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Review

"Richard O. Davies... is one of the most prolific scholars mining the rich history of American sport, and his textbook, *Sports in American Life* (2007), is the standard for undergraduate classes." (*Western Historical Quarterly*, Summer 2015)

Review

"It's all here--the rise of sports in America, the emergence of athlete celebrities, the growth of the sports business empire, and our jaw-dropping fascination with the entire process. Embedded in Davies' narrative are important stories of race, gender, ethnicity, and economics. And behind it all breathes Davies' passion for his subject." - *Randy Roberts*, author of *A Team For America: The Army-Navy Game that Rallied a Nation* (2011)

"I am a big fan of Davies' book. No text does a better job of discussing sports' central role in American society. The first edition worked extremely well with my students, and with added coverage on women and extreme sports, the second edition is stronger still." – *Alan Bloom, Valparaiso University*

"Well-researched and effectively summarizes the significance of sport within the broader US history. Davies' work also provides insight into the business of athletics, contextualizing how it interacts with politics and economics. A first-rate book to introduce students to this evolving and vibrant field!" – *Jorge Iber, Texas Tech University*

From the Back Cover

This new edition of Davies' highly praised narrative of the evolution and history of American sports has been re-organized, extensively revised throughout, and significantly updated to include major sporting events since 2006. Davies makes use of the very latest research, ensuring that readers are kept up-to-date with this fast-developing field. The book has also been updated to include expanded coverage of women in sports and a section covering the rise of extreme sports and mixed martial arts.

Sports in American Life provides an invaluable understanding of the institution of sport in American culture from the colonial period to the present day, when sports have become fully integrated into the political, social, cultural, and economic fabric of the nation. The narrative is organized around the argument that sports have been a significant social force throughout much of the history of the United States; it provides Americans with a venue in which major cultural and social issues have been debated, contested, and, in some notable instances, resolved.

Davies' writes in a compelling and accessible style that will engage undergraduate students. Coupled with extensive illustrations, this remains the key text for undergraduate courses in sports history.

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