

- スポーツについて
- スポーツの語彙を使ったイディオム

2013年最初のGLOBAL TALKは、仙台校のMicah先生のエッセイです。どの国でも、ちょっとした会話のトピックとして使われるスポーツ。世界のスポーツ人気ランキングのお話です。

“When I was growing up all the talk about sports revolved around baseball and basketball. When I got a little older it shifted towards hockey and football. Yet, around the world most sports conversations have a lot to do with soccer. So which sport is the most popular?

By most measures soccer comes in first. Soccer is the most widely watched sport in the world and has the most fans. When using most participants as a measure there is debate concerning registered and unregistered participants, but most people still believe soccer takes first. Runner-ups include basketball, baseball, cricket, and volleyball.

However if you use internet traffic to measure popularity sports rankings have huge discrepancies. English websites have far more traffic than non-English sites, and sports such as American football and baseball, both very popular in the U.S., show much stronger results.

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There is a lot of disagreement over these rankings. Some sports such as track & field and swimming show huge amounts of popularity during the Olympics every four years, and in other years most people seem to have little interest. Also many sports, such as table tennis and cricket, have huge participation, but it is limited to certain countries or areas. Table tennis is hugely popular in Asia, and cricket has struck a chord in India.

In the end there is no one best way to judge a sport's popularity. Those who are interested have to decide on a best measure for themselves. What sport do you think is the most popular?



“Sports”

読み解きのヒント:

revolve (v.) – 回る、回転する
 shift (v.) – 方向を変える、移す
 to do with A (v.) – Aを使って/以て~する
 measure (n.) – 測定、測定方法
 participant(n.) – 参加者、関係者 (un)registered (adj.) – (非)公式登録の
 runner-up(n.) – 2位の者 discrepancy(n.) – 不一致
 track and field (n.) – 陸上競技 strike a chord (v.) – 急に人気が出る



SPORTS IDIOMS

スポーツの語彙やスポーツの動作の語彙を使ったイディオム(熟語)は沢山あります。そのいくつかをご紹介します

at this stage in the game – この/今の時点では

Nobody knows who is going to win the election **at this stage in the game.**

今の時点では、どの候補者が選挙に勝つか誰もわからない。

the ball is in your court – 君次第だ

“Do you think I should accept this job offer?”

“Don’t ask me. **The ball is in your court.**”

「この仕事は受けるべきかしら？」

「僕に聞くことじゃない。君次第だよ。」



blow the competition away - 圧勝だ

If you wear that dress to the beauty pageant, you are going to

blow the competition away.

美人コンテストにそのドレスを着て行ったら、あなたの圧勝よ。

front runner – 最有力候補

Angela is a **front runner** for the new supervisor position
 新しい主任には、アンジェラが最有力候補だ。

get/have a head start – 先んじる 有利だ

He has lived in America for a year, so he **has a head start** over
 the other students in English.

彼はアメリカに1年住んでいたの、英語の習い始めは他の
 生徒より有利だ。

be off base – 的外れだ

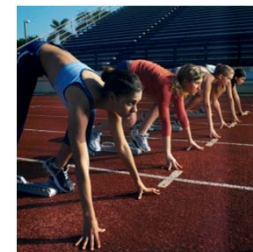
His explanation was way **off base.**

彼の説明はかなりの的外れだった。

throw in the towel – あきらめる

I had half a mind to **throw in the towel.**

もう諦めようかと思った。



start the ball rolling – 始める

Please can everyone be seated so we can start **the ball rolling?**

始めますので、みなさん席について下さい。

skate on thin ice – 危ない橋を渡る 危険を冒す

Don’t you think you’ll **be skating on thin ice** if you go to the U.S.
 without getting health insurance? Medical care is incredibly
 expensive there.

保健に入らずにアメリカにわたるのは危険じゃない？ アメリカで
 は、医療はとて高額だよ。

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