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(Left) Irina Sergeyeva (LJRS) takes the 60 m : (right) Christine Wachtel (FRG) wins her third world indoor 800 m title.

World record-breaking German 4 X 400 relay men teams.



IAAF

## World Indoor Championships Seville, 8th to 10th March

Both Germany's men's and women's 4 x 400m relay teams set world records at the World Indoor Championships held in Seville from 8th to 10th March.

Rico Leider, Jens Carlowitz, Karsten Jutz and Olaf Hense clocked 3'03"05 seconds to break the former world mark of 3'05"21, set by a USA team in Glasgow in 1989. The German women - Sandra Seuser, Katrin Schreiter, Annett Hesselbarth and Grit Breuer - brought the world mark of 3'28"80 seconds, set on 23rd February this year by a Soviet team, down to 3'27"22.

Merlene Ottey (JAM) equalled her recent world record of 22'24 in the 200m, beating Irina Sergeyeva (URS), who in turn beat her in the 60m final. Diane Dixon became the first woman from the USA to hold a world indoor record with a time of 50'64 seconds in the 400m.

Mikhail Shchennikov (URS) became the first triple gold medal winner at the World Indoor Championships when he broke the world record in the 5 km walk, having already won the event in Indianapolis in 1987 and in Budapest two years later. He was timed in 18'23"55. Christine Wachtel (FRG) achieved the same triple championship feat in the 800m, winning in 2'01"51.

Andre Casson (USA) won the men's 60m race in 6"54, by edging Linford Christie (GBR) at the finish line. Chidi Imoh (NCR) came in third and Ben Johnson (CAN), in his first final in an international



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*(Right) Nourreddine Morceli (ALG), world record holder over 1,500 m, wins the event in Seville.*



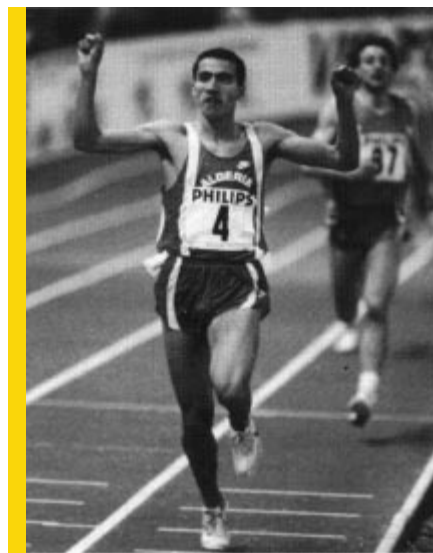
*World record breaking German 4 x 400m relay women teams.*

competition following his two-year suspension for drug use, was fourth in 6"61. Greg Foster (USA) won the men's 60m hurdles and world record-holder Ludmila Narozhilenko (URS) the women's,

Larisa Berzhnaya (URS) beat another world record holder, Heike Drechsler (FRG), to clinch the women's long jump. Dietmar Huff (FRG) won the men's long jump and Heike Henkel (FRG) the women's high jump.

Sergei Bubka (URS) won the pole vaulting competition with a vault of 6 metres, even though he failed at the first serious attempt to clear 6'10 (20 feet).

Nourreddine Morceli (ALG), who had set a world indoor 1,500 metres record of 3'35"16 on the same track on February 28th, won the indoor title in the event, although in a much slower 3'41"57. Although William Tanui beat fellow Kenyan Paul Ereng in the men's 800m, he was subsequently disqualified for a faulty lane change.





## FISA

The revamped Fisa-Info came out in February, with a brand new layout replacing those familiar blue-bordered sheets. Full of pictures for the first time, both colour and black-and-white, which do more justice to this photogenic sport. The articles are now clearly placed under different headings, so that the reader can easily pick his way between editorials, short international bulletins and feature articles, with several articles written by outside contributors. The editor, Paul Kolliker, writes that the new-look magazine is aimed, as always, at the FISA family, but also more widely, at the Olympic Movement as a whole, sponsors, media people, politicians and other sports associations which all support the sport of rowing and should be kept up with developments.



New-style FISA bulletin.



## FEI

There will be a record number of over 350 horses in the 1992 equestrian events in Barcelona, which will be held between 27th July and 9th August.

■ Following the great success of the first World Equestrian Games in Stockholm last year, the FEI wants to continue the initiative. It plans three further editions, to be held in 1994, 1998 and 2002, with the six FEI disciplines of jumping, dressage, the three day event, driving, endurance and vaulting on the programme, as in Stockholm.



## FIFA

FIFA has decided to increase African participation in the World Cup to three countries instead of two. This comes in response to the results of African teams at the last three World Cups, notably Cameroon's quarter finalist position in Italy last year.

At the next World Cup in 1994 in the USA, the number of European finalists will be thirteen out of the total twenty four, one less than previously. CONCACAF (North and Central America) will also have a chance of having three places instead of two. The team that finishes third in the regional qualifiers will have a play-off against the top team from Oceania. The

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winner of this will play the fourth-placed South American team. The first three South American teams automatically qualify.

■ A working group has been set up to encourage more attacking play and make the game more attractive to spectators. Headed by David Will (GBR), it is to be composed of a player, an active coach, a referee, an administrator, a doctor and a journalist. The motto is ((Go for Goals)).

■ FIFA has asked its Referees Commission to examine ways of improving the quality of refereeing. Considering that traditional preparation of and commitment by referees are no longer sufficient to deal with the demands of top-level play - referees have to be as fit as the players to be able to keep up with them, Mr Joseph Blatter, Secretary-General, praises the decision of Italy to introduce professional referees into matches as from the 1993-4 season and

*Cameroon's brilliant attacking play in last year's world cup has helped to gain Africa a third slot in the future. Here, Roger Milla getting the ball past goalkeeper Rem5 Higuita (COL).*



expects some professionals to be used in the 1994 World Cup finals in the USA. It has already been decided to gradually reduce the age limit for referees from fifty to forty five between 1991 and 1994. National associations have also been asked to make a clear distinction between training referees and linesmen. FIFA will have two separate lists of its accredited referees and linesmen as from next year.



**FIH**

The 13th men's and 3rd women's Champions Trophy will be held in Berlin from 7th to 15th September this year. The city hosted the men's Champions Trophy in 1989.

This competition brings together the top six hockey nations. Last year, the men's trophy was won in Sydney (AUS) by the Australians. The 1990 women's champions were the team from the People's Republic of Korea.



**FIL**

Zenichiro Nishikido (JPN), who organized the Olympic luge competitions at the Games in Sapporo in 1972, has died at the age of 86. For many years vice-president of the FIL, as well as president of the national federation, he received the Golden Award of Japan for his service to sport.



## FIS

Pirmin Zurbriggen has been voted the Golden Skier of 1990 by the 350 members of the International Association of Ski Journalists. This is the fourth time that the Swiss skier, who placed first overall in the World Cup four times, has won this trophy.

Harald Stenvaag had his best-ever year in 1990, winning twelve medals. In the world championships he notched up the maximum of 600 points in the 300m 60-shot free rifle event, a score never before achieved. He also took the silver medal in the 50m event at the world championships and gained his fourth win at the World Cup Final. Runner-up for the title of best shooter was Rajmond Devevec (YUG), the winner of eleven medals, including a silver at the world championships and a third place in the European championships. The 1989 Shooter of the Year, Ralf Schumann (FRC) came third in the voting for last year, in which he won his first world championship title and had three World Cup wins.



## UIT

### 1990 Shooters of the Year

Jasna Sekaric (YUG) and Harald Stenvaag (NOR) were the clear winners of the 1990 Shooters of the Year awards decided by members of the International Association of Short Shooting Journalists.

Twenty-five-year-old pistol shooter Jasna Sekaric won twelve shooting medals last year, including the world championship in air pistol.

She has been one of the world's top shooters for five years, winning the gold and bronze medals in the air and sport pistol events at the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul. Eva Joo (HUN), who won her first world championship title in Moscow last year and her second European championship in the air rifle event, was runner-up for the title of best woman shooter. Vessela Letcheva (BUL) placed third. She successfully defended her world championship title in the standard rifle event last year and also had two World Cup wins.



## FIVE

The 1991 World Gala will be organized in Rome and Milan on 6th and 9th October. The Italian men's and the Soviet women's teams will take on All Stars teams from the rest of the world.

■ The first Olympic qualifying tournament will be the women's World Cup in Japan in December 1991.

■ The FIVB has created two new working groups. The first is to manage school volleyball. The second will look at ways at improving the organization of World Championships and how these can increase awareness of the sport at local level.

■ An international beach volleyball tournament is being arranged for 1992 in Majorca, just prior to the Games in Barcelona. Sixteen men's and sixteen women's teams will take part.



**Jasna Sekaric, women's Shooter of the Year for 1990.**

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IWF

In a further measure against doping, the IWF board is devising a system which will require all weightlifters who meet the qualifying standards for the Olympic Games to be available for testing five days before the start of competition. Sanctions for a positive test could include life suspension for the athlete and a year's suspension for his federation.



*Ice-sport venue for the Winter Universiade.*

Other changes for the Games in Barcelona will be the reduction of the time allowed to attempt a lift from two to one and a half minutes.

The Olympic venue will be tested this December when the World Cup is held in Barcelona, in which women weightlifters will take part for the first time. Ramon Ibanez, who is in charge of weightlifting for the COOB, predicts that participation in the Barcelona Olympic tournament will be the highest ever, with 65 NOCs entering weightlifters, compared with 62 in Seoul in 1988.

## RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS



FISU

### Winter Universiade, Sapporo

A record 1,100 athletes from 34 nations took part in the nine-day Winter Universiade held for the first time in Asia, in the 1972 Winter Olympic host city Sapporo, from 2nd to 10th March. At the opening ceremony, presided over by Crown Prince Naruhito, honorary president of the 15th edition of these student games, Mariko Kanaya, a 17-year-old gymnast, lit the universiade torch and Yasunori Miyabe, captain of the Japanese speedskating team, recited the athletes' oath, watched by a crowd of 7,500 spectators.

College students, aged between 17 and 28, took part in 45 skiing, skating and ice hockey events. The Alpine downhill was held in Furano, which has staged eight world cup events since 1977. The giant slalom and slalom events were held at Mt Teine. Nordic Skiing, cross country and jumping events were held at Shirhatayama, Okurayama and Miyanomori. Makomanai was the venue for both figure skating and long track speed skating, whilst short track was held in Mikaho. The ice hockey tournament took place in Tsukisamu and Yukijirushi.



## OBITUARIES



**Luigi Beccali** (ITA), who won the 1,500 m at the Games in 1932, died last year at the age of 82. A former world and European record holder over the distance, he was also a bronze medallist at the Games in 1936 and the European championships in 1938.

**Charlotte Boyle Clune** (USA), who set 21 world records in swimming and won 60 national championships early this century, died last October at the age of 91. Born in 1899 in New York City, she swam for the USA in the Games in Antwerp in 1920. Named overall American swimming champion in 1919 and 1920, she was influential in developing the freestyle stroke that became standard in racing. At 79, Mrs Clune said she could still swim 36 lengths of the pool "and not be bothered".

**Eva Bosakova-Vechtova** (TCH), gold medallist on the gymnastics beam at the Games in Rome, died on 10th January this year at the age of 59. She was tripled world champion on both 1952 and 1962.

**Noureddine GuCdira** (MAR), head of the sports service of Moroccan radio and one of its most distinguished journalists, died in Paris in December after a long illness. A former president of the Moroccan Sports Press Association, he had an encyclopedic knowledge of sport, and particularly of the history of football in his country. He was in charge of the national federations press commission.

**Adriano Pacione** (ITA), sports chief of the Italian press agency ANSA, died on 25th December in Rome at the age of 61. A professional journalist since 1961 and very well known in sports circles, he had begun his career on the "Corriere dello Sport", before joining ANSA, in where he quickly made his mark. During his career, he had covered many major sports events, including the world cycling championships and three World Cups in football in 1974, 1986 and 1990.

We have learnt of the death of **Pierre Comte-Offenbach** (FRA). An eminent coubertinian specialist, of the French Pierre de Coubertin Committee for many years.

*Olympic Champions Luigi Beccali (ITA), left, and Eva Bosakova-Vechtova (TCH).*

