'Steel Curtain' Again Looks Impregnable
Pittsburgh Has Eight '6s' On Defense!

Sounds of Pittsburgh's "Steel Curtain" clanging shut on another offense should be reverberating across the land throughout the fall and winter months. The Steelmen are super tough defensively, as evidenced by an S-O-M lineup that includes eight "6s"--count 'em, eight!--two "5s" and a "4"--left cornerback J.T. Thomas.

Because of the defense, Pittsburgh easily rates as the favorite for NFL replay titles shaping up. Add in the passing of Terry Bradshaw, who has cut down on his interceptions over the years, the running of Franco Harris, who has a "short gain" straight across No. 7 results via the ground routes, and the receiving of Lynn Swann, John Stallworth, and the Stealers look awesome.

Harris, who gained 1,242 yards, is almost impossible to throw for a loss. Pittsburgh is rated "only" good against the run, but with all these "6s" Steelmen rosters have little reason for concern. Oh, and Joe Greene, not so mean after injury woes, still was rated a "5" at left tackle. He was the only lineman and linebacker not pegged a "6."

While the Stealers look tough in the newest S-O-M cards--as they should--there are other teams and individuals worth mentioning, too.

Buffalo, of course, has O.J. Simpson (at least for one more year). He led all NFL rushers and his card reflects it with a short gain found straight across.

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No. 6, guessed right or wrong, and a long gain on No. 10, guessed wrong, off tackle and end run. Jim Braxton gives the Bills a good inside threat, too, while Joe Ferguson tied with Fran Tarkenton with the most TD passes in the NFL, 22.

Greg Pruitt of Cleveland was one of "roadrunners," gaining 1,067 yards and having short gain strung across No. 4, all except lineback guessed right. John Riggins of the Jets all picks a vellum on the ground, especially inside, but look for Joe Namath to be an "all or nothing" passer. The Jets are one of three teams to have no fumbles on the offensive cards, but the defense is a nightmare, being rated poor against both the run and pass and having five "0." Miami and Los Angeles are the only teams without fumbles on the offensive cards. The Jets and L.A. lost the ball via fumbles only eight times, and Miami did not.

Conversely, Miami only recovered nine fumbles and the New York Giants but eight--both thus receiving no fumble chances on their defensive cards.

ONLY TWO PERFECT KICKERS

The moving of the goal posts back to the end of the end zone continues to create havoc among placekickers as only John Smith of the Patriots and New Orleans' Richele Beano are perfect 2-12 booters on extra points.

Mark Mosley of Washington has another interesting card in that he's only 2-6 good on field goal tries from 1 to 12 yards, but then improves to 2-10 from the 13-22 range.

OAKLAND BEST BAND OF THIEVES

Oakland, which intercepted a whopping 35 passes, has the highest numbers on both No. 4 and 8 against the short pass. Oakland's defense recovered only six fumbles, however, thus no fumble chances on the defensive cards--joining Miami and the N.Y. Giants in that category.

Other observations of Oakland include: a sturdy defense, with four "So," five "50" and two "4," Ken Stabler being a good percentage passer with a tendency to throw interceptions, and a flock of good runners, although Marv Hubbard is missing. Hubbard carried the ball only 16 times--fifth most on the team--and thus did not receive a card.

Kansas City's Len Dawson, the Most Valuable of the non-NFL quarterbacks, has a surprisingly good percentage of completions on flat and short passes. Bob Griese of Miami is another with unerring accuracy with flat passes, having completion chances on 3-12 (8-9 are receive) even when called right by the defense.

Other observations of the new football cards include:

* Baltimore has an excellent combination of run and pass with Lydell Mitchell having a short gain across No. 4 on the run and an overall excellent card as far as consistency. Bert Jones seldom throws interceptions and is accurate with the short pass, while Roger Carr and Glenn Doughty provide excellent long threats for Jones' long boots.

* San Francisco, which lost the ball on fumbles 25 times, has straight fumble chances on No. 10 and also No. 5 (2-6, 11, 12).

* Jim Otto of St. Louis, the NFL's leading rusher, is extremely good inside. He and versatile Terry MeisalF give the Cards an inside-outside punch that's a match for the Simpson-Brookins duo.

* Dallas has the green light to the end zone when it comes up "receiver" on a long pass. Both Drew Pearson and Kelvin Richards can pull 'em in deep.

* Chuck Foreman of Minnesota doesn't have as good a card as you might expect, although Fran Tarkenton will have plenty of success on flat passes, plusclin his own John Gilliam to throw deep to.

* Ken Anderson of Cincinnati is another on-target thrower when it comes to the short pass, connecting on Nos. 6 and 7, right or guessed wrong.
Michigan State Takes On Illinois

Poor Michigan State.

It was bad enough suffering through the recruiting violations and the NCAA-imposed penalties. Then Review co-editor Del Newell took the team out to play it against Illinois, using the new Stret-O-Matic College Football Game. Michigan State's problems only got worse.

Never noted for a passing game, MSU, after fumbling behind early, went to a "big play" offer and went on to have five passes intercepted and recovered by a 9-20 score. In real-life, it might be remembered, Illinois prevailed by a 21-19 count.

Warren Newell, Del's brother and a co-editor of the Review, was the victorious coach in the head-to-head confrontation, taking advantage of early MSU miscues and shaking the Spartans out of their normally conservative game plan.

Although MSU lost and Illinois won, the biggest winner was Stret-O-Matic. Even though a one-game test is anything but thorough, the game is definitely another winner for S.O.M. The game was easy to play (the rules were brief and easy to follow), there was excitement galore and, it's obvious, plenty of strategy can be brought into the action.

Both Del and Warren, after the game was history, had the feeling they had just scratched the surface as far as the strategy. MSU, for instance, altered its game plan dramatically—and with dire consequences. After falling behind, Del admitted, he continually threw down numbers (better for a passing game) when passing and very high when running—often in pass or run situations that were obvious, though. And because he was often caught on his gambles, many interceptions resulted. Charlie Baggett was, as was his tendency, throwing the football up for grabs when he ran out of running room.

RICHMAN'S CRITIQUE

After the game, the Review editors talked to S.O.M creator Harold Richman by phone and told him how the game went and asked for his evaluation of their methods of play. "It sounds as if the strategy was only barely touched," Richman said. "You can't gamble with Michigan State too much, or there's going to be mistakes. The game is quite sophisticated—but that's something you can't expect to bring out in one game. You saw more than most college teams did, although Illinois did throw the ball more than Michigan State.

"James Williams in our office plays the game very well. Having James go through a game in a 0-18 points in a game between two evenly matched teams. Steve Burken (also of S.O.M) has twice taken Texas and defeated Oklahoma (coached by a less experienced player). Oklahoma now has an unbelievable running game, as you will see."

ILLINOIS 34, MSU 20

Illinois and MSU were the only two teams sent to the Review editors for the "Exhibition" game. Since the basic setting concepts were explained in last month's Review, no further explanation of playing procedure will be given—that is until you have the game in your own hands.

Anyway, as far as the game itself, it was just weren't MSU's afternoon. On the third play from scrimmage, Illinois intercepted a pass and ran it back 34 yards for a touchdown. MSU, which would have moved the ball on the ground with little resistance early in the game, did nothing but the field and the count was still 7-7 in the first period, however.

The Illini grabbed the lead back for good on a 15-yard TD run just before the half ended. Then, aided by a pair of fumbled kickoff returns nil MSU, Illinois started to pull away. Soon it was Illinois on top 21-7, then 24-19, 28-20, and, after field goals of 8 and 23 yards, a final of 34-20.

For the statistically minded, Illinois rushed 42 times for 378 yards and two touchdowns, with the longest gain a 44-yarder, while through the air the
1936 Yanks Have Explosive Attack

Elliott Analyzes Newest Old-Timers

By Jim Elliott

I was greatly impressed with several of the teams, most notably the '34 Tigers and the '20 Indians. I didn't vote for the '20 Indians in the Review poll, but I was very impressed that their roster contained ten players with averages above .300. That team will have an excellent top-to-bottom batting attack, though it's weak in power.

I'm glad the game company made a card of Ray Chapman, as it would have been difficult to attempt a full-season replay with just Joe Sewell and Harry Lunte at shortstop. And, the Indians have four players with more than 50.0 on-base points: Tris Speaker, Steve O'Neill, Joe Sewell and Jack Greenberg. The '34 Tigers also have four 50.0 on-base hitters (Js-Jo White, Mickey Cochrane, Charlie Gehringer and Hank Greenberg). And, I can't recall ever seeing a card with as many double-headers on it as Heinie Schuble has. That surely must be some kind of record.

I reconvene this team (going through all the box scores), but I don't think the lineup listed on the Old-Timer roster is the best one to use. The order most frequently used down the stretch and in the World Series was as follows: 1. Jo-Jo White (of); 2. Buck Cochrane (c); 3. Charlie Gehringer (2b); 4. Hank Greenberg (1b); 5. Goose Goslin (lf); 6. Billy Rogell (cs); 7. Mary Owen (sb); and 8. Pete Fox (lf). I recommend this lineup as it would give Greenberg more RBI chances, batting behind those other 60-point on-base hitters. Or, put Goose Goslin in the cleanup where he was during the first half of the season, and drop Greenberg to sixth, with Rogell fifth. That arrangement was used early in the year.

CUBS HAVE 'FEARLESS FOURLINE'
The '29 Cubs' fearsome foursome (Hornady, Wilson, Cuyler and Stephenson) is everything I thought it would be, but I scarcely the two leadoff hitters (Norm McMillan and Woody English) don't seem to get on often enough to give the sluggers something to shoot at.

Also, it should be noted that the Cubs used five catchers in '29 (Earl Grace and Gabby Hartnett were the others), but Zack Taylor was used most in September and in the World Series so he should probably get the most playing time. Gonzalez was used a lot in the early going, along with Grace.

BROWNS ARE EXCITING TEAM
I consider the 1932 Browns to be one of the most exciting hitting teams ever made by B.O.M. Wally Berger and the combination of Frank Ellis-Eddie Foster were interchangeable, with Berger batting second early in the season and Ellerbe or Foster there last. Also, Jacobson hit fifth much of the season, with McManus ninth. Siller always batted third and Williams in cleanup, of course. The Browns' bench impresses me as Pat Collins is an excellent replacement for Hank Severid and you may want to use him even as a catcher whenever the Browns face a power team like the '31 Yankees or '26 Giants.

Chick Shorten has practically nothing but extra-base points for his hits and Gene Robertson (.380) was an extra bonus I hadn't expected.

CHANGES '27 PIRATES BATTING LINEUP
The batting order for the '27 Pirates on the roster sheet is as follows: 1. L. Wagner (of); 2. Bemis (if); 3. P. Wagner (rf); 4. Wright (if); 5. Tracy (cs); 6. Grant- ham (sb); 7. Harris (dh) and 8. Bobbi or HRD (cf). I've worked out a compromise.

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mike of sorts by batting Harris cleanup and Wright seventh, which seems to put a little more bite into the attack. big problem with this team, however, is a lack of power.

'36 YANKEES A POWERHOUSE?

The '36 Yankees appear to have all the makings of a great powerhouse, though limited somewhat by a weak bench. I also was really surprised to find a card of Myril Hoag on this team. Hoag was not with the team at the end of the season, having been sent to the minors because of a severe head injury. Perhaps the game company made a card of him anyway, because it feels dubious at best to issue a card of Art Jorgens (60 at-bats), a third catcher, when Bill Dickey (423 at-bats) and Joe Blunn (129) could adequately handle the catching requirements.

Hoag's presence will definitely upgrade a weak bench--and that's a rare spot on this team. Better hope Gerig never gets injured because it's a long drop down to Saltzgaver (121). Crockett and Rolfe are capable leadoff hitters, getting on a lot, so DiMaggio, Gerig, Dickey and Selkirk will drive in a lot of runs. Very explosive, wide-open attack. Should be fun to play with. My favorite Yankee Old-Timer team of the six 6-0-6 has created, followed closely by the Maris-Namie '81 Yankees.

'21 YANKS NOT THAT IMPRESSIVE

The '21 Yankees don't impress me much. Babe Ruth's card isn't as good as his '27 card. Willie Mays, in fact, had a more awesome looking power card in 1966 than Ruth's in 1921. Willie had a 1-11 split on 3-7 for a home run, whereas Ruth's is only 1-9 on the same result.

This team doesn't walk enough to be rated a true powerhouse. I'd recommend batting Bob Meusel cleanup, followed by Frank Baker. Having Meusel follow Ruth may give the Babe more swings. The bench is adequate, although not great. You'll probably find the '21 Yanks will live or die with Ruth and what he does.

'30 GIANTS--TYPICAL TERRY TEAM

One of the first things that caught my eye on the '30 Giants is Travis Jackson's injury on "7". He must have been in and out of the lineup every other day to get an injury rating that bad. There are few hitters on this team worth mentioning, and even Bill Terry's card isn't great by Old-Timer standards. But Ofc, Vergaz and Lefty O'Doul, when used, will do a credible job.

This is a typical Bill Terry team, built around pitching and defense, with some power. Pitchers Bell, Hubbell, Fitzsimmons and Schumacher will be especially difficult to hit. I'd recommend using the same lineup listed on the roster sheet as Vergaz can keep Ofc trim being walked too much and Moore and Terry should get on just often enough to give "Master Malvin" some dandy RBI chances.

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S.O.M. League, Replay Scene

-- GREATER UNITED STATES S.O.M. ORGANIZATION (BUGSMO) -- Jim
Criscione is beginning to rule 24-team, play-by-ball league
like dictator. Recently won third straight title in actual-team
replay, guiding Texas after a multitude of trades to the
top... Jeff Fleishman is organizer of league, which currently
is in fifteenth season...Criscione proved once again to be a master
trader, acquiring the likes of Carl Yastrzemski (3999, 404
walks), Reggie Smith (3003, 241 home runs, 124 RBI), Tom Seaver
(24-45, 2.70 ERA, 324 strikeouts) and Lynn Mellothen (31-7,
2.71). Texas set BUGSMO record with 180-40 record...Doug
Smith's Cincinnati team won the NL, but fell in the World Series by scores of 2-1,
1-0 (Seaver with the shutout), 5-7, 3-2, 0-5, and 9-0...Criscione has Boston this
summer but team is hardly recognizable as he's already traded for Dave Cash, George
Brett, Tom Seaver, Andy Messersmith, Ed
Figueras and Ken Brett...Other big traders have been Bob
Galvin (Oakland), who acquired Boog Powell, Willie Davis
and Bernie Sanders; Dean Antrell (Pittsburgh), who
grabbed Don Sutton and Jimmy Moyer, and Doug Cochrane
(Baltimore) who swapped Lee May, Don Baylor, Mark
Belanger and Al Ruben to Gene Clark (Houston) For Bob
Watson, Greg Luzinski, Charlie Johnson and Roger Metzger...
Fleishman, who guides the Cougars, hasn't exactly been
sitting on his hands, either, going for speed in his
trades by adding Jim Nix and Dave Winfield (for power)
and Dave Lopez, Mickey Rivers and Enzo Hernandez...

Standings and leaders: (1975 league)

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**STEALING**

- AL - Carew, Minn., 111 (110 CS)
- NL - Brock, B1, 121
- NL - Moore, Atl., 102

**ERAs**

- AL - Hunter, Oak., 1.89
- NL - Marich, N.Y., 1.94

- NL - Matlock, Cin., 2.94

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**EAST COAST BASEBALL ASSOCIATION (ECBA)** -- Play-by-ball draft league
using all teams to form 16-team group...Larry Frye, whose college thesis was
on play-by-ball leagues and how to be a successful manager, won World Series
after rising up from second-place regular-season finish...Frye's team won
after rising up from second-place regular-season finish...Frye's team won
two games to win for second...then win
playoff, then division and series honors...League members bid on new players at
years of each season—managers are given $1,000 for each loss so teams
with poor records will obviously be able to buy best players... Dan
Gullick and Phil Niekro both pitched no-hitters. But Paul Splittorff
belonged in pitcher's Hall of Shame after compiling atrocious 1-21—year
of losses—record... Wins and losses do not match because one manager—
dropped (Cincinnati Reds) and team's record was set at 86-81... Awards
went to Fryer (Manager of the Year), commissioner Dan Hoffmann (GM of Year),
Catfish Hunter (MVP) and Cy Young winner) and John Hiller (Fireman of Year).

Standings and leaders: (1974 season, based on 1974 records)

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Batting: Home Runs
- Carew (REDS) .377 Schmidt [TI] 44
- Garr (REDS) .344 Allen (REDS) 32
- Oliver (CUG) .326 Wynn (CUG) 30
- Randil (BOOT) .315 Gamble (HEN) 26
- Garvey (YANK) .315 Jackson [TI] 27
- EPA
- Hunter (TI) 2.77
- John (ZWNET) 2.53
- May (OUT) 2.54
- Pitzhorn (HEN) 2.77
- R. Johnson (HEN) 2.75
- Jenkins (OUT) 2.73

Stolen Bases: Brock (ZWNET) 163

PLAYOFFS
- Outcasts d. Bootleggers, 2 games to 1.
- Outcasts d. Titan, 3-2.
- Yankees d. Reds, 3-2.
- World Series:
  - Yankees 3, Outcasts 0
  - Yankees 3, Outcasts 4
  - Outcasts 5, Yankees 6
  - Outcasts 4, Yankees 8
  - Outcasts 5, Yankees 8
  - Outcasts 2, Outcasts 1
- Outcasts 2, Yankees 1.
- Rudy May, who pitched shutout in 7th game, was

GREATER EAST HARTFORD FOOTBALL LEAGUE -- a two-coach, 20-team draft
league in which all play in single round and dice-rollin' and for a
drafting regular-season schedule for each team plus the playoffs... a team
appropriately called the Maulers won it all, going 8-1 and then scoring 41-34,
31-13 and, in the Super Bowl, 26-19 victories... Lamore, incidentally, guided
the Maulers in the playoffs... the Maulers had a line-up of Roger Stahl,
throwing to the likes of Cliff Branch, Nat Moore and Bob Tucker, plus the
one-two dynamic running duo of Otis Armstrong and O.J. Simpson. Brong
said about that offense... Maulers ran into defensive-minded Roughriders [7-2] in
Super showdown and, despite 0-0 and 0-0 being held in check (only 7 yards
in 34 carries between 'em), the Maulers still prevailed—thanks to 80 and 87—
yard returns by Lynn Swan... Franco Harris was the league's top rusher with
1,482 yards for a 6.0 average; Charilla Taylor hauled in a league-high 52
passes for a 10-yard average [Isaac Curtis and Harold Jackson both averaged
over 23 yards per catch]; while Ken Stabler passed for 2,132 yards... Ken
Anderson was the top TD thrower, however, firing 19 payoff passes while
completing 60 per cent of 240 passes. Bert Jones had the dubious distinction
of having 18 of his 215 passes intercepted—also a league high.

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Strat-O-Matic Profiles

JEFF HOLMIQUIST

A participating Walter Mitty who has played against some of baseball's current greats and today watches them all perform—via Strat-O-Matic. At 77 years old and a marketing researcher with the A.L. Fok Company in Taylor, MI, near Dearborn where he and his wife and six-month-old daughter make their home...

In 1967, while at Woodrow High School in Detroit, he competed against both John Mayberry and Richie Coggins of Detroit Northwestern. Sixteen pro scouts watched him perform (even though they were really there to watch Mayberry and Coggins). Jeff tripped twice and made a shattering catch—his greatest game ever! No one signed him up, however. What did Mayberry do? He signed in three at-bats, but as a relief pitcher he struck out Holmiquist on three smoking fastballs...Holmiquist also competed against Ted Simmons as a prep and believed then, as he does today, that Simmons is the better hitter than Mayberry...Holmiquist has been a Strat-O-Matic player since 1974, believes it to be the best baseball table-game on market because of the "extremely individualized pitching"...Has had two no-hitters, both using the 1984 cards. Juan Pizarro of the White Sox and Jim O'Toole of Cincinnati hurled 'em...Played most of baseball games available. "Strat-O-Matic, however, is the bread and butter game, not depending on league and super marketing. With a money back guarantee, its management is more confident of consumer receptivity to its product."

DON BLEGSTEIN

Discovered S-O-M in 1957 and has been addicted ever since...Has played over 4,600 baseball games, most solitaire...19 years old and lives in Swampscott, MA...After graduation from high school accomplished lifelong ambition of playing entire baseball schedule, in 1975. Mike Schmidt hit a league-high 41 home runs, Red Correa batted .370 and Cincinnati won the World Series...Loves to announce games, often recording important contests on a cassette and later reliving the exciting moments...Usually plays S-O-M solitaire, although admits that neither has been tracked into trying game on more than a couple occasions...Two of biggest S-O-M thrills were no-hitter by Mike Stargell of Baltimore against the Red Sox; 1969 (Don's first and only no-hitter), and four consecutive home runs off the bat of Willly Stargell—Don's favorite player...Stargell, after booming the four round-trippers, tripled in his fifth at-bat...Currently in two play-by-mail leagues; loves the trading and drafting aspects of them...Often attends Red Sox games with his father; usually catching about 50 games a year.

DANNY NORDSTRAND

Started playing S-O-M in 1972 after seeing game advertised in magazine...16 years old...Plays both Football and baseball and is currently commissioner of Richmond Strat-O-Matic League, which includes six members and plays both sports...Lives in Richmond, British Columbia, Canada...Has contributed S-O-M playing tips in the past; quite an innovator...Being from Canada, naturally he's very much interested in an S-O-M Hockey game...Biggest coaching thrill was guiding Washington Redskins to a 9-0 (16-game schedule) Super Bowl victory in six-team football replay last fall. League included Miami, real-life Super Bowl King Pittsburgh, Oakland, Minnesota and St. Louis. Steelers only had 8-7 record and didn't qualify for 'Super' showdown.
Postal Strike Can’t Stop It
CanAm League Again Delivers Full-Season Replay

The CanAm slate-O-Matic League, despite having to contend with the Canadian postal strike, still delivered its second full-season replay. Even a couple of defections couldn’t stop it as it completed a 160-game replay.

Commissioner Gary Fall feels the league looks stronger than ever as it readies to begin its third season this fall. Fall, 40, who lives in Arvida, Quebec, says the league will remain at eight teams and again be of a draft nature. In the beginning, two years ago, the CanAm was an actual team league, but switched to a draft format last year.

Along with the postal strike throwing the league for a two-month loop, CanAm also saw two of its managers vanish into the sunset. But the other managers pitched in and carried the "phantom manager" teams through the schedule. This year CanAm appears well-stocked for managers. An ad in the Back Page resulted in 15 replies for the two vacant posts. "I truly had a difficult time in choosing the managers," says Fall. "The league now has eight managers and about six backups.

CanAm Lineup

Current managerial lineup for CanAm includes: Kevin Conrad, 38, of Bridgeport, Nova Scotia (Manager Banditos); Paul Wotton Jr., 18, Sandford, DE (Bluehens); Steve Wilson, 16, Truro, Nova Scotia (Bearcats); Tim Gibson, 18, Plymouth, MN (Pirates); Ron Fell, Gary's cousin, 27, Toronto (Tigers), and Gary Fell (Stampede).

New managers will be Clark Bagloli, 19, O'Leary, Prince Edward Island (Hammers), and Bob Ryan, 22, Waltham, MA (Bauchois).

Wilson, Bagloli and Gary Fell will be attending Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick, this fall; Ron fell works in a Toronto bank; Wotton and Gibson are high school students, and Conrad recently graduated from a two-year vocational program.

Banditos Win Series

Both the Banditos and Pirates ran away with their respective leagues—setting up a World Series clash. Conrad's Banditos won it in seven games—the home team winning each time—winning Dick Allen's two-run, eighth inning triple the decisive blow in the finale, a 3-1 win by the Banditos. Gaylord Perry of the visitors was named MVP after winning two games (first and last) out of three and allowing but two earned runs.

A Look at the Teams

Using three teams (26 players each) teams CanAm was, in a sense, an All-Star league. Both A.L. and N.L. players were used, from the 1974 season (1976 B-O-M cards). So, naturally there were many highlights...and also many lowlights. Here are a few of each from all the teams:

Banditos (Kevin Conrad) — Conrad was Manager of Year...Buzz Deppe was ERA king with 2.48, while Jim Hooker (15-9, 2.59) and Lynn McIlhine (17-6, 2.66) were other mound spunksters...Geoff Zahn and Sparky Lyle were the heart of the bullpen...Defense was led by Jorge Ortiz (1.34), Dick Allen (.267, 33 home runs, 56 RBI), Jeff Burroughs (.280, 25, 82) and Reggie Smith (.291, 24, 70).

Tigers (Ron Fall) — Awesome starting trio of Luis Tiant (21-11, 3.17), Ferguson Jenkins (20-16, 2.74) and Steve Busby (19-44, 3.17)....Johnny Bench was 36 hits and had 113 RBI, but batted .246...Team had lowest average in league–.249—as Ace Allison was leader with .285 average...Bobby Bonilla did well at.294, but did steal 100 bases and hit 23 home runs....Mark Belanger (.303) and Bud Harrelson (.194) were a banjo hitting shortstop duo while Vida Blue, fourth starter, was 13-19, 4.07.

Bluehens (Paul Wotton) — Andy Mease and Mease—Mease was the big man with a 23-8 record, 2.64 ERA and 200 strikeouts...Mease for Mease and Mease turned to海盗s for Nolan Ryan. However, as he was 11-21, walked a dismalspin 178 batters and had a 4.84 ERA...Willie Montanez was top hitter...
with .287 average and Willie Stargell led in home runs with only 18...Tom Murphy was a sparkler in the bullpen, going 6-1, 2.48, but the hitting was noticeably
as Don Money (.283), Bobby Brich (.261) and Ted Blenheim (.249) were all big
disappointments.

STAMPEDERS (Gary Fell) – Came through pretty good for a team that has
only 35 home runs all season. Any bunt play was a slugging hit that many himself!
...‘Red’ was the Stampers’ game, however, as team swiped 259 bases, includ-
ing 122 by Lou Brock alone...Hitting was fair as Willie Davis (.286), George
Brett (.289) and Dwight Evans (.287) all batted well...Thomson Munson was
smashed for the season with 12 and hit .169...Phil Niekro did win 10 games in a row
-6-2, 3.20 ERA, 19-13, 2.05...Don Sutton (18-12, 3.19) and Frank Tanana (8-20,
4.97) suffered from lack of long ball support.

PIRATES (Jim Olson) – Won West Division pennant as Rod Carew just
missed batting title with a .342 average...Steve Garvey (.318, 21, 11) was
league’s MVP, while Mike Schmidt and Paul Goldschmidt (.303, 11 HR) and Tob Harrah
Reggie Jackson (.288, 113), Gary Matthews (.299, 11 HR) and Toby Harrah
Joe Morgan chipped in with 106 walks and 70 stolen bases, although batting
only .273...Eight "15" made defense the best in the league. Catfish Hunter
was one of hurling staff with 22-14 record, 2.80 ERA...Don Gullett and Jim
Lonnberg won 19 and 14 games, respectively, while righty Dennis Blair impressed
with 10 wins and a 3.88 ERA.

RANCHERS (Manager quit) – Still had 52-70 record despite being
rundown as far as someone even at the controls...Big stick was provided by
Kirk Gibson (.363 average, .550 slugging percentage). Bob Dabek (.294 average and 18 round-
trippers)...Steve Lopes (.246). Roger Metzger and Brooks Robinson comprised an
at bat, sacscore infield...Bob Mathias was only real winner on room staff,
going 16-14 with 3.61 ERA...Ross Grimsley was just horrendous, losing 22 of
31 decisions and having a skyrocket ERA of 6.83.

GAUDIOS (Manager quit) – Another league "star" as manager abandoned
the early in season...Few bright spots on 87-93 record team were Ralph Barr's
winning batting title with .352 average and league-record 19 triples, Jim
Wynn homered 27 times with 84 RBI and Richie Zisk (.270 average and 18 round-
trippers)...Steve Vranesic (.296). Roger Metzger and Brooks Robinson comprised an
at bat, sacscore infield...Bob Mathias was only real winner on room staff,
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Tomahawks (Steve Wilson) – Pitching breakdown could be carved on team's
rundown as far as someone even at the controls...Big stick was provided by
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31 decisions and having a skyrocket ERA of 6.83.

The Count’ No. 1 Draft Pick

John [The Count] Montefusco, San Francisco pitcher, had the distinction of
being the No. 1 draft choice in the OCBNL (Greater Kalamazoo Schriff-D-Matic
League) National League draft, using the 1976 cards. Todd Newall, 12-year-old
rookie manager and son of Revell co-editor Del Newall, drew the first choice
for the team he had inherited finished last the previous season. Because
his team was pitching weak—The Count appeared the best available—Todd
plucked his card from the rows of players available. (continued on next page)
In the NBA, franchises are allowed to protect 12 players from the previous season's roster. Then, all those unprotected, plus rookies and players traded from one league to another, become available in the draft. The draft itself is in reverse order of finish from the previous season. Eight teams, rather than 10 as in the American League, took turns drafting.

Second pick in the draft went to Del Newell, who selected Bob Murphy and thus was reunited with one of the players who helped him to an A.L. pennant three years before. Incidentally, Del also picked Dick Allen--in the last round--thus returning to him that one-two slugging punch of old.

Here is the way the remainder of the N.L. draft went through two rounds:
1. John Montefusco (Todd Newell); 2. Bob Murphy (Del Newell); 3. Gary Carter (Jim Myer); 4. Ron Sandberg (Chris Hollander); 5. Don Marsh (Joe Buck); 6. Gary Nolan (Al Birkner); 7. Rawley Eastwick [traded from Oliff Sage to Al Birkner]; 8. Larry Christian (Warren Newell).
9. Ken Underwood (Todd Newell); 10. Ernest Orton (Del Newell); 11. Leo Helioki (Jim Myers); 12. Woody Fryman (Dave Holland); 13. Williams (traded from Joel Block to Jim Myers); 14. Tom Hillgenhoff (traded from Al Birkner to Joel Block); 15. Bill Lockwood (traded from Oliff Sage to Joel Block); 16. Pat Darcy (Warren Newell).

Oliff Sage, in case you were wondering, finally got a pick in the third round, picking relief pitcher Gary Lavelle.

Deal A Defense, Or Offense
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Illini accumulated a sizeable 294-yard total on 14 completions in 27 attempts. In the second half, Illinois did convert for 34, 71 and 38-yard gains. Michigan State, on the other hand, rushed for 136 yards in 57 attempts and passed for 210 yards on 12-of-23 accuracy. Longest ground gain was 16 yards on the ground while the aerials there were such biggies as 71 and 43 yards, plus five others of 10 yards or more.

The next game, promises Del, "I'll stay on the ground more and pass much less, if playing Michigan State. Those two fumbles or kickoffs (right after Illinois had scored) really hurt. Later I was in obvious passing situations so much that even playing my lowest cards didn't help.--Warren was doing the same with the defense, and calling the play right."

How would you fare? Interested in seeing Texas and challenging Oklahoma? How about Oklahoma and Michigan squaring off, again? The opportunity will be coming your way soon when Street's-Media College Football invades your gaming room for a full season of thrills.

What's Available At S-O-M?

BASKETBALL
Four ABA teams--Indiana, New York Nets, Denver, San Antonio--$1.50; 20 key players from other teams, $99; Cards based on 1975-76 season.

FOOTBALL
1976 - All teams available. Cost: $1.50 for entire set; 756 per team.
1975 - All teams available except New York Giants and Buffalo. Cost: $1.00 for set; 756 per team.
1974 - All teams available except Pittsburgh. Cost: $1.00; 756 per team.
1971 - All teams available except Miami, Dallas, Baltimore, San Francisco, Kansas City, Detroit, Minnesota, Green Bay, Los Angeles, Washington. Cost: $7.00 for set; 756 per team.
1969 - Only Cincinnati, Denver, Houston, Miami, San Diego available. Cost: $1.25 in multiples of two; 756 per team.

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S-O-M Baseball Trivia Corner

And away we go with September's S-O-M-Matic Baseball trivia quiz! Quizmaster Robert Henry of Detroit, owner of the vast S-O-M card collection, has another list of questions certain to have you scratching your head in frustration.

This month's 10-question quiz and answers will also have a bonus card of the most potent one-two home run punch in S-O-M-Matic, Roger Maris and Mickey Mantle of the 1961 New York Yankees, are also being reprinted, courtesy of the S-O-M-Matic Game Co.

First the answers to the questions raised in the August issue of the Review, then the S-O-M cards will be presented.

QUESTION: Which pitcher holds the record for most strikeouts by a starter over five seasons?

ANSWER: Sandy Koufax holds the record for most strikeouts by a starting pitcher over five seasons with 513 strikeouts (on his S-O-M card) from 1955 through 1960. His annual strikeout figures were 43, 46, 38, 39 and 48 (again off his S-O-M card). Koufax added 38 more strikeouts in 1966, bringing his five-season total to 551. Koufax (1959-60 and 1962-66) is the only pitcher to reach the 200 mark for five consecutive seasons.

QUESTION: Which players hold the record for most 1 ratings at each infield position (submitted by Jim Overmeyer)?

ANSWER: The following players hold the record for most 1 ratings at each infield position:
- First Base -- George Scott, nine times, 1967-75.
- Third Base -- Brooks Robinson, 14 times, 1962-76.
- Shortstop -- Larry Bowa, five times, 1971-75.

QUESTION: Which player holds the record for receiving the most no-hit runs on a card without receiving a Flyball A?

ANSWER: 1958 Willie McCovey holds the record for most home runs (13.75 card chances) without a Flyball A. He also failed to receive a Flyball A on his Old-Timer card.

QUESTION: What is the record for fewest home runs on a card for a modern league leader in home runs?

ANSWER: The American League record for fewest home runs on a card for a modern league leader in home runs is held by 1979 Angel Jackson who had only nine home runs (chances) to represent his real-life 32 blasts. The National League record is held by 1974 Mike Schmidt with 9.26 home run (chances). Schmidt also holds the record for fewest home runs for the major league leader.

QUESTION: Has any pitcher reached 100 strikeouts on two consecutive cards (adding the strikeouts from one card to those on another)?

ANSWER: Dick Radatz is the only player who can reach 100 strikeouts on two consecutive cards. He had 48 strikeouts (chances) on his 1962 card and 52 on his 1963 card for a total of 101. Radatz just missed turning the trick for 1963-64, as he had 47 strikeouts on his 1964 card.

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QUESTION: Has any modern team had two players rated third base in fielding?  
ANSWER: The 1974 Milwaukee Brewers had two players rated 1 in Don Money and John Vukovich.

QUESTION: Who holds the record for most times rated steal in 1975?  
ANSWER: Harmon Killebrew's 14 E ratings represent the record. Killebrew was rated E every season 1960-75 except 1969 and 1971, when he was rated C and D respectively.

QUESTION: Who is the runnerup to Norm Cash for most home runs hit without a flyball A?  
ANSWER: Ernie Banks is the runnerup to Cash. He homered 37 times in 1962, but failed to record a flyball A on his card.

QUESTION: Which team had the best baserunners for outfielders?  
ANSWER: The 1975 St. Louis Cardinals (Lou Brock, Willie Davis and Bake McBride) and the 1973 California Angels (Mickey Rivers, Morris Nettles and Dave Collins) each have three outfielders rated running 1-17. You can't improve on that.

QUESTION: What is generally regarded as the greatest home run season in baseball history? Please list all players who received 10 or more home runs in 1951 cards:  
ANSWER: Here are the players with 10 or more home runs (chances) on their 1951 cards:  

Next Month's S-O-M Quiz

QUESTION: What is the modern record for most walks on a pitcher's card?  
QUESTION: When was the first Straight-O-Matic baseball card issued? [Submitted by Chuck Holman and Doug Bauer]

QUESTION: Which modern team had the most 8 or better base stealers? [Submitted by Jim Overmeyer]

QUESTION: Is it true that there has never been more than one second base or third baseman per league? [Submitted by Tim Brace]

QUESTION: Must any previous answers be modified in light of the new baseball cards issued this year? This question concerns the worst injury result. [Submitted by Mike Collins]

QUESTION: What is the modern record for most hits on a pitcher's card?  
QUESTION: Which plays holds the career record for most home runs on his S-O-M cards?  
QUESTION: What is the record for most extra base hits on a modern batter's card?  
QUESTION: What was George Alumick's stealing rating in 1933?  
QUESTION: Has any team had three players rated 1 in fielding at a particular
QUESTION: Who was the first player to receive a card without any hits on it?

QUESTION: What is the record for most walks on a modern hitter's card?

Remember, if you are interested in receiving a personal reply to a troubling S-O-M baseball question and have contacted Robert Henry, be sure and send an SASE for a reply. Henry's address is: 15919 Ferguson, Detroit, MI 48227. If you have questions and would like to see the answers in the Review, Henry's the guy to check with. The questions must be regarding baseball, however.

**M & M Boys Greatest 1-2 Punch**

Now for those cards of Roger Maris and Mickey Mantle. Henry points out that between 'em Maris and Mantle have a record total of 34.75 home run chances.

**ROGER MARIS**

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What's Available At S-O-M?

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**BASEBALL**

1974 - All teams available. Cost: $10 for set; 65¢ per team. Additional players available at 25¢. 70¢ for set.


1971 Pittsburgh, previously available, has now been sold out. No other back baseball card sets are available through S.O.M. Matic.

All orders should be placed with the S.O.M. Matic Game Co., Inc., 48 Railroad Plaza, Glen Head, NY 11542. Please enclose 60¢ for handling cost per order.
Baseball Playing Tips

Although baseball seasons are winding down for many—including the real-life MLB—leagues—for many others it's time to throw out the first ball. Many play-by-play leagues are late-starters, as are many so-called "Winter Leagues."

Some interesting baseball playing tips have crossed the desk of the Review recently, and are worth passing along to the many Review readers.

To Hold, Or Not To Hold

Mark Panagos, often confused by whether he should hold a runner or not at first base in his many winter baseball games, has devised a holding chart to solve the decision-making from the game.

"The way it works is to take the runner's stealing rating along with the catcher's throwing rating and add them together," says Panagos. "For example, Joe Morgan (AA, 1-14) is attempting to steal off Steve Yeager (1-3). Morgan's chance thus becomes 1-16. Next check the steal chance column and find 1-14—the result of which reveals a 1-14 steal is held by a dice roll (two dice) of 2-6 and 10. If a roll of 10 or 11 comes up, Morgan is not held."

Mark also points out that it may seem too easy to hold the poorer stealers, but that in this way the "***" and hit-and-run come into play a little more realistically.

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Rating Pitchers

Bob Wheeler, a member of the Tulare, CA, S-D-M Baseball Conference, uses the following formula for rating pitchers. It's called the "Sisler Percentage" for George Sisler, the inventor of the system. Wheeler follows it religiously when plucking his pitchers and reports he annually leads the league he belongs to in pitching. He has yet, however, to win a league title in four years, mainly because while he's holding opponents to few runs, the "enemy" is holding his team to even fewer.

Here is the formula:

\[
\frac{[(2x \text{ innings pitched}) - (4x \text{ bases on balls}) + \text{strikeouts-hits}]}{[(1x \text{ earned runs})] } \text{ divided by innings pitched.}
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Injury Chart For Batters, Pitchers

One of the best was printed in the April, 1974 issue of the Review. Because it proved so popular, and because so many games ask about alternate methods of determining injury time, here again is an injury chart for both batters and pitchers.

Note the top row of numbers refers to batters, while the bottom row may be used for determining pitcher's injuries. For batters, add the at-bats and walks. For pitchers, the number of games injured is to be added to a pitcher's normal wait period.

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### Strat-O-Matic Spotlight

**SUMMER BREEZES!**

Paul Delbrock, a 15-year-old, three-year Strat-O-Matic fanatic, conducted his own "World Series of Strikeouts" recently. What he did was to select two teams made up of the biggest strikeout batters from the 1975 season, and then pit them against each other in a best-of-seven-game series.

Each team also had six pitchers—again the best strikeout hurlers from the 1975 season. The pitchers did have to bat—adding to the whiff count.

Bert Blyleven and Frank Tanana faced each other in the opening game and also games No. 5 and 7, giving an idea what type of pitching the hitters were up against. Six home runs were hit in the opener as Gene Tenace cracked two and drove in six runs.

Tom Seaver calmly hit the free swingers in game two, losing a no-hitter in the ninth. He finished with a one-hitter and a 3-2 victory. In game six he came back with a three-hitter.

Big John Candela stole the show in game four, however, striking out 15, not walking a batter, and allowing but three hits.

When it was all over—it took seven games—22 home runs had been hit (two by pitchers), there were 152 strikeouts and every pitcher had more whiffs than innings pitched. Tanana finished with 31 Ks in 23 innings; Blyleven 28 in 24 and Seaver 20 in 26. Candela, incidentally, struck out 17 batters per inning.

In the batting department, Dave Kingman touched up the flame-throwers for four home runs, added four doubles and collected a .357 average. He was chosen the series MVP. On the other hand, Jeff Burroughs had to be picked "most valuable" as he went hitless in 23 at-bats, while Mike Schmidt had an .071 average and fanned 14 times in 28 trips to the plate.

**SHORT SHAKES**

...Little Big Horn revisited! John Seward's Kalamazoo Killers were just that against Ron Helsel's Dowitt Dodgers in Tidewater League play-by-mail game, rolling to a 22-2 victory. Mackey Rivers opened the massacre by hitting a bases-loaded home run in the second inning. The Killers, leading 9-1 going into the bottom of the eighth, sent 18 batters up and smashed across the plate 10 times to deliver the coup de grace. The 22 runs were the most ever scored by Seward, whose team also had 26 hits, including five by Chris Cheeklind...

Gary Cohn and David Biehler, of Margoville, N.J., are laying claim to the longest Strat-O-Matic Baseball game ever played—48 innings, in a matchup of All-Star teams from 1973 and 1974. Mike Schmidt's triple finally broke it up... Bob Spellerberg not long ago introduced his brother-in-law, Bob Oleen, to the old-timer baseball teams. The introduction was somewhat rude, however, as Spellerberg, guiding the 1921 Yankees, walked the "02 Giants, 10-6, as Roger ("SB") Morris homered a pair of home runs.
Questions & Answers

Editor's note: Questions regarding individual and team ratings will not be answered in most cases, unless a mistake has been made. The game company cannot, for reasons of security, disclose its card-making formula, which would be necessary in some instances to answer such questions. If your question regarding ratings does not appear in the Review within three months after being sent, you may assume the rating is correct.

QUESTION: In the advanced basketball game when there's an injury, who gains control of the ball? Is there a turnover, or what?

ANSWER: Ball is made or missed and opposing team gets ball.

QUESTION: If there's no injury (same question as above), who gains control of the ball? Is it a turnover, or what?

ANSWER: Ball is made or missed (no turnover) and opposing team gets ball.

QUESTION: Why does Lou Gehrig of the 1936 New York Yankees have an injury on his card? He did not miss a game that year.

ANSWER: Cards were made by computer, so all have a chance for injury. 1937 cards, incidentally, were not made by computer, rather manually.

QUESTION: The Oakland A's have become famous in recent years for their use of pinch runners. What were the stealing and running ratings for the following players? Al Lewis, 1967, '68, '70, '72, and '73; Herb Washington, 1974; Matt Alexander and Don Hopkins, 1975?

ANSWER: Herb Washington was rated an A stealer, 1-17 runner. None of the others were ever rated for both. However, all of them are 1-17 runners.

QUESTION: When men are on first and second base and there are no cuts, is the lead runner out on a groundball b, or is there a forceout at second base?

ANSWER: Forceout at second base.

QUESTION: What should be the reading on Ed Halicki's 1975 pitching card for the San Francisco Giants on 5-6 against right-handed batters? It reads 1B 1-5, lo (2b) 2-50.

ANSWER: Reading should be Single 1-8, Lineout 9-20.

QUESTION: Did Allie Clark of the 1948 Cleveland Indians play first base? I believe he did. If so, what should his Fielding rating be?

ANSWER: He played one game at First base. Make him a "4".

QUESTION: Can the pitcher hit-and-run?

ANSWER: No. In basic game it cannot be used, but it may in advanced game.

QUESTION: Runner on second base, one out, dice roll is a single with no asterisks. Can the defensive manager let the run score without drawing a split and hold the batter on first?

ANSWER: According to the Street-O-Matic Game Co., this rule is an optional one that must be agreed on by both managers. It is not found in O-D-N's regular Instruction booklet. Many leagues use it, however.
Readers Roll 'Em

VOICE FROM THE PHILIPPINES

I have several things to tell you regarding the Brett-O-Matic Baseball game:

I think that the game company should include in its fringe card all players who have at least 200 at-bats or 30 innings pitched. Thus would allow the re-creation of a realistic league replay.

I am currently experimenting on several variations of solitaire play with the baseball game. For instance, I have added a fourth die, to determine whether a batter is eligible for the steal or not.

Also, I am using an expanded fielding chart based on Baseball Digest's March, 1976 article on fielding averages. Now, I am using 10 classifications depending on range, ability for double play, and fielding average in the case of all fielders except pitchers.

Also, I am using an expanded odds-play chart plus a modified injury chart. I will let you know very shortly the different procedures being used when I have sufficiently tested the modifications. I have played about 20 games of the 1975 season and have been happy with the results, except that the high average hitters like Rod Carew and Fred Lynn are currently hitting above .450.

At the moment, I am doing a mathematical analysis of the modifications made. If it turns out to be accurate mathematically, I will report my whole series of modifications to the game company.

Incidentally, most of the modifications have been treated one way or the other in some of the Review articles.

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INFIELD FLY RULE

I have come across a situation in Brett-O-Matic Baseball, which has apparently gone unnoticed.

Let's say when referring to the catchers' section of the fielding chart you come up with the result, "Safe at First on dropped pop-up!" If this occurred with runners on first and second, or with the bases loaded, and less than two outs, the infield fly rule should be called.

The batter would be automatically out, regardless of whether he caught or missed the pop-up or not.

Bill Grossman
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Editor's note: An interesting—and correct—observation. When game situations and the rules of baseball conflict, Abner Doubleday and his helpers have the right of way. Go by the baseball rules, in other words.

CHANGE 'INSIDE' SHOT

I would like to see a change made in the Dell-O-Matic Baseball game that would make the game more realistic than it already is. I would like to see the "inside and rebound shot" column broken up and made into two separate columns. And also the "double-teamed" column put back on the player's card as it was in the first-year cards.

As you probably already know, Paul Silas is the best offensive rebounder in basketball, and usually makes most of these shots. But when it comes to just a straight inside shot, Paul isn't very good, and usually hits a very low percentage of these shots.

I found out from using the cards the past two years [the years with the inside-rebound shot column], that when Paul Silas gets an offensive rebound, he isn't much of a threat to score because that column takes into account his inside shooting as well.

Bruce Zimmerman

HODAY FOR HIT PLACEMENT ARTICLE

I enjoy reading my issue of the Review every month. My favorite sections are Questions & Answers and Readers Roll 'Em. The quality of articles in recent months has been just excellent, specifically Robert Henry's Trivia Quiz and Jim Elliott's Baseball Comments.

The article on Hit Placement in the April, 1976 issue, by Bill Fraser and Larry Lachelle, is perhaps the finest feature you've had in several years.

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I had always been aware of the patterns in B-O-M cards, but I’d never made the connection between the player’s average in relation to his rank on his team and the pattern.

Frazier and LaRoche should be commended for their fine efforts. Keep articles like that coming. In general, keep up the good work.

Ron Nickey
[Commissioner of]
The US Army Band
Strat-O-Matic League
Arlington, VA

IMPROVING B-O-M BASEBALL

We all realize Strat-O-Matic Baseball is near to reality, but know there could be some minor adjustments to make it more fun and also more realistic.

One thing is pitchers’ hitting cards: I feel each pitcher should have his own bunting rating, since pitchers are involved in sacrificing on a larger percentage basis than regular batters.

I feel that pitchers should also have running and stealing ratings, although this is not as important as bunting. But, by your system, Ken Brett, who was used as a pinch-runner, has the same chances of taking an extra base as Mickey Lolich.

Certain pitchers hit more bases compared to others. For this reason, HBP should be found on some pitcher’s cards. Bruce Kison of the Pirates is a fine example of a pitcher who should have an HBP on his card.

Another point would be to establish nicknames on the cards. This would make the game more fun to play. Nicknames are part of the game and should be part of B-O-M. The Atlanta Braves, for example, have nicknames instead of names on the back of their uniforms.

Also, I feel B-O-M should include the players’ numbers along with their names on their cards. One could then take the number instead of the whole name when compiling stats.

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WIDE RECEIVER END FUN

I completed my very first season of B-O-M Football not long ago and it was very enjoyable and quite exciting. During the season I thought of something that, perhaps, should be included in the Football game. How about a wide receiver and run? Some of the pro teams are doing, such as the Miami Dolphins.

Right now I am playing a hockey game that really doesn’t have all the realism that such a game should have. That’s why I think all B-O-M players who are truly hockey nuts, should write to Harold Richman [B-O-M’s creator] and tell him what is needed in his hockey game, which I hope will be out within the next year or so.

Steve Grier
Joliet, IL

Editor’s note: Still no word from B-O-M regarding development of hockey game. College football has consumed most of B-O-M’s testing time the last two years. Hockey could very well be the next project, however.

LOOKING AT ’76 CARDS

Going over my 1976 Strat-O-Matic Baseball cards, I noticed that a few players in the real-life season appeared in positions not listed on the cards. These players are Tom Shopay [Baltimore] who should have received a catcher’s rating (one game, five putouts, three assists); Adrian Barrett [California] who also should have a catcher’s rating (one game, no chances) and Jim Holt [Oakland], also without a catcher listed on his card.

I realize the latter may be confusing as Holt caught a few innings for Ray Fosse on Sept. 25, 1975.

Finally there is a mistake on Darrel Chaney’s card: he’s listed as a lefty but actually Chaney is a switch-hitter. There is also a rather interesting mistake on Bobby Grich’s 1974 season card. He’s given a shortstop rating of 82 but never played short that year. I believe the reason Grich was given a rating was that on the basic 20-player roster there was no one to back up Mark Belanger if he was injured (Frank Baker does as an additional player).

I agree with those who feel a “93” end rating for pitcners’ hitting should be adopted. There are a number of pitchers who hit higher than .290 [or whatever] (continued on following page)
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Readers Roll 'Em
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... "4" rating hits) and are dis- or relatively against as a result.
Two more pitchers' hitting cards are a lot more practical than individualized pitcher's hitting cards (which are not practical for reasons the Review editors have pointed out).

There are a few things on some past years' cards that I don't understand. Danny fragile of the 1973 Braves, for instance, batted .300 (one for two), yet was rated a "4". Shouldn't he have been a "4", or is a certain amount of at-bats required?

And, even though all pitchers have been rated "1" in the A.L. since 1973, shouldn't some have been rated higher since they did take cuts at the plate--some with success?

Jim Overmeyer

Editor's note: According to S-D-M, sources they use have Chapman as a lefty. You are right about Grich being listed as a shortstop, too. It was as a backup in case of injury to Belanger. And, as far as hitting ratings for pitchers, the cases you mentioned did not have enough at-bats to warrant a higher rating.