

BOOK REVIEWS

PHYSICAL EDUCATION INDEX Editor — R. F. Kirby. Publisher: BenOak Publications Company, Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Price: See below. Vol. 1. 1978 Quarterly. 1. 1978 Quarterly.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION/SPORTS INDEX Editors — N. Hoyle, Phyllis Kaiden, Deborah Lewis and Janet Dahquist. Publisher: Marathon Press, Albany, NY. \$95 p.a. outside USA. Vol. 1. 1978 Quarterly.

RUNNER'S INDEX Editor — J. C. Mancuso. Publisher: Runners Index, Albany, NY. \$29.95 half yearly. Vol. 1. 1978.

Suddenly and independently, these three indices have sprung up in the USA, two devoted to physical education in all its aspects, and one devoted to running only, but also to all aspects of fitness and injury that might affect the runner. All three cover a very wide field of journals in the English language, all have a wide selection of references to articles on sports medicine, and all three list the *British Journal of Sports Medicine* among their publications, which are predominantly of American origin. It is the only medical journal in Runners Index (R.I.), which includes also "Vereris"; the only medical journal among seven in PE Index; and one among four journals of *British* origin. All three contain few medical journals of any country, apart from the obvious sports medicine specialist publications such as *J. Sports Med. & Phys. Fitness*; *Physician & Sp. Med.*; *Am. J. Sp. Med.*

It is difficult to compare the sports medicine and exercise physiology contents of each index, as they are arranged in different places in all three, but a careful look through enables some comparisons to be made, best shown in tabular form.

	Runners Index		Physical Educ'n Index		Phys. Ed/Sports/Index	
Number of pages in	Vol. 1:2	210	Vol. 1 (all)	238	Vol. 1:1	146
Periodical indexed		40		145		93
Sports Med. & Injury		101		82		34
Ex. physiol. & fitness		74		168		48
Frequency of publ'n a year		x 2		x 4		x 4
Price to U.K. (surface mail)	\$29.95		\$100/yr for 3 years		\$95	
			\$112.50/yr for 2 years		(USA \$85)	
			\$125/yr for 1 year			

Obviously these indices will be of value to libraries, rather than to individuals, except for those in research or journalism where such sources of material should be tax-deductible. From the point of view of the sports medicine practitioner, all three are light on clinical articles, but none pretends to be an index of sports medicine. The easiest index to read is the Physical Education Index, with clear type, and prominent headings. PE/Sports Index has a large number of headings in bold type, but the sections are often short, with a great deal of cross-references to other parts of the book. Runners Index lacks the professional printing of the other two, but seems to have the introductory pages written by an enthusiast, Joe Mancuso, a former professor of English Literature, who was inspired by the explosive growth of published material in every field of knowledge, but where there appeared to be a gap in relevant collections in sports medicine and exercise physiology, information having to be sought in a variety of medical, physiological, psychological, sporting and education sources.

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