

Smithsonian Event Schedule

Hometown Teams: How Sports Shape America

- Sat. March 24, 10:30-11:30 a.m.** **More Than Just a Game: African American Athletes in Iowa (First Street Bldg. Theatre)**
Since the late nineteenth century, African Americans have participated in a variety of sports and contributed in profound ways to Iowa's sporting culture. African Americans experienced severe discrimination in sports as in other activities, but fought long and hard to overcome racism. In Iowa, they frequently used achievement in sports as a way to come together as a community. These countless narratives both on and off the court, field, and ring, remind us of the broader struggle for civil rights in America.
Presented by the African American Museum of Iowa
- Mon. March 26, 1-3 p.m.** **Movie "The Final Season" (Cole Library, Room 108)**
This Monday Matinee Movie for Adults, set in Norway, Iowa, tells the true story of an underdog coach and the high school baseball team that must defend their legacy against insurmountable odds. Popcorn and a soft drink are provided.
Presented by Cole Library
- Wed. April 4, 7-8:30 p.m.** **From the Pressbox: An Eastern Iowa Sports Media Panel (First Street Bldg Theatre)**
Moderated by Mt. Vernon-Lisbon Sun's Margaret Stevens and featuring John Campbell, Mark Dukes, Crystal Eskelsen, Ron Gonder, Jeff Linder, and JR Odgen, this panel will explore Eastern Iowa Sports stories of the last quarter century through moderator and audience questions.
- Sat. April 7, 10-11:30 a.m.** **How Iowa Met Baseball: The Myths, The History, The Players (First Street Bldg. Theatre)**
Historian John Liepa will explore the myths regarding the "invention" of baseball, the origins and evolution of the early game in the United States; how the Civil War played a role in accelerating the spread of the game; the very first mention of the game's coming to Iowa in 1858, and how it caught on. Guests will have the opportunity to view Liepa's extensive collection of memorabilia and cards before and after the presentation.
Presented by John Liepa, historian
- Sat., April 7, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.** **Coach Jim Van Scoyoc meet and greet (first Street**

Bldg. Gym)

Legendary Norway High School baseball coach Jim Van Scoyoc will be on site to greet people as they visit the exhibit. Van Scoyoc, who was featured in the movie "The Final Season" later served as a pitching coach for the minor leagues in the Detroit Tigers organization and at Kirkwood Community College.

Sat. April 14, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

"A Wrestling Life," Talk and Book Signing by Dan Gable (First Street Bldg. Theatre)

Wrestling legend Dan Gable will talk about the sport and his life, followed by a book-signing. His latest book, "A Wrestling Life: The Inspiring Stories of Dan Gable," will be available for purchase. Gable is a retired Olympic wrestler and coach best known for his tenure as head coach at the University of Iowa where he won 15 NCAA team titles between 1976-1997.

Sat., April 14, 1-2:30 p.m.

Playing to Win: Kids and Sports (First Street Bldg. Theatre)

Cornell College professors of kinesiology Steve DeVries and Kristi Meyer will discuss origins and social factors that have influenced the growth of youth sports in the USA, how we have gotten to where we are now, and some current trends and issues.

**Sat. April 21, 10-6 p.m. and
Sun., April 22, noon-4 p.m.**

Collecting Girls' and Women's Sport Histories in Iowa (First Street Bldg. Gym)

Established in 1992, the Louise Noun - Mary Louise Smith Iowa Women's Archives collects and makes available historical materials that tell the stories of Iowa women from all walks of life. In an effort to broaden its sport-related collections representatives from the Archives and Sport Studies faculty from the University of Iowa Department of American Studies are organizing a collection weekend. Please stop by to tell us your stories, ask questions about donating historical materials, or to donate documents, photographs, or other items related to 6-on-6 basketball or other sporting experiences.

Sponsored by the University of Iowa Women's Archives, University of Iowa Library

April 21, 10-10:30 a.m.

Remembering 6-on-6 Gallery Talk (First Street Bldg. Gym)

The year 2018 marks the 25th anniversary of the end of 6-on-6 girls' basketball in Iowa. To commemorate and reflect on this uniquely Iowan sport, the Iowa Women's Archives and Sport Studies faculty in the Department of American Studies at the University of Iowa have collaborated to create a touring exhibition that tells the story of 6-on-6 basketball in Iowa and the girls and women that played it. The Gallery Talk will provide an opportunity to hear about the exhibition from one of its curators and to learn more about the artifacts it features.

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