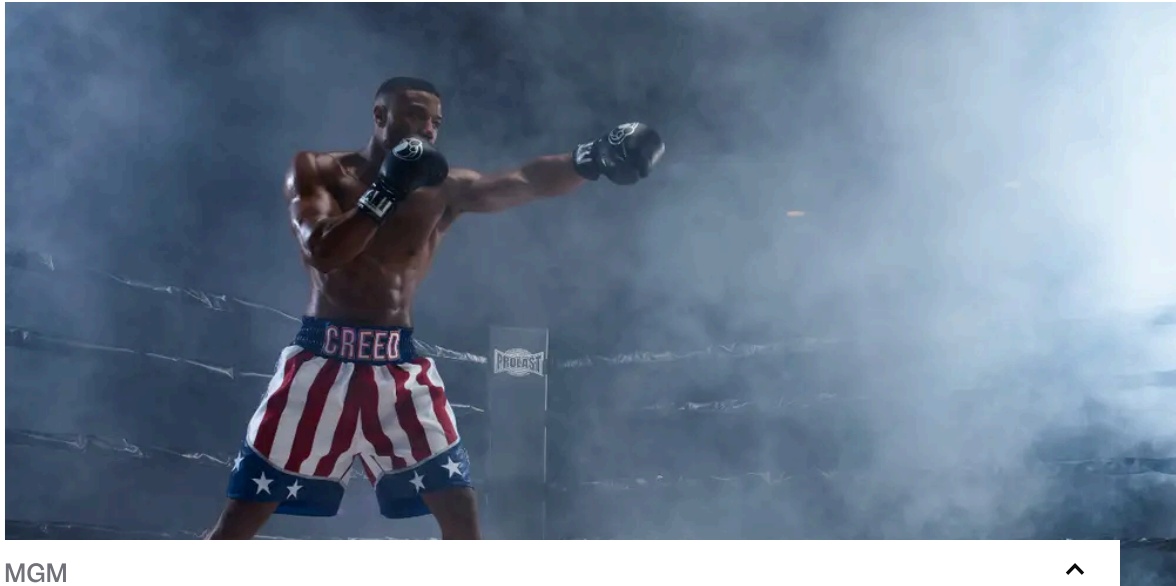


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The 18 best sports movies and documentaries of 2018

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The same core components that make a great movie — likable and relatable characters, inspiring storylines, remarkable underdogs, and more — are some of the many reasons fans are so drawn to sports. It's no wonder, then, that Hollywood comes out with a new crop of movies centered around sports year after year.

2018 was no exception.

Movies like "Creed II" and "Uncle Drew" rocked the box office, while "The Miracle Season" stole viewers' hearts and "Free Solo" took their breath away.

We ranked the top sports movies of 2018 according to their IMDb Rating. If two movies had the same IMDb Rating, the movies with more reviews were given the higher ranking. In each slide, we also included the film's Rotten Tomatoes Tomatometer Score, Audience Score, and Critics' Consensus when they were available.

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18 — Alex & Me



Rotten Tomatoes

IMDb Rating: 5.5

Rotten Tomatoes Audience Score: 71%

Summary: After failing to earn a spot on the soccer team, middle schooler Reagan Willis trains with USWNT superstar Alex Morgan for a chance at redemption.

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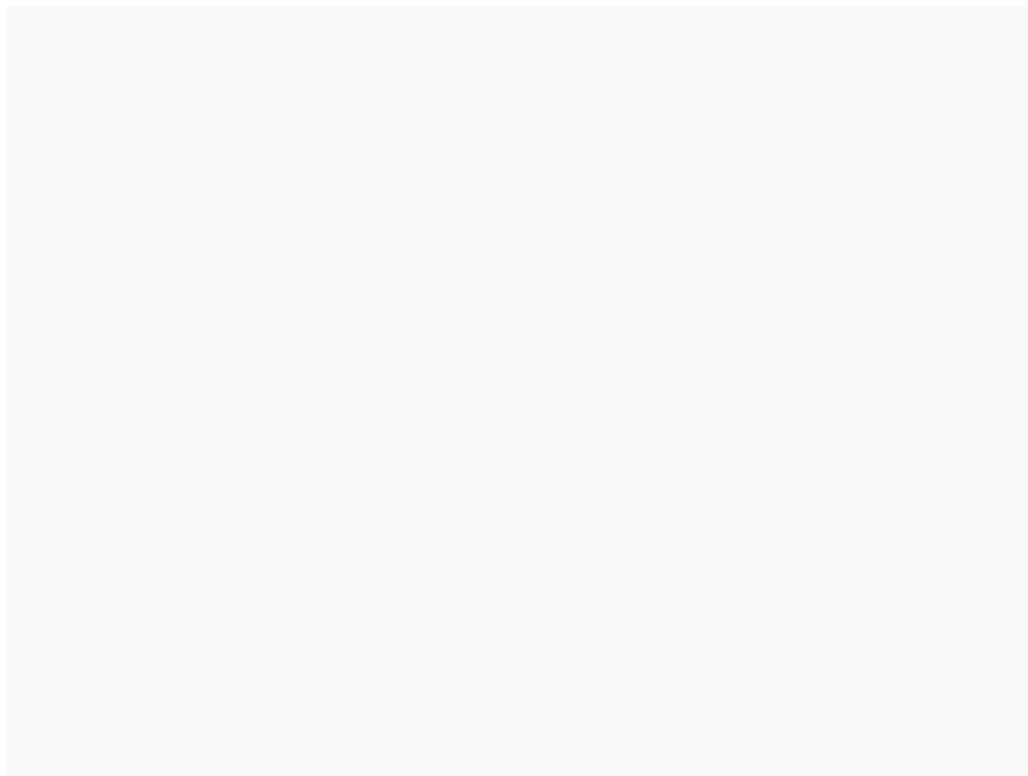
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17 — Uncle Drew



Temple Hill Productions

IMDb Rating: 5.7

Rotten Tomatoes Score: 63%

Rotten Tomatoes Audience Score: 51%

Rotten Tomatoes Consensus: "Kyrie Irving's crossover to comedy is amiable enough to score with basketball fans, but *Uncle Drew* is held back by formulaic plotting and too much

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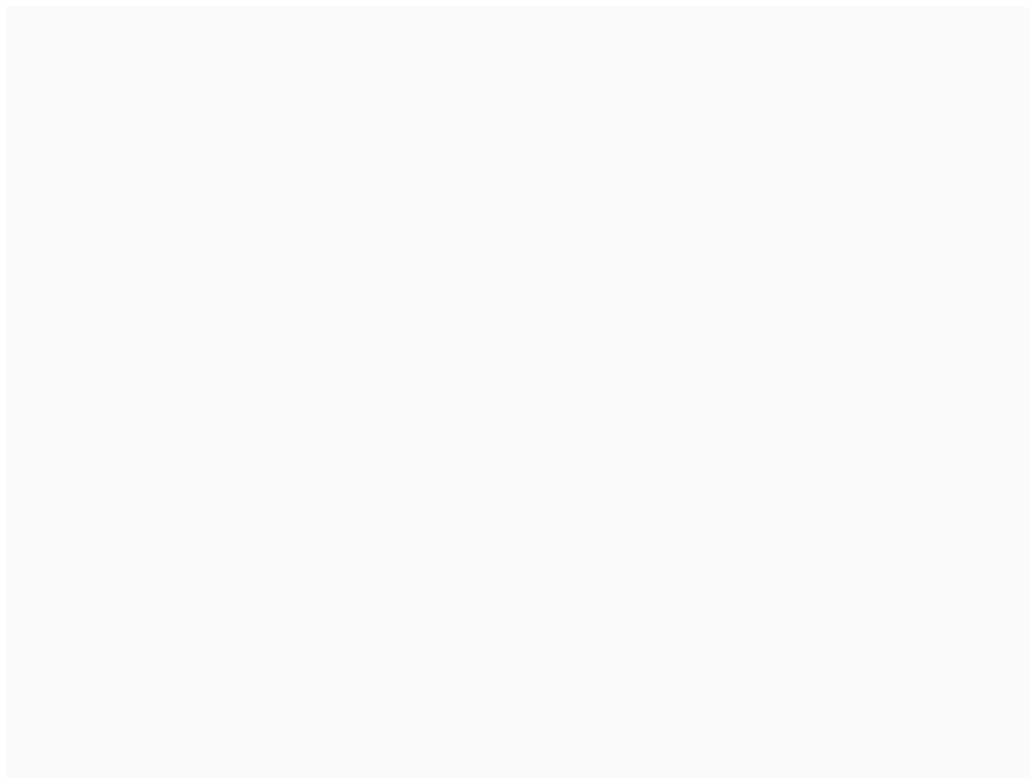
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16 — Amateur



IMDb

IMDb Rating: 5.9

Rotten Tomatoes Audience Score: 70%

Summary: A 14-year-old basketball prodigy navigates the dark underbelly of amateur athletics as he is recruited to play for an NCAA prep school.

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15 — Swimming With Men



IMDB

IMDb Rating: 6.3

Rotten Tomatoes Score: 46%

Rotten Tomatoes Consensus: "*Swimming with Men* touches on thought-provoking themes surrounding modern masculinity, but ultimately never manages to do much more than tread water."

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14 — First Match



The Wrap

IMDb Rating: 6.3

Rotten Tomatoes Score: 84%

Rotten Tomatoes Audience Score: 82%

Summary: A teenage girl who spent years in foster care joins the boy's wrestling team in a bid to reconnect with her estranged father.

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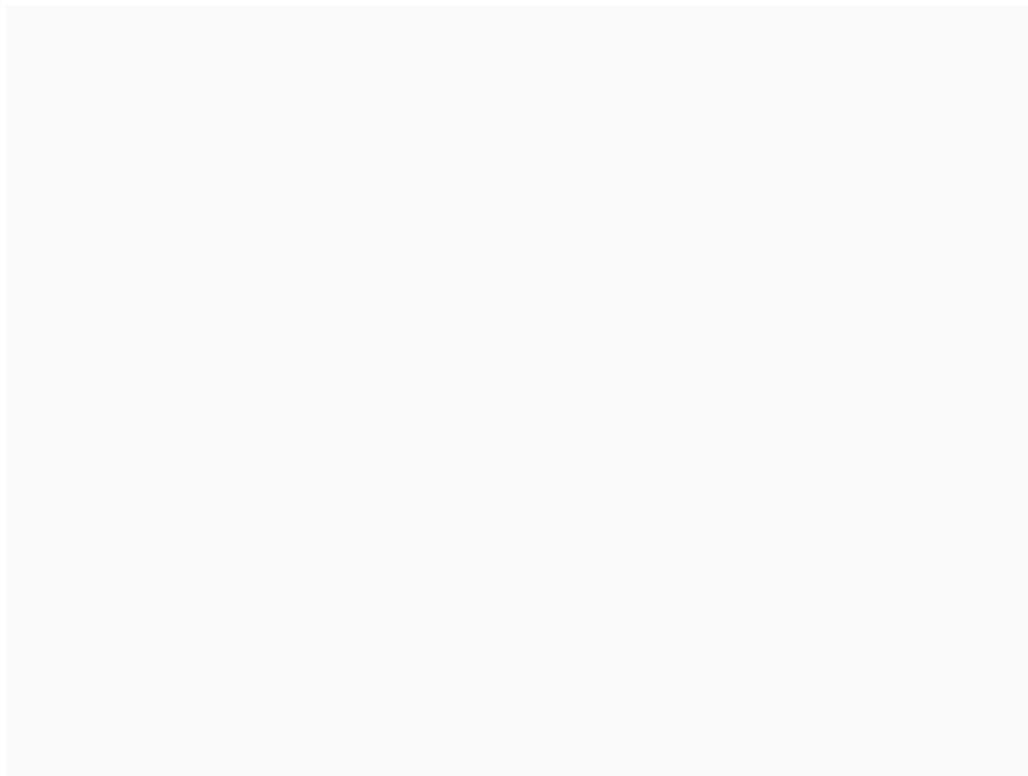
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13 — The Miracle Season



IMBD

IMDb Rating: 6.5

Rotten Tomatoes Score: 50%

Rotten Tomatoes Audience Score: 86%

Rotten Tomatoes Consensus: "*The Miracle Season* has a worthy real-life story to tell, but one-dimensional characters and aggressively maudlin storytelling undercut any emotional

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12 — John McEnroe: In the Realm of Perfection



Steve Powell/Getty Images

IMDb Rating: 6.6

Rotten Tomatoes Score: 90%

Rotten Tomatoes Audience Score: 78%

Rotten Tomatoes Consensus: "*John McEnroe: In the Realm of Perfection* offers a compelling analysis of what made its subject special - and gives audiences a courtside seat to a pivotal match."

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11 — Don't Cry for Me England



IMDb

IMDb Rating: 6.8

Summary: A General introduces Buenos Aires to the game of soccer during the 1806 British invasion of the city.

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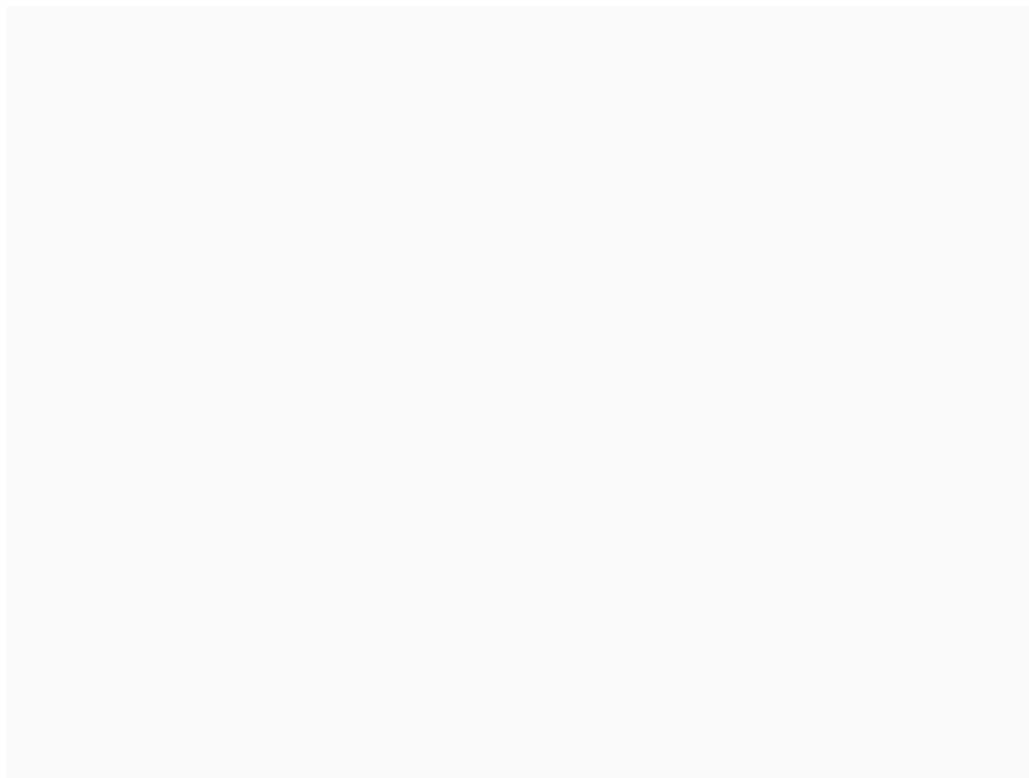
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10 — The Last Race



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IMDb Rating: 7.0

Rotten Tomatoes Score: 93%

Summary: A local stock car race track and the blue-collar workers who call it home face the financial duress of a real estate development boom.

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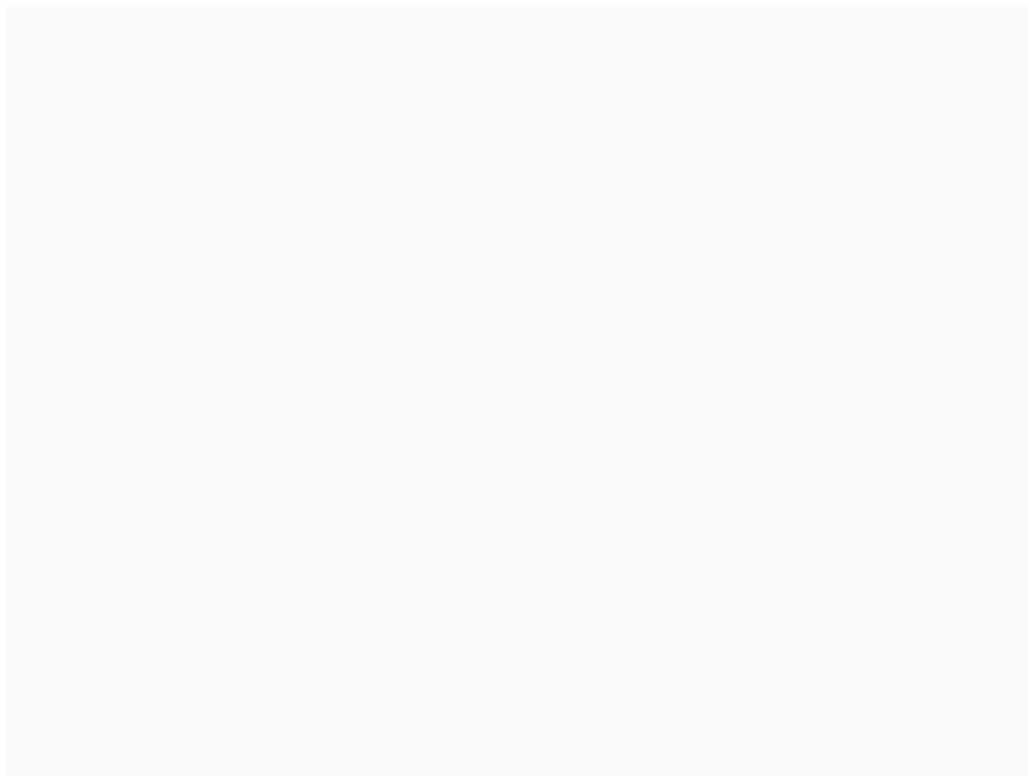
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9 — Zion



IMDb

IMDb Rating: 7.2

Rotten Tomatoes Audience Score: 86%

Summary: Based on a true story, *Zion* follows Zion Clark, a wrestler born without legs, as he uses wrestling with and against his non-disabled peers as an outlet while enduring the trials and tribulations of living in foster care.

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8 — Back to Berlin



IMDb

IMDb Rating: 7.4

Rotten Tomatoes Score: 100%

Summary: In the summer of 2015, the Maccabiah games — otherwise known as the Jewish Olympics — were hosted in Germany for the first time since World War II at the same site as Hilter's infamous 1936 Olympics. *Back to Berlin* follows eleven motorbikers as they carry the Maccabiah torch alongside the

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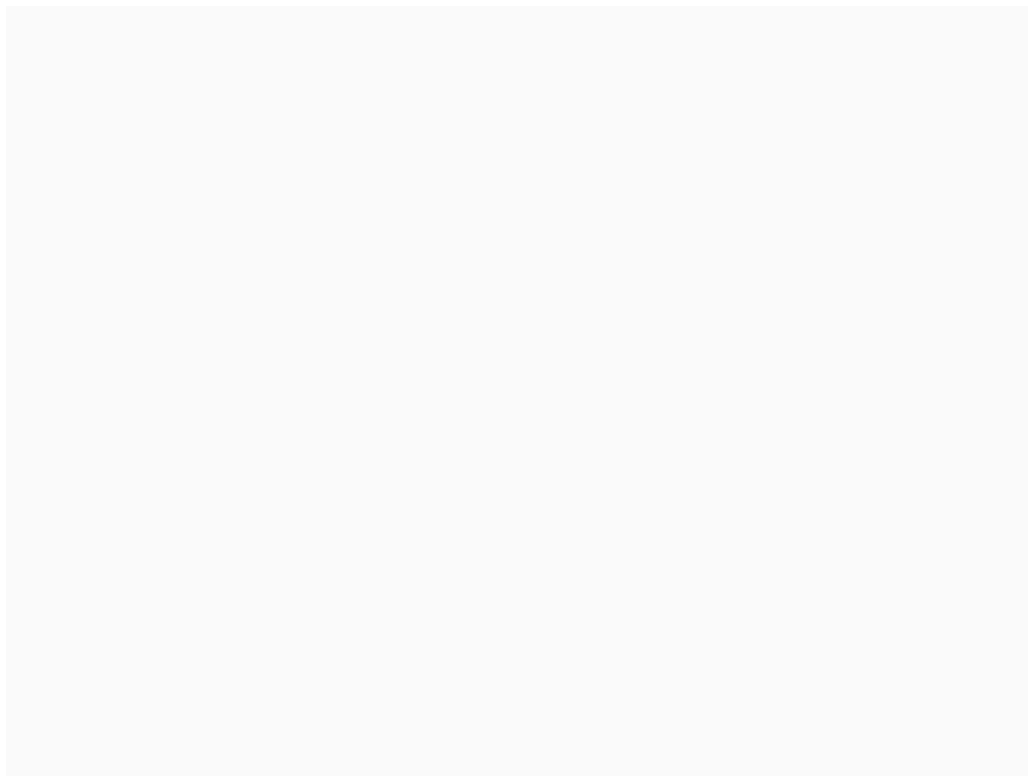
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7 — Trautmann



Cinema.ch

IMDb Rating: 7.6

Summary: A German POW, goalkeeper Bert Trautmann refuses repatriation at the end of World War II and instead settles in Lancashire. He eventually overcomes his villainous reputation by valiantly defending the goal during Manchester City's FA Cup Final victory in 1956 despite breaking his neck mid game.

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6 — The Merger



IMDb

IMDb Rating: 7.8

Rotten Tomatoes Score: 78%

Rotten Tomatoes Audience Score: 95%

Summary: A former Australian professional football player returns to his hometown to coach the local footy team to help bring together an otherwise run-down town.

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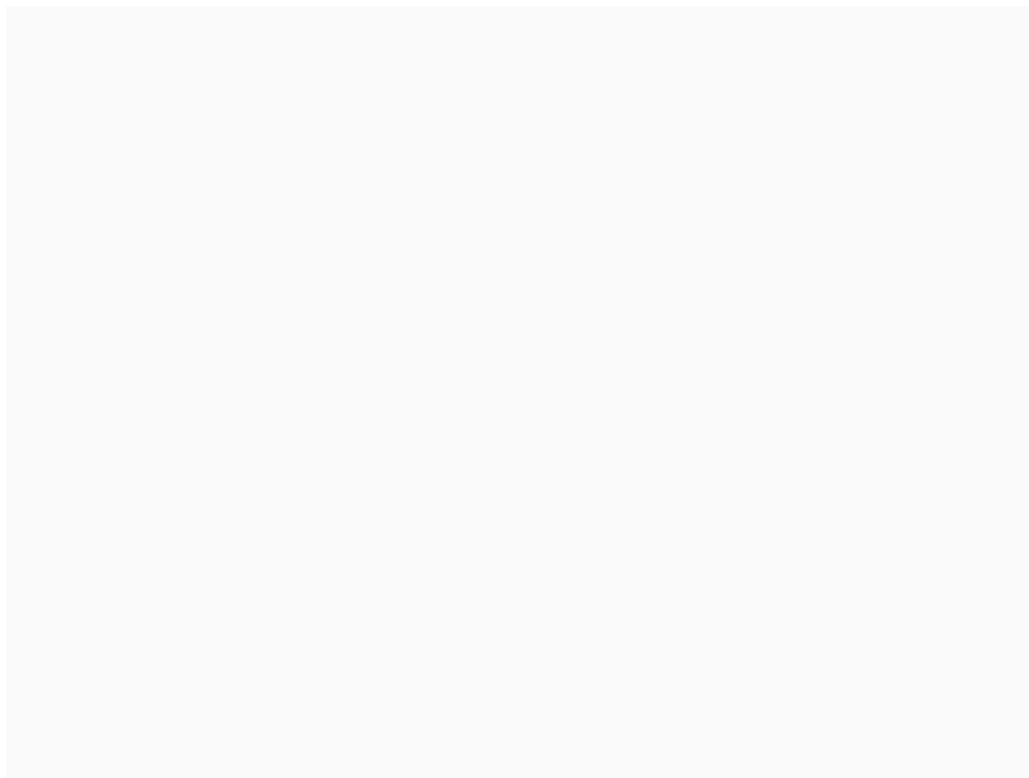
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5 — Andre the Giant



AP Photo/Marty Lederhandler

IMDb Rating: 7.8

Rotten Tomatoes Score: 94%

Rotten Tomatoes Audience Score: 90%

Summary: A look into the life and career of André Roussimoff — a 7-foot-5 professional wrestler better known as Andre the Giant.

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4 — Creed II



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IMDb Rating: 7.9

Rotten Tomatoes Score: 83%

Rotten Tomatoes Audience Score: 88%

Rotten Tomatoes Consensus: "Creed II's adherence to franchise formula adds up to a sequel with few true surprises, but its time-tested generational themes still pack a solid punch."

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3 — Basketball: A Love Story



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IMDb Rating: 8.3

Rotten Tomatoes Audience Score: 100%

Summary: Some of the biggest names in basketball discuss their love for the game and its intersection with topics such as race, class, politics, media, and business.

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2 — Glass Jaw



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IMDb Rating: 8.3

Rotten Tomatoes Audience Score: 99%

Summary: Former champion boxer Travis Austin seeks to redeem himself both in the ring and outside of it after losing everything and going to prison.

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1 — Free Solo



National Geographic

IMDb Rating: 8.6

Rotten Tomatoes Score: 97%

Rotten Tomatoes Audience Score: 95%

Rotten Tomatoes Consensus: "*Free Solo* depicts athletic feats that many viewers will find beyond reason - and grounds the attempts in passions that are all but universal."

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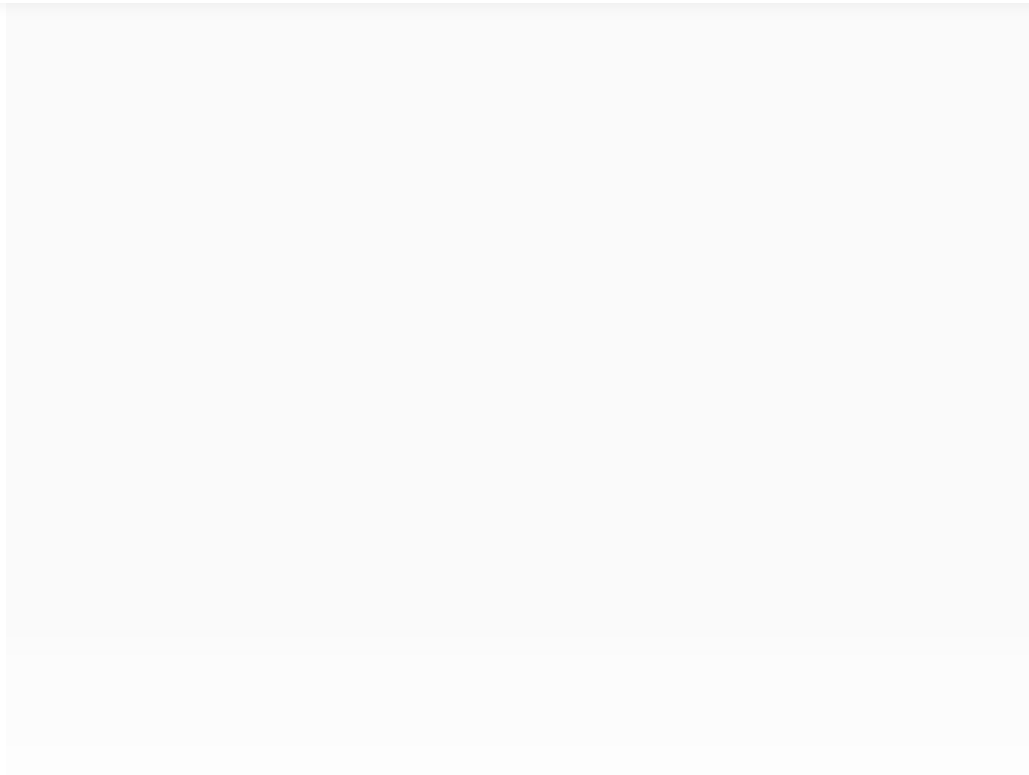
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