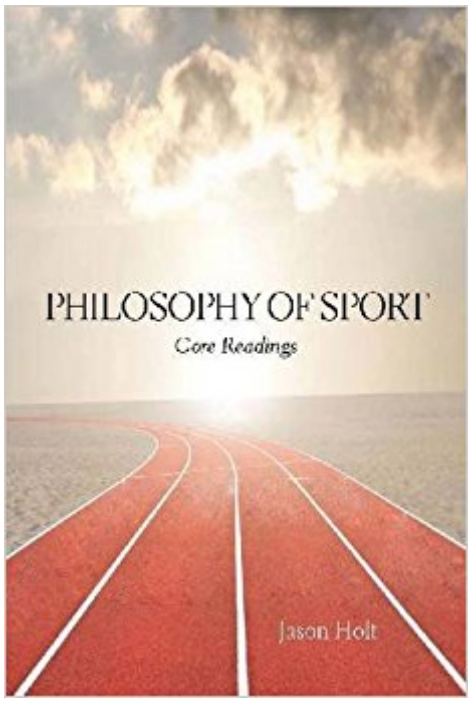
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Although I am a professional philosopher, philosophy of sport is not an area I have studied or thought about before, so I don’t know what seminal and influential articles might be missing from this anthology or what topics might be missing or underrepresented (with one exception mentioned below).The book is arranged topically with two reading each on eight topics. Some of the readings are illuminating and thought provoking, while others are more intellectually slight. Aside from the essays on the prisoner’s dilemma and sports and on the phenomenology of female embodiment, none of the articles is difficult to understand, is technical, or presupposes a background in philosophy. For each of the eight topics, the book includes a brief introduction, a few suggestions for further readings, and a paragraph of concluding thoughts. The editor explains that he devoted less space to ethical issues related to sports (e.g., the ethics of steroid use) because there already are so many good books on sports ethics.

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