

participation in other sports (in this case soccer and cricket are quoted), but, if one takes into account the number of boys who play soccer and cricket, and the number of hours they participate in these activities, then the percentage of concussions/deaths per 'man'-hour of participation falls into insignificance – though I readily concede that one death is one death too many.

Again, many other sports offer the chance for young boys to participate at various levels (e.g. local, regional and national), most sports provide an opportunity for

competition abroad, and *all* sports bring together "people of all sorts in the very best kind of comradeship" (Blonstein, 1974). In conclusion, it is my belief that amateur boxing has little more to offer to the 'average' schoolboy than any other sport.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Sir,

I do wonder if the B.A.S.M. could do more for those members who are not doctors, in the way of weekend and Saturday courses to keep us up to date with present day theories on sports medicine.

Next October, November and December I am organising a course, fortnightly on Saturdays to train new cycling coaches at Sheffield. I would like one or two days of this course to be used for keeping existing coaches up to date and it occurred to me that perhaps the lectures could be open to other sports possibly with the help of B.A.S.M. Suggestions would be most appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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*This sounds a good suggestion. If members are interested in such courses, will they please express their interest – direct to Mr. Jones if the time and place suits, or to Hon. Secretary B.A.S.M. if it is desired that other time and places be preferred – Editor.*