

Canada captures gold and silver medals in World Skating Championships



Gold medal winners Paul Martini and Barbara Underhill.

In a dazzling performance that erased all memories of a disappointing seventh place in the Sarajevo Winter Olympics, Canada's skating pairs team of Barbara Underhill of Oshawa and Paul Martini of Woodbridge, Ontario won a gold medal at the world figure skating championships, held recently in Ottawa. It was a crowning achievement of a troublesome career and a farewell to their amateur skating career as well.

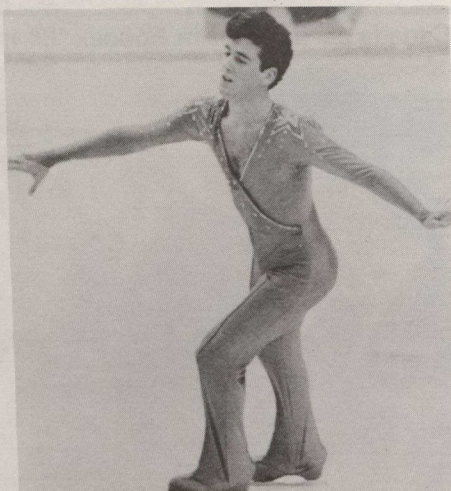
The unexpected victory over defending world champions Elena Valova and Oleg Vasiliev of the Soviet Union, who were second in both free skating and over-all at 2.4 points, gave Canada its first world pairs' title since Maria and Otto Jelinek hit that pinnacle in 1962 in Prague. The last Canadian to win a world gold medal was women's champion Karen Magnussen in 1973 in Bratislava, Czechoslovakia. Soviet skaters have won the pairs' competition 17 of the previous 19 years.

The following night, Brian Orser from Penetanguishene, Ontario matched his Olympic performance to win a silver medal. The 1983 world bronze medal

winner was seventh after the compulsory figures, but moved up dramatically with a sparkling free skating win to capture second place behind US skater Scott Hamilton.

In the women's singles event, Kay Thomson from Toronto took fifth place while Ottawa's Elizabeth Manley was ranked seventh.

Many Canadian giants in figure skating were present during the four-day event. Otto Jelinek watched from his CTV television booth where he was a commentator, while his sister Maria was in the crowd. Frances Dafoe who, with spectator Norris Bowden, was a two-time gold and two-time silver medallist, was one of the nine judges. Dance judge Dr. Suzanne Francis and Wallace Distelmeyer, bronze medallists in the 1948 world championships, and four-time world champions Barbara Wagner and Robert Paul also cheered on the new champions.



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The opening night audience included Barbara Ann Scott-King, a native of Ottawa who, in 1947, was the first North American figure skater to win the world championship. The next year, in 1948, she won a gold medal in the Winter Olympics held in St. Moritz, Switzerland.

The Citizen

Congress to spotlight child abuse

The fifth International Congress of the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) will take place in Montreal, under the local auspices of Quebec's provincial child protection agency, the Comité de la protection de la jeunesse, in collaboration with numerous health, social service and legal organizations and community representatives.

The theme of the congress will be *Preventing Child Abuse: A Community Responsibility* and it will be held in Montreal, September 16 to 19.

This will be the first time the congress has been held in North America.

Electronic mail by phone

Telecom Canada is offering what it says is the world's first commercial teletex service over the public telephone system.

Teletex (not to be confused with videotex technology) is a highspeed type of electronic mail that allows specially equipped word processing machines and electronic typewriters made by different manufacturers to communicate with each other.

For users with a business telephone line (the cost is about \$40 a month), there would be no additional cost to send teletex messages within a given city. A five-page document sent to Ottawa from Toronto would cost 72 cents during the business day, and \$1.10 from Toronto to Vancouver.

Some terminal manufacturers are building time-delay features that allow messages to be written during the day and sent at night when telephone rates are cheaper. The Ottawa document would then cost only 24 cents and the Vancouver one 44 cents.

The first teletex service in the world is already operational in West Germany, but it uses special data communications lines rather than the ordinary telephone system.

The Telecom Canada service is now available in Canada, but users will have to buy special teletex terminals currently made by three vendors. They are Siemens Electric Ltd. of Pointe Claire, Quebec; Ericsson Communications Inc. of Mississauga, Ontario and Ricoh Co. Ltd. of Tokyo. The machines, priced from \$4 000, will be available in May or June.

Canapress

Development plan encourages Canadian exports to Saudi Arabia

An export development plan for Saudi Arabia has been published to assist Canadian companies to capitalize on export opportunities in Saudi Arabia.

The plan outlines the government's marketing strategy in Saudi Arabia for

the next two to three years. It places particular emphasis on products such as petroleum and petroleum related equipment, cereal grains, oilseeds, telecommunications, electronics and avionics equipment, and electrical energy equipment.