

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATIONS



IAAF



Carl Lewis (USA) and Katrin Krabbe (GER) were named best male and female athlete of 1991.



AIBA

Open scoring was put to the test recently at the 7th Tammer Tournament in Finland. With the judges' combined score displayed on the scoreboard throughout, this meant that the public, as well as TV spectators, could follow bouts point by point. Seventy per cent of spectators canvassed at the tournament were in favour of the system, as well as most coaches and athletes. The AIBA will carry out further trials and make a decision before the Games in Barcelona.

One conclusion from the survey was that spectators will need background information about point scoring in order to connect the action in the ring with what is happening on the board.

Katrin Krabbe (GER) receives the award Best Female Athlete of 1991 from Mr Primo Nebiolo, IAAF President. Left, Prince Albert de Monaco, IOC member.

Mr Lamine Diack (SEN) was named 1st Vice-President at a meeting of the IAAF council in London in November. Mr Istvan Gyulai (HUN) was appointed Secretary General in place of Mr John Holt, who resigned after fifteen years in the post, Mr Gyulai is Secretary-General of the Association Internationale de Press Sportive (AIPS) and was already on the IAAF council and in charge of its press commission.

Amongst other decisions: the federations of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia were reinstated, bringing the total number of members to 187. The World Walking Cup will be held in Monterrey (MEX) in 1993 and in Beijing in 1995. As of 1st January 1992, only the smooth-edged traditional javelin is recognized. From this date, the official world record is the 89.58m by Steve Backley (GBR) on 2nd July and not that by Seppo Raty (FIN), 96.96m, set with a rough-edged javelin. This has aerodynamic advantages that allow it to travel distances that are too long for safety in indoor stadiums.



John Holt, the outgoing Secretary General of the IAAF, left, shakes the hand of his successor Istvan Gyulai.

- A boxing museum has opened in Tampere (FIN). Amongst the two thousand exhibits are the gloves worn by Olympic Champion Pentti Hamalainen in Helsinki in 1952 and the first gold medal of the 1923 championships in Finland. This is the second boxing museum in Europe, after that in Riga, Latvia, which is already well-established.

- The Under 19 World Championships will be held in Montreal from 23rd to 5th October.

- Two hundred and sixty-nine boxers, the second-largest number ever, from a record forty-eight countries took part in the 6th World Amateur Boxing Championships in Sydney (AUS) in November. Three champions retained their titles: Griffin (USA), Savon (CUB) and Balado (CUB), who won the Best Boxer Award.

1992 World Championship Calendar

World Speed Skating Championship, women, March 7th and 8th, Heerenveen (NED)

World Speed Skating Championship, men, March 21st and 22nd, Calgary

World Sprint Speed Skating Championships, men and women, February 29th and March 1st, Oslo

World Junior Speed Skating Championships, men and women, January 31st to February 2nd, Warsaw (POL)

World Short Track Speed Skating Championships, men and women, April 2nd to 4th, Denver (USA)

World Short Track Speed Skating Team Championships, March 14th and 15th, Nobeyama (JPN)

World Figure Skating Championships, March 24th to 29th, San Francisco/Oakland (USA)

World Junior Figure Skating Championships, November 26th to December 1st, Hull, Quebec (CAN)

Albertville's ice hall, built specially for the Games.



ISU

Rob McCall, one of the most successful Canadian ice-dancers, died last November at the age of 33. Bronze medallist in Calgary in 1988, and at three successive world championships, he was six times winner of the national skating championships with his partner Tracy Wilson.





FIVB

The Palau Sant Jordi, the Olympic volleyball venue for the 1992 Games, was given a good test in October with the final matches in the World Volleyball Gala. The All Star women's team, including Magaly Carvajal (CUB), Yueming Li (CHN) and Caren Kemner (USA) repeated their success three days earlier in Rome against the world champion Soviet team.

Similar repeat in the men's tournament, except that the Italian world champions convincingly defeated the All Stars. An enthralling four hours of play in the new venue, with an enthusiastic 12,000-strong audience that included FIVB President Mr Ruben Acosta and IOC President Mr Juan Antonio Samaranch.

King Juan Carlos receives the 1991 Beppe Croce Trophy from Mr Peter Tallberg, IYRU President.



IYRU

H.M. King Juan Carlos of Spain has been awarded the 1991 Beppe Croce Trophy, IYRU's highest distinction. The trophy, presented by Mr Peter Tallberg, president of the federation and IOC member in Finland, accompanied by vice-president H.M. King Constantine, Olympic champion in 1960 and honorary IOC member, is in recognition of the enormous support he has given to yachting and to the IYRU in developing the sport worldwide, particularly in Spanish-speaking countries. An Olympic competitor in the Dragon class at the 1972 Games, the King is still a very active sailor and has passed on his love of the sport to his children: the Infanta Christina competed at the Games in Seoul and the Prince de Asturias has been selected for Barcelona. Spain's Copa del Rey and the Princess Sofia Trophy are now major international regattas. The trophy is named after Beppe Croce, IYRU President for eighteen years.

Also presented with IYRU honours on the same occasion were the IOC President, H.E. Juan Antonio Samaranch and Mr Pasqual Maragall, President of COOB'92.

■ A new IYRU programme, in addition to the World Cup Series, has been approved. In 1993, there will be a World Boardsailing Championship, a World Team Sailing Championship and the Nations Cup Grand Finals. The first World Sailing Championship will be organized in 1994, as well as the Nations Cup Qualifiers.

■ This year, the Nautica World Youth Sailing Championship will take place from 4th to 11th April in Vilamoura (POR) and the World Sailing Championships, in the double handed 470, the single handed Europe and the board Lechner A-390, have been allocated to Leghorn (ITA) from 14th to 24th May.