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**CATCHING A BUZZ**  
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**RAFIYQ MCDANUL  
WINS THE TOC CON 13  
GOLD BALL**



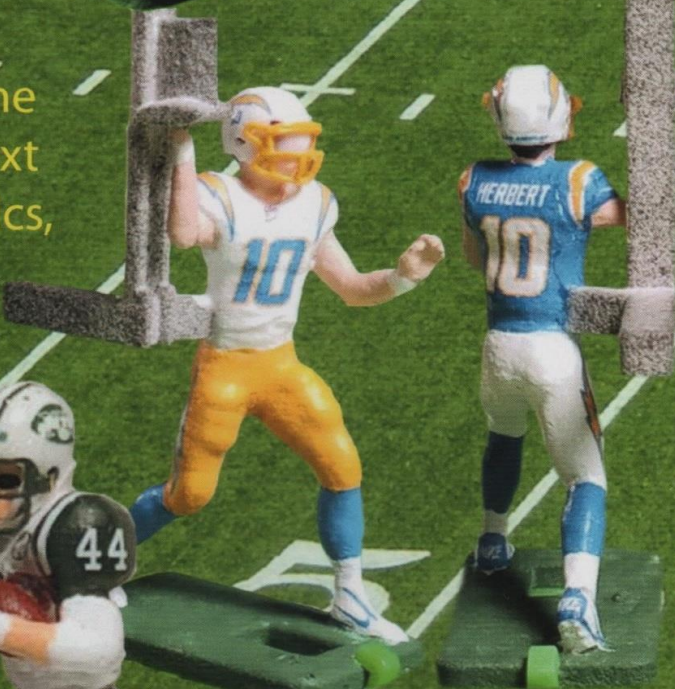
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# Custom Figure All-Stars



Richard Caldwell does a version of the versatile scat back James Brooks.



Kenny King, the founder of Next Level Authentics, has the QBs down!



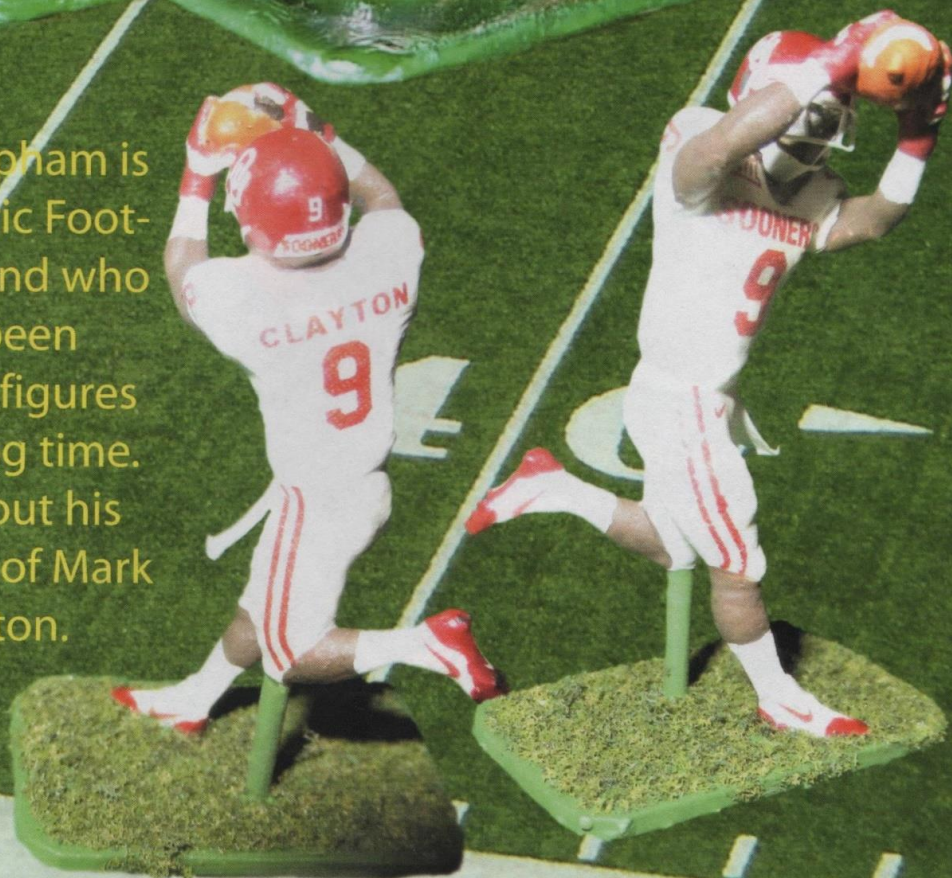
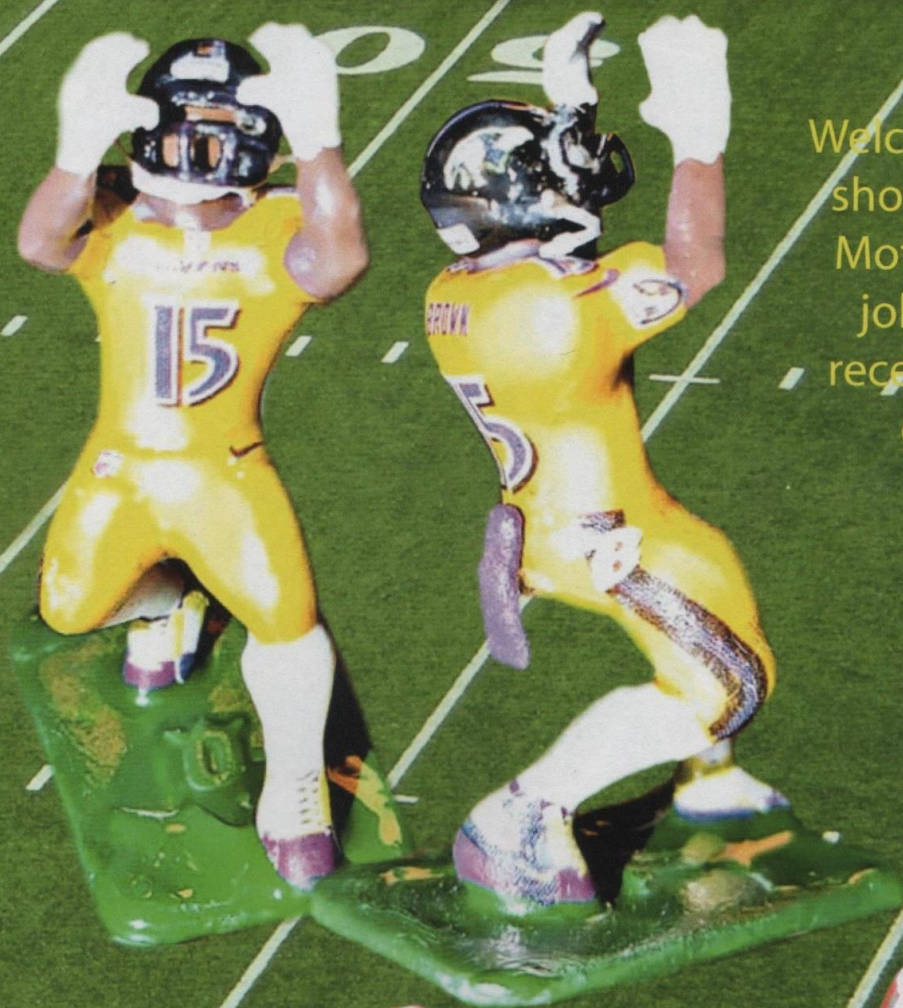
Manny Hall has done so many greats, why not cover Riggins when he was with the Jets.



# Custom Figure All-Stars

Welcome to the show, Charles Motley. Great job on this receiver. Keep going!

Terry Popham is an Electric Football legend who has been making figures for a long time. Check out his version of Mark Clayton.





# Custom Figure All-Stars

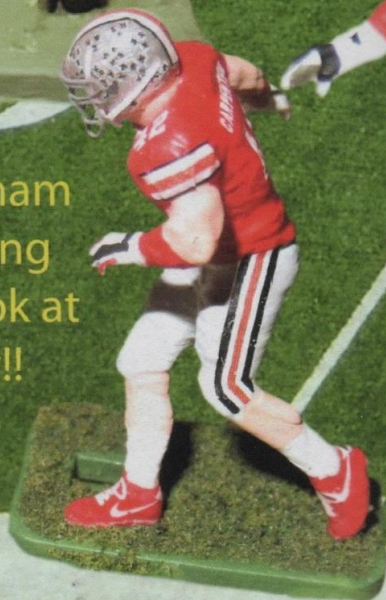
Manny Hall has  
made a perfect  
Walter Payton.  
Sweetness!



Brandon Sigers  
consistently de-  
livers top quality  
figures from all  
around the NFL.



Terry Popham  
is still going  
strong. Look at  
this guy!!







# GameTime

with Caedon

Rafiyq McDanul won the TOC Con 13 tournament. He was awarded the Gold Ball Trophy. GameTime sat down with him after.

**Caedon Dorsey:** The biggest question I have is how was the tournament?

**Rafiyq McDanul:** It was a good tournament. It was great! A lot of heavy hitters came out. A lot of great all around coaches showed up. It's always fun to be around your friends. It was a nice weekend, as they all are.

**CD:** Were you expecting to shut out three teams in pool play?

**RM:** I built my team with that as my number one goal. But, I recognize that it's almost impossible for that to happen the way this game is played against the better coaches. With this particular team, I made people for specific tasks. If everybody did what they were made for, the score should be low. I didn't expect to go through pool play with nobody scoring. But, then I gave up a total of eight points in the first two playoff games. Then, ya know, the flood gates break. You start to meet the top dogs and they start to fill up the scoreboard. You just try to hold on. It becomes a whole different thing! I can't say I expected it, but we worked on it.

**CD:** Herschel Walker had a great weekend. He had a lot of big runs.

**RM:** Yeah he did. I took my shots when I saw the opportunity. Kelley [Newton] gave Herschel a lot of chances to get those big carries, which is a bit unusual. But I will say this, I try to make the game look real. There are people that wanna see the game look real, so I do that on my side of the ball and still make it work.

**CD:** Your safeties had some problems though.

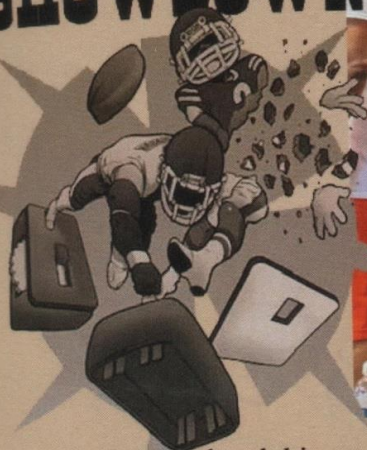
**RM:** That was the one position on the team this weekend that felt like freshmen. They came up live. They hit with all the confidence and explosiveness that I wanted. They just couldn't stay up. They would just get trucked! I gave up four trucks this weekend, three by the same guy. Three of those went for touchdowns. I didn't know if I should be frustrated and mad, or happy that they even made the hit because all of those were from spots where I didn't think they could even make contact. So, I have this dilemma. Should I change these guys or just chalk it up to a hot board? Because the boards were hot.

**CD:** How were you feeling when you found out you were matched up against Kelley Newton in the playoffs? Were you thinking about redemption for last year?

**RM:** I didn't think that. I just think of Kelley as another good coach that you have to be ready for whatever he brings at you. I've played just about everybody in our hobby and in this TOC circuit. I'm kinda familiar with a lot of them. So, nerves is never really the issue. That helps my confidence. It's the new coaches that are the hardest to adapt to because you gotta try to figure them out in very little time. When I saw him on the schedule, I just looked at it as one coach I gotta get through to get to the next guy. That's just how I look at it.



# GLASS CITY SHOWDOWN



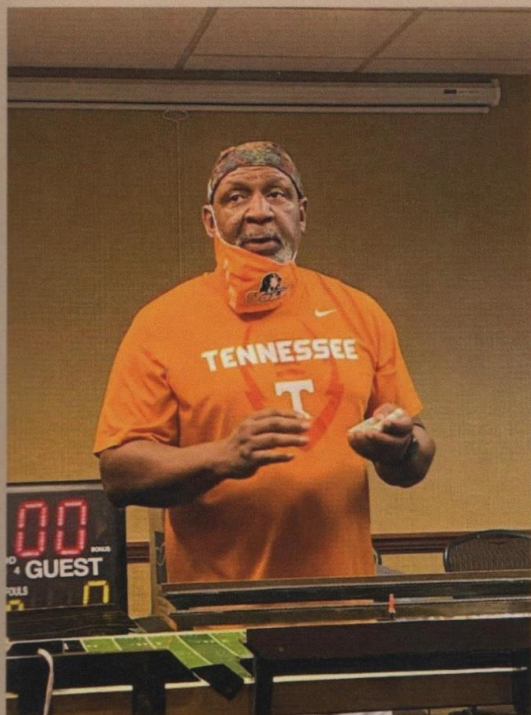
On a hot weekend this past July, in Bowling Green, Ohio there was the third edition of what has turned into one of the premiere Electric Football tournaments in the nation, the Glass City Showdown. Terron Gillespie, a true gentleman of the hobby was the host.

“We had a really good turnout considering we’re in the middle of a pandemic,” said Gillespie. His hosting philosophy is coach centered. “If a coach travels several hours to get here, they shouldn’t have to worry about anything else. They only park once. We take care of all their needs. All they have to do is play football.”

Also, each year Gillespie directs a couple of charity drives. This year they were able to raise funds and help get RK Games some new equipment. This will help him to continue bringing Electric Football to screens all over the world. Seriously. Check out RK Games Network if you don’t know. Gillespie also reached out to generous coaches and Electric Football enthusiasts behind the scenes and was able to raise substantial cash to assist coach Charles Lane, who’s own house and community were hit by a tornado. Gillespie really has made an impression on the hobby by showing that it can be so much more than just good competition. It can be about GOOD!







But of course, there was no shortage of competition either. Over thirty coaches battled it out to determine a champion. Coach Brian “Mr. Nobody” Phillips won.

“I had a great time,” said Phillips. “Not just because I won. Terron went way beyond what could be expected.

“The hospitality. The level of competition. And of course, the food! I think I gained five pounds that weekend.”

Coach Phillips and his Syracuse Orangemen faced coach Norbert Revels and his Dartmouth University Big Green squad in the final. The game turned into an instant classic. The first half ended with a 14 to 14 score. The second half turned into a track meet with both teams scoring seemingly at will. Syracuse looked like they may have finally had a stop when Dartmouth faced a third and long in their own territory. The Dartmouth quarterback was scrambling backward on a broken play and had to dump it off to The Captain deep in his own backfield. The legendary running back rambled 80 yards for a touchdown leaving only seconds on the clock and the score deadlocked at 35. Then Syracuse quarterback Donovan McNabb turned around and took it 75 yards to walk off with the championship.

“Once I figured out we could hang with them in the strength category, I knew I could have an opportunity to win if I didn’t make a mental mistake. Norbert’s team is always tough,” said Phillips.







## Legends of the Buzz

### Jim Davis

If Electric Football was a person, it would be Jim Davis. His nickname is The Hulk. If you're ever at an Electric Football event and you see him there, you have to go up and say hi. Tell him Crackin Plastic sent you. But be ready! He's a talker and he's got personality. He also regularly contributes to our magazine and he happens to be a legend in Electric Football. We sat down with him and, as always, it was fun.

Crackin Plastic: You live in the Detroit area. Were you born in Detroit?

Jim Davis: Born in Detroit, Michigan. I didn't move outta Detroit until 1995.

CP: Where'd you go?

JD: Moved out to be closer to the job in Westland, Michigan. I got in a little trouble and decided to move back to Detroit. Then I got married to wife Renee and we had kids. We decided that the school district just wasn't for us and we moved to Beverly Hills, Michigan in about 2008. We've been out here ever since.

CP: When did you start playing Electric Football?

JD: When I was eight years old. 1968!

CP: Did you play it straight through or did you take a break like most coaches?

JD: No, no, no. I played all the way up until high school. A lot of the guys that was on the football team with me, we had an Electric Football league. Then, ya know, the girls started calling. I started doing man stuff. That was like the tenth grade. We all put it down for a while. Then I went to Michigan State. I didn't stay there too long. Then I went to the service. After the service I came home and I can't tell you all the stuff I did once I came home. But, one was road manager for The Dramatics for about seven years. The pay was great at first. It was \$250 a night. If they did two shows, that's \$500 for me! The shows started getting to be every Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. It was every weekend. But once it started going to every other week, I had to find something else. So I finally got a job at Ford Motor Company. That was in 1990. I was with Ford ever since.



CP: When did you pick up Electric Football again?

JD: Actually it was because of my wife. She read an article in some newspaper. She said, "Babe, you remember you telling me you played Electric Football? They've got a tournament that's gonna be in Chicago." That's the first Miggle tournament they had in Michael Jordan's bar. They started having conventions the next year. I've been to every single one of them.

CP: What are your hobbies outside of Electric Football?

JD: Fantasy football. Bowling. I used to be a good bowler with like a 198 average. I blew up my knee and that had to stop. I love watching any sports. I coached little league football. Between Michigan State and the army I coached high school football with coach Mike Marshall. We won the city twice. I was just an assistant. But I was on the coaching staff and I did my due. We went to coach varsity at Mumford and went undefeated our first year. Coach Hodgkins over at Henry Ford asked Mike to take their junior varsity. So we went over there. Our first year we were undefeated until we lost to Brother Rice.

CP: You've accomplished a lot competing in Electric Football. You've given a lot to the hobby. But what has it meant to you all these years?

JC: Let me just put it to you this way. God and family first, always. My wife, my daughters, my grandsons, mean so much to me. But, God comes first in our family. Besides them, it comes to my Electric Football family. I love the game so much. There are so many different rules and styles of play. You can always find someone to play. You can always teach someone. I used to play chess in high school. It's kinda like chess. You gotta think ahead and set people up. It's just a great game and a great hobby. I don't know what else to say. It's my pastime.

CP: You've done almost everything in Electric Football as far as competitions. Is there anything else you'd like to do?

JD: I'm mentoring some young coaches. Well, they're young coaches, but they're not young people. Coach 55, Dan Williams, has been working with me for about three years. There's a couple of other coaches that I'm helping base up their teams. Alvin Kyle from the Capital City Electric Football League in Harrisburg. His friend Warren Ritter is also supposed to come by. He's a really nice guy. He used to call me every day when I wasn't feeling well. He'd say to let him know if there was anything I needed. Now I know he's not going to get in the car and bring me anything. But, it meant a lot to me. He's real nice and he's got three or four other guys he wants me to help teach. As long as I can sit by this board I'm willing to help people get into this hobby.

CP: How many teams do you run?

JD: The teams that I have that are based up are the Detroit Lions, a TOC team. The Raiders is a 60 man squad that I used in the Renaissance Electric Football League last year. But they are TOC ready. This year I have the Buffalo Bills based up and ready for the Renaissance league. I have the Chargers. I let my friend borrow them two years ago in the Glass City Showdown. I ended up facing him in the final. Then I had the Cincinnati Bengals based up and I gave them to Coach 55. He's been scrimmaging with them and doing well. He's still gotta coach them. But, he's got a good team he can be real proud of. That makes me happy for him because I do love him just like my real brother. As a matter of fact, I got some real brothers in this hobby that I'm close to and I know would have my back if I need them. That's Damon Lucas, Keith Long, Rob Moody, and Danny Williams (Coach 55).

CP: On all your teams, who's your favorite player?

JD: OJ. But, wait! Don't you go anywhere. I need to tell you my favorite defensive player of all time is Jack Tatum.

CP: Is there anything else you want our readers to know about the Hulk?

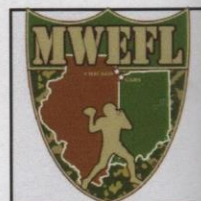
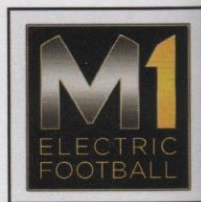
JD: Hulk still smash! Hulk makes the strongest bases. I ain't gonna say I make the best bases, but I do make the strongest. You can ask around. I stand behind my product. Other than that, Hulk can be really nice if you let him. But if you get on his bad side, he can be really bad. I do love everybody though.



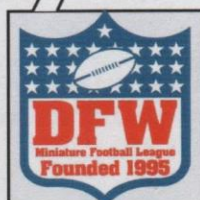
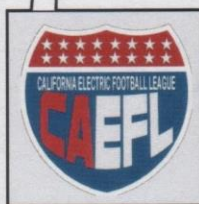
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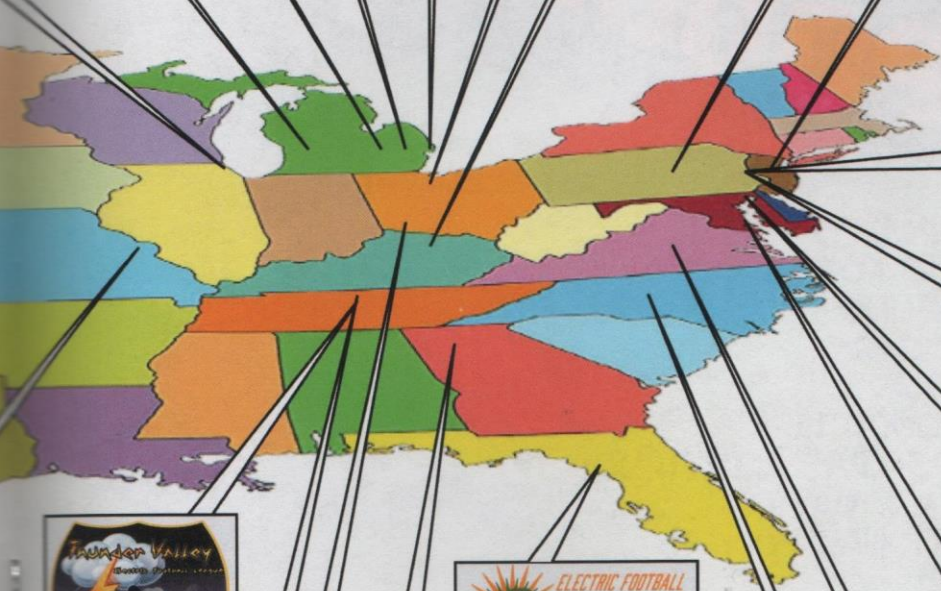
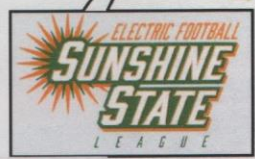
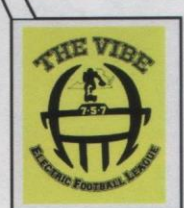
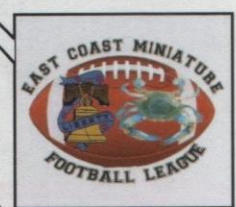
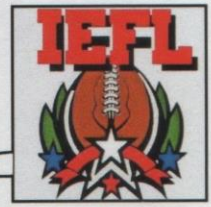
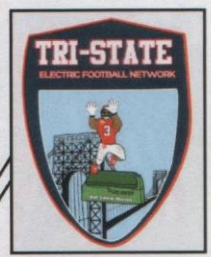
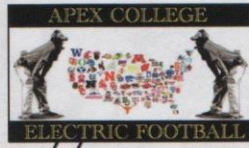
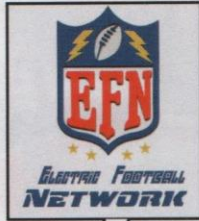
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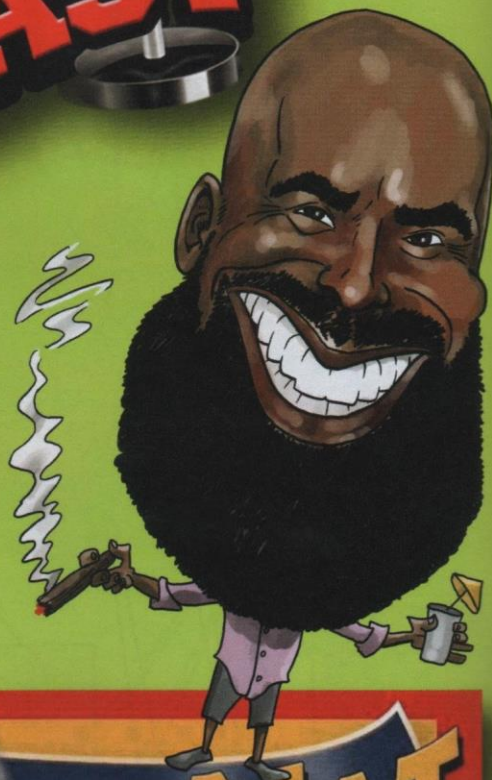






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Ruling on the Field

# WE NEED CONSISTENCY



With all that has been wrong with the year 2020, we were finally able to complete the TOC Circuit despite only having four events before the final tournament. Con 13 had each coach showing no signs of rust, creating epic matchups and great EF. Although, this year was different without the Fishers and the Gridiron Buzz Network or Richard RK Games broadcasting, it allowed me to see what I was missing and observe how each game is refereed. One of the things I noticed was: Not all games are officiated the same. When I officiated my first TOC event, I was an outsider. I had met everyone for the first time with no bias towards anyone. It led me to being fair and, at times, an enforcer to anyone that wanted to adjust after their designated time. However, most of the people playing are close friends and advocate for each other on bending the rules and being courteous towards each other. For example, two coaches were playing in the Round of 16. I called a penalty for 12 men on the field. It is agreed by them to just, "take him off," and continue play. For us growing the hobby, the best way to learn the game is through its rules. Allowing these courteous acts leads the referee to become inconsistent with the calls made moving forward.

The TOC prides itself in having an easy to follow rule set for people of all skill levels. For those with a lower skill level like myself, we use Round Robin play to get a feel for the game, its pace, and what to look for in certain situations. You may not win or even score a touchdown but, you will better understand the rules by your third game. If you do not go to the knockout round, stay and continue to officiate. These tournaments need fresh eyes with veteran mentors to create a sense of order in the heat of competition.

I mention all the time that we play a children's game and don't get paid for it. Therefore, there should be no need to become the law and make calls with a puffed chest, but rules are rules. There is no need to be Ed Hochuli or Mike Pereira or a prison guard enforcing the rules. I understand for some people, clashing personalities can be intimidating to someone who may not be as outgoing as most. However, this is not about being the Alpha. This is about maintaining the rules and being fair from the opening round to the championship. Plain and simple: Call it as you see it in the rulebook.

Yours truly,  
The Ref





The Miniature Football Bowl Championship Series is a nationwide league of 55 college Electric Football teams. There are five conferences, Big 12, PAC 12, ACC, SEC, and Big 10. Games started in the spring of 2020 and the season ended the last weekend in August with a tournament and bowl extravaganza in Dallas, Texas. 2020 was the first year and it was a great success. Be sure to reserve your team for the 2021 season. Find out which college teams are available, build your squad, and get ready to crack some plastic!

## MFBCS Top 10 Regular Season Rankings

	W	L	T	PF	PA
1. Cincinnati - Coach: Darren Jahmani	9	0	0	285	155
2. Texas - Coach: Bob Owens	10	1	0	364	177
3. Syracuse - Coach: Brian Phillips	10	2	0	418	232
4. Georgia - Coach: Rafiq McDanul	6	1	0	242	140
5. Utah - Coach: JC Davis	10	2	0	429	209
6. Hawaii - Coach: Bobby Moore	8	3	0	255	131
7. Auburn - Coach: Doug Shanafelt	7	0	0	224	53
8. North Dakota State - Coach: Tom Ruesink	8	3	0	297	207
9. Florida - Coach: Pep Woods	7	4	0	411	244
10. Arizona - Coach: Isaac Cash	6	2	0	120	103



# MFBCS Season Stat Leaders

## Regular Season Passing

	G	Comp	Att	Cmp%	Yds	TD	Int	Rat
1. Sam Ehlinger, Texas	11	110	128	85.9	2485	35	0	158.3
2. Cam Newton, Auburn	6	47	58	81.0	1286	15	0	158.3
3. Steve Young, BYU	7	32	42	76.2	773	9	0	157.2
4. Troy Aikman, UCLA	6	62	86	72.1	1268	11	0	153.8
5. Tommy Frazier, Nebraska	7	73	95	76.8	1368	15	1	153.4
6. Brian Johnson, Utah	12	141	187	75.4	3799	46	2	152.1
7. Thomas Magnum, Hawaii	8	65	95	68.4	1353	15	0	169.1

## Regular Season Rushing

	G	Att	Yds	Avg	TD
1. Ronnie Hillman, San Diego State	10	131	1430	10.9	17
2. Sam Ehlinger, Texas	11	75	1255	16.7	15
3. Emmitt Smith, Florida	11	73	854	11.7	11
4. Jamal Willis, BYU	5	35	832	23.8	9
5. Herschel Walker, Georgia	7	60	557	9.3	7
6. Barry Sanders, Oklahoma State	8	75	545	7.3	7

## Regular Season Receiving

	G	No	Yds	Avg	TD
1. LaMichael James, Oregon	10	38	1149	30.2	12
2. Always Open, Syracuse	11	35	1113	31.8	17
3. Jordan Shipley, Texas	9	33	777	23.5	11
4. Jabar Gaffney, Florida	9	33	858	26.0	10
5. Quan Cosby, Texas	11	28	870	31.1	14

## Individual Award Winners

Heisman Trophy (Player of the Year)	Sam Ehlinger, Texas
Keith "Big Salty" Chalmers (Coach of the Year)	Darren Jahmani, Cincinnati
Bednarik (Defensive Player of the Year)	Kiki DeAyala, Texas
Davey O'Brien (QB)	Brian Johnson, Utah
Jim Thorpe (Defensive Back)	Michael Huff, Texas
Doak Walker (RB)	Ronnie Hillman, San Diego State
Biletnikoff (WR)	Steve Smith, Utah
Butkus (LB)	Paul Kreuger, Utah
Outland (Interior Lineman)	Lomas Brown, Florida
John Mackey (Tight End)	Always Open, Syracuse
Lou Groza (Placekicker)	Johnathan Rucker, Cincinnati
Johnny Rogers Jet (Kick Returner)	Emmitt Smith, Florida
Manster (Defensive Line)	Kiki DeAyala, Texas



# MFBCS Tournament

## Brackets

Cincinnati

Bye

Cincinnati 14

Ole Miss 24

Ole Miss 24

USC 10

Ole Miss 13

Nebraska

Nebraska 21

Bye

Nebraska 26

Bye

Florida 22

Florida

Georgia

Bye

Georgia 56

Clemson 34

Baylor 22

Baylor 42

Georgia 56

Oklahoma 24

Utah 44

Illinois 7

Oklahoma 21

Utah

Utah 35

Bye

Texas 17

Syracuse 35

## National Championship

Georgia 35

Syracuse 45



Nebraska 41

Georgia 45

Texas

Texas 34

Alabama 0

Bye

San Diego 13

Alabama 20

Texas 35

N Dakota St 21

UNC

UNC 41

N Dakota St 26

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Syracuse

Syracuse 42

Michigan 10

Bye

Michigan 34

Tennessee 24

Syracuse 42

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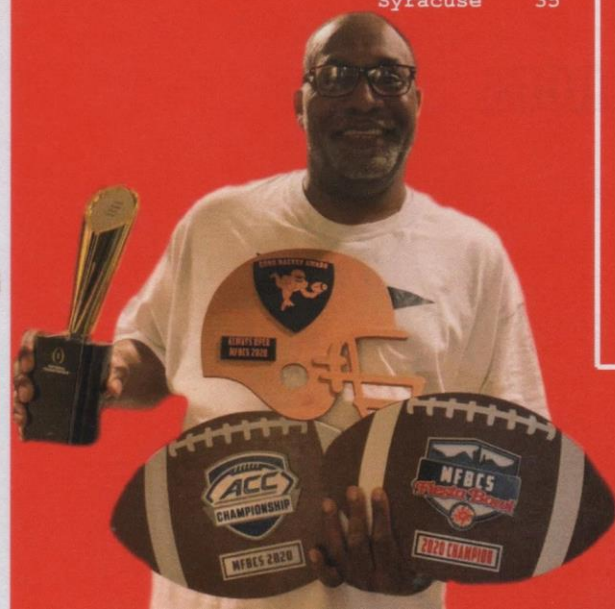
Hawaii 22

Okla St 30

Texas A&M 7

Hawaii

Bye





# CATCHING A BUZZ

## No "Offense" Given

by Greg Ingold

As many in our hobby can attest, scoring - let alone moving the ball regularly—can often prove difficult. Traditional passing (using an electric football throwing quarterback) takes a lot of practice. Getting that small felt ball to hit that small plastic figure from inches away is not as easy as it sounds. And running the ball? Good luck with that! Trying to go up the middle usually results in a stalemate at best - if not lost yardage. Going around end takes a well-tuned, properly "tweaked" based figure that can turn just at the right time. Even then, a decently arranged defense can squelch most running plays. All this can lead to a punt-filled, low-scoring game that can frustrate even the most enthusiastic electric football hobbyist.

Well, I am here to cheer you up! The next time you feel that your offense is inept and yards and points are as hard to get as water from a rock think about the following statistics from an actual NFL game played between the Detroit Lions and Chicago Cardinals on September 15, 1940:

- Neither team scored.
- Both teams combined for a total of 30 yards offense (yes—30 total yards!).
- Only one pass was completed the entire game.
- In the 4th quarter there were eight consecutive punts with neither team bothering to

run an offensive play.

If that didn't cheer you up (or at least make you wince) there was a game played on October 10, 1937 where the Cleveland Rams had eleven tries starting at the Chicago Bears six-yard-line and couldn't find the endzone! If you're wondering how the Rams got eleven attempts they were aided by two Bears' penalties which resulted in Rams' first downs. The last four downs were all from the Bears' one-yard-line and the Rams still couldn't muscle it over! Feeling better? I thought so.

And while I could not find an NFL record for the most incomplete pass attempts in a row think about this: Hall-of-Fame quarterback Joe Namath once went 2 for 18 in a game played on September 29, 1974. And those two completions came in the last two minutes of the game!

Finally, the 1971 New England Patriots found themselves in a 4th and 63 situation. And in the NCAA in 2017 Louisiana Tech had a 2nd and goal from the Mississippi State six-yard-line. The ball was fumbled and continued to be knocked backwards with no one gaining possession until a Tech player recovered at his own seven-yard-line. The result? Third and 93!

So the next time you feel you'll never move the ball again or see one your players break the plane of the goal-line maybe you'll think of one of these situations. And maybe, just maybe, you'll feel better about your offense!





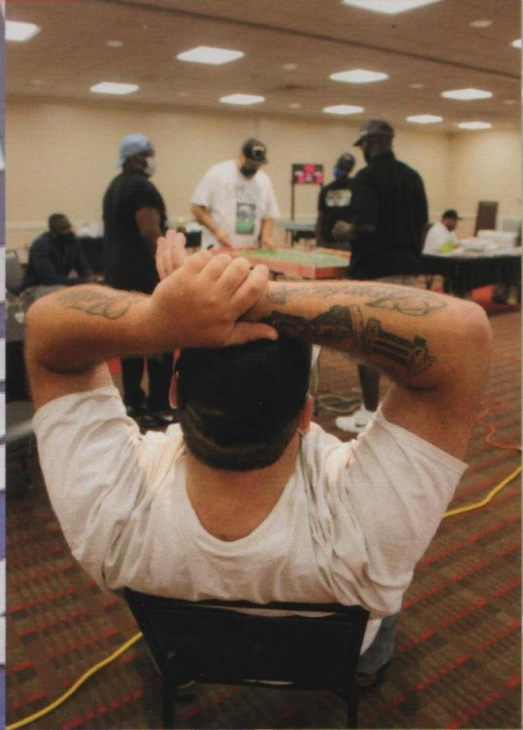
The 13th Edition of The TOC Convention was held in Kansas City at the end of July. Though it was a tough year, Electric Football came through when we needed it. Saturday was the last leg of the tournament series and Rafiqy McDanul won the championship. On Sunday, the top 8 coaches from the year met in a final tournament to determine the World Champion. Coaches Kelley Newton and Brandon Woodard wound up facing each other in the final. Newton's Colts beat Woodard's Cowboys 30 to 20 in a great game.

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