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IAAF

World Athletics Gala

British athlete Steve Backley, holder of the world record in javelin, and the Jamaican sprinter Merlene Ottey were nominated best male and female athletes of 1990 during the 5th IAAF World Gala in Athletics held in Monte Carlo in December. Ottey finished ahead of the German sprinter Katrin Krabbe, the European champion over 100 and 200m, by 3,061 votes to 2,549. Rosa Mota from Portugal, European marathon champion, came third with 2,019 votes.

Backley received 2,717 votes, compared with 2,468 for the American sprinter LeRoy Burrell and 2,258 for the Italian Salvatore Antibo, double European champion over 5,000 and 10,000 m. The awards were presented by Prince Albert of Monaco, IOC member in Monaco and by Mr Primo Nebiolo, IAAF President.

L'Equipe, the French sports newspaper, made its traditional presentation to the best men's and women's teams of the year. The Men's Team Award went to the French world-record-breaking 4 x 100 m relay team of Sangouma, Marie-Rose, Trouabal and Moriniere. Katrin Krabbe accepted the Women's Team Award for the GDR's athletes.



FISA

Mr Ivan Dibos, IOC member in Peru and Mr Zhang Qing (CHN) were appointed as new continental representatives for South America and Asia respectively at the FISA congress held in Launceston, Tasmania (AUS) last October.



Merlene Ottey (JAM), female athlete of the year, is applauded by Prince Albert of Monaco, left and Mr Primo Nebiolo.

Mr Peter Coni (GBR) was elected Treasurer. The following became chairmen of the specialist commissions: Mr Mike Sweeny (GBR), Regattas, Technical Installations; Mr Klaus Filter (FRG), Material; Mr Thor Nilsen (ITA), Competitive Rowing; Magdalena Sarbochova (TCH), Women's Rowing; Wilfried Hofmann (FRG), Junior Rowing; Jannus Boelen (HOL), Veteran Rowing; Bo Gammals (FIN), Pleasure Rowing; Fritz Hagerman (USA), Sports Medicine; Paul Kölliker (SUI), PR and Mass Media; Paula Oyer (USA), Marketing, Sponsorship, Finance.

■ The 1994 World Junior Championships were awarded to Munich.

■ The next FISA congress will be held on 17th August 1991 in Vienna (AUT).

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IBF

Chinese badminton players have five of the six top places in the 2nd IBF men's and women's singles world rankings released on 10th January 1991. Zhao Jianhua, Wu Wenkai and Yang Yang (CHN) are in the first three positions for the men and Tang Jiuhong and Huang Hua (CHN) are first and third for the women, with Susi Susanti of Indonesia in second. As for the doubles, Park Joo Bong and Kim Moon Soo (KOR) head the men's, Lai Ciaqin and Yao Fen (CHN) head the women's and the Danes Thomas Lund and Pernille DuPont the mixed pairs. With badminton on the programme for the first time as an Olympic sport in 1992, we shall probably be seeing all these in action in Barcelona.

Australia's national basketball team is getting set for the 1994 Women's World Championships in Sydney.



FIBA

Australia is to host the World Basketball Championships for Women in 1994. Sydney will be the principal city for the most important international basketball tournament in the country since the 1956 Games in Melbourne.



AIBA

"The Safety of the Athlete in Olympic Sports" was the subject of a large medical symposium promoted by the AIBA last year. Organized in Assisi (ITA) by the Italian Boxing Federation, in collaboration with the Italian Federation of Sports Medicine, it was attended by four hundred representatives of national and international sports federations and medical institutes.

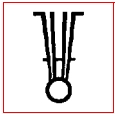


FIG

The World Gymnastics Championships are to take place annually as from 1991, instead of every two years as previously. The FIG congress, meeting in Frankfurt (FRG), in November decided to award the 1992 World Championships in artistic gymnastics to Paris (FRA) and the 1993 edition to Birmingham (GBR).

As for this year's dates: Indianapolis (USA) will stage the world artistic championships from 6 to 15th October and Athens the world rhythmic and sports championships from 9th to 13th October.

■ Seven new federations have been accepted in the FIG : The Republic of Cape Verde, the Côte d'Ivoire, Honduras, Monaco, Sri Lanka, Namibia and Senegal. This brings the total number of official member federations to 99.



IHF

The Soviet team, the defending champions, has won the 10th Women's World Handball Championship and a place in the 1992 Olympic tournament, along with the Yugoslav, German and Austrian teams. In the finals, held in Seoul's Chamshil Stadium in December, the Soviet team beat the Yugoslav women.

■ Membership of the IHF stands at 110 federations, following the admission of the following : Gambia, Namibia, the Philippines, New Zealand, Vanuatu and Guatemala.



ITF

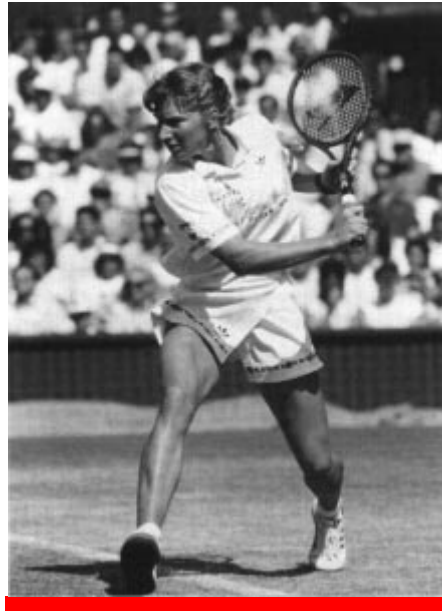
Lendl and Graf 1990 ITF Champions

Ivan Lendl and Steffi Graf have been named ITF Official World Champions for their performances in 1990.

If Steffi Graf won her title for a fourth consecutive year by once more winning more titles and matches than anyone else, the panel of former champions - Fred Perry, Frank Sedgman and Tony Trabert - that chooses the men's champion thought that this year's choice between Stefan Edberg and Ivan Lendl was the hardest ever. Last year's four tournaments, we remember, produced four different champions. Lendl came out on top rather than Edberg, the Wimbledon Champion and number one in the world rankings, on account of his more consistent performances in the Grand Slam events. Lendl was previously World Champion for three successive years from 1985 to 1987.

Tennis in Barcelona

Numbers for participation in the 1992 Olympic tournament in Barcelona have



Steffi Graf and Ivan Lendl, ITF World Champions for 1990.

been fixed at 96 men and 96 women, with a maximum of three players per country in both the singles and doubles competitions. In the men's and women's singles, there will be 64 players, with a knock-out system for the last 32. Thirty two pairs will take part in the doubles, with a knock-out for the final sixteen.

Dates of the tournament are 29th July to 8th August 1992. It will take place in the new municipal tennis centre in Barcelona's Valle de Hebron. This will have seventeen clay courts, eight of which will be used for the competition. The centre court will have a fixed capacity for 3,500 spectators, with another five thousand temporary seats added for the Games. The two adjoining courts will be able to hold 3,500 and 1,500 spectators, and the other five between two to three hundred. There will be two courts for warm up practice.

Two other courts will be covered over and used as the press and television centres.



UIT

1990 World Cup Final in Sport Shooting, Munich

The best sports shooters at the World Cup Final in Munich last year:

Harald Stenvaag (NOR), the only rifle shooter to qualify for all three disciplines, seized the 60 shot prone programme with an outstanding score of 598 - and 104.1 points in the final.

Jan Kermit (TCH) won the 10 m running target event with a new world record score of 582 in the 60 shot normal programme and a 96 in the final,

Valentina Cherkasova (URS), who managed a score of 102.4 in the final after 397 in the opening round of the 40 shot air rifle event, set another world record.

World Cup Champions (above, l. to r.) Ralf Schumann, Sergei Pyzhianov, Silvia Sperber, Robert Foth, Jasna Sekaric, Harald Stenvaag, Nino Salukvadse, Jan Kermit. (Below, l. to r.) Haifeng Xu, Goran Maksimovic, Valentina Cherkasova, Hennie Domeling, Daniele Cioni.



Winners of the other rifle disciplines: Robert Foth (USA), in the 3 x 40 shot event; Olympic champion Goran Maksimovic (YUG) in the air rifle event and Silvia Sperber (FRG), Olympic gold medallist, in the 3 x 20 shot standard rifle event.

In the pistol events : Haifeng Xu (CHN) won the free pistol; Sergei Pyzhianov (URS) the air pistol and Ralf Schumann (FRG) the rapid fire. Jasna Sekaric (YUG) became women's champion in sport pistol and Nino Salukvadse (URS) in air pistol.

Among the clay target shooters, Daniele Cioni (ITA) won the trap and Hennie Dompeling (HOL) the skeet.

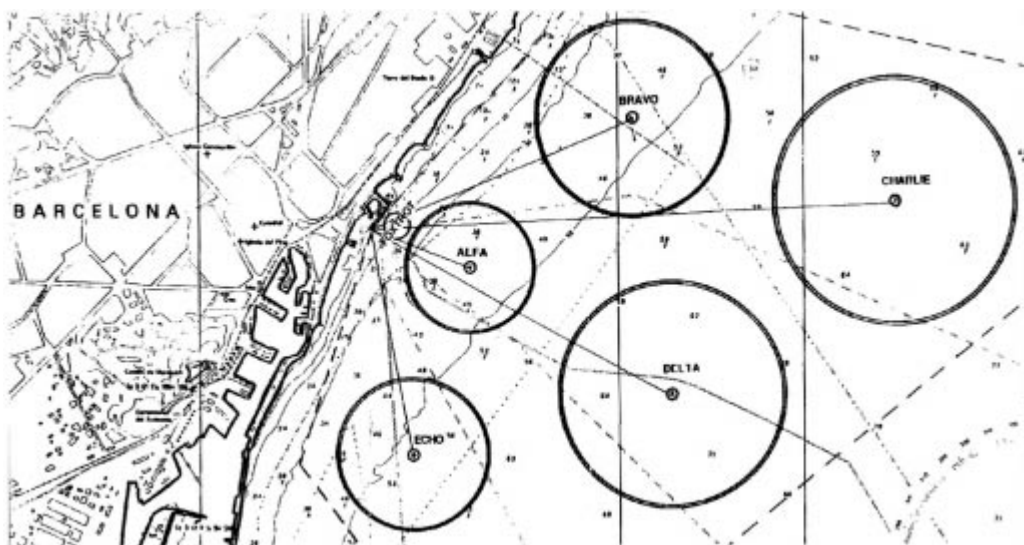


IYRU

Nations Cup

The venue for the 1992 Olympic Regatta will be the setting for the inaugural IYRU Land Rover Nations Cup. This will be





The courses for the Olympic regatta in Barcelona have been fixed and the chart of local waters above.

staged at the Olympic Harbour in Barcelona between 8th and 15th September 1991. "A new championship of this calibre deserves the facilities to match it and the Olympic Harbour in Barcelona is quite magnificent", says Mr Mike Evans, the federation's chief executive.

■ The total number of IYRU members now stands at 97, following the admission of the federation of Tahiti.

Paul Elvstrom, winner of the 1990 Beppe Croce Trophy, centre, with King Constantine and Queen Anne-Marie, and Mr Peter Tallberg, IYRU President and his wife Nina, at the IYRU Gala Banquet.

Twelve teams, racing in keelboats, will be decided from six qualifiers to be held during the first six months of 1991. Seventy one nations - two thirds of the IYRU's membership - will take part in the these.

Participation Figures for the 1992 Games

Five hundred and thirty five men and women, from 65 countries, five more than in Seoul, are expected to take part in the Olympic regatta in Barcelona, with the distribution amongst the categories as follows : Lecher men, 50; Lecher women, 35 (ten events); 470, men, 80; 470, women, 60 (seven events); Tornado, 50 (seven); Soling, 75 (six events, 25 boats in both classes) ; Flying Dutchman, 60 (7 events, 30 boats); Star, 50 (7 events, 25 boats); Finn, 45 (7 events); Europa, 30 (7 events); Soling 18 (6 boats, 27 events).

