

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS - HELP WANTED

Peter Yeend, Archivist at The King's School, Parramatta has written stating that he is currently editing a history of the New South Wales Basketball Association.

Wray Vamplew is seeking assistance with his research on the social and economic history of professionalism in Australian sport. He is interested in obtaining information on any sport or sportsperson with respect to the following points.

1. the chronology of the development of professionalism in different sports
2. the extent of professionalism in its various guises, i.e., full-time, part-time, shamateur, subsidised amateur etc.
3. numbers recruited, attrition rates, career lengths
4. earnings and the form they took (e.g. prize-money, wages, bonuses)
5. restrictions on mobility and earning power
6. unionism, strikes and labour disputes
7. discrimination (women, aborigines, ethnic groups)
8. attitudes towards professionalism

Even small items of data - particularly on non-mainstream sports - would be appreciated as would information on possible source material. Any offers of help should be sent to Wray Vamplew at the Economic History Discipline, Flinders University of South Australia. Naturally acknowledgement of assistance will be made.