

# Journal Surveys

## I. Australian Sport

- I-1 Borland, Jeff. "The Demand for Australian Rules Football," *The Economic Record*, No. 182 (1987), 220-230.

Borland explains the decline in attendance of Australian rules football matches organized by the Victorian Football League in the 1980s. On the basis of an econometric analysis of data for the period 1950 to 1986, he concludes attendance is a function of real admission price, real income, lagged attendance (i.e., enjoyment derived from previous attendance), and uncertainty of the outcome of competition. Based on primary and secondary works; 18 notes.

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- I-2 Lane, David G. & Jobling, Ian E "For Honour and Trophies: Amateur Rowing in Australia, 1888-1912," *Sporting Traditions*, (November 1987), 2-26.

This paper provides a fairly detailed examination of debates between Victoria and New South Wales, in particular, and other colonies/states, to a lesser degree, concerning the definition of amateur in rowing (eights) in the period 1888 to 1912. For example, should a laborer be regarded as a professional? These debates are interpreted against the background of states rights associated with Australian federation in 1901, Australian nationalism, and class distinctions and snobbery. Based mainly on primary sources; 96 footnotes.

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- I-3 Sharp, M.P. "Australian Football in Sydney before 1914," *Sporting Traditions*, (November 1987), 27-45.

Sharp examines the failure of Australian rules football to establish itself as a viable code in Sydney between 1870-1914. Australian football competed unsuccessfully against Rugby Union and, after 1908, Rugby League. Besides problems associated with obtaining appropriate enclosed grounds and the best players interested in the rugby codes, Sharp argues that the amateur Australian rules "leagues" lacked able and effective administrators and promoters. Some details on early games are provided. Based mainly on secondary sources; 47 footnotes.

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