

SCORESHEET BASEBALL



Don't miss out on the fun of playing fantasy baseball this off-season! Instead, enjoy baseball all winter long as you draft, trade and manage players from the years 1969-1972

How would you like to liven up this winter by having **Boog Powell** hit home runs for *your* fantasy baseball team? Or deciding if you want to trade **Reggie Jackson** for **Harmon Killebrew**? Instead of spending the off-season without baseball, now you can have all the fun of drafting, trading and managing a team of major leaguers from the golden days of 1969-1972.

Join a National League and maybe you'll pick **Billy Williams** to bat third, or **Lou Brock** to bat leadoff. You could choose to spend your top pick on **Bob Gibson**, or go for the great hitting of **Johnny Bench**. In the American League, such players as **Frank Howard**, **Reggie Smith**, **Tony Oliva** and **Jim Palmer** will all go early in the draft.

Just as in our regular *Scoresheet Baseball* game, your team will play complete simulated games, based on your players' major league performances from 1969-1972. Your league's draft will begin in early/mid November (depending on when you sign up), and will run until early December. The 12-week season runs from mid-December through early March, taking you right up to spring training. We'll use 1969 stats for the first 3 weeks of the season, 1970 stats for the next 3 weeks, 1971 stats for the 3 following weeks, and 1972 stats for the final 3 weeks. Changing the stats used throughout the season will keep you supplied with fresh challenges, as you trade or change your lineup to get the most from your team. Of course, all games are played on our computer system - you get the fun of running your team while we do all of the work.

As in all of our games at *Scoresheet*, a player can only be drafted by one team in each league. Once the draft is over, we have found that trading in the winter baseball leagues hits a fever pitch. This is your chance to discuss blockbusters such as **Mickey Lolich** for **Sal Bando**, or **Pete Rose** for a package of pitchers. You will get to see exactly how your trades work out as you read over your results each week. And to help refresh your memory of these past players, **we print year-by-year statistics for each player in the draft packet.**

Your team will play **12 games a week for a full 144-game schedule.** We'll send you a complete scoresheet for every game your team plays. **Games can also be viewed on the *Scoresheet* website in a text-based play-by-play format.** You'll also receive: league standings, individual and team stats, trade offers and results, a weekly newsletter, league leaders lists, team-vs-team records, and the best and worst team stats in all of *Scoresheet*. League winners will be awarded trophies engraved with names and accomplishments.

TRY NEW STRATEGIES

Not only is this winter baseball game a great memory trip, it also is a chance to test your theories of what wins baseball games. If you think that pitching is 90% of the game, then you should certainly list a lot of pitchers at the top of your player ranking sheet. Or, if you are a fan of the 3-run homer, put sluggers such as **Willie McCovey** or **Norm Cash** near

the top of your list. Speed and defense will also play a big part in each team's success - you'll have to balance a player's hitting abilities with how much his defense helps (or hurts) your pitchers. (Fielding numbers used in *Scoresheet* are also included for each player in the draft packet.) We have found that with player stats being known to all, these leagues have some very evenly matched teams, making for great pennant races.

Since the luck of unknown injuries isn't a factor, this is also a great game for testing your managerial ideas. You can really see the effects of various strategies by controlling stealing, bunting, pinch hitting, earliest innings for pitchers, use of closers and setup men, and defensive replacements.

One of the best parts of *Scoresheet Winter Baseball* is getting to know your fellow managers. Every year, our most knowledgeable and enthusiastic fans sign up to play. Virtually all of them are avid traders, especially since our 4-year format encourages trading to fill holes on your roster. You'll be playing with our most experienced team owners from throughout *Scoresheet*, and can find out what strategies have worked best for them.

DRAFT THE STARS

We will be forming 10-team leagues of either American League or National League players only. Each league is split into 2 divisions. At the end of the season, we play a League Championship Series, based on all 4 years' stats, between the



two division winners. There were no wild cards in that era, so we have none in this year's winter game.

If you and your friends want to form a complete league and **draft among yourselves**, please feel free to call us and we can discuss your needs. We are quite flexible, and **can run a league of any size for you, including a combined league** with players from both the A.L. and the N.L.

Before the season, you'll draft a 36-man team. The large roster, together with trading, allows you to cover each of the 4 years with both starters and backups. Each week, we limit your players to their playing time in an average 12-game span in the corresponding year in the major leagues. Thus, a good bullpen and a strong bench are important.

Winter baseball leagues that we form by putting individuals together in the same league will draft using our web-based draft system. If you have your own league of friends you can choose to hold your own draft or you can use our web draft if you prefer.

With web drafting, you will enter a draft list on the *Scoresheet* website, and you will be able to change your list as often as you like.

Our web-based draft is **not** one where you have to log on at a set time to make a pick, and it is **not** a chat room draft where you have to be online for hours. Instead, as each team's pick

comes up, our draft program will pick the top available player from your draft list. By being able to make changes at any time, you can adjust your list before every one of your picks, giving you the same control as if you were at a live draft.

Your draft list will be password protected so that only you can see it. As each pick is made, it will be posted for everyone to see. Also, your league roster will be updated.

The draft schedule for your league will be posted before the draft begins so that team owners know when each of their picks will be made. A more detailed description of web-based drafting can be found on our website at: www.scoresheet.com/WB_WebDraft.php

As soon as we receive your order form, we will send you complete drafting information. This draft packet lists all eligible players by position, sorted by at-bats or innings pitched in 1965-1968. Summary **stats are printed for each player** as well, including yearly batting average and home runs hit, at-bats or innings pitched, ERA and fielding numbers.

Using these player lists, you'll rank the players in the order you want to draft them. Deciding whether to draft a top pitcher such as **Tom Seaver** or a great infielder such as **Ron Santo** will have you reliving those great baseball days of 45 years ago.

Scoresheet will be forming leagues through the middle of November, with the first web drafts set to begin in early November. Please send in your order form by the end of October to begin enjoying the winter baseball draft as soon as possible.

AFFORDABLE FUN

Owning a *Scoresheet Winter Baseball* franchise costs just \$64 for the **entire** season – **all trades and lineup changes are free!** If you join in a group of 4 or more, the cost is only \$59 per team. The fee is payable with your order form. Or, if you prefer, you can pay \$35 with your order form and pay the remaining balance when your draft begins. Engraved trophies are awarded to all league winners.

Each week of the season (12 weeks of regular season play, plus a one week play-off), you'll receive reports which include everything you'd want to know about your team. The accompanying newsletter will relive all the big baseball events of the times.

The attached pages show a sample lineup using players from the 1965-1968 era, along with a sample scoresheet of a game using 1965 stats. Of course, your lineup will use the players you've drafted for your team; and certainly some of your strategy decisions will be different from what we've chosen on this sample. By looking at the included sample lineups, we hope you will get a feel for the kind of teams that will be playing *Scoresheet Winter Baseball* this off-season.

Send in your order form and begin planning now for the winter season! You can also order your team from our website by using the winter baseball order form at: www.scoresheet.com/WB_order.php As soon as we hear from you, we'll send you the appropriate drafting information.

Don't go without baseball for the next few months. Instead, play ball with *Scoresheet Winter Baseball* this off-season!

