

HERBERT MOLS

AMHERST, N.Y., Aug. 10 (AP) — Herbert Mols, the manager of the 1972 United States Olympic basketball team and one of the original organizers of the Empire State Games, died today of an apparent heart attack. He was 71 years old.

Mr. Mols, the Western Regional Director of the games, was stricken at the event's press center on the campus of the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Mr. Mols was in the center of a dispute at the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich. The United States team apparently had won the gold medal game in basketball, but officials added 3 seconds to the clock, and the Soviet team won, 51-50, with a basket at the buzzer.

Mr. Mols wrote a report in which he said that Avery Brundage, president of the International Olympic Committee, "didn't carry the ball for us on a legitimate protest."

Mr. Mols was born in Buffalo in 1915. He played football at Cornell and served in the Navy in the Pacific during World War II.

At the Park School near Buffalo, he was athletic director, coached football, basketball, baseball and track, and taught biology, chemistry and physics until his retirement in 1973. He was active in the Amateur Athletic Union.

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TAKE A BOW, Buffalo. For the second year, this area has done an outstanding job of hosting the Empire State Games.

The weather could have been a bit more cooperative, but even so the rain dampened neither attendance nor enthusiasm as 7,000 athletes from all over New York tested their skills to the enjoyment of thousands of Western New Yorkers and visitors.

Every aspect of the games — a demanding exercise in logistics alone — was professionally handled, a tribute to everyone who contributed to bringing the games to Buffalo and who helped conduct the four-day meet. In the process, many first-time visitors learned what a great community this really is, in spite of its much-discussed image problems.

A sad note was the death during the games of Herbert J. Mols, a founder of the games in 1978 and director of the Western Region. He was a great coach and worked hard to bring the games to his home community. His leadership will long be remembered as exemplifying the best in dedication to the joys and benefits of athletic competition and good sportsmanship.

Next year's games will return to Syracuse. After that the games are to be rotated among various parts of the state.

That seems only fair, although we hope it won't be too long before they come back to the Buffalo area. Meanwhile, the entire community can savor a job well done, and one that demonstrates this area's ability to accommodate large-scale events and gatherings.

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