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This volume records the Proceedings of a Conference organized by the Galton Foundation and held in University College London in March 1980. It is edited by Mr Bruce Tulloh, Mrs M. A. Herbertson and Sir Alan Parkes and has a Foreword by Sir Roger Bannister. The Conference was opened by Mr Dick Jeeps, Chairman of the Sports Council and the sessions were Chaired by Professor G. A. Harrison, Miss Olive Newson, Mr Christopher Brasher, Mr Ray Williams, Dr Peter Sperryn and Sir Roger Bannister. It was attended by some 150 participants many of them outstanding in the world of sport and including sportsmen and women, coaches, medical advisers, biologists, sociologists, physical education experts and sports commentators. The volume has more than 30 contributors and contains fourteen major papers, ten subsidiary ones and synopses of the stimulating discussions.

The subject matter is wide-ranging and gives a remarkable overview of sport today. The treatment is necessarily selective within topics, but the whole is firmly held together by the central theme of the interaction of biological and social factors—by the biosocial approach. This is a book for the general reader as much as for the expert, for women as much as for men, and for those who watch sport as much as for those who take part in it.

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