

"Everybody cheats. I just didn't know." Breaking away's prophetic moment

With the continuing revelations of cheating (doping) in bike racing, the movie Breaking Away continues its hold on relevancy for me. Except that, unlike Dave Stoller, I've always had my suspicions that it wasn't possible to win at a high level without doping, at least in the past. But that came at a much later point in my life than it did for Dave Stoller in the movie, and at that age, I, too, was remarkably naive. As I think most of us were. In fact, I think we would much rather raise our kids in a way that keeps them somewhat naive rather than exposed to all the cheating and back-stabbing that is so much in the news these days. We get on their case for not being "up" on world events, but do we really want them to have to think about such things?