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# The Editor's Desk ...

**First, an update on the College Football Playoffs.**

**Congratulations to the OHIO STATE BUCKEYES. I don't know what they proved other than the # 1 team isn't always the best team and the # 4 seed turned out to be the best of them all.**

**All in all though probably not the finish that the CFP Playoff committee had in mind.**

**The NFL playoffs have concluded and the Seattle Seahawks will meet the New England Patriots in Super Bowl XLIX. Not entirely the teams I expected to be in the Super Bowl. But the matchup I did most want to see. I expected it to be another Green Bay vs. New England Super Bowl. But Seattle pulled off the miracle and definitely deserve to defend their championship against inarguably the best Coach / QB combination in the history of professional football.**

**After today and the Super Bowl has ended, it will officially be the close of the 2014 football season.**

**And with this issue of "Solitaire Illustrated" it will be the close of a season in my own personal electric football life.**

**I have enjoyed writing and publishing "Solitaire Illustrated" and it has been very therapeutic for me, but it is also time to move on to different things.**

**"Solitaire Illustrated" was dubbed as the "Official Online Magazine of the Solitaire Leagues of the MFCA". It was the goal of "Solitaire Illustrated" to promote the motto and mission of the MFCA.**

**I hope I have fulfilled this goal with the publication of "Solitaire illustrated".**

**In looking back at the original issues of "Solitaire Illustrated", I have learned a lot about magazine layouts, graphic art layouts and hopefully produced a product that has been both informative, entertaining and visually stimulating in presenting what solitaire electric football is all about.**

**However, the "Solitaire Coaches Points Challenge" or SCPC is what has been the main focus of my attention of late and an emphasis on the SCPC is what I wish to continue with in growing that brand and, with this issue of "Solitaire Illustrated", I will be introducing a NEW PUBLICATION - "SCPC GAMEDAY"!!!**

**As always I greatly appreciate your comments and suggestions.**

*- Chris LeMay*

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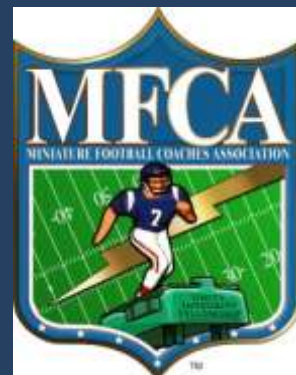
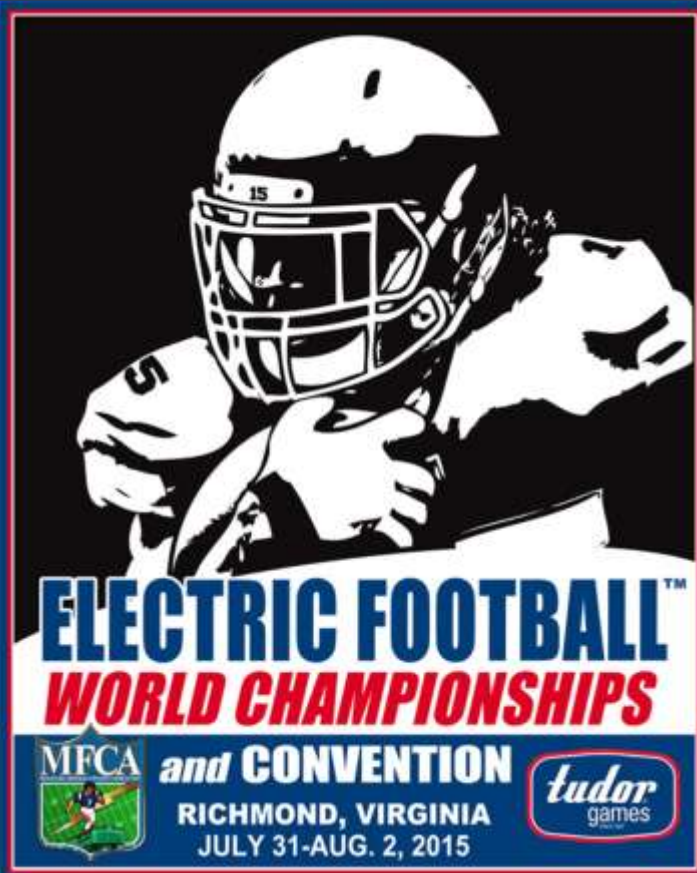
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on the MFCA website:  
[www.miniaturefootball.org](http://www.miniaturefootball.org)





SUPER BOWL  
**XLIX**  
ARIZONA 02.01.15



## ***NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS vs. SEATTLE SEAHAWKS***

This will be the first time these two teams have met in the Super Bowl and I don't think we could have asked for a better matchup. The two best teams in the league, the two best coaches in the league and the two best quarterbacks in the league.

This is sure to be one of the best games in the history of the Super Bowl.

Who do you think will win?

I'm picking the Patriots.

Why? Simply experience over youth. That's the only reason I can think of and besides I really don't care who wins.

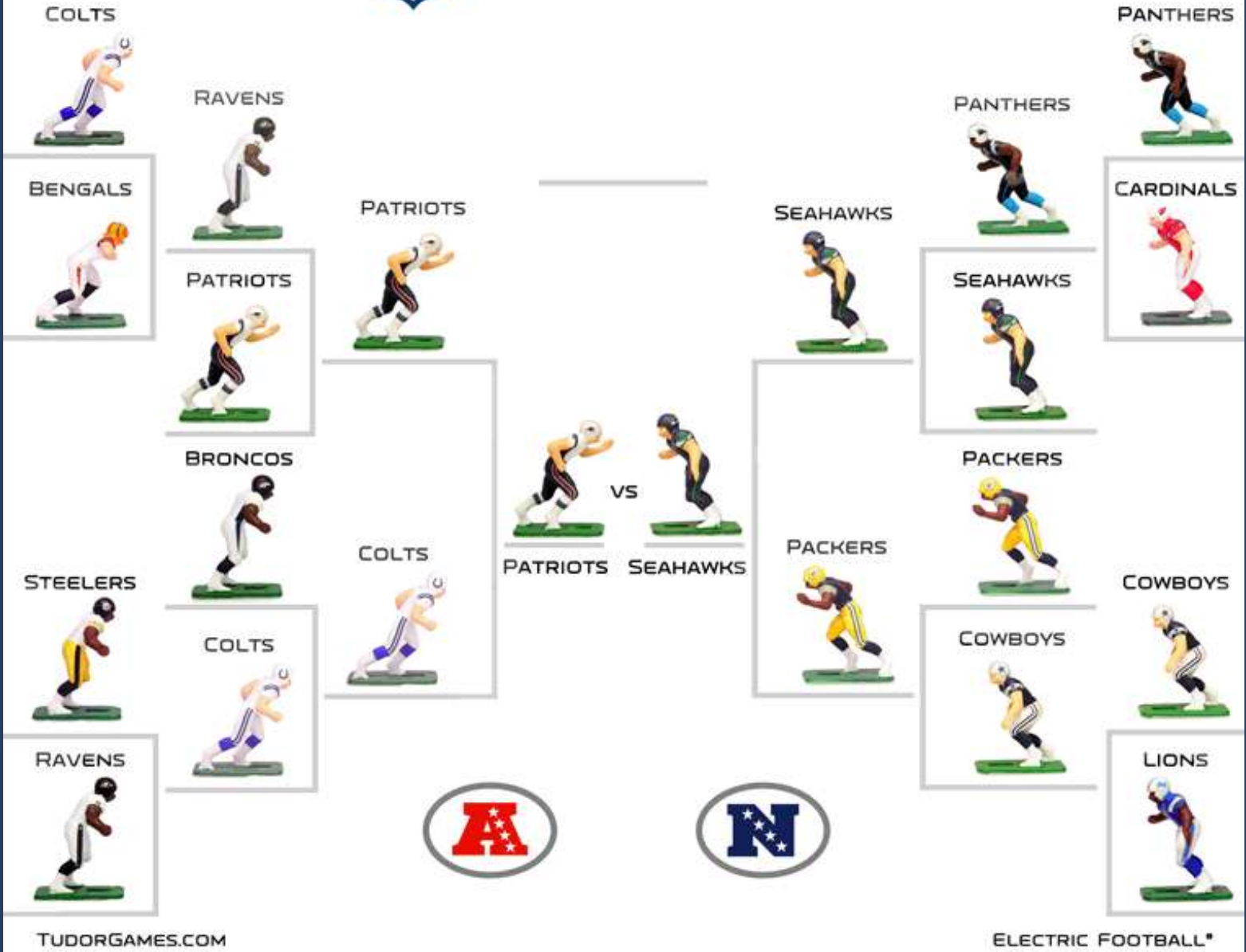
I am just going to sit back and enjoy the game!!



# THE ROAD TO THE SUPER BOWL



## PLAYOFFS



All Season Tudor Games® have been posting the weekly NFL matchups and the postseason playoff brackets. This is the best idea I have seen for featuring Electric Football® figures and the new line of NFL figurers offered by Tudor Games® .



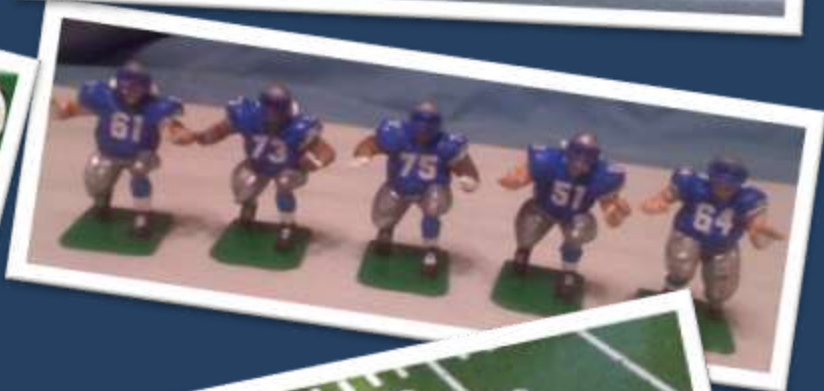
**NFL WEEK 13**

	BEARS 17		LIONS 34		EAGLES 33		COWBOYS 10		SEAHAWKS 19		49ERS 3
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# *The New England Patriots vs. The Seattle Seahawks...*

*a photo gallery*





**The MFCFA and Tudor Games are excited to announce the 2015 Electric Football™ World Championships™ and Convention (EFWCC)!**

Many of the details are being worked out regarding the itinerary and rules, but you can start booking your room NOW for what is sure to be one of the biggest Electric Football events ever! There will be games for all levels of play from youth to master, including the MFCFA Tournament of Champions Qualifier and Finals! Tudor Games will have their store up and running for all your product needs! There will be the usual gang of tweakers, painters and collectors roaming the hotel. Also, just 15 minutes away, Chris Bopst is hosting the 2nd Electric Football™ Art Show at the ADA Gallery! Throw in the Washington Redskins training camp in town and you have one incredible football weekend!

**The 2015 EFWCC will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton, Richmond Airport, July 31-August 2!**

The Four Points by Sheraton is located at the airport and includes free shuttle service, swimming pool, hot tub, fitness center and wireless internet.

**WHAT:** 2015 Electric Football™ World Championships and Convention

**WHO:** All interested EM-F-ers (Electric Miniature Footballers)

**WHEN:** July 31-August 2 5:00 pm Friday – 3:00 pm Sunday

**WHERE:** Four Points by Sheraton – Richmond Airport

**4700 South Laburnum Avenue \* Richmond, Virginia 23231**

**Hotel Phone: 804-226-4300 \* Fax: 804-226-6516**



**SCPC**

"SOLITAIRE COACHES POINTS CHALLENGE"

**GAMEDAY**

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**Leagues of the SCPC**

**Dirty Bird EFL WLAPF**

**EFCA EPFA R.E.F.L**

**Northern Michigan EFL**

**Shamrock Electric**

**Football League**

**Cat House**

**Electric Football League**

**PJ's Solitaire**

**Electric Football League**

**Minnesota's Park Avenue Nine-Man Miniature  
Electric Football Solitaire League**





# The View from the Sideline...

***Welcome to "SCPC GAMEDAY",***

***"SCPC GAMEDAY" is the monthly publication of the "Solitaire Coaches Points Challenge".***

It is the intent of "SCPC GAMEDAY" to enhance the overall "game day experience" of the Owners / Coaches of the SCPC and to provide information of all the action taking place in the SCPC with standings and national rankings updates on a monthly basis.

It will also be the goal of "SCPC GAMEDAY" to provide helpful information and tips on setting up your SCPC leagues and teams to take full advantage of the SCPC points system to effectively compete for the SCPC "DIVISION" and "NATIONAL" Championships.

"SCPC GAMEDAY" will be the official directory of the Owners / Coaches of the SCPC as well as the leagues and teams participating in the SCPC.

"SCPC GAMEDAY" will provide information and resources for companies, businesses and individuals providing products and services for the "miniature electronic football" community and SCPC participants.

"Solitaire Miniature Electronic Football" coaches are well known for their creative and innovative rules, styles of play, and strategies for playing the game and enjoying the hobby. It is the hope of "SCPC GAMEDAY" to have many of these coaches share their knowledge and insights by providing articles and pictures featuring their leagues, teams and SCPC game play.

This is a magazine for the entire "miniature electronic football" community to enjoy regardless of whether you play solitaire, play in leagues, just play in tournaments, are just a collector / hobbyist and whether or not you participate in the SCPC.

***It is my hope as publisher / editor of "SCPC GAMEDAY" that anyone who is not familiar or interested in the game and hobby of "miniature electronic football" will at least find this publication entertaining and perhaps become interested enough to check out some of the things that are happening in this interesting "subculture" of American life .***

***SO..., with that being said, all comments, suggestions and questions are welcomed and appreciated.***

***Thanks,***

***Chris LeMay***

**Publisher / Editor and SCPC Commissioner**



## **WELCOME TO THE INTRODUCTORY ISSUE OF the "OFFICIAL PUBLICATION" of the SOLITAIRE COACHES POINTS CHALLENGE**

The following is the contents format that "SCPC GAMEDAY" will follow:

### The View from the Sideline ...

*"editorial comment from the editor"*

### Cover Article

*"featured article of one of the leagues of the SCPC, owner/coaches of the SCPC, or other article of interest"*  
\*\*\* editor's choice from submitted articles, solicited articles or other research \*\*\*

### League Reports

*"updates of all participating leagues of the SCPC"*  
\*\*\* taken from the game info and league data entered into the SCPC System \*\*\*

### Featured "Game of the Month"

*"featured article of one game from one of the participating leagues of the SCPC"*  
\*\*\* editor's choice of game reports and pics from the MFCA or Tudor "Solitaire Forum" or other source of info. \*\*\*

### National Rankings Update

*"a monthly update of the National Rankings"*  
\*\*\* taken from the SCPC System rankings info \*\*\*

### DEPARTMENTS

- Rules of the Game  
*"analysis of various rules used by SCPC Coaches"*
- OFFENSIVE PLAYBOOK  
*"diagrams of various offensive formations and plays"*
- DEFENSIVE PLAYBOOK  
*"diagrams of various defensive formations and plays"*
- SPECIAL TEAMS  
*"diagrams of various special teams play"*
- TRAINING CAMP  
*"tips on tweaking bases, painting and various other aspects of team building"*

***Content and information will depend largely on the participating coaches/owners of the SCPC. I want to thank those coaches who regularly post league and game info and results in the MFCA and Tudor forums. These forums are my largest source of info for content. SO PLEASE UPDATE REGULARLY!!!***

***Currently there are 10 SCPC Leagues in operation with 8 owners and 125 teams registered. 15 of those teams have yet to play a game or have results entered.***

***We are now in week 23 of SEASON 3 of the SCPC. There are 21 weeks and 3 days remaining. Only 1 team has already completed the full season of 10 games and post season SCBCS "bowl eligibility" with more than 6 wins and 23 others have completed 5 or more games. 1 team has already been eliminated from post season play with 5 loses.***

***SCPC Season 3 has seen a decline in participation, but I am sure things will pick up in the coming weeks. They usually do after the Super Bowl and the "official end" of the 2014 football season.***



# ***The Leagues of the SCPC***

*The SCPC (Solitaire Coaches Points Challenge) was created to give the coaches who play miniature electronic football in a solitaire format a system by which to compare their teams performance against that of other solitaire coaches' teams.*

SCPC owner/coaches operate leagues that feature high school, college, professional and fantasy teams playing in a wide variety of styles, formats and rules. This is what makes the solitaire form of miniature electronic football so interesting and enjoyable to those who play the game in this format.

Ever since the game was created, there have been those persons who, for whatever reason, were not able to play against other persons and so enjoyed playing the game alone or "solitaire" by creating leagues of their favorite teams.

These leagues were more often modeled after the professional football leagues of the time and when Tudor Games® acquired NFL licensing for their "Electric Football®" game and to offer NFL teams in their "official team uniforms", the game began to enjoy its greatest popularity.

Solitaire coaches were now able to form leagues of their favorite NFL teams and with the merger of the NFL and AFL in 1966, Tudor Games® could offer every professional American football team to the player and collector of the game.

But with the growth in popularity of video and arcade games, the popularity of the game began to fade. Tudor Games® and "Electric Football®" soon fell by the wayside. There were still those few persons out there that played the game and kept their leagues and collections intact.

In the mid 1990's, "Electric Football®", manufactured by Miggle Toys, again emerged as a popular game offering NFL teams and later in the early 2000's, college licensed teams. So now solitaire coaches could form leagues with their favorite college teams.

Another popular choice of solitaire coaches has been to create leagues featuring teams from defunct leagues in the history of professional football. The World Football League, or WFL, from the mid '70's, the USFL from the 1980's and the 2001 XFL are often popular choices.

Another popular choice is the Canadian Football League. Although Tudor never produced a Canadian version of "Electric Football®", Munro did in the early 1970's.

Fantasy teams are another popular way to create leagues. Coaches enjoy coming up with logos, uniforms, and rosters of players that are limited only by one's imagination.

High school teams are just one more way to populate one's solitaire league.

Now, once again, thanks to Tudor Games® and their reacquisition of NFL licensing and reintroduction of NFL "Electric Football®" teams and game sets, solitaire leagues of NFL teams are gaining in popularity.

So far this season in the SCPC, we have 10 leagues and 125 teams. One league is exclusively college teams, two leagues are pure fantasy, one league is a combination of WFL and USFL teams, one league features 1960's NFL, AFL and 1974 WFL teams and the remainder are all NFL teams.

And all these leagues play in a wide variety of formats. Some are modeled after the actual NFL schedule, some play round robin regular seasons with post season elimination tournaments, some play simple single elimination tournaments and still others just take one team and play a full schedule of games against the other teams in their league.

**OF COURSE, all are playing for the title of SCPC NATIONAL CHAMPION!!!**

When the SCPC Points Ranking System was created it was primarily with the idea of encouraging solitaire coaches to swap teams in "MAIL ORDER LEAGUES" The way the points system was set up, this is the best way to gain "bonus" points. But most coaches are reluctant to swap teams They don't want teams that they have spent a lot of money on, and time and effort creating to get "lost in the mail" or never returned.

Hopefully in the future, we can come up with a system and league to take advantage of this feature of the SCPC System that will have safeguards in place to ensure that this doesn't happen.

At least that is my goal as Commissioner of the SCPC for the future of the SCPC.

Seasons 1 and 2 of the SCPC were very successful in bringing attention to the game of miniature electronic football as played in a solitaire format. And Season 3 will do the same.

I will soon be asking every coach/owner of the SCPC to provide information about their leagues and teams so that we may compile a Directory of the Leagues of the SCPC.

This will be a valuable resource to the SCPC Rules Committee so that we can better serve your needs and increase your enjoyment of participating in the SCPC.



# ***Monthly Regularly Featured***

*The following will be regularly, monthly featured articles of "SCPC GAMEDAY"*

## **Cover Article**

*"featured article of one of the leagues of the SCPC, owner/coaches of the SCPC, or other article of interest"*

*\*\*\* editor's choice from submitted articles, solicited articles or other research \*\*\**

A monthly cover article featuring one of the leagues of the SCPC, an owner/coach of the SCPC, or an article of special interest to SCPC Members. If you would like to be featured, have your league featured or an idea for an article of interest, please submit to the editor.

## **League Reports**

*"updates of all participating leagues of the SCPC"*

*\*\*\* taken from the game info and league data entered into the SCPC System \*\*\**

Monthly updates of progress for all leagues participating in the SCPC. This information will come from the data entered in the SCPC reporting system.

## **Featured "Game of the Month"**

*" featured article of one game from one of the participating leagues of the SCPC"*

*\*\*\* editor's choice of game reports and pics from the MFCA or Tudor "Solitaire Forum" or other source of info. \*\*\**

Once a month I will choose an SCPC game to feature in the "Game of the Month". This will come from game reports and pics submitted in the Solitaire Sections of the MFCA Forum, Tudor Forum, or from a coaches website or other form of social media.

## **National Rankings Update**

*"a monthly update of the National Rankings"*

*\*\*\* taken from the SCPC System rankings info \*\*\**

The top 25 National Rankings updated monthly with all information that is available as close to the publication date as is possible.

**"SCPC GAMEDAY" is for you the owners / coaches of the SCPC. It will depend on you for its success in achieving our goal of promoting the SCPC and the game of "Solitaire Miniature Electronic Football". Publication dates will always be the first Sunday of every month. Articles, ideas for articles and any league info you wish to have published may be submitted anytime to "SCPC GAMEDAY" email:**

**[elffanatic@charter.net](mailto:elffanatic@charter.net)**

# ***Regular Monthly Departments***

## **DEPARTMENTS**

- **Rules of the Game**

*“analysis of various rules used by SCPC Coaches”*

This will be the department for the many rules used by SCPC coaches to enhance their game play and to make the game more enjoyable and realistic to play.

- **OFFENSIVE PLAYBOOK**

*“diagrams of various offensive formations and plays”*

This will be the department for developing an offensive playbook featuring various formations, plays and offensive strategy used by SCPC coaches.

- **DEFENSIVE PLAYBOOK**

*“diagrams of various defensive formations and plays”*

This will be the department for developing a defensive playbook featuring the various formations, plays and defensive strategies used by SCPC coaches.

- **SPECIAL TEAMS**

*“diagrams of various special teams play”*

This department will feature special teams plays and strategies to enhance your special teams play.

- **TRAINING CAMP**

*“tips on tweaking bases, painting and various other aspects of team building”*

Here we will feature tips for building your solitaire teams. Learn how to tweak bases for strength, and speed, how to get the best performance out of individual players and other tips for increasing your enjoyment and overall “game day experience”.

Again as with the feature articles section, the regular departments section is dependent on you for the overall success of “SCPC GAMEDAY”. Ideas and any information you wish to share in these areas will be greatly appreciated. Submit to:

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