

Appendix 14.2. Sports-Based Films

Film	Year	Director	Focus
42	2013	Brian Helgeland	Features Jackie Robinson’s experiences as an African American baseball player from 1945–1947.
<i>A League of Their Own</i>	1992	Penny Marshall	Tells the story of the All-American Girls Baseball League that formed during World War II.
<i>The Blind Side</i>	2009	John Lee Hancock	Depicts the experiences of Michael Oher and the Tuohy family as he went from homeless to a first-round NFL draft pick.
<i>Chariots of Fire</i>	1981	Hugh Hudson	The story of British sprinters Eric Liddell and Harold Abrahams and their quest for victory in the 1924 Olympics.
<i>Cinderella Man</i>	2005	Ron Howard	Set amidst the Great Depression, this film tells the story of James J. Braddock, who boxed in order to feed his family and ultimately inspired a nation.
<i>Eight Men Out</i>	1988	John Sayles	A depiction of the 1919 scandal of the Chicago White Sox accepting bribes and being accused of throwing the World Series.
<i>The Express</i>	2008	Gary Fleder	The story of Ernie Davis, the first black Heisman Trophy winner, and his experiences at Syracuse University playing football in the midst of the Civil Rights Movement.
<i>Friday Night Lights</i>	2004	Peter Berg	This film tells the story of the Permian Panthers, a high school football team in Odessa, Texas, where football is both a sport and a way of life.
<i>Glory Road</i>	2006	James Gartner	The story of the Texas Western basketball team that won the national championship amidst racism and discrimination in 1966.
<i>Hoop Dreams</i>	1994	Steve James	A documentary highlighting the struggles and triumphs of two Chicago teens trying to make it to the NBA.
<i>Hoosiers</i>	1986	David Anspaugh	The story of a Cinderella high school basketball team’s run to the 1952 Indiana state championship.
<i>Invictus</i>	2009	Clint Eastwood	Based on the 1995 South African Springboks rugby team that helped unite a nation after the end of apartheid.
<i>Invincible</i>	2006	Ericson Core	Set in the 1970s, a fan of the NFL’s Philadelphia Eagles becomes a member of the team amidst unlikely circumstances.
<i>McFarland, USA</i>	2015	Niki Caro	The story of a California high school cross-country coach and team that overcome obstacles to succeed.
<i>Million Dollar Arm</i>	2014	Craig Gillespie	Features the experiences of a desperate recruiter and two Indian cricket players turned baseball pitchers.
<i>Miracle</i>	2004	Gavin O’Connor	This film highlights the experiences of the 1980 US Olympic hockey team, which defeated the Russians and became a national symbol.
<i>Moneyball</i>	2011	Bennett Miller	The story of Billy Beane and his unconventional analytic approach that changed baseball.
<i>The Pride of the Yankees</i>	1942	Sam Wood	This film showcases the life story of baseball great Lou Gehrig, who played for the New York Yankees.

<i>Remember the Titans</i>	2000	Boaz Yakin	Based on the experiences of players at T. C. Williams High School in Alexandria, Virginia, as their school and football team were integrated in 1971.
<i>The Rookie</i>	2002	John Lee Hancock	A former baseball star turned chemistry teacher goes from high school coach to major league pitcher.
<i>Rudy</i>	1993	David Anspaugh	Based on the life of Daniel “Rudy” Ruettiger, this film depicts the experiences of one of the University of Notre Dame’s most famous football players.
<i>Seabiscuit</i>	2003	Gary Ross	Set in the Great Depression, this film tells the story of two unlikely heroes—Seabiscuit and his jockey, Red—who fight to become champions.
<i>Unbroken</i>	2014	Angelina Jolie	A US Olympic runner endures cruel torture in a Japanese prison camp during World War II, surviving against all odds.
<i>We Are Marshall</i>	2006	McG	When the Marshall University football team dies in a tragic plane crash, the new coach and a new team bring football back to the community.
<i>When the Game Stands Tall</i>	2014	Thomas Carter	The story of the De La Salle High School football team and the coach whose winning record catapulted them into the record books.