



IAAF

Ingrid Kristiansen (NOR) topped the IAAF's 1986 list of 'Athletes of the Year', an honour well-deserved for the 31 year-old runner who had her best season yet last year with two new world records (5,000 and 10,000 m), an outstanding marathon performance, the fifth fastest time in history, a world best in the half marathon and a European title (10,000 m). The record she broke in the 10,000 m was her own. Already the quickest ever over 5,000 m twice before, in 1981 and 1984, she reclaimed the title this time from Zola Budd (GBR). She also ran the fastest women's marathon to date in 1985.

The stars of the Decathlon and Heptathlon, the Olympic gold medal winner of 1980 and 1984, Daley Thompson (GBR), and 1984 silver medallist Jackie Joyner (USA), both record-holders in the combined events, were named by the IAAF. Joyner broke the heptathlon record twice last year within a twenty-six day period, while Thompson continued to do what he had been

doing consistently since 1978 : winning, including the 1986 European Championship title.

The shorter distance male runners were represented on the list by Ben Johnson (CAN) and Gabriel Tiacoh (CIV), both of whom lost only one race during the 1986 season. Johnson specializes in the 100 m, in which he won a bronze medal at Los Angeles, and currently leads the field with a time of 9.95, just .02 seconds away from the world record held by Calvin Smith since 1983. Second in the 400 m at the 1984 Olympic Games, Tiacoh did extremely well last year with the season's best time of 44"30 and eight other runs in less than 45".

In the field events, pole vaulter Sergei Bubka (URS), hammer throw ace Yuri Sedykh (URS) and female long jumper/runner Heike Drechsler (GDR) far outshone the competition for yet another season. All three broke their own world records and captured the European titles in their respective events. Drechsler also managed to equal the record in the 200 m on two occasions.

Two Bulgarian women complete the impressive list. Yordanka Donkova, mentioned in the previous issue of the *Olympic Review* as the winner of the Grand Prix, set three new world records in the 100 m hurdles over the course of just a few months. Her compatriot, Stefka Kostadinova, established two records in the high jump.



Gabriel Tiacoh at the finish of the 400 m in Los Angeles.



FIBA

Continuing our publication of the reams of information sent to us recently by Mr. Boris Stankovic, FIBA Secretary General, below is the schedule of qualifying events for the 1988 Olympic tournament in Seoul.

Mr. Stankovic also provided us with some facts and figures regarding the 1986-1987 European Cups. The season began on 18th September 1986 with 141 clubs, men's and women's, from a total of 27 countries taking part. This represents remarkable progress when one thinks that in 1958, FIBA began with one European Cup and fifteen clubs.

- Women's Pre-Olympic Tournament - Malaysia, 1st to 15th June 1988 ;
- American Men's Qualifying Tournament - Uruguay, sometime in 1988 ;
- European Men's Qualifying Tournament - The Netherlands, 20th June to 10th July 1988 ;
- 14th African Men's Championship - Tunisia, 18th to 28th December 1987 ;
- 14th Asian Men's Championship - Bangkok (THA), 14th to 30th November 1987 ;
- 8th Oceania Men's Championship - New Zealand, 25th to 29th August 1987.

The final of the European 1986 Cup Winners' Cup, held in Caserta (ITA) was televised in AUS, ESP, FIN, FRA, GRE, ITA, HOL, POR, URS and YUG. The final of the 1986 European Men's Champion Clubs' Cup, which took place in Budapest (HUN) was broadcast to televisions in even more countries : AUS, AUT, BEL, CHY, ESP, FIN, FRA, GRE, HUN, ISR, ITA, MON, POR, SUI, TUR, URS and YUC.

A total of 194,000 spectators attended the final round of the Men's Champion Clubs' Cup, which was contested by a small league of six teams, making the average number per game 6,466. Twenty-nine of the thirty games were televised.



FIE

The first edition of the World Fencing Championships for youth under the age of 17 will be held in Israel from 3rd to 5th April 1987.

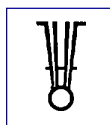


FIFA

After two experimental tournaments held in November and February and a third one sched-

uled to take place in March, the FIFA is well on its way to drawing up a definitive set of rules for five-man football. The first set of matches in Budapest (HUN) proved more than satisfactory to the FIFA Sub-Commission charged with developing the discipline. They found that only slight changes in the rules were necessary, the number of goals made (an average of 5.35 in a 50-minute game) sufficient and the game itself guaranteed to be exciting and fast-paced. Modifications to the rules were tried out at a second tournament in Corunna (ESP) in which teams from BEL, USA, POR, ESP, HOL, BRE, HUN and ITA took part. The third set of experimental games will take place this month in Peru.

It is also hoped that with these tournaments, indoor football will become more popular. The number of spectators has been encouraging. The first World Championship is planned for next year in Spain; teams from twenty-four countries will compete.



IHF

The 1986 Congress of the IHF was held in Saly/ M'Bour (SEN) from 25th to 28th October with

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the participation of representatives of fifty-two member federations. The national federations of Niger, Chad and Bangladesh were admitted as new members while Costa Rica was accepted on a provisional basis. At this point, the IHF has ninety-eight members countries, two provisional members and twenty federations expected to become affiliated soon. Handball is played in 129 countries by close to 4.8 million players on almost 225,000 teams, not counting schools, universities and the military.



Hans Baumann, IHF President from 1950 to 1977.

□ Spain has been selected as the recipient of the Hans Baumann trophy, presented every two years to the member association which has contributed most to the development and expansion of handball in their country or the world. The Spanish Handball Federation has made a particular contribution by organizing the symposium and special tournament for studying and testing new ideas for the format of the game (see O.R. n° 228).



The 1987 luge World Championships were held in Igls (AUT) from 20th to 25th January with the following results :

Men: Single: 1. Prock (AUT); 2. Jens Mueller (GDR) ; 3. Sergei Dalinin (URS). *Double :* 1. Joerg Hoffmann-Jochen Pietzsch (GDR); 2. Stefan Ilsanker-Georg Hackl (FRG); 3. Schwab-Staudinger (FRG).

Women : Single : 1. Cerstin Schmidt (GDR) ; 2. Gabriele Kohlisch (GDR); 3. Ute Oberhoffner (GDR).



FILA

The 1986 Congress of the FILA was held on 18th October in Budapest (HUN) with sixty-two of its member countries represented. Among the principle decisions taken were :

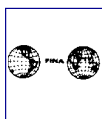
- the institution of Cadet (15-16 years of age) World Festivals or Championships, as it was decided to call them, to be held every odd year, and Continental Festivals for the same age group in the even years ;
- modification of the procedure followed in the event of a tie : the match is automatically extended without a break and continues until one of the wrestlers scores a point ;
- the scheduling of weigh-ins at competitions as follows : the eve of the first day, between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., and on the following days, immediately after the last match of the evening ;
- the admission of the national federations of American Samoa, Guam, Kuwait, Tanzania and Fiji.

This year the FILA celebrates its 75th anniversary. A Jubilee Congress will be held on 25th September in Clermont-Ferrand (FRA) with many special activities to mark the event. The 1986 Congress approved a tentative programme for the celebration. At the same time, all of the national federations have been urged to organize their own festivities. The FILA was founded in Stockholm (SWE) in 1912.

Also during the Congress, elections were held for several seats on the Bureau for which the mandates had expired. The composition is now as follows : *PT:* Mr. Milan Ercegan (YUG); *Hon. VPTS:* Dr. Per Strömback (SWE), Mr. Ion Cornianu (ROM) and Mr. Alexandre Novikov

(URS); *VPTs* : Messrs. Mihaly Biro (HUN), Byron Carayannis (GRE), Raiko Petrov (BUL), and Shozo Sassahara (JPN); *SG*: Mr. Michel Dusson (FRA); *T*: Mr. Hermann Schwinding (FRG) ; *Ms* : Messrs. Zygmunt Dmowski, Bjorn Eriksen (NOR), Raphy Martinetti (SUI), Dr. Matteo Pellicone (ITA), Mr. Mario Saletnig (CAN); *Coopted Ms*: Messrs. Toshimitsu Azuma (JPN), Alcibades Quintero (PAN), Ibnou Zahir Med El Abdi (MAR).

set of general rules to be examined by the technical committees of both bodies. Another meeting of the commission is scheduled to take place in May.



FINA

A longtime leader of Soviet and world swimming, the winner of the 1985 FINA Prize Eminence, Zachiriy Firsov passed away on 23rd November 1986. He chaired the USSR Swimming Federation for nearly thirty years, was a member of the NOC and served on the FINA Bureau from 1956 until 1980. One of the founders of the FINA Medical Committee, over which he presided from 1968 to 1980, he was an active member until his death. His over fifty years in all of service to the sport of swimming were rewarded last summer in Madrid when he received the FINA Prize Eminence; his contributions will long be remembered.



FITA

The FITA and the UIPMB have joined together to develop a new discipline which combines cross-country skiing and archery. The first meeting of a mixed commission formed to study possible international rules for the event met for the first time on 10th November in Milan (ITA). The representatives of the two federations established a



ITTF

The telex and telefax numbers of the International Table Tennis Federation are now 95277 ITTF G and (44.424) 431871, respectively.



ISU

The ISU Council decided unanimously to present the Jacques Favart Trophy to the British ice dance pair Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean in recognition of their many achievements in competitive skating. The couple, probably best known for the gold medal winning performance at the XIVth Olympic Winter Games in Sarajevo, also captured the European title in 1981, 1982 and 1984 and reigned as world champions for four straight years from 1981 to 1984. They will receive the award during the 1987 World Championships in Cincinnati (USA) this month.

This is the third time the trophy, established in memory of the former ISU President (1967 to 1980), has been given. Jacques Favart was, by the way, largely responsible for the introduction of Ice Dancing, as well as the 1,000 m Speed Skating event for men, into the Olympic Programme. He is also credited with contributing to the "modernization" of Figure Skating.



IWF

The Congress of the IWF was held in Sofia (BUL) last October on the occasion of the 1986 World Championships. During the meeting, the delegates decided upon the qualifying totals for the 1988 Olympic Games which shall be 52 kg category : 205 kg, 56 kg : 227.5 kg, 60 kg : 245 kg, 67.5 kg : 272.5 kg, 75 kg : 295 kg, 82.5 kg : 310 kg, 90 kg : 320 kg, 100 kg : 330 kg, 110 kg : 335 kg, +110 kg : 347.5 kg. According to the Federation's constitution, any affiliated federation may send a maximum of two competitors when none of their athletes has made the qualifying total; however, if three or more competitors are to be sent, they must all have qualified.

The Congress also voted to admit the national federations of Guam and Paraguay as new members.

□ The IWF has just issued, for the first time, three computerized ranking lists for 1986 based on international competition results and information sent by the national federations (i.e. national championships, rankings). The first is of the top one hundred lifters of the year in each weight category; the second shows the ranking of only one, the best of course, lifter per country by weight category and the third includes two lifters per country.

The Federation intends to keep this listing up-to-date and to publish it on a regular basis.