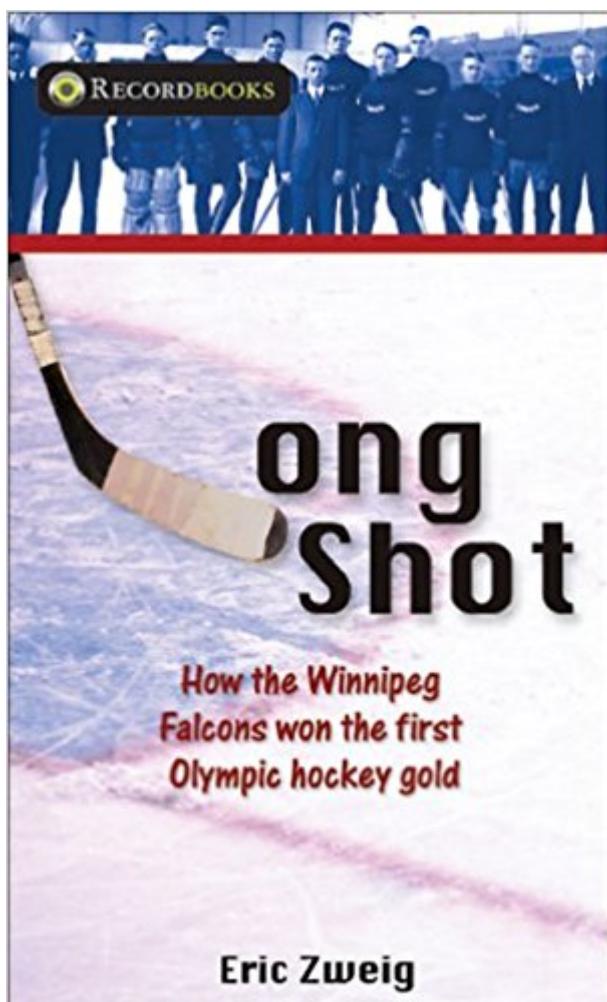


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# Long Shot: How The Winnipeg Falcons Won The First Olympic Hockey Gold (Lorimer Recordbooks)



## Synopsis

The sons of Icelandic immigrants and friends since boyhood, the Winnipeg Falcons were a superbly talented team of just eight players who brought home Canada's first Olympic gold medal in hockey in 1920. But before they became world champions, the Falcons endured years of prejudice on and off the ice. Author and renowned hockey historian Eric Zweig brings to life the fascinating story of the little team that wouldn't quit. [Fry Reading Level - 4.6]

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champions and the toast of the nation. Excerpts from contemporary newspaper reports provide a sense of immediacy to the Olympic action. The Falcons' story wasn't always so glorious. Prejudice against the working class sons of Icelandic immigrants kept them from playing in the Winnipeg Hockey League, but fortunately a couple of other teams joined with the Falcons in other amateur hockey leagues. After their rise to international victory, members of the Falcons moved on to professional hockey with the National Hockey League and the Pacific Coast Hockey Association. Frank Fredrickson had the greatest success in the professional leagues and was eventually elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame. The excerpt illustrates Zweig's ability to succinctly capture historical details about the evolving nature of hockey in Canada. A basic understanding of current hockey rules is all that is required to appreciate the differences explained. A two-page glossary includes terms, like blocked shot and combination play, that may be unfamiliar to some readers. Most chapters include one sidebar that contains interesting facts such as the origin of the Allan Cup, the amateur hockey trophy first presented in 1908. Also included are nine black and white photos of various Falcons teams or members and related images. Recommended. Val Ken Lem is a member of the Collection Services Team at Ryerson University in Toronto, ON, and liaison librarian for history, English and Caribbean studies. Canadian Review of Materials - Voulme XIV, Number 3 - September 28, 2007 (Val Ken Lem Canadian Review of Materials - Vol. XIV, No. 3)

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