

## As Seen in the Press... As Seen in the Press... As seen

And it must be emphatically stated that the Yugoslavs are about to achieve an organisational feat which will no doubt leave its indelible mark. Sarajevo, this large town of 500,000 inhabitants, with its nearby mountains which soar to 2,000 m. will doubtless provide a landmark in the history of the Winter Games, with its runs mapped out in the still pure and wild nature as the wolf, Vucko, mascot of these Games, reminds us - even if in jest.

*Michel Clare « L'Equipe » 7-2-1984*

These white Olympiads may have been the best - although the Sapporo 1972 ones, as far as we remember, were exemplary - but the weather which accompanied them was almost infernal.

*Juan Jose Castillo -'El Mundo Deportivo' 18-2-1984*

They had the small-town ambience that Lake Placid looked for, and so abysmally failed to find, four years ago, with the almost total involvement of the people of Sarajevo.

Technically, too, the Games were a success in every discipline, despite the efforts of the weather gods to frustrate the downhill ski races. But on the day they were finally run even these went right.

*Alan Smith - Daily Telegraph, 21-2-1984.*

*Order is perhaps the key word of the 14th winter Olympics. Order and friendliness, so often mutual incompatibles. Security checks were everywhere.*

*John Samuel - The Guardian 21-2-1984.*

Sarajevo last night said farewell to the XIVth Winter Olympic Games -an historic city which had put its heart and soul into a sporting tradition with a questionable future.

*The Times - 20-2-1984.*

From a world view, the logistics of these Games couldn't have worked out much better. These were the first Winter Olympics ever held

in a communist country, and some believed Yugoslavia would botch them.

They were dead wrong.

Buses ran on time.

Taxis were plentiful.

Computers provided up-to-the-minute results.

For the most part, the competition sites were first-class and well-staffed with courteous, multilingual aides. As a rule, the Yugoslavs were gracious and welcoming to their guests.

*Alan Greeberg - International Herald Tribune. 21-2-1984*

The Yugoslavs' efforts in order to secure the smooth management of the competitions have, effectively, been crowned with success, in spite of unfavourable weather conditions.

*Alain Giraud - "Le Monde". 21-2-1984.*

*Never, or almost never, did the athletes, the spectators, all the observers and technicians mobilised for the occasion have cause for complaint regarding the conditions of organisation.*

*Benoit Heimermann - "Le Matin ", 21-2-1984*

Everyone unanimously praised Sarajevo.

*Sport. 20-2-1984*

With a great deal of effort, the organisers succeeded in staging, from nothing, an event of world importance.

*Fiankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung 20-2.1984*

A resounding success with regard to organisation, technical detail, the excitement of the competitions, the winning personalities and the popular enthusiasm which accompanied the events.

*Andres Merce Varela - "La Vanguardia" 18-2-1984.*