

Canada changes mind as games change site



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Track & field will be one of only six events at this summer's Universiade.

by Ajay Bhardwaj

There will be a Universiade 1989 and Canada will attend, contrary to earlier reports. The Games, however, will not be held in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Instead, they have been moved to Duisburg, West Germany.

Ed Zemrau, who organized Universiade '83 in Edmonton,

and who is on the FISU committee, confirmed the change in venue.

"The only thing that had been accomplished was the upgrading of the main stadium," Zemrau said. "Of the \$2 million in operating funds, none had been released."

The minister of sport of Brazil told Zemrau that \$1 million would

be released by December. But when the minister was replaced, the Games took a turn for the worse. The new sports minister would not release the money.

"We had an emergency meeting in Rome," said Zemrau, "and we had already made some inquiries." FISU received a written proposal from South Korea, which offered

to hold the Games in conjunction with North Korea. Brisbane, Australia, Duisburg, Morocco, Kiev, and Zagreb, Yugoslavia also offered to hold the Games.

"By the last week of February and the first week of March we had narrowed it down to two possibilities: Kiev and Duisburg."

rowing centre.

No one knows just how many events will be held at Duisburg. Usually there are eleven events at the Universiade, but at Duisburg there may be as few as six. Gymnastics, soccer, water polo, diving and volleyball may be taken off the schedule.

Teams for Universiade will be selected through the CIAU and the national sports governing body. "If an athlete is ranked internationally, he will be selected," said Zemrau.

The next Universiade Games will be held in Sapporo, Japan (winter, 1991) and in Sheffield, England (summer, 1991). Among the countries bidding for upcoming Universiades are the United States (Buffalo), Poland, and Spain (all for 1993). Shanghai, China and Fukoko, Japan are bidding for the 1995 Games.

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said Zemrau. The two Koreas were ruled out because the North Koreans were ambivalent about hosting the Games. On March 22, Duisburg was confirmed as the host.

Located in the Ruhr Valley near Cologne, Duisburg is a large training centre, known for its

"Few cities can play host to the Olympics, but many cities, like Edmonton, can host the Universiade Games," said Zemrau. "The Olympics are a big financial undertaking," he said. "A lot of cities see Universiade as a stepping stone to getting the Olympics. The future looks bright for FISU," said Zemrau.

Vetrie named coach of Viking basketball ship

by Alan Small

Guy Vetrie was named to the second most coveted basketball coaching job in Canada on Friday.

Vetrie is now the head coach of the Victoria Vikings basketball club. He follows in the large footsteps of coaching legend Ken Shields, who is taking over the reins of the Canadian national team.

Vetrie, who was an assistant under Shields last season, was previously the head coach of the Saskatchewan Huskies, and led the U of S to the final eight in the CIAU in 1988.

Rumored to be the top candidate for the job all season, Vetrie takes over one of the top basketball programs in the country. The

Vikings won seven consecutive national championships in the years 1980-1986. Last season, the Vikings finished second in the country to the Brandon Bobcats,



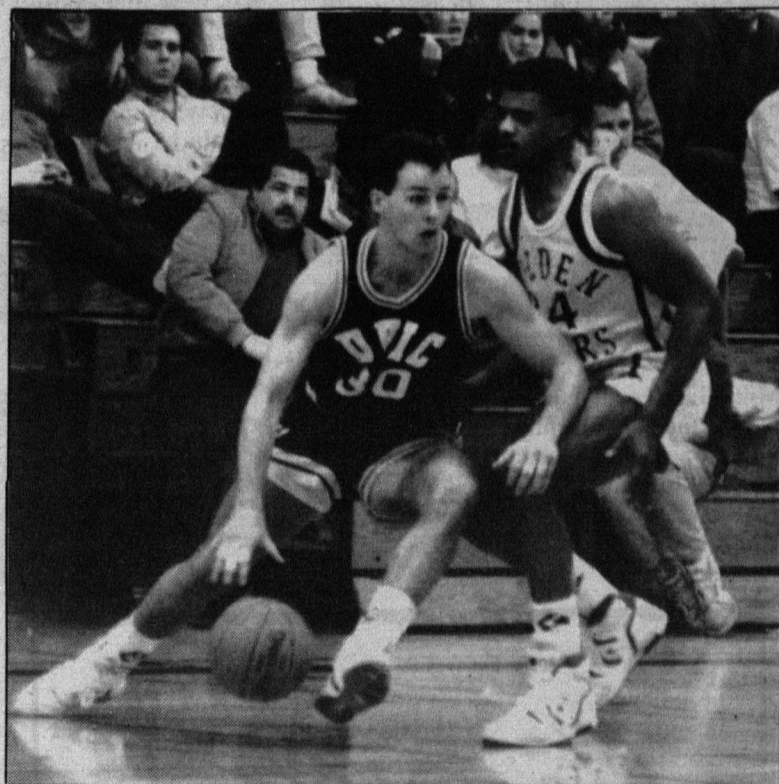
who won their third national championship in a row.

Vetrie was on leave for this year from the University of Saskatchewan to obtain a masters degree at the University of Victoria, but wore out his welcome with U of S athletic director Val Schneider. A Calgary story said

that if Vetrie would assistant coach for the western rival Vikings, Schneider would not want Vetrie back patrolling the sidelines for the Huskies next season.

There was also talk about Golden Bear coach Don Horwood taking over the job, but Horwood said after the season that he was committed to the Golden Bear basketball program. Horwood coached high school basketball in Victoria and was touted by the media on the island as the next Viking coach.

Shields, who is on a one year contract for the job as the national team coach, takes over for Jack Donahue, who stepped down after the 1988 Seoul Olympics.



Jeff Cowley

The Victoria Vikings will have Guy Vetrie behind the bench next season.

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Espo's ego gets in the Rangers way

defencemen and forwards Brian Mullen and Tomas Sandstrom, the Rangers looked like a lock for the playoffs and had a decent shot at finishing first in the Patrick.

On April 3, 1989, the Rangers finish 37-35-8, stuck at the same 82 points from a year ago, but this year, that 82 points is good enough for third place and a shot against playoff newcomers Pittsburgh. That 82 points wasn't good enough for Bergeron, who was given the heave-ho by Trader Phil with one game left in the season. The Rangers lost their last game anyway.

Was Esposito tired of seeing Bergeron get all of the headlines in the number one headline city in the world, New York? Esposito was always known for his style and outspoken ways when he played. While with the Bruins and the Rangers, he was never far away from the top of the

newspaper page. Did Esposito fire Bergeron because he found out Bergeron was his equal in the charisma department?

Esposito could have also fired Bergeron to instill some new energy into the Rangers just before the playoffs. The Rangers were on a four game losing skid at the time, the wrong time, and maybe turning the coach into a sacrificial lamb would turn the team around. The jury's still out on this one.

Maybe Espo's ego got in the way again. He missed being behind the bench—the real rudder of a hockey club. Having the free-spirited Bergeron behind the bench may have given Esposito the feeling that he wasn't in full control, a feeling that it seems he enjoys, by the way he trades his players left and right.

The reason why Bergeron wasn't unceremoniously dumped last year is that Esposito paid so much to get him. Trading

the fifth pick overall last year, Dore, who has a good shot at the Nordiques in the near future, for a coach that takes your team to fifth place and out of the playoffs was too much of an embarrassment. Esposito had to keep Bergeron on for another year to justify the deal.

Don't worry about the platitudes: the cliches. When Esposito says that he and Bergeron had "philosophical differences", it wasn't about what style of hockey the Rangers should play. It was about who made the majority of the decisions. Bergeron wouldn't back down and neither would Esposito. You can ask Don Cherry who wins these battles: the coach or the general manager.

Espo shouldn't make a difference. Mario and his Penguins should turn these guys into a humbled mass of red and blue without a leader.