

athletes is required. The whole of sport remains tainted as long as sex testing is being used anywhere in sport.

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¹Prior to 1966, there had been some suspicion that some highly successful Eastern European women, notably the Press sisters, Irina and Tamara, exhibited abnormal masculine characteristics and "might not be females."

²Female athletes in female-only events and in some open events (e.g. trap shooting) were tested while those in other open events, such as equestrian and sailing, were not.

³Marion Lay recalls that the examination was accompanied by numerous propositions from the personnel responsible for the testing. She also recalls that a number of male athletes and coaches took the opportunity to expose themselves to the "naked parade" (Personal communication, July, 1999).

⁴There is one case reported by Susan Auch of a junior athlete who was informed that her card expired at age 16 and that she would have to be retested.

⁵A true hermaphrodite has both testicular and ovarian tissue. 20 per cent are mosaic 46, XY; 46, XX; 70 per cent are 46, XX and 10 per cent are 46, XY. This individual may resemble women (more often) or men (less often) and will likely have am-

biguous genitalia.

⁶IAAF Rule 108: "The medical delegate shall also have the full authority to arrange for the determination of the gender of a competitor should he judge that desirable."

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Road Killings

In my dream
that opossum was
beat to death
with a hammer:
 your hands stank
 grotesque
splatters of blood
on short gray fur.

In my dream
that opossum was
beat to life
with a hammer:
 my hands salivated
 great
rivers of black
over short blue veins.

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