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Super Bowl XLIV

We all know the old saying “Christmas comes but once a year”, and the same is true of the Super Bowl! On this day, die-hard NFL fans and fair-weather fans alike come together to eat lots of snacks, cheer on their favourite team, see the half-time entertainment and most importantly watch the good old game of gridiron. This year’s match up has the Indianapolis Colts facing the New Orleans Saints in the Miami, Florida on Sunday, February 7th 2010. The half-time entertainment will be The Who, which promises to be an exciting performance. Here are a few Super Bowl facts to impress your friends with:

- ◇ The first Super Bowl was held on January 15, 1967 in Los Angeles, California. It wasn’t called the “Super Bowl” yet though, that didn’t happen until 1969 when the media was sick of saying “The NFL-AFL World Championship Game.”
- ◇ The Green Bay Packers faced the Kansas City Chiefs in the first ever Super Bowl, and won 35 – 10.
- ◇ The Packers won the first two Super Bowls, but didn’t win that Vince Lombardi trophy again for 29 years in 1997.
- ◇ Half-time entertainment used to be performed by university bands. Carol Channing was the first well-known star to perform in 1970.

Olympics 2010 - Follow Your Dreams

In 1988, the last time the Olympics came to Canada, there were many Olympic success stories, but two stand out as perhaps the most inspiring. The first story is about the Jamaican bobsled team. Jamaica, being a tropical country, does not seem like it would have a team as a contender in any aspect of the Winter Olympics, but despite the odds this team of four brave men fought their way to the games. Luck was not on their side when it came time to compete, and unfortunately they crashed in their final run. The team continued on to enter the 1992 Olympics, as well as 2 other winter games since then, and they even have their eye on competing in Vancouver. The team has inspired many to overcome the obstacles they face, no matter how large they may seem, to follow their dreams.

The second story is about the very brave Eddie “The Eagle”. “The Eagle” entered the 1988 games as “The United Kingdom’s Best Ski Jumper”. Regrettably, his skills did not come close to matching those of his competitors, and he ranked 55th in the world. He became a favourite character at those games though, thanks to his perseverance and his goofy glasses. Critics came down hard, saying “The Eagle” had simply been looking for his 15 minutes of fame, but he insists this is not the case. Eddie was simply an athlete looking to be the best he could be.

These stories have pushed many to follow their dreams. If a bobsled team from Jamaica and a goofy British ski jumper can make it to the games despite the odds against them, what’s stopping you for reaching your goals?

Did You Know?

- The first ever Valentine’s Day Card was sent in 1415. The French Duke of Orleans was a prisoner in the Tower of London after the Battle of Agincourt, so he sent a card to his wife since he couldn’t be with her.
- The Taj Mahal in India is said to be one of the greatest acts of love. This massive, gorgeous structure was built by Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his late wife.

Mayor’s Youth Award

The next award ceremony will be taking place in Council Chambers on Monday February 8th, 2010 at 6:30 pm. Two local youth will be honoured for their achievements and recognized by the City of Peterborough for the contributions they have made to our community. Applications for the award are available online at www.ptboyouth.com and are accepted throughout the year. The 2nd award ceremony for 2010 will occur on June 14th, so nominate someone now.