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Write 5 to 10 lines to give your impressions about the documents. What do you think are the most important values a sportsman should have.? What are the strongest moments for you in these texts or moments you have witnessed on the media or as a spectator.



Basketball - Talking about an olympic match

It is obvious that Dwayne Wade is completely dedicated to the goal of winning the game. Here you see him at the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics sacrificing some personal glory by assisting Kobe Bryant, who swiftly dunks the ball. Wade had strong awareness of where his teammates were at that moment, and

thought a few steps ahead to utilize Kobe in order to reach the team's goals. Bryant also had the intuition and skill set that prepared him to perfectly execute.

DEEDEE TROTTER – 4X400M RELAY, 2008 SUMMER OLYMPICS



After winning her first Olympic gold medal at the 2004 Olympics, DeeDee Trotter returned to the 2008 Games hungry for another gold in the 4x400 meter relay.

However, DeeDee was nursing a knee injury at the time, and just as the team was moving from the warm-up area to the track, decided to withdraw from the event. After asking herself if it would hurt her team's chances of advancing by trying to run when she wasn't at her physical best, she decided that, yes, it would.

"I had to let one of my other teammates run in my place, and she was prepared to do so. It wasn't the easiest decision, but it was the decision I had to make for the team," says DeeDee.

This selfless action allowed her teammates to record a season-best time and win the gold medal.

Love of sport: **Usain Bolt**



Usain Bolt is generally agreed to be one of the fastest runners on the planet, but he also inspires fans with his playful and fun-loving attitude towards his athletic performance. During the 2016 Olympics, a mid-race photograph captured Bolt grinning at the camera as he easily outpaced the other runners.

On the interview circuit, Bolt was frequently asked how he manages to have so much fun while he was working so hard, and his responses made it very clear that work and play were intricately linked for him. He absolutely loves what he's doing, so enjoying it is easy.



Examples of failure and resilience: Michael Jordan:

Michael Jordan needs no introduction. Something of a legend for turning failure into success, he is the author of the longest quote on my company's failure wall — which was tricky to paint but worth the extra effort:

I've missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. Twenty-six times, I've been trusted to take the game-winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed.

Most of us don't fail or succeed in the glare of a national spotlight, much less do it thousands of times, with analysts endlessly critiquing every move. Perhaps that's why people love sports: they provide a black and white analogy for the gray backdrop of life. The ball is in or it's out, the basket is made or missed, the game is won or lost. Watching our favorite stars pull through when the chips are down inspires us to do the same in our own lives. And no one has inspired more sports fans, young and old alike, than Michael Jordan.



Example of commitment and work ethic: Messi and Ronaldo

Ronaldo, a well-known fan of training and hitting the gym, admitted that Messi's presence was a constant thing on his mind when trying to prepare for the season, and, looking back at his career and the 700 goals he's

scored so far, he was really emphatic on the fact that talent is nothing without a relentless work ethic.

“First of all, you need talent, otherwise, you won't amount to much. However, talent is useless without hard work. I would never have got to where I am today without the culture of hard work. Reaching 700 goals make me proud – it's an impressive total that few players have reached. If I had to choose a favorite, I would say the one against Juventus because it was a goal I'd been trying to score for years,” he concluded.



Balanced life: Stephen Curry

In May 2015, Golden State Warriors basketball player Stephen Curry made waves when his two-year-old daughter joined him for post-game interviews. Riley was at the game with her mother and was eager to see her dad, so when she ran to him as he sat down before the microphones, he made space for her.

He faced both praise and criticism for these decisions, which he cheerfully ignored. He seemed delighted that his daughter wanted to spend time with her daddy.



Andy Murray on sexism within sports: In 2017, Murray was defeated in the quarter-final of the Wimbledon Championships by American player Sam Querrey. While taking part in the post-match press conference, one journalist posed a casually sexist question to Murray that the Scotsman quickly corrected. The reporter began his question by saying: “Sam is the first US player to reach a major semi-final since 2009.” Before he could finish his question, Murray interrupted to note that Querrey was the first *male* US player to reach a major semi-final in eight years, not the first US player. That same year, American player Venus Williams reached the final of the women’s tournament, before being beaten by Spain’s Garbiñe Muguruza. Many people praised Murray for his apt interjection. “Well said Sir Andy Murray. Teach ‘em never to ignore women,” one person tweeted.



Luz Long and Jesse Owens: The 1936 Summer Olympic Games in Berlin were marred by controversy. Jesse Owens, a top African-American athlete, was on hand to represent the U.S. in the long jump – despite the racist policies of the growing Nazi Party in Germany. During the qualifying match for the long jump, German competitor Lutz Long preceded Owens and set an Olympic record. Owens fought hard but fouled twice – one more and he would be out of the running. Long advised Owens on how to improve his form, helping him advance. Owens won the gold medal in the Olympic event.

LONG-DISTANCE SWIMMING: Susie Moroney, English Channel, 1990



The Aussie legendary swimmer has notched up several achievements that could fall into the category of ‘brave’ or ‘courageous’. We’ve plumped for her English Channel crossing in 1990, given it was her first famous effort and that she was aged just 15. Heavy fog delayed the start of the swim. When she did get going, the Cronulla-born youngster set a cracking pace before

easing into a steady tempo, eventually completing the crossing in eight hours and 29 minutes. Moroney went on to complete a return-swim across the Channel, as well as completing crossings from Cuba to Florida, Cuba to Jamaica, and Cuba to Mexico, among other efforts.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Trevor Gillmeister, State of Origin 3, 1995



The Superleague ‘war’ meant some great players were unavailable during the ‘95 Origin series, but that didn’t prevent a ripper contest. Going into the third and deciding game at Lang Park, Queensland needed a big game from their journeyman second-rower Trevor Gillmeister. Trouble was, “the Axe” was in hospital with a serious knee-related blood infection. But what’s a bit of septicaemia when Origin is on the line? Gillmeister played a key role, laying several crunching tackles and picking a stoush with NSW hard man Paul Harragon. Job done, Gillmeister returned to hospital and went straight onto a drip. Legend has it that before the match, he told coach Paul Vautin he might die if he took the field.

“But what a way to go,” Vautin responded.



Lance Armstrong must be recognised for his achievements in the cycling world, despite recent scandal over doping claims. The Texas born athlete was diagnosed with testicular cancer in 1996, with poor prognosis initially as his tumour had metastasized to his brain and lungs; he underwent extreme chemotherapy, and he also was subjected to brain and testicular surgery. Despite the risk on his life, Armstrong returned to health and cycling to win seven

Tour de France tournaments. It has recently been revealed that Armstrong has been stripped of his achievements by the U.S Anti-Doping Agency due to use of illegal substance abuse. However, given the fact that Armstrong came back from cancer and returned to become one of the most recognisable and successful athletes in modern times, his bravery is nothing short of inspirational.



During the game, Everton goalkeeper Paul Gerrard rushed out to grab the ball but after blocking the play, he injured himself. A West Ham player crossed the ball to Di Canio and he could have easily scored since the goalkeeper was nowhere near the box, but he catches the ball in probably the most prominent display of sportsmanship in modern soccer. He ended up winning the FIFA Fair Play Award the next year.

FYI, here's the unwritten "rule":

If a player gets injured and the whistle is not blown for a stoppage, it is the duty of the player with the ball to kick it out of bounds so the injured player can be attended to, especially if they are on the other team. Once the injured player is removed and play resumes, it is equally universally accepted that the team throwing the ball in will give it right back to the team who stopped play by kicking it out of bounds."



Jesse Sweetser was one of golf's greatest amateur players. In 1926 he attempted to win the British Amateur title at Muirfield but was so sick (later to be diagnosed with tuberculosis) Sweetser was barely able to walk. The other finalist, A.F. Simpson, missed his tee time after his car broke down but Sweetser would not consider claiming a forfeit. He refused any concession and locked himself in the Muirfield restroom. An hour later Simpson arrived on a bicycle with his clubs tied to his back. The playoff began and a desperately sick Sweetser won 6 and 5.



The 1964 winter Olympics in Innsbruck, Austria offers another perfect example of classic sportsmanship. The British two-man bobsled team, led by Tony Nash, completed its first run placing second overall. Then Nash discovered a broken bolt on the sled putting them out of the competition. At the bottom of the hill, the great Italian bobsled driver Eugenio Monti, (who was lying in first place), heard of their plight and without hesitation, removed the bolt from his own sled sending it to the British team at the top of the hill. Nash's team fixed their sled and clinched gold. Monti took the bronze and later commented, "Tony Nash did not win because I gave him a bolt. **Tony Nash** won because he was the best driver."



David Robinson's deferral. For years, Robinson was the heart and soul of the San Antonio Spurs, a star center and the face of the franchise. Yet when the club made youngster Tim Duncan its offensive go-to guy, Robinson didn't pout, sulk or arrange for Duncan to be traded to Miami. Uh-uh. The Admiral accepted his reduced role with grace, encouraged Duncan to take the reins, and helped the Spurs win two NBA championships.



Danny Gathings gives back. Named the Most Valuable Player of the 2004 Big South Tournament, High Point University forward Danny Gathings gave the award to Liberty guard Larry Blair. The reason? Gathings, the conference player of the year, didn't think he deserved the honor.



Mike Trout: It's bad enough this guy became the best baseball player on the planet the first time he took a pitch in his debut on July 8, 2011, for the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim, but does he have to do it with such class and likability?

You never see Mike Trout in the tabloids.

TMZ doesn't bother to record his movements, and no one asks his opinion about pop culture or hot-button politics, because Trout just wants to do two things: treat the game with respect and become the greatest baseball player in MLB history.



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Tillman's level.

Pat Tillman : Pat Tillman cut his football career short so he could enlist in the U.S. Army and fight in the War on Terror.

Tillman was a star safety for the Arizona Cardinals at the time of the September 11th attacks, and he turned down a contract offer of \$3.6 million in May of 2002. He and his brother Kevin, who was a pretty good pitcher in his own right, enlisted in June, and completed basic training in September.

Tillman was killed in action in 2004, which, after some controversy, was revealed to have been due to friendly fire.

As far as sacrifice goes, no contemporary athlete is anywhere near



best exemplifies sportsmanship and community involvement.

Roberto Clemente: The link between professional athletes and charity is pretty much assumed at this point.

But Roberto Clemente did it before it was a trendy professional obligation, and it ended up costing him his life.

Clemente used to spend his offseasons doing charity work for his native Puerto Rico, but it was a charitable visit to Nicaragua that ultimately claimed his life. He was on a relief flight to Managua that was dangerously overloaded, and the plane crashed off the coast of Puerto Rico.

Today, the Roberto Clemente Award honors the player who



Important Americans of the 20th Century" in the 1990s.

Billie Jean King once said, "I've never cared that much for cementing my place in history. Sports is so transitory, so ephemeral.... One lesson you learn from sports is that life goes on without you."

She was a key figure in the fight for women's equality during the 1970s, the time in which her famous victory over Bobby Riggs.

Life magazine would eventually name her as one of the "100 Most



This picture was taken during the 1970 World Cup in Mexico, where England, the 1966 champion, lost the trophy. Brazil won the match, 1-0, in Guadalajara and went on to win the tournament, fielding perhaps the finest soccer team ever.

Above and beyond that, this photograph captured the respect that two great players had for each other. As they exchanged jerseys, touches and looks, the sportsmanship between them is all in the image. No gloating, no fist-pumping from Pele. No despair, no defeatism from Bobby Moore. The *Times* wrote that this picture broke down racial prejudices (which might be a little hyperbolic).



Juventus players received a guard of honour from the Barcelona before going up to receive their runners-up medals after the 2015 Champions League final.

Plenty of smiles now as the Champions League winners collect their medals.

Xavi is the last to collect his as he is embraced with a hug from Platini, before he lifts the trophy among a sea of confetti as Barcelona are crowned European champions for 2015.

What a way for the Barca captain to see out his career at the Nou Camp.

Sorry about today, Roger.



Roger Federer Broke Down Into Tears After Heartbreaking Loss To Rafael Nadal.

There are many events in tennis history that owe their popularity to Roger Federer. Probably, one event that will be etched in the minds of tennis fans forever is the post-match ceremony of the finals of Australian Open 2009.

It gave birth to one of the most emotional moments in tennis history. Post his loss to Rafael Nadal, Roger Federer broke down in tears and was unable to complete his speech. As Federer thanked the crowd for their support, he said through tears – *“God, this is killing me.”*

He withdrew from the podium to take some time. Rafa climbed on to the podium and comforted his greatest rival on the court but a good friend off it. The Swiss player returned the generosity as he walked back to the microphone and said that he didn’t want to have the last words on Nadal’s special night.

This is what the humble Spaniard at the cusp of greatness had to say – *“Roger, sorry for today. I really know how you feel right now. It’s really tough, but remember you are a great champion, one of the best in history, and you proved that.”*

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Pat cut short his football career so he could fight in the war.

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They were both an example of sportmanship and community involvement.

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Why does Usain Bolt enjoy so much what he is doing? **He enjoys what he is doing because he absolutely loves athletics.**