



## 1964 Games in Tokyo

The Dutch judo competitor Anton Geesink was the man who brought the Japanese nation to its knees. When the IOC decided to include judo as a sport in the Olympic programme for Tokyo, they did so mainly to meet the fervent wishes of their hosts, possessive and proud of their national sport. To no great surprise, they dominated the events. Four categories were included: lightweight, middleweight, heavyweight, and the supreme Open category. Japan easily won the first three titles. But in the final event, the public was in awe of a giant Dutchman (1.98m and 118kg), already feared since becoming world champion in the category in 1961. As the tournament progressed those fears became more and more justified. In the semi-final Geesink threw the Australian Theodore Soronovskis to the ground in 12 seconds. The Japanese competitor, Akio Kaminaga, with the hope of the whole nation resting on his shoulders - won a place in the final after an incredible record-setting bout when he threw his competitor to the ground after only 4 seconds - a record that would stand for 28 years. Everything was set for a "dream final", the perfect duel. The specialist of the "killing imbalance" made use once more of moves that were unknown to the Japanese. After 9 minutes and 22 seconds, Geesink's physique proved a deciding factor, helping him throw and hold his adversary to the ground. Japan held its breath, slowly suffering with Kaminaga. The thirty seconds of regulation time eventually expired, signifying the end of the contest - Geesink won through Kesa Gatame - a cross-cush hold-down. The shocked Japanese public stood up as a mark of respect to the victor, and gave him a brief ovation before quickly taking their seats again to hide their obvious disappointment. In that brief moment, centuries worth of tradition collapsed as Geesink rose to accept his gold medal. Many Japanese who were watching the bout in the crowded arena broke down in tears. This contest had huge repercussions for the sport, until then dominated by the judokans from the East. But as with all suffering, life continued and Japan once again found its feet, and its dominance, in the event in the years to come.



SYDNEY, Sept 29 (AFP): Schedule for Day 15 of the Sydney Olympics on Saturday.

**ATHLETICS**  
Olympic Stadium  
Women's High Jump Final, Women's 4 x 100m Relay Final, Men's 4x100m Relay Final, Women's 1,500m Final, Men's 1,500m Final, Men's 5,000m Final, Women's 4 x 400m Relay Final, Men's 4 x 400m Relay Final

**FOOTBALL**  
Olympic Stadium  
Men's Gold Medal Match

**HANDBALL**  
The Dome  
Men's Bronze Medal Game, Men's Gold Medal Game

**HOCKEY**  
State Hockey Centre  
Men's Classification, Men's Bronze Medal Game, Men's Gold Medal Game

**BASKETBALL**  
Sydney Convention Centre  
Men's Classification, Men's Bronze Medal Game, Men's Gold Medal Game

**BOXING**  
Sydney Convention Centre  
Men's Classification, Men's Bronze Medal Game, Men's Gold Medal Game

**CANOE/KAYAK**  
Sydney Convention Centre  
Men's Classification, Men's Bronze Medal Game, Men's Gold Medal Game

**ROAD CYCLING**  
Sydney Convention Centre  
Men's Classification, Men's Bronze Medal Game, Men's Gold Medal Game

**DIVING**  
Sydney Convention Centre  
Men's Classification, Men's Bronze Medal Game, Men's Gold Medal Game

**EQUESTRIAN**  
Sydney Convention Centre  
Men's Classification, Men's Bronze Medal Game, Men's Gold Medal Game

**MODERN PENTATHLON**  
Sydney Convention Centre  
Men's Classification, Men's Bronze Medal Game, Men's Gold Medal Game

**RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS**  
Sydney Convention Centre  
Men's Classification, Men's Bronze Medal Game, Men's Gold Medal Game

**SAIJI**  
Sydney Convention Centre  
Men's Classification, Men's Bronze Medal Game, Men's Gold Medal Game

**TAEKWONDO**  
Sydney Convention Centre  
Men's Classification, Men's Bronze Medal Game, Men's Gold Medal Game

**VOLLEYBALL**  
Sydney Convention Centre  
Men's Classification, Men's Bronze Medal Game, Men's Gold Medal Game

**WATER POLO**  
Sydney Convention Centre  
Men's Classification, Men's Bronze Medal Game, Men's Gold Medal Game

**FREESTYLE WRESTLING**  
Sydney Convention Centre  
Men's Classification, Men's Bronze Medal Game, Men's Gold Medal Game

## Zamorano brings Chile bronze

SYDNEY, Sept 29: Ivan Zamorano scored two second-half goals for Chile as they beat United States 2-0 to win the bronze medal in the Olympic football tournament Friday, reports AFP.

Spain and Cameroon will meet in the final on Saturday.

### RESULT

Chile 2 (Zamorano 69, 84) USA (HT 0-0)

**Yellow cards:** Chile (Ormazabal 32, Maldonado 39, Gonzalez 63), USA (Wolff 36, O'Brien 51, Casey 71, Hejduk 72)

## Olympi-cide!

BANGKOK, Sept 29: Defending Olympic featherweight champion Somluck Kamsing's defeat proved too much for one Thai pensioner who died of shock, a newspaper reported Friday, reports AFP.

Sorn Sonthong, 71, died of shock Wednesday during the third round when his favourite boxer fell behind on points to world champion Ricardo Juarez of the United States, The Nation said.

Sorn was rushed to a nearby hospital but was pronounced dead on arrival.

Somluck's hopes of repeating his Atlanta triumph ended when the referee stopped the fight eight seconds from the end of the fourth round on the 15-point mercy rule with Juarez up 31-16.

# Historic Hockeyroos

## HOCKEY

SYDNEY, Sept 29: Australia became the first team in Olympic history to retain the women's hockey title with a brilliant 3-1 victory over Argentina in the final here on Friday, reports AFP.

Alyson Annon, Juliet Haslam and Jenny Morris scored for the Hockeyroos in a one-sided final before 15,000 screaming home fans at the State Hockey Centre.

Argentina, who trailed 2-0 at

half-time, earned a consolation goal through Vanina Oneto in the second-half.

The win was a fitting farewell for the Hockeyroos' lord and master Ric Charlesworth, a former Australian men's captain, who ended his seven-year tenure as coach after the match.

It also helped senior pro Rachelle Hawkes join swim legend Dawn Fraser and equestrian star Andrew Hoy as the only Australians to win gold medals in the same event at three

Olympics.

Hawkes, who read the players' oath at the Opening Ceremony two weeks ago, was part of the team that won their first gold at Seoul in 1988 and repeated the feat at Atlanta in 1996.

The gold medal made amends for the disappointment of the hosts, who had seen the men knocked out by the Netherlands in a penalty shoot-out during Thursday's semifinal. The victory also helped Charlesworth's girls overcome the humiliation of failing to qualify for the Champions' Trophy final in May, their first defeat in a major since 1993.

Australia, the only unbeaten team in the 10-nation competition, flattened their rivals with 25 goals while conceding just five in eight matches.

There was, however, no disgrace for Pan-American champions Argentina, who won the silver against all odds in their first appearance at the Olympics in 12 years.

Argentina's first ever medal in the sport came after they went into the super-six round as the only team without a

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HOSTS' HOCKEY HEROINES: Jenny Morris (30) and Alison Peek (7) of Australia celebrate a goal against Argentina in their women's hockey gold medal game yesterday. Australia won 3-1. —AFP photo

# Ngeny doubles Kenyan delight

## ATHLETICS

SYDNEY, Sept 29: Noah Ngeny pulled off a sensational double for Kenya when he won the Olympic 1500-metre title here on Friday, edging out world record holder Hicham El Guerrouj of Morocco, reports AFP.

Ngeny clocked 3mins 32.07secs, a new Olympic record, and El Guerrouj 3:32.32. Bernard Lagat of Kenya took the bronze in 3:32.44.

Less than an hour after Reuben Seroney gave Kenya its first medal of the Games when he won the 3000 metre

steeplechase, Ngeny made it two in a row.

The 21-year-old Ngeny was on El Guerrouj's shoulder as the two hit the back straight and despite a furious kick from the Moroccan, Ngeny refused to quit.

In the end it was El Guerrouj, five metres out, realised once again the gold had slipped from his grasp and he eased up, accepting the silver.

"I came here looking for gold and I knew I could do it. I vowed last year when I came second at the world championships in Seville I would go one better here," said the young Kenyan.

"My game plan worked perfectly. I stuck close to El Guerrouj all the time, watching him and waiting for his kick. I was stronger," he added.

It was a bitter blow for the 26-year-old El Guerrouj who had wanted to wipe out the nightmare of Atlanta four years ago.

Leading and heading for the gold he fell on the final lap, he came here determined to go away with the ultimate prize.

He kept a photograph of the tumble on his wall to remind him and focus himself on taking the title.

The Moroccan was so upset he came into the holding area under the stadium and sat sobbing until he was led away by a team official for the regulation dope test.

Afterwards he confessed that the pressure on him even before the race all proved too much.

"I was very stressed. There was a lot of pressure on me from Morocco and the king. I was crying when I got to the stadium. It was a day I wasn't at the top of my form. I was tired," said El Guerrouj.

"But the truth is Hicham remains Hicham. Hicham the record man, Hicham the miler. I hand the throne over to Noah. I am now going to concentrate on the 5000 metres," he added.

El Guerrouj's teammate Youssef Baba sacrificed himself, going straight to the front from the gun.

With El Guerrouj shadowing him, he set a cracking pace over the first 800 metres before falling away, exhausted by his effort.

But the tactic failed to rattle the Kenyans who simply bided their time before pouncing in the dash for the line.

## Rule Britannia

SYDNEY, Sept 29: Shirley Robertson won gold in the women's Europe sailing class here Friday to ensure Britain's most successful Games since 1924, reports AFP.

It was Britain's seventh gold medal, eclipsing the six gained in Melbourne in 1956 and equalling the tally from Paris some 76 years ago.



VINTAGE WINE TASTES BEST: German veteran Heike Drechsler flying through the air during the finals of the women's long jump competition. Drechsler won the gold. —AFP photo

# Drechsler distinctly dissimilar

## ATHLETICS

SYDNEY, Sept 29 (AFP): In 1983, when still an 18-year-old student at an East German sports academy, Heike Daute was the youngest winner at the inaugural World Championships in Helsinki.

On Friday here in Sydney, the often controversial Heike Drechsler won her second Olympic gold medal and, at nearly 36 years old, became the oldest ever women's Olympic long jump champion.

Drechsler's victory might be overshadowed by the fact that the German ended American Marion Jones' slim hopes of winning five golds at the Sydney Games.

But it should be viewed as a golden autumn to her career.

The German has enjoyed many more highs than lows in her athletic life.

That she was able to come back from career-threatening injuries that kept her out of the 1996 Olympics and last year's World Championships, though, was tribute to Drechsler's fortitude.

The former long jump world record-holder (she leapt 7.48m in 1988), Drechsler might be able to teach Marion Jones a thing or two about controlling speed on the long jump runway.

Drechsler is the arch-technician in the long jump, having been well drilled when a youngster growing up in a Sportschule in Gera. She was a heptathlete in her youth, but she was also fast enough on the track to set a world record for 200 metres of 21.71sec in 1986, and win two Olympic bronze medals for both sprints at the Seoul Games of 1988.

It was there that Drechsler also won the long jump silver behind her great American rival, Jackie Joyner-Kersey. The battles between the two women would be the highlight of international athletics meetings throughout the 1980s and early 1990s.

Drechsler gained Olympic revenge on the American in Barcelona in 1992. Drechsler is one of the last remaining products of the old East German "athlete factory". Since the fall of the Berlin Wall a decade ago, German athletics has been in decline, not least because of the halt in the state-funded use of banned drugs.

When the unification of Germany also brought about the publication of the Stasi files, the doping documents of the old East German secret police, it showed that Drechsler, like many elite athletes of her generation, had been administered drugs.

What is more, she was even hired as a "spy" to keep a check on her fellow athletes on trips

abroad. The Stasi gave Drechsler the unimaginative codename of "Jump".

After these revelations were published in Germany, Drechsler entered an expensive law suit, but lost the case.

The tall blonde has also had an sometimes colourful private

life. The mother of an 11-year-old boy, Drechsler was originally coached by her father-in-law. But when her marriage to Andreas Drechsler ended in divorce, she started to be guided by her new partner, the former French decathlete, Alain Blondel.

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A TARGET TOO FAR: Marion Jones in action during the women's long jump finals yesterday. Jones, who had hoped to land gold in the event, only finished third. —Internet photo

# 'Dream Five' dashed

## ATHLETICS

SYDNEY, Sept 29: Marion Jones' "Drive for Five" — an ambitious bid to win five Olympic gold medals at a single Games — hit the buffers here on Friday, as she could manage only a bronze medal in the long jump final, reports AFP.

Gold went to the 1992 champion, Heike Drechsler, of Germany, who jumped 6.99 metres.

The silver medalist was Italy's Fiona May, the runner-up at the Atlanta Games four years ago, who like Jones had a best effort of 6.92m. May beat Jones because her second-best jump, 6.82m, was the better.

"I only need one jump," Jones had said before the

Games. "I have the speed. I know I can jump a long way."

In the end, though, even six jumps were not enough for the American. The undisputed queen of the track proved that she has some way to go before becoming the superwoman in the field, too.

"The drive for five is not alive," she said. "I didn't regret it at all. I had a shot at it and it didn't pan out. Inside I'm disappointed but she deserved the gold."

"Maybe I'll do it a little quieter next time," she added. "I know people will say 'I told you so' but I can look in the mirror and say I gave my best."

"I competed against one of the all-time greats. I can tell my grandchildren about it 30 years from now."

The critics of Jones' poor jumping technique have been unconvinced. This, after all, is the event where a year ago at the World Championships in Seville, Jones hurt herself in winning the bronze medal, resulting in her dramatic withdrawal later from the 200 metres sprint.

Here, the 24-year-old former college basketball star had a shaky start, no-jumping her first attempt.

For her second attempt, Jones then used all the speed that had carried her to two sprint gold medals earlier in the week, hit the take-off board hard and landed in the sand so awkwardly that she jarred forward.

She had, though, managed a

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SYDNEY, Sept 29 (AFP): Final updated Olympic medal table on Friday:

Country	G	S	B	T
USA	33	19	27	79
China	26	15	15	56
Russia	20	19	22	61
Australia	16	22	15	53
France	12	13	8	33
Italy	11	7	11	29
Germany	10	13	21	44
Romania	10	4	4	18
Great Britain	8	9	5	22
Netherlands	8	8	4	20
South Korea	7	8	9	24
Cuba	6	8	2	16
Poland	6	4	1	11
Japan	5	8	5	18
Bulgaria	5	3	2	10
Greece	4	5	1	10
Sweden	4	3	1	8
Ukraine	3	7	7	17
Hungary	3	2	1	6
Belarus	3	1	10	14
Spain	3	1	4	8
Turkey	3	0	1	4
Canada	2	2	6	10
Czech Rep	2	2	3	7
Kenya	2	2	2	6
Finland	2	1	1	4
Austria	2	1	0	3
Lithuania	2	0	2	4
Iran	2	0	1	3
Slovenia	2	0	0	2
Switzerland	1	6	2	9
Indonesia	1	3	2	6
Norway	1	3	1	5
Slovakia	1	3	1	5
Mexico	1	2	2	5
Latvia	1	1	1	3
Kazakhstan	1	1	0	2
New Zealand	1	0	3	4
Estonia	1	0	2	3
Ethiopia	1	0	2	3
Croatia	1	0	1	2
Azerbaijan	1	0	0	1
Colombia	1	0	0	1
Mozambique	1	0	0	1
Brazil	0	5	3	8
Denmark	0	3	1	4
Belgium	0	2	3	5
Argentina	0	2	2	4
Jamaica	0	2	2	4
Nigeria	0	2	0	2
Chinese Taipei	0	1	4	5
South Africa	0	1	3	4
Morocco	0	1	2	3
North Korea	0	1	2	3
Trinidad	0	1	1	2
Bahamas	0	1	0	1
Ireland	0	1	0	1
Moldova	0	1	0	1
Saudi Arabia	0	1	0	1
Uruguay	0	1	0	1
Vietnam	0	1	0	1
Yugoslavia	0	1	0	1
Georgia	0	0	4	4
Algeria	0	0	2	2
Armenia	0	0	2	2
Costa Rica	0	0	2	2
Barbados	0	0	1	1
Iceland	0	0	1	1
India	0	0	1	1
Kyrgyzstan	0	0	1	1
Kuwait	0	0	1	1
Portugal	0	0	1	1
Qatar	0	0	1	1
Sri Lanka	0	0	1	1
Thailand	0	0	1	1

## She knew the truth?

SYDNEY, Sept 29: Marion Jones, the American sprint queen who was bidding to win five gold medals at the Sydney Olympics here this week, on Friday night hinted for the first time that she came to Australia in the knowledge that her husband, C.J. Hunter, had failed a drugs test in July, reports AFP.

Jones, the winner of the 100 and 200 metres earlier in the week, had just had her audacious "Drive for Five" halted by Germany's Heike Drechsler, who won the long jump title, while the American had to settle for bronze.

Jones is due to race in both the 4x100 and 4x400 metres relay finals for the United States on Saturday.

But after her long jump performance, Jones was asked whether the controversy surrounding her husband had affected her Olympic bid.

Hunter, the shot put world champion, tested positive in July for the banned steroid nandrolone. Positive in four drugs tests, in one, Hunter was 1000 times over the limit.

"It's hard to keep a secret," Jones said when asked whether she had come to Sydney knowing that storm clouds were gathering around her husband.

"Some of you guys were trying to find out a secret," Jones said that she had not spoken with her husband in the hour since her competition ended.

As a drug suspended athlete, Hunter is denied official credentials into athlete areas of Olympic venues, although he is allowed to buy tickets in the spectator seats, which is apparently from where he watched Friday night's final.

Jones said that Hunter had indicated to her to take pride in her bronze medal. "He gave me the thumbs up," Jones said.