

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

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

'The End of Sports History?'

The 1999 conference of the Australian Society for Sports History will be held at the Heritage Hotel, Queenstown, New Zealand. The overarching theme of Sporting Traditions XII is 'The End of Sports History?' In the 1970s and 1980s sports history, as a subdiscipline 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 research questions. 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 sports history as an academic subdiscipline.

The Programme 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.

Send all abstracts by **15 SEPTEMBER 1998** to:

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