

In May 2021, I wrote “Should We Boycott the 2022 World Cup?” for the Public Ethics blog (<https://www.publicethics.org/post/should-we-boycott-the-2022-world-cup>). This piece explored whether the ways in which fans are morally complicit in the human rights abuses that have occurred to bring us the 2022 World Cup in Qatar. This garnered some discussion online and will hopefully form the basis of future work.

I have also appeared twice on my local NPR station (WXXI: *Connections with Evan Dawson*) to discuss ethics issues in sport. One time discussed my above piece on the 2022 World Cup, another time was a discussion of the ethics of amateurism in American college sport.

This funding allowed me to revise a paper: “COVID-19 and the Integrity of Football,” to appear in *Philosophy, Sport and the Pandemic*, Jeffrey Fry and Andrew Edgar (eds.), forthcoming with Routledge. The paper considers how sporting competitions have been beset by change due to COVID-19. Some commentators and sportspeople worried that this affected the integrity of these competitions. Focusing on European football, I suggest that one way of understanding integrity is in terms of fairness. I argue that many changes introduced a form of luck that is already common and widespread and that many changes were also justified. Thus, they did not affect the integrity of these competitions in this way. I then suggest that there is another integrity issue lurking: that the changes affected the character of these competitions, rendering them unrecognizable. I briefly explore this issue.

I have used this grant to work on a paper, co-authored with Alfred Archer, on fandom in sports. This paper is under review. I also used this time to pitch, with Archer, a book, *Why It’s OK to be a Sports Fan*. This book grows out of our paper. This is now under contract with Routledge. It is targeted at a general audience and should be complete by Fall 2022.

Finally, I have worked on a paper that seeks to explain the role of fallibility in sports. This paper is not yet complete, but this grant has allowed me to make very good progress and the paper should soon be ready to submit.

Due to the fact the paper with Archer and my paper on fallibility are under, or will soon be under, anonymous review, I have kept the descriptions of them vague.

This grant also afforded me the time to do some general research in the philosophy of sport. I have read more widely than I would otherwise have been able to and attended the (virtual) annual conference for the International Association for the Philosophy of Sport as well as several (virtual) seminars hosted by the British Philosophy of Sport Association. Thus it has allowed me to become part of the philosophy of sport community, in a way that would have been much harder without this support.