



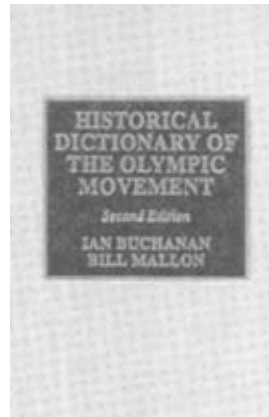
SYDNEY 2000 – The Figures, The Results, The Athletes, by Gennadi Maritchev; published by Demarko Sport Publishing, LV-1014, Riga, Anna Sakses Street 6, 1. Riga, LATVIA, with the assistance of

the Latvian Olympic Committee. ISBN 9984-9156-8-9, 467 pages, in English. Price: US\$65.00, inclusive mailing. Reviewed by Tony Bijkerk.

Gennadi Maritchev published this book two years after the Closing Ceremony of the Sydney Olympics, and he obviously used the time to check, and recheck each item..His use of Wolf Lyberg's statistics for the IOC is remarkable, even though in his book Maritchev's fact findings regularly differ from Lyberg's. But in those cases he always mention the differences between his and Lyberg's findings. A rather unusual but most generous gesture to ISOH's doyen. As stated in the title of the book, one can find detailed information on the Games of the XXVIIth Olympiad, Sydney 2000, including full results of every event, and the personal details [short biographies] of each Olympic athlete, with a special list with the athletes which were entered, but did not start at the end of the book

As usual for a specialist like myself, I checked the details of the Dutch athletes and to be honest, I found a few missing details. For example: throughout his book Maritchev limited himself to only one or two Christian names for each person, where many of my fellow countrymen and women have three, four or sometimes even five Christian names. Maybe he decided to leave them out to save space, but in that case, you can not claim to be complete in your statistics!

However, Maritchev clearly shows us how an Olympic Games can and should be recorded.



Historical Dictionary of the Olympic Movement, Second Edition; by Ian Buchanan and Bill Mallon. Lanham, MD and London: The Scarecrow Press, 2001. ISBN 0-8108-4054-5. 366 pages, in English. Price: US\$ Reviewed by

John Findling and Kimberly Pelle.

The first edition of this book, published in 1995, was a well-organized and useful reference work on the Olympic movement. We are pleased to note that the second edition, published in time for the recent Salt Lake City Winter Games, is even better. Buchanan and Mallon have made a number of significant changes in the book that enhance its readability and usefulness for students of Olympic history.

Readers will notice first a vast improvement in font and page design, which work to make the book a more pleasant reading experience. The new edition has a larger type font and a more attractive page layout. The chapter headings and subheadings are more prominent, and the various tables and lists in the many appendices are easier to follow. The organization of the book remains the same, but the bibliography, now placed after the appendices is more accessible. The picture section has been dropped; no great loss, because while there were some interesting photographs, they added little to the usefulness of the book. Most importantly, the authors have done a meticulous job of updating the information through the completed Olympics of 1996, 1998, and 2000, and the forthcoming Games of 2002 and 2006.

The book begins with a straightforward time line of Olympic history, from the ancient Games through the present, followed by brief essays on each of the Summer and Winter Games since 1896. While short, these essays are packed with important information regarding such matters as the site selection, the number of participants, and some of the distinctive features of each of the Games.