

Germany gears up for handball glory

Reigning World Champions Germany hope to emulate Croatia's feat by capturing Olympic gold in Beijing. Until 2004 World Champions had often picked up an Olympic medal – but never the gold

WORLD CHAMPIONS AT OLYMPIC GAMES

Edition	World Champion	Rank at Olympic Games
2003	Croatia	2004 1st
1999	Sweden	2000 2nd
1995	France	1996 4th
1990	Sweden	1992 2nd
1986	Yugoslavia	1988 3rd
1982	Soviet Union*	1984 –
1978	West Germany**	1980 –
1974	Romania	1976 2nd
1970	Romania	1972 3rd

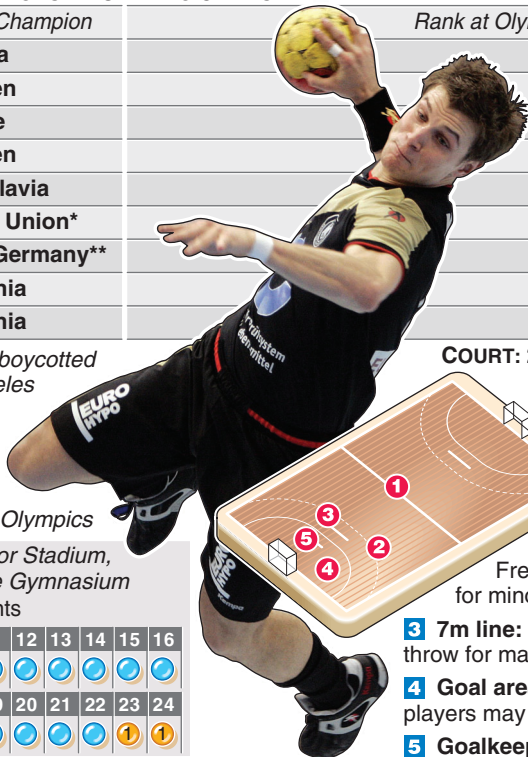
*Soviet Union boycotted
1984 Los Angeles
Olympics

**West
Germany
boycotted
1980 Moscow Olympics

National Indoor Stadium,
Sports Centre Gymnasium

① Medal events

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COURT: 20m x 40m

1 Centre line

2 9m line:
Free throw line
for minor violations

3 7m line: Penalty
throw for major offences

4 Goal area: Other
players may not enter

5 Goalkeeper
restraining line