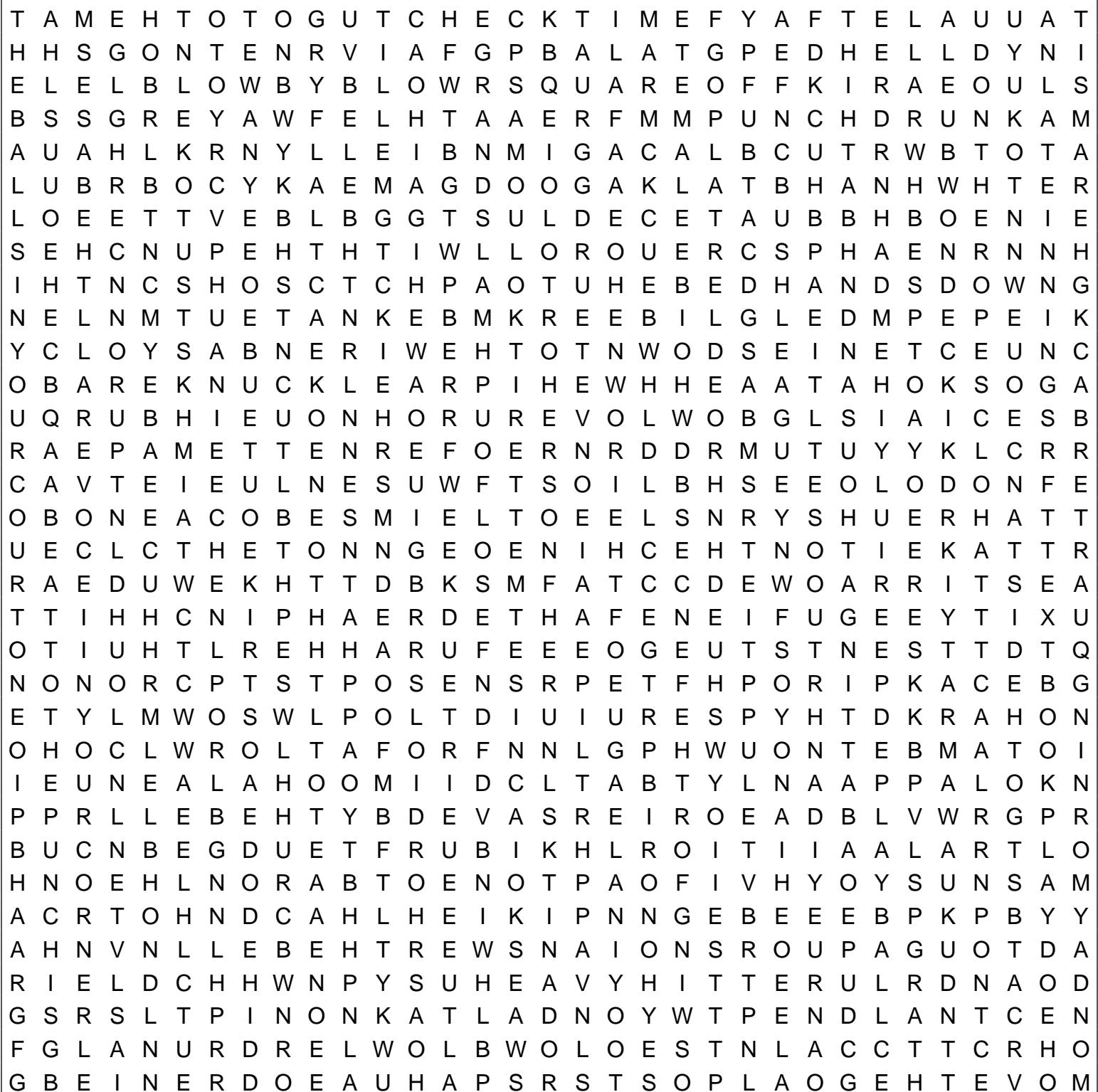


Cliches from Sports

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



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 THE BASES	QUARTERBACK	SWING FOR THE FENCES
DOWN TO THE WIRE	MOVE THE	TAKE A DIVE
DROP THE BALL	NO HOLDS BARRED	TAKE IT ON
DROP THE GLOVES	NOT PULL	THE CHIN
END RUN	ANY PUNCHES	TALK A GOOD GAME
FULL-COURT PRESS	O-FER	TEAM PLAYER
GO THE DISTANCE	ON DECK	TEXTBOOK PLAY
GO TO THE MAT	ON THE ROPES	THE BALL'S IN
GRAND SLAM	OUT OF LEFT FIELD	YOUR COURT
GUT-CHECK TIME	PINCH HIT	THE GLOVES ARE OFF
HANDS DOWN	PLAY BALL	THROW IN THE TOWEL
HEAVY HITTER	PLAY HARDBALL	TOUCH BASE
HOMESTRETCH	PUNCH-DRUNK	UNDER THE WIRE
IN A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN	RAIN CHECK	WHEELHOUSE
IN THE BALLPARK	RHUBARB	WHOLE NEW
	ROLL WITH	
	THE PUNCHES	