

Editorial Preface

In this issue of *Football Studies* we focus on football in North America. With papers on American and Canadian football, we have now in our first two volumes covered most of the world's well-known football codes. We would like to thank all those who submitted papers and reviewed submissions. I would like to acknowledge and thank editorial board member Kim Schimmel who served as co-editor for this special issue. Again, great thanks goes to associate editor, Tara Magdalinski for her sterling work on the layout and formatting of the journal. We are pleased to have papers on football in the USA and Canada appearing in this special issue. Five papers appear here that deal with a wide variety of topics beginning with the current and future market position of the National Football League. The second examines the competition between English rugby and Canadian football in Nova Scotia as external cultural influences changed from the pre-World War Two period to the years following the War. The third analyses the career of Pat O'Dea, an often forgotten Australian sporting star who played American football in the 1890s and later disappeared for seventeen years only to reappear and be hailed once again. The next paper examines identity and resistance as expressed in the support for the Saskatchewan Roughriders in a region marginalised in Canada. The final paper deals with the myth and history surrounding a famous football adage. We conclude with a review article on the literature of rugby league in Australia at a time when several historic clubs in the sport have had to merge or have been expelled from the top competition. We plan to greatly expand the reviews section of the journal in volume three with new reviews editors Gary Armstrong (covering books on soccer/Association football) and Steve Pope (other football codes) on board. Please send ideas for reviews to them and contact them if you wish to review books. Readers should also note that my contact address changes from January as I take up a position at Charles Sturt University in Bathurst, Australia. Our contact details are at the back of this issue. I also invite members of the Football Studies Group to participate in the ISCPES 2000 conference as the FSG will have a formal presence at the conference (see the brochure included). The 2001 conference will be held in Britain, while we plan a conference in 2002 near the time of the FIFA World Cup in Hawaii or Asia. In 2003 we may link the conference to the time of the Rugby World Cup. Those wishing to host a Football Studies conference should contact us with a proposal.

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