Special Issue Call for Papers: Sports in the South

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Guest-edited by Mary Lou Sheffer, associate professor of communication at USM, the Spring 2019 issue of *The Southern Quarterly* will be devoted to sports in the South. Below are the main topics that the special issue hopes to cover:

- The ways sports culture helps us to define and understand the South
- Types of sports that originated in the South
- The relationship of sports to religion, Southern norms
- Games and Southern food, fan branding, clothes, etc.
- The distinctive ways media has evolved in reporting and commenting on Southern sports
- Major, colorful players, coaches, announcers and how their actions reflect or model a Southern ethos
- Team rivalries/bowls and the way they help to set the South apart from other regions of the country
- Sports and World War I and II--how the military used sports and in term may have been influenced by them
- Sports and race—e.g. Negro American Leagues, integration and sports
- Sports and gender—e.g., the contributions of Southern women to sports

In addition to articles based on archival materials, the special issue invites manuscripts based on original interviews, especially with sports officials and elected officials on changes in sports facilities to benefit players as well as fans. Please contact Mary Lou Sheffer, guest editor and associate professor in the School of Mass Communication and Journalism USM, with questions at mary.sheffer@usm.edu or 817.372.4022.

*SoQ* does not consider multiple submissions or work that has been approved elsewhere. The submission deadline is **December 1, 2018**. All submissions should follow the *SoQ* guidelines, which are available online: [https://aquila.usm.edu/soq/](https://aquila.usm.edu/soq/).

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