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● Our friend Donato Martucci informs us that, as in previous years, the Italian National Olympic Committee has brought out a series of etchings on the theme of sport by some of the most famous Italian artists. This project is one of several in Italy affording an increasingly important presence of sport in the cultural world, to the advantage of both sport and art. The works in the 1975 collection, arranged in collaboration with the Italian Centre for the Promotion of Art and Culture, bear the signatures of Attardi, Provino, Audino, Giordana, Eva Fischer, Gubellini, Bugli, Angelo Canavari, Kokocinski, Amerigo Tot and Gianpaolo Berto.

● For *Gaston Roelants*, Olympic 3,000 m. steeplechase champion at Tokyo, painting is more than just a hobby, it's a passion. His figurative works demonstrate a deep feeling for nature, as the inhabitants of Brussels who visited his exhibition at the Tivoli Gallery were able to testify.

● For the painter Sam Rabin, *art and boxing* is one of his sources of inspiration. Armand Lanoux writes about this remarkable



artist: "Rabin depicts boxing like Courbet his washerwomen and Monet his water-lilies..." Incidentally, we would point out that Rabin participated in the 1928 Olympic Games... as a boxer.

● A recent exhibition at the Hayward Gallery in London attracted almost one thousand visitors every day. Its theme was *British Painting and Sport from 1650 to 1850*.

Sculpture and Sport

● Several canvases or sculptures inspired by sport were shown at the "*Bucharest 74 Art Salon*". The Rumanian NOC's review No. 4/74 reproduced three of the most beautiful by Gh. Saru and Vasile Setran. In the "sports sculpture" section works by Constantine Iordache, who has chosen sport as his source of inspiration for over thirty years, were of particular interest. Several of these works have been placed in the grounds of new sports installations constructed over recent years in Rumania.

Sports photography

● *Woman and Sport* is the theme of Fotosport 76, the fourth international photography exhibition to be held from 10th June to 10th July 1976 at Reus (Spain). The Spanish Olympic Committee invites artists from all over the world to submit their works to the organisers. Closing date: 31st March 1976. Address: Fotosport 76, B. P. 300, Reus, Spain.

