



The XI Commonwealth Games began in Edmonton, Alberta, August 3 and ended August 12. The first Commonwealth Games were held in 1930 in Hamilton, Ontario. They were intended to focus on the performance of individuals and "be merrier and less stern" than other international games.

This year the host was asked to pick a tenth sport, and Canada added gymnastics to the traditional nine—athletics (track and field), badminton, boxing, cycling, lawn bowling, shooting, swimming and diving, weightlifting and wrestling. An eleventh sport, lacrosse, was demonstrated by the natives. Athletes from forty-seven countries provided some spectacular finishes, many records and two folk heroes.



Canadian Graham Smith became the first athlete ever to win six gold medals at a single Commonwealth meet. Mr. Smith, of Edmonton, overtook England's Duncan Goodhew in the final 20 metres of the 100-metre breast stroke to set a Games record of 1:03.81 and gain his fourth gold. He also won

the 200-metre breast stroke, the 200 and 400 individual medleys and, as a team member, the 400 freestyle and 400 medley relays.

The second man of the Games was Precious P. McKenzie, who received his fourth weight-lifting gold medal, having won previous ones in 1966, 1970 and 1974. McKenzie is forty-two years old and just under five feet tall. He was born in South Africa of Scottish and African descent and moved to England twenty-one years ago because apartheid laws barred him from international competition. After the 1974 Games, he adopted a third country, New Zealand. Along the way he was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire. He lifts sometimes as a 52-kilogram (115-pound) featherweight and sometimes as a 56-kilogram (123-pound) bantam. In Edmonton this summer, in his own opinion, he peaked. "This is simply the greatest achievement of my life. The only thing comparable is being back in Buckingham Palace receiving my investiture as a MBE. I will retire now to a new endeavour. Lawn bowling. I think I'm a natural at it."

*Graham Smith, left, our cover man, won six gold medals. Below left, he dives into a 400-metre relay. Diane Jones Konihowski, right, won four of the pentathlon events for her gold.*

