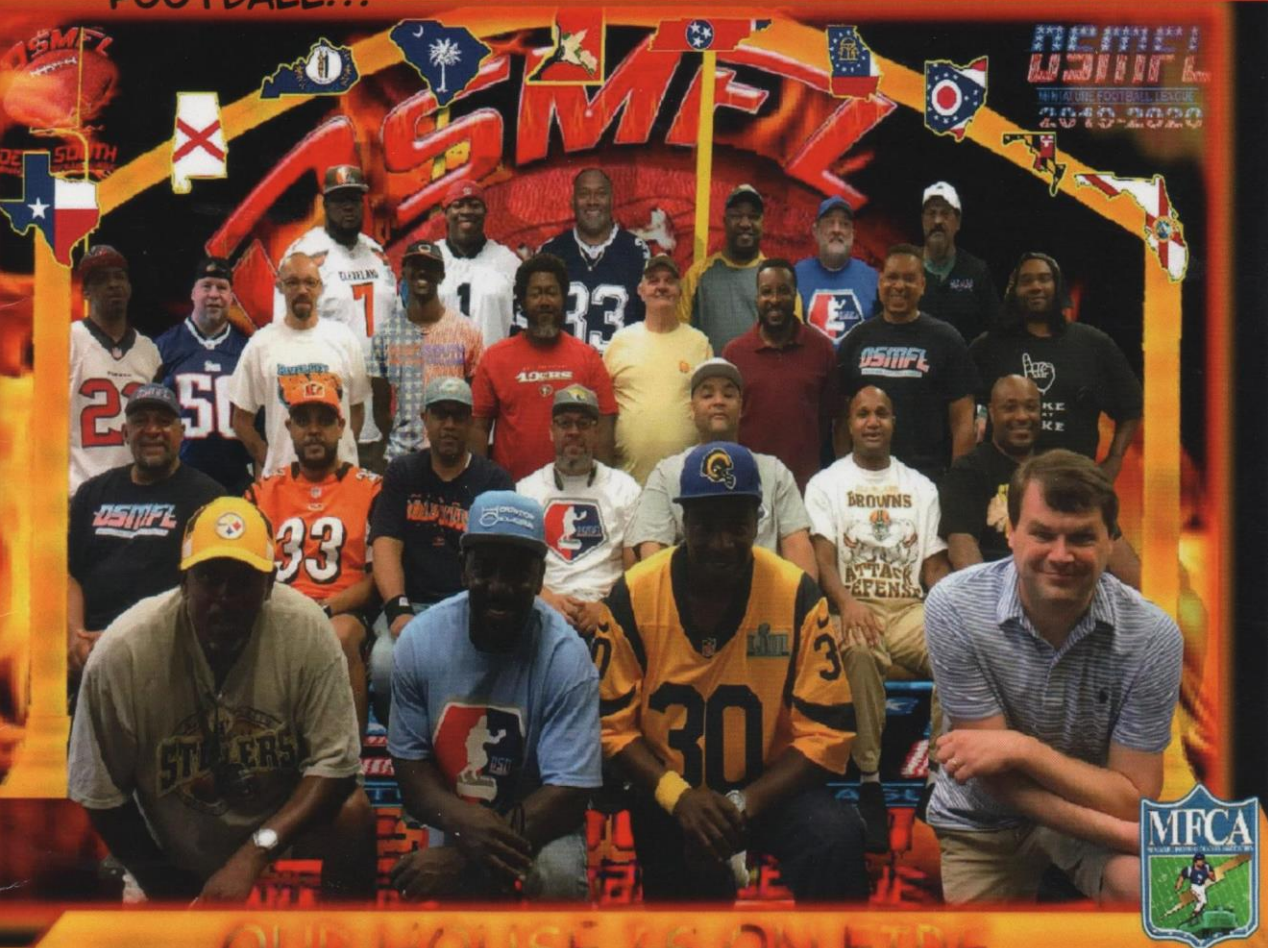


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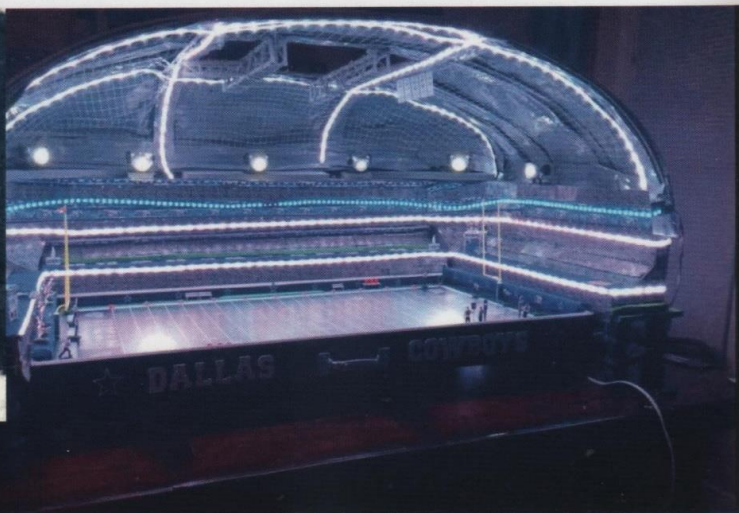
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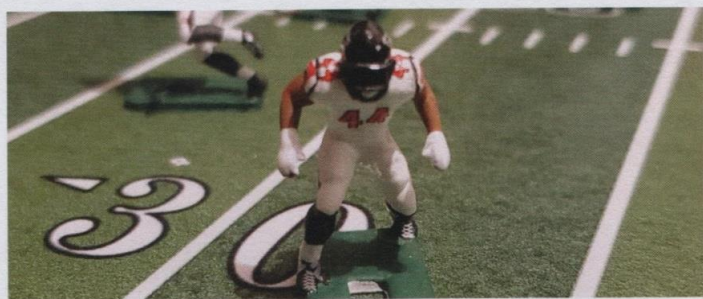


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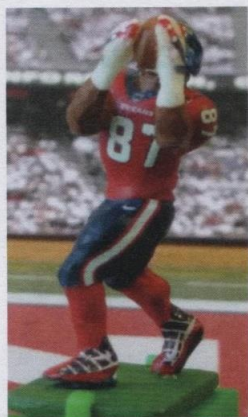
His unparalleled passion for Electric Football and for LIFE make his miniature version of AT&T Stadium a destination for anybody who loves the hobby. If this isn't on your bucket list, add it! And, get in touch with Bobby. You won't regret it.



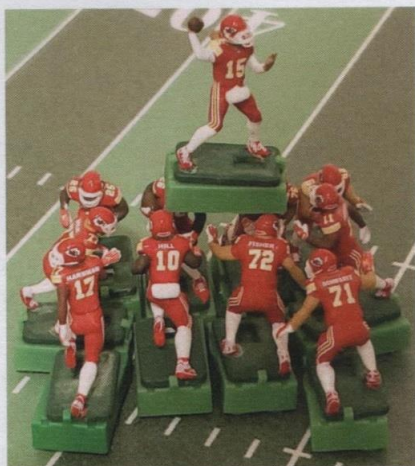
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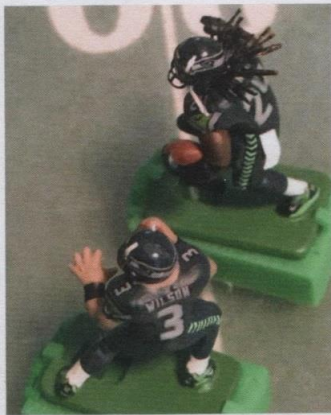
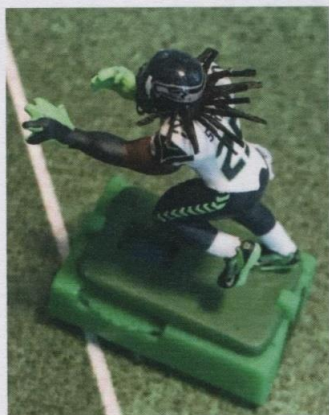
John Saunders' figures are ready for action!



Rafiqy McDanul is known for his passing game.  
Looks like he has the receivers!



Obviously Brandon Sigers  
watched the Super Bowl.  
You think he liked what he  
saw?



Eddie Cousins didn't watch his Seahawks in the big  
game, but his man Richard Sherman was there.  
Look at that hair!

**Thanks to all the  
custom figure makers,  
sculptors, and painters.  
Your artistic talent  
brings the game alive  
and makes it look  
great!**



# OFF THE GRID

*With Roger Fisher*

In politics, the nation's citizens have historically looked to the State of the Union Address as a window into our country's well-being. Periodically, I like to take stock of the electric football world in its present form. The first thing which rings out to me is, the deep diversity the hobby offers. It's safe to assume the inventor Norman Sas, the great visionary he was, could not have foreseen such a blossom of creativity. From the humble beginnings of vibrating fields causing a vague resemblance to the real-life game, to the custom stadiums and detailed teams of today, one could make some intriguing comparisons. In perspective, think of Alexander Graham Bell's telephone contrasted with tomorrow's cell technology. We're truly blessed with the best options as modern hobbyists today. Whether you're a solitaire guru, league mate, championship level coach, artist extraordinaire or simply a collector, this vice is for you. I have been a part of many clubs and fraternities, none of which are on the same level. In its very essence, what else but a child's toy could bring grownups to the brink of family status? When you attend an EF event, you will witness "coaches" from every walk of life, every creed and color, rich and not so rich living out childhood memories. Many take it more seriously as they try to enhance their legacy. While others will attest their love of the fellowship as the chief motivator. Ask any number of hobbyists and the overwhelming, unifying answer will be, it's the life-long friendships that are forged. Trophies and awards are great to say, "Look at me, ain't I grand?" In the military we used to call that the "I love me" wall. Solitaire players rejoice, you have something many never achieve, solitude! If your painting and sculpting skills please you, then you're an expert. No need to impress anyone else, you're only responsible for YOUR enjoyment. Collecting over 50,000 players (which I have, along with nearly 200 boards) could be a certifiable obsession. I contend you're golden until the wife complains. If starting a network (GBN) to bring electric football to the world is a crime, then I'm in the pokey on a life sentence. One thing is certain, there's a little of everything in all of us. I leave you with these words of wisdom...

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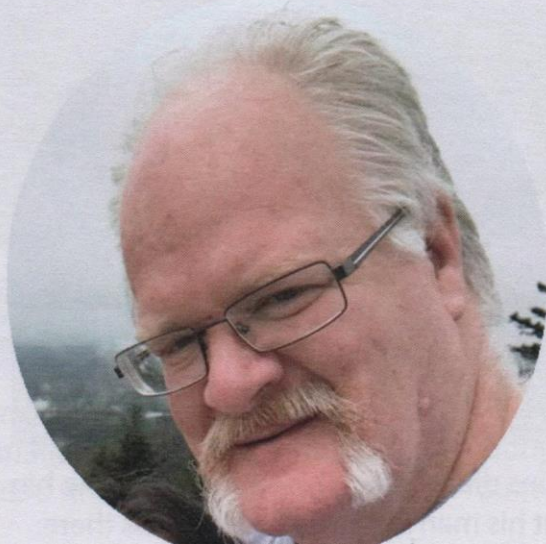
Love your friends,

Love your pets,

Love your football.

Buzz on!

Roger





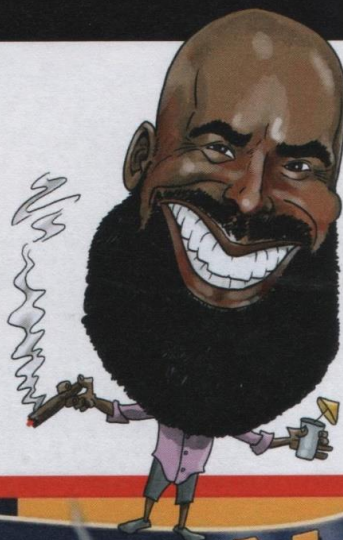
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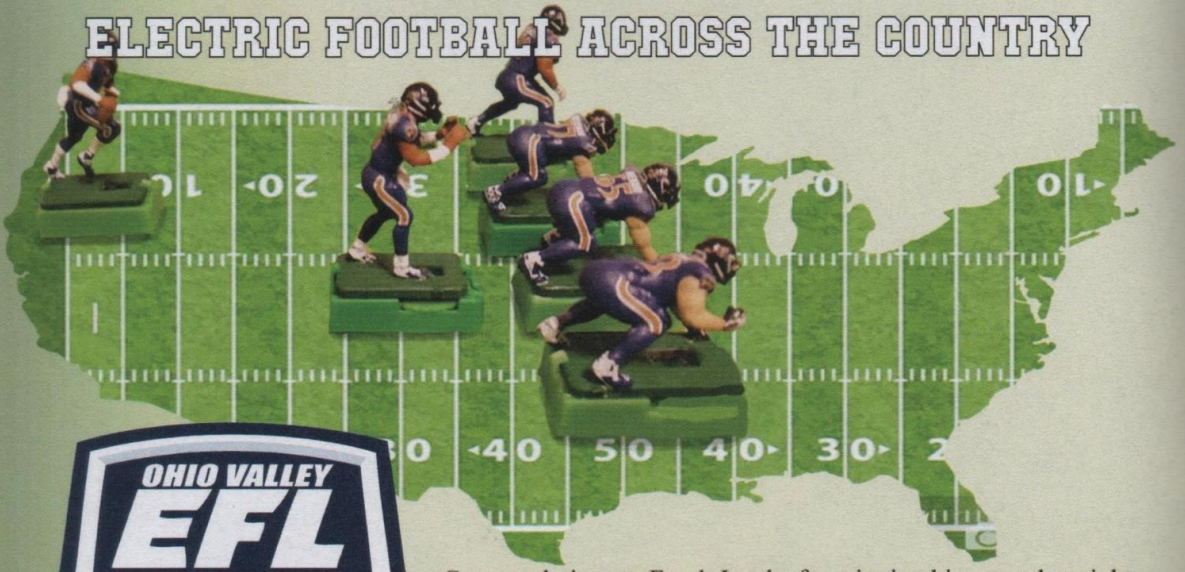
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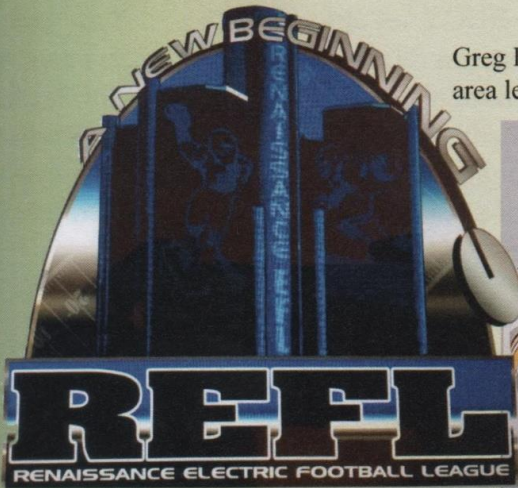
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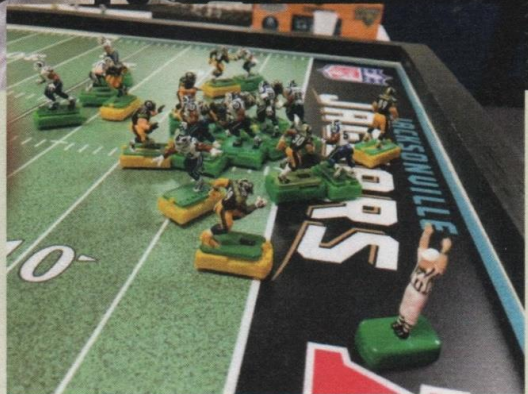
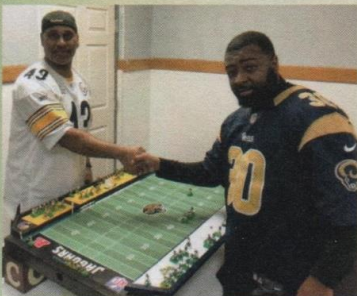
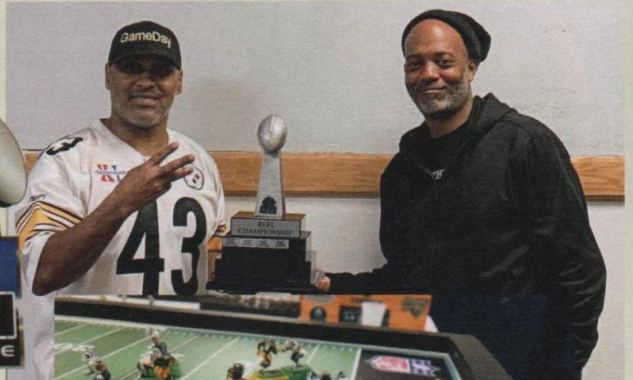
# ELECTRIC FOOTBALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY



Congratulations to Frank Jacobs for winning his second straight OVEFL Championship. On February 1st, his Oilers beat Jami Taylor's NC State Wolfpack for the second year in a row.



Greg Hardmon won another championship in this elite Detroit area league when he defeated Jamel Goodloe on February 9th.







Vince Peatros brings home the Gold Ball by winning the Fault Line Rumble, California's edition of a TOC Tournament.



The Las Vegas Electric Football League kicks off their 3rd year in March of 2020. Get in touch with Marty Thomas and join in on the excitement.

The legendary Philadelphia National Electric Football League will hold it's 23rd season this year. Find Mr. National and you'll find NEFL.





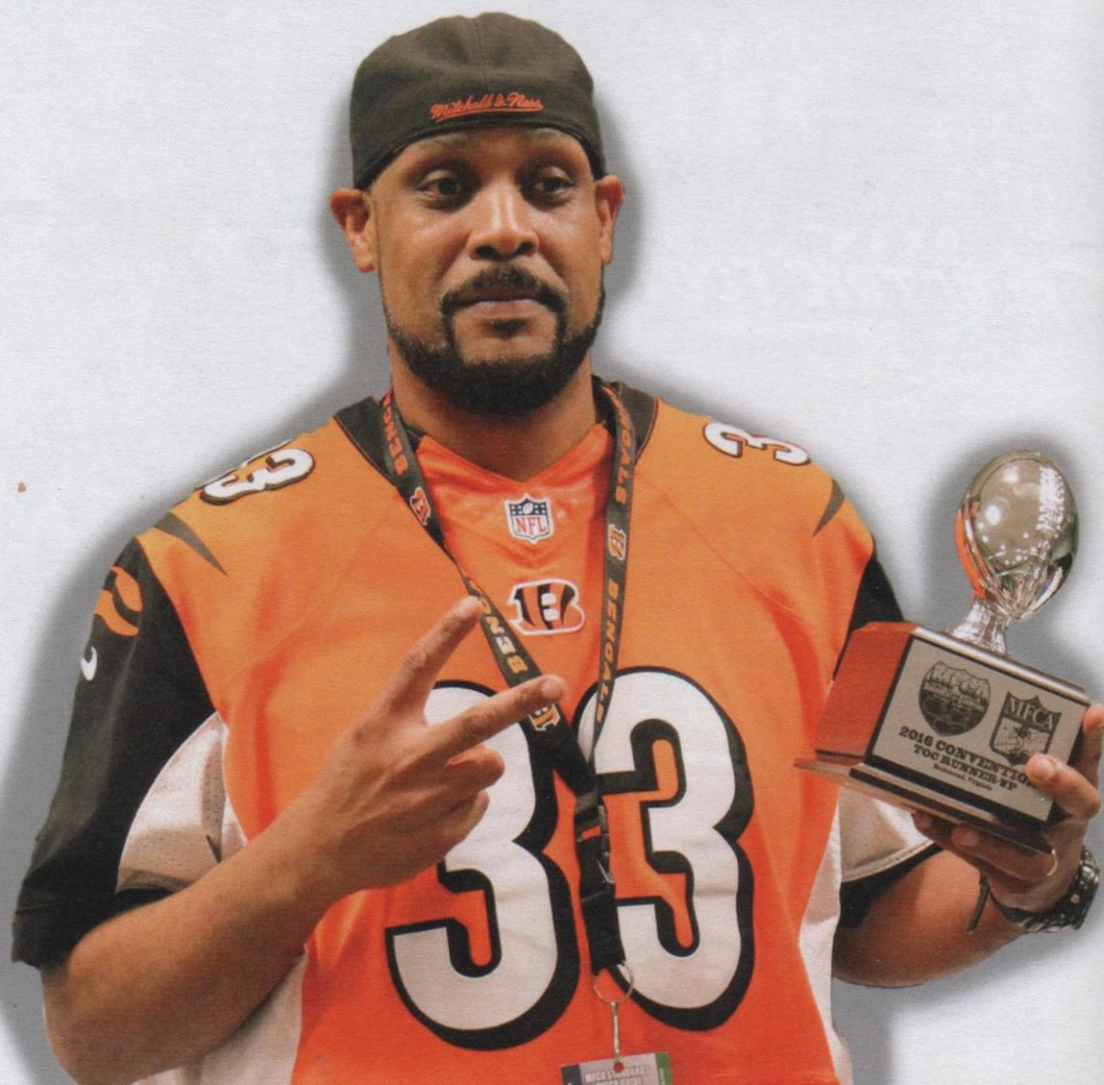
# LEGENDS OF THE BUZZ

**DARREN JAHMANI**

*Article by Roger Fisher*

For as long as I can recall, there's been a particularly imposing figure prowling the sidelines at every EF event. At first glance, one might mistake him for a mean, intimidating coach. However, for those fortunate to have met or crossed paths with the one we know as Jahmani, nothing could be further from the truth. Hailing from Cincinnati, Darren loves all things Ohio, the Bengals, Reds and of course THE Ohio State University. From his humble beginnings at Withrow high school, Jahmani had budding star attached to his 6'5" frame as an offensive guard. His career would be cut short due to injury. Not between the lines of a football field, but a baseball diamond instead.

An awkward slide into a 3rd base would shatter his ankle and hope to pursue such an endeavor. So, what is an athlete to do with all that energy, strategy and competitive spirit? Miniature football is the best therapy in the universe. On the surface, Jahmani's story is not that different from most in the hobby. First introduced to the game at the age of 12, lost interest while growing into an adult, then eventually found his way back to the water later in life. So many fast cars, his first ride was a Pontiac LeMans and faster women tend to have that effect. There was the usual bouncing around the country chasing promises of big money working for the likes of a Charles Schwab investment firm





in Indiana and Sallie Mae, the home loan servicer. Today, Darren can be found doing his duties as the AV team leader in the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, D.C., while residing in Upper Marlboro, MD. How did a midwestern kid from the suburbs end up being one of the favorites in every league and tournament he participates in? Enter Dearell Brevard and The Washington Post. On a lazy day nearly twenty years ago, Jahmani received a call from a friend urging him to check out an ad in the well known newspaper calling for all interested in playing the childhood game. Hesitant at first but still curious, he called the number. The warm and welcoming voice that answered was none other than Dearell, a renowned icon himself in the hobby. To this day, Darren contends it was that chance encounter which serves as his standard for conduct and paying the knowledge forward. Search high and low, you will not find a better ambassador for electric football. Though rare, we've all seen selfish "it's all about me" coaches. There's a tendency to believe that way if a coach trains anyone else it will jeopardize his advantage. Let me say what greatness is.

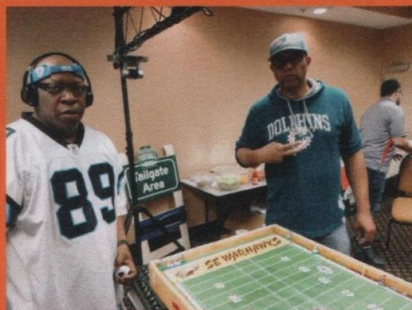
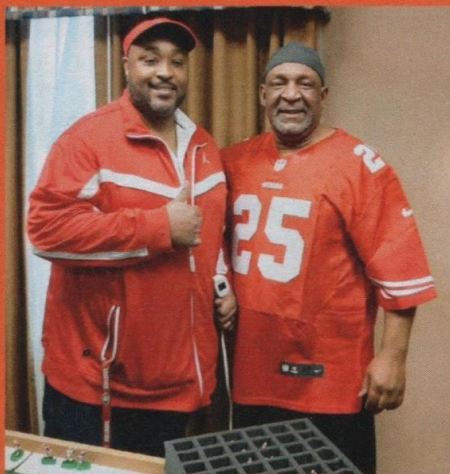
How about a two time gold ball winner in Tournament of Champions, numerous Coaches Challenge Championships and too many to count final four appearances in some of the most talented leagues on the planet? All while, expending tireless resources helping rookie and veteran coaches alike. With his deep bass tone, Jahmani has a quiet gentle demeanor and is armed with a sharp sense of humor. He doesn't mind laughing at himself first and never would at someone else's expense. You get a sense he takes his friendships seriously and will defend them loyally as family. Just recently, Jahmani was able to check off a personal bucket list item, by locking horns with a living legend, Vince Peatros. I ask who was next in his sights, he responded with, "That's a secret for now." The dream someday is to underwrite a tour bus traversing across the land, part promotion, part top-level competition. Knowing DJ's passion for the game and all his fellow hobbyists, we can see it happening. Next time you're around any MF gathering, look for the largest Bengal or Ohio State jersey in the room and introduce yourself. Your life will be instantly enriched, I promise!





The list of current coaches guarantees some great competition and great fellowship for anybody interested in playing Electric Football.

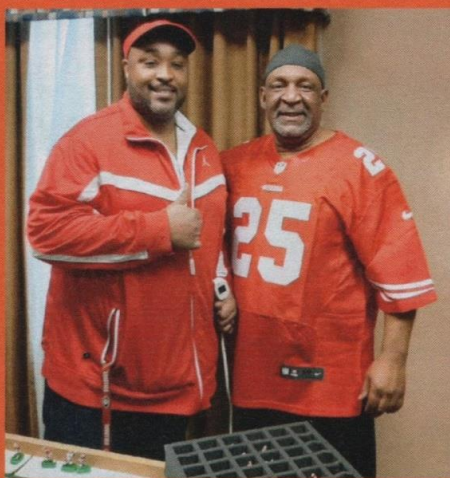
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Tago Jones  
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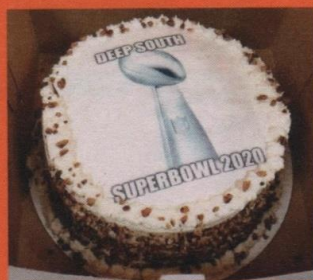
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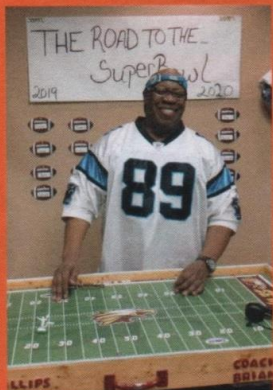




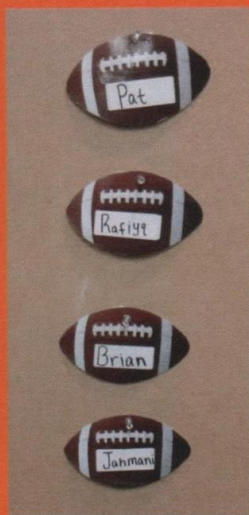
On February 8th and 9th the Deep South held their playoffs and championship. The food was tight and the competition was fierce.



There was snow on the Georgia ground, but it was hot inside.



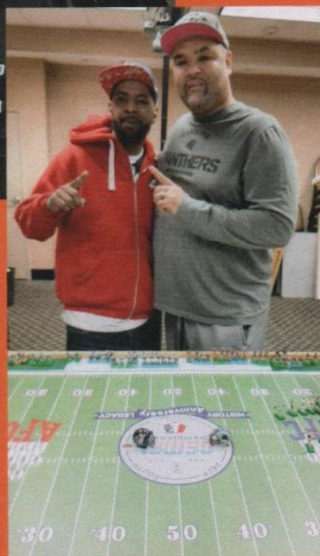
Just ask Night Club how hot it was!



Rafiqy McDanul, Pat Morris, Brian Phillips, and Darren Jahmani survived the battles and made it into the final four.



After coming up just short of the title last year, Pat Morris went 13-2 during the regular season. His Panthers outscored Rafiqy's Texans 42-35 in a drama filled Championship game you can still find on the Gridiron Buzz Network.





# CATCHING A BUZZ

## Back To Reality

by Greg Ingold

Last spring I ordered a custom electric football board. I love the thing and my wife (being cool) allowed it on our dining room table all the way up until November when I took it downstairs to make room for our Christmas decorations.

The room seemed empty without that 4' x 2' vibrating sheet of metal sitting there. I thought I would go downstairs and still keep up with the game. I was wrong. Our downstairs is dark, cold, and has no TV. Even the lure of my 1981 Candlestick Park board and a freshly painted defense couldn't get me down there in the middle of winter.

"No worries", I thought. "I'll focus on the real game and get into watching NFL and college football." And although both my teams did very well this season (49ers to the Super Bowl!) there was still something missing. I'd see it when I went downstairs to get something or was down there cleaning. That board! No players on it, no tweaking supplies nearby. Heck, it wasn't even plugged in! It seemed cold and lonely sitting un-played in the dark.

Well Christmas and the holidays have come and gone, football season is over, and now it is back to reality. That reality, however, will include my electric football board being put back where it can be seen and enjoyed. It will be brought back into the light of day where the colors of the field and the players are vivid and bright. Once again bases will be tweaked, figures will be put in position, and plays will be run. Once again that familiar rattle and hum of an electric football board will grace our home.

Will I miss real football? I always do in the spring. Every year it seems like such a void without those (almost) nightly games. But maybe this year the void might not be so big. Maybe this year getting "back to reality" after football might not be so bad. The world of electric football awaits only one flight of stairs away. And with it there is a connection not only to the game of football, but a connection to the fun and excitement of my youth. With it there is also a connection to the community of thousands of other EF hobbyists around the country (and the world).

And that reality ain't too bad!





# HULK'S CORNER

by Jim Davis

In this edition of Crackin Plastic...

I'LL SHARE MY TOP 20  
LIST FROM THE PAST TO  
THE PRESENT. ENJOY.

## My Top 20 Coaches from 2001 to 2009.

- 1- Norbert Revels
- 2- Vince Peatros
- 3- Jim Davis
- 4- Mike Robertson
- 5- Keith Chalmers
- 6- Ron Bell
- 7- Paul Bartels
- 8- Kevin Lomax
- 9- Greg Hardmon
- 10- Jamel Goodloe
- 11- Mark & Bill Klingbeil
- 12- Edgar Downs
- 13- Vance Warren
- 14- Don Hudson
- 15- Corey Johnson
- 16- Lavelle Shelton
- 17- Simmie Lassiter
- 18- Ken Allen
- 19- Pat Morris
- 20- Don Smith

## My Top 20 Coaches from 2010 to 2020.

- 1- Adrian Baxter
- 2- Keith Chalmers
- 3- Jim Davis
- 4- Will Chalmers
- 5- Kelly Newton
- 6- Ken Allen
- 7- Brandon Woodard
- 8- Charles Lane
- 9- Antonio Jones
- 10- Darren Jahmani
- 11- Mike Robertson
- 12- Rafiqq McDanul
- 13- Norbert Revels
- 14- Vince Peatros
- 15- Brian Phillips
- 16- Pat Morris
- 17- Pep Woods
- 18- Don Hudson
- 19- Ben Daniel
- 20- Marty Thomas

## Top 20 Icon characters coaches of all time.

- 1- Corey Johnson (Pretty Boy, The Face of the Hobby, Spiderman, Mr. National)
- 2- Jim Davis (Hulk)
- 3- Chris Stringer
- 4- David Nickles
- 5- Keith Chalmers (Big Salty)
- 6- Andre Banks
- 7- Ken Allen
- 8- Lynn Schmidt (Weirdwolf)
- 9- Paul Bartels (Raiderman)
- 10- Norbert Revels (Thor)
- 11- Vince Peatros (Kingpin)
- 12- Derek Reece
- 13- Bob Owens (Dr. Bob)
- 14- Frank Jacobs
- 15- Brian Phillips
- 16- Don Smith
- 17- Drew Sparks
- 18- Bobby Moore
- 19- Pat Morris
- 20- Dan Williams (Coach 55)

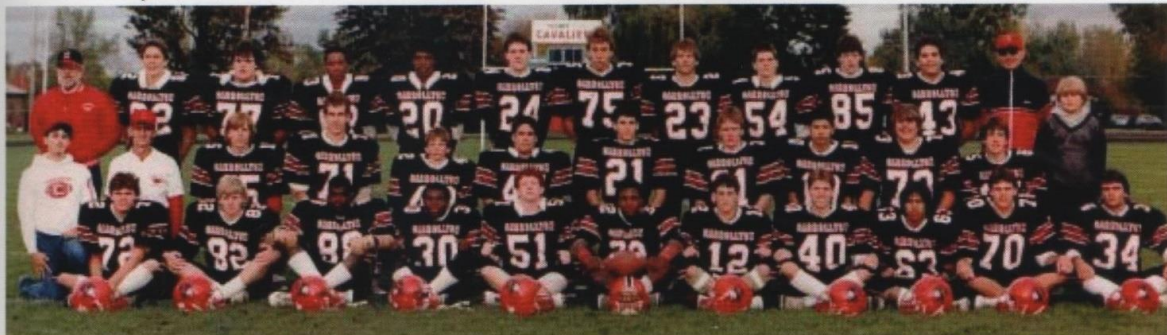
## My top 20 toughest coaches to get through to win a championship.

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# The Horse Collar and the Spiral - A Football Story

By Paul Pate



This is my high school football team. If you know me, see if you can find me. The rest of these guys make up a group of coaches and players that came together for a few months in the fall of 1986 and gave me one of the best experiences of my life. It isn't because I had any glorious Friday night moments or anything like that. I wasn't even very good and I was too fragile to be playing such a rough sport. It was because I was part of a great team. I had some great coaches and even greater teammates. I was just telling my daughter the other day, I don't know why her teammates are on the soccer team. But, when I played sports it was awesome to be able to come together as a team, where everybody has to contribute and be their best. At the end of a game or the season my teammates and I could look each other dead in the eye and know with absolute certainty that we gave everything we had. Our team wasn't the best. But, we were pretty good and we beat a lot of teams we weren't supposed to. We achieved greatness in our little world. If my daughter can have even a little bit of that, she'll be a better person for it and I'll consider that a win.

Football is tough. It is physically and mentally demanding. It brings out your character when you're trying to get through a grueling week of practice. You really get to know your teammates well. Too well. You are like family. You love one another, but you also fight. This is football and it makes for a lot of great stories. Man! I got a bunch of 'em. There's my best childhood friend James (#51). He was the nerdiest, dorkiest little kid. He got into football and transformed into one of the strongest and best players and finest human beings I've ever met. There's Frankie (#42). I guess you could say he was our version of Rudy. Tony (#30), our 140 pound nose tackle, who's presence on the gridiron was nothing short of incredible. Mike (#40) was the most handsome and charming dude ever. But, when he put a hit on you, you'd feel it for a week. Sheesh! He was violent. Stuckey (#32) was our best player. He was physically amazing, but also hilarious. I could go on and on, but I won't. I'll get to the point.

One of my favorite football stories comes from a practice we were having. We were "going light" at the time. That means we were just running through our plays and formations without hitting or tackling. It is just so everybody knows where to go and where to be. The defenders were holding these big pads they were supposed to sorta punch

you with to simulate a tackle. I was carrying the ball by one of the defenders who happened to be Bowen (#88). This guy grew up playing basketball. He was very tall and lanky and a great basketball player. Our senior year he filled out and decided he wanted to try his hand at football. Now, he's not only tall, he's giant, full of muscles, and a great football player. He also happens to be a super nice guy with a huge, easy smile. But, on this day he wasn't in such a good mood. I mean, it benefits you to be in a bad mood when you're on the football field.

I must have done something earlier in our practice to irritate Bowen. I don't know for sure. I was probably trying too hard or something. Anyway, he let me run right by without popping me with his pad. That was nice of him, right? Not so much. He let me run by so he could horse collar me. That's when you grab a guy by the back of his shoulder pads and whip him on the ground. I must have looked like one of those raggedy Andy dolls as my feet flew up in the air and I landed on my back. I usually don't get mad about too many things, but I was pissed. When I got up, Bowen was already walking away. I had a pretty decent arm at the time. I whipped a perfect spiral that nailed him square in the back of the helmet.

He turned around.

There are those times in your life when you think, why did I do that? This was one of those for sure. I clearly remember thinking at the time that I was too young to die. But, it was time to face the music. Here he was, walking at me with more than enough strength to rip my arms off or snap my neck. Whatever he felt like doing. It was then that Stuckey and a few other giant guys stepped in and stopped me from whipping Bowen's ass that day. Haha.

The thing is, I don't know if Bowen or any of my other teammates even remember that. Stuff like that happened all the time. Maybe they don't remember this story, but I can guarantee you they have stories of their own. Chances are, they're telling them to their uninterested kids right now. It's football. We're too old to be playing these days. But we love being around it, even if it's just pretend.

Buzz on, MFers!

Paul



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