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Dear Max:

On our list of members of the "Interest Group" for the formation of a Sports Section within the ASA, yours is the very first. We've over 100 names (not in alphabetical order, obviously) and are well on our way to fulfilling all the requirements to become a formal ASA section.

We have been granted an invited papers session at the Boston meetings of the Association. The following have agreed to give papers:

Dr. Ken Young: Univ. of Arizona
"Statistical analysis of the effects of slope on marathon performance: Is Boston a fast course?"

Prof. Fred Mosteller & Cleo Youze: Harvard
"Professional golf is Poisson, on fair days"

Dr. Jay M. Bennett: Bellocore
"Did shoeless Joe Jackson throw the 1919 World Series?"

Prof. Harry Roberts: Univ. of Chicago
"Can TQM improve athletic performance?"

I'll be president of the ASA in 1993, and our national meetings that year will be in San Francisco. This short letter is to place you on notice that I very much hope you will be a speaker, or perhaps even organize a speaker session, at that meeting. By then, the section ought to be an official part of the ASA.

All best wishes for the New Year. Enjoyed your short bits in the NYT.

With best regards,