

Do you have a sports fanatic in your family? Perhaps you're just looking for a great gift idea for an acquaintance who happens to live life for sports.

## Sports Gift



I may not watch every quarterback pass or care whether or not "so-in-so" got traded to the Knicks, but I am definitely a team player when it comes to giving gifts. Last year, my husband's sports teams were doing exceptionally well, especially his favorite NFL team. Being a team player doesn't mean I have to glue myself to the television set whenever his team takes to the field. It's the little things I do that lets him know I am listening and care about his interests.

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As the first blanket of snow covered the ground, we were well into the football season, which wasn't my favorite time of the year. Not only do I despise the icy cold weather and snowstorms, but I also dread when Sunday afternoon and Monday night rolls around. My husband sits uninterrupted for about 3 hours in front of the television for something he waits the entire week for. Out of all the sports he watches, I find football the most difficult to get into. With basketball, at least you can anticipate a dunk or an almost-impossible shot from a character you have seen on a Sprite commercial. With football, you wait for a touchdown or a fumble from a player you rarely get to identify with except for the number on his back. It just doesn't do it for me.

Week after week, I listened to how his favorite football team pulled through another game, until I eventually found myself watching all of the Playoffs. I must admit the energy and excitement of following a team playing for a chance to go to the championship was something quite unexpected. I was actually getting into the game,



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learning specific plays and scrutinizing the drag of the yardage chain. It was like watching a sports soap opera, complete with drama: the referees started cheating the team I was rooting for.

At the end of the game, through many emotional ups and downs I didn't know I could feel for a football game, our team was victorious. That year, the Super Bowl was being held less than 2 hours away from where we lived. Tickets were near impossible to get a hold of. As we watched the news regarding parades and events surrounding the Super Bowl, my husband would not be able to attend. I wanted him to have something that would connect him to the game when he watched it on the big screen.

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I knew I would be able to find something on the Internet, so I scanned the impressive list of football items on EBay until something caught my eye. The bright gold and black colors lassoed my attention, as I promptly purchased the Myron Cope's Official Terrible Towel, a must-have for any Pittsburgh Steelers fan. On the day of the Super Bowl, I presented him with the gift. He was ecstatic. During the game, he safety-pinned it around his head (looking ridiculous), but I guess this is what diehard fans do. As I scanned the crowd at the game, I saw much worse.

That night, the Steelers became the champions of the 2005 football season, but that didn't compare to the winning feeling I had from giving my husband a piece of the game to remember.

