



Five Olympiads: Los Angeles - Sydney, by Patricia Henry Yeomans. 120 pages, in English. Sponsored (published?) by the Southern California Committee for the Olympic Games, USA, 2001. ISBN 0-88284-243-10. Softcover. Reviewed by Elizabeth Hanley.

When Pat Henry Yeomans graciously sent me



a copy of her latest publication, it was incumbent upon me to read it from cover to cover upon receipt. Over the years, Pat has followed in the footsteps of her father, the noted journalist-historian Bill Henry, by providing us with frequent updates/additions to the original 1948 edition by Henry, *An Approved History of the Olympic Games*. This 2001 addition is packed with Yeomans' eyewitness accounts, USOC and IOC documentation, and most recently, from Australian newspaper sources on the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games.

Details surrounding participants, winners and losers, opening and closing ceremonies, and the numerous sporting events have the potential to be nothing more than boring statistics, but Yeomans has inserted interesting tidbits of information to retain the reader's attention. Of particular interest to me was the information devoted to tennis, valuable to those of us who are avid tennis

afficionados (of which Yeomans remains a true devotee, as well as a wealth of information!).

Numerous photos and drawings are included throughout Yeomans' book; these add a personal touch to her publication which will, hopefully, be appreciated by the reader.

If there is a weakness to Yeomans' work, it is within the proofreading process. Many of the names are misspelled, some first names are incorrect, and placement of punctuation marks often make reading difficult. Taking additional time would have enhanced Yeomans' publication and eliminated this weakness.

Five Olympiads: Los Angeles Sydney, however, deserves to be a part of every Olympic library; Pat Henry Yeomans has added to the vast reservoir of knowledge and she is to be commended for undertaking this valuable project.