

Jabbar Has 100-Point Game!

Many fans of Strat-O-Matic games have literally done cartwheels, not of joy but of anger, over the so-called "All-World" feats that some readers report.

Some have even predicted the day would soon arrive when a basketball player would score over 100 points. Imagine that! 100 points!

The feat's no longer a figment of some gamer's imagination, however. Russ Miller of Huntington Station, NY, watched Kareem Abdul-Jabbar do just that recently--score over 100 points in a single S-O-M Basketball game.

Jabbar netted his huge total--108 points, to be exact--in a draft league that was organized by Miller. The historic game when Miller was playing Jeff Warshay, who happened to boast a lineup that had the dynamic guard duo of Nate Archibald and Earl Monroe.

Archibald and Monroe didn't do badly, either. Nate "the Skate" scored 37 points and Monroe 33 as Warshay's quintet rolled up 171 points. The total wasn't nearly enough, however, as Jabbar and Co. amassed a whopping 211--a 40-point difference!

Jabbar, who also had Bob Dandridge [1-6 shooting] and Bob McAdoo [1-6] with him on the front line and Oscar Robertson and Don Chaney at guards--remember, it was a draft league--couldn't always be double-teamed because of his talented teammates and thus often scored at will. Big Kareem put up 69 shots and swished 42, plus from the free throw line he converted 24 of 36 chances.

Jabbar and mates stormed out to a 52-31 lead at the end of one quarter, had a 37-28 second period advantage to go out in front 89-59 at halftime, had a slim 50-47 third period point margin and then had the upper hand in a blistering fourth quarter by both teams, 70-65.

Jabbar had plenty of helpers as Dandridge contributed 23 points, Robertson 20, and three others cracked double figures. Miller's team hit 85 of 140 field goal chances and was 42 of 61 from the charity stripe.

Miller, although sending along a summary of the game, didn't mention whether it was played with the advanced version or not.

A huge number of fouls--all five of the above mentioned starters exited with six personals--no doubt contributed to the high point total. But the 70-65 fourth quarter score does seem a big much. The Detroit Pistons not long ago set a team record with 49 points in a single quarter, but that was still 21 short of matching the 70 figure.

Readers, no doubt, are going to have a field day with Jabbar's 108-point total. But, anything is possible in the world of Strat-O-Matic.

Or is it?

Editor's note: Miller also pointed out that Jabbar, who had played four games for him in the draft league, scored 31, 41 and 34 in the others. Jabbar's four-game average was 53.5, with a better than 50 per cent field goal percentage off 80 of 156 shooting.