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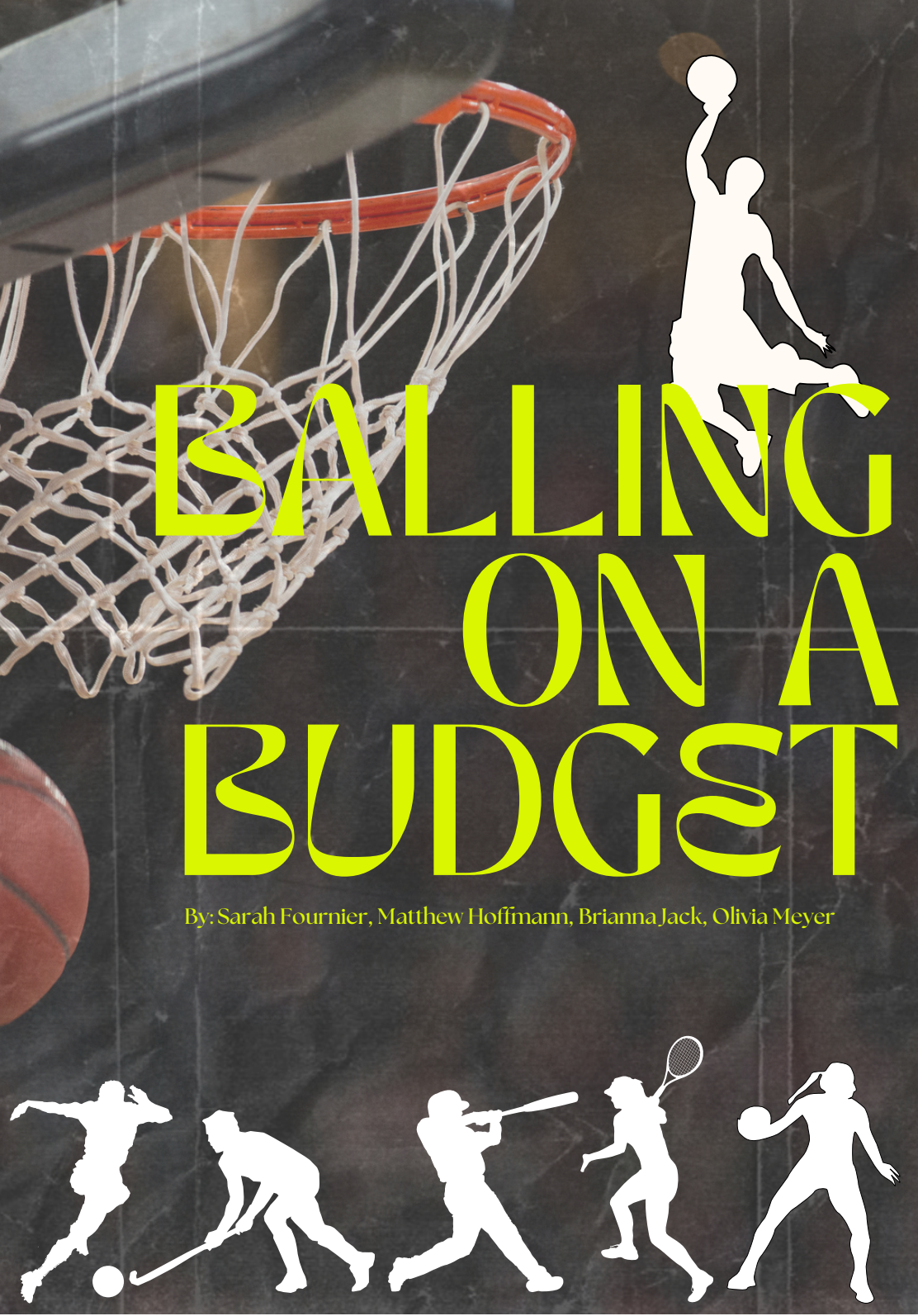
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BALLING ON A BUDGET

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“I just think in everything we do,
whether it’s work, sports, or
anything else, the pay should be
equal for men and women,”

-Billie Jean King

ALL OF THE STATS

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average American women 81% of what an average American earns

Regardless if professional players receive their salary or individual prize money; men who play basketball, baseball, soccer, tennis, or golf earn 15% to nearly 100% more than their female athlete counterparts.

SPORT	WOMENS	MENS
WNBA vs. NBA	\$75,181	\$8,321,937
MLS vs. NWSL	\$35,000	\$410,730
MLB vs. NPF	\$6,000	\$4,031,549

Average Player Compensation per Sport, 2019

In 2019, the highest-paid male athlete was Lionel Messi who received \$127M with Serena Williams being the highest-paid female, earning \$29.2M. Meaning Lionel was paid 125% more than Serena.

History of Pay Inequality in Sports

For many years, women's sports have been heavily under-viewed and more importantly underpaid. This history dates back for many years, but not until the 1970s was anything at a high level said about it. One major advocate in women's sports at this time was Billie Jean King.

long star of the Pittsburgh Pirates. play. One reason was that they for Kramerspool and hit to equal the par of 72 over the (8,120-yard well-grounded course Continued on Page 28. Column

Tennis Decides All Women Are Created Equal, Too

By PARTON KEENE

Staying in to rectify a situation that Mrs. Billie Jean King once said "stinks," Billie Jean King announced yesterday it would donate \$55,000 in prize money to make the women's purse at the 1973 United States Open tennis championships equal to the men's.

The Forest Hills, Queens, tournament, which runs from Aug. 28 to Sept. 9, will become the first major one in international tennis to equalize prize money for men and women professionals.

With the additional funds, women singles players will compete for a record \$95,200—the same as in the men's singles—with the first prize for both \$25,000. The doubles awards also will be identical. The total purse for the tournament becomes \$277,200, also a record.

Until Jan. a subsidiary of Bristol-Myers, came along with its "sports grant," many of the world's leading women tennis players, led by Mrs. King, had been demoralized, but not getting equal prizes in tournaments that featured players of both sexes. Last year at Forest Hills, the



Rosemary Casals, left, Bill Talbert and Pam Austin during yesterday's news conference on tennis prizes

while Mrs. King, the women's champion, received only \$10,000. After the Women's Professional Tennis Players Association was formed, the

once as the women pros argued more vigorously that their brand of tennis was as important and as attractive to the public as men's. According to Joseph G.

Open, his company agreed with Billie Jean & Co., saying: "We feel that the women's game is equally as exciting and as entertaining as the

Open, thought that if longer rallies were the key, women's tennis might be even more exciting than men's. "The trouble with today's

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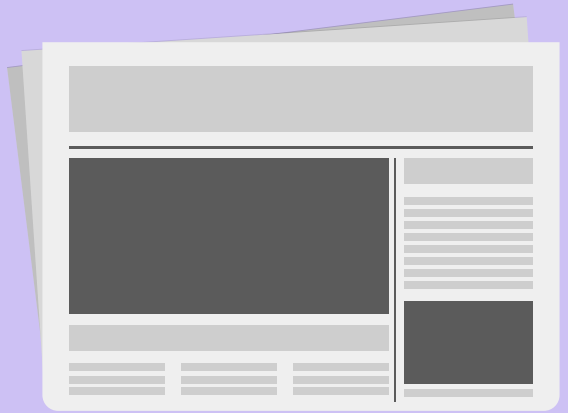
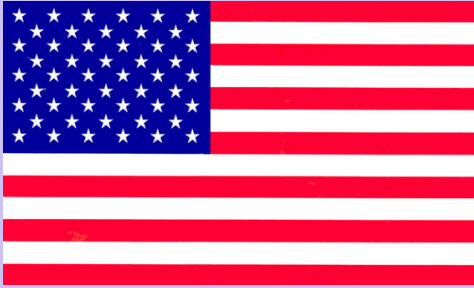
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King after threatening to boycott the 1973 US Open, which led to the tournament awarding equal prize money for men and women.

Laying Down the Law



CAPITO-CANTWELL EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL PLAY

LEGISLATION BECOMES LAW

requires that all athletes representing the United States in global athletic competitions receive equal compensation and benefits in their sport, regardless of gender. It also requires equal payment for medical care, travel, and expenses.

Equal Pay Act 1963

“Men entering the NBA had a minimum pay of \$525,000 a year. Women had a minimum of \$38,000 a year for WNBA”- Nicole Zerunyan



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The Equal Pay Act of 1963, amending the Fair Labor Standards Act, protects against wage discrimination based on sex. The Equal Pay Act (EPA) protects individuals of all sexes.

Candance Parker

WNBA Player

We're at a time now where people continue to ignore the fact that women make less than men doing the same exact job- that's where I have an issue.

"I'd be lying if I told you it wasn't difficult sometimes sitting in meetings when you're the only female and African American at a meeting... I think it's just about taking a step forward and making people understand. I am not trying to be one of the boys when I am on the show. I'm trying to be one of the players."



Alex Morgan

Women's U.S. Soccer

I'm a professional athlete, but I'm also a mother.



"The fight we are doing right now for equal pay does not mean that we will achieve it in the short term. We are not going to get equal pay right away, but it may be done by the time my daughter plays soccer and she will not suffer what we suffered."

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A ZINE FOR WOMEN

This tells the story of the gender pay gap that women face in professional sports. This is to educate viewers on the present issue that these women face, and help to tell their stories.

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