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THE WEEK THAT WAS

Brian's Take recaps 20 MSB opinion takes published during the week. These are the key conclusions from MSB's reporting, analysis and game coverage....

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Jackson Holliday's Injury-Plagued 2026 Season Leaves Orioles Wanting More: MSB Grade C+...

Jackson Holliday's 2026 season was disappointing, but MSB is not ready to label it alarming. It is difficult to judge a young hitter's power and consistency when he underwent right hamate surgery before the season, experienced setbacks during rehabilitation and eventually required surgery on his left wrist after playing through discomfort. The injuries likely...

2

Jim Palmer Says Craig Albernaz Ignored His Advice, Adding Another Problem to Difficult First Season...

Jim Palmer's suggestion might not have fixed Colton Cowser. That is not really the point. The point is that a three-time Cy Young Award winner, Hall of Famer and Orioles legend with more than six decades around the organization apparently reached out to Baltimore's rookie manager with an idea intended to help one of the team's most important young players. According to...

3

Ravens Make Major Move, Acquire Two-Time Pro Bowl Center Cam Jurgens From Eagles...

This is the kind of move the Ravens needed to make. Baltimore's offensive line injuries reached the point where continuing to patch the center position with emergency options was becoming increasingly difficult to justify, particularly for a team that still expects to contend. Jurgens immediately gives the Ravens a proven player with championship experience...

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Ravens Injury Update: Lamar Jackson Could Miss Multiple Games; Durham Smythe Out for Season...

The Smythe news hurts, but everything revolves around Jackson. Baltimore should not rush him back for one October game if doing so increases the possibility that the ankle becomes a lingering problem for the rest of the season. The Ravens are 3-1, Huntley has proven he can keep the offense functional, and Baltimore's ultimate goals extend well beyond beating...

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THIS WEEK IN MARYLAND SPORTS

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South Carolina Stingrays Announce 28-Player 2026 Ice Hockey Training Camp Roster...

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

Washington Capitals Look to Continue Strong Start Against Surging New York Rangers in Metropolitan Division Showdown...

QUOTE OF THE WEEK



If you don't talk about it,
there's no chance of doing it.

UPCOMING WEEK

More Maryland sports coverage, schedules
and breaking news are ahead.

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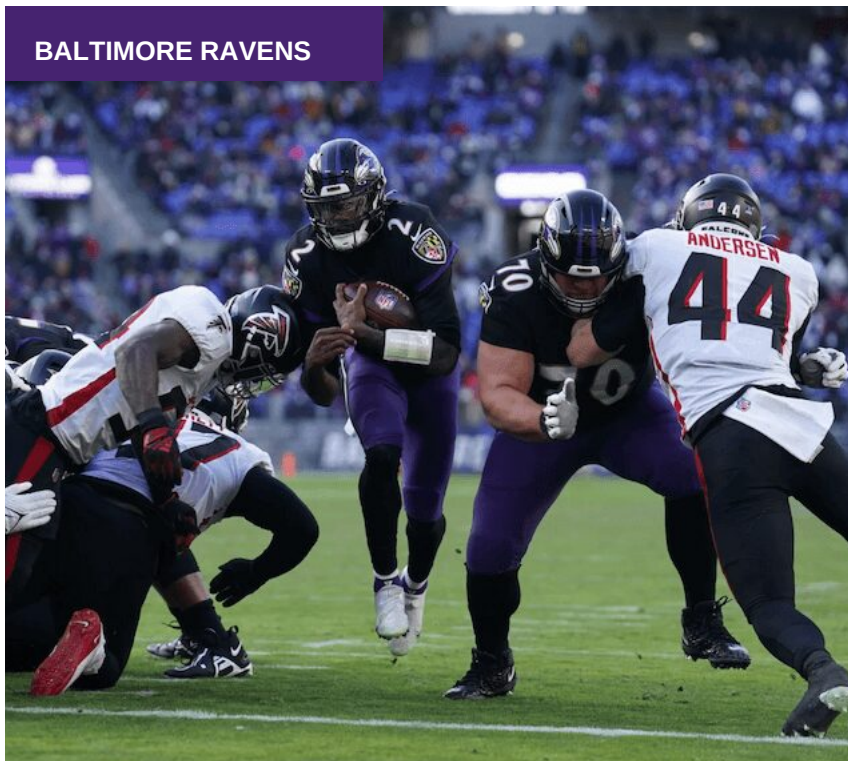


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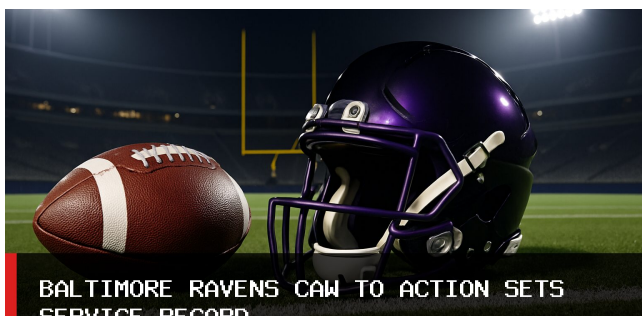
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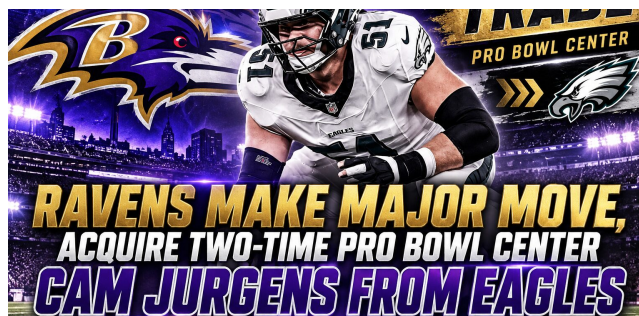
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Ravens Cruise Past Titans, Lose More to Injury

On a rainy, injury-plagued Sunday afternoon at M&T Bank Stadium, the Baltimore Ravens survived a second-half surge from the winless Tennessee Titans to hold.....

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Ravens Injury Update: Lamar Jackson Could Miss Multiple Games; Durham Smythe Out for Season...

The Baltimore Ravens escaped Sunday's game against the Tennessee Titans with a 24-18 victory and a 3-1 record, but the cost...

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South Carolina Stingrays Announce 28-Player 2026 Ice Hockey Training Camp...

The South Carolina Stingrays and Jesse Kallechy will begin a 28-player 2026 ice hockey training camp Oct. 10 at the North Charleston Coliseum....



Washington Capitals Look to Complete Perfect Homestand Against High-Scoring Seattle Kraken...

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Capitals Rally Past Rangers 3-1 as Jenner Scores Game-Winner, Thompson Shines...

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Capitals Defeat Penguins 5-3 in Emotional Home Opener as Tom Wilson Leads Washington to Vict...

Maryland Sports Blog | NHL | October 8, 2026 WASHINGTON The Washington Capitals defeated the Pittsburgh Penguins 5-3 Wednesday...

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South Carolina Stingrays Add Hunter Bishop as Player Development Coach...

The South Carolina Stingrays have added Hunter Bishop as Player Development Coach after his previous stint with the organization from 2022 to 2024....

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Penguins vs. Capitals Preview: Washington Opens Home Schedule Against Pittsburgh...

The Washington Capitals return to Capital One Arena Wednesday night for their 2026-27 home opener against one of their oldest rivals, the Pittsburgh Penguins.....

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South Carolina Stingrays Hockey Add Tyler Kopff, Ludwig Persson and Jalen Luypen...

The South Carolina Stingrays added forwards Tyler Kopff, Ludwig Persson and Jalen Luypen through transactions involving the Washington Capitals and Hershey Bears....

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Alex Ovechkin Announces Final NHL Season: Capitals Fans Need to Cherish Every Second of The Great...

By Brian Hradsky For more than two decades, Washington Capitals fans have been able to count...

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St. Mary's College of Maryland men's soccer fell 2-1 at Salisbury after Zach Blaum scored his seventh goal of the season and Noah Blankensop...



McBride's Late Goal Lifts Navy Past Army 4-3 in Thrilling Army-Navy Cup XV...

| October 11, 2026 The Navy Midshipmen defeated the Army Black Knights 4-3 Friday night in...



Jenna Duke's Double-Overtime Goal Lifts Mansfield Over Frostburg State University Women's Field...

Jenna Duke scored in double overtime as Mansfield defeated Frostburg State University women's field hockey, 2-1, on Oct. 10 in...

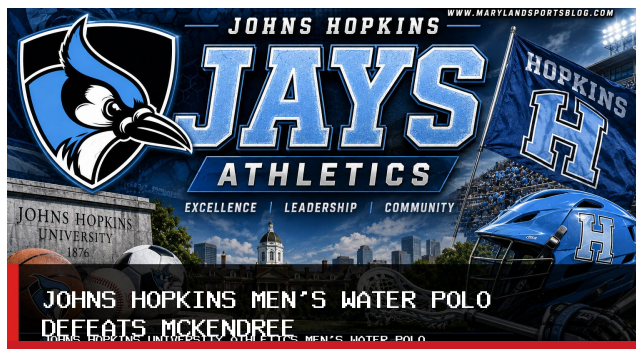
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Towson s Comeback Falls Short as Stony Brook Hands Tigers 31-24 Defeat Despite Career Day From...

| October 11, 2026 The Towson Tigers suffered another frustrating defeat Saturday...

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Johns Hopkins University Athletics Men s Water Polo Defeats McKendree 20-10 Behind Max Blecher s Four...

Johns Hopkins University Athletics men's water polo defeated McKendree 20-10 as Max Blecher scored four goals and the Blue Jays improved to 10-6.

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University of Maryland, Baltimore County Swimming & Diving Programs Post Three Individual Wins at N...

The University of Maryland, Baltimore County Swimming & Diving programs posted three individual wins and additional podium finishes against Navy and William & Mary.....

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Morgan State Stuns Robert Morris 28-27 With Last-Second Touchdown in Homecoming Thriller...

By Brian Hradsky | October 11, 2026 The Morgan State Bears pulled off another remarkable comeback Saturday afternoon, defeating the Robert Morris Colonials.....

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Salisbury University women s volleyball extends winning streak to six with Stevenson, Susqueha...

Salisbury University women's volleyball defeated Stevenson and Susquehanna at Owings Mills Gymnasium to extend its winning streak to six matches.

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Bowie State Bulldogs Shut Out Winston-Salem, Extend Win Streak to Three...

Bowie State University men s football defeated Winston-Salem 21-0 at Bowman-Gray Stadium, scoring all 21 points after halftime and extending its winning streak to three.....

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Mount St. Mary s University women s tennis: Eirini Tsakiri goes 4-0 at George Mason...

Eirini Tsakiri went 4-0 as Mount St. Mary's University women's tennis won 10 singles matches and finished 4-3 in doubles at the George Mason...

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Oxon Hill Clippers Girls Varsity Volleyball Announces Full 2026-2027 Ho...

The Oxon Hill Clippers girls varsity volleyball team has scheduled home matches against Friendly High School, Chesapeake Math & IT PC - North, and...



Oxon Hill Clippers Boys Varsity Football Scheduled for October 10 Away Game at Parkdale High Schoo...

Oxon Hill Clippers Boys Varsity Football will play an away game at Parkdale High School on October 10, 2026, at...



Suitland High School Boys Varsity Soccer to Play Forestville High School on Oct. 12...

Suitland High School boys varsity soccer will face Forestville High School on October 12 at 3:30 p.m. in Forestville, MD.

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Friendly Patriots Boys Varsity Football to Play Surrattsville High School in Clinton on Octob...

The Friendly Patriots boys varsity football team will play Surrattsville High School on October 10, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. in Clinton, Maryland. The 2026-2027.....

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Frederick Douglass High School Girls Varsity Volleyball Announces 2026 Prince George's County Lea...

Frederick Douglass High School Girls Varsity Volleyball outlines key matches for the 2026 Prince George's County league season, including a notable October 12 contest....

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Washington Wizards Survive Detroit Pistons Comeback, Win 114-108 in Overtime...

By Brian Hradsky | October 11, 2026 The Washington Wizards defeated the Detroit Pistons 114-108 in overtime Saturday night at Capital One Arena,...



Washington Wizards Look to Stay Perfect in Preseason Against Detroit Pistons...

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