

1. Select a Topic

Consult some general sources available to select a topic. Some broad topics (e.g. basketball) may need to be narrowed. Sources in the Thompson Library which will be helpful in formulating a search:

- ESPN Information Please Sports Almanac *REF GV 741 .E76 2002*
- International Encyclopedia of Women and Sports *REF GV 709 .I58 2001*
- Scribner Encyclopedia of American Lives (Sports Figures) *REF GV 697 .A1 S42*
- Encyclopedia of Sports Science *REF GV 558 .E53 1997*
- Other Reference books with “GV” call numbers

Find these sources and read the sections on topics that interest you. Identify key terms and definitions that will help create a search (e.g. specific athletes, teams, and/or historical eras).

2. Begin searching for Books, Articles, and Other Resources

- MIRLYN: the *FLNT* catalog
- ProQuest Direct
- ScienceDirect
- Wilson Select Plus (OCLC FirstSearch)
- JSTOR

3. Consider using information from sports websites

These are only some examples of webpages related to sports.

- Yahoo Sports category: <http://dir.yahoo.com/Recreation/Sports/>
- Women’s Basketball Server: <http://www.wbeeball.com/>
- Pro Football Researcher’s Association: <http://www.footballresearch.com/>
- Baseball Almanac: <http://www.baseball-almanac.com/>
- Hockey Research Association: <http://www.hockeyresearch.com/>
- University of Michigan athletic history:
<http://www.umich.edu/~bhl/athdept/athhist.htm>
- Michigan Wolverine Women’s Basketball history:
<http://spruce.flint.umich.edu/~prygoski/umhoops.htm>

Interested in doing in-depth research on a University of Michigan sports topic?

If so, you might want to visit the Bentley Historical Library at the University of Michigan Ann Arbor campus. The Bentley is home to the University Athletic Department's Archives. Among the items included here are game programs, press guides, score sheets, game films, and much more. All Michigan sports, women's and men's, are represented.

Another good source is the Graduate Library at UM Ann Arbor, which has microfilm of such newspapers as the *Michigan Daily* (UM Ann Arbor student newspaper) and the *Ann Arbor News*.