

Corrie, Bruce A. *The Atlantic Coast Conference, 1953-1978*. Durham, North Carolina: Caroline Academic Press, 1978. Pp. 246. Statistical records, photographs, index.

Bruce Corrie brings a knowledgeable description of the origin and development of the Atlantic Coast Conference from a prior first hand involvement having coached lacrosse at Duke for some ten years. In achieving his purpose, Dr. Corrie has traced the development of athletics and early athletic conferences in the South as a precursor to the birth and development of the Atlantic Coast Conference. It is written for popular consumption.

Not intended to be a detailed description, *The Atlantic Coast Conference* makes a contribution to sport history in general and to the history of various athletic conferences in particular. The book adds to our understanding of the role of athletic conferences in the management of intercollegiate athletics and holds special interest for those located in middle and southern Atlantic states.

The decision to present the material in chronological order is understandable but unfortunate, since this structure precludes logical discourse on several important questions. One such question is what has been the impact of the ACC upon the growth and quality of the intercollegiate sport experience among the member institutions? It would have also been interesting to learn why, in the early beginning of the ACC, the University of Virginia did not receive a second to the nomination to become a member, and why Virginia Tech University and the University of West Virginia could not muster a second even though a discussion ensued regarding membership.

Further, it is unfortunate that the emergence of the black athlete was not covered. A chapter could have traced the early emergence of blacks in football and basketball at the University of Maryland and could have shown how this facet had developed in the ACC to its present positive position. In addition there was little or nothing said about the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women. This is understandable in part since the purpose of the treatise was to show the development of the ACC. However, women are com-

peting in several sports among member schools and are making a growing impact in athletics for all member schools

I found Parts I—“Development of Athletics and Athletic Conferences in the South” and II—“The Formation and the Development of the Atlantic Coast Conference” to be exciting but was disappointed in the major portion of Part III “The Member Institutions in the ACC” since its coverage was devoted primarily to the sports of football and basketball thereby missing important elements of any well-rounded quality intercollegiate athletic conference program.

The book is of interest to the student of sport history and should be useful to those pursuing sport management. The author has rendered a service in pulling together interesting statistics regarding past stars and exciting moments.

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