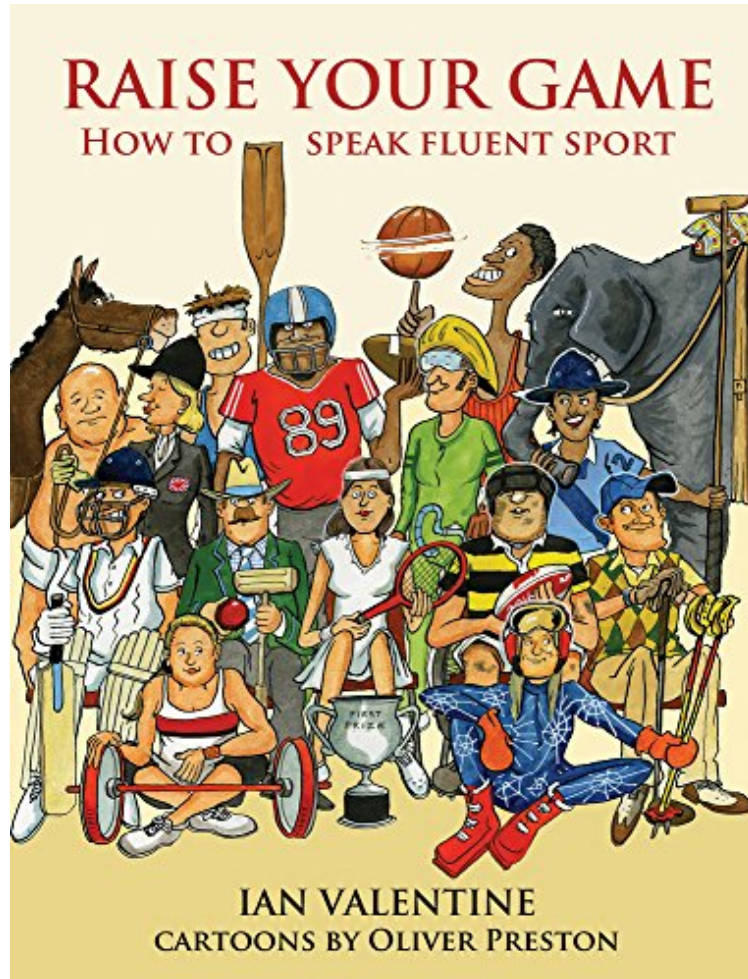


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**Ian Valentine : Raise Your Game: How to Speak Fluent Sport** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Raise Your Game: How to Speak Fluent Sport:

A wonderful celebration of sport's intricate language for the casual sports fan who wants to gain a better understanding of "sporting lingo" to the "diehard sports bore" who wants a fun and illuminating read. Each sporting section is introduced with an explanation of where and how it started and why people love to play and watch it. All the mainstream sports—cricket, rugby (union and league), soccer, tennis, golf, athletics, and cycling—are covered with an additional section on Olympic sports—boxing, diving, swimming, bobsled, water polo, and beach volleyball, just to name a few.

"When it comes to sport, many more of us are armchair enthusiasts rather than active participants. Referring to Raise Your Game on the eve of the Ryder Cup or Tour de France means you'll be able to talk the talk too. And, entertainment value apart, better appreciate the action. Every Olympic Games gets us all engrossed in diving to dressage, hockey to handball - frankly, whatever sport might yield a British medal. And if you need to know the finer points, Raise Your Game has the answers. Turn to the Winter Olympics chapter, and you'll quickly be an authority on triple Salchows (skating), mule kicks (freestyle skiing) and telemark positions (ski jumping). Technicalities aside, this is a lovely title to have on the bookshelf for reference when needed or to flick through for sheer fun. Its engagingly written - the author deserves a medal for the amount of research he's done - and peppered with Oliver Preston's splendidly detailed cartoons." - BASC; "Now we all know that sport can be downright odd. From the tennis scoring system to the organised chaos of rugby - and cricket? Well, exciting it may be but how many of us truly understand the rules? And what does this all have to with equestrianism? Well, in amongst Oliver Preston's hilarious cartoon illustrations and the witty tongue-in-cheek rule/game explanations of every sport from golf, volleyball, fencing, cycling and table tennis there lies a few pages dedicated to our very own eventing, dressage and show jumping along with some very funny explanations of various horsey terms and rules of our beloved sport. Anyway, we made it into the book so although our disciplines may not feature heavily, they are at least catalogued and if you fancy learning the basics about dozens of other sports along the way, then this is one for you! You can impress any number of friends and family with your knowledge of all sorts of sport!" - The Essex Rider; "If you enjoyed watching the thrills and spills of the Olympics, this entertaining and light-hearted new book by Scottish born magazine journalist Ian Valentine will help fill in some of the gaps in your sporting vocabulary and help you 'speak like a pro'. The author takes the reader on a journey through the wacky world of sport, offering his witty observations on each one while explaining them in a nutshell. It's a fun book to dip into and a great way to broaden your knowledge, whatever your level of interest. Keep it next to the TV or take it with you to the pool, pitch or court. The book is attractively presented and the cartoon-style illustrations by Oliver Preston really bring each subject to life." - Shropshire Star; "A Light-hearted look at the rules of all major and minor sports. Many expressions will be new to you which is no bad thing. Do you know the cricket terms hutch, rabbit, ferret, bunny, duck or cow corner? The cartoons are colourful and highly amusing, the whole blend making an excellent volume to please all sportsmen and women." - This England  
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