

Andreff, Wladimir and Stefan Szymanski, editors. Handbook on the economics of sport. E. Elgar, 2006. 830p bibl index ISBN 1843766086, \$335.00 Andreff and Szymanski (economists from France and the UK, respectively) cajoled 65 of their sports-economist colleagues in Europe, Australia, and the US into contributing stand-alone essays on seemingly every aspect of the economics of sports. One could think of this book as the sports-and-economics counterpart to *Joy of Cooking*, because it will satisfy the needs of those with a keen interest in such subjects as the demand for sport by spectators and the media; high-profile international events such as the Olympics or the World Cup; governance, the role of the state, and legal issues; gambling, doping, and corruption; the underpinnings and intricacies of revenue sharing, reserve clauses, draft and transfer systems, and payroll caps; and the economics of individual and team sports and leagues, including horse racing, golf, tennis, cycling, baseball, soccer, American football, rugby, and cricket. Within these 800 pages readers will find neither in-depth treatment nor absolutely thorough coverage; but this encyclopedic volume is as close as anyone is likely to come in the foreseeable future to a solid, well-written reference work on the subject. Offering plenty of bibliographic references, it is an authoritative starting point for any serious discussion of a wide variety of topics at the intersection of economics and the sporting world. **Summing Up: Highly recommended. All readers; all levels.** -- A. R. Sanderson, University of Chicago