

The International Conference on Australian and British Sport, London

The International Centre for Sports History and Culture at De Montfort University and the Sir Robert Menzies Centre for Australian Studies at the University of London are planning a conference comparing sport, both historically and today, in Australia and Britain. It is scheduled for 18 - 21 November 1998 in London. Costs, including accommodation and the conference dinner, are not anticipated to be over £200 and may be less if sufficient sponsorship can be obtained.

Sessions are planned on:

- √ the international mobility of sportspersons
- √ ownership and control of sport
- √ comparing the Sydney Olympics and the Manchester Commonwealth Games
- √ crowd behaviour
- √ gender
- √ ethnic minorities
- √ the changing demography of sports participation

Anyone interested in presenting a paper should send brief details to:

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ANNOUNCING AN EXCITING NEW CONFERENCE CALL FOR PAPERS TEAMS AND FANS

An International Conference examining relationships between
Sports Teams and Fans

Twin Waters, Sunshine Coast, Queensland, Australia

15-18 July 1999

Sponsored by the

Australian Research Council and the Football Studies Group

Organising Committee: John Nauright, Murray Phillips, Joesph Maguire, Philip White, Kimberley Schimmel, Tara Magdalinski, Melissa Walsh, Brett Hutchins

CALL FOR PAPERS

Papers and sessions are invited on the following themes. Other themes will also be considered.

THEMES

Sports Fans, Teams, Locality and Community Identity

Team Relocation/Amalgamation and Fan Responses

Global Sports and Local Fans

Sports Fandom and Violence

Gender and Spectating

Mediated, Cyber and Virtual fans

Civic Boosterism/Urban Development and Politics

Public and Private Ownership and Fans

Spectating and Space in the Stadium

Nostalgia, Memory and Topophilia

Sports Marketing and Fans

The Cult of the Hero in Sports

Abstracts of 200-300 words and proposals for sessions should be forwarded by 30 November 1998 to :

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Please include on abstract author(s) names, affiliation and address. Notification of acceptance of abstracts will be sent by 31 December 1998 to provide delegates with the opportunity to pay early registration.

The conference will be held at the Novotel Twin Waters Resort on the Sunshine Coast. The program will include academic papers, possible roundtable discussions with representatives of sports teams and fan groups and major addresses. A roundtable discussion of the Australian Research Council funded project on fans, memory, identity and social action will be featured. In addition to the academic program there will be a chance to enjoy beach and pool activities, golf, tennis and other sports. All activities, with the exception of golf, are included in the registration package.

REGISTRATION

The registration fee (Australian dollars) is an ALL INCLUSIVE package that includes the academic program, registration, transfers from Maroochydore airport, 3 nights twin share accommodation, meals (with alcohol), conference receptions and all sporting activities (excluding golf). Once you arrive, there is very little that you will need to pay for!!!

Registration

Early (<30 January 1999) \$750* (ca USD 500)

Regular (<31 May 1999) \$800 (ca USD 535)

Late (<20 June 1999) \$850 (ca USD 570)

* US dollar rates are intended as a guide only.

** Delegates paying after 20 June 1999 are NOT guaranteed accommodation at the resort. Delegates will need to make their own accommodation arrangements.

For a registration package, please contact Dr Tara Magdalinski, fax +61 7 5430 2885, email: magdalinski@scuc.edu.au. Please make Australian bank or personal cheques or international money orders drawn in Australian dollars from an Australian bank payable to the 'Football Studies Group'. Credit card (VISA/Mastercard/Bankcard) facilities are also available, but you will need a registration form for this payment option. Send registration forms and payment to:

Dr Tara Magdalinski
Teams and Fans Conference
Sunshine Coast University
Locked Bag 4
Maroochydore South QLD 4558
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Rates for single accommodation, upgrades to a room with a jacuzzi, and rates for additional nights pre and post conference can be obtained from Tara Magdalinski upon request.

LOCATION

The Sunshine Coast region is located about 90-120 kms (55-80) miles north of Brisbane, the capital of Queensland. In July temperatures average from 17 - 23 deg Celsius (63 - 73F) during the day and around 10 - 15 deg Celsius (50 - 60F) at night. All rooms at the resort are airconditioned. Twin Waters is located on a lagoon by the beach, in a luxurious tropical Australian setting. There are four bars and three excellent restaurants. The rooms are spacious and contain a wide variety of facilities. Activities available at the resort include swimming (beach, lagoon and pool), tennis, sailing, windsurfing, canoeing, beach volleyball and golf at a course rated the fourth best resort golf course in Australia. All activities, excluding golf, are included in the registration.

TRANSPORT

For ease of transport, delegates should arrange their airline tickets to arrive at Maroochydore (not Brisbane). Direct or connecting flights to Maroochydore leave Brisbane and Sydney regularly. Transfers to and from Maroochydore Airport are included in the package. Alternatively, delegates can hire a rental car from Brisbane airport, as it is an easy and direct route from Brisbane airport to the report. Travel companies also run shuttles from Brisbane airport to the Sunshine Coast.

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TOM BROCK ASSH SEMINAR

The Sydney branch of ASSH are proud to present the inaugural address of the Tom Brock Seminar Series for 1998.

We are pleased to announce that David Whitson, from the University of Alberta, will speak on 'Sport, Globalisation and Cultural Diversity'.

A Professor in Canadian Studies, he co-authored *Hockey Night in Canada: Sport, Identifies, and Cultural Politics*. His current research interests include globalisation in the entertainment industries; sport and leisure in the urban economy and the commodification of place. The address will be followed by a more informal discussion on sport over a meal at Mands Restaurant, Randwick.

Venue

Staff room, School of History, The University of New South Wales

Room 354, Morven Brown Building.
Enter through Gate 8, High Street.

Time

7:00pm

Date

Friday 17 July 1998

RSVP To the seminar organisers by 5pm, 12 July.

The Tom Brock Seminar Series will be held monthly throughout the rest of the year. **We are currently seeking papers for future seminars.** If you are interested in presenting a paper please contact the seminar organisers. These seminars are an ideal forum for post-graduate students to present aspects of their work to a supportive audience.

For further information please contact the seminar organisers:

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Hope to see you there!

ASSH Studies in Sports History

The ASSH Studies are occasional publications which include collections of papers on a special theme, highly-rated undergraduate dissertations, and other material of interest to members. Volumes 1-2, 4-6 (as detailed in previous issues of Sporting Traditions) are now out of print. The following volumes are available:

No. 3 ABORIGINES IN SPORT

by Colin Tatz (\$10)

No. 7 CROWD VIOLENCE AT AUSTRALIAN SPORT Essays by R

Cashman, R Lynch, A & E Veno,

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HISTORICAL AND

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Essays by D Black, T Cassidy, S Crawford, S Jackson,

J Nauright, C Simpson,

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SPORTING TRADITIONS XII, QUEENSTOWN, NEW ZEALAND, 1-5 FEBRUARY 1999

The 1999 conference of the Australian Society for Sports History will be held at the Millennium Hotel, Queenstown, New Zealand, from 1-5 February inclusive.

THEME

The overarching theme of Sporting Traditions XII is 'The End of Sports History?' In the 1970s and 1980s sports history, as a sub-discipline of social history, underwent rapid growth in Australia and New Zealand with new academic programs in Universities and burgeoning scholarship. But in the 1990s the field appears to have reached a plateau with early leaders on the verge of retirement, financial cutbacks in Universities, and a noticeable decline in innovative methods and questions of inquiry. Will sports history consolidate and continue to grow or will it stagnate and decline? At Sporting Traditions XII, leading historians from North America, Britain, Australia and New Zealand, will discuss and debate the development, current status, and future prospects of sport history as an academic sub-discipline.

PROGRAM

The Program Committee invites abstracts of individual papers and complete sessions. Each sessions will run for 1 hour and 45 minutes and allow for three 20 minute papers, 15 minutes commentary, and discussion. Presentation facilities available to speakers include a slide projector, overhead projector, and video player. The following guidelines must be adhered to when submitting abstracts which will be judged on their individual merit, contribution to knowledge, and contribution to the overall program.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Abstracts of no more than 200 words should be submitted by 28 August 1998.

Send all abstracts to:

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PO Box 56, Dunedin, New Zealand
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REGISTRATION:

Registration includes morning and afternoon teas, and lunches while the conference is 'in session', and an all-inclusive 'mystery-tour' on the free day.

Early (by 1 December 1998):	NZ\$220.00
Late (after 1 December 1998 and on-site):	NZ\$240.00
Full-time students/unwaged:	NZ\$175.00
Banquet:	NZ\$50.00

Funding is available for students who present papers. To be eligible students must submit abstracts and full versions of their papers by 1 December 1998 to Dr Douglas Booth, School of Physical Education, University of Otago, PO Box 56, Dunedin, New Zealand.

To register send payments (by any of the methods described below), along with the following details: title, surname, given name, institution, preferred name for name tag, full postal address, telephone/fax numbers, email address, to: Dr Douglas Booth School of Physical Education University of Otago PO Box 56 Dunedin New Zealand

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QUEENSTOWN: WANT FURTHER INFORMATION?

<http://nz.com/queenstown>

On the shores of Lake Wakatipu and surrounded by spectacular mountains, Queenstown is one of New Zealand's favourite tourist resorts. The region enjoys a reputation as 'The Adventure Capital of the World'.

Queenstown enjoys fine, dry weather in February with average daily maximum temperatures in the low 20s (on the celsius scale). However, delegates travelling outside of the Queenstown region, and especially on the lower West and East Coasts of the South Island of New Zealand should prepare for any conceivable weather.

More than 100 restaurants provide a variety of styles and cuisines including traditional and modern New Zealand, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Thai, Mexican, Indian, Lebanese, French and Italian fare. There are also a myriad of cafes and bars.

Major New Zealand banks have offices in the town. Full medical and dental services are always on hand.

ACCOMMODATION:

Queenstown, New Zealand's premier holiday resort, boasts a full range of accommodation from five star hotels to backpackers' dormitories. Rates for shared, fully self-contained units are especially reasonable. The full range of accommodation is available within walking distance of the conference venue (Millennium Hotel).

Examples of Rates (all include tea and coffee facilities, telephone, television, laundry, bathroom. Motels and Motor Inns also include fully equipped, private, kitchens): 1. Motel Studio, NZ\$75-140; 1 bedroom unit, NZ\$80-150; 2 bedroom unit, NZ\$90-170. 2. Motor Inn Studio, NZ\$11-150; 1 bedroom unit, NZ\$110-180; 2 bedroom unit, NZ\$180-250. 3. Hotel Standard, NZ\$100-160; Deluxe, NZ\$130-180.

For ALL details pertaining to ACCOMMODATION contact:

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Call for Papers

4th Annual Conference of the Sport Management Association of Australia and New Zealand

27th - 28th November 1998

Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia

Submission Guidelines:

- √ abstracts must be received by 1 August 1998
- √ length should be 250 - 500 words
- √ format should be single-spaced and in 12pt font
- √ 3 copies (2 bind, 1 with author and affiliation) and a diskette copy in either MSWord or WordPerfect format
- √ email submission are strongly encouraged

Please submit abstracts to:

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Symposium on The Olympic Athlete
15-16 July 1998
University of New South Wales

Below is the text of a weekly column, 'Olympic Countdown', which is published in the *Southern Courier* and the *Inner Western Courier*. This particular issue was published in April.

Olympic Athletes — National Treasures?

Since 1981, when the Australian Institute of Sport was opened, Australia has been in the business of developing and nurturing elite, and particularly, Olympic athletes.

Olympic athletes, like Dawn Fraser, have **long** been revered as national treasures.

Australia has set very high targets for Olympic success in 2000. The aim is to win 20 gold medals and another 40 medallists of silver and bronze complexion. It's more than 50 per cent above our best ever result at Atlanta when 41 medals (including 9 gold) were won.

Many questions can be asked about our investment in Olympic athletes. What **are** the costs and benefits of producing Olympic athletes? What is the role of the Olympic athlete in our society? Do we expect too much of our Olympic athletes?

The costs of producing Olympic athletes are high. There are costs of the state-of-the-facilities and coaching at the Australian Institute of Sport, of international competition and maintenance of full-time athletes.

However, we need to remember that the athletes themselves contribute mightily to the cost of producing an Olympic athlete. They train for long hours, **often move** away from home and postpone long-term career options.

For every Olympic athlete that makes it to an Olympic final, there are dozens of others who record their personal best times but fail to realise their dream to achieve a medal or even to gain Olympic selection.

At Games time they operate in a pressure-cooker atmosphere, when the media and the public often have **unreal** expectations of Olympic success.

We've all been guilty in the past of failing to acknowledge Olympic 'failure' in the form of a bronze medal (when gold was expected) or eighth place in a final (when a medal was expected).

While some might contend that we spend too much **on** Olympic athletes, most Australians rejoice and share in Olympic success as they also take pride in the success of Australian singers and actors internationally.

Olympic athletes, such as Dawn Fraser and Kieran Perkins, have been respected unofficial ambassadors for Australia.

Many Olympic athletes, such as Cathy Freeman, have been important role models for young people, in her case, from the Aboriginal community.

So while successful Olympic athletes **enjoy** lucrative post-Olympic rewards, they also have the burden of social responsibility, which most chose to honour.

A Conference will be held at the University of New South Wales on 'The Olympic Athlete' on 14-15 July 1998.

Among other things speakers, which will include past and present Olympic athletes, will look at ways in which potential Olympic athletes can be encouraged and supported. They will also review the current policies of producing Olympic athletes.

There will also be discussion about how media treatment of Olympians can be improved and whether there is a need for greater education of Olympic athletes both in the ideals of Olympism and to help them cope with their public and media roles.

Because the Australian investment in Olympic athletes is considerable, it is useful to consider how we can provide the optimum environment in which Olympic athletes can flourish.

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