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# Sports Then and Now

**What is Sports Then and Now?:** The history of sports in America is long and glorious, but too often the athletes, moments and memories of the past are forgotten when analyzing the issues and events of the current sports world. *Sports Then and Now* takes the “hot button” issues of today’s sports world and looks at them in the context of sports history.

*Sports Then and Now* is intended to be a “one stop shop” where sports fans can talk about current sports topics while also reminiscing about great players, teams, games and moments from the past.

**Sports Then and Now Network:** The *Sports Then and Now* Network consists of a national site covering sports across the country and world as well as three city specific sites dedicated to the sports teams, athletes and memories in Baltimore, Boston and Chicago.

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**Site Creator:**

*Sports Then and Now* is the brainchild of **Dean Hybl**, a sports historian and journalist with a background in college and professional sports. Dean has worked in sports public relations for the Philadelphia Eagles, Richmond Braves, James Madison Dukes, Rollins Tars and Hampden-Sydney Tigers. He also served six years as the head statistician for the Capital One Bowl and occasionally serves as a talent spotter for ESPN, Westwood One and the Compass Sports Network.

Since starting *Sports Then and Now*, Dean has had articles featured by the Wall Street Journal Daily Buzz and on the ESPN Sweet Spot Blog. His articles have also appeared on CBS Sportsline and Bleacher Report. Dean recently penned a popular series looking at the Best Players at Each Position Not in the Pro Football Hall of Fame. He also has done features on the 1994 Montreal Expos, the Chicago College Football All-Star Game, and the evolution of quarterbacks in the NFL. His column “Waiting for the Weekend” appears every Friday.

**Featured Writers:**

*Sports Then and Now* features a number of talented writers including **Joe Gill** (Boston, NFL, NHL, Columnist), **J.A. Allen** (Tennis, College Football, Big Ten Football), **Todd Civin** (Baseball, Features, Boston Red Sox), **Nick Gelso** (NBA, Boston Celtics), **Jacob Nitzberg** (Baseball, Chicago Cubs), **Jake Perper** (Football, Chicago Bears), **Blaine Spence** (Special Features), **Matt Taylor** (Baltimore Orioles), **Scott Weldon** (NHL), and **John Howell** (Special Features).

**Special Features:**

Among the regular features of *Sports Then and Now* is a daily “On This Date” capsule, a weekly “Vintage Athlete of the Week” for each site and a weekly “Classic Rewind” that looks at one NFL game from the past featuring two teams that will match up on the field during the upcoming week.

**Interview Opportunities:**

Dean, as well as any of the *Sports Then and Now* feature writers, is available to serve as a subject expert for any issue related to current sports and their connection to sports history. You can contact Dean directly at [Dean@sportsthenandnow.com](mailto:Dean@sportsthenandnow.com) or 407.739.9969.

**Link Exchange:**

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