

# WHAT TO BUY

## THE FAN-TASTIC SPORTS FAN-ATIC

► Yes, Ohio State versus Michigan is a legendary rivalry. At an early age, fans are expected to select a color — Scarlet or Blue. And for young football players, there's **youth footballs** for \$9.99 that support Ohio State and Michigan at *The Andersons*.

► The Wall-eye's popular **black alternate jersey**, identical to the one the Fish wear when they hit the ice, sells for \$105.95. *The Swamp Shops at Huntington Center and Fifth Third Field* also offer the team's **baby blue road jersey, home white jersey** and the **retro throwback jersey**, each for \$105.95.



▲ For those who like playing sports more than watching them, golf balls are always a much-appreciated gift for the linkster you know. A **12-pack of balls** can range in price from \$14.99-\$39.99 and come in all sorts of colors, including the traditional white. At *Dick's Sporting Goods*, there's an entire display of fluorescent yellow balls that are easier to spot in the fairway, or the woods, or the snow (for the more serious golfer, of course).

► Know someone who knows when to hold 'em and when to fold 'em? An **ESPN Poker Chip set** (\$49.99), which includes 300 11.5-gram casino grade poker chips, two decks of playing cards, five red dice, a dealer button, and a deluxe aluminum storage case can be found at *Dick's Sporting Goods*.

▲ **Mud Hens jerseys** can also be found, ranging in price from \$84.95 with sleeves or \$75.95 without. The Hens also have a boatload of **retro jerseys** (\$79.95) to choose from. There are also very stylish '47 **brand Walleye and Mud Hens hooded sweatshirts** (\$69.95), plus dozens of T-shirts for both teams. A particular favorite is the "Holy Toledo" **Mud Hens shirt** for \$17.95. If you have a newborn in your life, you can pick up a onesie that reads, "My First Walleye T-shirt" for \$12.95, or another that says, "I can't talk yet but I'm a Mud Hens fan!" for \$14.95. Available at *The Swamp Shops at Huntington Center and Fifth Third Field*.

▼ What fan's room decor would be complete without one, or two, of the "mini sticks" for sale at *The Swamp Shop*? You can even snag a **small-scale Sher-Wood hockey stick** (\$9.36) that feels just like the ones the pros use.

▲ As the *Swamp Shops* get into the spirit of the season, so can you — how about a **Mud Hens or Walleye ornament** for the Christmas tree (\$4.95)? Or how about a gift of tickets? Mud Hens opening day tickets went on sale yesterday, while the Walleye are back in town for four games in five days starting Wednesday.

▲ Present your favorite Bucknut with a replica of the jersey that Ohio State players will wear against arch-rival Michigan in The Game today at Ohio Stadium. The **Buckeyes' scarlet Nike Pro Combat rivalry jersey**, commemorating the school's 1942 championship team, can be purchased at *Dick's Sporting Goods* for \$80.

► Michigan and Ohio State enthusiasts might like the whimsical **Santa figurines decked out in their favorite team's apparel** for \$19.99 at *Dick's Sporting Goods*. Also available are Detroit Red Wings garden gnomes for \$12.99.

▲ If you're looking for a good "family" gift you all can share, there is a **Supershot Table Tennis Table** (\$249.99) at *Dick's Sporting Goods*. Don't forget to include the **36-pack of balls** (\$12.99) and a **paddle set** (\$29.99), which comes with four wooden paddles, three balls, and a caddy that holds the paddles and balls.