

CHAMPION ARTISTS

The 2nd Athletes in Art Biennial held in Barcelona was a great success with a hundred and sixty athletes taking part, including some of the great names from international sport and with some top quality works on show.



IOC President, Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch, examining first prize in the 1989 Biennial: the series of chronological sketches done by Eberhard Stroot.

In the photo right: the President with, left, the Mayor of Barcelona, Mr. Pasqual Maragall, who is about to present the prizes. The work on the next page is entitled 'Defeat of a Sportswoman', by Blanca Fernández Ochoa.

First prize went to the German artist Eberhard Stroot (FRG) for his series of chronological drawings *Olympia* in which he dissects the movement and progress of the athlete in time and space. Stroot had already won a prize at the first Biennial in 1986, and Kurt Grasshoff mentioned him in the article "From Decathlon to Painting" in the last issue of the Review (O. R. No. 255/56). The first and third prizes went to two Spaniards, Ricardo Sánchez Grande for "Estación Nevada" (Ski Resort Under Snow) and Antoni Grau I Blasco for "Bodego", while the former Real Madrid football star Jose Martinez "Pirri", today a doctor with his old team, received the Arts Union prize for an oil painting entitled "Daniel con un

gato del tío Jose Vicente" (Daniel with one of Uncle Jose Vicente's cats). The Spanish heroine Blanca Fernández Ochoa, an unlucky skier in Calgary last year, won a certificate of merit for "Derrota de una deportista" (Defeat of a Sportswoman). While the Spaniards claimed the lion's share of the honours, the second prize rewarded the talents of Korean artist Kuk-Won Cho for "Harmony between East and West", and two other artists, both Italian and both renowned, Olympic ski champion Alberto Tomba and Olympic athletics champion Sara Simeoni, each obtained certificates of merit.

Several prominent public figures took part in the prize-giving ceremony including the IOC President, H.E. Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch, honorary president of the event, and the city mayor and COOB '92 president, Mr. Pasqual Maragall, who in



his speech declared: "I am a strong believer in the combination of culture and sport, and particularly in combining sport and education. I think that the Biennial is an excellent way of making up for lost time in this field". For Mr. Josep Lluís Vilaseca, Secretary General of Sport in the Generalidad of Catalonia: "This Biennial has seen