

Sports Week

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Olympic boycott to her liking

On Saturday July 19 at 4 p.m., in the 100,000 seat grand arena of the Olympic Stadium in Moscow, a fanfare of trumpets will be sounded and a runner will carry the torch coming from Athens Greece to light the Olympic Flame that will officially open the 22nd Olympiad Games.

Many Western and a few Eastern bloc countries will not be in attendance. Canada is among those opting to join the 1980 Olympic boycott spearheaded by the United States of America President Jimmy Carter, who is incensed at the Russians invading Afghanistan six months ago.

Athletes around the world are not pleased with the atmosphere surrounding these Games. Most feel that the competitions should remain aside from politics. Yet, that has been proven impossible. The young men and women who have been gearing up most of their lives for the one crack at the fame and glory "and the afterlife" of a gold medal, feel let down with what is going on.

One former Canadian Olympic athlete (although you would never know it to look at her today) who does not care if she could compete, because she wouldn't, says that she is totally behind the movement to stay away from Moscow this year. Debbie Van Kiekebelt, a former pentathlete and now a sports broadcaster, says "I'm for it (the boycott)".

She told those gathered Monday night for the Halton Hills Athlete and Sports Builder Awards that "as people we can't go knowing what's going on...we have to as people support it (the boycott) if we have any social conscience at all."

RETIRED IN 1976

Kiekebelt retired from active competition in 1976 after the "armed camp" Montreal Olympics when a leg injury forced her to withdraw. For years prior she was one of this country's premier female athletes. Her physical prowess has taken her to the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh Scotland in 1970. In 1971 she won a gold medal at the Pan American Games in Columbia. That year she was named Female Athlete of the Year and track and field Athlete of the Year. In 1972 she competed at the Munich Games. Also that year she won a dual meet with Russia in Montreal.



DEBBIE VAN KIEKEBELT

She is the world junior record holder of the pentathlon as well as the North American record holder. In 1973 it was a silver medal she won at the Pan Pacific Games in Toronto. In 1975 she withdrew from competition.

Today, the six foot tall beauty is doing sports broadcasting for the National Broadcasting Corporation (NBC) in the States. She got her start doing the same thing for a few years on CITY TV, channel 78, in Toronto. She also worked for the CBC and CTV networks.

Working down south of the border has made her aware of what the boycotts are all about. She says that the Americans have the most to lose. "They are the ones who will win the majority of the gold and silver medals if they go." Yet she says they are genuinely united in their stand against attending these Games. "They have my total admiration."

"The brotherhood of the Olympics will become a mockery if they go on," says the married Ms. Kiekebelt. "My hope is that some form of world championships would take place every two years."

\$15,000 IN DEBT

Years of experience have taught her that athletic life is not simple. She trained for 15 years in a parking lot because there was no proper funding for her. She travelled from Oakville to Markham to get good coaching. "I trained in Germany the year before the 1975 Olympics and received more from that government than from my own."

"Amateur sports has got to become professional here in Canada. They already are when you're training five and six hours a day. I mean we have to take a more professional approach. Let companies sponsor athletes. Let them do commercials. I quit in '75 \$15,000 in debt, all for the glory of Canada."

"We have to support our athletes. Of the \$10 lottery ticket draws for sports, only one quarter of a cent went to the athletes. Bev Beys (a diver) only received \$50 a month. "Education is the key," says Kiekebelt. "People have to know what it is like to do a 3.22, 500 or a 19 foot pole vault. The coaches and trainers shouldn't have to volunteer their time. Everywhere else they are paid. School programs are going backwards. Physed is optional."

According to Kiekebelt there is no life for a retired Olympic athlete if they haven't won a gold medal. You only have one chance every four years. "It's not like Guy Lafleur who has 80 games or Reggie Jackson who has 164. If you win gold the doors open and more gold in the form of Wheaties commercials come along to support you."

VOTED TO STAY

Kiekebelt also spoke of being at the 1972 Munich Olympics when part of the Israeli team was killed by terrorists. "It was the night of the second game of the Canada-Russia hockey series, played in Toronto. The game was beamed back to us at one in the morning. After it was over and we had celebrated we were going to bed about five, we heard what we thought were fire crackers. We woke the next morning to find the place crawling in German tanks. The Canadian men's team, was located just behind the Israeli team and they had to be smuggled out. No one knew at that time how many terrorists there were or anything. Four times we were evacuated on bomb threats."

"A vote was held (on whether to continue the Games)...I personally felt that they had to go on. (Not to) would have been giving in to the terrorists."

Such is the story of one close to the scene. Although Debbie Van Kiekebelt can't, and wouldn't anyway, attend these Games as an athlete she may just be there in a reporting capacity.



Jim Ford and Garry DeBruyn congratulate each other on being finalists of the Sports Builder Awards.

Bray, Robinson Athlete, Builder award winners

Mark Bray wasn't born yet when Herb Robinson was helping to build this into the sports community that it is today. But, that was yesterday. Monday evening at St. George's Anglican Church the two stood side by side sharing the limelight that goes with being named the 1980 Halton Hills Athlete and Sports Builder of the Year Award winners.

A small but interested group of 100 were on hand for the dinner presentation which had both received acknowledgments from the municipal, provincial and federal governments as well as the Royal

Bank and Miracle Food Mart trophies.

Guest speaker Debbie Van Kiekebelt also offered her kindest regards to the two recipients. As did Ian Clark and Gerry Perkins, the past year's winners.

Athlete of the Year runners-up were Clark and Kris Barber, who has been so for the third year now that the award has been instituted. Jim Ford and Garry DeBruyn were the other finalists for the Builder award.

Bray (14), competed on the Canadian pre-Olympic team this past March, in West Ger-

many, where he placed fourth and eighth in the 100 and 200 metre butterfly, against Russian and German competitors. He is ranked among the top 15 swimmers in the country and as high as fourth in his specialty the butterfly. This year he hopes to set national best times for his age group.

The Acton high school student says that he is proud to receive the athletic award but says he was surprised that a swimmer would be so recognized. He says he is a couple of years away from a good shot at the Olympic team but expects to be competing with the premiere national team in a year or so. It's been a long time for the husky young lad to have come since he was a five-year-old and took up swimming to combat a breathing problem.

While he was still in his infancy Robinson was working with Legion Saturday morning hockey, of which he was commissioner for some years. He was an original member of the International Bantam tourna-



Kris Barber, left, was a third time runner-up for the Athlete's award Monday. Ian Clark, winner last year, was a finalist in 1980.

ment as well as helping to set up the local minor hockey support group in later years. He was the tri-county secretary, and many say it hasn't been the same since his departure. Lacrosse, baseball and the junior hockey team also received his attention.

Dave Kentner, co-chairman of the dinner, told the assembled that the uniqueness of Halton Hills can best be exemplified by this type of sports dinner. He noted that seldom do you find a community with

such a wide variety of athletic opportunities with the competency that exists here.

The growth of the special night is progressing he pointed out and some day he predicts it will perhaps be tied in with the municipal awards night. Kentner said that although all new undertakings, such as these awards, suffer growing pains he said that he hopes that the people will recall them and point them out for future use.

For more on the dinner see the Sports Editor's column.

Smith tournament aims for \$7,000

A new car for a hole-in-one will be among the prizes being given away to players Monday at the Bill Smith Charity Golf Tournament, at North Halton Golf and Country Club. Throughout the day 184 golfers will tee off.

This past year the Smith tourney raised \$6,000 for the Cancer Society. This year the aim is \$7,000.

The winner of the event will be presented with the traditional Green jacket, donated by Smith. Other prizes go to the golfer with the closest shot to the pin on the ninth. That person will receive a Silver Tray and a large sample of the sponsor, Hiram Walker's, drink. Molson Brewery will conduct a putting contest outside the clubhouse.

The following is a list of the participants and their teeing off time:

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| IST TEE | 11:15 |
| 8:00 a.m. | W. Taylor, B. Mitton, M. McIntosh, B. McRae. |
| 8:07 a.m. | 11:22 |
| F. Valk, J. Ware, D. Vaughan, B. Toth. | R. MacKenzie, R. Kerr-Taylor, K. Barber, C. Batty. |
| 8:15 | 11:30 |
| A. Dodge, R. Spoehr, T. Healy, D. Truman. | J. Dewitt, L. Moise, J. Patter, B. McMurtry. |
| 8:22 | 11:37 |
| K. Rockwell, B. Gates, Ed Almand, Al Avery. | M. Mullens, G. Bouchane, P. Bellisle, B. Wade. |
| 8:30 | 11:45 |
| Paul Sanderson, Mike Jones, John Scott, Simon Fraser. | R. Cook, L. Laycock, B. Miller, Steve Mulhern. |
| 8:37 | 11:52 |
| H. Campbell, K. Worrall, Greg Mackie, Walt Dixon. | Ken Nash, Jim Peters, Jim Peters, Mark Reed. |
| 8:45 | 12:00 |
| P. Jones, R. Hols, B. Niven, D. Dauphine. | Ken Sproule, B. Cook, P. Gould Bob Almand. |
| 9:00 | 12:07 |
| Bryan Lewis, Rick West, Pete Pomeroy, Pat Patterson. | G. Creighton, R. Bala, B. Reid, G. Baker. |
| 9:07 | 12:15 |
| B. Millson, B. Payne, P. Fler, L. Ainslie. | E. Ross, P. Skinner, J. Dunlop, J. Douglas. |
| 9:15 | 12:22 |
| B. Fleming, Mike McDowell, John Hart, S. Brooks. | D. Maveal, Bruce Lewis, L. Burns, Ed Pearce. |
| 9:22 | 12:30 |
| Joe Duckworth, S. Beasley, D. Lee, Bob Copeland. | B. Kedwell, W. Kedwell, R. McTavish, J. Garpink. |
| 9:30 | 12:37 |
| Doc Russell, Jim Wilson. | P. Carney, F. Morrette, T. Reed, B. Lorlman. |
| 9:37 | 12:45 |
| Ken Faulkner, Bruce McIntyre, J. Edgar, Bill Ward. | G. Goebelle, G. Wagner, R. Culp, B. McAdam. |
| 9:45 | 12:45 |
| Bob Schmale, John Denny, Jake Schnarr, Barney Aspinwall. | Rex Heslop, Rud Whiting, Bert Arnold, P. Anderson. |
| 10:00 | 10TH TEE |
| I. Gilmore, W. Robb, B. Barrow, G. Bell. | 9:30 |
| 10:07 | Joe Pal, M. Mooney, M. Adams. |
| C. Dutton, D. Jackson, P. Newton, Jack Tudor. | 10:00 |
| 10:15 | W. McLean, B. Gardner, B. Sumner, C. Snow. |
| Art Miersma, W. Smith, C. Stuckey, R. Fraser. | 10:30 |
| 10:22 | Bill Webb, J. Grindley, B. Couche. |
| H. Thomas, G. Kozack, P. Herrold, J. McNally. | 11:00 |
| 10:30 | B. Monckton, K. Robinson, G. Kerr, B. McArdle. |
| F. Dobson, A. Dempster, K. Robertson, Al Ferguson. | 11:15 |
| 10:37 | Paul MacDonald, Jim Connelly, Jeff Dean, Al Watt. |
| F. Pavelich, J. VanKiekebelt, B. Fiedler, D. Dolmage. | 11:30 |
| 10:45 | Bill Crawford, guest, Mac Duff, Murt Allison. |
| G. Stone, B. Brooks, J. Donachey, B. Fuller. | 11:45 |
| 11:00 | Paul Armstrong, F. Morris, Mike Armstrong, J. Fleming. |
| J. Muckart, G. Sproule, D. Shaw, D. Spence. | 12:00 |
| 11:07 | Pat Brookler, G. Smith, M. Weeks, M. Ricks. |
| G. Farnell, S. Young, Al Norton, R. Whittaker. | 12:45 |
| | J. Stevenson, B. Marchand, D. Harley, D. Anderson. |



Al Hall and Rod MacDonald drove their BMW to a sixth place finish over the weekend, in Muskoka, during the third leg of the Black Bear Rally. The duo also took a third place in the Clubman competition of the Ontario Performance Rally Championship event.

NHL golfers here Friday

Some of your favorite present and former National Hockey League players will be at North Halton Golf and Country Club Friday, to play in the 20th Annual Invitation Professional Hockey Players Tourney.

Names like Gary Dornhoefer, Bob Goldham, Harry Howell, Andy Bathgate, Dave Keon, Dave and Paul Gardiner, Jerry Butler, Greg Hotham, Jerry Korab and Bill White will all be there to pay \$40 each to swing a club and have dinner. It is all in aid of the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded.

The Royal Canadian Legion is helping to organize the day. They have sold 14 tees to sponsors for \$100 each, says Murray Ezard. The Legion took the other three. Sponsors also get a round of golf for their money. Ezard says that the event should turn over at least \$4,000 and possible \$5,000.

Air Canada has donated two free tickets to anywhere they fly, as first prize. Don Durno, a former Toronto Argonaut, donated a set of golf clubs to be raffled off at \$5 a ticket or three for \$15. Next year the tourney will be at Durno's club in north east Toronto. This is only the second year that the event has been held outside of Toronto.

A shotgun start at 11 o'clock will get the players going from various holes. After the golf is over a few of the players will be up at the McGibbon Hotel to greet mainstreeters during the hotel's Pioneer Days celebration. Dinner at North Halton will follow.

Jaycees to cycle to Ottawa

When the Jaycee bicycle gets rolling in the Glen Williams Canada Day parade June 28, it will not stop until it has spun its way across the province to Ottawa during the next 25 hours.

Ten of the service club members, who each have a minimum of \$50 in pledges behind them, will continue to ride the bike non-stop to the nation's capital to present government officials with a special commemorative plaque. It will read "Presented to the People of Canada in Celebration of Canadian Unity by the Georgetown Jaycees, July 1, 1980, Transported 500 km to Ottawa via non-stop from Georgetown, Ontario."

This will be the third time such an undertaking as this has been tackled by the local group. Previous years a similar trip was made to the 1976 Olympics and the 1978 national celebrations on Parliament Hill.

The \$2,000 which the club expects to raise, will be used to set up a bursary for a graduating high school student. This will be called the Jaycee Citizenship Award and will be presented annually.

Hardball Bantams win Ajax tourney

If only the teams that played in the bantam boys hardball tournament in Ajax over the weekend could play in the same regular league with the Georgetown team.

Thursday in Mississauga the local lads dropped a 9-7 decision in league play then went on this week and won their next three games to champion the Ajax tournament. Ten teams were entered in the two-day event.

It took the team three easy games to wrap up the title. First Bowmanville went down 13-3, then Little Britton got bombed 18-7 and finally in a cool championship game Heron Park, of Scarborough, lost 6-2 to the winners.

John Fitzgerald led the Georgetown team to victory in the final game with a pair of runs against a strong Heron Park pitcher, who was making the ball dance with the curves he was putting on it. Still, Andy

Fisher, Dave Doucette, George Osborne and Jeff Budweiser were able to make it around the bases without being tagged out.

Against Britton Rob Wilson and Budweiser had three runs while Blake Harrison, Craig Budweiser, Osborne and Eric Clark made it home safely twice. Single runs went to Pete Rembish, Fisher, Mike Stone and Doucette.

Craig Budweiser led the Bowmanville romp with three runs. Doucette, Harrison and Osborne had two runs each. Singles went to Fitzgerald, Fisher, Paul Guistini and Jeff Budweiser.

The Mississauga game saw Jeff Budweiser and Osborne hit for two runs each with singles going to Doucette, Jeff Serjeantson and Robbie Wilkes.

The team is home Thursday night at the Fairgrounds at 6:30 when they will take on Milton.



Molson's representative Tom Mahoney of Brampton presented the brewery's three star awards to (from left to right): Steve Lyons, Ray Tonelli, and Peter McDuffe. Raiders' finance director and first vice-president, Finn Poustrup, (right), was on hand to congratulate the winners.

Raiders hold awards night



Ken Stern (right) won the Georgetown Chrysler trophy for the team's Most Improved Player. Bill McEwen of Georgetown Chrysler made the presentation to the Raiders' defenceman.



Among the winners at Friday's Georgetown Raiders end of season dance were club president Bob Hooper (left) and goaltender Peter McDuffe. Hooper was honored with the Jack Harrison Award for his outstanding contributions to the hockey association. McDuffe won the Most Valuable Player of the Year trophy.