

*Upsets are going to happen, and the best thing about them is they occur when you least expect it. For the fan with no ties, these are some of the greatest moments in sports history.*

Jack Fleck beats Ben Hogan at U. We asked for your take, and you filled our mailbag with plenty of opinions. This was a political event where democracy won out over communism for one night on the ice and also said something about the attitude of sportsmen in terms of professionals vs. But more importantly, everyone in the United States shared in this moment. At a time when a country mired in malaise needed something to rally around -- the spirit of a group of young men at Lake Placid, N. Colby Springer San Jose, Calif. That simply had everything going for it. The Cold War overtones of the unstoppable, evil Russian empire and their team of professionals vs. Truly a David vs. The upstart Americans knocked off the mighty Soviets in the Olympic medal round. We had a dinner party that night and as the game wore on no one was allowed to listen to results earlier, everyone stopped eating. I will never forget the anguishing excitement of the last few minutes that seemed to last for ages The scenes after the win will always be etched in my mind, the incredible pile of bodies out on center ice, the sticks heaved to the heavens, the smiles of unmatched exultation on the players faces and, of course, Jim Craig, draped in the flag. I suspect that for many of those young players it will remain the single greatest moment in their lives. It is certainly the most memorable sports moment of mine, upset or no. John Boyd Weston, Mass. Buster Douglas over Mike Tyson 74 letters Tyson was a pit-bull. He was on top of the world and he demolished his opponents. The way he just mowed down boxers with extreme power, intensity, and viciousness always had the boxing world and myself in awe. Buster Douglas gained his 15 minutes of fame by knocking out Mike Tyson. To think that a no-name, Joe Schmoe named James "Buster" Douglas, whom everyone thought Mike Tyson would pummel to the canvas, enters the ring and publicly humiliates Tyson with a TKO would have never crossed my mind. Robert Marlow Bronx, N. At the time, Mike Tyson was truly the greatest, unbelievable fighter. I remember watching it live and being absolutely stunned. Nobody could even faze Tyson and yet Buster Douglas was turning him into a slab of meat. I remember jumping up and down in disbelief when Tyson finally got knocked down. Richard Sussman Atlanta 3. Rulon Gardner defeats Alexander Karelin 56 letters American Rulon Gardner, left, will go down in wrestling history for his stunning defeat of Russian great Alexander Karelin. He had no team to rely on. In the minds of everyone looking on, except maybe his family and coach, he had no hope of beating Karelin. He had no history of winning at that level of competition. Most impressive of all, though, is the "loser" in this upset. Karelin had been undefeated and unscored on in international competition for the decade preceding the Olympics. UNLV was heavily favored and had not lost a game all year. It was just a great win for the Duke program and really helped put them on the map as national title contenders for years to come. But by the grace of God they shot better than 75 percent from the field and 90 percent in the second half, and still only won by two points. Here was a team playing better than they could ever have imagined in their wildest dreams and they were only able to win by two. That tells you how much of a mismatch Georgetown was for them. On the field, it was as shocking a result as most my age 45 have ever seen. Michael Rodman Rogers, Ark. Chaminade knocks off Virginia 30 letters Chaminade over the University of Virginia -- season. Enter Division II Chaminade. While UVa rebounded to still post a strong season, you have to wonder if the doubt put into their heads on that night helped contribute to a pair of late-season losses to another David, eventual NCAA champion NC State. Soviet Union wins controversial gold over U. They won a game that was considered to be won by the great Houston team before the opening tip. We still love you, Jim! Michael Estes Park, Colo. Willie Knapp, who rode Upset, the horse whose name has come to mean "to defeat unexpectedly," described his victory best: I looked back and there he was. Thus his defeat in the Sanford Memorial by Upset must be considered the greatest upset of all time. Parker New York An expansion team over the powerhouse Baltimore team with recent successes.

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And yet none on its own can really do the upset justice. There was the record of seeds against 1-seeds. There was the point spread — Virginia by Yes, the team that just pulled off the impossible really did lose to Albany less than two months ago. Where does it rank among the greatest sports upsets of all time? If we limit the list to somewhat mainstream American sports, and to single games or events, surely UMBC over Virginia is among the top six. Was it more unlikely? Appalachian State went in, unofficially, as a point underdog. It came out a victor. There was no betting line, no media coverage, no awareness, not a single thought that the top-ranked team in the nation could lose. And yet it did. It remains the most inexplicable upset in college basketball history. There are urban legends that have been crafted. And yes, it was a stunner. But was it as unfathomable as many people felt it was in the aftermath? It was as earth-shaking as it was because 16 over 1 had never been done before. Several seeds had come close. Virginia was missing a key player. It also plays a style and a pace conducive to fluky outcomes. Its system neutralizes talent advantages. Underdogs only have to sustain extraordinary performance for relatively fewer possessions. So there were reasons to think a UMBC upset was possible. Story Continues What made it so remarkable was the margin of victory. In a way, though, the thoroughness of the victory downplays how great an upset it was. UMBC would have been able to pull it off even with a flawed performance. But it was an underdog — a massive one. Because anybody was, and still is, a massive underdog against UConn. The Huskies carried a game winning streak into the Final Four, and appeared to be cruising toward a national title. The stakes were much higher. And the finish — a Morgan William buzzer-beater — was more dramatic. So William and the Bulldogs still take the crown for biggest college basketball upset of all time. Buster Douglas over Mike Tyson Not only had Tyson never lost when he stepped into the ring against Douglas in ; of his 37 wins in 37 fights, 35 had been by knockout. He had a longer and more comprehensive track record of dominance than anybody else on this list. It was a foregone conclusion that Tyson would make quick work of his overmatched opponent. Douglas knocked out Tyson in the 10th round. Miracle on Ice It was college kids against pros. It was amateur Minnesotans against the mighty Soviets. It was the sporting extension of a political rivalry. There was seemingly no way. The Soviets had won the past four Olympic golds. But in , the American kids shocked the world. They won in the Olympic medal round, and ultimately took gold. More March Madness coverage from Yahoo Sports:

### Chapter 3 : The all-time greatest upsets in the history of sports: No. 16 UMBC joins the list - blog.quintoapp

*Wikimedia Commons/Yoda Some of the best moments in sports are the monumental upsets that rarely occur in big moments.. If you like rooting for the underdog, you don't often have reason to.*

Here is a look at events when the minnows destroyed the supremacy of champions with nothing more than pure grit and determination. The underdogs, backed by a spirited bowling performance, restricted the reigning world champions to chasing a target of runs to a score of runs and lifted their first World Cup trophy. Australia and West Indies refused to send their teams to Sri Lanka in the wake of terror attack, which saw Sri Lanka directly qualify for the knockout stages. The trio ushered a new style of play in one-day international cricket and led the islanders to their maiden World Cup victory. Till their encounter with Pakistan, they had managed only one consolation win against Scotland in the group stages of the World Cup. On May 31, 1999, during their Group B match, Bangladesh dealt a shocking blow to Pakistan by scoring a convincing runs victory. However, on March 17, 2002, the chirpy hopefuls sent Pakistan home after putting on display a feisty performance in the group stages of tournament. Sampras was the reigning champion and the winner of seven Wimbledon titles. During their road to final, the Greece team won four of their five matches, losing only to Russia in the group stages. Soderling, on the other hand, had never made it past the third round of any major tournament. On May 31, 2002, all that changed, when 23rd seed Soderling from Sweden shocked the King of Clay in a five setter. Cameroon, playing with nine men after two dismissals, fought resolutely and held onto an unlikely lead and create history for African football. Reigning champions, Liverpool, were one of the most formidable clubs in football history. Wrexham, on the other hand, were right at the bottom end of the entire football league. On February 10, 1997, inside the Tokyo Dome in Tokyo, Douglas scored one of the biggest upsets in sports history when he knocked out Tyson, in the 10th round. Placed alongside Sweden, England and France, not many would have bet on the chances of Denmark making it past the group stages, let alone winning the championship. On June 26, 1996, Denmark side led by Lars Olsen handed two-times champions Germany a defeat to complete a fairytale tournament. United States, on the other hand, had lost their last seven international matches with a combined score of 0-10. Yet, assisted by a goal from centre forward Jeo Gaetjens, US was able to seal a historic victory. The first fight was named by Sports Illustrated magazine as the fourth greatest sports moment of the 20th century and was won by Cassius Clay. A year later, in a controversy riddled re-match Clay - who had now changed his name to Muhammad Ali - once again knocked out Liston in the first round itself. The fans were yet to recover from the shocking exit of England from the tournament, when they received a second blow when Brazil went down at the hands of Uruguay, in front of a packed home crowd. He was up against an in-form Patrick Rafter. Shortly after the midnight of Sept. A tense controversy-ridden match saw the Soviet Union clinch its first Olympic gold in basketball. US refused to accept the silver medal, which to this date is kept inside a Swiss vault. Colchester United were playing their third consecutive season in the Football League Fourth Division and clear outsiders. Billy Mills pictured above, a former US Marines, came out of nowhere to register a record Olympic time of 2:00:40. They had already defeated the Kiwis, in the opening game of the tournament. By half-time the Kangaroos were leading 17-0. However, a series of aberrant errors saw Australia not only relinquish its lead, but lose the match. He was the winner of three consecutive Olympic gold medals and seven consecutive world titles. His American challenger, Gardner had, so far, managed to finish fifth in all international competitions he had participated till date. Open Ben Hogan R was all set to record his fifth U. Jack Fleck, trailing the first round leader by nine strokes, staged one of the most remarkable comebacks in the history of the tournament to upstage Hogan and claim a famous victory.

### Chapter 4 : The 13 greatest first-round upsets in sports history | FOX Sports

*This was unquestionably one of the biggest upsets the world of sports has ever witnessed. And there have been some amazing ones. Here are the five we believe represent the greatest of all time.*

Connector The Greatest Upset in Sports? Over the weekend, rugby saw its greatest upset of all time happen. This result was unexpected for a number of reasons, first of which is that prior to this win, Japan had previously won once in the World Cup, against Zimbabwe in 1997. Just to be clear to all the non-rugby fans out there, Zimbabwe is not even a tenth of the team that South Africa is. South Africa, or the Springboks as they are known, are the most proud, cruel and arguably great rugby team on the face of the planet. Just to demonstrate how great they are, the mighty All Blacks did not win a series against them on South African soil until 2007. They did not win any series against them until 2007, 50 years after the start of international rugby. Since being re-included in the international scene after they finished their apartheid regime in 1994, they have won the four-yearly World Cup twice, in 1995 and 2007. Many bookies had put them at 100 to 1 to win the match. And yet Japan, normally group stage cannon fodder, won the match. This got me thinking about whether this could be the greatest upset in sports history? In this article, that is the question I will seek to answer. The other candidates I will be specifically looking at will be; the United States soccer team that beat England, the U.S. On the 29th of June 1950, the world of soccer received its greatest ever upset when a band of semi-professionals beat the great English team. The English were known as "the fathers of soccer", the Americans meanwhile were a bunch of amateurs, most of whom needed jobs to support themselves. The team consisted of hearst drivers and school teachers. The English team was a fully knitted-out professional unit. In the post-war era they had a formidable record of 23 wins, four losses and three draws. The Americans had lost their previous seven internationals. Now, deciding whether this was as great as the other great upsets in sports is difficult. But when you consider that England did not go on to win the World Cup in 1950, and actually lost quite a few matches in the next few years, you start to realize that this England team could be beaten. Even considering this though, the part-time team of Americans beating them in 1950 must rank as one of the greatest sporting upsets of all time. The day that the U.S. Ice Hockey team beat the Soviets in the Winter Olympics was nothing short of a miracle. The Soviets had won the previous four gold medals dating back to the 1956 Winter Olympics. The American team were a hastily made-up bunch of college and collegiate players. In a pre-tournament exhibition match the Americans were crushed. The score in the match was 1-5, and it has helter skelter the whole way through. Two matches later the Americans went on to win the gold medal match. Sports Illustrated called it the "single most indelible moment in all of U.S. Was this bigger than the Japan upset? Buster was a underdog and only the Mirage in Las Vegas was willing to take bets on the fight. I had easily beaten everybody who had knocked him out". According to The Guardian, "Tyson had no interest in sparring, but he built up a sweat with the local women. When comparing this to the aforementioned upsets, especially when compared to the Japanese and the U.S. Ice Hockey Team, at least Douglas and Tyson were in the same weight division. In all of the aforementioned upsets, there was not one single betting person who realistically predicted the result. However, there are some sports where the underdog often comes through. In golf tournaments, the champion is not often actually the champion. Often, unheralded players will come through for the win, like Craig Perks at the Players, or Michael Campbell at the U.S. The Japanese victory over the South Africans does I think, have to be ranked alongside that of the U.S. Ice Hockey Team victory. They were equally great. People could make arguments either way about which one was greater. But it is unarguable that the great rugby upset we saw at the beginning of this rugby world cup was one of the greatest upsets in Sports History.

### Chapter 5 : The Greatest Upset in Sports? | HuffPost

*Greatest Sports Upsets Ever - Volume 1 Joseph Vincent. Greatest Redemption Moments in Sports History (Part 1) - Duration: Greatest Upsets in College Football History |HD.*

### Chapter 6 : Greatest Sports Upsets (TV Movie ) - IMDb

*But on that day, it was Upset who, as a to-1 underdog, won the day. 1. The Miracle on Ice. Topping our list of the Top 10 Upsets in Sports History is, what else, the Miracle on Ice - the United States hockey team's victory over the Soviet Union in the semifinals of the Winter Olympics. The odds were against the Americans in so many ways.*

### Chapter 7 : Famous Upsets (mostly sports)

*On the other, you have the 6th seed, the worst team in the playoffs, and a team that has already lost to the Patriots that year. And yet, the Giants pulled it off. The biggest upset ever, and a great game to boot! - Blueyays. No competition. The Patriots were on the verge of becoming the greatest NFL team of all time.*

### Chapter 8 : Are these the biggest upsets in sport?

*Upsets have changed lives, organizations, entire sports, and even major world powers. The USSR and the USA were at loggerheads in just about everything they did.*

### Chapter 9 : Greatest sports upsets of all time: UMBC over Virginia in top 5

*The all-time greatest upsets in the history of sports: No. 16 UMBC joins the list A look at the biggest shockers of sports, from Douglas and Tyson to USA Hockey's 'Miracle on Ice'.*