The East Germans were proud of their elite athletes, and the Westerners were looking forward to cheering on a slew of new champions. But these dreams of
glory quickly ran aground on revelations about the sinister reality of East German sports — which highlighted the involvement of some athletes and trainers in the Stasi [East German secret police], and a systematic doping campaign organized by the state. Today, the world of German sports is still struggling to overcome this East German legacy — with the victims of state-sanctioned doping fighting a court battle to obtain compensation, while so Keywords. Sport Club German Democratic Republic Archival Document Elite Sport Sport Discipline. These keywords were added by machine and not by the authors. This process is experimental and the keywords may be updated as the learning algorithm improves. See Dennis and Laporte (2003) The Stasi: Myth and Reality, pp. 6–11 on the errors and inaccuracies of some of these files. Google Scholar. 44.