

## Closing Gibber's Olympic notebook

By Denis Gibbons  
A few notes to wrap up our coverage of the final week of the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal.

A mini-war almost developed between radio and TV representatives and COJO officials, when it was discovered the radio and TV personnel were not included in the nightly handouts provided at the main press centre by the Government of Quebec to the written press. "The Olympics would be nothing without television," complained one TV technician. Each night members of the written press could line up to receive souvenirs which included a 26 oz. bottle of liquor, two records, one of the Andre Mathieu music used at the opening ceremonies, a small shoulder bag, a bronze medal, a red maple leaf sapling and a replica of the Cyalume lightsticks used at the closing ceremonies.

In the same building, the Montreal Forum, where Canadians will be screaming their heads off next month for Team Canada to drive to Russia, Czechs, Finns, Swedes and Americans back into the dark ages of hockey, Canucks let themselves be drowned out by boisterous American visitors during the Canada-U.S. basketball game. Sure, our boys, got a standing ovation when they were introduced, but 10 minutes later, when the powerful Yanks were winning by 13 points, I didn't know whether I was in the Forum or the Indiana University field house. Here was a group of young Canadian athletes, who had sacrificed a helluva lot more to represent their country than any of our pro hockey players, just a hair away from at least a bronze medal, and many fans wouldn't let a peep out of them. They were losing. It would have never happened in Moscow in September 1972.

As a neutral member of the press, it was not my place to cheer, but I can't exclude myself from criticism in the same area. It's embarrassing to phone the Canadian section of the Olympic Village, hear a pleasant voice at the other end say, "It's Lynn Kellond speaking," and have to ask "Oh, what sport are you in? or walk up to an obliging young lady like Marg Stride of St. Catharines and ask "Are you on the track team? I wasn't alone, however. All week reporters and photographers were blushing and asking similar questions of Canadian athletes. I'll bet they've never asked Bobby Orr what sport he plays.

Maybe newspapers should be balancing their coverage a little more in favor of amateur sport.

Georgetown's Clive Llewellyn said he found a lot of athletes from different countries hesitant to mix in the village. English-speaking athletes, for the most part, ate their meals with English-speaking athletes, French with French etc., he said. During the first week, Clive and his teammates were almost in awe of some of the people they were living with. "We'd be in the cafeteria and here Olga Korbut or Nadia would walk by," he said. "We had no reason to feel that way, but that's the way it was."

Although he was pinned in 44 seconds by eventual gold medalist, Soslan Andiev of the Soviet Union in the super heavy-weight class of freestyle wrestling, London's 28 year old veteran Harry Geris showed no caution against the champ. Geris, perhaps feeling his only chance was to catch the Soviet napping early, shot for his legs as soon as the match started. Andiev countered the move easily, however, and ended the match in almost record time. When Geris walked to the Soviet corner to offer congratulations later, he smiled and gave Andiev's coach a kick, in jest, as if to say "You could have let it go a little longer."

Wrestling spectators got their money's worth no matter what they had to pay for tickets. During the preliminary rounds at Centre Maisonneuve, four matches took place simultaneously for a two hour period in the morning and evening. When the round robin final took place later in the week at Maurice Richard Arena, there were just two bouts going on at the same time, but most of them had either an Olympic or world champion battling to prevent an upset from some upstart with his eye on a medal.

Huraby's Jim Day unfortunately made his most successful rides too early. Day and Sympatien produced the only clean ride among Canadians in an informal friendly warm-up jump, before any of the olympic competition began. Aboard Victory in the dressage test, first in the three-day event, Day once again impressed with a fourth place finish. After that, it was all downhill for Jim, except in the first round of team grand prix jumping, August 1, when he produced only four faults.



WINNERS IN THIS YEAR'S Acton Open appear from left to right: Terry Hay, first low gross (76); Dwayne Hay, second low gross (76); Peter Vidler, first low net (68); Bill Nicolak, senior (82); Frank Houston, junior (82); Ivan Kilby, third low net (68); Keith Andrews, OGA (68); Paul Murr, second low net (68); Stu McDonald, third low gross (81). Keith Ranney, who won the left hander title with an 84, was absent. The tournament was Saturday at Milton.

### Acton-Milton

## One day fastball tourney one game from completion

The one day first annual Milton Fastball Tournament started on time Saturday, de-toured to Hornby Sunday, and will be completed where it began later on, weather permitting, an organizer says.

A date for what turned out to be an all-Milton championship game has yet to be set. Doug McLaughlin of Milton said Monday. The tournament for industrial teams from Acton and Milton went smoothly until rained mired Rotary Park's diamond Saturday.

The final tussle for the Gus Mowbray Trophy, symbol of the two town championship, and one hundred bucks pits Charles Newman Stags against Fobert's Real Estate.

The Stags stopped Acton's Halton Hills Electric 8-3 in one half of the semis, and Thornborough BP went down 7-4 to Fobert's in the other half.

The eight game single knockout tournament featured four teams from each town.

In the Stag-Electric semi-final the Acton team held its own until the sixth frame when Stags pitcher Ed Dunn and Perry Loris broke a three-all tie. In the next inning Milton's Ron Neath and Bruce Richardson earned their second respective runs of the game while Trevor Houston added a single. Centre fielder Doug McCutcheon got Stags' first run. Milton won 8-3.

On Acton's side, hurler Frank Daley scored the Electricians' first run. Chris Tennant and Steve Steves added singles. All Electric scores came in the second inning.

The Fobert-Thornborough BP match first started Saturday, and was called because of rain. Each team had two runs. They restarted Sunday and Foberts won 7-4.

BP's Jeff Scott blasted a home run after Paul Kinsman registered the squad's first run, both in the opening frame. Kinsman repeated in the next inning and Bruce Chinnery also got a run. But Foberts held BP scoreless for the duration.

scored four runs to take a 5-4 lead. Larry Campbell connected for a home run that was followed by runs from Ray Tonelli, Doug McLaughlin and Peter Hawke. Hawke already had homered in the second frame.

Repeat Campbell repeated his fourth inning feat with a home run in the seventh after Hugh Marshall got the game's only run in the sixth.

In action leading up to the semi-finals BP sidelined Ledger's IGA 10-2 with Gord Moffatt taking the win. Gord Stanbridge was on the mound for Acton.

Van's Welding of Acton earned a pair of runs in the seventh frame, but failed to catch Foberts who took the game nine-two. Terry Collins took the win; Vince Thornton the loss. Mark Grenke hit a home run in the fourth for Foberts.

The Stags scored eight straight runs in the third frame to take a ten-one decision over Halton Hills Catering and a berth in the semis. Trevor Houston struck a home run in the second for Stags. Ed Dunn was the winning hurler; Ken Pilgrim the loser. The game went five innings.

Electric's Frank Daley guided the Acton squad from the mound to a one-zip victory over Milton's Legion Branch 136. Larry Bennett was on the mound for the Legion. Gord Stanbridge registered Electric's one run.

## Electric retakes first Catering captures third

Halton Hills Electric retook first place and Halton Hills Catering grabbed third during Acton Men's Softball Association action Monday.

The Electricians displaced Van's Welding from top spot by defeating last place Family Cleaners 20-2. Van's did not play. Electric was last in first place at the start of July.

Catering moved up to third place with a 10-6 decision over IGA.

Station Hotel did not play either. Rain forced postponement of the regularly slated Sunday afternoon trio of games.

In the Catering-IGA bout, the grocers appeared to be cleaning out the store in the first inning as they took a 6-1 lead. However they retired for the rest of the game, while Catering recouped with seven runs in the second and two more in the sixth.

Terry Cole earned the first and last Catering runs as well as one other to lead Catering's reversal. Jim James flexed his hitting muscle when he connected for a home run in the second. Woolly Willy Routledge also counted for a pair of runs.

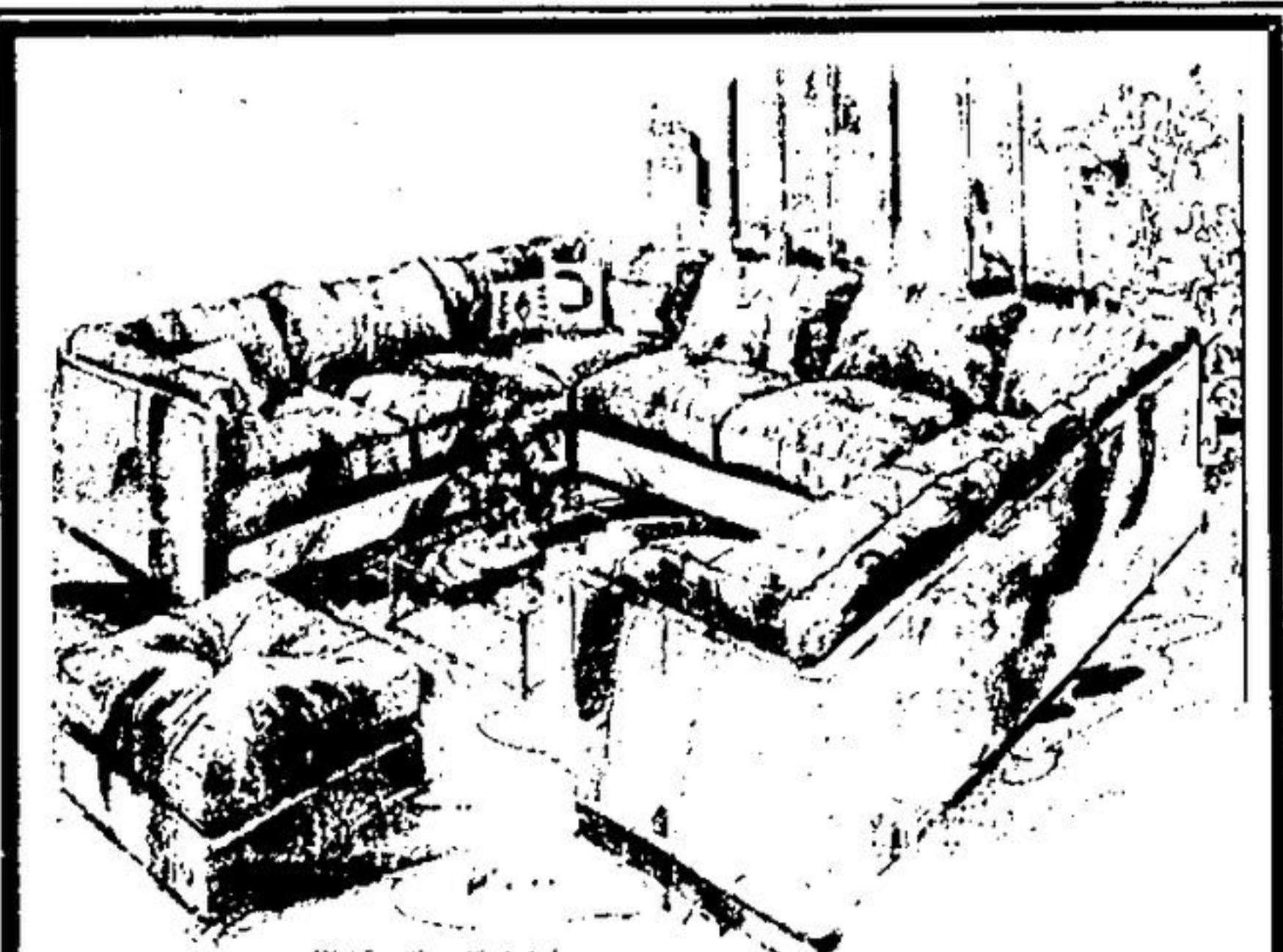
Terry Masales, Ray Graham, Ron Hachey and

Ken Pilgrim added to Catering's total over the grocers.

IGA's Gary Taillefer blasted one home run after five team mates scored. Gary Masters, Terry Curlew, Ken Slaney, pitcher Gord Stanbridge and John MacKinnon earned single runs.

Every member of the Electric team scored at least one run on Family Cleaners.

Ron Hachey earned Family's first run, a homer in the fourth. Doug Vickery registered another in the seventh. Hurler Fred Archibald took the loss.



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