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In the Spring of 2008, The Miniature Football Coaches Association began taking nominations for an MFCFA Hall of Fame.. This was announced with an article by Ray Fanara in the Spring Issue of *“The Tweak”*, the Official Magazine of the MFCFA.

In this article, the criteria for three categories was announced, as well as the process through which the entire selection would take place.

This would continue through 2017, when the last class of inductees would be chosen before the dissolution of the MFCFA in 2018.

This is a recap of that entire documented history of the MFCFA’s HOF.



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MINIATURE FOOTBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME



by Ray Fanara

Imagine a place where every "Electric Football" board ever made was on display, complete with original teams and accessories in 'pristine' condition, from every manufacturer. As you explore further, you encounter photos and mementos associated with the greatest miniature football coaches ever to play the best and beat the best while maintaining the highest standards of sportsmanship and dedication to the advancement of the miniature football hobby. Then you enter the archive where every tournament and league champion is listed by date and venue along with individual league records. This is the vision for the virtual Miniature Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame, made not of bricks but rather of bits. Millions of them in order to house, preserve, protect, honor and display the greatest names, photos, records and equipment associated with the "Electric Football" hobby. The MFCA HOF is being established to honor those who contributed to it, excelled at it, and to those who continue to maintain and preserve it as hobbyists.

THE HOF COMMITTEE

These are exciting times in the miniature football hobby and a dedicated HOF committee made up of hobbyists and coaches from across the MF landscape are beginning the task of building the HOF and selecting the inaugural class of HOF members. Led by Chairperson Ray Fanara, and committee members Rene "Smitty" Smith, of Baltimore, MD, John Merida of San Francisco, CA, and Will Travers of Washington D.C., are dedicated to establishing and following a rigid nomination and selection process to honor and recognize the best



RAY FANARA



RENE SMITH



JOHN MERIDA



WILL TRAVERS

and most dedicated to the hobby while maintaining the archive of records and data. Charged with the vital task of developing the selection criteria, the nomination and selection process and following the process impartially to the best of their ability is the objective of the HOF Committee, to be sure all eras/games are the finest the game has produced.

THE ENSHRINEMENT PROCESS

The MFCA HOF has three categories for enshrinement to recognize and honor those with various talents that allow them to achieve greatness within the hobby. Each category has its own criteria to scrutinize HOF nominations in order to make the best decisions and recommendations for HOF status. The categories are; Contributor, Coach and Hobbyist.

The category for Contributor would be for those innovators, leaders, founders and manufacturers that have either consistently contributed to the hobby or made a significant contribution that has a lasting effect. They consistently give of their own resources in time and money which benefit the hobby as a whole. They are true innovators, promoters and leaders within the hobby. They provide new products that make the game more enjoyable and competitive; they promote leagues and tournaments, they show innovation through playing styles and rule-sets and are devoted to the hobby on a consistent basis. The Coaching category is defined as one who exhibits excellent gamesmanship, skill, sportsmanship and has won or succeeded at many tournament events to include league play over a 5-10 year span and lends advice to fellow competitors. They are skilled at strategy, tweaking, passing and play-making. They always show exemplary sportsmanship under any condition and situation and are always willing to teach others within the hobby, they are both unselfish and committed to the hobby. The criteria for the Hobbyist, is one who exhibits a positive influence on the hobby, unselfish with game knowledge, paints, collects, promotes, contributes, plays in leagues, and/or tournaments, on a consistent basis, to include solitary play. They never really stopped playing, they continued to play, collect, protect and preserve the hobby until they were part of the main stream again. Note: Once in the HOF you can never be considered for another category.

NOMINATION PROCESS

Any MFCA member can nominate anyone connected with the hobby, either currently or from the past. Nominations can be accepted at anytime from 1 January to 31 December to be considered for induction the following August. Inductions will take place the weekend as the Pro Football HOF each year provided that valid nominations are submitted, recommended for the final ballot and are approved for induction. The nomination must be accompanied by a written justification with examples showing how the nominee meets the stated criteria for a given category. The nomination must have merit based on the published criteria, to be considered. The list of nominees will remain unpublished to the general EF population during the review period. Using the nomination write-up and other sources, the HOF Committee will then determine if the nominee should be placed on the final selection ballot. This will take additional research to reach a final decision. It will be necessary for the four current committee members to conduct interviews, in confidence with as many people connected with the nominee as possible in order to obtain a 360 degree view of the individual. Once a case can be made for any nomination, that name will go onto a nomination list for consideration for placement on the final ballot. Next, the Committee along with each of the MFCA regional reps will determine the final list of nominees to be placed on the final selection ballot by reviewing each nominee on a case by case basis. The ballot will contain no more than five names in any one category. Then the ballot will go to a voting process where the final decision will be made to determine that year's class of inductees.

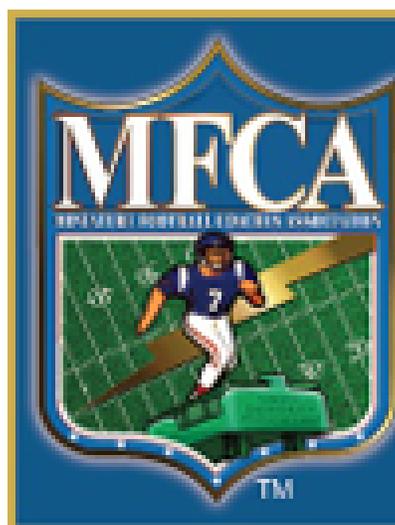
THE HOF BALLOT AND FINAL SELECTION PROCESS

The ballot will contain the names of those nominations deemed worthy based on the criteria. The ballot may contain one name per category or multiple names per category but no more than five. Next, the HOF Committee along with the regional reps will select Contributors worthy of HOF Status using a voting process. The categories for Coach and Hobbyist will be determined by MFCA members using an on-line voting process with instructions to vote for one or two names in each category depending on the number of nominations in each category. Any nomination placed on the ballot that is not selected for HOF status will automatically be added to the final selection ballot the following year.

In conclusion, the HOF nomination and selection process defined herein closely resembles the same process used by the Pro Football HOF to determine the best connected with professional football. The HOF committee is excited to start assembling the MFCA HOF, complete with records, displays and honored members. Future nominations may be submitted to any of the four HOF Committee Members any time this calendar year for consideration for HOF status in 2009. See you in Canton, OH.

Ray Farara, Contributing Writer, and MFCA HOF Committee Chair

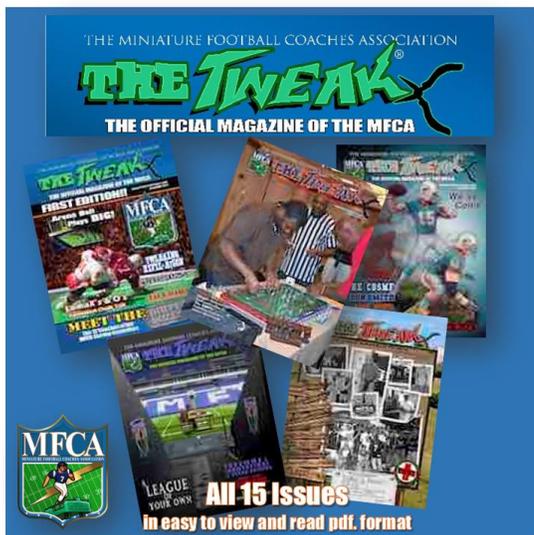
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The following pages and graphics are direct reprints of them as they appeared in “*The Tweak*” . You can download the full pdf. file copies of the magazine from the **NEFGM Library** section of the **nefgm.org** website. This magazine is the only full documented history of the **Miniature Football Coaches Association** that is available. It covers the period of the MFCA from the spring

of 2007 though to the end of it’s publication in the winter of 2010, 15 issues in all. The MFCA’S selection and induction process did continue until 2017. In 2018 the MFCA was formally dissolved and discontinued. It does continue as a Facebook group but with no real leadership or organization.

Following these reprints are copies of other graphics and documents that we have been able to find and preserve.

THE 2008 MFCA HALL OF FAME



GEORGE DIAMOND
MICHAEL LANDSMAN
LEE PAYNE
REGINALD RUTLEDGE
DIRK THOMAS
DOC SMEBY



THESE SIX INDIVIDUALS REPRESENT THE BEST OF MINIATURE ELECTRIC FOOTBALL!

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE
FOR THE HOBBY, GAME AND SPORT!

IN OUR NEXT ISSUE WE WILL DOCUMENT THEIR LIVES AND CONTRIBUTIONS AS WE
HONOR THEM AT THE 2008 MFCA CONVENTION



COACH

DIRK THOMAS
CARDINALS

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Born/Passed 1954-2000
- Derrinate electric football coach, Texas Shootout Winner
- 1999, BuzzBall Summer Slam Runner-up
- "Best in Class" Painter in his day, best at details
- Practical great "sportsmanship" meant more than winning
- Tutored many of his opponents in electric football
- Most respected of all coaches in his day, as a competitor and a person
- Coaches sought his advise on all topics electric football
- Loved coaching Peewee Football, ages 12-14
- His family was his number #1 priority
- Enjoyed playing Softball

HOBBYIST

DR. KURT "DOC" SMEBY

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Doctors Degree in Physics
- Coached team Force USA in the UK
- 1997-Minor League Football HOF
- 127-50 as a head coach
- They say, his greatest coaching attribute was his ability to read a defense in a split second and teach those around him how to exploit it.
- One the first faces of the chat board
- Always provided help to the new guys
- Used a unique multi-stop playing style, based on real football situations
- Gave us much of the history of the game we have today
- Maintained a miniature football web page devoted to the 1967 NFL season (Timewarp 1967 League)
- His story began in 1967 when he first saw the game in a hobby shop, 620 grass
- Had played from 1967-2004, the time of his death
- Today, Division named in his honor at Miggle Super Bowl Tournament

CONTRIBUTOR

LEE PAYNE, JR. TUDOR METAL CORPORATION

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Born/Passed 1934-2003
- Played on the University of Georgia freshman football team
- Graduated from University of Cincinnati, 1958 with a degree in industrial design
- Early 1960s, employed at Walter Darwin Teague and Associates, NY, NY
- Worked on AMF monorail exhibit, 1964 Worlds Fair
- Worked projects for Tupperware, General Electric, and Tudor Metal Corp
- 1964-1968, worked directly for Tudor
- Developed 3-D figures, fish-five, NFL Lic, for Pro teams and logos for games and figures
- 1967, Gross field 620, 510, 520, 613/618, Boards, making Electric Football a household name, putting it on every boys wish list
- Later, established Lee Payne Associates, chaired the industrial design program at Georgia Tech
- Served on Olympic Torch Design teams, in 1996 and 2002

MICHAEL G. LANDSMAN MIGGLE TOYS, INC.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Born, 1936, Chicago, IL (North Side)
- Attended the University of Illinois
- 1969, purchased, Superior Toy Co.
- 1992, Miggle Toys purchases Tudor Games
- 1995, First Miggle Electric Football Super Bowl and Convention, Chicago
- Created one of the first Newsletters dedicated to Electric Football, the "Plugged In"
- First, Internet Chat Board dedicated to Electric Football
- Connecting people Worldwide and creating lifelong friendships within the hobby
- Gained National media coverage for Electric Football to include; ESPN, CBS, ABC, FOX, CNN
- Created large scale Electric Football playing surface
- Produced Sturped Helmet Teams, showing greater detail
- Produced ProLine Figures and ProLine Bases
- Produced New "620" board and Rose Bowl Game Board
- Two children, Barry and Stacy, and 3 grandchildren, Michael, Rachel and Ryan
- 1974 Married Delayne "Mrs. Cornish"
- Enjoys Swimming and Golfing

REGINALD RUTLEDGE FOOTBALLFIGURE.NET

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Born, 1961
- Youngest of 8 siblings, very creative as a child
- First MF game experience was on a Tudor 645 model, he was hooked at age 11
- 1974, First NFL Stadium experience, Texas Stadium
- 1974, First NFL Stadium Replica Texas Stadium, constructed using old shoe boxes, tape, glue and a vivid imagination
- 1990, Graduated, University of Texas at Dallas, Electrical Engineering
- Started FootballFigures.com, Signature product, realistic custom MF figures
- Developed larger scale 308 MF board
- 1995, Starts DFW MF League and holds first Texas Shootout (TSO) Tournament
- Introduces the TSO rule-set complete with random related football events, making games more realistic
- Constructs museum quality replica football stadiums

GEORGE DIAMOND BUZZBALL

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Born, 1959
- First EF game played as a first grader, lost 6-0 on a Tudor 500 model
- First board, Tudor 500 model
- 1970, Christmas Received Tudor 613 with Bears and Cardinals
- 1982, Graduated from Shippensburg University
- Married, 3 children, Sophia, Paul (Spike), Priscilla
- 1998, Reunited with Miniature Football
- 1999, SI Warehouse/BuzzBall opens
- 1999, First SummerSlam Tournament
- 2000, Started Harrisburg BuzzBall League, with Paul Bartels
- 2001, Initiated first MF convention devoted to coaching and player development
- 2002, First WinterFest Tournament
- Responsible for Speed Diamond bases
- Responsible for Haiti Repro Figures
- Responsible for Mag 7 Buzzball Figures
- Developed large scale BB boards
- Developed the Diamond Directional base
- Most prized possession, his PD 2620, but still en joys playing on a Tudor 500

THE MFCA OFFERS OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FINAL FOUR CANDIDATES FOR THE 2009 MFCA HOF!



JOIN US AT THE MFCA CONVENTION ON AUGUST 7
TO FIND OUT WHO THE TWO NEW 2009 INDUCTEES WILL BE.



LAVELL
SHELTON



MARK & BILL
KLINGBEIL



MIKE
PRATT



MIKE
TURNER



CONTRIBUTORS

BILL & MARK KLINGBEIL

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Born: Cleveland, Ohio
- Grew up in Strongsville and Humble Texas.
- Mark and Bill received their first game from an uncle.
- Played in a solitary league together since 1978.
- 1995 and 1996 Miggle Super Bowl Champions.
- Houston EFL League Champion (Mark)
- Worked with Miggle to expand the Super Bowl Convention Tournament to more participants than just those submitting video tape entry's for Cleveland in 1998.
- Instrumental in setting up the Electric Football Display at the Pro Football HOF for 2001 Miggle Convention.
- Designed Proline bases for Miggle.
- Worked with Miggle to expand the product line to include new ITZ based poses and 67 Big Men.
- Developed and marketed in the Zone (ITZ) Fig trees, two-tone numbers, and the famous ITZ Dials.
- Maintained a miniature football web page and newsletter, "The RealZone" devoted to the EF hobby.
- Winning the first ever Miggle Super Bowl together is their most memorable moment in the hobby.

COACH

MIKE TURNER

BRONCOS

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Born and raised in Dayton Ohio.
- Received first Tudor Game in 1964 from parents.
- Received a Tudor 620 in 1967.
- Started neighborhood league in 1968.
- Vietnam veteran having served in the Air Force 1970-74.
- Enjoyed playing EF with friends and relatives while on military leave.
- Played in first major Miggle Tournament in 1998, Cleveland.
- Has played in every major EF tournament across the U.S.
- Played in 8 championship games plus 3 league championship games.
- Most proud of two 2nd place finishes in Bornn Blasts and two 2nd place finishes in Green Room Rumbles including the first held in South Bend, In.
- He's recorded more miles than any other coach in pursuit of EF/ MF championships.
- His most exciting EF moment came in 1998, when he met Joyce and Dirk Thomas at the Miggle Convention.
- Another memorable moment came in 2009, watching his son JaRon win the Miggle Senior Spark Bowl in Chicago.
- A friend to every major competitor and hobbyist alike.
- Always plays to win and always puts the game first with great sportsmanship.
- Currently resides in Las Vegas, NV.

THE MFCA OFFERS OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
FINAL FOUR CANDIDATES FOR THE 2010 MFCA HOF!



JOIN US AT THE MFCA CONVENTION ON AUGUST 7
TO FIND OUT WHO THE TWO NEW 2010 INDUCTEES WILL BE.



LAVELL
SHELTON



MYRON
EVANS



MIKE
PRATT



DAVID
NICKLES



HOBBYIST

LYNN SCHMIDT

CHIEFS

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Personal History

- Received his first electric football game at age 10, during the summer of 1970, a Tulee 300 model with the flat silver and blue wires. It was purchased at a farm market for \$3 along with a box of balls and wires.
- He and his young nephew used the game for the next 2-4 years learning the rules and playing method, using masking tape to identify the players that ran backwards, having no concept of forward. They had no ball football, so they fashioned tiny cotton balls for passing plays which were considered fast kick efforts and completed passes rivaled a lateral throw.
- Lynn rediscovered the game in 1988 while waiting through a Toys R Us. Several later he was leaving the store with the Miggle Football Green Bay game being offered at the time. Using the Miggle Newsletter Inside, he was able to connect with many people who imported his EFBs. They were, Mark Elmgren, Paul Baricki, Matt Miller and Mark and Will Purnell.
- He attended his first Miggle convention in Canton, Ohio. Soon after he was playing in his first Football Tournament where Paul "Bubberman" Baricki promptly recruited him and then took the time to demonstrate how to improve his play.

Achievements and Career Highlights

- Miggle moderator for 2 years.
- Miggle Great Villains award, 2007.
- Founded the Great Plains EFL with Matt Miller and Mark and Will Purnell.
- Champion of the OPRL in its first year.
- NFL regional representative.
- Founded the Toronto Alley EFL with Gene Wehrlich and Bill Street.
- Founding member of the MFCA and its first President.
- Developed the MFCA skills competition and equipment.
- Started the Toronto magazine with Scott Culp and Al Durham.
- He used his artistic and graphic talents to create numerous EFL league logos and developed realistic graphics for field covers and a 1988 Chiefs hand painted team featuring real and grass stains matched exactly to game footage.
- Has a one of a kind collection of over 100 mini-graphed leaves from Chiefs players.
- When NFL fans came to the Miggle convention in Jacksonville and had a documentary video, his 1987 Superstar Chiefs were filmed running 63 Tom Power Trap to perfection. The footage was cut together with the actual footage from Super Bowl 4. Being on the same film with Hank Stram was one of his greatest moments.
- Another highlight was watching his 7 year old son, Jay, win his first tournament game against one adult at the Mid American Make and then having to play him in the journey. After winning, Jay was crowned BK and Lynn was VB.

Personal Life

Married Wife Sandra
Two daughters (Gin, Haley), Sons (Jay)

In closing, his numerous contributions to the organization have made him most deserving of this recognition. Without any doubt, he will continue to promote, innovate and strive to fit our hobby to its proper status among other great games. We are proud to have him as a member of the MFCA and now on one of its Hall of Fames. Lynn was the truly great. It's incredible how a Tulee 300 basic can have such an impact on one's life and lead one to be known as "Wehrlich", Hall of Famer.

HOBBYIST

MIKE PRATT

CHIEFS

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Developed numerous sets of rules, most notably Football and National High Voltage Rules.
- Developed Attack Passing method for NFL.
- Extensive knowledge of the history of miniature electric football in terms of player figure types, fields, tooling, adjusting boards and is always willing to share that info.
- He was an original member on the early Miggle forums and provided insight on every aspect of his game to everyone.
- He was always testing his rules for practical application in tournament settings. Just because a rule is fun to play with, it may not be applicable under competitive tournament conditions.
- One of the few who could compete and win a tournament at the same time.
- He is one of the pioneers of the miniature football renaissance, making the game fun for everybody.
- Mike is a very good coach with several first and second place finishes in leagues and tournaments.
- Played in three leagues at once in central Pennsylvania.



COACH

LAVELLE SHELTON

CHIEFS/NOTRE DAME

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Personal History

- In 1967, at the age of ten, he gave his heart to the Lord and in December of that year he received his first electric football game as a gift.
- Early three years of playing, coaching, teaching and mentoring others on the four points of electric football.
- Started his first league in 1970 in Virginia Beach, Virginia.
- Perfected the use of the Sacrilege Screen play back in the 60's, which generated opposing coaches from seeing formations and player directions and it is a playing style still in use today.
- Developed face masks and neck rolls made from breast ties to create resilience along with hand padding, arm padding and towels made from athletic tape.
- Emphasized football players using modeling paste in the 70's.
- Emphasized Miter leg by folding over the leg flap toward the hip joint for stronger kick off's.

Achievements and Career Highlights

- Multiple Championships in Tidewater, Virginia during the 60's and 70's
- 1980's Hinton TMC's Five time Super Bowl Champ in Norfolk, Virginia
- Seven time Champion SC Electric Football League
- Seven time NPC Champion of the SC Electric Football League
- Two time Miggle World Champ in 1997 & 1998 in Chicago, Illinois and Cleveland, Ohio, respectively.
- Carolina Chiefs EFL in 2001 and 2003
- Disc League Offensive Ruler in 2006
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- Disc League Offensive Ruler in 2008
- Player to EF Championship in 2009
- Player to Offensive MVP of the year 2008
- DCFL Outback Bowl Runner Up in 2009

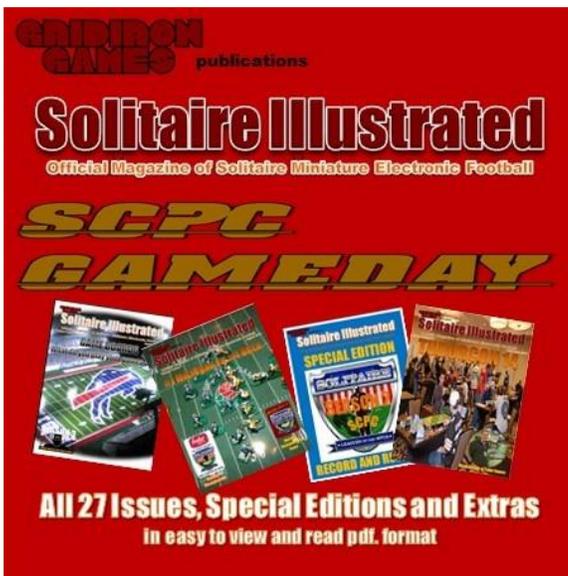
Personal Life

- In November 1991, Lavelle married his dream wife, Cassandra Shelton of Greenville SC. Two beautiful teenagers, son, Dan Shelton and daughter, Wisdom Delight Shelton
- Other Hobbies include huge collections of Christian Reggae, Classical, and Jazz music, a massive collection of Mifflinland football figures, MFF football figures, Starting Line Up football figures, Great collection of football films, Home Clin Super Hero figures and detailed an display of my painted and custom designed football figures.

In closing, Lavelle's love for the Lord, has influenced him in a way that allows him to interact with others in a positive way and helped him in demonstrating the game to a long line of current players from the Tidewater area. This passion to influence and lead others allowed for the development and mentoring of such great players as Dan Smith, Jaymy Cordis and others. Lavelle is truly a great competitor and mentor who put the Lord and the game first before any personal gain and for these actions he is most deserving of this recognition.

The MFCA's publication of ***"The Tweak"*** would cease following the release of their Winter 2010 Issue #15 and with it much of the history of the MFCA that followed was lost.

I have been able, with a great deal of research, to extract some additional information from the MFCA's Facebook Page and other sources.



In the fall of 2012, I began publishing an e-magazine, ***"Solitaire Illustrated"*** - **Official Online Magazine of the "Solitaire Leagues of the MFCA.**

In it, I was able to publish some articles that featured the MFCA's Hall of Fame inductions.

At the 2013 MFCA Convention I was honored with the LEE PAYNE AWARD. This award is given to individuals who over their lifetime, have exhibited the characters of our motto; unity, integrity and fellowship. These words were created as our motto by Will Travers upon the founding of the MFCA.

The person receiving this award should be respected and should be known for their fairness, ethics and good character without reproof and should in every way be the epitome of the model miniature electric football hobbyist.

Will was awarded the first Lee Payne award in 2010. Other winners were Frank Johnson in 2011 and Ray Fanara in 2012.

The following page is a reprint of a page found in an issue of "Solitaire Illustrated, and following that is information that comes from what I have been able to find on the MFCA's Facebook page.



This year's MFCFA Hall of Fame Inductions took place next with Ray Fanara making the announcements. This year's enshrinees were Paul "Raiderman" Bartels and Corey "National" Johnson. "Raiderman" was not in attendance so Ray Fanara made the presentation and read a speech prepared by "Raiderman". Here are some quotations.

"It is with great honor that I accept the award of being voted into the MFCFA Hall of Fame...Although my passion has moved to spreading the gospel of Jesus to the inner city of Harrisburg electric football will always be a part of my life...Electric football has been a part of my life since I was eleven years old...This hobby has provided me with years of enjoyment, an amazing fellowship of friendships as well as an avenue to reach out to the younger generation...God has a calling on my life and He needs to come first. I would pray that all of you find the calling that God has on your life as well if you have not already...Have fun, play hard and make friendships that will last a lifetime. Thank you."



Corey Johnson, aka "National" and "Face of the Hobby" was presented by Ed Scott. Corey has been a member of the MFCFA Board of Directors and runs one of the largest leagues in the country, the PEFL (Philadelphia Electric Football League.)



Other awards of the evening was presented by the MFCFA BOD. The winner of this years "Lee Payne" Award was received by Chris LeMay and the MFCAL Season Champion went to Charles Lane.



The highlight of the evening was a presentation by Doug Strohm of Tudor Games. Tudor will resume hosting an electric football tournament in January of 2014 and is working on re-obtaining the NFL License with an announcement hopefully coming in October. Doug has been very supportive of the MFCFA and the Solitaire Coaches Points Challenge and Sponsor of the Season One SCBCS National Championship Trophy.



August 4, 2012

The 2012 inductees to the MFCA HOF are;

Bryan Nutt

David Nickles

and Norman Sas

Flamekeeper Award Winners: Andre Cogdell and Stan Ferris

This award is given annually to an individual or any number of individual (non-BOD) MFCA members who have over the last year actively, through the website, local community or nationally, promoted, educated and or assisted the MFCA in accomplishing the goals of our mission statement. They should have exhibited an overall fire for the hobby and have given of their time for the hobby's betterment.

Past Flamekeeper Awards

2011 Mike Guttman and Derrick Gross,

2010 Scott Hooper and Dimitri Matias

Lee Payne Award: Ray Fanara

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Lee Payne Award Past Winners -

2011 Frank Johnson

2010 Will Travers

In 2015, the MFCA announced a new mission and several changes to its basic overall mission and processes.

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.

2011 INDUCTIES

**Myron Evens
Ron Bell**

2012 INDUCTEES

**Bryan Nutt
David Nickles
Norman Sas**

2013 INDUCTEES

**Paul Bartels
Corey Johnson**

2014 INDUCTEES

**Eric Robinson
Dave Campbell
Adrian Baxter**

2015 INDUCTEES

**Norbert Revels
Bruce Watts
Vance Warren**

2016 INDUCTEES

**Charles Lane
Jim Davis
Keith Chalmers**

2017 INDUCTEES

**Kenneth Allen
DeWayne Jennings**



**Dave Campbell and
Eric Robinson**



Adrian Baxter

**Michael Jones
February 4, 2015**

Congratulations to my man Bruce Watts for his hall of fame induction! It was way over do if you ask me.

June 6, 2014

The HOF Committee and the MFCA Board of Directors is happy and excited to announce the 2014 MFCA Hall of Fame Inductees!

Congratulations to Eric Robinson and Dave Campbell from the LAEFL and Adrian Baxter from Maryland! (Eric and Dave were inducted as 1 entry)

Their induction ceremony will take place Friday, August 1, 2014, in Cleveland, Ohio during the MFCA Con.7.

Lee Payne Award

**Darrian Ross
Flame Keeper
Chris Bopst**

2013

**Paul Bartels
Corey Johnson
Lee Payne Award
Chris LeMay**

February 4, 2015

Your inductees for 2015 are Norbert Revels, Bruce Watts and Vance Warren.

Michael Jones

February 4, 2015

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February 7, 2016

There is no denying that the 2016 class is one of the most powerhouse group of competitors, characters and coaches in the history of the game.

Congratulations to Charles Lane, Jim Davis and Keith Chalmers on your induction into the 2016 Miniature Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame class!

Coach Kit Kinchen said it very well in his congratulations to the new Hall of Famers. "I want to congratulate these three men that ever since I started watching various forms of media involving Miniature Football, these three men stood out.

Their accomplishments on the field are second to none. What really stands out to me was the gentle nature off-field that was humble and inviting to those who wanted to learn to play the game. Be it watching Charles Lane's tranquil victories on YouTube, Jim Davis's witty media representation of the hobby while winning tournaments or Keith Chalmers' notable accomplishments while his antagonistic measures have won him world-wide acclaim, these three men represent all that I have known well about the game of electric football."



MFCFA

HALL OF FAME

2016



KEITH CHALMERS

JIM DAVIS

CHARLES LANE

March 20, 2016

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August 5, 2016

The MFCA inducted coaches, Jim Davis, Charles Lane, Keith Chalmers and longtime Tudor Games employee and friend of the hobby, Margie Windsor! Congratulations to all!



Lynn Weirwolf Schmidt

May 30, 2017

Rest in Peace, Margie!

It has just come to our attention that Margie Windsor passed away this last Saturday. Margie was a long-time employee of Miggle and Tudor Games and any of us that placed an order or bought something at the conventions got to know her well.

She was loved by the Electric Football community and will be greatly missed. Margie was inducted into the MFCA Hall Of Fame last year in a special vote.

There is no funeral planned for Margie at her request, but please post your remembrances and photos here or on the Tudor Games Facebook page and we will be sure to get these to her family.

The photo is of Margie on the left from the 2009 Convention.

Marjorie “Margie” Louise Windsor, age 62, of South Beloit, Illinois, passed away May 27, 2017 in Ettrick, Wisconsin surrounded by family.



The MFCA is happy to announce the 2017 inductees into the MFCA Hall of Fame!

Please congratulate Kenneth Allen and DeWayne Jennings!

Here are brief synopsis's of their accomplishments. We will have a more detailed report on the website and during their inductions this July in Dallas, Texas.

Ken Allen is a fiery, outspoken, coach from Detroit who is responsible for helping in the formation of many leagues in the Great Lakes region. He has won many league, regional and tournament championships and was the 2015 TOC National Champion. He was the original writer of the TOC rules, served on the MFCA BOD and is widely known as one of the best tweekers/team coordinators in the hobby!

DeWayne Jennings, from Ohio, is a humble, soft-spoken hobbyist who took his passion for this game and created a business, Electric Gridiron. He has advanced the game and hobby to new levels of realism!, He created chinstraps, face-masks and many other customizing options to enhance the look and realism of the figures. He also developed the most detailed figures in the hobby, often called Mini Macfarlanes after their much larger collectible, counterpart. DeWayne's innovations and line of figures have inspired many people to join the hobby and has raised the bar on realism in the world of Electric Football.

Congratulations to both of these MFCA Coaches and thank you for your contributions to the game and hobby of Electric Football!



MFCA HALL OF FAME 2017



**DEWAYNE
JENNINGS**



KEN ALLEN



Kenneth Allen

February 10, 2018

Wow! How time flies. I remember opening the email informing me of my induction into the MFCA Hall Of Fame. I have never been a proponent for individual honors but the feeling I had upon being selected must be shared with others who have dedicated themselves to this great hobby.

Hopefully, this tradition continues with Steven Martin, an innovative coach who was the first person to invent, manufacture, and mass produce the realistic stadiums most notably the Monday Night Football stadiums produced by Tudor/Miggle in the 90's.

Steve also served for many years on the MFCA Board of Directors protecting the MFCA from shady characters by volunteering legal advice. He was on the Board of Directors and Chief Officer for the first and ONLY Nationally recognized league containing 32 teams. His leadership of the Great Lakes Electric Football League led to that league being recognized as a group by Tudor/Miggle in 2008; the first and only recognition by a coaching group in history. This league contained two TOC Grand Champions, four Tudor World Champions, tons of other innovators, and four Hall of Fame coaches and contributors while Steve was on the BOD.

God Bless the MFCA.

Philly Nefl

March 20, 2016

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Kenneth Allen

August 31, 2019

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Legendary Hall Of Fame Coach Keith Chalmers.

Keith was the greatest tactician to ever play the game. A great teacher, Keith passed his knowledge of the game down to his sons Robert and William as he spearheaded the "Royal Family" of National Championships.

The Chalmers family, led by Keith, boasts the only father/son combination to win individual National Championships.

Known to many as "Salty" for his fierce competitiveness, Keith always found the time to provide pointers win or lose. On the field he was Dale Earnhardt; Intimidating and larger than life. Off the field he was the most supportive person, in any instance, that you could ever find on this planet and arguably the Greatest that ever played the game.

Please join the MFCA in extending our condolences.— with BigKeith Chalmers.



Here are some photos of the Big Keith Chalmers Commemorative Ultimate Board made for the 20th anniversary of the Capitol City Clash.

- Tudor Games 2020

Although not in the MFCAs Hall of Fame, certainly deserving of it!!

Lynn Weirdwolf Schmidt

February 26, 2023

Will Travers. I don't have words for this loss. Will was VP of the MFCAs or part of the BOD for its first 10 years. He and I worked together so often. He is irreplaceable to this hobby and Will always put the growth of the game over his own desires! I have nothing but respect for him and we could not have achieved what we did without him!

A great guy who EVERYONE loved and one of this hobby's greatest ambassadors! These last years, when we did not see each other much, he always reached out to me a couple of times a year just to check in! I miss that gravelly, calm voice keeping us all steady and on point! Love you Will...safe travels!



There has not been a formal induction of anyone to the MFCFA Hall of Fame since 2017. The MFCFA was formally dissolved in 2018. This comment was made after that time.

Larry Sharpe Jr.

March 1, 2019

Please can someone help me with this. I truly understand why coaches that play, and do well in league, and tournament play. Innovators and inventors. And even some organizers are in the EFL Hall of Fame. But there are very few painter's that are in.

One of the first things that attract people to EFL is some of the custom paint jobs. With out those of us that paint these figure's (the Chris Stacey, Manny Hall, Damon Lucas, and all the custom painter's I have not mentioned) these men would not look as attractive.

Out of all the people in this hobby. We may put in the most work to get these teams up to the standards that our EFL brethren desires when we sat out to paint these teams. Yes, decals have drastically increased the professionalism in which these men look. But paint is the foundation of how these figures are started. And with more and more coaches wanting their teams to look as real as possible, painting, decaling, and detailing these figures should be recognized more, with spots in the EFL Hall of Fame.



*Every so often there seems to appear another discussion of a person or persons that are deserving of being in an **ELELCTRIC FOOTBALL Hall of Fame**. I am only adding these selected discussions to show the direction these inevitably go to.*

April 28, 2025

Kevin Brown

When is Rkgames Richard getting inducted into the Hall of Fame??? He deserves it!!!!

Quentin Phillips

He's going in with me. 1st Ballot inductee

Kevin Brown

Quentin Phillips, didn't Elgin Clemons say the HOF was coming back about a year ago??? I wonder where we are with that process?

Quentin Phillips

Kevin Brown, he did

Clay Lomax

There is no more HOF. IF IT IS, MANY NEED TO BE CALLED

Anthony DeJohn

YES!!!

Jay Poore

He's got my vote too!!!

James Partipilo

The HOF was a great thing that got ruined by cliques.

Quentin Phillips

James Partipilo, that's not true! I'll give my in a post later on today

James Partipilo

Quentin Phillips From what I remember and saw. Be interoto see your post Coach. Thx

James Partipilo

Is Vincent Peatros in yet?

Steve Barrett

What will be the requirements to enter the "EFL HALL OF FAME"?

Steve Barrett

Rkgames Richard, most definitely the voice of Electric Football ..
Once you hear his voice you know what time it is..

Morris Bailey

Can y'all mention who the HOF coaches are! Sure, there are many.

December 9, 2020

Brian Phillips

Does anyone have a list of all the guys that are in the EF Hall of Fame?

Darrian Ross

Brian it was in the Tudor Chatroom.

James Partipilo

I have a list of who isn't and should have been: Vincent Peatros and Bill Porche!

Brian Phillips

James Partipilo SHM!

Norbert Revels

James Partipilo,.....I MUST INCLUDE Wally Jabs to your list, Jabs is the OG of tweaking bases, ask Vince man, in 2000 Jabs wrote a freaking book on tweaking, I read that dam thing front to back numerous times, I added a few different things to his speed tweak and power tweaks,....but his book is THEE BLUE PRINT on tweaking bases, same exact principles he taught in 2000, tweakers are doing it now and most don't even realize it or know of him.....LOL.

James Partipilo

Norbert Revels I agree 100% about Wally Jabs. Great guy and innovator.

Norbert Revels

JE Gibbi, not an actual book tho, I just said book because Mr. Jabs put so much work into it, and it really is numerous pages long,.....#kitkitchen, please post the link or something here so coaches can see it buddy.

Norbert Revels

JE Gibbi, enjoy, and be a sponge brother, GOLDEN information there.

Kit Kinchen

Norbert Revels, Both are in the files section.

Kit Kinchen

James Partipilo, Book was so good, I remade it. Norbert Revels showed in pictures what I read from it. He personally approved of the reprint.

James Partipilo

Kit Kinchen, yeah, I am fully aware of Wally and his accomplishments. We used to talk back in the day.

Kit Kinchen

James Partipilo, I was honored to just speak to him. I was like meeting a celebrity.

James Partipilo

Kit Kinchen, He's an old school EF head.

Kit Kinchen

Trying to catch my breath and stuff, humbled by his words of appreciation for the book. Just an EF groupie.

Kit Kinchen

I kept saying, THE WALLY JABS, MISTER WALLY, MISTER JABS. He was so kind to me.

Jack Thomas

So, where or how would I be able to get Wally Jabs' book?

Kit Kinchen

Jack Thomas, His original book and the remake are in the files section. *(the MFCA Facebook Group Page)*

Jack Thomas

Thanks, Kit!

Larry Sharpe Jr.

I hear the talk about tweaking bases. And they are a very essential part of the hobby. Because without bases they don't move. And I must say there are so very talented guys when it comes to this skill

set. But the most overlooked in this hobby are still the painters. We are easily the hardest workers in the hobby. And I feel that we are most under appreciated people in the hobby. It's not that many painters in the EFL HOF. People (unless you have painted a team or two) don't understand the process it can take to make a team look the way the master painters do. A lot just pick out the figure they want on the team. Send it to the painter they pick. And in most cases, it comes back looking nicely. But a lot of people don't see some of the process that it takes to get a team to look the way it should. It takes us weeks, and in some cases months to make sure another person's team is right. I know for myself. I get a roster from the coach I am painting for. I look at individual pictures of those players, to get as close to the real player they want. This is not an overnight process. Unlike those who tweak bases it takes a good amount of time to accurately paint a nice looking 40–60-man team. So, I truly think it's a shame that this part of the hobby is rarely looked at when it comes to this part of the hobby.

Chris Stacey

Larry Sharpe Jr. ...Well said.....

Larry Sharpe Jr.

Thanks Chris.

AK Fox

I think any hall of fame should have multiple categories like most sports do. A category for innovation or creativity should definitely be included.

An AI generated graphic by Cedric Rogers

Cedric Rogers

March 14, 2026

A TRIBUTE TO THE HALL OF FAMERS OF ELECTRIC FOOTBALL



Anthony D Burgess

This appears to be more about who's Popular!

The Klingbeil's Rutledge, , Sas, Warren, Jennings's are guys I know have contributed to make this hobby better, they gave back.....

I always thought that it's what an individual has done to or make this hobby better.

Being popular should never be a part of the selection process.

Winning games shouldn't be a major part of the selection process.

What is done to make/improve

/elevate the hobby should always be above winning

*When I began **The National ELECTRIC FOOTBALL Game Museum** in 2019, It was never my intent to include a “**Hall of Fame**”. The focus of the Museum has and always will be more about the game itself, and the creators, inventors, innovators and artist of the game and hobby and never about the players of the game whose only reason for being in this game and hobby is solely focused on how may league and tournament championships they can achieve.*

In a recent post on Facebook, Anthony D. Burgess posted the following:

March 15,2026

Hall of Fame ELIGIBILITY

To be inducted into any Hall Of Fame there are some critical factors that **MUST BE** adhered to.

Character

The character of the nominee should reflect integrity, honesty and the greatest level of morality, not dishonest, not a cheater or manipulative.

Ambassador of the Hobby

The nominee should be able to represent the hobby and the many coaches in the hobby in a professional manner on and off the board.

Accomplishments

The nominee should have a resume of their accomplishments and contributions to the hobby such as winning, tournament play, league play.

Then there is their contribution to the hobby, what have they given back to the hobby such as for examples ideas, concepts, creations, designs that the entire hobby has benefited from and is in use.

Groundbreaking Achievements

The nominees may have accomplished something rare and never before done in the hobby, something that others have

replicated, copied or bootlegged.

This is and affects the entire hobby as it changes the landscape of how the game is played.

Copying off of another's idea doesn't qualify but should eliminate that nominee.

Nominees DISQUALIFIER

Dishonesty, Cheating, Lying, Unprofessional Conduct, lack of Integrity and any and all forms of Unethical behavior and conduct.

Selection Committee

Members of this committee should be carefully selected and beyond reproach.

Personal feelings, likes or dislikes shouldn't play any part of the selection process. These members should be evaluated on these areas and must have zero bias.

They cannot have any relationship with any nominees that can be viewed as having favoritism towards that nominee.

A selection committee that violates the integrity of the selection process is a flawed committee and its inductees should be removed as their selection was based on a biased process. Nominees selected based on popularity is and should be a violation of the process. It shows a bias towards other nominees and is within itself immoral and goes against the character and integrity of the process.

This committee should by all accounts be made up of an odd number of members with no ties to any tournaments, and or vendors.

They shouldn't benefit in any way by any nominee selected.

In my opinion the Hall Of Fame Committee should go through The National Electric Football Game Museum.

And my reply ...

I greatly appreciate this post. I will at some point in time start an NEFGM Hall of Fame. One thing I definitely can guarantee is as

long as I have anything to do with it, it will never be a Coaches Hall of Fame where selection is based on how many league or tournament games and championships somebody has won.

It will only be about those people who have made significant contributions to improving the game with their creativeness and innovations in game play, equipment, artistry and overall promotion of the game and hobby.

And in an additional reply from Anthony Burgess ...

I have talked about this with some guys, and we are in agreement with their HOF is all about popularity and friendships, and political motives.

Think about it, politics is the enemy of truth, friendships override facts. Honesty is not in the cards with them and it's clear if you know where to look.

Reginald Rutledge, Mark and Bill Klingbel, Bryan Nutt, Dewayne Jennings are example of guys whose contributions changed the landscape of the hobby and are currently being used by every single guy in the hobby today.

The guys who win in these tournaments couldn't do so without using what these inventors, creators have given to the hobby.

To me it's like praising a guy who has a nice vehicle and stereo system, up-to-date electronics however all of the above was stolen property.

Originals should be acknowledged over counterfeit.

I couldn't sleep at night knowing I cheated, I lied, I was deceptive and dishonest, I couldn't sleep knowing I slighted someone to elevate a friend.

And if knowing the truth about something but ignoring it and or covering it up should be enough to disqualify any HOF nominee!

I have the upmost confidence that the NEFGM will do their Hall of Fame the right way it should be done! Investing and interviewing the nominee, talking to others about the nominees, getting character references on the nominees.

We have to look at the future as the following generation will be reading about them.

Now the very first inducted must by all rights be Mr. Norman Sas as without him there would be no Electric Football. Putting others before him is absolutely wrong and there is no excuse for that other than their process is flawed and biased.

Another reply by Scotte Bricks Turner ...

The National Electric Football Game Museum sounds like that would finally make the hobby grow and be where it should be. Next to other genres in miniature hobbies.

I realize this document may not be entirely what some people were expecting. But it is the history of the MFCA's Hall of Fame.

History is not always only about the good of a particular people or organization and the history of ELELCTRIC FOOTBALL has its share of both good and bad.

My goal has and always will be about preserving the history of the game and hobby no matter what that may entail. This is just one example of that disunity for which the game and hobby has come to be known by.

Any Hall of Fame will always cause controversy. We see it constantly in the Pro Football Hall of Fame (and others). No matter who is eventually selected, somebody is not going to be happy.

I have said it many times and I will say it again ...

JUST HAVE FUN and PLAY THE GAME!!

Chris LeMay, Founder and Curator, The National ELELCTRIC FOOTBALL Game Museum