

'Hooray — Three Cheers for USA!'

Olympic Calm Shattered by Russian Loss to Americans

LAKE PLACID (AP) — "USA! USA! USA!" they cheered as they swarmed from the Olympic Center into the main street of tiny Lake Placid. The American hockey team had just defeated the Soviet Union in one of the biggest upsets in Olympic hockey history.

"This is one of the best events since the 1969 New York Mets," said Rob Devinney, a native of New York City now living in Jay, N.Y., just 15 miles from here.

After the U.S. hockey team downed the heavily-favored Soviet Union 4-3 Friday night, the streets of Lake Placid were flooded with cheering, chanting, delicious fans.

They sang, "Good-bye, Russia; Good-bye, Russia."

Devinney carried a banner that said: "Stuff the Bears." A stuffed bear sat on his shoulder.

They came from as far away as Anchorage, Alaska, and there was a couple from Indianapolis, Ind., by way of Ireland.

"I feel like I played that game myself," said Scott Sutherland of Anchorage. "I'm sweating so hard, I've seen two hockey games in my whole life, and I can't believe it."

"Why did I come here?" Sutherland said. "To see the Russians get beat by the United States."

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Gannon, swept along with the cheering crowd leaving the arena, said they moved to Indianapolis from Ireland 10 years ago "to be near

the land of the Fighting Irish."

"But we came here to cheer the United States," Mary Gannon said. "We were hoping and praying they would win. Craig (U.S. goalie Jim Craig), did such a super job."

Marty Zachrich of Defiance, Ohio said he felt fortunate just to witness the game. "I wouldn't have sold my tickets for \$1,000," Zachrich said. "I never hoped for anything so much in my life. I cried the last nine seconds."

"It was the most exhilarating sports event I've seen," said one fan. "I thought the house would come down when the game ended. The bleachers were thundering above us."

Many in the capacity crowd of 8,500 at the fieldhouse refused to leave their seats for more than 10 minutes after the game. American flags were waved wildly to chants of "USA! USA! USA!" and fans stomped their feet on the bleachers in cadence.

"Why don't you cheer like the rest of us," roared three French reporters to a group of Chinese journalists when the U.S. team scored its fourth goal. "Who are you for, anyway?" The Chinese smiled and nodded in conspicuous restraint.

Police tried repeatedly to clear a lane for traffic outside the arena as thousands of fans milled about the street.

Fireworks burst coincidentally over Lake Placid for the awards ceremony on Mirror Lake, but it couldn't have been timed better. Strangers in bars embraced and sang "God Bless America."



Soviet goalie Vladislav Tretiak blocks a first-period shot by the USA's Mark Johnson.

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Who's to Blame For Tube Void?

LAKE PLACID (AP) — The American public was deprived of seeing the stunning U.S. upset of the Soviet hockey team live on ABC television because of another apparent foulup by the Lake Placid Olympic Organizing Committee (LPOOC), network sources said.

Officials of the organizing committee contended they were not to blame, however.

The 4-3 victory by the spunky American squad in the medals round started at 5 p.m. EST. The other game, between Sweden and Finland, was set for 8:30 p.m. EST — the same time ABC was to go on live with its programming.

According to ABC, the network had been told by Bob Allen of the LPOOC 1½ years ago that the two games were interchangeable, meaning if the U.S. team made it to the medals round its game would be available live in prime time.

After the Americans qualified as one of the final four teams Wednesday, their game against the Soviets was scheduled for 5 p.m. by the supervising International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF).

On Thursday, ABC reminded the LPOOC of its commitment. The LPOOC is the body from which ABC bought the

television rights to the Games for \$15.5 million and with whom the network has been negotiating the whole time. Network sources said Allen apparently never had confirmed his promise to ABC with the IIHF, which runs the ice hockey tournament at the Games.

Allen, who runs the Olympic Fieldhouse and also is in charge of hockey for the LPOOC, said he was approached 1½ years ago by ABC and had told the network "I would try" to arrange the schedule.

He said he then spoke to Hal Trumble, technical director of the U.S. Ice Hockey Association, in September before a meeting at which the schedules were finalized, and when ABC talked with Trumble, "They never talked to Trumble about changing this other game."

Allen said the LPOOC and the federation didn't go along with the change because "We thought we'd get murdered by the press and you'd have irate ticket holders."

The game was live on CTV, a Canadian network, which made a separate TV deal with LPOOC. CTV has a different programming schedule than ABC.

Mahre Skis Close Second to Stenmark

LAKE PLACID (AP) — Phil Mahre could have won, Ingemar Stenmark said. But Stenmark, the sensational Swede, put on one of his patented assaults to capture his second gold medal of these XIII Winter Olympic Games, Mahre had to settle for silver in the men's slalom.

Still, the feat by the 22-year-old from Yakima, Wash., was an impressive one. Only one other American had ever done that well in Olympic Alpine skiing — Billy Kidd's slalom silver in the 1964 Innsbruck Games.

"I feel pretty jubilant, but I wish I was No. 1," Mahre said after the race. "The important thing was to win a medal for the United States. Stenmark deserved to win."

And Stenmark did it in style. He stood fourth with a time of 53.89 seconds with Mahre in first place at 53.31 after the opening run over 549 meters with 66 gates. In the second run, though, Stenmark turned it on, roaring through the 541-meter, 60-gate Whiteface Mountain course in 50.37 for a total time of 1 minute 44.26 seconds.

"Mahre could have won," said Stenmark. "I think this proves I can control my nerves in important events." Mahre called his second run of 51.45 seconds "pretty

trantic. I didn't know if I was going to make it. I never got my rhythm going all the way down." He finished at 1:44.76 for the silver, the United States' first Alpine medal at these Games.

Jacques Luethy of Switzerland won the bronze medal

answered: "I don't know. I never won so many medals in the Olympics before."

In fact, only two men have. Toni Sailer of Austria (1956) and Jean-Claude Killy of France (1968) each swept to three Alpine gold medals in the Olympics. And no other man had won more than one — until Stenmark, who won the gold in the giant slalom on Tuesday.

"I had already won one gold medal, and that should be quite enough," Stenmark said. "I feel good. History is not important. The most important thing is that I am satisfied with myself."

Stenmark drew the 13th starting position for the first run, and he said he felt uncomfortable — not because the number was unlucky, but because it was too far back.

"It was a bad position to ski from, so I just took it easy on the first run," he said. "I had a very good second run, though. As far as I know, I made no mistakes."

The first course, took its toll on some of the better skiers. Peter Luescher of Switzerland, the defending World Cup champion, fell near the top in a tangle of poles.

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in 1:45.06 on runs of 53.70 and 51.36. Luethy was tied with Hans Enn of Austria for second after one run but Enn had 51.42 on the second run and settled for fourth at 1:45.12.

Asked how he would celebrate, a joyful Stenmark

Speed King Yearns For Simpler Days

By MIKE SMITH

LAKE PLACID — First, there was the look of the sky, dark and surly by daylight, then an angry orange toward evening.

By dawn, as sure as Eric Heiden's feet would hit the icy bedroom floor, it would be there: snow. It was magic, staying the execution of another school day.

"Snow days were the best days," Heiden recalled. "It was the greatest feeling — skating all over, all day long, when normally we would've been in music class."

"Those days were probably the most fun I've ever had skating. More fun than I'm having right now."

Exhilarated by his unprecedented Winter Olympics speed skating success, 21-year-old Eric Heiden nevertheless is revulsed by what he considers "a perverse amount" of adoration and media attention.

He remains cooperative and talkative, unlike his bronze-medal winning sister Beth, who tearfully told reporters Wednesday that "I feel like I'm skating for the press. The hell with you guys."

But Heiden — a broad-shouldered six-footer with thighs so bulky they terrace down to his kneecaps — yearns for those simpler, more innocent days when he would "skate all over Madison (Wis.) without people asking me what I ate for breakfast."

"I don't enjoy having a public identity," said Heiden, who seeks his fifth gold medal during today's 10,000-meter event. "I don't want everybody sticking me up on a pedestal. It really bums me out."

"I get uptight with people always asking me what I think and why I think it. I just want to be to myself, to relax and enjoy simple things."

Isolation is an unlikely prospect for Heiden following the Olympic Games. In Europe he has been acknowledged as a folk hero for several years. His wholesome profile adorns the front pages of newspapers and the back sides of milk cartons, and recording artists dedicate songs to him.

Now, reminiscent of former U.S. Olympians Mark Spitz (seven swimming gold medals in 1972) and Bruce Jenner (decathlon champion in 1976), he is besieged with offers from American businesses intent on exploiting his success and suddenly-recognizable name.

"I hope I can stay away from the Bruce Jenner syndrome," said Heiden, who ironically evoked memories of Jenner when he announced that he had prepared for the 1,500-meter race by eating three bowls of Kellogg's Corn Flakes. "What he and Spitz did really turns me off. It kind of ruins what they did athletically. The Olympics are not just some career step you take so that you can be exploited. I don't want to go around selling myself to anybody who makes an offer. I could never live with myself."

"I guess I'll probably be a famous face for a year or so. But after awhile, I guess I'll be forgotten pretty quickly. The sooner the better. I remember when I first won the world championship (1977 in Holland) and anybody in this country who happened to be paying attention said, 'Eric Who?'"

"I'd give anything to get those days back."

Heiden covets a peaceful return to his pre-med studies at the University of Wisconsin; contemplates a career in sports medicine; and reminisces about a snow-covered pond in Madison.

"I'm looking forward to dropping competitive skating and getting back to my studies," he said. "I hope the phone will stop ringing then. It's bothered my parents enough."

"And I'm looking forward to those snow days — just me and my skates and a bunch of kids chasing me around the ponds."



'Go to It, Eric' Norwegian speed skater Kai Arne Stenshjemmet, left, congratulates American sensation Eric Heiden after Heiden's Olympic record-breaking skate in Thursday's 1,500-meter contest. Heiden goes for a fifth gold today in the 10,000-meter race. He is the only person to ever win four Olympic golds in the Winter Games.

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Friday's Results

HOCKEY
USA 4, USSR 3
Sweden 3, Finland 3
Czechoslovakia 6, Canada 1 (cons.)

MEN'S SLALOM SKIING
1. Ingemar Stenmark, Sweden, 1 minute, 44.26 seconds.
2. Phil Mahre, Yakima, Wash., 1:44.76.
3. Jacques Luethy, Switzerland, 1:45.06.

ALSO:
DNF. Pete Patterson, Sun Valley, Idaho.
DNF. Billy Taylor, Orchard Park, N.Y.
DNF. Steve Mahre, Yakima, Wash.

30-KM BIATHLON RELAY
1. Soviet Union, 1 hour, 34 minutes, 3.27 seconds-0 missed targets.
2. East Germany, 1:34:56.99-3.
3. West Germany, 1:37:30.26-2.
8. United States, 1:39:24.29-0.

Saturday's Events

FIGURE SKATING
Women's free skating, 7:30 p.m.
SPEED SKATING
Men's 10,000-meter, 9:30 a.m.
SLALOM SKIING
Women's slalom, 10 a.m.

SKI JUMPING
90-meter, 12:30 p.m.
CROSS-COUNTRY
Men's 50-km relay, 8:30 a.m.
BOBSLEDDING
Four-man, first and second runs, 9:30 a.m.

AWARDS
Mirror Lake, 7:30 p.m.
ABC-TV COVERAGE
12:30-3:30, 8-11, 11:30-11:45 p.m.
— Figure Skating: women's free skating (live); Ski Jumping: 90-meters (live); Alpine Skiing: women's slalom; Speed Skating: men's 10,000-meters; Cross-Country: men's 50-km relay; Bobsled: four-man, first and second runs.

Sunday's Events

BOBSLEDDING
Four-man, third and fourth runs, 9:30 a.m.

HOCKEY
United States vs. Finland, 11 a.m.
Sweden vs. Soviet Union, 2:30 p.m.
CLOSING CEREMONIES
Awards, 6 p.m. Closing Ceremonies, 9:30 p.m.

ABC-TV COVERAGE
11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 2:30-5, 7-10:30 p.m. — Figure Skating exhibitions; Hockey: medal games; Bobsled: four-man, third and fourth runs; Closing Ceremonies.

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