# STRATE-MATIC® NEWS

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### OPENING DAY FEBRUARY 7TH!

**Shipping begins Feb 10th!** 



# NEED A DATE? CHECK OUT THESE BEAUTIES

**Jan. 22**: First day for pre-ordering all the new products. Remember, shipping is first-come, first-served. Orders for Opening Day must be placed by phone, not online.

**Feb. 5**: Last day to place orders for pickup at SOM headquarters on Opening Day.

**Opening Day: Feb. 7**: Mingle with other Strat fans at SOM headquarters in Glen Head, NY, then be among the first to have the new cards and Windows rosters.

**Feb. 10**: Shipping begins and downloads become available.

**Late Feb./Early Mar.**: 2019 Season debuts on Baseball 365.

Mar. 26: Baseball Daily launches in the Windows

### COULDN'T BELIEVE WHAT HAPPENED IN 2019? PLAY IT AGAIN WITH STRAT-O-MATIC

Get ready to enjoy re-living a Major League season like no other when Strat-O-Matic unveils its cards and computer rosters for the 2019 season on Feb. 7.

Seat belts may be required. This was the season when:

- The wild-card Washington Nationals won their first World Series in franchise history, dating to 1969. And did it in the only World Series where the home team did not win a game.
- Sluggers destroyed the record for most home runs in a season. Minnesota set the team record for homers with 307 40

more than the prior record, but only one more than the Yankees.

- The Twins and Yankees hit even more than Baltimore's pitchers gave up (305, shattering the old record of 258).
- Though only rookie Pete Alonso of the Mets hit at least 50 HR, a record 58 hit at least 30. Fifteen teams set club records for HR in a season.
- A year after strikeouts exceeded hits for the first time, the gap grew to 783 with the twelfth straight year of record strikeouts, 33 percent more than in 2007.
- The Royals had the league leaders in home runs, hits and triples (a three-way tie, all Royals), and still managed to lose 103 games.

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TOO, ANNIVES AND



Strat-O-Matic is honoring the 100 th anniversary of the Negro Leagues with a variety of board and computer-game products and year-long contributions to the

Negro League Baseball Museum in Kansas City.

Whenever gamers buy any of the Negro League games, card sets or rosters, Strat-O-Matic will donate 10% of the proceeds to the Negro League Baseball Museum. Strat-O-Matic will promote a special Negro Leagues Centennial tab on their website that hosts all the available Negro League products including the following special lineup:

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In some ways, 2019 resembled an expansion season. With a half-dozen teams' front offices making no attempt to be competitive, the better teams and the star players soared. That's great for fans of the 10 teams that won at least 91 games. That's great for gamers who like to play a tournament of best teams. That's great food for draft leagues that will feast on the career-best performances of MLB's stars who devoured the lesser talent from the 10 teams that lost 91-plus.

For the first time, MLB had four teams with at least 100 wins and four more with at least 100 losses. Six American League teams won 90-plus. Six lost 90-plus. The Dodgers (107), Astros (106) and Twins (101) set franchise records for wins.

Players – batters and pitchers – thrived on the bottom-feeding competition. There were too many HR records to note here, but some individual feats cannot be ignored:

- The 49 HR by Cincinnati's Eugenio Suarez were the most ever by a National League third baseman.
- Jorge Soler's 48 HR made him the first Royal to lead the league in HR.
- Nicholas Castellanos hit 58 doubles a feat accomplished only one other time in the last 83 seasons. Boston teammates Xander Bogaerts and Rafael Devers each topped 50 doubles.
- Milwaukee's Christian Yelich became the first NL back-to-back batting champion since Larry Walker in 1999. Mike Trout won his third AL MVP award and the Mets' Jacob deGrom won his second straight Cy Young award.
- The 30 teams had only 61 qualifying pitchers (at least 162 IP the Angels did not have a single pitcher with at least 100), but 22 of them had WHIPs below 1.20. Five including Astros Justin Verlander, Gerrit Cole and Zack Greinke had WHIPs below 1.00 (deGrom and St. Louis' Jack Flaherty were the others).
- Verlander (21-6) and Cole (20-5) were 1-2 in the AL in wins, ERA, WHIP and strikeouts, the only teammates since Arizona's Randy Johnson and Curt Schilling in 2002 to fan at least 300.
- Though Verlander and Cole were the only 20-game winners, everywhere you looked there was an Eduardo

Rodriguez (19-6), a Domingo German (18-4), a Greinke (18-5), a Stephen Strasburg (18-6), a Max Fried (17-6), a Clayton Kershaw (16-5), a Charlie Morton (16-6), a Dakota Hudson (16-7), a Mike Fiers (15-4), a Walker Buehler (14-4), a Hyun-Jin Ryu (14-5) a Mike Clevenger or a Mike Soroka (13-4) or a John Gant (11-1) with gaudy won-lost records.

### FIRST IMPRESSIONS

The trend of impressive rookie classes continued in 2019, led by Alonso (53 HR, 120 RBI, .941 OPS) and Houston's Yordan Alvarez, whose .655 slugging set the record for rookies with at least 300 AB.

You could put together a contending draft-league team comprised entirely of these rookies:

Catcher: Will Smith and Carson Kelly 1B: Pete Alonso and Christian Walker

2B: Keston Hiura, Brandon Lowe and Cavan Biggo

3B: Vladimir Guerrero Jr.

SS: Fernando Tatis Jr., Bo Bichette and Kevin Newman Utility: Luis Arraez, Michael Chavis and Tommy Edman

DH: Yordan Alvarez and Rowdy Tellez

OF: Victor Robles, Brian Reynolds, Alex Verdugo, Aristides Aquino, Mike Yastrzemski, Austin Riley, Oscar Mercado, Eloy Jimenez, Nick Senzel and Kyle Lewis

SP: Mike Soroka, Dakota Hudson, Chris Paddack, Sandy Alcantara, John Means, Zach Plesac, Zac Gallen, Cal Quantrill, Spencer Turnbull, Griffin Canning

RP: Nick Anderson, Giovanny Gallegos, Jacob Webb

### PITCHING TRENDS

Only nine pitchers had more than one complete game. It shows in Strat-O-Matic's endurance ratings. Once again, no pitchers have 9 or 8 point-of-weakness ratings and only three have 7 (deGrom, Ryu and Trevor Bauer).

The 30 teams combined to give only 35 pitchers at least 32 starts, but 25 qualifying starters had strikeout rates of at least 9 per 9 innings. An astonishing 251 carded pitchers (starters and relievers) have at least 30 dice-roll chances for strikeouts on at least one side of their Advanced cards.

### WIN MORE GAMES WITH THE BASEBALL RATINGS BOOK

Every game and every season of Strat-O-Matic Baseball is won and lost because of a series of decisions, large and small. Who should be your starting pitcher in this hitter-friendly park? Who should pinch-hit against lefthanders? Who should bat third in the lineup? Sixth? Does this trade do enough to help me? Even at the end of the season, the questions never end and decisions must be made on the best information available.

Strat-O-Matic's Baseball Ratings Book is the best information you can find. It is the only guide with the official data from Strat-O-Matic. The only guide with all the carded and computer-only players. No other source provides as many ratings.

Experienced gamers talk about "chances" of getting on base, hitting a homer or other results. These charts give you that information at a glance, saving you hours of number crunching. It's the detail you need to decide who should play, who to draft or trade and what strategy to use.

When you roll three dice, there are 216 possible result combinations, 108 on the pitcher's card and 108 on the hitter's card. Each column has 36 chances. You might look at the 2-12 listed results on a card and ask, "How can that happen when each column only shows 11 results?" The answer, of course, is that the 2-12 positions do not have equal value. The only way to get a 2 result is by rolling snake-eyes, so a homer on the 2 position has only one chance in 216 of happening. A homer on a 7 position has six chances in 216 of happening.

# STRATE ANATIC BASEBALL 2020 You Are Making The Windows Game Better

Responding to customer requests, Strat-O-Matic is adding two new rules, improving realism and giving manager more control over player actions in its Windows game, Strat-O-Matic Baseball 2020.

One rule change: Pre-2018-season pitchers who started one game, now will have a Point of Weakness number of 4, not 1. Another: It will not be possible to rob a home run if the outfield is playing in.

Managers who have been frustrated when one of their men on third base runs into an out on an infield grounder now have an optional solution: Expansion of the Max Rule setting called "Improve Baserunner Realism." When toggled on, that runner on third will not automatically be out on a groundball B; instead, the manager will be asked if he wants his man to try to score. If he does, then the defense will have the choice of throwing home or taking the sure out at first.

One of the most interesting improvements is an optional feature called "Throttle Monster Cards." Those quirky, computeronly guys who, say, hit two home runs in eight at-bats, tend to show up as pinch-hitters in the most important situations. Now, while "throttled," such statistically distorted batters and pitchers will have their stats reduced so that there is far more uncertainty

about whether they can deliver on demand.

"The overall effect of using this rule will be to introduce some uncertainty regarding these players, which simulates what a real-life manager would experience," the Help file reads. "The frequency that a `Monster' player gets throttled relates directly to his real-life usage. The more real-life usage a `Monster' player had the less often his card will be throttled. Players with significant real-life usage will never be throttled." No, Strat-O-Matic is not going to reveal its formulas and cut-off points.

There's more:

- To deal with the ever-increasing number of Major League strikeouts, the program now can handle any player who strikes out up to 255 times either way, vs. lefties or righties.
- And to deal with the quick hooks for starting pitchers in contemporary Major League play, the computer game will let you conclude the Quick Play option as early as the second inning.
- The Team Schedule Report now will display the assigned starting pitchers.
- "A massive number of new play accounts that mention players' nicknames in play-by-play accounts has been added this year!" the Help file promises.

As usual, Strat-O-Matic Baseball 2020 will clean up a few annoying bugs, add ballpark photos (9 inside the stadiums and 31 ballpark-entry pictures) and update play-by-play accounts to accommodate 2019-season developments.

As always, Strat-O-Matic Baseball 2020 is necessary to play the new season releases: 2019, 2020 Daily Data, 1962 (Deluxe Super-Advanced), Baseball Enemies, Hall of Fame 2020, 2019 Career Historical, 1915 Negro League, 1938 Negro League, and 1947 Negro League.

For complete descriptions of what's new, see the Help file.

### ABOUT THAT OTHER OPENING DAY...

- -Play the current season as it happens
- -All the current players updated with new electronic cards every day!
- -Strat-O-Matic and Fantasy Baseball rolled into one

details at www.strat-o-matic.com





Strat-O-Matic's popular Diamond Gems series continues with its second eight-team set of great from the 1970s. This one features the first of Oakland's threestraight World Series winners, the first of Cincinnati's Big Red Machine World Series winners and the Series-winning 1971 Pittsburgh Pirates.

This is the sixth eight-team set in the Diamond Gems series – two sets each for the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s. All are rated for Basic, Advanced and Super Advanced play and each team has 27 players. Included with your purchase is a booklet highlighting each team's season, roster, default lineup and rotation and ballpark/weather effects

In addition to the World Series winners named above, this set features pennant winners from LA (1977) and Baltimore (1979). The heart-broken 1978 Boston Red Sox, who lost a playoff game to the Yankees. The Montreal Expos' first winning season (1979).

1970 Minnesota 98-64, AL West champ ... Rod Carew, Harmon Killebrew, Tony Oliva, Jim Perry

1971 Pittsburgh 97-65, WS winner ... Roberto Clemente, Willie Stargell, Al Oliver

**1972 Oakland** 93-62, WS winner ... Reggie Jackson, Catfish Hunter, Rollie Fingers

**1975 Cincinnati** 108-54, WS winner ... Johnny Bench, Joe Morgan, Tony Perez, Pete Rose

1977 Los Angeles (NL) 98-64, NL champ ... Four 30-HR men Steve Garvey, Reggie Smith, Ron Cey and Dusty Baker; Don Sutton, Tommy John

1978 Boston 99-64 ... Jim Rice, Carl Yastrzemski, Dennis Eckersley, Luis Tiant 1979 Baltimore 102-57, AL champ ... Eddie Murray, Ken Singleton, Mike Flanagan

**1979 Montreal** 95-65 ... Gary Carter, Andre Dawson, Bill Lee

The Strat-O-Matic Classic 1962 Baseball

For the first time, the Major League season that made Strat-O-Matic successful in creator Hal Richman's make-or-break year is available with Super Advanced features. In SOM's third year, this was the first to offer all the teams and the first to be profitable. Now, gamers can relive one of the most dramatic seasons in baseball history with all the features that the game company has added in the 57 years since.

Back in 1963, gamers could not wait to relive the year of the Giants' first pennant in San Francisco following a thrilling three-game playoff with the Dodgers, and ending with the sevengame World Series and a tension-packed 1-0 finale that made the Yankees repeat World Champions. Or even to see if the expansion, 120-loss New York Mets could do any better on the tabletop.

And for years, 1962 has been among the most-requested seasons for Strat-O-Matic to enhance with Super Advanced features.

This was the year that Dodger Maury Wills set a record with 104 stolen bases, teammate Tommy Davis led the NL by batting .346 and driving in 153 runs, Dodger Don Drysdale led the NL with 25 wins and 232 strikeouts and Sandy Koufax led with a 2.54 ERA while striking out 216.

Yet that and 101 regular-season wins was not enough to topple the powerful Giants with Willie Mays (.304-49-141), Orlando Cepeda (.306-35-114), Felipe Alou (.316-25-98), Willie McCovey (.293-20-54 in 229 AB) and a big-four pitching rotation of Jack Sanford (24-7), Billy O'Dell (19-14), Juan Marichal (18-11) and Billy Pierce (16-6).

In the AL, New York won 96 games, five better than Minnesota and ahead of 209-homer Detroit. AL MVP Mickey Mantle (.321-30-89, 122 walks), Roger Maris (33 HR, 100 RBI), Rookie of the Year shortstop Tom Tresh (.286-20-93), catcher Elston Howard (.279-21-91) and Bill Skowron (.270-23-80) formed a modern-day Murderers Row supporting cont on page 7

### ENJOY YOUR 1962 REPLAY OR DRAFT WITH A BASEBALL RATINGS DOWNLOAD

Fans of Strat-O-Matic's annual Baseball Ratings Download know how invaluable that is for evaluating players and planning game strategy for Advanced and Super Advanced play. Now, for the first time, Strat-O-Matic will be offering a computer ratings download for a past season – 1962.

If you have seen the Ratings
Downloads, you know they are chock full
of information about every player's topof-card ratings and their mathematical
chances of getting a hit, a walk, a
strikeout, a double-play, a ballpark homer
and much more, both vs. left-handed and
right-handed opponents.

You know how easy it is to compare players by setting your own criteria. Which batters have the most power vs. lefties? Which 1-rated shortstops are the best offensively? Which pitchers give up the fewest gopher balls? Which left-handed pitchers are best against right-handed hitters?

If you haven't checked out the Ratings Download because you prefer to enjoy Strat-O-Matic with historical seasons, now is your chance to enjoy so even more. It's only right that this be done for 1962 – the season that, back in 1963, was Strat-O-Matic's first to offer all the Major League teams.

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•A FIRST-EVER DIAMOND GEMS CARD SET OF EIGHT GREAT NEGRO LEAGUE TEAMS REPRESENTING 1916 THROUGH 1945
•CARD REPRINTS OF STRAT-0-MATIC'S SOLD-OUT NEGRO LEAGUE STARS SET (THIS ONE ON STANDARD CARD STOCK, IN CLASSIC FORMAT)

•Three new Windows rosters for the 1915, 1938 and 1947 Negro League seasons, bringing the total number of seasons available through Strat-0-Matic to 22.

The Diamond Gems set showcases eight legendary franchises. Unlike Strat-O-Matic's popular Negro League Stars set with players based on career statistics, this set features superstars in their single-season primes, dueling their rivals. The eight teams in this set span 30 years of Negro League play:

•1916 CHICAGO AMERICAN GIANTS 88-62 ... RUBE FOSTER, PETE HILL, POP LLOYD
•1922 INDIANAPOLIS ABCS 84-60 ... OSCAR CHARLESTON, BIZ MACKEY, BEN TAYLOR
•1924 HILLDALE ATHLETIC CLUB 92-64 ... JUDY JOHNSON, BIZ MACKEY, LUIS SANTOP, NIP WINTERS
•1931 HOMESTEAD GRAYS 89-55 ... SATCHEL PAIGE, JOSH GIBSON, OSCAR CHARLESTON, JUD WILSON, SMOKEY JOE WILLIAMS, TUBBY SCALES
•1936 PITTSBURGH CRAWFORDS 85-59 ... SATCHEL PAIGE, JOSH GIBSON, OSCAR CHARLESTON, COOL PAPA BELL, JUDY JOHNSON
•1938 KC MONARCHS 98-58 ... WILLARD BROWN, TURKEY STEARNES, BULLET JOE ROGAN, HILTON SMITH
•1944 BIRMINGHAM BLACK BARONS 92-62 ... ARTIE WILSON, DOUBLE DUTY RADCLIFFE
•1945 CLEVELAND BUCKEYES 91-63 ... SAM JETHROE, QUINCY TROUPPE

This set has only been made possible due to the invaluable contributions of Len Durrant, Joe Moran, Ed Williams, Ken Wenger, Ken Zionce, and Gary Simonds. Led by Durrant, this team is responsible for the creation of the statistics and ratings that were used to create the eight single-season Negro Leagues teams carded (along with all the Windows Negro Leagues individual seasons). Durrant's research has allowed gamers to play stars from 22 different seasons in Negro Leagues replays, tournaments, and Major League's what-ifs? The eight newly designed Negro League teams differ slightly from their Windows Game counterparts. They have been re-created by Strat-O-Matic using the statistical input and ratings developed by the Durrant team in order to be printed for the board game. Durrant has also contributed the team descriptions that will be provided inthe included booklet with the set.

Stay tuned throughout the year for more announcements regarding Strat-O-Matic's celebration of the Negro Leagues Centennial.

### BACK IN BLACK SOM REPRINTING NEGRO LEAGUE STARS CARDS

Very few people alive today saw the many great players showcase their talent in the Negro Leagues, but you can see and manage the skills of Satchel Paige, Josh Gibson, Cool Papa Bell and 100 more with Strat-O-Matic's Negro League Stars card set.

The set of 108 cards, which includes both batting and pitching cards for five two-way stars (John Donaldson, Martin Dihigo, Jose Mendez, Double Duty Radcliffe and Bullet Joe Rogan), had been sold out, but Strat-O-Matic is reprinting it to help celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Negro Leagues.

Unlike the full, glossy card set of the original, this set will be on standard card stock in classic format. But this set is anything but standard. The "wow" factor is big for the power and defense of first baseman Buck Leonard and the all-around play of Oscar Charleston ("the black Ty Cobb") and Willie Wells.

Find out why Willard Brown, Pete Hill, Mule Suttles, Smokey Joe Williams and Big Bill Foster are in the Hall of Fame.

Lovingly created with the best Negro League stats available, original research and Strat-O-Matic's unique standard of care, this is the finest representation ever of an important part of professional baseball history.

If you missed out on the original set, don't let this chance pass you by. You'll be doing a good deed, too, as 10 percent of the sales of this set will be donated to the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City.

### FROM TORRIENTE TO IRVIN: 3 More Negro League Seasons Ready to Replay

Strat-O-Matic now has 22 re-created seasons for Negro League baseball with this year's release of 1915, 1938 and 1947.

1915

Nine Hall of Fame players and 12 more from Strat-O-Matic's Negro League Stars set are represented in this pitching-dominated season that featured nine 2-game winners. With stats adjusted to a 140-game schedule, the champion Indianapolis ABCs had the league's top pitcher in Dizzy Dizmukes (27-7, 1.51) and Dicta Johnson (24-9). But four other

teams had the performances to win the pennant. The New York Stars had Dick Redding (27-12, 1.79) and Pop Lloyd (.307). The New York Giants had pitching duo Smokey Joe Williams (26-9) and Ad Lankford (22-7) as well as batting-title runner-up Blainey Hall (.327), who trailed Cristobal Torriente's .330 mark. Chicago had pitcher Dick Whitworth (21-14, 1.92) and HR leader Pete Hill. St. Louis pitcher John Donaldson posted a 1.79 ERA.

1038

This star-packed season features 16 Hall of Famers and 33 players from Strat-O-Matic's Negro League Stars.

With stats adjusted to a 156-game schedule, the mighty Homestead Grays (102-54) dominated the National League and the legendary Kansas City Monarchs (98-58) dominated the cont on page 7

## New Championship Logo T-Shirt! Sizes Adult Small through XXXXL available



### DISCOVER STRAT-O-MATIC'S ENEMIES LIST



### THE CARDS, AND NOW FOR WINDOWS TOO

Baseball's legendary teams have many opponents, but just one true enemy. Now, you get to be a witness to that history – and a field general, too – by playing Strat-O-Matic's Baseball Enemies player set.

Introduced last fall in card form, the six-team Baseball Enemies set portraying Major League Baseball's three fiercest, most-enduring rivalries now is available as a Windows roster as well.

The rivalries are Yankees-Red Sox, Cardinals-Cubs and Dodgers-Giants in a unique ratings method.

Each 27-man team is composed of players from different eras, rated based only on their performance against their designated rival. That's a first for Strat-O-Matic. So is the franchise-team format. Baseball fans everywhere will be fascinated to see and play these squads.

These rosters will give you an idea of what you have to look forward to:

	Yankees			Red Sox			Cubs			Cardinals			Dodgers			Giants	
С	Bill	Dickey	С	Carlton	Fisk	С	Jody	Davis	С	Yadier	Molina	С	Roy	Campanella	С	Harry	Danning
С	Jorge	Posada	С	Jason	Varitek	С	Gabby	Hartnett	С	Ted	Simmons	С	Mike	Scioscia	С	Buster	Posey
INF	Bucky	Dent	INF	Wade	Boggs	INF	Ernie	Banks	INF	Ken	Boyer	INF	Ron	Cey	INF	Orlando	Cepeda
INF	Lou	Gehrig	INF	Joe	Cronin	INF	Starlin	Castro	INF	Rogers	Hornsby	INF	Steve	Garvey	INF	Al	Dark
INF	Derek	Jeter	INF	Jimmie	Foxx	INF	Johnny	Evers	INF	Marty	Marion	INF	Jim	Gilliam	INF	Jim	Davenport
INF	Tony	Lazzeri	INF	Nomar	Garciaparra	INF	Mark	Grace	INF	Albert	Pujols	INF	Eric	Karros	INF	Frankie	Frisch
INF	Don	Mattingly	INF	Larry	Gardner	INF	Stan	Hack	INF	Red	Schoendienst	INF	Pee Wee	Reese	INF	Jeff	Kent
INF	Willie	Randolph	INF	David	Ortiz	INF	Derrek	Lee	INF	Ozzie	Smith	INF	Jackie	Robinson	INF	Bill	Terry
INF	Alex	Rodriguez	INF	Dustin	Pedroia	INF	Ryne	Sandberg	INF	Bill	White	INF	Maury	Wills	INF	Matt	Williams
INF	Red	Rolfe	OF	Dwight	Evans	INF	Ron	Santo	OF	Lou	Brock	OF	Tommy	Davis	OF	Barry	Bonds
OF	Joe	DiMaggio	OF	Jackie	Jensen	OF	Kiki	Cuyler	OF	Jim	Edmonds	OF	Carl	Furillo	OF	Bobby	Bonds
OF	Mickey	Mantle	OF	Fred	Lynn	OF	Sammy	Sosa	OF	Willie	McGee	OF	Babe	Herman	OF	Jack	Clark
OF	Roger	Maris	OF	Manny	Ramirez	OF	Riggs	Stephenson	OF	Joe	Medwick	OF	Matt	Kemp	OF	Willie	Mays
OF	Paul	O'Neill	OF	Jim	Rice	OF	Billy	Williams	OF	Stan	Musial	OF	Duke	Snider	OF	Mel	Ott
OF	Babe	Ruth	OF	Ted	Williams	OF	Hack	Wilson	OF	Enos	Slaughter	UTL	Bill	Russell	OF	Bobby	Thomson
Р	Whitey	Ford	OF	Carl	Yastrzemski	Р	Pete	Alexander	Р	Joaquin	Andujar	P	Ralph Jim	Branca Brewer	P P	Madison	Bumgarner Casilla
Р	Lefty	Gomez	Р	Roger	Clemens	Р	Ryan	Dempster	Р	Al ·	Brazle	P	Don	Drysdale	P P	Santiago Carl	Hubbell
Р	Goose	Gossage	Р	Lefty	Grove	Р	Willie	Hernandez	Р	Harry	Brecheen	P P	Eric	,	Г В	Tim	Lincecum
Р	Ron	Guidry	Р	Pedro	Martinez	Р	Fergie	Jenkins	Р	Steve	Carlton	D	Orel	Gagne Hershisher	P	Javier	Lopez
Р	Johnny	Murphy	Р	Jonathan	Papelbon	Р	Greg	Maddux	Р	Bob	Forsch	P	Clayton	Kershaw	P	Juan	Marichal
Р	Mike	Mussina	Р	Mel	Parnell	Р	Carlos	Marmol	Р	Bob	Gibson	P	Sandy	Koufax	P	Stu	Miller
Р	Andy	Pettitte	Р	Dick	Radatz	Р	Rick	Reuschel	Р	Al	Hrabosky	P	Clem	Labine	P	Randy	Moffitt
Р	Dave	Righetti	Р	Curt	Schilling	Р	Lee	Smith	Р	Larry	Jackson	P	Tom	Niedenfuer	P	John	Montefusco
Р	Mariano	Rivera	Р	Bob	Stanley	Р	Rick	Sutcliffe	Р	Steve	Kline	P	Ron	Perranoski	P	Robb	Nen
Р	David	Robertson	Р	Luis	Tiant	Р	Lon	Warneke	Р	Lindy	McDaniel	P	Don	Sutton	P	Gaylord	Perry
Р	Red	Ruffing	Р	Mike	Timlin	P	Kerry	Wood	Р	Bruce	Sutter	P	Fernando	Valenzuela	P	Brian	Wilson
Р	Mike	Stanton	Р	Tim	Wakefield	Р	Carlos	Zambrano	Р	Todd	Worrell	-					

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For gamers who want more World Series matchups or perhaps a 48-team tournament to see which team is best, it's a great time to add the five prior Diamond Gems sets and the new Negro Leagues Diamond Gems set to your collection.

1970s, Series A: 1970 Baltimore, 1972 Cincinnati, 1974 Los Angeles (NL), 1975 Boston, 1976 Philadelphia, 1977 Kansas City, 1978 New York (AL), 1979 Pittsburgh

1980s, Series A: 1981 Los Angeles, 1983 Chicago (AL), 1984 Chicago (NL), 1985 St. Louis, 1985 Toronto, 1986 New York

(NL), 1986 Houston, 1989 Oakland

1980s, Series B: 1981 New York (AL), 1982 Milwaukee, 1983 Baltimore, 1984 Detroit, 1985 Kansas City, 1986 Boston, 1987 Minnesota, 1988 Los Angeles

1990s, Series A: 1990 Cincinnati, 1990 Pittsburgh, 1993 Philadelphia, 1993 San Francisco, 1994, Montreal, 1996 Atlanta, 1997 Baltimore, 1998 New York (AL)

1990s, Series B: 1990 Oakland. 1991 Minnesota, 1992 Toronto, 1995 Cleveland, 1996 New York (AL), 1997 Florida, 1998 Houston, 1998 San Diego

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top pitchers Ralph Terry (23-12 and the complete-game winner of the 1-0 World Series Game 7), Whitey Ford (17-8) and Bill Stafford (14-9).

This was also the finest hitting performance in the Hall of Fame career of outfielder Frank Robinson (.342-39-136, 51 doubles, .624 slugging) for 98-win Cincinnati, which had a pair

of 20-game winners in Bob Purkey (23-5) and Joey Jay (21-14). Future Hall of Famers Hank Aaron (.323-45-128), Ernie Banks (37 HR, 104 RBI), Roberto Clemente (.312), Harmon Killebrew (48 HR, 126 RBI), Al Kaline (.304-29-94), Brooks Robinson (.303-23-86), Jim Bunning (19 wins) and Warren Spahn (18 wins) also starred.

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American. But it was Newark's Mule Suttles who nearly won a Triple Crown, batting. 345 (trailing Speed Whatley's .348), slugging 38 HR (tied with Josh Gibson) and leading the league with 135 RBI. Homestead's Gibson (1.126), teammate Buck Leonard (1.037), Suttles (1.026) and Indianapolis' Quincy Trouppe (1.011) had awesome OPS numbers in a season with 25 .300 hitters..

KC's Hilton Smith (22-9) and Chicago's Sugg Cornelius (22-15) led 17 20-game winners on the mound.

### 1947

As Jackie Robinson began making his mark in the Major Leagues, many Negro League stars were making their cases for future promotion. The Homestead Grays' Luke Easter would soon be a Cleveland Indian, but this year he led the Negro Leagues with 35 HR, one more than Monte Irvin, soon to be a New York Giant.

In all, you will re-enact the greatness of nine future Hall of Famers (such as Irvin and Kansas City's Willard Brown, who posted a .991 OPS), 13 others included in Strat-O-Matic's Negro League Stars set and such future Major Leaguers as Hank Thompson (.979 OPS).

Such Negro League all-time greats as Satchel Paige, Josh Gibson and Oscar Charleston are here, too.

In stats adjusted for a 154-game schedule, the New York Cubans (98-56) were the best in the National League, though Newark, Baltimore and Homestead can threaten in a replay. In the American League, the Cleveland Buckeyes (96-58) were tops, but Birmingham and Kansas City can challenge. "With so many familiar players, this is an addictive season to replay," say the developers of Strat-O-Matic's Negro League re-creations.



Strat-O-Matic Baseball 365 gets better every year and 2020 will prove to be no exception. Strat-O-Matic's mobile and online game experience lets you draft your favorite players under a salary cap, set computer manager instructions, and receive detailed results of your latest three-game series each morning.

The Live Draft continues to improve

to allow gamers more flexibility to choose their roster. Last year, features were added to allow gamers more casual draft options, one, two, and three-hour time limits or no time limit at all. You can also set the time window during which the clock is active each day and turn the clock of on weekends. Second, there are now three queues to allow you to set exactly which players you want auto-drafted in your absence. In each of the three queues, you can specify the number of players to be drafted from that queue.

A new feature will debut in late January: the option for live drafts to include drafting of a ballpark. This will add a 26th round to the live draft. Each user can draft a park unique to them in any of the 26 rounds. Building a lefty-heavy team? Make sure you get the park that fits your team before a competitor does. Don't forget to keep track of what parks your opponents, specifically in your division, are drafting.

### **Tournaments**

Did you know you have a chance to prove yourself to be the best Baseball 365 player and win great prizes too? Every year, three community-run tournaments are hosted on Baseball 365 and Strat-O-Matic supplies the winning managers with prizes for their achievement.

The ever-popular ATG Barnstormers Tournament begins play in April each year. Gamer mightymoose runs this cont on page 8

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Counting chances is further complicated when you consider lefty-righty combinations and split chances.

The charts from a past season below show how the Ratings Book does the number crunching for you. If you have a runner on first and you want to know the chances of a double play, you see that Grace has 22 chances of a double play against a lefty pitcher, and Orosco has 4 double-play chances against a lefthanded batter. Add them and you get 26 out of 216 chances for a double

play in the situation. Do you stick with Grace? With the Ratings Guide, you can make an informed decision.

The charts even show such ratings as ballpark homerun chances (BP), clutch, hold and endurance, as well as complete fielding data for all of each player's rated positions.

Since the Ratings Book is published weeks before the cards and computer rosters come out, you can best be prepared by ordering the 2019 season book now.

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HITTERS	AB	SO	BB	ніт	ОВ	ТВ	HR	BP	CL	DP	SO	BB	нт	ОВ	ТВ	HR	BP	CL	DP	STEALING	ST	L SPI	В	Н	FIELDING		
Grace,M*	547	0	8	31.2	39.2	39.5	1.4	w	+1	22	0	11	36.7	47.7	49.8	0.9	1	+1	20	4/11 (13-4)	Е	11	D	В	1b-1e5		
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Orosco,J*	4	56	28	20	7.2	27.2	16.0	1.6	5 2	4	34	8	5.3	13.3	7.7	0.8	1	5	+3	R(1)	-5	0	7	2-15	1WR-C	E	10





Make sure your Windows game is the latest and greatest, not only with the newest version of Strat-O-Matic Baseball 2020, but also with the updated Hall of Fame roster and the updated Career Historical Disk.

The Hall of Fame roster includes every man elected to the Hall as a player, including those elected in 2020. All are rated on their seven best statistical seasons.

Strat-O-Matic gamers have been enjoying this player set in countless ways. They have played a full schedule with the 10 pre-set teams, or devised their own squads by franchise, era, geography or other creative concepts. You, too, can

thrill to Sandy Koufax facing Babe Ruth or Christy Mathewson in a pitcher's duel with Walter Johnson while competing against lineups with Hank Greenberg and Hank Aaron.

There's much fun just comparing the ratings of center fielders Willie Mays, Joe DiMaggio, Mickey Mantle, Tris Speaker and Duke Snider; or shortstops Honus Wagner, Ernie Banks and Willie Wells. Yes, the set includes all the Hall of Famers selected from the Negro Leagues, too – Satchel Paige, Josh Gibson, Oscar Charleston, Buck Leonard, Bullet Joe Rogan, Cool Papa Bell and more.

If you want even more players, the aptly Career Historical Disk includes every player who ever played a Major League game – nearly 20,000 players rated on their entire careers, and divided into decades based on when their career began (e.g. Ted Williams began his MLB play in 1939, so he is grouped with the 1930s).

This player set is ideal for comparing the careers of any two or more players, for building leagues based on any criteria your imagination can create. Some gamers have used the Career Historical Disk and the Draft-O-Matic feature to see which stars the computer rates the highest.

Others have formed leagues of teams based on a Topps card set, or all the rookies of one season against the rookies of other seasons. The CHD also is a way to play a past season not yet recreated by Strat-O-Matic, such as the great pennant races of 1908 or 1947, the year Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier.

Give the Hall of Fame roster and the Career Historical Disk your attention and you soon will be the smartest in the room when it comes to baseball history.

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6-event tournament, testing managers in a variety of salary cap and DH settings. The top 9 managers throughout the six events are fast-tracked to the Champions League, while the next 48 managers battle it out and have to win one of three Semi-Finals leagues to advance. All Finals league participants receive the Baseball Windows game. The top four all have the ability to add cards to the expanding ATG player pool and the overall winner and runner-up receive MLB tickets to the team and game

of their choosing.

The 2020 Mystery Card Players' Championship uses the four decade Mystery Card player sets- Superstar Sixties, The '70s Game, Back to the '80s and Back to the '90s. This year's tournament begins February 3rd as they compete through four events to be crowned Mystery Card Tournament Champion.

Lastly, the annual Players' Championship uses the newly released season. This year, test your mettle using the 2019 player set and have a chance to prove you are the King of Strat. Play through 5 events to qualify for one of three Semi-Finals leagues. Make the playoffs in the Semi-Finals and you're pushed through to the Champions League. The tournament winner and runner up each receive the latest Windows Game in addition to tickets to an MLB game. 3rd and 4th place finishers of the tournament receive the Windows Game. Last year's Champions League began on January 13th. Follow along with last year's championship here: 365.strat-o-matic.com/league/442653.