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DOLPHINS ARE GIANT KILLERS AT EFL SUPER BOWL 6

The Miami Dolphins, coached by **Ron Bell** of **Algiers, LA**, defeated the New York Giants, led by **James Crews** of **Harrisburg, PA**, 20-16, to capture the Super Bowl of Electric Football 6 on Sunday, Jan. 23, 2000, in Washington, DC.

Bell's Dolphins reached the EFL Championship Game by beating the Jacksonville Jaguars, coached by **Mark Brown** of Philadelphia, in the AFC title tilt, 12-10; while the Giants earned their trip to the 2000 EFL Super Bowl by turning back the **Ron Spain** (Bladensburg, MD)-led Washington Redskins, 6-0, in the NFC Championship encounter.

An assistant district attorney in New Orleans, Bell qualified for the AFC finals by having his videotape chosen as the best among dozens of entries by a panel of EFL judges. He had never before attended an Electric Football Convention, yet his winning videotape earned him an all-expense paid trip to Washington, DC, courtesy of event sponsor Miggle Toys.

A long time Electric Football devotee, Bell, 31, helped found and now plays in the growing New Orleans EFL League.

Crews, who qualified for the NFC Championship Game by winning the Conference Wild Card tournament earlier that day (Saturday, Jan. 22), lost in the EFL Super Bowl Championship Game for the second straight year. A computer technician who works for Priority Systems in Middletown, PA, Crews, 28, is one of the top players in the powerful Philadelphia Electric Football League.

The EFL Super Bowl 6 was a see-saw battle that saw wide open play and big gainers on offense in the first half and ball control offenses and tight defenses in the second half.

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6TH ANNUAL CONVENTION A MONUMENTAL SUCCESS

There was a big buzz in Washington, DC, this past January, but it had nothing to do with the goings on in the Clinton Administration or the impending Presidential election.

No, within the shadow of the Capitol Building, the Washington Monument and the National Air & Space Museum, Electric Football fans from all over the country converged on our nation's capital from January 21-23 to join in the excitement, fun and camaraderie of the **6th Annual Official Electric Football Super Bowl & Convention**.

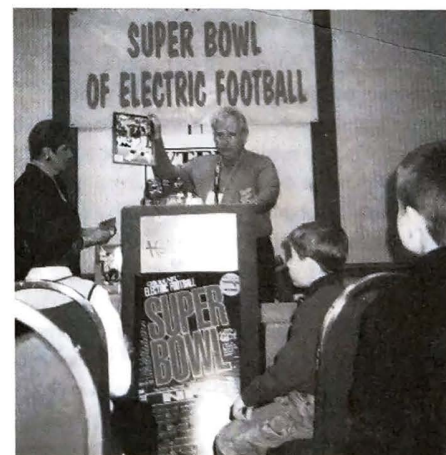
During the three days of festivities, competition and friendship at the Holiday Inn Capitol Hotel, more than 1,000 Electric Football fans of all ages shared in their favorite table top sports game — Electric Football. As usual, there were many "firsts" and "mosts" at the 2000 Super Bowl & Convention, including:

- The *first* authorized use of the new Official Electric Football Rules at a national Electric Football tournament.
- The *first* ever presentation of trophies to the winners of the Buzz Bowl (for women) and the Spark Bowl (for children 15 and under).
- The *most* contestants to ever enter the Wild Card tournaments;
- The *most* youngsters to ever compete in the Spark Bowl;
- The *most* exhibitors and display tables at an Electric Football Convention;
- The *most* free raffle prizes ever given out an EFL Convention.

Following tradition, the weekend actually kicked off on Friday evening when EFL Commissioner **Michael Landsman** and his wife, **Delayne**, hosted the Annual Electric Football Welcome Reception and Dinner at the Holiday Inn Capitol. Some 150 guests attended the party, renewing old friendships and bringing everyone up-to-date on the past year's activities and events. And, of course, there were newcomers who were made to feel right at home by both the function's hosts and all of the other Electric Football families.

Prior to the Wild Card tournaments beginning on Saturday morning, Jan. 22, 2000, Commis-

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EFL Commissioner Michael Landsman raffles off one of hundreds of free gifts that were given away at the 2000 Official Electric Football Super Bowl & Convention in Washington, DC. Michael's wife, **Delayne** (left) also played a huge role in the success of this year's event.



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A LETTER FROM THE COMMISSIONER MICHAEL LANDSMAN



Welcome to our first issue of PLUGGED IN! for the new millennium. Little did we realize when we started publishing this newsletter several years ago, how important and relevant it would become to the entire Electric

Football community. We understand that we must continue to bring you the most up-to-date, complete and entertaining information possible, along with great photos and graphics, so you will always be *Plugged In!* to what's happening in the world of Electric Football.

As you will read throughout this issue, our 6th Annual Official Electric Football Super Bowl & Convention in Washington, DC, this past January was a great success. We had more families and more young children attend this year than ever before, which tells us that the present and future of our favorite tabletop football game is extremely healthy and thriving.

Once again, it was great to see so many familiar faces at our Friday evening Welcome Reception & Dinner in our host hotel, the Holiday Inn Capitol. Each year we reserve a larger room than the previous year for this bash, and we always seem

to be able to fill every seat with highly-charged, enthusiastic and friendly Electric Football players and fans.

This year, as a departure from our usual opening remarks by myself and other Miggle Toys representatives, we invited every person in the room to introduce himself or herself and tell us where they had come from to be with us that night. In addition to the usual and expected large contingents from the Washington, DC, and Philadelphia areas, we were also honored by the presence of visitors from such divergent places as California, Nevada, Illinois, Ohio, Texas, Louisiana, Alabama, New York, New Jersey, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and more.

Ever since my wife, **Delayne**, and I became associated with Electric Football almost a decade ago, we have made so many wonderful friends. I see this pattern repeated all the time, especially during the Convention. People come and finally meet their Internet buddies for the first time, and it's like they've known each other their whole lives. And certainly, one of the most rewarding aspects of the event is seeing families together because of Electric Football — fathers and sons, mothers and daughters, grandparents and grandkids. Relationships deepen and blossom all because of Electric Football, a game that never grows old.

To synthesize all of the ingredients for the weekend, we needed and received much help and

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"ROOKIE" WINS 2ND ANNUAL BUZZ BOWL

I am woman, hear my buzz.

That may as well have been the slogan for the second annual Buzz Bowl for women, held during the 6th Annual Official Electric Football Super Bowl & Convention in Washington, DC, this past January.

Once again, Miggle Toys, manufacturers and marketers of Electric Football, renewed its commitment to extend the camaraderie, fun and competition of America's all-time favorite tabletop football game to everyone by holding a women-only tournament during the second day of the Convention. Known as the Buzz Bowl, this event has quickly become one of the most popular and highly anticipated events of the entire weekend.

Just as Ron Bell, the New Orleans attorney, burst onto the Electric football scene in spectacular fashion to capture the Super Bowl of Electric Football 6, the winner of the 2000 Buzz Bowl also was a new name to national EFL competition — **Taura Walton of Cary, NC**. Although a virtual beginner, Walton's Philadelphia Eagles went undefeated during the special round-robin format that comprised this year's Buzz Bowl, giving her the tournament title and earning her a handsome trophy.

"It was a thrill for me to win the Buzz Bowl in my first try," said Walton, a data analyst for Glaxo Wellcome Pharmaceuticals in Research Triangle Park, NC. "By nature, I'm a very emotional and passionate person. Watching my players perform on the metal board bought me extreme joy. Hopefully, I'll get a chance to defend my title next year."

Added **Delayne Landsman**, wife of EFL Commissioner **Michael Landsman** and Buzz Bowl coordinator: "We're very proud to include a women's Buzz Bowl, and I know the event will continue to grow. We always preach about Electric Football's track record of inclusion and accessibility, and the Buzz Bowl is a big part of that reputation. Our goal, of course, is to see a woman compete in our EFL Super Bowl!"

The rules of the Buzz Bowl were the same as those utilized in the AFC and NFC Wld Card tournaments — each coach had four downs from the 50-yard line to try to score. If both teams scored, two-point conversions would determine the winner. If the score was still tied at that

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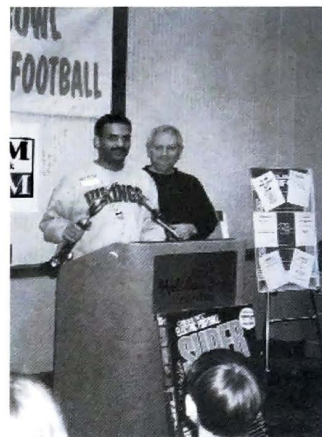
FRANK JOHNSON NAMED 1999 PLAYER OF THE YEAR

In the closest selection process ever, **Frank Johnson** of **Dolton, IL**, was named the **EFL Player of the Year for 1999** at the 6th Annual Official Electric Football Convention & Super Bowl in Washington, DC, this past January.

The 37-year-old Johnson, who is a training consultant for Lucent Technology in Chicago, has been a long-time supporter of unity among Electric Football

coaches, and is constantly on the Chatboard of the Miggle Toys' Website advocating the use of standard Miggle parts and accessories. The award, however, was given strictly for his accomplishments and contributions during calendar year 1999.

"We had a number of very worthy and deserving candidates for 1999 EFL Player of the Year," stated Commissioner Michael Landsman. "But when it came down to the final choice, no one had done more both on and off the 'field' last year than Frank Johnson in terms of his unselfish involvement with the game, his quest to



Player of the Year Frank Johnson of Dolton, IL, addresses the crowd at the 2000 Electric Football Super Bowl and Convention, as EFL Commissioner Mike Landsman looks on.

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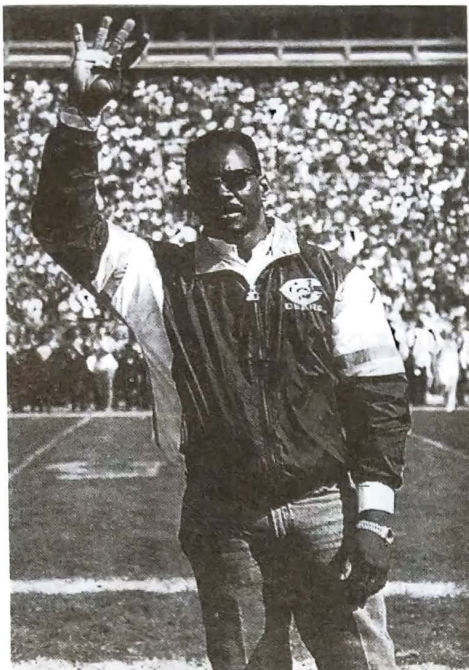
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GETTING CONNECTED WITH...THE WALTER PAYTON FOUNDATION



Walter Payton

In a departure from the celebrity interviews that usually fill this space, Miggle Toys wanted our readers to "Get Connected With . . ." a very special organization that is keeping the memory and humanity of a great pro football player and human being alive.

Last November, Walter Payton, the number one all-time rusher in NFL history, passed away from Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis, a rare liver disease. The courage and strength he demonstrated while playing running back for 13 seasons with the Chicago Bears was matched by his attitude and selflessness as he fought his battle against PSC. Beloved throughout the Greater Chicago area by adults, teenagers and youngsters of all colors and backgrounds, Payton also was a hero and role model to millions of sports fans across the country. His death at the age of 45 seemed to touch all of us in ways we often could not explain or verbalize.

In recognition of all that Walter Payton did for the young people of Chicago, Miggle Toys recently donated six NFL Super Bowl

Electric Football Games to the Walter Payton Foundation for distribution to groups all over the area. Thus, we will be "Getting Connected With . . . the Walter Payton Foundation" in this issue of PLUGGED IN! The following interview was conducted with Walter Payton Foundation volunteer, **Kathy Giambarberree**.

What is the origin of the Walter Payton Foundation?

Walter wanted to do something to help kids, and spurred on by the family of the late George Halas (the former Bears founder and original owner), he started the George Halas/Walter Payton Foundation back in 1989. The name was changed in 1998 to the Walter Payton Foundation, but the goals have remained the same.

What are the Foundation's goals?

We provide financial and motivational support to youth, and we convince them that they can raise the quality of their own lives, and the lives of those around them.

Can you provide some specific examples?

Last Christmas, we distributed more than 60,000 toys to needy children who were wards of the state through the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. We also regularly donate sports memorabilia to over 9,000 schools and agencies for them to auction off for much-needed funds.

The Foundation seems extremely youth-oriented. Are there any services for adults?

We have established, in conjunction with Manpower International, a job training and placement center for 18-to-21-year-olds. We've also started a college scholarship fund for students who wish to pursue degrees in Social Work. Going to college and entering the workplace are important transitional steps from childhood to adulthood, and we want to provide kids with a solid foundation for life. Another "adult-oriented" goal of ours is to make all people aware of the miraculous and life-saving gift of organ donation.

Has Walter's death hurt the foundation?

Actually, we've been setting records in many areas, and we still have parcels of mail to open. This past year, we achieved all-time highs in money raised for toys and scholarships. Furthermore, ever since Walter announced that he was sick, there's been a 35 percent increase for organ donation stickers on Illinois Driver's Licenses.

Where can people send donations to the Walter Payton Foundation?

Checks can be made out to "Walter Payton Foundation," and mailed to: Walter Payton Foundation, 34 Mundhank Rd., South Barrington, IL 60010. For more information, or to become a volunteer, call 847/645-1202. ■

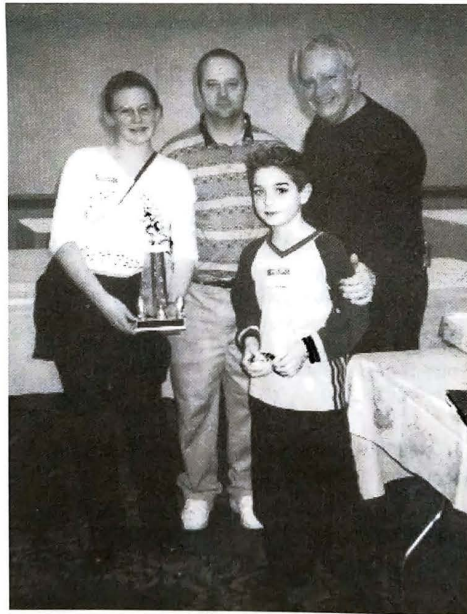
IT WASN'T CHILD'S PLAY AT 2000 EFL SPARK BOWL

It's rare when an event lives up to its own hype, but the second annual EFL Spark Bowl, held during the 2000 Official EFL Super Bowl & Convention, actually exceeded everyone's expectations.

The tournament — for kids 15-and-under — was filled with a record number of entrants, several overtime thrillers and a memorable championship game. And when the dust settled in the Ballroom of the Holiday Inn Capitol, the New York Giants, coached by 13-year-old **Elly Hargrave** of **Nicholson, PA**, walked away with the Spark Bowl trophy, winning a dramatic sudden-death clash over the Baltimore Ravens, led by 11-year-old **Chris Boosalis** of **Baltimore, MD**, 27-21.

Elly and Chris clawed their way to a 21-21 deadlock at the end of regulation play, forcing the first overtime Spark Bowl title game in history. The rules declared that the winner would be the coach whose team recorded a TD in the fewest number of plays from the 50-yard line. When Chris scored on his second play, Elly had her work cut out for her.

With the crowd holding its collective breath, Elly's running back broke free from the pack on her opening play, but headed for the sideline and sure defeat. Then the unexpected happened — her tight end bumped the ball carrier, sending it in a clear path to the goal line. The 50-yard touchdown run gave her the victory . . . the championship . . . and the respect and admiration of all the convention attendees.



(left to right) Spark Bowl champion **Elly Hargrave** of **Nicholson, PA**, event coordinator **Bill Grant**, Spark Bowl runner-up **Chris Boosalis** of **Baltimore, MD**, and EFL Commissioner **Michael Landsman**.

"The Spark Bowl was such a memorable day for me," said Elly, who has been playing the game for about a year and a half and who practiced diligently for the two weeks leading up to the

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SHOCK WAVES!



GEORGIA EFLers ENTERTAIN TOY STORE CROWD

FAO Schwarz in Atlanta played host to an exciting and interactive Electric Football exhibit on Saturday, January 15, 2000. The clinic, designed as a promotion by NFL Properties, turned into a wild and exhilarating demonstration not soon to be forgotten by those involved.



David Redmond of Fayetteville, GA, puts on a passing clinic for youngsters at FAO Schwarz in Atlanta.

Just two weeks before the Georgia Dome staged Super Bowl XXXIV, the popular toy store's "NFL Shop" in Lenox Square Mall was transformed into Electric Football Central.

When **Tony Lott of Taylorsville, GA, David Redmond of Fayetteville, GA, and Brian Redmond of Lawrenceville, GA,** walked into the store, their arms piled high with Electric Football accessories, nobody knew what to expect. Soon, however, the three members of the Georgia EFL were demonstrating standard formations, trick plays, running, kicking, tackling and passing to the tune of the buzz that has become music to so many ears. Thrilled Atlanta kids and adults were transfixed, but Tony, David and Brian were just getting started. More than just a display, the coaches continued to put on a full-scale show, complete with training camp-style drills, passing clinic, videotape instruction and a question-and-answer session.

"Electric Football is a wonderful game if you know how to play it," said Lott, who received pointers from **Steve Graham and David Nickles** of the Oxford (AL) Electric Football Club before conducting the clinic. "Seeing something done is better than just reading about it. The stuff we did was not only visually stimulating, but will also give people a foundation of play and practice to build on."

The clinicians set up targets for passing accuracy skills and also matched players and bases against each other for strength tests.

"We were right up in front by the window, so lots of people were looking in from outside the store," said Brian Redmond. "You could see the recognition in the faces of the folks who had played the game before. They just kept nodding and smiling."

When the trio finished the clinic, enthusiastic

kids scrambled to practice their own passing skills under the watchful eye of the experienced players.

"They really showed the ins and outs of the game," marveled **Sharon Lee**, general manager of the store. "The kids were completely mesmerized with the demonstration, and then they were able to actually try it for themselves. It went so well that we'd like to do the Electric Football clinics on a regular basis."

Returning would be no problem for Lott, who quipped: "I don't know who had more fun, the kids or us."

CHILDREN'S DISCOUNT MART GOES 'WILD' FOR ELECTRIC FOOTBALL

On December 18, 1999, Miggle Toys, along with radio station SportsTalk 980, sponsored the first-ever Electric Football Regional Wild Card Tournament. The event, staged at Children's Discount Mart in Oxon Hill, MD, promised the winner a spot in the NFC Championship Game at the 6th Annual Official Electric Football Super Bowl & Convention.

The rules for the Regional Wild Card Tournament were identical to the Wild Card tournaments at Official Miggle events.



Participants in the first ever EFL Regional Wild Card Tournament: Back row (left-right): Vance Warren, Warren Jefferson, Anthony Burgess, Kenny Butler, Chris Stringer, Aaron Bell, William Travers. Front (l-r): Kelvin Lomax, Tyrone Ware, Rashawn McFadden, Ron Spain, Vaughn Lomax, Bernard Laster.

Following is a recap of the event, written in poem form by Steve Feit:

*Tw'as the week before Christmas, and throughout DC
Everyone was stirring about an opportunity,
To advance to the Super Bowl. It wouldn't be hard.
Just win the first-ever Regional Wild Card.
Children's Discount Mart hosted in the midst of the chill
Just into Maryland, in nearby Oxon Hill.
SportsTalk 980 sponsored and the players showed up
To take the first step towards the championship cup
They came by car, on foot and in taxis,
There was Burgess and Butler and two Lomaxes.
Aaron Bell, Bernard Laster, they were both there,
Along with William Travers and of course, Tyrone Ware
At the store, Electric Football products were selling,*

*When Chris Stringer played, he never stopped yelling.
With a draw of 16 players, it just took four wins.
To get to the NFC Championship representing the Skins.
For most of the players, the quest was in vain,
As the final featured Kelvin Lomax, along with Ron Spain.
The coin was tossed and the players grew tense,
As they saw who could generate some kind of offense.
Spain was successful in his Wild Card mission,
And wouldn't you know it — he works as an electrician.*

COACHES & COLLECTORS GETTING CAUGHT IN THE WEB

Didn't make it to the Electric Football Super Bowl and Convention? Want to start an EFL league in your area? Looking to find rare players and teams for your collection? If you have access to the Internet, check out www.miggle.com, for the latest Electric Football news, photos and Miggle product information.

Launched last summer, the Website has become an information hub, shopping center and meeting place for Electric Football aficionados around the globe.

"We try to stay as current as possible with the site," noted Miggle webmaster **Mike O'Neill**. "We know there's a need for information out there, and we feed that hunger as quickly as we can."

Coaches communicate with each other through the Chat Board, which not only offers breaking regional news, but also a special listing of league announcements, playing tips, answers to questions from coaches from all over the nation and much, much more.

The site is literally one-stop shopping for Electric Football fanatics. If a user is looking to buy Miggle merchandise, the site posts color photos of products for sale and offers on-line ordering of teams, accessories, clothing and this newsletter. **PLUGGED IN!** For those reluctant to purchase through the Internet, an order form can also be downloaded and printed for future mail-ordering. If your interest lies with acquiring vintage games and parts, a separate chat area, called "Scouting and Trading," has been designed just for you.

A "News" section brings users up to date on all the latest Miggle information, including events, people and products. There's even a button to click on to see excerpts from the current edition of **Plugged In!**

"The Miggle website has opened up a brand new world for me," said **Frank Johnson of Dolton, IL**. "I've developed friendships through the chatboard, and sometimes people leave messages on there for me to read. It's like we always know where to find each other." ■



WATT'S CURRENT

Over the past several months, Miggle Toys, the manufacturers and marketers of Electric Football, has received hundreds of letters, e-mails, faxes and phone calls from around the world. Here are excerpts from some recent correspondences:

Dear Miggle:

I'm 32 years-old, and I've been playing Electric Football as far back as I can remember.



Chris Boosalis, Sr. (right) enjoys playing Electric Football with his son, Chris, Jr. (left)

My parents first bought me the game and I later inherited some of my uncle's teams. My current collection is a mixture of the earliest

teams along with some of the present. Six coaches and I established a league here in Baltimore, and we've been playing since 1989.

Out of curiosity, I attended the 2000 Convention in Washington, DC, where I played in the Wild Card Tournament. Although I lost in the first round, I was overwhelmed by the experience. My heart was racing as I met countless coaches who each love the game as much as I do. It was difficult to pull myself out of the room Saturday or Sunday.

When I went home Saturday night, I told my wife and three kids about the day. My oldest boy, Chris, Jr., was interested. He'd always watched me play, but was never into it himself. When he asked if he could play in Sunday's Spark Bowl, I was thrilled. I gave him a crash course that night and he grew excited. He entered with wide open eyes and proceeded to play in three of the most exciting games I've seen since I've been playing. He made it to the Spark Bowl Championship, and the room gathered around to watch one of the best games of the weekend.

I found myself excited for both players as I watched them compete with a level of sportsmanship I'd never before witnessed. The game ended with a thrilling final play and the crowd went nuts. Chris lost the game, but the game won Chris' heart, just as it won my heart when

I was his age. In fact, my heart was jump-started again during that awesome weekend in DC.

Chris Boosalis
Baltimore, MD

Dear Miggle:

A few days ago, I called to find out the availability of this wonderful game, and I spoke to a customer service person on the phone who was perhaps the friendliest voice I have heard while speaking to any company rep.

We talked about the game and what memories it had for me. But the one thing that stands out is this: in this day and age of computer games, PlayStation and Nintendo, we are slowly losing interaction in our FAMILY.

My 10-year-old son likes to play Nintendo football. I have tried to play twice with him, and now I know why the kids break so many controllers.

Electric Football is a game that, for many of us between the ages of 35 and 45, we can actually sit down with our children and play together. No complex controls, no steep learning curve, and best of all, we are having fun together.

Tonight my wife and kids played for more than two hours, and we all nearly lost our voices from laughing and exclaiming. It was a great family time, and now we are planning our own league here at home.

Thanks from my entire family for keeping this game alive and well.

Sincerely,
Harry Wise
Dixon, MO

Dear Miggle:

Thank you for the hours of fun your game has provided my friends and me over the last three years. I get more enjoyment out of Electric Football now than I did when I was a child (I am now the 38-year-old father of three daughters). I tell my wife I will grow up someday, but it won't be this year. Anyway, keep up the good work, and thanks for letting me stay "young at heart."

Sincerely,
Jim Saylor
Angelica, NY

MIGGLE TOYS TO SELECT BETWEEN TWO 'HOT' SOUTHERN CITIES FOR SITE OF 2001 SUPER BOWL & CONVENTION

The site of the **7th Annual Electric Football Super Bowl & Convention** — to be held from January 19-21, 2001 — has been narrowed down to two of the most tourist-friendly Southern cities in the U.S., it has been announced by EFL Commissioner **Michael Landsman**.

The choices are **New Orleans, Louisiana**, or **Nashville, Tennessee**.

New Orleans, home of the Saints, has hosted numerous NFL Super Bowls over the years. Known for its distinctive cuisine, excellent restaurants and great music, New Orleans also offers a wealth of activities and attractions geared especially for families and children.

Nashville, the home of the Tennessee Titans, who nearly captured Super Bowl XXXIV this past

January, also is world-renowned for its energetic music, its great Southern menu selections and the many country & western performers who make the city their home. But Nashville also features numerous entertainment, historic, recreational and cultural facilities and venues that appeal to both adults and young people.

"We will be spending the next few months visiting both areas to select the one site that will provide the hundreds of Electric Football fans we expect to attend our Convention next year with the best possible accommodations, amenities, competition and value," stated Landsman. "We expect to announce our choice over the summer on our Website and, of course, in the Fall '00 issue of PLUGGED IN!" ■

NEW ORLEANS ASST. D.A. NAMED 1999 EFL NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Spurred on by his fellow coaches and a variety of friends, a 31-year-old New Orleans assistant district attorney took time out from his busy holiday schedule last December to make a five minute videotape that depicted his best Electric Football offensive and defensive plays. In front of the camera, he also described his long-time affection for the game, and explained why he should be chosen for a free trip to the 6th Annual Official Electric Football Super Bowl & Convention.

The coach's name was **Ron Bell**, and his first-time entry in the annual Miggle Toys videotape contest indeed was the best submission received by the EFL judges. And by the time Ron left the Holiday Inn Capitol in Washington, DC, nearly four weeks later, he not only had coached his Miami Dolphins to the Super Bowl of Electric Football 6 title, he also was named **1999 EFL Newcomer of the Year**.

In addition to sending in the winning videotape entry last year, Bell's other Electric Football achievements in 1999 included organizing and launching the eight-team New Orleans Electric Football League and constantly adding to his sizable collection of personally hand-painted

players from both the college and NFL ranks.

"I had never been to one of Miggle Toys' Electric Football Conventions before, so I really didn't know what to expect before I got there," stated Bell, whose other hobbies include running

enough to win my AFC Championship Game and then the Super Bowl itself.

"And on top of all that," he continued. "I was given a trophy for being the Newcomer of the Year. It was a weekend I'll never forget."

Added EFL Commissioner **Michael Landsman**: "Ron Bell turned out to be the most deserving of a large number of very worthy candidates for 1999's EFL Newcomer of the Year Award. Not only is he a strong player, but he has a great appreciation for the history and ambiance of the game, and is dedicated to helping it to continue to grow in the 21st century."

Asked his designs for the future, Bell observed that he had two goals for the coming year: to expand the New Orleans EFL and to return to the 7th Annual Official Electric Football Super Bowl & Convention in January 2001 to defend his title. But, in the meantime, his first priority is to share his passion for the game with his nieces, nephews and other youngsters in his neighborhood.

While he may be Miggle Toys' EFL Newcomer of the Year for 1999, Ron Bell's words were spoken like a true veteran. ■



Ron Bell (center) needs help from Michael (right) and Delayne Landsman (left) to hoist both the Newcomer of the Year Award and the Miggle Trophy. Bell is the first person to win both in the same year.

and playing softball. "But it turned out to be one of the most amazing experiences of my life. Not only did I meet great people and learn about the different ways coaches and leagues play Electric Football around the country, but I was lucky

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hard work from a large number of people. Of course, **Ira Silverman**, **Steve Feit** and **Arthur Solomon** of Silverman Media&Marketing Group did another mammoth and spectacular job coordinating the event. In addition, the Holiday Inn Capitol were such terrific hosts, thanks to the efforts of **Judy Clemens** and **Geoff Mason**. I'd also like to thank our first-ever presenting sponsor, SportsTalk 980, especially **Lisa Botelho**, for promoting our Convention throughout the Washington area in the weeks leading up to the Convention.

We didn't have an actual "host committee" in Washington, but we may as well have, as members of the Metropolitan Electric Football Association, the Professional Electric Football League and the Vibrating Electric Football League were all out in force, both at the convention and on local radio shows the week of the event providing some valuable "buzz" around town. **Vance Warren** of MEFA served in an exceptionally valuable role, volunteering to be the tournament's Official Head Referee.

In the days and weeks following the EFL Convention, we received some exciting media

coverage. In addition to all of the attention we got in Washington, DC, we were also mentioned in many regional papers and nationally in *USA Today*. It was a huge thrill for me to go to various toy conventions throughout the winter and have my peers in the toy business tell me that they'd seen Electric Football on TV or in their local newspapers.

We anticipate another record-breaking year for Miggle Toys and Electric Football as the new century dawns. New leagues are launching practically every week, and we will be ready to keep up with the demand for product. In fact, we're very excited about a new Super Deluxe Electric Football Game coming out early this fall, in honor of the new millennium.

So thanks again from all of us here at Miggle Toys for your continued support, and a special recognition to all of you who are involved with youngsters and Electric Football in your community. The game is not only fun, but an excellent teaching tool for thinking, learning the fundamentals of football and sportsmanship.

Each day technological advances make the

world a little smaller, and our website (www.miggle.com) is designed to keep you in touch with each other year round. We are now set up for easy online ordering. Just click on the Online Ordering link (under "parts" football icon) and place your order. Take advantage of our "Chat Board," and don't forget to tell us what you're up to. Your correspondence and ideas are always welcome. After all, it's your game.

See you over the gridiron! ■

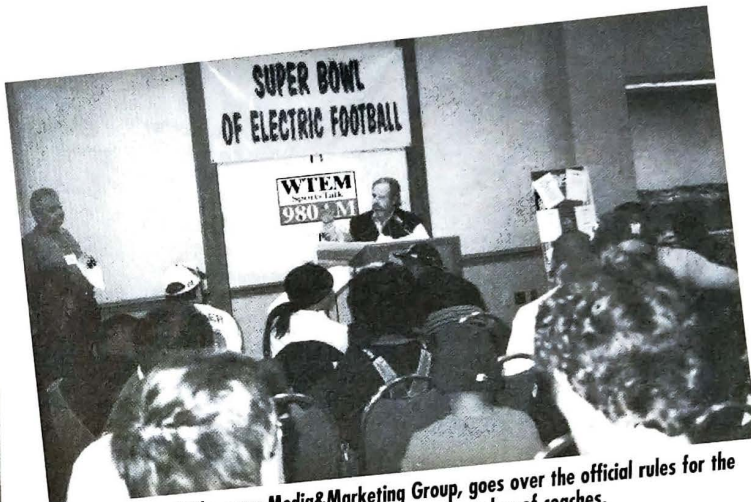


2000 CONVENTION SCRAP BOOK

The 6th Annual Official Electric Football Super Bowl & Convention was held January 21-23, 2000, in Washington, DC. More than 1,000 attendees descended upon the Holiday Inn Capitol Hotel for the proceedings, which featured free raffles, creative exhibits, surprise guests and compelling competition. Witness the excitement through the following three-page photo essay, or if you were there, relive it all over again.



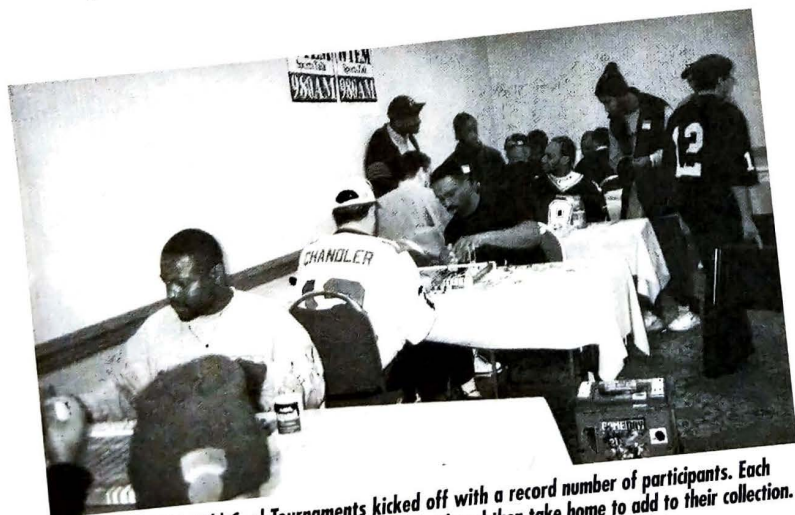
EFL Commissioner Michael Landsman (at podium) greets hundreds of eager EFLers at Friday night's Welcome Dinner and Reception.



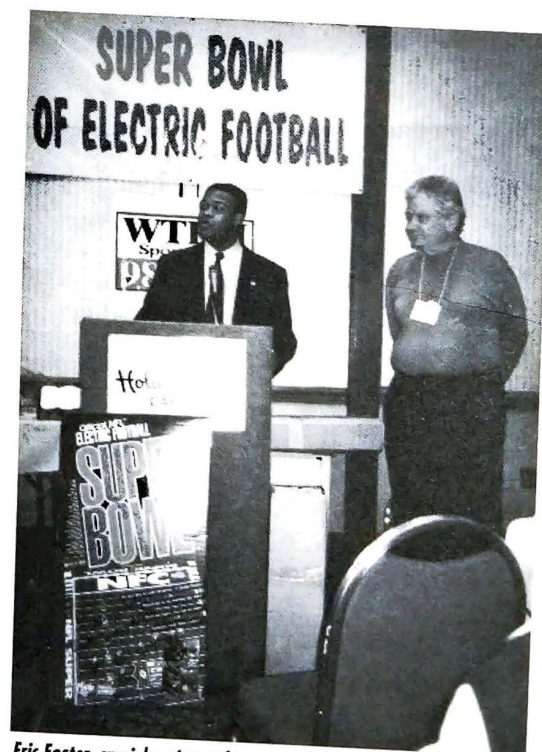
Ira Silverman of Silverman Media&Marketing Group, goes over the official rules for the AFC and NFC Wild Card Tournaments with a record number of coaches.



More than 1,000 coaches, exhibitors and spectators attended the 6th Annual Electric Football Super Bowl & Convention at the Holiday Inn Capitol Hotel.



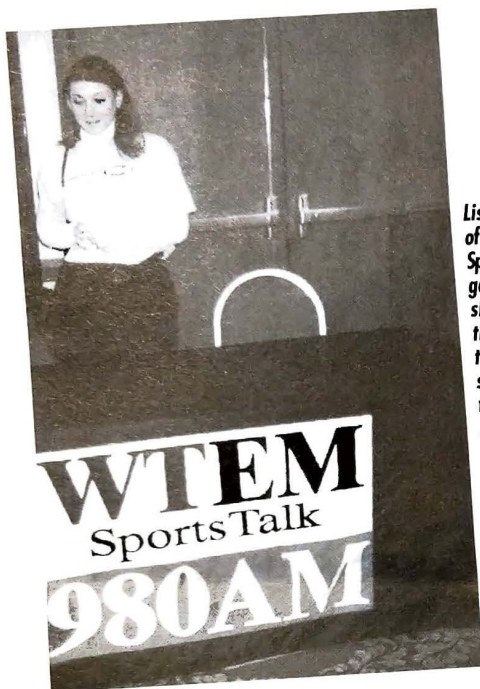
The AFC and NFC Wild Card Tournaments kicked off with a record number of participants. Each contestant was issued a brand new team to play with and then take home to add to their collection.



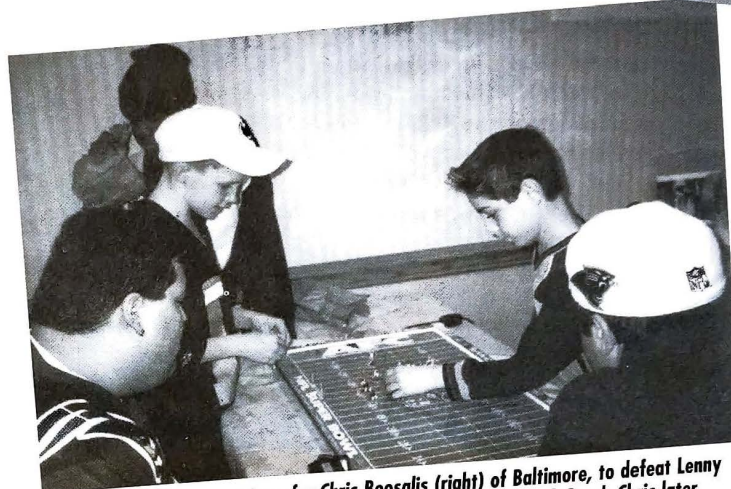
Eric Foster, special assistant for external & legal affairs to Mayor Anthony A. Williams, dropped by to officially welcome the Electric Football Super Bowl & Convention to Washington, DC, as EFL Commissioner Michael Landsman looks on.

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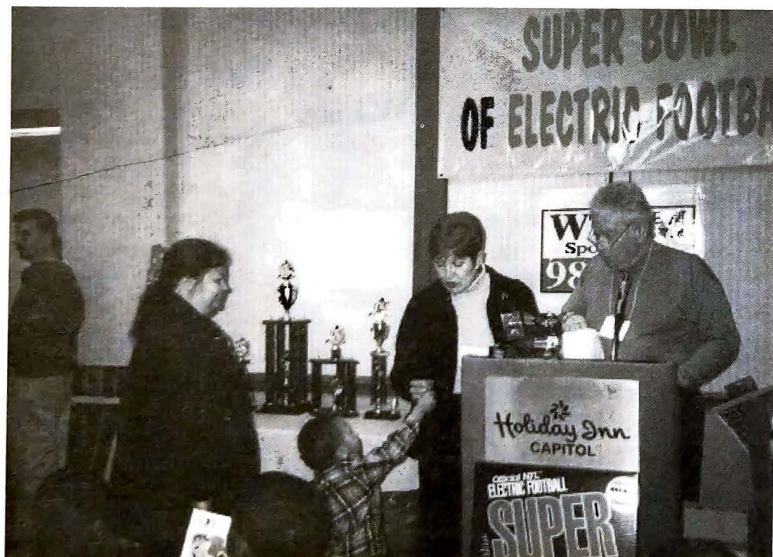
A record six trophies were presented at the 2000 Convention: (left to right) Spark Bowl Trophy, Buzz Bowl Trophy, Miggle Trophy, Conference Champion Trophy, 1999 Player of the Year and 1999 Newcomer of the Year.



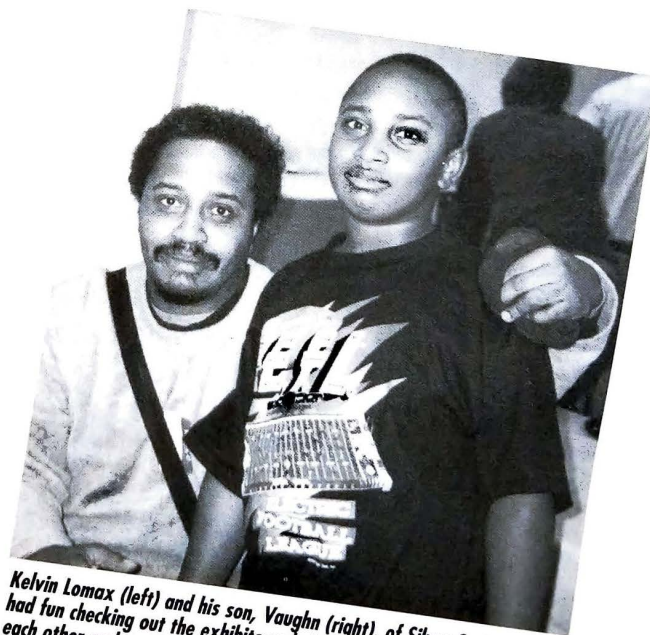
Lisa Botelho, director of promotions for SportsTalk 980 radio, gave out free T-shirts and basketball tickets throughout the weekend. The station became the first-ever presenting sponsor of the Electric Football Super Bowl & Convention.



It took a record five overtimes for Chris Boosalis (right) of Baltimore, to defeat Lenny Hargrave (left) of Nicholson, PA, in the quarterfinals of the Spark Bowl. Chris later advanced to the championship game.



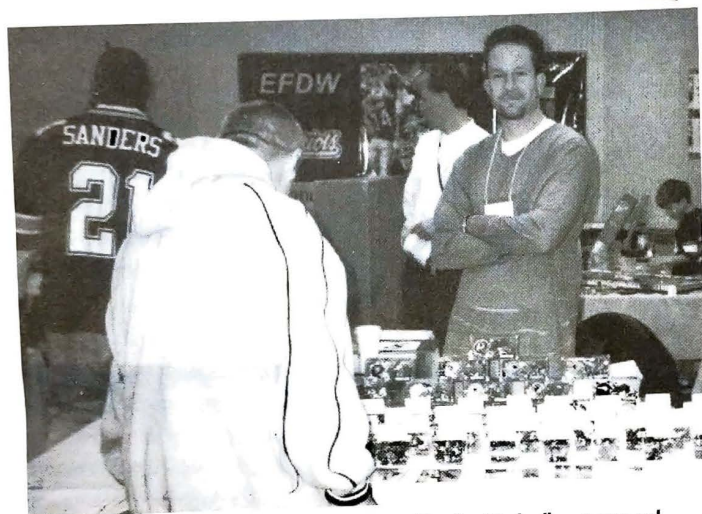
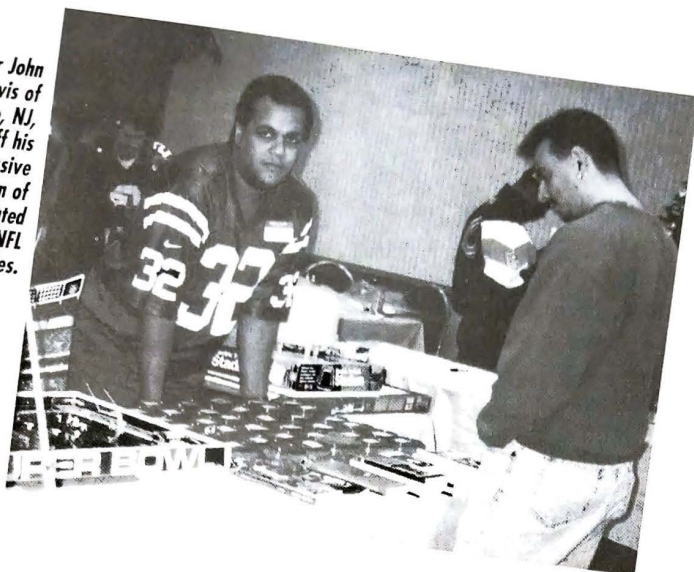
Free raffle prizes were given away throughout the weekend. Here, Delaney and Michael Landsman award a box of football cards to one lucky child.



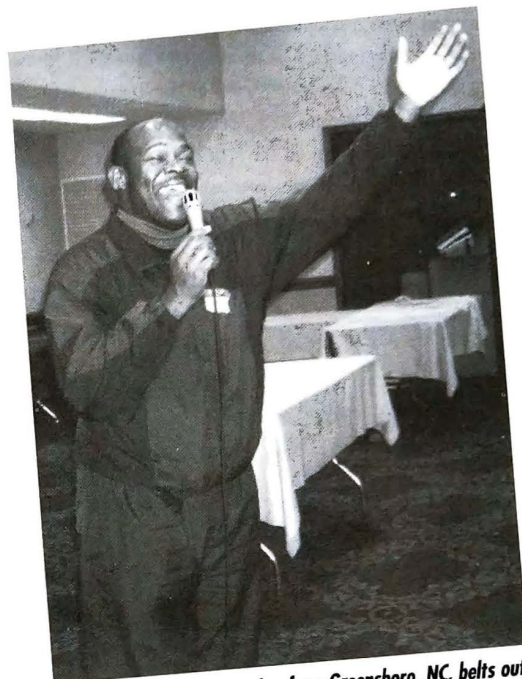
Kelvin Lomax (left) and his son, Vaughn (right), of Silver Spring, MD, had fun checking out the exhibits and playing Electric Football with each other and newly-made friends.

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Exhibitor John Lewis of Willingboro, NJ, shows off his impressive collection of hand-painted teams and NFL media guides.



Greg Thomas shows off his exhibit which featured hand-painted college teams and unique Electric Football artwork.



Duncan Butler, a music teacher from Greensboro, NC, belts out the National Anthem before the Electric Football Super Bowl.



James Crews (left) of Harrisburg, PA, accepts the 2000 Conference Championship Trophy from Michael Landsman. Crews was the runner-up in the EFL Super Bowl for the second consecutive year.



Scott Linn (center) of SportsTalk 960 and Ira H. Silverman (left), president of Silverman Media & Marketing Group, provide play-by-play and color commentary, respectively, for the Super Bowl of Electric Football as Ron Bell (far right) ponders his next play.

MIGGLE'S MIRACLE WORKER KEEPS CUSTOMERS SATISFIED

The next time your Electric Football running back executes a perfect sweep, or a wide receiver runs a post pattern for a touchdown, give some thanks to **Kathy Holford** of **Davis, IL**. If you ever have a problem with your players gaining extra yards, she will go the extra mile to help you.

Kathy has been the Operations Manager at **Miggle Toys** for the past 10 years and, in that position, she assists customers, from beginners to experts, providing a human link between Miggle and its customers throughout the world. If you've called the company, odds are, you've spoken to

typically sees her arrive at her job by 5 a.m.

"We're proud that Kathy is the voice of our company," stated **Michael Landsman**, president of Miggle Toys. "She is an indispensable part of Miggle, not only for her tremendous technical expertise, but also for her personal touch in handling customer service. She wants to make the game better in every way, from game operation to presentation. She's the best!"

In her role, Kathy oversees all manufacturing, production and warehousing for Electric Football-related products. Not only does she and

her staff fill countless orders, but Kathy is also responsible for maintaining the vast inventory of raw materials located in Miggle's warehouse in South Beloit, IL. In addition, Kathy spends hours each day researching various plastics, vibration boxes, metals, paints and graphics. In short, she gets paid to play Electric Football all day long!

"I've always felt that either you do a job well or not at all," Holford said. "I'm dedicated to Miggle and I will

continue to do whatever it takes to improve products and service."

Kathy and her staff are always ready to help customers in need, whether it is with advice, new

bases or even replacement corners of a broken game board.

"It's not like calling other corporations, where you're in an endless maze of phone menus," said frequent customer **Myron Evans** of **Philadelphia**. "Kathy has always taken care of me, especially when I needed orders rushed."

When she does get a rare rest, Kathy enjoys golf, needlework, reading and cooking for her family at home. However, her residence doesn't always provide safe haven from Electric Football fanatics who occasionally have been known to call her there. Still, the 25-year veteran of the toy and game industry takes it all in stride.

"I have gotten some strange requests over the years," admitted Kathy. "Somebody once asked me if I could outfit his team in tiny tennis shoes."

Anyone who attended the 6th Annual Electric Football Super Bowl & Convention was able to see Kathy and her work ethic up-close. She, along with her husband, **Jimmy**, and 15-year-old grandson, **Jimmy III**, operated the non-stop activity at the Miggle store booth for two days, seemingly without a break.

"I love working with toys," proclaimed Kathy, who created and is currently perfecting Miggle's large-scale floor/table version of Electric Football which will hit stores next fall. "These games bring people so much satisfaction, and there's always something new on the horizon. That's rewarding." ■



Kathy Holford in her office in South Beloit, IL

her. The mother of two, and grandmother of five, always has the time to answer questions and letters personally (sometimes from home), despite working an exhaustive schedule which

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tournament. "The quality of play was very high, and I'm proud to have come through it as the winner. Many different players could have won it."

The Spark Bowl transfixed most of the convention ballroom, including a majority of the adults. For the second year in a row, **Bill Grant** of **Keene, NH**, coordinated the event, with help from **John Hargrave** of **Nicholson, PA**, and referee **Al Hebert** of **Boston**.

"What a great day and tournament this was for Electric Football and Miggle Toys," stated EFL Commissioner **Michael Landsman**. "These youngsters' excitement, enthusiasm and skill filled the entire convention hall but, more importantly, they exhibited true sportsmanship and friendship before, during and after the competition. And that is what the game of Electric Football and our Convention are all about."

Elly, who lost in the first round of the inau-

gural Spark Bowl in 1999, and Chris, who had never played a full Electric Football game prior to the Convention, reached this year's Spark Bowl Championship Game after a morning filled with fantastic finishes throughout the full 16-player draw (the inaugural Spark Bowl in 1999 drew 10 participants).

While Elly comfortably defeated each of her three opponents on the way to the title game by one touchdown each, Chris performed like an escape artist on a par with Houdini. First, he found himself locked in a tense match with 11-year-old **Lenny Hargrave** (Elly's brother) in the quarterfinals. That game went to a record five overtimes before Chris emerged with a 28-21 win. Later, he knocked off defending champ **Kenny King**, 13, of **Philadelphia, PA**, in double overtime to reach the championship game. Exhausted and dog-tired after his hard-luck defeat, Chris was the first to shake Elly's hand

and congratulate her on her amazing victory.

"It was really good for me to go through so many overtimes," said Chris, who hopes to return to next year's convention. "That way I got to play more and I learned what my players and bases could do."

Yes, many Spark Bowlers besides Chris got in quality playing time; as contestants were eliminated in the official tournament, they quickly paired up at vacant tables to scrimmage against their newfound friends. One of them was the youngest coach in the field, five-year-old **Landon Walton** of **Cary, NC**.

And, not surprisingly, within hours of the final, **Kenny King**, the former champ, and **Elly Hargrave**, the new champ, were trading friendly jabs at each other through the Miggle Toys Chat Board about Spark Bowl 2001. After what happened in DC, it's clear they're not the only two kids looking forward to next year. ■

Spotlight On: PHILADELPHIA ELECTRIC FOOTBALL LEAGUE

In this issue of *PLUGGED IN!*, we continue our new feature of profiling some of the most successful and interesting Electric Football Leagues in the country. We now take a behind-the-scenes look at the **Philadelphia Electric Football League (PEFL)**, one of the strongest EFLs both on and off the gridiron in the United States. Remarkably, three of the four finalists in the past two Super Bowls of Electric Football have been representatives of the PEFL. How do they manage to combine such great play with such wonderful camaraderie? Read on to find out.

From its annual draft in July, through its regular season from August to December and then its playoffs that culminate in the group's own Super Bowl at the end of the year, the **Philadelphia Electric Football League (PEFL)** is a model of top competition, strong sportsmanship and unparalleled organization that can be envied by other EFLs around the country.

Soon to enter its fourth season, the PEFL was created in 1996 by Philadelphia natives **Myron Evans** and **Anthony Austin** (who subsequently moved to Detroit). Each year, the league has fluctuated between 10 and 16 teams, and the world class coaches are intensely proud of their league and what it's meant to themselves, their

families, their friends and their communities.

In addition to Evans, current members, who range in age from 25 to 44, include **Lorenzo Obranty**, **Buford Culver**, **Mark Brown** and **David Fox** of Philadelphia; **John Bullock** of Laurel Springs, NJ; **James Crews** of Harrisburg, PA; **Ed Scott** of Willingboro, NJ; and **David Paul Daniels** of Gloucester, NJ.

Demonstrating their strong coaching acumen and their ability to win under all types of circumstances, Daniels defeated Crews in the Super Bowl of Electric Football 5 in Philadelphia in January 1999. Proving their resourcefulness and talents once again this past January in Washington, DC, Brown advanced to the AFC Championship Game; and Crews bounced back to reach the EFL Super Bowl championship



Original members of the PEFL on the league's first ever draft day in 1997. Back row (left-right): Norris McCraw, Edward Scott, Sr., Edward Scott, Jr., Sydney Russel, Bill Beverly, Myron Evans. Front row (l-r): Harold King, Clayton Cargill, Mark Brown, Steve Emerson.

game again, only to be foiled by newcomer **Ron Bell** of New Orleans in a tightly fought title tilt.

"Philadelphia has always been a hotbed for Electric Football," notes Evans. "The talent within our group fosters a competition which elevates each coach to be prepared for national competition. Believe me, our track record is a tremendous source of pride within the club."

League play began in 1997 at the LEGENDS Sports Bar (co-owned by former Eagles star QB **Ron Jaworski**) in Philadelphia. After a few location changes to take advantage of better "promotional" opportunities, the EFL decided to stage all of its games at the Electric Football-friendly Sturgis Playground Recreation Center in East Oaklane. And a major part of any season, according to all of the PEFL members, is the summertime draft in

which league coaches pick franchises for the upcoming campaign.

"The draft takes several hours," explains Evans. "It doesn't take very long to pick teams, but coaches are constantly trying to trade Miggle merchandise or bases for the right to pick the team they want. There can be some frantic wheeling and dealing."

To conclude this past season, Crews, at the helm of the New York Giants, defeated Brown's Denver Broncos to win his second straight PEFL Super Bowl and another coveted PEFL Championship ring. The cus-

tomized gold-plated ring with stones is purchased from the proceeds of league dues.

"Over the last three years, many of our players have drastically improved," observes Crews, who makes the two-hour trip from his Harrisburg home to compete in league games. "It's inevitable that all the coaches will continue to get better as they're exposed to each other's plays and strategies."

Standard Miggle rules are used in the league, except shovel passes and some offensive line alterations are also allowed. An elected committee of members oversees trades and transactions, and deals swiftly with any controversies. There are rarely questions about equipment, though, as all PEFL-approved bases (the league uses exclusively unaltered Miggle pieces) contain a mark that can only be viewed under an ultraviolet light.

"It's an extremely well-run organization," adds Clark. "It is populated by enthusiastic and responsible people with high standards who are all supportive of each other. The PEFL should be the basic blueprint for every successful league."

Myron Evans, founder and commissioner of the PEFL, can be reached at 856/486-9736, or via e-mail at mevans1@csc.com. ■

FROM WWW.MIGGLE.COM: YOU KNOW YOU'RE AN EFL JUNKIE IF...

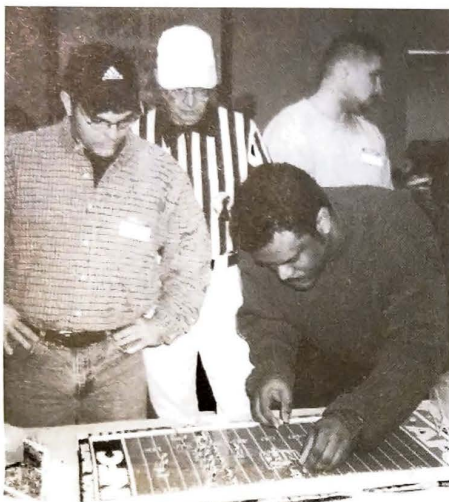
Missed appointments, sleepless nights, jealous spouses, overreactions. It can only mean one thing — you're an EFL junkie. And, if you are, you're not alone. One correspondent on the Miggle Chat Board posed this question, "How do you know you're an EFL junkie?" The following is a sampling of the clever responses we want to share with all of you.

1. When you're done putting your players away for the night and your wife says, "I wish you would talk to me like that."
2. You put your Vikings in the freezer to get them acclimated to playing in the cold weather.
3. When you're on the way to your wedding and you tell the limo driver to stop at a garage sale.
4. When you "shoosh" the cardboard stadium crowd on a big third down play.
5. When your phone bill is higher than your car note.
6. When you go out of town on a business trip, you take your teams to see if you can track down other coaches you have only met online.
7. When your kids want to play catch and you pull out your Triple Threat QB.
8. When you have a real team to coach but during the game, you start daydreaming about your electric teams.
9. When you roll your pant cuffs like Joe Paterno while playing games.
10. When you refer to anything fast as a "Red Peg."
11. When your wife asks, "What are all these numbers stuck on your clothes?"
12. When you take your old scoresheets to work just to look over and relive your favorite games.
13. When you start yelling at the running back to "Break through! Go! Go! Go!"...for a five-yard gain.
14. When you play back your videotaped games frame by frame to make sure that little foam ball didn't hit a lineman.
15. When you get confused between your league's history and NFL history.
16. When you worry if your reliance on one running back is hurting the egos of the other players. ■

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Bells' Dolphins struck first, scoring on the second play of the game on a 75 yard pass play from Dan Marino to Mark Clayton to take an early 6-0 lead (the two point conversion failed). But the Giants came roaring back, as Phil Simms hit Tiki Barber with a TD toss and, with the successful conversion, took an 8-6 lead.

But big plays were to continue into the second quarter, as the Dolphins' Mercury Morris took the ensuing kick-off on his goal line and scampered 99 yards before being knocked out of bounds at the Giants one yard line. A one yard toss from Marino to Morris closed out the first half scoring, with the Dolphins clinging to a precarious 12-8 lead.



Ron Bell's (left) Miami Dolphins defeated James Crews' (right) New York Giants, 20-16, in the thrilling Super Bowl of Electric Football 6. The winning touchdown occurred with less than two minutes remaining.

As the second half opened, the Giants methodically and cautiously moved the ball upfield utilizing quick runs and short passes to march towards the Dolphins goal. Remarkably, they controlled the ball for the entire third quarter and about three minutes of the fourth quarter before Simms ran for a short TD to help Big Blue regain the lead at 16-12.

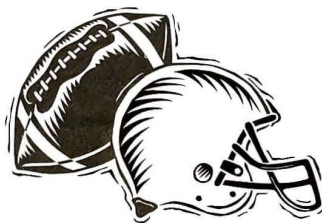
When the Dolphins finally took possession of the ball in the second half — with about 12 minutes remaining in the game — they also used the clock to their advantage. Led by Marino's pinpoint passing and a strong ground game, Bell's Dolphins churned out first down after first down until, with less than two minutes remaining in the game, Marino ran a remarkable 30 yards up the middle on a quarterback draw to put the Dolphins ahead, 18-16. A successful two-point conversion then clinched the victory for Bell at 20-16.

Vance Warren, a Washington, DC, police officer, served as Official Referee for all competitions during the weekend. **Thomas Delaney**, a referee with the Northern Virginia Football Officials Association, served as "On Field Referee" for the two Conference Championship

A MESSAGE FROM MIGGLE TOYS: "BUYER BEWARE" AVOID SHOCKING PURCHASES

As our loyal customers know, Miggle Toys is committed to your enjoyment of Electric Football games and accessories — and we guarantee your satisfaction with every retail purchase you make or order you place through our company.

Many of you, however, have reported to us that you have had disappointing and distressing experiences dealing with some of the many private individuals who also are offering a variety of Electric Football products — ranging from custom-made games and teams, to various accessories and parts — for sale. While Miggle Toys knows there are a great many honest and trustworthy people out there selling these items, we also want to advise you that it is imperative that you know with whom you are doing business. Just as in any other transaction, try to become as educated as you can about the merchandise you wish to purchase and the person you will be doing business with. Always remember, "buyer beware." ■



Games, while **Dennis Hall**, also with the NVFOA, was the "On Field Referee" for Super Bowl 6.

The National Anthem was sung prior to the EFL title game by Convention attendee **Duncan Butler** of Greensboro, NC. And, once again, EFL public relations representative **Ira H. Silverman** of Silverman Media&Marketing Group handled the color commentary for the title game, while **Scott Linn** of tournament co-sponsor SportsTalk 980 in Washington, called all the play-by-play action.

"Our Super Bowl coaches made this an amazingly exciting and even played game — either team could have won," stated **Michael Landsman**, EFL commissioner and president of Miggle Toys, Inc. "I guess it just foreshadowed the great Super Bowl contest a week later between the St. Louis Rams and Tennessee Titans."

Added Super Bowl 6 champion Bell upon receiving the prestigious Miggle Trophy following his Super bowl win: "This whole experience has been like a dream for me. Not only did I play in some terrific, competitive games, but I also made a ton of new friends here."

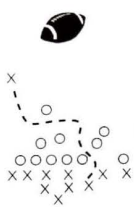
Competition, fun and friendship — that's what Electric Football is all about. ■



"I WILL CALL HIM MINI-ME"

Jason Sehorn of the New York Giants put a charge into millions of morning television viewers last December, as he demonstrated the Electric Football Super Bowl Game with host **Bryant Gumbel** on CBS-TV's *The Early Show*. The segment celebrated the "12 Days of Christmas at FAO Schwarz," as the famous New York City toy store showcased its most popular holiday selections. ■

Coach's Corner



**BY
IRA H.
SILVERMAN**

Over the past several months, both Miggle Toys and Silverman Media&Marketing Group have received a large number of inquiries from adult and teenage players, leagues, sports bars, radio stations, promotion directors and other individuals and venues about how best to run a "complete" Electric Football tournament in a limited amount of time.

Since the EFL has developed just such a format that has worked very successfully at past EFL Conventions, at Regional Qualifying competitions and at other events around the country, we would like to share this "Wild Card" Tournament format with our readers.

- At the beginning of every Quick Tournament Format competition, the group should choose one or more individuals to serve as the Tournament Official(s). They will be responsible for such duties as interpreting rules, arbitrating differences of opinion and conducting blind draws to determine seedings, placements, byes and qualifying spots.
- Divide participants into two equal groups representing the AFC and NFC Conferences. Allow coaches to enter either draw, but tournament officials must reserve the right to assign coaches to either Conference to balance the draws. If draws do not break down "evenly" (i.e., eight teams, 16 teams, etc.), officials should draw names randomly to

determine "qualifying" games for entry into the main draw.

- All coaches should utilize only official, unaltered Miggle Toys players.
- Each game begins with a coin toss. The winner of the coin toss chooses whether they want to be on offense (Team "A") or defense (Team "B") first. Team "A" then places the ball on the 50 yard line, and has a total of four downs to move the ball as far as it can. There are no first downs in the Quick Tournament Format, and field goal attempts are not permitted. Teams can choose to "drive" towards either goal line, and both teams can drive towards the same goal line.
- If Team "A" loses the ball via an interception or fumble, the ball is considered dead at the line of scrimmage where that play began, and Team "A" is credited with all yardage to that point. Team "B" then takes over at the 50 yard line.
- If Team "A" does not get a touchdown on its four plays, its "score" is the total number of yards it gained on its four plays.
- If Team "A" does score a TD, it has one chance to attempt a 2-point conversion from the opponent's 10 yard line. If Team "A" does not convert its extra point try, the ball is immediately dead.
- At the conclusion of Team "A's" turn, Team "B" immediately begins its four downs, starting at the 50 yard line and going in the opposite direction. The same rules apply for Team "B's" turn as for Team "A's."
- If at any time during its turn, Team "B's" yardage at the end of a play surpasses Team "A's" yardage, the game is automatically over and Team "B" is declared the winner.
- If Team "B" scores a TD after Team "A" does, it, too, tries a 2-point conversion from the 10 yard line. If one team is ahead 8-6 at this point, that team is declared the winner.
- If total yardage or total points are equal after each team has had the ball once, each team gets one more play from the 50 yard line to see who can move the ball further. If the game remains tied after this overtime period, the players will alert a Tournament Official who will conduct a coin toss to determine the winner.
- Coaches should not be able to seek out or receive help, advice or assistance during a Quick Tournament Format game from anyone else. Doing so should put the coach in jeopardy of disqualification by Tournament Officials.
- All other playing rules should be the same as are found in the new Official EFL Rules. ■

HOT WIRES!

Players looking to join a league

David Snelling of Irvington, NJ.
Contact him at 973/375-1522.

R. & J. Steemer of Covina, CA.
Contact them at 626/835-5436 (pager).

Quincy Bethea of Brooklyn Center, MN.
Contact him at 5418 Oliver Ave. N, Brooklyn Center, MN 55430-3033.

Nick Breen of Dallas, TX.
Contact him at breenfam@aol.com.

Coach Kill of Southeast TX.
Contact him at chkill@altavista.com.

Frank Keen of Pittsburgh, PA.
Contact him at keenfrank@mailcity.com.

Leagues looking to expand

Anyone interested in joining the **Babylon, NY-based Long Island EFL**, should contact **Frank Salles** at fsalles@keyspanenergy.com.

Anyone interested in joining a league in **Toledo, OH**, should contact **Mark Leonhardt** at leonnny6902@aol.com.

Anyone interested in joining the **England Electric Football Federation**, should contact **Kurt Smeby** at docsmeby@aol.com.

Anyone interested in joining the **Orlando EFL**, should contact **Jay** at shajohmar@aol.com.

Short Circuits

STORY IDEAS — If you would like to see a particular article in a future issue of *Plugged In!*, please submit your story idea to: *Plugged In!* Stories, Miggle Toys, 1384 Sheridan Road, Highland Park, IL 60035. Photos (color or black & white prints) are always welcome, but cannot be returned.

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Rookie Wins Second Annual Buzz Bowl Continued from page 2

point, additional rounds were added until a clear winner emerged. If neither team scored, the squad that amassed the most yards in its four plays was considered the winner.

The other coaches in the tournament were the first mother-daughter duo to ever compete in the event — **Cindy and Elly Hargrave of Nicholson, PA.** And while 13-year-old Elly did not win this title, she did capture the kids-only Spark Bowl championship at the 2000 Convention.

When Walton completed her sweep on the Buzz Bowl, no one in the audience was happier than her five-year-old son **Landon**, who enthusiastically accompanied his mom to the Electric Football table for all of her games after losing his own match in the Spark Bowl. And also in the “stands” was Taura’s friend, **Duncan Butler**, who brought her to the Convention and sang the National Anthem before the Super Bowl.

“What other activity in the U.S. brings

together adults, teenagers and youngsters, both male and female, in such a fun and cohesive manner?”

Walton observed at the end of the weekend. “Electric Football is something we all can play together for a long, long time. I am grateful to **Michael and Delayne Landsman**, and

everyone associated with the EFL Convention, for putting on an event that brings families together from all over the country in such a healthy and productive manner.” ■



Taura Walton (left) of Cary, NC, accepts the Buzz Bowl trophy from Delayne Landsman.

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sioner Landsman announced that only official, unaltered Electric Football figures and bases right “out of the bag,” would be permitted in all Miggle Toys-sanctioned events and tournaments. Thus, entrants in the NFC and AFC Wild Card competitions, the Buzz Bowl for women and the Spark Bowl for youngsters were provided with brand new players and bases, courtesy of Miggle Toys, prior to play in their events.

“We received universal support and enthusiasm for this new ruling from everyone,” stated Commissioner Landsman. “With the playing field ‘leveled,’ winning and losing would be based on the skill and imagination of the coaches, and not on anything tampered with or artificial.”

Added Delayne Landsman: “The year’s Convention was clearly the most fun, the most exciting and the best organized since we started these family-oriented weekends in 1995. But I can promise you that next year’s Official EFL Super Bowl & Convention will be even bigger with more surprises and electricity than ever.” ■



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enhance the game’s stature and popularity and his overall coaching skills.”

In January 1999, Johnson was a delegate to the first-ever EFL Rules Congress, and then kept in touch throughout the year with the other representatives to develop a final set of official national rules that are now used at all Miggle Toys’ sanctioned Electric Football events.

In addition to participating in both the 10 team Midwest Electric Football league (which he organized in 1996), and the Dallas-Ft. Worth EFL (to

where he flew twice last year to play his regular season games), Johnson also competed in both the Bama Blast and Jim Jackson’s Coaches Challenge in Kalamazoo, MI (which he won) in 1999.

Away from the gridiron, Johnson served as an official spokesman for Miggle Toys and Electric Football with the media and at special events in 1999. His schedule included appearing on WGN-TV Morning News with the game, serving as the subject of a *Chicago Tribune* feature story on Electric Football and representing the

game at WKD-AM’s “Tailgate Party” in Aurora, IL, last summer.

“When I heard my name announced as Player of the Year, I was surprised, happy and deeply honored,” said Johnson, who also enjoys playing chess with his six-year-old son, **Frank IV.** “I truly love the game and I’m proud of how much it has grown and developed through the years. For Miggle to single me out for my contributions to the phenomenon was quite a special moment for me.” ■

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