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• Welcome to Febrooaree

• Surprise visit by the winner of the Mr. Lyle Bowl I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, and XII

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# Mr. Lyle Bowl XIII--2013

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I watched Superbowl I. The Green Bay Packers and the Kansas City Chiefs met in the Los Angeles Coliseum on January 15, 1967. As an eleven year old who did not follow the game much, it left little impression on me.

It was not called *Superbowl I* until retro-actively given the name in 1970. It was simply known as the *AFL-NFL World Championship Game.*

Broadcast on both NBC and CBS, it was the only Superbowl game to date that was not completely sold out. For those who care, the Packers beat the Chiefs 35-10.

Thirteen years ago, an idea was born that has consistently appeared in Sunday School every first Sunday in February. It is called the *Mr. Lyle Bowl*, and it returns again today..

The playing field looks somewhat like a regulation football field, and we use a football, and there is a referee, but that is where any similarity ends.

This game is an analogy of the life of a Christian. With an impossible set of rules, and a ref that knows them all too well, winning is all but impossible—on your own.

You see, for a Christian living in the world, playing the game of life is difficult at best. God has an incredible standard that we are to maintain—perfection. On our own, that is an impossible goal.

The good news is that God never intended for us to tackle this game on our own. He has provided a Way in the person of Jesus Christ.

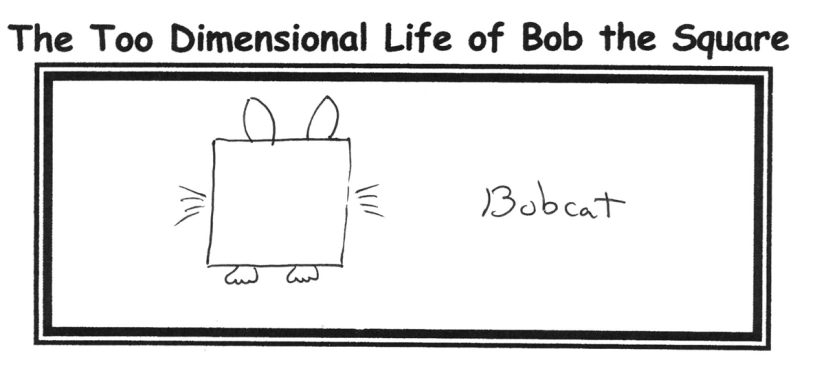
The key to winning in this life is to maintain a relationship with Him. We need to allow Him to lead, and then be brave enough to follow.

2,000 years ago, Jesus took the field as a human being just like us, and won, by living a perfect life. He showed us how, wrote it all down in a Book called the Bible, and gave us an internal referee, the Holy Spirit, to call the plays for us.

Play the game of life according to God’s plan—and win!

**The Most Incorrectly Pronounced Word in the English Language**

**The Field For Today**



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Welcome to the second month of the Gregorian Calendar. We are only 3 days into it, and many people are mispronouncing ***February***. The first ***r*** is NOT SILENT! It is not there by accident!

It is **Feb-roo-aree—**NOT **Feb-yoo-aree!**

You have only 25 days left to get it right.

**Upcoming Dinner Theater**

Sadly, the ***Most Masterfully Measured and Made Major Mouth Moving Main Meal Moment in March*** had a scheduling conflict, and has been scrapped.

Fortunately though, the ***Awesome April Appetite Alternative—An Almost Above Average Attraction to Attend*** has now been scheduled for April 19th.

Check and mark, and draw on, and post-it-note, and push-pin, and circle, and highlight in yellow your calendars.

BE THERE!