

SPORTS

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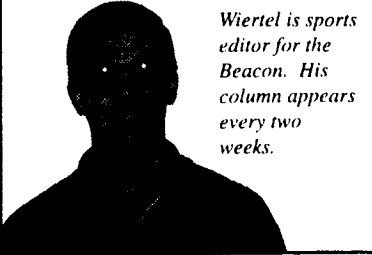
Hoodlums, Convicts, and Crackheads: the state of the NFL

A little over a week ago another National Football League player converted from superstar to convict. Ray Lewis, all-star linebacker for the Baltimore Ravens, became the latest NFL athlete to put on the pinstripes. Supposedly Lewis and several others murdered two people on January 31. Night long Super Bowl parties are not supposed to end with two people dead, Ray. Now I know they at least taught, Ray. Now I know they at least taught you that at the University of Miami.

Actually murder has become a common event in the NFL ranks. Besides OJ, who got off because the glove didn't fit and who by the way is still looking for the real killer, other NFL superstars have been guests at the Graybar Hotel.

Rae Carruth, former Carolina

Matt Wiertel



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Panthers wide receiver, is another NFL superstar who faces charges for plotting to kill his pregnant girlfriend.

But the list of NFL convicts does not stop there. Players such as Green Bay's Antonio Freeman and Wayne Chrebet of the New York Jets are added to the list after lying to police or disorderly conduct.

So the question to be raised is why? Why do these players who are financially set for life and couldn't possibly ask for any more material goods commit such crimes?

In my opinion there isn't one specific answer or solution to this escalating problem. For starters we as a society have to be careful when we automatically depict athletes as role models. Just because someone can throw a football or can run real fast doesn't make them a person that children should idolize. Most of these athletes can barely write a complete sentence, let alone be a role model for millions of people.

And that brings up another point. Why are we allowing athletes to slide through college simply because they can fill arenas and the universities'

war chests? The sole purpose of attending college is to get an education, or edumacation, as in the

case of most top athletes.

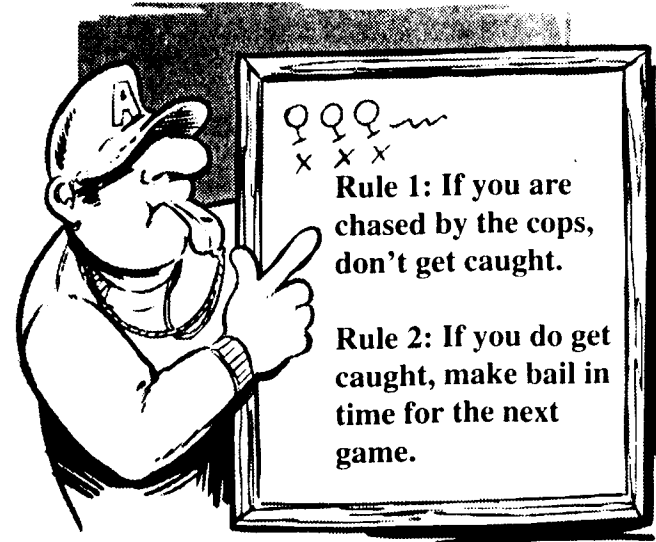
Colleges like Florida State and the University of Miami breed athletes who constantly break the law and defy the rules of society.

With this being said,

the athletes must take more responsibility for their actions. We as a society should be treating

athletes as normal citizens and not as gods who are almighty. No more praising repeat drug offenders. (i.e. Bam Morris and Lawrence Taylor) Players who abuse illegal substances, abuse their spouses or father dozens of illegitimate children (i.e. Shawn Kemp) should be held accountable by their respective teams.

Now I know that teams can't nor should monitor players' actions 24-7, but they can suspend their multi-million dollar contracts if they break the law. Something has to be done to control these athletes. It's time that they join the rest of us in reality.



Rule 1: If you are chased by the cops, don't get caught.

Rule 2: If you do get caught, make bail in time for the next game.

SCOREBOARD

BEHREND SPORTS

MEN'S BASKETBALL (19-2)

Penn State Behrend	9-0	19-2
Pitt-Bradford	6-2	12-7
Pitt-Greensburg	6-3	12-6
La Roche	4-4	7-11
Lake Erie	2-6	3-17
Penn State Altoona	2-7	3-16
Frostburg	1-8	5-16

Behrend 67 Pitt-Bradford 66

Behrend	36	31	67
Pitt-Bradford	25	36	61

Player	FG	3-point	FT	Points
Lawrence	4-6	3-3	1-2	12
McKinney	0-0	0-0	0-0	0
Berchtold	3-5	0-0	0-0	6
Orris	2-4	0-1	2-2	6
Wilson	4-9	1-1	4-5	13
Hughes	7-8	0-0	7-7	21
Keith	1-7	1-4	0-0	3
Park	3-4	0-0	0-0	6
Totals	24-43	5-9	14-16	67

Assists: 21, Rebounds: 23, Blocks: 1, Steals: 8, TO: 14

Pitt-Bradford

Player	FG	3-point	FT	Points
Beacom	5-11	0-0	1-2	11
Barnes	6-13	5-8	0-0	17
Casillo	3-6	2-5	2-4	10
Bellefontaine	1-4	0-0	0-0	2
Klump	0-0	0-0	0-0	0
Luther	2-9	1-5	0-0	5
Marvin	1-3	0-0	1-5	2
Schneider	0-0	0-0	0-0	0
Bentley	8-15	0-0	0-0	17
Totals	26-61	8-18	0-0	66

Assists: 20, Rebounds: 33, Blocks: 1, Steals: 12, TO: 9

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (16-5)

Penn State Behrend	9-0	16-5
Frostburg	7-2	12-7
Penn State Altoona	5-4	8-11
La Roche	4-4	9-10
Pitt-Bradford	3-5	7-12
Lake Erie	1-7	7-13
Pitt-Greensburg	1-8	6-14

Behrend 65 Pitt-Bradford 52

Behrend	34	31	65
Pitt-Bradford	28	24	52

Player	FG	3-point	FT	Points
Buck	3-5	2-2	2-4	10
Nestor	0-3	0-1	3-9	3
Weigold	0-1	0-0	0-0	0
Jackson	9-13	0-0	2-4	20
Costanzo	2-2	0-0	1-2	5
Charnock	0-0	0-0	0-0	0
Phillips	2-10	0-0	2-2	6
Sanders	1-6	0-1	1-3	3
O'Lare	5-12	1-1	7-12	18
Totals	22-52	3-5	18-36	65

Assists: 11, Rebounds: 35, Blocks: 2, Steals: 11, TO: 12

Pitt-Bradford

Player	FG	3-point	FT	Points
Goss	4-12	0-3	0-0	8
Kokanovich	3-5	0-0	0-0	6
Robinson	2-4	0-0	0-0	4
Plummer	2-6	0-0	2-6	6
Lindsay	3-7	0-0	1-2	7
Truitt	0-0	0-0	0-0	0
Pearson	0-1	0-0	0-0	0
Luchs	2-4	0-0	1-2	5
Kubat	8-18	0-0	0-0	16
Totals	24-57	0-3	4-10	52

Assists: 12, Rebounds: 44, Blocks: 2, Steals: 10, TO: 16

MEN'S TOP 25

1. Cincinnati 22-1
2. Stanford 19-1
3. Duke 18-2
4. Syracuse 19-0
5. Michigan State 17-5
6. Ohio State 16-3
7. Arizona 19-4
8. Auburn 19-3
9. (Tie) Tennessee 19-3
9. (Tie) Indiana 17-3
11. Florida 17-4
12. Connecticut 16-5
13. Oklahoma State 18-2
14. Kentucky 17-5
15. Tulsa 22-2
16. Texas 15-6
17. Oklahoma 18-3
18. Kansas 17-5
19. Temple 16-4
20. Utah 17-4
21. Iowa State 19-3
22. Maryland 16-6
23. Vanderbilt 15-4
24. North Carolina State 15-5
25. LSU 17-4

WOMEN'S TOP 25

1. Connecticut 20-1
2. Georgia 23-2
3. Tennessee 19-3
4. Louisiana Tech 17-2
5. Notre Dame 19-2
6. Penn State 19-3
7. Texas Tech 18-2
8. North Carolina State 18-4
9. Iowa State 17-3
10. LSU 18-3
11. Rutgers 15-4
12. Duke 18-4
13. UC Santa Barbara 19-3
14. Arizona 18-3
15. Auburn 17-5
16. Old Dominion 16-4
17. Mississippi State 17-4
18. Boston College 18-5
19. Purdue 16-5
20. UCLA 13-6
21. Virginia 17-5
22. Oklahoma 19-3
23. Kansas 16-5
24. Tulane 19-3
25. Illinois 17-8

BEHREND CLASSIFIEDS

To Brandaline, Thank you so much for being a true friend. Girl, you have seen me through some trials and tribulations. I cannot count a time when you weren't there for me and Dele. I appreciate your patience and kindness towards me. We have made it through 3 years with God on our sides. May God bless you and Happy Valentine's Day. Love always, Danielle

Happy Valentine's Day Keenan! Thanks for all the tobacco. Natalie

We're all chasing something; how come you never call? *The Science of Things* Anonymous

Happy Valentine's Day, Chris! Just wait til I see you. Natalie

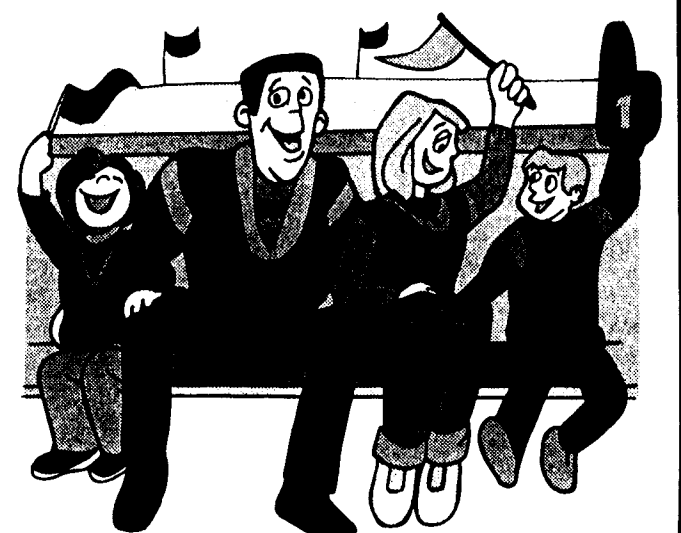
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