

## Podborski retires from skiing

Steve Podborski, the last of the original five "Crazy Canucks" still skiing on the World Cup circuit, is calling it a day.

Steve Podborski, 26, who joined Canada's national ski team when he was 15, said he will pursue a career promoting ski equipment and apparel, when he retires following this season's final race at Whistler, British Columbia.

The Torontonian's eight World Cup downhill victories make him the most successful Canadian male ever to glide into the big time of skiing.

Steve Podborski was first three times at Garmisch, West Germany, twice at Kitzbühel, Austria and once each at Morzine, France, St. Moritz, Switzerland and Crans Montana, Switzerland. He has finished in the medals more than 25 times on the Cup circuit and since January 1980 has had more top-three finishes than any racer in the world.

When Steve Podborski joined the national team he was the youngest of five talented racers who came to be known as the Crazy Canucks. The others — Jim Hunter, Dave Murray, David Irwin and Ken Reed — all have retired, Reed being the last to do so, having quit in 1983.



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## News briefs

**The Queen and Prince Philip** will visit New Brunswick, Ontario and Manitoba during a two-week trip to Canada that begins July 14, Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau announced recently. They will arrive in New Brunswick and stay until July 16 to participate in the province's bicentennial celebrations. They will then travel to Ottawa and other Ontario locations for several provincial bicentennial events. On July 24, they begin a visit to Manitoba, which ends July 27.

**Cansult Limited** of Don Mills, Ontario, consulting engineers and planners, has been appointed to undertake a feasibility study of about 60 sites in Sri Lanka and assess their potential for supporting small scale hydro-electric schemes. The study is being undertaken on behalf of the Sri Lanka State Plantations Corporation with financing largely supplied by the Canadian Project Preparation Facility through the Canadian International Development Agency.

**Capsule Technology International Ltd.** of Windsor, Ontario has sold a total turn-key capsule manufacturing plant to the Arab Centre for Pharmaceuticals and Chemicals of Jordan for about \$4.5 million.

A computerized signmaking and design tool from Gerber Scientific Products Inc. that generates type, symbols and custom graphics has been announced by ND Graphic Products Ltd. of Toronto. Signmaker IV contains a microprocessor system and will produce layouts, signs, screen printing stencils and presentation materials.

**IBM Canada Ltd.** of Markham, Ontario has announced improved models for its family of 308X large computer systems. With design and circuit packaging enhancements, internal performance has been increased 5 to 14 per cent, depending on model and operating system programs. The price of upgrading currently installed 308X processors has been reduced as much as 10 per cent.

**Systems** for producing presentation-quality photographic hard copy for computers have been announced by Polaroid Canada Inc. of Toronto. The Palette system makes 35 millimetre colour slides and 9.5 by 10.4-centimetre instant colour prints of personal computer graphics. The Videoprinter 8 connects to colour graphics workstations to produce hard copy in a wide range of formats from 35 millimetre to 20 by 25 centimetre prints and overhead transparencies.

**Canadian Marconi Co.** of Montreal

has received a \$2.5-million (US) order from Peoples Express Airlines Inc. of Newark, New Jersey, for CMA-771 Alpha Omega navigation systems and CMA-923 flight advisory computers. Canadian Marconi said the order calls for deliveries to begin in mid-1984 for installation in the airline's *Boeing 727* and *737* aircraft.

**The Tokai Seiki Co. Ltd.** of Japan will begin manufacturing disposable lighters in Uxbridge, Ontario in late 1984, Ontario Industry and Trade Minister Frank Miller has announced. The new plant — the first manufacturing facility of its kind in Canada — will be capable of producing up to 30 million lighters a year. The business will be known as Tokai of Canada Ltd.

**The University of Victoria** in British Columbia, will host an international conference on social and technological change beginning May 2. The conference theme is *The University into the 21st Century*, and is designed to provide an opportunity to examine the fundamental role of all universities in the coming decades.

**CP Ships**, a subsidiary of Canadian Pacific Limited, and Dartcan, a subsidiary of Compagnie maritime belge (CMB), have combined their North Atlantic interests into a new container line linking Europe and North America. Called *The Canada Line*, it is being launched with an aggressive advertising and marketing program in both Europe and North America.

**Ontario Rhodes Scholar** Laurence Grafstein has been elected president of the Oxford Union, the debating society at Oxford University in England. Laurence Grafstein, 23, son of Liberal Senator Jerry Grafstein, is the first Canadian to be elected president of the union in 50 years.

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