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2008 SPORTING NEWS BEST SPORTS CITIES

1. Boston	201. Bozeman, Mont.
2. Detroit + Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti	202. Montgomery, Ala.
3. Dallas-Fort Worth	203. Hempstead, N.Y.
4. New York	204. Binghamton, N.Y.
5. Philadelphia	205. Evansville, Ind.
6. Phoenix + Tempe	206. Lynchburg, Va.
7. Denver + Boulder	207. Lewisburg, Pa.
8. Los Angeles	208. New Haven, Conn.
9. Chicago + Evanston	209. Cedar City, Utah
10. Washington	210. Towson, Md.
11. Pittsburgh	211. Hamden, Conn.
12. Houston	212. Bethlehem, Pa.
13. Tampa-St. Petersburg	213. Natchitoches, La.
14. Nashville	214. Olean, N.Y.
15. Lawrence, Kan.	215. Dover, Del.
16. Cleveland	216. Lake Charles, La.
17. Anaheim	217. San Luis Obispo, Calif.
18. Minneapolis-St. Paul	218. Spartanburg, S.C.
19. Atlanta	219. Martin, Tenn.
20. Salt Lake City + Provo	220. Greeley, Colo.
21. San Jose + Palo Alto, Santa Clara	221. Edinburg, Texas
22. Miami	222. Cullowhee, N.C.
23. Indianapolis	223. Shreveport, La.

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25. Morgantown, W.Va.	225. Corpus Christi, Texas
26. New Orleans	226. Macomb, Ill.
27. San Diego	227. Fort Myers, Fla.
28. Cincinnati	228. Charleston, S.C.
29. Knoxville, Tenn.	229. San Marcos, Texas
30. Orlando	230. Cheney, Wash.
31. Austin, Texas	231. Morehead, Ky.
32. Seattle	232. Lexington, Va.
33. San Antonio	233. Cookeville, Tenn.
34. Toronto	234. Itta Bena, Miss.
35. Charlotte	235. Conway, Ark.
36. Oakland + Berkeley	236. DeLand, Fla.
37. Green Bay	237. Conway, S.C.
38. Milwaukee	238. Richmond, Ky.
39. Jacksonville	239. Jackson, Miss.
40. St. Louis	240. Pocatello, Idaho
41. Montreal	241. Savannah, Ga.
42. Buffalo	242. Daytona Beach, Fla.
43. Baltimore	243. Greenville, S.C.
44. Columbus	244. Brookings, S.D.
45. Baton Rouge, La.	245. Riverside, Calif.
46. Calgary	246. Macon, Ga.
47. Norman, Okla.	247. Jersey City, N.J.
48. Ottawa	248. Durham, N.H.
49. San Francisco	249. Cape Girardeau, Mo.
50. Portland	250. Buies Creek, N.C.
51. Athens, Ga.	251. Radford, Va.
52. Sacramento	252. Hanover, N.H.
53. Vancouver	253. Orangeburg, S.C.
54. Edmonton	254. Clinton, S.C.
55. Kansas City	255. Princeton, N.J.
56. Memphis	256. Scranton-Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
57. Blacksburg, Va.	257. West Long Branch, N.J.
58. Louisville, Ky.	258. Bakersfield, Calif.
59. Eugene, Ore.	259. Davis, Calif.
60. Columbia, Mo.	260. Kennesaw, Ga.
61. Madison, Wis.	261. Jupiter, Fla.
62. Clemson, S.C.	262. Quad Cities (Moline-Rock Island, Ill., Davenport-Bettendorf, Iowa)
63. Gainesville, Fla.	263. Stony Brook, N.Y.
64. Lexington, Ky.	264. Augusta, Ga.
65. Fayetteville, Ark.	265. Rochester, N.Y.
66. College Station, Texas	266. Manchester, N.H.
67. Storrs, Conn.	267. Huntsville + Normal, Ala.
68. East Lansing, Mich.	268. Loretto, Pa.
69. Starkville, Miss.	269. Dunedin, Fla.
70. Champaign, Ill.	270. Charleston, Ill.
71. Stillwater, Okla.	271. Port St. Lucie, Fla.
72. West Lafayette, Ind.	272. Clearwater, Fla.

73. Auburn, Ala.	273. Bristol, Tenn.
74. Lubbock, Texas	274. Brooklyn, Mich.
75. Tucson, Ariz.	275. Darlington, S.C.
76. Manhattan, Kan.	276. Fontana, Calif.
77. College Park, Md.	277. Long Pond, Pa.
78. Tuscaloosa, Ala.	278. Loudon, N.H.
79. Oklahoma City	279. Martinsville, Va.
80. Pullman, Wash.	280. Pine Bluff, Ark.
81. State College, Pa.	281. Sonoma, Calif.
82. Albuquerque, N.M.	282. Talladega, Ala.
83. South Bend, Ind.	283. Viera, Fla.
84. Tulsa, Okla.	284. Watkins Glen, N.Y.
85. Boise, Idaho	285. Prairie View, Texas
86. Bloomington, Ind.	286. Lakeland, Fla.
87. Des Moines, Iowa	287. Vero Beach, Fla.
88. Charlottesville, Va.	288. Sarasota, Fla.
89. Columbia, S.C.	289. Tacoma, Wash.
90. Lincoln, Neb.	290. Pawtucket, R.I.
91. Piscataway, N.J.	291. Grand Rapids, Mich.
92. Spokane, Wash.	292. Farmville, Va.
93. Omaha, Neb.	293. Bradenton, Fla.
94. Winston-Salem, N.C.	294. Uncasville, Conn.
95. Honolulu	295. Jacksonville, Ala.
96. Las Vegas	296. Winnipeg
97. Oxford, Miss.	297. Winter Haven, Fla.
98. Mobile, Ala.	298. Trenton, N.J.
99. Corvallis, Ore.	299. Allentown, Pa.
100. Tallahassee, Fla.	300. Bowie, Md.
101. Bowling Green, Ky.	301. La Quinta, Calif.
102. Colorado Springs, Colo.	302. Cromwell, Conn.
103. Davidson, N.C.	303. Hilton Head Island, S.C.
104. Waco, Texas	304. Kapalua, Hawaii
105. Syracuse, N.Y.	305. Kissimmee, Fla.
106. Moraga, Calif.	306. Orono, Maine
107. Hattiesburg, Miss.	307. Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.
108. Fresno, Calif.	308. Palm Coast, Fla.
109. Iowa City, Iowa	309. Carlsbad, Calif.
110. Kent, Ohio	310. Monterey, Calif.
111. Reno, Nev.	311. Rockford, Ill.
112. Akron, Ohio	312. Verona, N.Y.
113. Kalamazoo, Mich.	313. Zebulon, N.C.
114. Athens, Ohio	314. Portland, Maine
115. Oxford, Ohio	315. Springdale, Ark.
116. Greenville, N.C.	316. Albany, Ga.
117. Ames, Iowa	317. Harrisburg, Pa.
118. Mount Pleasant, Mich.	318. Jackson, Tenn.
119. Annapolis, Md.	319. Midland, Texas
120. Troy, Ala.	320. Norwich, Conn.
121. El Paso, Texas	321. Charleston, W.Va.
122. Laramie, Wyo.	322. Erie, Pa.

123. Murfreesboro, Tenn.	323. Hershey, Pa.
124. Bowling Green, Ohio	324. Altoona, Pa.
125. Huntington, W.Va.	325. Lakewood, N.J.
126. Logan, Utah	326. McAllen, Texas
127. Muncie, Ind.	327. Burlington, Iowa
128. Las Cruces, N.M.	328. Columbus, Ga.
129. Toledo, Ohio	329. Cedar Rapids, Iowa
130. Denton, Texas	330. Kodak, Tenn.
131. Birmingham, Ala.	331. Lowell, Mass.
132. Fort Collins, Colo.	332. Salisbury, Md.
133. Lafayette, La.	333. Bridgeport, Conn.
134. Monroe, La.	334. Reading, Pa.
135. Jonesboro, Ark.	335. Bismarck, N.D.
136. West Point, N.Y.	336. Bourbonnais, Ill.
137. Ruston, La.	337. Clinton, Iowa
138. DeKalb, Ill.	338. Georgetown, Ky.
139. Moscow, Idaho	339. Hamilton, Ontario
140. Teaneck, N.J.	340. Kannapolis, N.C.
141. Amherst, Mass.	341. Latrobe, Pa.
142. Peoria, Ill.	342. Mankato, Minn.
143. Normal, Ill.	343. Napa, Calif.
144. Dayton, Ohio	344. River Falls, Wis.
145. Fullerton, Calif.	345. Westminster, Md.
146. Kingston, R.I.	346. Lancaster, Calif.
147. Carbondale, Ill.	347. Rome, Ga.
148. Ithaca, N.Y.	348. Sioux Falls, S.D.
149. Rock Hill, S.C.	349. Beloit, Wis.
150. Albany, N.Y.	350. Eastlake, Ohio
151. Richmond, Va.	351. Lake Elsinore, Calif.
152. Boone, N.C.	352. Myrtle Beach, S.C.
153. Nacogdoches, Texas	353. Springfield, Mass.
154. Springfield, Mo.	354. Williamsport, Pa.
155. Valparaiso, Ind.	355. Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.
156. Providence, R.I.	356. Amarillo, Texas
157. Santa Barbara, Calif.	357. Kinston, N.C.
158. Cedar Falls, Iowa	358. Modesto, Calif.
159. Moon Township, Pa.	359. San Bernardino, Calif.
160. Statesboro, Ga.	360. Geneva, Ill.
161. Huntsville, Texas	361. Wilmington, Del.
162. Clarksville, Tenn.	362. Visalia, Calif.
163. Lawrenceville, N.J.	363. Grambling, La.
164. Poughkeepsie, N.Y.	364. Frederick, Md.
165. Terre Haute, Ind.	365. Hagerstown, Md.
166. Chattanooga, Tenn.	366. Jamestown, N.Y.
167. Niagara, N.Y.	367. Appleton, Wis.
168. Stockton, Calif.	368. Batavia, N.Y.
169. Flagstaff, Ariz.	369. Salem, Va.
170. Wilmington, N.C.	370. Adelanto, Calif.
171. Emmitsburg, Md.	371. Hickory, N.C.
172. Asheville, N.C.	372. Midland, Mich.

173. Fargo, N.D.	373. Lorman, Miss.
174. Norfolk, Va.	374. Woodbridge, Va.
175. Beaumont, Texas	375. Tri-Cities (Pasco-Kennewick-Richland), Wash.
176. Little Rock, Ark.	376. Wappingers Falls, N.Y.
177. Wichita, Kan.	377. Auburn, N.Y.
178. Johnson City, Tenn.	378. Aberdeen, Md.
179. Worcester, Mass.	379. Keizer, Ore. (not Salem-Keizer)
180. Irvine, Calif.	380. Elizabethton, Tenn.
181. Williamsburg, Va.	381. Oneonta, N.Y.
182. Greensboro, N.C.	382. Pulaski, Va.
183. Ogden, Utah	383. Winooski, Vt.
184. Elon, N.C.	384. Bristol, Va.
185. Easton, Pa.	385. Princess Anne, Md.
186. Newark, Del.	386. Billings, Mont.
187. Fairfield, Conn.	387. Danville, Va.
188. Hampton, Va.	388. Everett, Wash.
189. Fort Wayne, Ind.	389. Great Falls, Mont.
190. Hamilton, N.Y.	390. Kingsport, Tenn.
191. Hammond, La.	391. Greeneville, Tenn.
192. Hartford, Conn.	392. Idaho Falls, Idaho
193. Youngstown, Ohio	393. Troy, N.Y.
194. Missoula, Mont.	394. Vancouver, Wash.
195. Boiling Springs, N.C.	395. Bluefield, W.Va.
196. Burlington, Vt.	396. Casper, Wyo.
197. Murray, Ky.	397. Helena, Mont.
198. High Point, N.C.	398. Princeton, W.Va.
199. Harrisonburg, Va.	399. Yakima, Wash.
200. New Britain, Conn.	400. Burlington, N.C.



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★★ **clr5000** on Tue Oct 07, 2008 11:43 am

What an interesting article. It definitely has a lot of meaning. Very important. What a read.

Approval Rating: 41% (out of 34 reviews).

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★★ **jvish01** on Tue Oct 07, 2008 11:51 am

well yeah..what other city was going to win it?

Approval Rating: 42% (out of 36 reviews).

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No Surprise

★★ **helojockey** on Tue Oct 07, 2008 12:01 pm

Boston should come as no surprise for anyone who has ever been there. How did Phennix

make the top 10?

Approval Rating: 57% (out of 35 reviews).

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Yess...

★★ Sayitaintsosa23  on Tue Oct 07, 2008 12:10 pm

my town is #360 based on a nice single A minor league team that supplied half of the '03 Marlins. I was hoping for #350...ah, maybe next year.

Approval Rating: **85%** (out of 33 reviews).

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★★★ ScarfoINC  on Tue Oct 07, 2008 12:38 pm

Let's see, an NBA title, 2 recent World Series titles, 4 Super Bowl rings since 2001...duh... Atlanta would win "best sports town" if they would have won that many titles.

Approval Rating: 32% (out of 28 reviews).

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★★★ Steel817  on Tue Oct 07, 2008 12:48 pm

ScarfoINC wrote:

Let's see, an NBA title, 2 recent World Series titles, 4 Super Bowl rings since 2001...duh... Atlanta would win "best sports town" if they would have won that many titles.

Wrong, three Super Bowl rings, did you forget the Pats loosing last year to the Giants? As for this list I find it hilarious.

Approval Rating: 66% (out of 29 reviews).

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god i hate boston

★★ tp83 on Tue Oct 07, 2008 01:06 pm

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Approval Rating: 48% (out of 33 reviews).

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★★★ ScarfoINC  on Tue Oct 07, 2008 01:13 pm

Steel817 wrote:

ScarfoINC wrote:

Let's see, an NBA title, 2 recent World Series titles, 4 Super Bowl rings since 2001...duh... Atlanta would win "best sports town" if they would have won that many titles.

Wrong, three Super Bowl rings, did you forget the Pats loosing last year to the Giants? As for this list I find it hilarious.

yes, duh, 3 not 4.

Approval Rating: **24%** (out of 17 reviews).

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I'm just glad Chicago made the top 10!!!

★★ hdiaz1  on Tue Oct 07, 2008 01:17 pm

Heck yeah; I think Chicago is deservinq of a top 10 slot!!!

Go Cubs! *Oh Wait, not a good example....*

Go WSox! *Wait; **DAMN**, it hasn't been a good weekend for them either....*

Go Bears! ***Yeah that's more like it!!!!***

Approval Rating: 61% (out of 23 reviews).

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Re: Yess...

★★ **itsyouallnoty'all** on Tue Oct 07, 2008 01:34 pm

Sayitaintsosa23 wrote:

my town is #360 based on a nice single A minor league team that supplied half of the '03 Marlins. I was hoping for #350...ah, maybe next year.

Lake Elsinore, Ca.came in at 351 with a minor league team that helps the Padres. You might check into what makes them better. Me thinks it's the Thirsty Thursday promo! \$1 beer and \$1 tacos.

Yeah Beer!

Approval Rating: **88%** (out of 16 reviews).

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