**Selected Sports Films**

**Breaking Away (1979)**
Dennis Christopher, Dennis Quaid, Daniel Stern. Four recent high school graduates enter a bicycle race and struggle against parental expectations and snobbery in the college town of Bloomington, Indiana. **VIDEO**

**Brian's Song (1970)**
James Caan, Billy Dee Williams. Based on the true story of the friendship between the Bears' All-pro running back Gayle Sayers and his teammate Brian Piccolo. **DVD**

**Hoop Dreams (1994)**
Acclaimed documentary which follows five years in the lives of two Chicago basketball players who dream of college scholarships and NBA stardom. **DVD**

**Hoosiers (1986)**
Gene Hackman. A small-town high school basketball team comes out of nowhere to make it into the state finals. Based on a true story. **DVD**

**Offside (2006)**
It's World Cup season, and Iran’s soccer team is playing in a pivotal game. No women are allowed in the stadium, so a handful of diehard fan girls try to sneak in. **DVD**

**Bend It Like Beckham (2002)**

Kevin Costner. Tim Robbins. Susan Sarandon. Romantic comedy about a worn-out bush-league baseballer, the hotshot rookie he reluctantly mentors, and the smart-mouthed groupie they become involved with. **DVD**

**Lagaan (2001)**
Aamir Khan. A rag-tag group of 19th century Indian villagers form a cricket team to take on the colonial British officers’ team. Bollywood-style musical. **DVD**

**The Hustler (1961)**
Paul Newman, Jackie Gleason. A cocky, small-time pool hustler is determined to make a name for himself by besting Chicago’s “cue-ball king,” Minnesota Fats. **DVD**

**More Great Sports Films @ BCPL:**
*61, All the Right Moves, Any Given Sunday, Caddyshack, Cinderella Man, Coach Carter, Dreamer, Field of Dreams, Friday Night Lights, Glory Road, Jerry Maguire, The Karate Kid, A League of Their Own, Million Dollar Baby, Miracle, Pat and Mike, Remember the Titans, Rocky, The Rookie, Rudy, Seabiscuit, Shaolin Soccer, The Waterboy, We Are Marshall, The Wrestler, etc.*
**Baseball**

*Moneyball: The Art of Winning an Unfair Game* by Michael Lewis
- Story of how an unconventional general manager rebuilt the Oakland A’s to the team that won 103 games with one of the lowest payrolls in the League. 796.357 LEWI

*The Boys of Summer* by Roger Kahn
- “The classic narrative of growing up within shouting distance of Ebbets Field, covering the Jackie Robinson Dodgers and what’s happened to everybody since.” 796.357 KAHN

*The Last Best League: One Summer, One Season, One Dream* by Jim Collins
- Story of one character-filled summer in the Cape Cod Baseball League, where every summer college players dream of making the “show.” 796.357 COLL

*The Last Amateurs: Playing for Glory and Honor in Division I, Basketball’s Least-known League* by John Feinstein
- Account of the 1999–2000 season of college basketball’s little-known Patriot League. 796.32363 FEIN

*My Losing Season* by Pat Conroy
- Memoir of the novelist’s last collegiate basketball season, the bonds formed amongst teammates, the lessons learned in defeat, and his relationship with an abusive father. 796.3232 LT / CAS A CONR

*Operation Yao Ming: The Chinese Sports Empire, American Big Business, and the Making of an NBA Superstar* by Brook Larmer
- The unique story of the 7’5” sports star. 796.3232 LARM

**Cycling / Running**

*It’s Not About the Bike: My Journey Back to Life* by Lance Armstrong
- The nutritional, physical, emotional & spiritual details of Armstrong’s recovery from testicular cancer and his against-the-odds comeback. 796.6 ARMS

*Ultramarathon Man: Confessions of an All-night Runner* by Dean Karnazes
- True adventures of a runner’s nonstop treks through extreme climates. eAudioBook

**Football**

*Friday Night Lights: A Town, a Team, and a Dream* by H.G. Bissinger
- The classic, bestselling story of the winningest high school football team in Texas history and life in the football-driven town of Odessa. 796.332 BISS

*Namath: A Biography* by Mark Kriegel
- The first major biography of the sports hero; chronicles his journey from steeltown pool halls to sports icon. 796.332 B NAMA

*Instant Replay: The Green Bay Diary of Jerry Kramer by Jerry Kramer*
- Details and musings on the 1967 season—from training camp and Coach Lombardi to the legendary “Ice Bowl” game against Dallas and Super Bowl II. 796.332 KRAM

*Rammer, Jammer, Yellow Hammer: A Journey Into the Heart of Fan Mania* by Warren St. John
- A reporter joins nomadic college football fans who arrive at stadium parking lots in their R.V.’s days before a game to party and interact. 796.332 SAIN

**Horseracing**

*Big Red of Meadow Stable* by William Nack
- “The” book about the greatest thoroughbred in horseracing history; originally published in 1975 as Big Red of Meadow Stable and later reprinted under the title Secretariat: The Making of a Champion. 798.43 NACK

*Seabiscuit: An American Legend* by Lauren Hildenbrand
- Depression era story of an unlikely racehorse and rider who exceeded expectation. 798.4 HILL / LT 798.4 HILL / CD BOOK HILL / CAS A HILL

**Outdoor & Adventure Sports**

*Into Thin Air* by Jon Krakauer
- Personal account of a climbing enthusiast who attempts to scale Mount Everest and faces life-threatening challenges when a freak storm hits. 796.5 KRAK

*A River Runs Through It* by Norman MacLean
- The title novella about a family of fishing enthusiasts in Montana is a classic American tribute to fly-fishing. Based on the author’s own experiences. LT / CAS A MACL

**Tennis**

*Strokes of Genius: Federer, Nadal and the Greatest Match Ever Played* by L. Jon Wertheim
- Recounts the history-making, edge-of-your-seat drama that was the 2008 Wimbledon men’s final. 796.34209421 WERT

*Days of Grace* by Arthur Ashe
- Autobiographical memoir of a great tennis champion and social activist, who struggled against racism in his tennis career and later died of AIDS. 796.83 B ASHE