



BANNED LOOKS

WILL JUMP FOR FOOD, BOXCAR Canadian hobos will be making a human-rights statement by not going to Beijing.

Hobolympics take ethical stand

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In an act of protest against human rights abuses perpetrated by the Chinese government in Tibet, the Canadian Hobolympic Committee announced yesterday that their athletes will not be riding the rails to the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing.

The boycott comes as no surprise, as hobo leaders in Canada have spent years promoting democratic freedoms for Tibetans, ensuring their human rights, and advocating for the protection of Tibetan culture. In fact, along with calling for a global increase in number of pies being cooled on windowsills, the issue of Chinese human rights abuses has for years been a main tenet of the hobo platform.

"Immediately after removing a pie from the oven, it is too hot to eat—it only makes sense to let it sit

unattended on a windowsill to cool off for a moment or two," Cletus Scoffpossum, leader of the Canadian Hobo Alliance, said. "Also, China's government is financially supporting the Sudanese militias responsible for genocide in Darfur."

"The Western world can't continue to ignore the plight of the Tibetan people."

STEVE KIRKHAM
BEAR SCAT CREATOR/OWNER

The Canadian Olympic Committee won't be following in the CHC's footsteps, and refused to comment on allegations of rights violations in China.

"We have a policy of not taking a stance on political issues—but we

believe this is a special situation," a spokesperson for the Canadian Olympic Committee said. "And it is obvious that if we leave our pies unattended on windowsills, the hobos will snatch them."

"Tibet has always been pro-hobo," Scoffpossum argued. "Many of Canada's current hobos became so immediately upon returning from backpacking trips in Tibet that they undertook after finishing Arts degrees."

The boycott means that sports fans will not be able to see elite hobo athletes such as defending Olympic featherweight boxing champion Boxcar Mick or 2004's 400m hurdles champion Fast-Neck Nell compete.

"I been trainin' real hard," said hobo-heptathlete 'Winni-peg-legged' Winnie, a gold medal contender for both the B and C hepatitis events. "But I couldn't sleep another night in a ditch knowing that Tibet ain't free."

Mayor puts more cash into Battle of Alberta

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During a press conference called yesterday morning, Edmonton Mayor Stephen Mandel announced plans to pour more money into the ongoing Battle of Alberta.

"Let's face it: we're getting slaughtered out there," Mandel said. "I see no option but to increase the number of troops currently deployed in order to protect the security of the citizens of Edmonton."

Mandel's request increased the amount of the proposed spending by \$46 million over the \$150 million already requested this year. Much of the added spending would go towards developing new weaponry for the ongoing war on Calgary.

"You can only ask the difference between Calgary and a bra or how they spell 'dynasty' so many times," Mandel said. "We really need something where the punchline isn't 'O-N-E.'"

The requested money would also help fund Mandel's upcoming Calgarian siege—codenamed Operation Brokeback—currently

planned for early 2008.

The latest call for more money comes after a rough season that has seen Edmonton lag behind their southern foes in many areas. Calgarians are calling it a desperate plea for help from a sinking ship.

"They're in retreat," Calgary Mayor Dave Bronconnier said. "Sports fans of Edmonton are still heavily dependent on making jokes about a gay cowboy movie that was shot in the vicinity of Calgary almost three years ago—it's sad, really."

"Fuck that shit," one angry Oiler blogger replied. "They haven't won a Cup since '88—plus I'm pretty sure Iginla and Phaneuf make gay man-love on a mountain every summer."

2007 has been the most deadly year for Edmonton in the Battle of Alberta. Military officials attribute the majority of those casualties to in-fighting amongst Oiler fans following an attempted coup by Darryl Katz.

Edmontonians also suffered through extensive riots after the Eskimos' decision to not fire Danny Maciocia, despite the footballocausts he has committed for the past two seasons.

Then, a noise!

STALLION • CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

When you arrive at the rendezvous point, Stallion already there, standing in a shaft of moonlight next to the ancient fountain. You can't see his face, but can tell that he's watching your approach.

"You made the right choice," he says when you reach middle of the piazza where he's standing. "Were you seen?"

"No, I was careful," you reply. Stallion quickly scans the square, looking for enemy spies, then proceeds to explain the situation to you. It would seem that Baron Archimedes is not the evildoer that he's been painted. Rather, he's a double agent.

"And so am I," Stallion says. "But the time has come for me to repent. I have in this briefcase copies of every pertinent document from Project Mischief's headquarters. I have already taken poison; you must take them back to the Queen. She will know what to do."

You take the attaché case and turn to go, but he grabs your arm. You can see now that he is weak and relying on the fountain for support.

"Please," he says quietly. "Tell Esmerelda that I died an honourable man."

You look at his face for the first time. "I will," you say.

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