

Editorial Preface

It is normal procedure for an incoming editor to thank her or his predecessor(s) for their contribution to the journal and to express the hope that the standards set will be maintained. In this case such words are not sufficient to express the debt the society and casual readers of this journal owe to Wray Vamplew.

Over the past five years Wray has established a journal with a rare combination of features namely, an international reputation for scholarship and interesting readable articles. The journal has achieved everything which the society's early membership had hoped it would. Of course this is not surprising given Wray's editorial skills and his persuasiveness. His scholarship received due recognition recently with the publication of his book *Pay Up and Play the Game* (reviewed on P. 107) and its receipt of the inaugural Best Book Award from the North American Society for Sports History. Congratulations Wray on behalf of ASSH.

The change of editor has been accompanied by a change in the appearance of the journal. This was done only after a lot of soul-searching. We are a society which values Traditions. However, it seemed appropriate that the change of editorship provided an opportunity for some cosmetic changes. I hope they are acceptable to members and that the journal will continue to receive the recognition it has gained under Wray's captaincy.

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