

# UNC CHARLOTTE LOOKS TO GO "ALL IN" WITH...

After going through a rebrand during the su

by Bryton Foster  
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New uniforms and logos have the UNC Charlotte campus buzzing with enthusiasm. With the Charlotte 49ers starting to become a resurgent in the sports world, some new looks will be shown on the field and court this year. The new logo looks to encompass much more than just its campus but instead the city of Charlotte as a whole. The changes were made to help Charlotte stay up to date with what fans

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CHARLOTTE ATHLETICS TAKE  
TASK OF RETURNING TO S

After months of being on the sidelines due to COVID-19, Charlotte Athletics

By Bradley Cole  
Sports Editor

The last time a Charlotte 49ers sports team competed in an NCAA event was in early March when both the women's basketball and softball teams picked up wins on Mar. 11.

Shortly after, Conference USA canceled all games

for the rest of the athletic season in order to stop

the spread of Covid-19. The rest is history.

Since then, life has become a lot different.

Masks and social distancing is the new normal.

And uncertainty is an everyday thing. One thing

is certain though, athletic events will look a lot

different this year and beyond. The days of

huge crowds are over for now.

Mike Hill and his

Now vaccine availability and eligibility can differ depending on the state. In North Carolina, Groups 1-3 are eligible for the vaccine. The NC Department of Health and Human Services said that Group 1

and questionnaires occur on

players and staff go in for

is practiced along with mask

season, football players will

three times a week by Conference USA.

Unlike other years, the out

to attend the football team's pre

It's no surprise the new protocols have been an

adjustment for everyone involved, but Hill likes

the progress that has been made by the teams

that have been back on the practice field.

"I give our coaches and our athletes a ton of

They are walking the walk," said Hill. "It's not

Part of why it's not easy because it's not a life

or death situation.

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the Charlotte athletic department, Hill

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LAUGH ON, WHINERS.



# The Unsung Heroes of UNC Charlotte

## The hero, anti-hero and villain of the pandemic

by Brandon Mitchell  
Country Fan

Since COVID-19 struck the world, there has been a growing trend of thanking essential workers for putting their lives on the line to uphold society. The public has showered nurses, firefighters and mail carriers with praise for their commitment in these trying times. Yet, many of the greatest heroes go unacknowledged.

### Cookout Employees: The Most Essential Workers

UNC Charlotte is a machine consisting of many crucial interwoven parts. However, there is one entity that protects the university from chaos, the Cookout on North Tryon Street. Even during a pandemic, they have worked day and night to ensure order and safety within this community.

Paul Robinson, a junior at UNC Charlotte, has worked at Cookout since February and is a prime example of the team's selflessness and heroism.

Robinson's humility shines through as he describes his typical workday.

"I get there in the morning," said Robinson. "I start prepping for shakes, then take orders either at the drive-through or the walk-up window. Usually, if it's busy enough, the day goes by pretty quickly."

Instead of bragging about his good deeds, Paul keeps his words short and lets his actions speak for him.

When asked about his motivations for working at Cookout, Robinson said, "It's just money."

Robinson doesn't do this for fame or social status. He does it because it's the right thing to do and because his

parents told him he needed a job.

Robinson also wanted to share a nugget of wisdom with the UNC Charlotte community. He recommends sticking to the drive-through for the quickest service.

"The outside lane usually has a quicker service time," said Robinson. "But it has a longer line if it's busy. That's just because people working the walk-up window help on stuff for them too."

### PATS:

#### The Antiheroes of the Pandemic

Like any good anti-hero, there is a good and bad side to UNC Charlotte's Department of Parking and Transportation

Services (PATS). Most students know the latter. However, the department does more than distribute exorbitant fines.

Beyond enforcing parking regulations, PATS manages the transportation services around campus. This includes the bus system and Niner Paratransit, which aids mobility impaired students to navigate campus.

The department also facilitated much of the University's COVID-19 response. For example, they facilitated the welcome-back kits for students.

"They were really instrumental in ordering and orchestrating all the welcome back to campus kits," said Robin Sutton, marketing director of UNC



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Charlotte's Division of Business Affairs. "There were 35,000 of them. And so we had to order all the pieces for them. We had to come up with a logistics team to put them in the bag and distribute them. It was a huge undertaking."

They were also responsible for finding hand sanitizer for the campus during a national shortage.

"When we were first trying to get supplies back in May and June," said Douglas Lape, director of PATS. "The simple things like hand sanitizer, masks and stuff, we really had to scrape to try to find that well."

Their team found a solution through two local distilleries.

"Some people have complained that the hand sanitizer on campus does smell a little like Captain Morgan's, but it works," said Lape. "You can smell it from a mile away, but I promise you those are going to be collector's items."

PATS might not be the students' favorite department on campus, and a lot of that frustration is valid. But, there are real people behind those automated parking tellers and fines left on your windshield. Plus, it's not like any of them have committed war crimes or anything, so it might be time to forgive and find a different outlet for your anger.

"I just always like to remind people that PATS are humans," said Sutton. "And we do get a lot of flack and a lot of hate. But at the end of the day, we try to make the best decisions we can for the students and keep them at the heart of everything we do."

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## Religious Verbal Harassers around Campus: The Villain

According to University policy, anyone is allowed to come on campus and say anything. As long as they don't threaten anyone, the University won't ask them to leave. As a result, several religious zealots use the student union plaza and Fretwell courtyard as their soapbox and shout obscenities at students trying to go to class.

"He told me I was a slut for wearing leggings," said Emilee Strohl, a junior at UNC Charlotte. "He also shouted 'whore' when I was running on campus in shorts. I just ignored it 'cause I know those people are just shouting out of their insecurities."

"But that man needs a muzzle

or something," Strohl said.

Unfortunately, Strohl's experience is not uncommon. Still, emotional trauma is a small price to pay to prevent the University from getting sued.

However, there is a positive to this situation. Those a-holes serve as an example of everything UNC Charlotte opposes. Their lives are so pathetic that they spend their days attempting to belittle students, who accomplish more in a day than they have in their lives.

It is almost admirable how committed they are to their toxic evangelism. Even in a pandemic, they show up on campus to hurl insults. If the Red Bull student ambassadors were that committed, they would be on this list.

Students should not admire these people but instead should admire themselves for not being those people.

You are the real heroes. You've been through several natural disasters, a shooting and a pandemic, and you're still here. Good job.



# UNC Charlotte uses science, logic to combat COVID-19

by Megan Bird  
Fake News Editor

**Author's note: This is a satire article and does not include accurate information concerning COVID-19. For up-to-date information, visit the Center for Disease Control's website or check out the Niner Times' more factual reporting.**

Unprecedented, uncertain: Both novel words to describe the novel coronavirus. The past year has been a confusing time for all of us, but at least UNC Charlotte has made each decision with nothing but science in consideration. As we move closer to herd immunity and the end of the school year, let's review some of the policies that have saved us all.

### Hallway arrows

Enter most UNC Charlotte buildings, and you will find arrows on the floor indicating which direction you should walk. They follow a complex epidemiological concept called "walk on the right." This concept stems from the 100% scientific fact that COVID-19 aerosol transmission only occurs in one direction. This way, when you pass another person in the hallway, you can ensure that you will come face-to-face with each other, and your respective aerosols will collide, effectively canceling each other out.

### Gym dress codes

Experts generally agree that one of the most effective ways to stop the transmission of coronaviruses is through policing women's bodies. In the fall semester, University Recreation did just that. We all know that gyms can be risky places, what with everyone breathing heavily. Fortunately, a gym employee kindly explained to the Niner Times; the gym prohibited patrons from exposing their midriffs and thighs—both parts of the body implicated in this respiratory disease. This policy is made all the more prudent in that it largely targets women, and the Y chromosome suppresses contagion.

### Off-campus apartment protocols

We couldn't write this article without acknowledging the creative solutions that off-campus apartments have devised for a very dangerous activity: picking up packages. In particular, RUSH used science-backed approaches to determine that packages should only be retrieved in 15-minute windows three times a day. This time crunch ensures that the maximum number of anti-maskers will be gathered together in the lobby—the "herd" component

to achieving herd immunity. This logic derives from studies that exposing yourself to a frat boy for five minutes is about as effective as certain vaccines.

### The Niner Health Check

But ultimately, it was the Niner Health Check that saved us all. The translucent glow of your phone lighting up at 4 a.m.—the "Niner Health Check Daily Screening" coyly asking "u up?"—was not only a crucial reminder that you should, in fact, NOT go to campus if you have tested positive for COVID-19 but a welcome source of virtual friendship. Goodbye UNC Charlotte bookstore emails; it's the Niner Health Check staving off the loneliness now.

In the end, the heroes aren't just the medical doctors, essential workers, or epidemiologists; they are the Noble Niners who came together to walk on the right side of the hallway and not expose their midriffs in the gym.

(But seriously, y'all—this deadly pandemic is still not over, so let's take our laughs and cover them with masks. Follow CDC guidelines, keep social distancing and get da vax!

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# THE SH\*T LIST



LIFESTYLE

## Rating my bathroom experiences across campus

by Brandon Mitchell  
Country Fan

As a student with the stomach lining of an elderly Chihuahua, I take my sh\*ts very seriously. If I eat anything remotely spicy, I have approximately 10 minutes before I am forced to excuse myself. Whether I'm with friends, in class or at work in the union, I have to be prepared to bolt at a moment's notice. It's not a happy life, but it has given me a unique authority to rate popular bathrooms around campus.

### SoVi Bathroom

For a bathroom located directly outside of a packed food hall, this place is surprisingly nice. It's not spotless, but it's clean enough to be comfortable. With only one stall, this isn't the place to unwind and enjoy your experience. But it's a fine place to quickly take care of business before you continue your day. Three out of five wipes.

### Upper Cone Bathroom

Avoid this bathroom if possible. As one of the few places on campus that hasn't been renovated in the last decade, it feels out of place and out of time. Every time I am unfortunate enough to have to use it, I fear I will exit its aged, beaten stalls and be transported to another slightly worse universe. Its very presence gives me existential dread, and for that, I give it one out of five wipes.

### Tenth Floor Library Bathroom

If you want to poop like a king, this is the place for you. The single-person bathrooms atop the tallest building on campus provide unparalleled solitude and regality. It takes effort to reach, so it should be reserved for planned shits. But when

you conquer that peak, it'll feel like you're shitting on Everest. Four out of five wipes.

### SAC Bathrooms

This is another good pitstop along your route to class. The two single-person bathrooms are typically empty and well-maintained. I've used this bathroom less than the others on this list, but I'm never disappointed when I do. I'm also tempted to give it extra points for being gender-neutral, but I won't because that should be the standard. Three out of five wipes.

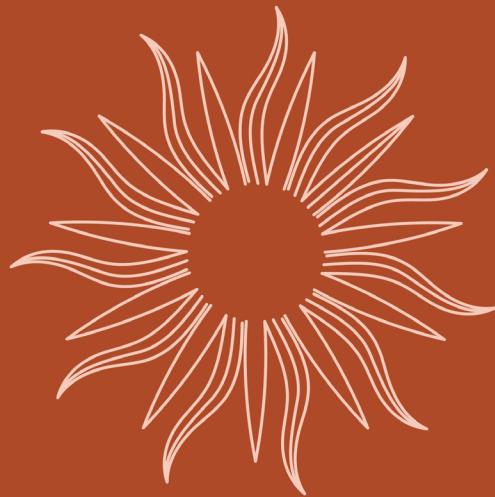
### Lower Level Union Bathroom

During my life, I have experienced many places which I have considered home, but none of them deserve that title more than the quiet stalls outside of the Niner Media offices. Every dump I take there feels akin to meditation. Untouched by the chaotic foot traffic of floors above, shitting there feels better than peeling that thin layer of plastic off a new phone. Readers, if any of you ruin this place for me, you will be taking away the only thing that brings me joy. Five out of five wipes.

Like the vaccine, the best option for bathrooms is often the one accessible to you. The campus is littered with toilets that very drastically in quality. My advice is to find that one toilet that makes you feel something deep down inside, and take a little piece of it with you as you traverse the fecal fairways of life.

Photo by  
Brandon Mitchell





# WHAT'S YOUR SIGN?

TWO FIRE SIGNS ATTEMPT TO READ THE STARS

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After weeks of studying the stars, and astrology.com, we have developed a unique knowledge about the signs that only a Sagittarius and Aries can acquire. And what better place to show off our knowledge than here in the Whiner Times?

The following insights are based on our own experiences and encounters with each of the signs. For the people that don't believe in horoscopes, you are probably right. But we don't quite care about your feelings. Like our Queen Demi Lovato says, "sorry, not sorry." Try not to be offended.

## How they break up with you

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
Emails you a letter on google docs

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)  
In-person with fake remorse

Aries (March 21-April 19)  
Ghosts you then blocked

Taurus (April 20-May 20)  
A good morning text

Gemini (May 21-June 20)  
Accuses you of cheating first

Cancer (June 21-July 22)  
Cries a lot

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Forgets to text back because they were on a date

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
Reads you the pros and cons list, but it's just cons

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
Takes you on a date, then breaks up with you

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
Cheats and got caught

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
Went on a "break" first

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
Tells you they need space to work on themselves

## Why the signs didn't graduate

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
Didn't complete their internship because they got bored of it

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)  
Dropped out to pursue music

Aries (March 21-April 19)  
Got kicked out

Taurus (April 20-May 20)  
They graduated, just a couple of years late

Gemini (May 21-June 20)  
Dropped out because life isn't about the degree

Cancer (June 21-July 22)  
Moved back in with mom to help around the house

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)  
Too caught up in life to complete their assignments

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
They got a more practical job opportunity

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
Couldn't decide on a major

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
They graduated early

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
Partied too much

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
They did graduate, just after transferring schools

## The signs as noteworthy UNC Charlotte figures

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
Campus skateboarders

Like your average Aquarius, these

fellas are unwilling to compromise and will bulldoze you during your peaceful walk to your 8 a.m. class.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)  
The people handing out the New Testament on campus

Not unlike the relentless religious people handing out the New Testament, Pisces are fearful and prefer not to be criticized. If you've ever had to say the words "no thanks, I'm not religious," or "I already got one" (even though you didn't), you've been a victim of their Pisces energy.

Aries (March 21-April 19)  
The Chick Fil A worker that doesn't get paid enough to deal with you

Foodservice workers already have to put up with a lot of bullsh\*t. Now top that off with entitled college students that think it's your fault they're late for class, and you've got the makings for Aries-like rage. It's the only Chick Fil A where it's not their pleasure.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)  
Chancellor Gaber on a scooter

Like a Taurus, Chancellor Gaber is reliable, responsible and values practicality. What is more practical than a scooter to get our administrator around campus?

Gemini (May 21-June 20)  
Norm the Niner

Geminis are known for being inconsistent and fake. You'll never know the real Norm, just like you'll never know a real Gemini.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)  
UNC Charlotte Bookstore emails

Cancers are known for being emotional and crying a lot, and UNC Charlotte Bookstore emails make us want to cry. No further explanation necessary.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)  
Dick Beekman

Because who doesn't like Dick?

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
PATS

Virgos are known for liking organization and being overly-critical of others. For PATS, this includes excessively booting cars and sticking to rules, no matter how ridiculous they are. This radiates major Virgo energy.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
The nice cleaning lady saying "good morning" when it's been a long night™

We all know that one cleaning lady always there during your walk back from a late night at the library or your walk of shame. This woman is gentle, gracious and means no harm. This is why she embodies Libra qualities.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
The geese

Scorpios are known for being annoying, crazy and territorial. If the geese have ever crossed your path, you see the resemblance. If they haven't, consider yourself lucky.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
A shirtless Coach Healy

We all remember the video of newly-hired Coach Healy celebrating a win shirtless in the locker room. Is this not similar to your Sagittarius friend that respectfully goes a little too hard sometimes?

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
Niner Times (official student newspaper of UNC Charlotte).

The official news source of UNC Charlotte embodies Capricorn traits because they're responsible, informative, yet skeptical. Their self-righteousness is only balanced by the lack of attention they got as children. Please come write for us...



# MY ABSOLUTELY PERFECT 5 A.M. MORNING ROUTINE

by Olivia Lawless  
Chief Managing Officer

Your morning sets the tone for your whole day, which means you need to calculate every part of your routine carefully. If you don't, you're wasting your life. Don't waste your life with sleep, work, or spending time with family. Waking up super early every morning and getting a week's worth of things done in two hours isn't even that hard. Here's how I do it.

I roll out of bed every morning at exactly 5 a.m. because when you are truly in tune with your bodily intentions and practice consistency, you don't need an alarm. I actually phased my alarm out when I was nine-years-old and decided I wasn't going to be lazy anymore. Since then, I have just used my natural passion for life as fuel to wake up at the same time every day, immediately turn on the lights and get straight to work—no, I don't make my bed first. I invested in sheets that fold and

neaten themselves, so I'm not wasting time that I could use to get my blood pumping.

As soon as my feet hit the floor, I go into jumping jacks to pre-warm up for my five-mile run warmup. This is probably the most important part of your morning. You need to be sure you are sandblasting your consciousness into this hellish awareness first thing, or your morning simply will not be the same. After doing my pre-warm up, I do some stretches and then hit that five-mile run without music. It's better for your brain that way, trust me.

It is now 6 a.m. Once I get back from my warmup run, the real work begins. I do about an hour of high-intensity cardio with weights mixed in at random intervals. The key is to keep your body guessing. Putting your body under extreme stress is great for focus.

That's why, right after I'm done exercising, I start journaling and setting my

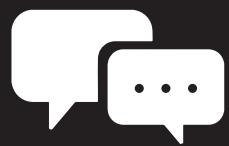
intentions for the day. These usually look something like this: "I will elevate my focus to the level of my true potential. Today will be keto-friendly and macronutrient balanced. I am going to invest." This helps you make sure you're not just wasting your days with frivolities (I never waste a day).

By now, it is about 6:30 a.m. I sit down in the middle of my room and let the delicious golden sun pouring into the open windows energize my soul, really taking the time to connect with sunlight. This strengthens my internal clock. Anybody with a respectable sleep schedule will tell you that they do this at least twice a day.

After a few minutes of sun-connection, I take a shower with the water temperature set to 20 degrees to energize my cells. While I'm getting dressed, I brush my teeth with non-GMO organic toothpaste and listen to a podcast on 4x speed so my subconscious mind will absorb knowledge.

Around 7 a.m., I have a breakfast of chia seeds, pumpkin seeds, flax seeds, sunflower seeds, hemp seeds, and pomegranate seeds—basically a little bit of every seed because everybody knows seeds are good for you. They're high in omega-3s, B4s, H12s, J20s, and whatnot. I blend those seeds up and put them in the protein powder, which I take as a dry shot. (Not everybody has the discipline to take their protein dry). Now, I am finally ready to start my day. I slip on my Egyptian cotton pajamas and take a 21-hour beauty nap.

I'm not telling you this is the perfect morning routine, but I will say this: my doctor tells me that I have a newborn baby's vitals. The brilliance of my smile blinds birds. Most importantly, I am the happiest and most successful person you will ever meet. So you tell me—does my morning routine work or what?



OPINIONATED

# ZOOM UNIVERSITY

## An argument for Zoom's superior educational services

by Issac Naylor  
Opinionated Person

What comes to mind when you think of the future? Flying cars, artificial intelligence or Elon Musk's mansion on Mars? Well, forget all of that because humanity has found the eighth wonder of the world: Zoom Video Communications. Skype, WebEx and Google Meet bit the dust at the firing squad.

Most people feel that having a social life and human connection is overrated. Have you ever talked face-to-face with someone and thought, "This would be better on a computer screen hundreds of miles away from you." Who needs friends when Zoom provides breakout rooms that feel emotionally draining and mentally taxing? Who needs coherent conversations when connection issues can turn a video lecture into a slideshow? Who needs sunshine when your computer brightness can always be cranked up? And it's a free program? Well, sign me up.

Students aren't the only ones who win big with Zoom; professors also reap the benefits. For professors, hosting daily onslaughts of Zoom lectures for 20 to 200 deer in the headlights must be the highlight of their day, as well as the crippling assembly line of grading. The daily juggle between Zoom and Canvas has both students and professors experiencing varying degrees of burnout. Never has class been so exhausting yet sedentary; it's traveling without moving if you will.

Moving back home was a decision most students never thought that they would have to make so soon, if ever at all. Managing time for classes feels much harder in the face of inescapable distractions such as barking dogs, ringing telephones and screaming toddlers. As a product of the extended-stay indoors, cabin

fever has gifted most students with bursts of procrastination. Virtual multitasking has become an extra elective for every student for the past year.

Professors demand absolute focus during remote learning, but the moment a text from the group chat pops up, the average attention span withers away and becomes all Instagram and Netflix with occasional bits and pieces of the lecture.

Due to the ongoing pandemic and the lovely situation we all find ourselves in, travel has become a distant memory for

most people. However, with the click of the filter option on Zoom, you can be anywhere from the picturesque streets of Paris to the Mariana Trench depths. You can be the life of a properly socially-distanced party or the very first human to walk on the Sun. Traveling abroad has become a game of Russian roulette with an infectious virus, while traveling on campus has shrunk to a household miniature. Dining halls became dining rooms; dorm rooms became childhood bedrooms (complete with all the flashbacks of high school trauma); the gym

became the early morning mad dash five feet to your computer and sitting for the entire day.

And, let's not forget about the joy of early morning classes. Instead of blaming the traffic when you find yourself late for that 8 a.m. class, tell the professor that there were "unexpected connection issues," and you should be fine. Many critics of Zoom claim that technical issues have been the hallmark of the online learning experience. They say that most students must endure criminally awkward Zoom classes where half of the class keeps their cameras turned off, the other half is sound asleep, and there's always one guy eating food unmuted. These dissenters insist that Zoom classes' monotony has led to the complete breakdown of communication in the classroom.

We must not forget that Zoom has spoiled us lest we return to ancient times. Long ago in the before times, students resorted to physically raising their hands and uttering questions in front of their professors. Now, Zoom has endowed every student with the convenient chat feature, so now we can all barely participate in our classes.

Zoom is a phenomenon that has gripped the world with its virtual majesty. Pay no mind to the platform's meetings not being encrypted end-to-end (despite misleading marketing) or leaking user email addresses and photographs to strangers. We can even forget Zoom's handover of data to Facebook (which sparked class-action lawsuits) or the FBI's warning against privacy dangers and potential security breaches. (It almost makes you wonder whether Zoom was the real virus the whole time.)



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# WHAT'S SPORTSBALL?

## AN IN-DEPTH EXPLANATION OF THE SPORTSBALLS



SPORTSBALL

by Bradley Cole, Sportsball Watcher

Miles Ruder, Sportsball Fan

For anyone who comes across the sports page, it's easy to tell we're passionate about it and very knowledgeable about various sports.

However, if you aren't involved in sports, you likely refer to those who play sports or watch it as "sports ball" people.

Do you refer to sports as "sports ball" when you're out with your friends? Do they give you a hard time when you ask a million questions about what's going on?

Well, we are here to help. We'll explain what "sports ball" is and how different sports ball sports are played.

### Football

Those that don't watch sports often ask: "How can you sit and watch people tackle each other for three hours? How is that fun?" Well, that's football. For those wondering, this is the sport that most guys spend all day watching on Sundays during the fall. Most guys also spend hours and hours assembling a fantasy football team just for it to collapse within a couple of weeks.

There are two teams with 11 players on the field for each team. One team tries to score, and the other tries to prevent them from scoring. When they reach the scoring area at the end of the field, teams score, known as the end zone, teams can score by kicking the ball between two yellow uprights, but those that kick aren't considered football players.

### Basketball

This is the sport LeBron James plays. Michael Jordan was also pretty good. The goal is to get the ball into a net. The team with the most buckets wins.

Teams earn more points by scoring from a farther distance, also known as the three-point line. Back in the day, players would beat the sh\*t out of each other just to get to the basket. Today, however, people just

shoot from as far as possible.

### Baseball

"Take me out to the ballgame!" Known as America's Pastime, baseball involves a long, wooden object and a rubber ball. A player stands in a batter box, attempting to hit the rubber ball, while a man stands on a dirt mound and throws the ball really hard. Sometimes a player gets hit while in the batter box, but that's baseball.

Baseball lasts nine innings, and some

Soccer is where each of two teams has 11 players each. Those are players trying to get a ball weighing from 14-16 oz inside a 24x8 net. It's harder than it sounds. Sometimes this sport can be very boring and end in a 0-0 tie.

### Golf

Like baseball, golf involves hitting a ball with a long object, known as a golf club. The goal is to hit the ball into a circle about the size of a kitchen sinkhole.

This sport isn't for everyone as most

### Tennis

Tennis is basically professional badminton. Instead of a birdie, there's a tennis ball that you would probably give to your dog. But instead, you hit that ball back-and-forth for what seems like forever with a racket. After going back and forth, whoever lets the ball hit the ground twice on the opponent's side will earn a point that goes towards winning a set. The matches are the best of five (men's) and three sets (women's).

### Hockey

This is the most interesting sport by far. It's a sport where there are six players (mostly comprised of Canadians) on the ice at the time. The goal is to get a puck that is one inch thick and three inches in diameter inside of the net using a stick made out of graphite. Oh, the players are also skating on ice with ice skates. To sum it up: hockey is a bunch of grown men beating each other up to score a goal. Every now and then, we see a fight break out. Additionally, the game is really against the refs. About 98% of the refs are absolute trash and only think about themselves. Also if you say you are a Detroit Red Wings fan, no you aren't.

### Volleyball

Volleyball is a sport that can be played in a lot of different places. Sometimes that's on the beach but mainly on the court. There are six players on each team trying to keep a ball up. If that ball falls, the other team gets the point. Whoever gets to 25 and wins by two, wins the set. The game is best of five sets.

This is a sport with a lot of moving parts and a lot of yelling. But if you're one for a lot of movement and confusion, this sport might be for you.

We hope you made it down here and read about all these sport we love dearly.



games can go on for a while. The longest baseball game went 26 innings. Also, in between the seventh inning, you better get up and stretch. This sport has become known for "Thirsty Thursday," where beers are insanely cheap.

### Soccer/Futbol

For trivia lovers, this is the most popular sport worldwide. America is just coming around to "futbol" mainly because we suck at it. If you've ever heard of the term "flopping," this is the sport where that happens.

### Cross Country

"Run, Forrest, Run!" This is cross country. You run long distances until you reach the finish line and most likely throw up your guts when you get there. Imagine running your daily one-mile jog around the park 10-15 times for hours.



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# A DEFENSE OF MACKLEMORE'S 2012 MASTERPIECE: "THE HEIST"

by Max Young  
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Seven years ago, we witnessed the greatest victory in Grammy History. Benjamin "Ben" "Macklemore" Haggerty and Ryan Lewis outright destroyed, obviously, sub-par artists in the "Best Rap Album" category. Who even listens to Drake? Kendrick Lamar doesn't know what it's like to grow up in the mean Seattle suburbs. Daft Punk isn't even a band anymore so Kanye lost that one. And Jay-Z is a billionaire 1%er now; we eat the rich here. I think I can speak for the entire Macklemore community when I say that "snubbers," those who think the Grammy went to the wrong artist, are entirely tone-deaf and out of touch.

"The Heist" doesn't deserve the flack it regularly gets on the Twitter. This album undoubtedly deserves higher praise, it should have listening supremacy. The "Heist" is the Bible of music. Here is an in-depth analysis of why the "snubbers" were inherently wrong and have misinformed opinions about the popular music.

## Track #1: Ten Thousand Hours

This piece, in essence, embarks on one man's journey to success by persevering through personal hardship. The only way to come out of trauma is to work. Working brings money; money brings happiness.

MACKLEMORE & RYAN LEWIS  
THE HEIST

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## Track #2: Can't Hold Us

This song is beyond iconic. For example, when compared to Kanye's "Blood On The Leaves," you just don't feel the same camaraderie you see in "Can't Hold Us." This tune in one word is empowering, and I think "Blood On The Leaves" is too intense. Because the world really isn't that bad if you think about it.

## Track #3: Thrift Shop

The reason white people started gentrifying Goodwill.

## Track #4: Thin Line (feat. Buffalo Madonna)

This song is about how people can be mean. Everyone knows that rappers can be mean to each other. It's just that they are jealous of what Haggerty has: talent.

## Track 5: Same Love (feat. Mary Lambert)

The biggest criticism of Haggerty's music is that he raps like he's had it rough and that he hasn't really dealt with hardships like other artists. But I say that's not true. His uncle is gay, so he gets it.

## Track #6: Make The Money

Since rapping isn't that profitable of a profession, Haggerty pleads listeners to see him as a "real one." He doesn't see money as you would.

## Track #7: Neon Cathedral

This song is every Christian soccer mom's favorite jam. The internal struggles Haggerty is contemplating really shows a fragility that can be seen in everyone. "A thief at night," more like a thief in my heart.

## Track #8: BomBomb

I think the best part of this song is that Haggerty doesn't rap—and the fireworks that remind you of what it means to be a proud American.

## Track #9: White Walls (feat. ScHoolboy Q & Hollis)

The chorus is pretty good, I guess. Personally, I only listen to the Hollis and ScHoolboy Q parts.

## Track #10: Jimmy Iovine (feat. Ab-Soul)

Who's Jimmy Iovine?

## Tracks: #11-15

After listening to all of these songs for this article, it makes me agree this is actually kind of a bad album. "Wings" is just terrible. The album is called "The Heist," and the only thing that was stolen was my time. I don't even know if this article was funny. I tried desperately to argue that Macklemore's "The Heist" is worth a listen. It isn't.

This is the most controversial award given at the Grammys in recent history. I think hating this album is extremely valid when comparing to the other nominees. Kanye is one of the most influential producers of our generation. Kendrick and Jay-Z are two of the most respected voices in Rap. And Drake is from Canada so that's kinda cool. If you lasted this long, I can confess that I don't really listen to Rap music that much. I hope you continue to sh\*t on Grammy snubs in order to keep the Academy accountable when giving out arbitrary awards.

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