

In Search of the Latin American Female Athlete: A Bibliographical Odyssey

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Published studies, especially historical, of Latin American female athletes are relatively few, a result in part of the small number of elite performers. Both of these facts derive from cultural attitudes that have traditionally downplayed the importance of sport for women in the region. And journalists and scholars have not shown much interest in those sports in which women most excel. But attitudes are changing, as women are given greater athletic opportunities and move into previously male dominated sports. Perhaps this will eventually stimulate more research.