Declan Abernethy’s BOLD Project: Atlanta’s Sport History Tik Tok Series

This project uses Tik Toks, roughly ninety seconds long, to educate viewers on Atlanta’s conflicted sport history. This project is not meant to be hagiographic, but rather critically analyze the city’s lengthy history. Educators might use these videos to introduce secondary school students, early college students, or other interested learners in sport history or Atlanta’s history. The videos are meant to be both an introduction to this history and a conversation starter for interested students. When being used by instructors, I highly encourage instructors to use the recommended readings included in the list below.

The videos in these series run (roughly) chronologically.

1. 1956 Sugar Bowl and the Color Line in College Football
2. Magnificent Magnolias/Ponce Baseball Stadium
3. Bobby Jones and Golf in the “New South” in the 1920s and 1930s
4. The movement of professional sports to the city in the 1960s using Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium
5. The Atlanta Chiefs and Atlanta’s Early Soccer History (1960s)
7. The Omni Arena Development
8. The 1996 Olympics Part I: Were the Olympics Worth the Cost?
9. The 1996 Olympics Part II: The Women’s Olympics
10. The Atlanta Thrashers and Why isn’t there Hockey in Atlanta?
11. Mercedes-Benz Stadium Development and Publicly Funding Stadiums
12. The Braves Relocation to Cobb County
13. Braves Relocation II: How Can a Stadium be Racist?

14. Soccer in Modern Atlanta: How did Atlanta United Get So Popular?

15. The Super Bowl of Policing

16. The Atlanta Dream and Senatorial Politics in 2020

**Instructions**

Students may access this information on my Tik Tok @declanonsports or through the Georgia Tech BOLD website.