



“Perfection is not attainable, but
if we chase perfection we can
catch excellence.”

Vince Lombardi

Sports and English: Why Sports Lingo Translates Well Into Business

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Targets for this Evening:

- **Make Friends and Contacts so you can touch base in the future**
- **Practice Your English because practice makes perfect**
- **Expand Your Playbook (English or Other)**
- **Have Fun and Get in the Game**



Game Plan for the Evening:

- Short Presentation on the Links of Sports and “Business English”
- Discussion on How Sport and Games Influence our Lives (personal and professional)
- Short Trivia Game (Google English)
- Social Time, Beer Pong and other Drinking Games



The Culture of Sports in Business: Why Americans Combine Them

- Youth Sports
- Televised Sports
- Holidays and Family Events
- Prestige



Be Quick out of the Blocks!

Competition is the Foundation of the American Economic System



Don't Get "Blind-Sided" by the Competition

Business Culture – Athletes transition to business easily especially those that play team sports



Life isn't always a Level Playing Field. Learn the Ropes Early to be Successful.



It's not the will to win that matters- everyone has that- but the will to prepare to win that makes the difference.

Paul "Bear" Bryant



Common Sports Phrases Used in Business

- 1. Pull Your Own Weight – Rowing**
- 2. Ballpark Figures – Baseball**
- 3. Grand Slam/Slam Dunk – Baseball/Basketball**
- 4. Out of Left Field – Baseball**
- 5. Call an Audible – American Football**
- 6. Hail Mary/Longshot/Half-Court Shot – American Football/Horseracing/Basketball**
- 7. Carry the Ball– American Football**
- 8. Fumble or Drop the Ball – American Football & Rugby**
- 9. Full Court Press – Basketball**
- 10. MVP (Most Valuable Player) – Team Sports**
- 11. Quarterback/Monday Morning QB – American Football**
- 12. Push it Over the Goal Line – American Football**

Just for Fun

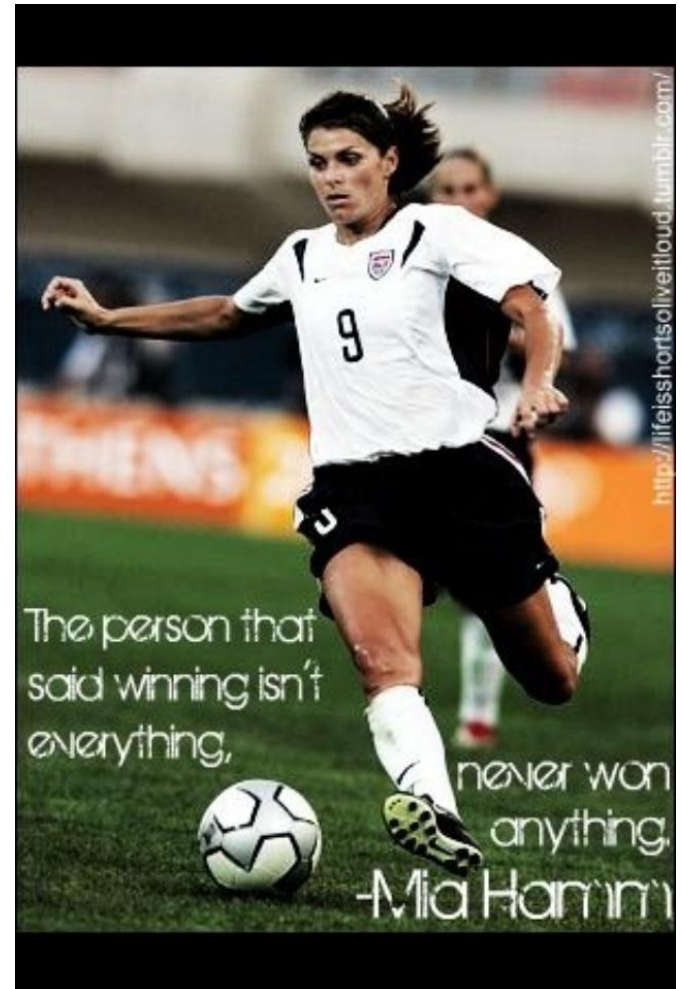
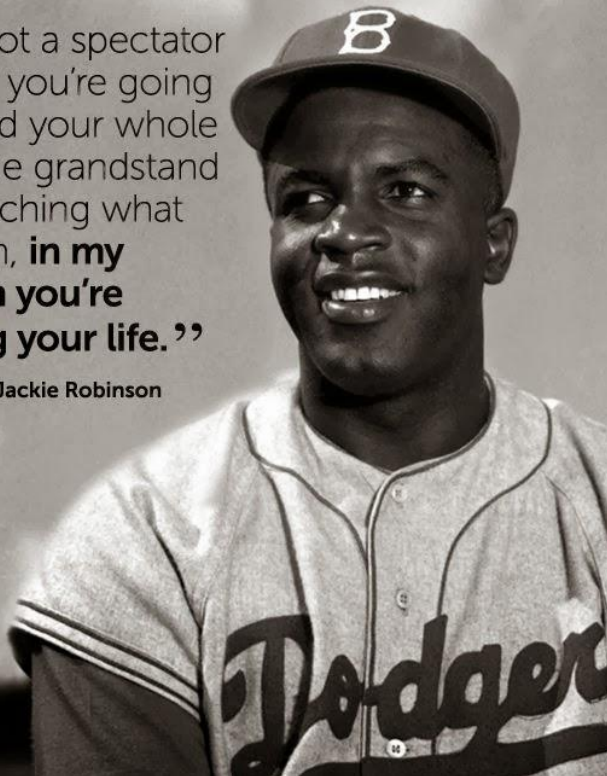
- Down for the Count – Boxing
- On the Ropes – Boxing
- End Around – American Football
- Saved by the Bell – Boxing
- Knockout – Boxing
- Grill/Face like a Hockey Player
- Benchwarmer – Team Sports
- Throw in the Towel - Boxing



We're in the Final Stretch

“Life is not a spectator sport. If you're going to spend your whole life in the grandstand just watching what goes on, **in my opinion you're wasting your life.**”

— Jackie Robinson



The person that
said winning isn't
everything,
never won
anything.
-Mia Hamm



For Extra Milers

10-sports metaphors used in business – Patrick Allan

<http://lifehacker.com/10-sports-metaphors-used-in-business-and-where-they-re-1782325688>

The English Club

<https://www.englishclub.com/vocabulary/idioms-sports.htm>


Wikipedia

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_sports_idioms

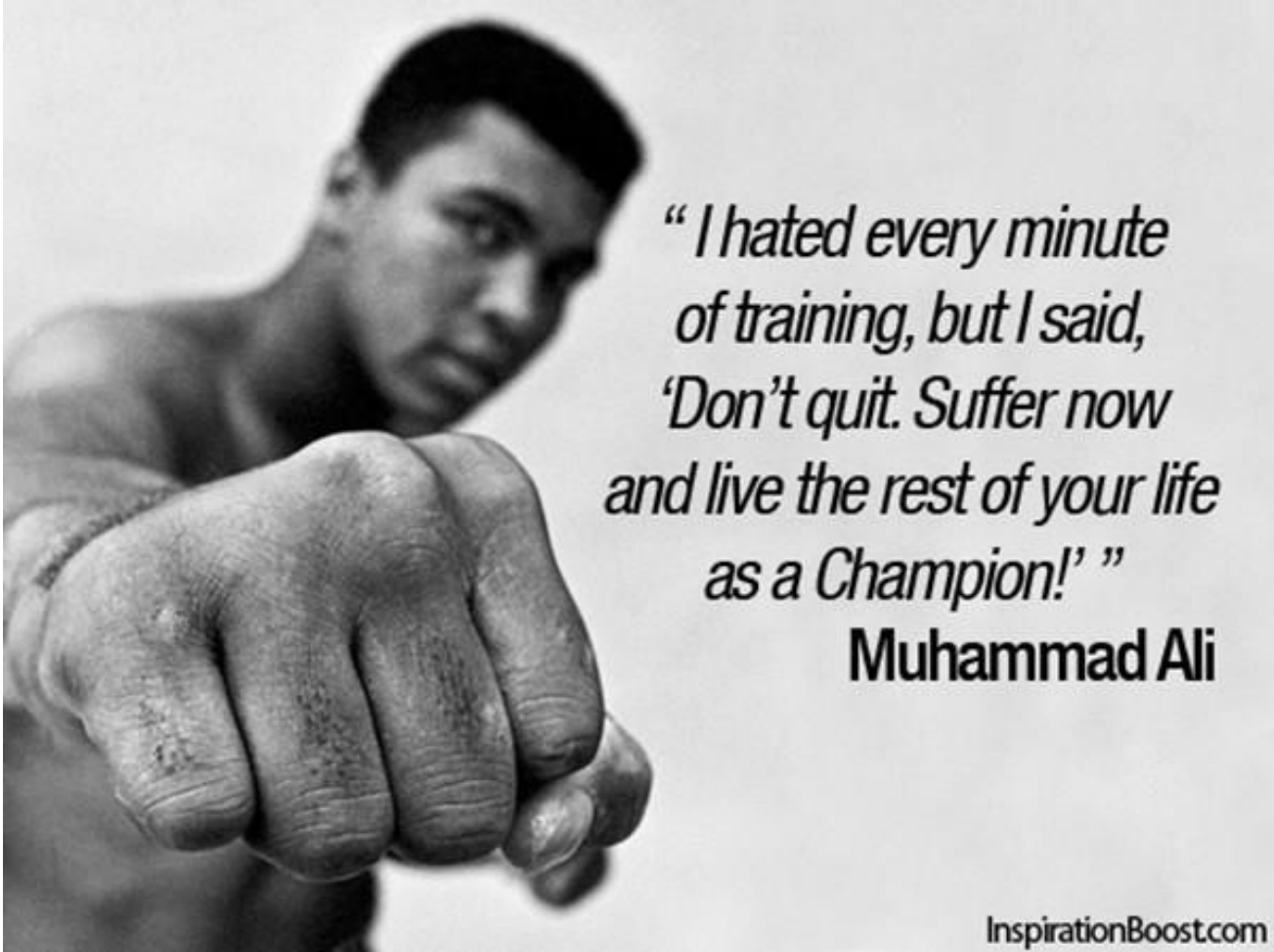
Blow the Competition Away!



Thanks for Coming!




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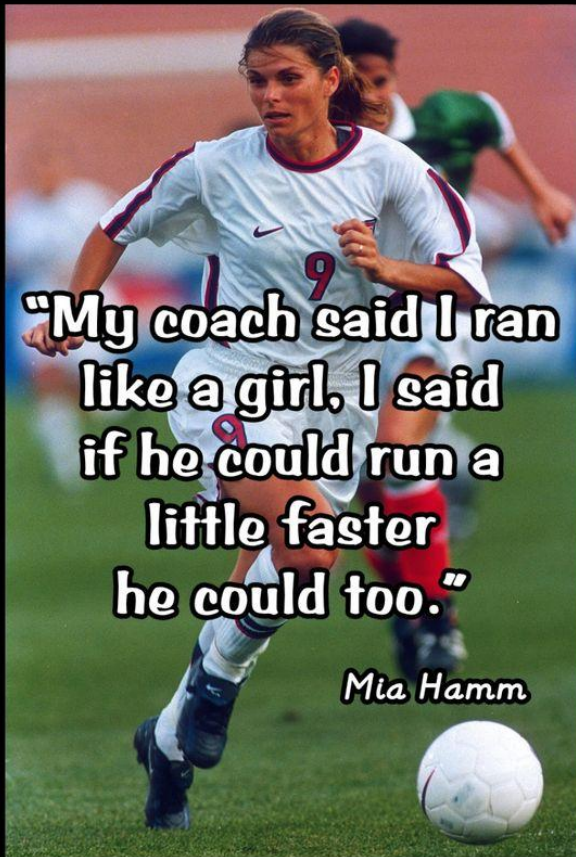


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Muhammad Ali



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“I’ve failed over and over and over again in my life and that is why I succeed.”

I've missed more than 9000 shots in my career.

I've lost almost 300 games.


26 times, I've been trusted to take
the game winning shot and missed.

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And that is why I succeed.

- Michael Jordan





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— Tommy Lasorda

Hall of Fame Baseball Player and Manager
(1954-1956, Player; 1976-1996, Manager)

