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Dear Archie

Almost the first thing I did after getting home was to send you a letter expressing my heart-felt admiration and appreciation for the way you led our team in Amsterdam. More haste, less speed! I was given a wrong address (65 Colmore Road) with no post-code, and it will be a miracle if the letter gets to you! Which is a shame, as I tried to express in it my thanks to you for the splendid way you led the British team at the IYS Olympics. I don't think there was a better led team in Amsterdam, or one that conducted itself better - and the credit for that is of course yours.

We did seem to me to have a magnificent group of young people, keen, energetic, humorous and full of life in the best sense. But such groups do need to be led

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well too. And that means not only being sympathetic and supportive towards anybody who's got a problem, and not only generating confidence and good humour so that everybody backs everyone else up, but also insisting on high standards of conduct at all times - even when the pressure's off and people are entitled to have a bit of fun. So, a gold medal for you Archie and many more friends and admirers after Amsterdam '91: well done!

I'm not sure when we're due next to meet, but I'll look forward to hearing your reflections on how things went. Of course, we can't be content until we move somewhere nearer the top of the ratings, and there are many lessons to absorb. But I repeat that we couldn't have a better team leader and a better or more enthusiastic team. It was the greatest pleasure to see them at work!

With very best wishes

Yours sincerely

John Cassels