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Sommario/riassunto

Sport has changed. Traditional boundaries are dissolving as a result of new global conditions. Maguire and his co-authors examine the changes, investigating the power relations that shape sport and providing an example of globalisation at work.
