



SARAJEVO 1984



## Zetra, the heart of the Winter Games

Less than two kilometres away from the centre of Sarajevo, Kosevo stadium spreads out its stands, like a flower in the winter sun. Just next to it, touching it almost, the large ice-skating rink reserved for figure-skating and hockey bears witness to the success of the Yugoslav sports architects' designs. Resolutely functional, this huge indoor rink, which is very long in comparison to its height, manages to escape an impression of heaviness thanks to the use of a projecting steel framework supported by a concrete substructure which gradually slopes down to one side ; all the functional areas have been grouped under this awesome canopy, leaving a perfect rectangle for the rink; the assymetry of the whole considerably softens the harshness of the materials.

With the stadium (and the speedskating rink), this new Ice Palace constitutes what the Organizing Committee likes to call the heart of

the Winter Games : the Zetra sports complex. This is perfectly understandable as on 8th February, young Sandra Dubravcic, Yugoslav figure skating champion, will enter Kosevo stadium itself, carrying the Olympic torch and cheered on by an enthusiastic crowd of at least 50000. After a lap of honour, she will climb the pyramid built on the opposite side to the official stand and light the flame which will illuminate the Olympic city for the whole length of the Games. And it is in the great indoor rink that all will end on 19th February, in scrupulous accordance with tradition.

But she will not have been the only heroine of the opening day. Her fellow countrymen, the skier Boris Strel and the bobbler Boris Vujadinovic, were nominated to hoist the flag, while the skier Bojan Krisaj, member of the IOC athletes' commission, will take the oath in the name of all the athletes taking part in the Games.



*The Zetra sports complex includes : the Olympic stadium (55 000 seats), the large indoor hall (8500 seats) and the stands for the 400 m speed-skating rink (2 080 seats).*

