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## Thirty Years of Table Soccer (Foosball) History Captured for Acclaimed Documentary Movie

August 29, 2006 -- It is the mechanized child of the planet's most popular sport played on every continent and every nation. The beautiful game played with little men skewered onto sticks and placed into a desk-sized playing field. The game is table soccer (foosball or table football) and thirty plus years of its history has been brilliantly captured in the acclaimed documentary, FOOS: Be The Greatest – A History of American Foosball (Table Soccer) Movie.

Documented for the first time, director Robert Ismert captures the essence of the 'foos' experience and the wild-ride that is the history of American table soccer.

This acclaimed documentary ([Watch the movie trailer](#)) combines contemporary interviews with the most comprehensive collection of rare foosball archival footage and memorabilia ever compiled and presented. Over three years of research and production combined with dynamic foosball personalities help tell the complete story of one of the most popular games ever created and focuses not only on the players that have come and gone, but on the game that has refused to die.

Follow the highs and lows of the sport through its humble beginnings of arcade hustlers and rag-tag barroom matches to big money tournaments and Million Dollar Tours. During the 1970's, table soccer quickly became a national phenomenon. The game grew into the 8th largest sport in the world and was featured in Sports Illustrated, 60 Minutes and ABC News. A Porsche, Corvettes and tens of thousands of dollars are given away to players as they travel the country in vans pursuing table soccer glory. [Learn about the history of the table soccer \(foosball or table football\).](#)

As quickly as it swept across America, it collapsed even more quickly. Video games invaded and chomped through the game arcades during the early 1980's eroding foosball's popularity and resulting in suicide, investigations of fraud, bankruptcy and the almost complete disintegration of an entire sport, yet, it has survived.

Accompanied by Gary Paulak's original motion picture soundtrack comprised exclusively of table soccer inspired songs, director Robert Ismert skillfully intertwines the game's great players, promoters and history with the lives of two diverging players as they attempt to overcome their own struggles and demons to fulfill their foosball dreams. And ultimately discover what it takes to be the greatest.

When a game is all you have left...there is hope. There is foosball.

Director/Producer Robert Ismert is available for interviews and will be attending the World Championships of Table Soccer in Las Vegas, Nevada, Friday September 22 through Sunday September 24, 2006. For more information, contact the [United States Table Soccer Federation](#) or [contact the director](#).

[Press Kit](#) is Available Online with hi-resolution images and background about the movie's production and filmmaker.

Movie reviews:

"It serves as an intriguing look at a cross section of Americana." - Larry Davis, Executive Director, United States Table Soccer Federation

"A fabulous job of capturing the essence of the foos experience." - Kathy Brainard, Co-Author [The Complete Book of Foosball](#)

"This is the definitive history of foosball in the United States." - Bob Furr, Inventor of the World's most popular soccer table, Tornado

"I've watched the film three times now and find it more perfect each time." - Phil Kennedy, foosball historian"

For more information about the movie or to arrange an interview with Director Robert Ismert during the World Championships of Table Soccer Sept.22-24, 2006 in Las Vegas, Nevada, please [contact the documentary director](#) or call 9403873086.

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