



O B I T U A R I E S



French weightlifter **Louis Hostin** died in June at the age of 90. After winning the silver medal at the Games of the IX Olympiad in Amsterdam in 1928 (light heavy-weight category), he was Olympic champion in the same category at the Games of the X and XI Olympiads in Los Angeles in 1932, and Berlin in 1936. Hostin was also European champion in 1930 and 1935, and runner-up in the world championships in 1937.

Fernand Sastre, co-president of the French organizing committee of the 1998 World Cup, died on 13 June in Paris at the age of 75. Sastre, a great sports administrator, was secretary general of the French football federation from 1969 to 1972 before becoming president from 1973 to 1984. He was vice-president of the French National Olympic and Sports Committee from 1982 to 1984, and a member of eight organizing committees for the European Cup (1975-1984)



and the 1994 and 1998 World Cups. The France '98 World Cup, which he co-presided with Michel Platini, was the pinnacle of a career dedicated to developing football in France and around the world.



The French sailor **Eric Tabarly** died in June at the age of 66. Tabarly, a naval officer who lived for the sea and sailing, rose to fame when he won the 1964 OSTAR single-handed transatlantic race. He went on to win the Fastnet and the Sydney-Hobart in 1967, the San Francisco-Tokyo transpacific in 1969 and Los Angeles-Tahiti in 1972. In 1980 he beat the

transatlantic crossing record, which had stood for 75 years. More recently, he won the Le Havre-Cartagena transatlantic race with Yves Parlier, after a two-year break from sailing.



Denis Howell, former British Minister of State for Sports, died on 19 April at the age of 74. Denis Howell was Minister for Sports from 1964 to 1970 and from 1974 to 1979. He was also a member of the candidature committee for Birmingham's bid to host the Games of the XXV Olympiad in 1992.



The American athlete **Helena Mroczkowska Dow** died in

May of this year at the age of 80. Four times United States champion in foil, she took part in the Games of the XIV Olympiad in London in 1948. Her late husband Warren Dow and her son Robert Dow also competed in the foil events at the Games of the XI Olympiad in Berlin in 1936 and the Games of the XX Olympiad in Munich in 1972, respectively.



The Honorary President of the International Life Saving Federation (ILS), **Klaus Bartnitzke**, died in Germany in June at the age of 67. As a sports leader, he made his mark on lifesaving at national and international level. Having served as Vice Chairman (1966-1969) then Chairman (1969-1985) of the ILS Public Relations Commission, he went on to become the Federation's Secretary General and served as President from 1985 to 1994. He was also founding President of the European Life Saving Federation (ILSE).