

REPORT OF THE EDITOR,  
*JOURNAL OF SPORT HISTORY*

May 1, 1990 to April 30, 1991, the journal received twenty-four new manuscripts, once again a decline from prior years. However the quality of submissions was significantly up, since eight manuscripts have, or will be accepted for publication. In addition, Guest Editor Roberta Park invited eight scholars (including herself) to prepare essays for the special issue on Gender. The issue will include nine essays and will probably be our largest issue ever. The high quality of submissions I must admit, has been highly gratifying. This year the journal returned three submissions to their authors as inappropriate and rejected nine manuscripts outright. four manuscripts are currently out for evaluation, Three essays were excepted with minor revisions; three with major revisions, and two resubmissions were accepted, and just one rejected.

We are doing a lot of very good things and I hope they will continue. We are particularly excited by our new section on public history. Nonetheless, I would like to see still greater coverage in our special sections, i.e., journal surveys, public history reviews, and book reviews. Our editors have worked diligently, but need support from the membership to volunteer for assignments, and equally important, to fulfill those responsibilities. There are important articles being published in journals that we have not traditionally covered in English or other languages. Museum exhibits of interest are not always brought to our attention; coverage of sport films and other media production has not kept up; and we seem to have fallen behind in our coverage of recent sport history books that seem to be coming out of the woodwork.

In addition to the continuing yeoman work of our editorial board, I would also like to thank the following individuals who graciously gave of their time to review manuscripts: Kogila Adam-Moodley, William Beezley, Gerald Gems, J. Thomas Jable, Richard Holt, Heiner Gillmeister, John MacAloon, Ignacio Mendez, Joachim Ruehl, Harold Seymour, Gregory Singleton, Eugen Weber and Kenneth Winkle.

We had anticipated getting the Journal back to schedule, however, due to unforeseen circumstances over which we had no control, this was not to be. The printer made a grievous error in producing the cover for the winter 1990 issue, copying the wording for the special issue on German sport. If not for Jack Berryman catching the error at the latest possible moment, the journal with errant covers would have been mailed out. The printer has silk screened the covers to hide his error. The other problem occurred with the special issue on Gender when all our graphics and advertisements were lost in transit. Fortunately we have been able to reproduce these materials, and the issue is moving toward final production. Our summer issue is close to schedule. We already have completed the selection process for the winter 1991 issue, and barring unforeseen circumstances, will have it out on schedule.

The time is approaching to begin the process for selecting a new editor. If I am not mistaken, we should be prepared at the next NASSH meeting to select a new journal editor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steven Riess