

Economics-ejournal Associate Editor's Report

Title: **Game of Organizing International Cricket.**

This is an interesting paper on the industrial organization of professional team sports, focussing on the interaction of players, national bodies (as organizers of international matches) and domestic league organizers. The paper is narrowly focussed on cricket, which will reduce its readership among economists. I am a little concerned about the age of the references and absence of up-to-date reference to this issue in soccer, where the debate has been heated. Beyond these caveats, the analysis is rigorous. Once the revisions and corrections outlined in the author's response to the posted comments have been undertaken, the paper is acceptable for publication in *Economics*.

Posting the paper in the e-journal could stimulate extensive discussion of its application to other team sports. The analysis of club versus country is relevant to football (soccer), rugby and other sports like ice hockey if international games (eg under the Olympics banner) become more popular.