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## **Another View of Professional Football**

This paper looks at the twentieth-century phenomenon of women's football, particularly the development of women's professional leagues. Issues examined include the interests and motivations of individual players; the cities and teams involved; the media coverage of women's teams as compared to coverage of men's teams; and the

influence of Title IX. The study considers how gender, the media, and business and community relations in communities were influenced by the presence of women's football teams.

The main sources are from the archives of the Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio; newspapers from cities such as Toledo, Akron, and Cleveland in which women's teams were based; and oral histories of women who played professional football.