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The Essential Guide to the Olympic Games, by Stan Greenberg. Published by A & C Black Ltd., 37 Soho Square, London W1D 3QZ, United Kingdom. ISBN 0-7136-6724-9; 299 pages. Price: £16.99 [excluding mailing costs]. Reviewed by Anthony Th. Bijkerk.

This must have been the sixth time Stan GREENBERG publishes his worldfamous statistical book on the Olympic Games. The book starts with an updated chronology of the Summer and

Winter Olympic Games, followed by an "A to Z" of the Olympic Games, giving details of almost everything related to that subject. The book is completed by his useful chapter: "Medal Tables by Sport and Year", with an Index to finish it off.

This is, as stated, a statistical book, but there

are many snippets of valuable information to be found. There is only one negative comment; the typesetting is rather small, which can make reading more difficult for elder people.

Of course, any Olympic historian can find something conflicting with his own findings in this book. The Indian journalist Gulu EZEKIEL and British Olympic historian disagreed about the medals, who were won by Norman PRITCHARD in the 1900 Olympic Games in Paris (they still do). And there are several other examples of such disagreements.

However, *Whitaker's Olympic Almanack 2004* is for anyone interested in the history of the Olympic Games an excellent reference source.