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COMM 773

Sports Communication & Culture

Activity 4A: Violence

1. Read Chapter 7: Violence in Sports
2. Case: there have been several assaults by athletes on women, lately. Your boss at NYIT Sports Network is developing a segment which asks the question: ?Does playing sports cause men to be violent?
3. Locate at least 3 articles online or in the NYIT electronic library that contain recent examples of the controversy.
4. Develop a 300 word position paper for the program in which you discuss the issue and possible solutions.
5. DUE February 23

Does playing sports cause men to be violent? This is a question plaguing the world of professional sports today. Times have changed the way that people perceive professional sports "stars." But these athletes have given us significant reasons to question the integrity of today's athletes. In the article, "Cracking Down" the author gives us several examples of professional athletes, in particular, several Grossmont College student athletes who plead guilty to felony assault charges. This is just one example of many where athletes have taken the aggressive that is so effective on the field...off the field. In sports such as football, during the game we encourage the player to be as rough and forceful as possible, but players need to know that that type of behavior is unacceptable of the field.

However, it is not just the men that become violent at sporting event, the article, "Uncivilising Influence," discusses the effects that sporting events have on women. Two women were arrested at the Uefa Cup final in Manchester for disorderly conduct. The article states how women were witnessed throwing bottles and punches at soccer games. Another important issue that is discussed is affect and influence that alcohol has on the violence. Many venues are putting restriction on alcohol in order to control the violence that seems to come hand and hand with sporting events and fans.

In addition,"Seven out of 10 child athletes on elementary school's sports teams have experienced violence from older athletes or coaches, according to a recent survey." It is not just adults that are affected by this violence. The article states that this has been a problem for a very long time and that parents and coaches sometimes turn a blind eye to this violence. The key to eliminating violence in sports is to start at an early age and install the young children with the proper values and behaviors.

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