

Cycle Canada to offer Olympic celebration tours

By BURT FOLKINS

Looking for a far out and adventurous trip for the coming summer? Welcome to Cycle Canada '76.

Cycle Canada 76 was the creation of Tom Roberson with the intent of allowing Canadians from all across the country to get involved in the Olympic feeling. Basically the idea is to have two tours, one at each end of the country to travel across Canada and meet in Montreal on July 22. On arriving in Montreal

bikers will camp for two days on the island of St. Helena and then are responsible to find their own way home.

Brenda Walter, a director for CC 76 was in the city in February to promote the tour and said the main objective is to celebrate the Olympics while taking in some of the most beautiful scenery in Canada. There is a chance to get involved in the culture aspect of the Olympics.

One end of the tour will leave Victoria on May 3; the other

leaving Newfoundland on June 17 headed for Montreal. There are 24 different sections in the tour including a number of feeder routes. Sections range in length from four to nine days depending on the section or sections chosen. Bikers may join one section or as many as they wish. Age is no block to joining the type as Walter said one couple of 60 will be taking part. The rate charged per section will decrease with the number of sections you chose to ride in.

There are two types of packages

available to cyclists involved in the tour - the caravan tour and a bikepacker's tour. The caravan package is available for fourteen dollars a day, which includes food, tents, insurance, transport for baggage, a mechanic to repair bikes and the use of a "sag wagon" to pick up weary bikers. Bikers who choose the caravan package must provide their own cycle, sleeping bag and clothing.

Another plan being offered is the bikepacker's package included in this are such things as are in the caravan package, except that they must supply their own food, tent, sleeping bag and bike.

All cyclists will receive a travel package consisting of a map and what-nots.

Persons wishing to take advantage of the caravan package must inform the organizers of the tour within 30 days of the trip as this time is needed to arrange for provisions. Rate per section may decrease as much as 50 percent depending on the number of sections you travel. People on the bikepacker's tour will be much freer to "do their own thing" as they will not have to meet a specific places for meals as is the case with the caravaners.

Walter said many of the tour sections are scheduled to coincide with activities in many different communities. They are all invited to come out and take part in welcoming bikers to the areas.

This is only a one-year event and is not intended to be an annual event said Walter.

It is a way for all interested bikers to celebrate the Olympics without taking part in them. Anyone in any age group is welcome to take part for as little or as long as they want. You need not be experienced in biking to take part, although some sections as the Rockies or Cape Breton may be a bit much for some individuals.

Walter said there will be a limit

to the number of people in the different sections because in some areas there are not enough camp sites to accommodate a number larger than 100 to 150 people. Because of this, it is necessary to register early.

Bike clubs in all centers were also invited by Walter to join the tour, as it passes through their town. The hope is to see 500 bikers in the different sections before it reaches Montreal.

The larger sections will probably be in the Ontario-Quebec corridor and profit from the tour, if there is any, will go to the national bikers association.

During the summer of 1975, Walter and a number of others spent time laying out the roads to be used this coming year. Routes were selected on the basis of scenery, distances and trying to stay off roads with heavy traffic.

Recreation Canada provided the funds for travel expenses while the Secretary of Canada issued funds to help finance mapping of the routes. Also during the past summer, an experimental tour was conducted in Ontario and proved very successful.

CC 76 is expected to draw bikers from many different countries as well as Canada. Should anyone require further information, they should write to:

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Phone (713) 232-1594 or the New Brunswick Cycle Association for information and registration forms.



STRUNG OUT along the road are cycling enthusiasts with their police escort.

New and young Red Shirts blossom into co-ordinated squad

By FELIX GREGOIRE

The Red Shirts gave every indication of reaching the top in the near future, after their excellent display in the Atlantic Inter-collegiate Soccer League last fall.

Coach Gary Brown and his assistant Mike Atkinson watched a virtually new and young team (without eight of the regulars from last season) blossom into a very co-ordinated and spirited unit that fought bitterly until the very end of

the season. The team during the regular season played 12 games, won six tied three and lost three. The team scored 27 goals and conceded 20.

Improvement was the name of the game all through the season. The Shirts progressed from a 0-0 tie with a weak UPEI Panthers in their first game, to a 3-2 victory over the strong Mt. Allison Mounties at Sackville, to dethrone them as N.B. champions and deprive them of a play-off berth.

The Shirts then celebrated, with a 6-0 crushing defeat of U de M Blue Eagles in the final game of the regular season.

On the way, the Red Shirts strongly challenged the MUN powerhouse at College Field and in two games replied with two goals to Memorial's three. The biggest come-from-behind effort by the team, which mostly went into arrears at the early stages, was a 5-5 tie with St. F.X., after being down 0-3 in the first ten minutes of the game at Antigonish.

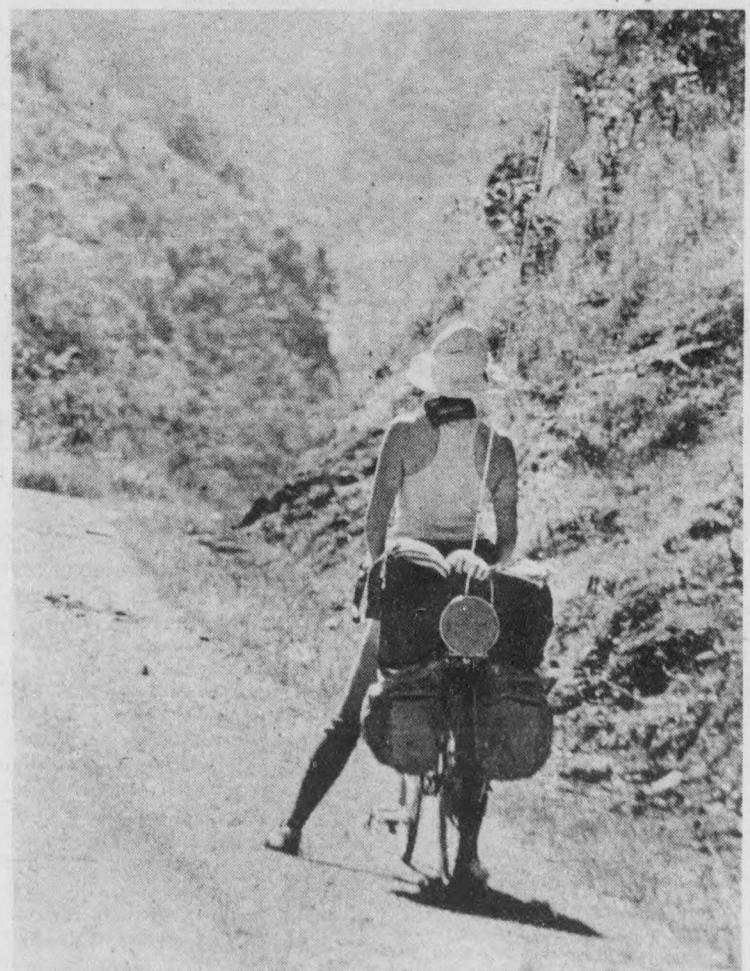
Unfortunately, the Red Shirts came up against a strong Dalhousie team in the first round of the play-off tournament on College Field and lost.

Nevertheless, it was a good season, full of action and the boys tried hard. If the Red Shirts provide the extra effort needed, they will be strong contenders for the National Championship next year.



Photo by Lorne Morrow

HEADS UP - Albert El Khoury who was on of Coach Brown's many standouts is shown above in action.



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