

“X n O Dreams”

(“The Road to the X n O Bowl”)

What is X n O Football

A large moveable 3-dimensional football field table using mockup plays, programs, charts, dice, and clocks. It is indisputably accurate, fast-moving team gameplay. Participants can function as head coaches, coordinators, players, officials, statisticians, commentators, analysts, and more.

Logline

A small town that lost its high school football program comes back to life when a football gaming competition arrives, who participates and who wins it all becomes the talk of the town!

Docuseries: Football Depiction

Gaming for a financial prize: Introduction, Training, and Competition Segments

Highlights

Kids and adult participation. Viewers simultaneously learn the game with the participants and may engage in an (X n O Fantasy Football league) once the season starts. Each segment has several episodes leading up to a multi-season conclusion due to the content processes involved.

Author/Game Designer

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Quotes On The Game

“It joins the ranks of the culture that football is” *Ed Daly*

“An inside look into the mechanics of a team” *Geoff Grayson*

“An exhibition of the continual need to adapt and live with the immediate results of decisions made, play by play” *John Rafferty*

“Texas Hold em’ meet the NFL” *Rosalind Resnick*

A Word By The Author

Football is America's obsession on many levels, the media attention, sponsorship support, product association, and public appeal are remarkable. It is also the staple of communities across America. Its only menace has been the high risk for lifelong injuries that have been a part of the growing declines in youth football program registrations, early retirement of the pros, and skyrocketing league insurance costs.

Timing is ideal for X n O Football; many networks look for football content, especially during the off-season. X n O Football is best described as a "total football experience." It is fast, challenging mentally and emotionally and can be quite physical with the changing of special teams, offense, and defense devices, especially when being timed by the play and game clocks. It is also head-to-head dice-rolling and card applications. Some say, "You sweat when you play this game!" The game earns (both the players' respect and the spectator's attention.) When the lights go on, the crowd noise begins to play and the clocks are started, you are nowhere else but at the X n O field table ready to try and win!

Beta-testing involving ages 10 through 65 supports the story and experiences of people's reactions to this (special game) from introduction to season competition.

"It is diverse characterization and continual unpredictable excitement, and it will change the way you watch real football!"

Supporting Articles

Rural Communities Struggle to Adapt to Life Without Football Source: The Atlantic

Small-Town Michigan High Schools Dump Traditional Football Source: Bridge Michigan

The Decline Of Football Is Real And It's Accelerating Source: Forbes

School Sports Decline Symbolizes Rural Towns' Struggle Source: Forbes

Indiana's Poorest County Might Lose Its Only Football Team Source: IndyStar

Silent Saturdays: College Towns Weigh A Fall Without Football Source: Yahoo Sports

Shows Along These Lines

Poker Night In America, Friday Night Lights,

Key Character Profiling (The X n O Team)

Jeffrey: Mr. Everything! game designer, trainer, referee, enthusiastic and driven, he has been at all this for an exceptionally long time. He is jovial, and talented, but do not disrespect him.

John: Jeffrey's brother (**or alternate Character**) knows football and its stats and is an innate salesperson who does not take no for an answer. He will get the town pumped up but not without the constant distraction of his quarrelsome spouse

Jodi: Jeffrey's sister, a petite little powerhouse, who's incredibly supportive of Jeffrey, she's pretty, energetic, a former Atlantic City dealer, and a total guy magnet! She'll get people involved even if they don't know why!

Players: Individuals who know the game inside and out and will function as game directors through the various segments.

Projected Character Profiling

Ralph: faces resistance from his wife and pestering son on his involvement

Matt: Ralph's son, (believes he is better at gaming than his father will ever be) and at first is resentful and unsupportive about his father's involvement

Jerome: tried to get into the NFL once, and was part of the coaching staff at the high school, but now just on janitorial duties since the football program was canceled

Jill: server at the sports bar, loves football, but never gets respect about her game observations

Cheerleaders: often disagreed with the high school coaching staff's game decisions

Susie: a bartender, grew up on the sidelines of her deceased father's coaching years

Sam: town vendor, former college football player with mild but nagging injuries, and all attitude

Alesha: planning on college for journalism

Synopsis

When the X n O Team, (big city folks) begin promoting the event, residents quickly ask... “What is this football game all about? Who are these people?” But there’s no denying they could use a little excitement. It’s all about football, something they miss dearly, it comes with an alluring cash prize, and it is much more exciting than sitting on the couch watching TV! What venues will want to host the event? who will show up? who will register? and a big question lingers... “Will the now defunct football team get involved? and maybe even the former cheerleaders?”

The scent of (mild domestic disputes) is in the air as people try to re-arrange their lives to get involved. Ralph has many household duties that need attention, how will he tell his wife “he’s in?” Jill gets no respect for her football instinct, who will want her on a team? While the cash prize is a significant motivation for many, the question remains for now, “what is it going to take to train, compete and win?”

A mixed crowd of curious, enthusiasts and the infamous doubters show up at the introduction event, and to ensure - quality competition - it is announced that (Try-outs) are required. That is when the “Road To The X n O Bowl” officially begins! But wait! What will the ones who don’t make the cut do? some still want to be involved. Loyalty among friends and family is strained because when it comes down to winning there is a great divide between capable and promising, and wait until the young gamers find out the initial rules state “no kids”, are they going to protest? Not everyone is into competing, but a few are interested in helping with officiating or they see their skill sets in commentary, keeping stats, or reporting on the event, all helpful, but also involved functions to the X n O team that will need attention.

Training sessions and pre-season games are always intense and full of unpredictable excitement, while the audience and national viewers simultaneously learn the game with the participants.

Gossip heats up and the local radio station begins to do media spins on the event, as the X n O team discusses enforcing the rules. “That’s always a challenge”, Jeffrey says, “we know what the game brings out in people, and when there’s money on the line, anything can happen!”

All of this begins to feel like the treasured and missed (Friday Night Lights) except it's every day now, with much more of the town involved and no longer just the fans in the stands.

Epilogue

We do not know who wins bragging rights for the ages! What we know is... that the town, will watch regular football in a unity between them they have never known before!