

AN ORIGINAL CHAMPION AND A FIGHTER

□ **Herma Stark-Szabo**, five times individual world figure skating champion, twice world pairs champion and several times Austrian champion, has died after a long illness at the age of 84.



The crowning point of her career as a skater was the gold medal she won at the first Olympic Winter Games in Chamonix. On her return, thousands of Viennese turned out to greet her and even the trams came to a stop so that their drivers could offer her their congratulations.

A versatile sportswoman, she took part in numerous skiing and swimming competitions.

Born in 1902, she put on her first pair of skates at the age of two, and was to go down in history as the only person so far to be world figure skating champion in both the pairs and the individual event in the same year.

□ We have learned with sorrow of the death of the former Mayor of the city of Grenoble, Hubert Dubedout, in a climbing accident in the Alps. He was 64 years old.

A former naval officer and Mayor of Grenoble from 1965 to 1983, he went down in Olympic history as the man behind the perfect success of the Xth Olympic Winter Games in 1968.

A dynamic and sporting municipal councillor, Hubert Dubedout wanted those Games in order to help his city to acquire its modern face. He was not mistaken. The competitive spirit aroused by the great winter Olympic rendez-vous was the factor which helped to accelerate the ambitious urban amenities plan, one of the biggest in the world at the time.

While Grenoble became an example in the domain of urban planning and municipal services, Hubert Dubedout, "a pioneer of modern municipal management", as he himself put it, proved the value of his experience, the benefit of which he gave to many local representatives inside and outside France. Today, the sports facilities of Grenoble remain perfect instruments for training young people and an important factor in the region's tourist appeal. That too is something worth remembering.

Hubert Dubedout (left) on the day of the inauguration of the 90 m ski jump at Saint Nizier. Right : Mr. Maurice Gleizes, Vice-President of the Organising Committee, the IOC President A very Brundage and Dr. Albert Michallon, President of the OCOG.





FAREWELL TO Mr. FOOTBALL

Sir Stanley Rous (GRB), Honorary Life President of the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), died on 18th July at the age of 91 years following a stroke which deprived him of the joy of attending the final match of the World Cup in Mexico.

The man who began his career in the twenties as sports master at Watford College in England, was already familiar as a young man with the values he was to defend all his life. His personality was forged in the battles of the Great War, and he had learned to appreciate in action the advantages of physical fitness and the value of camaraderie.

A man of the field, Sir Stanley tried to remain so all his life, and if administrative obligations sometimes prevented him from being closer to the players themselves, he retained the excitement and enthusiasm of the spectator, an indispensable ingredient in any good match. That was what took him this last time to Mexico in June, where he was not to be able to remain until the end. In truth, no aspect of the game was more pleasing to him than the rules. A formalist, he became an expert on refereeing, inventing the diagonal system and creating linesmen, thereby contributing greatly to the improvement of the game. After some forty international encounters, he was chosen to be the man in black at the England Cup in 1934. Secretary

of the English Federation, he was the force behind its readmission to the bosom of the FIFA, a task which called for all his powers of persuasion and leadership qualities.

During the post-war years, he was to become one of the busiest people on the British sports scene. President of the Central Council of Physical Education (an influential sports organisation), he was, in that capacity, one of the active organisers of the Games of the renaissance, those of the XIVth Olympiad in London in 1948. This task, successfully accomplished in spite of innumerable difficulties of all kinds, in a country which had only just emerged from the ordeal, earned him a knighthood from King George, an honour which reflected on both the Olympic Movement and the city of London.

In 1961, he acceded to the head of football's international governing body. He was to remain there for thirteen years, during which, for all sports-lovers, he became Mr. Football, showing firmness as regards principles and commitments and diplomacy in creating openings. At once a gentleman and a great patron, he was able to give the impulses necessary to all grand schemes whilst containing the ardour of his troops with an unshakable fairness.

In 1974, with four World Cups and three Olympic tournaments to his credit, he left to his successor the job of leading football into the modern age. Elected Honorary President of the FIFA, he became once more the active supporter, inspired by an unsurpassed knowledge of the game and an unflinching passion for the round ball.

On the 80th anniversary of the FIFA, four presidents : Juan Antonio Samaranch, João Havelange, Sir Stanley Rous and Kurt Furgler of the Helvetic Confederation.

