

Quebec champions of Canada Games

It was just as well that Quebec had the top weightlifters at the 1979 Canada Winter Games in February. Somebody had to carry all the medals home.

Quebec took away 47 gold medals, six of them in weightlifting, and 20 silver and 26 bronze from the two-week competition in Brandon, Manitoba. Ontario claimed 20 gold, 31 silver and 20 bronze.

Points formula

The points formula awards ten points to the team performing best in each sport. The second team gets nine, the third eight, and so on to eighth place. Half-points separate the last four competitors, so that the bottom-placed province or territory still gets a point.

So the tie-breaking point was at stake as Quebec's experienced basketball team, led by Linda Marquis's 18 points, defeated Ontario 71-52 and took the overall title by 186.5 points to 185.5. British Columbia was third with 156 and Manitoba defeated Alberta for fourth place, 136 to 134.5.



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Quebec basketball players Marie Codere (11), Wendy Verrecchia (15) and Karen Diaz (10) wildly react to the announcement of Quebec's victory in the tie-breaking basketball game with Ontario. The result of the game determined Quebec's place as over-all victor in the two-week competition.

Saskatchewan followed with 101.5 points, Nova Scotia with 98, New Brunswick with 92, Newfoundland with 77, Prince Edward Island with 61, the Yukon with 27.5 and the Northwest Territories with 19.

Quebec's basketball, badminton and table tennis teams did not lose a game. Its fencers took nine of a possible ten gold medals, its speedskaters won seven out of ten and its synchronized swimmers swept the solo, duet and team titles. The judo team won four out of six classes and the women gymnasts topped the standing in spite of the four gold medals won by 12-year-old Bonnie Wittmeier of Winnipeg.

Two Quebecers collected four golds each — Sylvie Daigle of Sherbrooke in women's speedskating and Yves Dion of Ste. Foy in men's gymnastics. Jean Pichette of Ste. Foy won three men's speedskating races.

Ontario's top medal winner was gymnast Brad Peters of Brampton with three gold medals, a silver and two bronzes.

More than 5,000 athletes from all ten provinces and the territories participated in the events, many of which took place in the \$3-million Canada Games sports complex, which features a 50-metre swimming pool, regulation ice surface, three racquetball courts and a 400-metre speedskating oval.

An excellent existing facility in Brandon, the Keystone Complex, which houses a 5,000-seat arena, was the site of the opening and closing ceremonies as well as the final competitions of many events. More than \$375,000 was spent to upgrade facilities in the Brandon area.

Events included hockey, gymnastics, figure skating, boxing, basketball, racquetball, cross-country and alpine skiing, speedskating and synchronized swimming.

Canada/EEC fisheries accord

Secretary of State for External Affairs Don Jamieson and Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Roméo LeBlanc have announced provisional implementation of the Agreement between the Government of Canada and the European Economic Community on Fisheries. EEC vessels have been authorized to begin fishing in accordance with Canadian regulations for their 1979 allocations from stocks in the Atlantic 200-mile zone, which are surplus

to Canadian needs.

The short-term accord, which terminates on December 31, was initialled by Canadian and EEC negotiators in Ottawa last July. Arrangements are being made for its formal signature in Brussels very soon, and subsequent implementation.

"Acceptance of this interim agreement marks a step forward in Canada-EEC cooperation in fisheries," Mr. LeBlanc said. "It provides a basis for allocations to the EEC in Canadian waters in 1979, and ensures that there will be no increase in the catch of salmon of Canadian origin off West Greenland for this year.

"The agreement also provides a sound basis for the continuation of negotiations aimed at achieving a long-term agreement on future co-operation in fisheries and in the trade of Canadian fish products between Canada and the European Economic Community," said Mr. LeBlanc.

Manitoba leader in fight against child abuse

Manitoba has become one of the first provinces in Canada to have the medical profession formally join with a branch of government in the fight against child abuse, provincial Health and Community Services Minister Bud Sherman announced recently.

With advice from specialists in Mr. Sherman's department, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba has issued a 21-page physicians' protocol to assist in the detection of child abuse. Manitoba's multi-disciplinary approach to treatment and the physician's role in this approach are major themes of the protocol, which includes the names, addresses and telephone numbers of related services and agencies.

Mr. Sherman noted that since September 1976, there had been consultation on child abuse cases by his department, the Attorney-General's department, police, child-caring agencies, and health professionals. The Children's Centre at the Health Sciences Centre and St. Boniface General Hospital, both in Winnipeg, have also been very active in the prevention of child abuse.

The minister said the inter-agency co-operation that had developed in recent years was reflected in better reporting of child abuse cases recorded by his department's registry.