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FEBRUARY: For the Love of Sport

Soccer, hockey, curling, rowing—Canada has always had a rich tradition and deep love of sport. In honour of the upcoming 2010 Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver, UBC Library vault presents rare historical photographs of UBC students and faculty striving for and displaying athletic excellence.



President MacKenzie Plays Soccer

In this photograph, UBC President Norman MacKenzie displays his soccer prowess on the pitch in a friendly match against a group of students in the 1940's. Men's soccer debuted as an Olympic sport at the 1900 Paris Games and Canada won its only medal in the sport (a gold!) at the 1904 St. Louis Games. To learn more about the history of soccer or see more fascinating archival sporting images, visit [UBC Library Vault](#).

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Highlights

Olympics Exhibit

Chinese-Canadian soccer star Quene Yip is one of many historical UBC sports heroes featured in UBC Library's Olympic Legacy Exhibit, on display in the Gallery in the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre until March 1. For more information visit ubcvault.ca

Did you Know?

In Canada, the Inuit of Baffin Island play a soccer-like game with a ball of moss-stuffed sealskin. The game of *akraurak* is played in the spring and summer with the entire community, regardless of gender. The ball is kicked across a field and players attempt to drive it past the goal line marked in the snow.



Girls Ice Hockey Team, 1921

Canada's sixth Governor General, Lord Stanley of Preston, was not just the donor of the famous trophy but he was also a member of the family who popularized women's ice hockey in Canada at the end of the 19th century. As early as 1915, UBC women formed their own ice hockey team and, as the Annual Yearbook staff remarked, "Those who came to scoff remained to cheer!" To read more about the history of women's hockey in Canada or to see more fascinating archival sporting images, [visit UBC Library Vault.](#)



The Cinderella Team

The "Cinderella Rowers" began with nothing: No rowing experience, no money and nowhere to train. But visionary coach, Frank Read, led the joint UBC and Vancouver Rowing Club team to the heights of sporting achievement. In 1956, after only nine months of practice, the community donated enough money for the team to travel to Melbourne to compete in the Olympics. The team captured the gold! To read more

about this inspiring team or see more fascinating archival sporting images, [visit UBC Library Vault](#).

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