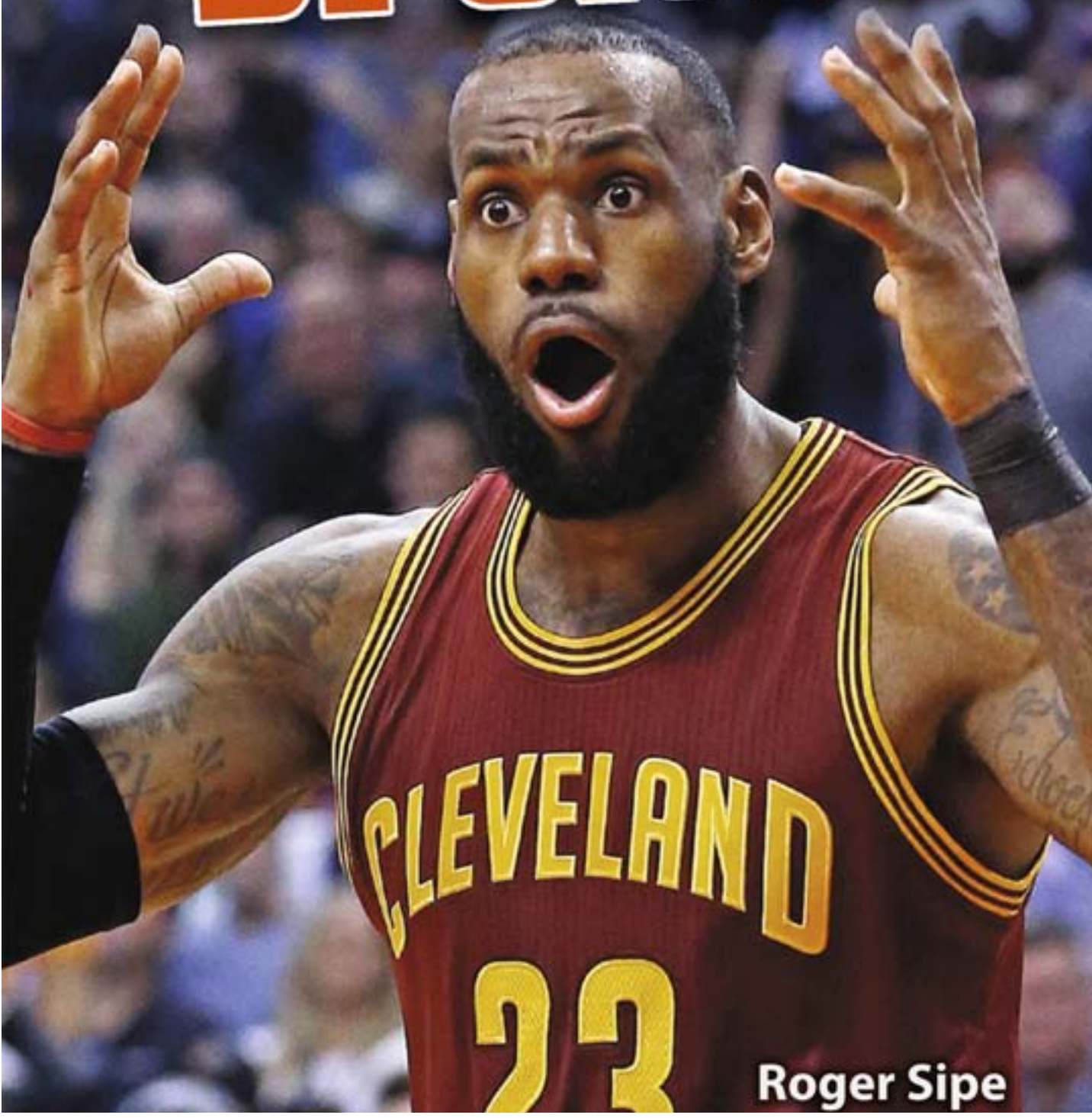


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Overcoming Defeat

ABC's *Wide World of Sports* was a television program long before cable TV, ESPN, and Fox Sports. It **showcased** all sorts of athletic competitions, highlighting everything from lumberjack games to boxing to basketball. The show's introduction said it all: "Spanning the globe to bring you the constant variety of sport: the thrill of victory and the **agony** of defeat, the human drama of athletic competition."

Olympics Then and Now

The modern Olympic Games began in 1896, pitting nation against nation in various sports. The Olympics are based on competitions that began thousands of years ago. Back then, ancient Greek city-states competed in sports, such as wrestling, boxing, and racing in full armor.



Those words describe why most people watch sports—the greatest victories often go hand in hand with the greatest defeats. That is what keeps people tuning in every time their favorite teams gear up to play. But beyond the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat are great lessons to be learned about how to exhibit good sportsmanship. These life lessons are what make sports so important in our society.

Sports Can Be Good for You!

Americans love to play sports. In a 2015 Harris Poll, 73 percent of adults said they participated in some form of athletic activity when they were younger. Those adults tended to have more money and higher education levels, perhaps because of what they learned while playing.

Football Frenzy

American football is many people's favorite sport. Every weekend in fall is filled with groans and cheers as high schools, colleges, and professional teams compete across the United States. Take a closer look at some memorable **pigskin** moments.

1993: The Comeback

The National Football League (NFL) playoff game in Buffalo, New York, on January 3, 1993, between the Buffalo Bills and the Houston Oilers was a game for the ages. In the first half, the Oilers quickly jumped to a 28–3 lead, eventually increasing the lead to as many as 32 points. A lot of **dejected** Bills fans left early, as they thought their beloved team had lost all hope of continuing in the playoffs. The Bills players, however, were **undeterred** and kept fighting—and scoring!

By the time the game was over, the Bills had won 41–38 in **overtime**. It was the biggest comeback in NFL history, and sports fans now refer to the game simply as “The Comeback.”

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