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Although everyone loves to watch a fair, evenly matched sports contest, there is no such thing as "pure sport". *The Sport and Society Reader* is a collection of key scholarly and journalistic articles that demonstrate the ways that the sports we love to watch and the teams we love to root for are embedded in important social structures and processes that undermine sports' "purity". The volume presents articles on:

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- gender myths and privileges in sports
- sports and deviance
- sexuality and sport
- globalizing sport.

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Davide Karen and Robert E. Washington's fascinating collection of scholarly and journalistic articles challenges the prevailing perception of sports, and will stimulate discussion in the classroom and beyond. This is essential reading for all students of sports studies, the sociology of sport, and the sociology of culture.

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