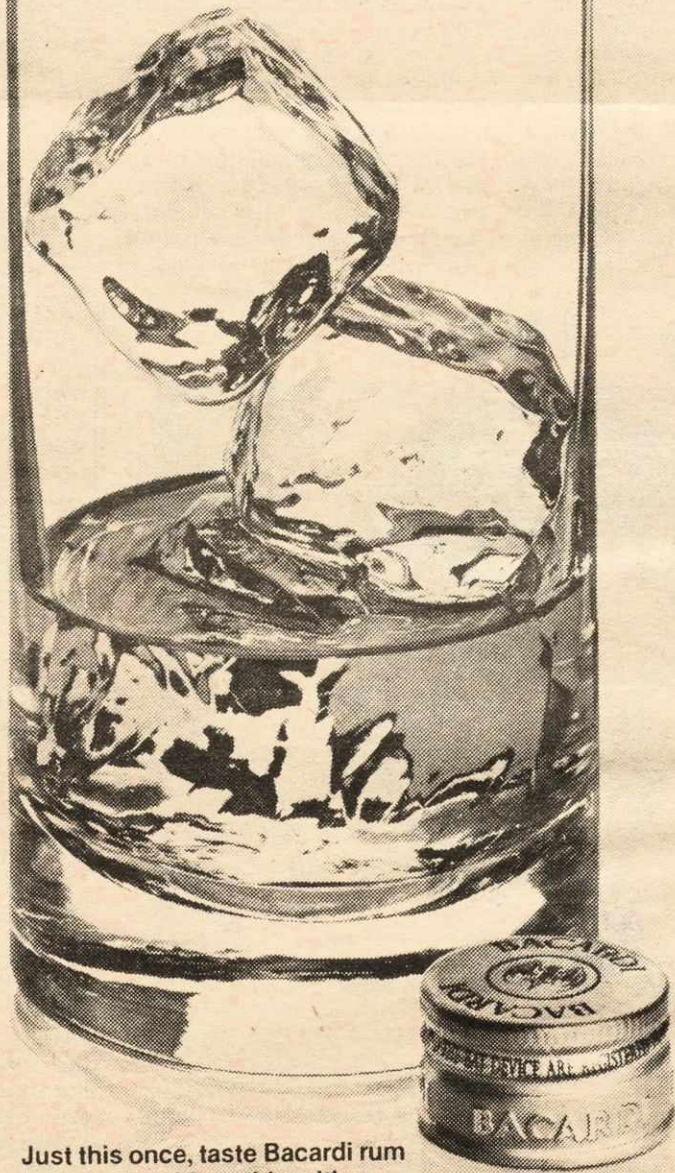




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## Verbal Diarrhea

by Greg Dennis

The 13th Winter Olympics are over and considering international developments, they may be the last of any Olympic Games to be played. The proposed boycott of the 1980 Summer Games in Moscow by the United States and their allies will mean an end to the current format wherein the best athletes from around the globe compete against one another, brushing aside any racial or political differences. Games held without some of the world's finest competitors would not be the Olympics. So perhaps this is an opportune time to reflect on the two weeks that just passed and begin savouring the Lake Placid Olympics like a Beatle-maniac savours the Let It Be album.

For most Canadians, the Games might be labeled a disappointment. Expecting at least five medals, we had to settle for only a silver from speed skater **Gaetan Boucher** and a bronze from **Steve Podborski** in the downhill. The sixth place finish by the hockey team and Ken Read's wipe-out after only 15 seconds of the downhill were disheartening results for Canada although no one will question their integrities.

The Games had exciting moments. The East German team won, capturing 23 medals to upset the favoured Soviets. The Russian athletes, despite their government's interventions in Afghanistan, were received warmly by the American spectators. In fact, one of the best ovations for a non-American competitor was reserved for the Soviet queen of figure skating, **Irina Rodnina**, who won her third gold medal.

How about the rags-to-riches story of Austria's **Leonard Stock**? Sent to Lake Placid as a spare, the young downhill bumped one of the vets off the squad after turning in excellent training times. And of course when the downhill, the glamour event of the Winter Olympics, was held, it was Stock who grabbed the gold. The Sultan of Slalom, **Ingemar Stenmark**, captured two gold medals for Sweden and the Wenzel siblings, **Hanni and Andreas**, accounted for Liechtenstein's four medals in other Alpine skiing action.

The most amazing result in the Games was the win in the 15 meter cross-country ski race won by Sweden's **Tom Wassberg** in an incredible 1/100 of a second. The most amazing performance in the

Games was the U.S.'s **Eric Heiden's** unprecedented five golds in speed skating. He won all five races using one as a warmup to the next getting stronger with each. His fifth gold was won in world record time, the only world mark to topple during the Games.

The only other gold picked up by the States was by their Cinderella hockey team. A carbon copy of Canada's team, many northern hearts flew south to support their neighbours after our team had been eliminated from the medal round. Their emotional win over the Russians and dramatic victory over the Finns to win the gold thrilled hockey fans all over North America and though I'm not a Yank, one couldn't help being swept up in the patriotism.

So where does a sixth place finish leave Canada's national team? Was it worth the estimated \$750,000 to ice a team for the first time since 1968? Although hopes were high for the conglomeration of collegiates, inexperience had just as much to do with their finish as did that infamous 100 foot goal. A key to continued development of the Olympic hockey program will be the proposed formation of a national university league containing 12-16 of the best hockey teams in Canada. According to **John McConachie**, one of two coordinators of the CIAU, a committee studying the matter has agreed to the principle of a tiering system and if a few snags are cleared, the league could be formed by 1981. The major stumbling blocks involve the agreement of university administrations, who would have to put out a few more bucks to support the program, and the schools not in the top tier who if they could not support a competitive team would have to play in a weaker and less recognized league. There would be movement between the two tiers, the best of the regionals replacing the worst of the nationals.

"I think it will help the Olympic program," said McConachie. "More potential hockey players will be opting for university and the calibre of university hockey will improve. It will encourage fellows to stay home rather than head south to play there."

With one Olympic Games under their belts and the growing calibre of amateur hockey, Canada's prospects for a medal in the 1984 Games in Yugoslavia (hopefully there will be a 1984 Games) look good.

