

University and College Sport Histories: Survey and Analysis

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A survey of 200 U.S. university and college sports information directors, combined with more traditional search techniques, yielded a bibliography of over 135 books dealing with university and college sport history. Additionally, the survey revealed that most of these books (82) deal with football, while just 24 treat all sports, and 19 concern themselves only with basketball. For the most part, these books are written by journalists or sports information directors, are abundantly illustrated and, more often than not, contain statistical appendixes. A majority of these books were published by commercial presses; in many cases, this was the now-defunct Strode Publishers, of Huntsville, Alabama, which produced over fifty volumes in a "College Sports Series" begun in 1973.

Although these books contain valuable factual information, much still remains for the serious sport historian to deal with in this area.