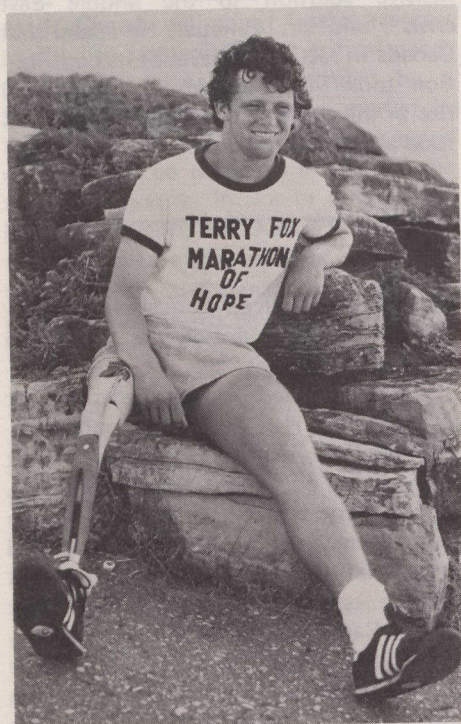


## Newspaper polls name outstanding Canadians for 1981

Two men and two women, along with the Montreal Expos baseball team, have been honoured for their contributions to Canada during 1981.



Terry Fox

Terry Fox, the 22-year old, one-legged runner from Port Coquitlam, British Columbia, was named by the *Canadian Press* (CP) as its Canadian of the Year. Fox, who attempted to run across Canada, was recognized for the second consecutive year in CP's annual poll of newspaper editors and broadcasters. Fox died last June.

His "Marathon of Hope" was cut short in September 1980 near Thunder Bay, when it was discovered the cancer that had claimed his right leg above the knee had spread to his lungs. Subsequent telethons and other fund-raisers resulting from the run collected more than \$24 million for cancer research.

Susan Natrass of Edmonton, who has won six world trapshooting championships, was named the winner of the Lou Marsh Award as Canadian athlete of the year. The annual award is given in honour of the former sports editor and columnist of *The Star*. For the award, first presented in 1936, *Star* readers nominate athletes and then a six-man committee votes on the nominees.

Natrass won her sixth world title in October in Tucuman, Argentina by 16

birds finishing with a score of 189 out of 200; she missed only two of her final 50 targets. The Canadian trapshooter holds the world record for women of 195 set in 1979 when she won the world title in Seoul, South Korea.

In an annual year-end poll of sports writers and broadcasters conducted by the *Canadian Press*, hockey player Wayne Gretzky, figure skater Tracey Wainman and the Montreal Expos baseball team were cited for their athletic performances.

Gretzky of the National Hockey League's Edmonton Oilers was chosen Canada's male athlete of the year for a second consecutive time. The 20-year-old set NHL records for points (164) and assists (109) during the 1980-81 season.



Wayne Gretzky

During the same year, Gretzky was named winner of the Hart Trophy for the second consecutive year as the league's most valuable player and was awarded the Art Ross Trophy as the leading scorer.

Tracey Wainman, Canadian senior women's figure skating champion, will receive the Bobbie Rosenfeld Award, as Canada's female athlete of the year.

The 14-year-old skater won the national championship 11 months ago and placed tenth in the world championships last year. At the St. Ivel championships in October, Wainman won the singles title with a performance that included a triple Salchow, three double Axels and several double flips. She was ranked first on her



Susan Natrass

long program by six of seven judges. Later that month Wainman won a gold medal in the women's competition at Skate Canada in Ottawa.

The Montreal Expos were selected the country's team of the year for the third straight time. The National League East division champions finished the 1981 season with a 60-48 record. They drew 1,534,564 fans in 52 regular season games for an average of 29,511. Montreal also had the best home record of any club in the NL with a 38-18 mark.



Tracey Wainman

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