



**YURI SEDYKH**  
*Hammer Throw*

It looks less like a modern Olympic event than something that might have appeared on the undercard when David fought Goliath. But there is nothing primitive about Yuri Sedykh's mastery of the corkscrew twist and heave of the hammer throw. The Soviet army coach and author of a post-graduate dissertation titled "The Effectiveness of Power Building Means in Hammer Throwing Training" hurled the 16-lb. ball and handle to victory in the 1976 and 1980 Games. The lone repeat winner in the event's history might be shooting for a fourth laurel were it not for the boycott of 1984. Sedykh, 33, has also tucked six world records under his belt, including the current one of 284 ft. 7 in. His trademark: throwing his best on the first try—a reliable method, he says, for demoralizing the opposition. With a thump.



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**NAIM SULEYMANOGLU**  
*Weight Lifting*

What's in a name? For Naim Suleymanoglu, everything. The 4-ft. 11-in., 132-lb. "Pocket Hercules" was the brightest jewel in Bulgaria's weight-lifting program. But when the government increased its efforts in 1985 to force the Turkish minority in the country to assimilate—speaking Turkish

was banned and mosques were closed—Suleymanoglu was outraged. Most offensive: the regime changed his name to the more Bulgarian Naum Shalamanov. At the 1986 World Cup in Melbourne, he nailed down a world record in the snatch and then sneaked away. Now a Turkish citizen, Suleymanoglu at 21 is still the only man ever to lift 2½ times his weight in the snatch.

