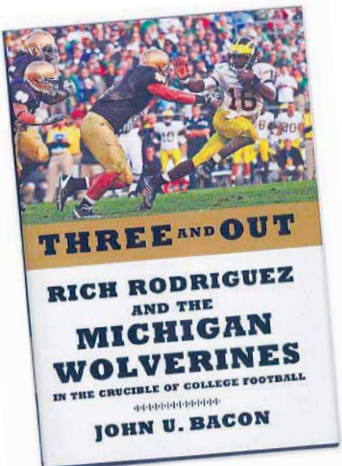


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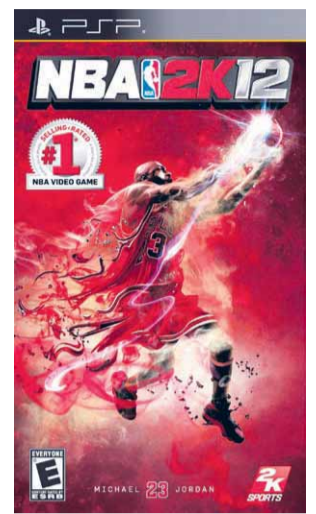
 **24** SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

## WHAT TO BUY SPORTS FANATICS



No matter your team, this gift list has you covered. Since last Christmas, a book was published on Michigan football, a DVD was released about University of Toledo's women's basketball team, and Bowling Green State University began distributing commemorative memorabilia for its new arena. And don't forget about the Walleye and Mud Hens while making your shopping list.

— Ryan Autullo  
BLADE SPORTS WRITER



**NBA 2K12 by 2K Sports** — The latest installment of this video game is nominated by Spike Video Game Awards for best team sports game. In addition to the stars of today, users can play with NBA legends like Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson, and Larry Bird. Each of them graces the cover of the game. 2K12 is available for Xbox 360, PlayStation 2, PlayStation 3, PlayStation Portable, Microsoft Windows, Wii, and on iOS iPhone and iPad. It's available **Best Buy** and **Walmart**. Cost is **\$59.99**.

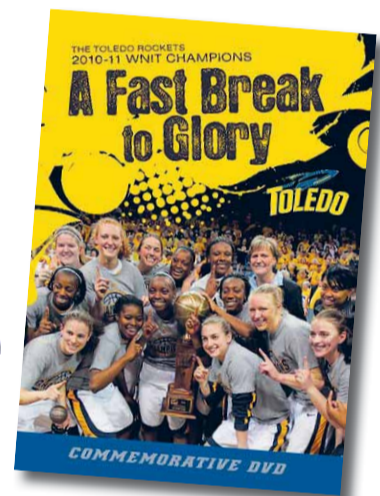


**Three and Out: Rich Rodriguez and the Michigan Wolverines in the Crucible of College Football** — Author John Bacon offers a behind-the-scenes look into the stressful Rodriguez era at Michigan. Bacon was afforded unrestricted access during a period in which the program suffered from a botched coaching search, NCAA violations, and a fractured alumni base. What Bacon initially intended to be a magazine article grew into a more expansive story. Available wherever books are sold. Costs **\$27**.

**Walleye and Mud Hens clothing** — Support your local teams in the form of T-shirts, sweatshirts, jerseys, hats, and baby wear. Available at the **Swamp Shop** inside Fifth Third Field (10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday) and the **Huntington Center** (11 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday and on game days from 5-10 p.m.), or online at [mudhens.com/swampshop](http://mudhens.com/swampshop). Cost varies depending on item.



**Gold tree ornament of the Stroh Center** — This depiction of the new basketball and volleyball arena on the BGSU campus is one of the new items available in the team store. It can be bought online at [falconteamstore.com](http://falconteamstore.com) and at the team store inside the **Stroh Center** (10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday). Cost: **\$11.99**.



**A Fast Break to Glory** — Revisit the University of Toledo women's basketball team's journey to the 2010-11 WNIT championship in this commemorative DVD. The Rockets won six home games in the tournament, capped by beating Southern California in the finals. Available online at [utrockets.com](http://utrockets.com) or at the **Rocket Shop** inside Savage Arena (8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday). Cost: **\$10**.

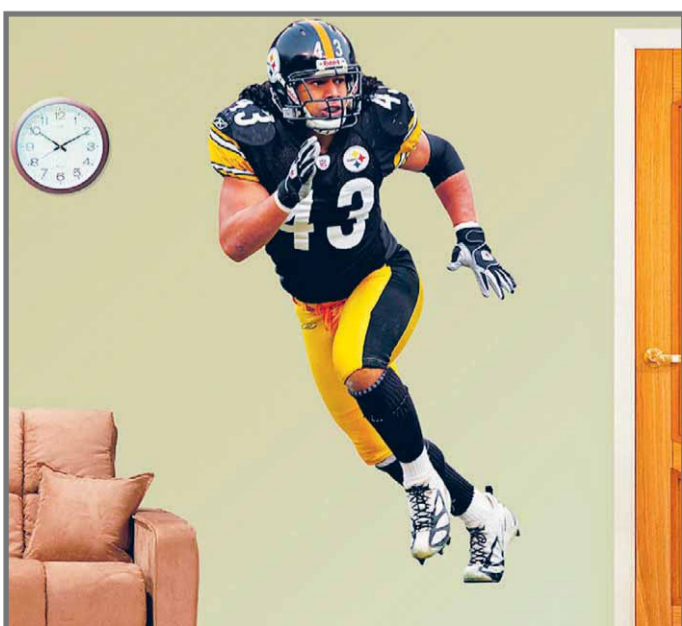
**A golf membership at Heatherdowns Country Club** — When the weather clears, your loved one will be able to golf with preferred tee times, dine, and access the member lounge. The 18-hole, par 71 course is at 3910 Heatherdowns Blvd. in Toledo. A membership can be purchased at the club or by calling 419-385-0248. Cost is **\$200 a month** for a family and **\$180** for an individual.



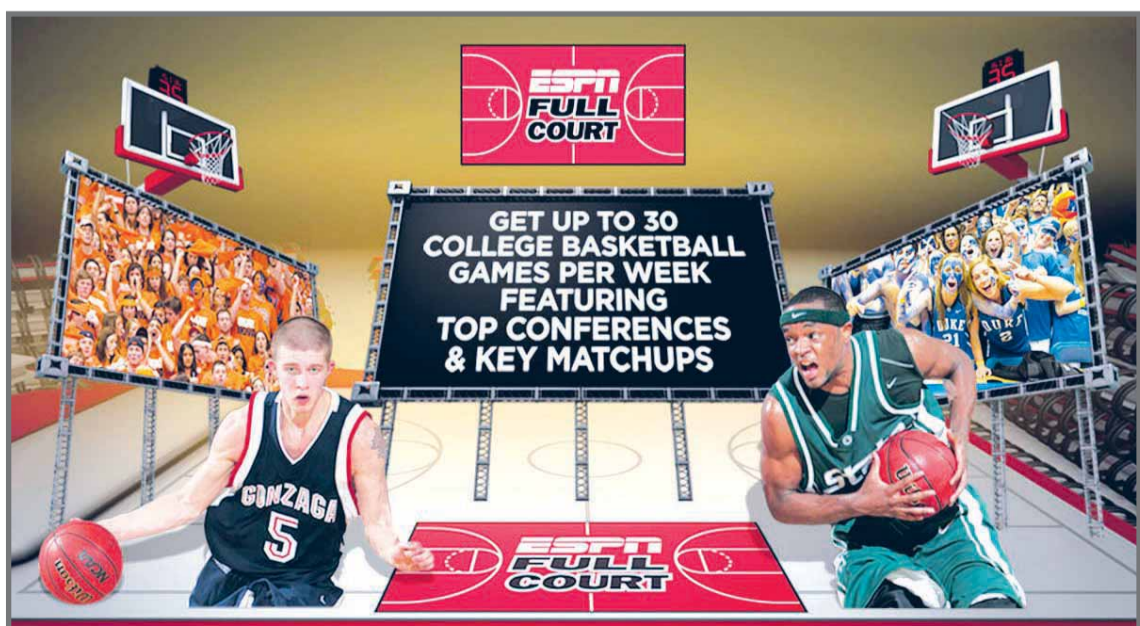
**ESPN Films Collection: Volume 1** — This five-disk set includes TV documentaries *Catching Hell*, about Cubs fan Steve Bartman becoming the scapegoat for his team losing in the 2003 playoffs; *The Fab Five* on the Michigan basketball team's remarkable freshman class in 1991; *Herschel*, about running back Herschel Walker's gridiron success and coping with mental illness; *Charismatic*, about the racehorse that surprisingly won the Kentucky Derby and Preakness in 1999 but missed capturing the Triple Crown when tragedy struck; and *Renee*, about transgender tennis player Renee Richards. Available where DVDs are sold. Costs about **\$35**.



**Ohio State and Michigan street signs** — **The Buckeye Store & More** in Sylvania offers various signs so that one can pronounce his or her allegiance. Some of the models read "reserved parking" for each school, and others are designed to be hung in a "fan cave." Cost: **\$12.95** to **\$21.95**.



**Fathead** — You can't wrap up your favorite athlete, but you can give a life-size decal of him. The brand Fathead sells wall graphics of professional stars like Aaron Rodgers, LeBron James, and Tim Tebow along with team logos. Available at **Walmart**. Price: Life-size decals are between **\$89.99** and **\$99.99**.



**ESPN Full Court** — Watch college basketball games outside the Toledo market with this premium package. Available to viewers are more than 250 regular season games from 20 conferences, plus March Madness. Games also can be watched online at ESPN 3 from select high-speed Internet providers. Available through digital and cable TV providers, including **Buckeye Cable**. Cost for a half season package is \$80.97 and extends from Jan. 7 through the end of the regular season. A full season package, costing **\$116.85**, was available beginning Nov. 25.