

It's All Coming Together in Calgary

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The XV Olympic Winter Games, to be held in Calgary, Alberta, February 13 to 28, 1988, will be the most important winter sports competition ever held in Canada and one of the most exciting international sports spectacles ever staged. During this event, the world will once again share in Canada's special Olympic spirit.

This spirit was kindled in September 1981 when the International Olympic Committee endorsed Calgary's fourth bid to host a Winter Olympics.

Determination to succeed marked Calgary's attempts to host the first Winter Games ever to be held in Canada. It also took imagination and teamwork. Calgary not only demonstrated an assured ability to organize, finance, manage and accommodate the Games, but also showed how it would manage Olympic facilities for future generations of Canadians.

Calgary has already proven its abilities to the extent that most of the facilities constructed have been tested and declared "first-class." During the winter of 1986-87, Canada staged Preview '88 — a series of pre-Olympic events that took place at the XV Olympic Winter Games sport venues. First-rate athletes invited to test the facilities declared them to be among the finest in the world. Sweden's Torgny Mogren, ranked third in the world in the 50-km free technique cross-country skiing category, called the Canmore Nordic facilities "the toughest I've ever competed on."

Made-to-Measure Facilities

Canada Olympic Park is the site of spectacular 70-m and 90-m ski jumps and Canada's first bobsleigh and luge track that is completely refrigerated, thanks to innovative Canadian technology. This venue has a ski hill

in the centre of the park that will be the site for demonstration events in freestyle skiing (aerials and ballet) and an exhibition of disabled skiing. As well as providing athletes with a world-class training facility, Canada Olympic Park offers the public a variety of recreational activities.

The XV Olympic Winter Games will give athletes of the world an opportunity to strive for excellence in an atmosphere of international friendship and good will.

In the Olympic Oval, for the first time in the Olympics, speed skating will be held in a fully enclosed facility. The length of two football fields, the oval will be used after the Games for figure skating, hockey,

The speed-skating oval houses two international-size rinks and seats 4 000.

