

## Five reasons why...

# College athletes should be paid

1. College Sports = Big Money - Take the recent thrashing Penn State gave Nebraska at Beaver Stadium. There were more than 110,000 screaming fans at the game that electrifying night. The face value of tickets for that game averaged somewhere around \$30 a piece. Therefore, not to mention enormous TV right or including souvenirs, food, or beverages, Penn State University just made approximately \$330,000 in one evening. Without the players going out there and laying their bodies on the line, the school would have made nothing. This is a glaring example of why players should get a cut of the profits. Penn State football is the pinnacle of the argument, but the principle can be applied anywhere schools charge admission to see students compete in an athletic event.

2. Think Most Student Athletes Get Big Scholarships? - Think again. In fact most do not get any kind of scholastic compensation for their sport. In Division I and II schools, many student athletes do get scholarships. I'm not making an argument for the full-ride individuals to get paid thousands of dollars. A full scholarship at anywhere from \$10,000 to \$30 per year should be enough. Hitting closer to home, in Division III schools, there are no sport scholarships. None. Nada. Nilch. Most D-III athletes will not get drafted to play sports professionally. These people are playing for the love of the game and deserve to be compensated for their efforts. A good number of D-I athletes who receive scholarships will also be the ones to go pro and make at least hundreds of thousands of dollars. These athletes are feasting while smaller school competitors must endure a famine.

3. A Matter of Spending Money - Now, don't get me wrong, I'm not saying college athletes should get paid \$10,000 to play a sport a semester. However, they need some pocket money and a fraction of the immense profits. Now, an argument can be made that they should just get jobs and that I have no

third point. People who would use this argument should consider the following. Imagine athletes carrying a full class schedule of 16-18 credits, plus two hours of nightly practice that they get no credits for if they are a returning athlete. Add to this a social life and a relationship and they don't really have time for a job.

However, like all college students they need money so, they get a job. One of my suitmates is a varsity athlete, night assistant, engineering major, and has a time-consuming relationship. He is able to do all of this, but sleep is usually sacrificed.

Athletes can have good social lives, excellent academic standing, and a job, but why should they have to? There are only so many hours in a day and time is a scarce resource to student athletes, as it is to all. Even if something simple was arranged, like minimum wage for practice hours, every little bit helps. Students should not be at a financial disadvantage for representing their schools on the playing field.

4. Individual Athlete Marketing - This is a tactic mainly found in bigger schools where star athletes are easily recognizable. Well, go back to University Park for a practical example of this idea. Walking the streets of State college on any given football Saturday, you will undoubtedly see "Zack Attack" T-shirts, Penn State No. 7 jerseys, and you could easily walk into McClanahan's and purchase a poster bearing Zack Mills' likeness.

How much is young Zack Mills getting paid for people using his name, likeness, and jersey for a profit. Once again nothing. It is appalling to me that

a school can reap the profits from an individual, and he gets nothing. Don't get me wrong, I'm sure Mills wouldn't have to buy himself too many beers and gets some meals on the house around State College. However, when this is compared to the money made from him, beer and food are a small pittance.

5. A Well Regulated System Would Work - There are currently many penalties for athletes who take gifts from boosters. There are also many rules and regulations about students not receiving endorsements. These rules are being enforced and sanctions are being levied against offenders. If a similar system was set up to prevent bidding wars for high school and transfer athletes, there would be no serious issues.

If the NCAA would set limits on how much schools should pay their athletes, then money could not be the deciding issue for why a student chooses a school. The main factor inhibiting this change from happening is that the schools do not want to give up any of their revenues that they are making from their players. Granted, this money is used for improvements around the schools, and many other worthwhile things around campuses nationwide, but it is all made possible by the athletes. It is unfair and unjust that they do not receive and cannot receive the slightest compensation for all their efforts.

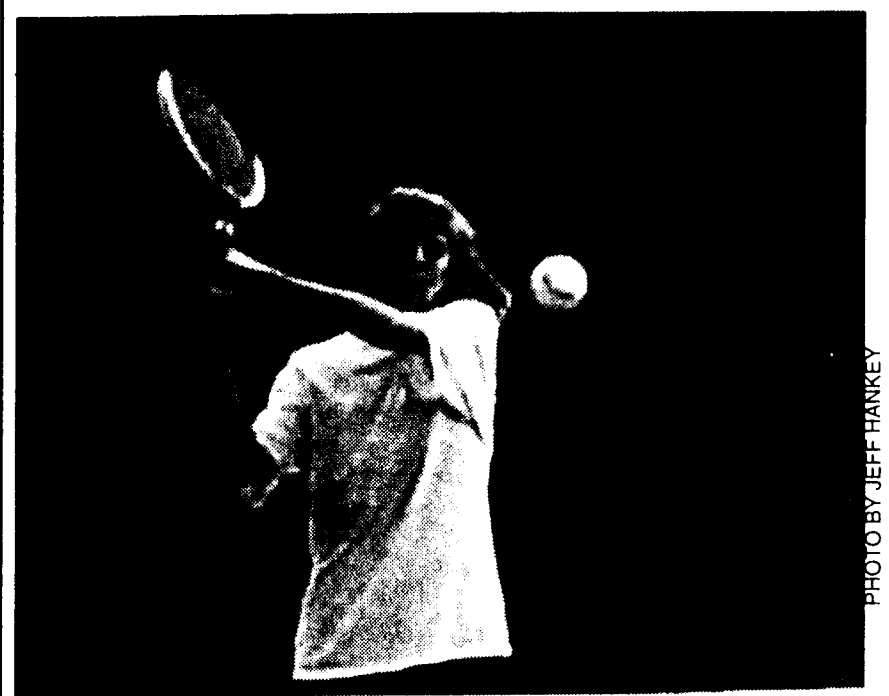
I know I am not the first person to make these arguments, and I will assuredly not be the last. Someday, things need to change and unless this issue is kept in mind, athletes will continue to be mistreated and exploited for years to come. Collegiate athletes deserve something for their hours and years of dedication to their sports and schools, and should not be forced to struggle for a normal college life in order to get a few lousy bucks.



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## Women's tennis sweeps Thiel



Chrissie Leininger returns a ball during practice.

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"We had a rough start, but we're definitely coming around," said senior tennis player Becky Snyder. "Team spirit is growing with each coming day."

Coming around is an understatement for the Penn State Behrend tennis team. With an overall conference record of 5-6 and a conference record of 1-0, the women are beginning to come into their own. Playing four teams this past week, the Lions gained the confidence they need to continue their road to success.

What was considered early on as a rebuilding year for the team has quickly turned into what seems like a successful season. After losing three of their top six starters on their ladder, the Lions find hope in two top freshmen- AMCC Player of the Week for the week of Sept. 19 Amber Weckoski and Amy Frizzell.

Beginning their match with a cool, clear evening, it seemed as if even nature was on the Lions side. Weckoski played in the number one spot Wednesday against Thiel College to defeat her opponent. Other singles winners were Maggie

Venema (6-4, 6-1), Amy Frizzell (6-3, 6-2), Becky Snyder (6-1, 6-1) and Zoe Rose (6-2, 6-3). Helping to clinch the win for the Lady Lions were the doubles teams of Frizzell and Venema (8-4) and Snyder and Rose (8-4), who crushed their opponents in eight game pro-sets.

"We played well today," said Frizzell. "We came off from a good win against Fredonia and came around again tonight."

Against Fredonia, considered their toughest opponent, the victory united the girls under the pressure. Defeating Thiel was just one more final bonding experience.

The team felt this strong unity during all its matches this past week, learning together and gaining the experience needed to face the rest of their opponents.

The women will face rivals Penn State Altoona this Saturday in a conference match up, then go on to play John Carroll University later in the day.

## THE BEACON SCOREBOARD

### THE BEHREND SPORTS SCENE

Men's Soccer			Women's Soccer			Women's Volleyball			Women's Tennis			Big Ten Football		
School	C.R.	Overall	School	C.R.	Overall	School	C.R.	Overall	School	C.R.	Overall	School	C.R.	Overall
La Roche	1-0	5-2-1	La Roche	1-0	5-1-1	Behrend	0-0	7-9	Behrend	1-0	3-6	Wisconsin	0-0	4-0
PS Altoona	1-0	4-0-2	Frostburg	1-0	3-1-2	Frostburg	0-0	6-3	Frostburg	0-1	0-4	Minnesota	0-0	3-0
Pitt-Bradford	0-1	3-3	PS Altoona	0-1	2-3-1	PS Altoona	0-0	4-4	P. S. Altoona	0-0	3-1	Ohio State	0-0	3-0
Frostburg	0-1	1-4-2	Pitt-Bradford	0-1	2-2	Pitt-Bradford	0-0	3-4	La Roche	0-0	0-0	Penn State	0-0	2-0
Pitt Greensburg	0-0	6-0	Pitt-Greensburg	0-0	4-2	La Roche	0-0	2-5				Iowa	0-0	2-1
Behrend	0-0	1-4-2	Behrend	0-0	3-4	Pitt-Greensburg	0-0	2-12				Michigan State	0-0	2-1
Lake Erie	0-0	0-6	Lake Erie	0-0	0-6	Lake Erie	0-0	0-5				Michigan	0-0	2-1
												Purdue	0-0	2-1

## THE NATIONAL SPORTS ARENA

NASCAR 2002 Winston Cup Standings: Thru Race 26 of 36 Next Race: New Hampshire 300 September 15, 2002			Professional Golf Association PGA Money Leaders (Money in Millions)			Major League Baseball League Leaders					ESPN/USA Today Football Coaches Poll								
Pos.	Driver	Points Behind	Pos.	Player	Winnings	Batting Average (AVG)					Wins								
1	Mark Martin	Leader	1.	Tiger Woods	5.496	1	B Bonds	SF	LF	.374	1	C Schilling	ARZ	P	23	1.	Miami	3-0	1522
2	Sterling Marlin	-6	2.	Phil Mickelson	3.817	2	M Ramirez	BOS	LF	.343	2	R Johnson	ARZ	P	22	2.	Texas	2-0	1419
3	Jimmie Johnson	-40	3.	Ernie Els	3.128	3	M Sweeney	KC	1B	.342	3	B Zito	OAK	P	22	3.	Oklahoma	3-0	1393
4	Tony Stewart	-59	4.	Rich Beem	2.783	4	L Walker	COL	1B	.341	4	D Lowe	BOS	P	20	4.	Tennessee	2-0	1345
5	Jeff Gordon	-67	5.	Justin Leonard	2.527	5	B Williams	NYC	CF	.338	5	Three tied at 19				5.	Florida State	3-0	1294
6	Rusty Wallace	-146	6.	Vijay Singh	2.479	Home Runs (HR)					Earned Run Average (ERA)					6.	Ohio State	3-0	1202
7	Bill Elliott	-191	7.	Jerry Kelly	2.454	1	ARodriguez	TEX	SS	55	1	P Martinez	BOS	P	2.23	7.	Virginia Tech	3-0	1153
8	Ryan Newman	-192	8.	David Toms	2.299	2	S Sosa	CHI	RF	47	2	R Johnson	ARI	P	2.43	8.	Georgia	2-0	1049
9	Matt Kenseth	-220	9.	Sergio Garcia	2.164	3	J Thome	CLE	1B	46	3	D Lowe	BOS	P	2.45	9.	Oregon	3-0	1005
10	Ricky Rudd	-227	10.	Shigeki Maruyama	2.103	4	B Bonds	SF	LF	44	4	G Maddux	ATL	P	2.69	10.	Florida	2-1	869
11	Kurt Busch	-292	11.	Len Mattiace	2.045	5	S Green	LA	RF	42	5	B Colon	MON	P	2.70	11.	USC	2-0	844
12	Dale Jarrett	-305	12.	Nick Price	2.014	Runs Batted In (RBI)					Strikeouts (SO)					12.	Notre Dame	3-0	789
13	Jeff Burton	-494	13.	Fred Funk	1.977	1	ARodriguez	TEX	SS	135	1	R Johnson	ARZ	P	317	13.	Washington	1-1	723
14	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	-500	14.	Jim Furyk	1.932	2	M Ordonez	MON	RF	123	2	C Schilling	ARZ	P	300	14.	Michigan	2-1	673
15	Michael Waltrip	-542	15.	Retief Goosen	1.961	3	L Berkman	HOU	CF	123	3	P Martinez	BOS	P	233	15.	Penn State	2-0	625
16	Ricky Craven	-568	16.	Jose Maria Olazabal	1.862	4	M Tejada	OAK	SS	121	4	M Clement	ChC	P	204	16.	NC State	4-0	555
17	Bobby Labonte	-659	17.	Rocco Mediate	1.832	5	A Pujols	StL	LF	118	5	K Wood	ChC	P	191	17.	Wisconsin	4-0	475
18	Jeff Green	-712	18.	Robert Allenby	1.814	Runs					Saves (SV)					18.	Washington St.	2-1	470
19	Dave Blaney	-820	19.	Chris Riley	1.782	1	A Soriano	NYC	2B	122	1	J Smoltz	ATL	P	52	19.	Nebraska	3-1	462
20	Robby Gordon	-824	20.	Brad Faxon	1.689	2	S Sosa	ChC	RF	118	2	E Gagne	LA	P	49	20.	LSU	2-1	361
			21.	Steve Lowery	1.689	3	A Rodriguez	TEX	SS	117	3	M Williams	PIT	P	43	21.	Texas A&M	2-0	330
			22.	Kenny Perry	1.650	3	D Jeter	NYC	SS	117	4	E Guardado	MIN	P	43	22.	UCLA	2-0	247
			23.	Davis Love III	1.638	4	J Giambi	BOS	1B	112	5	J Mesa	PHI	P	41	23.	Kansas State	3-0	225
			24.	John Rollins	1.610										24.	Iowa State	3-1	154	
			25.											25.	Colorado State	3-1	150		

