BOOK REVIEW

TREATMENT OF INJURIES TO ATHLETES

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The Second Edition of a textbook which has become a classic must always be anticipated with great interest. This new edition of Don O'Donoghue's famous book comes however as something of a disappointment, largely because it seems so exclusively concerned with Bone and Joint injuries.

These are presented in a wealth of detail, lavishly and thoughtfully illustrated, and provide a superb work of reference to the orthopaedic surgery of specifically body contact sport (the references to American football are in the circumstances inevitable, and do not necessarily detract from the value of the book).

The section on soft tissue injuries by contrast is weak – in this context a paucity of reference to Achilles tendon lesions is outstanding.

One must inevitably regret too the absence of any bibliography, but this is a matter of the Author's deliberate policy as he explains in his foreword.

On the whole this book cannot be recommended for those who seek a general manual for the treatment of sports injuries as a whole. For those however, particularly Orthopaedic Surgeons, who are regularly faced with the care of orthopaedic problems arising from body contact sports, this book is a must, and certainly no library of Sports Medicine would be complete without it.

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