

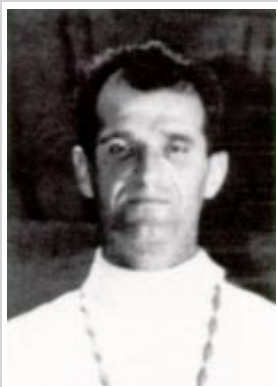
# Obituaries

## Georges Bertellotti



The journalist Georges Bertellotti died in November 1998 at the age of 65. A correspondent for Agence France Presse and the sports daily 'L'Equipe', he was one of the founders of the International Association for Non-Violent Sport (AICVS) and the initiator of the international sports television market Sportel. He was also a member of the IOC Radio and Television Commission from 1985 to 1992. Georges Bertellotti was also a leading figure within the French sports journalists union. He was active in the fields of sport, the arts and culture in Monaco. He received the Olympic Order in 1992.

## Rudolf Karpati



The six-time Olympic champion Rudolf Karpati died on 1 February at the age of 78. While pursuing studies in musicology, Karpati was fencing at the

highest level. He was Olympic team épée champion at four consecutive editions of the Games of the Olympiad: in 1948 in London, in 1952 in Helsinki, in 1956 in Melbourne and in 1960 in Rome. He also won the individual titles in 1956 and 1960. Twice individual world champion (1954 and 1959), he was also world champion by team in 1953, 1954, 1955, 1957 and 1958. In 1965, Karpati published his autobiography entitled *Around the World with a Sword*.

## Hendrik 'Henk' Timmer



## Kea Bouman



Cornelia Tiedemann-Bouman, better known as Kea Bouman, and Hendrik 'Henk' Timmer, Dutch tennis players and mixed doubles partners, died within one week of each other in November 1998; both were 94. Timmer et Bouman were mixed doubles

bronze medallists at the Games of the VIII Olympiad in Paris in 1924. At the same Games, Timmer and Bouman also competed in the men's and women's singles tournaments, and were eliminated in the third and fourth rounds respectively.

## Ludvik Danek



Ludvik Danek, the Czech discus thrower and Olympic champion at the Games of the XX Olympiad in Munich in 1972, died in November 1998. He was 61. Danek competed at four successive editions of the Games from 1964 to 1976, and also won a silver medal at the Games of the XVIII Olympiad in Tokyo, in 1964, and a bronze medal at the Games of the XIX Olympiad in Mexico City, in 1968. Two-times world record holder and the first man to break the 65-metre barrier in October 1965, after retiring from competition he concentrated on activities within the Czech Olympic Committee and the Czech Athletics Federation. Last September, the International Committee for Fair Play awarded Danek its 'Pierre de Coubertin' trophy.

## Mikio Oda

Mikio Oda, Japan's first Olympic gold medallist, died in December 1998 at the age of 93. Mikio Oda won his gold

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medal in the triple jump at the Games of the IX Olympiad in Amsterdam, in 1928. Three years later, he set a new

world record by jumping 15.58 metres. A sports journalist for the newspaper 'Asahi' and then athletics teacher at Waseda University, Oda was also a member of the Japanese Olympic Committee, and was made honorary president of the Japanese Athletics Federation in 1989.

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## Daniel Marinus Kagchelland

Dutch Olympic champion Daniel Marinus Kagchelland died on 24 December 1998 at the age of 84 in The Hague. Born in 1914, he won the gold medal



in sailing (Finn category) at the Games of the XI Olympiad in Berlin in 1936.

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## Olympic Quiz\*

### Answers

1. The first occurred at the III Olympic Winter Games in Lake Placid in 1932. The podium was first used internationally at the 1930 British Empire Games in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. IOC President Baillet-Latour liked the idea and suggested it be used at the Olympic Games.
2. The 1912 Olympic cycling road race started at 2:00 am. The race was held over 320 kilometres and the winner took almost 11 hours to finish shortly after noon.
3. March is the only month in which no Olympic event has ever been contested. In 1960 and 1988, the Olympic Winter Games came close to March, but both ended on 28 February.
4. Giuliana Chenal-Minuzzo of Italy, an Alpine skier who took the oath on behalf of the athletes at the VII Olympic Winter Games in Cortina d'Ampezzo in 1956.
5. Jigaro Kano of Japan, the founder of judo, who was an International Olympic Committee member from 1909-1938.
6. Percival Wyer of Canada, who was 52 years 199 days old when he finished 30th in the 1936 Olympic Marathon.
7. In the 1908 Olympic archery event for women, all 25 competitors were British.
8. Heikki Savolainen of Finland, a gymnast, won 6 bronze medals at the Olympic Games.
9. In 1912, Olympic marathon runner Francisco Lázaro of Portugal, collapsed and died during the race. In 1960, Danish cyclist Knut Enemark Jensen, died similarly during the Olympic road race.
10. Austria, Liechtenstein and Norway have all won more medals at the Olympic Winter Games than at the Games of the Olympiad.
11. Baron Godefroy de Blonay of Switzerland served as Interim President of the International Olympic Committee from December 1915 through February 1917.
12. The current Olympic Hymn was composed for the Games of the I Olympiad in Athens in 1896 by Greek composer Spyros Samaras (1863-1917), with lyrics by his colleague Kostis Palamas. It was used in 1896 and 1906 but not thereafter until 1960. In 1954, the International Olympic Committee launched a world-wide competition to choose a "new" Olympic Hymn, but ended up deciding to stay with the Samaras-Palamas composition.
13. False. Pierre de Coubertin actually first broached the idea to a large audience at a similar conference at the Sorbonne University in Paris in 1892. He received some support in that year but he repeated the request in 1894, at which time it was adopted.
14. False. In 1908, an Olympic yachting event was finished in Scotland, after the remainder of the Olympic events had been contested in or near London. Technically, Scotland was part of the United Kingdom. Also, in 1920, one Olympic yachting event was finished in the Netherlands, after all the other events had been held in or near Antwerp, Belgium.
15. They have all been awarded the Olympic Order in Gold.