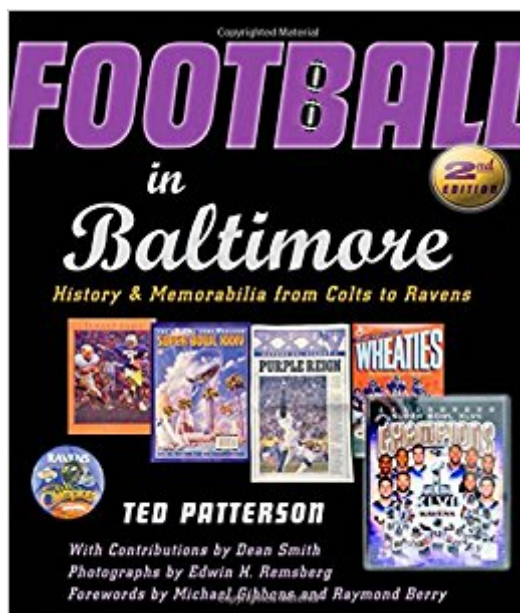


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Football In Baltimore: History And Memorabilia From Colts To Ravens



Synopsis

The second edition of Ted Patterson's illustrated history of football in Baltimore continues the story of the Ravens' success from their first Super Bowl victory in 2001 to the emotional parade through downtown Baltimore after winning Super Bowl XLVII. Patterson is joined by Baltimore poet and sports aficionado Dean Smith, whose new chapters capture the energy of Purple Fridays, the larger-than-life personalities of Ray Lewis, Hall of Famer Jonathan Ogden, Jamal Lewis, Matt Stover, Ed Reed, and Joe Flacco, and the city's embrace of the Ravens as a reflection of Baltimore itself. Football in Baltimore is a tour of one of the world's premier collections of Baltimore sports memorabilia highlighting memorable games and players and exploring a pop culture that surrounded and has survived them. Patterson moved to Baltimore in what turned out to be the final decade of the Baltimore Colts and has amassed a remarkable collection of items that both collectors and sports fans will enjoy. Patterson introduces us to the teams and early stars of Johns Hopkins and Morgan State; Army-Navy games in old Municipal Stadium; high-school rivalries like City-Poly, Loyola-Calvert Hall, Gilman-McDonogh, and the great years of Patterson High; the original Colts (colors silver and green); and, at considerable length, the legendary Baltimore Colts of Johnny Unitas, Lenny Moore, Raymond Berry, Alan "the Horse" Ameche, Artie Donovan, Bert Jones, and Lydell Mitchell. He includes the next chapters in this eventful story: the fight to bring pro football back to the city, the dawn of the Ravens era, and the building of a new football stadium in downtown Baltimore.

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"Ted Patterson's meticulously researched Football in Baltimore, now featuring Dean Smith's championship update, perfectly captures the magical tour-de-force of Baltimore football, as played and celebrated along the shores of Chesapeake." (from the foreword by Michael Gibbons, executive director, Sports Legends Museum)

"The text of Football in Baltimore is lively, sportswriter recall plus interviews; strong on names and scores." (James Bready Baltimore Sun)

Very pleased

I have been waiting 13 years for the first edition of this book to be updated. I am shockingly disappointed in the result. The first edition of this book is a treasure and deserves to be in the library of every Baltimore football fan. However, the second edition adds nothing of value. The second edition adds two chapters that begin where the first edition ended (the Ravens 1999 season) and tells the story of the Ravens two Super Bowl runs. However these new chapters are written by Dean Smith, not original author Ted Patterson. More importantly, the new chapters fail to include ANY photographs of Ravens memorabilia (except for a small set of new color inserts). Instead, it relies on player photographs for illustrations. In comparison, Ted Patterson made extensive use of Colts, Ravens and other football memorabilia to illustrate the first edition of the book. That is what made the first edition so special - it contained scores of photos of programs, football cards, ticket stubs, advertising give aways, schedules, autographs, etc. What were the editors thinking with this edition? After all, the book is subtitled, "History and Memorabilia from Colts to Raven." However, as mentioned above, the new chapters do not showcase any memorabilia. Where are the photos of the Ravens Super Bowl programs, press pins, and tickets stubs, for starters? How about some photos of the Super Bowl rings? How about some football cards? What is particularly discouraging is that after Super Bowl XXXV, Ted Patterson did write an updated online chapter that was extensively illustrated with memorabilia from the Ravens 2000 season. I know this because I printed out a copy of it years ago. It would have been very easy to adapt this for the second edition. However, it is nowhere to be found. Additionally, the overall quality of the 2nd edition pales when compared to the first edition. The 2nd edition is printed on a cheaper grade of paper and the print quality, including photographs, is not as sharp as the first edition. In summary, this feels like it was quickly rushed to print to capitalize on the Raven's recent Super Bowl success. If you already own the first edition of

this book, there is no real need to purchase the second edition. If you don't own the first edition, I would recommend that you try and track it down as opposed to buying this edition. I rate the first edition 5 stars. I rate the new material added as well as the decreased quality at a minus 2 stars. Hence, the 3 star rating.

I am from Maryland and I have lived here for all but the first 5 years of my life. However I grew up a lot closer to DC than Baltimore so football for me has always meant the Redskins. I picked up this book due to my interest in pro football in this area . . . that part of the book was great! But the early part of the book dealing with the college and high school was painful to read. Quite frankly it read like it had been written by about 5 different authors and cobbled together. There was no flow and it was difficult to read and therefore not very enjoyable. The rest of the book was fine and thoroughly enjoyable!

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