

Conspiracy surrounds local foosball game

By Daniel Savickas

Jim Mitchell can't believe he's even thinking it, but he can't seem to shake the feeling that someone paid off his goalie to throw the game.

Upon moving into their new South Shore rental home, Mitchell and his roommate, Tim Davis, tried to come up with a fair way to decide who would get the bigger bedroom. Rent was the same for both rooms, and they discovered the house together, so they were at a loss to figure out who would get the bigger room. Then it hit them, foosball.

They determined the guidelines quickly: one game to ten, no five-man goals, only clean goals, and no spinning.

Mitchell was feeling extremely confident about his chances of ending up in the big room, which he described as "hell of tight."

"I hadn't lost to Tim in days," said

Mitchell. "I'm not even sure I'd ever lost to him at that point."

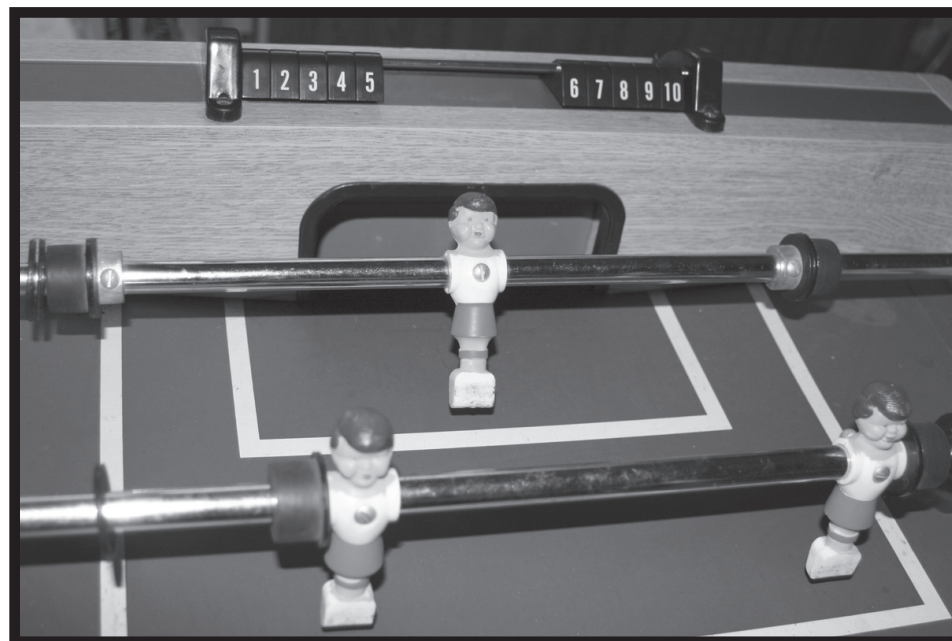
The game started off exactly as Mitchell had planned, with a quick 3-0 lead in Mitchell's favor. But before Mitchell even had a chance to change his strategy he found himself trailing by five goals.

Then, to Mitchell's disbelief, Davis scored two more goals to end the game before Mitchell could bridge the gap. In the end, Davis won by five goals.

"My goalie took a dive," said Mitchell. "That's the only logical explanation. That's the only way Davis could've beaten me. In the five years he's (Mitchell's goalie) been on my team, he's has never had such an off night."

Davis denies the claims that he paid off Mitchell's goalie.

When Davis was asked what his plans for his new room were, he responded, "Well first I'm going to



Above: Mitchell's goalie accused of throwing the game.

put a lock on my door."

"Think about what the guy's saying, he's nuts," said Davis. "I only meet him a year ago, I don't really know much about him, and

we've only hung out a few times to played foosball. He seemed cool, but now he thinks the two-inch piece of plastic that plays goalie on his table is on my payroll. I think he's insane"

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