



APPENDICES

Milestones in the History of Women in Sport

by Sheila Robertson

- 1900** Women are included on the program of the modern Olympic Games, competing in archery, golf, and tennis; Britain's **Charlotte Cooper** becomes the first women's Olympic tennis champion; American **Margaret Abbott** wins gold in golf.
- 1905** Over the next 35 years, the **Edmonton Grads** win 502 of 522 basketball games and four world championships.
- 1912** Australia's **Sarah "Fanny" Durack** shocks the world with her one-piece bathing suit at the Olympic Games in Stockholm.
- 1922** The Fédération sportive féminine internationale organizes the first Women's Olympic Games in Paris; in one day alone, 20,000 spectators watch 18 world records broken in track and field.
- 1926** **Alexandrine Gibb** spearheads the formation of the Women's Amateur Athletic Federation of Canada (WAAF) to initiate international competition for Canadian women; the second Women's Games are held in Sweden, with entries from 10 nations.
- 1928** **Florence Bell, Myrtle Cook, Fanny (Bobbie) Rosenfeld** and **Ethel Smith** win the 400-yd relay at the Olympic Games; **Ethel Catherwood** takes gold in the high jump; several women collapse at the end of the 800, and the event is declared dangerous to women and banned until 1960; **Dorothy Prior** is the first Canadian woman to compete in Olympic swimming events; staging the only feminist boycott in Olympic history, British women stay away from the Games to protest the lack of women's events.
- 1930** The third Women's Games are held in Prague.
- 1934** The fourth and last Women's Games are held in London.
- 1936** The Women's Games are cancelled in exchange for a nine-event Olympic program for women.
- 1938** **WAAF** (Ontario) starts the first coaching development scheme for women.
- 1948** **Barbara Ann Scott** wins the Olympic figure skating title; at the Olympic Games in London, track and field star **Fanny Blankers-Koen**, a mother of three, is called "*The Marvellous Mama*", and the subtitle says, "*Fastest Woman in the World Can Cook*".
- 1952** American diver Juno Irwin wins an Olympic bronze medal while three-and-a-half months pregnant with her second child.
- 1956** Skier **Guiliana Chenal-Minuzzo** of Italy is the first woman to take the Olympic oath at the Opening Ceremonies.
- 1965** Olympic swim champion Donna de Varona becomes the first female sportscaster on American network television.

- 1966** Sex tests (gender verification) for women are adopted in international sport.
- 1971** **Debbie Brill** becomes the first woman to high jump six feet.
- 1972** Cross-country skiers **Sheila** and **Sharon Firth** are the first Aboriginal women to represent Canada at the Olympic Games.
- 1973** **Snooky Seely** sets a world record in shot-put at the Stoke Mandeville Games.
- 1975** Women tennis players win pay parity at the US Open.
- 1976** Women's rowing becomes an Olympic event 76 years after men's rowing; women's basketball becomes an Olympic event 36 years after men's basketball.
- 1980** Canada's first Female Athlete Conference is held; Fitness and Amateur Sport Canada establishes a Women's Program.
- 1981** **Abby Hoffman** is the first woman to be elected to the executive of the Canadian Olympic Association (COA); later that year she becomes the first woman to be director of Sport Canada; 87 years after its founding, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) admits its first woman member; CAAWS is formed.
- 1984** The first women's Olympic marathon takes place (men first competed in the event in 1896); women's cycling, synchronized swimming and rhythmic gymnastics are added to the Olympic calendar.
- 1987** **Betty Baxter** founds the National Coaching School for Women.
- 1988** **Justine Blainey** wins the right to play in the all-male Ontario Hockey Association when the Ontario Human Rights Commission rules that girls and women cannot be barred from competing in male sports and on male teams; tennis returns to the Olympic Games, although fewer women than men will be allowed to compete; **Carol Ann Letheren** is the first woman chef de mission of a Canadian Olympic team.
- 1991** **Carol Ann Letheren** is the first woman president of the COA; later that year she becomes the sixth woman to be named to the IOC; **Judy Kent** is the first woman chef de mission of a Canadian Commonwealth Games team.
- 1992** Judo becomes an Olympic event for women, 28 years after it became an Olympic event for men; the Canada Games Council adopts wide-ranging gender equity principles; Canada's women's wheelchair basketball team captures the gold medal at the Stoke Mandeville Games and at the Paralympic Games in Barcelona.
- 1993** The IOC adds women's soccer and women's triple jump to the Olympic calendar—men began playing Olympic soccer in 1900 and first contested the Olympic triple jump in 1896.
- 1994** Biathlete **Myriam Bédard** becomes the first Canadian woman to win two Winter Olympic gold medals; the IOC confirms that women's ice hockey and women's and men's curling will join the Winter Olympic program in 1998 at Nagano, Japan; the Commonwealth Games Women in Coaching Program gives 10 Canadian women international coaching experience along with coaching positions at the 1994 Commonwealth Games.

- 1995** The IOC announces its intention to move quickly to promote “**the presence of women within sport and its technical and administrative structures**”.
- 1996** At the Olympic Games in Atlanta, 3,626 women compete—32 per cent more than in Barcelona—in part due to the recognition of women’s soccer, softball and triple jump as Olympic events; the athletes on Canada’s Olympic team number 154 women and 153 men; **Molly Killingbeck** is the first woman to coach Canada’s 4x100m men’s relay team at an Olympic Games; Canada’s women’s wheelchair basketball team repeats as Paralympic champions—the team has recorded 25 consecutive wins since 1990; Egyptian handball player **Hanan Eid** is forced to take a sex test at the All-African Games to prove she is not a man; women’s pole vault is on the program of the European Indoor Track Championship, the first time the event has been held at a major international championship.
- 1997** The IOC extends the women’s field hockey tournament at the 2000 Games from 8 to 10 teams, moving closer to the men’s total of 12 teams; the IOC approves new women’s events for Sydney, but does not raise the limit on the numbers of athletes competing; when women first played at the Games in 1980, six teams were in the tournament; for the first time, 50 per cent of the chef de missions at the Canada Games are women; **kayaker Caroline Brunet** becomes the first woman to win three gold medals at the world championships.
- 1998** The Second World Conference on Women and Sport is held in Windhoek, Namibia. Canada is chosen to host the Third World Conference in Montreal in 2002.

Extracted from “MILESTONES IN THE HISTORY OF WOMEN IN SPORT”.

Gymnast turned television commentator Elfi Schlegel



Sample Biographies

ATHLETE **CATRIONA LEMAY DOAN**, 26, Saskatoon, Sask., Sprint

CURRENT STATUS 1998 Olympic 500m champion and 1000m bronze medallist; first woman to skate below the 1:17.00 mark in 1000m; won silver at 1997 world sprint championships; current Canadian sprint champion; won gold and silver at 1996 world sprint championships; won six World Cup medals in 1995; healthy after injuries during 1994/95 season; still managed four top-10 World Cup finishes; arts and sciences student, University of Calgary; nine years on national team; outstanding all-around athlete; competed in athletics at 1993 Canada Summer Games; a speaker with Athletes in Action; coached by Derrick Auch

BEST TIMES **500m** 39.35 **1000m** 1:20.34 **1500m** 2:07.19 **3000m** 4:37.12

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

<i>YEAR</i>	<i>EVENT</i>	<i>DISTANCE</i>	<i>RESULT</i>
1998	World Sprint Championships	500m	1, 1
	World Single Championships	500m	1
	Olympic Games	500m	1
		1000m	3
	Olympic Trials	500m	1
	World Cup Final Standing	500m	1
1997	Canada–U.S. Challenge	1500m	1 (WR)
	World Cup	500m	1 (WR), 1
		1000m	1 (WR), 2
	World Cup	500m	1, 2
		1000m	4, 1
	World Single Distance Championships	500m	17
		1000m	13
	World Cup Standings	500m	7
		1000m	13
	World Sprint Championships	500m	2, 4
1000m		10, 10	
overall		5	
1996	World Single Distance Championships	500m	5
		1000m	16
	World Cup Standings	500m	3
		1000m	14
	World Sprint Championships	500m	1
	500m	2	
1995	World Cup Final Standings	500m	11

YEAR	EVENT	DISTANCE	RESULT
1994	World Cup Final Standings	500m	9
	Olympic Games	500m	33
			<i>(crashed on a turn)</i>
	World Sprint Championships	500m overall	7, 12 10
1993	World Cup Final Standings	500m	5
1992	World Cup, Nagano, JPN	500m	3

COACH **LAURA FARRER**, Coquitlam, B.C., Field Hockey

CURRENT STATUS Provincial coach, British Columbia's Women's Field Hockey Federation; Assistant coach, Field Hockey Canada; working on 3M NCCP Level Four; working on doctorate in psychopedagogy, University of Ottawa; certified mental trainer; CPCA charter member; coach representative, BC Sport Science Committee, Canada Summer Games

EDUCATION Master's degree in the psychology of sport; bachelor's degree in psychology

AWARDS

1997	Petro Canada Scholarship, Canadian Olympic Association Entrance Scholarship, University of Ottawa
1996	Elite Coach of the Year, Field Hockey Canada
1995	National Apprenticeship Program Grant
1993	Dean's Award, Queen's University
1988	All-Canadian, CIAU
1987	Joan Livesay Award, UBC Thunderbird Field Hockey Club

POSITIONS HELD

1996	Head field hockey coach, Queen's University
1991	Provincial coach, British Columbia's Women's Field Hockey Federation
1995	Coach, York University's Varsity Team 3M NCCP Level 4 apprentice coach
1994	Assistant junior national coach, Field Hockey Canada
1993	Instructor, teaching assistant, Queen's University

Resources

Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women and Sport and Physical Activity

202-801 King Edwards Avenue
Ottawa, Ontario
K1N 6N5
Tel: (613) 562-5667
Fax: (613) 562-5668
E-mail: caaws@caaws.ca
Website: www.caaws.ca

Athletes CAN

Suite 301 - 1376 Bank Street
Ottawa, Ontario
K1H 7Y3
Tel: (613) 526-4025
Toll Free: 1-888-832-4222
Fax: (613) 526-9735
E-mail: athcan@idirect.com
Website: www.athletescan.com

Canada Games Council

701-2197 Riverside Drive
Ottawa, Ontario
K1H 7X3
Tel: (613) 526-2320
Fax: (613) 526-4068
E-mail: canada.games@canadagames.ca
Website: www.canadagames.ca

Canadian Centre for Ethics and Sport

350-955 Green Valley Cr
Ottawa, Ontario
K2C 3V4
Tel: (613) 521-3340
Fax : (613) 521-3134
E-mail: info@cces.ca
Website: www.cces.ca

Canadian Olympic Association

Website: www.olympic.ca

CORPORATE OFFICE - TORONTO
21 St.Clair Avenue E., Suite 900
Toronto, ON
Canada, M4T 1L9
Tel: (416) 962-0262
Fax: (416) 967-4902

MONTREAL

4141 Pierre de-Coubertin
Montréal (Québec)
Canada, H1V 3N7
Tel: (514) 861-3371

OTTAWA

85 rue Albert Street
14th Floor Ottawa, ON
Canada K1P 6A4
Tel: (613) 244-2020

VANCOUVER

3585 Graveley St., Floor 7
Vancouver, BC
Canada, V5K 5J5
Tel: (604) 678-2555

Canadian Paralympic Committee

CPC National Office
85 Albert St., Suite 1401
Ottawa, Ont. K1P 6A4
Tel: 613-569-4333
Fax: 613-569-2777

Vancouver Office
3585 Gravelly Street, 7th Floor
Vancouver, BC V5K 5J5
Tel: 604-678-6240
Fax: 604-678-2554
E-mail: info@paralympic.ca
Website: www.paralympic.ca

Coaching Association of Canada

141 Laurier Avenue West, Suite 300
Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5J3
Tel: 613-235-5000
Fax: 613-235-9500
E-mail: coach@coach.ca
Website: www.coach.ca

Sport Canada

15 Eddy Street
8th floor,
Gatineau, PQ
K1A 0M5
Tel: (819) 956-8151
Fax: (819) 956-8006
Website: www.pch.gc.ca/progs/sc/index_e.cfm

ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS

CBC Ombudsman

Vince Carlin
P.O. Box 500, Station A
Toronto, Ontario M5W 1E6
Tel: (416) 205-2978
Fax: (416) 205-2825
E-Mail: ombudsman@cbc.ca
Website: www.cbc.ca/ombudsman