

V. British Sport

- V-1 Dabscheck, Braham. "Beating the Off-side Trap: The Case of the Professional Footballers' Association," *Industrial Relations Journal*, 17, No. 4 (Winter 1986), 350-361.

This paper documents and analyzes the role of the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) in representing the rights and interests of players in professional soccer in England. It provides details on PFA membership and the earnings and other benefits received by players. The PFA and Football League have developed a co-operative relationship following changes to the retain and transfer system in 1978. Based on interviews, primary, and secondary sources; 27 notes.

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- V-2 Mandle, W. F. "The Professional Cricketer in England in the Nineteenth Century," *Labour History*, 23 (November 1972) 1-16.

Most professional cricketers were recruited from the laboring classes earning income as players, coaches and bowlers to aid the batting practice of the more privileged. Most cricketers earned relatively modest incomes, and faced the recurring problems of injuries, destitution after retirement, and early deaths. Several player strikes are documented. The lot of cricketers was improved by the turn of the century. Based on (mainly) primary and secondary sources; 121 notes.

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- V-3 Sutcliffe, Peter W. "The Greek Ideal and its Influence on 19th Century Sporting Values in England," *Physical Education Review*, 9, No. 2 (1986), 135-151.

The Greek Ideal has been variously described and interpreted as arete or excellence, moral virtue, *aidos* or a feeling of respect, reverence, modesty, and a sense of human value, all inborn or God-given capacities. Greek philosophies and artifacts reveal that free men earned renown by displaying their physical beauty and athletic excellence while also attracting heterosexual and homosexual liaisons. The author describes the Victorians' reticence in accepting these facts which led instead to their adoption of an idealized myth. The emerging code of ethics of the British sporting heritage largely considered games panaceas that instilled discipline, developed character, and controlled sensualism among schoolboys. Based on primary sources and secondary works; 89 notes.

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