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Grooms can show fashion, too

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be while they're still wearing pig-tails and braces, long before they've even met their betrothed. The typical groom, on the other hand, more often than not, has last-The issue of what to wear to a wedding definitely separates the sexes. The gown often dominates the wedding dreams of brides-toninute nightmares about finding a

order the groom. Analytication of the grooms who would like to stand out from the crowd (especially from the best man and others supporting him at the altar), designers are finally finding more ways to push the envelope of tuxedo cut and style to give the groom choices, even lightening up so much as to offer a line of formal wear adorned with the insignia of a groom's fa-vorite football team. The truth is that formal wear, by every definition of its name, has never had much variety of style to offer the groom. Thankfully for matching socks in time to walk down the aisle. tuxedo to rent and locating two

It may seem a little extreme, but ardent football fans can now walk down the aisle in a Team NFL tuxedo by Lord West For-mals. As Lord West Chairman Har-vey Weinstein explains it, the fans who pack the stadiums and sit glued to the television watching their favorite teams demonstrate a loyalty that can be measured in excess of \$3 billion spent annually on NFL merchandise.

marry, party, attend all sorts of social events ... and we determined giving extra meaning to celebra-tions after dark, would be well rethat Team NFL-inspired formals, Weinstein says, "These fans

Brides needn't flinch at the idea The Team NFL tuxes aren't fash ioned in garish team colors -

red

ceived by millions of gridiron



stand out on their big day. Subtle details, such as rounded notched lapels, help grooms

and yellow for the Kansas City Chiefs or powder blue and orange for the Miami Dolphins, for exam-ple, with a favorite player's name and number stitched on the back. The only obvious connection to football uniforms is that the Team NFL formal wear line reflects – what else? — a broad-shouldered silhouette and all jacket linings are printed with a pattern of the offi-cial NFL shield.

Accessories such as black-satin vests, cummerbunds, ties and pocket squares do come embla-zoned with the crest and helmet of each NFL team. But, Weinstein re-ports, for a degree of decorum dur-ing the ceremony, the vest may be

worn reversed to a black-on-black jacquard pattern. If sports team tuxedos are not your style, there are other subtle design differences that can highdesired overall look. cut, color, accessories and even shoes can all enhance the grooms light the groom's personal appear-ance and also complement the bride's wedding dress. Choice of jacket style, lapel and shirt collar

Martine Ni idam-Aerts, fashion editor for Bride's & Your New Home magazine, reports that black is still the prevalent color for the groom, with this season offer-ing slight variations of ash and

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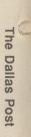
Most importantly, the brides-maids' dresses should be in line with the style and formality of the bride's gown, as well as the color scheme chosen by the bride. Con-sider mimicking the silhouette, length, neckline or some other as-pect of the gown. The maids may wear shorter dresses than the mosphere you desire for the spe-cial day. However, it's not always as easy as a trip to the nearest boutique, especially for a formal wedding stage for your own grand entrance. Selecting stylish dresses for bridesmaids can add drama to your ceremony, highlight a chosen theme or play into the overall atopenly e available effort, you'll arrive at a look every-one can appreciate. bride, but never longer. If there is a theme, the dresses or accessories nitely do and do not you hit the boutiques SHOPPING FOR STYLE Imagine an entourage of your most cherished friends and rela-tives, tastefully attired as they walk down the aisle and set the zines, so you'll know what you defi-nitely do and do not like — before with three or more attendants. But with a little forethought and extra thumbin whelmin From 3 ft Even though every item on all five floors at **Town & Country** was lovingly hand-picked for style, quiths is the time of the year when we reduce prices drastically! We must make room for the new piec **Result**: You save **25% to 60% off** living room, dining room, and bedroom furntiure, accessories, be and many, many other items. **Even custom orders enjoy "sale" discounts of 20% to 40% off**. NO PAYMENTS! NO INTEREST! 'TIL SPRING, '95!** Save on these famous quality brands: Pennsylvania House, Henredon, Sherrill, Lane, Lexington, Stiffel, Karges, Emerson Leather, Highland House, Hickory Chair, Richardson Brothers, Century ShowPlace, Lloyd/Flanders, Moosehead Memory Lane, Hammary, Rowe, Fabrica Carpet, MeadowCraft, Carsons, Karastan Carpet, and many more n the elegantly simple to the elaborate, the range of ble styles can be over-ing. Spend plenty of time ing through bridal maga-By Jennifer Plantier Copley News Service atch attendant, bridal gowns appreciate. ontinued on page 6 America's Leading Brands of Fine Quality Furniture and Accessories TOWN & COUNTRY'S MID-WINTER SALEI REE PARKING • FREE DELIVERY • CREDIT TERMS AVAILABLE DECORATOR SERVICE 253-257 FURNITURE GALLERIES print from PJW Bridals in Exeter. Tricia Seidel models a bridesmaid gown of duponi silk floral erence QUALITY make uth Main Barre, PA 0 0 of \$1,000. (Deposit Sundays by appo Wilkes-Barre 823-0138 quality and value, eces arriving all the time. bedding, casual furniture, 9:30 A.M. to 5 P.M. Open Mon. & Thurs. 9:30 A.M. to 9 P.M. * Scranton 693-2357 itment only



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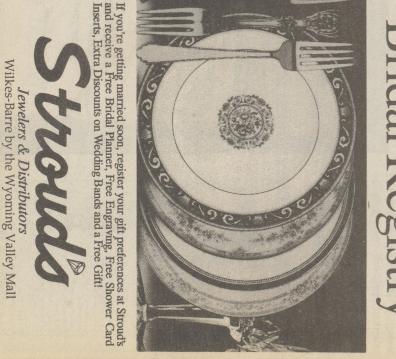
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