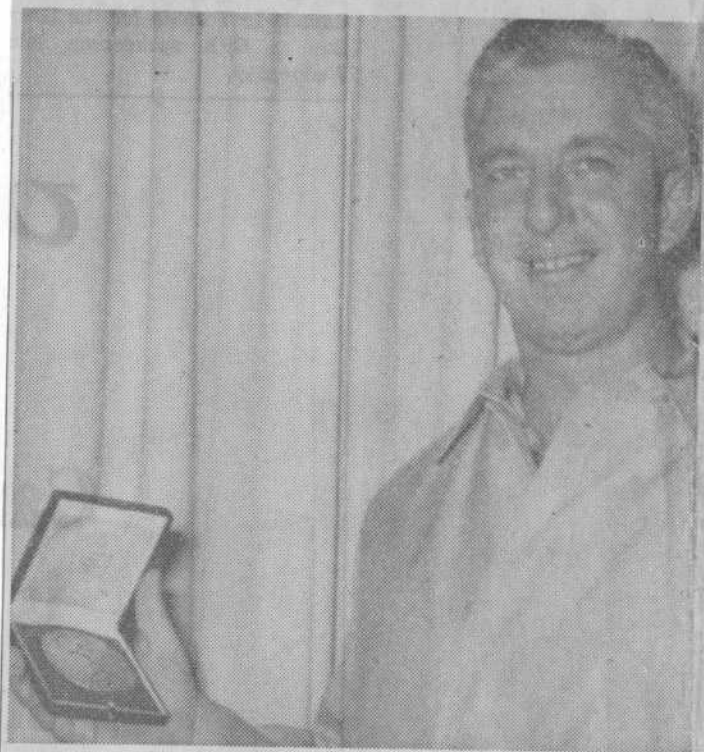


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**PROUD MANAGER-COACH** — Ken Carr-Braint first Belleville manager-coach of a national sports team, holds the honor medallion presented him by the Shah of Iran during his visit to Teheran.

weightlifting platforms. These platforms were in constant use from early morning to late at night by the various teams, and we made friends in all the teams.

The Russians were the favorite to win the team title as they had been for the past six years. But as things turned out they had a very rough time and were beaten by a very superior team from Poland whose athletes were superbly fit and conditioned.

The Russians won two of the seven classes. The Poles two, Hungarians one, Japanese one and Great Britain one.

The Polish lifters had more second and third place lifters than any other nation, so won the team title with the most points.

We had thought before we left Canada that if we averaged in 10th place we would be doing very well by world standards.

As it happened we did very much better. We ended up with one 4th place, one 6th, one 7th, two 12th and one 13th. Our physique contestant won the Mr. Universe short man class.

On November 3rd after the last competition a farewell ceremony was held at 8 o'clock in the evening, in a building called the officers' club.

It turned out to be a palace with giant chandeliers hanging from the ceilings. These chandeliers were about sixteen feet long and at least eight feet in diameter at the base, very impressive.

It was not announced that the Shah would be there but he was, and personally presented the managers of all the teams with an exceptionally nice commemoration medal, a photograph album with photographs of all the highlights of the games, and a lovely copper tray with tiny figurines hammered out on it. Then he left and the Federation officials finished the presentations to all the lifters.

Although the Shah appears to have a very nice and happy

life with his young and beautiful wife and two lovely children plus untold millions, I would not trade places with him. There have been many assassination attempts on his life and he has been wounded often. Just as we arrived there one of the palace guards had tried to shoot him and had failed. It must be a terrible feeling to fear for your life,

every day of your life.

The weather was perfect every day we were there with an average of 70, very pleasant indeed.

I think the people who deserve a tremendous amount of credit were the Iranian Federation. They had an enormous amount of work to do, when you have teams from thirty seven countries arriving by air, and they met each team, arranged for their hotels etc., plus the guides and interpreters and the hundred and one jobs associated with an event of this magnitude.

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