

## JOURNAL EDITOR'S REPORT

The *JSH* dealt with 36 new manuscripts in the year May 1, 1986 to April 30, 1987. compared to 21 a year ago and 35 two years ago. In addition, 2 resubmissions were received. Twelve articles and 1 research note were accepted with minor or no revisions; another essay (a resubmit) was accepted with required revisions. Nineteen essays were rejected (including 5 that were inappropriate or withdrawn from consideration). Three manuscripts are currently pending. Of the accepted articles, 5 are in the special issue on sport and medicine edited by Jack Berryman. These are mainly commissioned articles stemming from last year's conference.

Very few changes have been initiated in the *JSH*. We published our first historical interview, which to date has been the only one submitted for evaluation. We continue to welcome subjects for special issues. These are an important way of dealing with novel subjects (viz. our issue on Latin American sport), or providing in-depth focus to major topics. Furthermore, they are an important means of facilitating our need to maintain a schedule since otherwise, we might not secure a sufficient number of high quality manuscripts for evaluation. David Wiggins is currently working on a special issue on black sports in North America that we are very excited about. One welcome change is that we are currently publishing on schedule. At the moment we have a brief backlog of articles awaiting publication. However we are in need of fine articles for the spring 1988 issue. Another welcomed change is the installation of a new book review editor, Dave Wiggins. Let me take the opportunity to thank Randy Roberts for his excellent leadership and direction during his tenure as book review editor. Hopefully Dave will be able to do what no other review editor has to date: get us up to date in the review process. It is disappointing that our specialized journal is often behind more general historical journals in reviewing books in our speciality.

I am pleased that Jack Neville has been able to get some advertising for the *Journal*, and hope we shall see additional results of his efforts in the future.

Finally, let me thank our excellent editorial board for their continued yeomen efforts. I would also like to bring to your attention the following individuals who have kindly given of their time and expertise to evaluate manuscripts: Duke Frederick, Tony Mason. Peter Levine, Joan Chandler, John Lucas, Donald Spivey, Harold Seymour, Jules Tygiel, James Walvin, and Dave Wiggins.

Respectfully submitted,  
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