

# NATIONAL'S

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## 64 GREATEST COACHES OF THE FIRST 64 YEARS OF MINIATURE FOOTBALL

# # TOP 64

Over the many years of Electric Football there have been some great coaches. With so many rule sets, weight limits and equipment specs, then throw in all the different leagues and tournaments, we had an huge challenge ahead of us. Our objective was to give you a list of the best of the best in our sport/hobby. A who's who of the MFCA were recruited to our expert panel of judges for this task. Every aspect of coaching was taken into consideration for entry to this list. Mastering one style of play is good, but winning under various rule sets is better. Do not get it twisted, this was no popularity contest. With the panel being chosen from all 7 regions of the MFCA the chance of favoritism being a factor was an non-issue.

In order to make the list, each coach has to have played in several tournaments and been held in high regard across the country. But at the same time, it would take more than that to seed high on the final list. Each judge

submitted his own top 20 list, so even if we got a homer list it would not affect the overall rankings. Our panel did not forget about our old school coaches that may be out of the game but dominated during their era.

In 1947 Tudor games created electric football, it was an immediate hit. More than 40 million of the games have been sold since it's creation. Here are the greatest 64 coaches of the first 64 years of electric football.

### BY THE NUMBERS...

# 24

The number of coaches chosen to be on the voting panel

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The total number of names entered by the panel.

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Days it took to get all the info analyzed, added and sorted for the final list.

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Different ways list were submitted. Text, PM's, Email and Phone calls.



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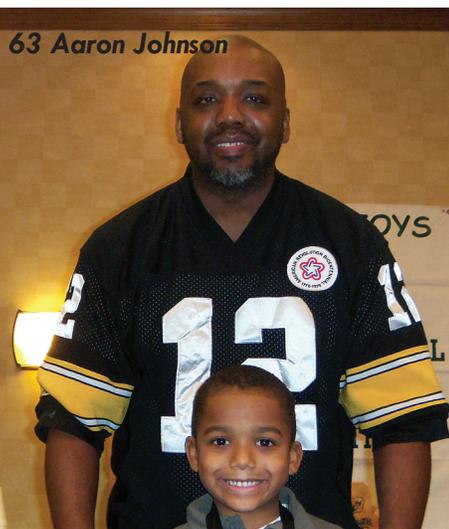
**Eric Robinson**

One half of the Open Run duo, this coach can do more than host a tourney. A 2-time LAEFL runner up and Open Run final 4 participant in 2008, Eric also won the 05 Duel In The Desert. Has promoted the sport of EF/MF on TV in front of millions of viewers. Eric was instrumental in getting the Nissan: Shift Passion Miniature Football ad, cast and produced. Along with his partner David, Eric could be in the next duo for MFCA Hall of Fame induction.

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**Aaron Johnson**

Mostly known as an ambassador of the hobby. He did make the Mid Ohio title game in '08, and won the COEFL in '99.



63 Aaron Johnson

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**Charles "Abby" Vaughn**

Charles advanced to the title game at Miggle's South Bend convention and has many wins in the Harrisburg Leagues as well. Abby made the playoffs in his only season in the NEFL in '01.

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**Geno Hendricks**

The Melee's first champion. Two time TAEFL Champ. Two time Mid Kansas MKMFL Champ. '06 Shootout Elite 8. Over all record of 73-13. Geno is also the creator of the TDQB and TDK.



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**Damon Lucas**

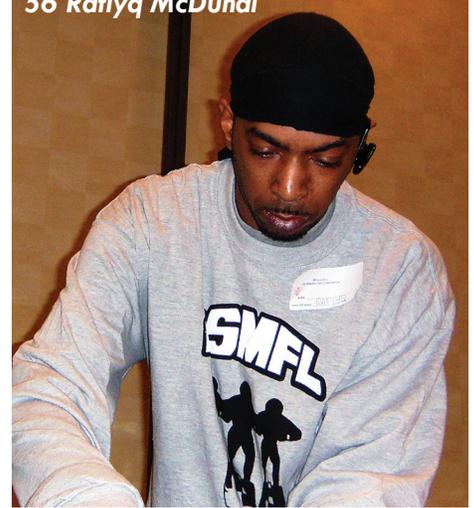
"ForU2Hate" is an accomplished figure maker, but at night he brings out the game. Damon was the Detroit City runner up in '05, GLEFL AFC West champion in '09, and Beltsville College Tourney runner up in '10.

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**Brian Healey**

Brian is a perennial playoff coach in the NEFL and was runner up in SB X in '08. Later that year he went undefeated in the BAM to take the first BAM league title. Brian made it to the final 4 in his only season in the BEFL.

56 Rafiq McDunal



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**Chet Haptonstal**

Chet won the first LAEFL title "The Show 1" and is also co-founder of the league. Many star coaches in the hobby owe their knowledge and skills to this great ambassador and all around great person.

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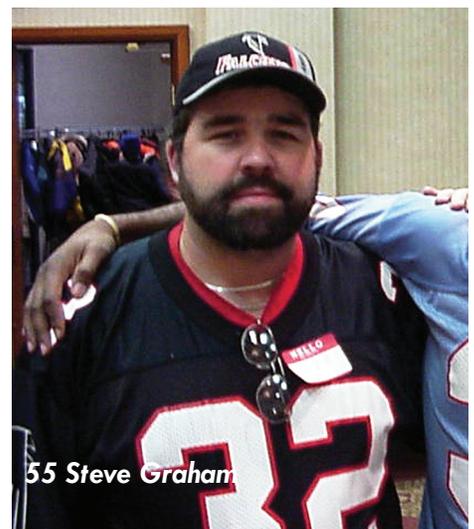
**Paul Daniels**

Paul is one of the Philly EF legends and has won the NEFL title. He won the Miggle tourney the year it was held in Phillidelphia and was runner up in the PEFL.

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**Rafiq Medunal**

Rafiq is new on the scene but that hasn't stopped him from making the



55 Steve Graham

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playoffs all 3 of his seasons in the DSMFL. He was runner up in the 2010 DSMFL College League.

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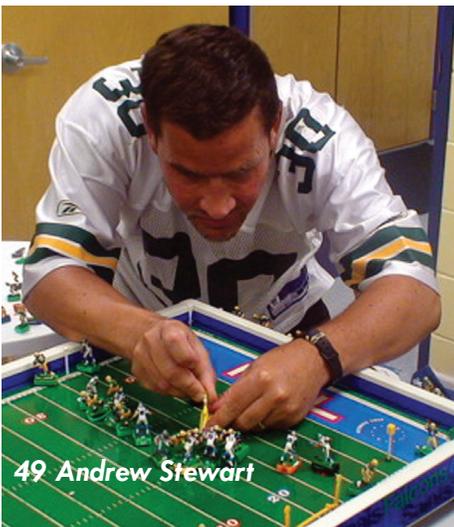
Steve Graham

During the late '90's & early 2000's, Steve regularly placed high in the Miggle tourneys. He is also the co-founder of the Bama Blast tourney and Oxford Football League.

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Darrian Ross

Darrian won back to back BMEFA titles by taking Super Bowls IV & V. He defeated Adrian Baxter on his way to winning his first championship.



49 Andrew Stewart

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Jimbo Dunagan

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Kevin Boddie

Kevin adapts to any style, but has been most successful in the Shootout rule set. He won the BAM title in '09 beating coaches ranked over him along the way and made the playoffs every season he played in the MPFL .

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Pat Casey

Was the first coach to go undefeated in the Great Lakes. He entered two

48 Dave Campbell



tournaments and was runner-up the first year and champion the next in AJ's college tournament.

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Dave Nichols

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Andrew Stewart

Andrew defines intensity! He is one of the best passers in the country and exploded on the scene at the Miggle Detroit convention making it to the final 4. He is always a threat to win it all at Miggle and the NEFL.

46 Anthony Burgess



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Dave Campbell

Dave won back to back LAEFL titles in 94 & 95 and made the final 4 in 96. Most know him for being the other half of the Dave & Eric's Open Run tourney.

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George Diamond

George is a MFCA Hall of Famer for his contributions to the hobby. Most do not realize he plays at a very high level and has come either in 1st or 2nd in the Harrisburg College and Pro Leagues.

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Anthony Burgess

The inventor of the MPFL system, Anthony has been the only coach to hoist the trophy. Coach Burgess has been

44 Jamel Goodloe



43 David Redmond



around the EF scene for many years and he used all that knowledge in coming up with a great way to play electric football.

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Perry Burke

The star of the Nissan commercial, Perry won the LAEFL title, "The Show" in '07 and was in the final 4 in '05. He won the Open Run in '09 and those who saw it said it was the best game they ever watched!

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Jamel Goodloe

Jamel is a 3-Time Detroit City Champ 03-05, with an over all record of 47-3. His over all record in GLEFL play is 95-33. Jamel made the final 4 in his only Buzzball tourney. His over all record in 3 Miggle Tourneys is 15-2-2.



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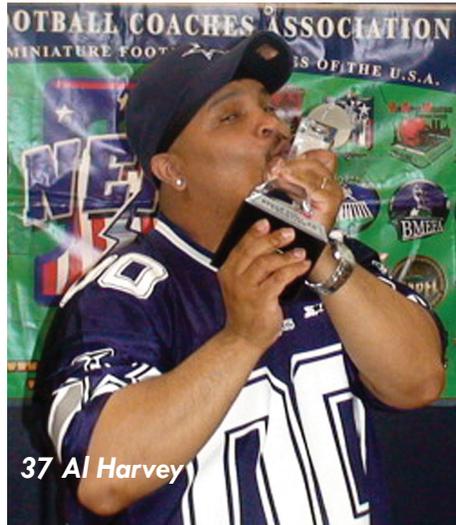
David Redmond

A former Miggle runner up, he is a true veteran in the hobby who has won titles in the old GAEFL. Dave has played in every type of weight class and always succeeds.

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Eric Thompson

Eric won the GLEFL title in 04. The game was played during the Miggle convention in Chicago. He moved to the west coast and had success in the LAFEL. Eric is presently working on a new league in the Vegas area.



37 Al Harvey

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Vance Warren

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Robert Jackson

Robert has won the LAEFL title 2 times, going 15-0 in one of those seasons; the only undefeated season in league history! Robert was runner up in another season and has 5 straight years of leading the league in passing.

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Robert Chalmers

Robert won the Beltsville Bash in 2010 and was runner up in the SWB III. He

36 William Travers



beat the two time defending champ, "The Kid" to get there. He made the playoffs in his first NEFL season. BEFL final 4 in '09.

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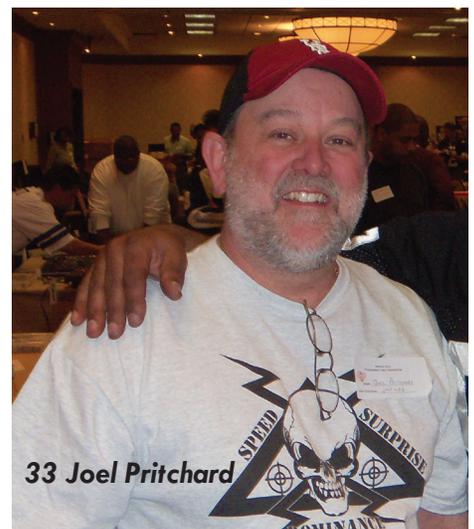
Frank Jacobs

One of Mid Ohio's finest, Frank was runner up in 07 & 08. He is the defending back to back champion winning the title in 09 & 10. That's four straight Super Bowl appearances. He is also one of the best custom figure makers around.

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Al Harvey

One of the most underrated coaches in the sport. '04,'06,'08 & '09 PEFL Champion. Al was runner up in '07. NEFL 2010 champion defeating Adrian Baxter for the title.



33 Joel Pritchard

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William Travers

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Don Hudson

Don is arguably the best passer in the country. He has won the DFW title 2 times. Hasn't made the rounds in the MF circuit but when he does, watch out.

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D.C. Smith

The Kid as D.C. is known in the EF world showed everyone at the SWB what the Tidewater area already knew; he got game. D.C. won the 1st two Sea Wall Brawl belts by defeating some of the best coaches in the country.

30 Tom Ruesnik



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Joel Pritchard

2010 was a banner year! Joel was Bama Blast college runner up, DSMFL NFC runner up, Dixie league final 4 and Miggle Breakthrough Coach. In '09 he was the Bama Blast 3.3 Champ and Elite 8 in Dixie & DSMFL.

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Frank Johnson

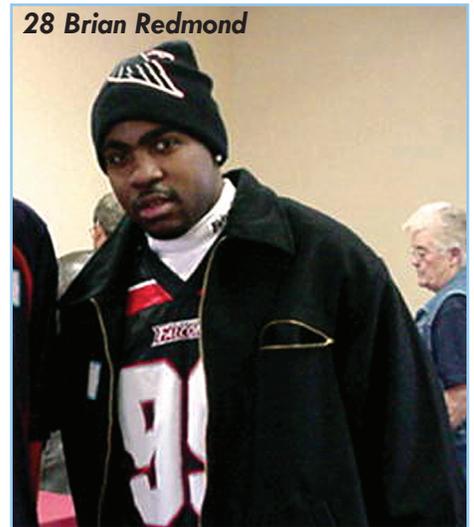
Frank has been Miggle C.O.T.Y. 4 times. He is one of the founding fathers and authors of Miggle tournament rules and format. He has final 4 finishes at Miggle, Buzzball and the SWB. In the late 90's Frank won

29 Klingbeil Brothers



the Columbus College Tourney and was runner up at the Texas Shootout. He has won division titles in the DFW & GLEFL.. A 2-time MWEFL champ, Frank has also appeared on WGN TV Chicago, CBS News Seattle and *The Ben Loves Chicago* TV show. As a frequent contributor to the old Miggle forum he tackled controversial topics, and posted EF songs. Frank was perhaps the first coach ever to travel by plane to play in an out-of-town league. He is also one of the pioneers of the strategy divider rules. He is the long time voice of the Miggle Super Bowl, has also done play by play for the TX-SO and serves as bracket consultant for many tournaments including the Green Room Rumble.

28 Brian Redmond



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Marc Thompson

Marc could be the most decorated coach in NEFL history with 4 Super Bowl appearances, winning 3 titles. Nobody had more wins during his era ('98-'03) He also is the original inventor of the field cover concept.

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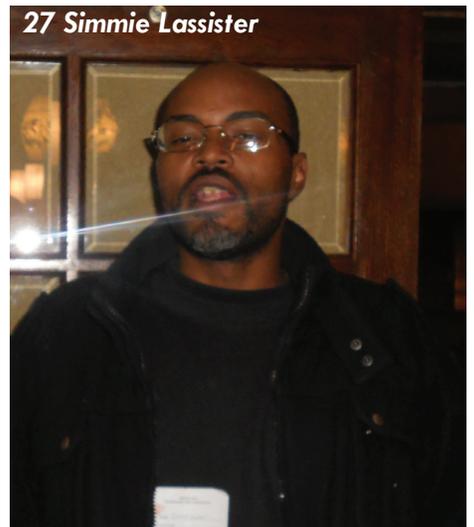
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Brian Redmond

Brian has taken his game to another level the past 3yrs. He has been the

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26 Charles Lane



'07 and '09 Dixie League Champion. The '09 DSMFL runner up and the 2010 DSMFL College Champion.

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Simmie Lassister

"Tookie" is the only back to back champion in GLEFL history and the only coach to appear in 3 straight Great Lakes super bowls. He is a Buzzball & SWB runner up. 1 CBSMF and 2 Miggle final 4's.

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Charles Lane

Charles was the 2008 Dixie League Champ and runner up in 2009 and 2010. He is the back to back DSMFL Champion winning it all in 2009 & 2010.

25 Marcelo Trilio



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Marcelo Troilo

Marcelo has been to the "Show" 3 times, winning the title once. He has been runner up in both Open Run tourneys he has attended. 2 PAC-10 championships in the CBSMF & 1 final 4 showing in '10. Overall Record 123-35

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Butch Carter

Butch, Miggle's '09 Breakthrough Coach was the Bama Blast 4.0 Champ the same year. He followed up that year by winning the Dixie, Palmetto and Miggle titles. Yes, 2010 was a great year.

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Ken Allen

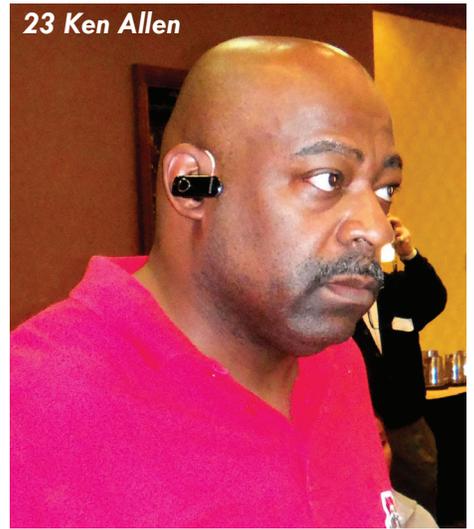
Ken has never had a losing season. Ever. 37-2 first two years in GLEFL and has appeared in 3 Super Bowls winning 1. He has been to the semi-final at Miggle, quarterfinals twice, semis at AJ's College Tourney, won the DCEFL college championship over Norbert and 2010 MFCAL runner up.

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Mike Pratt

2000 CPEFL Champion, 2001 I-78 EFL Champion, 2001 CBA Championship - lost to Paul "Raiderman" Bar-

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tels, 2002 HPBL Playoffs - lost in final four to George Diamond, 2003 HPBL Playoffs - lost in the final four to Larry Stoner, 2005 NHFL Playoffs - lost in the playoffs, 2006 NHFL Championship game - lost to Keith Chalmers, 2008 NHFL Playoffs - lost first round to Dave Bartels, 2009 NHFL Championship Game - lost to Mike Guttman, 2010 NHFL Championship game- lost to Paul Bartels.

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Tom Johnson

Next issue, look for the top 20 greatest coaches from the first 64 years of miniature football.

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