

# Date Idea: Cheer on a National Sports Team



By [Noelle Downey](#)

Need help trying to figure out what to do for [date night](#) every weekend? Don't worry – Cupid's got you covered. Sports are always a great way to bond with your partner, and Cupid has some ideas on what you can do to keep yourself occupied. Single? Go with a friend, and maybe you'll snag a cute sports buff to go on future dates with!

## Are you ready to get sporty on your

# summer date nights this year? These date ideas will have you cheering!

Baseball season is just heating up, and everyone loves a good American pastime. Check out MLB.com or StubHub for tickets, or spend happy hour at your local sports bar – or any bar for that matter. A game is always on somewhere.

Think baseball is boring? Maybe the NBA Finals are more your style. With the season coming to a close, and the Boston Celtics tying the match in last night's Game 4, everyone will be paying attention to see who comes out on top. While you may not be a fan of either the Celtics or the LA Lakers, everyone loves a finals match. The next game isn't until Sunday, so in the meantime, challenge your date to a one-on-one match at the local basketball court.

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Basketball and baseball still not your favorites when it comes to watching sports? Why not get ready to cheer for the World Cup Tournament in soccer on June 17th? Make it an event with snacks and a party-like atmosphere when they make their first goal for some added fun! Don't know anything about soccer? Check out *Time Out New York's* World Cup Guide.

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**Have sports date ideas of your own? Got a recommendation for a great sport to watch as a couple? Comment below and share with other readers! Enjoy your weekend!**

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# Erin Andrews Says Potential Partners Have to 'Compete' With Her Dad



If you ask Erin Andrews about her place in the pantheon of women's sportscasters, she will graciously credit the ladies who came before her. However, there's no doubt that she is a trail blazer in sports broadcasting. She has gained notoriety and admiration for her work ethic, knowledge, and natural on-camera abilities. All of this, she says, is part of being an "unapologetically strong woman." Recently, [Lori Bizzoco](#) had the chance to chat with Erin about her new career path, touting her father's influence as a main proponent of pushing her as far as she's come. Further, she says, her father stands as a standard for when she's dating. "He [her father] is a



strong man by my side, and I think that's why I can't find anyone on the other side yet because they have to compete with my old man!"

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## Date Idea: Try an Unusual Sport



By Amanda Martin

Get out of your comfort zone this weekend by trying a unique sport with your other half. Summer is the perfect time to be adventurous. It's warm outside and there are a variety of

activities that can keep you and your partner learning something new.

For example, you can act like cupid and shoot arrows during an archery lesson. Or, spend time in the country and fire up some heat at a shooting range. You can make a game out of either of these activities and whoever wins gets to pick a romantic location for lunch. Don't forget to bring your camera to capture these very special moments.

Another unforgettable sport for the two of you to try is trapeze. Take your love off the ground and experience what it's like to perform in the circus. Trapeze schools are common in major cities, and there are lessons for beginners of all ages. You will be able to try moves that are as basic as the knee hang to a more complex mid-air catch. Although this is a gutsy sport, the support of your loved one should help you get up that ladder and flying in no time.

**What's the most unusual date you've ever been on? Let us know in the comments below.**

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## **New Couple: Are Olivia Wilde and Jason Sudeikis Dating?**





When beautiful women claim they love a guy with a sense of humor people often scoff, thinking that looks matter much more. However, Jason Sudeikis has proven the theory true with his ex-girlfriend January Jones and current fling Olivia Wilde. While single, Wilde had been linked to stars such as Justin Timberlake and Bradley Cooper, but this time could be the real deal. Wilde and Sudeikis were recently spotted when they went to a University of Kansas Jayhawks basketball game, which is a team that Sudeikis considers his own, according to [Hollyscoop](#). To show her support, Wilde even sported a KU beanie with a fuzzy ball on top.

**What are some unique sports-related dates you can go on as a couple?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Sporting events are a great way to loosen up with your mate for a common cause. Cupid has some unique sports-related dates:

**1. Join a team together:** Instead of just watching a sporting

event unfold, you can be part of it with your partner. Sign up for a recreational soccer or flag football league in your area, and let the competitive spirit bond you as a couple.

**2. Check out a less popular sport:** You don't necessarily have to check out the NBA, MLB or NFL if you want to go to a sporting event. Consider going to a sport you know little about, like rugby, broomball or curling.

**3. Sunday football at home:** Put on your jerseys and chill out at home with some homemade nachos and wings. Sometimes the most fun you can have with your partner is the easiest solution.

**What are other unique sports-related dates? Share your ideas below.**

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## Women Have Fun Talking About Sports on 'WhileTheMenWatch'







By Andrew Pryor

To every woman who's ever gone to bed early on a Sunday night during playoff season, thinks a "pick-and-roll" is something people do when there's no Kleenex around and that a "buttonhook" is a nifty solution for a torn shirt—know this: You are not alone.

Lena Sutherland and Jules Mancuso, two long-distance best friends and self-proclaimed "sports widows," found that they had a lot in common when it came to sports. They realized this one day while talking on the phone while their husbands were engrossed in a big January football game. They chatted about their opinions on different sports, how hot the players were and how they'd always been interested in knowing just what a "sacrifice fly" could possibly mean. While talking this over, they came up with the concept of a show that would cater to other women whose husbands are married to the game. Thus, *While The Men Watch* was born.

Lena and Jules are co-hosts of their own radio program that they've described as "a cross between ESPN and Sex & The



City.” Their number-one goal is to get women involved in the discussion of sports in a way that appeals to them, not to men. “We try to have women engaged in a fun way, instead of spending their Saturday night alone,” states Mancuso.

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So how does someone introduce women into what’s always been a man’s world?

Sex appeal, for starters. On *While The Men Watch*, Lena and Jules engage in a different form of fantasy sports, one that focuses on what Jules calls the “fantasy boyfriend.” It’s a twist on the game with women in mind. “We print out the team roster, look at each player’s picture and stats, and choose the member that would make the best fantasy boyfriend,” says Jules. “It’s a fun time-waster and it makes a slow game go more quickly.” And of course, the radio program gives out prizes on occasion to lucky listeners, like jewelry and designer clothing.

But the husbands don’t always need to feel left out—Lena and Jules also encourage single women to learn about sports. “What we found was if you ask a guy one question about sports, it turns into a long conversation. Guys get excited when they find a woman that’s interested in knowing more about the sports they like—and that goes for single women as well as married women. A sports bar can be a great place to find someone new.”

*While The Men Watch* has covered sporting events like Games 6 and 7 of the World Series, as well as regular season hockey and football games. Jules admits that she and Lena can be a bit biased when it comes to picking a favorite team, though. “It depends on a lot of things,” says the radio co-host. “We usually favor whichever team looks like they can finish the game quicker, or the one that’s better-looking.”

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*While The Men Watch* has over two thousand listeners per show—and not all of them are female. “We’ve had several men call into the program,” says Jules. “A lot of them just want to know what their partner’s laughing at while the game’s going on.”

So, for all of those ladies with men who leave them for their television sets or “live games,” you now have a venue to turn to—WhileTheMenWatch.com.

You can look at the program schedule online at WhileTheMenWatch.com or check out their Facebook page or follow them on Twitter.

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## Celebrity Couples You Just Might See at a Sporting Game





By Whitney Baker

Spending a lazy afternoon at a ball game can be the perfect casual date – and celebrity couples seem to think so, too. Sometimes, celeb sightings at a sporting event can be as entertaining at the game itself. There may even be as much action off the court as there is on it.

So the next time you attend a sporting event – whether it be hockey, basketball or baseball – keep your eyes open for the famous duos below:

**1. Carrie Underwood and Mike Fisher:** In February, Underwood's hockey-playing hubby was traded from the Ottawa Senators to the Nashville Predators. Shortly after, Fisher moved into his wife's Brentwood, CA, home (and into her closet), and for the first time during their marriage, the newlyweds settled in the same city. Fans can rest assured that, once the hockey season starts up again in October, Underwood will be at as many home games as her hectic schedule allows.

**2. Beyoncé and Jay-Z:** This musical duo share more than just



their choice of career: they also share a love of basketball. The glamorous couple – with Beyoncé wearing heels, no less – is often on hand to cheer for the New Jersey Nets. Spotted at home and away games in cities such as Newark, Dallas, and Los Angeles, their frequent sightings make perfect sense; after all, Jay-Z is a part-owner of the team.

**3. Minka Kelly and Derek Jeter:** Kelly is a fixture at Yankee Stadium, cheering on her boyfriend of three years from a luxury box, along with his family and friends. Recently, she was on-hand to celebrate Jeter's 3,000<sup>th</sup> career hit. Beyond attending his games, Kelly and her New York Yankees captain-beau often work out together, proving that the couple that stays fit together, stays together.

**4. Hilary Duff and Mike Comrie:** Duff has followed Comrie's hockey career as he has been transferred from the New York Islanders to the Edmonton Oilers to the Ottawa Senators. Comrie is now playing for the Pittsburgh Penguins, and the couple has settled into a newlywed life filled with a lot of cross-country traveling between their homes in Pittsburgh and Los Angeles. With her husband in the rink, she may bring along another celebrity couple to keep her company: sister Haylie Duff and her longtime beau, Nick Zano.

**5. Kim Kardashian and Kris Humphries:** This reality star can often be found sitting courtside as she roots for her love, New Jersey Nets forward, Kris Humphries. With the couple house-hunting in New Jersey and New York, chances are high that Kardashian will be making her mark as one of the team's celebrity fans. Kardashian is following in her younger sister's footsteps in more ways than one: after Khloé Kardashian's own whirlwind romance, she wed Los Angeles Lakers forward, Lamar Odom, in 2009.

**Who is your favorite sporty celebrity couple? Share your thoughts below!**

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# Joe Gumm Gives Husbands a Helping Hand with '150 Secrets to a Happy Wife'



By Loren DeLand

A sports enthusiast and former ESPN anchor, Joe has spent the majority of his career entertaining male audiences. When the work day ends, however, he heads home to a wife and four daughters. Needless to say, he has learned a thing or two about how to make women happy, and is now sharing this precious advice in *150 Secrets to a Happy Wife*. Both comedic and touching, this book is a must-read for all couples looking

to share a laugh and better understand one another.

We had the privilege of interviewing Joe via about his new book last month. Here's what he had to say:

**You've become something of an expert on women and relationships. What is it about this particular subject that appeals to you?**

I love talking about it because I think marriage is a funny topic, especially when you throw in kids, pets, in-laws, marriage counselors and weird siblings. There are topics about marriage that are more serious, like divorce, but that's the whole point of being married – making sure it never gets to that point. As couples, we start off as being the number one priority, but then over the years we become number two, three and four. This book is perfect for all men, especially young men just starting out. It gives a humorous, upbeat outlook into the minds of women and what makes them really happy in life.

**You and your wife have four lovely daughters. Do you think this has shaped the perspective you take when writing about how men interact with women? Would you have written the same book if you'd had four sons?**

Yes and no to your first question because the book is actually about women, written for men. Do I think Bubba, down on the construction site, is going to take off lunch early so he can go buy it to show all of his friends? No, and I don't think men like being told by another man how they should act around their wives. I live with five females and grew up with two sisters, so I think I know a little about what women want. Of course, living with five females, what they want changes on a daily basis. I would say yes to the second part of the question. I would have written the same book for my boys, knowing this is the perfect book for young men getting married.



**Many of your secrets don't advocate for grand, sweeping gestures, but call for men to take part in daily, mundane tasks, such as doing the laundry, replacing the toilet paper roll and carrying in the grocery bags. Can you elaborate on why the small details matter the most?**

I could get a speeding ticket, burn the house down because I left a candle burning and curse my mother-in-law and my wife would really not care. But for some reason, if I don't wipe off the two scraps of food left on the plate from dinner the night before and put it in the dishwasher, my wife acts like it's Armageddon. I think most women love the little things and depend and expect them. As far as the larger, sweeping gestures, I think they appreciate them when they eventually happen.

**You're quite an accomplished TV/radio broadcaster in the sports world. Can your fans look forward to a sports-themed book in the near future?**

Actually, I have written a sports-themed book called *From Humor To Hormones*. It's a book about birth, and for those who don't think the process of birth is a sport, you need to read this book. For example, you have a baseball team (a pregnant wife expecting). That team has practice (three trimesters). That team has coaches (husbands). The game will have umpires (doctors, nurses, midwives). The game will have points (centimeters dilated). During the game, baseball players will grab their crotch in front of thousands of people on live TV (women deliver a baby from the crotch area in front of a lot of people in the delivery room). The team sweats during the game so they drink water to quench their thirst (the mom-to-be definitely sweats more, but instead of drinking water, her water actually breaks). The team has fans cheering them on (the wife has her husband and others cheering her to push). The team has uniforms (the wife has a hospital gown). The team holds up the championship trophy (the parents hold up their baby). Actually, there are a lot of sports analogies

in the book, but NO, it's not a sports book and I don't see myself writing an official one anytime soon.

**Is there any advice you can share with women about dating?**

There are 10 types of men women marry. I'm going to give you five now and then your female readers can buy the book I'm currently writing to find out the other five. You have the ATHLETE, the NERD, the BUSINESSMAN, the ACTOR and the the WANNABE. In my book, it explains who the perfect man is to marry. He may be in this group or he may not. The point of the book is to literally breakdown everything each type brings to the table, as far as marriage. As far as advice, I would tell women to make a list of what makes them truly happy and start with the number one thing.

**150 Secrets is now officially available nationwide. What is the next project you're excited about tackling?**

I wrote a book about how couples not only deal with children with ADD/ADHD, but how they deal with each other's ADD/ADHD. It's a fun, humorous look about a man who not only had dyslexia when he was younger, but had a speech impediment as well. He had a seventh grade reading level when he graduated high school, was accused of cheating through college, and was rejected for his first book by 70 literary agents. Despite his dyslexia and ADHD, he went on to graduate college after 9 years, became an award-winning author of three books, has worked for companies like ESPN and Fox Sports, and ended up doing a fun online interview with the greatest website on the planet called CupidsPulse.com.

Cupid thanks Gumm for his time! You can find *150 Secrets to a Happy Wife* on Amazon. For more on the author, visit his website at JoeGumm.com or follow him on Twitter: @JoeGumm.

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# Melissa Malamut Discusses Her Guide to Loving Sports



By Jenna Barbieri

With the Superbowl right around the corner, people all over the country are wearing their lucky jerseys and making their usual party arrangements, while others are looking up rare diseases to use as their newest excuse not to attend. To those in the second category, the thought of a room full of crazy fans screaming about things they don't understand is a living nightmare. They see the words "touchdown," "goal," and "strike" as nothing more than signs to immediately excuse



themselves from a conversation. If you're one of these people who consider "sports talk" another language all together and are desperate for a translator, we found the expert. Melissa Malamut's book, *She's Got Game: The Woman's Guide to Loving Sports (or Just How to Fake It!)*, guides you through the rules, slang, history and even appropriate apparel for sports events in a way that's fun and easy to understand. Malamut was kind enough take some time out of her vacation to talk to us about her book via email. See what the accomplished author had to say:

**What inspired you to reach out to girls and teach them about the world of sports?**

This idea has been in my head since 2004. I grew up very "sports spoiled" with season tickets to many pro and college teams. I thought every kid grew up like me. So while I know more sports than half your guys friends, I've also always been very girly and into makeup, fashion and skin care. My mom is very feminine and fortunately, it rubbed off on me. It was a great balance. I brought most of my female friends to their first pro sports games and taught many of them everything they know about the games. A few girls have gone on to be huge fans. I loved teaching people about sports and I loved seeing them develop a passion for the games. On two separate occasions at two different sports games I was explaining things to a friend in our seats and the person in the row in front of us turned around and asked me if I worked for the team. I wanted to put everything I've learned into a book to answer the questions I hear all the time.

**What are some topics you touch upon in the book?**

The book covers all the history and rules of the major sports in the USA. Then, infused throughout the chapters to break up the text I added things that women would want to know, like what to wear, when the best time to leave your seats will be,

when the bathroom lines are shortest, best movies, tailgates, who to know in history, personal stories, and all kinds of quick tips. I interviewed fashion editors from across the country, front-office personnel, sports writers and more.

**Was it challenging to talk about sports in such a way that would sound appealing to girls?**

No, not at all. I just talk like me. When a good friend of mine started reading the book, she called me laughing and said, "it totally sounds like you." So even in reading the text, it sounds like I'm just having a conversation with a friend.

**How do you think this knowledge about sports will benefit girls when it comes to dating?**

I cover this in the introduction of the book. Because of the title, people always get confused and think its a "man getting" book. But the "just how to fake it part" is just a play on words since we females know how to fake a thing or two ☐ hehe... They think I'm trying to say, "nab a man by learning sports" which is SO NOT the case. Once you pick it up and read the 300 plus pages of sports info, you realize it has nothing to do with men at all. It's about learning and developing a passion for sports for yourself.

A lot of guys say they want a girl that likes sports. It is definitely a great way to MEET men. I meet guys in sports bars and at games all the time. But in the end, it has been my experience that being one of the guys doesn't always translate into then being one of the guy's girlfriends.

**Would you recommend a sports event as a good first date? Why?**

It depends on the sport, the game and the guy. I love games as dates (even first dates!). There is plenty of time for conversation. You are pretty much expected to drink because there's alcohol everywhere (great for calming the nerves).

But if the conversation gets dull, at least there is a game going on so you can just watch the game. Lulls in conversation are okay because there is something else to do! But if a guy is an uber-fan and it's a big game, then I wouldn't recommend it as a first date or a date at all, unless you are also a big fan and will enjoy it, too. Otherwise, a big game is not the time to be peppering your date with questions about what's going on. He'd prob[ably] have more fun with a friend that wants to be there for the game and not for him.

**What would you say is the most important thing sports has taught you about other aspects of your life?**

A lot. I mean, there are probably at least 10 baseball phrases used in every day life by people that aren't sports fans and don't even know where the phrase came from. For life lessons, it's about working as a team and good sportsmanship. For me, it's about learning that it really is just a game. But I have a really (sometimes nasty) competitive drive that probably stems from growing up playing and watching a lot of sports.

**What is the best advice you can give to women out there who are intimidated by sports and sport events?**

To just go and have fun! In the end, it is just a game.

Cupid thanks Malamut for her time! If you're tired of being confused and intimidated by sports, visit Amazon to purchase your own copy of *She's Got Game: The Woman's Guide to Loving Sports (or Just How to Fake It!)*. And for more on Malamut, you can follow her on Twitter: @melissamalamut. Happy sports watching!