

V. Dynamic and Punchy Verbs in Sports Writing

To win by big margin	● battered, stunned, powdered ● pulverized, crushed, clobbered ● shamed, dwarfed, mangled ● routed, walloped
To win by small margin (1 or 2 points)	● shaded, nipped ● edged, eked out
To defeat a champion	● dethroned, toppled ● bagged the title, captured the title ● overthrew, overturned ● snatched the crown, grabbed the crown
To remain a champion	● kept the crown ● retained the crown
To give an opponent a zero score	● blanked ● whitewashed