

PODBORSKI — THE CRAZY CANUCK

by Hugh Johnston

Last year, the Canadians were known as the "Crazy Canucks" on the World Cup Downhill skiing circuit. They earned this reputation by constantly skiing on the edge, with snow conditions varying from slush to glare ice. Often, over the years, they had been disappointed when races were cancelled and racers refused to race. Now Steve

Podborski is known as "The Crazy Canuck" and at age 23, he is said to be the best downhill racer in the world.

Podborski thus far has won three world cup downhill races, including the biggest downhill race in the world "The Nanin-Kamp". His last win increased the trust fund that the Canadian Skiing Assoc. set up for him to a whopping \$650,000. If he can manage to

pull off one more win at Aspen in a few weeks, he will win the world cup. Podborski is tied with Austria's Harti Weirather with 105 points. Podbroski is ahead by his 3 wins, compared to Weirather's two.

Last year, team mate Ken Read, made a run for the cup, but he fell short in the last race at Lake Louise, Alberta, losing to Peter Mueller. Read was making another shot

at the cup this year before he sustained a knee injury in a spectacular fall. Now Podborski has more than taken his place, and Canada has two of the top skiers in the world.

If Podborski can win the Cup, he will be the first non-European ever to garner the prize. The Schladinring race was rained out on Feb. 8, but Canadians are hoping that the odds on favourite, at Aspen, will come through.

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Gentlemen:

Recently, my wife and I applied to be undergraduate foreign exchange students at a foreign university, and we are very interested in arranging an exchange with you. Dr. Milton Swenson is the Foreign Educational Exchange/Fulbright Representative for Eastern New Mexico University, and we are writing on his behalf.

Your school's description seems most appealing for our purposes. I am a sociology major and therefore extremely interested in a cultural experience at your college, as well as my wife who is an English major.

To accomplish this program, we will need either two students or one married couple (if you have a married couple interested) to exchange with our university. The students will pay tuition at their home university for the length of their stay at the school of exchange. Housing on our campus can be arranged for the exchange(s) with no difficulty.

Eastern New Mexico University is a state university with a wide variety of undergraduate

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far distant. Santa Fe and Taos are very well known resort areas with many artists in its populace.

We are especially interested in attending your institution beginning with the summer 1981 session. It would be most appreciated if you could respond to us as soon as possible concerning your interest in this exchange. Dr. Swenson would be able to call you in the future for further details. Please let us know if there is any other information that you may need or want.

Sincerely,
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