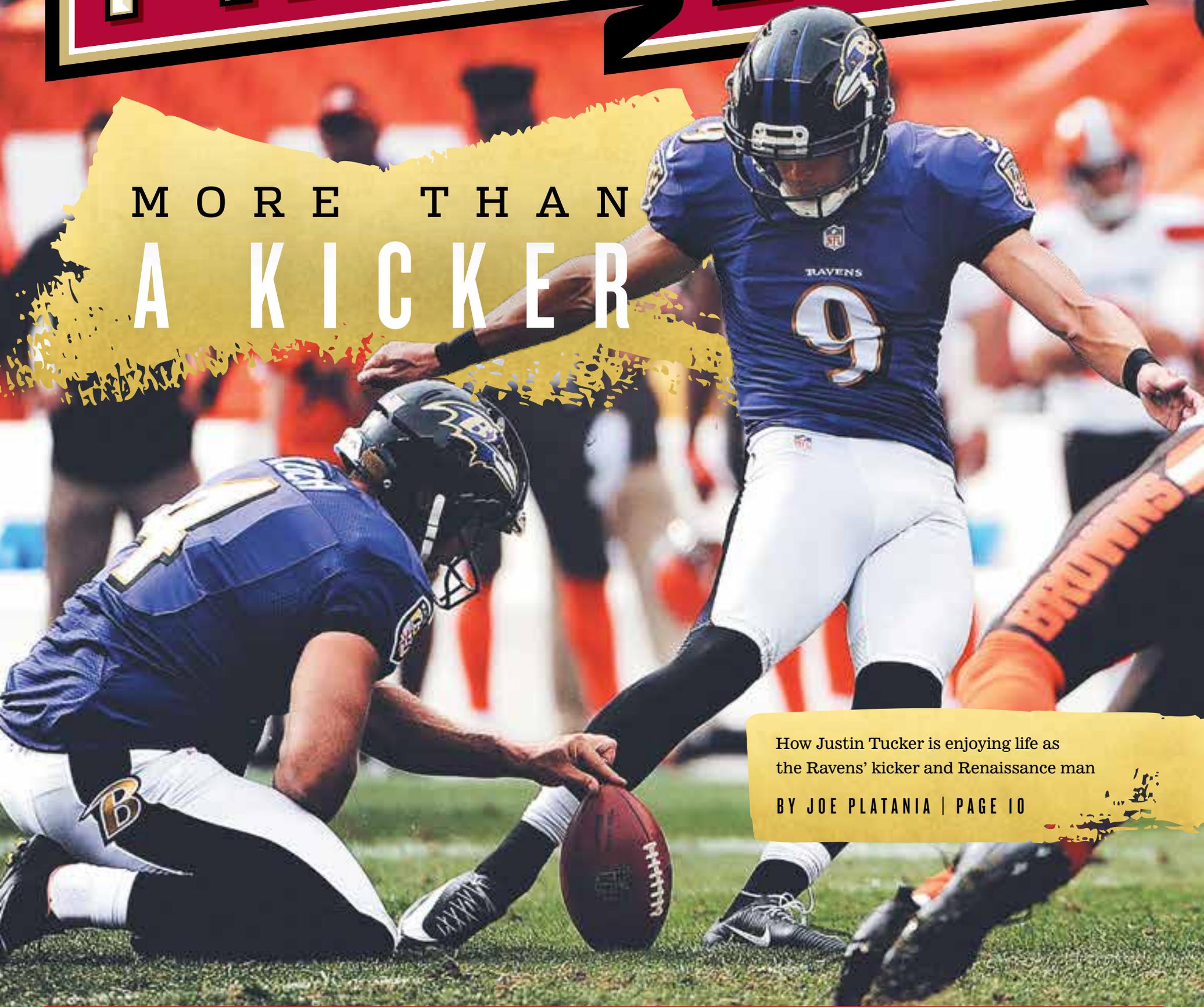


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## ONE FAN'S OPINION

# Could Dexter Fowler Still Be An Orioles Offseason Target?

★ STAN "THE FAN" CHARLES



At the Orioles' year-end news conference with manager Buck Showalter and executive vice president of baseball operations Dan Duquette Oct. 6, there were a few interesting talking points. However, there may have been none more interesting than the acknowledgement by Showalter that outfielder Adam Jones would not be the team's leadoff hitter in 2017.

Trust me, I get that after the first inning, the leadoff batter rarely leads off another inning in that day's game. But still, that's 162 at-bats. You'd like the guy at the top of the order to have a good chance of igniting the next eight men to score a run or two right out of the gate.

In order to do just that -- especially when your team has power hitters in just about every spot, save for outfielder Hyun Soo Kim at No. 2 -- you want the leadoff batter to have a high on-base percentage. That's Baseball Logic 101.

Jones has a .277 career average and .318 OBP through 1,394 games and 5,740 at-bats. That is who he is, with on-base ability the one area keeping him in the "very good, but not great" category. Jones did a respectable job as the leadoff man in 2016, with a .292 average and .331 OBP

when leading off any inning -- a good tick higher than his career averages.

But still, Showalter has determined his day-to-day lineup will be better served with Jones in a more typical, run-producing place: No. 5 or 6 in the Orioles' 2017 order.

So now that we know the leadoff hitter won't be Jones, who will it be?

Let's keep in mind, in the same season-ending news conference a year ago, Duquette specified needing to improve the team's OBP from .307 in 2015, the lowest of Duquette's tenure. With the additions of Kim (.382) and Rule V outfielder Joey Rickard (.319), the Orioles improved their OBP to .317 in 2016, the highest in Duquette's tenure.

But really, his teams have never had a sufficient OBP: .311 in 2012, .313 in 2013 and .311 in 2014.

Let's be clear, guys who get on base a lot don't exactly grow on trees, and the other 29 teams are all looking for them as well.

That's why one of the harder things to watch in the MLB postseason this October is Cubs outfielder Dexter Fowler leading off and perhaps taking Joe Maddon's team to the Promised Land. Fowler has a .366 career OBP, something the Orioles showed they valued greatly when they made a run at signing Fowler in February.

All Fowler did atop the Cubs' batting order in 2016 is get on base at a .393 clip

and score 84 runs in 125 games (a hamstring injury June 18 forced him to miss 29 games). In 2015, even with a .250 batting average and .344 OBP, Fowler scored 102 runs. You'd have to go all the way to 2009, when former Orioles second baseman Brian Roberts finished his third consecutive season with 100 runs or more, to find lead-off production of that caliber in Baltimore.

You may recall in February, reports surfaced Fowler was going to sign with the Orioles on a three-year \$33 million deal. But just one day later, Fowler turned on the O's and showed up at Cubs camp to surprise his teammates with a one-year, \$9 million contract for 2016, carrying a mutual \$9 million option with a \$5 million buyout, essentially guaranteeing he would make \$14 million for one season in Chicago.

Three years at \$33 million was not a chump-change offer from Duquette. It was a significantly larger commitment than the one-year deal Nelson Cruz got in 2014. However, Duquette quite possibly could have had Fowler signed and in Sarasota, Fla., had he allowed the desired opt-out after one season or upped the ante to \$13 or \$14 million per year for three years.

Instead, Duquette stood on his stated principal of not allowing opt-outs, and the Orioles had no Fowler. With an offense that all too often fizzled through the second half of 2016, and suspect right field defense from Mark Trumbo, that void was readily apparent.

At the end of this World Series cycle, Fowler's one-year option is mutual, so he can leave and join free agency to fish for a larger contract. If I were Duquette, I'd look into a straight three-to-four-year deal with Fowler at the going rate, rather than trying the lower end of the range and not allowing an opt-out.

If the Orioles fail to address their lead-off hole this offseason, they could look to Kim. While the left-handed hitting Kim is not the overall lineup igniter Fowler can be, due to his lack of speed, his .382 OBP is much more in-line with what the O's need in the 65-70 percent of games started by right-handed pitchers (for the record, 46 of 162 games against the Orioles were started by lefties in 2016). However, if they stay as presently constituted, Kim's 0-17 versus left-handed pitching probably means there will be somewhat of a platoon at leadoff, with right-handed hitting Rickard facing lefties. ☒



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## FRONT ROW

# Pat Skerry Ensures Tigers Are Registered To Vote

his question seemed simple enough, but it made Towson men's basketball coach Pat Skerry think. His wife asked him one night if the players on his team were registered to vote in the upcoming Presidential election.

Skerry wondered about it and, when practice began in late September, began the process of making sure his Tigers would indeed be registered to vote in this historic event. Skerry sees this as a different kind of lesson Towson can teach its players.

"I just think that it's obviously a hot topic now," Skerry said. "There's no repercussions, but we're going to get them registered and educate them on at least the Presidential campaign and what the different candidates' platforms are [in the election]."

Skerry said while he wants players who can compete strongly on the court, he feels his job involves more than that.

This election between Republican candidate Donald Trump and Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton might be the most contentious in American history, and it's certainly one people will be talking and reading about in the history books for years to come. Skerry wants his players to know what's going on and have the chance to take part in it.

"I'm quite sure we're not the only team or club or organization that is doing this," he said. "The one thing we do a really good job with in our athletic department is programming and activities and events to keep our student-athletes engaged in what's going on out in the world."

This election has drawn athletics and politics together -- two worlds that don't often intersect.

But the kneeling/sitting/protests of San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick and other athletes during the national anthem recently has drawn a firestorm of attention throughout the country, especially in the world of sports. It's opened a significant amount of discussion about life in the United States, with athletes in all sports giving their opinions in various ways.

*The Washington Post* wrote an article Sept. 30 about how the University of Virginia men's basketball team came together for a photo while expressing "unity against social injustice." Many players posted photographs of it, tweeting it out as "Kneel for Injustice, Kneel for Equality."

Skerry said he and his staff are very much aware of what's going on in the world, and they want their Tigers to grasp the importance of this election and what it means to take part.

"Clearly, it's an issue bigger than putting the ball in the basket," he said. "Any time you can get people that are going to be the future leaders of our country to be engaged, [it's good]. We just want to try to help them develop good habits. We're just trying to help educate them as far as what they're able to do."

Collegiate and professional athletes have an advantage in some way because they get chances to make their views heard and do things other students or people won't get the opportunity to do.

Skerry said the job of coaches and athletic staffs is not just to score points and come up with victories. They need to prepare these players for life after basketball, because one day, the games will stop.

"Athletes can be great leaders," he said. "We've got to win games; we've got to graduate guys and we've got to

turn out productive members of society."

One small question from Skerry's wife set in motion something that can affect an entire college basketball team. It will give them a privilege they can use for the rest of their lives. And Skerry is happy he can now answer his wife's question.

"We're registering them," Skerry said. "As it gets closer down the stretch, we'll do a couple of things with them to provide them information. We've got really good guys. I think they're interested in what's going on in the world."

-- JEFF SEIDEL

## Ravens Partner With Maryland Book Bank To Create 'Ravens Bookmobile'

The Baltimore Ravens have partnered with the Maryland Book Bank to help improve childhood literacy in the area.

On Sept. 12, the team unveiled the "Ravens Bookmobile," funded by Ravens Foundation, Inc., the charitable arm of the NFL team. The first event for the Bookmobile was at Abbottston Elementary School in Baltimore and was attended by quarterback Joe Flacco, wide receiver Steve Smith Sr. and defensive tackle Brandon Williams.

"It's called a Bookmobile, but really it's just a mobile library," Smith told BaltimoreRavens.com. "I think that's fantastic, because [if] you look at the technology we have now, everything is online. Getting something in your hands and being able to read it is very important."

This particular vehicle is wrapped in Ravens colors, although the players and mascots won't be able to attend the majority of the stops. Promoting literacy is the purpose, with kids being able to come on board and take up to five books home with them for free.

"The Maryland Book Bank is extremely excited to partner with the Baltimore Ravens and bring books directly into schools and neighborhoods where children have little-or-no access to them at home," Maryland Book Bank executive director Mark Feiring said in a statement. "The power of being able to choose his or her own books allows a child to pick something they are genuinely interested in and can keep for their very own. It encourages that child to actively pursue reading."

According to the Maryland Book Bank, the Bookmobile is packed with "close to 2,500 books, including picture books, leveled readers, easy chapter books and non-fiction books that children can keep for their own home library."

One of those books kids will be able to take home from the Bookmobile is called "Poe's Road Trip to Ravens Gameday," which chronicles the team's mascot (who is also listed as the author of the book) visiting various areas around the state of Maryland over the course of a week leading up to RavensWalk on a game day. The book was published by Mascot Books and is also available for purchase via their website, major retailers and the team store at M&T Bank Stadium. Proceeds from the book (which retails at \$14.95) will go to the Ravens Foundation.

According to statistics from the Baltimore Library Project, the 2012 Maryland School Assessment found 34.5 percent of third-graders in the city were reading below

grade level, double the state average. The most recent statistics available from the National Center for Education Statistics showed 16 percent of Baltimore city residents and 7 percent of Baltimore County residents lacked basic prose literacy skills, making the need to break the chain of illiteracy much more important.

Fighting illiteracy doesn't end with the Bookmobile for the Ravens. The team has also announced a partnership with the group Reading Partners Baltimore, including an initial grant of \$25,000. The mission of Reading Partners Baltimore is "to help children become lifelong readers by empowering communities to provide individualized instruction with measurable results."

The group encourages community leadership and tutoring programs to encourage childhood literacy.

"Distributing books to children through the Ravens Bookmobile and also funding Reading Partners' in-school tutoring program for the next five years will create a well-rounded approach to serving the educational needs of many children," Ravens Foundation executive director Heather Darney said via a statement. "Reading is a fundamental component, both in school and in everyday life, so it's important to offer students all the necessary tools to succeed."

Schools and organizations can request a visit from the Ravens Bookmobile via the Maryland Book Bank website (MarylandBookBank.org). The Book Bank gives priority to Title One Schools (those that are economically disadvantaged) and organizations that serve at-risk populations in the state.

-- GLENN CLARK

## Mike Marks Remembered On McDaniel Campus Through New Scoreboard, Old Memories

Following the 2013 death of former McDaniel College alumnus and lacrosse standout Mike Marks, the McDaniel community continues to feel the impact of his loss every day.

"Mike was always a great ambassador of the program," McDaniel College director of sports information



Luke Stillson said. "He was a starter and leader, both on and off the field."

Marks passed away June 15, 2013, as a result of an automobile accident. The crash occurred just weeks after the four-year starter on the men's lacrosse team and two-year captain graduated from McDaniel with a bachelor's degree in political science and international studies. He was set to begin his graduate studies at American University in Washington, D.C., and also volunteered for four years for the Tournament of Champions, which is an event held at McDaniel College for special needs students ranging from kindergarten to 12th grade.

Keith Euker, who has been McDaniel's head men's lacrosse coach since July 1, 2015, said he spoke with offensive coordinator Frank LeQuang and players currently on the team who interacted with Marks to learn more about him as an individual.

"In our world, to not only be a four-year starter but also a two-year captain -- that says a lot about his character," Euker said. "The fact that he was nominated as a junior immediately told me that I could kind of imagine what his personality was like and what his type of character was like."

"He was the kind of guy that would inspire others. He would inspire others to motivate themselves, to push themselves beyond their limits."

Marks also made an impact in the classroom at McDaniel. Silvia Baage, an assistant professor at McDaniel, taught Marks in several of her French classes during his senior year in 2013 and said he was interested in French culture. Baage said Marks was so interested in learning the French language, to this day, he remains the only student who received credit for attending meetings at the French House residential hall on campus at 2 a.m.

"He was optimistic, cheerful and a wonderful person to have in my class," Baage said.

Baage wrote one of Marks' letters of recommendation for graduate school and saw him at graduation just weeks before his death. She said she encouraged him to continue taking French classes at American University.

"That was all planned and supposed to happen, but unfortunately it didn't," Baage said.

As time passed, Joe and Barbara Marks were determined to preserve their son's legacy at McDaniel.

"We had to figure out a way to keep our son's name alive," Joe Marks said.

It wasn't until Euker, who arrived at McDaniel in 2015, built a relationship with Joe and Barbara Marks that the plan to install a new scoreboard would come to fruition.

"Our SID came to me and said, 'We're trying to get a new scoreboard, and we need money to do it. Do you think the Marks would be interested in donating for it?'" Euker said.

Euker said through the initial start, Joe and Barbara were interested in the idea, but wanted to see what the scoreboard would officially look like. Euker went back to the school's powers-that-be to share with them what the Marks family wanted for the scoreboard.

"They wanted to make sure it looked the way they wanted it to look and to have Mike's name on there," Euker said.

Joe and Barbara Marks ended up donating \$150,000 for the new scoreboard in memory of their son and attended the scoreboard's official dedication ceremony held at halftime of the McDaniel football home opener against Muhlenberg Sept. 17, where they spoke about their son to the McDaniel community.

"It was bittersweet," Euker said. "For Barbara to stand there and speak on the field about Mike, I think it's a testament to how tough she is. I've gotten to know her and Joe very well over the last year. They are just really good people. Very hard-working. You can see where Mike would've gotten those traits."

Joe and Barbara Marks continue to be a part of the McDaniel lacrosse program and continue to be amazed with the support from McDaniel and Marks' lacrosse family, especially as the new scoreboard dedicated in his honor will light up the playing field at Kenneth R. Gill Stadium for

every athletic contest on the field.

"Mike lit up every room he walked into from the moment he was born," Barbara Marks said. "To have [the scoreboard] light up the campus was huge for me."

-- CONNOR GLOWACKI

## New Book Provides Front Row Seat To City's Greatest High School Team

When he walked off the court after Dunbar's triple overtime loss to Calvert Hall during the 1980-81 season, legendary head coach Bob Wade locked eyes with Tyrone "Muggsy" Bogues, who was in the bleachers, and shrugged his shoulders. Wade and Bogues both knew a true point guard would have secured Dunbar's 9-point lead with less than two minutes remaining. Bogues submitted his transfer papers from Southern High for his junior year and joined Coach Wade.

Alejandro Danois' riveting new book, "The Boys of Dunbar: A Story of Love, Hope and Basketball" reveals the backstory of the greatest team in Baltimore high school basketball history through a series of unforgettable moments like this one.

Beginning with the first practice of the 1981-82 season, Danois takes readers inside the gymnasiums, the games, the chalk talks, the bus rides, the hotels, the summer camps and the players' homes, where they overcame the day-to-day struggle of life in Baltimore to bring national prominence to their school and their city.

"Back then, high school basketball meant something," Danois said. "Now kids are more concerned with playing in summer showcases. The book is a reminder of what the game was and what it must become again."

A sports journalist, Ali Danois grew up on the basketball courts of Brooklyn where word traveled north about a team from Baltimore with bench players going to Division I schools and a point guard mistakenly called "Buggsy."

In the book, Danois captures a Baltimore in transition during the early 1980s, when recreation centers and their directors, like Leon Howard, held the frayed edges of the community together by setting up basketball hoops. A new breed of younger and more aggressive drug dealers had emerged, and manufacturing jobs disappeared as plants closed down.

"Crime was on the rise," Danois said. "Outdoor drug markets went into operation and turf wars began."

The story revolves around Wade and the four stars who made it into the NBA: Bogues, Reggie "Russ" Williams, David "Gate" Wingate and sixth man Reggie "Truck" Lewis, who died of a heart attack at 27. They were Baltimore boys with distinctive personalities who fought for each other, and Danois' depiction evokes the characters in Barry Levinson's movie, "Diner."

Wade's practices come to life in the book, with players lugging bricks while they ran suicides. He coached with military precision, emphasizing preparation and defense. He also ensured his players carried themselves with dignity off the court by keeping tabs on them through a vast community network he established when he attended Dunbar decades before. When the boys strayed, he was often waiting when they returned from their capers.

"He'd known them all since they were playing on milk crates as toddlers," Danois said. "It was his mother's voice



Alejandro Danois

pushing him that he used to coach the team. He didn't have a father."

"The Boys of Dunbar" tackles the issue regarding the real No. 1 team in the nation that year, Calvert Hall or Dunbar. Both teams played the No. 1 ranked Camden Panthers, and the possibility of a matchup between the Cards and the Poets percolates throughout the narrative. The showdown between Dunbar and Camden High in New Jersey is one the strongest chapters in the book.

The Panthers hadn't lost a home game since 1977. When fans first glimpsed the 5-foot-3 point guard called Muggsy, they started pointing and laughing.

"I'm going to have the last laugh," he told his coach.

Muggsy steals the show for most of the book as well -- racing around the pages making steals, recording assists and defying a lifetime of detractors, including the late five-star guru, Howard Garfinkel, who believed he was too small. An underdog with a chip on his shoulder, Bogues becomes a metaphor for the city of Baltimore.

"Muggsy has an incredible memory," Danois said. "We'd get on conference calls, and he'd remember players who liked to dribble high and the exact moments in games when he made steals."

As a kid in Brooklyn, Danois rebounded for his neighbor Lorenzo Charles, who won a national championship with North Carolina State.

"We'd watch the court from our apartment windows," he said. "When he appeared, my friend and I would start yelling, 'Lo is on the court!'"

He followed the Dunbar players through their college and pro careers and pitched the story a decade ago to a magazine editor who told him to write a book. He now lives in Baltimore and is working on an ESPN "30 for 30" film account of the team.

"I started out writing a book about basketball," Danois said. "I spent time in the archives at Enoch Pratt and realized it goes way deeper than that."

-- DEAN SMITH



## GAMING

# Las Vegas' Global Gaming Expo Broaches Nationwide Legalization Of Sports Gambling

★ BILL ORDINE

The gambling world convened during late September in Las Vegas for its annual Global Gaming Expo, and at the top of the agenda was sports gambling. More to the point, at the top of the agenda was the discussion about how to remove the national restrictions on sports gambling that limit broad wagering on athletic contests to Nevada and allows for small-scale sports betting in just three other states (Delaware, Montana and Oregon).

To highlight the argument on behalf of amending sports gambling law, the gaming industry brought in former NBA commissioner David Stern as a featured speaker.

Stern prominently opposed sports gambling during his 30 years as NBA commissioner and was a strong supporter of the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act of 1992, which goes by the shorthand PASPA, that effectively blocks any state (outside of the exceptions mentioned above) from offering sports wagering.

Stern has changed his tune.

"Over time, I have come to accept that a properly run gambling operation -- or 'gaming,' (Stern used air quotes) as we like to say in Las Vegas -- is protective," Stern said.

"[What] isn't widely understood now [is] about the lengths to which casinos with sports books go to watch the movement, monitor their customers, understand where slight movements of point spreads between casinos attract different kinds of bettors. It's such a sophisticated approach now ... if we could get the sports leagues and the industry together, we could wind up having a serious regulatory ability to make it even stronger, to protect the integrity [of sports]."

One could be sarcastic and hail the miracle that removed the scales from Stern's eyes to enable him to see

what has been obvious to some of us for years -- but I'll just politely accept his current agreement.

Stern has also been specific in equating fantasy sports for money with traditional sports wagering, saying the former, especially daily fantasy sports, paved the way for acceptance of the latter.

The American Gaming Association, an umbrella industry organization in Washington, D.C., that functions as gaming's most prominent lobbyist, runs the gaming conference, with an estimated attendance of 26,000. Its website is chock full of statistics about sports gambling as well as endorsements for broader sports wagering.

While illegal sports betting numbers are all over the place, the AGA has settled on \$90 billion in football bets with just \$2 billion bet legally. The benefits of diverting that illegally wagered money to legal outlets, especially in terms of taxes, are pretty clear.

Here's the bottom line:

All of the drum beating -- the conferences with sports betting as the central theme, the articles generated in mainstream media, the former foes becoming advocates -- is all about building a critical mass of perception that convinces Congress to amend or repeal PASPA.

However, as we've all noticed, getting Congress to agree on anything of late has been just about impossible. So what would motivate Congress on this issue?

My feeling is the most powerful influencer on American culture -- the National Football League -- has to endorse the concept out loud, or at least say it offers no objection to Congress acting on PASPA.

And what would cause the NFL, the most ardent anti-gambling of all pro sports leagues, to do such a thing?

Let's start with potentially having an NFL franchise called the Las Vegas Raiders. As many fans know, Raiders ownership and movers-and-shakers in Vegas are trying to put together a new stadium deal to make that happen.

Allowing the Raiders to move to Las Vegas and an acceptance of sports wagering by the NFL are not di-

rectly linked issues, but in this case, the optics count a great deal.

If the Raiders wind up playing in Las Vegas, along with the attendant argument that scrutinized legal wagering actually helps ensure the honesty of the games, the NFL would be hard-pressed to continue to actively oppose lifting the national embargo.

Rosecroft Raceway is getting a new lease on life with the start of a live fall meet that began Sept. 13 under the track's new ownership. The Maryland Jockey Club acquired Rosecroft in a deal announced in May. The MJC, a subsidiary of Canadian-based The Stronach Group, is the mainstay of thoroughbred racing in Maryland, operating Pimlico Race Course, Laurel Park and the Preakness Stakes.

Sal Sinatra, president of the Maryland Jockey Club, hopes to revive harness racing in the state with improvements to Rosecroft, quality fields and more appealing wagering options.

"We're going to observe and learn this fall at Rosecroft, much like we did when we first arrived at Laurel [Park]," Sinatra said in a news release. He took over day-to-day operations at the MJC in December 2014.

"We want to learn the habits of our customers, what they like and don't like, and what needs to be improved," Sinatra said.

The harness track in Fort Washington, Md., in Prince George's County, is running live races twice a week, Tuesday and Thursday, with a 6:40 p.m. start. The live meet runs through Dec. 15 and is dark Nov. 24, Thanksgiving Day.

To attract bettors, Rosecroft will offer a Pick 5 wager (selecting the winners of five races) with a low takeout of 12 percent (with a takeout being the amount of money withheld from the pari-mutuel pool for track operations and other expenses). It's not unusual for takeout to approach 20 percent in racing, so the Pick 5 offers bettors relatively good value, plus the chance to hit a jackpot payoff.

Sinatra said a 21-by-40 foot television has been installed in the infield. Superfectas, trifectas and exactas are offered on every race, and there are two daily doubles. Betting on Rosecroft races will also be available through simulcast wagering.

Also in Prince George's County, the new MGM Resorts International casino at the National Harbor retail-entertainment-hotel complex has set an official opening date of Dec. 8.

Named, not surprisingly, the MGM National Harbor, the casino will have a 125,000-square-foot gambling floor, a hotel with about 300 rooms, a 3,000-seat theater, a conservatory with flower sculptures (think Bellagio in Las Vegas for photo ops) and several restaurants, including Fish, by well-known chef Jose Andres. ☒

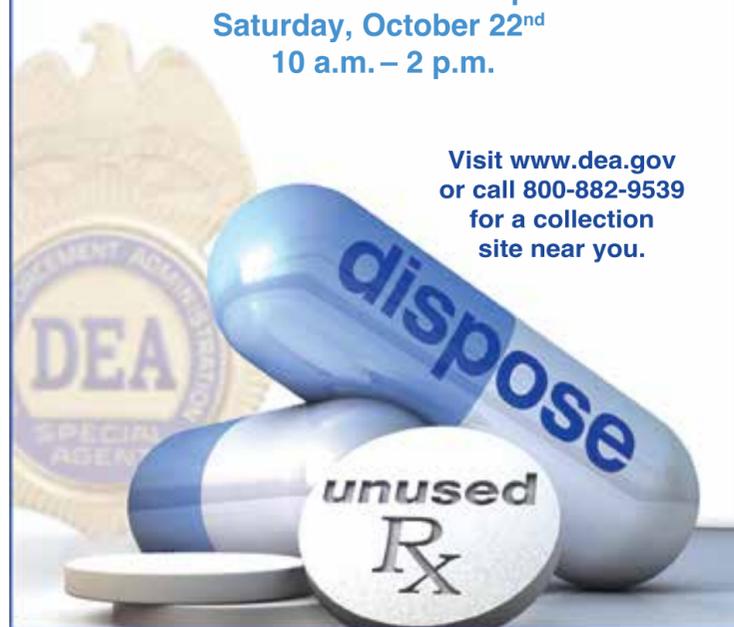


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# MORE THAN A KICKER

BY JOE PLATANIA



## THE AIR WAS STILL, THE ATMOSPHERE FLAT.

As the Ravens went through their paces during a hot, humid early-August public stadium practice -- a show for the fans who can't access the team's practice facility for training camp workouts -- the tedium sometimes accompanying the various drills didn't exactly have the joints jumping.

In other words, it was a perfect time for fifth-year kicker Justin Tucker to inject himself into the proceedings.

Tucker stood at the 15-yard line and placed a football on a tee. His teammates gradually backed out of the way and a murmur began to rise through the crowd.

With the ball 85 yards from the opposite goal line, plus the 10-yard end-zone depth, it meant ... wait, was Tucker actually going to try to kick a 95-yard field goal?

Earlier that week, Denver Broncos kicker Brandon McManus doubted Tucker's ability to make good on a contention that he could kick an 84-yard field goal in Denver's thin Rocky Mountain air. Tucker was supposedly out to prove him wrong by unleashing a howitzer that would be 31 yards longer than the current NFL record.

With an in-game 61-yarder and training camp 69-yard boot already on his résumé, the fifth-year Houston-born kicker approached the ball with his usual swagger and charisma and ...

... immediately reversed his approach angle and banged a 25-yard chip shot through the uprights. One could practically hear Tucker yell, "Psych!"

After all, he was just having fun.

### SHINING 'A LIGHT AROUND OTHERS'

Cynics might suggest it's easy to have fun with quick and frequent success. But no one can argue what Tucker has meant to a Ravens franchise that, before his arrival, had already been blessed with two Pro Bowl kickers in Matt Stover and Billy Cundiff.

Tucker's on-field achievements are well-documented:

- He is the AFC's most accurate field-goal kicker of all-time and second-best in league history at 88.7 percent (through Week Four), topped only by Dallas' Dan Bailey (90.5).

- He reached the 500-point career mark faster than any kicker in NFL history, just 60 games. By one game, that eclipsed a record set by the only pure placekicker in the Pro Football Hall of Fame, Jan Stenerud.

- Tucker claims 12 career game-winning kicks, including two on the road this season, a 49-yarder in Cleveland Sept. 18 and a 54-yard boot with 1:02 remaining to pull out the win in Jacksonville one week later.

- He has won six AFC Special Teams Player of the Week awards and, just last month, took home his third AFC Special Teams Player of the Month honor.

- Through Week Four, Tucker had missed only six times in his career in the

fourth quarter and six times when the Ravens are trailing. He had also made all 144 extra-point tries, including 34 in a row after the nearly automatic 20-yard distance was moved back to 33 yards in 2015.

With such success comes an often harsh spotlight on pro athletes. But when someone is as multi-faceted and well-rounded as Tucker, it can also display the very best someone has to give. For him, that is plenty.

Since Tucker arrived in Baltimore as an undrafted free agent in 2012, he's become a familiar figure on Charm City's sports scene, flashing an eclectic (and entertaining) personality that's endeared him to fans and teammates alike.

The 26-year-old Tucker is an amalgam of Orioles outfielder Adam Jones' confidence, Baltimore Colts legend Art Donovan's shoot-from-the-hip sense of humor and former-Terps head coach Gary Williams' intensity. It would be no shock if Tucker could impersonate those three as well as he handles the unique vocal patterns of such diverse celebrities as businessman (and Republican presidential nominee) Donald Trump, Oscar-winning actors Christopher Walken and Matthew McConaughey, and former Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis, among many others.

In short, Tucker is a 6-foot-1, 180-pound bundle of energy, passion and charisma, not to mention accuracy.

"He's like a comedian," punter Sam Koch said. "You could be around [a] com-

edy tour, 24-7. Everything that comes out of his mouth is trying to make somebody laugh and have fun. He enjoys his time here, and that's good, because there are going to be times around here that things aren't fun. That's his attitude, his personality and his character."

While some might characterize placekickers, hockey goalies and relief pitchers as "flaky," that sobriquet doesn't fit Tucker at all. He does not embrace obscure philosophies and religions or draw inspiration from little-known pseudo-scholars claiming they have the answers to cure societal ills. A Ravens website headline from October 2012 said it all: "Lovable Weirdness."

Tucker is simply an extroverted guy with a wide variety of interests, such as comedy, music (his major at the University of Texas), television and volunteering to take part in the Ravens' many community-oriented initiatives. Last month, Tucker and running back Justin Forsett were spotted paying tolls for Fort McHenry Tunnel drivers dressed in full toll-collector gear.

"Why does anybody have to feel like they should fit into box x, y or z?" Tucker said. "We're people; we don't fit into boxes, or baskets, for that matter. So I'm of the thought that you should do what you like to do, and do everything you can to shine a light around others around you as well.

"I think it was kind of natural for me to take an interest in fine arts, especially in music. It wasn't anything that seemed out

of the ordinary. Maybe to somebody else looking in, when they say 'football player' they want to peg me as a football player and say, 'That's your role.' I've never been one to think that you should put a label on anybody for any reason."

Besides his family, no one is around Tucker more than his teammates, including linebacker and locker-room neighbor Zachary Orr, who is well-placed to testify to Tucker's tension-easing propensity.

Like Tucker, Orr was an undrafted player who had to work harder than most during his nascent days with the team. Today, Orr is the starting weak-side linebacker who enjoys Tucker's penchant for helping create the loose locker room that is a Ravens trademark.

"He's definitely one of those people that is going to break the tension," Orr said. "If it's quiet, you can definitely count on Tucker to say something. If Tucker's quiet, you know something is really, really wrong. Tucker can definitely be one of those guys when, if the mood is kind of down, he'll be able to pick everybody up."

### ON THE ROLL OF HIS LIFE

Fans need no extra motivation to come see Tucker and his teammates at various local restaurants for the taping of WMAR-TV's (Channel 2) "The Nest," which airs Sunday mornings at 11:30.

During one of last winter's shows, as the public question-and-answer period got underway, a fan asked Tucker whether he would prefer his then-not-yet-born son be an opera singer or NFL placekicker.

Under a prominent shock of jet-black hair, Tucker's bright, expressive eyes flashed, his chiseled jaw line set and his megawatt smile was in full force as he gave his answer.

"I just want him to be happy and healthy," Tucker said. "At the same time, it would be kind of cool if he could kick the rock like pops."

It was the kind of hip, confident answer expected from someone who, while already having been blessed with a burgeoning career and ever-growing prominence, is currently on the kind of roll others can only dream about.

During the last 19 months, Tucker added to a robust life résumé with a March 2015 marriage to college sweetheart Amanda Bass, followed by the birth of the couple's first child, their son, Easton, May 10, 2016.

On top of that, Easton's birth took place a little more than two months before Tucker, the only franchise-tagged kicker in Ravens history, signed a four-year, \$16.8 million contract, complete with a \$10.8 million guarantee that included a \$6 million signing bonus.

The deal, signed hours before the July 15 deadline for franchise free agents to sign long-term deals, assured the team's so-

called "Wolf Pack" -- a term from the movie "The Hangover" encompassing Tucker, Koch and long snapper Morgan Cox -- would be together at least through the 2019 season.

Contract negotiations usually bring plenty of angst, harsh words and lingering resentment. But, true to Tucker's personality, he believes the negotiations never came close to testing his basic temperament in any way.

"Life is just full of blessings," Tucker said. "Ever since I came into the league, seems that, year after year, something happens that is much more of a blessing than [the] year before. That's comes with winning a Super Bowl, too.

"There's been some pretty amazing stuff that's happened to me personally, both on and especially off the field. And the birth of [Easton] and Amanda and I getting married are for sure at the top of that list."

While Tucker's marriage to Bass officially removed him from the list of Baltimore's eligible bachelors, his charming presence will always bring a smile to those who swoon at the very sight of him on their TV screens.

"[Tucker] is pretty awesome," Perry Hall, Md., resident Dina McNeir said. "Besides his obvious kicking talents, I think the thing that is most appealing is his personality and sense of humor. He likes to have fun and it shows.

"He believes in God and gives back to

the community. He has many talents that he has shared with the fans. He just seems like a good guy."

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Tucker's rich, deep tenor booms from TV screens with the same kind of force his leg generates when attempting a field goal from 55 yards. An aria with an aura, you might say.

But his commercial appeal isn't limited to pitching Royal Farms coffee and chicken while singing opera, which he can do effortlessly in seven languages. He has done commercials for CarBiz and other businesses, infusing a "good guy" demeanor.

"Justin's special, in that he's a normal guy. He looks like a clean-cut, regular guy," said Royal Farms marketing and merchandising director Frank Schilling. "His personality comes through [on-camera]. He's a multi-talented guy and a good-looking young man." ➡



Schilling said his company first reached out to Tucker in late 2013, before the kicker had put in two full seasons with the Ravens. Previously, Royal Farms' main spokesperson had been defensive tackle Haloti Ngata, who, along with his wife, Christina, had extolled the virtues of the company's fried chicken through a series of humorous spots.

However, Schilling and his team knew, with 2014 and the final year of Ngata's Ravens contract approaching, the company would need to add another face to its campaign.

They couldn't help but notice the effusive Tucker, who as a devout Catholic makes the sign of the cross before each field-goal try and does other on-field gyrations to celebrate key three-pointers.

The Royal Farms brass brought Tucker in to do a few spots alongside Ngata, before taking over the lead role in the commercials after Ngata left for the Detroit Lions in free agency. Besides the opera ad and even one featuring Tucker rapping, a recent spot featured a Ravens-Orioles connection, in which Tucker worked with outfielder Joey Rickard.

But while Tucker's sense of humor and outgoing personality drew Royal Farms' attention, his professionalism off-camera has drawn rave reviews. Usually, a series of spots are shot at one time, with Tucker having to be on set from approximately 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

While Schilling has been on-site for some of the spots, it is Royal Farms' marketing manager Ed Stronski who's spent the most time overseeing the production process.

"There's not too much clowning around

going on," Stronski said. "The word 'perfectionist' is overused at times, but [Justin] is on the set for eight or nine hours because we're shooting multiple spots, and he's very professional. He wants to be very sure that he's given us what we want."

It's an appropriate statement, given Royal Farms' strong identity with Baltimore, a town that loves to embrace its athletes in every way possible.

In that way, Tucker is perfect for Baltimore. He has embraced its people with his various charity initiatives, his propensity for inviting youngsters to shag kicks for him at Patterson Park and his performance of the revered "Ave Maria" at the Catholic Charities Christmas festival Dec. 10, 2015.

The middle child of three, Tucker's Renaissance lifestyle, as well as his willingness to share his gifts, can be traced back to his family.

"I come from a family that always made sure we shared with each other how much we love each other," Tucker said. "Mom and Dad are happily married, and their relationship has served as a wonderful example of what it means to be in love and to serve as leaders of a household."

These days, Justin Tucker is in love with life, as well as football.

And as long as he's around, the atmosphere in Baltimore may never go flat again. ■

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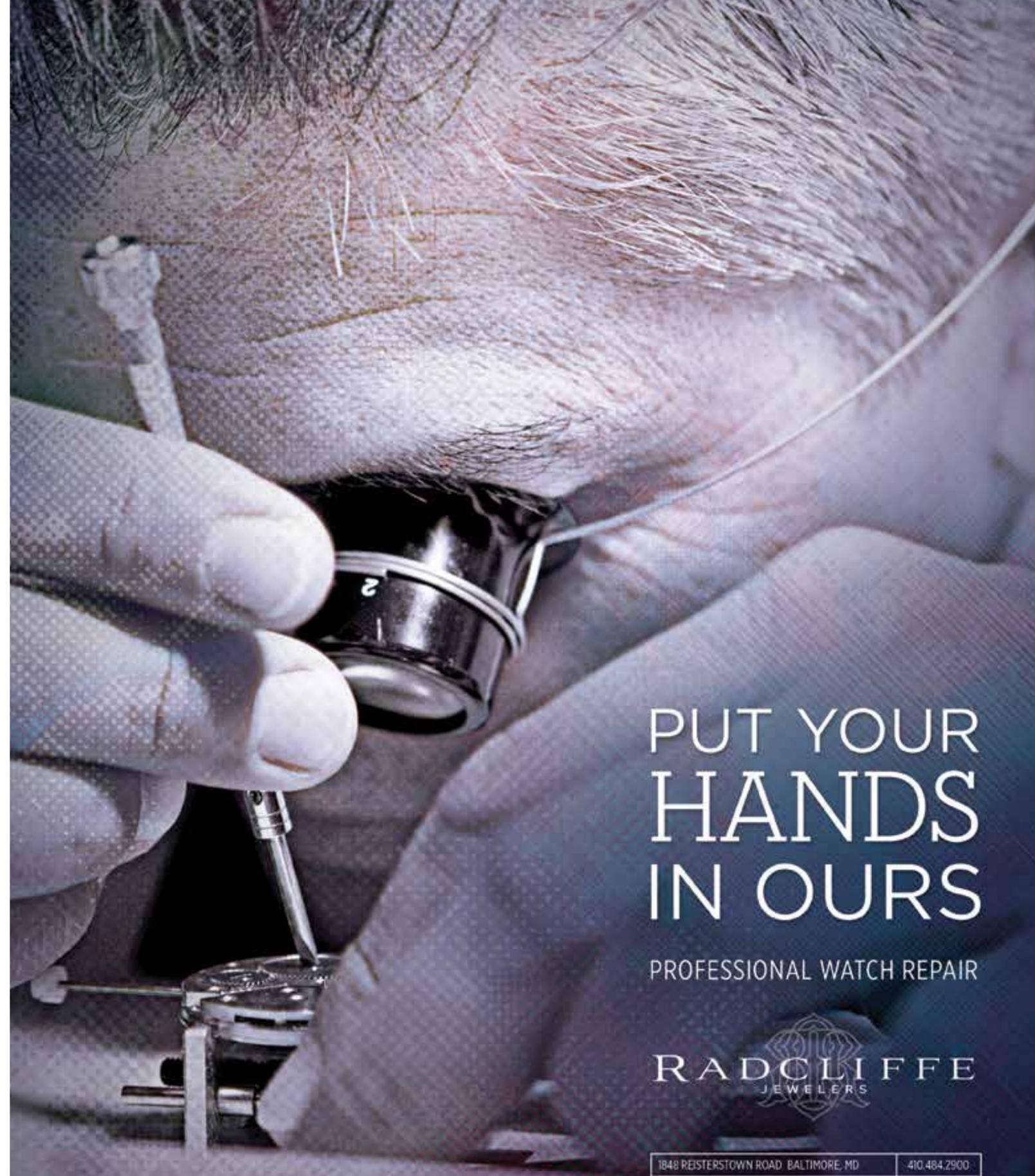
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October is a time for horror movies, ghostly haunted house characters and dressing up like monsters for Halloween. In no other month are bad guys (and gals) celebrated more than October.

It just so happens this October also comes at the end of the careers of some athletes Baltimore sports fans view as bad guys. Red Sox slugger David Ortiz has certainly been viewed as a villain by many; some Marylanders remain peeved Mark Teixeira spurned his hometown Orioles in favor of the Yankees; and recently retired Yankees star Alex Rodriguez has been vilified by just about everyone.

So for "The 15" this month, I'm taking a look at the top Baltimore sports villains -- both now and all-time.

**[01] \* FORMER COLTS OWNER BOB IRSAY**  
 It's a disdain passed down from generation to generation in Charm City. Some 22 years ago, Irsay committed the unpardonable crime of taking the beloved Baltimore Colts to Indianapolis. His name will forever be mud in these parts.

**[02] \* YANKEES FAN JEFFREY MAIER**  
 Twenty years ago, a 12-year-old boy stuck his glove over the right-field wall at old Yankee Stadium and turned a Derek Jeter fly out into a home run. It would help launch the most recent Yankees dynasty, and Orioles fans still haven't forgiven him to this day.

**[03] \* FORMER STEELERS WIDE RECEIVER HINES WARD**  
 Yes, Ward was a very good football player. But he was too dirty play what John Waters is to dirty minds. And then there was that sh\*t-eating grin. Ravens linebacker Terrell Suggs openly admitted his hate for Ward. He speaks for an entire city.

**[04] \* FORMER NFL COMMISSIONER PAUL TAGLIABUE**  
 A finalist for Pro Football Hall of Fame induction this year, Tagliabue led the charge for Jacksonville to receive an expansion franchise in 1993, which prevented the return of the NFL to Baltimore at the time. He rubbed salt in the wound by suggesting the money raised in the city's pursuit of football could instead be spent on a museum.

**[05] \* FORMER DUKE GUARD J.J. REDICK**  
 No more fitting portrait of the prototypical Duke basketball player existed than Redick, whose greatness as a 3-point shooter was matched only by his stunning lack of self-awareness as a college student. He was an unlikeable punching bag but has embraced his detractors and largely changed his public perception as a pro. Just not among Terrapins fans.

**[06] \* FORMER BRONCOS QUARTERBACK (AND COLTS NO. 1 PICK) JOHN ELWAY**  
 Elway's "villainy" in Baltimore stems from his (and his father Jack's) refusal to come to the Colts when they selected him with the first-overall pick in 1983. Would his presence have saved the Colts from moving to Indianapolis? Not likely. But Baltimoreans took this personally and have not forgotten.



**BALTIMORE SPORTS VILLAINS**

**[07] \* FORMER BLUE JAYS MANAGER CITO GASTON**  
 When the Orioles play the Blue Jays these days, the phrase, "Cito Sucks," will pop back up, with a younger group of Birds fans having little-or-no memory of why it ever began. The American League skipper inexplicably never put O's ace Mike Mussina into the 1993 All-Star Game at Camden Yards despite the AL's 9-3 lead, forging him for his own closer Duane Ward instead. The furor reached such a fever pitch Gaston claimed to fear for his safety when visiting Camden Yards later in the year.

**[08] \* FORMER REDSKINS OWNER JACK KENT COOKE**  
 As Redskins owner, Cooke didn't want to see football return to Baltimore. Cooke conspired with other NFL owners (and Tagliabue) to prevent Baltimore from receiving an expansion team in 1993, threatening litigation in the process. "I ... Want ... It ... All" was the phrase he used to describe the Maryland market in a 1994 meeting with Orioles owner Peter Angelos and late congresswoman Helen Delich Bentley. Cooke would later flirt with the idea of building a new stadium in Laurel, Md., to try to get the Baltimore market to embrace the D.C. franchise.

**[09] \* BLUE JAYS OUTFIELDER JOSE BAUTISTA**  
 Briefly an Oriole himself in 2004, Bautista -- the most modern villain on the list -- is disliked by fans throughout baseball. His antics seem to particularly rile up Orioles fans, from stare downs to bat flips to jawing with just about anyone he can. Oddly enough, Bautista is a free agent this offseason and may be available at an affordable price after a down 2016. With Mark Trumbo likely to get big money elsewhere, the thought of Bautista in orange and black is a conundrum Baltimore fans hope to avoid.

**[10] \* & [11] (TIE). FORMER RAVENS KICKER BILLY CUNDIFF AND WIDE RECEIVER LEE EVANS**  
 Much like "Ravens fans" and "conspiracy theories," these two just can't be separated. When the Ravens won Super

Bowl XLVII, I suggested on the radio these two be pardoned, saying the heartbreak of the previous season's AFC Championship Game in New England helped build that title team. Fans weren't having it. The anger toward Evans never seems to include any credit for the Patriots defender (cornerback Sterling Moore) who knocked his would-be game-winning touchdown out. The Ravens seemed content to let Cundiff, who missed a 32-yard field goal with 15 seconds remaining that would likely have sent the game to overtime, rewrite his Baltimore history a season later, he was just outperformed in the preseason by an undrafted rookie you may have heard of named Justin Tucker.

**[12] \* FORMER STEELERS LB JOEY PORTER**  
 I considered plenty of other figures from the Steelers-Ravens rivalry. The other most prominent names seemed to be quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, head coach Mike Tomlin and former head coach Bill Cowher. It just seems more Baltimore sports fans have garnered some level of respect for the moxie of the Steelers' gunslinger (who managed to get much of the public to forget about a checkered past). Perhaps Tomlin's Thanksgiving "trip" of then-Ravens return man Jacoby Jones has not been forgotten since 2013, but even he seems respected among the more reasonable Ravens fans for his ability as a coach. Porter, however, does not appear to be forgiven for the cheap shot delivered to former Ravens tight end Todd Heap in 2004. Heap had injured his ankle a play earlier, and as then-quarterback Kyle Boller spiked the football, Porter shoved the tight end to the ground. The duo eventually became teammates in Arizona and made peace. Baltimore fans do not share in the forgiveness.

**[13] \* DUKE BASKETBALL COACH MIKE KRZYZEWSKI**  
 Even the most hardened Duke hater would have to admit at least a portion of the reason "Coach K" is viewed as a villain is because of jealousy. But Krzyzewski's petulance, shrill voice and seeming belief he should govern the sport of college basketball have also rubbed fans of many teams -- not just Maryland -- the wrong way.

**[14] \* PATRIOTS QUARTERBACK TOM BRADY**  
 Much like Krzyzewski, jealousy plays a factor here. Brady is an easy target for hate due to his good looks, success with women, smarmy persona, excessive whining to officials and much more. Hatred from Ravens fans nearly exploded when he suggested the team "study the rule book" after a gadget play resulted in a 51-yard touchdown pass by wide receiver Julian Edelman in New England's 2015 postseason win. This came just eight days before the NFL investigated Brady for (maybe, potentially, who knows?) intentionally deflating footballs or having them deflated. Hey, pot, do you know kettle?

**[15] \* FORMER ORIOLES SLUGGER AUBREY HUFF**  
 For some reason, this one was more personal for me. The travesties Orioles fans suffered from 1998-2011 are sometimes forgotten because the team was so bad fans largely became numb. But Huff calling the city a "horsesh\*t town" in a 2007 interview with Bubba the Love Sponge was completely unforgivable to me. The team wasn't good enough for me to give any player the benefit of the doubt. I was furious. The transgression has largely been forgotten (like just about everything else from that era of Orioles baseball), but I wasn't ready to leave him off this list, even if it meant I wouldn't have room to include guys like the aforementioned Teixeira, Ortiz or Rodriguez. ☒

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**RAVENS REPORT**

**WR Mike Wallace: Providing Ravens With Big-Play Presence**

★ **JOE PLATANIA**



or as long as they have existed, the Ravens have wanted their wide receivers to make big plays.

But when they have come -- very inconsistently -- they have been mostly authored by players acquired from other organizations. Veteran free-agent pickups such as Qadry Ismail, Derrick Mason, Marcus Robinson, Anquan Boldin and Steve Smith Sr. have been the ones for whom the Ravens stretched their salary-cap dollars.

And to stretch the field, Baltimore has had to go that route due to a stunning lack of success drafting at that position. But in a league where the line between winning and losing is rather thin, finding help in the free-agent market is the only sound strategy.

This year, the sound grew louder with the signing of former Pittsburgh Steeler standout Mike Wallace, who, through the season's first quarter, has given the Ravens glimpses of what their offense can be.

At the same time, Wallace's ultra-confident demeanor is a bit of a throwback to the way the team, populated by trash-talking characters throughout its history, used to be.

Even though the 30-year-old Wallace could only observe from afar during his days with the Steelers, Miami Dolphins and Minnesota Vikings, he knew about the Ravens' reputation and wanted badly to be a part of it. His wish came true when he signed a two-year, \$11.5 million contract in March.

"I just felt like this was the best fit for me," Wallace said. "I had a couple options that I thought were pretty good as well, but I think this was the best one. I think this was the best choice, and I think it just fit me -- just the grinding part of it, the way the team is, guys that are going to go out and fight together and just don't care."

"You just want to win by any means necessary."

Through five games, the 6-foot, 205-pound Wallace has done just that, averaging a team-high 13 yards per catch and finding himself on the other end of three of quarterback Joe Flacco's five touchdown passes.

The fact the tall, strong-armed Flacco has been Wallace's quarterback is something that has never been lost on the veteran receiver.

As a Steeler, Wallace began his career catching passes from two-time Super Bowl winner Ben Roethlisberger, someone with a deep game and large frame similar to Flacco. In four years with Pittsburgh, Wallace averaged between 13-21 yards per catch and made what, to date, is his only Pro Bowl.

But after his rookie contract expired, Wallace floundered the next three seasons by barely averaging more than 12 yards per catch while working with Dolphins quarterback Ryan Tannehill and Vikings signal-caller Teddy Bridgewater.

Wallace needed a change, and so did Flacco and the Ravens. Not only was the quarterback coming off a season-ending knee injury, but he wanted to put his pass-at-

tempt yardage figure back to more than 7 yards per toss, where it had been for most of his career. For Wallace's part, he wanted to re-establish his downfield dominance.

In the second quarter of the season opener against the Buffalo Bills Sept. 11, both players saw their opportunity and seized it.

Running a no-huddle, shotgun series, Flacco was faced with a third-and-1 at the Ravens' 34-yard line with Baltimore trailing, 3-0. The Bills, anticipating a short pass to possession receiver Steve Smith Sr., double-teamed him, leaving Wallace single-covered by a safety.

The original call was a run play, but Flacco checked out of it. Wallace ran a perfect post pattern from the right side of the set across the field and gathered in the ball for a 66-yard touchdown that proved to be the game's biggest play in a 13-7 win, the Ravens' first opening-weekend win in four years.

"Overall, it was pretty simple," Flacco said. "[Wallace's] speed got the job done. It was a really easy

throw; nobody was back there. He did a great job beating the guy with his speed.

"I think you can see his athleticism, because after he ran so well, he was able to stiff-arm the guy and make sure he got in the end zone. Getting in the end zone there is huge because when you get down there, it's not always easy to put it in."

When the Ravens needed someone to get into the end zone, Wallace has been their man.

The following week, Wallace gathered in a sharply thrown, 7-yard slant pass from Flacco in Cleveland to help jumpstart the Ravens' biggest road comeback in team history. One quarter later, he got behind an outmanned cornerback to haul in a 17-yard pass to draw the Ravens within one point in a game they would eventually win.

It is big plays like those, made at the most opportune times, that give Wallace and the Ravens hope that a so-far inconsistent offense can soon find its stride and reach its ultra-explosive potential.

Despite an encouraging start, the Ravens have scored a mere 84 points, their lowest total through Week Four since 2010, a year that also saw them win three of their first four games, but notch only 61 tallies.

"I just think we need to score," Wallace said. "I don't care what we do or how we get it done. It is not really my job to think about what we should do or what we shouldn't do. It is just my job to go execute. I don't care what we do, as long as we score some more points on offense."

And Wallace's acquisition is proof of one basic truth:

The Ravens haven't really cared where they go to get players to make big plays and score those points. ☒



MIKE WALLACE

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# Will Zach Britton's Dominant 2016 Earn Him A Cy Young Award?

★ PAUL FOLKEMER

Orioles closer Zach Britton had a season for the ages in 2016.

That's not new information to anyone who follows the Orioles, of course. Still, a trip through the stats is truly impressive. Britton was the only perfect closer in baseball in 2016, successfully converting all 47 of his save opportunities. He racked up nearly twice as many strikeouts (74) as hits allowed (38), and he allowed less than one base runner per inning (0.84 WHIP), holding opposing batters to a microscopic .161 average and .430 OPS.

Some of Britton's numbers were downright historic. His 0.54 ERA was the lowest in major league history for pitchers with at least 65 innings pitched. He became the third pitcher to post an ERA below 1.00 while notching 40 or more saves and the first to do so without blowing a save. And from May to August, Britton pitched 43 consecutive games without allowing an earned run, setting an MLB record.

Britton allowed a grand total of four earned runs during the entire 2016 season, spanning 69 appearances. That's fewer than rookie Parker Bridwell gave up in a two-game stint with the club.

"He's been unbelievable," fellow O's All-Star reliever Brad Brach said of Britton. "It kind of eases everybody's mind when he goes out there because you're pretty sure he's going to get the job done. He's been tremendous, just knowing that if we get a lead late in the game, it's going to be over."

Britton's perfection in the ninth inning was a crucial reason the O's returned to the postseason for the third time during the past five years. Had Britton merely put up a great year in-

stead of an extraordinary one, blowing three or four saves like most closers do, the Birds might've been left out in the cold in October rather than finishing 2.5 games up in the American League Wild Card race.

"He's been huge," catcher Matt Wieters said. "To be able to finish games the way he has, it's a huge lift emotionally when you can get him in a game. We have the utmost confidence that we're going to get the win in that situation. And on top of that, time and time out, he's once again proven to be one of the best closers in the game. You always think every time he goes out there that the game's over."

What Britton accomplished in 2016 was unprecedented in baseball history. But when hardware is handed out in November, will Britton's accomplishments be enough to earn him the AL Cy Young award?

As a reliever, he'll face an uphill battle in garnering enough votes. The Cy Young has almost always been considered a starting pitcher's prize; of the 110 pitchers who have won the award since it was first issued in 1956, only nine have been relievers. The last relief pitcher to win a Cy Young was the Dodgers' Eric Gagne in 2003, when he was 55-for-55 in save opportunities and posted a 1.20 ERA. The drought goes back further in the AL, where no reliever has won since the Athletics' Dennis Eckersley (51 saves, 1.91 ERA) in 1992.

Relievers face a natural disadvantage in they don't spend nearly as much time on the mound as starting pitchers. Britton faced 254 batters this year, while the top 10 starters in the AL all faced at least 800. Similarly, Britton's innings total (67) pales in comparison to top-tier starters who routinely reach 200 or more. It's a gap significant enough to leave some voters opposed to the idea a reliever should be worthy of Cy Young honors.

While Britton hasn't vocally campaigned for himself, he

disagreed with the idea only starting pitchers deserve serious consideration for the Cy Young.

"I think it's an old argument," Britton said. "I think there's a lot of data now that's showing how valuable relievers are. All you have to do is watch what the teams did this trade deadline. They traded for Aroldis Chapman, Andrew Miller, [Mark] Melancon. So that just shows you that relievers are the most coveted thing around the All-Star break when teams are trying to win games."

"The game is leaning towards dominant bullpens. There's not as many dominant starters as there used to be. More teams are at least not giving the starters the opportunities to pitch as deep into games anymore, based on the matchups. So I think if that's your argument, that it has to go to a starter, it's kind of an older argument. I think it's all about value. Whether that's a starter or reliever, that's for those people to decide."

Few pitchers, if any, have brought more value to their team than Britton, who made most of his appearances in high-leverage situations where one or two swings could change the outcome. In close games, the Orioles' chances of winning hinged on every batter Britton faced.

Britton's importance is reflected in Win Probability Added (WPA), a statistic that quantifies how much a player's performance helps or hurts his team's chances of winning a given game. This season, Britton led all major league pitchers -- starters included -- with a cumulative 6.14 WPA. By that measure, Britton did more to help his team win than any pitcher in baseball.

Award-worthy or not, it's quite a feat for a pitcher who, three years ago, was on the cusp of losing his spot in the Orioles' organization. Out of options, coming off a left shoulder impingement and owning a career 4.86 ERA as a starter, Britton moved to the bullpen in spring training of 2014 and was an instant success. During the three years since, he's 120-for-128 in save opportunities (94 percent) with a 1.35 ERA.

"I think, in shorter stints, my stuff kind of played up a little bit," Britton said. "It's just kind of been a nice transition. I just got healthy and got confident again and started getting kind of comfortable in that role."

Britton owes his dominance to his power sinker, a nearly unhittable pitch batters constantly beat into the ground, when they're able to make contact at all. Britton racked up 9.9 strikeouts per nine innings this season, and 80 percent of balls put in play against him were grounders -- the highest such total recorded for a pitcher.

"That pitch he throws is incredible," Brach said. "He's good at knowing where he needs to throw it. It's not just a pitch he just throws down the middle. It's a pitch he knows whether to go in or away from guys, when to mix in the slider when he needs to. He's just very prepared for whatever he's facing."

Britton's Cy Young case could be boosted by the fact there wasn't a single dominant starting pitcher in the AL this season. The last 16 pitchers to win the Cy Young all posted an ERA less than 3.00, but no AL starter achieved that feat in 2016. There were different league leaders in ERA (Toronto's Aaron Sanchez, at exactly 3.00), wins (Boston's Rick Porcello with 22) and strikeouts (Detroit's Justin Verlander with 254). Without one starter pulling away from the pack, voters could be more open to considering a reliever.

"There really hasn't been a starter that's dominated that you can say, clear on, that guy should win it," Brach said. "So I think if there's ever a year, this is the year he's got a shot."

Wieters, Britton's longtime battery mate, agreed.

"I think, worst case, he should be in consideration," Wieters said. "Personally, catching him, I don't see anybody with his kind of stuff and really his kind of numbers. The fact that he's a reliever and doesn't get out there that much is probably the only factor that you can have against the guy, because everything else that he's done throughout the course of the year screams Cy Young to me."

Britton, meanwhile, is content to let the chips fall where they may.

"If I win, I do," Britton said. "There's a lot of people I think are for it, and there's people that are against it. I've steered clear of it. I don't have a vote. I don't have a say."

Britton conquered every challenge that came his way in 2016. Earning a Cy Young award, though, may prove to be his toughest task yet. ☒



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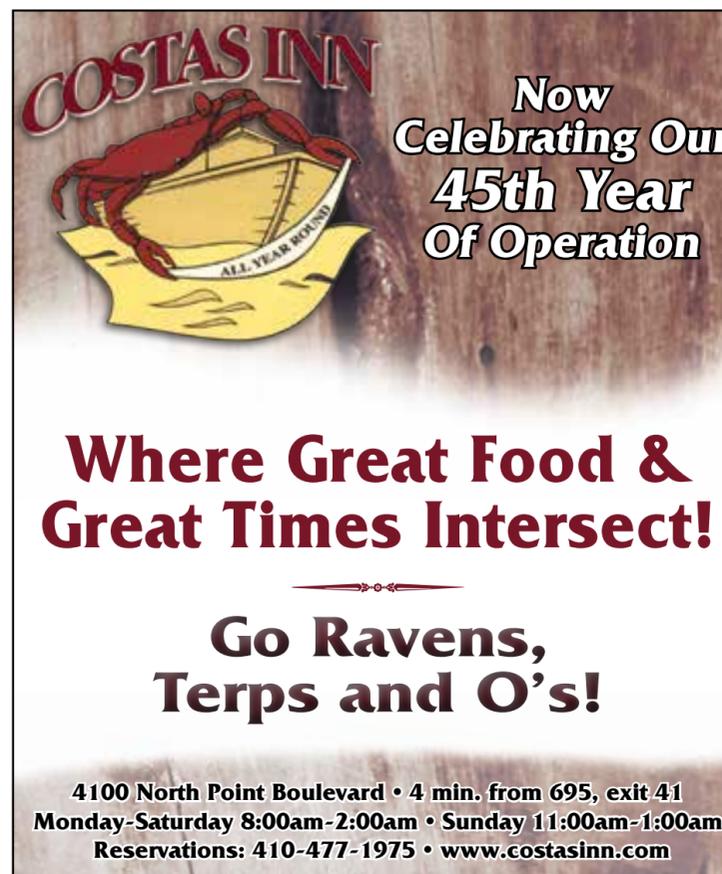
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## UPON FURTHER REVIEW

# Finding A Leadoff Hitter Remains Dan Duquette's Top Offseason Priority

★ JIM HENNEMAN

**N**ow that the 2016 season has been agonizingly relegated to the record books, the Orioles have issues to address going forward -- and they go a lot further than adding a few new pieces for the club's spare parts department.

Executive vice president of baseball operations Dan Duquette is also the chief inventory officer who scans leftover lists of the other 29 major league clubs in hope of finding a gem among nuggets. It is a thankless and lonely job but somebody has to do it, and Duquette relishes the possibility of rescuing a potentially rare stone from the discard heap.

But Duquette has more on his plate than the task of restocking the inventory, and if his "to-do" list this offseason looks or sounds familiar, there is good reason, because it's not unlike the menu looked at every year since he joined the Orioles following the 2011 season. It was hardly a shocker he would take left-handed pitcher Jed Bradley off the waiver list within hours of the season's end because ... well, because Bradley's a left-handed pitcher, so enough said.

There will be many more additions and subtractions from the Orioles' 40-man roster in the next couple of months, as the revolving door is in full operation this time of year. While that carousel spins relentlessly, there are some pressing issues that need to be addressed. Keeping in mind finding a legitimate leadoff hitter for the top of manager Buck Showalter's lineup remains the priority it was a year ago, here are some of the items facing Duquette:

- Making qualifying offers to outfielder/designated hitter Mark Trumbo and catcher Matt Wieters.

The decision on Trumbo is a no-brainer, even though the Orioles got him last year as part of a "salary dump" by the Seattle Mariners, who were scared off by his arbitration-driven \$9 million salary. Off a league-leading, 47-home run season, Trumbo figures to get an attractive multi-year offer, and at the relatively young age of 31 (Jan. 16), it will be significant. How high the numbers go will determine how long the O's are in the discussion, but they should last at least through the opening round of discus-

sion.

Wieters is an even more interesting case, since he was one of two players (Astros outfielder Colby Rasmus the other) who accepted qualifying offers last year, making them the first to do so in the history of the process. Some say the Orioles made the offer only because they didn't think it would be accepted, and will be reluctant to do so this year for the same reason. However, even though his offensive numbers haven't reached projected norms, Wieters proved he was healthy enough to catch on a regular basis last year, after missing more than a full season due to Tommy John surgery. And he has shown a tendency to produce some big hits in key situations, most recently his two-home run outing in Game 162. He'll get a multi-year offer this time around, which might drive the O's out of the process, since catching is one area of depth in the minor league system.

The qualifying offer this year figures to be north of \$16 million and is necessary if the Orioles want to receive draft choice compensation should either or both players leave. To not make a qualifying offer to either player would severely damage the Orioles' credibility with its fan base.

- Have we mentioned the importance of getting a leadoff hitter?
- Jumpstart negotiations for a long-term contract with second baseman Jonathan Schoop.

The obvious desire of Orioles fans is to get third baseman Manny Machado locked up long term, and it is understandable. It is also unlikely. There will be a lot of pressure from within the Players Association for Machado, along with Nationals wunderkind outfielder Bryce Harper (both free agents after the 2018 season) to resist any deal before testing free agency. If a deal for Machado hasn't been reached before this time next year, the Orioles will have no choice but to make the best trade they can, and it might even be something to consider before it gets to that point.

Schoop, Machado's closest friend on the team, is three years away from free agency and entering his first year of arbitration eligibility. A multi-year deal buying out his arbitration years and one or two years of free agency would be more attractive to him and still allow him to reach free agency by his age-30 year. Early on, the Orioles made a mistake by not doing a

better job of controlling Schoop's service time. The 27 days he got in 2013, when he played only five games, made it impractical to start him in the minor leagues the next year (thus postponing his free agent eligibility one season). It might be a long shot, but locking up Schoop long term might be the best chance the Orioles have of extending Machado beyond 2018 -- keeping in mind both could still hit free agency by the age of 30.

- Find a No. 1 hitter
- Attempt an extension for starter Chris Tillman

Tillman has a lot in common with Ravens quarterback Joe Flacco -- both have achieved "star" ranking without being granted "elite" status. Tillman had a good bounce-back season in 2016 that partially negated a disappointing 2015. He has been the O's best starter, the only "No. 1" to emerge on the staff, in two of the last three years. He has been a work in progress and, at the age of 29 (April 15), is on schedule for free agency after next season.

It would seem to be in the club's best interests to try for a two or three-year contract now. The only other option(s) would be a trade or qualifying offer next year, if

such an option is in place once the new Collective Bargaining System is ratified.

- Make a decision early on how many innings starter Dylan Bundy can pitch

We can put starter Kevin Gausman in this category, too, because the baby steps being assigned to these two potential top-of-the-line starters is mind-boggling. At the rate he's going, Bundy will not only be arbitration eligible, he'll be close to free agency before he gets close to 200 innings in a season.

The Orioles, like most teams, seem to have a "plus-30" limit on young pitchers and the number of innings they can pitch each year. Hopefully the wraps are off Gausman, who displayed bulldog tendencies late in the season and appears ready to take the next step. Coupled with Tillman, he gives the Orioles a solid one-two at the top of the rotation.

Bundy was projected to make that a trio, but it's anybody's guess where he fits in right now. It's even possible he'll start another season in the bullpen as a long reliever, but the clock is ticking on his developmental stage.

- Oh yeah, find a leadoff hitter -- preferably someone from somewhere other than the spare parts department

The best signing Duquette made last year was like the fisherman's catch that got away. Cubs outfielder Dexter Fowler would have fit in perfectly with the Orioles had he not changed his mind and taken less money to stay in Chicago.

Spoiler alert: Fowler has an opt-out and might be available again.

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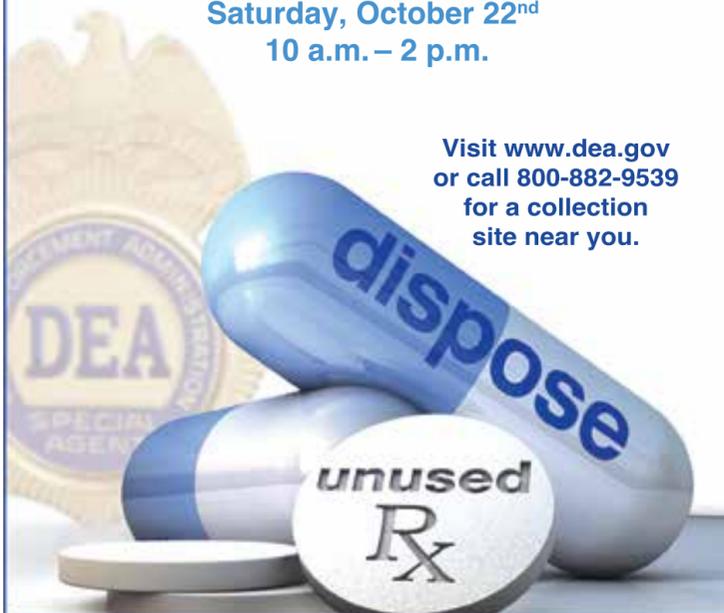
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## CONNOLLY'S CORNER



Hyun Soo Kim

# Orioles Need More Offensive Balance In 2017 Lineup

★ DAN CONNOLLY

**T**he Orioles' 2016 season halted in a blink, a walkoff homer by Blue Jays first baseman/designated hitter Edwin Encarnacion at Rogers Centre in the 11th inning Oct. 4 allowing the Blue Jays to soar deeper into the playoffs and forcing the Orioles to go home.

That abrupt ending left this team with a lot of questions heading into the offseason.

Will the club re-sign any of its pending free agents, including longtime starting catcher Matt Wieters or major league home run-leading outfielder/designated hitter Mark Trumbo?

Who will replace recently retired pitching coach Dave Wallace?

Will the front office try to improve a rotation ranked 13th of 15 in the American League in ERA even though there are five pitchers returning who started at least 14 games for the Orioles (and three more to start 11 or more)?

The pitching equation is particularly intriguing: Do they try to unload one of their middling veteran starters -- Yovani Gallardo, Ubaldo Jimenez or Wade Miley -- now that Chris Tillman, Kevin Gausman and Dylan Bundy should fill three rotation spots in 2017?

Or do they keep six starters after what happened last year when they released longtime Oriole Miguel Gonzalez in a cost-cutting move before Opening Day, only to spend most of the season looking for rotation help after rookie starters Mike Wright and Tyler Wilson floundered?

Conventional wisdom says the engine that drives a

team during the season is starting pitching. But the Orioles won 89 games with mediocre results from the starters. How is that possible?

Well, most say the Orioles' sluggers, who led the second-place American League team in home runs (the Seattle Mariners) by 30, just bashed their way to wins.

And that's sort of true. On 24 occasions, the Orioles won by five or more runs; but on 21 occasions, they lost by five or more runs. They actually had a better record in one-run games (21-16) than in blowouts (24-21).

The Orioles scored eight runs or more in 28 games this season (17 percent of the time), and they were 27-1 in those contests.

The problem was they also scored two runs or fewer in 45 games this year, a whopping 28 percent of the season. They were 7-38 in those contests.

What that tells us is, in nearly half the games this season (73 of 162), the Orioles scored runs in bunches or barely any at all.

And that's what the focus needs to be for 2017 and beyond. The Orioles have to fix the inconsistency of the offense, that all-or-nothing approach. Call it that, though, and the lineup's architect, executive vice president of baseball operations Dan Duquette, takes a little offense.

"I don't think the guys we bring in are all-or-nothing. We like to have power throughout our lineup, OK? That's been a consistent theme," Duquette said. "The power plays pretty well in our ballpark. It helps us. We had 50 wins at home this year. I think our fans enjoyed seeing that. When you get into a close game, yes, you have to execute offensively. But the power plays. They don't have any fielders on the other side of the fence."

You also can't score much when you don't make productive outs, move runners over or steal bases.

When you're completely reliant on the homer, bad things happen when you don't put the ball over the fence.

Consider this: The Orioles homered 45 more times than the Boston Red Sox this year; the Red Sox, though, scored 134 more runs. The Cleveland Indians hit 68 fewer homers than the Orioles and still scored 33 more runs.

We all harp on the fact the Orioles aren't good with runners in scoring position. They hit .260 in those situations this year (ninth of 15 AL teams) and had a .329 OBP (13th of 15) -- bad, but not awful.

Look a little closer, though, and you see the Orioles aren't actually getting into those situations. They had the fewest number of at-bats with runners in scoring position than any AL team, more than 300 fewer than the Red Sox. Therefore, despite a mediocre average with RISP, the Orioles had the fewest RBIs in the league and second fewest runs scored in those situations.

What that tells us is the Orioles aren't doing enough to get to second and/or third base. A lack of speed on the basepaths is one major reason; the Orioles stole just 19 bases and attempted only 32 in 2016. You have to go back to the 1960 Kansas City Athletics to find a less daring team on the bases (they stole 16 of 27 in a 154-game schedule).

The Orioles had, by far, not only the fewest stolen bases or attempts, but also the worst stealing percentage (59.4 percent) in the league. Rule V outfielder Joey Rickard led the Orioles with four steals, and he stopped playing after July 20 due to injury.

The funny thing is, most Orioles had the green light to run if they wanted. But, for one, most weren't particularly fast. And, two, they were waiting for the big blast. The mentality with these big boppers was everyone was in scoring position when they came to the plate.

Which is fine when the home runs are flowing. But when they aren't, well, that's a major problem.

The Orioles have made the postseason three times in the last five seasons, going 6-8 in 14 postseason games.

In their eight playoff losses, the Orioles have been outscored 19-36 -- that's 2.38 runs scored per game against 4.5 allowed. In their six wins, they've outscored the opposition, 31-14, averaging 5.17 runs per game and giving up just 2.3.

The postseason has really been a microcosm of these Orioles teams and how they've been constructed. In six of those eight Orioles playoff losses, they scored two runs or fewer. Heck, they actually scored three runs or fewer in nine of their 14 postseason games.

That's mind-boggling for a team built on power.

And that should be a wakeup call to Duquette, Orioles manager Buck Showalter and the other decision-makers.

This lineup needs to be diverse. It needs to have guys who can get on base, steal, force the issue when the home run isn't there. It needs a legitimate leadoff hitter, if possible.

That's what this offseason has to be about, finding a couple more complementary pieces to join outfielders Hyun Soo Kim and Rickard as guys consistently on base when the bashers come to the plate.

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# Roman Braglio, Josh Woods Blaze Trail From McDonogh To College Park

★ LUKE JACKSON

Earlier in his career at Maryland, Terps senior defensive lineman Roman Braglio was approached by former defensive coordinator Brian Stewart about a recruit the coaching staff was starting to zero in on. Once a standout at McDonogh, Braglio was asked if he knew anything about another Eagle coming up through McDonogh's pipeline.

"Coach came up to me and said, 'What do you think about Josh Woods?' I was like, 'Josh Woods?'" Braglio said. "I started [saying], 'He's a smart kid, good kid, works hard.' And then I went home and looked up his highlight tape, and he's killing kids on the football field. To see him doing well like that was awesome."

Braglio and Woods, a junior defensive back at Maryland, never played on the same team at McDonogh. Braglio, who graduated during the spring of 2012, played varsity ball while Woods, who graduated in 2014, was on junior varsity. Braglio, a defensive end in Maryland's current scheme, played offensive and defensive line as an Eagle. Woods played mostly receiver at McDonogh, but was recruited as a cornerback and is now a safety.

Braglio was a two-sport star at McDonogh, excelling in football and wrestling. He racked up a total of 25 sacks during his last two years. The three-star recruit on Rivals.com drew interest from West Virginia, Penn State and Virginia, but ultimately decided to stay at home.

"Roman now and Roman then, two totally different Romans -- and I think Roman changed for the better," Woods said. "He was a good guy, he was like the older kid on the team. He was just so good at wrestling. He was popular. Roman now,

he's like really down to earth. He's a great guy, he's really humble. Roman is actually one of my better friends on the team. We hang out a lot."

Woods was a senior on a McDonogh team that went 11-0 in 2013. The Eagles beat Gilman, 37-6, in their season finale to clinch the MIAA-A conference title. Woods caught a touchdown and had an interception during that game. McDonogh went 3-8 when Woods was a junior, but he said the 2013 iteration "had a ton of great athletes" and was "stacked" under head coach Dominic Damico.

Both Braglio and Woods are embodiments of the process it takes for most players to become major contributors in a college program. Braglio redshirted in 2012. He recalled walking onto campus at about 230 pounds -- not nearly big or strong enough to compete in the trenches at the college level. Braglio was part of the defensive line rotation in 2013 and 2014 and became a starter in 2015. He had 35 tackles and three sacks last year.

Woods, however, didn't redshirt. He played a lot of special teams in 2014 and 2015, and he competed for a starting safety spot this spring and fall. He narrowly lost out to senior Denzel Conyers for the spot alongside sophomore Darnell Savage Jr. Conyers, though, tore an ACL during a 30-24 double overtime victory at Central Florida Sept. 17, pushing Woods into a starting role.

"It goes for any kid in college football, it's a process, and you've really got to trust it," Braglio said. "People don't realize how much time really goes into playing football. I didn't realize it at all. At McDonogh, there's nowhere close to the same amount of work or preparation that goes into it."

Braglio has had a terrific year thus far, starting all five games, recording 12 tackles and two sacks as of Oct. 14. He had a big game against Purdue Oct. 1, posting four

tackles and two sacks. There may have been a reason for that production -- he was finally playing without a cast on his left hand.

Braglio revealed after the game he broke the fourth metacarpal in his left hand during the Terps' season opener at Howard Sept. 3, forcing him to wear a cast on his hand against Florida International and UCF. He said he struggled playing with a "big, giant club on his hand," which meant he was "pretty much just poking people."

Terps defensive coordinator Andy Buh was impressed Braglio played as well as he did with a cast.

"Playing defensive line with a cast on your hand is very hard to do," Buh said. "Everything that we do is based off of getting your elbows in, thumbs up and grabbing cloth and getting off blocks. What he's been able to do with a cast on his hand is pretty remarkable. With him getting some extra mobility in his fingers and getting some of that stuff off his hand, we'll probably see some more things out of Roman. He improves every week."

Woods made the first start of his career against Purdue, which made for two McDonogh products on the starting defense. Woods made one tackle and broke up a pass. He also made one tackle in relief of Conyers Sept. 17. Woods said he didn't want his opportunity for the starting job to come because of injury, but once Conyers went down, Woods told himself he had to "ball out for Denzel" and that "he's not going to go down in vain."

Buh was confident Woods would be able to handle the position when Conyers' season ended.

"He's been neck-and-neck in that competition all the way through spring and fall camp," Buh said Sept. 28 ahead of Woods' first start. "I ... just told him eyeball to eyeball that I'm really excited about him stepping into that role and that he was ready. He gave me a big smile back and said, 'I

can't wait, Coach.' We're pretty fired up about that opportunity for him, as we would be for any guy that gets into that role."

Braglio and Woods aren't the only big contributors on the team from the Baltimore area. There are three other McDonogh products on the team in freshman kicker Mike Shinsky, redshirt freshman offensive lineman Ellis McKennie and sophomore receiver Michael Cornwell. Those three, however, have not played a role on game day to this point.

Additionally, senior running back Kenneth Goins Jr., junior linebacker Shane Cockerille and sophomore Melvin Keihn all went to Gilman. Senior defensive lineman Azubuikwe Ukandu attended Towson High; senior receiver DeAndre Lane, Catonsville; junior left guard Mike Minter, Severna Park; junior defensive lineman Malik Jones, Dunbar; and junior kicker Adam Greene, Broadneck.

Maryland head coach DJ Durkin continues to stress the importance of keeping local recruits at home. Durkin said Baltimore area recruits are "critical" to the Terps and Maryland can be as good as it wants to be "just based on keeping guys at home and playing for the hometown team."

Woods said Maryland should be attractive to Baltimore-area athletes not only because of the upward trajectory of the program, but also because College Park, Md., is the perfect medium in terms of locale. It's far enough away that you're isolated from distractions back home, according to Woods, but close enough that it's no big deal to take care of something on the home front.

"[College Park is] its own little island, this little bubble, because when you're here, it's like you're away from everything else," Woods said. "I know it might seem like it's very close to home, which is actually a good thing, because if you forget something and you need to run home, it's only a 40-minute drive, so it's not that bad at all. [But] when you're here, you're here. It's like the best of both worlds, where if you want to be away, you can be away. But if you want to be close to home, you can still make that commute." ☑



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★ TODD KARPOVICH

**N**avy coach Ken Niumatalolo said Will Worth's leadership skills extend well beyond the gridiron.

That confidence has helped Worth and his teammates fight through a season that has already been full of adversity.

The senior from Valrico, Fla., took over as starting quarterback when senior Tago Smith tore his ACL during the Midshipmen's season-opening 52-16 win against Fordham Sept. 3. While there have been some ups and downs, Worth has battled hard each game and kept Navy's triple-option offense rolling. Worth, a senior, also excels in the classroom, with a 3.48 GPA in ocean engineering.

"You have to tip your hat to that kid," Niumatalolo said. "He, like Tago, kept his mouth quiet and continued to work. He comes from a great family. In a school full of leaders, this kid is a leader among leaders. He is a special, special young man."

In his first start Sept. 10 against American Athletic Conference rival Connecticut, Worth showed versatility with his arm and feet. When the Huskies stocked

the box in the first quarter, he threw a 47-yard pass to senior wide receiver Jamir Tillman. Later in the game, he completed another 40-yard pass to senior running back Calvin Cass Jr.

And then later, with 3:08 remaining in the game, he barreled into the end zone from 1-yard out for the go-ahead score in the 28-24 victory.

A week later, Worth led Navy to another comeback against Tulane when he scored on a 1-yard run with 2:57 remaining for a 21-14 win. Worth finished with a career-high 113 yards on 25 carries against the Green Wave.

Worth also became the first Navy quarterback to lead fourth-quarter comebacks in back-to-back games since Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada accomplished the feat against Air Force and Pittsburgh in 2007.

However, his biggest moment came Oct. 8, when Worth led Navy to a 46-40 upset win against then-No. 6 Houston. The victory marked Navy's biggest win against a ranked opponent since 1984.

Bigger challenges, though, still lie ahead. The Midshipmen are looking to have another successful season in the American Athletic Conference, and, of course, beat Army at M&T Bank Stadium Dec. 10.

Because of his steady progress, Worth was nominat-

ed for this year's National Football Foundation Campbell Trophy, which is awarded to the premier scholar-athlete in college football. The National Football Foundation selects 12-14 finalists for the award, and each of them receive an \$18,000 postgraduate scholarship. The winner of the trophy will receive an additional \$7,000 in scholarship money. Worth was also nominated for the Wuerffel Trophy, which goes to the college football player who "best combines exemplary community service with academic and athletic achievement."

"Quarterback is definitely about leadership, but it's more than that. You can't have a Boy Scout that can't play," Niumatalolo said. "Will has a great skillset. He's a tough, physical runner who throws the ball well. We're going to play to his strengths."

Worth admittedly learned much about the game playing behind record-setting quarterback Keenan Reynolds, who was drafted in the sixth round by the Baltimore Ravens this year. Despite scoring the most touchdowns in the history of college football, Reynolds also knew how to get other players involved and limit turnovers. Good leaders know how to delegate, and Worth has embraced that philosophy.

"The thing about Keenan was he got us in the right play all the time and got the ball to the right person," Worth said. "That's what the coaches say. The two big keys are do that and take care of the football, and we'll be good to go. I've been watching the film of that for the past couple years, and to see him do that, it's something I'm definitely trying to pick up on."

Worth's emergence as the starting quarterback and leader is the result of the hard work he has put in behind the scenes. Last year, he received the Vice Admiral Mack Award, presented to the most improved player during spring practice. He also embraced his role as the holder for field goals and PATs and appeared in all 13 games.

"Will Worth is a great guy off the field and does everything he's supposed to do in the hall," Navy senior slotback and co-captain Toneo Gulley said. "He's just a model Midshipman. I could definitely see him being the superintendent or commandant."

Worth was a four-year letterman and three-year captain in football at Newsome High School in Florida. He had a productive senior year that led to the opportunity to play football for the Naval Academy. In his final season, Worth was named First-Team All-State, All-Conference and All-County. He was also named the Hillsborough County Player and Offensive Player of the Year after throwing for 1,051 yards with 11 touchdowns. He also ran for 1,537 yards and 19 touchdowns and had 104 tackles on defense.

Off the field, he was a stellar student and a member of the National and Spanish Honor Societies. That prowess in the classroom and on the athletic fields helped make him the quintessential Midshipmen recruit. There was also a sense of familiarity with Navy because his brother, Joe, is a 2015 graduate of the Academy and was an inside linebacker for the football team.

After three years of working hard on and off the field, Worth has gotten an opportunity to shine at the most prominent position in football. However, the opportunity is bittersweet, because it came at the expense of Smith and his season-ending injury.

Now, Worth is looking to carry on the winning tradition of Reynolds and run the offense as seamlessly as Smith. Like everything else in his life, Worth has embraced the challenge.

"I've got big shoes to fill with Keenan being gone and Tago getting injured," Worth said. "I definitely put a lot of responsibility on myself to keep this thing running the way it has been over the years. It's always been next man up. Everyone has to be ready at all times, because just like that, something can happen." ☒

## Bryton Barr Overcomes Multiple Injuries To Return To Tigers Defense

★ SIMON HABTEMARIAM

**I**n contact sports, injuries are typical. In football, they're to be expected. In college football, especially at the Division I level, they're closer to inevitable.

For Towson linebacker Bryton Barr, injuries have defined his college football career -- until this season.

After spending a vast majority of his Towson tenure on the sidelines, the fifth-year junior does not feel his past injuries have slowed him down.

"They don't affect my game," Barr said. "My first couple games, I was probably a little bit rusty being out for three years. But getting those first couple snaps out of the way, I started to get back into my groove a little more."

In 2012, Barr started 11 games as a true freshman -- an impressive feat for an 18-year-old. Without a redshirt year

to practice and develop in a college weight room before assuming a starting role, the Camp Hill, Pa., native registered 74 tackles, five for a loss, and two sacks during his rookie campaign.

Little did he know what the next few years had in store.

After starting two games as a sophomore in 2013, Barr tore his right pectoral tendon clear off the bone and was shut down for the remainder of the season. To make matters worse, he tore his left pectoral tendon a year later. When it looked like he would finally return to the Tigers in 2015, Barr tore his ACL and put his return on hold yet again.

Barr's freshman accomplishments were quickly overshadowed by his inability to stay on the field the following three years, requiring him to go back and use the redshirt year he originally bypassed.

Now, Barr is classified as a junior, but Towson is petitioning the NCAA to grant him a sixth year of eligibility. However, that decision will not be made until after the completion of the season.

"It was definitely tough to deal with, physically and emotionally," Barr said.

To combat his emotional struggle, Barr found comfort in his religious beliefs during his time on the sidelines.

"I'm a big believer in Christ, and my faith is very strong," Barr said. "I definitely became a stronger person out of it, a better leader, and in a way, a better player -- being off the field and going over schemes and stuff. Being off kind of helped. It was tough, but I learned a lot from it"

This year, Barr has made a strong return. Through the Tigers' first five games, Barr has recorded 15 solo tackles and three tackles for a loss.

Now that he's healthy, Barr, 6-foot, 222 pounds, hopes to stay on the field as long as possible -- in 2016 and beyond. After his promising freshman season, Barr said the dream of playing in the NFL began to seem more like a reality. But like so many of the promises from 2012, multiple season-ending injuries may derail those plans.

Despite the circumstances, Barr remains optimistic and thinks he has the ability to play in the NFL.

"I don't think I lost a step with my speed," Barr said. "My strength with my pees, I think, are stronger when they got repaired. I do think I can play at the next level, even though I've been through those injuries. I know NFL scouts will look at the number of injuries and see if you're injury-prone, but I think, if I get a chance -- maybe at a training camp -- to show them what I really have, I think I could break camp with a spot on a practice squad or something."

If nothing else, Barr feels his tumultuous career at Towson has taught him an important lesson in mental, emotional and spiritual balance. If football were taken away from him once more, even for good, the 22-year-old business administration major knows he can live without it.

"I know football isn't the only thing that God put me on this earth for," Barr said. "It's something that I love for sure. But if it was taken away from me tomorrow, I would be perfectly content with that because I know God would've taken it away from me for a reason, and He would have something for me that's much better." ☒



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## Johns Hopkins' Bob Scott: A Man Of Accomplishment And Humility

★ STEVE JONES

On Oct. 15, Johns Hopkins University unveiled a statue of Bob Scott at the entrance to Homewood Field. The statue honors a man whose accomplishments as a Hall of Fame men's lacrosse coach and as a unifying athletic administrator helped Johns Hopkins become a model of athletic and academic excellence.

But the longtime Johns Hopkins coach and athletic director, affectionately known as "Scotty," was never about self-promotion. Scott's humility and devotion to others were the hallmarks of a life that ended Sept. 15, when he died at the age of 86.

"Scotty was the most beloved person in Johns Hopkins athletic history," longtime women's basketball coach Nancy Funk said. "He never elevated himself above anyone else and told us that every success we had was also a credit to others. I don't think he realized how significant he was to all of our lives."

His Johns Hopkins cohorts described Scott, who retired in 1995, as a sincere man and a good listener, qualities that served Scott well during a life that touched thousands of people.

"My brother was playing for Team Canada in the 1982 World Lacrosse Games at Hopkins," said former Johns Hopkins athletic director Tom Calder, who is now the school's director of alumni programs. "Between games, my mom, Betty, and I went to the hospitality tent and were introduced to Scotty. When I came back here in 1988 to interview with him for the associate athletic director position, the first thing he said to me was, 'How's Betty?'"

Scott began his undergraduate career at Johns Hopkins during the fall of 1948 and remained on the school's Homewood campus for most of the next five decades. The graduate of Baltimore's Forest Park High School was a standout for the Blue Jays' football and lacrosse teams. During his senior year, Scott earned honorable mention All-America honors in lacrosse and captained the South All-Stars in the 1952 North-South Classic.

Following his 1952 college graduation, Scott served in the U.S. Army. A natural leader, Scott became an instructor with the Army Rangers. The end of his two-year service commitment marked Scott's return to the place where he began his intercollegiate athletics career.

Scott was hired as Johns Hopkins' men's lacrosse coach in 1955. During the next 20 years, Scott built the program into a dynasty. He coached the Blue Jays to seven national championships, capping his career with the 1974 NCAA title. Scott's instruction and guidance were essential to the 42 players that earned first-team All-America recognition during his tenure, which ended with a sterling 158-55-1 record.

"Coach Scott is Hopkins lacrosse," Dave Pietramala, a former Blue Jay All-American and the school's head men's lacrosse coach since the 2001 season, said. "When I think of Hopkins lacrosse, I think about the picture of Coach Scott with his flat-top haircut, his clipboard and his whistle that is right outside my door."

In 1973, Scott took on a dual role as the school's athletic director. During his 22 years at the Hopkins' helm, Scott molded the athletic program into a powerful 24-sport entity. Johns Hopkins is an annual contender

for the Learfield Cup, which is awarded to the nation's top overall athletic program. During the 2015-16 athletic year, Johns Hopkins finished 12th in the Learfield Cup standings.

Scott's competitive nature and dedication to the entire athletic program were key ingredients to his successful tenure.

"He fought hard for what he thought we deserved," Bob Babb, who has served as the Blue Jays' baseball coach since the 1980 season, said. "We all knew that if we really needed something, he would stick his neck out for us. And you saw Scotty at every event. He created an atmosphere where all of the coaches were pulling for one another."

Scott had a keen eye for coaching talent. From 1980-93, he hired Babb (baseball), Funk (women's basketball), George Kennedy (swimming and diving), Bill Nelson (men's basketball), Jim Margraff (football), Ted Bresnahan (water polo), Leo Weil (women's soccer) and Janine Tucker (women's lacrosse). Kennedy retired after the 2015-16 season, but the other coaches are still in charge of thriving programs at Hopkins.

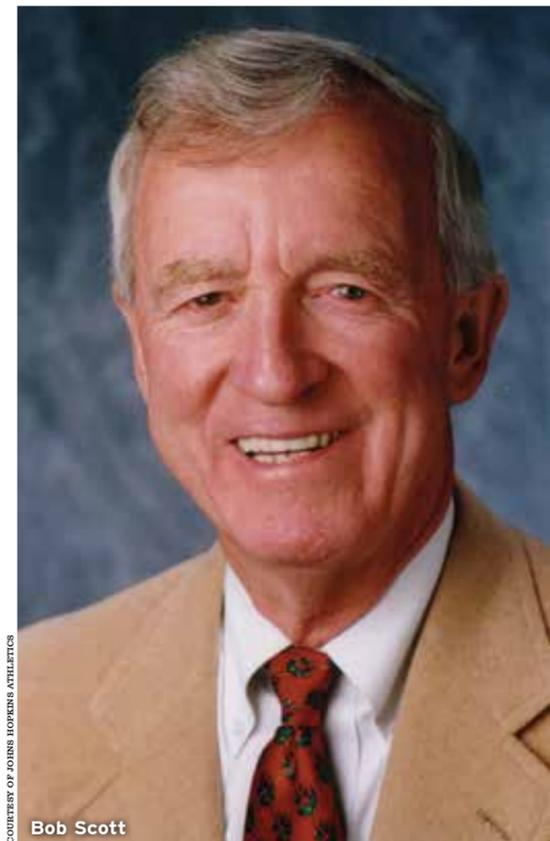
Nelson has guided the Blue Jays men's basketball program since the 1986-87 season. Before he moved south, Nelson was the head men's basketball coach at Nazareth (N.Y.) College. Nelson was considering the vacant Hopkins position when he had a fateful conversation with current Denver men's lacrosse coach Bill Tierney, who was then a Blue Jays lacrosse assistant after working with Nelson at the Rochester Institute of Technology.

"When I applied for the job, Bill told me that I'd be working for the John Wooden of lacrosse," said Nelson, referencing the legendary UCLA men's basketball coach. "Scotty really wanted to help our teams. He got more funding; I hired two assistant coaches that were with me for 25 and 30 years, and it turned the program right around. Scotty was a life-changer for me."

While Johns Hopkins is still recognized primarily as a Division I lacrosse power, Scott made sure the rest of the school's athletic programs received the necessary resources and attention. The balanced approach to athletics has resulted in consistently successful showings. The women's cross country team won three straight NCAA Division III titles from 2012-14. The men's and women's swimming teams are annually in the running for national titles, while the men's and women's basketball teams have each made 10 NCAA tournament appearances since Nelson and Funk arrived in 1986.

On the football field, head coach Jim Margraff's squad has won seven straight Centennial Conference championships and is an annual participant in the NCAA Division III tournament. A record-setting Johns Hopkins quarterback from 1978-81, Margraff was hired by Scott to take over the football program prior to the 1990 season. He is now the winningest collegiate football coach in Maryland history.

"He made it very clear that he had great confidence in me," said Margraff, who was only 29 years old when Scott hired him. "There couldn't be a better mentor. He was organized and demanding but fair. He was the quintessential person as far as being a tough guy but also showing incredible respect for other people. If he was walking through campus and saw the president of the university, then walked 10 more steps and saw a man mowing the grass, they were treated exactly the



Bob Scott

same."

While Johns Hopkins' Division III teams have flourished, the Division I lacrosse programs have continued their successful runs. After Scott stepped down as the school's lacrosse coach in 1974, the program won six NCAA championships during the next 13 years, including three straight titles from 1978-80. Under Pietramala's direction, the Blue Jays added NCAA crowns in 2005 and 2007.

In 1993, Scott hired Tucker to coach the women's lacrosse team. Tucker has since guided the Blue Jays to six NCAA Division I tournament appearances.

Scott was a leader for women's sports at Hopkins. Under his direction, the school initiated its entire women's athletic program, which includes basketball, cross country, fencing, field hockey, lacrosse, soccer, swimming, tennis, track and volleyball.

Though all of his accomplishments will be remembered, Scott's unassuming nature and unselfish demeanor will stand at the forefront.

"He had the greatest sense of humility of anyone I've ever been around," Pietramala said. "What was most important to him was his wife, Margo, his family (daughters Susan and Nancy), his friends and Hopkins. He had that innate ability to make you feel special, and he was more concerned with how he could serve, help and support other people. In doing so, he touched more lives than you can imagine. We live in less of a world without him." ☒



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11/19	vs. St. Francis (NY)	2:00 pm
11/30	vs. Columbia	7:00 pm
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12/7	vs. Delaware	7:00 pm
12/12	vs. Maryland	7:00 pm
12/30	vs. American	7:00 pm
1/5	vs. Lehigh	7:00 pm
1/8	vs. Army West Point	2:00 pm
1/18	vs. Bucknell	7:00 pm
1/22	vs. Colgate	2:00 pm
1/28	vs. Lafayette	2:00 pm
2/8	vs. Navy	7:00 pm
2/11	vs. Boston U.	7:00 pm
2/22	vs. Holy Cross	7:00 pm

## MEN'S HOME SCHEDULE

11/2	vs. Johns Hopkins (Ex.)	7:30 pm
11/14	vs. Millersville	7:30 pm
11/23	vs. Fairfield	1:00 pm
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12/23	vs. UMASS Lowell	1:00 pm
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1/11	vs. Navy	7:30 pm
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## SPORTS BUSINESS

### Maryland Sports Aims To Increase State-Hosted Events

★ ED WALDMAN

According to its website, the mission for Maryland Sports is to "enhance Maryland's economy, image and quality of life through the attraction, promotion, retention and development of regional, national and international sporting events."

For Terry Hasseltine, the agency's executive director, that means casting a wide net.

While Hasseltine worked hard to bring the 2014 and 2016 Army-Navy games to M&T Bank Stadium and the 2011 game to Landover, Md.'s FedEx Field, and just finished working with Johns Hopkins University and Towson University to submit what he called "a robust series of bids" for the 2019-2022 NCAA women's lacrosse championships, he's also excited about an event happening at Fruitland Recreation Park Nov. 19-20: The US Quidditch Mid-Atlantic Regional Championships.

"I will be there," Hasseltine said. "It's a pretty unique opportunity; it sounds pretty cool."

With 150 teams and more than 2,500 participants (on a quidditch roster, as everyone surely knows, there are about 18-22 players), Hasseltine said the Harry Potter-inspired event will be great for Wicomico County's tourism industry.

At the other end of Maryland, Fair Hill will play host to a three-day equestrian event in the middle of October that will include a craft beer festival and outdoor expo.

In addition, while Hasseltine couldn't reveal any details, he said Maryland Sports is working with Fair Hill to bring a "very significant international event" to the Cecil County facility in 2018 and beyond.

"We do a pretty good business with traditional sports ... lacrosse, basketball," Hasseltine said. "But we are also trying

to think outside the box."

That includes working with the Glen Burnie, Md.-based United States Youth Cricket Association to bring cricket events to Maryland and supporting Ocean City, Md.'s bid for the 2018 (and beyond) U.S. Ultimate Beach Championships.

It also includes working with national organizations of all levels to bring more mainstream participatory sports events to the state.

Hasseltine mentioned the United States Specialty Sports Association's youth softball tournaments that bring hundreds of teams and thousands of players and parents to Wicomico County every summer and the Governor's Challenge high school basketball tournament, also in Wicomico, which last year had more than 100 teams.

"The lower Eastern Shore is a very desirable location," he said. "The facilities are great; the beach is within 25 minutes."

Hasseltine also pointed to October's Ironman Maryland race in Dorchester County and November's Across the Bay 10K as events Maryland Sports assisted with.

Having said all of that, don't get the idea Maryland Sports is forgetting about the "big splash" events.

After this year's game at M&T Bank Stadium Dec. 10, the 2017 Army-Navy game is set for its new semi-permanent home, Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia, home of the Eagles. The bid process for the game from 2018-2025 is in its beginning phase, and Hasseltine said they are "assessing whether we want to do that."

Maryland Sports is in conversations with the Ravens, the Maryland Stadium Authority and the city of Baltimore about whether it makes sense to bid for Army-Navy again. The game has been played in 10 cities since the rivalry began in 1890, with Philly hosting 86 times, the New York metropolitan area hosting 15 and

said.

"Our reputation and credibility has grown," he said. "Our office is only seven years old. We were just getting established when the previous bid cycles were going on."

When we spoke, Hasseltine also said he was just back in the office after attending a conference where he conducted more than 100 interviews with event organizers from across the country.

The competition to play host to sporting events is keen, he said.

"We are competing against every city and every county that has ball fields, linear fields, gyms," he said. "There are lots of events out there that bring great visitor spending to wherever they land."

And while Maryland Sports has what Hasseltine called "a well-recognized brand" outside of the state, he is also working to make sure there is awareness of his efforts on the home front.

"Our job is to bring out-of-state events here," he said. "But we need local partners."

To that end, he said Maryland Sports is engaging in "subtle" marketing strategies with *The Baltimore Sun*, radio stations and online outlets (including Press-Box).

"We want to make sure we are recognized in the state," Hasseltine said.

And that means huge events like Army-Navy to niche events like the quidditch championships. ☒

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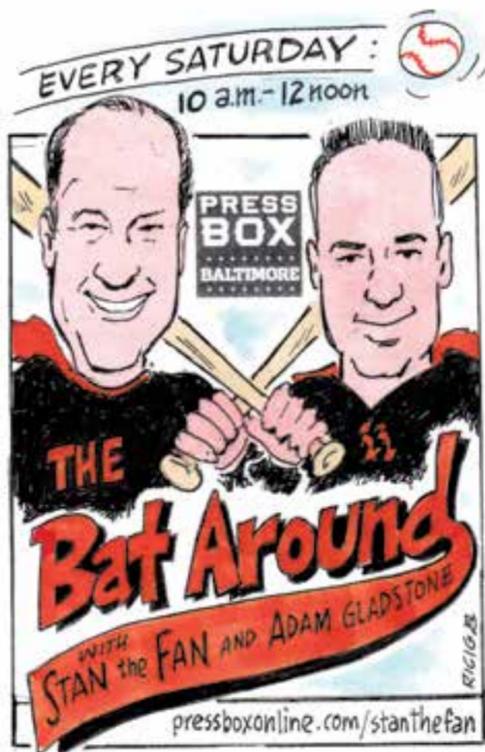
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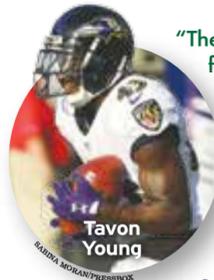


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- Ravens rookie cornerback/Maryland native Tavon Young Sept. 26 on handling ticket requests from friends and family

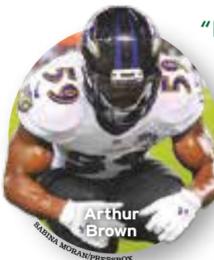
"I changed my life around, really; I just got back focused. I was having concussions and stuff like that at the end of my career. I just didn't like football because, when I was watching, I could feel a hit to my head. When I'm watching, I feel it and cringe."

- Former Ravens and Terps wide receiver Jermaine Lewis Sept. 12 on returning to football as an assistant at St. Frances Academy



"Even though I wasn't recruited by him and many others weren't, there's still that sense of trust. Him doing those actions that make you believe in him - living in the dorms with us [during camp] and being very emotional. We believe in that, through his actions [and when he talks to us]. We see that he wants the best for us. I think everyone fell in love with that."

- Maryland running back Ty Johnson Sept. 29 on the team buying into new head coach DJ Durkin



"It was sad news. One thing that I appreciate about Clarence [Brooks] was just the impact in his relationship that he built with his players. He was not my coach directly, but just seeing how he would relate and respond to his players and the motivation that he provided and supplied them with - it was really encouraging for me, as a player, to really see that coach and player relationship. It's just beautiful. A player that has a coach like that, it's just special."

- Jacksonville Jaguars (and former Ravens) linebacker Arthur Brown Sept. 23 on the death of longtime Ravens assistant Clarence Brooks

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 Calvert Hall Senior  
 Attackman JT Bugliosi

★ **TODD KARPOVICH**

**G**alvert Hall senior attackman JT Bugliosi is one of the most dynamic scorers in high school lacrosse and is a four-year varsity player for the Cardinals. Last season, Bugliosi finished with 46 goals and eight assists, along with 33 ground balls. He scored three goals during a 12-6 victory against Conestoga of Pennsylvania at the PNC Lacrosse Invitational at Loyola University's Ridley Athletic Complex April 1. Bugliosi has committed to Ohio State.

**PressBox:** Are you playing club ball this fall? If so, are you able to compete with any of your Calvert Hall teammates?

**JT Bugliosi:** I am not playing fall ball with a club team this fall, but I am playing in a tournament with Calvert Hall. This will allow me to play with some teammates and improve our chemistry as a team. With the practices and workouts Calvert Hall does, I will get to be around teammates a lot this fall and hopefully create better bonds with them.

**PB:** What goals have you set for yourself for next season?

**JTB:** I've set many goals for myself next season, with the most important being able to bring home an MIAA Championship to Calvert Hall. I want to continue to improve my game in every way, especially my feed-

ing, and keep working to be able to be ready for the transition to the college game next year.

**PB:** Where does Calvert Hall need to improve as a team to make a run at the MIAA title?

**JTB:** I think our team is set for a good season and we have a good foundation to make a run at a MIAA championship. We really need to come out every game and play fast and have confidence. With so much talent as a team, working as a unit will be the difference in big games. If we do that consistently, I think we will have a good chance at bringing home a championship.

**PB:** Why did you pick Ohio State to attend college?

**JTB:** I decided to pick Ohio State University because, when I went on my visit, it felt like home, and I had a great connection with the coaching staff. Ohio State also is a great university where I can get a good education -- providing me with the major I want to study.

**PB:** How do you balance your time between the academics at Calvert Hall and playing sports?

**JTB:** Balancing academics and athletics is very important to learn at Calvert Hall, and I like using my free periods to do homework and study in order to be able to succeed athletically and academically. Also, at home, I try to get ahead on work that I will have later in the week. ☑

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## VARSITY REPORT

# For Milford Mill's Reggie White, Coaching Football Is More Than Wins And Loses



Reggie White

★ WICK EISENBERG

Considering he grew up across the street from a football field, it's no surprise Reggie White loves the game. White has centered much of his life around the sport. As a player, he played for Milford Mill Academy's lone state championship team in 1987 before enjoying a successful college career at North Carolina A&T. The 147th pick of the 1992 NFL Draft, he played in the league for four years as a defensive lineman for the San Diego Chargers and New England Patriots. He even reached the Super Bowl, playing in Super Bowl XXIX for the Chargers.

After his playing career ended in 1997, White decided to get into coaching. He started at Woodlawn High School in 1999 before trying the collegiate level. He served as defensive line coach at Howard University in 2001 and held the same position at Norfolk State in 2002. The hours were brutal, though, meaning he could hardly spend time with his family.

In 2003, White sought to get back into coaching in Baltimore County, and soon found there was an opening at his alma mater.

"My athletic director, Joe Sargent, was the head coach at the time and said I could take over the program," White said. "I've loved it. I get to see my kids every day, my wife every day, and I love being able to make an impact with a bunch of high school-aged kids."

White has also gotten to enjoy wins, and lots of them.

When Milford Mill topped Dundalk, 27-22, Sept. 9, it was a meaningful win for the Millers. Besides it coming against a 2015 Maryland Public Secondary School Athletics Association 3A state finalist, it was White's 100th career win as a high school football coach.

The win did not come with a big celebration though. White didn't even mention he'd reached the benchmark to his team.

"Our goal is always to win states. Win the county, the region, then states," White said. "It is nice and it's a big accomplishment, but our goal isn't about me. We're chasing something bigger this year."

It looks like it could be a special year for Milford Mill. White

hopes this team can do even better than his 2005 and 2012 teams, the two groups White considers to be the best he's coached. Both of those teams finished 11-2 with regional titles before losing in the state semifinals.

For his players, it wasn't surprising to hear of White's accomplishment, considering what he demands of himself and the team.

"He tries to get us fired up before every practice," senior strong safety Shawntay Thomas said. "Coach White always gives us speeches if we slack off. He wants us to be great every day."

White's coaching style is passionate. He's blunt and isn't afraid to let a player know if there's something he should be doing better.

"Coach White made me a better player pretty much by not sugarcoating anything," senior linebacker Marcel Allen said. "He tells you exactly what you need to do and what you need to work on."

While he may look like an imposing figure on the sidelines, White has a keen awareness. If a player isn't performing up to standards, there could be contributing factors off the field.

White knows how important a coach can be in a young athlete's life. That's why one of White's main rules -- one he thinks every coach should follow -- is: Every time you yell at a player, make sure you hug them twice.

"He'll teach you a ton about football, but he doesn't just teach you about that," senior defensive end and running back Jquane Harris said. "He teaches you how to be a man and helps you grow up."

As much as coaching is about the ability to put the team in the best position to win, there's a much deeper, human element to it. It's important for coaches to be able to help their team handle adversity, which is something White has far too much experience with this season.

This past December, Ty Brown, who had been a member of the Millers' football team as a sophomore in 2015, died after being hit by a car. White says it's the worst situation he's had to face as a coach.

"I had to show them how you deal with death. For some, it was their first time confronting it," White said. "We'll pray for the Brown family; we will mourn in our own way. We'll also talk about what Ty did real well and celebrate his life."

With White and his coaching staff setting the tone, the Millers decided to dedicate their next two seasons to Brown, which would have been his final two years of high school. His initials are on Milford Mill's helmets, and Brown will be listed on the team's roster as a captain.

When the team captains walk out for the opening coin-flip before every game, they carry Brown's No. 7 jersey onto the field. The Millers' slogan for this season is "Seven Reasons," which represents just how much they've dedicated this campaign to Brown.

It's been an emotional season for Milford Mill. Several players said they think about Brown constantly and immediately thought of him after the Millers pulled off the big win against Dundalk Sept. 9.

"Coach White was hurt about the situation, just like everyone was, but he pushed us and reminded us that this isn't just about us," defensive tackle and fullback Brandon Cooper said. "He gave us our own space about it and let the team decide what we were going to do. He let us figure out how we were going to remember Ty."

The experience has made White want to embrace the aspects of coaching he truly enjoys and part of that has been getting to coach his sons. His oldest, Reggie Jr., played at Milford Mill and is now a redshirt sophomore wide receiver for Monmouth University. White's other son, Nicholas, is a junior offensive lineman on this year's Millers' team. He credits his wife, Nicole, for not letting football talk dominate the White household.

Something else he's loved about coaching is keeping up with his former players and seeing their success away from the field. White enjoys when former players come back to visit him and talk about their families and career aspirations.

He's also made a habit of attending his former players' college graduations. Watching his players go from 13-year-old boys to 21- and 22-year-old college graduates and, eventually, grown men is the biggest thrill White gets from coaching.

"I'm going to make every graduation I can just to celebrate them accomplishing it, because that's what it's all about," White said. "Sure, I'm judged on wins and losses, but nobody knows about these hundreds of kids I've coached. That's what matters most to me." □

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# COMMUNITY BEAT



## ★ WALKS/RACES

### OCT. 22 -- 12TH ANNUAL BARCSTOBERFEST

Baltimore's Patterson Park will be full of activity as the Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care Shelter hosts its 12th annual fundraiser -- BARCStoberfest! Thousands of people and their pets will be on-site to enjoy great local food, vendors, entertainment and pet activities. For more information, visit [baltimoreanimalshelter.org/events/2016/10/22/11th-annual-barcstoberfest](http://baltimoreanimalshelter.org/events/2016/10/22/11th-annual-barcstoberfest).

### OCT. 22 -- BREATHE DEEP 5K

Honor the memory of former Baltimore Orioles public relations director Monica Barlow, who was a strong ally in the battle against lung cancer. The walk begins at Oriole Park at Camden Yards and supports LUNGevity and its research to prevent people like Barlow -- a healthy, vital and athletic 36-year-old -- from dying before their time. To register, visit [lungevity.org/baltimore](http://lungevity.org/baltimore).

### OCT. 22 -- READY, SET, SNIFF

Come to Patterson Park from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. and race, walk or run in a 5K and/or one-miler to raise money for the Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care Shelter. For more details, visit [baltimoreanimalshelter.org](http://baltimoreanimalshelter.org).

### OCT. 22 -- TIGER TROT

Celebrate Towson University's homecoming by participating in the Homecoming Tiger Trot, a 5K run or two-mile fun run around Towson's campus. The race begins at 8 a.m. For more information, visit [events.towson.edu/event/2016\\_tiger\\_trot\\_homecoming\\_5k\\_and\\_fun\\_run](http://events.towson.edu/event/2016_tiger_trot_homecoming_5k_and_fun_run).

### OCT. 23 -- KOMEN RACE FOR THE CURE

This race will take place in Hunt Valley and provide participants with the opportunity to help the Susan G. Komen Foundation, the world's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to fighting breast cancer, reach its goal of ending breast cancer. Register for the race at [komenmd.org](http://komenmd.org), and for survivor stories, visit the blog at [komenmdblog.org](http://komenmdblog.org).

### OCT. 26 -- SUSIE'S CAUSE

Support Susie's Cause and help eradicate colon cancer as a life-threatening disease at the Charity Golf Classic at Hayfields Country Club in Cockeysville. For more information, visit [coloncancerfoundation.org](http://coloncancerfoundation.org).

### OCT. 29 -- KIDSPACE TRICK OR TROT

Join Buck and Angela Showalter and the Orioles to support KidsPeace, a national nonprofit organization that provides much-needed mental and behavioral health care for disadvantaged, challenged and vulnerable youth of Maryland. The 5K and one-mile walk will start at Oriole Park at Camden Yards. Visit [kidspace5k.org](http://kidspace5k.org) to register.

### OCT. 29 -- HEATHER HURD 5K

The Trick or Treat 5K and walk at Harford Community College honors the memory of Heather L. Hurd, a history major at Harford Community College from 1999-2003 who was killed in 2008 by a distracted driver who was texting. The race was founded to raise funds for Remembrance Book Scholarships for Harford Community College students and bring awareness to the dangers of distracted driving to children and adults. Participants may pre-register by visiting [harford.edu/heather](http://harford.edu/heather) or calling 443-412-2428.

### OCT. 31 -- ASA 5K

Proceeds from this event will benefit Athletes Serving Athletes and allow it to further its work of empowering athletes living with disabilities to cross the finish line in mainstream running and triathlon

events. Hit the county roads, avoid the speed bumps and enjoy family, friends, live music and kids' entertainment in Hunt Valley. Visit [asa5k.com](http://asa5k.com) for more information.

### OCT. 30 -- HARFORD COUNTY WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

Registration is held at the Harford County Equestrian Center in Bel Air beginning at 9 a.m. Funds raised from this event benefit the Alzheimer's Association. To register, visit [alz.org/walk](http://alz.org/walk).

### NOV. 5 -- BEST BUDDIES 5K

Runners and walkers will gather at Towson University for a themed 5K and one-mile fun run. Wear your favorite sports jersey or apparel and team up to rally for inclusion for individuals with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities. To register, visit [charmcityrun.com](http://charmcityrun.com).

### NOV. 6 -- ACROSS THE BAY 10K

Runners, sponsors, charities and volunteers will experience a truly unique opportunity to take in the majesty of the Chesapeake Bay while advancing the goals of personal fitness, teamwork and community giving. For more information, visit [bridgerace.com](http://bridgerace.com).

### NOV. 6 -- FUEL FUND 5K TRAIL RUN

The second annual 5K Trail Run will raise awareness and funds for vulnerable Maryland families for their heat and home utility needs. The run will take place from 9-11 a.m. in Highland at the Schooley Mill Park, 12975 Hall Shop Rd. Visit [fuelfundmaryland.org](http://fuelfundmaryland.org) or call 410-235-9080, ext. 2.

### NOV. 26 -- Y TURKEY TROT 5K

Every year, thousands of individuals from local communities come together to join the Y of Central Maryland for the annual Y Turkey Trot Charity 5K, a Thanksgiving Day tradition that raises funds to support children whose families live in poverty throughout central Maryland. The Y will host its Turkey Trot Charity 5K Nov. 26 in Baltimore City, Bel Air, Ellicott City/Catonsville, Towson and Westminster. For more information or to register, visit [ymdturkeytrot.org](http://ymdturkeytrot.org).

### DEC. 3 & 10 -- JINGLE BELL RUN

Join the 5K with a festive way to raise awareness and funds to cure Arthritis. Bring your holiday spirit Dec. 3 to Centennial Park in Ellicott City and Dec. 10 to the Coppermine Field House at DuBurns Arena. To register, visit [jbr.org/baltimore](http://jbr.org/baltimore).



## ★ BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

### ADULT BASEBALL

Join the Eastern Baltimore County over-40 baseball league, which plays with wood bats on 90-foot diamonds. Players of all skill levels are encouraged to visit [over40baseball.org](http://over40baseball.org) or call Mike Lockett at 410-446-0443.

### MEN'S/COED SOFTBALL

Registration is now open for the Lutherville-Timonium Rec Council fall slow-pitch softball program at Reisterstown Regional Park, which runs through early November. Men's leagues are on Monday and Wednesday evenings. For additional registration details, email [tjharrington51@netscape.net](mailto:tjharrington51@netscape.net) or call 443-847-1072.

### FAST PITCH

U16 Dynasty Prime fast pitch softball is looking for a few committed players and families for the fall season. Games include local and national tournaments and showcases, plus year-round workouts and practices in our own facility in Glen Arm. Email Coach Denny [dpdsoftball@gmail.com](mailto:dpdsoftball@gmail.com) or visit [dpdynasty.com](http://dpdynasty.com).

### COCKEYSVILLE RECREATION

Visit [cockeysvillerecreation.org](http://cockeysvillerecreation.org) or call 410-887-7734 for updates about baseball registration for the Cockeysville Recreation Center.

### BASEBALL CARD SHOW

A sports card and memorabilia show to benefit Monsignor Slade Catholic School will be held at Monsignor Slade Catholic School in Glen Burnie from 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Nov. 12. For more details, call Leo at 443-416-6447.

### MASON-DIXON UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

The MDUA is looking for new high school baseball umpires in Baltimore. No experience is necessary. Email Mike Connors at [mdcommish@comcast.net](mailto:mdcommish@comcast.net) or call 410-653-7307.

### NEGRO LEAGUES BASEBALL

Visit the Hubert V. Simmons Museum of Negro Leagues Baseball at the Owings Mills Metro Centre. The museum is named after Bert Simmons, who played for the Baltimore Elite Giants. The museum is open daily, and admission is free. Volunteers are always welcome. For more information, visit [smnlbinc.org](http://smnlbinc.org).



## ★ SOCCER/RUGBY

### CELTIC SOCCER CLUB

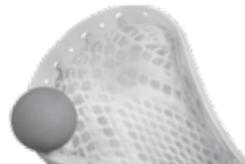
Tryouts for the Celtic Soccer Club are for boys ages 6-18 and girls 6-12. Registration and information are available at [baltimoreceltic.com](http://baltimoreceltic.com).

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The Pup League provides year-round soccer training for boys and girls of all abilities ages 2-18. It's designed to build motor skills, self-confidence and basic techniques. Ongoing programs are available around Baltimore. For more information, visit [mightykicksbaltimore.com](http://mightykicksbaltimore.com).

### RUGBY

The Baltimore-Chesapeake Rugby Club, the region's only Division I men's rugby club, is looking for experienced players or those new to the game. For more information, email [baltimorechesapeakerugby@gmail.com](mailto:baltimorechesapeakerugby@gmail.com) or visit [baltimorerugby.net](http://baltimorerugby.net).



## ★ LACROSSE/SQUASH

### NOV. 13 -- THE BIG12 FALL LACROSSE INVITATIONAL

Year two of The Big12 Fall Lacrosse Invitational ([big12lacrosse.com](http://big12lacrosse.com)) will be held at Blandair Park in Columbia. Big12 was established to provide 2020, 2019 and 2018 teams a highly competitive fall tournament event and a platform where teams compete at the highest level and players receive recruiting exposure to NCAA Division I, II and III programs. The event also brings much-needed awareness to ALS, a devastating disease afflicting 6,400 Americans annually. Proceeds from the Big12 Fall Invitational will be donated to the Big12 tournament partner, the Brigrance Brigade Foundation

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## ★ GOLF

### OCT. 20 -- NKF GOLF CLASSIC

Due to a flash flood watch, the road to Pebble Beach will take a delayed start. The National Kidney Foundation of Maryland rescheduled its NKF Golf Classic at Greystone Golf Course in White Hall. For online registration, visit [NKFGolClassic.org](http://NKFGolClassic.org). To register offline or receive more information about the event and sponsorship opportunities, contact Jenny Trostel at 410-494-8545 or [jtrostel@kidneymd.org](mailto:jtrostel@kidneymd.org).



## ★ FOOTBALL

### OCT. 21 -- SOIREE WITH O.J. BRIGANCE

Support people with ALS and celebrate the 47th birthday of the one and only O.J. Brigrance. Festivities will take place from 7-11 p.m. at the Hard Rock Cafe, 601 E Pratt St. The event will feature music, dancing, food stations, wine, beer, live and silent auctions, celebrity appearances and more. For tickets, visit [brigrancebrigade.org](http://brigrancebrigade.org).

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### WOMEN'S TACKLE FOOTBALL

The Baltimore Burn is recruiting female athletes who want to play tackle football. Visit [baltimoreburnfootball.com](http://baltimoreburnfootball.com) or call head coach Jon Randall at 443-897-1192.

## ★ OTHER ACTIVITIES

### OCT. 30 -- DUCKPIN TOURNAMENT

The annual AMF Dundalk fall doubles tournament is open to NDYA sanctioned juniors (ages 13-15) and majors (ages 16-21), and doubles teams may be any combination. The entry deadline is Oct. 23. To register, email [Andrew.Clemens@yahoo.com](mailto:Andrew.Clemens@yahoo.com).

### NOV. 12 -- AQUATHON DAY

Worldwide Aquathon Day is held every year on the same day to bring awareness to aqua fitness around the world. The three-hour event runs from 9 a.m.-noon at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Baltimore, 5700 Park Heights Ave., and includes vendors, food and a lineup of instructors. For more information, visit [eventbright.com](http://eventbright.com) or call 443-253-0994.

### NOV. 13 -- CATCH A LIFT'S 5TH ANNUAL BALTIMORE BENEFIT

Tickets are now on sale for Catch A Lift's 5th Annual Baltimore Benefit, which raises funds for wounded veterans. The benefit will be held from 1-5 p.m. at Fells Point Tavern, (formerly known as Kall's Court). The event sold out last year, so don't delay in purchasing tickets. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door. For more information, visit [baltimore-benefit2016.auction-bid.org/microsite/](http://baltimore-benefit2016.auction-bid.org/microsite/).

### HOMESCHOOL SPORTS

Baltimore-area homeschooled boys and girls in grades 6-12 interested in playing interscholastic sports like soccer, volleyball and baseball can register for the upcoming school season. For more information or to register, email [chensports@verizon.net](mailto:chensports@verizon.net).

### MARYLAND OFFICIALS CLUB

Interested in becoming a high school swimming official in the Baltimore-Anne Arundel area? Experience as a competitive swimmer or coach at the high school, college or masters level -- or prior experience officiating -- is

strongly preferred. Email [mdcommish@comcast.net](mailto:mdcommish@comcast.net) or call Mike Connors at 410-653-7307.

### DUCKPIN BOWLING

Youth fall duckpin bowling leagues for participants ages 3-21 are forming at various duckpin centers in Baltimore. Most programs run on Saturday mornings and include bowling, shoe rental and coaching. For more information, visit [ndya.org](http://ndya.org), call Stacy Karten at 410-356-0936 or follow duckpin bowling at [facebook.com/theduckpinnews](http://facebook.com/theduckpinnews).

### BALTIMORE FITNESS ACADEMY

BMoreFit's goal is to reduce childhood obesity in the Baltimore metropolitan area by educating and mentoring urban youth with targeted programs for improved health, fitness and nutrition. For more details, visit [bmorefit.org](http://bmorefit.org).

### KICKBALL

To participate in co-ed adult kickball around Baltimore, visit [kickball-baltimore.com](http://kickball-baltimore.com) for locations and dates.

### BABE RUTH MUSEUM

The improved Babe Ruth Birthplace Museum has reopened right next to Camden Yards. Babe Ruth's legacy shaped the sports and American life we live now. Consider making a tax-deductible donation. Visit [baberruth-museum.org/donate](http://baberruth-museum.org/donate) or call 410-727-1539, ext. 3012.

### BICYCLE REPAIR

At a cooperative bicycle shop, visitors can work on a donated bike, use tools to fix a broken bike or buy ready-to-ride secondhand bikes. Volunteer staff will provide assistance. For details, visit [velocipedebikeproject.org](http://velocipedebikeproject.org).

### ULTIMATE FRISBEE

Ultimate Frisbee is one of the fastest growing and most exciting sports, combining the nonstop movement and athletic endurance of soccer with the aerial passing skills of football into one fast-paced game in which everyone is involved. The Pikesville Ultimate Disc Association will host separate youth leagues for boys and girls ages 8-12 on weeknights. For more information, email Brett Weil at [ultimate@pikesvillerec.org](mailto:ultimate@pikesvillerec.org) or call 410-262-6136.



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## THE REALITY CHECK

# Orioles Need To Make A Decision On Manny Machado's Future In Baltimore

★ GLENN CLARK

just checked again. Buck Showalter still didn't put Zach Britton into the game.

Of course you know the Baltimore Orioles' season ended Oct. 4 when they lost the American League Wild Card Game to the Blue Jays. After a nearly week-long attempt at trying to figure out "what just happened," fans eventually moved on to trying to figure out what the Birds will do this offseason.

Baltimore's starting pitching is probably set for 2016. Chris Tillman, Kevin Gausman and Dylan Bundy are the top three, while Ubaldo Jimenez, Yovani Gallardo and Wade Miley remain under contract. The bullpen is unlikely to undergo significant changes with all the top guys expected to return.

Free-agent catcher Matt Wieters and

free-agent slugger Mark Trumbo face uncertain futures. The Birds don't seem to have an immediate option for Opening Day better than Wieters behind the plate. But they would probably like to improve their outfield defense and on-base percentage while Trumbo, who hit 47 home runs in the regular season and one in the Wild Card game, may also price himself out of Charm City.

And then there's the other thing. Yeah. We have to talk about the other thing. As the Orioles start putting together their 2017 roster, they have to think about who is going to play ... third base.

DUN DUN DUN.

Perhaps the Orioles and Manny Machado are fairly close to getting a long-term extension. The sides have talked about their interest in making it happen and have attempted to agree on figures in the past. Maybe when they chatted before the 2016 season the Ori-

oles said they'd be willing to go 10-years, \$300 million, but Machado's folks said 10-years, \$350 million was what they wanted. While that sounds like a significant gap, \$5 million a season could probably be overcome via negotiation -- even if Machado's price only went up after an outstanding season in which he hit .294 with 37 homers and 96 RBIs.

If the sides have been within shouting distance of each other, the decision is simple. Whether they're able to agree to a new deal, Machado is the Orioles' third baseman. Even being close is enough to warrant the continued pursuit of a long-term extension.

But what if they aren't close? This is the inconvenient possibility no one wants to discuss. What if the Orioles, who have never handed out a contract richer than the \$161 million they gave first baseman Chris Davis before the season, have decided they'll never be willing to pay more than \$250 million for a single contract, while Machado's side isn't willing to even talk about avoiding free agency for a number less than \$400 million?

We've had such little information about negotiations that I don't have much of a feel about it either way. But

that second scenario -- the scenario where the sides just simply aren't close -- that's the potential scenario that could re-shape the Orioles' entire offseason.

Machado is still two seasons away from reaching free agency (he'll be arbitration eligible in 2017), but his value is not likely to depreciate. So if the Orioles are far away from striking a deal, the time to try to make a trade is now.

The reasons why are numerous. The most obvious is asset value. We all know Machado, with two full seasons of control remaining, is far more valuable than with less time left. The offseason is also a preferable time to make a deal because it allows the team the opportunity to try to find a new third baseman via trade/free agency if they don't think they have one ready (Jonathan Schoop could end up factoring in).

This would absolutely not be a case of trying to "dump" Machado. This would be a case of realizing a deal is just never going to happen, and then using this year's MLB Winter Meetings to find whether a team is willing to give up a ransom for one of the game's special young players. It is particularly interesting this offseason because the free-agent market is underwhelming, making the availability of a player like Machado that much more enticing. I mean, the top third base target on the market is former Oriole Justin Turner.

So it's really as simple as this. Figure out if you're at least in the neighborhood of being able to get an extension done or it's just simply time to find out if you can make the type of trade that re-writes the next decade of your franchise. You just can't keep waiting. ☒

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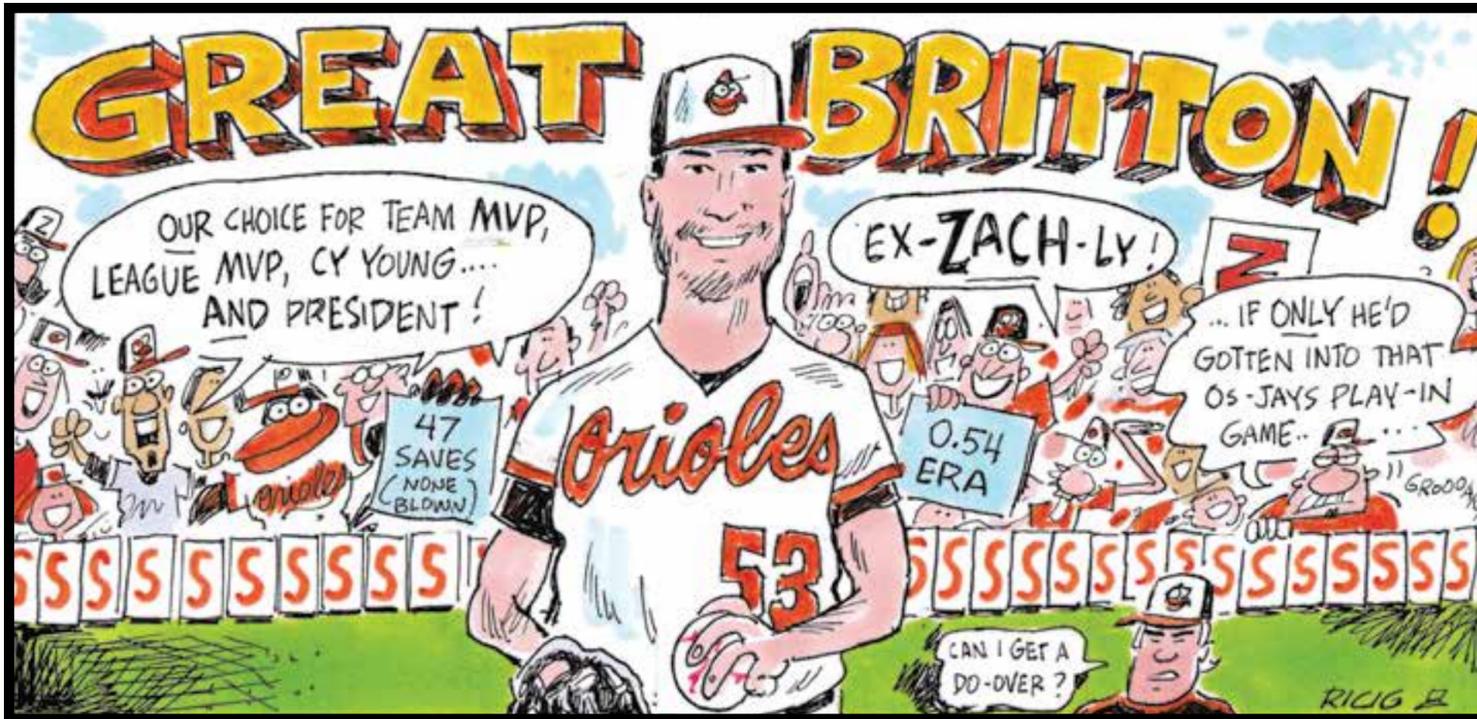
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