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## GREATEST EVER MOVIE SPORTING MOMENTS

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Forget England winning the World Cup or the Rumble in the Jungle – these sports feats were far better

**P**retty pleased with that top corner free-kick you scored last weekend? Well stop patting yourself on the back for a moment because Hollywood does it better. The most impressive sporting achievement you can think of has nothing on what the movies can conjure up, and what's more, it will probably save the day and get the girl, too.

With that in mind, we've put together the trickiest shots and the toughest moves ever to have graced the big screen, and asked a team of experts how difficult they really are.

### SHAOLIN SOCCER

Kick the ball so hard it tears up the pitch

#### THE MOMENT

Plenty of footballers have a rocket of a shot, but not like Mighty Steel Leg Sing's (Stephen Chow) in the cup final against Team Evil. His team combine football with kung fu to supernatural effect. But the idea of using martial arts in football isn't entirely ridiculous – Zlatan Ibrahimovic is a black-belt in taekwondo. Eric Cantona might have used a bit of kung fu once, too...

#### WHAT THE EXPERT SAYS

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A normal ball could not possibly be propelled fast enough to do such damage without destroying the ball first. The spinning produces a vortex of wind which rips the goalie's clothes off – this would rip the ball apart at the seams. The ball would have to be heavier than a cannonball; we're talking closer to tonnes.

**Difficulty: 10/10**

