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Canada's Gerry Sorensen, downhill, has had many wins despite injury.

ski race last season held in the Laurentian mountains north of Montreal — the first-ever women's downhill in Canada. It was the last race of the World Cup season and the young 22-year-old swept to victory, a milestone in her sixth season on the World Cup circuit.

Already, Laurie Graham has one major comeback to her credit, after suffering a knee injury early in the 1980-81 season. Back to health the next year, she captured a bronze medal at the World Championships. Last season, along with her Husky World Cup victory, she improved her FIS downhill ranking from tenth to fifth and was named the 1983 Canadian Alpine Woman Skier of the Year. This January, she sped to a stunning World Cup victory in the season's first super-giant slalom at Puy St. Vincent, France.

- **Gerry Sorensen**, a native of Kimberley, British Columbia is Canada's most victorious female downhill, with three

World Cup triumphs and a gold medal at the 1982 World Championship listed among her achievements. Sorensen, 25, has succeeded despite injury. Torn cartilage in her left knee forced her off the slopes in 1979. The next year, she won just once, at Rossland, British Columbia. And in 1981, she became the first Canadian since Nancy Greene (1968) to win a World Cup downhill in Haus, Austria.

The following season she scored two downhill wins at Grindelwald, Switzerland and captured the 1982 World Downhill Skiing Championship in Schladming, Austria, the first Canadian woman to do so in 24 years. In January 1984, she won her fourth World Cup downhill race at Puy St. Vincent, France.

Speed skating

- **Gaetan Boucher**, an Olympic competitor twice over, the 25-year-old Montrealer is the world's number six-ranked 1 000-metre racer. In 1976, at Innsbruck, Austria Gaetan Boucher placed sixth in the 1 000-metre. Four years later at Lake Placid, New York he captured the silver medal, finishing behind American Eric Heiden. Gaetan Boucher has twice been world indoor champion and has been runner-up three times at the World Sprint Championships.

Ski-jumping

- **Horst Bulau** has come a long way from the hills of Camp Fortune, a ski resort north of his native Ottawa. It was on those slopes, off jumps that he had made himself from snow, that a five-year-old ski-jumper was born. Today, after having given up slalom and giant slalom racing some eight years ago, 21-year-old Bulau is the number one-ranked 70-metre and

number two-ranked 90-metre ski-jumper in the world.

In January 1982, Horst Bulau won the 70-metre World Cup jump in Sapporo, Japan and finished second in the 90-metre leap two days later. A week later he was a double winner on the jumps of Thunder Bay, Ontario. In St. Moritz, Switzerland, at month's end, he took a spectacular fall, which resulted in a broken collarbone and effectively squashed his chances of a World Cup championship. Nonetheless, after a month of gruelling rehabilitation, he competed at the World Championships in Oslo, Norway, jumping to respective 70-metre and 90-metre finishes for sixth and tenth place.

Horst Bulau finished the 1981-82 World Cup season in third place overall. Last season, with victories in Germany, Thunder Bay, Switzerland, Sweden, Finland and the Canadian National Championships, he earned his world rankings of one and two.

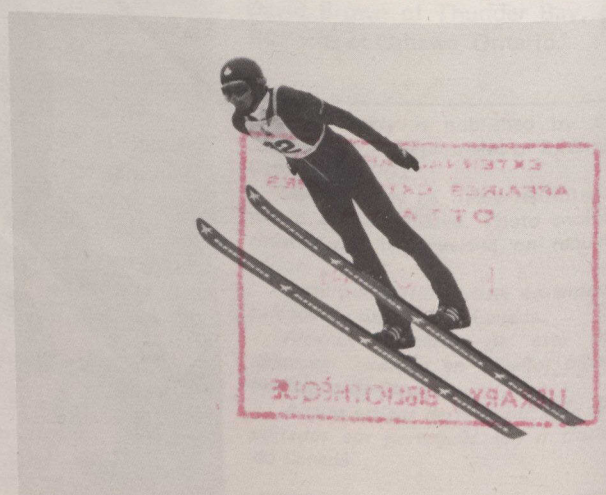
Figure skating

- **Paul Martini and Barbara Underhill** are Canada's top figure-skating pair, ranked number three in the world. From Woodbridge and Oshawa, Ontario, the pair won the Junior World Championships at the respective ages of 18 and 15. Since then, they have become the reigning force in Canadian pairs skating.

The two have dazzled international judges with their fluid and precise performances at Skate America, the Ennie Challenge Cup, and the NHK Trophy in Japan where they defeated the 1981 world champions, Soviets Irina Vorobieva and Igor Lisovsky. They placed eleventh at the 1979 World Championships, ninth at the Lake Placid Olympic Winter Games



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