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COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF

The Editor's Desk ...

As I began writing this issue the College Football Playoff picture has yet to be decided. So far this college football season has been one of major upsets with no clear #1 team really decided. It will remain to be seen if the SEC will again dominate this playoff system like they did the BCS system. With the tops teams being from the SEC and the only undefeated teams not even in the top 4, again it looks like this system will be biased towards the SEC much as the BCS was.

Don't get me wrong, I like the SEC since I live in the heart of the SEC nation and have always been a fan of SEC teams in any bowl game but, come on man... , do we really need 2 SEC teams playing for the National Championship. I mean they've usually already beat each other up at some point in the regular season. And what's the point of having them play each other again.

My understanding is that with this new system there are 5 major conferences, so my solution to the College Football Playoff would be to have the Champions of these 5 conferences play in a tournament for the National Championship.

You could seed the 5 teams according to their Won-Lose records and strength of schedules. Of course this would still create some controversy but what would a college football ranking system be without controversy?? The # 5 team would play the # 4 team in the first sort of "wild card" game with the winner of that game playing the # 1 team and then the winner of that game playing the winner of the game between the # 2 and # 3 team for the National Championship. All this would do is add one more game to the playoff system. A lot more simple and allowing teams to decide who is best on the field instead of leaving it up to some committee to decide who should be in the playoffs.

This would kind of eliminate the need for all the post season bowl games, but what purpose do they really serve anyway? All they do now is bring tourism dollars to the host city and bragging rights for the particular conferences involved as to which conference won the most bowl games. But is all that really necessary?

Personally, I quit watching college football after the regular season anyway and only watch the National Championship game just because it is on TV and there is nothing else worth watching on TV that night. Besides I am usually playing electric football and not really paying that much attention to the game that is on TV pretty much like I do every Saturday during the college football season.

SOOOO..... With all that being said, I can't wait for the NFL playoffs to begin.

Note this was written on 11/16/2014, after Alabama defeated Mississippi State, complicating the playoff system even further, after publishing the last issue of SI devoted to Canadian Football, and the beginning of the CFL Playoffs, which if you missed it, was on ESPN2 today. GO ESKIMOS!!!!

- Chris LeMay

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THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF



MEDIA GUIDE
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The College Football Playoff Season began this year. For the first time in college football history there will be a playoff to decide the National Championship Team.

In the past the college football National Champion has been decided by various polls of coaches and sports writers and these often disagreed in who should be named a particular seasons National Champion. The National Champion was also usually chosen before the college football bowl games and numerous times the National Champion was defeated or tied by a lesser ranked team but was still able to lay claim to the title of “NATIONAL CHAMPION”.

Finally in 1998 the polls were replaced with the “BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES” or BCS. But it was not without its controversies. It relied on a combination of coaches and media polls and an average of various computer rankings. For some reason this system seemed to favor the South Eastern Football Conference or SEC since of the 11 schools crowned national champion over a 16 year period only 6 schools were outside of the SEC and three schools claimed multiple championships.

The controversy of the BCS finally reached its zenith when, in the 2011 BCS National Championship Game, Alabama defeated LSU after having lost to LSU in the regular season .

The College Football Playoff system is contractually scheduled to run through the 2025 season and I am sure it will not be without its controversies. Mainly because the participating teams will still be chosen by a committee whose members have certain conference ties that will produce biased decisions. However this is the first step towards declaring a National Champion on the playing field and thhat is where it should be decided.

How the System Will Work...

The following are excerpts from the College Football Playoff Media Guide for the 2014 - 2015 Edition.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF

This season, college football enters a new four-team playoff era. The format is simple: the best four teams, two semifinals played in bowl games and a championship game played in a different city each year. It's the biggest innovation in the sport in decades.

EVERY GAME COUNTS

The new playoff preserves the excitement and significance of college football's unique regular season where every game counts.

THE BEST FOUR TEAMS

The selection committee will choose the four teams for the playoff based on strength of schedule, head-to-head results, comparison of results against common opponents, championships won and other factors.

BEST OF ALL WORLDS

The new postseason structure creates an exciting four-team playoff that preserves the best regular season in sports and protects America's rich bowl tradition. It does not go too far; it goes just the right distance and respects the academic calendar while limiting the number of games played by student-athletes.

A NEW YEAR'S SPECTACULAR

Fans will enjoy back-to-back triple headers. Two semifinals and four other premier bowl games will be played on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Those holidays will belong to college football. Semifinal games will rotate among six different bowls, extending the experience to more fans.

CHAMPIONSHIP MONDAY

The championship game will be on Monday night every year.

UNIVERSAL ACCESS

Every FBS team has equal access to the playoff based on its performance. No team will qualify automatically.

MORE REVENUE

The popularity of the new format will increase revenue for all conferences and independent institutions.

THE FBS CONFERENCES MANAGE THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF

The FBS conferences manage the College Football Playoff. All 10 conferences are members of the new entity-CFP Administration, LLC. University presidents and chancellors from all 10 conferences and Notre Dame form the Board of Managers and govern the administrative operations, with commissioners (the Management Committee) managing the event with guidance from an advisory group of athletics directors. A small staff in the playoff office in Irving, Texas, carries out the detailed responsibilities.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

A talented group of high-integrity individuals with experience as coaches, student-athletes, collegiate administrators and journalists, along with sitting athletics directors, comprise the selection committee. The group will create rankings seven times each year. The members of the selection committee are: Jeff Long (chair), Barry Alvarez, Mike Gould, Pat Haden, Tom Jernstedt, Oliver Luck, Archie Manning*, Tom Osborne, Dan Radakovich, Condoleezza Rice, Mike Tranchese, Steve Wieberg and Tyrone Willingham.

*on health-related leave of absence for the 2014 regular season

SELECTION COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Select the top four teams for the playoff, rank them and assign them to semifinal sites.
- Rank the next group of teams to play in other New Year's bowls if berth are available.
- Select the highest-ranked champion from the five conferences without New Year's bowl contracts.
- Assign teams to New Year's bowls
- Create competitive matchups
- Attempt to avoid rematches of regular-season games and repeat appearances
- Consider geography

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF PARTICIPANTS IN THE NEW YEAR'S BOWLS

Both participants in the Orange, Rose and Sugar Bowls are contracted outside the playoff arrangement (Big Ten and Pac-12 to Rose Bowl; SEC and Big 12 to Sugar Bowl; ACC to Orange Bowl against the highest ranked available team from the SEC, Big Ten and Notre Dame). If a conference champion qualifies for the playoff, then the bowl will choose a replacement from that conference. When those bowls host the semifinals and their contracted conference champions do not qualify, then the displaced champion(s) will play in the other New Year's bowls.

The Fiesta, Cotton and Peach Bowls will host displaced conference champions and the top-ranked champion from a non-contract conference. The highest-ranked available teams will fill any other berths. The selection committee will make the pairings. A small staff in the playoff office in Irving, Texas, carries out the detailed responsibilities.

HOW TO SELECT THE FOUR BEST TEAMS TO COMPETE FOR THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Ranking football teams is an art, not a science. Football is popular in some measure because the outcome of a game between reasonably matched teams is so often decided by emotional commitment, momentum, injuries and the "unexpected bounce of the ball." In any ranking system, perfection or consensus is not possible and the physical impact of the game on student athletes prevents elaborate playoff systems of multiple games. For purposes of any four team playoff, the process will inevitably need to select the four best teams from among several with legitimate claims to participate.

Proposed Selection Process

Establish a committee that will be instructed to place an emphasis on winning conference championships, strength of schedule and head-to-head competition when comparing teams with similar records and pedigree (treat final determination like a tie-breaker; apply specific guidelines).

The criteria to be provided to the selection committee must be aligned with the ideals of the commissioners, Presidents, athletic directors and coaches to honor regular season success while at the same time providing enough flexibility and discretion to select a non-champion or independent under circumstances where that particular non-champion or independent is unequivocally one of the four best teams in the country.

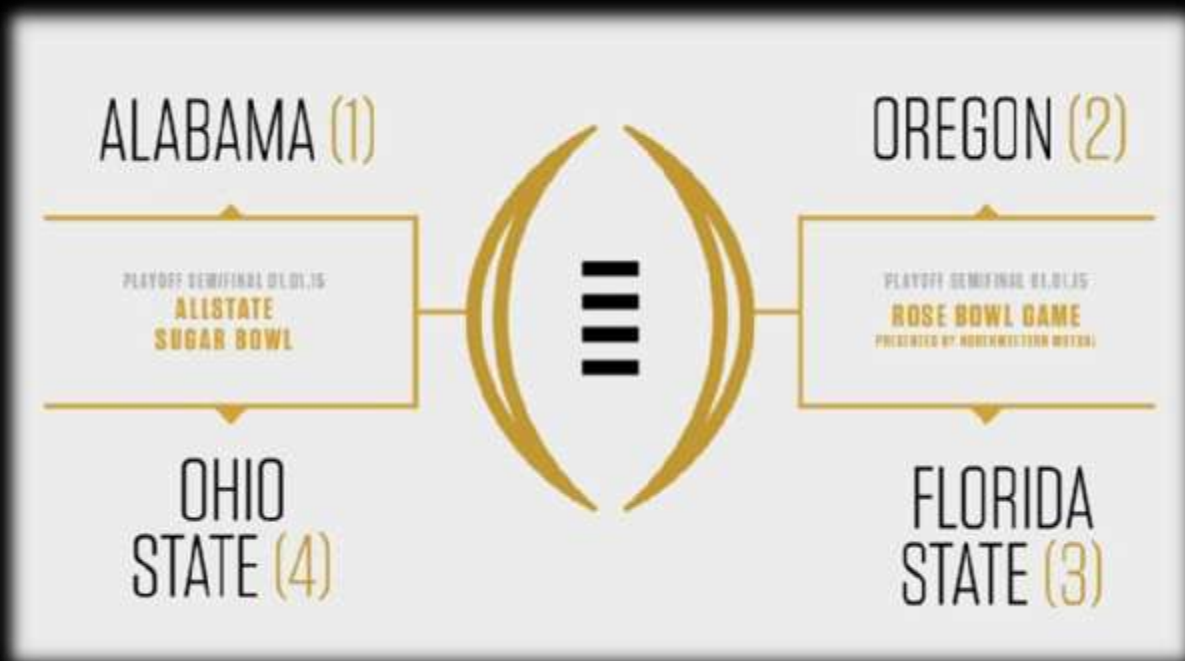
When circumstances at the margins indicate that teams are comparable, then the following criteria must be considered:

- Championships won
- Strength of schedule
- Head-to-head competition (if it occurred)
- Comparative outcomes of common opponents (without incenting margin of victory)

We believe that a committee of experts properly instructed (based on beliefs that the regular season is unique and must be preserved; and that championships won on the field and strength of schedule are important values that must be incorporated into the selection process) has very strong support throughout the college football community.

Under the current construct, polls (although well-intended) have not expressed these values; particularly at the margins where teams that have won head-to-head competition and championships are sometimes ranked behind non-champions and teams that have lost in head-to-head competition. Nuanced mathematical formulas ignore some teams who "deserve" to be selected.

The Final Four Bracket



How they got there ...

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF TEAMS

ALABAMA		OREGON		FLORIDA STATE		OHIO STATE	
Opponent	Result	Opponent	Result	Opponent	Result	Opponent	Result
West Va. *	W, 33-23	South Dakota	W, 62-13	Okla. State *	W, 37-31	Navy *	W, 34-17
Fla. Atlantic	W, 41-0	Mich. State *	W, 46-27	Citadel	W, 37-12	Va. Tech *	L, 35-21
Southern Miss	W, 52-12	Wyoming	W, 48-14	Clemson *	W, 23-17 +	Kent State	W, 66-0
Florida *	W, 42-21	Wash. State	W, 38-31	NC State *	W, 56-41	Cincinnati *	W, 50-28
Ole Miss *	L, 23-17	Arizona *	L, 31-24	Wake	W, 43-3	Maryland *	W, 52-24
Arkansas *	W, 14-13	UCLA *	W, 42-30	Syracuse	W, 38-20	Rutgers *	W, 56-17
Texas A&M *	W, 59-0	Washington *	W, 45-20	Notre Dame *	W, 31-27	Penn State *	W, 31-24 +
Tennessee *	W, 34-20	California	W, 59-41	Louisville *	W, 42-31	Illinois *	W, 55-14
LSU *	W, 20-13 +	Stanford *	W, 45-16	Virginia	W, 34-20	Mich. State *	W, 49-37
Miss. State *	W, 25-20	Utah *	W, 51-27	Miami (Fla.) *	W, 30-26	Minnesota *	W, 31-24
Western Caro.	W, 48-14	Colorado	W, 44-10	Boston Coll. *	W, 20-17	Indiana	W, 42-27
Auburn *	W, 55-44	Ore. State	W, 47-19	Florida *	W, 24-19	Michigan	W, 42-28
Missouri *	W, 42-13	Arizona *	W, 51-13	Ga. Tech *	W, 37-35	Wisconsin *	W, 59-0
* -- 10 bowl-eligible opp.		* -- 7 bowl-eligible opp.		* -- 9 bowl-eligible opp.		* -- 9 bowl-eligible opp.	
+ -- Overtime				+ -- Overtime		+ -- Overtime	

The CFP Bowl Games



No. 2 Oregon vs. No. 3 Florida State
Rose Bowl Stadium
Pasadena, California
January 1, 2015 – 5 p.m. ET

Known as the oldest of bowls, the Rose Bowl Game kicked off a myriad of college football legacies in 1902. Since then, the game has been home to 17 Heisman Trophy winners, produced 29 national champions, featured 203 consensus All-Americans and honored 110 college football legends by inducting them into the Rose Bowl Hall of Fame.

The exclusive agreement among the Tournament of Roses Association, the Big Ten Conference and the Pac-12 Conference was born in 1946, and the first game played under the agreement took place on January 1, 1947. The pact is the oldest intercollegiate postseason bowl agreement between two major conferences in the United States.

The 101st Rose Bowl Game will be a College Football Playoff semifinal game which will be held on January 1, 2015 at the Rose Bowl Stadium. This game will match two top teams as selected by the College Football Playoff Selection Committee to compete for a spot in the College Football Playoff Championship to be played on January 12, 2015 at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, TX.

No. 1 Alabama vs. No. 4 Ohio State
Mercedes-Benz Superdome
New Orleans, Louisiana
January 1, 2015 – 8:30 p.m. ET

The Allstate Sugar Bowl has established itself as one of the premier bowl games in the country, having hosted 23 national champions, 86 Hall of Fame players, 46 Hall of Fame coaches and 15 Heisman Trophy winners in its 80-year history. The Bowl will host one of the first semifinal games in the new College Football Playoff postseason format on January 1, 2015. In addition to 2015, the Allstate Sugar Bowl will host semifinal games in 2018, 2021 and 2024.

In addition to football, the Sugar Bowl Committee is involved with various community initiatives through hosting and sponsorships of sporting events, awards and clinics. Through these efforts, the organization supports and honors over 13,000 student-athletes each year, while injecting over \$2 billion into the local economy in the last decade.

The Sugar Bowl is dedicated to "Preserving the Past and Ensuring the Future."



The 2015 College Football Playoff National Championship will take place on January 12, 2015 in North Texas. The game will be held at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas, with kickoff taking place at 7:30 p.m. CT.

The Other Major Bowl Games



These are the other matchups and major bowl games included in the College Football Playoffs. The Fiesta, Cotton and Peach Bowls will host displaced conference champions and the top-ranked champion from a non-contract conference. The highest-ranked available teams will fill any other berths. The Selection Committee will make the pairings.

The NFL Playoff Picture



With one day remaining in the NFL regular season, the playoff picture has pretty much already been decided.

4 teams have clinched their division (the PATRIOTS, COLTS, and BRONCOS in the AFC and the COWBOYS in the NFC.

6 teams have clinched playoff spots (the BENGALS and STEELERS in the AFC and the LIONS, PACKERS, SEAHAWKS and CARDINALS in the NFC.

Games that will have a direct impact on the playoffs are the BROWNS vs. RAVENS, JAGUARS vs. TEXANS, CHARGERS vs. CHIEFS, PANTHERS vs. FALCONS, LIONS vs. PACKERS, and BENGALS vs. STEELERS.

That means of the 16 games being played on Sunday, 6 have playoff implications and 10 have no meaning.

That also means of the 32 teams in the league, 5 still have playoff aspirations and 16 are merely playing for pride.

The NFL's goal is parity. Which if the league had its way, every team would finish the season 8-8 and every game in the last week of the season would have meaning and all 32 teams would still have playoff aspirations going into the last week of the season. An ADMIRABLE goal, but obviously UNREALISTIC.

For the first time in NFL history, a team will make the playoffs with a losing record. The CAROLINA PANTHERS or ATLANTA FALCONS will clinch the NFC SOUTH DIVISION title with only 7 wins. The FALCONS have won all 5 of their division contest thus far but are still a 1/2 game behind the PANTHERS and will still have to beat Carolina to win the division. The PANTHERS are 3-2 in the division having already lost to the FALCONS once this season.

I guess it is fair to have a team in the playoffs with a losing record, after all the first goal of every team going into the season is, or should be, to win your division and then, if you can't win your division, to at least have a good enough record to make it to the playoffs as a wild card team.

So far in the history of the SUPER BOWL / NFL CHAMPIONSHIP, 9 wild card teams have made it to the SUPER BOWL and 6 have won it with the most memorable win being the New York Giants knocking of the previously unbeaten New England Patriots in SUPER BOWL XLII.

It should also be noted that prior to the merger of the AFL and NFL in 1970, Super Bowl IV featured a "wildcard team" and that team won the Super Bowl. In 1969 the Kansas City Chiefs, runner ups in the AFL's Western Division, beat the Eastern Division winner New York Jets and then the Western Division winner Oakland Raiders to gain the right to play the NFL Champion Minnesota Vikings. This was the last of the AFL vs. NFL Super Bowls and the Chiefs haven't made it back to a Super Bowl since.

Whatever happens this weekend , one thing is certain the TENNESSEE TITANS will not make the playoffs and will likely gain the first round draft pick in the 2015 NFL DRAFT.

As a TITANS fan , it has been a very disappointing season. What started out as a season of hope and optimism with a new head coach and a very impressive win against the Kansas City Chiefs in the first game of the season, quickly turned into a season of revolving quarterbacks and very lopsided losses. However I did get to attend 2 games this year.

NO MATTER how this week's game against the COLTS turns out, I will still remain a TENNESSEE TITANS fan and will gladly wear my TENNESSEE TITANS apparel through out the playoffs and will still bring my TENNESSEE TITAN EF teams to all EF functions and start building a new TENNESSEE TITANS EF team for future competitions.

Christmas Memories 2014

With Tudor Games reintroduction of NFL licensed teams and games sets, there are sure to be many more memories of Christmas created that involve electric football. Below are some posts from the MFCA and Tudor forums for Christmas 2014.

a memory from philly

Dad wasn't around much growing up. But he'd buy me EF for Xmas sometimes when we could find it in a store in the Philly area. I remember distinctly getting the Tudor Super Bowl game, Cowboys vs. Steelers. That must've been around 1979-80 or so (I know they're last S.B was after the '78 season, but by the time I got it, it was later). Maybe it was like the one pictured above.

Then, either right before that, or sometime after, I had the regular Tudor EF game (red and white board), with yellow and red figures. Then I'd order teams from the famous Tudor catalog (which I used to stare at for hours).

Had the Cowboys and Steelers, plus the "Red Devils" and "Yellow Jackets". I liked creating all the players for the Yellow Jackets and Red Devils. Gave them names, colleges, etc. Then, I'd do trades between those two teams all the time, switching their numbers. Still remember some of the "key players": Joe Carson (#48 for the Y.J.), and Dave Murray (#10 for the R.D.).

Quickly ordered the Eagles (green), then the Raiders (black), Chargers (white), Vikings (purple), then the Dolphins (aqua), then the Seahawks (white). This was progressive, took some years. Wilbert Montgomery and Marcus Allen dominated. Other big names in the CFL (the "Campbell Football League"): Curt Warner, Tommy Vigorito, Tony Nathan, and Ted Brown. This was the early 80's.

Thus, the Campbell Football League eventually had 10 teams. 'Twas all solitaire back then. Me, alone in my room in the housing project, working on the schedule, the stats, the record book, the history, etc, and of course playing the games. The other kids didn't have much patience for it. Friends and family couldn't believe how advanced and detailed the "CFL" was. lol All written out on paper, mostly with pencil. Back then I was either playing ball all-day outside, playing Pop Warner, or buzzin' in my room.

Dad helped get that started. I remember when he got me that Super Bowl edition around Christmas one year. Spent the rest of the weekend at his house on the floor in the corner of the dining room. Click - buzzzzzz - click. Click - buzzzzzzz - click. On and on and on. Don't remember him playing with me. Maybe a couple plays here or there. But I do know that the Cowboys NEVER won. lol

It was obviously my favorite toy. So much so, one day, when mom got really upset with me, she told me to go get it, and she smashed it with my uncle's big metal leveler. Put a big dent near the 25-yard line, caved in a quarter of the field. So... just had to avoid that section from then on. lol We laugh about it now. She's feels so bad. lol It's all good Mama, I probably deserved it!

The teen years hit, and EF went by the wayside. Don't know what happened to all my stuff. We must've thrown it out when we eventually moved. Man, what I'd do to have all that today.

Fast forward about seventeen years. I'm married, got a baby. One day I'm in a library, flipping through a Sports Illustrated, and there's this brief article about something called the Miggle electric football tournament. I was flabbergasted. Couldn't believe it. And one of the top players was a dude from the Philly area. What?!

Next thing I know I'm on the phone with some cats named Myron and Corey. And the rest, as they say, is history. lol

Wished we still lived in the States, so I could buy a new Tudor NFL board for my son on Christmas morning, just to see his face. In the meantime, we get it in here in SE Paris. I make sure to play with him every chance I get.



“BillyC - Paris, France

My First Game

I first came across EF in the early eighties. Boxes would come to our house that i wasn't allowed to open. My Mom told me "they're for your uncle". Then she showed me pictures from a catalog of these little NFL teams. Every year for x-mas and his b-day she would buy him teams to go with his collection. He'd been playing since 1975. That year my Uncle showed me his stuff and I was hooked. The next x-mas me and my cousin each got a game. I don't remember what teams came with the game but he had a packers team and I got the Bears and Pats. I had an early advantage when we first started playing thanks to the lessons I got from my Uncle. I hadn't thought about those days in a while, good times.

"Sandfoot" - Alabama

Mine was Superbowl IV, Chiefs versus Vikings. My brother was less than conventional with his eleven man deep line, but it did a beautiful job punching through my Viking defense.

"bobbyboy63" - Lexington, KY

New christmas tradition I hope

Hi Coaches!

I hope to make a new family christmas 'n efl tradition, we are having a Christmas Cup of electric football, my daughter and me and my nefew and my sister kids are 10 and 11. they seem to be in for it. I got them there own teams from Tudor...

should be fun...

Pat

"CFLER" - Cornwall

Pat and Kat's electric football pics

Hi Coaches,

Here is a pic of the Christmas Cup pics before the big game.

my daughter Katherine made these , so we had them take there pics with the Grey Cup.

CFler Pat



Christmas Memories

45 years ago tonight the Tudor SB3 set with the Colts and Jets may have been under your tree. It was a Sears exclusive, and exhibited the genius of Lee Payne. Merry Christmas everyone.

“Ray F” - Brookville, MD



Merry Christmas everyone.

Yes Ray F. I was one of the lucky ones to get that super bowl III sets and I still have it in its original condition. Couple years later got the super bowl IV set too because my dad and I were huge Baltimore Colts fans. Had so much fun with these games and played them until was made to go to bed many nights.

Last night gave two sets of teams to some of our new boys here in our league and we played until midnight. You should have seen the looks on their faces when they unwrapped these teams that they can claim as their own. I had been letting them play with some of my teams. Now they are going to take their Christmas money and buy a new tudor board because they played on mine and it was quiet and they loved it.

“joel_p1” - Spartanburg, SC

NEW Solitaire League to begin play in 2015!!!!



Playing All 28 Original Vintage Tudor NFL Teams From The 1960's Through The 1980's.

This Is A 3.0g Weight Limit League.

**All Games Are
Played On The
Tudor Games
NFL Pro Bowl
Set.**



The Road To....

**THE PJSEFL BIG BOWL
CHAMPIONSHIP !!!**

The First Annual Christmas Day Scrimmage...

Eagles vs. Steelers

Game To Be Played On Christmas Day !

Game Recap:

The Christmas Day Scrimmage is finally over and the final score was: Eagles 14 Steelers 13. The game was very close all the way with the Steelers having a timely interception and a 100 yard kick off return for a touchdown. The Eagles had a great running game as well as an 81 yard pass that went down all the way to the 1 yard line. The Eagles punched it in for a touchdown and converted the extra point for the win.

All I can say is, what a game.

The Return of a Legend!!!!

Greetings to all from NJ- Super Bowl 57 Schedule.



Happy Holidays to all from Coach Mike from dogwood30. After a lot of painting and customizing I am finally ready to put down the brush and begin my Super Bowl 57 Tournament. The SB56 Tournament was a great one with the San Diego Chargers defeating the El Paso Warriors 34-22 in Super Bowl 56.

I have finally painted up my 2 final expansion teams the Delaware Destroyers who will join the AFC East and the Toronto Rapids who will join the AFC North. I now have a complete 64 team league ready to go. This years tournament I will be playing a single elimination tournament by division. Since I now have 64 teams I have 8 teams in each division so each conference will have 4 division champs. The teams are seeded within the division so each division will have a champion. Here is the Super Bowl 57 schedule. Since it is SB 57 and the Steelers play at Heinz (57) Field I thought it would be fitting that Pittsburgh will host the 57th Super Bowl of the North Jersey Legends Miniature Football League NJLMFL.

One franchise moved this season. The old Montreal Metros are now the South Bend Fighting Irish.

Coach Mike

AFC EAST

8- Delaware Destroyers at 1- Miami Dolphins
7- New Jersey Generals at 2- Buffalo Bills
6- Virginia Brigade at 3- New York Jets
5- Hartford Renegades at 4- New England Patriots

AFC NORTH

8- Toronto Rapids at 1- Baltimore Ravens
7- West Virginia Cougars at 2- Pittsburgh Steelers
6- Cincinnati Bengals at 3- Milwaukee Wildcats
5- Omaha Wranglers at 4- Cleveland Browns

AFC SOUTH

8- Little Rock Bobcats at 1- Tennessee Titans
7- Birmingham Freedom at 2- Houston Texans
6- Vicksburg Cannons at 3- Indianapolis Colts
5- San Antonio Oilers at 4- Jacksonville Jaguars

AFC WEST

8- Utah Trappers at 1- San Diego Chargers
7- Dakota Outlaws at 2- Denver Broncos
6- Portland Sharks at 3- Kansas City Chiefs
5- Oakland Raiders at 4- Oklahoma Longhorns

NFC EAST

8- Providence Hornets at 1- New York Giants
7- Richmond Rebels at 2- Dallas Cowboys
6- Washington Redskins at 3- Orlando Thunder
5- Boston Shamrocks at 4- Philadelphia Eagles

NFC NORTH

8- South Bend Fighting Irish at 1- Minnesota Vikings
7- Wichita Cyclones at 2- Chicago Bears
6- Columbus Knights at 3- Green Bay Packers
5- Detroit Lions at 4- St. Louis Showboats

NFC SOUTH

8- Atlanta Falcons at 1- Charleston Pirates
7- Memphis Blues at 2- Tampa bay Buccaneers
6- Carolina Panthers at 3- Louisville Mustangs
5- Daytona 500's at New Orleans Saints

NFC WEST

8- Montana Mavericks at 1- Los Angeles Rams
7- Reno Bandits at 2- San Francisco 49ers
6- Seattle Seahawks at 3- El Paso Warriors
5- San Jose Breakers at 4- Arizona Cardinal

The MFCA Announces a New Mission ...

On March 22, 2015 the MFCA will be 8 years old. In that short amount of time we have seen the membership grow from a simple idea founded on this forum to an association that has had over 500 total members and maintains around 260 year round members. We are now making the next step in the progression of the MFCA and have made changes to the way the MFCA will operate.

The MFCA will continue as a 501c7 nonprofit association with the same basic mission that we have always had, but with slightly different more concise goals. Our new mission statement is: "The MFCA mission is to assist the electric football hobbyist by providing an online meeting place for the direct purpose of discussing, promoting and educating the user about the game and hobby of electric football and provide an annual convention which promotes all levels of electric football play and interest. Our motto is "Integrity, Fellowship and Sportsmanship".

With this new mission the following changes will or already have been implemented. I will break them down into each of their individual categories.

The Forum

Since the MFCA will now be more centralized around the main entities of the website and forum, we are moving away from the title "membership" and replacing it with "levels of access". The new levels of access on the MFCA forum are now as follows.

Basic Access - Free - Includes full access to the forum except the trading forum and non-electric football forums. No private messaging. No post avatars or post signatures.

MFCA Access - \$20 annually – Includes full access to all forums including the trading forum, avatars, signatures, and private messaging system. Discounts at the annual convention. Voting rights for the annual HOF vote.

MFCA Platinum Access-onetime fee of \$250-Lifetime access with the same benefits as MFCA Access.

We will no longer have Business Member Sponsors, but will offer advertising packages on the forum on a semi-annual or annual basis.

The Annual Convention

This year's convention will be held in Richmond, Virginia at the Four Points by Sheraton from July 31-August 2. Room rates will be \$89.

I am very excited to announce that this year's convention will feature not only the TOC Tournament and National Championship, but tournaments for youth, novice and intermediate coaches as well! No matter what level of play you are interested in, there will be a tournament for you to play in. Coaches coming to the event will have the opportunity to choose which level of play they wish to participate in. We are still working out the details of these tournaments, but expect to be able to run numerous events at once for all the varying levels with trophies for each level.

Finally, we haven't yet decided on the exact name for the convention, but we have confirmed that Tudor Games has agreed to sponsor our event. Pre-registration will be an absolute must, and similar to last year's TudorCON, badges will need to be ordered for participation. More details will be available soon. Get ready for a convention unlike any before!

The SCPC

The Solitaire Coaches Points Challenge will continue under the leadership of Chris LeMay and his committee, but with a greater emphasis by the MFCA regarding participation and with a greater involvement and presence at the annual MFCA convention. Details will be announced by the SCPC as they develop.

The MFCAL

The MFCAL will continue as a function of the MFCA with some changes to the scoring system. Quality win points will now be awarded to all games regardless of that person's level of access in the MFCA. This league is for all coaches located anywhere, playing by any rule set. Administration of the scoring will continue under the direction of Ken Allen. The winner will be awarded a trophy at the MFCA Convention, but will no longer have a bye into the finals of the TOC Championship. The winner will also have the honor of having his name placed on one of the event champion trophies at the annual convention and will be the presenter for that trophy.

The TOC

The TOC will continue under the MFCA banner, but as its own entity and will be expressly operated by its founding event owners, David Nickles, Jerry McGhee, Barry Stephenson, Dearell Brevard and TOC event administrator, Vance Warren. The TOC will continue to be a part of the annual convention and have its own discussion forum for business as well as the existing rules forum. The TOC ownership group will make further announcements regarding the TOC and its future.

The HOF

The HOF will continue under the MFCA banner with the MFCA serving as its online home. The committee for the HOF has been dissolved and a new process will take its place. The new process will be completely transparent, encourage participation by the membership and will be largely in the hands of those with MFCA Access.

Nominations, as before for the HOF, will continue online until January 1, 2015. ALL nominations past and present will be available online for view. All nominees by the electric football community will be placed on an online forum vote available to those with MFCA Access. The vote will start January 5 and run through January 19. The top 7 vote getters on midnight of Jan. 19 will move to the next level of voting. On January 26, an online vote with the 7 finalist candidates will be put up for those with MFCA Access. This vote will run for 1 week and will end at midnight on Feb. 2. Based on the number of voters by Feb 2, the top 2 vote getters will receive X number of votes (described below) to be added to the votes by the former HOF Inductees.

1% -32.99% of the overall MFCA membership will count as 4 votes each for the top vote getters out of the final 7.

33%-66.99% will count as 6 votes each

67%-100% will count as 8 votes each

For example, if we have 300 MFCA Access members on January 19 and 100 vote by Feb 2 (33.3%), 6 votes each for the top 2 vote getters will be added to the votes by the former HOF inductees. The candidates with the 2 highest number of votes will be our inductees for 2015. If there is a tie between more than 2 candidates, all those involved in the tie will be inducted for that year.

The 2015 ceremony will take place in Oxford, Alabama at the Bama Blast. We will also recognize the HOF inductees at the MFCA convention prior to opening games and honor them by naming various levels of champion trophies with that year's inductee's name. The inductee will be given the honor of presenting that year's winner with his named trophy.

The Trading Forum

The trading forum will now allow responses within the threads so that members can better conduct their transactions and voice their concerns regarding a transaction. Buyers or sellers who receive numerous complaints or attempt to cheat, steal or not complete a transaction whether the seller or the buyer will be removed from the forum without reimbursement of their \$20 access fee. Hopefully this will improve the buyer/seller experience at least within the walls of the MFCA forum and make bad transactions more transparent, so that others can avoid the same experience.

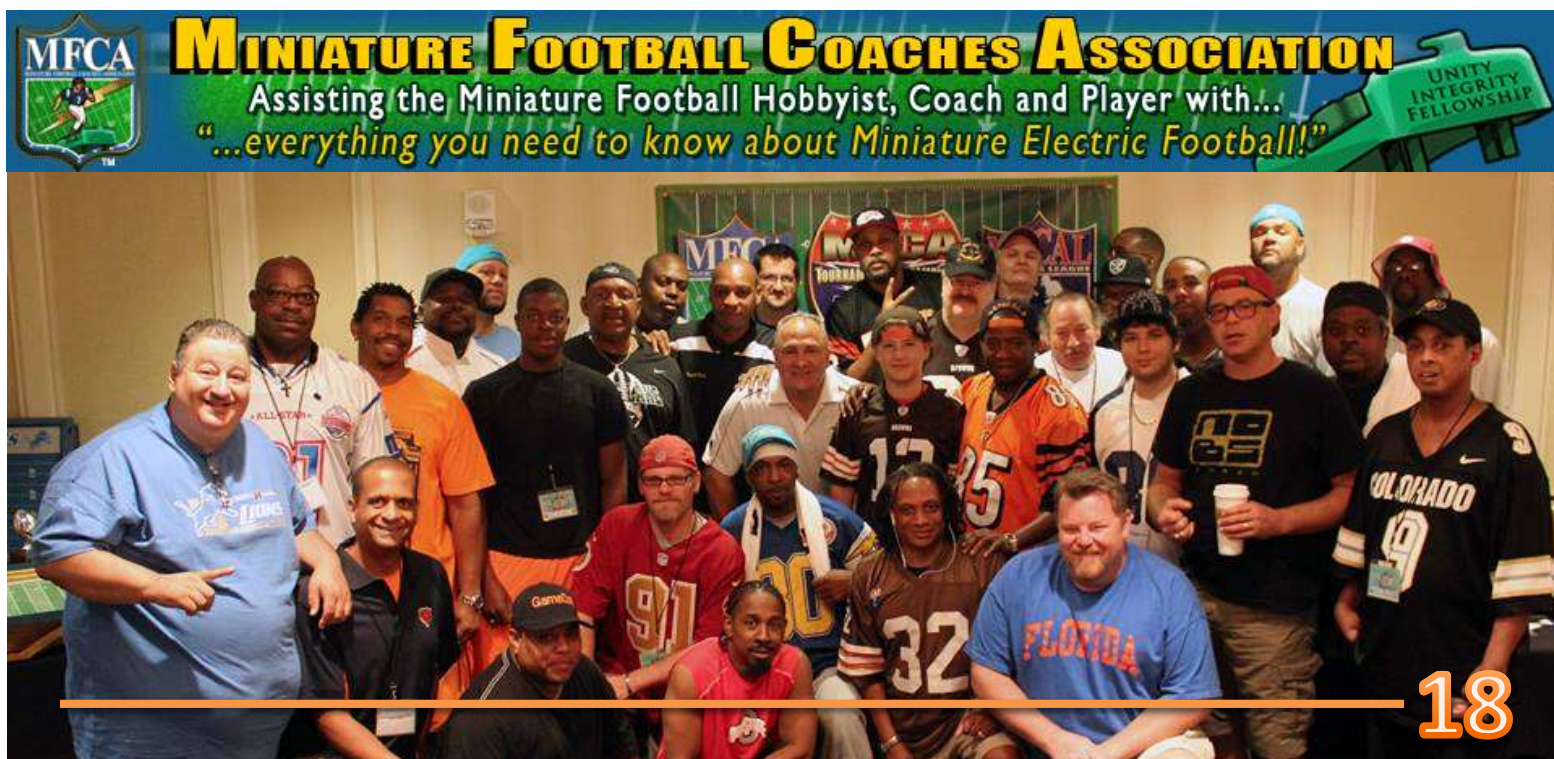
Advertising

Users who post advertising anywhere on the site, other than the trading forum, for services and or goods will have their post deleted or moved. This includes avatars, signatures or any other image which promotes a business or item for sale or trade. This also includes posts and threads that do not expressly mention items for sale, but were created for the distinct purpose of featuring products or goods by a known manufacturer or business.

In short, you are encouraged to participate and sell items on the forum, but they must be in the trading forum only. If you sell, tweak for hire, paint teams, etc. and post these items outside of the trading forum your post will be removed or relocated at the full digression of appointed moderators.

If you made it to the end of this announcement, than congratulations! I hope, that as the MFCA moves forward, it will be an association that we all can be proud of and serves the electric football community in many ways and at all levels. I believe that this is a plan that empowers the MFCA forum users to move this association forward in a way that puts the direction and power of the association in your hands!

“The MFCA mission is to assist the electric football hobbyist by providing an online meeting place for the direct purpose of discussing, promoting and educating the user about the game and hobby of electric football and provide an annual convention which promotes all levels of electric football play and interest. Our motto is: Integrity, Fellowship and Sportsmanship.”



Why Join the MFCA????

This is a letter sent by one of our members to a friend who asked: What is the advantage to me if I join the MFCA?

You and I are of the older variety of coaches. We surely love the game and it has helped us in our lives, in ways that we can't always explain. The MFCA is the ONLY organization that is not affiliated with anyone and solely run by its members, who are guys like us. Without us, there is no organization and the future of our favorite hobby is left without any thread to bind those who want to keep its candle burning for the next few generations. The advantage is knowing you are contributing \$20 annually, to a cause that is in your corner. I personally feel a part of the member family that is going to try it's best to keep the hobby alive. It is also a neat place to find stuff like the MFCA magazine, The Tweak.

This is why I joined. The MFCA Mission: Unifying the miniature football hobbyist by promoting miniature football, educating the public and providing a unified association which recognizes and supports the diverse coaches and leagues.

With all the stuff we have spent our hard earned dollars on, this is a cause, a movement, an organization that does something. The men who work behind the scenes do it for their love of the game. That alone is worth my \$20.00. I am going to buy an extra bag of 67 Big Men at the upcoming Miggle convention only because I don't have any more left. Those will cost me \$6. . Then I already know I will buy the convention bases at \$8, the new improved proline bases in strong double clip, and TTC in both strait and rounded front. The bases will cost me \$30. So for nothing more than my own personal desire to have stuff that I probably won't use most of in my lifetime, I spend. Heck, you might even want me to get you a few things.

For your little contribution you would do more for the hobby then you can in thousands spent on products, at the same time you can support the president and the staff of the MFCA. Your calling, in this hobby, may be in working for the MFCA as a writer or committee member.

So in summation, I support the MFCA because it supports me! I support the MFCA, because when I am sitting at home thinking about my kicker or tweaking some bases or playing in some league, there are guys contributing time from work and family, to keep the game alive; introducing it to many new coaches.

The MFCA website comes up on the first page when you type in electric football in Google. New coaches can find us there, and that is the only place to find us. What would a new coach in our region be worth? What would a new team for our league be worth?

20 dollars?

So that is my answer to; what is the advantage to me question. I know I am passionate about it but I am only one guy with over a thousand little men in my attic who do nothing but keep the Rubbermaid container filled.

It would be great to see you join for no other reason than I know you love the game.

In response to the question, 'Why did you join the MFCA?' another member posted the following on the forum:

I was amazed when I first saw the site.

I was so impressed, I kept going back to see what was new from time to time. I really became interested when I saw how many members played solitaire leagues. I wanted to know about rules, play styles and overall information from these members. That was reason #1, and at this point I joined the association.

Reason #2 is all the links that the site provides. These links provide valuable information to solitaire league coaches. From uniform designs to team and players history it's all pretty much covered in the links.

Reason #3 was I began to post some threads about my league and its history. Then I started posting my game results and recaps and finally with the help of a couple of members I learned how to post my game photos. I can say I was hooked very quickly.

Now I go to the site just about every day. I have gotten to know some really cool guys and that is because of the site. I have never met anyone in person yet, but I feel like I have. What do I get from this site? Helpful tips, great insight, a few laughs, the concern for other members when they are sick or going through a tough time, confidence and praise from other members to keep getting better at this hobby, a place where I can express a few of my own ideas and most of all the camaraderie of a great group of dedicated people who enjoy the same common interest.

My thanks to the MFCA and the MFCA website.

Sincerely, Mike Veliky....dogwood30...Da Wood.

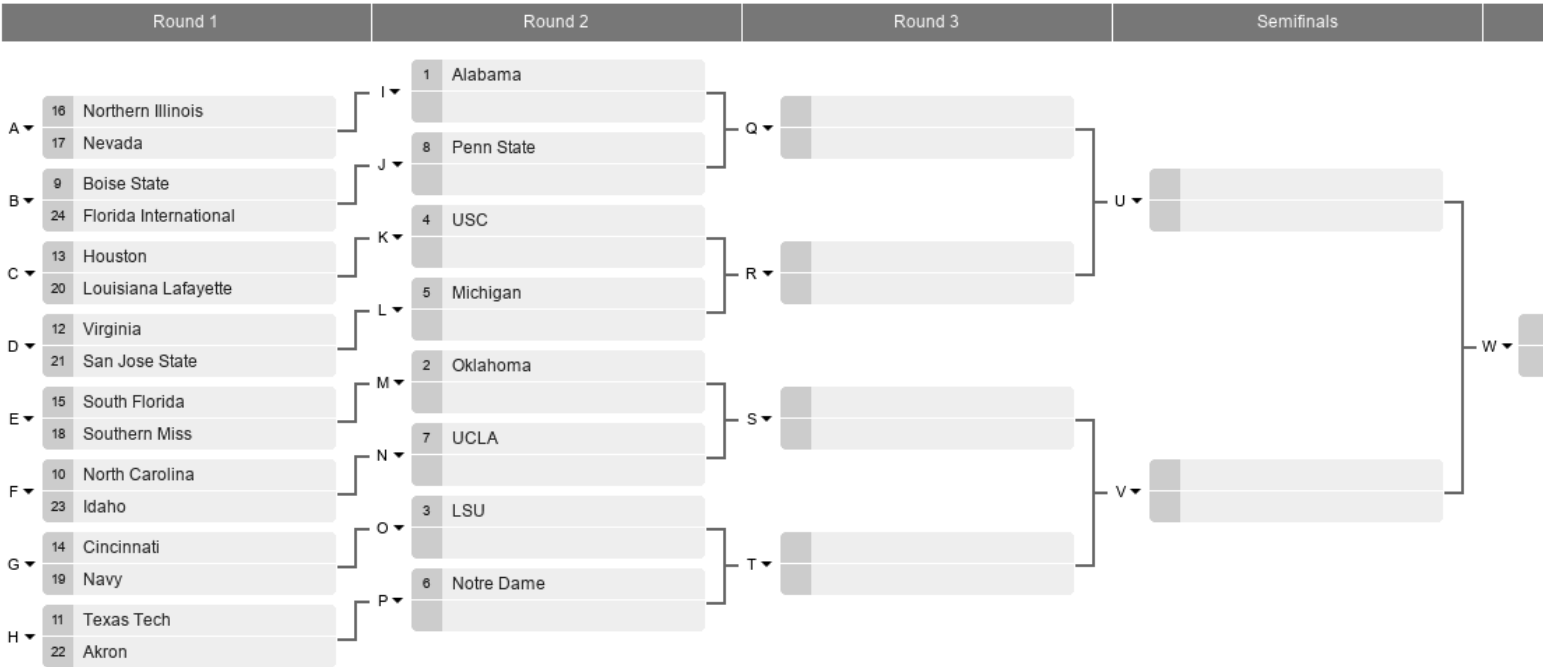
Beenutt 120 Team College Solitaire Tournament

In February of 2013, Bryan “beenutt” Nutt began playing a 120 team College Solitaire Tournament. He has kept us updated with posts in the Solitaire section of the MFCA forum and you can find links to videos of all his game. He began by ranking all the teams according to the win -lose records since 1990.

In the spirit of the College Football Playoffs, I just wanted to call attention to his thread and some of the action of this tournament. Although not a part of the SCPC, this is still a great way to play solitaire games and enjoy miniature electronic football.

Be sure to check out his thread and videos!!!

Beenutt - College Season 1 Postseason Tournament



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