

**BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF SPORT AND MEDICINE
CONGRESS '87 — University of Liverpool**

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

Date: 25-27 September, 1987
Organiser: School of Physical Education and Recreation, University of Liverpool
Venue: Tudor Close, University Precinct, University of Liverpool
Theme: Modern developments in sports medicine and movement science

Provsional Programme:

Friday, 25 September:

p.m. Business meetings
 Congress Introductory Lecture
 Dinner (Civic Reception to be requested)

Saturday, 26 September

a.m.-p.m. Presentation of papers on Sports Medicine and Movement Science with each panel
 of speakers preceded by a keynote lecture
 Trade exhibition
 Poster presentations
 evening: Formal Conference Dinner

Sunday, 27 September

a.m. Poster presentations
 Student papers
 Conference Keynote Lecture
 BASM AGM
 Lunch

Key Dates:

1 May, 1987 Final date for submission of abstracts
 1 June, 1987 Final Programme circulated
 1 July, 1987 Final date for registration of delegates. £5 surcharge applies after that date
 8 July, 1987 Conference abstracts pre-circulated to all registered delegates

BOOK REVIEW

Title: THE LOWER EXTREMITY AND SPINE IN SPORTS MEDICINE
Editors: James A. Nicholas and Elliot B. Herschman with 64 contributors
Publisher: C. V. Mosby. UK distributors: Blackwell Scientific Publications, Oxford
 Price: £142.50 (two volumes) ISBN 0-8016-3616-7

There are 1,667 pages of this two volume book excluding the index. Kitchen scales which read only to 10 lb are inadequate to weigh the book which does at least come in two volumes. But faced with a volume of this size it is impossible for the reviewer to read more than a tittle of it. I therefore have read a section on a subject which I know intimately in an attempt to assess content and presentation and I have read sections which I feel I know very little about, in an attempt to see how well they can put across information.

As always it is difficult to see quite at whom the book is directed but I think a book of this size and with such an impressive list of contributors must be regarded as talking to the expert. That being said I was disappointed, if not slightly dismayed, to find the section on arthroscopic evaluation of the knee advocating arthroscopy in haemarthrosis but without commenting upon the dangers of extravasation of irrigating fluid into the calf which can be more limb threatening than the original injury. It is also odd to see a list of the causes of tendonitis of the Achilles tendon which excludes the over rigid or high heel tab.

These comments are probably nit-picking for the average reader; I must confess that the general approach to imparting information seemed very good if occasionally turgid. I am impressed by the technique of editorial comment to augment or expand individual contributors' sometimes individualistic views. A plus sign in a book of this size has been their ability to get in press quickly enough to have references from 1985. This should be a library book in a unit dealing with a lot of injured athletes. It is probably too expensive for most individuals.

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