

FOOTBALL IN HISTORY JOURNALS, 1970-1988

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In recent years historians have increasingly recognized the importance of studying sports. Although the scholarly literature on football is not as voluminous as that on baseball, history journals have published numerous articles on football that should be of interest to PFRA members. Under the theory that football is football, I've included articles on professional and college. In the interests of time and space I've limited this bibliography to the period beginning in 1970.

However, I've defined historical journals somewhat loosely in order to include several articles that might otherwise be left out. Readers should keep in mind that many of these articles are heavily footnoted, which should give interested researchers ideas and sources for further study. I'll try to update this once a year or so and will also add any omissions brought to my attention. Comments, additions, and corrections can be addressed to Jim Sumner, 3215 Warwick Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606.

Professional Football

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