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Dear Editor/Producer,

Kenny Mayne may seem to be living inside your TV. From his decades hosting ESPN's *SportsCenter*, his announcing major events such as the Kentucky Derby, his weekly irreverent (bordering on surreal) pre-game segments for ESPN's Sunday NFL Countdown, *The Mayne Event*, his TV life on *Dancing with the Stars*, initially as the very first star voted off the second season, now returned with irreverent (bordering on surreal) segments about things like "Dance Rehab for Other Stars Voted Off the Show," his ABC summer series, *Fast Cars & SuperStars*, and appearances on *Martha Stewart* and *Jimmy Kimmel*, to his ubiquitous commercials for companies such as Top Flite and GMC, you practically can't go a day without seeing Kenny on your screen.

Jerry Seinfeld has called him "*the funniest guy on TV.*"¹ Now Kenny turns his irreverent (bordering on surreal) sensibility to the printed page.

An Incomplete and Inaccurate History of Sport (to be published in May) guarantees to be true to its title. Neither complete nor particularly accurate, Kenny's book ostensibly covers every sport from Australian rules football and ax throwing to wrestling and yachting,² but many sports are never mentioned. Rugby, Roller Derby, skiing, wheelchair basketball, and swimming receive no mention, whereas tackle football, "*the best sport in the world and everyone knows it,*" has some six or seven chapters devoted to it. The sports that have chapters are sometimes also not covered. For instance, his chapter on hunting is really about hunting for a decent and correctly priced triple tall Americano, light on the water.

The book is jam-packed with insights such as:

- If you ever hit more than one hole in one, they would be called holes in one, not hole in ones.
- Jai alai is pronounced *hi a-lie*, but there's more to the sport than that.
- Tetherball is a game played in fifth or sixth grade and then it is never played again.

But **An Incomplete and Inaccurate History of Sport** doesn't just dwell on incomplete inaccuracies. It's part nostalgic memoir (Kenny recalls the summer that his friend Mark Sansaver hit 843 home runs in backyard Wiffle ball), part scholarly tract (the origins of tackle football), and part metafiction (see "Time-outs"). **An Incomplete and Inaccurate History of Sport** is also a coffee table book, or at least a coaster, as it is jammed with non-referential photographs and drawings by his young daughters as they tried to imagine and then portray sports phrases like *the Immaculate Reception*. This is Kenny Mayne's first book, though he has read many, and believe it or not he can write with sincerity, as when he describes the birth of his daughters, the loss of his twin sons, and the inspiration he drew from his father.

If you would like to learn more about Kenny Mayne and **An Incomplete and Inaccurate History of Sport**, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us; you can also check out his website to see some really funny bits: www.KennyMayneIsWritingABook.com. We look forward to speaking with you soon to schedule an interview or review!

Best,

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¹While it's true Jerry said that a long time ago and may not stand by it any longer, others believe Kenny has gotten funnier since that quote was originally printed.

²He couldn't think of a Z sport.