
Readers' correspondence



Bernard Destremeau, best French tennis player during six years, fifty-three international selections, former minister and member of the National Assembly, presently French Ambassador in Buenos Aires.

"While showing those marvellous films on the Olympic Games to some friends, I experienced a surprise of a familial nature. At the close of the Games in Stockholm, I suddenly saw my father in conversation with the King of Sweden.

I had been aware that as head of the cavalry squadron, he had led the military team which had taken part in the pentathlon and the equestrian competitions. I did not, however, think that 67 years later, on a screen in our embassy in Buenos Aires, I would be given such a clear recollection of this page in my father's life.

Which Ministry would have archives concerning various occurrences at the Games ? My father once told me of an incident in which he was involved with the head of the German team. Through his efforts, it had been agreed to stage an event over again and the second time, the French horseman (?) was victorious. On the other hand, the French competitor in the pentathlon, Mas Latrie, was unsuccessful..."

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