

OBITUARIES

DECEASED OLYMPIC MEDALLISTS

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Following the list in our journal No. 2/1997, we continue with a second compilation of additions to the The Golden Book of the Olympic Games regarding data of Olympic medallists who have died in recent years - after the editorial deadline for the book. The list also includes corrections to data in the Golden Book.

The Golden Book of the Olympic Games - compiled by Bill Mallon, the ISOH Vice President, and the late Erich Kamper, mentor to many of us in the field of Olympic research - is the reference book concerning, among other things, names (spelling) with dates of birth and (where applicable) death of Olympic medallists.

Dates of death are, in principal, new, as compared to the book. Corrections to information in the book are marked “(cq)” behind the “new” information.

Names: Women are marked “(w)” before the names.

For women who won medals under several family names, following marriage, names are listed in chronological order. There are cross-references.

When the spelling of a name has been changed, as compared to the book, the spelling in the book is mentioned in brackets. There are cross-references, if necessary.

I have not, unfortunately, had the technical possibility to include all diacritical signs, for which I apologize especially to readers from countries concerned.

As for first name(s), where known (mainly according to the results section in the Golden Book), only the name(s) the athlete was actually called has been listed. Further names are listed when such a name(s) is in addition and/or correction to name(s) in the book.

Nation(s) is nation(s) which the athlete represented when winning medal(s). Abbreviations according to the IOC.

Dates of birth-death are written in the order day.month.year.

Sport: Aquatics = diving, swimming, synchronized swimming and water polo; skating = figure and speed skating; skiing = alpine, freestyle and nordic skiing and snowboarding.

Several ISOH members (and some other colleagues), have provided data to the compilation. Special mention of Peter Matthews, founder member of the ISOH, and my fellow-countrymen (not yet ISOH members) Carl-Johan Johansson

and Lars Linderoth for their extensive work to the benefit of this compilation.

Some information received have not (yet) been used because of contradictory data. Further checking, and double-checking, is necessary

After each deceased medallist is an abbreviation showing the source of information.

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NOTE the NEW ADDRESS and FAX NUMBER!!!

AKII-BUA, John (UGA) - 03.12.1949-21.06.1997
Athletics: Gold (1972) - JPC
ANDERSSON, Mauritz (SWE) -
22.09.1886-01.11.1971 Wrestling: Silver (1908) - CJJ
ANDSTEN, Jarl (FIN) - ???.1885-???.1943
Yachting: Bronze (1912) - LLi
ARCHER, John ‘Jack’ (GBR) -
10.08 1921-29.07.1997 Athletics: Silver (1948) - PMa
BAGLEY, Nikolay (URS) - 25.02.1937-03.03.1991
Basketball: Silver (1964) - ASe
(w) BAGRYANTSEVA, Yelizaveta (URS) -
12.11.1920-???.01.1996 Athletics: Silver (1952) - ASe
BAJKÓ, Károly (HUN) - 01.08.1944-09.06.1997
Wrestling: 2 bronze (1968-72) - AKa
BARTHA, Károly (HUN) - 04.11.1907-04.02.1991
Aquatics/swimming: Bronze (1924) - AKa
BRENNER, Bror (Bernhard) (FIN) -
17.07.1885-17.04.1923 Yachting: Silver (1912) - LLi
CANTONE, Luigi ‘Gino’ (ITA) -
21.07.1917-05.11.1997 Fencing: Gold (1948), silver (1948) -
GOd
CATE, Caesar TEN (NED) - 20.08.1890-09.06.1972
Football: Bronze (1912) - ABI
CLEAVELAND, Norman (USA) -
04.04.1901-8.06.1997 Rugby: Gold (1924) - JPC
CONNOLLY, Thomas (USA) -
24.10.1909-???.1996 (cq) Gymnastics: Bronze (1932) - ASe

- CZIBOR, Zoltán (HUN) - 23.08.1929-1.09.1997
Football: Gold (1952) - AKa
- DALLA COSTA, Lamberto (ITA) -
14.04.1920-???.1982 Bobsleigh: Gold (1956) - ASe
- DEVONISH, Arnaldo (VEN) -
15.06.1932-01.01.1997 Athletics: Bronze (1952) - PMa
- EVENSON, Thomas 'Tommy' (GBR) -
09.01.1910-28.11.1997 Athletics: Silver (1932) - PMa
- FILATOV, Sergey (URS) - 25.09.1926-03.04.1997
Equestrian: Gold (1960), 2 bronze (1964) - GMa
- GEORGE, Rowland (GBR) - 15.01.1905-.09.1997
Rowing: Gold (1932) - IBu (See also article later in this section.)
- GLASS, Harry (GER [GDR]) -
11.10.1930-14.12.1997 Skiing/nordic: Bronze (1956) - SZü
- GRAY, Edgar 'Dunc' (AUS) - 17.07.1906-30.08.1996
Cycling: Gold (1932), bronze (1928) - HGo
- GRÓF, Ödön (HUN) - 15.04.1915-???.01.1996
Aquatics/swimming: Bronze (1936) - AKa
- GRÖNDAHL, Kelpo (FIN) - 28.03.1920-02.08.1994
Wrestling: Gold (1952), silver (1948) - LLi
- GVAKHARIYA, Nodar (URS) -
16.04.1932-14.11.1996 Aquatics/water polo: Bronze (1956) -- ASe
- HAMMAR, Clarence (SWE) -
23.06.1899-31.12.1989 Yachting: Bronze (1928) - CJJ
- HUDEC, Alois (TCH) - 12.07.1908-???.01.1997
Gymnastics: Gold (1936) - EGe
- HULLDÉN, Jarl (Viking) (FIN) -
26.12.1885-???.1913 Yachting: Bronze (1912) - LLi
- HÖGLUND, Sven (SWE) - 23.10.1910-21.08.1995
Cycling: Bronze (1932) - CJJ
- IZAGUIRRE SORZABABBERE (Sorzabalbere),
Silverio (ESP) - 26.04.1898 (cq)-19.11.1935 Football: Silver (1920) - JFG
- JANSSON, Eric (SWE) -14.05.1907-24.07.1993
Cycling: Bronze (1928) - LLi
- JOHANSSON, Erik 'Epa' (SWE) -
29.09.1927-16.12.1992 Ice hockey: Bronze (1952) - CJJ
- JOHANSSON, Gösta 'Lill-Lulle' (SWE) -
02.03.1929-10.04.1997 Ice hockey: Bronze (1952) - OKa
- JOHNSON, Francis (USA) - 05.08.1910-18.04.1997
Basketball: Gold (1936) - BMa
- KAISER, Johannes (GER [FRG]) -
27.02.1936-17.12.1996 Athletics: Silver (1960) - PMa
- KALITA, Ivan (URS) - 14.01.1927-29.03.1996
Equestrian: Gold (1972), silver (1968), bronze (1964) - ASe
- KALYAEV, Levan (URS) - ???.1929-19.08.1984
Athletics: Silver (1952) - ASe
- KARLSSON, Hjalmar (SWE) -
01.03.1906-21.04.1992 Yachting: Gold (1956) - LLi
- KEHLE, Anton 'Toni' (FRG) - 08.11.1947-24.09.1997
Ice hockey: Bronze (1976) - SZü
- KRIVOV, Valery (URS) - 21.09.1951-20.12.1994
Volleyball: Gold (1980) - ASe
- LAITINEN, Kalevi (FIN) - 19.05.1918-06.01.1997
Gymnastics: Gold (1948), bronze (1952) - LLi
- LAUCK, Reinhard (GDR) - 16.09.1946-01.11.1997
Football: Gold (1976) - SZü
- LAZ, Donald (USA) - 17.05.1929-21.02.1997
Athletics: Silver (1952) - PMa
- LEINWEBER, Walter (GER) - 18.04.1907-???.03.1997
Ice hockey: Bronze (1932) - EGe
- LEMESHEV, Vyacheslav (URS) -
03.04.1952-27.01.1996 Boxing: Gold (1972) - ASe
- LENGYEL, Árpád (HUN) - 04.09.1915-???.1993
Aquatics/swimming Bronze (1936) - AKa
- LINDEN, Erik (SWE) - 08.11.1911-22.12.1992
Wrestling: Bronze (1948) - LLi
- LOKTEV, Konstantin (URS) - 16.06.1933-???.11.1996
Ice hockey: Gold (1964), bronze (1960) - ASe
- LOOS, Josef (TCH) - 13.03.1888-15.02.1955 Ice
hockey: Bronze (1920) - EGe
- MALMSTRÖM, Gustav (SWE) -
04.07.1884-24.12.1970 Wrestling: Silver (1912) - CJJ
- MATHIASSEN (Matiasson), Edvin (SWE) -
16.04.1890-15.03.1975 Wrestling: Bronze (1912) - CJJ
(w) MANOLIU, Lia (ROM) - 25.04.1932-09.01.1998
Athletics: Gold (1968), 2 bronze (1960/64) - PMa
- MAYOROV, Yevgeny (URS) - 11.02.1938-10.12.1997
Ice hockey: Gold (1964) - OKa
- McNAUGHTON, Duncan (CAN) -
07.12.1910-15.01.1998 Athletics: Gold (1932) - PMa
- MERRICKS, John (GBR) - 16.02.1971-08.10.1997
Yachting: Silver (1996; won medal after the publication of
The Golden Book of the Olympic Games!) - IBu
- MILBURN, Rod (USA) - 18.03.1950-11.11.1997
Athletics: Gold (1972) - PMa
(w) MIROSHINA, Yelena (EUN [RUS]) -
(05.06.1974-???.12.1995 Aquatics/diving: Silver (1992) - ASe
(The circumstances surrounding the death of
Miroshina have led to a series of contradictory reports on
the actual date of her death. The German sports agency SID
has, for example, Dec. 18, according to EGe. Most other
sources have later dates. The Russian paper *S p o r t - E x p r e s s*
has Dec. 26, as reported by GMa.)
- (w) MISEVICH, Vera (URS) - 10.04.1945-04.03.1995
Equestrian: Gold (1980) - ASe
- MOGYÓRSI-KLENCs, János (HUN) -
31.03.1922-22.07.1997 Gymnastics: Silver, 2 bronze (1948) -
AKa
- NAMBU, Chuhei (JPN) - 27.05.1904-23.07.1997
Athletics: Gold, bronze (1932) - PMa
- NIEMI, Pekka (FIN) - 15.11.1909-21.12.1993
Skiing/nordic: Bronze (1936) - LLi
- NISHIDA, Shuhei (JPN) - 21.05.1910-13.04.1997

- Athletics: 2 silver (1932-36) - BMi
 NYÉKI, Imre (HUN) - 01.11.1928-27.03.1995
- Aquatics/swimming: Silver (1948) - AKa
 (w) OUDEN, Willemijntje 'Willy' DEN (NED) -
 01.01.1918-06.12.1997 Aquatics/swimming: Gold (1936), 2
 silver (1932) - ABi (See also article later in this section.)
 PAASIA, Kalle (FIN) - ???.1883-???.1961
- Gymnastics: Bronze (1908) - LLi
 PALOTÁS, József (HUN) - 14.05.1911-16.11.1957
- Wrestling: Bronze (1936) - AKa
 PANDOLFINI, Gianfranco (ITA) -
 16.09.1920-03.01.1997 (cq) Aquatics/water polo: Gold
 (1948) - BMa
 PEKKALAINEN, Juho (Adolf) (FIN) -
 ???.1895-???.1958 Yachting: Silver (1912) - LLi
 PERENTIN, Valerio (ITA) - 12.07.1909-07.01.1998
- Eowing: Gold (1928) - G0d
 PERSSON, Frans (SWE) - 06.12.1891-07.01.1976
 (cq) Gymnastics: Gold (1920) - CJJ
 PETER, Michael (FRG) - 07.05.1949-23.10.1997
- Field hockey: Gold (1972), silver (1984) - SZü
 ROTHERT, Harlow (USA) -01.04.1908-13.08.1997
- Athletics: Silver (1932) - BMa
 (w) SACALICI, Elena (ROM) -
 ???.1937-???.1959 Gymnastics: Bronze (1956) - ASe
 SANDBERG, Eric (SWE) - 20.12.1884
 (cq)-03.12.1966 (cq) Yachting: Bronze (1912) - CJJ
 SEESTE, Esa (FIN) - 04.07.1913-02.10.1997
- Gymnastics: Bronze (1936) - LLi
 SEYFFARTJ. Åke (SWE) - 15.12.1919-01.01.1998
- Skating/speed: Gold, silver (1948) - OKa
 SIEBERT, Erich (GER) - 07.05.1910-???.1944 (cq;
 killed in Poland in World War II) Wrestling: Bronze (1936) -
 EGe
 SIPPALA, Matti (FIN) - 11.03.1908-22.08.1997
- Athletics: Silver (1932) - LLi
 SPOCK, Benjamin (USA) - 02.05.1903-15.03.1998
- Rowing: Gold (1924) - OKa
 TERÄSVIRTA, Einari (FIN) - 07.12.1914-23.11.1995
- Gymnastics: Gold (1948), 2 bronze (1932) - LLi
 (w) THYMM, Helene 'Leni' (GER) -
 08.12.1905-09.02.1997 Athletics: Bronze (1928) - PMa
 TÖRSLEFF, Wilhelm (SWE) - 26.11.1906-18.01.1998
- Yachting: Bronze (1928) - CJJ
 TYNNI, Aale (FIN) - 03.10.1913-21.10.1997
- Arts/lyrics: Gold (1948) - LLi
 (w) TYSHKEVICH, Tamara (URS) -
 31.03.1931-27.12.1997 Athletics: Gold (1956) - PMa
 USOZ QUINTANA, Luis Maria (ESP) -
 19.10.1932-10.03.1992 Field hockey: Bronze (1960) - JFG
 VÁLI, Voldemar (EST) - 10.01.1903-13.03.1997
- Wrestling: Gold (1928), bronze (1936) - ASe
 (w) WILLS (later Moody), Helen (USA) -
 06.10.1905-01.01.1998 Tennis: 2 gold (1924) - OKa
 WILTFANG, Gerhard (FRG) -
 27.04.1946-01.07.1997 Equestrian: Gold (1972) - OKa
 YARYGIN, Ivan (URS) - 07.11.1848-11.10.1997
- Wrestling: 2 gold (1972-76) - SZü
- Corrections/additions to the list of deceased medallists in
 the ISOH Journal No. 2/1997:
 ALVAREZ DE LAS ASTURIAS BOHORQUES Y
 GOYENECHÉ (Marquis de los Trujillos), José (ESP) -
 23.03.1895-27.02.1993 (cq) Equestrian: Gold (1928) -
 JFG
 BALTHAZÁR, Lajos (HUN) -
 30.06.1921-01.02.1995 (cq) Fencing: Silver (1956) - AKa
 BERDIYEV, Iosif (URS) - 26.11.1924-29.02.1992 (cq)
 Gymnastics: Gold (1952) - ASe
 FOUCEK, Ladislav (TCH) - 10.12.1930-???.07.1974
 (cq) Cycling: 2 silver (1956) - GMa
 HAZAI, Kálman (HUN) - 17.07.1913-21.12.1996
 (cq) Aquatics/water polo: Gold (1936) - AKa
 KAMINAGA, Akio (JPN) - 22.12.1936-21.03.1993
 (cq) Judo: Silver (1964) - BMi
 KOSKI, Ilkka (FIN) - 10.06.1928-28.12.1993 (cq)
 Boxing: Bronze (1952) - LLi
 KRUMINS (not Kremins), Janis (URS) -
 30.01.1930-20.11.1994 (cq) Basketball: 3 silver (1956-60-64)
 - GMa
 MASKINSKOV, Yevgeny (URS) -
 19.12.1930-25.01.1985 (cq) Athletics: Silver (1956) - ASe
 METCALFE, 'Jack' (AUS) - 03.02.1912-16.01.1994
 (cq) Athletics: Bronze (1936) - HGo
 PANKRASHKIN, Viktor (URS) -
 10.12.1957-24.07.1993 (cq) Basketball: Gold (1988) - GMa
 ROBINSON, Sidney John (GBR) - 01.08.1876
 (cq)-03.02.1959 Athletics: Gold, silver, bronze (1900) - AHu
- Still alive! - Correction to The Golden Book of the Olympic
 Games
 SZABADOS, Lázlo (HUN), - 11.04.1911-delete
 28.04.1992 -Aquatics/swimming: Bronze (1932) - AKa
- ROWLAND DAVID GEORGE - Distinguished Oarsman
 and RAF Officer
 By Ian Buchanan, ISOH President
- Rowland David George, Britain's oldest surviving gold
 medallist, died on 9 September 1997 at the age of 92. While
 at Oxford he failed to win a place in the University boat but
 on joining Thames Rowing Club he developed into one of
 the finest oarsmen in Britain. His successes at the Henley
 Regatta included victories in the Wyfold (1931) and
 Stewards' (1932) Challenge Cups but his greatest achieve-
 ment came at the 1932 Olympic Games where he rowed at

bow in Britain's winning coxless four. During World War II he served with distinction as an officer in the Royal Air Force and was decorated for his part in the Salerno landings. Fittingly, he died at Henley-on-Thames where, in his youth, he had spent many hours on the tideway.

WILLEMIJNTJE 'WILLY' DEN OUDEN

THE FLASHY MERMAID

By Ruud Paauw, Journalist

Willy den Ouden, one of the stars of the famous Dutch women's swimming team of the thirties, died December 6th, 1997, 79 years old, of cancer.

Blond and beautiful, elegant and stylish, Willemijntje den Ouden (born January 1st, 1918, in Rotterdam) was already as a child a world-class swimmer. She was only 13 years old, when she won a silver medal in the 100 metres freestyle at the 1931 European Championships in Paris and a gold with the Netherlands 4x100 metres freestyle relay team. A year later, she captured two silver medals (in the individual 100 metres freestyle and as a member of the 4x100 metres freestyle relay team) at the 1932 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, only beaten by the great American swimmer Helene Madison.

Den Ouden's coach was Mrs. Van Wijckhuise and we know from an interview with her from 1932, how carefully she trained her pupil: "Willy trains 30 to 45 minutes a day. After each 100 metres a short rest, then some arm and leg exercises. That's all. She is only a child and we should not exhaust her. As to her food, a lot of steaks and some glasses of milk. And in time to bed for a good night sleep."

Willy den Ouden's international career lasted from 1931 to 1938. Her best form she showed between two Olympics, the fate of so many great stars. In 1934, she became an impressive European champion 100 metre freestyle, was second in the 400 metre (in the same time as the winner, but refused a re-swim) and won with the Dutch team the 4x100 metres freestyle relay. Between 1932 and 1936, she broke 13 times a world record in distances between 100 yards (in 59.8 seconds, the first girl to swim under a minute) and 500 metres. Her 'finest hour' came on February 27, 1936, in the Sportfondsenbad in Amsterdam. In a race without competitors, she swam the 100 metres freestyle in brilliant style in 1:04.6, a world record that stood for twenty years. (It was broken by Dawn Fraser).

Willy den Ouden could swim very fast in races against the clock, then she was relaxed and in her element. She did not like fierce competition. This was in contrast to her rival, fellow-townswoman Rie Mastenbroek, coached by the famous Ma' (Mother) Braun, who just loved the fight in the water. Illustrative in this connection, was the final of the 100 metre freestyle in Berlin 1936. At twenty metres from the finish Willy den Ouden was in the lead, but then faded

away to fourth place, and Rie Mastenbroek jumped from fourth to first place. Some consolation in Berlin gave her the gold medal with the Dutch 4x100 metres relay team for which she swam a magnificent third leg.

She ended her swimming career at the European championships in 1938 in London, with a silver medal with the relay team.

At the outbreak of World War II, she was in England and stayed there during the war years. The house of her parents was destroyed during the German bombardment of Rotterdam on 14th May 1940. She lost all her prizes, with the exception of two medals (one of them the commemorative medal from Berlin 1936, which today is preserved in the collection of the Netherlands Olympic and Sports Museum) which her mother found in the ruins. She married the Swedish ship-owner Staffan Broms and lived in Sweden, until the marriage broke up. She came back to the Netherlands and worked in the fur business. Her life after that was somewhat mysterious. It was said that she hated publicity; anyway, she refused all requests for an interview. According to the few people who knew her, she seemed to be very bitter about her swimming years, or perhaps, she was bitter about life itself? The last ten years, she lived the life of a recluse.

But let us not finish in this depressive way. Let us finish with the days in the sun, when she was, by far, the most popular swimmer in her country. The British swimming expert and writer, the late Pat Besford captured her personality in one sentence: 'Willy den Ouden was femininity itself out of the water and a flashy mermaid in it'.
