

## Cliches from Sports

These 66 phrases had their starts in sports before becoming everyday expressions.

T A M E H T O T O G U T C H E C K T I M E F Y A F T E L A U U A T  
H H S G O N T E N R V I A F G P B A L A T G P E D H E L L D Y N I  
E L E L B L O W B Y B L O W R S Q U A R E O F F K I R A E O U L S  
B S S G R E Y A W F E L H T A A E R F M M P U N C H D R U N K A M  
A U A H L K R N Y L L E I B N M I G A C A L B C U T R W B T O T A  
L U B R B O C Y K A E M A G D O O G A K L A T B H A N H W H T E R  
L O E E T T V E B L B G G T S U L D E C E T A U B B H B O E N I E  
S E H C N U P E H T H T I W L L O R O U E R C S P H A E N R N N H  
I H T N C S H O S C T C H P A O T U H E B E D H A N D S D O W N G  
N E L N M T U E T A N K E B M K R E E B I L G L E D M P E P E I K  
Y C L O Y S A B N E R I W E H T O T N W O D S E I N E T C E U N C  
O B A R E K N U C K L E A R P I H E W H H E A A T A H O K S O G A  
U Q R U B H I E U O N H O R U R E V O L W O B G L S I A I C E S B  
R A E P A M E T T E N R E F O E R N R D D R M U T U Y Y K L C R R  
C A V T E I E U L N E S U W F T S O I L B H S E E O L O D O N F E  
O B O N E A C O B E S M I E L T O E E L S N R Y S H U E R H A T T  
U E C L C T H E T O N N G E O E N I H C E H T N O T I E K A T T R  
R A E D U W E K H T T D B K S M F A T C C D E W O A R R I T S E A  
T T I H H C N I P H A E R D E T H A F E N E I F U G E E Y T I X U  
O T I U H T L R E H H A R U F E E E O G E U T S T N E S T T D T Q  
N O N O R C P T S T P O S E N S R P E T F H P O R I P K A C E B G  
E T Y L M W O S W L P O L T D I U I U R E S P Y H T D K R A H O N  
O H O C L W R O L T A F O R F N N L G P H W U O N T E B M A T O I  
I E U N E A L A H O O M I I D C L T A B T Y L N A A P P A L O K N  
P P R L L E B E H T Y B D E V A S R E I R O E A D B L V W R G P R  
B U C N B E G D U E T F R U B I K H L R O I T I I A A L A R T L O  
H N O E H L N O R A B T O E N O T P A O F I V H Y O Y S U N S A M  
A C R T O H N D C A H L H E I K I P N N G E B E E E B P K P B Y Y  
A H N V N L L E B E H T R E W S N A I O N S R O U P A G U O T D A  
R I E L D C H H W N P Y S U H E A V Y H I T T E R U L R D N A O D  
G S R S L T P I N O N K A T L A D N O Y W T P E N D L A N T C E N  
F G L A N U R D R E L W O L B W O L O E S T N L A C C T T C R H O  
G B E I N E R D O E A U H A P S R S T S O P L A O G E H T E V O M

ANSWER THE BELL	IN THE	RUN INTERFERENCE
BARE-KNUCKLE	CATBIRD SEAT	SAVED BY THE BELL
BATTING A THOUSAND	IN YOUR CORNER	SIDELINE
BEAT TO THE PUNCH	KAYO	SLAM DUNK
BELOW THE BELT	KNOCK OUT	SQUARE OFF
BLOW-BY-BLOW	OF THE PARK	STEP UP TO
BOWL OVER	LATE INNINGS	THE PLATE
BUSH-LEAGUE	LOW BLOW	STRIKE OUT
CARRY THE BALL	MONDAY-MORNING	SUNDAY PUNCH
COVER ALL	QUARTERBACK	SWING FOR
THE BASES	MOVE THE	THE FENCES
DOWN TO THE WIRE	NO HOLDS BARRED	TAKE A DIVE
DROP THE BALL	NOT PULL	TAKE IT ON
DROP THE GLOVES	ANY PUNCHES	THE CHIN
END RUN	O-FER	TALK A GOOD GAME
FULL-COURT PRESS	ON DECK	TEAM PLAYER
GO THE DISTANCE	ON THE ROPES	TEXTBOOK PLAY
GO TO THE MAT	OUT OF LEFT FIELD	THE BALL'S IN
GRAND SLAM	PINCH HIT	YOUR COURT
GUT-CHECK TIME	PLAY BALL	THE GLOVES ARE OFF
HANDS DOWN	PLAY HARDBALL	THROW IN THE TOWEL
HEAVY HITTER	PUNCH-DRUNK	TOUCH BASE
HOMESTRETCH	RAIN CHECK	UNDER THE WIRE
IN A LEAGUE	RHUBARB	WHEELHOUSE
OF THEIR OWN	ROLL WITH	WHOLE NEW
IN THE BALLPARK	THE PUNCHES	