Long-standing Olympic records

▶ U.S. long jumper Bob Beamon's astonishing leap of 8.90m at the 1968 Summer Games in Mexico City set a world record that lasted 23 years and an Olympic record that still stands more

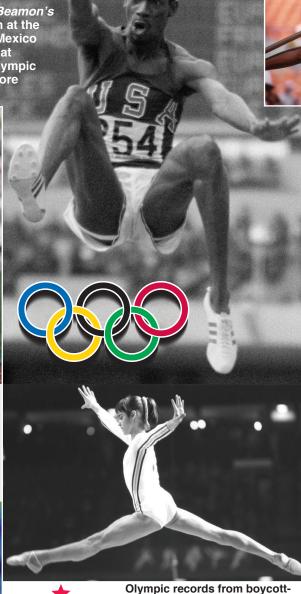


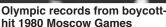
than 40 years later

No female sprinter has come close to Florence Griffith-Joyner's 1988 performance - 100m world record (10.49) at U.S. Olympic trials, followed by 200m world record (21.34) and 100m Olympic record (10.62) at Seoul Games



New suit technology at Beijing in 2008 resulted in almost complete rewrite of swimming record books. Only Ian Thorpe's 400m freestyle and Inge de Bruijn's 100m butterfly, both set at Sydney in 2000, remained Olympic records

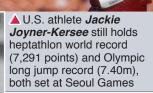




- USSR's Nadezhda Olizarenko ran women's 800m in 1:53.43
- East German women won 4 x 100m relay in 41.6 seconds
- East German *Ilona Slupianek* set 22.41m in women's shot put

Aleksandr Melentiev (pictured) of **USSR** scored 581 out of 600 in men's 50m pistol event also world record





▼ Italy have made most appearances in Olympic football, winning 32 of 61 matches. They are also most prolific scorers (125 goals)



Nadia Comaneci scored first perfect 10 in gymnastics at Montreal in 1976. Her total of seven perfect scores in one Games is unlikely to be beaten as new scoring was introduced in 2006

▼ Iranian superheavyweight Hossein Rezazadeh holds Olympic and world records in clean and jerk (263.5kg), and scored record total of 472.5kg at both Sydney 2000 and Athens 2004





