

Chapter 9: SUGGESTED READINGS

- Baker, William J. 2007. *Playing with God: religion and modern sport*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press. (The best overall source on religion and sport in the United States; Baker covers precolonial to contemporary times and offers excellent insights along the way, even if he tends to be somewhat essentialist as he does his analysis).
- Baker, William J., and C. Alexander. 2001. *If Christ came to the Olympics*. Seattle: University of Washington Press (Uses an historical approach to take a brief and entertaining look at the connection between religion and sports).
- Baldassaro, Lawrence, and Richard A. Johnson, eds. 2002. *The American Game: Baseball and Ethnicity*. Carbondale, IL: Southern Illinois University Press (Nine essays, primarily historical, focusing on the involvement of people from various U.S. ethnic groups in baseball; articles on Germans, Africans, the Irish, Jews, Italians, Slavic peoples, Latinos, and Asians).
- Barkley, Charles. 2006. *Who's afraid of a large black man? Race, power, fame, identity, and why everyone should read my book*. New York, NY: Riverhead Freestyle (Barkley, often not taken seriously, does a serious book in which he interviews Tiger Woods, Barack Obama, Bill Clinton, Ice Cube, and nine others to provide insights about the place of race in the United states today).
- Bloom, John, and Michael Nevin Willard, eds. 2002. *Sports matters: Race, recreation, and culture*. New York: New York University Press (Historical accounts of the ways that ideas about race have influenced the physical activities and popular representations of ethnic populations in the U.S., including Africans, Japanese, Mexicans, and Native Americans).
- Boyd, Todd, and Kenneth L. Shropshire, eds. 2001. *Basketball Jones: America above the rim*. New York: New York University Press (Eighteen articles focused on the complex connections among, culture, basketball, race, and the celebrity of contemporary professional athletes; issues related to crime, gender, social class, and economics are investigated).
- Brenner, Michael & Reuveni, Gideon, eds. 2006. *Emancipation through muscles: Jews and sports in Europe*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press (The articles in this collection focus on the ways that Jews used sport participation as a means of challenging traditional negative stereotypes about Jews in Europe during the twentieth century).
- Bretón, Marcos, and José Luis Villegas. 1999. *Away games: The life and times of a Latin American baseball player*. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press (Two journalists tell the story of a young player from the Dominican Republic; they describe the experiences of Latino athletes who dream of playing big-time sports, are hired by U.S. sport organizations, deal with the challenges of working in U.S. culture, and then face the harsh realities of life after sports).
- Brooks, Dana D., and Ronald C. Althouse, eds. 2000. *Racism in college athletics: The African-*

American athletes' experience (2d ed.). Morgantown, WV: Fitness Information Technology (Sixteen essays dealing with problems faced by African Americans in college sports; essays provide historical material; discussion of recruitment, retention, and mobility issues; analysis of the intersection of race and gender in sports; and prospects for change in the future).

Burgos, Adrian. 2007. *Playing America's game: baseball, Latinos, and the color line*. Berkeley: University of California Press (Benchmark historical study of Latinos and sports in the U.S.; presents a carefully documented case that Latinos challenged institutionalized forms of racial segregation in ways that facilitated the signing of Jackie Robinson to a major league contract in 1947).

Catholic Church. Pontificium Consilium pro Laicis. 2006. *The world of sport today: a field of Christian mission*: [proceedings of an international seminar, Vatican, 11–12, Nov 2005] Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana. (In a special project organized by the Vatican, Catholic scholars are brought together to provide analyses of a range of topics related to sports in society; some interesting papers despite the influence of dogma).

Cunningham, George B. 2007. *Diversity in sport organizations*. Scottsdale, AZ: Holcomb Hathaway Publishers (In this text, the author pulls together knowledge on the social and organizational dynamics associated with gender and racial/ethnic diversity in sport organizations; much of this knowledge is based on research done by the author and his colleagues in the Texas A&M Sport Management Program).

Dobie, Michael. 2000. Race and sports in high school. In *Best newspaper writing 2000* (pp. 319–87), edited by C. Scanlon. St. Petersburg, FL: The Poynter Institute for Media Studies (This five-part series of reports originally published in *Newsday* received a major national award for newspaper writing about diversity; the reports provide a unique view of race and ethnic relations in a Long Island, New York high school).

Hargreaves, Jennifer 2000. *Heroines of sport: The politics of difference and identity*. London/New York: Routledge (Chapters 1, 2, 3, and 7 all contain materials related to religion and the participation of women in sports; chapter 3 is devoted to women in Muslim countries).

Higgs, Robert. J. 1995. *God in the stadium: Sports and religion in America*. Lexington: The University of Kentucky Press (Historical analysis of connections between sports and religion as cultural formations in the United States).

Hoberman, John M. 1997. *Darwin's athletes: How sport has damaged black America and preserved the myth of race*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin (Controversial discussion of sports in African American culture; focuses on the notion that African Americans have forsaken mainstream routes to social mobility in the quest for fortune and fame in sports and that this has reaffirmed racist ideas about their abilities and potential).

Hoffman, Shirl. J. 1992. *Sport and religion*. Champaign, IL: Human Kinetics (Twenty-five papers organized into four sets devoted to sport as religion, sport as religious experience,

religion in sport, and sport, religion, and ethics; section introductions are informative).

Hubbard, Steve. 1998. *Faith in sports: Athletes and their religion on and off the field*. New York: Doubleday (A journalist looks at how religion has permeated U.S. sports; presents views and voices of athletes and how they have incorporated religious beliefs into their lives and their sports).

Iber, Jorge, and Samuel O. Regalado, eds. 2007. *Mexican Americans and sports: a reader on athletics and barrio life*. College Station: Texas A&M University Press (Eleven articles covering the traditional sports among Mexicans and the experiences of Mexican American in sports; this is the first attempt to pull together research on Mexican Americans).

Ismond, Patrick. 2003. *Black and Asian athletes in British sport and society: a sporting chance?* Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan (Deals with the status and experiences of blacks and Asians, men and women, in British sports; focuses on social theories related to race and covers topics such as racism, discrimination, ethnic relations, identity, and sexism).

King, C. Richard, ed. 2004. *Native Americans in Sports*. Armonk, NY: Sharpe Reference (Two-volume reference work containing articles representing historical, cultural, and indigenous perspectives; focuses on indigenous and modern sports, profiles of Native American athletes and teams, social institutions and organizations, and broader cultural themes).

King, C. Richard, and Charles Fruehling Springwood. 2001. *Beyond the cheers: Race as a spectacle in college sport*. Albany: State University of New York Press (Analyses of racial dimensions of intercollegiate sports, shows how racial ideology has become embedded in the taken-for-granted practices of college campuses).

King, C. Richard, and Charles Fruehling Springwood, eds. 2001. *Team spirits: The Native American mascots controversy*. Lincoln: Bison Books and University of Nebraska Press (Fourteen articles by an impressive array of activists and academics take a critical look at the use of Native American images and names by sport teams).

Knoppers, Annelies, ed. 2000. *The construction of meaning in sport organizations: Management of diversity*. Maastricht, Netherlands: Shaker Publishing BV (The authors in this collection draw on data from The Netherlands, but the concepts they use and the issues they discuss and analyze are relevant to most sport organizations worldwide; the focus is on processes through which evidence and ideology are used to make sense of what occurs in sport organizations).

Kusz, Kyle. 2007. *Revolt of the white athlete: race, media and the emergence of extreme athletes in America*. NY: Peter Lang Publishing (Insightful investigation of the ways that sport discourses serve to reproduce white masculinity as normative and superior in American culture and society; focuses on media stories in which white male athletes are portrayed as victims at the same time that they are positioned at the center of American culture).

Ladd, Tony, and James A. Mathisen. 1999. *Muscular Christianity: Evangelistic Protestants and the development of American sport*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books (Social historical study

of “muscular Christianity” in the United States; presents hypotheses about the future of Christian evangelical fundamentalism and its connections with sports).

Magdalinski, Tara, and T. J. L. Chandler, eds. 2002. *With God on their side: Sport in the service of religion*. London/New York: Routledge (Ten articles, including case studies of sport and Catholicism in Northern Ireland, Muhammad Ali and Islam, sumo and religious traditions in Japan, sports and Islam in South Africa, and sports and Christian fundamentalism in the United States).

Mahler, Jonathan. 2005. Building the beisbol brand. *The New York Times* (Section 6): www.nytimes.com/2005/07/31/magazine/31METS.html?oref=login (Article on many of the social issues associated with the rapid infusion of Latin Americans into Major League Baseball; focuses on the 2005 season and discusses the ways that some teams have used players from Latin America to increase attendance and TV ratings).

Mangan, J. A., and Andrew Ritchie, eds. 2004. *Ethnicity, sport, identity: Struggles for status*. London: Frank Cass (Twelve articles focus on discrimination, forms of exclusion in sports, and identity issues among ethnic minorities in the U.S., Canada, South Africa, India, Japan, and New Zealand; articles also deal with the efforts of people from ethnic minority backgrounds to be included, recognized, and respected in sports).

May, Reuben A. Buford. 2008. *Living through the hoop: high school basketball, race, and the American dream*. NY: New York University Press (Seven years of observations and interviews while serving as a high school basketball coach provided May with the data needed to analyze the ways that young African American men in a poor neighborhood integrated basketball into their often unpredictable lives; May raises issues about “hoop dreams” and the role of coaches and other adults in mediating those dreams).

Miller, Patrick B., and David K. Wiggins, eds. 2003. *Sport and the color line: Black athletes and race relations in twentieth-century America*. London/New York: Routledge (Eighteen articles that focus on the changing forms of segregation that have characterized sports; articles highlight crucial events related to change as well as the expression of prejudice and discrimination).

Nakamura, Yuka. 2002. Beyond the hijab: Female Muslims and physical activity. *Women's Sport and Physical Activity Journal* 11, 2: 21–48 (Analysis explains sport participation among Muslim women in Canada in terms of the degree to which sports are organized to meet the religious requirements of the women as they play).

Overman, Steven J. 1997. *The influence of the Protestant ethic on sport and recreation*. Aldershot, England: Avebury (Grounded in a functionalist approach, this discussion of the Protestant ethic and the ethos of sports in the United States contains historical information and analyses of leisure, child rearing, the transformation of amateur sports, and the rise of professional sports).

Pfister, Gertrud. 2001. Religion. In *International encyclopedia of women and sports* (pp. 923–

28), edited by K. Christensen, A. Guttmann, and G. Pfister. New York: Macmillan Reference USA (Short article provides a general overview of how religion is related to the sport participation of girls and women around the world).

Powell, Shaun. 2007. *Souled out? How Blacks are winning and losing in sports*. Champaign, Ill: Human Kinetics (Newsday columnist presents a provocative and accessible discussion of blacks in sports and the role of sports in the lives of blacks in recent history; written in a manner that is more likely to provoke discussion than defensiveness).

Powers-Beck, Jeffrey P. 2004. *The American Indian integration of baseball*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press (Documents the experiences and contributions of Native American baseball players since 1897; focuses on the biographies of individual players, newspaper accounts, and records from boarding schools for Native American young people).

Rhoden, William C. 2006. *Forty million dollar slaves: The rise, fall, and redemption of the Black athlete*. New York: Crown Publishers (A respected journalist argues that black athletes today have little power and that the athletes themselves are complicit in maintaining this situation; excellent historical and current information).

Sailes, Gary, ed. 1998. *African Americans in sport*. New Brunswick, NJ: Transaction (Eighteen articles dealing with cultural issues, media representations, athletic performance, college and professional sports, and racism and discrimination in sports).

Snyder, Brad. 2006. *A well-paid slave: Curt Flood's fight for free agency in professional sports*. NY: Viking (A lawyer and writer tells the story of the professional athlete whose courageous lawsuit against baseball's "reserve clause" was the turning point for transforming player-owner relationships in all professional sports in North America; the biographical material on Curt Flood is compelling and sad).

Spindel, Carol. 2002. *Dancing at Halftime: Sports and the Controversy over American Indian Mascots*. New York: New York University Press (Why has white America felt the need to create an image of a people it almost annihilated, dress up as a fictitious warrior, celebrate a culture about which they know little or nothing, and assume that all of these things are important in the twenty-first century? Spindel finds answers to these questions in Wild West shows, the Boy Scout and Indian lore movements in the U.S., and a coincidental need for the University of Illinois to quickly develop a character to greet William Penn before a 1926 football game, rather than the actual history of the Illinois tribe and culture).

Tasato, Chiyo. 2003. To 'pray' and not to 'play'? The function of play on the maintenances of culture in the traditional Christian life. *International Journal of Sport and Health Science* 1, 1 (March): 48–54 (Research on the existence of play and sports in a Canadian Hutterite community; focuses on how certain forms of play are allowed among children and teens (prior to baptism) because they reaffirm important cultural values and a commitment to those values).

- Wiggins, David K., ed. 2003. *African Americans in Sports*. Armonk, NY: Sharpe Reference (Two-volume reference work containing over 400 entries; focuses on biographies, events, leagues, tournaments, clubs, films, among other topics).
- Wiggins, David K., and Patrick B. Miler, eds. 2003. *The unlevel playing field: A documentary history of the African American experience in sport*. Urbana: University of Illinois Press (Over one hundred short articles by a wide range of authors including athletes, civil rights activists, journalists, and scholars; authors were selected because they could provide a perspective grounded in the experiences of African Americans).
- Wigginton, Russell Thomas. 2006. *The strange career of the Black athlete: African Americans and sport*. Westport, Conn: Praeger Publishers (Accessible and biographically-based account of the struggles for social justice in sports; also deals with the differences between sports when it comes to desegregation and inclusion).
- Womack, Mari. 2003. *Sport as symbol: images of the athlete in art, literature and song*. Jefferson, NC: McFarland & Co. (Does not deal with religion directly, but shows how sports play a cultural role similar to that played by religion in both traditional and modern societies; focuses on sports from a perspective of cultural anthropology).