

Athletics Revised

Traditional sporting goods get a lifestyle makeover.

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This season there's a new athletic attitude evident in a wide range of products. The latest hard-core sports apparel now has a lifestyle feel. Even uniforms are livened up. Accessories are also getting a functional update in Spring '06 with new items designed to fit modern needs. While not extreme, today's athletic makeovers offer contemporary, casual appeal in everything from lacrosse apparel to wrestling attire. ■

On Track Not just on the track, but in the grandstands as well, women are the hot ticket in motorsports today. From athletes Danica Patrick, Erin Crocker and Chrissy Wallace to the throngs of female fans attending events, there's a fast moving gender shift going on in the sport. According to recent stats, women account for 40 percent of total racing buffs. The new line from Betty's Garage reflects this female influence. The race-inspired collection of tops, pants and skirts offers a fashionable fit and a bit of flair. Made in the USA, the Betty's Racer top and Pit Girl pant both feature stretch cotton sateen fabric with a touch of spandex for comfort.

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