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JULY
2020

THIS AIN'T
YO DADDY'S
ELECTRIC
FOOTBALL!!!

THIS ISSUE HAS
MORE MEN IN
THE BOX THAN A
46 DEFENSE!

Legends of the Buzz

**Antonio
Jones**

From Gameday
brings you
this
custom
Colin Kaepernick
Figure.

*Off the Grid
with
Roger Fisher*

Straight
from the
Motor City

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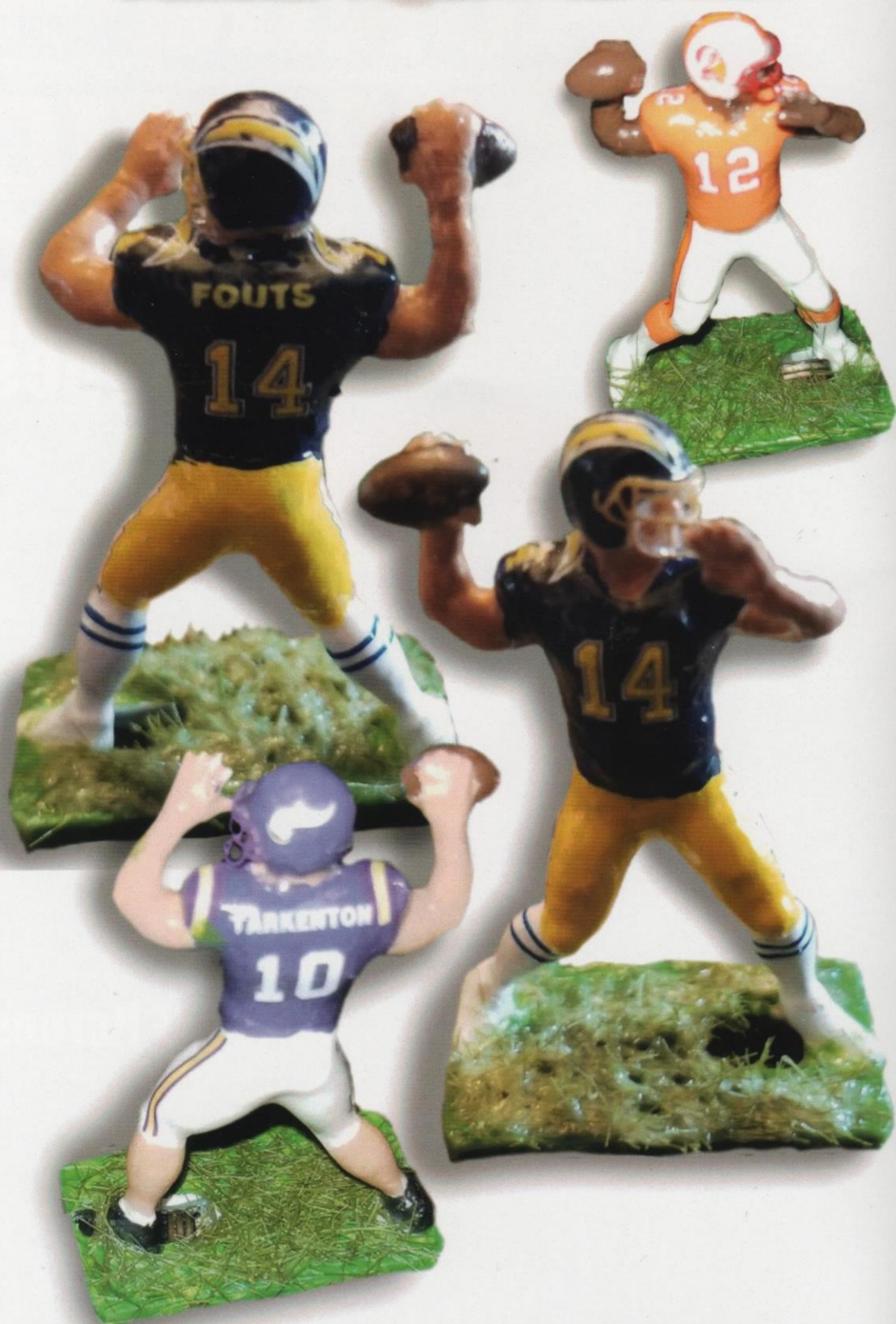
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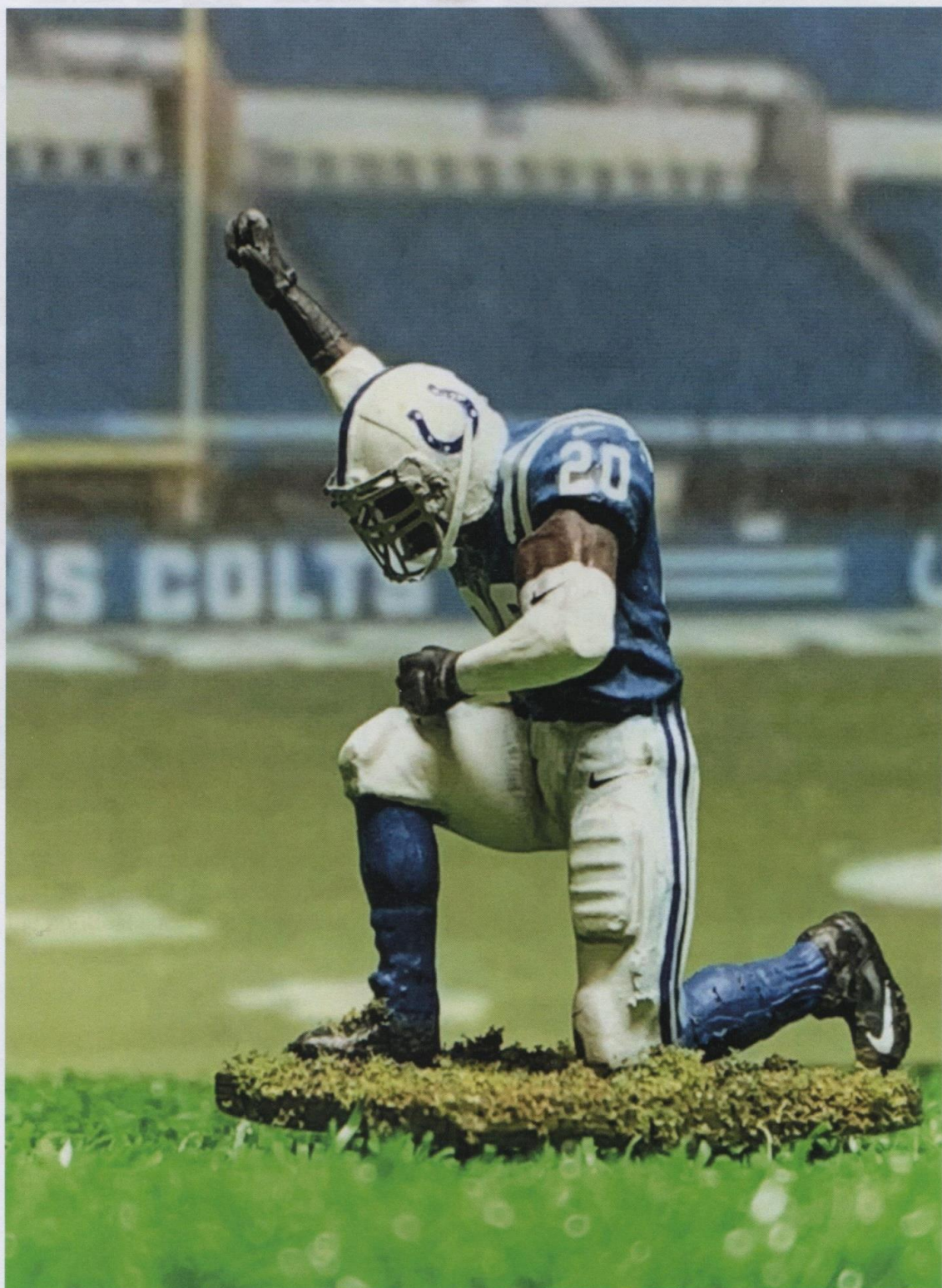
The Electric Football Magazine

Custom Figure All-Stars



Rich Norton in Fredonia, New York reaches way back to the 70s and 80s for some classic quarterbacks. Looking good, Rich!

Custom Figure All-Stars



Mike Bostic has designed a figure for the times and for the ages. Great job, Mike.

LEGENDS OF THE BUZZ

ANTONIO JONES

by Paul Pate

I, Paul Pate, publish Crackin Plastic the magazine. It has been a lot of fun and I am extremely honored that the hobby has embraced it the way it has. I am also pretty much the editor as well. I get to decide the content that gets included. It has been the greatest pleasure to have great contributors. I feel they make this magazine worth it. Each issue I have this dread of what is going to fill the pages. We want each issue to be the BEST issue yet. I never know what the cover is going to be until we get into fleshing out the inside. With everything that's been going on in the world I was feeling really down and struggling to come up with an idea for the cover of this issue. I was literally in the shower one day and it dawned on me the perfect cover idea for today!



I spoke to a few of my Electric Football confidants and it was obvious what my next move was - Antonio Jones. Anybody that knows Antonio can imagine what his response was. For those of you that don't, I assure you, this is one of the classiest cats you'll ever meet. I told him about my Colin Kaepernick idea, and the quick turn around it would require, and Antonio was down to give it a try. I had no doubt, because there are legends in this hobby, and Antonio Jones is most definitely one of the Legends of the Buzz...

Crackin Plastic: What did you think when you were asked to make the figure for the cover?

Antonio Jones: Oh man! To me it was a big honor to be asked. I've never been asked to do anything like this in the hobby. Not something that meant so much to a movement, anyway.

CP: How do you think the hobby will receive the cover?

AJ: I don't know. I think some people will love it, and some people will not like it so much. I guess it depends on what side of the political spectrum you're on.

CP: Do you think it's a good idea?

AJ: Yeah! I think it's a great idea. It's just nothing but an artistic expression.

CP: Thank you so much, Antonio, for your contribution to Crackin' Plastic the Electric Football magazine and the hobby over all.

You can find out more about Antonio and his Electric Football company Gameday at www.GamedayFigure.com



REEL

RENAISSANCE ELECTRIC FOOTBALL LEAGUE



ALI ROZIER
TENNESSEE TITANS
3 YEAR VETERAN
DETROIT, MI



CHIP BURGESS
BALTIMORE RAVENS
3 YEAR VETERAN
DETROIT, MI



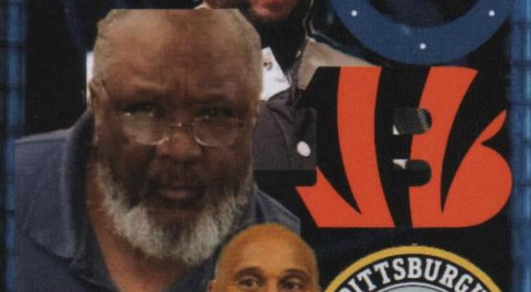
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SEATTLE SEAHAWKS
5 YEAR VETERAN
CANTON, MI



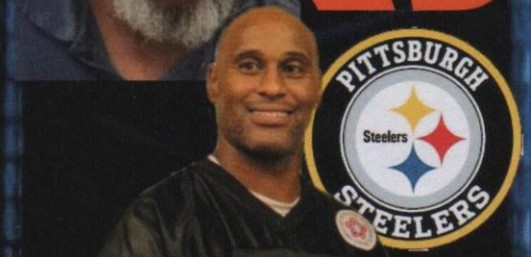
CHUCK PRITCHFORD
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS
5 YEAR VETERAN
DETROIT, MI



DAMON LUCAS
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS
3 YEAR VETERAN
SOUTHFIELD, MI



DANIEL WILLIAMS
CINCINNATI BENGALS
3 YEAR VETERAN
PONTIAC, MI



GREGORY HARDMON
PITTSBURGH STEELERS
5 YEAR VETERAN
3 TIME CHAMPION
TOLEDO, OH



JAMI TAYLOR
NEW YORK GIANTS
3 YEAR VETERAN
ANN ARBOR, MI



JIM DAVIS
BUFFALO BILLS
2 YEAR VETERAN
BEVERLY HILLS, MI



KEITH LONG
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS
1ST YEAR
TOLEDO, OH



MARTEL COOKS
CLEVELAND BROWNS
4 YEAR VETERAN
RIVER ROUGE, MI



NORBERT REVELS
MINNESOTA VIKINGS
2 YEAR VETERAN
HAMTRAMCK, MI



SHAWN NOBLE
CAROLINA PANTHERS
5 YEAR VETERAN
RIVER ROUGE, MI



SIMMIE LASSITER
DETROIT LIONS
5 YEAR VETERAN
DETROIT, MI



ROBERT MOODY
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS
1ST YEAR
BOWLING GREEN, OH



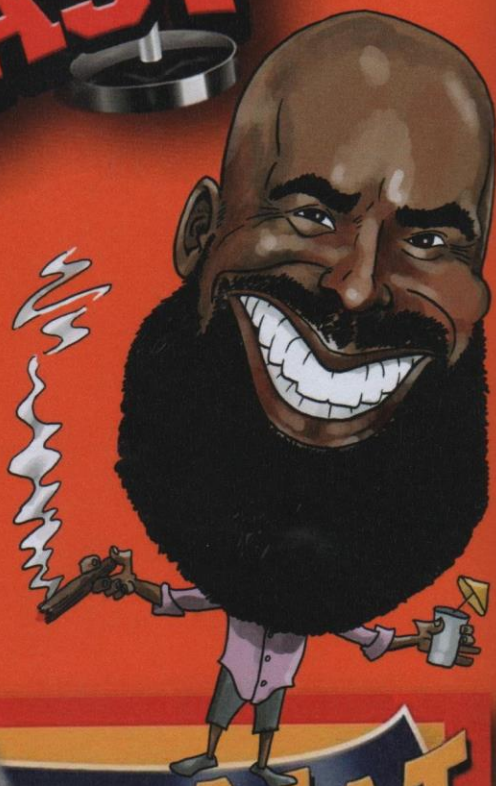
TONY JOHNSON
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS
1ST YEAR
BELLEVILLE, MI

JAMEL GOODLOE
LOS ANGELES RAMS
5 YEAR VETERAN
2 TIME CHAMPION
WEST BLOOMFIELD, MI



SPORTS
ELECTRIC FOOTBALL
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THE GOOD LIFE
ALL THINGS POSITIVE, ALL THINGS
FUN. THAT'S MR. NATIONAL AND
THE MR. NATIONAL PODCAST.

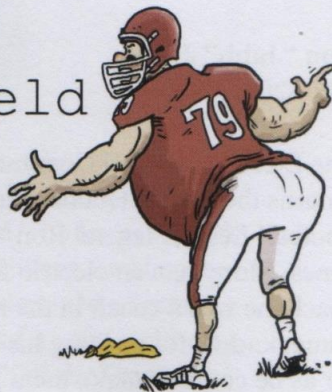


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Ruling on the Field

No One RULER



The world is divided on major issues and we in the EF world are aware that there are major problems that exist in our daily lives. However, here we want to bring to light something that has been plaguing us since the game's creation: Which rule set is superior???

The beauty of the game of American Football has been its variety. While European Football has literally one set of rules for the entire globe, there has been something unique to make each North American league stand out (NFL, CFL, XFL, etc). It also translates to Electric Football. We all have different philosophies of how the real game should be played. Yet, those who are coaches still adapt to those rules. Different opinions are handed out, but I have not heard anyone say about each league, "That's not football!" I wish I could say the same for us in the hobby. Every discussion I see is criticizing one rule set and multiple styles of play with the phrase, "THAT'S NOT REAL FOOTBALL!"

If you think about it, when many of us started playing this game, it was not real football. Your running back would run at the speed of honey out of bounds, the hand of the deity you believe in did not throw a piece of foil at your wide receiver, and a coin flip does not determine who gets the football after a player fumbles. We try hard to make this game as realistic as we can and we have done a great job with realistic figures, scale boards, and improvements in base tweaking and technology. However, if we applied it to the rules, each game would end up being 4 hours long and would cut into time with those we want or need to be with. We are grown adults. We don't get paid for this hobby, and most of us have things to do after we are done playing with our toys.

Some rule sets work well for others because of tradition, material, and time. Many of us are at an age of not wanting to learn something new or are complacent to what we have been doing for years and even decades. However, I challenge you to take a rule set that is outside of what your league is used to and try it during your scrimmages. The worst that comes out of it is that rule does not benefit your league and it gets voted down. At least you went in with an open mind which is something the world needs more of these days.

Yours truly,
The Ref

Ron "Jabb" Jones
1964-2020

The Electric Football Community mourns the loss of Huddle Electric Football League legend Ron "Jabb" Jones. More than an electric football coach, he was a coach in the real game, known for pushing his kids as far as he could to make them great athletes and into better men. Many of his players would go on to play college football to where he continued to stay invested in their playing careers. Anthony Justice wrote, "He was my best friend. He treated me like a brother and we've shared a lot of good times and memories together. He was always there when I needed him."

Rest in Power, Coach.



HULLA



BASES

SMASHING THE COMPETITION

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OFF THE GRID

With Roger Fisher

Since the last issue, I have struggled with a million different thoughts. I've not spoken with anyone in the last few months which has not been impacted in some form or another. Pandemics, economy crashing, civil unrest and who knows what's coming next? Remember the murder hornets? They left town without a whimper (attempt at humor). For most of us it's been far too long being deprived of assembling together. We understand it's a necessity for each other's safety and wellbeing, doesn't mean we have to like it. As I usually try to do through "Off the Grid", I reflect on electric football as how it relates from days gone by, as well as modern day. I often reminisce about the way things used to be when it comes to our favorite hobby. The life-long friends made, the competitive sportsmanship and the marathon game days on the back porch on a rainy afternoon. Growing up in the Midwest, everyone had porches to stay dry even in thunderstorms. If I really focus, I can see the same traits surviving even now. Our fellow coaches, our brotherhood, our family seems to have the secret to harmony. Maybe the rest of the world could take notice. Sure, we have our share of squabbles, disagreements and even some unkind words. In the end, we always seem to find a way to make it work. A way to restore each other's confidence, attitude, and dignity. If for no other reason than the greater good of the game. Isn't it amazing we can even connect on the same level over a child's toy? We ask nations to get along, all while next door neighbors feud. Here's a novel concept... Why don't we get everybody on the planet to tweak a team? There would be peace in the Universe. We all anticipate the coming days, weeks and months will be difficult at best. Fear, confusion and heartache will most likely reign for a season. In order for healing to begin, many things will have to be addressed and altered. The road to recovery will be long and arduous. They'll be times when we feel like giving up. I often say this world is not meant to go alone. If you feel like you're being left behind, then we have failed as a hobby community. I don't make it through the day without a dozen calls from coaches. I cherish each one as an enrichment to my life. I challenge all of us to dig deep and find the space where we all stay connected. If all we look for is evil, then evil is all we'll see. I know us to be better. So much better. In the meantime, please practice what I close every broadcast with;

Love your family,

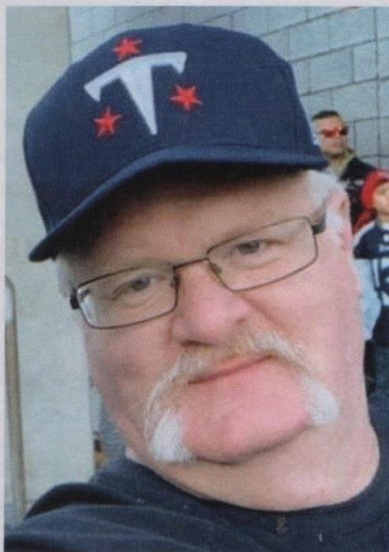
Love your friends,

Love your pets,

Love your football.

Can't wait to see you all soon,

Roger





EF Heroes

By Mark Holguin II

We have spent half this year in quarantine. Plenty of EF events including the Clash and the remainder of the MFBCS were forced to be cancelled for our safety. However, one of the catch phrases of this past year has been, "essential." While we may be on lockdown, there were plenty of people who still have to go out to make sure the world continues to run. Here at Crackin' Plastic, we want to showcase those in the EF community that are considered essential and all the good they have done for their communities.

AK Fox (Thunder Valley EFL)

Mr. Fox works in the Mental Health and Addiction Services with his non-profit organization with locations all over Tennessee. They have not missed a beat during the pandemic serving those in this challenging time. "A lot of people are hurting at this time and we're doing our best to help."

James Harris (NEFL)

When not working in the lair tweaking bases, "The Wiz" is the Assistant Manager/Merchandise Manager of Dollar Tree. He gets joy of "Being able to make customers laugh and enjoy their day when they're shopping at Dollar Tree." The Hall of Famer also says, "You never know what their day has been like...having a customer smiling when they leave that's my satisfaction."

Greg Ingold (Solitaire)

Mr. Ingold is a Merchandiser at TNG Retail Services. When he is not performing for his neighbors on his front porch, he is dealing primarily in magazines and books. He keeps grocery stores stocked for those looking for a quiet form of leisure especially since, "sales of magazines and books during the pandemic definitely went up at the stores!" In addition, Mrs. Ingold is in the healthcare field helping those that are affected by COVID-19.

Brian Watson (Ohio Valley EFL)

Mr. Watson is a Material Handler for Franke Food Services. After he is done, he does his best to continue teaching the youth in AAU Basketball including his sons.

THANK YOU TO ALL THE HEROES IN OUR EF COMMUNITY!

CATCHING A BUZZ

The Real American Dream

by Greg Ingold

Anyone who has been reading "Catching a Buzz" knows I generally write about a personal or social aspect of electric football. Occasionally I might get technical, such as my "Who's In Charge Here?" article on the varying rules governing electric football play. In this issue's article, however, I am compelled to write about the civil unrest currently in our country and what role, if any, electric football can play in it.

Politics aside, there are tens of thousands of Americans who do not feel the U.S. is living up to its promise of equality, freedom, and diversity. Whether it is police brutality, racism, or the issue of what role the active military should play in the enforcement of law and order, a lot of Americans feel the time for meaningful and permanent change is at hand. Yet amidst all of this turmoil and strife those in the electric football hobby are living the reality that so many others feel has eluded us as a country.

One need only look at the members of the Miniature Football Coaches Association Facebook page to see a diversity of race, nationality, religion, politics, and gender. The hobby of electric football crosses all boundaries (for lack of a better word) and makes irrelevant any socio-economic divide among its members. The hobby itself can be participated in equally. Whether it's an inexpensive thrift store "find" of a board with accompanying generic red and white teams or a custom board with exquisite hand-painted teams and professionally "tweaked" bases, the hobby is accessible to all.

On many occasions I have seen people offer help and even free supplies to other hobbyists with only the intent of aiding someone's hobby experience. They are motivated only by their passion for the hobby and the desire to help another. Fellow hobbyists are also generous in their compliments when a fellow electric footballer does them a favor, offers a helpful service, or goes above and beyond with needed advice or providing a quality product. These interactions are usually done without bias or regard for another's politics, religion, gender, ethnicity, or nationality.

Of course a perfect world might not always be possible. There are times when someone's political views are made known, names might be called, or a hobbyist might rip on someone for something they did or said. But in the end the hobby is governed by a tolerant and accepting body of electric football fans and such conflicts are handled peacefully and maturely. Differences of opinions are generally expressed without giving offense and are usually saved for opinions on figures, bases, teams, rules, and boards.

As I write this today I have no idea which direction our country is headed and what the future may bring. But of this I am certain: as long the electric football world demonstrates its willingness to help and accept each other regardless of any bias or prejudice my hope is alive and well. Perhaps we in the electric football hobby are already living the real American dream. The rest of the country just needs to catch up.

ELECTRIC FOOTBALL

HULK'S CORNER

by Jim Davis



Boy oh boy! 2020 has been something else. First the coronavirus hit. Then the terrible murder of George Floyd that everyone witnessed on TV. That started the uprising of protest about injustice at the hands of police officers against people of color. That was followed by rioting. As I sit here writing this, they are still protesting against police brutality. I think all this could've been avoided if the government, the NFL, and white people had just listened. Maybe, and I say MAYBE all this could've been avoided.

September 1st, 2016 Colin Kaepernick sparked unforeseen controversy. Instead of standing, hand across chest, for the national anthem, Colin kneeled. It was an idea given by retired Army Green Beret, Nate Boyer, as a signal of lost comrades. This powerful, yet silent protest addressing the ongoing issue of police brutality against black men, women, and children in America resulted in the blacklist of Colin from the NFL. The tragic murder of George Floyd, that almost every American bore witness to with their own eyes, was the straw that broke the camel's back. Today's protests are exactly why Colin knelt. He, as a black man with a large audience, was using his platform to bring this issue to light, especially to those not directly affected. There is only one race,

the human race! We are all human and in the land of the free, we should not be divided on this issue. Together we should be standing and fighting to make sure we ALL truly can be free. Justice is due, whether you're white, black, brown, yellow, or red. I love you all!

The world is a fine place. It is worth fighting for. It is worth fighting against the injustice to people of color!!

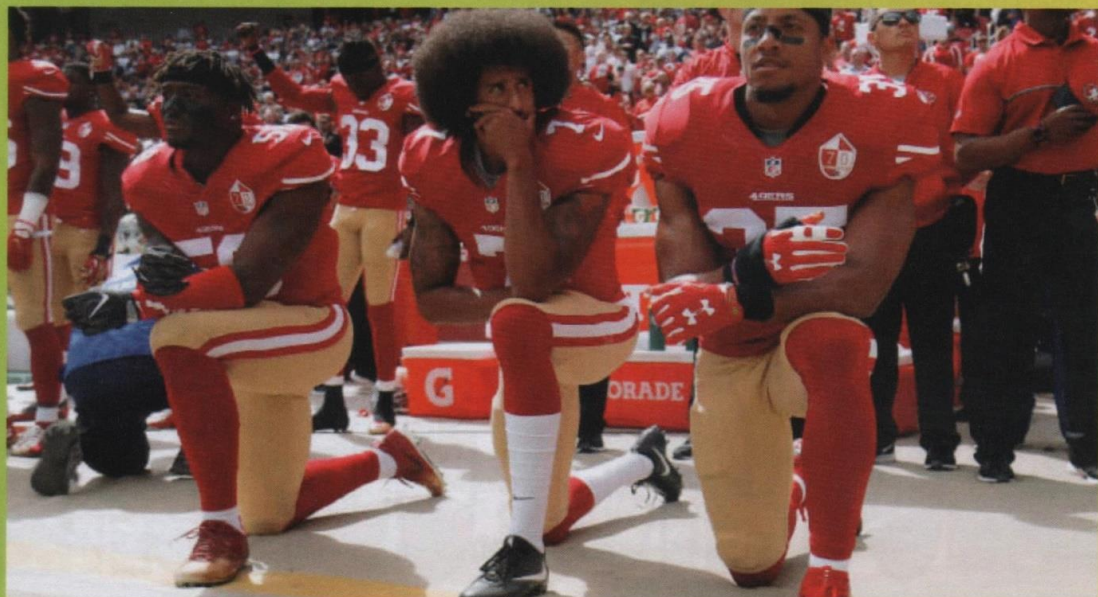
I pray and hope that America will change laws on how police deal with the public, especially people of color. I'm also praying for all people, especially people of color and for George Floyd's family and friends. Let's not forget this tragedy in honor of George Floyd.

"I can't breathe."

I would like to thank Crackin Plastic for allowing me to have this forum. Hulk's Corner

To the the black, brown, red, yellow and white people...

WE ARE ALL ONE RACE, the HUMAN race. Let's stop police brutality... together.



Now... on to some Electric Football news!

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Stay safe and stay strong. Remember the Corona virus is still out there. have fun and enjoy some friends playing Electric Football.

I'm Jim Davis and I approve this article.
Hulk smash!



Jim Davis



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**Happy 4th of July.
Here's to a safe and healthy
summer celebration of our
country's independence.**

**Best wishes,
GBN**

