

Obituaries



Piero D'Inzeo (ITA/photo: right), *4 March 1923 in Rome; †13 February 2014 in Rome. The horseman was the older brother of Raimondo (left). Like his younger brother, Piero won six Olympic medals, but unlike his brother, he never managed a gold. In 1960 at Rome, Piero was second to his brother in the individual show jumping competition. He also won a team silver in show jumping in 1956 and four bronzes – individual jumping in 1956, and team jumping in 1960, 1964, and 1972. Piero did win the individual gold medal at the 1959 European Championships and also won a silver medal in 1958 and bronze in 1962 in that event. He competed at eight Olympics consecutively from 1948 to 1976, and he and his brother, Raimondo, were the first Olympians to compete in eight Olympics, a mark since bettered only by Austrian sailor Hubert Raudaschl. (WR)

Raimondo D'Inzeo (ITA), *8 February 1925 in Poggio Mirteto, Rieti; †15 November 2013 in Rome. Raimondo D'Inzeo and his brother, Piero, were the first Olympians to compete in eight Olympic Games, a mark since equaled by only five Olympians and later bettered only by Canadian horseman Ian Millar, with ten Games thru 2012, Austrian sailor Hubert Raudaschl and Latvian Afanasij Kuzmins, who both competed in nine. D'Inzeo's participation was continuous between 1948 and 1976. During that time he won six Olympic medals including an individual show jumping gold in 1960 at Rome. At Rome, the silver medallist was Raimondo's older brother, Pierc. His other medals were silvers in 1956 in both the individual and team jumping event, and team bronzes in 1960, 1964, and 1972. In addition, D'Inzeo was the world individual jumping champion in both 1956 and 1960, and a silver medallist in that event in 1955 and bronze medallist in 1966. He won eight International Grand

Prix events between 1956 and 1975. D'Inzeo was a career officer in the Italian cavalry and always rode in military uniform. (OM)

Tony Bühler (SUI), *15 June 1922 in Winterthur; †29 March 2013 in Sankt Gallen. The son of Swiss cavalry commander and horse rider Hans Bühler, who won jumping team silver at the 1924 Olympics, Tony Bühler followed his father's footsteps and served with the Swiss cavalry from 1942-45 and later became a top Swiss equestrian. He competed in eventing at three Olympic Games, each 12 years apart – 1948, 1960, 1972. The high point of his career was likely the 1960 Olympics, when he won the individual eventing bronze and helped the Swiss team to capture a silver medal. Five years earlier, at the 1955 European Championships, Bühler won the eventing team silver with his father and brother Marc. He also competed twice at the Badminton Horse Trials – in 1951 and in 1968 – completing the event on



David Coleman (GBR), *26 April 1926 Alderley Edge Cheshire; †21 December 2013 Berkshire. The passing of David Coleman at the age of 87 severs another link with the pioneering days of live sport on television. Coleman covered every Olympic Games from 1960 to 2000 for BBC television and is considered by many to be the architect of modern sports commentary.

"He wasn't just the voice of sport, he just was so incomparably better than anybody else that did it either in that generation or in the current generation," said British Olympic Association Chairman Lord Coe.

Coleman was no mean athlete and won the Manchester Mile in 1949, but his career as a broadcaster was truly world class. Few if any could communicate the sheer joy of sport better. His commentary on Ann Packer's barnstorming finish to the 800 m in the 1964 Olympics remains a classic. "Here she comes on the outside a tremendous run and she's going to do it, Ann Packer's going to take the gold medal ... oh fantastic run ..., magnificent, magnificent magnificent."

In Moscow 16 years later Steve Ovett beat Sebastian Coe in the men's 800 m in 1980, Coleman's turn of phrase was equal to the occasion "Ovett's blue eyes like chips of ice."

His enthusiasm was not restricted to British athletes. By his own admission his love for the Olympics had been kindled by listening to the exploits of Jesse Owens in radio commentaries from the 1936 Berlin Games. At his own final Olympics in 2000, he called home Australia's Cathy Freeman in the 400 m final.

"The crowd roaring Freeman on, and the response is there!" His impact was such that Freeman requested a tape of the race with his BBC commentary. The International Olympic Committee recognised his contribution to the Movement with the award of the Olympic Order. Very few journalists have been so honoured.

He was also an outstanding football commentator and described many of the big international occasions for the BBC in the sixties and seventies including the 1974 and 1978 World Cup finals.

Such was his versatility that he was also despatched to interview the Beatles at the height of their fame, and later became a popular host of the BBC quiz programme "A Question of Sport".

Yet perhaps his finest hour was in covering one of the greatest tragedies in Olympic history. At the 1972 Games, Coleman was summoned to describe the terrifying scene of a terrorist siege in Munich's Olympic Village.

When it was all over, the Olympic Movement came together for a memorial service. "The Olympic Games stand still, the flags in the stadium at half mast, the citizens of Munich, the thousands of competitors and officials bewildered and appalled."

His words at this time of tragedy were as appropriate and as they had been for so many golden moments.

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both occasions and was a six-time national eventing champion.

Bühler retired from competition after the 1972 Olympics, but remained active in riding circles. At the 1980 Olympics, Bühler was the designer of the cross-country course for eventing and at the 1988 Olympics he was president of the ground jury. Outside of sports, Bühler, who studied agricultural engineering at Zürich and Cambridge Universities, ran his own farming and forestry business. (OM)

Natalya Lavrova (RUS), *4 August 1984 in Penza; †23 April 2010 near Krivozerye, Penza. In addition to her two Olympic gold medals, the Russian rhythmic gymnast was a four-time world champion in group competition, in 1999, 2002, 2003, and 2005. She also was European Champion in group in 2001. Lavrova began rhythmic gymnastics in 1989 with the Dynamo club in her hometown of Penza. She retired from competition in 2005 and became coach of the Russian national team. She was killed instantly in a head-on car accident while riding in a car driven by her sister, who was also killed. (OM)

Nadeshda Ilyina (URS), née Kolesnikova, *24 January 1949 in Zelenokumsk, Stavropol Krai; †7 December 2013 in Moscow. The Russian athlete was the leading Soviet female long sprinter in the mid-1970s. Nadeshda Ilyina competed at the 1972 and 1976 Olympics, winning a 4x400 m relay bronze in 1976 and reaching the 400 m semifinal at both Olympics. She also competed at the 1971 and 1974 European Championships and won the 4x400 m relay bronze at both championships, while finishing fourth in the 400 m in 1974. At the European Indoor Championships, Ilyina won gold in 4x2 laps relay in 1975, 400 m silvers in 1974 and 1975, 4x2 laps relay silver in 1972 and 1+2+3+4 laps relay bronze in 1970. At the 1974 European Indoor Championships held in Gothenburg, Ilyina set a world indoor 400 m

record, when she clocked 52.44 in her semifinal run. Domestically, Ilyina was the Soviet 400 m champion in 1973-75 and 4x400 m champion in 1969, 1971, 1973, 1974 and 1977.

After finishing her sporting career, Ilyina worked as an athletics coach with Dynamo Moscow. Her daughter Nadiya Petrova became a successful tennis player who ranked no. 3 in the world in singles in May 2006. Ilyina died in a car accident in the Moscow suburbs. (OM)

Eero Kolehmainen (FIN), *24 March 1918 in Anttola, Mikkeli; †7 December 2013 in Mikkeli. Although known as a long-distance skier, Kolehmainen's first biggest accomplishment was an 18 km victory at Holmenkollen in 1950. At the 1952 Winter Games he won a silver in the 50 km, behind the great Veikko Hakulinen, in his only start at that Olympics. At the 1954 World Championships he again started only in the 50 km and was 11th. At the 1956 Winter Olympics he placed fourth at 50 km, while at the 1958 World Championships he was fifth in the 50 km. Kolehmainen also won the 50 km at the Lahti Ski Games in 1956 and 1957 and in 1959 won his only Finnish Championship, again over 50 km. By profession Kolehmainen was a farmer. (OM)

Emmanuel McDonald Bailey (GBR), *8 December 1920 in Hardbargain, Williamsville (TTO); †5 December 2013 in Port of Spain (TTO). McDonald Bailey was a native Trinidadian sprinter who competed for Britain in the Olympics because Trinidad & Tobago did not yet have a NOC. After finishing sixth in the men's 100 metres at the 1948 Olympics, Bailey returned in 1952 to win a bronze medal. He also just missed the podium in the 200 and 4x100 relay, placing fourth in both events. Between Olympics, Bailey had tied the world record of 10.2 for 100 metres, recording that time in an international match against Yugoslavia in Belgrade on 25 August 1951. He also recorded

numerous un-ratified European records, with three marks in the 100 (1946, 1947, 1950), and six marks in the 200 in 1950-52. Between 1946-52 Bailey won 14 individual British sprint titles, winning the 100 and 220 yards in 1946-47, and 1949-53. After serving in Royal Air Force (RAF), he played professional rugby league for a bit and then returned to Trinidad in 1963 and spent the rest of his life on the Caribbean island. In 1977 he was awarded Trinidad & Tobago's Chaconia Medal for service to the islands. (OM)

Pyotr Bolotnikov (URS), *8 March 1930 in Zinovkino, Mordoviya; †20 December 2013 in Moscow. Bolotnikov started athletics only at age 20, when he joined the Soviet Army. He won his first national championship title in the 1957 10,000 metres, when he surprisingly beat the great Vladimir Kuts in the finishing straight by 0.2 seconds. He became double Soviet champion in the 5000 and 10,000 metres from 1958-62. He also won the national 10,000 metres title in 1964 and was national cross-country champion in 1958.

Bolotnikov participated already at the 1956 Olympic Games and he reached a ninth place in 5000 metres. At the 1960 Olympics Bolotnikov controlled the 10,000 race from start-to-end, beating the favorites, East German Hans Groditzki and New Zealander Murray Halberg, by five seconds. Later in 1960 Bolotnikov lowered the 10,000 metres world record by almost 12 seconds to 28:18.8. Just two weeks before the 1962 European Championships, Bolotnikov lowered that record to 28:18.2, thus becoming the main distance favorite at the Europeans. He easily won the 10K, but was surprisingly beaten to third in the 5K.

After an unsuccessful 1964 Olympics, Bolotnikov retired from athletics in 1965. From 1965-85 he worked as an athletics coach with Spartak Moscow. From 1990-92 he was the President of Spartak Moscow. (OM)





Viktor Tsybulenko (URS/photo: centre), *13 July 1930 in Vepryk, †19 October 2013 in Kyiv. The Ukrainian Viktor Tsybulenko was the top Soviet javelin thrower of the 1950s, winning the Soviet title five times – 1952, 1955–57 and 1959. Tsybulenko competed at three Olympic Games, winning gold in 1960, bronze in 1956 and placing fourth in 1952. He also competed at two European Championships, winning silver in 1962, and finishing fourth in 1954. Tsybulenko ranked in the world top 10 every year from 1952–62, save for 1955, but was never ranked #1, his best placement being second in 1962 and third in 1960.

After finishing his sporting career, Tsybulenko made his career in the Soviet Army, retiring from the force in 1985 with a rank of colonel. After his retirement, he again took up javelin throwing and won the 1994 World Masters Championships in M64 class. (OM)

Valdis Muiznieks (URS), *22 February 1935 in Riga (LAT); †29 November 2013 in Riga. Shooting guard Valdis Muiznieks played with the Soviet basketball team from 1956–64, won three Olympic silver medals (1956–64), and was three times European champion (1957, 1959, 1961). He also participated at the 1959 World Championships, where the Soviet Union refused to play against Taiwan and was disqualified.

At the club level, Muiznieks started to play basketball in 1951 with Dinamo Riga and then from 1954–64 was with ASK Riga. With ASK, Muiznieks won the Soviet title four times in a row (1955–58) and Euroleague three times in a row (1958–60). He also won two silvers (1962, 1964) and one bronze (1961) at the Soviet championships and was a runner-up at Euroleague in 1961 with ASK. Muiznieks finished his career by playing with Rigas VEF from 1964–69, winning another bronze at the Soviet championships with them in 1966.

After his sporting career, Muiznieks became a sports official. From 1969–

1976 he worked with the Latvian SSR Physical Culture and Sports Committee and from 1976–88 was the general manager of ASK Riga basketball team. In 2006 Muiznieks was selected as among the 10 best Soviet or Russian shooting guards of the 20th century by a newspaper readers' poll. His son Karlis and daughter Anete also became successful basketball players. (OM)

Jörg Spengler (FRG), *23 December 1938 in Remscheid; †26 November 2013 in Nuremberg. Together with his bowman Jörg Schmall, Spengler was among the world's best Tornado sailors in the 1970s. The duo sailed out of the Yacht Club Noris, where Spengler, an educated architect, had designed the clubhouse. He was part of the German "Golden Olympic Generation", and won his bronze medal in 1976.

Spengler won the European Championship in 1970 with non-Olympian von Salzem and the World Championship in 1975 with Schmall. In 1977 Spengler defended his World title with non-Olympian Rolf Dullenkopf. (OM)

Imre Nagy (HUN), *21 February 1933 in Monor; †20 October 2013 in Törökbalint. The Hungarian twice competed at the Olympics in modern pentathlon, winning a team gold and an individual silver in 1960, and a team bronze in 1964. Nagy also won three silver medals at the World Championships in the team event – 1958 and 1961–62. He was an economist as a career, graduated from the University of Budapest.

After his sports career ended, he helped form a Hungarian–Korean joint venture, which he led until his retirement. He was a board member of the Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne (UIPM), becoming Secretary-General in 1988. He also coached the Hungarian national team from 1970–76, including as coach of the team at the 1972 and 1976 Olympics. (OM)

Håkon Barfod (NOR), *17 August 1926 in Oslo; †4 November 2013 in Bærum. Barfod was introduced to competitive sailing at a young age by his father and after WWII, together with Sigve Lie, became a crew member of the Norwegian boat "Pan", which was built and skipped by Thor Thorvaldsen. The crew was considered as the world's best Dragon class crew during the late 1940s and early 1950s, as they won Olympic golds in 1948 and 1952 and won the Dragon Gold Cup, a regatta that was considered as the unofficial World Championships during that era, in 1948 and 1950. Besides sailing in Dragon class, Barfod was also a competent Snipe class sailor.

By profession, he was a boat builder, building lifeboats, as well as Snipe and Flying Junior class racing boats in a factory located in Leangbukta Maritime Center in Vette, near Oslo. He continued sailing well into his 80s and at the time of his death, he was the oldest living Norwegian Olympic gold medalist. (OM)

Vladimir Musalimov (URS), *31 December 1944 in Moscow; †3 November 2013 in Luhansk, UKR. Besides his Olympic bronze in 1968, Musalimov was the Soviet boxing welterweight champion three times in a row from 1967–69 and won bronzes at the Soviet Championships in 1966 and 1970. He also took bronze at the 1969 European Championships and silver at the 1971 World Army Championships. After his sporting career, Musalimov worked as a boxing coach and referee in his hometown of Luhansk. (OM)

Walter Bellamy Jr. (USA), *24 July 1937 in New Bern, North Carolina (USA); †2 November 2013 in College Park, GA. Walter Bellamy was the starting center on the 1960 Olympic gold medal team. He played for Indiana University and made most of the All-America teams in 1960 and 1961 before being drafted in 1961 by the Chicago Packers, a short-lived NBA

expansion team. Bellamy starred in the NBA from the start – he was Rookie of the Year in 1962, leading the league in field-goal percentage (with what was then a record .519) and averaging 31.6 points and 19 rebounds a game. During a 14-year career which saw him play for five teams – the Packers, who became the Baltimore Bullets, the New York Knicks, the Detroit Pistons, the Atlanta Hawks, and the New Orleans Jazz. Bellamy was one of the top centers in the league and ended up with career averages of over 20 points and 13.5 rebounds. From 1964–66 he was the NBA career leader in field goal percentage, but was later surpassed by Wilt Chamberlain.

Bellamy's 14th year was a short one as he played just one game with the Jazz but this made him the last of the 1960 Olympians to be playing pro basketball. He had an active business career while he played pro basketball. Investing wisely in real estate and office buildings his career since leaving basketball was spent managing his investments and doing public relations for several Southern firms. (OM)

Arne Johansen (NOR), *3 April 1927 in Oslo (NOR); †25 October 2013 in Ørland

(NOR). The Norwegian speed Skater was a sprint specialist, and hence never managed to qualify for international allround tournaments. Even in national championships, he never qualified for the final 10,000 m. He did, however, win the 500 m twice, in 1951 and 1952.

The latter performance got him selected for the Olympics, which were held in his native Oslo. Johansen ended up in third, tying with Canadian Gordon Audley. His best 500 m time was set in his final season, finishing after 42.6 at the fast Davos rink.

Johansen remained involved in the sport all his life. He was a respected referee in Norway, often working together with his brother Johnny, who was a starter. Arne's daughter, Linda, also was a speed skater. (OM)

Eero Mäntyranta (FIN), *20 November 1937 in Lamkojärvi; †30 December 2013 in Oulu. Mäntyranta, probably the most successful Finnish cross-country skier ever, competed at four Olympic Winter Games (1960–1972), winning cross-country skiing medals at three of them. A member of the Finnish 4 x 10 km relay team from 1960–68, he won gold in 1960,

silver in 1964, and a bronze in 1968. At his peak in 1964, Mäntyranta won both the 15 km and 30 km and added a silver and a bronze in these two events in 1968 to bring his total medal haul to seven. He was also world champion at 30 km in 1962 and 1966, won relay silvers in both these championships and added a bronze in the 50 km in 1966.

He also won the 15 km at Holmenkollen thrice (1962, 1964, 1968) and 15 km at Lahti twice (1964, 1972). Mäntyranta won five Finnish Championships, was selected as the Finnish Sportsman of the Year in both 1964 and 1966 and was awarded the Holmenkollen medal in 1964. By the time of his fourth Olympic appearance in 1972, he was past his prime and was selected only for the 30 km, in which he finished 19th.

His career ended soon afterwards when he became the first Finnish sportsman to have tested positive for doping. Mäntyranta actually had tested positive for amphetamines at the 1972 Finnish Championships before the Sapporo Games, but the result was hushed up. The fact came to light after the Olympic Winter Games, but it has been always denied by Mäntyranta, although he later admitted taking hormones,



Distance champions linked in death

Two of Australia's great distance runners, both multiple Olympians, have died within months of each other. David (Dave) Power, who finished seventh in the 1956 Melbourne Olympics and won a bronze medal in the 10,000 metres in Rome in 1960, died in Noosa, Queensland, aged 85, on February 1 2014; Albert (Albie) Thomas, who set world records over two and three miles and competed in the Olympic Games of 1956, 1960 and 1964, succumbed to a heart attack in Sydney, aged 78, on October 27 2013.

Among Power's enduring triumphs were his victories in both the six miles and the marathon at the Cardiff Commonwealth Games in 1958. He was unused to the latter event, and it punished his feet so badly that he had to be carried to the victory rostrum, holding blood-soaked shoes. He told this writer at the time: "I was so groggy and numb... I wanted to keep in charge of my senses and kill the pain. I thought about my family and my home. I tried to visualise every shrub in the garden. It sounds silly, but I had to keep going and needed some link with reality."

Thomas, built like a bantamweight boxer, competed in the magnificent mile race at Santry Stadium in August 1958 when five runners ran the distance in less than four minutes --- when that time was one of sport's more unyielding barriers. Thomas set the pace, and the quintet finished with these near-unbelievable times: Herb Elliott, 3:54.5; Merv Lincoln, 3:55.9; Ron Delany 3:57.5; Murray Halberg, 3:57.5; Thomas, 3:58.6. Next night Elliott returned the favour at the same stadium in the way only great runners can. He became the "bunny", and he set an early pace for Thomas as the smaller man set a world record for two miles of 8:32.0. A month earlier, also in Dublin, Thomas set a world three-mile record of 13:10.8.

It was a vintage era for distance and middle-distance runners. The passing of Power and Thomas is given added poignancy by the recent loss, in January 2014, of another famed runner of the period, the British Olympic middle-distance runner Christopher (later Sir) Chataway. He was 82.

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which during his sports career were not yet prohibited. Interestingly, he suffered from a medical condition termed polycythemia vera, which gives one a very high hematocrit, or red blood cell count. Normal hematocrits for men are 40–45 but Mäntyranta's was as high as 60–65, giving his blood increased oxygen carrying capacity, which likely contributed to his success in the aerobic sport of cross-country skiing. (OM)



Wilbur "Moose" Thompson (USA), *6 April 1921 in Frankfort, South Dakota; †25 December 2013 in Long Beach, CA. While attending high school in Modesto, Thompson was a nationally ranked age-group shot putter in 1937 and 1938. He moved on to Modesto Junior College and won the National Junior College Title in 1939 and 1940, but on enrolling at Southern Cal success did not come immediately and it was not until 1946, after Thompson returned from war service, that he made any sort of impact in the senior ranks. In 1946 he placed second in the NCAA championships and, although he never won an AAU title, he was a comfortable winner at the 1948 Olympics. Three of his marks were superior to Jim Delaney's best effort in second place and Thompson's winning put of 17.12 metres was an Olympic record and a career best. He was world ranked #2 in 1948, after being ranked #6 in 1947, and he would finish career after 1950, with rankings of #3 in 1949 and #4 in 1950.

After college and earning a master's degree in petroleum engineering at USC, Thompson worked initially in the oil business and later with the California State Lands Commission. (OM)



Irma Heijting-Schuhmacher (NED); *24 February 1925 in Ginneken en Bavel; †8 January 2014 in Berkeley Vale, NSW/AUS. The Dutch swimmer started her career in the Rotterdamse Dames Zwemclub (RDZ) in Rotterdam and already in 1947 was

a member of the national 4 x 100 metres free style relay team, which won a silver medal at the European Championships. In 1948 she was member of the Olympic team in London 1948. As a member of the 4 x 100 metres free style relay she won a bronze medal and in the 100 metres final she reached sixth place.

At the European Championships in Vienna, Austria in 1950, she was again a member of the free style relay team which became European Champion. She repeated this championship in the individual 100 metres final, which she won in the time of 1:06.4 and also got a silver medal in the 400 m free. At the 1952 Olympics, she was again a member of the 4 x 100 metres free style relay team, which won the silver medal behind Hungary. In the 100 metres final, she again became sixth. This time, she also took part in the 400 metres free style, where she was eliminated in the 4th heat.

In 1951, during a swimming tour to Australia, she met John Heijting, who was in the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF). Only one week after the Closing Ceremony in Helsinki, they emigrated to Australia and upon arriving "down under" changed their family name in Heyting. They travelled all over associated with John's RAAF postings. They had three sons, but later in their marriage they divorced. She continued to live on the Central Coast of New South Wales, where she taught swimming for many years. Later she also started Masters swimming and once even broke the world record in the 50 m free (70–75 age group). (AB)

Besik Kudukhov (RUS), *15 August 1986 in Tskhiloni/GEO; †29 December 2013. Kudukhov started wrestling in 1995 and was chosen to the Russian national team in 2005. At the end of the 2000s, he was considered among the best featherweight and later lightweight freestyle wrestlers in the World. Kudukhov won the Olympic featherweight bronze in 2008 and

Olympic lightweight silver in 2012. He also won the world title four times – in 2007 in featherweight and from 2009–2011 in lightweight, and was European featherweight champion in 2007 and won the featherweight silver at the 2006 World Championships.

Domestically Kudukhov won the Russian title five times – in 2005 in featherweight and from 2009–2012 in lightweight. On early morning of 29 December 2013, Kudukhov lost control over his car on the Kavkaz highway near Armavir and collided with a truck coming from the opposite direction. Kudukhov died at the scene. (OM)

Karel Gut (TCH), *16 September 1927 in Uhřetěves; †6 January 2014 in Prague. Gut played football as a youth but became better known as an offensive-minded ice hockey defenseman. He was capped 114 times for Czechoslovakia, scoring 34 international goals, and captained the national team from 1952–60. He participated three times at the Winter Olympics and reached place four (1952, 1960) and he was fifth in 1956.

Gut started his career with Praha ATK, then moved to Tatra Smichov from 1951–53, before playing the rest of his career with Spartak Praha Sokolova TJ. Competing six times at the World Championships, Gut won three bronze medals in 1955, 1957, and 1959, and in 1955 was voted the best defenseman at Worlds. He retired in 1964 and became an ice hockey coach, leading Czechoslovakia to gold medals at the World Championships in 1976–77, and winning six world medals in all as a coach. He has been inducted into both the Czechoslovakian and the IIHF Hall of Fame. (OM)

(AB: Anthony Th. Bijkerk, OM: Olympedia, WR: Wolf Reinhardt)

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