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A game of *Scrabble* was played by two sports enthusiasts, and peculiarly enough, every word was a sports-related word (or almost). The game was played on a regulation *Scrabble* board using the standard rules for *Scrabble*. The following abbreviations are used on the board: TWS = Triple Word Score; DWS = Double Word Score; TLS = Triple Letter Score; and DLS = Double Letter Score. The chart below gives the frequency and the value of the Letter tiles:

Tile	Frequency	Value		Tile	Frequency	Value
A	9	1		N	6	1
B	2	3		O	8	1
C	2	3		P	2	3
D	4	2		Q	1	10
E	12	1		R	6	1
F	2	4		S	4	1
G	3	2		T	6	1
H	2	4		U	4	1
I	9	1		V	2	4
J	1	8		W	2	4
K	1	5		X	1	8
L	4	1		Y	2	4
M	2	3		Z	1	10
				Blank	2	0

Play alternated between the two players until all the tiles were played except two. You must determine each word played, correct placement on the board, and the score at the end of the game. You are given a clue for each word played. The correct placement of the first letter of each word has been given to you. Remember that no more than SEVEN additional letters may be placed at one time. In this game, blanks were played only after all tiles of a particular letter were played (the two blanks were played in move #19 and move #24).

Fill in the chart below:

Score		Clues
Player 1	Player 2	
_____	X	1. In football, when a player who has possession of the ball drops it, it is called a _____. Word begins at (5, 8).
X	_____	2. In football, a defensive maneuver in which one or more linebackers or defensive backs, who normally remain on the defensive team's side during a play, are instead sent across the line to the offensive side to try to tackle the quarterback or disrupt his pass attempt is called a _____. Word begins at (8, 8).
_____	X	3. In most sports, when you do not have the ball, you are on _____. Word begins at (5, 10).
X	_____	4. Volleyball players are taught to bump, set, and _____. Word begins at (1, 7).
_____	X	5. In basketball, a foul _____ counts as one point. Word begins at (5, 5).
X	_____	6. In baseball, _____ are used between the catcher and the pitcher as well as between the coach and the runners. Word begins at (1, 11).
_____	X	7. In football, a _____ is performed when the player kicks the football before it touches the ground. Word begins at (2, 7).
X	_____	8. In football, basketball, and hockey, _____ is kept on a scoreboard clock. Word begins at (2, 4).
_____	X	9. In basketball, when each player guards an area on the floor instead of a man, it is called a _____ defense. Word begins at (8, 4).
X	_____	10. In football, a backwards pass which does not advance the football is called a _____. Word begins at (11, 7).

Score		Clues
Player 1	Player 2	
_____	X	11. Football is played on a _____, as is baseball. Word begins at (8, 1).
X	_____	12. Boxing takes place in a _____. Word begins at (11, 3).
_____	X	13. In ice hockey, when a player shoots the puck across at least two red lines, the opposing team's goal line being the last, and the puck remains untouched, it is called _____ the puck. Word begins at (13, 6)
X	_____	14. In baseball, when a relief pitcher finishes a game for the winning team under certain prescribed circumstances, he is credited with a _____. Word begins at (1, 11).
_____	X	15. In both volleyball and tennis, the ball is put in play with a _____. Word begins at (3, 14).
X	_____	16. In baseball, a _____ is one of the following: Single, Double, Triple, or Home Run. Word begins at (7, 6).
_____	X	17. In football, each possession begins with first _____. The team then has four of these to make ten yards. Word begins at (5, 10).
X	_____	18. In baseball, the score is kept by keeping track of each _____ that is made. Word begins at (8, 12).
_____	X	19. In baseball, when a player hits the ball and makes it to second base, it is called a _____. Word begins at (10, 13).
X	_____	20. In baseball, a player uses a _____ to hit the ball. Word begins at (10, 10).
_____	X	21. In baseball, a hitter is also known as a _____. Word begins at (10, 10).
X	_____	22. In tennis, a shot that fails to cross the net or lands out of the court, resulting in loss of the point is called a(n) _____. Word begins at (15, 11).

Score		Clues
Player 1	Player 2	
_____	X	23. Another name for a commercial. Word begins at (9, 13).
X	_____	24. "Winners never _____, and quitters never win." Word begins at (13, 13).
_____	X	25. The World _____ is the most-watched sporting event in the world. Word begins at (12, 12).
X	_____	26. In baseball, a player is admonished to keep his _____ on the ball. Word begins at (3, 13).
_____	X	27. A noun meaning former, as in "he is a(n) _____ Rockie." Word begins at (5, 13).
X	_____	28. The feeling when one wins a ball game. Word begins at (4, 15).
_____	X	29. Trash-talk. Word begins at (4, 15).
X	_____	30. In baseball, managers get _____ when a bad call is made. Word begins at (4, 4).
_____	X	31. Nike's ad: "Just _____ it!" Word begins at (4, 2).
X	_____	32. _____ inch or two is important in most games. Word begins at (1, 5).
_____	X	33. Stephen Wright said, "I watched the Indy 500, and I was thinking that if they left earlier they wouldn't have _____ go so fast." Word begins at (12, 10).
X	_____	34. In baseball, when a pitcher has an 0-2 count, he can _____ with the batter. Word begins at (12, 10).
_____	_____	35. Player 1 was left with a V and Player 2 was left with an A.
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_____	_____	TOTAL SCORE

The Initial Playing Board

15	TWS			DLS				TWS				DLS			TWS	
14		DWS				TLS				TLS					DWS	
13			DWS				DLS		DLS					DWS		
12	DLS			DWS				DLS				DWS				DLS
11					DWS							DWS				
10		TLS				TLS				TLS					TLS	
9			DLS				DLS		DLS					DLS		
8	TWS			DLS				DWS				DLS				TWS
7			DLS				DLS		DLS					DLS		
6		TLS				TLS				TLS					TLS	
5					DWS							DWS				
4	DLS			DWS				DLS				DWS				DLS
3			DWS				DLS		DLS					DWS		
2		DWS				TLS				TLS					DWS	
1	TWS			DLS				TWS				DLS				TWS
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	

ANSWER KEY

Player #1		Move	Player #2	
<u>Points</u>	<u>Word</u>		<u>Points</u>	<u>Word</u>
26	FUMBLE	1		
		2	26	BLITZ
22	DEFENSE	3		
		4	12	SPIKE
7	SHOT	5		
		6	18	SIGNS
8	PUNT	7		
		8	12	TIME
13	ZONE	9		
		10	14	LATERAL
33	FIELD	11		
		12	10	RING
8	ICING	13		
		14	7	SAVE
16	SERVE	15		
		16	11	HIT (and HO)
10	DOWN	17		
		18	4	RUN
14	DOUBLE	19		
		20	5	BAT
10	BATTER	21		
		22	15	ERROR
4	AD	23		
		24	24	QUIT
12	CUP	25		
		26	6	EYE

Player #1			Player #2	
<u>Points</u>	<u>Word</u>	<u>Move</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Word</u>
9	EX	27		
		28	23	JOY (and SO)
13	JAW	29		
		30	6	MAD
3	DO	31		
		32	2	AN
2	TO	33		
		34	10	TOY
-4	V	35	-1	A
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206		TOTAL POINTS	204	

The Solution

15			J	A	W										
14		S	O												
13		E	Y	E				A	D			Q			
12		R		X			R		O		C	u	P		
11	S	A	V	E			U		U			I		E	
10	I		E		D	O	W	N		B	A	T	T	E	R
9	G				E					l		O			R
8	N				F	U	M	B	L	E		Y			O
7	S	P	I	K	E			L				L			R
6		U			N		H	I	T		A		I		
5	A	N			S	H	O	T			T		C		
4		T	I	M	E			Z	O	N	E		I		
3				A							R	I	N	G	
2				D	O						A		G		
1								F	I	E	L	D			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15

Lower case letters indicate blanks.

An A and a V were not used.