

EDITOR'S NOTES

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This week we have two articles on the Lions in New Zealand. John Taylor and Ryland James have strong views on what they think the reasons were for the Lions doing so badly in the Tests.

Do you have a view on the subject? Do you agree or disagree with the two authors? Do they go far enough or are they guilty of making a mountain out of a molehill because the Lions simply came up against the best side in the world?

We have had a poor response from coaches recently and the e-mailed letters have all but dried up. These letters are extremely important and they often lead to an article. It is relatively straightforward for the Editor to get weekly pieces, but he is well aware that you, the coaches, hold the key to interesting and original ideas.

Please do try to offer your thoughts in a letter or article. The pieces that are sent in are nearly always printed in some form – sometimes as a simple letter/observation, sometimes as a full article.

The ball is in your court to write in on the Lions or on your reaction to these two pieces on the subject. The Editor will judge which is the best piece and the author will be sent a copy of Lynn Kidman's 'Athlete-Centred Coaching' (ISBN 0-476-01445-X), which was reviewed recently by Yusuf Ibrahim in the Technical Journal; a copy of the review can be found in the Technical Journal Archive.

However, you are invited to e-mail in at any time on *any* subject; it does not have to be simply on the Lions. The invitation is extended to coaches, referees, players and spectators. Your views will be greatly valued.

The Editor's e-mail address is Keithrichardson@therfu.com and he would be delighted to be inundated with coaching views, articles, opinions, moans, drills, tactics, team ploys, moves or thoughts from the comfort of the armchair. Anything you send in will be valued – as long as you are aware that the payment is nil; all you get is the warm glow of satisfaction from seeing your name in print!