

Economics 90 – The Economics of Professional Sports, Fall 2005

Tuesday 4:00 - 5:30pm, Computer Science & Engineering Building 1117

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course is designed to give students a basic introduction to the economics of professional sports. We will focus on the labor market for athletes, labor relations, and the pros and cons of government subsidies to professional sports teams.

TEXTBOOK: Sports Economics, by Rodney Fort, available at the bookstore and on reserve.

CLASS PARTICIPATION: Attendance is mandatory and you are expected to participate actively in class discussions. You will be graded on the thoughtfulness, relevance and frequency of your remarks.

WEEKLY QUIZZES: Each week there will be a short quiz on the reading. These quizzes are designed to make sure that you have completed the assigned reading. Each quiz will last about 5-10 minutes.

GRADES: Class participation and attendance (50%), quizzes (50%).

Date	Assigned Reading	Schedule
September 27th	Chapter 6: The Value of Sports Talent	
October 4th	Chapter 7: The History of Player Pay	Invited Speaker: Reggie Joseph, law student at California Western School of Law, sports enthusiast with interests in sports and entertainment law.
October 11th	Chapter 8: Labor Relations in Pro Sports	
October 18th	Chapter 9: Subsidies and Economic Impact Analysis	Invited Speaker: Jim Steeg, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for the Chargers. Responsibilities include the development of a new, Super Bowl-caliber stadium for San Diego and, over the years, has worked with communities across the country to develop stadiums to play host to the Super Bowl.
October 25th	Chapter 10: The Stadium Mess	Invited Speaker: Bruce Henderson, former City Councilmember and “unofficial pain in the backside to local sports moguls.”
November 1st	Chapter 11: Taxes, Antitrust, and Competition Policy	Invited Speaker: Erik Judson, Executive Vice President of External Affairs for the Padres, was instrumental in the development of Petco Park. Judson is also a UCSD alum who majored in Economics!