

Bears/ Pandas in the 1980's

1979-1980: Hockey Bears win national championship. Soccer Bears win national championship.
1980-1981: Football Bears win national championship. Volleyball Bears win national championship.
1984-1985: Women's Gymnastics team wins national championship. Women's Track & Field team wins national championship.
1985-1986: Hockey Bears win national championship.
1987-1988: Women's Gymnastics team win national championship.
1988-1989: Women's Gymnastics team wins national championship.

Biggest Sports Stories of the 1980s

by Jay O'Neill

1. The Rise and Fall of Ben Johnson
 For a period of 72 hours, every Canadian was proud. Then when the news hit of the failed drug test, all Canadians were embarrassed. Ben Johnson not only cheated himself, but an entire country.

2. The Wayne Gretzky Trade
 August 9, 1988 will live in infamy for the city of Edmonton. Edmontonians will never forgive Peter Pocklington for trading this city's hero. It was like when John F. Kennedy was assassinated or when Elvis died. Everybody remembers what they were doing when they heard the news of The Trade.

3. Pete Rose Gambling Fiasco
 The gambling charges that Pete Rose faced hurt not only himself, but also the game of baseball. Every day it was in the news and "Charlie Hustle" continued to deny it. Rose finally received a lifetime banishment from Major League Commis-

sioner Bart Giamatti. Only now has Rose admitted to having a gambling problem. Baseball did pull through this scandal but it emerged with a loss. Giamatti died a week after announcing Rose's banishment.

4. 1988 Calgary Olympics
 No one was quite sure if Calgary could pull it off, but they did. They had problems (a ticket scandal,

warm weather), but the City of Calgary put on a great show. No one will forget Elizabeth Manley's silver medal in figure skating, Karen Percy's skiing medals or Eddie "The Eagle" Edwards. The Calgary Olympics didn't disappoint anyone.

5. Drugs in Sport
 As the decade ends, this will probably be the story of 1990s. During

the '80's there were more stories about athletes using drugs than any other topic. Athletes are using steroids, cocaine, and alcohol more and more. It's not just the average players getting caught but also the superstars (i.e. Dexter Manley, Ben Johnson). Drugs are more prevalent in sports than we want to believe. Hopefully, leagues at all levels will crack down.

Football in the '80's

Best NFL Teams of the 1980's

by Jay O'Neill

- Top Five AFC Teams (winning percentage)**
1. Miami .632
 2. Denver .603
 3. Oakland/Los Angeles .596
 4. Cleveland .544
 5. New England and Cincinnati .537

Top Five NFC Teams (winning percentage)

1. San Francisco .662
2. Washington .640
3. Chicago .632
4. Dallas .574
5. Los Angeles .551

Best NHL Teams of the 1980s

1. Edmonton .581

2. Philadelphia .553
3. Montreal .539
4. New York Islanders .521
5. Calgary .504

Best CFL Teams of the 1980's

1. Edmonton .690
2. British Columbia .619
3. Winnipeg .613
4. Toronto .512
5. Hamilton .494

The World Series in Review

1980—Phil 4 KC 2 as Dan Quisenberry blows two saves.
 1981—LA 4 Yanks 2 NY blows 2-0 lead in games.

1982—StL 4 Milw 3 Bruce Sutter owned the Brew Crew.
 1983—Balt 4 Phil 1 Cal Ripken and Eddie Murray too much for geriatric Phils.
 1984—Det 4 SD 1 Detroit pound

the Pads 10-0.
 1985—KC 4 StL 3 Don Denkinger makes worst call in Series history in Game 6. Vince Coleman caught by tarp roller, John Tudor punches fan, Joaquin Andujar ejected from game 7 in wild Series.
 1986—NY 4 Bos 3 "He hits it down to Billy Buckner at first base. . . it goes between his legs. . . the Mets win it!"

1987—Minn 4 StL 3 The Cards lost all four games in the Twins' Big Room.
 1988—LA 4 Oak 1 Kirk Gibson did his Roy Hobbes imitation. In the book, Hobbes strikes out; too bad Gibson can't read.
 1989—Oak 4 SF 0 The BART Series became the "Quake Series. Maybe if they'd played during the quake, the Giants would have had a chance.

The Best Fights of 1980's

by Jay O'Neill

1. Marvin Hagler - Thomas Hearns
 For three rounds these fighters went toe-to-toe and threw bombs at each other. There was more action in this fight's three rounds than most 12 or 15 round fights.

2. Bobby Chacon - Cornelius Boza-Edwards
 Chacon came off the canvas and refused to let the ring doctor stop the fight because his eyes were almost swollen shut. Chacon took a beating but knocked out a cocky, arrogant Boza-Edwards.

3. Sugar Leonard - Roberto Duran I
 Their first fight in Montreal was great. Duran confused, bullied and showed no respect for Leonard as

he won Sugar Ray's welterweight title. Of course this set up the rematch which is the famous "No Mas, No Mas" fight.

4. Willie De Wit - Ken Lakusta
 Sentimental choice. These two put on a great show for the Canadian heavyweight championship here in Edmonton. Too bad it was the only shining moment for both fighters.

Thanks For the Memories

by Jay O'Neill

Athletes that retired during the 80's and left us with lasting memories:
Dr. J. (Julius Erving)
 Every basketball fan was glad to see

him finally get his championship ring. He changed the way basketball was played.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar
 Showed how important it was to a team to have a dominating "big man". Long live the sky hook.

Chris Evert
 Nobody brought more class and dignity to her sport than she did. She was a true champion in every sense.

Pete Rose
 "Charlie Hustle" played with more intensity and drive than any player in any sport. He deserves to be in the Hall of Fame.

Gordie Howe
 After 26 seasons playing professional hockey, he finally retired. If you open up a dictionary to the word hockey, his picture is right beside it. Gordie Howe IS Mr. Hockey.

Bazinet a "gutsy, gritty" performer

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 sees Bazinet as a "teacher" type of person, and feels that Bazinet helps the Pandas because she can "talk by playing." Hilko went on to say that, "she's a gutsy, gritty player who is always working at improving her game. I know that Celeste will be successful at both her life, and her profession," because of her attitude towards improving.

Cook also feels that Bazinet will be able to go far because "she's one of those people who gets along

with everybody she meets and is really easy to talk to." She is sorry that Bazinet will not be with the team as a player next year and summed it up by saying, "We love her, it's going to be different without her."

Almost everyone with the 1989-90 addition of the Pandas are sure that in ten years when they remember Bazinet, it will be for her off-court antics. The one situation that sticks out is everyone's mind is when teammate Kelley Anderson

threw cold water on Bazinet when she was in the shower. Bazinet chased after Anderson, and dragged her back into the shower even though Anderson was fully clothed.

On the court Bazinet raises the Pandas' game to a higher level, and off the court she helps to put things in the proper perspective. That's what a fifth year player and co-captain is supposed to do.

Mitch Panciuk is the color man for FM-88 broadcasts of Panda basketball.

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