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Pandas improve in newest Olympic sport

by Brent Jang
Women's field hockey was accepted as an Olympic sport at Moscow in 1980. Canada did not send a team there due to the boycott at the time, so they hope to make their debut at the 1984 Los Angeles Games more than a token visit. Obviously, quite a bit of grassroots instruction will be needed if Canada hopes to advance into the Olympic tournament. Thus, coaches like the Pandas' Dru Marshall will be instrumental in improving the level of play at the novice level.

"It's a highly skilled game," said second year coach Marshall. The Pandas host the University of Calgary on Saturday at Lister Hall Field and Marshall says both teams are young. "U of C's rebuilding program is in a little better shape than ours," said Marshall. It promises to be a close game, though, as the Pandas will be counting on teamwork to penetrate Calgary's defense.

For those unfamiliar with the game, the only time a team can score is if they are within a 16 yard boundary of the net. The stick is curved and you can only hit the ball, made of rubber or leather surrounding cork, with the front of the stick. The net itself is bigger than a hockey net, being four yards wide and seven feet high. Field hockey is similar to soccer with eleven players per side and the field being 60 yards by 100 yards.

"In some instances, the ball travels one hundred miles per hour," said Marshall, who played for the Pandas a couple of years ago. She says teamwork will be the key this year as most players are still developing skills that are needed to make the Pandas a contender at the university level. Marshall stresses that as a result, the women's field hockey program is in the development stage as well. "You have to set realistic goals," she said.

Little equipment is needed to play field hockey, so if you played some soccer and hockey before, perhaps this is the game for you.

Field hockey, like most sports, is subject to many rules that take time to learn. For example, there's the infamous

"obstruction call" that varies from referee to referee. Basically, the rule says you can't impede a player from moving towards the ball, or stand in the way of a player who doesn't have the ball. Well, you get the basic idea.

Such regulations are just one

of the things the Pandas have to contend with this season. According to coach Marshall, they'll be going with a 5-3-2 line-up. If the Pandas and the U of C Dinnies turn out to be fairly evenly matched, most of the play will be in the midfield. However, should

the Dinnies turn out to be stronger than expected, the Pandas' goaltender will be in for a busy game.

The two teams will play twice on Saturday, with the first game at 10 a.m. and the second one at 1:50 p.m.



Photo Martin Beales

Pandas' field hockey starts this Saturday.

Sports Quiz expos

So you're a real die-hard Montreal Expos fan? Well, they're the subject at hand this week as the Sports Quiz makes its debut.

1. What team did the Expos play in their first ever major league game and what was the final score? (An easy one in case you missed the first one.)
2. What year did the Expos enter the majors? (An easy one in case you missed the first one.)
3. What pitcher had two no-hitters for the Expos?
4. Montreal had the NL rookie-of-the-year in 1970. Who was he?
5. The Expos' leading hitter in their early years was le Grande Orange. Who is the guy and what team is he playing for now?
6. This French-Canadian relief pitcher was a popular figure among the fans. Who was he?
7. The Expos moved to Olympic Stadium in 1976. What is the name of their original ball park?
8. Who was the Expos' first manager?
9. Name the former L.A. Dodgers' base stealer who played for Montreal in 1969.
10. How many wins did the Expos finish with in their first year?

Time Out

by Brent Jang

Exhibition of Slam Dunks

A funny thing happened on the way to the ball game. And it wasn't just any ball game.

If you plan on attending the men's basketball competition at the 1983 World University Games, you better be prepared not only for some outstanding plays, but for an impending comedy of errors.

Our story begins in Turin, Italy with the 1970 Games. The basketball competition was a display of political leapfrog as each nation tried to outdo the other in showing off their boycotting power of individual matches. Just exactly what they were protesting seems to have been lost in the shuffle. The carousel was switched on when Algeria didn't feel like playing either Portugal or Israel. Tournament officials demoted Algeria to last place for their fussy inclinations. Not to be outdone, Kuwait and Albania later refused to play Israel, thereby creating a logjam for last place.



At the 1973 Games in Moscow, the United States and Cuba, never the best of friends in the first place, got their long awaited chance to show their dislike for each other. The game promised to be a physical one. It lived up to its billing as the two teams battled for five minutes before Soviet police restored order.

The Cubans resorted to plain old sludgery (and fashionable ingenuity) at the 1977 Games in Sofia, Bulgaria. Players are supposedly amateurs who have recently attended a post-secondary institution. At least that's what Canada's coach Gary Howard thought anyhow. After returning from Bulgaria, he half-jokingly told the press: "The Cuban team all attended the same university, all took the same courses, and were all born on the same day. You couldn't argue about it and they were quite open about the whole thing."

Howard, presently coach of the University of Calgary Dinosaurus, said "it was pretty hard to prove" violations of the eligibility rules.

Don't get misled, though, since the majority of nations are honest about their players' origins. At the 1977 Games in Mexico City, the United States didn't even use their top guns in their blitzkrieg of the overly honest Sudan. The U.S. team, led by tyrant Bobby Knight of Indiana, crushed their less experienced pupils 173-14. Today Sudan, despite the 159 point loss, still retains a basketball program.

So if you like lots of offence, especially an exhibition of slam dunks, it might be a good idea to get tickets to the men's basketball preliminaries. At last count, there were sixty nations entered in the basketball competition. You see, in keeping with the spirit of international exchange, the powers-that-be did away with having to qualify for basketball.

There aren't any elimination rounds like in World Cup Soccer. You get to see all the teams; that is, the good with the bad. The format could prove interesting, however, and actually quite appealing. Part of the curiosity with the Games, I would imagine, is to see various countries just starting out.

But the event doesn't stay relaxed. In the final round, the balance of power rests with the established basketballers like the U.S., U.S.S.R., Canada, Yugoslavia, and about a half dozen others. These teams should provide basketball action at its finest.

With the top nations battling it out on the courts, prestige is at stake and the action can get tense. The 1981 Games can attest to that as Canada and the U.S. met in a crucial game. Rick Hunger of St. Laurent, Quebec was apparently kneed in the back by Fred Roberts of Brigham Young, Utah. Hunger retaliated and slugged Roberts. Obviously, the U.S. couldn't take this sitting down, so one of the U.S. substitutes "checked" into the game, unannounced of course, and promptly decked Hunger. The referee was confused by the mayhem and threw Hunger out of the game.

Oh yes, Canada won 78 - 76.

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