

## Fourth and long Sports commentary

by **Jamie Colvin**

**Run Ben Run!** These must have been the driving words behind Johnson's comeback from his 2 year ban after the Seoul Olympic disgrace. But poor Ben could not cope with the pressure that became a weight around the fleet footed sprinter's shoulders.

Not too many people could forget what happened at the 1988 Olympics. Ben had been invincible all year - smashing the 100 record in Rome earlier in the summer and putting the arrogant Carl Lewis in his place. The actual race at Seoul was as exhilarating as one could see. It was textbook Ben as he exploded out of the blocks, so fast that he seemingly jumped the gun. He led the whole way and was so far ahead that he could raise his arm 5 meters from the line. Time: 9.79 seconds smashing the existing record.

Ben was the apple of Canada's eye - but only for a fleeting moment. Less than 2 days after the record-breaking run Ben had his medal stripped, been banned for 2 years and plunged Sport Canada into the seemingly endless Dubin Inquiry.

Ben quietly faded away, yet his last words were that he would return and run clean. "Sure" a collective nation said. Yet he lived up to his vow and when the ban ended, an older and deflated Ben took to the track. However the results at the beginning where just what the cynics had hoped for. Ben was no longer the ballistic missile he had once been. This must have tormented the man who had once been at the pinnacle of the track world.

Yet amid the laughter and taunts Ben continued what seemed to be a futile comeback, and it appeared that he was on the verge of making alot of people eat crow. Sure he had a disappointing run in Barcelona, but now was starting to post some times like the Ben of old. This writer was soon to put pen to paper and commend Ben for fighting through the adversity (even though it largely self-inflicted) and coming out on top again. Nobody could expect him to be the record smasher of old, but Ben was posting some quality times and hey, he was clean! Ben knew his urine sample was one of the first to be taken at any meet, so there could be no steroids.

But somewhere along the line the pressure to perform broke him down. Perhaps Ben is the victims of some poor guidance, or simply just an outright cheater. I certainly don't buy his innocence plea any more than I did when he plead innocent in Seoul. He knew what he was doing and knew exactly what the penalty was. This is a man who should have had urine as clear and pure as apple juice, because he as certain to be make to produce samples after each race.

Alas poor Ben chose the wrong route. One would have thought after the Seoul disgrace that he would have learned his lesson. Apparently not! Ben has proven that the track & field scene is still tainted. Surely Ben is not the only athlete who is using drugs, but he is the one getting caught. "Quit Ben Quit" are the only words of advice that make sense for the once unbeatable sprinter.

## Campus recreation

### Men's Sports

Congratulations to the Aitken Animals for capturing the Men's Intramural Ball Hockey Championship on Sunday, February 14. In the Championship game, Aitken defeated a very tough Jones Generals team 11-7. Scoring for Aitken was Scott Legacy with four; Terry Campbell with three; Steve Clarke with two; with singles coming from Wes Waye and Hal Brothers. Replying for Jones was Neil Unsworth, Rob Lane, and Lloyd Strickland each with two with a single coming from Dan MacKinnon. Aitken made it to the finals by defeating MacKenzie 12-6 while Jones made it by virtue of a 9-4 victory over the Knights. Thanks going out to all 23 teams who participated in this year's league, hope to see you again next year.

### Women's Sports

Congratulations going out to the Tibbits Titans for capturing the Women's Intramural Basketball Championship on Monday, February 15. In the Championship final, Tibbits defeated the Butt-kickers by a score of 40-27. Tibbits led 18-9 at the half and didn't let up in the second half, neither did their formidable opponents. Tibbits got to the finals by virtue of 42-20 victory over the Dunkin Duffers while the Butt-kickers received a bye to the finals due to finishing in First place after Round Robin play. Thanks goes out to all participants in the Women's Basketball League, hope to see you again next year.

### Members of the winning team:

Erin Maguire, Jacklyn Mowat, Shelley Walsh, Lara Rooke, Sue Posch, Michelle Penney, Kim Stewart, Tammy McRae, and Isabelle Phillip.

### Co-ed Sports

Congratulations going out to the Bert's B-Ballers for recapturing their Intramural Co-ed Basketball title on Saturday, February 20. In the Championship final, the B-Ballers squeezed out a hard fought 32-31 victory over a very tough team, The Dream Team. The B-Ballers made it to the finals by virtue of a 35-24 victory over a Dunn/Neville team. The Dream Team made it to the finals with a very close 32-30 victory over the Animals. Thanks going out to all eight teams that participated in the tournament. Many thanks also going out to all referees who officiated the games, a job well done guys!

### Members of the winning team:

Chris Berthelot, Sue Appt, Bart Demsey, Chris Kingston, Kathy Quinn, Holly Bedford, Matt Collins, and Mike Morton.

### Notice:

Noon Hour Ice Skating at the Aitken Center is cancelled March 18-19 and April 9.

### Attention ALL Phys. Ed and Rec. students returning next year:

Interested in getting some work experience and some spending money next year? Then apply down at the Recreation Office to become either a Referee, Referee-In-Chief, or Intramural Coordinator for next year. Applications will be taken until the end of this term apply soon! If you have any questions about any of these jobs, please feel free to contact Jon Darling at 452-7981. Take hold of this opportunity today!

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