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NBA Finals 2017

By Travon F.

The NBA Finals in 2017 saw the Golden State Warriors and the Cleveland Cavaliers. The Cavaliers won the 2016 NBA Finals against the Golden State Warriors, but here comes the NBA Finals again, and everyone wondered if it was going to be like the year before.

The Cavaliers thought they could do it again this year, and they wanted it this year but it was like they thought they had it all sealed up. The score was of the final game was 120-129.



Kevin Durant



Kyrie Irving

Kyrie Irving of the Cleveland Cavaliers should have been the MVP of the 2017 NBA Finals, because he went out on that court more. He scored 40 points in Game 4 for the one win that Cleveland had. They lost to the Golden State Warriors four games to one.

Kevin Durant of the Golden State Warriors was just ready for that championship and ready to dominate on the court. He was under pressure, because he wanted it bad. He was named the 2017 NBA Finals Most Valuable Player.

Golden State Warriors

By Joel P.

My favorite basketball team is the Golden State Warriors. The Golden State Warriors won the NBA Finals five times—in 1947, 1956, 1975, 2015 and 2017.

My favorite basketball player is Stephen Curry. In 2014-15 and 2015-16, he won the NBA Most Valuable Player Award.



Stephen Curry

NBA Basketball

By Emily A.

The NBA stands for National Basketball Association. It has many different teams such as Warriors, Cavaliers, Lakers, Bulls and many more.

There are games between the teams, but there are only two teams that make it to the championships at the end of the basketball season.

In the NBA, the Golden State Warriors, and the Cleveland Cavaliers made it to the championships. The Warriors won the 2017 NBA championship by winning four games out of five games.

You can buy tickets to see basketball games, but when you get the front row seat, it's special because you can sometimes get free t-shirts and the players may also sign their autograph.

Soccer

By: Oscar T.

Lionel Messi is a famous soccer player who is in the team Argentina and FC Barcelona. He is a good goal maker. His position is forward.

Soccer Rules

If you push or hit someone that will be called a penalty kick for the other team. When you kick the ball to a corner that will be a corner kick for the other team if it was kicked out by the defensive team. If the offensive team kicked it out, it is a goal kick. If you try to score from a corner or a side it has to be touched by a teammate or the enemy goalie.

Soccer is played with the foot. If a ball is considered to have been handled by a player, it is illegal in soccer.



Lionel Messi

Real Madrid

By Samuel

Real Madrid is one of the world's most famous and successful teams. It has won 33 Spanish league titles, more than rival Barcelona and more than its neighbor, Atletico Madrid. It won 22 European trophies and two World Cups.

Cristiano Ronaldo is one of Real Madrid's best players. He also plays for the Portugal national team. His position is forward.



Cristiano Ronaldo

Lionel Messi

By Pablo S.

Lionel Messi is in two soccer teams. One of the soccer teams is the Argentina national team. When he's playing with the Argentina team, he's in the starting eleven with two other forward players. The two other players are Kun Aguero and Paulo Dybala or Higuain.

His other team is FC Barcelona. When Barcelona has a game Messi is always in the starting eleven with two other forwards, Luis Suarez and Neymar da Silva Santos Junior.

Soccer

By Christopher E.

Soccer is a good sport because you get to score goals. Two of the best players in professional soccer are Cristiano Ronaldo who plays with Real Madrid and Lionel Messi who plays with FC Barcelona.



The point of soccer is to make as many points as you can by scoring goals. You can learn how to play at school, the Boys & Girls Club, or on a team (like AYSO).

If you are a starter at soccer some equipment you need is a soccer ball, cleats, a goal, and cones.

Soccer is different from other sports, because you can't use your hands. In soccer, you have to pay attention most to protecting the goal if you are a defensive player; the positions are Center Back, Sweeper, Full Back, and Wing Back. Forwards are players who try to score goals, and Midfielders help with defense, and when their team has the ball, their job is to keep the ball.

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Monterrey

By Homero M.

Club de Futbol Monterrey is a professional football club located in Monterrey, Mexico. Jonathan Orozco is one of the goalies from 2005-2016 (he now plays with Santos Laguna).

CF Monterrey went to the finals twice. The state has two national teams. The first one was Rayados Monterrey. The second team was Los Tigres. Tigres went to the finals once. In the recent finals, the Tigres lost at the finals and Los Chivas won the finals.

When you think about best players, you will think about Messi of FC Barcelona. Messi is NOT all good, he touched the ball with the hand. Messi is NOT the best one at soccer; there are more people that could beat Messi. He is in the top 10 best soccer players.

Swimming

By Sara M.

Michael Phelps is one of my favorite athletes, because he is a great swimmer. I like swimming and I dance in the water. I've been swimming since I was 3 years old and did a lot of swimming. One of my favorite strokes is the Butterfly; it is so fun.

Extreme Sports

By Gio F.

Travis Pastrana is a motocross racing champion and also a stunt rider. He was the first one to do a double backflip at the X Games in 2006.

Ryan Dungey dominated the supercross and motocross fields until he retired this year. He has won every major title in motocross and supercross. He is a four-time supercross and three-time motocross champion.

Space Jam

By Angel C.

Space Jam is an action packed movie. It stars Michael Jordan and the Looney Tunes. They train to be the best basketball team. They train by running up and down, half courts and many more exercises. They train and train but will they get to the championship?

Personally I think all genders will like this movie. I recommend this for 6-10 year olds. *Space Jam* was released in 1996 and it was famous for having Mi-



chael Jordan and the Looney Tunes at the same time. It will be remembered for many generations. It was a very popular movie.

Football Teams

By Leilani D.

The 49ers are a football team from San Francisco and the team are awesome. Other football teams include the LA Rams, the Raiders, and the San Diego Chargers.

Sports

By Karla Ramirez

Soccer is a famous sport. It was invented in 2000 years ago. However, two professional soccer leagues in the U.S. were started in 1968.

Gymnastic is a popular sport. It got more popular due to the Olympics games. To do gymnastics, you need to be flexible. Both boys and girls can do gymnastics. And to be entered in a gymnastics competition, you must be flexible. It's a fun sport because you do a lot of things and not just splits.

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