Preface

Philosophy and Sport brings together the lectures given in the Royal Institute of Philosophy's annual lecture series for 2012–13. In the Olympic year, it seemed fitting to consider some of the many philosophical and ethical questions raised by sport, and to bring together contributors from both philosophical and sporting worlds. This ground-breaking volume considers many different areas connected to sports and its practice. These include the watching of sport, drugs in sport, the Olympic spirit, sport and risk, sport as a moral practice, rivalry and glory in sport and the importance of sport in human life more generally.

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