

Obituaries

Alice Arden (USA), *23 July 1914 in Philadelphia, Penn.; †29 February 2012 in Roscoe, New York. Alice Arden was US outdoor high jump champion in 1933 and indoor champion from 1934 and 1935 and was second at the US trials in 1936. She then took part in the Olympic Games in Berlin, where her best clearance of 1.50 m earned her eighth place. After her marriage to Russ Hodge, she and her husband had a dairy farm, a gravel business and a furniture store. In the 1950s she was a member of the Women's Track & Field Committee of the American Olympic Committee. Her son, Russ Hodge, became a decathlete and was ninth at the 1964 Olympic Games. In 1966 he set a world record with 8230 points. (VK)



Vigor Bovolenta (ITA), *30 May 1974 in Contarina, Rovigo; †24 March 2012 in Macerata. Towering at 2.02 m high, Bovolenta was instrumental in helping the Italian Volleyball team win the silver medal at the Atlanta Olympics. They lost 3-2 to the Netherlands in the final. He won European Championship silver in 1995 and 2001. Bovolenta, father of four children, collapsed with a heart attack on the court while playing in a league match for his Volley Forli team against Lube Macerata. (VK)



Alexander Dale Oen (NOR), *21 May 1985 in Øygarden, †30 April 2012 in Flagstaff, Arizona. The first Norwegian World Swimming Champion was found dead in a hotel bathroom. After a relaxing day playing golf he left his teammates to take a shower in the afternoon – but he never returned to his waiting friends. Team doctor Ola Rønsen, who was staying next door, soon confirmed that Dale Oen had died from heart attack. Alexander and the Norwegian swimming team were on high at altitude

training camp in USA. Dale Oen had won Olympic silver in Beijing and European Gold in 2010. He became world 100m breast stroke champion in 2011.

His triumph on the 25th July came after the massacre of 77 people in Oslo and Utøya by Anders Behring Brevik. Oen had said before the final that he would swim for the victims and their families. He dedicated his gold medal to the mourning nation. His tears on the podium were for the many young victims, not for his own success. This action made an immense impact on people in Norway. Dale Oen, who came from Øygarden, a small community outside Bergen, was voted *National Sports Hero* of the year 2011 and also as *Best Male Swimmer in Europe* 2011 by *Swimming World Magazine*.

He was very popular and one of Norway's most beloved athletes, not only for his performances, but also for his behaviour towards competitors, friends, fans and all people he met during training, competitions or in private life. He was a true winner. *Åge Dalby*

Inge Bråthen (NOR), *31 July 1948 in Rena, †13 April 2012 in Lørenskog. The former National Cross Country trainer had suffered from cancer for only a short time before he died at the age of 63. Inge Bråthen was head coach for Norwegian cross country skiers during their most successful period from 1990 to 1994. He coached Bjørn Dæhlie, Vegard Ulvang, Thomas Alsgaard and other top skiers in World Championships 1991 (Val di Fiemme) and 1993 (Falun) and in the Olympic Winter Games of 1992 (Albertville) and 1994 (Lillehammer). In this glorious period Norway won 15 gold medals. Bråthen coached the Swedish national team from 2005 to 2007 and also coached for a period in Canada and Switzerland. From 2010, he was expert-commentator in TV for Eurosport. (ÅD)

Luigi Arturo Carpaneda (ITA), *28 November 1925 in Milan; †14 December 2011 in Milan. A doctor of engineering, he won a gold medal at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics with the Italian foil team, and in 1960 he added a silver with the team behind the USSR. He was also a member of the Italian foil team which won the 1955 World Championship and the bronze medal in 1957. He was an enthusiastic yachtsman. In 1981, he won the Three Quarter Ton Cup, and was five times captain of the Italian crew at the Admiral's Cup and President of the Italian Sailing Federation. He died after being hit by car which jumped the red lights as he crossing the Piazza Principessa Clothilde in Milan. (VK)

Vera Duyunova-Galushka (URS/ UZB), *11 April 1945 in Krasnodar/RUS; †2 March 2012 in Tashkent/UZB. The Volleyball player began her career in 1961 with Dynamo Krasnodar and played from 1965 to 1975 with Spartak Tashkent. She was a member of the Soviet team which won the Olympic gold medal in 1968 and 1972. She won World Championship gold in 1970 and added a silver in 1974. In the interim she won World Cup silver in 1973. After finishing her playing career, she worked as a Volleyball coach in Uzbekistan and as the head coach of USSR girl's team at the end of 1970s. Beginning in 1982, she was a director of a sports school in Tashkent. Since 1990s Duyunova was also President of the Uzbekistan Olympians Association, Vice-President of the NOC and President of the Volleyball Federation. (VK)

Josiah "Joe" Henson (USA), *24 February 1922 in Bristow, Oklahoma; †4 April 2012 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. During World War II, Henson wrestled for the Naval Academy. He was already 30 years old when he won the Olympic bronze medal in Freestyle Wrestling in feather-weight in Helsinki in 1952. A 1945 US Naval Academy graduate, Henson

served in the Pacific, participating in the invasion of the Philippines and the battles of Tinian and Okinawa aboard the USS California. After the War he became a naval aviator, military attaché in Paris and commanded an air anti-submarine squadron. When he retired in 1969 with the rank of Captain, Henson founded his own company which became one of the largest Wrestling-equipment suppliers in the world. He was on Wrestling Committee of the USOC, President of the AAU and took part in every Summer Games until 2000 as a referee or judge. (VK)

Charles Monroe "Charlie" Hoag (USA), *19 July 1931 in Tulsa, Oklahoma; †8 March 2011 in Kansas City, Missouri. As one of seven players from the legendary team of the Kansas Jayhawks, Charlie Hoag won a gold medal in Helsinki in 1952 with the American Basketball team in the final against the USSR. He also was a member of the team which won the NCAA championship in the same year. Hoag played for Kansas between 1950 and 1953, during which time he also played Football, Basketball and Baseball and also was a member of the Athletics team. A knee injury cut short his career. After College he made living as an agent for a life insurance company. (VK)

Sten ("Stein") Jean Johnson (NOR), *20 October 1921 in Bergen; †28 April 2012 in Oslo. One of Norway's most successful trainers died at the age of 90 years. Stein Johnson was the leading discus thrower in Norway from 1946 to 1952 and an Olympic competitor in 1948 (placed 8th) and 1952 (qualification). He trained many Olympic gold medallists in different sports between 1964 and 1972. In 1963 he created a revolution among Norwegian Speed Skaters who set new world records and won Olympic gold, silver and bronze medals, as well as gold medals in European and

World Championships over the next three years. Later, he was the head coach for Norway's kayak team (K4) which won a gold medal in Mexico City 1968, the World Championship in 1969 and the Olympic silver medal in 1972. Johnson also trained cyclist Knut Knudsen who was Olympic track champion over 4000 m in Munich 1972. (ÅD)

Viktor Ivanovich Kosichkin (URS), *25 February 1938 in Ryazan; †30 March 2012 in Moscow. On his 22nd birthday, in Squaw Valley, Kosichkin became Olympic champion in Speedskating over 5000 m. Two days later, the electrician won silver behind the Norwegian Knut Johannesen over 10,000 m. A long distance specialist, who was a member of Dynamo Moscow, became Soviet champion over 5000 m in 1958. His international debut was in 1959 at the European All Round Championships in Gothenburg where he came second in the 5000 m, and a third at the World Championships in Oslo over 10,000 m. After becoming vice world champion behind Henk van der Grift (NED) in 1961, he won his greatest triumph in 1962, when he became world champion before 100,000 spectators in the Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow. Fifty years later the world championships took place in the same stadium, and he was invited as an honorary guest. After a bad year in 1963, (only 15th at the USSR championships), he again succeeded in qualifying for the Olympic Winter Games. In 1964 in Innsbruck, he came fourth (5000 m) and sixth (10,000m). After his last race at the European Championships in 1965, he worked as a trainer for Dynamo Moscow. (VK)

Mark Lenzi (USA), *4 July 1968 in Redstone Arsenal, Alabama; †9 April 2012 in Greenville, North Carolina. Although Mark Lenzi had received a Wrestling scholarships and at 16 turned to Diving after watching

his compatriot Greg Louganis at the Olympic Games in Los Angeles. In 1989 he won his first NCAA championship and was the first American to make a forward 4 1/2 somersault from the 3-metre springboard. In 1991, he was runner-up in the world championships, setting a new world record of 101.85, (a record previously held by Greg Louganis). In 1992, Lenzi became Olympic Diving champion; in 1996 he won the bronze medal. At the time of his death was the Diving coach at East Carolina University and suffered from low blood pressure, according to his mother. (VK)

Anatoly Ivanovich Kolesov (URS), *18 January 1938 in Litvinskoye/KAZ; †2 January 2012 in Moscow. Kolesov, who was born in a village in the Karaganda Valley in Kasachstan, started Wrestling when he passed the examination at the Institute of Physical Training in Almaty. In 1959, he won his first Soviet Graeco-Roman middleweight title, and entered the national team in 1962. In 1964 in Tokyo, he became Olympic welterweight champion and also won three world titles (1962, 1963, and 1965). From 1966 to 1968 he was chief trainer of the national Wrestling team. From 1969 to 1993, Kolesov was Deputy Chairman of the Soviet Committee for Physical Culture and Sport and from 1991 to 1993 of the CIS Sports Council. Three times (1996, 2000 and 2004) he was the head of the Russian Olympic teams. (VK)

William Lee "Willie" May (USA), *11 November 1936 in Knoxville, Alabama; †28 March 2012 in Chicago, Illinois. Willie May came to Illinois in 1955, and took up Athletics at Blue Island High School. Moving to Indiana University, he won seven titles between 1955 and 1957 in the Big Ten Championships over 110 m hurdles. At the AAU Championships he came sixth in 1958; fourth in 1959 and third in 1960. At the US tri-



als in 1960 and at the Olympic Games in Rome, he was second behind the 1956 Olympic champion Lee Calhoun; at the Pan American Games in 1963 he was second to Blaine Lindgren. Later he became assistant trainer at the Evanston Township High School, where, from 1975 onwards, he worked with great success as chief trainer. For 16 years from 1983, he was Track and Field director at Evanston High School. (VK)



Péter Rusorán (HUN), *11 April 1940 in Budapest; †14 February 2012 in Pa-loznak. Rusorán was one of the legendary Hungarian water polo players of the 1960s and one of the best goal scorers. After winning a bronze medal in 1960 in Rome, he was part of the team which became Olympic champion in 1964 in Tokyo. He started as swimmer and Water polo player in 1949 with Opera Faklya. From 1952 onwards he played with Meteor Vörös, and from 1961 with Auto Csepel, then from 1969 to 1972 with Vasas Budapest. After his active career, he worked as trainer. He guided Vasas to seven Hungarian championships and three European titles. From 1983 to 1985 he trained the national team, but it was his bad luck the Olympic boycott occurred at this time. After a short time as youth coach in Greece, he went to Berlin in 1991, where he trained the multiple German champions Wasserfreunde Spandau until 1997. To close his career, he took care of the Swiss team SC Frosch Ägeri. (VK)



Jiří Raška (TCH), *4 February 1941 in Frenštát; †23 January 2012 in Nový Jičín. His career really started when Raškas joined the Army Sport Club Dukla Liberec, where he was trained by Zdeněk Remsa (20th place in 1948 in St. Moritz). After participating at the Olympic Winter Games in 1964 as a reserve, he was twice in fourth place at the World Championships in Oslo in 1966. After a second place at the Four Ski jump Tournament, he was a favourite for

the Winter Games in Grenoble 1968, and he became the first Czechoslovak Olympic champion on the normal hill ski jump. On the large hill ski jump he won silver. In Sapporo in 1972, he came fifth (normal hill) and tenth (large hill). At the world championships in Štrbské Pleso in 1970, he became second on both ski jumps behind Gari Napalkov (URS). In 1978, Raška became chief trainer of the Czechoslovak national team. His son Jiří, born in 1968, was later also a member of the national team. (VK)

Attilio Pavesi (ITA), *1 October 1910 in Caorso, Piacenza; †2 August 2011 in José Clemente Paz, Provincia de Buenos Aires/ARG. Pavesi was the eleventh child of a family from the Emilia-Romagna region in the north of Italy. His first victory as a cyclist came in 1931 at the Coppa Caldirola. Although he had been a reserve for the Italian Olympic team for 1932, he was nominated for the 100 km road race after winning two trial races. In Los Angeles, Pavesi won the road race with a lead of 1:15.8 min and also won a second gold medal with his team. From 1933 to 1935 he pursued a short and unsuccessful career as a professional. After World War II he emigrated to Argentina where he opened a cycle shop and organized cycling races. Pavesi was for some time the oldest living Olympic champion. On his 100th birthday, the Italian President awarded him a medal. (VK)

Xenia Stad-de Jong (NED), *4 March 1922 in Semarang, Dutch East Indies; †3 April 2012 in Zoetermeer. Xenia Stad-de Jong, who passed away one month after her 90th birthday, was the starting member of the Dutch 4 x 100 m relay team that won the gold medal at the Olympic Games in London 1948 (a team member with Fanny Blankers-Koen, who received most of the applause). She competed also in the 100 m and reached the semi finals. In 1950,

she won another medal with the same Dutch relay team when they finished second at the European Championships in Brussels. Because of her small stature, she was nicknamed "Tom Thumb". I remember meeting her when we were invited to run with the Olympic Torch in Amsterdam, on 23 June 2004, when the relay came through Amsterdam in 2004 from Athens. She was then also one of the runners. Only two years later (2006) she was destined to use a wheelchair. *Anthony Th. Bijkerk*

Åge Storhaug (NOR), *5 April 1938 in Klepp, Rogaland, †18 April 2012 in Oslo. Åge Storhaug, the most prominent figure in Norwegian Gymnastics, suffered from cancer. He won 14 Norwegian titles/King's Cup from 1958 to 1972 and competed in the Olympic Games in 1960 and 1964. He missed only one championship – due to injury. His best international performances were a silver medal (horse vault) and fifth place (all-around) at the European Championships in 1962. Storhaug was student in Cologne from 1962 to 1967, where he met great gymnasts from Japan and Germany. He coached the Norwegian national team from 1974 to 1983. At various times, he also trained in Germany, Spain, Brazil, Greece, South Africa and USA. (ÅD)

Dr. LeRoy Tashreau Walker (USA), *14 June 1918 in Atlanta, Georgia; †23 April 2012 in Durham, North Carolina. The grandson of slaves and the youngest of 13 children, headed the US Olympic Committee from 1992 to 1996. At the Olympic Games in 1996 in his hometown, he led the 645-strong US team into the Olympic Stadium. Walker, who had a Master's degree from Columbia University and was the first Afro-American to train a US Olympic team in Track and Field. Among his most famous athletes were the Olympic hurdles champions Lee Calhoun (1956 and 1960),

Edwin Moses (1976 and 1984), and Bruce Jenner, Olympic champion in decathlon in 1976. He was President of the Athletic Congress, Treasurer of the USOC from 1988 to 1992 and advised or coached Olympic teams from Ethiopia, Kenya (including the winning relay team at the 1972 Games), Jamaica, Trinidad and Israel. (VK)

Vladimir Yevgeyevich Krutov (URS), *1 June 1960 in Moscow; †6 June 2012 in Moscow, nicknamed "The Tank", was one of the best Ice Hockey players of the 1980s. He won two Olympic gold medals (1984 and 1988) and a silver in 1980. Together with Igor Larionov and Sergei Makarov, he was part of the famous "KLM Line". Krutov was world champion five times (1981–83, 1986 and 1989) and was one of the first Soviet players to make the jump to the NHL. After his sporting career he coached CSKA Moscow from 1996 to 2001. (VK)

Valeri Ivanovich Vasilyev (URS), *3 August 1949 in Volkhovo/RUS; †19 April 2012 in Moscow. Vasilyev was a member of the winning Soviet Olympic ice hockey teams in 1972 and 1976. In 1980, when the USSR lost to the USA, he won silver.

Aged only 12, he started with Torpedo Gorky (Nizhny Novgorod) and from 1967 to 1984 played for Dynamo Moscow. He played for the national team 284 times, scoring 44 goals, and had 617 games for Dynamo Moscow (a Liga record), during which he scored 71 goals. He was world champion eight times and European champion seven times. Vasilyev belongs to the "super five"; three times (1973, 1977 and 1979); he was elected "best defender" during the World Championships.

After his departure from active sports in 1984, he made a short come-back between 1989 and 1991 in Hungary (Újpesti TE) and Germany (Bad Reichenhall). He then became general manager of the Ice Hockey club Krylya Sovyetov Moskva. (VK)

Iain Murray Rose (AUS), *6 January 1939 in Nairn/SCO; †15 April 2012 in Sydney. One of Australia's greatest Olympic heroes, Murray Rose, died in Sydney from leukemia, aged 73. Rose won three swimming gold medals at the age of 17 during 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games, and went on to win a fourth in Rome in 1960 (plus a silver and a bronze). Born in Nairn, Scotland and taken to Australia as an infant at the outbreak of World War II, he had his first swimming lessons at Redleaf Pool at Double Bay on Sydney Harbour. His first teacher was the 1924 Diving gold medalist Dick Eve, and when he was seven Sam Herford became the only other coach he ever had. Rose's idol was another Australian, John Marshall, holder of 28 world records; in January 1956 Rose cut Marshall's world record for 880 yards, and went on to set 14 more over the next nine years. Rose won his first of his three 1956 gold medals in the final of the 4 x 200 m relay. He followed with victories in the 400 m freestyle and 1500 m freestyle, becoming the first swimmer in 36 years to win both individual events. After the Games, Rose moved to Los Angeles and attended the University of Southern California. He returned to Australia to train for the 1960 Rome Olympics, where he won the 400 m freestyle, finished second to John Konrads in the 1500 m, and shared bronze in the 4 x 200 m relay. He became the first swimmer to win the 400 m freestyle twice in a row; an honour now shared with his fellow Australian Ian Thorpe (2000–2004). Bizarrely, even though Rose had recently set two world records, Australian swimming officials refused Rose permission to swim in the Olympic trials for the 1964 Tokyo Games. It was a frustrating end to a wonderful career.

Rose had minor acting roles in Hollywood in the 1964 surf movie *Ride the Wild Surf* and in the 1968 drama *Ice Station Zebra*. After his return to Australia he continued in

swim in Masters competition, and in recent years took part in ocean swimming events. He was the patron of The Rainbow Club, which teaches disabled children to swim. He was honoured in 2000 with membership of the Order of Australia (AM). He is survived by his wife, the former ballerina Jodi Wintz, their son Trevor and a daughter, Somerset, by a former marriage.

Harry Gordon

Teófilo Stevenson Lorenzo (CUB), *29 March 1952 in Puerto Padre, Las Tunas province; †11 June 2012 in Havana. Stevenson, who had suffered a heart attack at the age of 60, was one of the only three boxers to win three Olympic gold medals, alongside László Papp (HUN) and his compatriot Félix Savon. Furthermore he was three times world champion (1974, 1978, 1986). It is great to remember how this heavyweight contender easily defeated the German Peter Hussing in the semifinal at the 1972 Munich Olympics, and how he later received his first gold medal after the Romanian Ion Alexe failed to appear in the final. In the 1976 Games Stevenson repeated this feat once again. He followed up with gold number three in 1980 in Moscow and was widely considered the greatest amateur fighter of his time. He missed a shot at a fourth Olympic victory when Cuba joined the Soviet boycott of the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles. At his peak, he was a symbol of the purity of amateur sport idealized by Fidel Castro, who banned pro sport after the Cuban revolution. In the 1970s, promoters offered Stevenson US\$ 5 million to challenge world heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali, but he said: "I prefer the affection of eight million Cubans." (VK)

ÅD = Åge Dalby, VK = Volker Kluge

The ISOH offers the families of the deceased its sincere condolences.

