

Competing for the biggest prize of all



The two year battle for the right to host the Olympics in the year 2000 reaches its climax in Monte Carlo this week. The five leading contenders have spent over £115m in their unstinting efforts to win sport's most prestigious prize – equivalent to more than £1m per delegate



Facilities at the five leading venues



Manchester Sydney Beijing Berlin Istanbul

	Manchester	Sydney	Beijing	Berlin	Istanbul
Olympic standard	5	8	0	5	1
In need of modernisation	10	3	17	6	2
Under construction	2	3	0	8	4
To be built	3	7	0	3	5
Dependent on bid	5	4	8	3	13