

# A Note from the Editor

As the new editor of the *Journal of Sport History*, I would like to outline briefly the plans and hopes which have influenced me to undertake the editorial duties. First and foremost, the *Journal* should be of unquestioned value to all interested in sport history and in this regard I would like to commend the previous editorial staff for having so skillfully placed it in this realm after only four volumes of publication. However, we must continue to make alterations in the published content if we are to advance the *Journal* to a position of even greater service. In so doing, it is imperative that the function of the *Journal* be identified as an agent for the generation and dissemination of knowledge pertaining to all aspects of sport history.

The majority of space in the *Journal* will continue to be devoted to scholarly articles and it should be noted that the current editorial staff is especially anxious to encourage more hypothetical and theoretical sport historiography in the future. Space will continue to be provided for the literature surveys of journals and the review of books. Both services are designed with the intention of keeping the readership apprised of the literature in sport history. The journal surveys will eventually move towards more coverage of contemporary scholarly journals and the book reviews will be augmented by additional information on books whether reviewed or not. In addition, it is anticipated that data will soon be provided on theses, dissertations, historical societies, museums, and audio-visual items. Finally, a small portion of the *Journal* will be devoted to news items, announcements, communications, and queries.

In anticipation of questions from prospective authors, it seems appropriate to discuss the review process for manuscripts submitted to the *Journal*. The editor will read all of the essays received and then send each of them to at least three members of the editorial staff. If the subject matter of an essay requires an additional reading because of its uniqueness, one

or more outside referees will be secured. Once the decisions have been finalized, the editor will notify the author whether the manuscript has been accepted, rejected, or requested to be resubmitted. In all cases, each author will be provided with the rationale for acceptance or rejection or be given specific instructions if a resubmission is invited.

Under the present structure of the North American Society for Sport History, the editorial staff of the *Journal* work in close cooperation with the Publications Board and have as their mutual goal service to the membership. All members are therefore encouraged to direct comments, suggestions, and inquiries to any member of the Publications Board or to specific members of the editorial staff.

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