

Editorial Preface

This issue marks the end of my turn in the editor's chair. My period of editorship has been an interesting experience - made viable only through the co-operation of those members (and interested others) who have submitted manuscripts for consideration and through the 'premiership' efforts of a team of office staff, led by Vivien Raine, who turned those manuscripts into page proofs. The arduous part of the role derives from those occasions when promised manuscripts do not appear or when those which do appear fail to follow the journal's style sheet. These instances, however, do not outnumber the rewards.

I wish to thank formally all those members who have contributed to *Sporting Traditions* over the past five years. As a society's journal it can do no more than hope to reflect the interests and scholarship of the society's members, and whilst it might be for others to judge the quality of the journal I retire from the editor's chair with full confidence in both the society and the journal.

Although I will continue involvement with the Editorial Board until the completion of projects 'in the system', Richard Cashman now takes over as editor of *Sparting Traditions*. I wish him 'the best' and trust that all members will continue to provide him with the fruits of their scholarship.

Thank you.

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