

Sports Idioms Worksheet

Instructions: *Underline the idiomatic expressions in the sentences and write the meanings.*

Sentences with Idioms / Phrases	Meaning
They'll win the game since their rookie goalkeeper is an ace in the hole.	
The new coach is calling the shots.	
Why don't you chip in and support the refugees?	
The game is coming down to the wire and nobody has scored.	
The stallion is the front runner. He'll be hard to beat.	
Don always gets a head start and wakes up at dawn.	
I was exhausted after 3 kilometres of running, but I got a second wind after I passed the beach.	
It took her a month to get into the full swing of things. Now she is the best employee.	
I know the homework is difficult but give it your best shot.	
He never got a fair shake. He got fired after a week.	
Connor is going to give Floyd a run for his money.	
His colleague went to bat for her and testified on her behalf.	
The experienced boxer has the upper hand.	
We've hit a snag. I don't think we can finish it on time now.	
You hit me below the belt when you said that lie about me.	
The home team holds all the aces. I don't think the other team will win.	

All the hot shots in New York live on the Upper East Side.	
If you jump the gun then you may make a mistake. Go at your own pace.	
It's hard to keep your head above water when you are already down by 3 goals.	
I spend the whole morning learning the ropes for the job.	
The team leveled the playing field after the penalty kick.	
It will be a long shot to finish in the top three positions.	
I don't think I made the cut. Other people will probably get hired instead.	
The race cars were neck and neck until the end.	
Sara said it would be no sweat to finish the assignment on time.	
George isn't playing with a full deck. He forgot to wear his socks.	
If you're not up to par by the end of the month, you're fired.	
I'm on the ball today. I finished everything before lunch.	
His response was so way out in left field that everyone couldn't stop laughing.	
She's way out of my league. There's no way she'll go out with me.	
It's time to settle the score. I'm sick of losing against these guys.	
It was a shot in the dark, but her answer was correct.	
He was skating on thin ice when he insulted the boss.	
Let's get the ball rolling and start with some ice breakers.	

Yuna is going to step up to the plate and admit that her team's decision was wrong.	
Let's take the bull by the horse and get started on the project.	
You really took the wind out of my sails when you laughed at my new invention.	
We offered him an extra million dollars. The ball is in his court if he wants to sign the contract.	
We're on the home stretch now. We'll be there in a few minutes.	
Rocky never threw in the towel during his fighting career.	
Can we take a time out and work on this later in the afternoon?	
Mandy was off base when she said that I needed a hair transplant to get the acting role.	
We should keep this under the table until we know it's safe to tell everyone.	
The team one hands down because their opponents had three red cards.	