



These letters give unique evidence of the friendship between Coubertin and Butovsky⁷⁹.

After general Butovsky had left the IOC (1900) the following people were elected its members for Russia: Count G. Ribopeer (1900-1913), Prince S. Beloselsky – Belozersky (1900-1908), Prince S. Trubetskoy (1908-1910), Prince L. Urusov (1910-1933) and G. Duperron (1913-1915).

The scope of this article doesn't allow me to speak about all of them, about their great contribution to the development of sport and Olympic movement in Russia.

⁷⁹ de Coubertin, *Memories*, p. 33.

OFFICIAL REPORT MOSCOW 1980 NOT COMPLETELY CORRECT

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In the official results, as published in Volume 3 Participants et Résultats/Participants and Results, page 43, from the Official Report of the Organising Committee of the Games of the XXII Olympiad, Moscow 1980, a mistake has been found, which needs to be corrected officially.

In the first series of the 4x400 metres relay, the team from the Netherlands took part, and finished in fifth place in a new Dutch record of 3: 06.0 sec. According to the Official Report, the first runner was Peter Beusekom; the second one was Mario Westbroek; the third one Marcel Klarenbeek and the final runner was Harry Schulting. Nobody ever doubted these results, and as a consequence these names were also mentioned in my database and in our book: *Het Gouden Boek van de Nederlandse Olympiërs*, published in 1996.

Twenty-two years later, I came in discussion with a member of the board of the Society "Friends of the Royal Netherlands Athletic Union", Mr. Chris Konings [himself a former

middle-distance runner], who told me that the name of the first runner in the 4x400 metres relay at the 1980 Olympic Games from Moscow was not correct. Peter van Beusekom had not been the first runner, as stated in the Official Report, since he was in Moscow only as the coach of the relay-team.

I asked him to find a witness who could confirm this statement, and after a few days I received an official letter from Hendrik Melchior "Henk" Brouwer, who informed me that he had been the first runner in the relay and not Peter van Beusekom.

Strange enough, when I checked the various historical books I came to the conclusion that Ekkehard zur Megede in Berlin, Germany, also mentioned Henk Brouwer as first runner in this relay and not Peter van Beusekom.

On the other hand, Volker Kluge made the same mistake I made and of course, he trusted the Official Result as well! It seems that this is not always so!