



Editorial

Racket Sports have been widely studied in science for the last years. The purpose of this Journal is to aggregate the most important advances and researches to affect the development and directions of racket sports science from now on.

To reflect on the importance and impact a specialized journal can have in the field, we can put some perspective on its development:

- In 1993, the series of World Congresses in Science and Racket Sports took place, causing several publications to be released subsequently.
- Sharp (1998), recorded the duration of the rallies and the work-rest ratio in squash, using technology.
- The following years, the increase in computing power allowed to carry on studies with an unthinkable amount of data.

Thus, we know how investigation related to racket sports science has progressed in the past, and how crucial can the development of a specialised Journal be on the field.

The main purpose of this Journal is to generate new tools so we can look into the future from the paradigm of a specialised field, enhancing the research potential along with the participation of experts.

The ultimate goal is to create a platform for collaboration and cooperation among researchers, where sport scientist can come together and join forces to come up with new perspectives from where to keep expanding the knowledge involving all areas within the field of racket sports.

So we look into the future with high hopes of creating a place where knowledge, research and individuals can gather and share their experience, sparking new ideas and innovating in ways we have hardly dreamed of.

As Lees (2019), summarizes:

The beginnings of racket sport science, over 50 years ago, can be traced to the early pioneer researchers who, through their love of the game, gambled their future by edging away from their parent academic discipline towards a virgin field of discovery.

They were able to make the transition and lay the foundations for others to follow. And follow they did. (...) Combined with the advancement of technology and the availability of computers, hundreds of individuals now had the possibility to develop their scientific skills, as the pioneers had done, through the love of their sport.

And from their legacy, we keep developing the field.

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