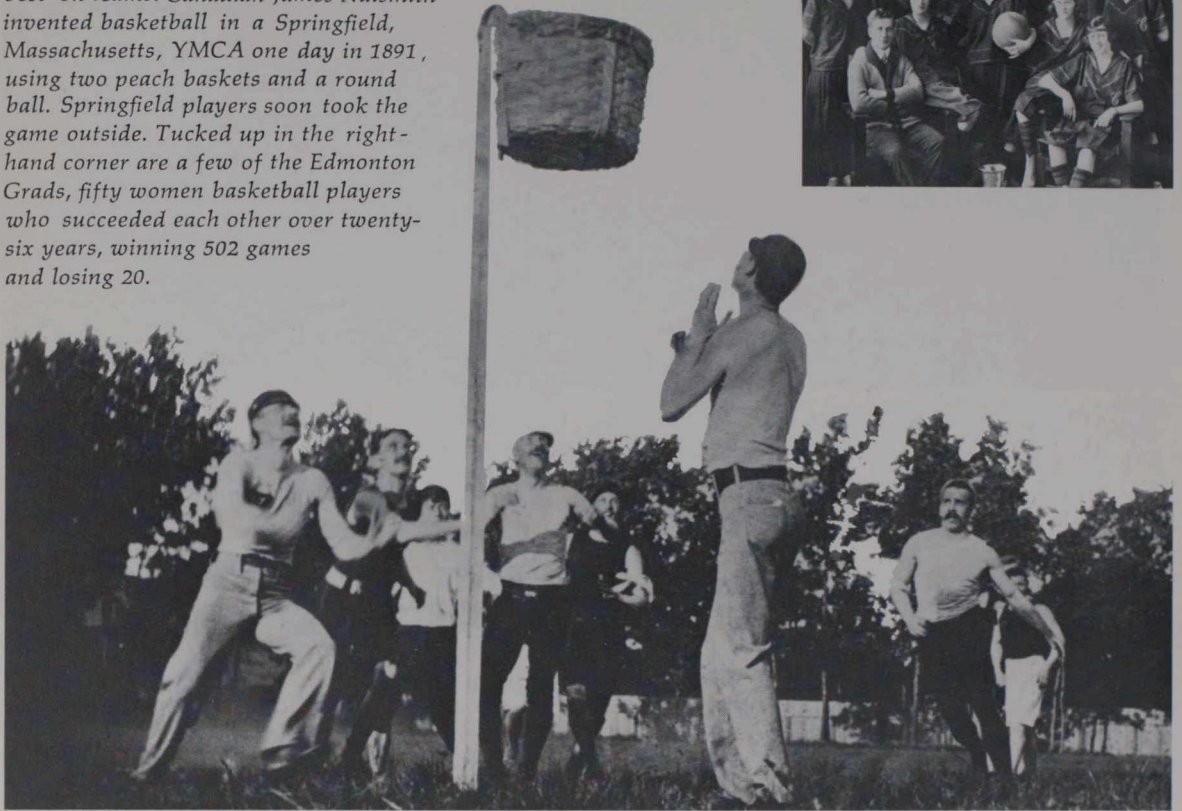


The cold winds of winter taught Canadians the value of cooperation, and they seem to play best on teams. Canadian James Naismith invented basketball in a Springfield, Massachusetts, YMCA one day in 1891, using two peach baskets and a round ball. Springfield players soon took the game outside. Tucked up in the right-hand corner are a few of the Edmonton Grads, fifty women basketball players who succeeded each other over twenty-six years, winning 502 games and losing 20.



Baseball, which was not invented by a Canadian, is however a major Canadian hit. Toronto Blue Jay Doug Ault is the slugger on the left; Gary Carter of the Montreal Expos blocks the plate on the right. The distance to the wall is measured in metres.

Lacrosse, which was invented by Indians long ago, became Canada's official sport in 1975. The players on the right demonstrated the sport at the Commonwealth Games in August. Last July, Team Canada won the World Cup Championship in Stockport, England, by defeating the US team in overtime by a score of 17-16. (Earlier, during the playoffs, the US team had defeated Canada, 28-4.)

