



MONTREAL SCENE '76

'THE GAMES WILL OPEN ON TIME'

"Barring a world cataclysm, there is absolutely no doubt the 1976 Olympic Games will open in Montreal on July 17, 1976, as scheduled," Lord Killanin, President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), said during a recent visit to Canada. The assurance followed a whirlwind tour of all Games sites — much of it by helicopter. Doubts raised by a skeptical world press had been quelled completely as a result of the tour, he said, particularly a visit to one of the factories which manufactures prefabricated stadium components. "Not until you have seen what's going on in these factories can you understand how everything will be ready on time," said he.

CONSTRUCTION WORK AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

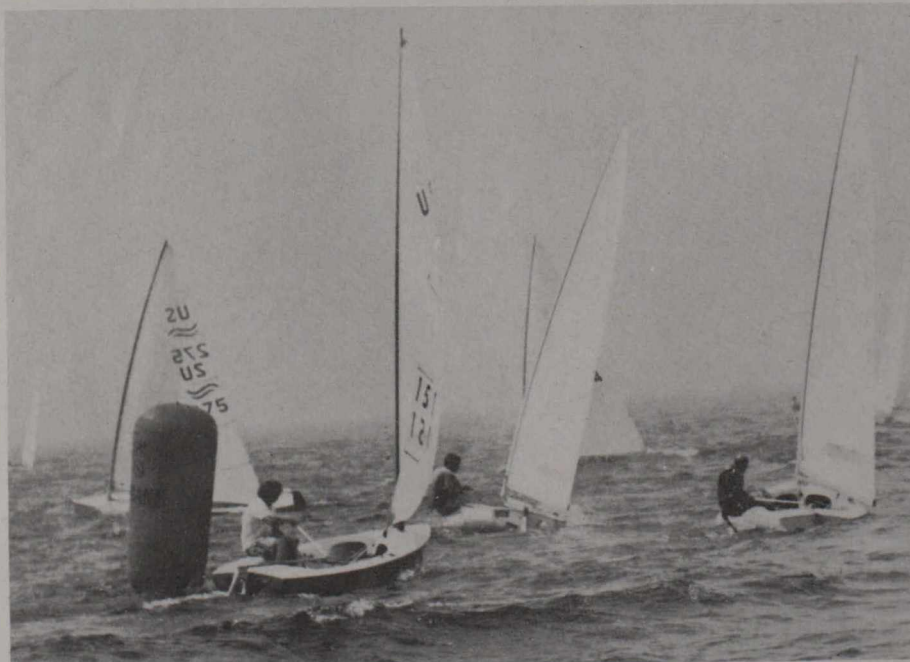
THE foundations for the stadium-pool complex are already in place and three of the 34 concrete pillars which will support the building have been erected. The pool, at the base of the tower which rises above the stadium's north end, is in fact ahead of schedule and should be ready by February next. The Velodrome, where the track events for cycling will be held, will be ready in December, eight months before the Games open. Other construction projects now in full swing include the Bromont equestrian centre, the shooting facilities at L'Acadie, the archery centre at Joliette and the Olympic yachting centre at Kingston. The Olympic Village, across the street from the main Olympic site, was originally due for completion January 28, 1976, but work is ahead of schedule and it may be finished late this year.

LONG QUEUES ALREADY FOR TICKETS

LONG queues appeared outside Olympic Games booking windows all over Canada when sales opened last May; in many cases the eager purchasers spent the night in front of the windows. Available to Canadians are 65% of the 4.5 million tickets — about 3,055,000. It was first come first served for the best tickets. Because of the demand, tickets for the opening and closing ceremonies will be allotted by a draw later this summer.



Kingston, Lake Ontario—where the Olympic Yachting events will be held



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