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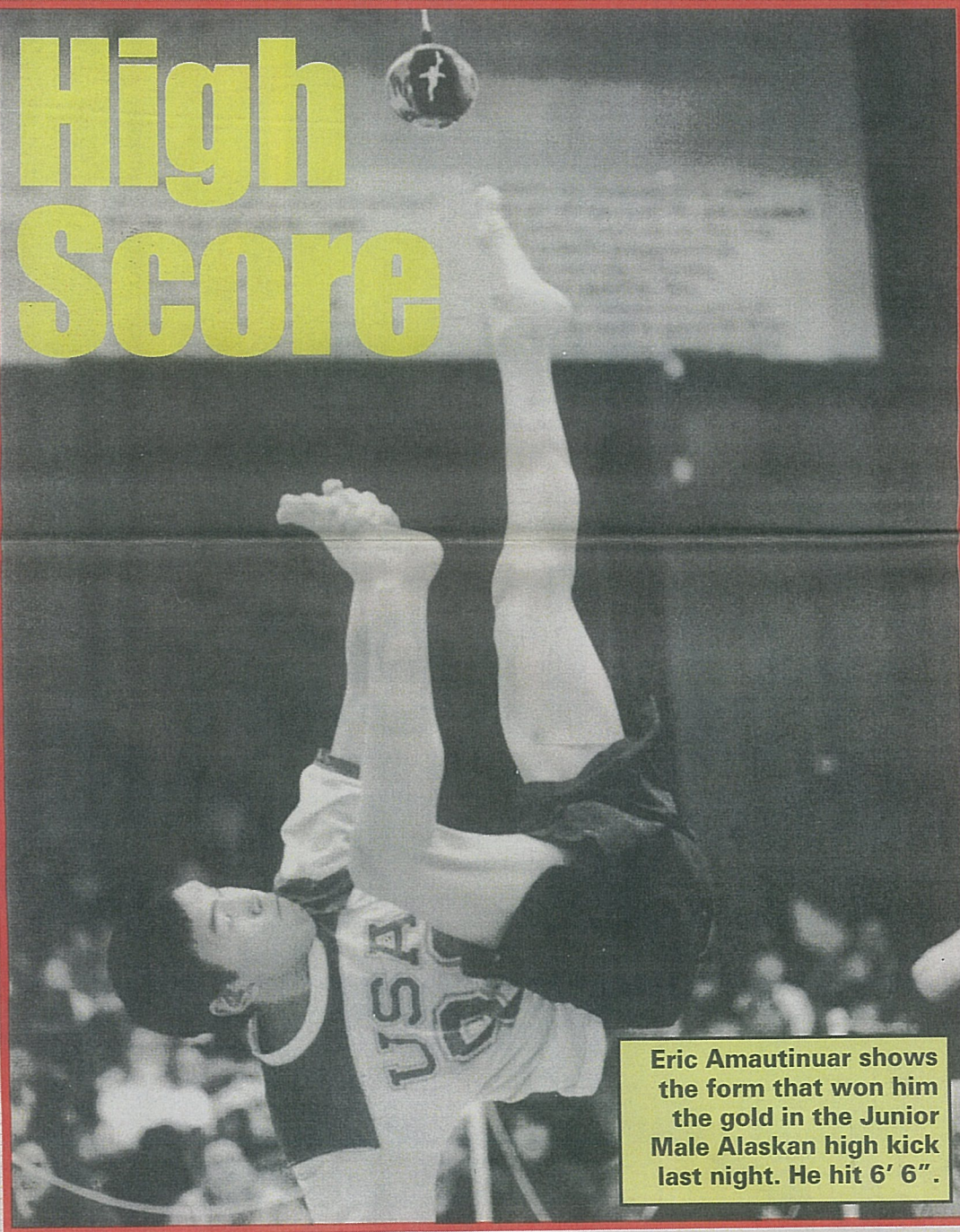
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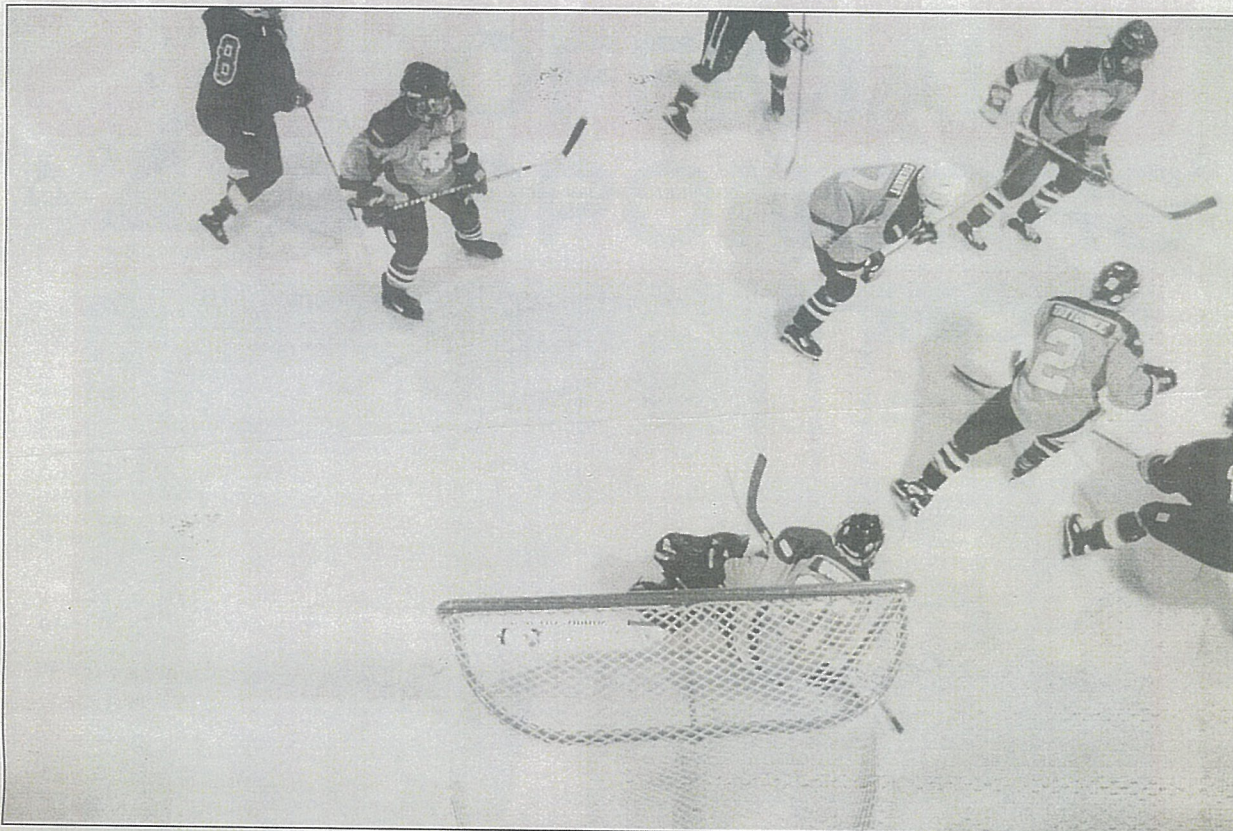


Eric Amautinu shows the form that won him the gold in the Junior Male Alaskan high kick last night. He hit 6' 6".

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Netminder Joey Borkovic was a major factor in the NWT's 4-1 win over Team Yukon early yesterday afternoon.

Brad Heath/NWSL photo

Big hearts

The Northwest Territories Bantam hockey squad is well acquainted with adversity - but they're not about to back down from the challenges that come their way.

by Brad Heath
Northern News Services

The NWT Bantams got off to a really bad start at the 098 Arctic Winter Games when key player and team leader, Max Kotokak of Tuktoyaktuk, broke his leg in their very first game.

To add insult to injury, the NWT Bantams were thrashed 8-1 by Team Alberta on Tuesday night. However, the NWT all-star team did not roll over and play dead.

"The guys really came through big time," said coach Simon Adams after the NWT rebounded to defeat the Yukon 4-1 on Wednesday. "I'm proud of them - and I hope they can do it again."

Adams had high praise for netminder Joey Borkovic who turned away all but one shot. The NWT coach also give credit to defencemen Ashley Rivers, Charlton Walkie, Jason Froese and Kyle Tattuinne. The foursome not only put in a solid performance on defence but also contributed three out of the NWT's four goals.

The win over arch-rival Yukon boosted the NWT Bantams' record to two wins, one loss and one tie. "The kids are really pumped. This is a big win and it gives us a good change at the gold medal," said Adams.



Team NWT (light colours) came out flying and out-gunned and out-hustled Team Yukon yesterday!

Brad Heath/NWSL photo

Birdie brains



Andrew Hodgkins (inset) of the NWT serves while his mixed double partner, Laurell Graf, prepares for a volley. The NWT team defeated Mary Fitton and John Cafferata of the Yukon but were eliminated from mixed double competition later in the day.

After three days of marathon competition (168 matches have been played so far), Alberta and Greenland have emerged as the powerhouses in Junior and Juvenile badminton at Range Lake North School.

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Alberta and Greenland are also forces to be contended with in the Open competitions, however, the Northwest Territories is also making its traditional strong showing.

Alberta and Greenland are guaranteed spots in the gold ulu final for Junior Men's singles on Friday. Semi-final competition today will see two members of Team Alberta square off against each other, while two members of Team Greenland will do battle for the other gold ulu berth.

The Northwest Territories will be represented in the gold ulu final for Junior Ladies singles because two NWT players face-off in semi-final competition today. Since one NWT player will go for gold and the other bronze, the NWT is guaranteed at least a silver ulu. Alberta is a strong contender for the other gold ulu position in Junior Ladies singles.

Both the Juvenile Men's and Women's singles gold ulu matches will likely be showdowns between Alberta and Greenland.

The gold ulu in the Junior Ladies doubles competition will likely go to Alberta or Greenland. Alberta and Yukon are gold ulu favorites in Junior Men's doubles.

Alberta and Greenland are also considered to be strong contenders for gold ulus in the Juvenile and Junior mixed doubles events.

The gold ulu in Open Women's singles will be likely be contested by Alberta, NWT or Yukon. The strong contenders in Open Men's singles are Alaska, NWT and Greenland.

The NWT and Yukon will likely meet in the finals of both the Open Ladies and Men's doubles competitions. The NWT has a bye into both finals, while the Yukon and Alaska will play-off for the remaining gold ulu berths.

In mixed doubles, Greenland and NWT will play in one semi final, while Alberta and Alaska will play in the other.

The 29 badminton semi-final matches will run from 10 a.m. today until about 4 p.m. The gold, silver and bronze ulu matches will be played at Range Lake North School on Friday from 10 a.m. until about 7 p.m. The ulus will be presented at "The Rock" (St. Patrick's High School) on Friday at 10 p.m.

STREETER

Why are you an Arctic Winter Games Volunteer?

The ULU News ducked into the volunteers' coffee house and drop-in centre yesterday to find out why volunteers do what they do.



Jane Wilson-Szabo:
Because I enjoy meeting new people and because I wanted to be involved and help out in some way.



Kaleigh Hymers:
Because ever since I moved to Yellowknife I've missed my job. I thought this would be a good chance to burn off some energy. And I enjoy the work.



Kris Best: *I've got nothing but spare time, so I might as well help out. And it's fun.*



Sarah Bannon:
Because it's fun!



Peter Bannon: *It's an opportunity to help the Games and raise the profile of Yellowknife to our visitors and show how friendly we are!*

Arts Events

Thursday, March 19

Prince of Wales Museum	Javaroma
	2:30 - 3:30 pm
10:30 9:00 pm	Gaston Saravanja
Arctic - Winter Arts Exhibit	Boo-Z
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Baker Centre	Mary Ittunga & Bernadette Ullaq
11:50 - 1:15 pm	Explorer Hotel
Tupaamaq	
Aklavik Drummers and Dancers	10:00 am - 9:00 pm
Alberta Pey Wapun Dancers	Arctic Winter Trade and Marketing Show
Alaska Northstar Performers	Sir John Franklin School
Randy Sibbeston	2:00 - 3:00 pm
	Kidstuff

Bulletin Board

- This is important! Spectators will need tickets to get into the playoff and medal rounds for hockey and speed-skating at the Arena. Tickets are also necessary for the soccer, basketball and volleyball finals at Sir John Franklin high school.
- Tickets are on sale at the Arctic Winter Games Gear outlet in the Centre Square Mall. The store is open until 8 pm this week.
- Tonight movies at the Capitol Theatre are only \$3.00 with your coupon.
- From 9 to 10 p.m. you can go for a free swim at the Ruth Inch Memorial Pool. The Drop-In Centre will be open Wednesday and Thursday nights.
- On Friday night three of Yellowknife's hottest alternative bands will be performing at the Drop-In Centre.
- Just a reminder to medal winners to move away from the presentation area after you have been given your medal to make room for the next group of winners. Things can get crowded pretty quickly, and your cooperation is appreciated.
- There is a toll free phone number to get Games' results. Friends and family in the Yukon, Alaska or the far reaches of the NWT can call 1-888-474-5026 to find out how you are doing. Saturday's Closing Ceremonies at the Yk Community Arena are scheduled for 6:30 pm, not 6:00. Be sure to wear sturdy shoes, boots, etc.



Outdoor Games



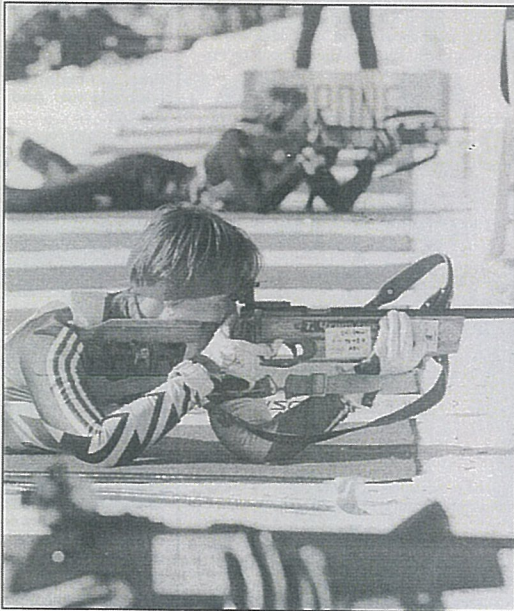
Leanne Kormos of the Yukon - nicknamed "Shorty" - cracks an easy smile in the starting gate of the Junior Female ski biathlon sprint yesterday.



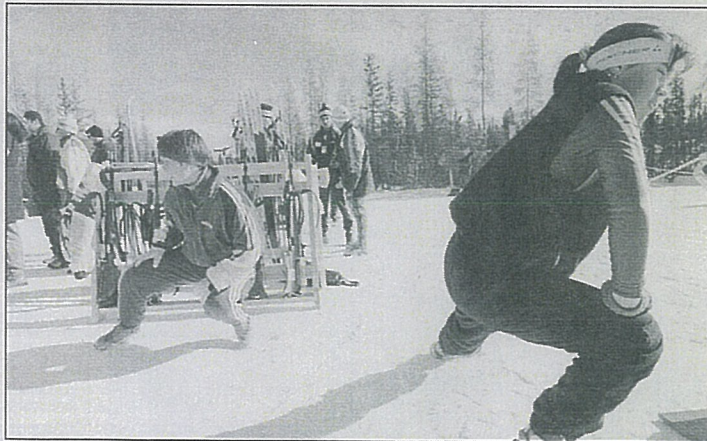
Bent over and trying to catch his breath, an exhausted Paul Green recovers from his winning performance in the open male ski biathlon sprint yesterday.

Aim for gold

Photos by Steve McKinley



Tatiana Cherpalyuk of Tyumen concentrates on hitting her targets during the junior female ski biathlon sprint yesterday.



Galina Zakhartseva (R) and Tatiana Cherpalyuk of Tyumen stretch before the start of the junior female ski biathlon sprint yesterday.