

## Bibliography

JEAN DURRY



*La véridique histoire des géants de la route* (The true history of the giants of the road), by Jean Durry. Editions Edita-Denoël, Lausanne, 1973, 248 pages, 340 illustrations, in French.

From springtime each year, the newspapers devote whole pages to the feats of cycle racers who compete on the roads of Europe. Photographs show us grimacing faces, dripping with perspiration, and each year, the crowd gets excited over these often inhuman races. Cycling is a

young sport, compared with athletics for example. Nevertheless, its history is already rich and its heroes already legendary. Jean Durry, himself a one-time cycle racer, has taken a heart-felt interest in this history, and has brought to life or revived for us some famous champions. What efforts, training and self-denial are required to reach the victory podium! What improvements have been made to the bicycle since the "boneshaker", simply a strip of wood on two wheels, invented at the end of the 18th century, to the bicycle of today, so neat and light: Jean Durry analyses this sport with an abundance of details and technical information illustrated by complete iconography. Being a former racer, he is able to give an intimate approach to problems and the phenomena of cycling. This magnificent album, which also includes a list of winners of all the important races since their introduction and a bibliography, has the scientific, technical and human value of a History.

*Athlétisme 1973* (Athletics 1973) a work produced under the direction of Robert Pariente. "Les cahiers de l'Equipe" No. 49, Paris 1973, 160 pages. Price: 6 French Francs, in French.

A new Olympiad has begun since Munich and up until 1976. Athletics will make headway again and amaze us. These new "cahiers de l'Equipe" give us a flash-back of the last ten years of athletics, as well as a panorama of the next world season. 1973 will be marked by the fourth staging of the European Nations Cup, born officially in 1963 and which took place for the first time in 1965 in Oslo.

Gaston Meyer and Noël Couedel have provided us here with the "novel" of this great sporting event, with full lists of the winners. In addition, some excellently produced articles introduce us to the 5000 m and 10000 m events, and acquaint us better with the champions. "Le Marché Commun de l'Athlétisme" (The Common Market of Athletics), "Cet étonnant athlétisme africain" (Astonishing African athletics), "Cent ans d'athlé-

tisme" (A hundred years of athletics), "Rétrospective Olympique" (Olympic retrospect) are the principal chapters of this excellent little book which will content the most demanding fan.

*Rocznik Naukowy*, scientific year-book from the Cracow High School of Physical Education, Volume XI, Cracow 1972, 464 pages, in Polish.

The 11th scientific year-book of the Cracow High School of Physical Education has just appeared. Among its articles let us note a study on the influence of the shot put on the morphology of male athletes, the role of age, weight and height of athletes in the results of the World Handball Championships in 1970, the formation of relations between members of a football team, etc.

*Diagnostico de educação física/deportes no Brasil*, (Study of physical education and sports in Brazil) published by the Brazilian Ministry of Teaching and Culture, Rio de Janeiro 1971, 392 pages, in Portuguese.

This study, compiled from data collected at different levels of physical education and sports in Brazil, takes account of the different factors of town planning, teaching and health. This work should allow the Brazilian government to define a rational policy towards the development of sport.

*Sport 73* by Hugo Steinegger. Published by Habegger Verlag, 4552 Derendingen-Solothurn, Switzerland 1973, 264 pages, Price: SW. Fr. 9.80, in German.

Swiss sport is continually developing, a fact which is proved by the titles obtained in the various disciplines by this small



country's representatives in 1972 at the Olympic Games (13 medals), the European and World championships, not to mention the various European and world records set up during the year. But this manual, edited by Hugo Steinegger, head of the press department of the National Association of Physical Education, offers a remarkable panorama; no less than 59 sports are practised on an international level, and here they are analysed one by one: history, technical details, organisation in Switzerland (federations, clubs), installations, champions, 1972 records and results, and dates of competitions in 1973. So much for the present. The second part reminds us however that the Swiss have always shone in this field; tables give us the names and performances of Olympic athletes since 1896, and European and world record holders. In conclusion, the organisation of Swiss sport (Swiss Olympic Committee, National Association of Physical Education, National Committee for High Level Sport) is briefly yet clearly described to us.

