

FAIR PLAY THE 1988 TROPHIES

As usual, the end of a year lends itself to awards. The fair play trophies awarded by the International Fair Play Committee, founded by Mr Jean Borotra and headed today by Mr Willi Daume, IOC member in the Federal Republic of Germany, were presented at the Unesco headquarters in Paris at the end of October last.

that he has always given unstintingly of his time and invaluable advice on the development of their careers, while remaining an amateur boxer. As well as to him, distinctions also went to four Canadian and nine Soviet skiers who linked the USSR and Canada in a trans-Arctic expedition. Through freezing winds and temperatures of minus 45 degrees, this team undertook a 90-day journey, despite the serious accident which befell one of the team members who, thanks to everyone's efforts still managed to complete the trip. The trophies were awarded by the Unesco Director-General, Mr Federico Mayor. In his speech, Mr Daume stressed that "sport cannot be an island of impartiality", and that the rules of courteous conduct in sport should be extended to society as a whole.

Thirty or so athletes, including Paul Van Winkel (BEL), a triple gold medal-winning athlete in the Paralympics in Seoul, whose exemplary conduct won him international renown, and the young Sheiko Hashimoto, speed skater and cyclist who was the first Japanese woman to take part in both the Summer and Winter Games, and whose conduct is equally worthy of praise, also received diplomas and letters of congratulation, as did several proponents of fair play across the world.



The Cuban Teofilio Stevenson (left) with the Soviet and Canadian members of the transatlantic team. They were awarded the Pierre de Coubertin International Trophy for Fair Play.

The Cuban boxer Teofilio Stevenson, former Olympic champion in 1972, 1976 and 1980, world champion in 1974 and 1978, was this year's winner amongst winners for his general courteous and upright conduct vis-à-vis his opponents in the ring throughout his long and illustrious career. His concern for young people has meant