

# 10 Press, sport and citizenship

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SEMPRONIO

“Sport and Citizenship” is the first publication which the author, Sempronio, alludes to in his analysis of the relationship between civic feeling and sporting activity. A sample of the numerous sporting entities which are to be found are: Centre Excursionista de Catalunya, l’Orfeó, l’Ateneu, and along with them the names of directors which belong to their boards: Riera i Beltran, Aulèstia i Pijoan, Ubach i Vinyeta, César A. Torres, Artur Masriera, Casades i Gramatges, Rubió i LLuch, Domènech i Montaner, Pons i Massaveu, Puig i Cadalfach, Carreras i Candi, Mossen Cinto, and so many others.

The author refers to the significance of Barça in the Catalan social world (“Barça is more than a club”), and to the cosmopolitanism of the city of Barcelona which celebrated Sunday afternoons with football, mountaineering, theatre, cinema, strolls around the port or Tibidabo. According to Sempronio, “press, sport and citizenship” is a genuine triptych of Barcelona. In the forthcoming Olympic Games, the author looks forward to the confirmation of this impatience which is typical of Barcelona.

# 15 Sports Journalism in Olympic Barcelona

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ANDREU MERCÉ I VARELA

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The author deals with the arrival and the development of sport in Catalonia three centuries after the Greeks landed on the Empordà coast. Sport is therefore a form of culture. The different invasions and upheavals of the Middle Ages took sport away from the lives of the people. It was not until after the end of the Napoleonic Wars, and the beginning of the Industrial Revolution, that Catalan people began to look towards the British Isles and Central Europe to try some of the

sports now in fashion: football, hockey, tennis, gymnastics, cycling, swimming, boxing, etc.

Mercè i Varela recalls the first sports publications and the first one in Catalan "L'excursionista" which was followed by many more. The Olympic concern is also reflected by the author. The names of journalists and colleagues are recalled throughout the article. The Olympic Games in Barcelona will be, he says, not only a sporting dream but one which belongs to the city and its inhabitants, too.

## 22 Notes on a century of sports dailies and magazines

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JOSEP MARIA FIGUERES

The author feels that sports press has barely been studied until now. In his opinion, the current issue of "Annals" is the first time sports journalism has been tackled. However, our tradition in this area is outstanding. The author recalls how sports press in Catalonia was born in 1865 when "El Cazador" appeared. It was followed by magazines on hiking, bulletins produced by sports clubs and finally, daily newspapers.

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The exhibition "100 years of sports press in Catalunya" was held on the occasion of the International Boat Show in Barcelona in 1972. In this article the author reproduces an exhaustive list of the publications which appeared at the show plus a list of bulletins of clubs and entities in the same period. He mentions that at the moment there are numerous publications. There are bulletins published by the associations in practically all Catalan cities. As far as newspapers are concerned he draws attention to the existence of "El Mundo Deportivo" and "Sport". He studies the concentration in the communications sector and the phenomenon of Barça, which is capable of generating "a huge amount of paper".