with one of those dream offenses (448 points) where you cannot call a bad play. QB Boomer Esiason was the AFC's No. 1 passer with a conference-best 28 TDs and 9.21 yards per pass. FB Icky Woods (1,066 yards, 15 TDs) and HB James Brooks (931 yards) each topped 5 yards per carry. WR Eddie Brown had 1,273 receiving yards at 24 per catch.

Buffalo (12-4) had DE Bruce Smith (11 sacks in 9 games), Pro Bowl LBs Cornelius Bennett and Shane Conlan, and the AFC's No. 1 defense. Jim Kelly completed 59.5 percent of his passes.

Chicago had the NFL's best defense (215 points), with MLB Mike Singletary, DE Richard Dent and others from the unit that was a dominant Super Bowl winner three years prior. RB Neal Anderson's breakout season (1,106 yards, 4.4 average, 12 TDs and 39 receptions) helped the Bears win their fifth straight NFC Central title.

Minnesota scored 406 points and yielded only 233. Wade Wilson was the NFC's No. 1 passer and the Vikings had the No. 1 pass defense, including 36 interceptions. DL Chris Doleman and Keith Millard and DB Joey Browner helped hold six opponents to seven or fewer points.

Los Angeles Rams (10-6) had a 31-TD passer (Jim Everett), a 16-TD runner (Greg Bell) and a 10-TD receiver (Henry Ellard) in the NFC's top-scoring offense (407 points).

As always, the Windows versions of Strat-O-Matic's classic pro football seasons contain every team in the league.

Not Much Longer to Wait to Replay Epic NBA, NHL Playoff Finals

King James rules, brings his Heat to NBA throne again

Once in awhile, a pro sports season is so amazing that you have to play it yourself to believe it. That would be the 2012-13 National Basketball Association season.

Start with the Miami Heat's death-defying victory in the final seconds of Game Six in the NBA Finals against San Antonio. Instead of watching the Spurs celebrate the championship, LeBron James led Miami to a Game Seven win, the Heat's second straight title and James' second straight playoff MVP award.

That followed James' fourth regular-season MVP award in the last five years.

This time it came in one of the NBA's most historic seasons. Miami made sure of that with its remarkable 27-game win streak, second longest in league history. That led to a sensational 66-16 record and a dramatic championship over San Antonio, which had never lost a Finals before.

A season with so much Heat had plenty of fire elsewhere. With Chris Paul and Blake Griffin, the Los Angeles Clippers – that's the Clippers, not the Lakers – won the Pacific Division championship, their

first title of any type.

The New York Knicks, with league-leading scorer Carmelo Anthony averaging 28.7 points and with Sixth Man of the Year J.R. Smith, won their first division title in 19 years.

In their first season as the *Brooklyn* Nets, New York's other team went from 22 games under .500 a year ago to 49-33 this time. Golden State, with sharp-shooter Stephen Curry healthy this time, made a similar turnaround from 20 games under .500 to 47-25.

Getting Stronger

Steadily improving Memphis made a dramatic leap, too, doubling its wins above .500, to 56-26. Zach Randolph returned to action for 15.4 ppg and 11.2 rpg. Big man Marc Gasol, the NBA's Defensive Player of the Year, and ball-hawking PG Mike Conley each added more than 14 ppg. Tony Allen and Tayshaun Prince helped make Memphis the NBA's No. 2 defensive team.

But Brooklyn, Golden State and Memphis did not win divisions. Oklahoma City and Indiana did.

With the irrepressible Kevin Durant averaging 28 points, the Thunder absorbed the loss of high-scoring sixth man James Harden and still had the NBA's top offense at 112.4 ppg (and the fourth-best defense, too). After 60 wins, they would have made more noise in the playoffs if 23-ppg PG Russell Westbrook hadn't been out injured.

The Pacers took mighty Miami to a seventh game in the Eastern Conference finals thanks to the multi-faceted play of Paul George, David West, George Hill and Roy Hibbert.

Chicago's sensational start leads to Stanley Cup finish

One of the most intense, closely contested Stanley Cup finals ever will still be fresh in mind when Strat-O-Matic's ratings for the 2012-13 season arrive this summer. Appropriately, the National Hockey League's best team all season long, Chicago, drank from the Cup after defeating Boston.

Amazingly, it was the first time these Original Six teams met in a Finals. Interestingly, it happened in a season when all of the Original Six were in the playoffs for the first time in 17 years. And the four semi-finalists were the teams that had won the last four Stanley Cups.

The 2012-13 season may have started late, but it was one of the NHL's most historic campaigns, from the very start of Chicago's season-opening 24-game unbeaten streak -- the longest to begin a season in NHL history.

Chicago's Patrick Kane won the Conn Smythe Trophy, but much of the league's hardware and star players were spread throughout the league. After a four-year decline, Washington's Alex Ovechkin rebounded to win his third MVP award and third goal-scoring title, with 32 in 48 games. Montreal defenseman P.K. Subban won the Norris Trophy.

Columbus, denied a spot in the playoffs for the first time on a tie-breaker, had Vezina-winning goalie Sergei Bobrovsky with a sensational .932 save percentage, second among 15 goalies who were .920 or better.

Bobrovsky, one of five of those goalies playing their third NHL season or less, is part of a new generation of stars. Take notice of center John Tavares, whose 28 goals made him a Hart Trophy finalist and helped vault the New York Islanders into the playoffs. Center Jonathan Huberdeau won the Calder Trophy while showing future superstar talent, even without talented teammates on bottom-feeding Florida.

Every Scoring Chance, Big Hit and Big Save

Two new features in Strat-O-Matic Hockey 2013 will benefit a wide variety of computer gamers.

If you ever auto-play games, receive game summaries of games played on a league member's computer or write accounts of the hockey games you play on the computer, you're going to love this.

The **Game Highlights Report** displays every game-changing play. That's every goal, but also every near miss: Breakaways, penalty shots, saves on goalie cards and failed split chances from skater's cards. That's every penalty, but also every successful intimidation that denies great shots. A shoot-out summary, too.

Displayed by period and time elapsed, the highlights show you the breath-taking plays, just how every game was won and lost and all the players who came up big in a variety of ways. NHL highlight shows should be this thorough!

With the optional new **Alternate Penetration System**, computer gamers can accomplish what board gamers have been doing for years – change the penetration system to match wingers against defensemen instead of winger-vs.-winger and defenseman-vs.-defenseman.

All Together Now ...

Strat-O-Matic has created more than 50 pro basketball seasons for its Windows game. Soon you can combine the team and individual performances from all your projects into a versatile encyclopedia. Strat-O-Matic Basketball 2013 will let you create an encyclopedia that will display a Player Register, Team Register, Player Single-Season Leaders and Player Career Leaders.

Historic Hoops, Hockey from SOM

1968-69 NBA

The last of Bill Russell's 11 championship seasons with the Boston Celtics was the first for John Havlicek as a regular in the Boston lineup.

It was the first for dominant rookies Wes Unseld (MVP) and Elvin Hayes (scoring champ at 28.4 ppg). It was the first for Wilt Chamberlain as a Laker and Dave DeBusschere as a Knick, following huge trades. This was the first season for franchises in Milwaukee and Phoenix. And the first season for the Hawks in Atlanta after their move from St. Louis.

The player changes seemed to help everyone: Havlicek led the Celtics in scoring (21.6 ppg). After DeBusschere's arrival, New York went 36-11 to finish with 55 wins in the season when Walt Frazier first became a full-time player.

Without its long-time hero Chamberlain, Philly depended on a fast-break offense led by Billy Cunningham (24.8 ppg), Hal Greer (23 ppg), Chet Walker (18 ppg) and PGs Wally Jones and Archie Clark (combined 27 ppg, 7 apg). It won 55 games.

Unseld's Baltimore Bullets led the NBA with 57 wins. They needed them all to master the Sixers, Knicks and Celtics in a ferocious four-team race for the Eastern Division title.

But it was fourth-place Boston that eliminated Philadelphia in five playoff games and New York in six.

In the West, Chamberlain and Jerry West led Los Angeles to a division-best 55 wins and a journey to the NBA finals. And what a final series it was.

LA won the first two games at home, but Russell (who led the NBA in rebounding at 19.3 per game), Havlicek and Sam Jones recovered to make it a home-court series through six games.

The battle of the giants ended with Boston's 108-106 victory at LA.

Once again, Russell had gotten the best of Wilt.

1969-70 ABA

In the American Basketball Association's third season, a rookie who had played just one year of college ball led the league in scoring and rebounding while his Denver Nuggets won the Western Division, but not the ABA championship.

Leaving the University of Detroit in an early hardship case, former Olympics star Spencer Haywood averaged 30 points and 19.5 rebounds per game.

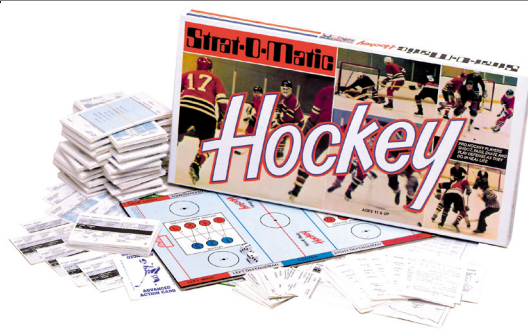
He combined with guard Larry Jones (fifth in ABA scoring at 24.9 ppg and tied for second with 5.7 assists per game) to give the Nuggets a shining 51-33 record.

But the much-deeper Indiana Pacers dominated the East with 59 wins and dominated the playoffs with a 12-3 record, capturing the first of the three ABA titles it would win in a four-year span. The Pacers had team scoring leader Roger Brown (23 ppg) and the previous season's MVP, center Mel Daniels (18.7 ppg, 17.6 rpg).

The defending champ Oakland Oaks moved to Washington and became the Capitols. After winning in court to keep star scorer Rick Barry from jumping back to the NBA, Washington slumped on the court to 44-40. Though Barry averaged 27.7 ppg, he missed 30 games. The 1968-69 rookie of the year, Warren Armstrong, averaged 22.8 ppg but missed 42 games.

The woeful Houston Mavericks moved east, too, and the Carolina Cougars were born. Led by Duke alum Bob Verga's 27.5 ppg, and future head coach Doug Moe (17.3 ppg, 5.3 apg), the Cougars were a much more respectable 42-42, third in the east behind Indiana and the Kentucky Colonels, whose Louie Dampier averaged 26 ppg.

Indiana's toughest playoff test, a six-game finals, came against the Los Angeles Stars, led by ABA legends Mack Calvin, Willie Wise and George Stone.



1953-54 NHL

The Detroit Red Wings finished first in the regular season for the sixth consecutive time (en route to seven straight). In '53-54, they won the third of four Stanley Cups in that span.

The 88-point Wings were seven points better than Montreal in a well-balanced league where only seven points separated Montreal and fourth-place Boston, which was six points better than New York in the race for the final playoff spot.

But Detroit dominated with an all-star cast of core players. It had four of the top seven scorers, led by Gordie Howe, whose 33-48-81 in a 70-game season gave him his fourth straight scoring title. Linemate Ted Lindsay was third in scoring with 26-36-62.

Red Kelly, sixth in league scoring during an era before offensive defensemen, won the NHL's first Norris Trophy.

Goalie Terry Sawchuk's 12 shutouts and 1.92 goals-against average were close seconds to Toronto's Harry Lumley, who had 13 and 1.91.

Oddly, the Vezina Trophy went instead to Al Rollins of last-place Chicago for his heroism under constant shelling.

The 1953-54 season is notable for the Toronto coaching debut of legendary King Clancy and the rookie season of Montreal's Jean Beliveau.

Limited to 44 games, Beliveau finished behind the Canadiens' scoring leaders, Rocket Richard (2nd in the NHL), Bernie Geoffrion (4th), Bert Olmstead (5th) and Ken Mosdell (10th) on the league's top-scoring team.

1982-83 NHL

The New York Islanders' superstar corps of Mike Bossy (60 goals, 118 points), Bryan Trottier, Denis Potvin and Billy Smith hoisted the Stanley Cup for the fourth consecutive season.

In **Boston**, Barry Pederson's 46 goals and 107 points, Rick Middleton's 49 goals and Vezina goalie Pete Peeters led the Bruins to a league-best 110 points.

Bobby Clarke, Darryl Sittler (43 goals) and Brian Propp (40) led 106-point **Philadelphia**.

Edmonton broke its NHL goal-scoring record with 424. MVP Wayne Gretzky won his third straight scoring title with a league-best 71 goals, an NHL-record 125 assists and the widest scoring margin ever, 72 points more than Quebec's Peter Stastny. Mark Messier (48-58-106), Glenn Anderson (48-56-104), Jari Kurri (45-59-104) and Paul Coffey, the league's highest-scoring defenseman (29-67-96), also dominated.

Chicago featured the NHL's third-best scorer in flashy center Denis Savard (35-86-121) and Rookie of the Year Steve Larmer (43-47-90). Their line mate, LW Al Secord, led the Hawks with 54 goals.

Mark Napier's 40 goals led nine forwards who scored at least 25 goals for **Montreal**, second to Edmonton in goals.

Computer rosters will feature all the teams, including the new New Jersey Devils, and such stars as Stastny, Michel Goulet (57 goals), Marcel Dionne (56 goals) and Norris Trophy winner Rod Langway of Washington.

Play Superstar Sixties Online

Strat-O-Matic Baseball Online has taken us back to the '90s, the '80s and the '70s. The time travel continues this summer with what might be the most popular destination yet.

Gamers playing the new Superstar Sixties online game will wake each morning to find themselves (and the teams they have drafted) in baseball's Golden Age.

It's an era before free-agency, artificial turf and steroids, a period rich in superstars who defined the New York Yankees, San Francisco Giants, Chicago Cubs, Detroit Tigers and all the rest for all or most of their careers.

Until recently, almost all of the major batting and pitching record holders were in their primes in the 1960s. Roger Maris hit his 61 home runs. Bob Gibson had his 1.12 ERA. Frank Robinson and Carl Yastrzemski won their Triple Crowns. Denny McLain was the last to win 30 (31, actually).

Mickey Mantle, Yogi Berra and Whitey Ford led the Yankees to five straight pennants. Hank Aaron was well on his way to breaking Babe Ruth's home run records. Sandy Koufax shattered the strikeout records and dominated like no pitcher in baseball history. Still, Koufax' Dodgers had to battle fiercely each year with Willie Mays, Juan Marichal and Gaylord Perry of the Giants, and with Gibson, Lou Brock and Ken Boyer of the St. Louis Cardinals.

The Sixties introduced us to such rookies as Brock, Yastrzemski, Willie McCovey, Willie Stargell, Tony Oliva, Ferguson Jenkins, Billy Williams, Luis Tiant and many more.

Reggie Jackson, Pete Rose, Tom Seaver, Harmon Killebrew and most of the players already mentioned had their greatest years in the '60s. So did such notable '60s stars as Dean Chance, Sam McDowell, Norm Cash, Boog Powell and Maury Wills.

Now, you can draft the Strat-O-Matic cards from the greatest seasons of these and more than 600 Major Leaguers who made the '60s so memorable.

For just \$19.99 (less if you are brand new to Strat-O-Matic Baseball Online), you can enter a league of like-minded fans and have the thrill of drafting, competing in strategy-filled games and sharing your experiences on the lively chat boards. Perhaps you will find the fun as addicting as the thousands of others who keep coming back for more.



Get in the Game with Your Own Strat-O-Matic Card

In the book *Strat-O-Matic Fanatics*, former Major League hitting star Ken Singleton says, "You know you've really made it as a ballplayer when you see a Strat-O-Matic card of yourself."

Luckily for most of us, we don't have to slug Singleton's 2,000 hits and 1,000 RBIs to have our own look-alike Strat-O-Matic playing card.

Personalized Cards have been an ever-popular staple in the Strat-O-Matic lineup for more than two decades. Now that pennant races are heating up, isn't it time you put yourself – or your child – in the lineup?

Imagine the thrill of striking out Mickey Mantle or Willie Mays, or of batting in the same lineup with Miguel Cabrera or Mike Trout.

Just go to www.strat-o-matic.com, click on the Products section and check the Personalized Cards option. Then use the easy-to-complete form to supply your name, statistics and other ratings.

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Half-Price Deal on SOM's Baseball Lite for Windows

Sure you're excited about the new releases of Strat-O-Matic's football, hockey and basketball games. But if you or someone you know has been wondering if the time is right to check out Strat-O-Matic's widely acclaimed computer baseball game, we've got news: The time has never been better.

For a limited time, the company is cutting the price of its Baseball Lite 2013 to an amazing \$9.99. That's half the cost and the price has never been lower.

Baseball Lite is our entry-level version of Strat-O-Matic Baseball for Windows. It has most – but not all – of the features in the full

Windows game. And the 2013 version has the latest ballplayers available from Strat-O-Matic.

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