So, You Want to Go Pro?

Many high school athletes dream of making it to the big leagues, but few will actually make it. Because of the highly competitive world of professional sports and uncertainty of sports careers, student athletes should always have a backup plan. The stats don’t lie.

83.6% of professional athletes are male

ODDS OF PLAYING IN COLLEGE

MEN

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| ODDS | BASEBALL | BASKETBALL | FOOTBALL | SOCCER | TENNIS |
| MAKING ANY COLLEGE ROSTER | 8:1 | 17:1 | 11:1 | 12:1 | 25:1 |
| MAKING ANY NCAA D1 ROSTER | 43:1 | 110:1 | 33:1 | 108:1 | 155:1 |

WOMEN

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| ODDS | SOFTBALL | BASKETBALL | FOOTBALL | SOCCER | TENNIS |
| MAKING ANY COLLEGE ROSTER | 10:1 | 14:1 | 16:1 | 10:1 | 28:1 |
| MAKING ANY NCAA D1 ROSTER | 51:1 | 81:1 | 83:1 | 41:1 | 182:1 |

PROBABILITY OF GOING PRO

1.6% of college football players

<1% of college Women’s basketball players

1.2% of college men's basketball players

9.9% of college baseball players exactsports.com

7.4% of college ice hockey players

AND EVEN IF YOU MAKE IT... 3.3years average length of an NFL player's career

AVERAGE RETIREMENT AGE OF PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES:

* 27 NFL
* 28 NBA
* 29.5 MLB
* 28.2 NHL
* early-mid 40s PGA

EEK! 60% of former NFL players are broke within five years of retirement

THEBACKUP PLAN

GREAT DEGREES TO PURSUE FOR SUCCESS AFTER SPORTS:

* Computer Science
* Math
* Business Administration
* Education
* Finance
* Communications

alternative CAREER PATHS for ATHLETES &SPORTS LOVERS:

* Exercise Physiologist
* Athletic Trainer
* Sports Coach/Scout
* Sports Data Analyst/ Statistician