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Watching Professional Football *by Collin Fiske*

Watching a professional football game in person is way better than seeing it on television or hearing about it from someone. At a game, you get to see everything that's happening, but on television you can only see where the ball and what the television network wants you to see. Sometimes in games there are interceptions, and when you're watching it on tv it seems as though the person came out of no where. But in person, you can see where the player came from before the interception. Sometimes the cameraman misses some of the important plays, so it really catches you off guard.

Also, half the time when you're watching a game on tv, talkative announcers and really long commercials always happen and drive you crazy. The announcers only talk about the team they think is going to win. And whenever the game shifts and the other team starts winning, they start focusing on that team and saying: "I knew this team would win the whole time". Although, Super Bowl commercials can be funny and exciting,

regular season commercials can be annoying and there are way too many of them.

At the beginning of the season, it's great to sit outside in the stands with thousands of other fans and enjoy the nice weather instead of sitting on your couch indoors feeling lonely. The fans are all loud and cheering, all excited and having a good time. Even when the weather is cold, fans always have a good time together.

The food at a stadium is tasty! You can just wave your hand and someone will bring you a hot dog and a churro. Sometimes before the game starts, fans set up grills in the parking lot and cook burgers, hot dogs, ribs and other tasty food. This is called tailgating. It's really fun because you can meet friends there and make new friends while eating delicious food, and talking about your home team.

Watching the game live at a stadium, you can have a much better experience than just sitting on your couch.

Flag Football *by Collin Fiske*

It's been a long winter. The fields have been covered in snow, so we haven't been able to play flag football during recess. But now the fields are cleared of snow and everyone is excited to play football.

In a game of flag football, you can choose from several positions. You can either pass as the quarterback, catch a pass when you're a receiver or, on defense, you stop plays by the offense and sometimes intercept passes. I prefer playing receiver because I get to run around a lot more and catch flying footballs. It's a nice break from sitting at a desk.

We've had lots of great games lately because each time more and more kids play. The only problem is when too many kids want to join, it becomes hard to move around and impossible to get open and get a throw to you. It becomes a game of 5,000! It's best when there are even teams and preferably teams between 6 and 7 players. It's great when new kids join because it's a way to make new friends. I remember when I had just moved here and playing sports was how I got to know all the people I know today! If you grab a football and start playing, you'll find out how much fun flag football is!

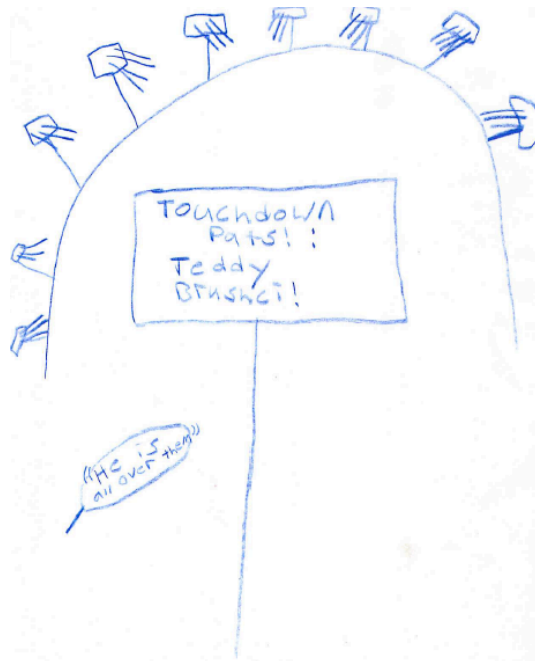
Teddy Brushci Tight End

By: Russell LeBert

Teddy Brushci is all over the place. Knocking down passes, intercepting passes, and sacking the quarter back. The pro line backer is helping out the patriot's defense but Brady and the offence cant seem to get things going...

Robert Kraft is talking to Bill Bellicheck through the radio. "Hey Bill we have to do something about the offence or we are doomed". "Well I don't know what to do Robert". Lets put Brushci at tight end.

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The next day the pats are down by touchdowns at half time and Bill says to Teddy "Hey Teddy, want to play tight end". And Teddy says, "Bring it".

After half time all of the patriots fans noticed the switch right away. Teddy brushci is playing tight end!

The first play of the second half Brady snaps the ball. Teddy is going deep. Tom fires the ball down the field and Teddy snags it with one hand.

TOUCHDOWN! Gillette stadium roars. The pats are only down by two touchdowns...

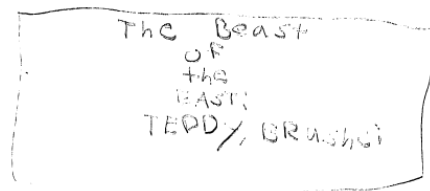
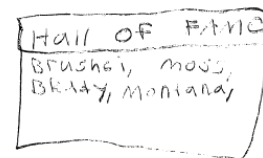
The giants have an awesome drive but we stop them at the three-yard line. They bring out there field goal unit and... kick blocked by Teddy Brushci, he recovers the ball and totally jukes the kicker he is gone, touchdown patriots.

Now it's the fourth quarter and the patriots are only down by one touchdown.

The next drive the giants have the ball again Eli Manning snaps the ball and he throws it. It's picked by Teddy and he runs it all the way back for another touchdown.

Now it is overtime .The patriots win the coin toss and the giants punt off. The giants punt the ball down the field and Randy moss fumbles the ball but right after that he quickly recovers the ball. The pats have the ball on the one yard line and Brady says in the huddle hail marry everyone. Brady says "Hike!" and he sees Teddy running down the field Brady launches the ball down the field to him he gets it. **TOUCHDOWN! THE PATS WIN!** What a game and the crowd is chanting "Teddy, Teddy Teddy".

Onto the super bowl.



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The Edelman Pass By: Russell LeBert

The crowd was roaring at Gillette stadium
"Lets go pats lets go pats"

Brady snapped the ball... quickly passed the ball over to Edelman... Amendola sprinted up the field... "Lets go pats lets go pats"

Edelman threw the ball up the field..."Lets go pats lets go pats"

Its caught touchdown

The Raiders By: Russell LeBert

I snap the ball "hike!" I juke out a defender. Then I look deep... And then I fired a pass with all my might deep down the field... TOUCHDOWN! "What a throw!" My coach yelled. "We won!" Yelled Cooper. "But we still have not won yet guys. Remember we still have to beat the snakes to win the championship." Jimmy said as everyone left the field in exitment.

After I made that awesome pass, I was not thinking. AT ALL. One Jimmy mentioned the snakes I got a little nervous. But still I thought I could do something big and beat the snakes...

The only reason I got nervous about playing the snakes is that they beat us 70 to 0. But now it was game day and the only thing that matters is playing my best and as always have fun.

I was driving to my teams home field... (The high school). And all I was thinking about was beating the snakes.

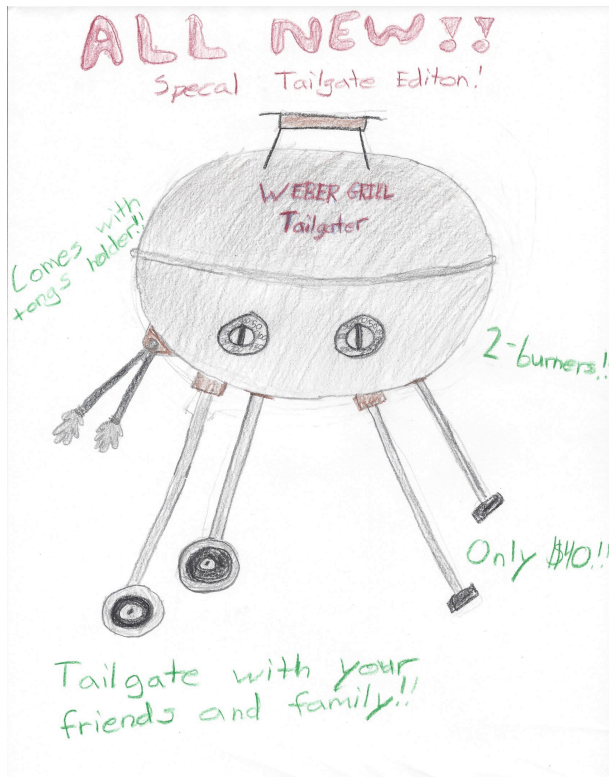
My coach asked me to play wide receiver today so I said yes.

James snapped the ball "hike!" (James is the back up quarter back). Then he handed it off to Eric. (Eric is the running back). Eric sped up the sideline... Juked out five defenders... TOUCHDOWN! 7 to 0. "Here we come I said."

The snakes got the ball and there all star wide receiver Steven Rogers got a touchdown on there first play. Now it was a tie game... 7 to 7... We could not get a touchdown before half time but we did get the ball at the second half.

We got the ball and we got the ball to the twenty yard line. After a couple of first downs, James snapped the ball threw it to me in the end zone... TOUCHDOWN! We are up by a touchdown... THEY HAD SUCH A GOOD DRIVE THEY ARE NOW AT THE 10 YARD LINE...its 3rd down they snap the ball it's a hand off we tackle him, fumble! We recovered it we ran it down to the end zone TOUCHDOWN! We won the championship...

We beat the snakes!



Football in School *By Matthew Cohen*

Football is played many different ways. I am going to tell you about the way we play it in school.

In school we usually play football at recess. Usually we either play two hand touch or flag. In two-hand touch instead of tackling each other to get someone down we touch them with both of our hands. If you touch someone with one hand they are not down. We usually do 3 on 3 games and since we are not allowed to kick the football we just have each touchdown be 7 points. Also because we are not allowed to kick the ball there are no field goals.

In flag football to get someone down instead of tackling them you have a flag around your waist that comes off when you pull it. If someone pulls your flag of you are down. Usually we play two hand touch in the winter. In the winter we also have to play on the hardtop. Usually in the spring and fall we play flag football on the grass.

Michael and His Son *by Cullen Pitts*

The reverly call rang through the barracks signaling it was time to wake up. Michael Finnagan opened his eyes and the first thing he saw was the photo of him and his son on the beach. Sam was ten years old and he was holding his nerf football. Sam was wearing a shirt that said, "Just Do It." Who would have thought ten years later he would be doing it as a starting quarterback of the Boston College Eagles? Michael was bursting with pride and looked forward to the day that he could go back home to visit his son and watch him play the championship game at Gillete Stadium.

Michael got off his bunk and put on his uniform, made his bed and went to the mess hall for breakfast. Today was an exciting day because the list of soliders to go home for a week and visit their families would be posted today on the buliten board. Michael pushed his way to the front and nervously read the list. Would his name be there? Tim, Johnny, Richard, Kate, Grace, Greg, Tom, and ... Michael!

Michael felt so happy that he could cry a river big enough to sail a boat on it all the way home. He hurried back to his bunk to pack.

On the flight home Michael felt nervouse to see his family again. It had been so long of a time since they had been together. Would be Sam be happy to see him? Would he have changed so much now that he was in college? Would he have time to spend with his old dad? Would he gets to Boston, would he be there too, or would he be with the team?

Michael arrived at the airport and was looking to find Sam but Sam wasn't there. Michael called a cab to go to Sam's house, but the house was empty. He took a look around the place but it was still empty. When he was looking he found a ticket to go to the championship game it was at Gillette Stadium with a welcome home card. That made Michael very happy now that he knew that he was coming home.

The next morning Michael grabbed the ticket and ran to his car, he was so excited to get to see his son play. The ride to Gillette was long because there was a lot of trafic and Michael was worried that he

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would miss the game. When he got there the people at the entrance asked him a question.

“Are you Michael Finnegan?”

He said, “Yes.”

“Then follow me.” Said the guard who led him to the entrance to go out to the field.

Sam had arranged for his dad to be treated like a V.I.P. The seats were full and Michael was on the field with a reporter. The reporter asked him, “Are you Michael Finnegan?”

He said, “Yes.”

The reporter said, “How does it feel to be the father of the quarterback?”

Michael said, “He’s always been my son and I’ve always been proud of him. He’s given me the best thing that I could wish for, which is love.”

The game was exciting. The score was 7-0 Boston College at the end of the first half. It was now the 4th quarter and the other team had caught up. The score was 21-21 and there was only time left for one play. BC had the ball with seconds left on the clock in the championship game. They snapped the ball. Sam caught the snap. He dropped back into the pocket, scrambled and threw a Hail Mary 50-yards into the endzone. His roommate George Bush caught the ball and won the game! Everybody ran onto the field. Sam ran over to his dad and gave him huge hug. It was the best moment of his life.

The next morning they went to the Heisman Trophy Awards and Sam won the trophy. He goes up to give a little speech.

“I would not be here if it was not for my dad. He’s my biggest fan ever and this trophy goes to my dad I loved that day on the beach dad.”

The next day Sam went to school it was the last day of the year. And Michael would bring Sam to the beach after his last day of school of the year. Michael went to the beach with Sam and the trophy. Sam asked, “What is a barracks again?”

“It’s a place where you sleep in the navy or military.”

Michael gave his son a hug and they started to play catch with his nerf football.

The next day they got a phone call from the Navy that said, “You are allowed to stay with your son in Boston for the rest of your life.”

Touchdown by Collin Fiske

Center hikes the ball.
Receivers sprint to the end zone,
With defense following.
Quarterback looks and passes.
Everyone goes wild and yells.

The Kicker by Collin Fiske

Tie game.
Only a few minutes left.
I jog toward the ball.
Feeling I don’t want to mess this up
And let my team down.
I look up toward the white goal posts.
I get ready.

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Center hikes the ball towards the setter.
I rush forward and kick with all my might.

It sails up, and up and....
Teammates rush toward me to celebrate.
Field Goal!

Flag Football for Me *by Nick Doyle*

As the ball got to the other team's QB there was no chance of him running the ball up the field. I found a receiver and when he threw it I did not know what would happen next.

The ball was very high, very high and easy to pick off. Then it was in the zone and I knew I would pick it off or tip it. Then I grabbed it right out of the air and started to run.

Flag football, I thought at that moment, was super fun. Just running down the field with my friends cheering me on and saying you're so close. That made us better friends. Then I felt the glory of a pick-six. Now I was having some real fun.

I play football at recess with my friends from my class and other kids in my grade. It is fun and I like it. I am used to ups and downs in football and here is a game that was one of the most fun for me.

The kids in my class were all on the same team against a bunch of other kids. Our team looked like a good team, but the other team had so many players. The best part was that there were no teachers around to see us play. We could play freely with no interruptions. The game started. They got the ball after a dumb interception. So I was mostly covering five people and the quarterback. I sacked him every time on third down.

So we got the ball and called the play. I was QB and wanted to hit a receiver in the end zone or run it up the field and most likely get down. Then I saw Matt and Russell both open in the end zone. I threw it high and far and they could both catch it. I threw to Russell and he caught it. He did his celebration and I came over and said, "Nice catch." He said, "Nice throw."

Then I knew we could dominate. After the first quarter the score was 21 – 0, us. I had thrown all of the touchdowns and we were leading and we wanted more. I knew I would get more from my great team.

By the time we were $\frac{3}{4}$ done with recess we led 42 – 0. I knew, my team knew and even the other team knew that this game was ours. We were leading 42 – 0! But the other team was still fighting. They literally almost picked us off about five or six times, but we had a nice win and we were very happy about what we had done that day.

That was a great game of flag football. It brought my friends and me closer together.

How *by Matt Cohen*

How did you miss that catch?

It was a perfect pass right into your hands and you dropped it.
You were in the end zone for the winning touch down and you dropped the pass
It was in your hands and you dropped it.

You Should Not Like The Giants *by Matt Cohen*

You should not like the giants. They are just a team that thinks they are so good when they are not. If you think differently I hope this article will change your mind.

One reason you should not like the giants is because they are annoying. The reason I say this is one year they were they worst team in the league and the next year they beat the patriots in the super bowl. Can you see how that would be annoying? Another reason the giants are annoying is they think they are so much better than the patriots just because they beat us in the super bowl in 2012. And they are such bad sports about it. One of the Giants said, "That was easy". And another one said, "We could beat them any day". See what I mean, they were such bad sports and I bet you if there was a rematch the patriots would crush the giants. One final reason the giants are annoying is because of there quarter back. Eli manning. Eli thinks that he is such a good quarterback just because his brother is and that he should be treated the same way that his brother is.

One final reason you should not like the giants is they are not even fun to watch. I think this because they are not that good of a team so they don't actually make any hard plays. So what's the fun in watching pro football players drop



passes. I also think that the giants are not that fun to watch because they don't do any fun or creative plays. For example they don't do any plays like the Edelman pass where no one sees it coming.

I hope my reasons have convinced you that you should not like the giants. I hope you also think the same way as I do and if not I really hope that you change your mind. Those are the reasons that YOU SHOULD NOT LIKE THE GIANTS!

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Poems by Cullen Pitts

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Fantastic
Offense
Oval that's brown
Timeouts
Ball
Awesome
Legs are meant to be
Lets play FOOTBALL

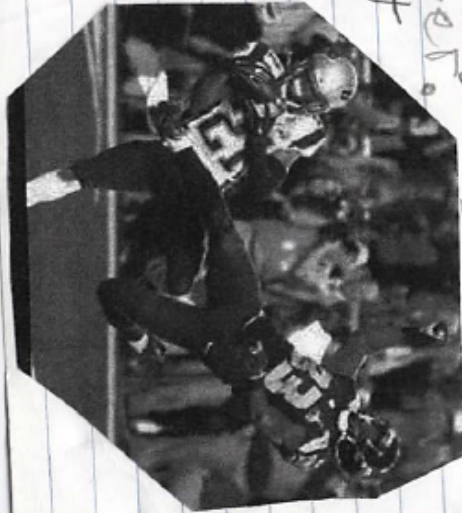
Brown Oval

The ball is brown, it's a 3D oval, it soars through the air like a majestic eagle, with no wings. You catch it or you let it be.

That's why it's so majestic.

By Nick Doyle

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we are ready though not better
we are ready to win
He stepped to his man and
we the ball was released and
it came his way to the
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He did it



The Crazy Mascot

By Matt Cohen

I cant wait I am about to go to my first football game! My dad and I just pulled into the parking lot. It is huge, and there are so many people. Some how my dad leads me through the maze of people and to our seats. We made it just in time for the kick off!

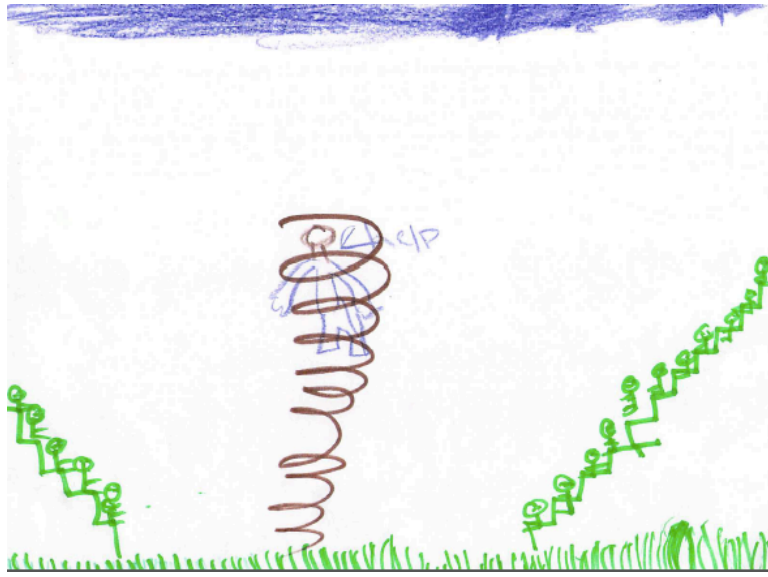
The Patriots kicked the ball to the Broncos and the game begun. The Broncos ran the ball to the 40 yard line and then the patriots (The team I wanted to win.) Got them down. First the Broncos ran the ball but when they tried to they lost 5 yards. My dad



and I fist bumped. Next, the Broncos passed the ball for a gain of 3 yards. But on the next play they tried to throw the ball but we intercepted the pass and ran the ball back for a touchdown. 7-0 patriots are winning!

The rest of the half was boring. No one scored and at half time it was still 7-0. Half time was pretty boring to until the Patriots mascot started doing these cool tricks on the field! And then a crazy thing happened A TORNADO

STRUCK DOWN ON THE FIELD! And the tornado picked up

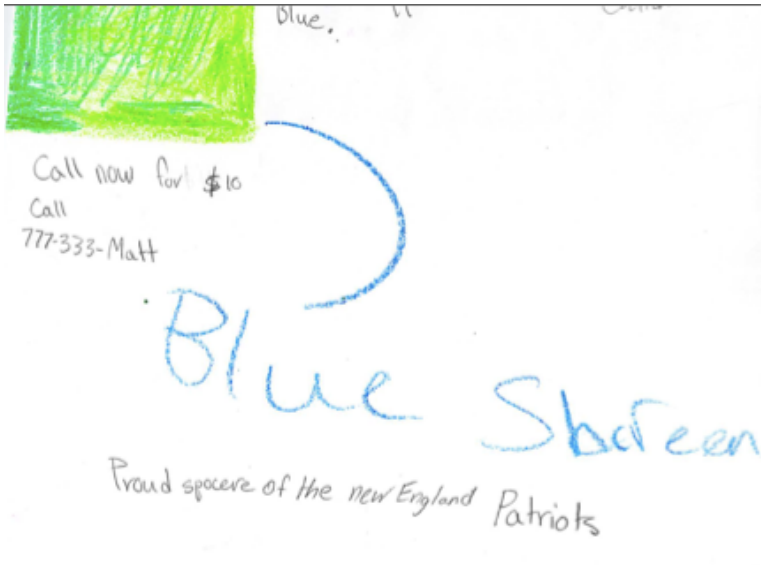


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ground,

he was doing flips in the air! At first every one was cheering because they thought it was some kind of half time show but when they realized it was an actual tornado they screamed.

After the tornado cleared the team doctors checked to make sure the mascot was okay and when they saw he was the game had a much bigger problem to deal with. There was a huge hole in the field where the tornado struck. A few minutes later something came over the loud speaker saying that the game was going to have to end early because there was a big hole in the field. So everybody left. I guess I did not have the average football game experience but it was still fun. And the mascot made the game a lot better. When we got home we tried to tell my mom what happened but she did not believe us. Well she did not believe us until it was on the news that night. She apologized for not believing us and we all went to bed.

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