

The University of Texas at Arlington
Department of Communication

JOUR 4393: Sports Reporting
Spring Semester 2005

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Office Hours: Mondays and Wednesdays, 3:00-4:30 p.m. or by appointment

Class Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 a.m.-10:50 p.m.

Description: This course is designed to provide students with background knowledge necessary for and hands-on practice in sports reporting.

Grading:	Attendance and Participation	10%
	Midterm Exam	20%
	Class Presentations	20%
	Writing Assignments	20%
	Final Exam	30%

Text: Conrad Fink, *Sportswriting: The Lively Game* (Ames: Iowa State University Press), 2001.

Optional: Marc Edge, *Red Line, Blue Line, Bottom Line: How Push Came to Shove Between the National Hockey League and Its Players* (Vancouver: New Star Books), 2004.

Readings: *Dallas Morning News* and *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* sports sections
Sports Illustrated and *The Sporting News* (weekly)
Supplemental readings will be held on reserve at the Library.

Assignments: To be negotiated in class.

Midterm: The midterm exam will be held on March 10 at 9:30 a.m.

Final Exam: The final exam will be held on May 12 at 8 a.m.

Schedule of Classes

Week 1		Readings
Jan. 18	Introduction	
Jan. 20	Writing assignments and presentations schedule	
Week 2		
Jan. 25	Sports reporting in perspective	Fink, Ch. 1
Jan. 27	Guest speaker	
Week 3		
Feb. 1	Ethical considerations	Fink, Ch. 2
Feb. 3	Video:	
Week 4		
Feb. 8	Sports reporting – hard news	Fink, Ch. 3
Feb. 10	Guest speaker	
Week 5		
Feb. 15	Sports reporting – soft features	Fink, Ch. 4
Feb. 17	Video:	
Week 6		
Feb. 22	Straight reporting	Fink, Ch. 5
Feb. 24	Guest speaker	
Week 7		
March 1	Analytical reporting	Fink, Ch. 6
March 3	Video:	
Week 8		
March 8	Covering sports business	Edge
March 10	Midterm exam	

Week 9 Spring Break – Yippee!!

Week 10

March 22 Baseball – America’s pastime Fink, Ch. 8

March 24 Presentations

Week 11

March 29 Football – America’s obsession Fink, Ch. 7

March 31 Presentations

Week 12

Apr. 5 Basketball – Tall people in short pants Fink, Ch. 9

Apr. 7 Presentations

Week 13

Apr. 12 Other major sports Fink, Ch. 10

Apr. 14 Presentations

Week 14

Apr. 19 Sports game columns Fink, Ch. 11

Apr. 21 Presentations

Week 15

Apr. 26 Opinion writing Fink, Ch. 12

Apr. 28 Presentations

Week 16

May 3 Presentations

May 5 Review