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Triathlon added to Sydney 2000

Bowlers take to the streets in violence

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The streets of Sydney erupted in violence yesterday after disgruntled members of the Professional Bowling Association (PBA) in training for the upcoming summer Olympics learned of the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) decision to reject their bid for Olympic status in favour of the World Triathlon Organisation's (WTO) application.

The announcement that bowling fans will have to wait at least another four years and perhaps as long as it takes for "Any St. Mary's University pro-

gram to be taken seriously by the academic community" was delivered at 12:00pm AST by IOC representative Tito Buenos-Dickie-Brown in front of the Olympic village. An avid pinsman himself, Buenos-Dickie-Brown made a heartfelt apology to PBA members.

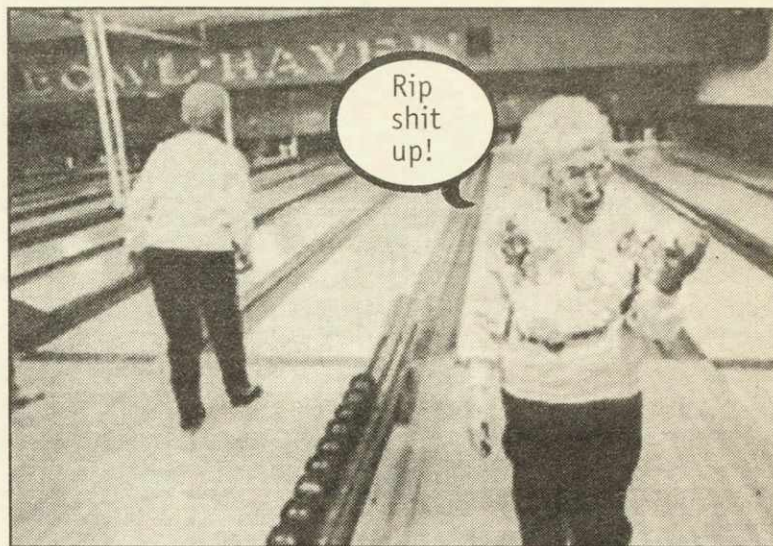
"Today marks the beginning of a sad chapter in Olympic history...when the precision of international-calibre bowling athletes is overlooked in favour of raw physical conditioning and mental stamina."

PBA Grand Puba Brucey 'Steeeerike' Konchalski took over the microphone, inciting fellow bowlers to "grab a few of those little triathlon pricks, beat

their asses, and rip shit up teamster-style..."

Konchalski's tirade sparked a flurry of insults directed at the IOC and WTO parties present. Flying bowling balls, pins, and Miller Genuine Draft cans from PBA members on hand were directed at WTO members in their vicinity as they chanted "Rip shit up! Rip shit up!"

"We're sick of this crap," said PBA member and Olympic hopeful 'Pins' O'Malley. "They screwed us out of a spot in the Pan-Am Games and the Goodwill Games. We're sick of bowling out to make way for the WTO...we won't take it any longer."

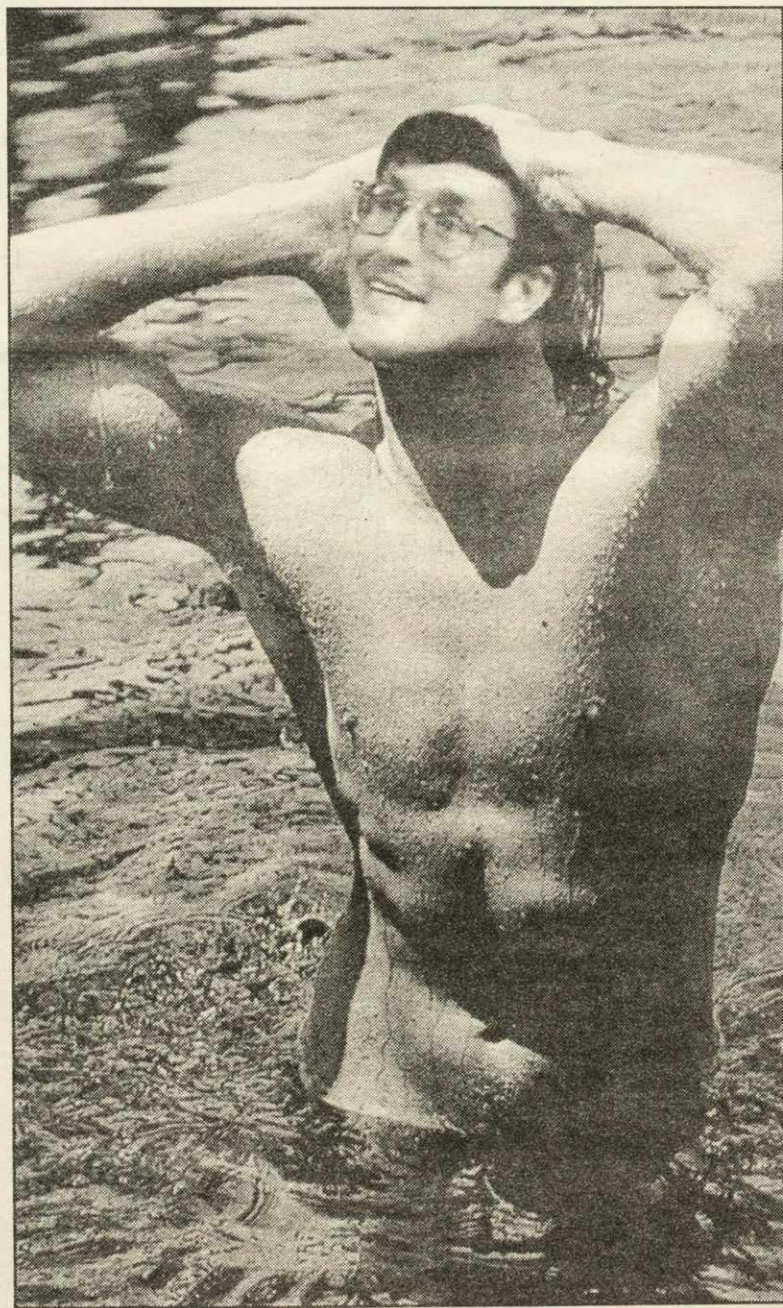


The bowlers, who outweigh WTO members by an average of 208 lbs, inflicted tremendous physical punishment on those triathletes caught in the throng. Latest reports indicate that the triathletes who managed to escape unscathed are still running.

Sydney city police, who used glazed doughnuts and reruns of Monday night football to

lure the riotous bowlers into paddy wagons, brought the situation under control.

Police spokesperson Mickey Walsh indicated that PBA members would probably not face jail time, but severe public bootings — an Australian disciplinary measure in which convicted criminals are kicked with a size 25 4E steel-toed boot — are very likely at this point.



A recent publicity shot for Sven Robison who has been buffing up for the competition.

Halifax set to host revamped Jackass Games

ing vehicle — will be contested by Liam Gallagher of Oasis, TSN's Darren Dutchyshen, Leonard Nemoy, and Belfour.

Despite protests from various women's rights group the popular smack-upside-the-head event will remain a part of the Jackass Games. Unlike last year's event where contestants were judged based solely on power, this year will see more emphasis placed on style and technique. Rings are now prohibited whereas the judges wouldn't volunteer if the competitors were allowed the use of foreign objects. When defending champ Snoop Dogg was asked to comment on his preparations for this year's event, he replied, "At ease...Or you gets none of these...Beeeyatch," smacked several reporters with his pimpin' hand, and replaced his hair pick forcefully as a demonstration of dexterity.

Halifax Mayor Walter Fitzpatrick has thrown his name into the event and is set to appear as a special guest in the master's category.

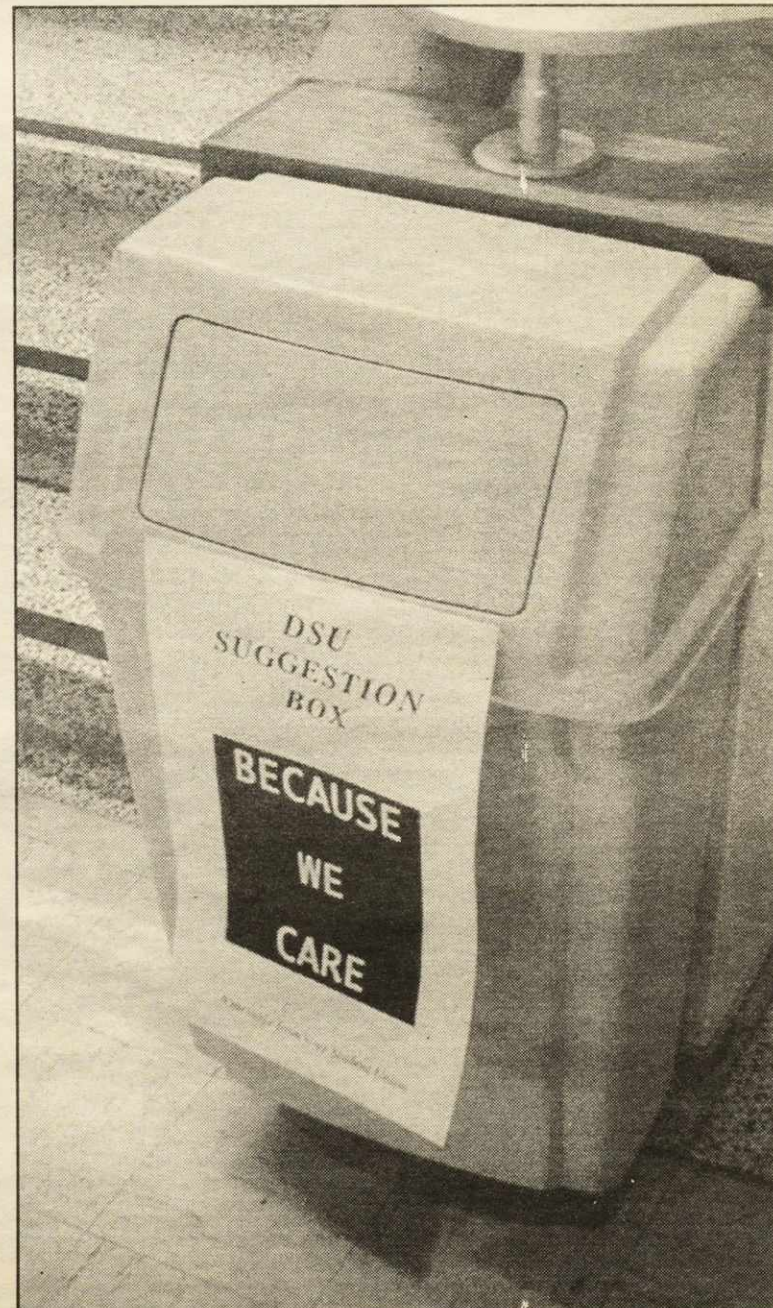
"I slapped people around in my day," explained Fitzpatrick. "I know what it takes to win. I'm one badass old-school mofo."

Not unfamiliar to most Halifax bar patrons is the drunken brawl event, in which all participants must drink at a rate of no less than five stiff drinks per hour and then duke it out with whomever they see. Points are awarded for total blows landed and received,

weapon originality, and survival.

NDP member Sven Robison is "psyched" and ready for "some serious fisti-

cuffs" which will be held at JJ Rossy's. Rumour has it that Robison has been in training for months for the event.



BY JACKIE BUCKETS

Final preparations are being made in Halifax as the city braces itself for the second annual and revamped Jackass Games. New events include media abuse and pedestrian punching.

Ed Belfour of the NHL's Dallas Stars is optimistic about his chances.

"You've seen me on TV," said Belfour. "I'm a shoe-in for security guard fighting and I think I can carry my experience over into the pedestrian punch event."

The recently approved pedestrian punch event — where participants compete to see who can inflict the most awe-inspiring sucker punch on an unsuspecting pedestrian from a mov-