



Ben busted again

Johnson would have learned his lesson - apparently not. High levels of testosterone, a male hormone, were found in a urine sample taken at a track meet in January and the five member International Amateur Athletic Federation commission decided on Friday that it did in fact prove another case of substance use. Since Johnson's last positive test there has not been an outbreak in the use of steroids among other Canadian Track and Field athletes, so hopefully the international athletic community will realize that it is a case of one bad apple ruining the reputation of a larger group.

CANADA'S MADONNA?

Since Brian Mulroney resigned as Prime Minister, Defense Minister Kim Campbell has been receiving a lot of press in Canada as the so-called front runner in the Tory leadership race. Now she is also getting some press in the British tabloids. They have picked up on a picture taken by Barbara Woodley for the book "Portraits: Canadian Women in Focus." The book contains photographs of more than 60 women including Ms. Campbell. Well, the picture in question portrays Campbell, bare shouldered, behind her judicial robes. The tabloids, being the newshounds that they are, seemed to find the picture very provocative and, as is normal with

their type of hyperbole, have blown it right out of proportion. Comparing this woman to someone as scandalous as Madonna is a little bit of a reach for me. The judicial robes don't carry the same type of sexual weight as, say, leather or chains or the like. I think the truth is that the Brits are jealous that we have a smart, attractive, and relatively young woman ready to contest for the country's Prime Ministership instead of their line of rather drab national leaders.

CLINTON HELPS STUDENTS

Bill Clinton fulfilled another one of his campaign promises by putting into effect a plan that allows college students to repay their debts incurred due to education through community service. This could revolutionize American college aid. This effectively makes college accessible to all and sets off a wave of involvement in education, health, safety and environmental projects. He pointed to the fact that there was a large demand for both a new system of aid and for volunteers in different areas. This plan fulfills two objectives at once. The plan has yet to be passed by the American Congress which is being heavily lobbied by banks who will lose millions if students are allowed to go somewhere else for loans. The program will get a test run this summer when roughly 1,000 students will participate in the project. Clinton proposes spending close to \$5 billion over the next four years and hopes that the program will expand to 25,000 spots in 1994 and to over 100,000 by 1997. The president is thereby helping solidify support among younger voters who are very valuable to his re-election in 1996.

THE CHARLOTTETOWN _____ ? _____

News came in last week that the Ottawa Senators want to set up their AHL farm team in Charlottetown for the 1993/94 hockey season.

They must sell over 3000 season tickets before April 1 in order to nail it down. Last weekend's turnout at the St. John's Maple Leaf games would suggest that that won't be the real problem. The true challenge will be to find an appropriate name for this franchise which is coming from New Haven, Connecticut. In New Haven the name was the Winter Hawks. That's a little bland, so here are a few suggestions:

Option 1: Since the team was named after a bird in New Haven, perhaps it could be named after our province's official bird, the blue jay. I'm not sure if the Charlottetown Blue Jays has the right ring to it though; besides, it has probably already been used somewhere else.

Option 2: Let's examine the name of the parent club, the Senators. Well, we don't seem to have very many of those around Charlottetown, so how about a little variation. The Charlottetown MLA's, that's not too bad, but naming a hockey team after a bunch of politicians might not be a good idea...the hockey players might be insulted.

Option 3: This option is my favorite. One of the newest N.H.L. teams has named itself after something used in the entertainment industry. The Disney Corporation made big news and earned a lot of interest in their team by their controversial use of the name of a moderately successful movie about a minor hockey team. In naming the Anaheim Mighty Ducks, Disney combined success in the entertainment industry with a sports franchise. I believe that Prince Edward Island would be wise to follow this lead. Our province has its own entertainment star, you guessed it, Anne of Green Gables. We have already put her on our license plate, so why not on a hockey jersey? I can just see it: "The burly defenceman from the Charlottetown Kindred Spirits breaks up the right and blasts a hard shot into the offensive zone....." ●

