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- discussions of some of the most popular of the 300 modern world sports including: soccer, basketball, baseball, cricket, table tennis, tennis, Formula One racing, golf, swimming, skiing, volleyball, track and field, boxing, judo and cycling
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- the challenges facing the world of sports today, such as commercialization and the use of performanceenhancing drugs.

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