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With the Super Bowl and the Olympics fast approaching, sports are dominating the airwaves, but leave it to *Saturday Night Live* to show the sillier side of sports. On Sunday, *SNL* regulars [Jason Sudeikis](#) and [Will Forte](#) will invade primetime to host *SNL Presents: Sports All-Stars*, a new two-hour compilation special featuring highlights of the best sports-themed sketches in *SNL*'s 35-year history.

Why a sports special? Forte theorizes the idea came to executive producer [Lorne Michaels](#) in a dream. "I'm going to assume he dreamed it up one night when he was in his footy pajamas and he was like, 'What do people want to see? They want to see all the sports sketches in the history of *SNL*.' And he woke up and he made it so," he jokes.

Fans can expect to see a mix of old and new sketches. Forte would be happy to see his favorite *SNL* sports moment, Martin Short's synchronized swimming sketch, in the show and alluded to bits featuring Super Bowl-bound Colt's quarterback [Peyton Manning](#), who hosted in 2007, making the special.

"We've really nailed it with this format," Sudeikis says of the special. "We're only taking the best moments from the sketches. So everybody comes out smelling like roses."

In addition to past sketches, *Sports All-Stars* will also feature new material by Sudeikis and Forte, who say they don't expect to tone down their acts for primetime. Though the clips are chosen in advance, the Forte says viewers should be ready for anything.

"We could call an audible. Yeah, we know sports."

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