

EDITORIAL PREFACE

In May 1987, only a few days before the beginning of the Sporting Traditions VI Conference in Melbourne, the Australian community of sports scholars was shocked by the news of Barry Andrews' death. For many of us Barry was a valuable sounding-board for ideas and arguments. His enthusiasm for sport and its critical analysis inspired us to continue with worthwhile projects when we had begun to doubt their value. His own scholarship also contributed significantly to establishing the acceptability of our sub-discipline. For all these reasons, and more, Barry will be missed by his colleagues, but for many the loss is greater still.

Those of us who were privileged enough to know Barry also lost a friend. This volume consists of articles written for Barry, by some of these people, as a memorial to that friendship. There is no single theme under analysis or any imposition of editorial restrictions. Barry's interest in sport and its analysis was as catholic as it was encyclopedic. We hope that readers who did not have the honour of knowing Barry Andrews will get to know him a little through the following pieces. This special issue of our journal has shed its green and gold blazer in favour of a blue and yellow jersey. NSW Rugby League followers will recognise the colours as those worn by Parramatta, the team supported passionately by Barry Andrews. By clothing this selection of sports history scholarship in Parramatta's colours we hope to combine two of Barry's greatest loves.

Barry, this one's for you mate!

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