

## NOT YOUR AVERAGE SPORTS BARS

We've been to thousands of them—dark, dank bars with the same overfried food, flat beer, sticky floors and TVs that never seem to have the right game on. But every once in a while, we stumble upon a joint that makes us happy we gave up our remote for the night. These are those joints, 28 strong.

### INTERNATIONAL INTRIGUE

#### Churchill's, Miami

The bar that launched Marjorie Marston. To make up for it, they now show lots of La Liga.

#### Jackalope Jacks Restaurant & Bar, Charlotte, N.C.

USA, FBI, B&B if you don't understand it, they're showing it.

#### Crown & Anchor British Pub, Las Vegas

Too of the morning? Come watch English soccer on the telly.

#### 11th Street Bar, New York City

Where else in the States can you join 100 Liverpool soccer fans in singing their anthem, "You'll Never Walk Alone"? No, there's that's where.

### THE CLOCK STARTS NOW

#### Sliders Grill & Bar, Plainville, Conn.

Pick your poison: Down a 12-inch-tall burger and three orders of fries in 45 minutes, or pick off 12 wings drenched in off-the-menu hot sauce in 10 minutes.

#### The Airliner, Iowa City, Iowa

They don't call it the Airliner Burger because it's dirty. You get 30 minutes to conquer the two-pound beef boy plus one large order of fries.

#### The Corner Bar, Rockford, Mich.

Sal your way into the Hot Dog Hall of Fame. All you have to do is finish 12 dogs with chili sauce in four hours.

#### Slarsky's Bar & Grill, Omaha, Neb.

One hour. Five pounds of pig wings. Three pounds of fries or corn nuggets. Go.

#### Saint Louis Brewhouse, St. Louis

Tower of Doom. That's five pounds of burgers and fries in 30 minutes. Or go James Earl Ray's megatall, Tower of Light Snacks.

#### Matt Bar & Grilled, Cleveland Heights, Ohio

Think watching the Cavs is hard to stomach? Try eating five pounds' worth of grilled cheese and fries in one sitting.

### IT'S ON, IT'S ON

#### Big Joe's Z&B Pub, Chicago

Turnle races every Friday and first Saturday of the month. Bring your own juice.

#### Poop Deck, Hermosa Beach, Calif.

Where you discover that nothing unites—or divides—the masses quicker than a game of Flip Cup.

#### Hartigan's Irish Pub, Charlotte, N.C.

Two words: Putting wrestling. Two more: Way, really.

### SEE IT, BELIEVE IT

#### Rocky Flats Lounge, Boulder, Colo.

Located across the street from an old nuclear weapons plant. Try the Wisconsin Fish Fry on Fridays and your belly might go nuclear, too.

#### Stats, Atlanta

Tired of hooking out yahoos at the bar? This place has taps at several tables.

#### Billy Goat Tavern, Chicago

Overcharged? Check out the \$1.00. (H, go ask your dad.)

#### Bleacher Bar, Boston

Men's universal release a window into Fenway. Because no Sox fan should have to choose between peeing big pants and missing the game.

#### Seneca Lodge, Watkins Glen, N.Y.

Come to check out the winners of the weekly P1 U.S. Grand Prix. Stay for the photo op.

#### Spirit of '77, Portland

The retro of Portland couldn't make this up: The place has bike racks on the inside.

#### Crystal City Sports Pub, Arlington, Va.

Featuring a Vegas-style kickin' board with scores and stats, minus all that slot-machine racket.

#### The Sports and Social Club, Louisville, Ky.

Beer, big screens and bowling. Of course!

### MAURY'S PUB

#### Mishawaka, Ind.

On football weekends, the fish fight song plays every five to 10 minutes. Not at all annoying.

### Hampers & Brewery, Dallas

Can you handle 120-inch TVs and 100-ounce beers?

### Grandma's Saloon & Grill, Duluth, Minn.

Forget the big screen. Check out the food from the porch when Grandma's plays host to the state's largest marathon every June.

### Sportsman's Lodge, Jackson, Miss.

Why settle for nachos when you can have Double-Dipped Fried Pickles?

### THANKS FOR THE MEMORABILIA

#### Double Play Bar & Restaurant, San Francisco

Fried collection of old mitts this side of Cooperstown.

#### The Stadium, Garrison, N.Y.

Seven Old Glows, six O' Wines, three Silver Sluggers and Mickey Mantle's Triple Crown.

#### Chappell's Restaurant & Sports Museum, Kansas City, Mo.

Game at Sylvester Stadium & Rocky Thru. No, you can't try them on.