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WOMEN

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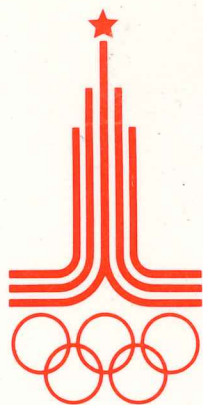
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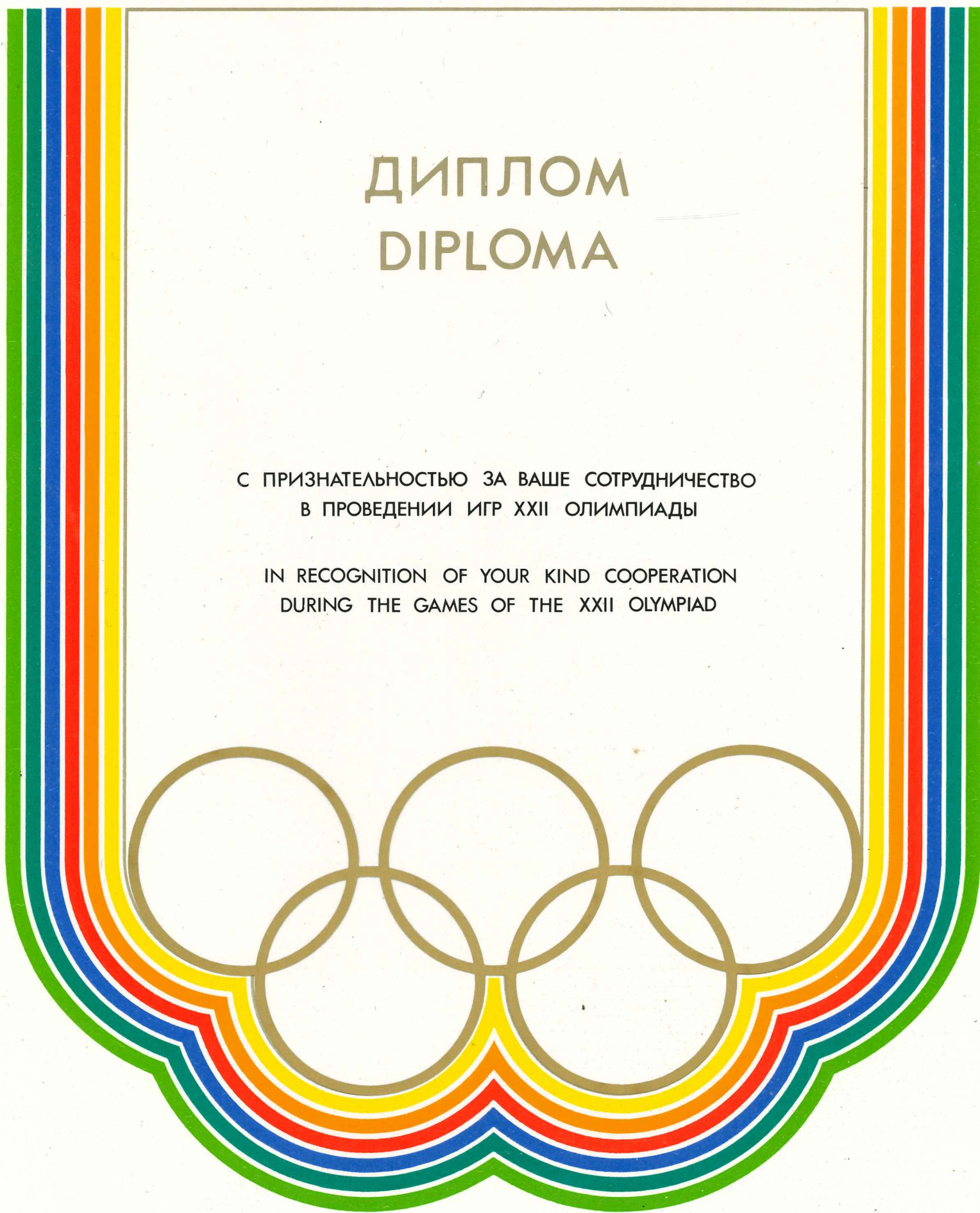
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DURING THE GAMES OF THE XXII OLYMPIAD



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**ZIMBABWE WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM
OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL WINNERS
MOSCOW 1980**



LIZ DREYER
Manager

Liz Dreyer

AUDREY PALMER
Chaperone

Audrey Palmer

ANTHEA STEWART
Coach

Anthea Stewart

1. SARAH ENGLISH

Sarah English

2. ANN GRANT CAPTAIN

Ann Grant

3. BRENDA PHILLIPS

Brenda Phillips

4. PAT McKILLOP

Pat McKillop

5. SONIA ROBERTSON

Sonia Robertson

6. TRISH DAVIES

Trish Davies

7. MAUREEN GEORGE

Maureen George

8. LINDA WATSON

Linda Watson

9. SUE HUGGETT

Sue Huggett

10. JILL COWLEY

Jill Cowley

11. LIZ CHASE

Liz Chase

12. SANDY CHICK

Sandy Chick

13. HELEN VOLK

Helen Volk

14. CHRIS PRINSLOO

Chris Prinsloo

15. ARLENE BOXALL

Arlene Boxall

16. ANTHEA STEWART

Anthea Stewart

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COUNTRY
СТРАНА

ZIMBABWE

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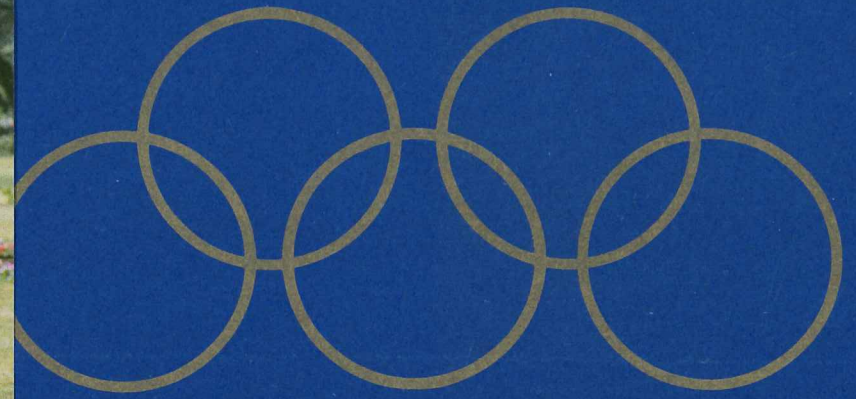
Michelle Palmer, Linda Watson, Sue Huggitt, Gwendolyn, Susan Robertson, Sandra Smith

Centre Row:

Pat McClellan, B.S. Phillips, Mawsem Young, Sarah English, Trish Davies, E. Minisloo, Helen Volk

Front Row:

Clivea Stewart, Grant, Liz Brase



MOSCOW OLYMPICS 1980



ZIMBABWE
WOMEN'S HOCKEY
GOLD
MEDALLISTS

4 AUG 2000

SPORT STARTS HERE

Hockey's Golden Girls re-live moment of glory

By Robson Sharuko
IT all began with a flight in a Dakota from a military airbase in Harare and ended with the mother of all medals — a priceless Olympic gold at the Moscow Games in 1980.

Twenty years have passed since the Zimbabwe women hockey side won Olympic gold but the passage of time has failed to dilute the great feeling that came with the greatest triumph by a local sports team in history.

Last Friday marked the 20th anniversary of the greatest achievement in local sport and, for the Golden Girls, it was time to get together, go down memory lane and reflect on that great afternoon in Moscow that was to transform them into legends.

It was a special occasion for a special group of sportswomen whose achievement stunned the world on a special moment for the Olympics and the little country called Zimbabwe.

It was the first time Zimbabwe was competing at the Olympics having been sidelined in the past because of the International Olympic Committee's opposition to the discrimination in local sport before majority rule in 1980.

It was also the first time that women's hockey was played as a medal sport at the Olympic Games.

Zimbabwe not only played the first game of women's hockey at the Olympic Games but also scored the first goal in the sport at such a level.

And in the end they left with the distinction of being the first Olympic Games gold medallists and they remain the only Zimbabweans to have won a medal, of any texture, at the globe's premier sports showcase.

The Palm Court at the Meikles is as exclusive a function room as one can get in Zimbabwe and it was only fitting that such an exclusive gathering of the country's greatest team should meet and take the journey down memory lane.

It was like a royal gathering and July 25, 1980, the actual day they won gold, would seem like yesterday instead of 20 years ago as memories, great memories, came flooding back.

The Golden Girls wore blue blazers, the original blazers they wore as they stepped down the chartered Air Zimbabwe Viscount at Harare International Airport during their emotional homecoming on August 4 1980.

Of course, 20 years down the line, it was im-



SOME of the Golden Girls acknowledge the applause during their reunion in Harare last Friday to mark the 20th anniversary of their gold-medal winning feat in Moscow in 1980.

possible for everyone who was part of that great team to attend last Friday's reunion.

But there was a fair representation from the Golden Girls and, even coach Anthea Stewart, was also there to share with them the great memories from Moscow.

Skipper Anne Grant, whose brother Duncan Fletcher was also Zimbabwe cricket team captain, top-scorer Pat McKillop, the twins Sandy Chick and Sonia Robertson, Sue Haggert and Linda Watson graced the occasion.

They no longer look the girls they were in 1980 but there is no doubting their athleticism and a detectable pride that comes with taking on the best in the world and coming out as number one.

Team manager Mark Manolios took the audience through the journey to Moscow, the events in the Russian capital and the joy that came with the ultimate triumph.

In those days Air Zimbabwe did not fly the Boeing 767s and Manolios recounted their flight from Manyame Airbase to the Zambian capital Lusaka in a Dakota.

Then there was another flight to Luanda, Angola, and they boarded Aerofloat and flew into the heart of the then Soviet Union to take on the world in the biggest sports festival on the globe.

The United States might have boycotted the Games but the Moscow Olympics still attracted a big contingent of sportsmen and women, including new-boys Zimbabwe.

In Moscow it was not all plain sailing for the Zimbabweans and Manolios had the audience in stitches when he revealed that the Russian authorities confiscated the biltong the locals had taken to the Olympics.

There was another problem, revealed Manolios, with the surface as the Zimbabwean players, brought up on grass, saw a synthetic surface for the first time in Moscow.

The ball seemed to be always seemed to be running away and the Golden Girls, invited at the last minute to make up the entries, had to adjust very fast the unfamiliar environment.

To their credit the team adjusted and, as they now say, the rest is history.

Manolios took the audience through all the games in Moscow and there was a hushed silence when he started talking about the finale against the Czechs.

Zimbabwe's fine run in the countdown to the clash against the Czechs had been the success story of the Olympics and, when the gold beckoned, the world stood and noticed.

That final game against the Czechs was a milestone and for the Zimbabweans it provided them with a chance to complete a fairy-tale success story that would be difficult, if not impossible, to rewrite.

Manolios revealed that they bought bottles of champagne anticipating a victory against the Czechs and the biggest moment in the history of Zimbabwean sport.

With McKillop in a

rich vein of scoring form the Zimbabweans were able to accomplish their mission against the Czechs and got the gold their efforts deserved.

Zimbabwean sport, finally, had arrived on the scene and what a way to announce our arrival on the big scene.

Tears of joy streamed out of the eyes of the players and their officials but did they really realise the magnitude of their victory then?

Manolios, on Friday, said the team understood what they had accomplished and the great party that followed the victory underlined the importance of the achievement.

But when years began rolling by, successive Olympic Games coming and going and no locals winning any medal, the Golden Girls probably began to treasure their achievement better.

That was why there was need for a special occasion to toast the 20th anniversary of their gold medal winning achievement.

It's something that should have been done on the 10th anniversary of their gold medal winning feat and it's something that should also be done 10 years from now when we remember the 30th occasion of the day our sport came of age.

It was also appropriate that the best team to represent Zimbabwe in the Olympics in the last millennium should be there to inspire the squad to represent the country in the first Games on the new millennium.

For on Special Friday last week, the Golden Girls shared the night

with some of the participants to represent Zimbabwe at the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games.

It felt so refreshing to see the Class of 1980 mingle with the Class of 2000 and such beautiful sights could, as David Livingstone would have put it, only have been gazed upon by angles in their flight.

This is what sport is supposed to be. It is about competing at the highest stage, taking on the best in the world and giving it your best shot.

It is about winning medals, setting standards and fulfilling goals.

It is not about boardroom fights, drugs, corruption, cheating and all the other vices that taint its good name.

Zimbabwe's women hockey team of 1980 set the standards and, even after 20 long years, they are still the standard bearers against which other achievements will be measured here.

The names of Heather Volk, Pat McKillop, Liz Chase, Arlene Boxall, Gill Cowley, Christine Prisloo, Sonia Robertson, Linda Watson, Anthea Stewart, Sandy Chick, Sue Haggert, Ann Grant, Sarah English, Trish Davies, Brenda Phillips and Maureen George will always be part of our sports heritage.

Maybe one fine day their great achievement will be surpassed but everyone will remember that it was the Golden Girls who showed the way to success.

Even on their Thanksgiving Day last Friday the message was clear — they will always be the darling of this country.

ПОСОЛ
РОССИЙСКОЙ ФЕДЕРАЦИИ
В РЕСПУБЛИКЕ ЗИМБАБВЕ

AMBASSADOR
OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION
TO THE REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE

July 22, 2020

Ms. Linda Hunt
First Ever Olympic Gold
Medalist in Women's Field Hockey

Dear Ms. Hunt,

This July we celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the XXII Summer Olympic Games in Moscow. Being one of the most remarkable events in the history of the Olympic Movement the Games of 1980 started a big wave of goodwill around the Globe.

The Moscow Olympics happened to become an important milestone for the Zimbabwean sports. Back in 1980 You and the teammates earned a great respect of the compatriots, international spectators as well as rivals by winning the gold medals to glorify the Zimbabwean field hockey. That victory represented a pure triumph of team spirit and a vivid manifestation of the Olympic values. The outstanding sports achievement added another golden page to the history of the Republic of Zimbabwe and inspired generations of athletes.

To revive memories of the glorious times I have the honour to present for Your kind attention a documentary film and a photo album with the iconic images of the Moscow Games highlighting happy and joyful moments the World experienced 40 years ago.

Please accept, Ms. Hunt, my sincere congratulations with the Anniversary of the Zimbabwe Women's National Team Victory and heartfelt wishes of good health and every success.

Enclosure: CD

Yours respectfully,
Nikolai V. Krasilnikov

Nikolai V. Krasilnikov

Оlympic Souvenir 1980

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The Zimbabwe Women's Hockey Team - Olympic Gold Medalists, 1980.

The captain of the Zimbabwe team, Ann Grant, pictured in Moscow with the rest of the victorious team.

Pat McKillop Sarah English Maureen George Linda Watson Sue Huggett Gill Cowley Arlene Boxall
Brenda Phillips Helen Volk Trish Davies Liz Chase Ann Grant Sandy Chick Sonia Robertson Christine Prinsloo
(Inset: Anthea Stewart)

