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1984: The year in review

What a year eh! 1984 was a tremendous success for Canada in sports. If we were ever looked at as a pushover in international competition before, there is little chance we'll be looked at as such again. With our ten gold medals in last summer's Olympics, our dominance in continental hockey and our success on the track, we have rightly earned the respect of the world.

This proved to be a banner year for women as well. Linda Thom led the way with her unexpected gold medal at the L.A. Olympics with her perfect performance in pistol shooting. Anne Ottenbrite was nothing short of awesome as she swam her way to a gold, silver and bronze with her unparalleled brilliance in the Backstroke. Not to be outdone, Sylvie Bernier fought off fierce competition to collect her gold medal in the 3 metre dive. Nobody in Canadian horse racing did a better job than Janet Bedford, who guided "Let's Go Blue" through a splendid cross country campaign, including runner-up honours at the

Queensplate. Although a disappointing showing at Sarajevo, Barbara Underhill and Paul Martini fought back to capture the world's pairs championship in Ottawa last March. Women's curling in Canada proved supreme as our girls cleaned up in Scotland to bring home the world's curling crown.

Lorie Lung shocked the skeptical media with her unbelievable performance in rhythmic gymnastics, good enough to claim the gold. And finally a special mentioning for Abigail Hoffman. Before you start scratching your heads, Abigail Hoffman is the director of all sports in Canada, which without her help, none of the above mentioned could have been accomplished.

Alex Baumann, Victor Davice, Shawn O'Sullivan, Willie de Wit, Dale Walters, Gaetan Boucher, John Tonelli, Wayne Gretzky and Larry Cain were among a few of the boys who gave Canadians a cause to stand proud. I still get a lump in my throat everytime I see a replay of Canada's over-

time goal against the Soviets in the Canada Cup.

Having said all that, I think I'll take time to mention some personal interests.

Although the Chinese declared 1984 as the year of the rat, it would more accurately be labelled the year of the seagull. For example 1984 was the first year anyone had ever been charged with assault with a deadly weapon against a seagull. This person being Yankee's outfielder Dave Winfield; the deadly weapon...a baseball. Baseball wasn't the only sport that fell victim to seagulls; horse racing proved to be at the mercy of our beloved bird as well. "Mels Grey" finished second at the Aqueduct in a race he was sure to win, as he collided with our flying friend in the stretch.

PREDICTIONS FOR '85

1. Washington Capitals will win Stanley Cup.
2. Toronto Maple Leafs will win two games in a row (call me crazy).
3. Blue Jays, Jesse Barfield will hit 30 home runs.
4. Dave Stieb will win 20 games.
5. Blue Jays will win division and face Oakland for pennant.
6. Mets will win World Series.
7. Miami will win Super Bowl and Terry will pay me the twenty bucks he lost thinking the Seahawks would beat the Dolphins.

BIZARRE HAPPENINGS

1. A Kenya soccer team was penalized for using bird feathers to put a curse on the opposition goalie.
2. Horse trainer John Lenzine was fined by Meadowlands for entering a deceased horse in a race. He meant to name "Full Crew" but absentmindedly listed the late "Full Deck" instead.
3. Joe Theismann quit talking to reporters.
4. Argos lost to Hamilton Pussycats.
5. John McEnroe insisted that the electronic eye, at the Canadian Open, was against him.
6. Dennis Lamp NOT being killed by Dave Steib and associates.

Crabbe to Kings Landing
110 km.

Maritime Ski Tour

The 9th running of the Maritime Marathon Ski Tour is planned for February 2 and 3, 1985.

The Maritime Ski Tour is a cross country ski event emphasizing fun and fitness. The first day of the event is from Woodstock to Millville while the second day's course runs from Crabbe Mountain to Kings Landing, bringing the entire course measurement to 110 km. (68 miles)

For the second year, the Maritime Marathon will be a major fund raising event for the international development organization, CUSO. Each skier is encouraged to "ski for CUSO" by collecting pledges from friends and colleagues. This year's contributions will be used to assist with the training of agricultural extension workers to work with farmers involved in the production of seed potatoes in Nicaragua, go to purchase New Brunswick seed potatoes, public health supplies and other goods for

CUSO's development program in Nicaragua. All pledges over \$5.00 will be eligible for tax receipts and pledges will be matched on a 3 to 1 basis by the Canadian government.

The Maritime Marathon Ski Tour emphasizes participation. Skiers can ski just a few legs or the entire course. Trophies are awarded to teams, families and individuals to encourage both the recreational and competitive aspects of the sports.

Gold, Silver and Bronze individual achievement awards are presented to skiers based on age and distance skied and trophies are awarded to the Fastest Finisher, Oldest Finisher, Youngest Finisher, Youngest Skier and Oldest Skier for both men and women. There are also several team categories which include trophies for the best university team - made up of 4 university students from the same university, and the UNB team - 4 UNB members comprising

students, staff, faculty or their spouses. The University Team winners in 1984 were from the Nova Scotia Agricultural College while the UNB winning team was Ken Amos, Scott Gibson, Roy McBride and Andre Boissonault.

As well as providing the skier with a network of forested and open country trails offering skiers some picture perfect New Brunswick winter scenery, the Marathon Committee makes every effort to make the experience safe and enjoyable with a series of feeding stations and shuttle bus service between the nine checkpoints. Transportation to and from the event each day is also available - leaving each morning from the university.

Registration forms can be picked up at the CUSO office, Alumni Memorial Building on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays; at the Trail Shoppe or Marty's Sports or by writing to P.O. Box 261, Station A, Fredericton, N.B.

Travel to Wolfville over weekend

Raiders drop 2

The Red Raiders once again find it a hard battle to move up the standings in the men's AUSA basketball league. Last Friday and Saturday the Raiders lost both games to a tough Dalhousie team.

The first game proved to be a disappointment to the Raiders because the score was tied at halftime. The score at the end of the game was 73-53 in favor of Dalhousie. The Red Raiders received their main scoring punch from centre Dale MacIsaac who bucketed 16 points. Andy Hayward added nine points to the offensive attack. Mark Newell, Tom Gillespie and Dough Rutherford each contributed eight

points to the game.

The second game was a closer but different contest where Dalhousie kept their lead for most of the game. Despite a gallant effort UNB found themselves playing catch-up basketball for most of the game. The final score was in favor of Dalhousie. The Raiders were led by Andy Hayward who score 17 points. Tom Gillespie chipped in with 11 points followed by Dale MacIsaac with nine points.

This weekend, the Raiders will travel to Wolfville, N.S., for two games against a tough Acadia University team. Game times are 8:30 Friday night and 3:00 Saturday afternoon.