



SPORTS



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With all the talk about the Olympic games recently it started to bring back memories about the 1980 games in Lake Placid. Remember the Americans winning the gold medal in hockey? After they won that there was more flag waving and more hype than I have ever seen. Hell, they even made a movie about the whole affair. Remember, "Miracle on Ice"? Well, the whole thing stinks. There is something definitely fishy about the situation.

Now the Americans beat the Russians in the Olympics and then captured the gold medal with the win over the Finns. But I think the Russians fixed the whole thing to lose. Now before you start falling out of your chair laughing, lets just examine some facts.

The American Olympic team had been together for about six months and they walked into Lake Placid and beat the most awesome hockey machine in the world. Now 18 months later the Americans sent a team to the Canada Cup and the team consisted of virtually the same players. There were even some improvements with the likes of Tony Esposito and Rod Langway. Surely this team should have been able to do better than a fifth place finish. They were stomped on by the Russians 7-3. What happened to the players here?

Now lets look at what has happened to some of the players from that 80 Olympic squad.

Jimmy Craig. This guy was the hero of the games. A superb goalie who stoned the Russians with brilliant saves. Or did he? Any goalie can look good if the other team wants to fire shots that he can save. If Craig was so excellent then why didn't he do well in the NHL? When he went to Atlanta he was supposed to eat up the league. He lost his first game 6-2. When he was traded to Boston it was his dream come true. He should have been a starter. He was sent to the minors. This is the guy who is supposed to have beaten the Russians?

Another example. **Bill Baker.** He was drafted by the Montreal Canadiens. He spent time in Nova Scotia and was traded to Colorado and is now playing in the minors. In fact, only three players from that Olympic squad have made anything of a name for themselves in the NHL. These minor leaguers beat the Russians?

The Americans advanced to the medal round by beating three teams. They beat the West Germans who are a terrible team. They beat the Czechs in what many thought was an upset but the Czechs were trying to rebuild their hockey program and were in fact a very weak club. They beat Japan. Everybody beats Japan. But they were now in the medal round.

In their first game they squeaked out a 3-2 win over the Swedes. It is interesting to note in comparison that the Russians beat the Swedes 7-3. They beat the Finns 4-2. This can be attributed to the fact that the gold medal was on the line and the adrenalin was certainly flowing. The Russians beat the Finns 6-1. Sandwiched between these two games was the game against the Russians. The Americans of course won 4-3. Yet, two weeks previous, the Russians defeated the same team 9-2 in an exhibition game in Madison Square Garden. Could two weeks make that much difference? I don't think so.

But in any case, the Russians lost. Now everyone knows that the Russians are very poor losers. They don't like losing at hockey especially. Remember when in 1972 they lost that eight game challenge series to the Canadians? What did the Russians do? They got rid of the coach very quickly. They did the same thing in 1976 when they came third in the Canada Cup. The coach went. Whenever the Russians have lost badly or otherwise they get rid of the coach.

Now they have just the Olympics. These games come only once every four years. Forget the world championships, if you don't do well at the Olympics then its a disgrace. The Russians were humiliated. Past behavior would indicate that the Russian coach would be on the way out. But they didn't get rid of him. He still coaches today. Why did they keep him on? Why didn't he go out like the rest? In fact, he was given new resources and two months later the Russians walked away with the world championships. Then 18 months later they come to Canada and win the Canada Cup with a superb display of hockey skills. These guys were beaten by the Americans? There is something wrong. But one thing does remain unclear. Motive. Why would the Russians throw the gold medal to the Americans?

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Ski race run, sports wind down

by Garnet DuGray

At long last, the men's intramural cross-country ski results are in. The much-delayed race was finally run in February over both a 5 km. and a 2.5 km. course around Kinsmen fields. Top three finishers in the long course were: Greg Verhappen (St. Joe's) in 11:37, Jean Denis Fournier (Science) in 11:41 and third was Martin Dawson (Independent) with a time of 12:20. Short course winners in the ski race were: Jain Stewart (Wrecking Crew) with a winning time of 6:45 while Bob Kent (Law) finished in a time of 7:37 with Mike Evans (Kappa Sigma) in third with a time of 10:54. Top units in the race found St. Joe's on top with 52 points while Science placed second with 35 points and third was Law with 26 total points.

Indoor soccer continues this week and next with a half-a-dozen

teams still vying for the title. The tourney wraps up in the fieldhouse on Tuesday, March 16. Come out and support your unit. The men's volleyball regular schedule wraps up in the main gym next Tuesday, March 16 with the finals on Thursday, March 18 also in the main gym.

Men's ice hockey wraps up this week in the ice arena with the playoffs for Division II going next week to determine the champion. Also the table tennis tourney goes in the Education gym on Tuesday and Thursday, March 23 and 25. Be sure to check the intramural board for your playing times.

In women's action, the 5-on-5 basketball and triples volleyball wind up in the main gym next week. As well, the women's racquetball tourney goes this Saturday, March 13 at the East courts in the P.E. building from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The final in-

tramural event for the women's side of the coin is the Spring Fun Run, now scheduled for Saturday, March 27 and not the 20th. Registration starts at 12 noon on the 27th (\$1.00 per entrant) outside the main entrance of the P.E. with the run to begin at 1 p.m. There will be both a 2.5 and a 5 km. course for all entrants to choose from and their will also be prizes for the best times in both courses. Remember this is the last chance for the girls to pick up participation points for the year.

The women's office is now taking applications for next year's Administrative assistants in the women's program. Applications can be picked up at the women's office, the women's locker room bulletin board or the Athletic Services office and should be turned into the women's office.

Tom Kinahan ran a very successful racquetball instruction clinic last Saturday for all levels of players. Also, the fitness classes offered by the non-credit instructional program wrap up next week. There was both great participation and enthusiasm this term in all classes.

Upcoming in the non-credit instructional area in the near future, is a weight training clinic for both men and women as well as women only. Both clinics require a \$5 dollar entry fee, and will cover instruction on both the universal and free weights. Sign up for either clinic at the women's office now, with the co-ed clinic to be run on Tuesday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. and the women's clinic is to be held the following night, Wednesday, March 24, also at 7:30 p.m.

Last but certainly not least, the co-rec people are holding a co-rec squash tourney on Saturday, March 20 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the East courts of the P.E. building. Entry deadline is set for one p.m. in the co-rec volleyball league will wind down next....

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Sports Quiz

It was very tough this week to figure out some sort of topic to write on but after racking my brain and asking alot of people to bail me out, I decided that this weeks quiz would be on, now get this everybody, the quiz is on Great Trades in Sports History. (Not that historic though).

1. Back in the early 70's the Montreal Expos traded away Tim Foley and got back virtually nothing in return. Now I don't care about who they got, that would be far to easy for you, what I want to know is, who made the trade and what happened to that person after?
2. When the Montreal Canadiens traded Ralph Backstrom in '71 every person in Montreal was shocked and horrified, but they got a draft pick for Ralph, who did they draft?
3. A big blunder just made this year, who did Colorado get for their first round pick in the upcoming draft?
4. What player is the team involved in the above trade expected to draft?
5. What team was Pierre Larocche traded to this year?
6. Can you name the team that Tony Esposito was traded from to get to Chicago?
7. Back to baseball, after Thurmon Munson died, the Yankees needed a catcher very fast, who did they get and what team did they get him from?
8. Of the team involved in the above trade, who did they get for the catcher and what did they do with him when he got to his new home?

That is all for today folks, sorry there was only two sports but I hate basketball on the pro level and I couldn't think of any other sports. Give yourself a point for every aspect of the questions you answered and the answers will be on this page.

ANSWERS TO SPORTS QUIZ.
 1. None other than the present manager Jim Fanning, needless to say, he was fired.
 2. The Canadiens drafted Cerone from the Toronto Blue Jays.
 3. Dwight Foster of course.
 4. The Boston Bruins are Chambliss and they immediately expected to draft Brian Bellows providing that the Rockies finish relief pitcher Joey McLaughlin.
 5. The Hartford Whalers.
 6. The Montreal Canadiens.
 7. The Yankees got Rick Guy Lefleur.
 8. The Jays got Chris

Athlete of the Week

Ian Newhouse
Golden Bear Track & Field

This week's Boston Pizza Athlete of the Week is Ian Newhouse of the Golden Bears Track & Field Team. Ian, a graduate student in the Faculty of Physical Education, is in his fourth year of competition with the Bears. He is a world record holder in the 300 meter hurdles and currently holds the Canadian native indoor record in both the 300 and 600 meter events.

At the Canada West Track & Field Championships held in Edmonton last weekend, Ian won gold medals in both the 300 and 600 meter runs with times of 34.48 seconds and 1:17.90, respectively. As well as these two victories he anchored the Alberta 4 x 400 meter and 4 x 800 meter relay teams to bronze medal finishes. He was named the meets' outstanding male athlete as well as his double victories being named the outstanding performance of the meet.

Ian, along with 16 other Alberta track & field athletes, is now off to Quebec City to compete in this years C.I.A.U. Championships and to defend his 300 meter and 600 meter national titles.

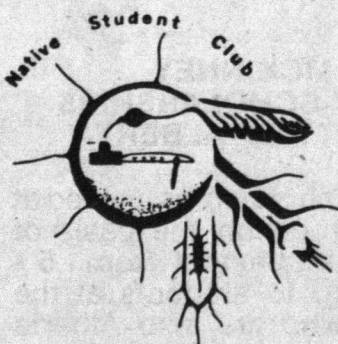
For his outstanding achievements Boston Pizza is please to name Ian Newhouse as the University of Albertas' Athlete of the Week.

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There is not very much happening this week at all. In fact, there are no intercollegiate teams playing at home this weekend at all. But the U of A is not finished in the intercollegiate game.

The track and field teams are heading off to Laval University today to take part in the C.I.A.U. championships over the weekend.

The teams will have strong competition from Toronto and Western so they will have to perform well.

The Bears and Pandas will be sending 18 men and women in all, that's 10 women and eight men: Bev Bush, Donna Dixon, Janice Cherry, Jane Felling, Sharon Fryette, Sandi Ketterer, Valerie Krook, Laurie Thomas, Carol Ostry, Lynn Herring, Iraklis Kollias, David Lee Pong, Ian Newhouse, Adrian Shorter, Jeff Suggett, Riayah Carmy-Jones, Brent Kassian, and Chris Peocke.