

Top 10 football uniforms

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There are two seasons in the calendar year: football season, and non-football season. This treasure is an American favorite, dominating screen time on Saturdays across the nation. As society advances, so does sports. Jerseys have changed over the course of time. Here are our favorite threads ahead of the 2017 college football season.....

Navy: The white, navy and gold color scheme is an impressive combo. The helmets are very strong, featuring the iconic anchor logo on the side. Penn State: These are just classic. The Nittany Lions' navy and white uniforms have withstood the test of time.

North Carolina: The Jordan Jumpman on the jerseys this year was a strong move. Also, the argyle trim and mohawk on the helmet is a nice added touch.

Hawaii: The Rainbow Warriors rock some unique threads. The traditional green and white uniforms are complemented with rainbow trim on the shoulders and pants.

Oregon: The Ducks' jerseys



Source: Twitter

Penn State's, Saquon Barkley rocking the classic navy & white uniform for the nittany lions.

have been turning heads for years with their exciting combinations of colors and styles. Their jerseys seem to change every time they step on the field.

Tulane: Gotta love the Green Waves. Their light blue and green jerseys are very strong, but nothing can beat the cartoon wave on the side of their helmets.

Florida State: The Seminoles have kept the same jersey style for many seasons. Their gold helmets are iconic, featuring a maroon arrow on the side.

Michigan: The Wolverines

have a timeless look. The winged design on the helmets will never go out of style.

Virginia Tech: The orange and maroon color scheme is a bold move, but the Hokies pull it off with style.

Alabama: The basic maroon and white jerseys are perhaps the most intimidating uniforms in college football.

Honorable Mention: Wake Forest: The ACC juggernaut released matte black lids with a black and gold jersey combo. Pretty sweet threads for the Deacs.

Caps seeking strong finish



MARC RIDEL CREATIVE

Courtesy of Marc Ridel

Junior, Andrew Rossetti receiving the ball and looking to pass in a game against Leesville.

EVAN PARSONS
Reporter

When the men's varsity soccer team stepped on to the field to face Rolesville, they were feeling confident for the upcoming season.

As the game went on, it was obvious that the Capitals were the dominant team. By the end of the game, the boys had defeated the Rolesville Rams 9-3. This first game set the precedent for the upcoming season.

The team that was selected after tryouts, was looking strong with returning varsity players Jack Ashby, Duncan Coffey, Stephen Holloman, Ewan Reynolds, Erik Johnsen, Lucas Beeson, Ivey O'Brien, Andrew Rossetti and Clay Oxford. The Caps will be provided help from new varsity players like, Logan Hunter, Scott Rostick, Dante Oliva, Parker Willis, and many more.

After that first game the boys began working hard to make sure that they stayed as strong as they were during that first game against Rolesville.

Their next game was against Apex. That game was more difficult but they still prevailed 2-0. The team's captain, senior Jack Ashby, was asked what he thought the team's strengths and weaknesses were as they are approaching mid season.

"Our strengths as a team are our talent, team unity and our character. We could improve on starting our games with intensity from the first whistle," Ashby said.

The Capitals were 11-6 and 5-5 in conference play and were still playing well. The team played most of their conference games and their form was lending towards the idea that they would be one of the top teams in the conference.

The conference playoffs started in October. When Bryce Meredith, the starting center midfielder, was asked how he thought the team would perform in the playoffs, Meredith said "I feel like the team has a good chance to make it far, as long as we focus on working hard

and playing to our best ability as a team."

Meredith was also asked which teams he believed the team would struggle with the most and Meredith said "Both Cardinal Gibbons and Green Hope will be a challenge for our team but I think we can give them a run for their money"

Throughout the past few weeks, the team has been struggling to perform during their games, despite their hard work during practices.

On September 18, the team started a dreadful 3 game losing streak.

They lost to Enloe 1-0 which was highly unexpected. The team worked hard the next week during practices, but still fell to Leesville 1-0.

The Caps continued to struggle against Cary, losing 3-1.

The next game was one of the biggest of the season. Broughton faced Cardinal Gibbons, who was then number one in the nation.

During the game, the team held up a good fight but on a couple of fluke goals, Gibbons gained the lead 2-0. In the final minutes, Broughton scored, which gave them hope to bring the game even. But despite their efforts, The Caps lost 2-1. After the devastating loss to Cardinal Gibbons, who is now ranked number 6 in the country, the team worked hard to be prepared for their upcoming matches.

They rebounded well after their losing streak, and ended up beating Sanderson, Millbrook, and Southeast Raleigh without any problems.

As the end of the season approached, Broughton faced rival, Enloe with only 5 games remaining in the season. The boys fought hard and ended up winning 2-1.

The season is now coming to an end and the team is anticipating a playoff berth.

The coaches and players know that they are good enough to compete and possibly make a championship run. The team started the playoffs with a 3-0 win against Wake Forest and now face Heritage on November 4th to see who will advance to the third round.

Keys to fantasy football

PETER FOUNTAIN
Reporter

With the NFL season finally back, it's time to get back into fantasy football.

Fantasy football is an online game in which people draft players they think will do well in the upcoming season. People will play their friends in head to head matches scored on a point system that gives you points based on how the players you drafted played that week.

There are lots of keys that people need to know before they start drafting players and deciding which players they want to start each week.

The first thing people need to know is who to draft. Players you draft should depend on what league type you are in.

Are you in a Points per Reception league (PPR) or just a normal basic league?

If you are in a PPR league, typically you would want to pick a wide receiver first because they will typically get you the most points, but if you are in just a basic points league you should consider getting a running back first, or a really good receiver.

Another thing people are going to want to do is not draft a quarterback too early. Typically quarterbacks don't



Source: Twitter

Quarterback, Tom Brady making a case for himself to drafters in Super Bowl LI.

go till around the 6th round. So if you draft a QB too early you might miss out on some of the solid running backs and receivers you need, when you could draft that same QB later on.

Sophomore, Josh Holloman, even went out on a limb and said, "Carson Wentz is going to be the best player this year."

Next up is deciding which players you want to start.

If the player is questionable for the game, chances are he's not going to play and if he does he probably won't play much.

Another thing is to look up what team your player is playing.

If your player is playing a team with a bad defense you would want to strongly con-

sider playing that player.

But if a player is playing a team with a good defense you may want to sit them out unless it is one of your star players.

Finally, the main key is trying to find the sleeper players.

There are always a few every year and chances are they were not drafted.

So if a player has a good first two games and is on waivers, pick that player up.

When asked who was going to be a good sleeper pick Sophomore Harvin Brook, said, "Carson Wentz, because he is good under pressure."

If you can follow these tips, then you have a great chance of being crowned champion of your league.

History of the legend: Pistol Pete

LAWSON FAULKNER
Reporter

It was a perfectly normal Tuesday in Pasadena, California on the morning of January 5, 1988.

Warm west coast air drifted lazily across the campus of the First Church of Nazareth as bright blue skies hung high against the Pasadena skyline. Inside the church's vacant recreational gym, a group of men played pickup basketball with the eagerness and tenacity of 20 somethings, but the bodies and metabolisms of 40 year olds. James Dobson, an evangelical author, Ralph Drollinger, a former UCLA center under John Wooden, and Pete Maravich were among those that were racing up and down the church court. The scene was a stereotype of fundamental basketball. Sneakers squeaked on the hardwood, screens were set and insults hurled. The men galloped along the court with the sparkle of youthful joy in their eyes, and the groaning reluctance of age in their joints. Above all the coordinated chaos, the gentle swish of the basketball net could be recognized. The Pistol could almost always be credited for that sound. Twenty minutes into the game, the group paused for a short break. As the men chewed the fat, Dobson remembered Maravich saying "I feel great. I just feel great."

Maravich collapsed shortly after the remark, making them his last words. At 40 years old, Peter Press Maravich died from heart failure resulting from a missing left coronary artery. On the morning of January 5, 1988, The Pistol, an NBA legend, a troubled superstar, a loving husband and father of two, and a devout born again Christian lay dead on a Pasadena basketball court.

Throughout his tragically short life, Pete Maravich, although a world famous basketball star, remained an enigma to many outside of the sports arena. Beneath the flashy passes, the smooth set shot, and the floppy knee high socks, few knew who the rag tag kid from Aliquippa, PA, truly was. Maravich, a recluse by nature, eventually took on a dual personage as he gained more and more fame from his basketball talents. Many knew him simply as The Pistol, but few knew him as good ole Pete. Over the years, the two personas became frayed to the point where some could no longer tell the difference. With the fame, the fortune, the pressure, and the pain, the skinny kid with a whole lot a flair became a combination of the two.

Who really was Pistol Pete?

Early Life

Peter Press Maravich was born on June 22, 1947 in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania to Press and Helena Maravich. From a young age, Pete was groomed for success on the hardwoods by his relentless father. Rigorous training schedules, long hours in the gym, and constant critique from Press became second nature to Pete throughout his childhood. By the age of 10, he could easily do hundreds of basketball dribbling



A young Pete Maravich preparing for practice in the Holliday gym in 1964.

drills. Whether he was blindfolded or even hanging out of the open door of a moving car, he could still dribble. Bob Sanderson, a lifelong friend, can still recall the first time he met Maravich at Camel basketball camp in 1960. "He was a small, skinny kid of about 80 pounds or so. He was only about 12 at the time but he was already playing with the 16 and 17 year olds." Sanderson remembers how Press "was always on top of Pete" but how Pete's work ethic was nothing short of obsessive. "Basketball was just about all he cared about. He didn't do too well in school, but he was pretty smart. As soon as school was out, you could find Pete either at basketball practice or in the YMCA gym on Hillsborough St."

High School and LSU

Maravich attended Daniel High School in Central, South Carolina from 1961 until 1963 while Press Maravich held the position of men's basketball coach for Clemson University. The Maravich family then moved to Raleigh, NC after Press accepted a job coaching the men's basketball team at NC State University. Pete Maravich enrolled in Broughton High school in the summer of 1963. It was during this time that Maravich's relationship with Bob Sanderson began to flourish. Sanderson described Maravich as an "introvert who was the complete opposite of myself. Wherever we went, it was always Pete right behind me. On the court he was at ease, but anywhere else, clubs, dances, whatever, Pete was pretty shy." Sanderson even claims that the trademark "floppy knee socks" Maravich so famously wore throughout his career originally began with him first lending Maravich a pair. "I lent Pete a pair of my oldest, most worn out gray wool socks that just about came up to his knee caps. But I'll tell you, he was unconscious when he played with them. He literally could not miss. And that's how it all started." When asked what effect Maravich's fame and talent had on the city of Raleigh during his time at Broughton, Sanderson said "his obsessive work ethic and raw talent alone made his revolutionary. He was so ahead of his time."

After graduating from Broughton in 1965, Maravich briefly attended Edwards Military

Institute in Salemburg, North Carolina. Maravich initially desired to play for the West Virginia Mountaineers before deciding to attend Louisiana State University, where his father Press was the head coach. In 1967 Maravich enrolled and quickly began making a name for himself on the national stage. In his first game, Maravich racked up 50 points, 14 rebounds, and 11 assists. But he was only getting started. Playing only 3 years on the school's varsity basketball team, due to NCAA restrictions for freshmen at the time, Maravich scored a total of 3,667 points; the most in NCAA men's basketball history. His 44.2 points per game average also earned his two National Player of the Year awards, three SEC Player of the Year awards, and three All-American selections. Maravich dazzled the fans of LSU with smooth dribbling moves and a dagger of a jump shot. In fact, the nickname "the Pistol" came about during his early college years due to the quirky shooting technique he used. Maravich's shooting form gave the impression that he was shooting a pistol from his hip as he shot the basketball. And so the nickname "Pistol Pete" was born. Regardless of the flashy moves or slick nicknames, many still believe Maravich was the greatest player in college basketball history.

NBA Career

In the 1970 NBA draft, Maravich was selected third overall by the Atlanta Hawks. His rookie contract of \$1.9 million also made him the first million dollar player in league history. Maravich certainly earned his pay, averaging 23.2 points in his first 81 games, but his transition to the league wasn't as smooth as some may believe. Sanderson recounts how "his teammates really did resent the amount of pay and attention this white boy from Louisiana was getting instead of them. You have to remember, Atlanta had a pretty good team the year before, and here comes this kid with the million dollar contract and the fancy moves now taking all of the glory." For all of the adversity thrown his way, Maravich attempted to make the best of it. Sanderson says "Pete would go out of his way to make his teammates like him. He'd buy everyone's dinner or he'd do whatever. Just so that he could

win his teammates over. In a way, he tried too hard."

After four years in the NBA, Maravich was traded to the New Orleans Jazz in the summer of 1974. Maravich later told Sanderson that "he was ready to get out of there. It had been a tough time for him in Atlanta. Pete knew he would have a following in New Orleans after starring in LSU and he was excited for the new opportunity." Maravich quickly became the franchise star of a young Jazz team. He averaged over 25 points per game in his six years with the Jazz while earning four All-star team nods, an NBA scoring title, and two NBA first team selections. Bravely sporting a Fu Manchu, Maravich became the pinnacle of cool in the NBA during the late 1970s. His shaggy hair, flamboyant playing style, and enigmatic demeanor were about the only things that filled the stands for New Orleans, and later Utah, Jazz games. The team struggled with a lack of talent aside from Maravich and routinely finished with a losing record. As the losses piled up, many critics labeled the Jazz as loveable losers with Maravich claiming the title of "ballhog" and "primadonna". However, many came to Maravich's defense when these accusations began to fly. Sanderson adamantly claimed that those labels were not true. He stated that "Pete was a great teammate. He lived to pass the ball. The only problem was that he was never on a winning team. He never had the talent around him to get anywhere."

Midway through the 1980 NBA season with Maravich on the tail end of his career due to recurring knee problems, the Utah Jazz placed him on waivers. Maravich then signed with the Boston Celtics for the remainder of the season. Sanderson alleges that then Celtics general manager Red Auerbach "sweet talked" Maravich into signing with the team in order to prevent him from joining the conference rival Philadelphia 76ers. Maravich assumed a bench role for the team as he regained his health for the 1981 season. Maravich played well for the Celtics in preseasont exhibition games the following year, but Auerbach was reportedly unhappy with the amount of attention and opportunities he was taking from then rookie and future Hall of Famer Larry Bird.

Sanderson said "Auerbach

called Pete into his office after he had scored 33 points in an exhibition and basically told him that his main role was as a bench player. He didn't want Pete taking opportunities away from Larry and the other guys." Hearing these words after a lifetime of being the star on every basketball team he played for obviously struck a chord with the ailing, but prideful Maravich. "Pete walked out of the office, went to the locker room, grabbed his bag, and walked out. He never came back."

Later Life and Death

Maravich officially retired after his resignation from the Celtics. He had been quoted various times throughout his career saying that his only true goal was to win an NBA championship. He said that he wanted it more than anything in the world. The fact that the Celtics went on to win the NBA title the season after he retired took an emotional toll on the new retiree. Sanderson recalled how "Pete was very depressed and lost after the Celtics won it all and he was finished. He regretted it for years and didn't know what to do with himself after he was through with basketball."

During retirement, Maravich repeatedly said that he was searching "for life".

He immersed himself in many hobbies, looking for the same fulfillment that basketball had brought for the majority of his lifetime. He practiced yoga and Hinduism. He became an avid vegetarian. He even became interested in ufology, the study of unidentified flying objects. But none of these attempts at fulfillment came close to Maravich's renewed religious faithfulness. He embraced evangelical Christianity in the years before his death and famously said "I want to be remembered as a Christian, a person that serves Him to the utmost, not as a basketball player."

When Sanderson looked back on his memories of Maravich, he said "Pete always handled the pressure and fame well. There were never any noticeable changes."

He was fiercely loyal and he always gave people a chance. If he liked you he liked you, and if he didn't then he didn't. He'd always have your back and you could take what he said to the bank because he never failed you. When he became religious he said he was finally at peace with himself. He did a lot of good and I really did believe him. I was happy for him."

After his death in 1988, Maravich was survived by two sons, Jaeson and Josh, and his wife Jackie. A lifetime of glamour, fortune, pressure, and adoration may have muddied the public image of Pete Maravich, but it never tainted the actions and beliefs of the man himself. Until the end, he stood for humility, determination, and generosity. He was a man of basketball, family, and God. Outside of the costume "the Pistol" brought, Pete Maravich was just a shy, humble kid from Pennsylvania looking to play the game he loved. And that's the kid we should all try to remember.

Smith commits to Marshall

BRANCH QUIRK
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Broughton's star Senior LB/WR, Tyair Smith, had a huge season last year and an even better offseason, gaining a lot of interest from Division-1 schools, but recently decided to end his recruitment with a huge commitment to Marshall University. "The coaching staff really showed major interest in me from the moment I went to their elite camp."

After Smith attended the camp at Marshall, he got to take a visit around the campus and see what Marshall was all about. "I took a visit around the campus and it felt like home."

Smith's hope is to get a degree and graduate in three years as the best player to ever wear "Marshall" across their chest. His biggest goal is to one day, make it to the NFL and to "Prove the people that believe in me right."

Smith's first year of playing real organized football was last year, and it was a great start to a hopefully long and successful career.

According to Hudl, Smith ended the 2016 season with 596 total yards in 10 games, while averaging almost 18 yards per catch.



MARC RIDEL CREATIVE
Courtesy of Marc Ridel
Tyair Jackson-Smith playing the wildcat position, looking downfield for the pass in a game against Rolesville.

On the defensive side, Smith totaled 20 tackles and one interception.

This season, Smith is hopeful that the Caps can win and make the playoffs. "We worked too hard this spring and summer for that to not be our goal!"

Tyair is looking to have an even better season this year, going through all the workouts and practices are tough but Smith believes they will be worth it and the work will pay off.

Smith got injured just before the season started and had to miss the first four games, but returned for the game against Rolesville on September 15th.

Smith was limited on playing time and totaled 36 total yards in the tough 6-34 loss to the Rams.

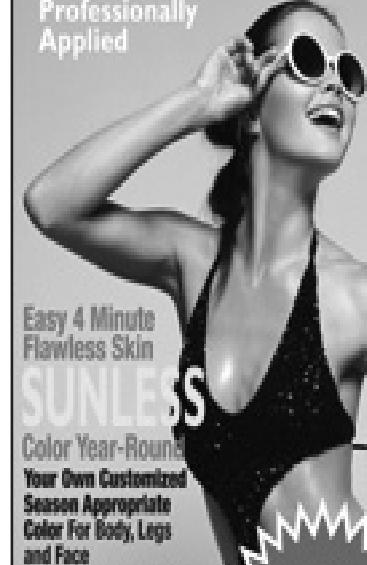
After a bye week, the Caps returned to play a very good Southeast Raleigh team, where they played hard and came out with a 35-34 win.

Smith totaled 89 yards and 3 TDs in the game and was a key part in Broughton holding on to the lead.

In the homecoming game against Enloe, Smith totaled 38 yards and two touchdowns in the tough 23-34 loss to the eagles. In the game against Gibbons, Smith was able to find the endzone twice. Smith totaled 66 yards in the game on six rushes.

Smith has been an important player for caps this season yet again and is hoping to continue his success throughout the year and build on his athleticism and football IQ, which always has room for improvement.

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JOHN MICHAEL CURTIS
Reporter

On July 12th, the football team gathered for the first summer practice. The boys gathered at 7 am to start working out.

Over the next 2 months and 6 days they practiced constantly, getting to know each other and working towards the first game on August 18th vs Apex.

The caps came out strong with their first win, 27-21. They gained confidence, and many students thought this was a sign of a winning season for the caps.

Broughton's next four games didn't go quite as well. They lost four games in a row against the tough teams of Athens Drive, Cary, Knightdale, and Rolesville.

While everyone was saddened by the losses, the team kept working hard.

This hard work paid off in the win over Southeast. It was a close game, but the caps delivered with a 35-34 victory.

After the win over Southeast, the team had new hope and confidence.

The season was just over halfway through, and the next game was the Homecoming game against their rival, Enloe. Everyone was excited and ready to go.

Junior Michael Lorenz said before the game, "Our record doesn't prove anything about



MARC RIDEL CREATIVE
Courtesy of Marc Ridel
Seniors, Jalen Bobbit, Avi Smith-rose, and William Riggins getting ready to head to mid-field before the start of the game.

us, we put in so much work on and off the field!"

Though, overall, Enloe had the better record, Junior Paul Kpanay said "I am not predicting a win, I'm guaranteeing a win. With the Homecoming atmosphere and our confidence from beating Southeast, it will surely be an exciting night for the Caps."

At 6:45, students lined the stands to welcome the varsity players into Capital Stadium.

The Caps played a great game, but in the end, Enloe won with a score of 34-23.

After the game, Coach Dawson had a few things to say about the game, saying it was "the hardest loss all season," and "I mean, we were up 23-

14 in the second half".

On the contrary, Dawson also said "I'm happy with a lot of things that are happening, even though obviously I wish our record was better." He also stressed the team's need for consistency, and mentioned that "If we could play at our potential for all four quarters, we could win any and all games this season."

The caps returned home the next week to face the Crusaders of Cardinal Gibbons. In the game, both teams fought hard and the crusaders took a strong lead of 22-3 at the half. Broughtons struggles continued in the second half and the game ended with a score of 41-17 and a Gibbons win.

Cross country runs into post season

SARAH WALLACE
Reporter

The 2017-2018 men and women's cross country teams are off to a great start so far.

Both cross country teams have a serious track record to keep up with this season.

The girls team hasn't been conference champions since 2013 and they are not taking this lightly.

They have made a serious goal this year on being the best in the Cap 7 conference and they are determined to make it come true.

So far the men's cross country team has competed in 5 meets as of September 16th. The men's team are currently defending 4A State Champions and they are doing everything to keep that title.

Senior, Ryan Brown is looking like a strong leader for the Caps and has already had two season bests while competing in the boy's 5K and 3000 meter events.

The boy's team had a feature article on ncmissplit.com which labels the XC team as number two in the cross country countdown in North Carolina.

The women's team is also looking very hopeful for a strong finish. "We are work-

ing really hard this season and have some really talented girls. I think if we stay focused and finish strong in our races we have a really good shot at becoming state champs" said junior EJ Fuller.

One of the team's main goals is to make sure all the runners are comfortable with each other, to achieve this goal they do many bonding activities to become a tight knit family by the end of the season.

Head Coach, David Christian is cherished by many of the runners on the team but every year is different. "Each season we start with goal setting and the coaches are excited about the high expectations the athletes have placed on themselves. This season we are excited about our leadership and always get some fantastic additions to the team with new runners and freshman."

Head Coach, David Christian said. The teams recently competed in the Cap-7 conference championships, with the boys finishing first and the girls placing second.

Both teams are now looking forward to the state regional meet on October 28th at Wakemed. They have been working all summer for states and are hoping they can make a strong statement against some of the best teams in the state.