

Lindane laid us low and Stockholm waited



AN INTERNATIONAL VOLLEYBALL MATCH BETWEEN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE U.S. WAS THE FIRST STOP FOR THE GROUP IN MONTREAL.

by Denis Gibbons

There are many more pleasant places for 45 summer P. E. students from every corner of the North American continent to become acquainted than in the emergency room of a hospital in a strange city. But if there was one happy result of the unhappy events our group experienced on the torrid night of July 7, it was how quickly Tucson, Arizona, for instance, made friends with Hodgeville, Saskatchewan or Edmonton, Alberta became one with Brooklyn, New York.

Visits to the '76 Olympic Stadium, now under construction, and an international volleyball match between Czechoslovakia and the U.S. the previous day had hardly given members of the group time to catch on to new names and associate them with new faces. Carol Hink from Wausau, Wisconsin and Denis Gibbons from Georgetown, Ontario said hello for the first time, for example, in the midst of a room full of doctors and nurses at Lachine General Hospital, while they were wondering what had hit them like a ton of bricks a couple of hours before.

And so it was with others afflicted. If San Diego, California didn't know Orillia, Ontario on Monday or Brandon, Manitoba hadn't had a chance to say "Hi" to Chenoquocton, New York, they most likely did in one of Montreal's hospitals that night or the next morning, when our group leaders Dr. Ed Enos and Dr. Phil Stanley were sorting out the whole mess and assuring us that there would be brighter days ahead.

To start at square one, our departure by bus from Hingham Hall on the Loyola campus to catch a 10:30 BOAC flight, which would take us to London, and then on to Stockholm followed a visit to Man and His World on a day when temperatures were over the 90 Fahrenheit mark, a refreshing swim in the motel pool and what we, at that time, didn't realize was a disastrous pre-flight lunch. Tuna fish sandwiches, cold slaw and soft drinks were on the menu, although according to experts at the Quebec Regional Centre of Toxicology it was probably the cold slaw that did the job.

Wendy Awde, from Richmond Hill, Ontario was the first to suffer a seizure, just as the bus to the airport was about to leave. Then it was Irit Schaeffer of Montreal, waiting outside the bus on the campus grass. Medical personnel were called to look after the first victims, although at that time there were no apparent reasons for the attacks. The girls were taken to a hospital, but with flight time growing nearer, the bus had to move on.

At the airport baggage check it was Eleanor Little of West Long Branch, New Jersey, who felt ill and caused more minds to wonder what would happen next. It was less than an hour before flight time, when Lorna Sanderson of Regina, Saskatchewan fell prey to the nasty bug in the departure room and when Nancy Mathieson of Brooklyn, New York became ill on the aircraft, the decision was made to have all members of our group deplane.

Those of us, who had so far escaped the frightening attacks were transported by van to another waiting room somewhere in the airport. It was there that we went through the mental anguish of realizing that it might happen to us, but not knowing when.

It was there also that I unintentionally made a liar out of Dr. Enos. The last thing I remember was him coming into the room and announcing, "I've just spoken with the doctors. They say that if it hasn't hit you yet, it most likely won't."

The next voice I heard was that of a Lachine General Hospital nurse, asking me how I felt, as I lay flat on my aching back in the emergency room. Yes, the Lindane finally caught up with this scribe and like the others I was out like a light.

What happened to the rest of the group after that, I don't know, although I discovered the next day that others had taken seizures and those who hadn't were taken to hospital for precautionary checks anyway. My one night stay at Lachine included a back X-ray (my back was aching from the muscle contractions of the seizure), finally getting the horrible visuals up off my stomach and questions from a Montreal Gazette reporter assigned to get a story on the incident for the first morning edition. The story made front page in the Gazette and, I'm told, was carried on Canadian Press that week.

A doctor pronounced us fit to be discharged at 7 in the morning and it was back to the motel, where we were told to sack out for the day to catch up on lost sleep.

I can honestly say that the thought of backing out of the tour crossed my mind more than once that day, as I'm sure it did with many others. One lesson I learned, however, is that if you're going to be sick, it's easier to be sick with a group than by yourself. If you've all been through the same thing and can talk about it, you feel a whole lot better.

All of us came out of the night, tired and with some sort of aches and pains, but it was the positive attitude of Dr. Enos, Dr. Stanley

and assistant group leader Nancy Stanley of Brandon University, together with the close friendships we initiated that I feel gave us the more important morale booster to board the plane, the following night with only one day of programming in Stockholm lost. Although the first few days in Sweden were tiring for many of us and the program hectic, the spirit of the group remained high.

Day 1 of my 1975 European sports excursion was one that I'd like to forget, but never will, since it was the beginning of another great educational experience with an especially fine group of people, who pulled together to make the best of a bad situation someone created with a few sprays of Lindane. Next week: on to Stockholm.



Pastline pitcher Sue Laking stopped Eramosa batters and dropped the team out of league playoffs.

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Golf in parks ban coming

The town is examining a proposed by-law which would make it illegal to play golf in public parks throughout Halton Hills.

Georgetown had a by-law prohibiting golf in public parks and it all goes smoothly Halton Hills will soon have

one, too. Council is going to look into the legal implications of the by-law to see if it can be enforced at all parks, including those in Esqueping and the conservation authority parks.

Gibber recalls three weeks of sports study in Europe

For the second year in a row, Free Press Sports Editor Denis Gibbons spent his vacation studying sports and physical education systems in Europe on a tour organized by the Institute of Comparative Physical Education at Montreal's Loyola University. The group, which included 44 physical education teachers from all parts of Canada and the U.S., spent a week at the Bosna Sports College in Stockholm, Sweden, a second week at the Sportzentrum, the Institute of Physical Education located near the Olympic Village in Munich, West Germany and a third week at the brand new Idrætens Hus sports college on the outskirts of Copenhagen, Denmark.

While the main topic of the study course was sports and physical education in the schools of the countries visited, students were permitted to make independent studies of subjects, which particularly interested them. In Stockholm, through the generosity of Swedish hosts, Denis met with Kjell Larsson, assistant coach of the Swedish National Hockey Team and Stig Nilsson, secretary of the Swedish Ice Hockey Federation. He also attended a dry land training session of the Swedish First Division hockey club, Stockholm AIK and met goalie Lell "Honken" Holmqvist, recently selected the outstanding Swedish athlete of the past five years. Holmqvist, who has represented his country in more than 200 international matches, including contests against both Team Canada '72 and '74 will attend the training camp of the WHA Indianapolis Racers this fall.

In Fussen, West Germany, a small town near Munich, Denis dropped in on a week long clinic for hockey coaches being held in conjunction with the annual Thurns und Taxis ice hockey tournament, which this year featured four First Division clubs from West Germany, the Polish National Team, the University of Minnesota from the U.S., La Chaux de Fonds, one of the top club teams in Switzerland and Moscow Spartak, the powerful Soviet club team of USSR National Team stars Aleksandr Yakushev, Vladimir Shadrin and Victor Shalimov.

When the group travelled to Copenhagen for the third week of study, Denis made another special side trip to Tyringe in the south of Sweden to visit the Arne Stromberg International Ice Hockey School for youngsters. There he met Stromberg, ex-coach of the Swedish National Team, Ak Lundstrom, generally regarded as the god-father of Swedish hockey, Eje Johansson, who studied hockey methods in the Soviet Union as early as 1966 and later attended several NHL training camps and Toronto Maple Leaf winger Inge Hammarstrom, a native Swede, who was back in his homeland to teach at the school for the summer.

Scheduled to depart from Montreal, Monday, July 7, the group was detained for a day, when several participants were hospitalized, after taking grand mal seizures. These followed a meal they had eaten at the Belvedere Motel. Later tests revealed that cabbage used to make cold slaw, part of the meal, had been contaminated with an insecticide called lindane. This week Denis reports on the unhappy events of that day and their results. Tales of the study tour itself will follow in future editions.

Pony club rally

It was a hot dusty afternoon last Saturday but 15 members of the Esqueping Pony Club barely noticed as they rode hard for the Western Ontario "D" Rally.

A miniature three day event course kept ponies hopping as young equestrians competed in a dressage test stadium jumping with jumps ranging from 2' to 2'9", and a beautiful cross country course. Bridlewood Stables situated on Derry Road just west of Mississauga Road, were hosts for the occasion.

All members passed their tests and were placed at the next level. Some of the competitors came home with placement ribbons. In the Dressage, Peter Kurylowicz came first at the D level and Carolyn Brown was fifth. Susie Markham and Laurie Clements were fourth and fifth at the D1 level and Marnie Timleck was fifth at the D2 level.

Harder also came fifth for the D2 level. Kim Clements won first place for her level, D2, in the stadium jumping. Kelly Grant was overall Reserve Champion, D level, for the day and Peter Kurylowicz placed fourth overall.



Scott Somerville, Karen Collins of Mississauga and Frank Houston of Acton were the top three in the Junior Golf Tournament held last weekend at the Acton Meadows.

Mississauga girl takes Acton junior champion

A Mississauga girl, 17-year-old Karen Collins, placed first in a field of 25 golfers to win the Junior championship at Acton Meadows Golf Course.

Miss Collins shot a 79-79 (158) to beat the closest competitor Frank Houston 81-78 (159) by one stroke. Jeff Shields and Scott Somerville placed third and fourth shooting a 161 and 164 respectively.

Officials at the course said this year's contest had more entries than in other years. Three girls participated in last weekend's contest.

Play rounding from the final nine holes found the top four golfers tied. Miss Collins made her win on the last hole ending up with a one over par round of 36 for nine holes.

Next weekend at Acton Meadows the Ladies Handicap will be held.

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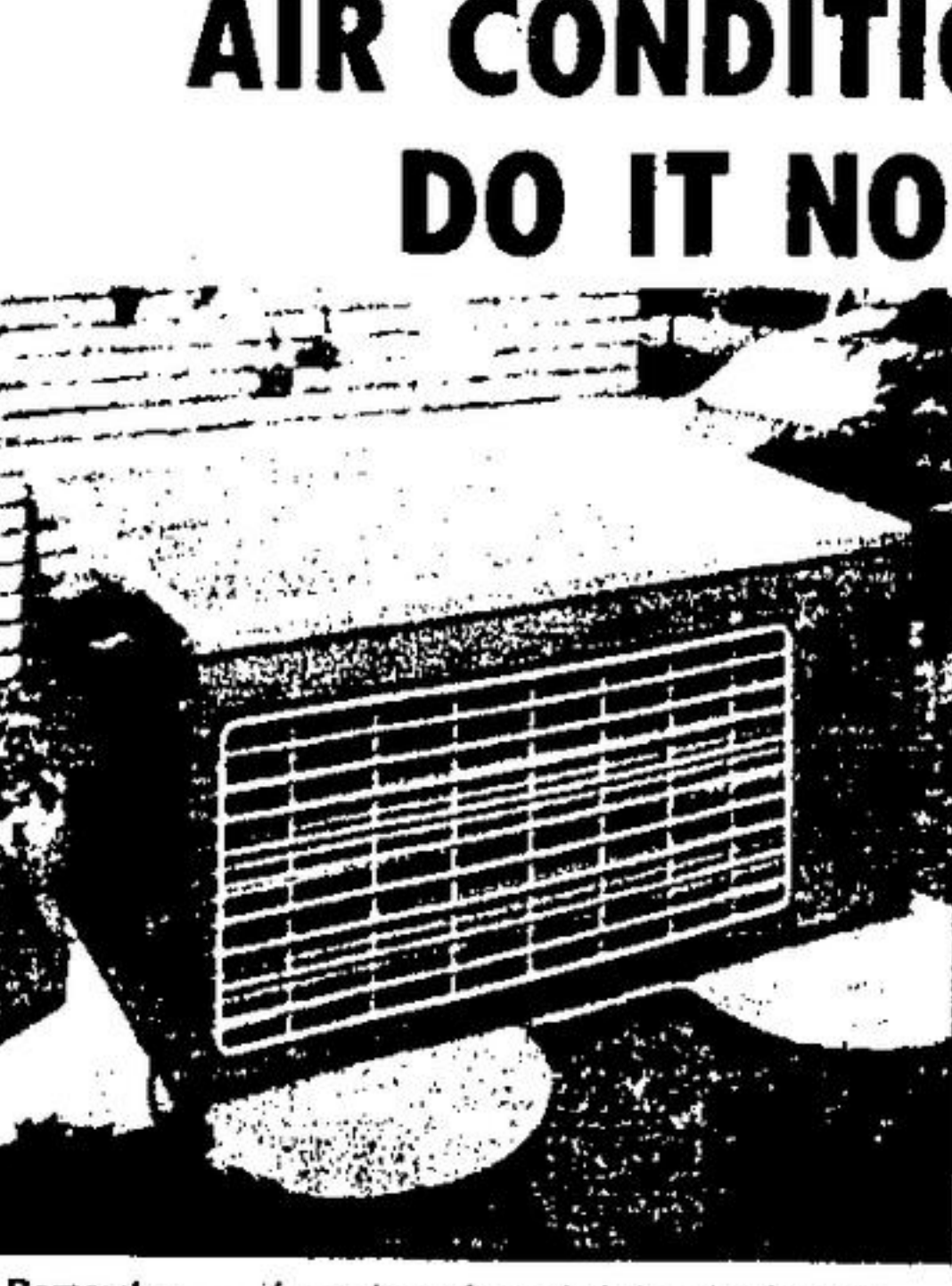
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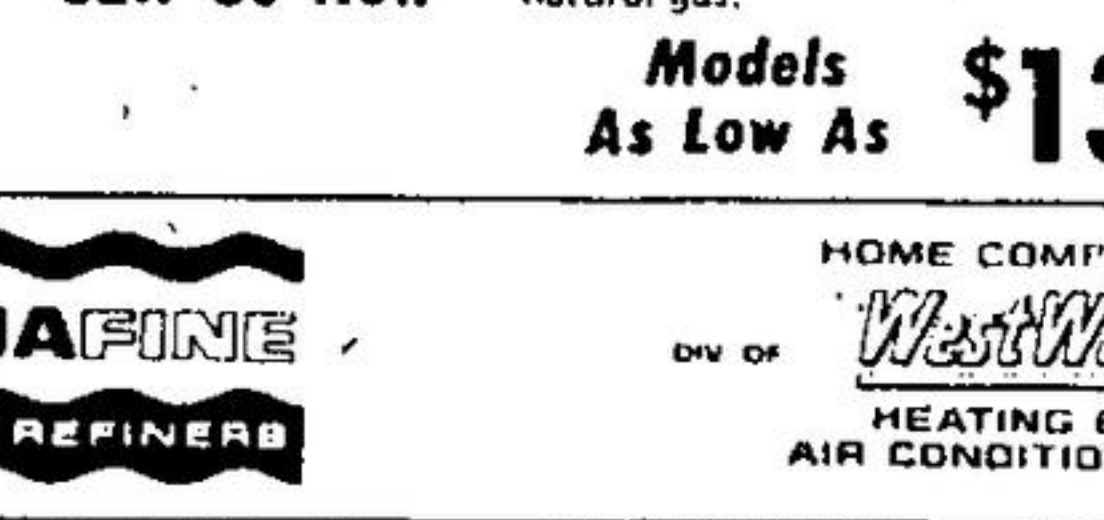
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