

Richard Riot Overshadows '55 Sports Achievements

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Canadian sports had momentous achievements in 1955, but overshadowing the glamor was one of the ugliest riots in the country's history and an outbreak of swim madness that killed one man.
It was the year of the St. Patrick's Day mob violence, when thousands of people embarked on a seven-hour rampage of destruction and looting in Montreal following a tear gas bomb throwing inside the Forum over the Maurice Richard hockey affair.
It was also the year of the marathon swim craze, of men and women attempting to conquer Lake Ontario. They all failed. One died.
FEAT STILL STANDS
Today, Marilyn Bell, 17, of Toronto, is the only person to swim the 32-mile lake. Her historic moment came in 1954. The year she crossed the English channel—the youngest swimmer to do it. Her time was 14 hours, 36 minutes.
Not to be forgotten were East-West intersectional competitions, particularly the Grey Cup football hockey, curling, golf, basketball, lacrosse and tennis. Honors in these events were about evenly split.
Among the thrills was Edmonton Eskimos' 34-19 Grey Cup win over Montreal Alouettes at Vancouver. It was the first time a Western team won the classic two straight years.
Then there was Canada's 5-0 victory over Russia in the world hockey championships at Krefeld, Germany. Canada, represented by Petticoat Vaux, regained the title lost by Toronto East York to the Russians in the 1954 games.
Other Canadians also did well on foreign ground. Frances Dafoe and Norris Bowden, both of Toronto, retained the world pairs figure skating crown at Vienna. They are one of Canada's hopes to win the pairs Olympic title at Cortina, Italy next month.
AT PAN-AMERICAN GAMES
At the Pan-American games in Mexico City, Beth Whittall, 18, of Montreal won the 400-metre butterfly and 100-metre women's freestyle swims. Helen Stewart, 16, 100-metre free-style, and Lenore Fisher of Ocean Falls, B.C., took the 100-metre backstroke.
A United States golf prize fell to Toronto's Al Balding. He won the \$15,000 Mayfair Open at Sanford, Fla., Dec. 18.
University of British Columbia rights lost by a thin margin to the University of Pennsylvania at the Royal Henley in the Grand

Challenge Cup final. UBC upset a crack Russian crew by a half-length the day before.
The fuse for the uprising at Montreal Forum was ignited when Richard, right winger with Montreal Canadiens of the National Hockey League, attacked Hal Laycoe of Boston Bruins with his stick and punched linesman Cliff Thompson in a game March 13.
BARRED FROM PLAYOFFS
Three days later Richard was suspended for the remainder of the season, including the Stanley Cup playoffs. NHL President Clarence Campbell, who suspended Richard, was in the Forum March 17. He was punched and showered with programs, eggs, bottles and rubbers. A tear-gas bomb was thrown. There was a stampede for exits.
Outside, a mob went on a looting spree. Innocent bystanders were beaten. Damage estimates ranged up to \$200,000.
The game was forfeited to Detroit Red Wings, who went on to edge Canadiens in the Stanley Cup final.
And then the swim fad. Twenty-five swimmers made 27 attempts to beat Lake Ontario. A lake marathon was cancelled because of bad weather and a 32-mile Canadian National Exhibition lakefront swim was substituted. It was won by Cliff Lumsdon of Toronto, only finisher of 30 starters.
The craze spread to various parts of Canada. Juan de Fuca strait was beaten by Bert Thomas of Tacoma, Wash. Tom Park, 31-year-old native of Hamilton, won the annual 26-mile Atlantic City swim for the second straight year.

PARKER AGAIN STAR
The largest crowd in Canadian football history—39,417—watched Eskimos clobber Alouettes in the Grey Cup. Edmonton quarterback Jackie Parker was the individual star, as he was in the 1954 classic when he ran for the winning touchdown.
Many Eskimo and Alouette players clashed again in the East-West Shrine game at Toronto Dec. 3. It was the first All-Star engagement and ended in a 6-6 tie.
This is how the west and east compared in intersectional play:
WEST
Edmonton took the Grey Cup, Winnipeg Rods the Canadian junior football championship, New Westminster the Canadian senior soccer crown, Victoria Shamrocks the Mann Cup, Jean Waring of Calgary captured the senior and junior women's singles badminton events, Port Alberni won the Canadian senior men's basketball title; Van-

cover Eilers the women's senior crown. The Campbell brothers of Avonlea, Sask., were Canadian curling champions and Saskatoon collegiate won the Dominion school curling title. In golf, British Columbia won the Willingdon Cup.
EAST
Kitchener - Waterloo Dutchmen won the Allan Cup and Canadian senior hockey title. They will represent Canada in the 1956 winter Olympics. Toronto Marlboros captured the Memorial Cup and Shawinigan Falls Cataracts the Edinburgh Trophy.
At Balding won the Canadian Professional Golfers' Association tournament, Moe Norman of Kitchener, Ont., emerged as Canadian amateur champion, and Marlene Stewart of Fonthill, Ont., won the Canadian women's open and close titles.
Peterborough Orfuns won the Canadian intermediate football crown. Long Branch Monarchs were Dominion junior lacrosse titlists.

FIGURE-SKATING TITLIS
Miss Dafoe and Bowden retained their North American and Canadian pairs figure-skating crowns. Charles Stelling of Toronto won the Canadian men's senior and Carol Jane Paschl, 17, of Montreal, took the senior women's title.
Don Smythe of Toronto won the men's senior badminton title, Toronto Northtown the junior men's basketball event and Hamilton the junior ladies laurels.
St. Catharines Rowing Club won the 73rd annual Royal Canadian Henley while Toronto Balmie Beach took the Canadian Canoe Associa-

tion club title. Canadian paddlers swept to their third straight victory over the U.S. in the North American canoe championships.
Gene Littler of Palm Springs, Calif., won the \$28,500 golf open in a sudden-death extra-hole playoff with Vancouver's Stan Leonard. In the speedboat world, Miss Superst II, owned by Gordon Thompson of London, Ont., set a Canadian record for propeller-driven craft with a speed of 154 miles an hour at Pictou Bay Nov. 1.
Montreal Royals placed first in the International Baseball League race but lost to Rochester Red Wings in the playoffs. In tennis Canada defeated the British West Indies in a North American Davis Cup tie and then lost to Australia, which won the cup.
In boxing, Earl Walls, Canadian heavyweight champion, retired Nov. 2 because he felt the risk of injury was too great for a family man. He had held the crown since 1932.
Ace Marine, owned by Toronto industrialist Larkin Maloney, won the 96th running of the Queen's Plate at Toronto Park Dandy, from the stable of W. J. Beattie of Washington, R.I., captured the \$40,000 added stake at Long Branch, near Toronto.
In gymnastics, Ernestine Russell, 16, of Windsor, won the women's all-around title at the American Athletic Union championships at Rochester, N.Y., taking all four events. It was the first time anyone had made a clean sweep in the division.

Says Whistle Sounded Before Goal Scored

MONTREAL (CP) — Clarence Campbell, president of the National Hockey League, said Thursday independent evidence indicates referee Jack Mehlenbacher should not have allowed one of the goals scored by Boston Wednesday night in a game against Rangers in New York.
The game ended in a 3-3 tie and Campbell said he has not yet received any request for action as a result of Mehlenbacher's apparent miscue.
The incident occurred in the third period. Witnesses said Mehlenbacher blew his whistle during a scramble in front of the New York net. Seconds after the whistle sounded Boston pumped in its second goal.
So far, said Campbell, Mehlenbacher has not acknowledged that he blew his whistle before the goal. However, independent witnesses—these were believed to include referee-in-chief Carl Voss—reported the whistle had sounded before the goal.

Webster Signs '56 Contract

NEW YORK, (AP)—Alex Webster, halfback who led the New York Giants in rushing this season with 634 yards, signed his 1956 New York contract Thursday.
Immediately after the Giants completed their National Football League schedule Dec. 11, Webster indicated during a visit to Montreal that he would like to return to Montreal Alouettes. He won the Big Four scoring title in 1954 when he played for the Alouettes.

Drug Combination Aids Care Of Aged At Home

BOSTON (AP)—Use of a new drug combination which might keep many oldsters from going to mental institutions was described today to the American Medical Association.
Two Michigan scientists said in a prepared paper that experiments with the drugs among senile patients in hospitals indicate that control can often be achieved "at home" by family doctors for behavior problems ordinarily requiring hospital treatment for such people.
Researchers John T. Ferguson and William H. Funderburk of Traverse City State Hospital said their objective was to eliminate "abnormal behavior" — such as destructiveness of clothing or furniture, or faulty habits of personal appearance — which predominated in some cases regardless of the mental diagnosis.
The drugs used were reserpine, a "tranquilizing" substance, and methyl-phenidylacetate, which acts as a stimulant of the central

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