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Have a browse through these sites and learn about the traditions and history of some of the most popular sports in the world.

The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame site ([www.hoopshall.com](http://www.hoopshall.com)) is a great resource for all hoops players and spectators. Search the "Trivia" section to find out the smallest titbit on your favourite team or star. Check out the "History" section and see how basketball progressed from the church hall to stadia around the world. You can purchase memorabilia online (but what's new about that?). Make sure you check out the list of Hall of Fame inductees, including Lenny Wilkins, Sam Jones and Moses Malone.

This site ([www.ruleshistory.com](http://www.ruleshistory.com)) gives you a complete listing of the rules of golf as they have progressed throughout history. Click the time, and then the topic, and you will be presented with the rules relating to clubs, hazards, stableford and special wartime rules. This is a wonderful place for weekend hackers and club professionals to find out the origins of rules that drive them all mad.

Professional wrestling has a long history. Gary Will's pro-wrestling site ([www.garywill.com/wrestling/decwres.htm](http://www.garywill.com/wrestling/decwres.htm)) has a list of deceased professional wrestlers, complete with an interesting set of biographies. Names such as Andre the Giant, Rick Rude and Adrian Adonis will jog the memories of all wrestling fans.

The Boston Red Sox and their World Series drought since the trading of Babe Ruth is one of the most intriguing stories in baseball. Check out the Mr Baseball site ([www.mrbaseball.com](http://www.mrbaseball.com)) to get all the details on this and many more stories. Find out the origins of the sport, player statistics, team lists and baseball artefacts for sale. This is a baseball fan's shrine.

With the petrol still flowing in our veins after the grand prix, you may want to find out the winners of previous races, championships or discover which is the most successful team. The Formula One Database ([www.f1db.com](http://www.f1db.com)) is chock-full of every statistic, lap time and result since grand prix racing began. Check out the "Constructors" list and see the results from teams long gone, including AGS, Larrousse and Matra.

The World Football Historian site ([www.histora.org](http://www.histora.org)) can keep you busy for hours. Find out the results of major tournaments, including the World Cup, African Cup of Nations and the Copa America. There are also lists of winning clubs in all major European domestic leagues.

The birth of synchronised swimming can be blamed on Australian Annette Kellerman, a former water ballet performer in New York Hippodrome. Well, that's according to the Hickok Sports history of synchronised swimming site ([www.hickoksports.com/history/synchsw.shtml](http://www.hickoksports.com/history/synchsw.shtml)). Find out the results of major championships, such as the Olympics, world titles and Pan-American Games. There are also links to other sites devoted to this graceful sport.

### **FAN SITE OF THE WEEK**

<http://faculty.tamu-commerce.edu/sarantakes/nixon.html>

No, this is not a joke. This site is devoted to the contribution Richard Nixon made to American sport. Tricky Dicky was a

great fan of golf, bowling and American football. See the photos of him throwing out the first pitch of the season and meeting famous players and coaches. This site may change the way you think about this great sports enthusiast.