

THE SPORTIER

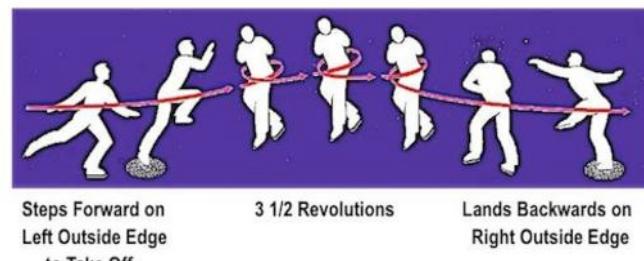
Return of the Zeke

Finally, after a long six weeks, Ezekiel Elliott will be returning to the hopeful Dallas Cowboys, who hold an 8-6 record and are one game back in the NFC Wild Card race. He was charged with domestic violence in July 2016. The case was investigated, and ended in a six-game suspension being issued to Elliott in August of this year. Elliott appealed, but the suspension was upheld. But then the case was put on hold, allowing Elliott to play. Then, the suspension was back on, and it would start after the Cowboys bye week in week 6. But then again, the suspension was put back on hold, this time because the judge was on vacation. Then, when the judge came back, she ruled against Elliott, putting the suspension back on. And then AGAIN the suspension was put on hold by the panel of judges, allowing Elliott to play in Week 9. Finally, the NFL said that they would no longer delay the suspension and it was back on, this time for real. In the end, Elliott got to play up to Week 10 and achieved 783 yards and 7 touchdowns, leading his team to a 5-3 record before he was suspended. Now that the Cowboys are on the edge of either not making the playoffs and making the playoffs, they need the old Elliott back to help their team win.

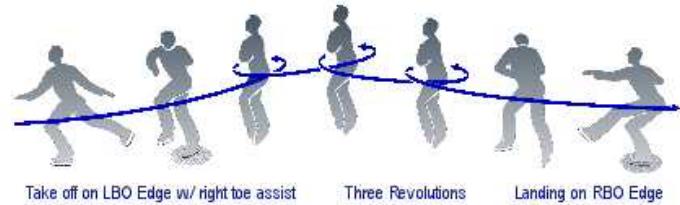
Did You Know?

As the Winter Olympics are coming upon us in February, it might be cool to check out what some figure skating moves are. You may have heard the term Triple Axel, but do you really know what it is? The Triple Axel is probably the one you would recognize. It is where the skater skates *forward* and then does 3.5 rotations in the air. This jump has a base value of 8.5 points, which is the most out of any other triple-based jump (Triple Lutz, Triple Flip, Triple Loop, Triple Salchow, and the Triple Toe Loop). Another jump in figure skating is, as mentioned above, the Triple Lutz. The Triple Lutz is where the skater skates *backwards* and does 3 rotations in the air. It is considered one of the hardest jumps, and has the second-highest base value out of any triple-based jump with 6 points, second to only the Triple Axel.

Triple Axel



Triple Lutz



UCLA Basketball Situation is Crazy

Last month, while the UCLA team was in China for their opening game against Georgia Tech, LiAngelo Ball, brother of NBA rookie Lonzo Ball, and 2 other teammates, Cody Riley and Jalen Hill, were arrested on charges of shoplifting in a Louis Vuitton store. The players were held in China until Donald Trump reportedly helped get the players out of jail, which he later regretted, saying that LiAngelo's father LaVar Ball was ungrateful for his help and Trump also said that "I should have left them in jail!" The 3 players were suspended indefinitely and missed many games, until LaVar pulled out LiAngelo from UCLA and signed a deal with a Lithuanian basketball team for both LiAngelo and his younger brother LaMelo. The other players weren't so lucky though. Just recently, the 2 other UCLA players that had participated alongside LiAngelo were suspended for the rest of the basketball season. It will be a terrible year those players. But, though UCLA is missing those 3 of their players for the rest of the season, it seems like they are doing just fine, as they were able to knock off number 7 ranked Kentucky and have a strong 9-3 record. Maybe UCLA is better off without those players.

The Comic



Comic Sources:

[Youtube/Fansided/Wow Images](#)

Sources:

[Deadspin/ESPN/SB Nation/Wikipedia](#)