

EDITORIAL PREFACE

This issue marks the end of *Sporting Traditions*' eighth year of publication. In that time society membership and journal sales have increased steadily, contrary to the experience of most other academic societies and their journals. *Sporting Traditions* is now read in Asia, north and south America, Britain, Europe and the Middle East, as well as Australia and New Zealand. Accordingly, it is perhaps time to ask whether *Sporting Traditions*' charter should be expanded to include discussion of more issues not directly related to the Australasian sporting experience. Would such expansion enhance *Sporting Traditions* or would it merely result in a duplication of the *International Journal of the History of Sport*? In this issue an article on South Africa has been included not because of direct application to the Australian experience but because of the importance of the South African debate to all sport. *Sporting Traditions* is the society's journal so the membership should decide upon its contents. Any comments you would like to make on this matter, or on any other aspects of the journal would be most welcome.

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