

## BOOK REVIEWS

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### **WHITAKER'S OLYMPIC ALMANACK. An Encyclopedia of the Olympic Games**

*By Stan Greenberg. Published by the Stationary Office, PO Box 29, Norwich NR3 1GA, United Kingdom. Price (including Air Mail postage): UK £17.50; Europe £19.50; Rest of World £23.95. ISBN: 0-11-702250-0. Reviewed by Ian Buchanan.*

After four editions published under the Guinness imprint Stan Greenberg's latest volume is produced by the highly respected publishing house, Whitaker's. Apart from updating the material, the most notable change to the usual format is that the host of facts and figures are now presented in alphabetical order with entries ranging from Albertville to Yachting. The book is further enhanced by the inclusion of the dates of birth of virtually all the hundreds of Olympians mentioned and the author rightly acknowledges his debt to the researches of Wolf Lyberg in this field. I took a certain amount of personal satisfaction from the fact that my article on Norman Pritchard (ISOH Journal, Volume 8, number 1) has been heeded and the medals he won at the 1900 Games are no longer credited to India. However, another old myth is repeated. The true reason US sculler, Jack Kelly, was not allowed to compete at the 1920 Henley Regatta is because his club, Vesper RC, Philadelphia, had been banned from Henley since 1906 and not because he was a bricklayer.

I have always found this series to be one of the most useful and convenient Olympic reference sources and this latest edition will retain a prominent place on my bookshelf.