



Rockin' with Kelly Jay

Kelly Jay Fordham is one big mother. Close to six and a half feet tall, husky and dressed in a bush jacket, dark glasses and an English cap, he's a pretty awesome sight.

He could be anything from a philosopher to a lumberjack, but first impressions are quickly forgotten when you discover the firendly outgoing guy who is a driving force behind the Canadian rock and boogie group Crowbar.

The removal of the shades reveals a pair of honest probing eyes, and an expression that says "Hey man, I'm just like you, don't treat me like any hotshot celebrity."

I talked to Kelly Jay about the group and their music over a beer in RATT. I asked him about the constant rumours that the group is breaking up, and that they're

just not as popular as they used to be. The ice was shattered rather quickly. We knew where we stood. Kelly Jay says rumours are just rumours and that there is very little truth to them.

Crowbar was on a recent tour of Britain, playing 22 gigs and receiving great write ups in *Melody Maker*, the *Rolling Stone* of the British music scene.

They've just released a new album, entitled *KE32746*. Kelly Jay explains "Man, we didn't want to think up any fancy title, so we just took the serial number off our album and used that as the title."

Right now, they're working on a Canadian tour, and that means a real Canadian tour. Instead of working just the major cities, they plan to work the smaller

centres as well. On their Alberta tour, they'll be based in Edmonton and head out to places like Grande Prairie. They'll play high schools, colleges, even private parties.

I asked Kelly what made Crowbar go. If you've never been to one of their concerts, it starts out with Kelly in a Captain Canada T-shirt and usually ends up with the entire audience on their feet, singing

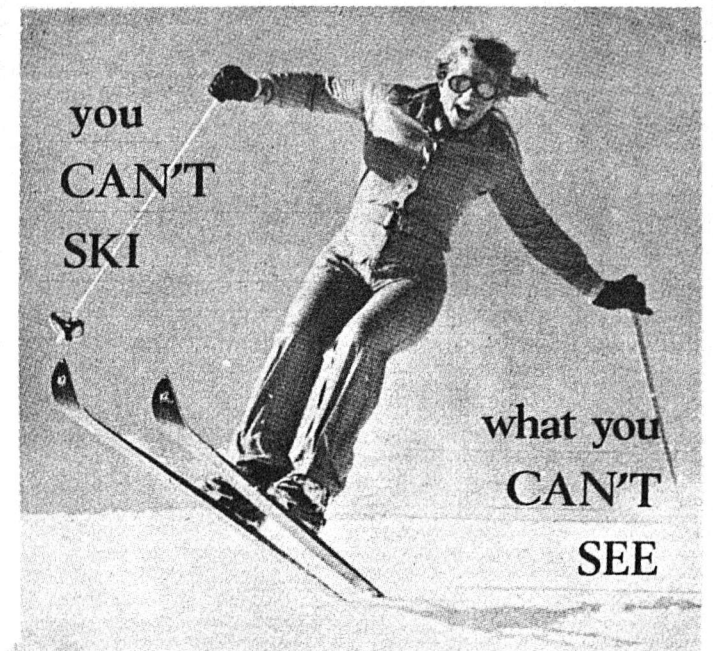
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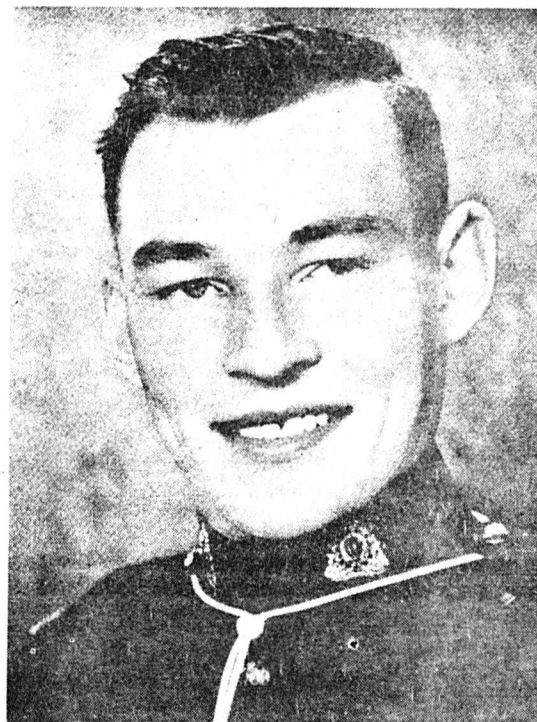


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