

SPORTS FANS

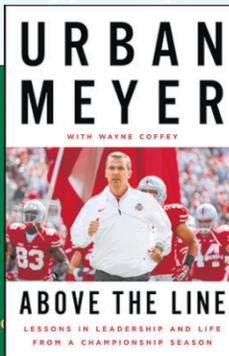
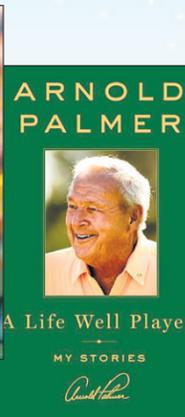
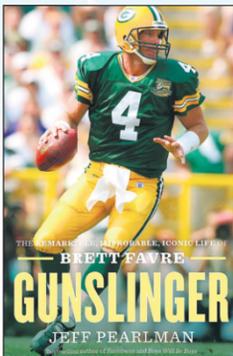
Sports fans can be loud, obnoxious, and unavailable several weekends out of the year. The good news, however, is they're pretty easy to shop for. But

in case you're as nervous and unsure as the Warriors or Indians with a 3-1 lead, we're here to make sure you don't blow it. — JAY SKEBBA, BLADE STAFF WRITER



Toledo Gnome

Show support for the hometown school with this clever collector's item. The gnome dressed in Midnight Blue and Gold will ward off Falcons in your garden, den, or living room. **\$18 at Rocky's Locker inside Savage Arena or the Franklin Park Mall.**



Books

When it's too cold to be outdoors, pick up a good sports book. Several best-sellers have hit the shelves recently, including Olympic skier Lindsey Vonn's *Strong Is the New Beautiful*, legendary golfer Arnold Palmer's *A Life Well Played: My Stories*, and *Gunslinger*, which tracks the life and career of Hall of Fame quarterback Brett Favre. Ohio State coach Urban Meyer's *Above the Line*, which documents the 2014 national championship season, is also a wise choice. **\$20-30 at bookstores everywhere and Amazon.**



Walleye jersey

The Walleye season is in full swing, and the Fish are as exciting as ever. Stay warm at the game while wearing what the players wear, or browse the Swamp Shop's selection of shirts, hats, and memorabilia. **\$129.95 at the Swamp Shop.**

Root's Poultry

Whether tailgating or hosting a party for the big game, Root's Poultry can do most of the cooking for you. Browse from a selection including barbecued chicken, shredded beef, and chicken noodle soup. Containers come in 1, 2, and 6 pounds. **From \$5 to \$45 at Root's Poultry, 3721 W. State St., Fremont, and rootspoultry.com.**



Ohio State, Michigan putting mats

There might be snow on the ground, but that doesn't mean you can't practice with the flat stick. Improve someone's golf game with this indoor putting mat. The realistic putting surface can serve as a runner when not in use. **Price: \$44.99. Available at the Buckeye and Wolverine Store, 1412 Reynolds Rd., Maumee.**



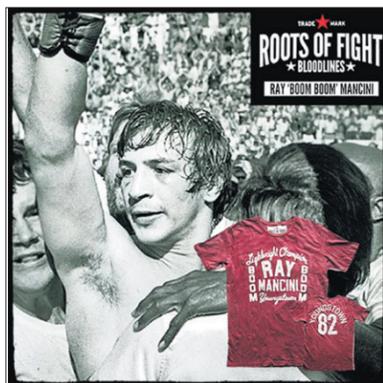
WWE Network 1-year subscription

This is the perfect gift for the die-hard professional wrestling fan on your shopping list. Watch thousands of hours of on-demand content, including all live Pay-Per-Views and classic WWE, WCW, and ECW matches, on all your devices. **\$119.88 at wwe-network.com.**



Blade Vault prints

One of the best ways to remember a championship season or a big victory over a rival is a commemorative print from The Blade Vault. Here, you can order a reprint of any page or photo ever printed, including special pages and sections from Ohio State's national title in 2014, Central Catholic's state football championships, and more. Archived content includes Muhammad Ali, Babe Ruth, and LeBron James making waves in Toledo. **From \$20 at thebladevault.com.**



Roots of Fight shirts

Who says boxing is dead? Pay tribute to old favorites, including Muhammad Ali, Joe Louis, Mike Tyson, and several others. You can also shop from a large selection of old-school baseball-themed apparel. **Prices vary at rootsoffight.com.**



Dart board

Not all sports require contact or big muscles. Hang this up in the basement, invite your friends over, have a few adult beverages, and let the fun begin. Just make sure you don't miss and put holes in the wall. **Prices vary at Mason's Billiards and Barstools, 1412 Reynolds Rd., Maumee.**



Player plaques

If you have a sports fan who's hard to shop for, player plaques are an excellent option. They look good in a basement, bedroom, bar, or just about anywhere else with a wall. Choose from an assortment of players from all of the major sports. **From \$20 to \$40 at Cardboard Heroes inside the Franklin Park Mall.**

* Prices and availability subject to change.