

## *Editorial Preface*

This volume of *Sporting Traditions* provides an opportunity for me to thank Richard Cashman, on behalf of the journal's readership, and congratulate him for his record term of six years as editor. Under his guidance the journal has continued to grow in stature and quality. He leaves behind a legacy which will be difficult to maintain.

This volume also revives an earlier, if seldom used, tradition of guest editorship. After the success of the Sporting Traditions XII conference, held at Queenstown NZ in February 1999 the conference organisers, Douglas Booth and Annemarie Jutel were invited to edit a special edition of *Sporting Traditions* containing the contributions from the ten speakers featured in the debate on the conference theme. Readers who were unable to attend the Queenstown conference now have the opportunity to 'hear' the debate in the following pages.

*Sporting Traditions* has now been published for sixteen years and some of the earlier volumes are out of print, but due to an arrangement with the Amateur Athletic Foundation of Los Angeles back issues of *Sporting Traditions* are now available on the web at <http://www.aafra.com/>

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