

Editorial Preface

While watching ‘Andrew Denton’s Live and Sweaty’ recently, I was reminded of a feature which has disappeared from the recent issues of *Sporting Traditions*, namely our Barracker’s Corner. Have we become so academic that we will no longer wear our hearts on our sleeves or display our petty prejudices and intolerance? Do we all accept meekly the writings of our colleagues with resignation and an acknowledgement that all are entitled to their points of view?

I am not suggesting that we need to contrive controversy in the manner of Mr Denton (or Mr Rex Mossop, his role model). In the case of ‘Live and Sweaty’ I suspect that Controversy Corner is really designed as a vehicle to display the debating talents of Debbie Spillane. There is room in our pages for more genuine debate over issues which relate to our mission.

The current issue might cause some concern among ardent cricket followers, who could be moved to take issue with Andrew Moore’s suspicions. Perhaps this is the type of article which might lead to the reinstatement of ‘Barracker’s Corner’.

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