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## From the Editors Pen

Jim Jackson

*As we get ready for Coaches Challenge I thought; man this could be exciting, coaches playing with squads pre set, for cash! using your skills to win .*

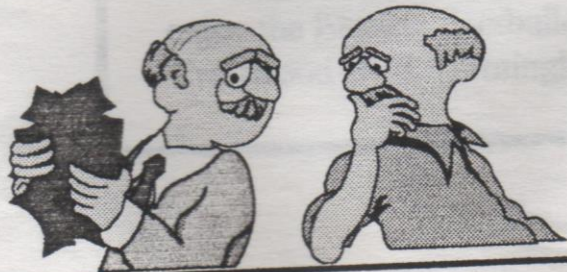
*For many years coaches in this game have mainly used their hardware to win games. The guy with the best bases wins! To me, that's no fun and it's flat out lame. In order to go mainstream we must show that Electric Football is a game of skill and strategy or we will be stuck in the stigma that it is a silly game, and lets face it, without skills it is! Many of the coaches I have met think that winning is important and they will do anything to win. Well let me tell you, that is childish.*

*At this stage of the game the level of competition is what should be important. By now coaches should be able to play any type of style: pass, kick, the whole nine yards. If you can't you should rethink or recant calling yourself an expert, because if you can't play without your super team and win, you are no expert.*

*This year I plan to host several tournaments. They will all offer cash winnings. This will be an attempt to take the game to another level, and you bet we will be playing with league issue teams.*

*So bring your own quarterback and your playbook but leave the super electrified team at home!!!*

*Wonder if anyone noticed the weights under my bases?!*



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We will look forward to speaking with you then!

In April of 1996 my wife and I decided to do a newsletter for the hobby of Electric Football that we were enjoying so much. We began Outside the Lines and the first edition took a month to put together. We sent out our first edition in a complimentary issue and only a very few responded. With all the dedication and effort we had put into this issue, we were a bit disappointed, but decided to put our best into the upcoming issues for those who had signed up as members.

But then the pregnancy from hell came. My wife was terribly ill throughout her entire pregnancy and we also have been dealing with a 6 week premature baby. We realize that our last edition was a little light and I would like to apologize for that. I would also like to say that I'm sorry for the long delay. I appreciate your interest in my stuff. We are now (hopefully) back in business with new hardware and a new attitude and oh a new kid, a daughter. Outside the Lines will be going out at its regular time. We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to you for being so understanding.

Jim & Annette Jackson  
& Breanna

We would like to introduce  
to you our daughter  
Breanna Marie Jackson  
6 weeks old here



# SUPER BOWL THREE

BY WALTER JABS

The EFL Super Bowl weekend finally arrived. I still could not believe that this was all happening, you see, a year ago I had no idea that such an event existed, let alone that there were so many people out there still playing Electric Football. To top this all off, I was selected by Miggle Toys to play in the AFC conference championship. Unfortunately for me I started off with two strikes against me, one I was to play as the New York Jets (perennial losers) and two I also had the honor of playing against one of the defending Super Bowl champion coaches, Mark Klingbeil.

Friday evening started the festivities with a small get together. This was my first opportunity to meet some new coaches as well as finally connect faces to the many coaches I've talked with over the last year. This was also the night that we would receive our teams and prepare for the following days contest.

We were handed out our teams, bases and game boards about 10:00pm. I rushed up to my room and began to see what I was up against. I wondered to myself were all the other coaches having the difficulties I had in putting a team together in such a short period of time. I called home and told my wife I was in for a long night. Six hours later I hit the sack and had about three "restful" hours of sleep. Saturday was finally here and the EFL Super Bowl weekend was about to kick off.

The subtle undertone that ran around the convention floor Saturday was that Chuck Jones (a cheese land legend and media mogul) and his Green Bay Packers would play Mark Klingbeil's (two time defending Super Bowl Champ) Houston Oilers in the big show on Sunday. Few people, if any, gave Lavell Shelton's Carolina Panthers or myself and the New York Jets any chance of going on to the final.

I had come to Chicago with the mind set that I was here to have a good time. The game plan for the weekend was quite simple, play competitively and try not to be embarrassed. Although I knew I was the underdog I had two things going for me: and that was that no one except for Byron Jackson had seen me play before and I was to play only one head of the two headed Klingbeil dragon. I scouted the Klingbeils the week before I arrived in Chicago by talking with Steve Graham, David Nickles, Mark Newall, Reggie Rutledge and Byron Jackson. All of these coaches had either seen or played against the Klingbeils. The word was they played a "bully ball" style of game in tournament play. Tight T backfield, watch for the pitch, no gaps in the offensive line, power football! Great, 1940's style football would meet the 1990's style in the AFC conference championship.

The Oilers kicked off to the Jets and the "Run or Gun" offense was unveiled. What this offense was designed to do was to spread the defense using various wide out packages, single back in the backfield and the quarterback operating in the shotgun. The idea was to pressure the defense, make them defend the pass and the run on every down and control the clock. On the first possession the Jets marched down field for the first score, primarily using the pass to move the ball, 6-0 Jets. The Oilers took the kickoff and on their first possession they lined up in what I think they call the "King T". The Jets answer to this was a defense used as far back as 1969, the "Kansas City Stack" Basically the Jets let the Oilers center come charging through followed by the quarterback who has the ball! The Jets linebackers line up directly behind the defensive tackles this stuffs the guards and as the quarterback comes through he is tackled for a minimal gain by one if not both of the defensive tackles. At this point the Jets game plan is working, the Oilers are forced to play catch up and also they've made them get out of their familiar running game. The game goes back and forth and late in the fourth quarter the Jets lead the Oilers 20-14. The Oilers have the ball and they are driving methodically down the field. Oiler quarterback (Steve McNair) drops back to pass, the Jets pressure him, an Oiler is open in the end zone, the pass is up and it's intercepted! Three minutes remain and the Jets run out the clock, **the victory is theirs!**

The EFL NFC championship game mirrors NFL championship game as the Panthers (Lavell Shelton) play the Pack (Chuck Jones). This is a wide open throw the ball up in the air game with the Panthers coming out on top 34-14. Kerry Collins is on target and the Panthers zone blitz is dominant. Today no Packers are jumping into the stands and the "frozen tundra" is merely vibrating sheet metal. The second upset of the convention has taken place.

Before the start of the final the Jets and the Panthers coaches agree to put on a show. This means play the game as realistically as possible (splits between the linemen, pro set offense and defense, no stacking up on either side of the ball, etc.). The Super Bowl starts off with the Jets receiving the kickoff and driving down to take the lead 8-0. The Panthers strike back quickly with their awesome passing attack and tie the game 8-8 at the half. The second half kickoff goes to the Panthers. They drive down the field methodically and put it in the end zone. The point after is blocked, 14-8 Panthers. The Jets take possession and begin a drive only to stall on a key third down pass incompleteness. The Panthers again take the ball and strike quickly with a long touchdown pass. The two point conversion is stopped, 20-8 Panthers. The Jets get the ball but fail to mount a drive, the Panthers Sam Mills and Lamar Lathon make key plays on this series. The Jets are forced to punt to Carolina. The Panthers try to mount one more scoring drive but the Jets hold fast. Lavell Shelton's Panthers are the Champs! The NFC wins!!

Although I didn't win it all I had the time of my life. It was absolutely great to see all these people from various walks of life get together and bond with each other. This was truly a unique experience and I know that at this convention I've developed friendships that will last a lifetime.



A couple of things I would personally like to see. At next years convention a uniform set of rules to play by, maybe just adapt the rules used in the Southwest Shoot out. The rules or lack of thereof are far too open to interpretation as they stand today. This would minimize any disputes and any competitor could come in knowing exactly what to expect. In regards to the handing out of teams: I am in favor of this procedure, it levels the playing field and truly shows the abilities of the coach. It does not reflect how much the coach can spend to put a team together. Everyone who has played this game knows that there is a "hardware factor". What I would like to see happen in this case is the Super Bowl finalists is being brought in earlier on Friday and allowed the afternoon to put their team together. I also believe that the coaches should not be allowed to take the teams from the convention hall and back to their rooms. Once a team was assembled it should be "locked up" and only handed out when the games are about to be played. I am confident that this would remove any doubt that any coach might have with regards to bases being "manipulated". In closing I would like to publicly thank Mike Landsman and Miggle Toys for putting on this convention and allowing us all to be a part of it.

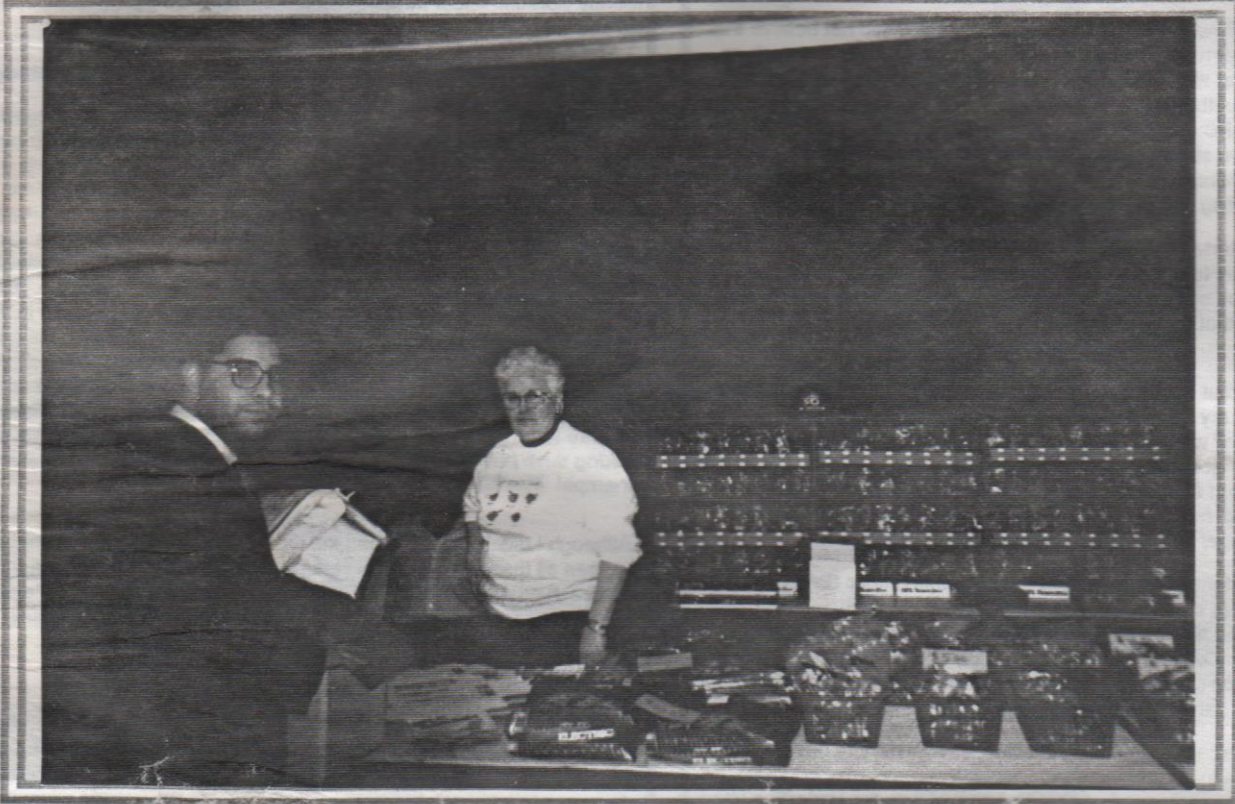


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*Scenes from Chicago*

*Don and Kathy from Miggle Toys—Look at all that good stuff!!!!*

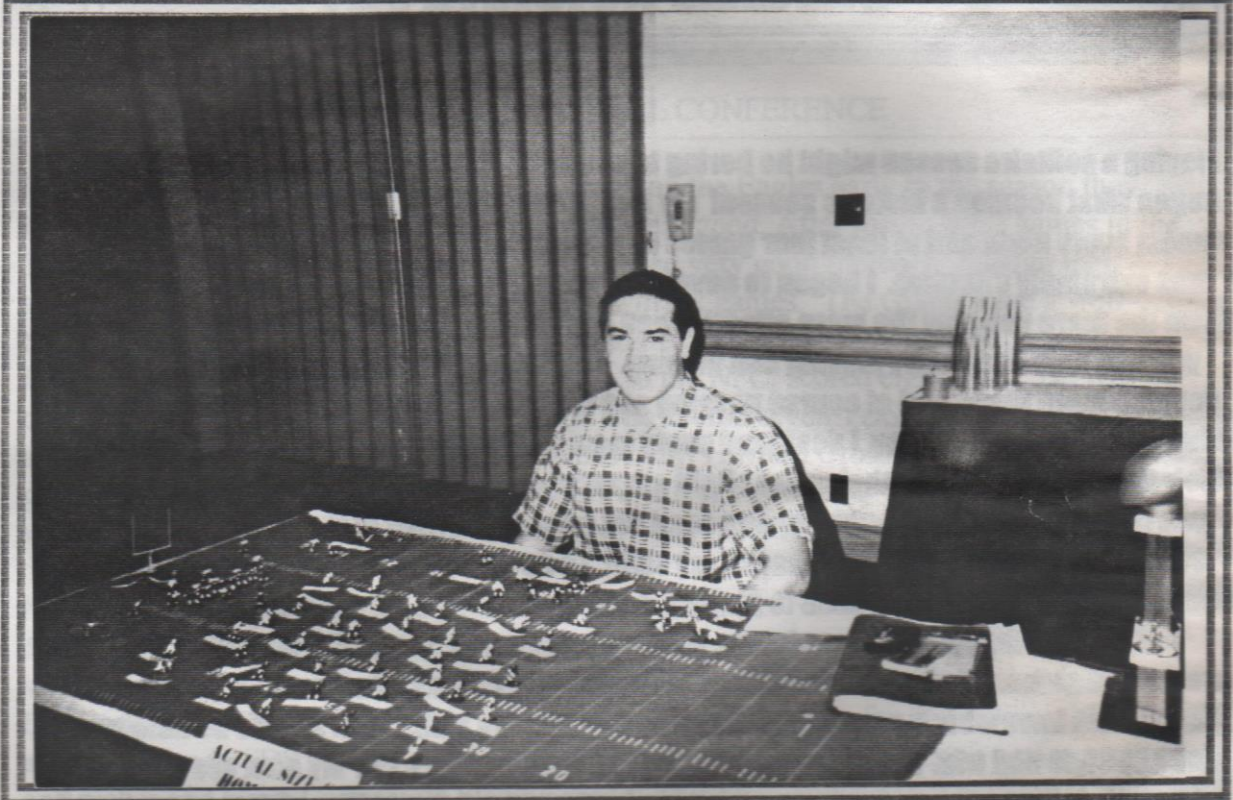


*Vance and Burgess one-on-one!*

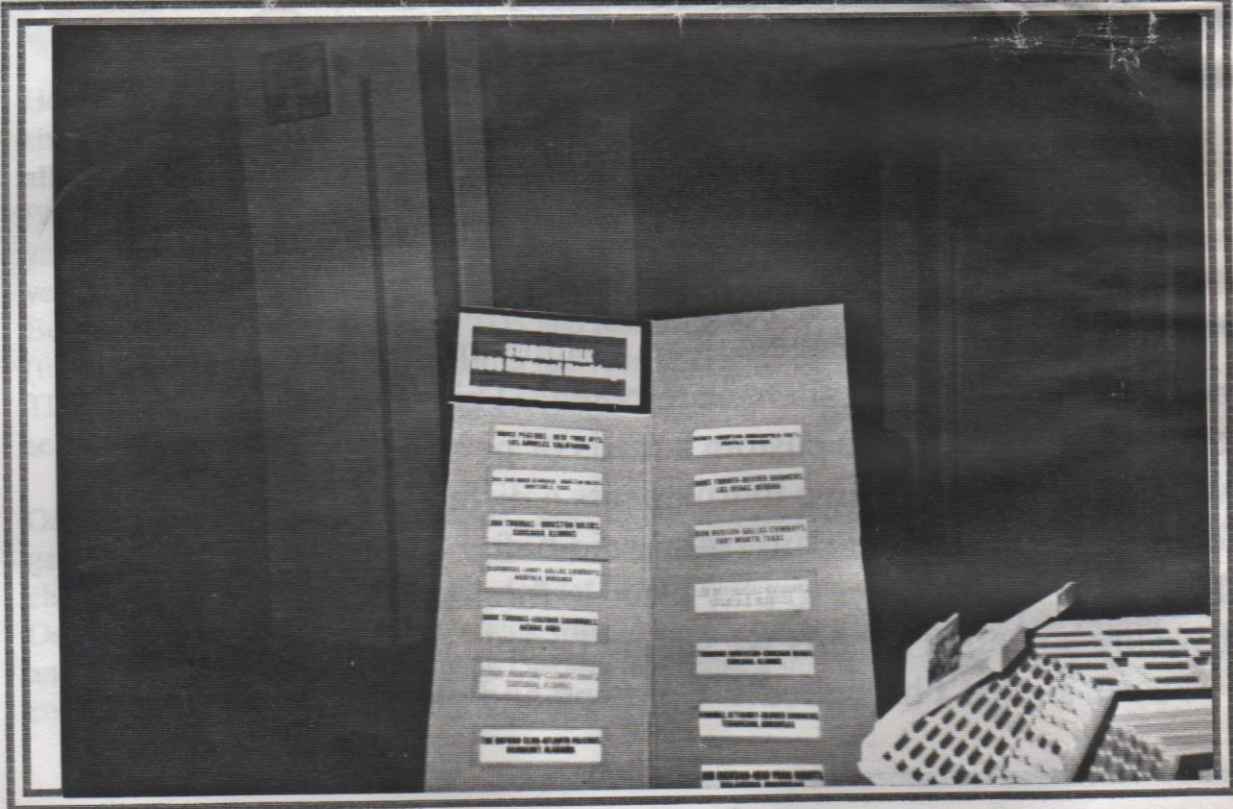


*Scenes from Chicago*

*Rico from California*



*Stadium Talk has their annual display at Chicago*



## From The End Zone

Playing a solitaire season might be boring to some but it sure was fun to me. Last July I began what became a historic season! my first 30 team solo 10 game season. Playing almost every night and at least four games on the weekend, at times it was grueling but was extremely effective. I began to develop my passing, passing sometime on every down the more you play the more effective you become. There are elements of the game you can only find out by playing and playing. You learn the functions of the players, develop more plays, and of course passing and kicking. To make sure one team didn't blow the other teams away, I designed every team by the strengths and weaknesses of their NFL squad. Of course their were slight advantages but not too much. When playing you try not to get too attached to one squad but remind yourself of the purpose of the season. My purpose was to enhance my skill! To do this I had to create a game like element, this helped me get used to playing under pressure so I didn't cheat! That would only defeat the purpose for playing so many games which was 150 including 20 preseason games. To become an expert in this game you must play, practice, and play. You should have a high percentage passing and kicking skills. You should be able to play any style and win. But make no mistake you have to play a lot. My next season will began soon for college squads and the pros began preseason in May with the regular season July 14. My goal this year is to win the Texas shootout!!!!



## Coaches Challenge

The first coaches challenge will be coming up this April 19. It will be the first of many challenges to come! This one is using league teams, the next will be custom squads or personal squads. What I want to do is simply give tournaments a different spin rather than offering the same old stuff. As I said before, we must diversify. There are several ways to play electric football why not try some. If we are so-called experts we should be able to play all styles with ease, so don't be scared!! Come on and play!! have fun!!!

# THE DIVISION LEADERS

## NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

The New York Giants won the division by beating the Eagles early in the season they both were tied with 6-4 records, their seasons were good. After losing three games in the Texas shoot-out the Giants came home and played very good football. Though their schedule was fairly easy, they did manage to win six games. The Giants have a well balanced team! The offense is lead by the running of Rodney Hampton and Tyrone Wheatly. Hampton who rushed for 711, sixth in the NFC, scored eight TDS. He will definitely be a treat to the defense. Wheatly, who scored seven TDS, rushed for 334 yards and caught eight passes, will keep the safeties busy. Howard Cross at tight end also had a good season, scoring five TDS! It is very tuff to cover Howard so watch him!! With a very strong defense the right coach could easily win the challenge.

Minnesota Vikings: After a disappointing season in 95 the Vikes toughen up their defense giving up an average of ten points a game. Let the running of Amp Lee do the work! The Vikes brought home the Divisional title in the central with a 6-3-1 record. Lee lead the NFC with 1044 yards rushing! Tying Chris Warren for the rushing title. Lee also had sixteen TDS. Vikes offense threat also includes Robert Green as a pass receiver and rusher and Chris Carter with blazing speed! This team could win the whole thing!!

## AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

Houston Oilers: Houston had a very good season! They started out the season by winning six games in a row. I think this is the strongest team in the league! Houston defense only allowed one hundred ten points the whole season. While the offense had a scoring party! Passing is their forte! Chris Sanders lead all scorers with nine TDs, ten catches for 426 yards made him an all-star! Well in this league Eddie George didn't win rookie of the year but was a factor running, he finishes with 319 yards rushing and 6 TDS. Marion Butts was a huge factor scoring 7 TDS and rushing for 291 yards. Also Ronnie Harmon (this is what makes this team so good) had four TDS and 162 yards. That's seventeen TDS from the backfield. Dishman was a pain at corner! He'll definitely be missed next season as he goes to Washington.

Oakland Raiders: Another Great AFC sqad who won't let you score. The defense only gave up 110 points all season, tying Houston. If these two meet up in the AFC championship, coaching will be the decider. Not a very potent offense but effective. Derrick Fenner leads the rushing attack with 538 yards rushing and 8TDS. Tim Brown and Ismail's combined 10 Tds made Oakland's offense a threat. In any game a good coach can win it all with this one.

# Southwest Michigan playoffs picture

## National Football Conference Wild card games

Philadelphia Vs Green Bay (Eagles by 7)

New York Giants have a Bye

Minnesota Vs Atlanta (Vikings by 14)

San Francis 49ers Bye

## American Football Conference

Buffalo Vs Jacksonville (Jags by 14)

Houston Oilers Bye

Indy Colts Vs Seattle (Seahawks by 14)

Oakland Raiders Bye

## Predictions

The playoffs could bring some surprises! In the NFC: Philly's running game might be a bit much for the Packers, though the pack shut the run against Detroit down at the end of the season, holding Barry Sanders to just twenty yards. The Packers threat is the passing game of Brett Farve and the running of Dorsey Levens & company. The pack also has a great defense, still we say Philly by 7.

Minnesota/Atlanta could be a great game! These two played earlier this year and Atlanta won 24-13. Atlanta who started at 4-0 finished 5-5. Minnesota went on and had a great year. Be sure to watch Amp Lee who tied this years rushing yards of 1044 with Chris Warren. This team gave up the fewest points on defense. We say Minn by 14.

In the AFC Offense was the name of the game; Buffalo has an explosive running game with the likes of Thurmand Thomas, 1000 Club man but he is the offense! Stop him stop the Bills. Jacksonville shows great promise this season, winning games with good defense but turn up the juice towards the end of the season and watch James Stewart and N. Means run! We say Jags by 14.

Seattle and Indy could surprise us; The Seahawks have a high scoring offense but it is a one man show at times. Chris Warren scored twenty two TDs, many were on kick off returns. Chris also rushed for 1044 yards. Stop him and you'll probably win! But Seattle is hell on defense, rank five against the run. The colts have the rushing treat of Marshal Faulk who rushed for over one thousand! They also have an unheard back named Ronald Humphries who can burn out of the backfield. As well as Sean Dawkins at wide out but Seattle could prove to be too much.

Seattle by 7

# DALLAS FORT WORTH FINAL STANDINGS

96/97

NAME	WINS	LOSS	TIE	PCT
GREEN BAY PACKERS	9	1	0	0.9
OAKLAND RAIDERS	9	1	0	0.9
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS	8	2	0	0.8
DALLAS COWBOYS	7	3	0	0.7
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS	7	3	0	0.7
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS	4	6	0	0.4
PITTSBURGH STEELERS	3	7	0	0.3
BUFFALO BILLS	3	7	0	0.3
CHICAGO BEARS	3	7	0	0.3
HOUSTON OILERS	3	7	0	0.3
MIAMI DOLPHINS	3	7	0	0.3
DETROIT LIONS	1	9	0	0.1

## Coaches List:

Don Hudson -

Oscar and Brandon Woodard -

Ronald Bush-

DeWone McDaniel-

Reginald Rutledge-

Oakland, Green Bay, Pittsburgh

Houston Oilers

Chicago, Miami, Indianapolis

Buffalo and Detroit

Dallas, Kansas City, San Francisco

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## Southwest Michigan Electric Football League (96-97)

<b>EASTERN AFC</b>	<b>WINS</b>	<b>LOSSES</b>
<b>BUFFALO</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>INDIANAPOLIS</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>NEW ENGLAND</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>NEW YORK</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>MIAMI</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>

<b>CENTRAL AFC</b>	<b>WINS</b>	<b>LOSSES</b>
<b>HOUSTON</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>JACKSONVILLE</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>CINCINNATI</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>BALTIMORE</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>PITTSBURGH</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>

<b>WESTERN AFC</b>	<b>WINS</b>	<b>LOSSES</b>
<b>OAKLAND</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>SEATTLE</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>KANSAS CITY</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>SAN DIEGO</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>DENVER</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>

<b>EASTERN NFC</b>	<b>WINS</b>	<b>LOSSES</b>	<b>TIES</b>
<b>NEW YORK</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	
<b>PHILADELPHIA</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	
<b>WASHINGTON</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	
<b>DALLAS</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	
<b>ARIZONA</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	

<b>CENTRAL NFC</b>	<b>WINS</b>	<b>LOSSES</b>	<b>TIES</b>
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>GREEN BAY</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	
<b>DETROIT</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	
<b>CHICAGO</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	
<b>TAMPA BAY</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>

<b>WESTERN AFC</b>	<b>WINS</b>	<b>LOSSES</b>	<b>TIES</b>
<b>SAN FRANCISCO</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>ATLANTA</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	
<b>ST LOUIS</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	
<b>CAROLINA</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>

## AROUND THE EFL

Kalamazoo, Michigan Jims 30 team solitaire 10 game season comes to an end. After nine long months Jims season is done! Playoffs to be held as a tournament called Coaches Challenge where East Vs West (Michigan Vs Chicago) for a cash jackpot of \$150 using Jims teams. Names will be drawn to determine who gets what squad then coaches will get the scouting report on that team. This will be exciting!!!

Arlington, Texas Custom Stadiums mogul Reggie Rutledges Dallas-Fort Worth Efb league are now in their playoffs! Here are the top teams:  
Green Bay 9-1, Oakland Raiders 9-1, KC Chiefs 8-2, Dallas Cowboys 7-3,  
San Francisco 49ers 7-3.

Here at OSTL say Go!! Raiders!!

Late breaking news, here are the scores from the first round playoffs:  
Buffalo 14, Dallas 7, Chicago 38, San Francisco 28.

To cover the Efl we need to know what is going on in your league please send us your stats!!!!

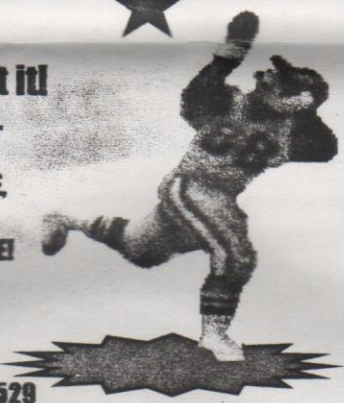
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Frank who plays with the Browns Edgar plays with Patriots.

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