findings in relation to chronic compartment syndrome has been reported (weakness of muscle function, muscle hernias (Detmer et al, 1985)), atrophy of an individual leg muscle as in our case has not previously been described.

In our case atrophy of the flexor hallucis longus muscle had developed and was diagnosed both clinically and by electromyographic measurements. Nuclear magnetic resonance imaging revealed atrophy of the flexor hallucis longus muscle, while the leg musculature appeared otherwise normal.

Atrophy of the flexor hallucis longus muscle had obviously decreased the compartmental pressure since no recurrence of the medial tibial syndrome occurred despite continuing endurance running exercises.

Yours faithfully,

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Letter to the Editors,
Dear Editors,

EXAMINATION IN SPORTS MEDICINE

The Society of Apothecaries of London are contemplating instituting an examination in Sports Medicine and the Master of the Society has asked me to produce proposals for consideration by the Society. I am interested in receiving a wide spectrum of opinion about such an examination. I would be grateful if any reader who has ideas or wishes to be consulted about such an examination could write to me at Westminster Hospital, London SW1P 2AP.

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