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Background – SPORTDiscus and NSIC Operations

1980's

- Dial up access
- Printed *Sport Bibliography & Sport and Recreation Index*
- Searching by librarians and clients time consuming
- Limited current awareness services

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Background – SPORTDiscus and NSIC Operations

1990's

- SPORTDiscus CD-ROM – standalone and networked
- Australian records added
- Searching easier by librarians and clients
- NSIC holdings not linked to SPORTDiscus

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Background – SPORTDiscus and NSIC Operations

Mid 1990's

- NSIC loads SPORTDiscus records onto DRA Library system
- Integration of NSIC holdings and SPORTDiscus records but time consuming
- Expanded electronic current awareness services

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Background – SPORTDiscus and NSIC Operations

2004

- SPORTDiscus available through EBSCOhost
- Journal holdings linked to SPORTDiscus records
- Greater use made of “Alerts’ services

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Background – SPORTDiscus and NSIC Operations

2006

- SPORTDiscus Fulltext subscription
- Integration with EBSCO's A to Z Service
- 400 fulltext journals available

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Benefits of SPORTDiscus Fulltext

Currency

- Records for core titles generally available within a month of publication - critical for alerting services
- Allows SPORTDiscus to compete with other Databases such as Medline

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Benefits of SPORTDiscus Fulltext

Fulltext – PDF's and Linking –

1. The Envelopes, Please: The 2008 Billy Goats Gruff ACSM Abstract Awards.
Rowland, Thomas, Pediatric Exercise Science Nov2008, Vol. 20 Issue 4, p365 (English Abstract Available)
PDF Full Text

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4. What is the Mechanism of No Injury (MONI)?
Meeuwisse, Willem H., Clinical Journal of Sport Medicine Jan2009, Vol. 19 Issue 1, p1 (English Abstract Available)
Linked Full Text

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Benefits of SPORTDiscus Fulltext

Efficiencies in Document Supply

- Currently 600 articles downloaded per month by NSIC staff and clients
- Allow NSIC to manage additional clients
- Document delivery staff assist in digitisation projects

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Benefits of SPORTDiscus Fulltext

Cancellation of Print Titles

- Non core titles cancelled - *Quest, Sociology of Sport Journal, Journal of Sport Behaviour, Athletic Business*
- *?* EBSCO cannot guarantee long term access to electronic titles in its databases

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Benefits of SPORTDiscus Fulltext

Reduction in Indexing

- NSIC ceased indexing over 25 titles – *Modern Athlete and Coach, Inside Sport etc, Golf Australia*
- Under 50 records per month – previously indexed 200 records
- Indexing resources transferred to digital archiving and indexing

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Benefits of SPORTDiscus Fulltext

Integration

– SPORTDiscus Fulltext integrated with EBSCO's A to Z Service

Journal of sports sciences

E-Journals from EBSCO 1983 to present **Your Access:** January 1997 to present **Print holdings: Vol.1 1983-**
SPORTDiscus with Full Text 1996 to present (Embargo: 1 year)
Taylor & Francis Ltd 1996 to present
Publisher: Taylor & Francis Ltd

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Issues with SPORTDiscus Fulltext

Irrelevant Content

- Journals that are not related to sport – *Social Forces, Employee Relations Law Review, American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse*
- Searching more difficult (too many records) and may deter client use of SPORTDiscus Fulltext

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Issues with SPORTDiscus Fulltext

Coverage of Major Journals

– Several major titles not indexed –

- *International Journal of Sport Management and Marketing ; International Sports Law Journal ; Journal of the Quantitative Analysis of Sport ; Journal of Sports Engineering and Technology ; Olympic Review (previously indexed by SIRC) ; Panstadia (previously indexed by SIRC)' Sports Technology*

– What is the policy for inclusion of journals?

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Issues with SPORTDiscus Fulltext

Exhaustive Indexing of 'Popular' Journals

– Cover to cover indexing of popular journals – many meaningless records

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10. The Wire.
Referee Dec2008 Issue 386, p13 (English Abstract Available)
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11. Sell the Tough Call: Conflict Resolution.
Russell, Doug, *Referee* Dec2008 Issue 386, p14 (English Abstract Available)
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12. Call Live Ball; Manage Dead Ball.
Referee Dec2008 Issue 386, p16 (English Abstract Available)
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13. In the News.
Referee Dec2008 Issue 386, p17 (English Abstract Available)
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Issues with SPORTDiscus Fulltext

Narrower Material Content Coverage

- No longer books, conference papers, theses, vide/DVD's
- Need to search other sources – Google Scholar for Conference Papers or Library Catalogues

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Issues with SPORTDiscus Fulltext

Thesaurus Terms

- Use of a generic EBSCO thesaurus
  - less specific to sport
- There are specific terms i.e. Jumper's Knee
- No as critical as many clients use natural language searching

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Issues with SPORTDiscus Fulltext

International Contributions

- NSIC has difficulty in adding records
- Decline in German, French and Spanish records

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Conclusion

SPORTDiscus Fulltext has:

- improved client access
- improved efficiencies in NSIC operations
- allowed the NSIC to develop other services – digital archiving of Australian information resources

'SPORTDiscus Fulltext is not perfect but we do not live in a perfect world'

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