

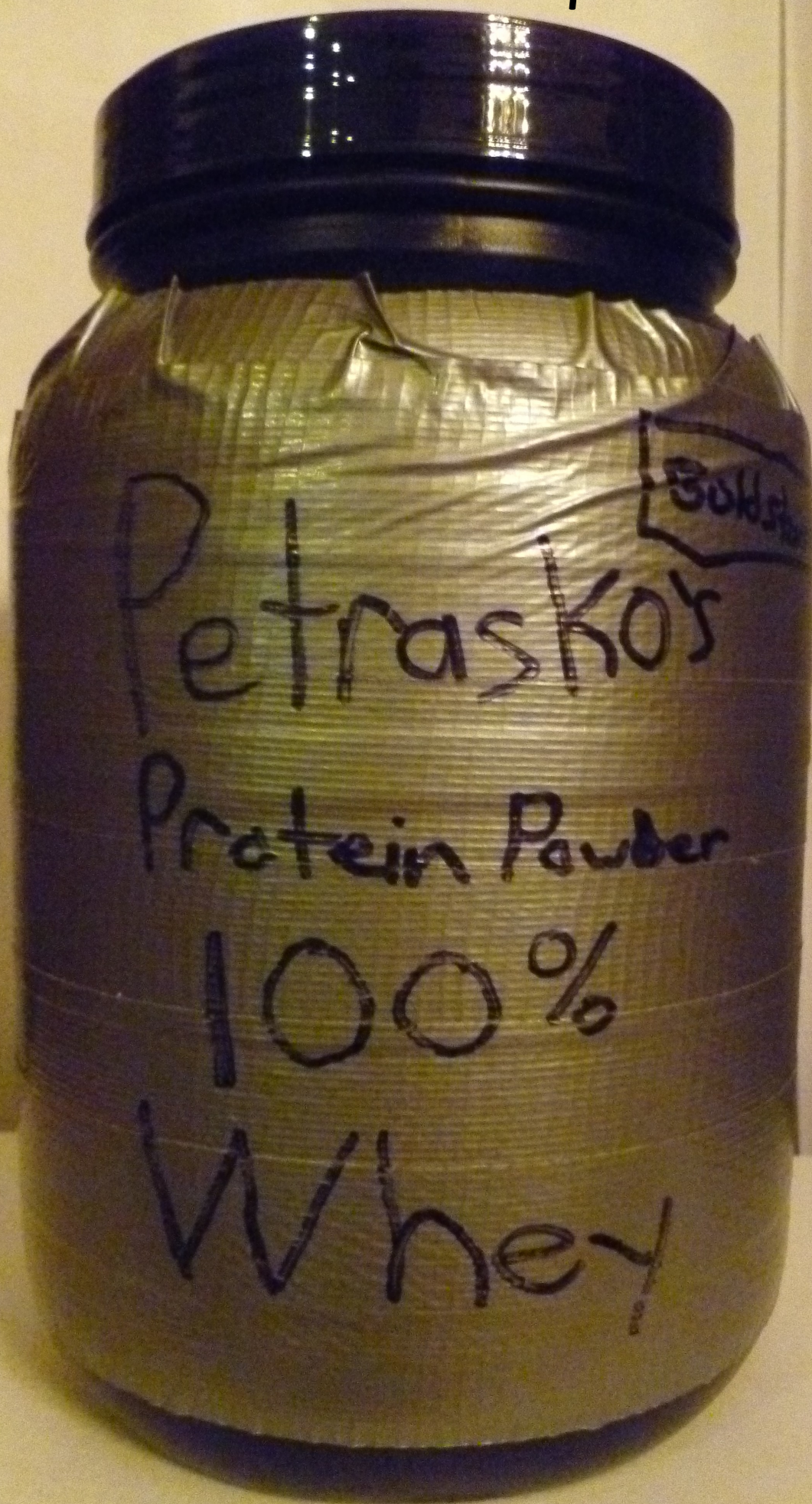
# Sports Report Illustrated



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# popular sports today

This is an article about popular sports today. Now, if you're an American you will probably say football right away, you are partially right. It is soccer, which in other countries is called football. here is a list of the world's most popular sports.

1st-soccer, Fans-3.5 billion  
2nd-Cricket, Fans-2.5 billion  
3rd-field hockey, Fans-2 billion  
4th-Tennis, Fans-1 billion  
5th-Volleyball, Fans-900 million  
6th-Table Tennis, Fans-850 million  
7th-Baseball, Fans-500 million  
8th-Golf, Fans-450 million  
=9th-Basketball, Fans-400 million  
=9th-American Football, Fans-400 million

Now that I've told you about the worlds most popular sports, let me tell you about their regional popularity.

1 Europe, Africa, Asia, America  
2 Asia, Australia, UK  
3 Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia  
4 Europe, Asia, America  
5 Europe, Australia, Asia, America  
6 Europe, Asia, Africa, America  
7 America, Japan  
8 Europe, Asia, America, Canada  
b 9 America  
f 9 Europe, Africa, Asia, America, Australia

Another thing that has to do with sports is the Olympics. So here is a list of some Olympic sports.

## summer sports

- \*handball
- \*modern pentathlon
- \*swimming
- \*table tennis
- \*Tennis
- \*volleyball
- \*water polo
- \*triathlon
- \*weightlifting
- \*athletics
- \*hockey
- \*trampoline
- \*sailing
- \*rugby
- \*wrestling freestyle
- \*curling

## winter sports

- \*snowboard
- \*ski jump
- \*skeleton
- \*ice hockey
- \*bob sleigh
- \*figure skating
- \*speed skating
- \*luge
- \*freestyle skiing
- \*alpine skiing
- \*nordic combined

These winter sports are some of the sports that will be played in Russia in this year's winter Olympic Games. Russia says these games are going to be the most secure games ever. But they have seen a person who might be planning on attacking the games. so stay safe and stay alert.

I hope you liked my article on popular sports today!



# Sports

Sports are fun and active my favorite sports are basketball soccer and kickball. People want you to do sports because they want you to interact with people, and it makes you active. My most favorite sport is soccer. Because it is really active and that it is fun, and that I am great at it. Basketball I was really good at it but I am still in it.

Kickball is a fun active sport and it good for you so that you stay active. And for exercise too. Cross country I am doing next year and that is good for endurance. I think a lot of people should do it so that you are not just sitting watching TV or playing video games. It is something you can do after school and summer.


# NHL Statistics

Hi my name is Elijah Gutierrez and I'm writing this news article to inform you about the NHL standings and statistics. Anaheim has had an incredible year so far with 35 wins and 8 losses. That is why they are in first. In second is Pittsburgh they weren't always at the top with Anaheim, St Louis, and Chicago. Pittsburgh's Sidney Crosby is one of the best players in the NHL right now and has the most total points in the league right now. That is probably one of the reasons they have 33 wins but 12 losses. St Louis I believe this is their first time in 3<sup>rd</sup> in a long time and in I believe 2-4 years they have a great chance of making the playoffs for the Stanley Cup I am not surprised since they have 31 wins and 8 losses. In 4<sup>th</sup> is a popular team as well as a great team the Chicago Blackhawks with 30 wins and only 8 losses they are only 2 wins away from taking 3<sup>rd</sup> away from St Louis. Chicago's Patrick Kane, Jonathan Toews, and Patrick Sharp plus other Chicago players are a pretty good reason they are so good and in the top 5 this year. In 5<sup>th</sup> is the Boston Bruins they have a good year so far with 29 wins and 14 losses. Now for the individual stats. The offensive leaders for point from the Pittsburgh Penguins and from Canada is Sidney Crosby with the most points at 67 points with Patrick Kane of the Chicago Blackhawks in 2<sup>nd</sup> at 56 points with Joe Tavares of the New York Islanders with 56 points behind him in 3<sup>rd</sup> with Ryan

Getzlaf at 53 points Joe Thornton in 5<sup>th</sup> with 50 points. Then for goals Alexander Ovechkin from Russia on the Washington

Capitals is in the lead for goals standing at 32 goals. Then Sidney Crosby from the Pittsburgh Penguins is in second with 25 goals. In 3<sup>rd</sup> is Corey Perry on the Anaheim. Then in 4<sup>th</sup> is Chicago Blackhawks Patrick Sharp with 25 goals. In 5<sup>th</sup> another Pittsburgh Penguin's player it is Chris Kunitz.

Team	GP	W	L
1 ANAHEIM	48	35	8
2 PITTSBURGH	47	33	12
3 ST LOUIS	44	31	8
4 CHICAGO	48	30	8
5 BOSTON	45	29	14
6 SAN JOSE	46	28	12
7 COLORADO	45	28	12
8 LOS ANGELES	47	28	14
9 TAMPA BAY	46	27	15
10 MONTREAL	46	26	15
11 MINNESOTA	48	25	18
12 VANCOUVER	47	24	14
13 NY RANGERS	47	24	20
14 PHILADELPHIA	46	23	19
15 WASHINGTON	45	22	16
16 TORONTO	47	22	20
17 COLUMBUS	46	22	20
18 PHOENIX	45	21	15
19 DETROIT	46	20	16
20 OTTAWA	46	20	18
21 DALLAS	45	20	18
22 WINNIPEG	48	20	23
23 NEW JERSEY	47	19	18
24 CAROLINA	46	19	18
25 NASHVILLE	47	19	21
26 NY ISLANDERS	47	18	22
27 FLORIDA	45	17	21
28 CALGARY	46	16	24
29 EDMONTON	48	15	28
30 BUFFALO	44	13	26

POINTS		GOALS	
			
<b>67</b>		<b>32</b>	
<b>Sidney Crosby</b> Center - PIT Canada		<b>Alex Ovechkin</b> Right Wing - WSH Russia	
<a href="#">VIDEO &gt;</a>		<a href="#">VIDEO &gt;</a>	
P. Kane	CHI 56	S. Crosby	PIT 25
J. Tavares	NYI 56	C. Perry	ANA 25
R. Getzlaf	ANA 53	P. Sharp	CHI 25
J. Thornton	SJS 50	C. Kunitz	PIT 24

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With national signing day less than a week away, Arizona State is in the final steps of shaping up its 2014 recruiting class, Coach Todd Graham's third on the job.

Nothing is final until all the paperwork is in, but barring disaster this should end up as Arizona State's finest class of the recruiting-service era, which dates to 2002. As of Wednesday, Scout.com ranked the Sun Devils' 2014 class 10th in the nation. Rivals had them at 16.

For a program that has lacked sustained success, this is huge. Think back three years ago to Dennis Erickson's final season. ASU scrambled to fill its class, signing several after signing day. That was arguably ASU's worst class in the recruiting-service era. According to the rankings, it was. Scout ranked the Sun Devils 64th, and Rivals had them 58th. But even years later it still doesn't look good. Of the 19 who signed, only four (defensive lineman Davon Coleman, punter Josh Hubner, receiver Rashad Ross and guard Vi Teofilo) became or have become full-time starters.

Point being: The Sun Devils have come a long way. Of course, there are no guarantees. Recruiting rankings don't always translate to on-field success. Two years ago, junior-college transfer Mike Pennel was supposed to play a key role on ASU's defensive line. As it turned out, he stuck around for one suspension-filled season.

ASU isn't done.

Dalvon Stuckey, a four-star defensive tackle from Pearl River Community College in Mississippi, is among a group scheduled to visit this weekend. He's had a long journey. A former four-star recruit out of Florida, he initially

committed to Florida State out of high school but had to go to junior-college instead. He later committed — then decommitted — from Miami. Most recently, Stuckey committed to Auburn but then decided to look elsewhere.

According to those who have seen him play, Stuckey could contribute immediately on ASU's defensive front, where the Sun Devils have four starters to replace. His high school coach once described the 6-foot-3 Stuckey as "fast-twitch at 300 pounds." Stuckey is scheduled to visit ASU with Pearl River teammate Darrius Caldwell, a 6-5, 245-pound defensive end who recently committed to South Carolina.

## **Over to basketball ...**

On the basketball court, ASU's challenge is simple. The Sun Devils need to get at least nine conference wins to feel good about their NCAA Tournament chances.

Entering Wednesday's contest at California, ASU stood 15-5 overall and 4-3 in the Pac-12. Its RPI ranking of 50 is fine, so it becomes a matter of finishing in the upper half of the conference. This won't be easy. The Pac-12 might lack a team to challenge No. 1 Arizona, but its depth is the best it's been in years.

After returning from the Bay Area — the Sun Devils visit Stanford on Saturday — ASU will have three consecutive home games against the Oregon schools and No. 1 Arizona.

From there, four of the Sun Devils' past six will be on the road. No team wants to go on the road the final week of the regular season in need of wins, but the Sun Devils could find themselves in that position.

Dear Mr. Editor,

I do not agree your last article about the Packer vs. Bears game, I know that the bears lost but, I'm from Chicago, I think that is was kind of mean to say that the bears suck! And I would just like to ask that you would stop making fun of the bears in the future.

Sincerely,

A Bears fan

Response from every person in Wisconsin: THE BEARS STILL SUCK!

# Timmy Boy

One day, Timmy was walking down the street. He saw in the distance a glowing, tall object. Timmy decide he wanted a closer look, he ran on over. And as he got closer and closer he noticed that it was a portal.

Timmy really wanted to get to the other side of this magical portal. "Maybe, I should get my best friend Mathew to adventure with me!"

Timmy grabbed out his iPhone 5c (which is green) and called Mathew. Mathew answered, "Hey Timmy. What you up to?"

"I was just wondering if you wanted to go on an adventure with me." Timmy asked.

"Sure, Timmy Boy! Where you want to meet up?" Mathew asked.

Timmy looked around and said, "Meet me at Chandler Park, near the bridge by the Callama River."

"See you there!" and with that Mathew hung up.

Five minutes later, Mathew was at Chandler Park. "So, Timmy... Why are we here?"

"Well, to go on an adventure through this magical portal!"

"Really, now? Where is this portal?"

"Just follow me," said Timmy while walking away.

"Wait up," Screamed Mathew, while running after Timmy.

"Wow! Is that it?" Mathew asked.

"Yes! Do you want to go through the portal with me?" Timmy wondered.

"Yeah, let's go!" Mathew exclaimed.

Mathew and Timmy counted to three and jumped into the portal. "Wow! This is just... Wow!" Mathew said.

They were standing on a giant sized basketball court. There were basketball hoops on each end.

The entire court was made out of beige colored concrete with the playing boxes a cool forest green color. The basketball hoops flashed like Christmas lights and the nets were a stunning red color.

"We just went thru a portal that took us to a basketball realm!" Timmy exclaimed.

"Yes! This is amazing!" Mathew yelled and started to walk away.

"Yeah, Wait! What's this?" Timmy questioned picking up a tennis shoe

It was not a normal tennis shoe. It was a purple Charles Barkley Nike Barkley Posite Max Suns basketball shoe

But the laces were missing.

“Do you think we are supposed to get the laces back?” asked Timmy.

“Yeah, I guess so. But, I wonder why?” Mathew said looking around, “Wait... I think we have a problem.”

“What is the problem? Oh...” Timmy said looking around for the portal.

“It was there a minute ago.” Mathew questioned.

“Maybe, were supposed to find the laces to bring us back to the portal?”

“Yeah, let’s go find a clue, somewhere.”

“Ok, let’s go this way,” Said Timmy pointing to the right.

Timmy and Mathew ran to the right. “So where do you think we will find the clue,” Timmy asked.

“I am not sure. Let’s ask those kids.” Matthew said.

“What kids,” asked Timmy. He, then, looked where Matthew was pointing and saw at the far of the court four boys just coming on to the basketball court.

“Almighty, let’s go,” Timmy said.

They walked the distance to the other end of the court.

The four boys looked at them and one boy asked who they were.

Timmy explained what had happened and could not believe why the boys did not laugh.

When he stopped talking one boy, who was nodding his head said that this had happened before. Several other boys had come thru the portal and had, also, found shoes with no laces after the portal had disappeared.

Timmy asked how the others had gotten back out.

The boy, who said his name was Michael, said that each boy had to shoot a basketball from the courts free throw line. When they made the basket, the center circle would open up a couple inches and a small basketball would pop out. The basketball could be opened and a piece of paper with a clue on it would be inside.

“We know this, as we helped many get back out”, explained another boy, who said his name was Kobe.

So, they all marched towards the free throw line.

Matthew picked up a basketball that was at the line. He shot the ball, but he missed. He picked up another ball. Swoosh, this one went in. The backboard lit up in rainbow colors. The center circle, of the court, opened and a basketball shot out.

Timmy ran and grabbed it. He opened the ball and the clue written on a piece of paper said:



**“LOOK IN A TREE BY THE CREEK,  
LOOK IN A BUSH BY THE BRIDGE AND  
LOOK IN THE WATER UNDER A ROCK  
TO FIND YOUR SHOELACES”**

“Ok, let’s look in the water first,” said Timmy.

“Alrighty, let’s go this way then,” said Mathew pointing to the south.

“How about we spilt up and you look in the water and I will look in trees and bushes,” stated Timmy.

“I am fine with that, but where will we meet up and when?”

“We will meet up right back here as soon as we are both done”

“OK, see you later!” Mathew said jogging to the right.

“Bye!” Timmy said running to the left.

Timmy ran off to the left, climbing every tree, by the creek, and looking really hard. Right when Timmy was going to give up, he finally, found a purple shoe lace lying in a bird’s nest. He got out of the tree, stumbled over to the bridge and fell into a bush. Surprise, surprise, but there was a purple shoelace right there.

“Wow, time flies by when you’re looking for stuff.” Timmy said out loud, as it seemed to be getting dark.

Timmy started walking back to the meeting spot. Timmy thought to his self, “How long have I been gone?”

“Mathew? Mathew? MATHEW? Where are you? Mathew!” Timmy screamed.

“Timmy! There you are, did you find a shoelace, because I did!” Mathew said.

“Yeah, I found two and that means we have three shoelaces! We only need one more.” Timmy said.

“So, we found one in a tree and one in a bush and you found one in the water. That means we need one more, but where?” Mathew questioned.

All at once the four boys were back.

“We have your answer to the last shoelace. Tell us who each of us is, and we will give you the last shoelace to get you back to your portal and home,” one boy said.

The boys were standing there. Each was in a basketball jersey with a number on it.

Timmy said “I got this, Matthew”!

Timmy looked at the boys, pointed and said” “you are Michael Jordan, you are Kobe Bryant, you are Shaquille O’Neal and you are LeBron James”.

The boys stood there stunned. He was right. Jordan was number 23 with the Chicago Bulls, Bryant is number 24 with the Los Angeles Lakers, Shaquille O’Neil’s also with the Lakers number 34 and LeBron James number 6 with the Miami Heat

The LeBron James little boy handed a purple shoelace to Timmy.

Timmy and Matthew put the shoelaces into the Charles Barkley shoes and the portal appeared.

As they rushed to the portal, Timmy looked back and gave big thumbs up to the four champs in basketball.

Little did they know that Timmy Boy had taken one of the shoelaces out of a shoe and it was clutched in his hand.

# Spin Cycle

As the snow starts to fall over the rocky peaks of Granite Mountain, and the temperature starts dropping, the town below starts the final preparations for their favorite winter activity.

All the snowboards are waxed; all the ski-boots are fitted. And all the coffee shops are stocked up on hot chocolate. Finally, winter has arrived.

A boy by the name of Chris Lauvask is one of the many people getting ready for the mountain. Now, Chris isn't your everyday snowboarder; he is a very skilled winter-athlete. He has been practicing his half pipe for over 6 years. Perfecting flips and spins, this 14 year olds goal is a 1980 that is the world record for most full spins on a snowboard.

This year, he was ready for the final jump. He traveled his way up the mountain towards the half pipe. Now ski lifts are very high up, but very safe and most people get used to them after a while.

As Chris is mentally preparing himself for the jump the ski lift jolts to a halt, Chris was not expecting the stop. He fell from the lift, screams went out, and he hit the ground.

Immediately he felt the pain in both of his legs. As he lay there in pain, not able to move, the ski patrol helped him into the lodge. He broke both of his legs.

Chris later awoke in a hospital a day later. "I have warned him all his life to be careful on those terrible machines" his mom said. Chris had no feeling in both his legs.

The doctor told him that he was very lucky that he was used to landing the right way when falling on a snowboard. He could have damage his spinal cord and would've been paralyzed. It would be a few years before he will be able to get back on the mountain and try to beat the record. His parents had assigned him a physical therapist. His training would start as fast as Chris found out he had a therapist. The very first time he had tried to walk, he fell flat on his face. He burst into tears. The therapist asked him a question, what has hurt worse, his face, or his pride. Weeks later Chris was walking, but not normally. He tried to fix it and walk normal. He was not able; to this day he still walks with a cane.

The next step in the physical treatment was to try to get back on his snowboard. This process took a while.

Two years later, Chris had fully recovered. He completed the jump and broke the record. To this day he still holds this record for the most spins on a snowboard in the half pipe.



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# Proper Form for Tackling

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**The game of football is a very physical sport, with tackling and blocking. So, in this game proper form and execution is key to being successful for winning in football. There are many different positions in football, and almost half of them involve tackling or hitting people. In this educational**

**article on football tackling and form I will be teaching you on many important things in football.**

**The first step to tackling correctly;**

- 1. Slow down...**
- 2. Put your shoulder into their stomach.**

- 3. Bring your arms up and wrap them around their back**
- 4. Your head should be towards the ball across the chest.**
- 5. Stay low.**
- 6. Keep driving them backwards until using that forward motion to put them to the ground.**

**your opponent's jersey by the chest.**

- 3. Next, drive them back or, if it's pass blocking, holding your ground.**

**Thank you for allowing me to coach you on the topics of football.**

**Now if you follow these steps to tackling correctly, you can excel at the sport of football.**

**Football is a rough sport, but that doesn't mean that the only thing you do is tackling, everyone in football needs to know how to block. Sometimes blocking is and you are up against a bigger opponent.**

**There are a few key ingredients to proper blocking.**

- 1. It is very similar to tackling, you first need to slow down and get low.**
- 2. Most of the time you can grab**

# NHL

*Right now in the NHL the season is about halfway over and then on top of that some of us are sad some of us are excited for the Stanley Cup Playoffs but everyone is excited to see their favorite team either going to the Playoffs or they would love to see their team on their last stride for the position to be able to get in the playoffs. Every team would love to get to the playoffs at least but the much better thing to do is to win the Stanley Cup and add their teams name to it. Not everyone can get to the playoffs. Only 16 teams can go to the playoffs and 8 of them come from the Western Conference and the other 8 comes from the Eastern Conference. But the worst feeling ever is to make it and lose the first games. Unlike other Playoffs the finals in the Stanley Cup is best of 7 games. The teams split the games at their home ice. Last year's Stanley Cup winner was the Chicago Blackhawks and they faced the Boston Bruins in the final. I have to tell you that that series was a great series of games and the Chicago Blackhawks prevailed and beat the Boston Bruins. Last season for a little while in the beginning of it the NHL was in a lockout and there was no games for a while but then when the lockout was over every team was excited to get back out on the ice and play the game that they love to play. All the fans and people who devote*

*themselves to the NHL were very excited when the lockout ended. The*



*NHL lockout started on September 16<sup>th</sup> and ended January 6<sup>th</sup> which was 113 days. 113 days of no NHL was torture for a lot of fans and the players.*

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