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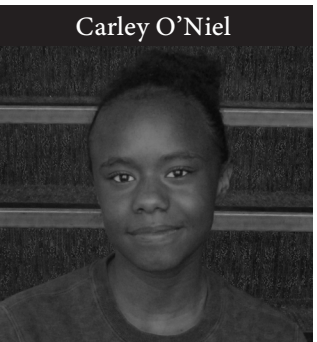
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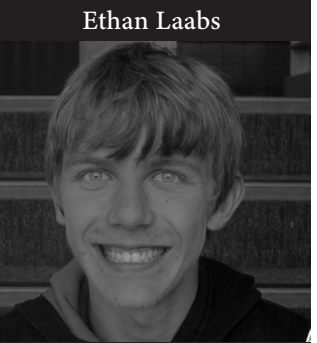
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Hello again!

The Mustang Post has returned with another issue, while not as packed or as thematic as our last issue it surely will still provide quality articles for you to enjoy!

One of those quality articles is another valorant article, it's similar to an older article I produced after the LOCK//IN event in 2023 but focuses more on story telling as compared to presenting facts.

I don't have any major announcements for the Post in this letter so I'd like to end this letter by thanking you for reading!

Thank you for reading and best wishes,

From Logan Jacobs and the entire Editor Team





MASTERS BANGKOK WRAPS UP

By Logan Jacobs

With the final curtains being called on the first part of the VCT season it marks the perfect time to review what's happened so far into the year. From the rise of four super teams to the underdog story that dominated Masters Bangkok, so much has happened only three months into the year.

Starting in Americas, the Kickoff event went quickly with NRG, the favorites to win the event, being swept away by KRU and C9. Not long after, the best team in Americas laid their claim to the region, G2 dominated the entire event only losing two maps in the event, both in the grand finals. G2's journey to get there was long, they had faced unfortunate situations since 2022 when the core of the team, Valyn, Trent, and JonahP, under The Guard at the time, were not picked up for franchising. Instead, they had to fight their way through ascension to make it in, which they would do.

However, The Guard dropped their entire roster right after winning. At the time VCT denied the team their rightfully earned spot, until G2 came along. G2 promised to pick up the core of the team mentioned earlier to fulfil the role that The Guard didn't, picking up Icy and Leaf along the way. Their tragedies didn't end there however, in all three international events during 2024 G2 would bow out right before the grand finals. When the off season came G2 chose to make only one change to the team, replacing Icy with former Champion, Jawgemo, a star duelist that would finally push them over the edge to become the best team in the world.

Alongside G2 was the so-called "clout" team, Sentinels. Over the off season, Tenz and Sacy, two of their core members, retired. Despite this they still made it to the international stage once again. However, their run was cut short by two early losses in the Swiss stage.

Next, Europe, the Middle East, and Africa's, or EMEA for short, Kickoff featured an almost flawless performance from their new super-team, Vitality. The

new Vitality, featuring Derke, Sayf, Trexx, Kicks, and Less, destroyed their competition with perfect team synergy and masterful calling from Sayf. Their varied playstyle took everyone they faced by surprise. Even if they weren't shocked by their playstyle, the raw aim from every player would take them down. This team was swimming in talent and was seemingly 2023 Fnatic reincarnated. Until Team Liquid showed up.

Team Liquid, dubbed the "glue team" by figures in the community, started the event off slow and uncoordinated. Despite their best efforts, they didn't inspire confidence in any of their fans until they faced Team Heretics, the former best team in EMEA. Ending with a three to zero score line, Team Liquid had done what was seemingly impossible and advanced to the grand finals of Kickoff alongside Vitality. The grand finals started fast, with Team Liquid taking the first two games immediately, however, in a flash, Vitality had stomped Team Liquid with a reverse three zero, looking comfortable on every map they won. Although, this showed that Vitality wasn't unstoppable, and with the right team, could be beaten. Team Liquid on the other hand, despite losing, outperformed every expectation held for them. Now, for the first time since the start of Valorant, they had a shot at winning an international event.

Switching gears over to Asia Pacific, or APAC for short, DRX looked over-powering during the entire event, returning to their former glory as the number one team in Korea. However, they looked quite different this time around, featuring two rookies in Hyunmin and Free1ng. Joining them was Beyn and Flashback who had been on the roster since the 2024 season. The only member from their original roster was Mako. DRX's original roster is important for context later, so let's go back in time for a bit. Back in 2021 the best APAC team was Vision Strikers, VS for short, with a roster of Buzz, Stax, RB, Mako, and Zest. This team had the longest winning streak in all of Valorant history with a total of 102 wins in a row before being cut

short on the international stage. Not long after this loss VS was officially absorbed by DRX, turning VS into DRX. Although, this new name wouldn't bring good fortune; poor results followed in every international event until DRX made the tough decision to overhaul their roster in the off season of 2023, dropping all but Buzz and Mako. This change wouldn't pan out during 2024 with their results dipping even lower than before, ending with them not even making it out of the Swiss stage in Champs that year. That leads us to the 2025 season, where DRX picked up the roster they have now, and ended with a first-place finish in Kickoff, beating T1 in the grand finals.

T1 on the other hand is a roster of misfits; Buzz and Stax reunited on the team after both had been dropped by DRX and Meteor was dropped by Gen G. despite their overwhelming success during the 2024 season. They also picked up a rookie, iZu, the man who would eventually take the team to the heights they reached. Their last player, Carpe, was a bit more complicated. During Kickoff Carpe was playing, and it was unknown if he was a sixth man, meant to fill in if a player got sick, or if he was a permanent addition to the team. This all cleared up at Bangkok when Sylvan showed up, an almost unknown player that filled their last slot perfectly. With that, T1 had formed their roster of previously unwanted players and would take them to the moon during the upcoming Masters event.

T1's tournament started rocky, losing in the first round of Swiss pools to Vitality, the favorite to win the tournament. However, this early loss wouldn't stop them, with T1 going on to beat Trace Esports, the second seed team from China (the reason China isn't covered in this article is because VODs are hard to access of their games here in America). Although, T1 would once again face their fellow Korean superstars, DRX was their last match to make it out of swiss pools, but if they lost, they were out of the tournament. Despite losing just 2 weeks ago to DRX, T1 would overcome the former number one team in Korea, taking the crown for themselves in a quick two to zero. With this win, T1 had taken down the number one seed in APAC. One down, three to go.

Finally, the last stage had been set. Four teams remained in a double-elimination bracket, with one thing on their minds, winning. T1 was immediately knocked down to the lower bracket by the number one seed in China, EDG, but they stayed strong. In

their second match of the bracket, T1 would beat—arguably—the strongest team in the world, Team Vitality, in close best of three match. Two number one seeds down, two to go.

At this point, T1 was seen as all but gone from the tournament. From the community's perspective the win over Vitality was a fluke and they would be swiftly sent home by EDG during their rematch in the lower bracket. However, that didn't happen. T1, in a best of five, destroyed EDG three maps to one proving their dominance as the best team in the eastern hemisphere, as they had defeated Europe, China, and the rest of the Pacific region.

Their glory in this accomplishment didn't last long. Their next opponent, G2, wasn't going to be that easy. G2 was hungry for a win; Their domination through the tournament so far, and their many struggles previously, made them clear favorites to win this grand finals. The first map ends in 5-13 in G2's favor, G2 1: T1 0. The next map goes the opposite way with T1 winning 13-9, scores tied 1:1. The third map was the most disheartening for T1, featuring multiple 1vX clutches from G2, leading them to win the map 13-11, G2 2: T1 1. T1 on their back feet bounced back with a 15-13 score, where they won during overtime, 2:2, one more map to decide it all.

An hour in, T1 is down 10-12. If they want to win, they have to make it to overtime. Miraculously, T1 wins not only the two rounds to bring them to overtime but the first round in it as well; match point, 13-12. However, this was just the beginning. The two teams start to pass wins back and forth, 13-13, 14-13, 14-14, until 15-14. T1 is once again at match point. They have all the momentum and then, they win.

Stax and Buzz hug, finally reaching what they couldn't years before. Meteor wells up, finally back on the stage he won on in June of 2024. Izu and Sylvan join the group for a hug. But for there to be a winner, there has to be a loser. G2 is distraught, despite being in this position multiple times before, it still hurts. Being a moment away from winning, and yet they lost. After a few minutes however, the team stands up and gracefully bows to the crowd, knowing this wouldn't be the last time they saw this stage.

With the final number one seed down, T1 had conquered all. No team stood above them at this moment, and on their flight home they can return not only as the best team in Korea, but the world.



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By Kalid Mohamed

Lebron James or Michael Jordan: a debate that every sports fan has come across. No matter who you choose, there's a strong argument for or against them.

Each one has a significant and very crucial impact on whichever team they are on. For example, Lebron was drafted in the year 2003 to the Cleveland Cavaliers.

The season before he was drafted the Cavaliers had 17 wins and 65 losses. The year he was drafted the team's record jumped to 35 wins and 47 losses.

They did not instantly become contenders, but it is still a huge amount of impact for an 18-year-old fresh out of high school. For the next 6 years LeBron had led them to the playoffs.

Still he had not won a finals championship his first run with the Cavaliers. He left the Cavaliers in 2010 and went to the Miami Heat where he won 2 championships back-to-back.

Now, for Michael Jordan who was drafted in the year 1984 and instantly made the playoffs. He didn't make a finals appearance until the 1990 season when he won the finals championship 2 more years.

His first three-peat (three championship won in a row) he played for one more season and retired so he could play baseball for the White Sox for one season. He returned and had another three-peat.

In terms of career achievements Lebron has the scoring title, but Jordan has 2 titles more than Lebron's four with seven less seasons in the NBA. Jordan has a career average points-per-game with 30.1 compared to Lebron's 27.

Overall, they both have very strong arguments in terms of who is better, but whichever is better is better is up to you.

RIVALRIES A DECADE APART

Americas Favorite Actor: Robin Williams

By Addison McCroskey

He was explosively brilliant, and a man of many appearances. Born July 21st, 1951, in Chicago, Robin Williams' journey towards laughter began. Williams described his primary school self as "short, shy, chubby and lonely." Little Robin often performed comedic acts for many, in search of attention and affection. A good example being his mother, who worked as a model on and off and wasn't around to raise him normally. Because of his upbringing, Williams was able to make a career around making people happy.

Williams was featured in a handful of movies that are world-renowned. Some of his most famous roles were, Patch Adams; Where he starred as an aspiring doctor who treated his patients with humor, Mrs. Doubtfire; a man who created the facade of nannying to see his children, Dead Poets Society; a teacher with an indescribable passion for poetry, Good Will Hunting; a therapist who attempts to get a genius-yet-troubled teen to open up, and Being Human; a man traveling through history, makes repetitive mistakes and realizes what its truly like to be human. Williams' versatility gave him the capability to adapt to roles of all kinds.

Besides acting, Williams was very passionate about charity and philanthropy. Williams helped Comic Relief raise \$80 million to support the U.S homeless population, and frequently visited children's hospitals, using his hilarity to distract from difficult situations. Articles have been written about Robin William's charities, revealing how committed he was to helping humanity. His efforts towards helping the needy went "far beyond the film industry", states Dr Ian Weisberg.

Passion was something Robin Williams was very familiar with, as he made a point to live in the moment and admire the beauty of the world. He often reflected his virtue and emotional competence



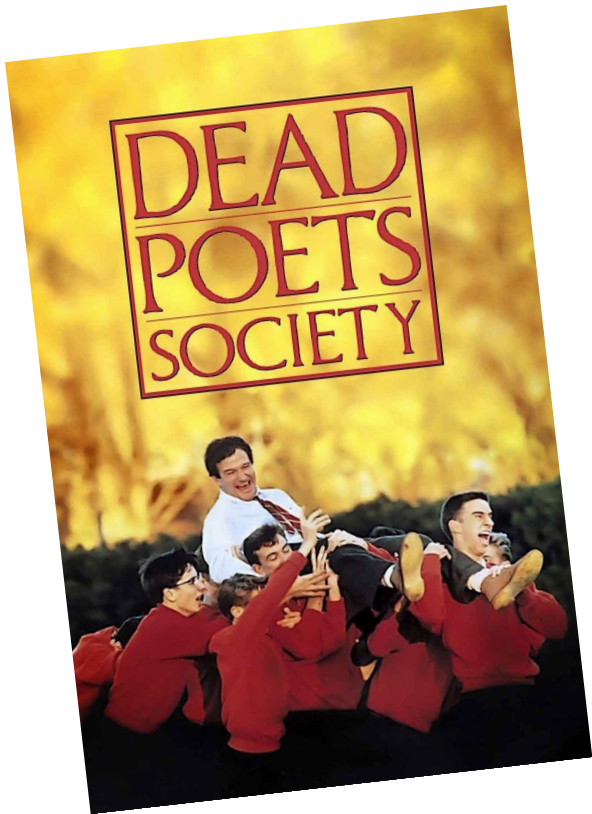
through his roles. "The only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you truly believe is good work." stated Williams on passion, and following your dreams.

Although Williams wasn't always perfect. He made mistakes as any human does. Inside his private life, Williams struggled with addiction and infidelity in his marriage. Williams developed an alcohol and drug addiction while working on Mork and Mindy, (1978) and struggled on and off for more than two decades. Despite these difficult setbacks, Williams continued acting. After a harsh relapse, Williams admitted himself to rehab in August of 2006.

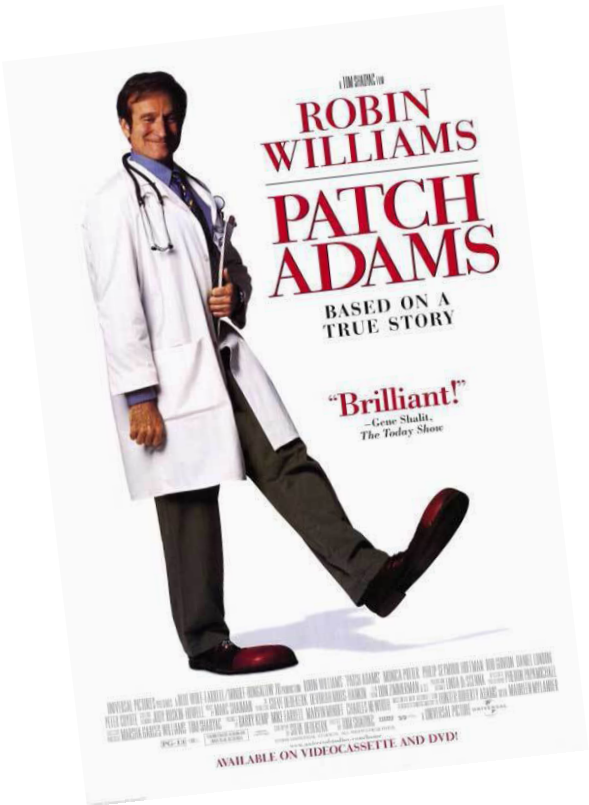
William's mind was both a blessing and a curse. Robin died by suicide in 2014 at the age of 63. What most people don't know is that depression wasn't the sole cause of Robin's death. LBD, otherwise known as Lewy Body Dementia, caused Robin to experience cognitive decline, visual hallucinations, fluctuating alertness, and dementia. This was very distressing due to Robins' personality and career. The inability to control his mind and emotions eventually led to a decline in his quality of life, which drove him to end his life.

"Carpe diem, seize the day, boys. Make your lives extraordinary." This famous quote from Dead Poets Society (1989), explains the importance of pursuing your dreams and living with a zest for life and all its aspects. Williams was fascinated with the world around him and lived life vivaciously because it is too short not to.

Robin Williams is a multigenerational icon and has been cherished for decades as a role-model on the big screen.



Dead Poets Society (1989)



Patch Adams (1998)



Mrs. Doubtfire (1993)

Good Will Hunting (1997)



Social Media: Is it Making Us Dumb?

By Gemma Ludwig

Is social media making us dumb? The answer to this question is both yes, and no. Social media was created for people to interact, form friendships, and learn. Over the years, much has changed, but not necessarily for the better. People have transformed it into what some would consider dangerous. The overall percentage of social media users as of recent is 63.8 percent, which is over half of the global population.

Even though social media has its downsides, it has improved communication, our ability to connect with others, and has provided the public with various forms of entertainment. That is why the essential question has two answers, but with each answer, comes several reasons.

Social media's advantages. The media allows us to access websites, employment opportunities, communicate with others, and stay up to date on daily news with the click of a few buttons. In today's world, most job applications are not done face-to-face, but instead are completed online, this is because the internet makes it especially easy.

Keeping informed of the latest news greatly benefits the public and their daily lives, considering how busy they can get. It is the simplest way to receive information involving everything from the weather to crime. Staying up to date just about averages out with the importance of online communication.

Online communication is key when it comes to staying in touch with friends and family. Social media makes it possible to reach someone from anywhere in the world, even without knowing their number. Although, this is where things tend to get unsettling, which leads to social media's disadvantages.

The biggest issue being cyberbullying, which mostly impacts people from the ages eighteen to twenty-nine. Children are affected by cyberbullying as well, resulting in serious amounts of stress, insecurity, and in some cases, even suicide.

Social media is an inaccurate representation of the people and world around us. Many websites that are published are fake news and are used to gain recognition. But not everyone is aware of the chances in which disinformation can occur, nor how to notice it, increasing the likelihood of controversy. People may even fake their living situations, to be perceived as perfect, while they could be living the same life as the viewers who compare themselves to influencers. It's challenging to know what is real, and what is fake. So, it's best not to believe everything shown on the internet.

Social media is like a drug, it's addictive. Children from the ages eight to twelve spend up to six hours a day on social media, and for ages above twelve, the number only increases. But researchers recommend that children over the age of six should spend an average of two hours on social media while maintaining healthy habits. The numerous hours spent on the media take time out of engaging in activities, family time, and reality itself.

Social media itself isn't the problem, but how the public chooses to use it.

Cigarettes After Sex

By Gemma Ludwig & Allison Ambuehl

The song “John Wayne” by the band Cigarettes After Sex ranks as their 10th most popular song with a total of 176,369,783 streams. “John Wayne” is the 9th track of their self-titled debut album. It is sung by the lead singer of the band, Greg Gonzalez. It mirrors his own experiences with young love and the naiveté of it. He sings about his past self, a young man who is in love with a girl, but he is too scared to express his feelings for her. He is either facing the world, or chasing the girl, and this may set him up for eventual heartbreak. The artist briefly elucidates the risks of casual love throughout his lyrics, representing the complexities of young romance. In the first verse of the song, he lyricizes “Waiting outside her school”. This imagery portrays a sense of innocence and represents the emotional profundity of teenage love, suggesting that the young man’s genuine intentions have been misled. In an interview with Coup De Main, Gonzalez speaks about “John Wayne” and quotes “You go into love, and you’re pretty much going to get hurt at some point, it’s kind of the way it is. But if admitting that the person is worth it, that they’re worth the pain, they’re worth the trouble and it doesn’t matter because you just want them, anything else that comes after that is another side? I really believe in that.” This quote strictly echoes the song “John Wayne” and reveals his opinions on young love, along with its complications. -Gemma



Cigarettes After Sex is a popular band that has over 30 million monthly listeners on just Spotify alone. Their music is best described as intimate and mellow. One of their most popular songs is ‘Nothings Gonna Hurt You Baby’ with a total of 407,934,854 on Spotify since it was published in 2012. This song, like a lot of their music, has a very romantic theme that signifies a deep connection between the singer and the muse of this song. It is a simple and sweet tune that needs not much of an explanation. The writer, Greg Gonzalez accurately describes this song as a ‘grown up lullaby’. He also says the song was an experiment and was written just hours before the recording. What he calls an accident is a depiction of how love grows from the sweet times they shared and how the man promises to keep the woman he loves safe. Nothings Gonna Hurt You Baby also has appeared in movies such as ‘Promising Young Woman’ and ‘It Ends With Us’. Everything about the song feels tender and calming but also sensual. There is no other band like Cigarettes After Sex hence its popularity. It combines ambient pop with indie rock while expressing the highs and lows of love and lust. -Allison

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The Death of Marilyn Monroe

By Avayah Baxton

Accident or intentional? Many have pondered this question since Marilyn Monroe's death was publicized. Marilyn was discovered dead in her home on August 5th, 1962.

She was found lying on her bed with a telephone in one hand and an empty pill bottle prescribed to treat her depression in the other. After police investigation, Marilyn's cause of death was publicly disclosed as an overdose of sedative drugs and probable suicide.

Over the past 63 years people have struggled to separate Marilyn Monroe's career as a superstar from her death. Marilyn had a long and extensive career as a successful model and actress, starring in twenty-nine movies and signing several contracts with prestigious agencies.

Though she had a strong public image, Marilyn Monroe was a drastically different person in her private life. Marilyn's real name is Norma Jeane Mortenson, she was born June 1st, 1926, in Los Angeles.

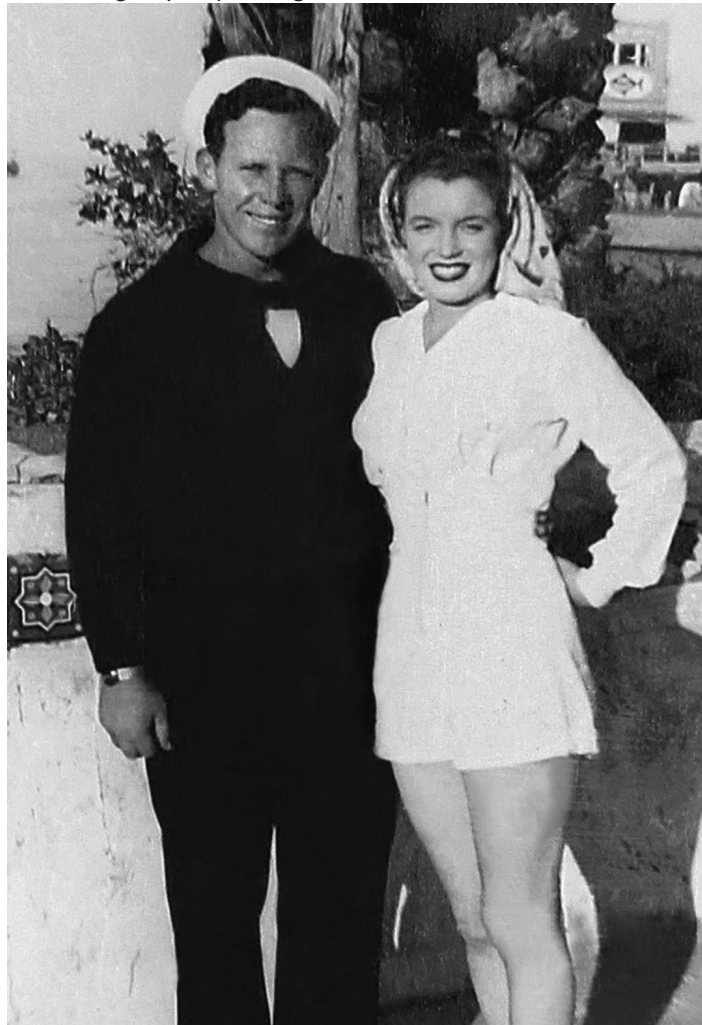
She grew up in several foster homes as well as in an orphanage, her mother was not emotionally stable and frequently confined to an asylum.

At the age of 16 Marilyn married her first husband James Dougherty who was a Los Angeles Police Officer. Their first year or two of marriage was paradisaal. However, after James enlisted in the Merchant Marines and was deployed in 1943, their marriage was sent on a downward slope.

During the first few months of James being overseas, Norma Jeane would indubitably write her husband letters several times a week. However, Marilyn eventually became bored without James; so, she decided to get a job at a Radioplane Factory, preparing planes and inspecting parachutes.

Photos taken of Marilyn while at work landed her modeling gigs across LA. Soon after that, she caught the fame bug. Not long after, in September of 1946, while James was still overseas, Marilyn filed for divorce. She had wanted to sign a contract with Fox that said she could not be married—they did not want a pregnant starlet. Marilyn was married two more times after that.

After Marilyn Monroe's death an artist, Andy Warhol, created a now famous painting of the star. Monroe's unexpected death inspired the artist to try out a screen-printing technique. Using this technique the artist was able to replicate the image multiple times while slightly adjusting the colors each time.



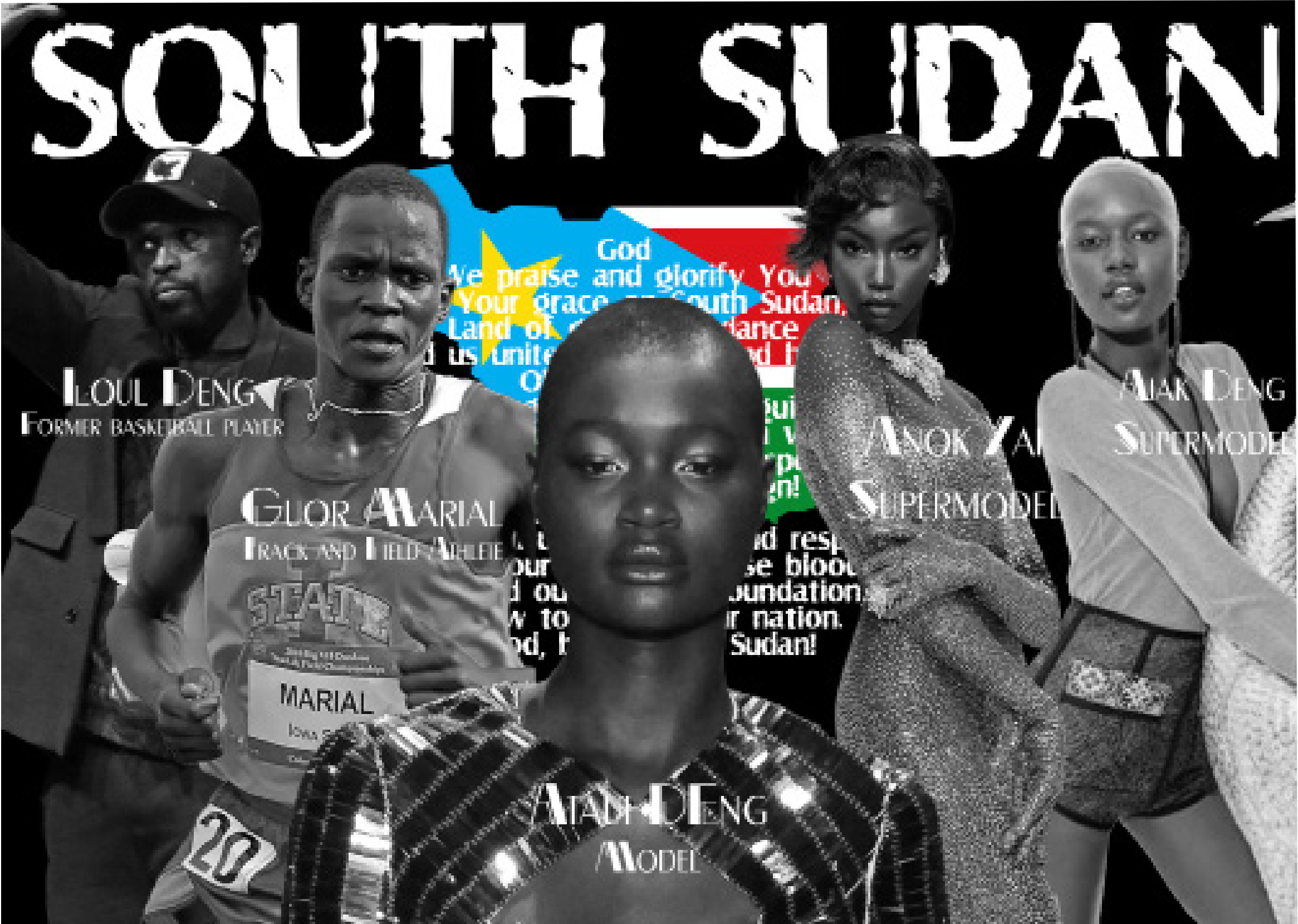
Marilyn Monroe and James Dougherty
rarehistoricalphotos.com



Andy Warhol painting of Marilyn Monroe
etsy.com

South Sudan, Land of Great Abundance

By Amer Bior



We all know South Sudan, the worlds youngest country. The young nation, although struggling, has managed to be the homeland for athletes, models, and super stars. A nation still struggling due to lack of water, a nation born in war, a nation who's battle spirit never died. Welcome to South Sudan, Land of Great Abundance.

Why'd it split from Sudan?

Many reasons can be blamed but there are three reasons that many will think of neglect, religion, and culture.

Neglect

When Britain was in Sudan, they tended to neglect the south, leading it to have little to no roads, bridges, hospitals, schools, and other infrastructure. When Sudan was free of the British this neglect continued, leaving the south poor, uneducated, sick, and angry.

Religion

The north of Sudan consists primarily of Muslims while the south consisted of Christians, Catholics, and other religions. In the 1980's the north tried to impose Islam on the south and the southerners had enough.

From their perspective, the north had mistreated, neglected, and abused them, with history of the north taking the southerners as slaves as one example. All the people really had was their religion and beliefs and now the north is trying to take that too.

Culture

The north primarily consists of Afro-Arabs while the south consists of Black Africans. The difference in appearance, needs, and behaviors caused a divide between the two sides. The south follows traditional animism religions while the north primarily followed Islam, it was easy for each side to judge or think less of the other.

Most Popular Spring Flowers

By Avayah Baxton

Anemones: the word anemone comes from the Greek word “agriouloudo” which means wildflower. The flower is called this because the wind removes old petals, while opening new ones at the same time. In Greek mythology, it is believed that the anemone flower originated from the mixing of Aphrodite’s tears and her lover, Adonis’ blood. Due to this, the flower is also known as the Adonis flower and has come to represent death of a loved one. However, through the progression of time, the Anemones came to represent alternative meanings and purposes.

Azalea: azalea comes from the Greek word “azaleos” which means dry or arid. In ancient cultures, these flowers were often associated with royalty and nobility. They were often used in religious ceremonies and important celebrations. Azaleas were highly prized for their delicate beauty and intricate blooms. In China, they were considered to be a symbol of wealth and prosperity and were often gifted to royalty and dignitaries. This flower is said to be a symbol of strength, beauty, and grace. The azalea is also said to be a powerful tool for healing and transformation.

Bluebell: the term bluebell is a compound “blue,” indicative of the flowers striking blue hue, and “bell,” referring to the shape of the blooms. In Welsh

folklore, bluebells were believed to be fairy flowers. It was said that anyone who picked a bluebell would be cursed by the fairies and face misfortune. Still today, it is considered bad luck to pick bluebells in Wales. In some cultures, bluebells have been associated with death and the afterlife. In Scotland, it was believed that if you were to hear the call of the bluebell, it was an omen of death. These flowers were often planted near graveyards to guide the spirits of the departed to the afterlife.

Crocus: crocus comes from the Greek word krokos which means saffron; the Latin version of the word is crocatus. This flower has a wealth of historical significance that dates back to ancient times. Crocus have been celebrated and revered by a variety of cultures across the mediterranean. This flowers’ symbolism in Ancient Mediterranean cultures and Greek Mythology also adds to its allure. The crocus flower is heavily intertwined with the story of Persephone and her journey between the world of the living and the underworld.

Daffodil: daffodil is derived from the Dutch word “affo dyle” which means “that which comes early”. The Dutch called it this because the flower blooms early in the spring. The daffodil has a rich history and is known to be a symbol of rebirth and new beginnings, for centuries. The daffodil is native to the mediterranean region; it was first mentioned in the seventh century BC in Greek literature. It was associated with the god Apollo; the Greeks believed that the flowers grew from his tears when he wept for his dead son, Hyacinthus. The Romans also had a strong connection with the daffodil, as they believed that the flower could bring good luck and fortune.

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Agnes at the End of the World

By CJ Berning

Book to Screen

Movies have become the great indicator of a well-written book. Why? Notice all the movies out there that have something like, “Based on the New York Times bestseller, INSERT BOOK NAME HERE,” and you’ll find that great stories, ones that can make it to the screen, start on the first page of a novel. But, what about those stories that don’t ever make it to the silver screen, even if they deserve to? Take, for example, *Agnes at the End of the World*.

This fantasy-fiction novel released in 2020 curves to the media craze of a post-apocalyptic world. In this novel we follow young Agnes who has prophetic like abilities she calls her prayer space, born into a strict cult secluded away from normal civilization. This cult known as Red Creek, is led by a madman who remains under the name The Prophet.

Red Creek’s members live a non-secular, patri-

arch-led lifestyle with a strict set of laws. Their laws target the girls and women with the goal to grow fear and self-doubt, allowing The Prophet to have further control. The rules focus heavily on making the women feel inferior and objectified, while also not allowing anyone to interact with outsiders or anything outside related.

We not only follow Agnes’ but also Beth’s point of view. Beth is a rebellious 15-year-old girl who is com-

pletely opposite to the faithful and devoted Agnes. Beth shows us the inside of Red Creek from the perspective of someone who isn’t fooled by The Prophet.

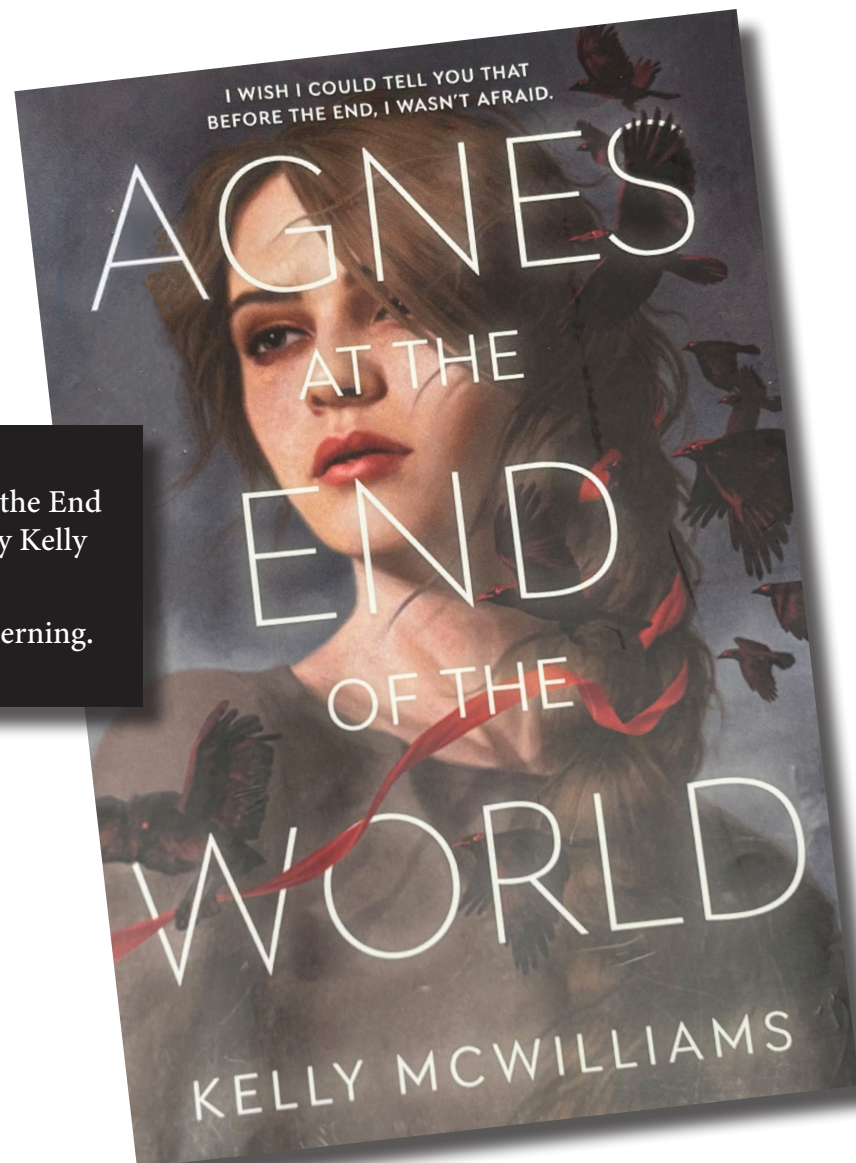
With their mother bed-ridden and a deadbeat father, Agnes is the caregiver for her younger siblings. Although she’s afraid of questioning her faith and leaving her family behind, she is aware she must leave Red Creek with Ezekiel, her sibling, who will die without outside medicine.

After Agnes escapes Red Creek, we come to find out very soon that the outside world has succumbed to an apocalyptic virus. The virus is killing at an exceeding rate, and those who have been infected have begun developing horrifying, hard, red skin. Anyone infected becomes violent, unpredictable, and primal.

At first Agnes is terrified of the infected, feeling pitiful as though they are just victims of the deadly virus. As she progresses in the story, traveling, researching, and learning more about the outside world, Agnes is moved. She comes to a better understanding of the infected and the virus through her prophetic visions and dreams.

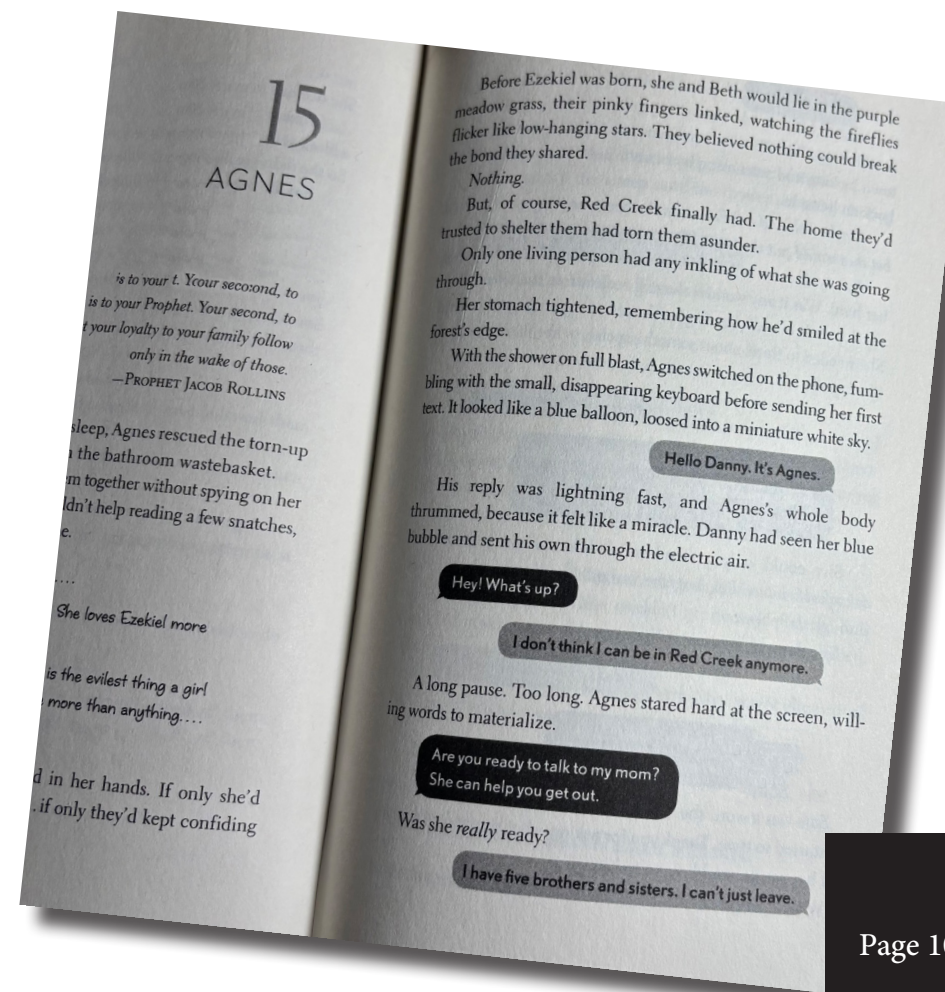
As Agnes’s connection to the infected increases, she sees their humanity and suffering underneath the corruption of the virus. Her connection unveils her hidden ability to commune with the infected and eventually, heal them. She discovers she has influence over the virus making her humanity’s most redeeming qualities personified, and the most pivotal person to stopping the pandemic.

Agnes at the End of the World’s pacing and different conflicts would work well for a religious apocalyptic



Book cover of *Agnes at the End of the World* written by Kelly McWilliams.

Image courtesy of CJ Berning.



Chapter 15, Agnes.

Page 103 displays images of text messages sent between Agnes and an outsider named Danny.

Image courtesy of CJ Berning.

GAME CHANGING PLAYER

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Lebron has been a game changer for all NBA teams he has been on and has a convincing case to be the greatest. Lebron James, from high school prodigy to NBA superstar, has proved that no pressure can stop him. Lebron James had found success early in his career in the NBA.

His 4th season, James had made a finals appearance but was defeated by the San Antonio spurs. Despite this setback James continued to excel.

LeBron announced before the 2010-2011 season that he would bring his talents to the Miami Heat. Lebron did more than just bring his talents. He won the finals two years in a row and had been a contender for the following seasons.

Lebron had later returned to the Cavs and had driven the greatest comeback in NBA finals history against the Warriors super team. He later joined the lakers and won a championship with them.

He is one of four NBA players to win a championship with three different teams. He has maintained his exceptional play for over 20 years and has recently broken fifty-thousand career points.

In fact, multiple NBA players have pleaded James's case one of those is second overall pick Isiah Thomas. Thomas has said "The best and most "complete" player I have seen in my lifetime is... He passed the eye test, and the numbers confirm what my eyes have seen in every statistical category".

In general, his accolades merits him in being an all time great in the National Basketball Association.

Lebron James chalk toss pre-game
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The History of the Madden Video Game

By Ethan Laabs

Over the years EA has made many Madden football games with the first one being released in 1988. They started releasing a new game annually in 1990.

The name Madden football was named after legendary NFL coach and Analyst John Madden. According to a article ESPN published in 2016, “legendary coach and analyst John Madden was the third choice of Trip Hawkins, the eventual founder of video game maker Electronic Arts (EA), to be the pitchman of the game that eventually became Madden NFL. An avid football fan, Hawkins’ first choice was legendary Pro Football Hall of Fame quarterback Joe Montana and former Vikings and Patriots quarterback and Cal Bears coach Joe Kapp.”

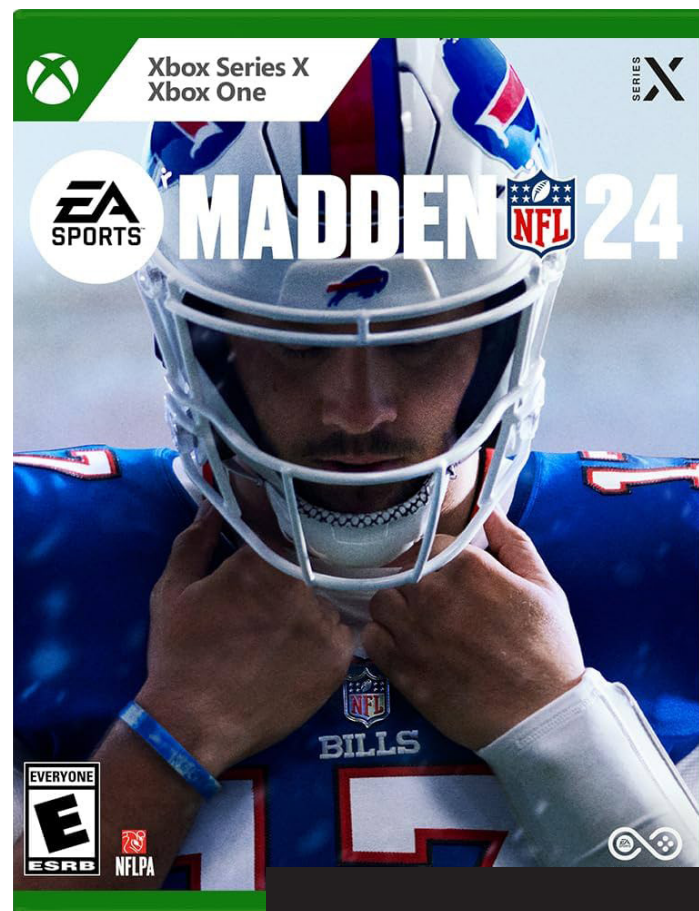
According to USA today, “Madden, continues to be one of the game’s most prominent icons. He was first a player, though, a knee injury in his rookie season in 1958 with the Philadelphia Eagles cut his career short. He went on to be the head coach of the Raiders, where he won the Super Bowl.

He became a television analyst during NFL games and made the game accessible for millions of viewers. He was enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in the Class of 2006. But it’s his constant presence on the video game franchise, arguably, that serves as his strongest connection to new generations of football fans and gamers alike.”

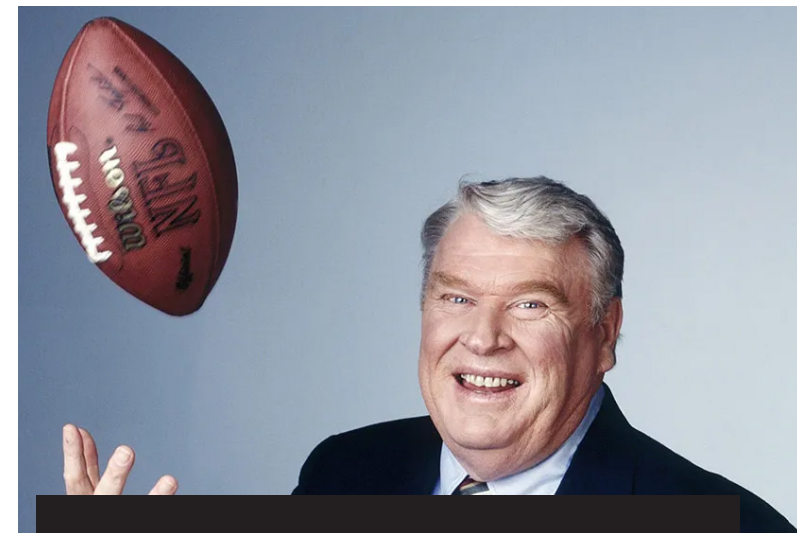
As the years have progressed the graphics of the game have gotten better as well as the gameplay, you can create your own player to look like you and go through franchise mode and lead your player to a super bowl. You can also do ultimate team where you make your dream team by collecting players cards that you can get from opening packs, the auction house, or by completing challenges, then you assemble your team and try to put the players with

the best chemistry on the field at the same time to try to go and win the Super Bowl.

Madden has been around for a long time; in fact EA is going on their 35th year in a row of releasing a new game and I think it’s safe to say that Madden has no signs of slowing down.



The 2024 Version of the Madden video game



Legendary coach and NFL Analyst John Madden he is the man that the Madden Video game is named after.



These are a couple photos of what the game looks like from Madden 24



Athletes Compete with the Mind

By Abby Smith

Many student athletes need to find a way to balance their schoolwork and their sports at the same time, some find this difficult and frustrating which affects their mental health.

Students planning for the future, financial worries, playing time, and family worries are factors impacting their mental health. Coaches and teams are trying to come up with a way to help their students overcome their stress during their season.

Under the NCAA constitution adopted in January 2022, each member school must facilitate an environment that reinforces physical and mental health within athletics by ensuring access to appropriate resources and open engagement with respect to physical and mental health. Athletes should look to this program for guidance and advice to navigate their anxieties.

Mental health can cause many complications during the season. Injuries, concussions, overtraining, sleep disorders, and anxiety also impact athletes engaged in high school sports causing mental health issues.

Students can also do many things themselves to help with their mental health: creating a support group, setting realistic goals, and researching mental health resources.

There are many ways that can help athletes to make sure you can complete all your work without stress.

Even though players like Harper Murray, J.J. McCarthy, and Paul Skenes come out every game with energy and liveliness, they could be dealing with stress outside of the court and outside the field.

When students play sports and go to school coaches tell them, Whatever is going on outside of the court none of it matters when you step on the court. This is one of the big reasons athletes are able to take those mental health issues and put aside all their stress and just play the game you love.

Conversely, whatever happens on court, none of that should matter when an athlete steps off it and focuses on their academic, social, and emotional world.



Harper Murray

Her mental health has made her make bad decisions while the season is going on, ending up in suspension.



Paul Skenes

Openly talks about his mental health with fans. Talking with other people about his mental health benefits his mental health.



J.J. McCarthy

Says that his schoolwork comes first and surrounding himself with people that also prioritize their schoolwork helps him.

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