Are the readers of Word Ways aware of the illustrious line of sports writers that stretches back even into antiquity? I hope that the following list will illuminate the magnificent tradition:

**TENNIS** Kurt Vonnegut, Lord Byron, Richard Lovelace, Joseph Addison, Miguel Cervantes, Robert W. Service, Ivy Compton Burnet, Alfred, Lord Tennyson, Tennis E. Williams

**TRACK** Jonathan Swift, Howard Fast, John Crowe Ransom, John Bunyan

**BOWLING** Mickey Spillane, Pindar, Edwin Markham, Malcolm X

**HORSE RACING** Stephen Vincent Benet, Joyce Carol Oates, Mackinlay Kantor, Walter de la Mare, Alfred Hitchcock

**FOOTBALL** Joyce Cary, John Dos Passos, Robert Bloch, Cicero

**Jousting** Richard Armour, Norman Mailer, John Masefield, William Shakespeare

**ARCHERY** Beaumont and Fletcher

**SKIING** C. P. Snow, Robert Frost, James Hilton

**RIFLE** John Gunther, Robert Bolt, John Cocteau, Kingsley Amis, The Venerable Bede, Nevil Shute, Adolph Hitler

**Golf** Graham Greene, Sarah Teasdale, E. M. Forster

**CREW** Percy Shelley, Iris Murdoch, Marianne Moore, Harper Lee, George Orwell, Henry David Thoreau, George Crabbe

**Basketball** John Fowles, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Francis Scott Key

**RODEO** Pearl Buck, Thomas Bulfinch, Noel Coward, Albert Camus

**BASEBALL** Henry Fielding, Richard Steele, Honore de Balzac, Plato, ... and the dean of them all, Homer.

In nearly every case, part or all of the surname forms a relevant sports term.