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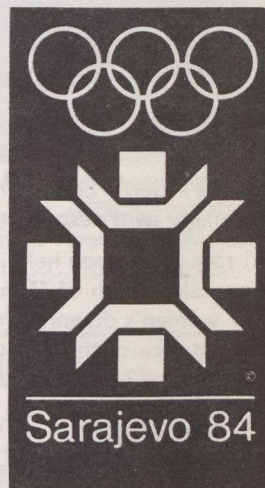
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## Salute to excellence: Canada's Olympic hopefuls head for Sarajevo

No sporting event, amateur or professional, captures the interest and imagination of the world like the Olympic Games. This year, from February 7-19, a team of talented and dedicated athletes from Canada will travel to Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, to match muscles and wits with the world's finest athletes at the fourteenth Olympic Winter Games.

The Canadian Olympic Association has announced that athletes have been named in alpine skiing, cross-country skiing, ski jumping, figure skating, speed skating, hockey, bobsled and luge. No Canadians will compete in the biathlon or nordic combined events.

Limited space permits a glimpse of only a few of the some 90 athletes who will represent Canada at Sarajevo.



### Men's alpine skiing

• *Todd Brooker* is said to have the "Kamikaze spirit", that reckless abandon which typified Canada's downhill team of "crazy Canucks" a few years ago.

A 24-year-old from Paris, Ontario, Brooker has been a dominant force in Canadian ski racing since the mid-70s, but he is best remembered for his victories at Kitzbühel, Austria and Aspen, Colorado in last season's World Cup competition. Now, as the idol of both Canadian and European fans, he heads into the Olympic year ranked number one in men's downhill skiing on International Ski Federation (FIS) points.

• *Steve Podborski* who began skiing at the age of two-and-a-half, propped up between his mother's skis on a Don Mills, Ontario golf course, has become the most victorious of Canadian male skiers ever with seven World Cup championships and a bronze medal at the last Olympic Games in Lake Placid, New York. Two of those World Cup victories have been won at Kitzbühel, Austria, which is considered by many international racers to be the toughest course in the world.

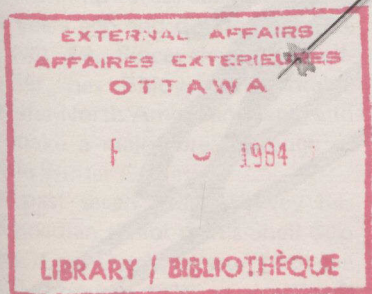
### Women's alpine skiing

• *Laurie Graham* of Inglewood, Ontario was among those in the starting gate for the Husky World Cup women's downhill



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Downhill racer, *Steve Podborski*, is the most victorious of Canadian male skiers.



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