

c  10.9 Now listen to Ron Kantowski, a sports journalist in Las Vegas, talking about the topics in a. Mark the statements **A**, **HA**, and **D**. Do any of his opinions coincide with what you said in your groups?



Glossary

Super Bowl the annual championship game of the National Football League (NFL), the highest level of professional football in the United States

d Listen again and write a summary of the reasons he gives in answer to each of the interviewer's questions.

- 1 Sports teach you to...
People who do individual sports...
- 2 Sports can enhance your life because...
On the other hand...
- 3 The World Cup is an example of...
Sports should be entertainment, not...
- 4 It's hard to see a difference between...
Drugs have improved performance less than many things, including...
- 5 Athletes are only human, and...
They're under a lot of pressure from...
- 6 There's too much media coverage of...
But the media are just...

e Do you agree or disagree with his arguments? Do you think these aspects of sport will ever change?

Foul Play

not honest

What's wrong with sports?

In *Foul Play*, sports journalist Joe Humphreys challenges the idea that sports are a positive influence on athletes, spectators, and the world as a whole.

According to Humphreys:

- 1 Sport brings out the worst in people, both fans and athletes.
It does not improve character or help to develop virtues such as fair play and respect for opponents. You DA Ron
- 2 Sports don't make you happy. Spectators as well as athletes have higher than normal levels of stress, anxiety, and hopelessness, especially in relation to professional sports.
 You HA Ron
- 3 Sports are like a religion in its ability to "move the masses."
 You DA Ron
- 4 Doping is no worse than any other kind of cheating and really no different from using technology to gain an advantage, e.g., high-tech running shoes. You HA Ron
- 5 It's ridiculous to expect professional athletes to be role models.
 You DA Ron
- 6 Sports have too high a profile in the media, often making the headlines in the papers and on TV. You ha Ron

