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## Olympic notebook

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weekly newspaper reporters in Montreal for the games, though.

During Sunday's second round of team grand prix jumping, many of the teenage set at the stadium danced to recorded rock and roll music in an area behind the stands. They were there for the closing ceremonies, which began at 9 p.m., but preferred "doing their thing" to watching equestrian events.

**Met gold medalist**  
—Nina Gopova, the Soviet athlete with whom I spoke in my elementary Russian, at the village, helped her country win a gold medal in Kayak-2 two days later. We had a pleasant conversation, which was made up partly of Russian, partly of English and the rest, hand gestures. Then all of a sudden she pointed to the gate and said two words "You go". It was nearly 11 p.m., time for a competing athlete to get some sleep.

**Lew was busy**  
—Former Georgetown District High wrestling coach Lew Martin had a busy time working at the timekeeping table for the wrestling competitions right through to the finals. Lew was one of the gentlemen in the yellow jackets, you likely saw him on TV.

**Yvonne toured Europe**  
—Before competing in the Olympics, Yvonne Saunders competed on an European tour which included visits to Hungary, Poland and England. The Canadian girls 4x400 relay team were very happy to run a time of 3:32 in London. At the Olympics, they bettered that by almost four seconds and came only eighth. That's how tough the competition is.

—At Sunday night's closing ceremonies, ushers checked and double checked to make sure we were sitting exactly in the seats we were allotted. When the streaker first appeared on the field, for instance, an usher was standing in front of me booting a couple of Austrians out of the wrong places. In the press room afterwards, some reporters had started "Une petition pour sauver le streaker." in an effort to prevent

him from being punished.  
—What surprised me most—The dress of the press corps. I spent a lot of good money on a fancy wardrobe, so I wouldn't look like a hick, then found most of the editors and reporters in casual attire and sneakers. I fell right at home!

**Montrealers were great**  
—What did not surprise me—The unique (among Canadian cities) international atmosphere of the city of Montreal and the kindness of the people there who were proud to be hosting the Olympic Games. Particularly helpful to those of us in the press corps were the hostesses in their colorful striped caps and red capes. I confirmed a feeling I had previously that stories about Montrealers refusing to speak to visitors, unable to speak French, is for the most part a bunch of hogwash. The important thing is not what you speak, but how you do it and the word to remember there is POLITENESS. Even some young members of the armed forces, there on security duty, who had great difficulty speaking English made the effort, which is a lot more than I observed a few residents of Ontario and the U.S. doing with French.



BRAMPTON'S Julie White, just 16, recorded a personal best to finish as the world's 10th best female high jumper.

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## Tight security

# Olympics: on O.P.P. duty

Although he was on duty every day for a month and a half at Kingston, O. P. P. Constable Bruce McArthur is happy that he was able to be part of the Olympics.

While his work was routine in a way, there was a constant awareness of the need for strict security.

O. P. P., R. C. M. P. and Army units had all been thoroughly briefed before the games and knew how to react in the event of any emergency. All aspects were well researched and planned in advance.

"It was a good job well done," he says.

The men and women of the O. P. P. were able to mingle with the competitors and attend some of the events, and arrangements made for them by the O. P. P. included good accommodation and meals, sports and tours.

About 350 The Ontario Provincial Police sent about 350 men and

women to form a special detail before, during and after the Olympic sailing events at Kingston. They worked shifts with no days off, but Bruce was able to come home once for a visit during a long shift changeover.

He lives on Churchill Rd. S. with wife Marilyn, children Gordon, Joanne and Gail. His mother, who visits here often, stayed with the family while he was away.

The police men and women were housed at Queens University. University buildings were used as an Olympic "village" for the 400-odd competitors as well, and the whole area fenced in for security.

**In village**  
Bruce worked in the village primarily in the administration office, on eight-hour shifts. He looked after book work for the O. P. P. personnel most of the time, but he wasn't just tied to his desk. He relieved other officers

at the gates at mealtimes, checking out people and vehicles. Metal detectors were used, and all cars - even the cruisers - were meticulously inspected each time they went through the gates.

He also delivered lunches to O. P. P. people at the harbor, which brought him into contact with the exciting events of the day. There was activity all day long, with competitors exercising to keep in top form.

Of course most of the sailing was out of sight. For Olympic news, the police depended on television, the same as most of the rest of the country.

**Reports**  
As for police activities, there were constant reports which the men and women perused each day to keep up to date. These even included movements of suspected terrorists in other countries. Happily, all went well. There was one phoned

bomb threat which resulted in a thorough search, with nothing found.

A local person swam out in the harbour and clambered into one of the boats, and was spotted right away.

The O. P. P. had security boats in the harbor 24 hours a day.

While the O. P. P. worked on the ground handling security, soldiers were placed on surrounding rooftops and at certain parts of the fence.

R. C. M. P. men also were involved in policing and had patrol boats.

All forces were co-ordinated in their work.

**Glimpses Queen**  
Bruce was on duty on the street in Kingston as the Queen arrived. Her open convertible passed into the harbor area just six feet behind him, but he was looking the other way, scanning the crowd. However when the car came out again, he was able to get a quick look and was

very impressed by her beautiful appearance.

He was off duty and able to attend the closing ceremonies at Kingston as a spectator. Medal presentations and the extinguishing of the Olympic flame were very effective, he says.

**Goddaughter**  
Bruce's goddaughter's terrific high jump performance was another highlight of the games, although Bruce couldn't see it. Julie White of Brampton jumped 1.87 metres, her personal best, to place tenth in the world. She beat out favored Debbie Brill in the event. Her father worked with Bruce at Bancroft and sang at the McArthurs' wedding. Julie will likely be competing at Moscow.

**Souvenirs**  
He was able to come home with some souvenir pins, representing Ireland, Russia, Bermuda, Spain, and the Cayman Islands. When the

sailors from the Cayman Island held a turtle barbecue, Bruce was asked to share in their "treat". He enjoyed eating turtle, and now has the souvenir pin in the shape of a turtle to remind him of the meal.

"It was great to have been a part of it," Bruce says.

**Others**  
Two other police officers well known to Actonians were also on duty at the Olympics.

Corp. Bob Arbour, formerly the head of the Acton detachment of the O. P. P., stayed even longer and was expected back the middle of this week.

Pete Campbell, formerly of the Acton detachment, was doing plain clothes work as an escort to V.I.P.s. He was with the Queen at Upper Canada Village and Lieutenant-Governor Pauline McGibbon at Kingston. He also went with the athletes from Kingston to Montreal for the opening ceremonies.

# Dressage team: up to fifth spot

Although Canada's Dressage Team were looking for gold at the Olympics, most equestrians feel the fifth placing the team received showed great improvement. This is only the third Olympics in which a Canadian dressage team have competed and all four members of the '76 team were under 30 years of age.

However, Lorraine Stubbs of Rockwood, leading rider for Canada, and a veteran of the '72 team, thinks Canada should have ranked higher. "The judging was just politics," she says, adding that a well-known name and previous Olympic experience counts more with the judges than performance. She tells of one Olympic dressage judge frequently warned about his biased marking, but he is still an international judge.

Miss Stubbs was delighted with her own horse's performance. True North is a registered Trakehner and performed "the best he's ever done," amassing a total of 549 points.

Learns from Boylen  
The young equestrian has been a serious competitive rider for ten years, winning both Grand Prix Olympic trials this year, competing with the sixth place Olympic team in '72, and winning team gold and silver medals at two Pan American Games.

One of a family of four girls, Lorraine recalls having little spare time in her Toronto childhood. "My life was planned for me," she comments. However, at age twelve, she did have Mondays off from music and dancing lessons, so she decided to take up pony club with her friends. Joining the Eglington Pony Club, an organization producing at least half of Canada's leading riders, she found she loved riding.

At sixteen, she purchased her first horse from Stu Holding of Guelph and switched to the Toronto North York Pony Club in order to take jumping lessons from Jumping Team captain James Elder.

By the time Miss Stubbs met Christlil Boylen, Canada's foremost dressage rider, she was well on her way to majoring in dressage herself and joined Mrs. Boylen, then Christlil Hansen, for instruction.

Her horse was sold to Holland, and one of the only Canadian hunters in Holland, and a Hanoverian mare called Venezuela was purchased. She was trained by show jumper Jim Day at Hornby's Samson Farms and ended up as a good hunter mare. Miss Stubbs traded her for five other animals, the nucleus of her breeding stock.

**True North**  
It was then only three years until the '76 Olympics and a horse had to be found. Trakehners are currently most popular for dressage work, so Miss Stubbs spent a year in Europe looking for a suitable mount. True North, a fourteen year old gelding and formerly a member of the Danish team, proved to be the one. The purchaser only rode him once before deciding this was her Olympic Grand Prix horse.

True North is a Swedish Trakehner, a very beautiful fiery animal, but the other Trakehner owned by Miss Stubbs is of Polish breeding. He is a four year old stallion of quiet temperament, the sire for her stud farm and a competitive hopeful in Grand Prix dressage.

The purchase of her 100-acre farm at Rt. 3, Rockwood, just north of Hwy. 24, this spring, enabled Miss Stubbs to start work on a dressage training establishment. A large indoor arena

and stabling facilities to house 24 horses are currently being constructed and renovated.

Three Thoroughbred mares, all in foal, and a weanling colt by Samson Farms Easy Doc, complete the breeding stock. But more horses can be trained at the farm, newly named Rock Eden Farms. Miss Stubbs also wishes to train promising young dressage riders.

When questioned about the amount of money an aspiring equestrian seems to need to enter competitive levels, Miss Stubbs says it's only necessary to have talent and determination. If a young rider wants to ride enough, she feels, he will work at it. Many young horsemen are apprenticed as working pupils to Canada Team riders, and spend long years working and learning before being assigned a horse to ride and compete.

Schooling will be available for good riders at Rock Eden Farms and working pupils will join the two girls and one boy presently employed. But the Olympic rider wants to screen her students carefully.

She'd rather have "quality instead of quantity".

As if managing the farm, supervising construction and crop harvesting, not to mention having recently acquired her Masters degree in Romantic Literature from York University, isn't enough; this enthusiastic young lady is off to Pennsylvania next week for an inter-

national dressage competition and then to Calgary in September for the Canadian

## Mailbox stolen

A mailbox, taken from R.R. 1, Limehouse, was thrown through the window of the west side door of Limehouse school this week.

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