

Soph Hilton honored at Hayward banquet

With some help from Marilyn Wynia and her husband Bob, Sheri Hilton received the Dale Murphy scholarship last week.

Mr. Wynia made it possible for Hilton as he felt she was well-qualified and sent in her application last summer.

Hilton was honored along with many of Oregon's outstanding athletes in the 36th annual Bill Hayward Banquet of Champions, held Feb. 6. The award recipients congregated at the Jantzen Beach Red Lion Motor Inn.

Atlanta Braves slugging star Dale Murphy presented the award to Hilton. The Dale Murphy scholarship is awarded on the basis of outstanding student-athlete achievement in the state of Oregon.

Hilton received a plaque as well as the \$1,000 scholarship.

The Clackamas sophomore, out of Medford's Crater high school, optimizes the outstanding student athlete. She carries a 3.1 grade-point average, while competing for Coach Marilyn Wynia's women's track team.

Last season Hilton placed in two events at the national meet. She was second in the javelin, earning All-American honors and was fourth in the heptathlon, good for a second team All-American placing.

The annual event, sponsored by the Oregon Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association, honored such dignitaries as Carl Lewis, Mary Decker, and Dale Murphy.



AWARD WINNING SMILE—Sheri Hilton recipient of the Dale Murphy Award.

Rick Dempsy, of the Baltimore Orioles, American League's most valuable player

last season, was the guest speaker. Hilton was notified last

summer that she had won the award by her coach.

Portland Indoor kicks off '84 track season

The 1984 track and field season kicks off Saturday for both men and women competing in the Portland Indoor, held in the Memorial Coliseum.

Six school records will be represented among the men's team. Roughly 30 men will be competing for Clackamas.

Sophomore Brian Abshire will lead the highly distance-oriented team into action. Half of the Cougar attack will be concentrated in the three distance events, the 1,000 yards, mile and two-mile.

Abshire, the school's 1,500-meter and 5,000-meter

record holder (3:48.8 and 14:12.9) will compete in the night meet small college mile. He was second in the same event last year with an indoor school record of 4:15.3.

Running with Abshire in the small college mile will be sophomores John Hansen and Matt Parker.

Redshirt Les Taylor will be the only other athlete to compete in the night meet. Taylor, school record-holder in the 100 and 200 (10.4 & 21.3), will run the 60-yard dash.

Some of the best competition in the day meet will come from the Cougar sprinters, paced by 400-meter (48.2) record man Jeff Tressler. He, along with John Elston, Del Barber, Roy Session and Wayne Vertz will compete in the 500-yard dash.

Distance runners in the day mile include Jeff Franklin, Bob Neilson, Rod Curry and Steve Bye. Two-milers will be Don Neilson, Jim Hogue, Adam Jagelski, and Jim Edmark.

The 1,000 yards features Yul Provancha, Kevin Borkman, and Rob Roley.

Quint Pffingsten, Les Taylor and Jay Webb will be featured in the 60-yard dash. Wayne Sanman, Scot Anderson, and Randy Huserik will run the 60-yard hurdles.

Tony Alderedge will toss the shot and Anderson will also compete in the pole vault.

United States hockey team had a tough act to follow—and didn't

By Doug Vaughan
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"Miracle on Ice" 1984 was spoiled within the first two days of the Winter Olympics in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia. But then who expected the Team USA to successfully defend its 1980 hockey title.

While talking about hockey, USA usually does not make the conversation. After all, its gold medal in '80 was only the second for America. Proclaimed "Miracle on Ice," the word miracle fits to a T.

The Team USA went into the winter games actually thinking it had a shot at the gold. Contrary to its belief, its hopes were shot down just 27 seconds into the first game, as the Canadian team scored four goals leaving the Americans behind to pick up the pieces in a 4-2 defeat of the defending champs.

Still, they thought, a chance at the gold was possible. Not wanting to disappoint their country, they were determined to get the gold.

Going into the Olympics, The Americans knew that Canada, Czechoslovakia and

Finland were their top competition to advance into the medal round. They had already lost to Canada.

Their second game came against the Czechs. Consequently it was their second loss, 4-1.

The dream of a second miracle in succession took a drowning. The expectations, the promises and the hopes all gone to waste.

What was the problem? Not enough preparation? Hardly. A 65-game pre-Olympic schedule which included seven games against National Hockey League teams, and a six-game series against the Soviet Select team were more than enough practice.

How about inexperience? With a nucleus of three youngsters age 19, 18 and 17, some would be apt to believe this. Age doesn't mean inexperience. The three youngsters, referred to as the "Diaper Line", led the Americans with 11 of the team's 20 goals against the Soviet Select team in December.

The Americans have a bit of everything, but not a lot of everything. They have got age, but still have youth. They have got a little bit of offense to go with a fair amount of defense. What's the problem? America is not a powerhouse in the sport of hockey.

Even after the Team USA lost its second straight in the games, it still felt it was not out of it.

A February 10 article in *The Oregonian* quoted the team's coach, Lou Vairo, as saying, "There is always a chance, anything can happen." His hopes were still alive for an American showing in the medal round.

To do this the Americans would have had to win their last three games, while Canada and Czechoslovakia would have had to lose two of their last three games. In result, the three would have all compiled 3-2 records. Sorry Lou.

Americans want a dynasty in hockey, but reality won't give way. Some year hockey may be strong in America, but until then we should enjoy the miracles while they happen and not expect more.



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