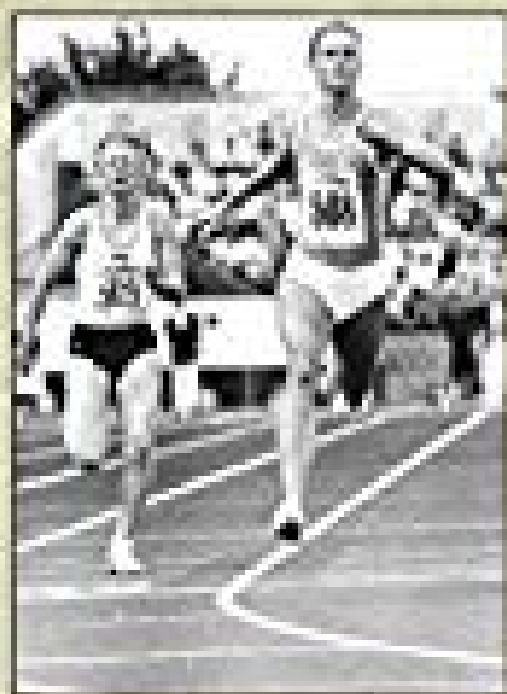


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In the Cold War period, sport was not just a symbol of the energy and strength of a nation-state, but of certain ideological systems of politics. And who knew about these methods? The sports federation. While doping in East Germany offers been intensely researched in the past decades, the condition of West German athletics during this time period has remained generally a mystery. Actually, doping was a common practice on both sides of the Iron Curtain. But how many sportsmen were included? With the pressure for athletes to achieve success at its zenith, many East German athletes received anabolic steroids by their nation. Translated from its primary German, and supplemented with fresh material written specifically for an international audience, this innovative book addresses many important questions in regards to a topic with world-wide implications. Based on analyses of genuine paperwork and archives, German Sports activities, Doping and Politics: A BRIEF HISTORY of Performance Improvement is a unique study spanning from 1950-2007. In order to answer these queries, the Government Institute for Sport Technology in Germany backed a study project to shed light on the additional, West German aspect of doping history. Component II focuses on the apex of doping, and also the beginnings of the anti-doping movement; 60s; Component I deals with the history of doping in the post-war period of the 1950s and ' and Component III considers the development of doping since the Reunification and the building blocks of the World Anti-Doping Company and the National Anti-Doping Agency in Germany. While sports historians will see this reserve of great interest, it is also a significant study for anyone who would like to look beyond the top of sports and doping as reported by the media. Written for a global audience, German Sports, Doping, and Politics explains and reveals the really remarkable procedures of doping and anti-doping which have evolved because the Cold War.



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