Respect for the Game

Instructions: Choose a professional athlete, then cut out his or her picture from a website printout, magazine, or newspaper, and tape or glue it in the frame. Then use these questions to decide whether he or she is a good sport.

Athlete’s name:

Athlete’s sport and team:

How does he or she handle difficult situations, such as making mistakes, following the rules, losing games, dealing with controversial calls by officials, reacting to poor performances by teammates, or hearing criticisms from fans, the media, and opponents?

What messages do these actions send to kids, fans, teammates, and opponents about sportsmanship?

Is he or she a good sport? Why?