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Hannah Moderow of Alaska shows off her silver ulu won in the juvenile 7.5 km team competition - that she immediately gave to lead dog Lucy.

Ulu count

The final medal count

Medal Standings - Final Results

MEDALS	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
NWT	56	69	65	190
Alaska	69	58	57	184
Alberta	33	33	35	101
Yukon	26	26	28	80
Tyumen	25	13	6	44
Greenland	7	13	13	33
Magadan	7	8	10	25

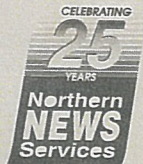
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An opening dedication

by Brad Heath
Northern News Services

The Arctic Winter Games paid tribute to the late Dennis Crane, one of its dearest friends and longest-serving supporters, who was present in spirit when the Games officially opened March 15 at the Yellowknife Community Arena.

Theresa Crane of Yellowknife was given the honour of lighting the Arctic Winter Games flame in honour of her late husband Dennis who passed away on December 31, 1997 at the age of 64.

The opening ceremony was an emotional evening for Theresa who received emotional support from Wendy Williams, Dennis' long-time badminton partner. Dennis and Wendy combined to win

a gold ulu at the 1974 AWG and a silver ulu in the 1972 Games.

"Oh, I just feel overwhelmed with gratitude for being asked to do this," said an emotional Theresa. "Dennis would have been quite humbled by it (by the tribute given at the Games) because he never looked for that kind of thing. Dennis never asked for rewards, he never sought rewards in this life, he even turned his awards back into the badminton association so that they could be used again."

Dennis was involved with the AWG since the very first Games in 1970 and only missed one set of Games following 16 years. He was a coach, umpire, chief referee, Chef de Mission for the NWT and athlete, says Theresa.

"This is only the second time he won't be involved at all, but his spirit will be here," says Theresa.

This year's badminton competition has been dedicated to the memory of Dennis Crane. Theresa has been asked to open the badminton competition this morning and present the medals for badminton on Friday. "Again, that is quite an honour," says Theresa.

She describes Dennis as a person who believed in the value of sport as a means of developing the whole person. He also believed that you get back out of a community what you put into a community, says Theresa. "And he seemed to do that in everything he did — it wasn't just badminton and it wasn't all the other things he was involved in. He would do that for friends or even a stranger."

"That was just the kind of person he was. A good man."



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Theresa Crane was asked to light the AWG flame as a tribute to her late husband Dennis' contributions to the Games over the past 18 years.



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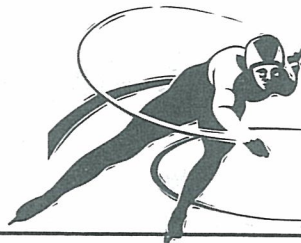
A couple of Team NWT members pump up the fever at the opening celebrations of the 1998 Arctic Winter Games.

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Dene Hand Games



Traditional Games



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Freddy Tinquí of NWT celebrates an early round victory in the Dene pole push competition. The NWT team took home a silver for their efforts.



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Chris Buggins and Manny Buckley of Team NWT try to trick the Alaskans with closed hands and crossed arms.



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Yukon's Edwin McGinty (left) concentrates as he heaves from the end of the pole during the pole push competition against the NWT.

by Bill Braden
Northern News Services

The Ndilo gym outside of Yellowknife was packed for the most animated event of the AWG: Dene hand games, also known as stick gambling.

The atmosphere at the Ndilo gym was festive, happy and relaxed as elders, spectators and youngsters all mingled, laughed and applauded the teams and their tactics.

To the throbbing double-beat of caribou skin drums and throaty chanting from Dettah and NDilo elders and youth drummers from Rae Edzo, teams of four squared off in best-of-three contests.

In the end, Yukon took the gold, followed by Alaska and NWT.

The objective: each side must guess who on the other side is hiding a pebble or coin in his hand.

The teams kneel on the floor, about three feet apart. The communication is gestures and body language using the arms and hands, all the while rocking, bobbing and swaying to the rhythmic beat of the drums and chants.

As each guess is right or wrong, short colored sticks are exchanged to mark the score.

When enough sticks end up with one side, the match is over, usually less than ten minutes.

It was the first gold in Dene Games for the Yukon team of Jordan Caesar, John Acklack, Duane McGinty and Edwin McGinty.

The Arctic Winter Games have come and gone again. We'd like to congratulate all the athletes who participated.

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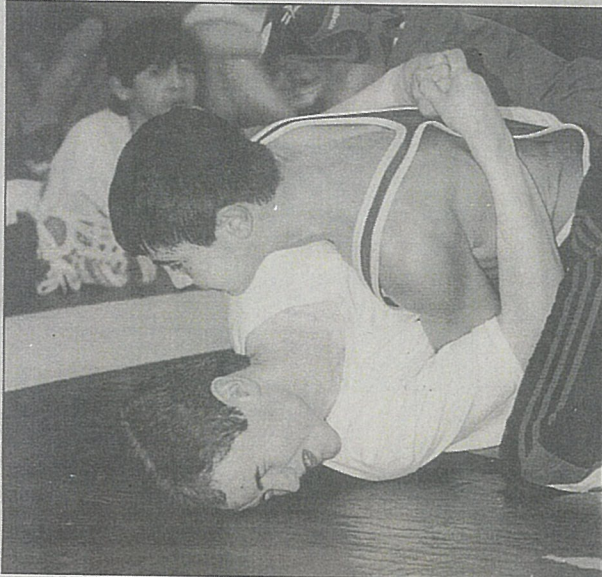
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Arctic Games

Inuit wrestling



Left: Magadan wrestler Djanaev Tchermen takes down Nathan Moore of Alaska in an Inuit wrestling bout yesterday. In Inuit wrestling, wrestlers

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start off with arms link around each other and try to throw their opponent using only their upper body strength. Right: Frederick Stick of the Yukon grits his teeth as he takes on Tyler Rourke of NWT.

A Winning Performance!

After months of planning and hard work, the Arctic Winter Games once again come to a close. The Games may be over, but the dedication of the athletes, the spirit of the volunteers and the new friendships formed will have a lasting reminder of all that made the '98 Games special.

Office Compliments commends the athletes on their performances and good sportsmanship. We also praise the volunteers and sponsors, without whom the Games would not have been possible.

It is our sincere hope that all participants share fond memories of their time at the '98 Arctic Winter Games in Yellowknife.

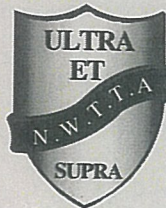


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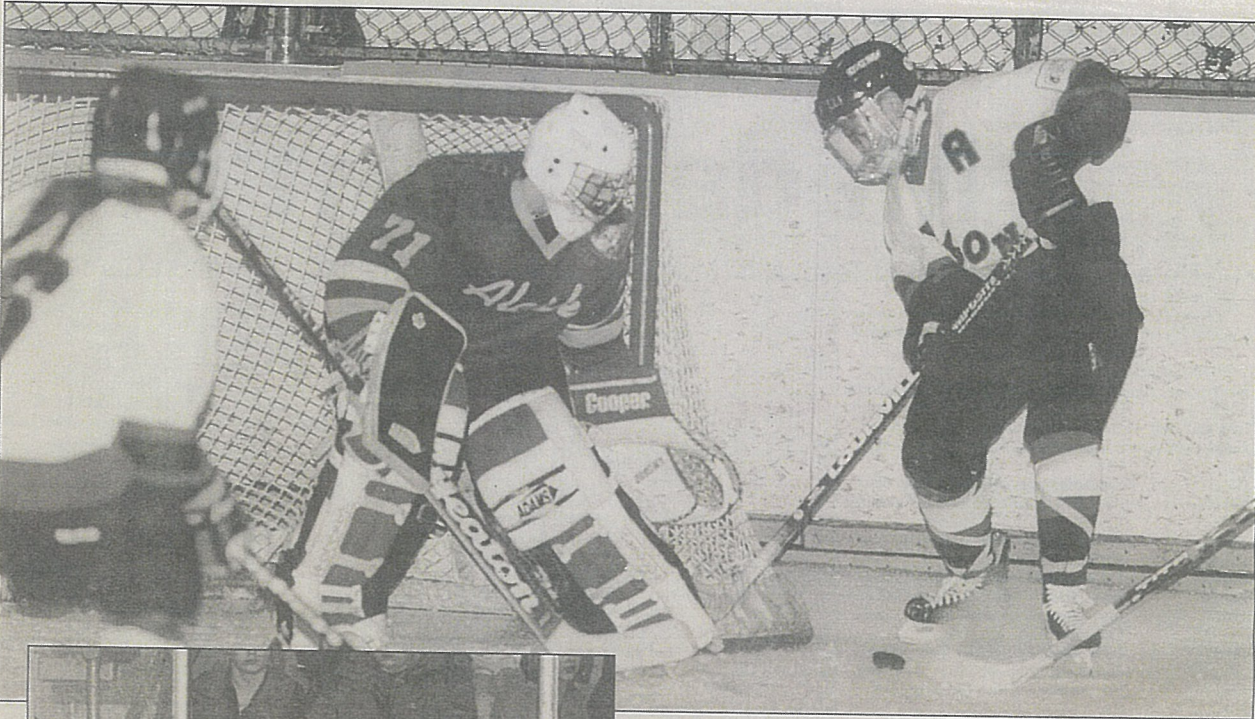


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On the ice



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A Yukon player tries unsuccessfully to stuff the puck past the Alaskan goalie during a women's hockey game. NWT's Chris Groves (left) goes airborne to lay a check on an Alberta player during a midget hockey game. The two teams fought to a 1-1 draw.



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commend participants and congratulate medal winners of the 1998 Arctic Winter Games.



The final tally

Team NWT Medal count

Here is a complete list of Team NWT medal winners from the 1998 Arctic Winter Games.

Statistics compiled by Cam Stewart
Northern News Services

Medal	Event	Medal	Event	Medal	Event
		Silver	Laurel Graf, Open female singles, YK	Bronze	Paul Webber, All Around, Yellowknife
		Bronze	Janet Joanas, Open female singles, Clyde River	Silver	Paul Webber, Floor, Yellowknife
			Andrew Hodgkins, Open male singles, YK	Bronze	Tim Bayly, Floor, Yellowknife
Arctic Sports		Bronze		Gold	Paul Webber, High Bar, Yellowknife
Silver	June Pangoon, Alaska High Kick, Kugluktuk	Basketball		Bronze	John Tram, High Bar, Yellowknife
Silver	Qovik Inukshuk, Arm Pull, Chesterfield Bay	Silver	Team NWT. (Kim Auge Yk, Daisy Eyegetok Cambridge Bay, Leah Feil Yk, Kristin Green Yk, Juliana Illaszewicz Cambridge Bay, Melissa Jaud Yk, Jane McDermott Yk, Theresa McRae, Sara Schabert Yk, Mindy Selinger Yk.)	Silver	John Tram, Pommel Horse, Yellowknife
Gold	Eric Amautinaur, Alaska High Kick, Pelly Bay	Bronze	Team NWT. (Kipi Billan Yk, Jesse Brouwer Yk, David Burke Fort Smith, Nick Diem Yk, Taj Johnson, Cory Laroque Yk, Stu Lowndes Yk, Scott McRae Yk, Shaun Robertson Yk, Shaun Roblin Yk.)	Bronze	Mike Bennington, Pommel Horse, Yellowknife
Gold	Eric Amautinaur, All Around, Pelly Bay			Gold	John Tram, Rings, Yellowknife
Gold	Cory Klengenberg, All Around, Cambridge Bay			Bronze	Tim Bayly, Rings, Yellowknife
Silver	Eli Nasogaluak, All Around, Sachs Harbour			Silver	Tim Bayly, Vault, Yellowknife
Silver	Eli Nasogaluak, Arm Pull, Sachs Harbour			Bronze	Paul Webber, Vault, Yellowknife
Bronze	James Mullins, Arm Pull, Chesterfield Inlet	Curling			
Gold	Cory Klengenberg, Kneel Jump, Cambridge Bay	Bronze	Junior women: Shona Barbour (Yk), Krista Vivian (Yk), Jill Kelln, Katrina Delorey, (Hay River)	Ice Hockey	
Gold	Eli Nasogaluak, High Kick (one), Sachs Harbour			Gold	Team NWT Peewees. (Brian Alivaktuk Pangnirtung, Josh Bolstad Yk, Jordan Bryan Yk, Kris Desjarlais Hay River, Lu Etuangat Pangnirtung, Jon Flaherty Iqalu Matt Grundy Yk, Brian Hunter Yk, Byro Jones Yk, Charlie Karetak, Arviat, Robert Karetak, Arviat, Tyler King, Hay River, Dustin MacDonald Rankin Inlet, Tommy McDonald Yk, Cody Molenkamp, Hay River, Jeremy Ouillette Yk, Keegan Sheehy Yk, Craig Stephen Yk.)
Gold	Eric Amautinaur, High Kick (one), Pelly Bay			Silver	Team NWT Bantams. Mark Bell Yk, Joe Borkevic Yk, Jeff Bowden Yk, Aaron Ejetsiak Iqaluit, Jason Froese Hay River, Andrew Hibbs Yk, Anthony Kataluk Cor Harbour, Max Kotokak Tuktoyaktuk, Michael Krutko Fort Providence, Joey Kusagak, Rankin Inlet, Joel Lennie Inuvik, Scott McLeod Fort Smith, Ashley Rivers Yk, Sam Shannon Yk, Chad Stewart Hay River, Kyle Tattuinec, Rankin Inlet, Charlton Wolki, Tuktoyaktuk,
Gold	Cory Klengenberg, Triple Jump, Cambridge Bay	Dene Games			
Gold	Eric Amautinaur, High Kick (two), Pelly Bay	Gold	Team NWT, Hand Game		
Bronze	Cory Klengenberg, High Kick (two), Cambridge Bay	Bronze	Manny Allen Buckley, All Around, Hay River		
Gold	Meika McDonald, Alaska High Kick, Fort Smith	Silver	Team NWT, Pole Push		
Gold	Meika McDonald, All Around, Fort Smith	Gold	Freddy Tinquy, Snow Snake, Rae-Edzo		
Bronze	Susie Pearce, All Around, Taloyoak	Gold	Christopher Buggins, Stick Pull, Hay River		
Gold	Susie Pearce, Kneel Jump, Taloyoak	Bronze	Manny Allen Buckley, Stick Pull, Hay River	Silver	Team NWT Midgets. Tarus Adamie, Cor Harbour, Sachey Antoine Yk, Robert Beaudoin Yk, Rodney Beck Hay River, Josh Campbell Inuvik, Adam Dawe Yk, Ivan Gloeden Yk, Chris Groves Iqaluit, Davin Jacobsen, Dean Kenny Inuvik, Ge Kilabuk Iqaluit, Jasper Lamouelle Rae-Edzo, Steve McKay Yk, Silas Ootook Pond Inlet, Derrick Sangris Yk, Ryan Sweeney Yk, Jayco Ulimierk Iqaluit.
Silver	Heather Kollit, Kneel Jump, Coral Harbour	Dog Mushing			
Gold	Meika McDonald, High Kick (One), Fort Smith	Silver	Team NWT, 10 km race, 6 dog		
Bronze	Susie Pearce, High Kick (One), Taloyoak	Bronze	Team NWT, 7.5 km 4 dog team race		
Silver	Meika McDonald, Sledge Jump, Fort Smith	Bronze	Brent Beck, YK, 10 km, 6 dog, junior co-ed		
Gold	Susie Pearce, Triple Jump, Taloyoak	Silver	Brent Beck, Yk, 13 km, 7 dog, junior, co-ed		
Gold	Meika McDonald, High Kick (two), Fort Smith	Figure Skating		Bronze	Team NWT females. Kim Bergman Yk, Jody Brandford Yk, Heather Coman Iqaluit, Shelly Dudding Iqaluit, Karen Dunphy Iqaluit, Jill Herbert Yk, Cindy Higgins Iqaluit, Jesse Malliki Repulse Bay, Shirley McCre Norman Wells, Joyce Nartok Pelly Bay, Patricia Parker Fort Smith, Ally Simpson Yk, Rachel Siusangnark Repulse Bay, Naomi Smethurst Hay River, Robin Sproule Yk, Maureen Stewart Yk, Brandy Thompson Fort Smith.
Bronze	Susie Pearce, High Kick (two), Taloyoak	Bronze	Team NWT, Compulsory event		
Gold	Wesley Innuksuk, Alaska High Kick, Rankin Inlet	Bronze	Jen Rosendahl, Intermediate elements, Hay River		
Gold	Jimmy Merkosak, All Around, Pond Inlet	Silver	Morgan Michelin, Juv. free skate, YK		
Silver	Wesley Innuksuk, All Around, Rankin Inlet	Silver	Scott Lachowski, Junior male elements, YK		
Gold	Charlie Komoartok, Head Pull, Iqaluit	Silver	Scott Lachowski, Junior male free skate, YK		
Silver	Johnny Issaluk, Head Pull, Rankin Inlet	Bronze	Krysta Lachowski, Open female elements, YK		
Gold	Wesley Innuksuk, Kneel Jump, Rankin Inlet	Silver	Jessie Molenkamp, Prel. elements, Hay River		
Silver	Jimmy Merkosak, Knuckle Hop, Pond Inlet	Silver	Jessie Molenkamp, Prel. free Skate, Hay River	Indoor Soccer	
Gold	Jimmy Merkosak, High Kick (one), Pond Inlet	Silver	Dustin Dewar, Prel. elements, Hay River	Silver	Team NWT, Junior Males, Yellowknife, Gordon Delorme, Kyle Anderson, George Kusyj, Justin Mager, Chris Metcalfe, Dar Schick, Merv Templeton, Conan Zoe.
Silver	Johnny Issaluk, High Kick (one), Rankin Inlet	Silver	Dustin Dewar, Prel. elements, Hay River		
Bronze	Charlie Komoartok, High Kick (one), Iqaluit	Gymnastics			
Silver	Wesley Innuksuk, One Hand Reach, Rankin Inlet	Bronze	Kali Webber, All Around, Yellowknife		
Bronze	Jimmy Merkosak, One Hand Reach, Pond Inlet	Bronze	Kali Webber, Beam, Yellowknife		
Gold	Jimmy Merkosak, High Kick (two), Pond Inlet	Silver	Team NWT		
		Gold	Charity Mohr, Uneven Bars, Yellowknife		
Badminton		Silver	Kali Webber, Uneven Bars, Yellowknife		
Gold	Team NWT, Junior girls doubles	Silver	Kali Webber, Vault, Yellowknife		
Silver	Julie Anne Langill, Jun. singles, Coral Harbour	Silver	John Tram, All Around, Yellowknife		
Bronze	Janet Joanas, Jun. singles, Clyde River			Silhouette Shooting	
Gold	Team NWT, Open mixed doubles			Bronze	Jara Rausch, Individual, Yellowknife
Gold	Team NWT, Open female doubles			Bronze	NWT Junior, Co-ed team
Gold	Team NWT, Open male doubles			Bronze	NWT, Open, Co-ed team

The final tally



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Gordon Delorme celebrates NWT's fourth goal against Greenland during junior boys soccer action yesterday.

Silver	Team NWT, Mixed 4 X 5 km Relay
Silver	Team NWT, Mixed 4 X 7, km Relay
Silver	Mary Beth Miller, 5.7 km sprint, Yellowknife
Silver	Miriam Tyson, 10 km Sprint, Rae-Edzo
Gold	Paul Green, 10 km Sprint, Hay River
Silver	Paul Green, 15 km Individual, Hay River

Snowshoe biathlon

Silver	Team NWT, Mixed team 4 x 3 relay
Silver	Ruth Proulx, 3 km Sprint, Yellowknife
Gold	Ruth Proulx, 5 km Individual, Yellowknife
Gold	Brandon Ashcroft, 3 km Sprint, Hay River
Silver	Ryan Zoe, 5 km Individual, Yellowknife
Gold	Team NWT, Mixed 4 x 3 km relay
Silver	Barb Cameron, 5 km Sprint, Yellowknife
Bronze	Gloria Fraser, 5 km Sprint, Fort Smith
Gold	Warren Magrum, 3 km Sprint, Hay River
Bronze	Dinesh Deonarain, 3 km Sprint, Fort Smith
Gold	Warren Magrum, 3 km Sprint, Hay River

Snowshoeing

Silver	Wayne Mitchell, 12 km X-Country, Aklavik
Bronze	Jackie Pascal, 12 km X-Country, Fort McPherson
Silver	Wayne Mitchell, 1500 m, Aklavik
Silver	Wayne Mitchell, 5 km, X-Country, Aklavik
Bronze	Eric Robert, 5 km, X-Country, Fort McPherson
Bronze	Jaida Green, 10 km X Country, Yellowknife
Bronze	Jaida Green, 1500 m, Yellowknife

Speedskating

Gold	Sophia Pin, Junior female, 1000 m, Yk
Silver	Megan Munro, Junior female, 1000 m, Yk
Gold	Sophia Pin, Junior female, Yk, 1500 m, Yk
Silver	Megan Munro, Junior female, Yk, 1500 m, Yk
Gold	Team NWT female 3000 m relay team
Gold	Sophia Pin, Junior female, 500 m, Yk
Gold	Sophia Pin, Junior female, 777 m, Yk
Silver	Megan Munro, Junior female, 777 m, Yk
Gold	Michael Demko, Junior male, 1000 m, Yk
Silver	Conor McGriesh, Junior male, 1000 m, Yk
Gold	Michael Demko, Junior male 1500 m, Yk
Silver	Conor McGriesh, Junior male, 1500 m, Yk

Gold	Team NWT 3000 m Relay team
Gold	Michael Demko, Junior male, 500 m, Yk
Silver	Conor McGriesh, Junior male, 500 m, Yk
Gold	Michael Demko, Junior male, 777 m, Yk
Silver	Conor McGriesh, Junior male, 777 m, Yk
Gold	Julia Pin, Juvenile female, 1000 m, Yk
Silver	Merrill Cooper, Juvenile female, 1000 m, Yk
Bronze	Jane Park, Juvenile female, 1000 m, Yk
Gold	Team NWT 2000 m Juvenile relay
Gold	Julia Pin, Juvenile female, 333 m, Yk
Silver	Merrill Cooper, Juvenile female, 333 m, Yk
Bronze	Jane Park, Juvenile female, 333 m, Yk
Gold	Julia Pin, Juvenile female, 500 m, Yk
Silver	Merrill Cooper, Juvenile female, 500 m, Yk
Bronze	Jane Park, Juvenile female, 500 m, Yk
Gold	Julia Pin, Juvenile female, 777 m, Yk
Silver	Merrill Cooper, Juvenile female, 777 m, Yk
Bronze	Jane Park, Juvenile female, 777 m, Yk
Gold	Jared Marshall, Juvenile male, 1000 m, Yk
Silver	Gord Stephenson, Juvenile male, 1000 m, Yk
Bronze	Michael Gilday, Juvenile male, 1000 m, Yk
Gold	NWT 2000 m Juvenile mens relay team, Yk
Gold	Jared Marshall, Juvenile male, 333 m, Yk
Silver	Gord Stephenson, Juvenile male, 333 m, Yk
Bronze	Luke Coedy, Juvenile male, 333 m, Yk
Gold	Jared Marshall, Juvenile male, 500 m, Yk
Silver	Gord Stephenson, Juvenile male, 500 m, Yk
Gold	Gord Stephenson, Juvenile male, 777 m, Yk
Silver	Michael Gilday, Juvenile male, 777 m, Yk
Bronze	Jared Marshall, Juvenile male, 777 m, Yk

Volleyball

Silver	Team NWT, Junior men. Kevin Cymbalisty Yk, Danny Hunter Yk, Robin Gruben Yk, Darcy Landsdown Yk, Nabil Nadji Yk, Tony Ondrach Yk, Geoff Stoneman Yk, Benji Straker Yk, Vital Whane Rae-Edzo.
Bronze	Team NWT, Junior women. Brenda Beaulieu Rae-Edzo, Tracey Beaulieu Rae-Edzo, Joanne Champlain Rae-Edzo, Danielle Dickson Yk, Samantha Ekendia Rae-Edzo, Doreen Eyakwo Rae-Edzo, Wendy Mantla Rae-Edzo, Sherry Templeton Yk, Tiffany Wedawin Rae-Edzo.
Bronze	Team NWT, Open female. Michelle Bourque Yk, Shirley Desjardins Yk, Lisa Everitt Rae-Edzo, Paula Harker Yk, Jeannie Hickey Yk, Lynne Mayo Pangnirtung, Catherine Phillips Yk, Paula Savoie Yk, Louise Usick Yk, Kim VanMetre Yk.
Silver	Team NWT, Open men. Brent Horn Yk, Darren Horn Yk, Mike Mathison Yk, Quinn Moreau Yk, Stephen Nielsen Yk, Abe Theil Yk, Shaun Visser Yk.

Wrestling

Bronze	Team NWT, Overall Team
Bronze	Samuel Bartlett, 39 kg, Free, Yellowknife
Bronze	Samuel Bartlett, 39 kg, Inuit, Yellowknife
Silver	Team NWT, 43 kg, Free.
Gold	Andrew Bonnetplume, 47 kg, Free, Ft. McPherson
Gold	Andrew Bonnetplume, 47 kg, Inuit, Ft. McPherson
Bronze	James Wilson, 51 kg, Free, Ft. McPherson
Silver	James Wilson, 51 kg, Inuit, Ft. McPherson
Bronze	Tony Eetuk, 60 kg, Free, Coral Harbour
Bronze	Tony Eetuk, 60 kg, Inuit, Coral Harbour
Bronze	Adam Rosendahl, 50 kg, Free, Hay River
Bronze	Adam Rosendahl, 50 kg, Inuit, Hay River
Bronze	Tyler Rourke, 55 kg, Free.
Bronze	Tyler Rourke, 55 kg, Inuit.
Bronze	Dan Akana, 60 kg, Inuit.

X-Country Skiing

Bronze	Sarah Daitch, 1 km Free, Fort Smith
Bronze	Team NWT, Junior 3 x 5 km relay
Bronze	Starr Stinson, 5 km Classic, Yellowknife
Silver	Team NWT, midget male 3 x 3 relay

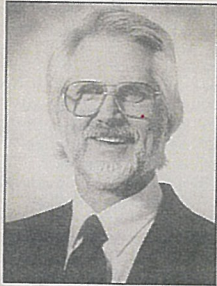


Around the Games



The Magadan troupe Ener dazzled spectators from the Arctic Winter Games with their performances of Northern Russian traditional music and dance. Steve McKinley/NNSL photo

Congratulations!



Jake Ootes
MLA, Yellowknife Centre

Congratulations to all the athletes, coaches and volunteers who made the 14th Arctic Winter Games such a grand success!



The Aklavik Delta Drummers pound out their traditional rhythms. Steve McKinley/NNSL photo



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The Kitikmeot Inuit Association congratulates all athletes and performers for the fine sportsmanship exhibited throughout all events associated with this year's Arctic Winter Games. You are great ambassadors for the North's many regions.



Congratulations

to all the athletes of the 1998 Arctic Winter Games from the Mayor & Councillors of the Town of Hay River.





The cultural side



Alberta's Pey Wapun smudge before a performance of songs and dance based on ancient ceremonial rites.

Merle Robillard/NNSL photo



Tupaarnaq Mathiassen of Greenland blended folk songs with contemporary music.

Merle Robillard/NNSL photo



Throatsingers Mary Ittunga and Bernadette Uttaq performed in traditional dress.

Steve McKinley/NNSL photo

by Kerry McCluskey
Northern News Services

Through all the glamour, shining lights and intricate costumes, a common thread connected the artists performing at last night's Arctic Winter Gala.

Each cultural contingent, in its own distinct way, told the story of their past and shared their hopes for the future.

Performers from Greenland, the Yukon, Alaska, Northern Alberta, Russia and the Northwest Territories all shared a part of their heritage with the intention of preserving and promoting the traditions of days gone by.

Six-piece musical ensemble Tupaarnaq alongside solo act Miki Jacobsen sang historic folk songs about their home, Greenland.

The Yukon contributed the Northern Lights Dancers, a contemporary dance group who dedicated one of their routines to the 100-year anniversary of the Klondike Gold Rush.

The Alaska Northstar Performers were made up of Tlingit and Athabaskan indigenous entertainers who had to gain permission from their clans to perform their sacred songs - some of which were so old that their ancestors sang them when the glaciers were still moving around.

The Pey Wapun dancers from Northern Alberta were born out of the need to instill identity and pride in the indigenous people in the Grand Prairie area.

Ener, the professional dance troupe from Magadan, performed ancient dances from the steppes of Russia.

Being on home turf, the NWT was able to stage a variety of different acts that represented the vast range of cultural heritage in Northern Canada.

The NWT contingent included acts from Taloyoak, Aklavik, Rae-Edzo, Tulita and Yellowknife. The theme was the importance of passing their knowledge on to the next generation.

The audience of more than 300 people were captivated by the three-hour show. At the end, the performers and hosts were rewarded with an explosion of applause, leaving no doubt that they had won the crowd.

Congratulations!



The Honourable
Maniok Thompson
Minister of Municipal and
Community Affairs

As the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, I would like to congratulate the Arctic Winter Games International Committee, the Yellowknife Arctic Winter Games Host Society and the more than 1500 volunteers for the successful staging of the 1998 Arctic Winter Games.

Congratulations as well to all of the athletes, coaches and officials who participated in the Games. New friendships were made, skills were learned and practiced and fair play was demonstrated by all.

A heartfelt thanks to the cultural performers for demonstrating and sharing their cultural heritage and to the many sponsors for their support.

I look forward to our continued participation as the two new Territories of Nunavut and the Western NWT prepare for the next Arctic Winter Games in Whitehorse, Yukon in the year 2000.



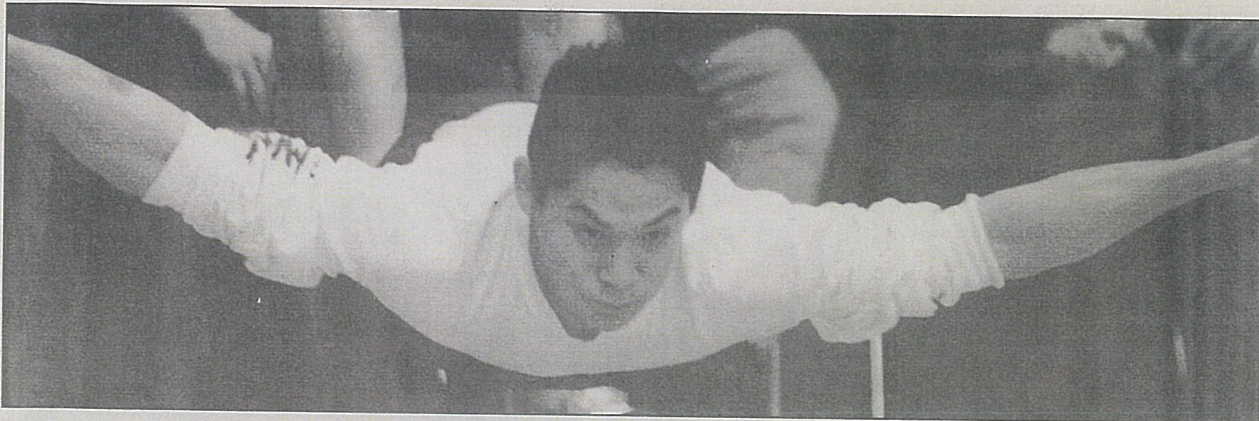
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Arctic Sports



The Airplane has become the uncontested tough game in the Arctic Winter Games.

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Changing the rules mid-flight

The Airplane, the toughest game in the Arctic Winter Games just got tougher - an awful lot tougher.

by Brad Heath
Northern News Services

The Airplane is one of the nine Arctic Sports. It can best be described as a horizontal version of gymnastics - gruelling Iron Cross. In the Airplane, the contestant lies face down on the floor and is lifted about a

foot to two feet off the ground by three packers. The contestant must maintain a rigid, prone position while the packers carry him around the gymnasium. The contestant who can maintain this position while being

carried the farthest distance is the winner.

Up until now, two packers held the contestant by the wrists while the third grabbed him by the ankles. New rules have been brought in, however, that

make the Airplane dramatically more difficult. Actually, they're very old rules that have been reinstated.

Arctic Sports MC Ernie Bernhardt told the packed auditorium at JH Sissons Elementary School last night that Inuit elders say it's a mistake to carry the contestants by the wrists and ankles.

According to tradition,

they should be carried by the clenched fists and insteps.

According to Inuit elders, contestants must endure pain and exert great strength while playing the Airplane in preparation for a difficult life on the land.

The effect of these changes was dramatic. The current record for the Airplane is 160 feet, 8.5 inches and was set by Makabe Nartok of Team

Northwest Territories in 1986. Many athletes routinely reach the 150-foot mark. Last night, Igor Einyen of Team Magadan won a gold ulu by enduring for just over 21 feet.

Many of last night's contestants collapsed before the packers could take a single step, while the rest could not endure past 10 or 12 feet - but even that was an amazing feat!



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As Member of Parliament for Nunavut, may I extend my most sincere best wishes to all those who participated in the 1998 Arctic Winter Games.

I hope that athletics always plays an important part of your daily lives.

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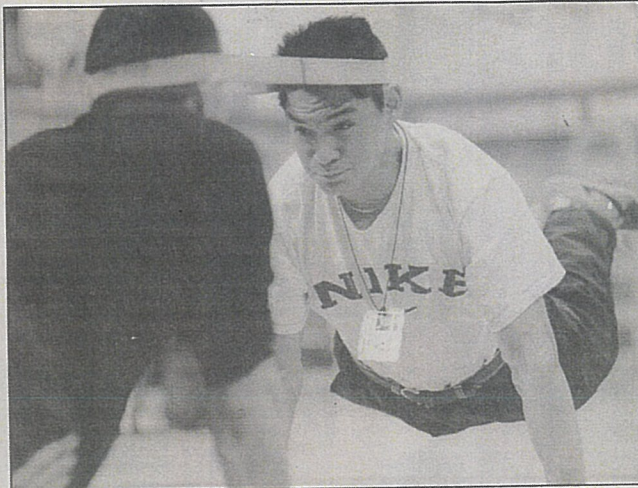


Around the Games



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Inooraq Brandt of Greenland stretches to make the height in the Junior Male Alaska high kick.



Jimmy Merkosak of the NWT is pulled off his feet in a losing effort against Ivan Avtonov of Magadan in a preliminary round of the Head Pull.

Steve McKinley/WNSL photo

Inuit Games rules

by Brad Heath
Northern News Services

Practitioners of Inuit Arctic Sports received a valuable training aid with the unveiling of a manual and video designed to put them on equal footing with "southern-based sports" that have developed coaching programs. The four-part training and resource manual and video were unveiled and distributed during the opening ceremonies for Arctic Sports held during the Arctic Winter Games.

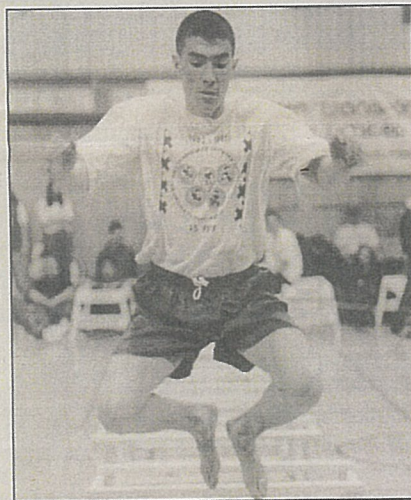
On hand for the unveiling were Patrick Tagoona, President of the NWT Arctic Sports Association, Bill Lyall of Arctic Cooperatives Limited, NWT Government Minister Manitok Thompson, Bishop Christopher Williams and John Bales, President of the Coaching Association of Canada. Ernie Bernhardt was the Master of Ceremonies for the opening ceremonies.

"We're hoping that this will not only help the sport to survive in competition with other sports but hopefully it can expand," says Chris Szabo of the NWT Department of Municipal and Community Affairs. "We think it would be perfect... to see these Inuit sports in a large multi-sports event like the North American Indigenous Games."

The manual and video were unveiled at the Arctic Winter Games because the Games are the only international event where Arctic Sports are played and

because they were developed in partnership with a number of the contingents participating in the AWG.

Arctic Sports trace their ancestry to the time when, during the winter, elders would teach young men skills that would be used during the hunting season. Arctic games were never meant for competition, states the Arctic Sports program. "At social gatherings among the villages, the young men would display their abilities and test their skills against each other. They were done in the spirit of fun. This is why the games are based on a strong sense of tradition, sportsmanship and camaraderie."



Bill Braden/WNSL photo

Anatoli Kurtyamov of Tyumen leaped over 373 sledges to tie for silver in the sledge-jumping event. The event, from Russia, was new to the Games.

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to all athletes, coaches, organizers
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Message from the Honourable Ethel Blondin-Andrew
Secretary of State (Children and Youth)



Congratulations to the organizers who helped
make the Arctic Winter Games a success.

Best wishes to the young athletes who reached
out to their communities and enriched their own
lives through sport.

Ethel Blondin-Andrew

Canada



The Pin Report

The Pin Report's Top Ten for '98



Bill Braden/NNSL Photo

Alaskan sport co-ordinator Ron Kilian and team member Hannah Moderow show off an enameled photo of two huskies on a gold-embroidered brooch, one of many pins at the Arctic Winter Games

by Bill Braden
Northern News Services

After days of speculation and frantic insider trading, we can make it official.

The Top Ten traders of the '98 Arctic Winter Games were announced yesterday at a last-minute meeting of an elite group of pin pros at Mission Headquarters.

Chaired by George Smith, one of Alaska's premier pinsters and consultant to ULU News, the meeting has declared the following winners:

- 1 Host Society Presidential (numbered gold Lupi)
- 2 Host Society gold (numbered triangle)
- 3 Host Society volunteer (set of 3)
- 4 International Board gold ulu
- 5 CBC (set of 3)
- 6 Alaska Sponsor
- 7 Alberta gold ulu
- 8 Yukon silver and gold
- 9 Alaska Member
- 10 AWG office staff

George advises that last-minute market swings could shift the balance somewhat, especially as the fair-play Hodgson trophy pins are released to the most deserving contingent tonight.

Another expectation is that Whitehorse will follow tradition and release its 2000 Host Society pin, also at the closing ceremonies.

Once he's got these, George can declare his 1998 AWG pin collection, numbering upwards of 70, complete.

He put a special tag on two sets. The premier set is the gold, silver and bronze volunteer editions issued by the Host Society... hard to get, especially when volunteers work a climbing scale of hours before they can earn each one.

The other is the CBC set, of which the silver and gold were limited to 150.

"The CBC's are really unique because they've been at every AWG. It's a serious collector's duty to make sure they get them," said George.

That's it from the trading floors for the amazing Games week.

See you in Whitehorse!



Here's Team Alberta's official pin. The three-part ulu pin features their sunburst design, along with Games mascot Lupi and a stylized mountain vista.



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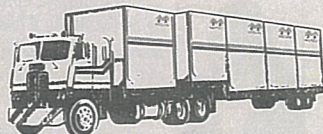


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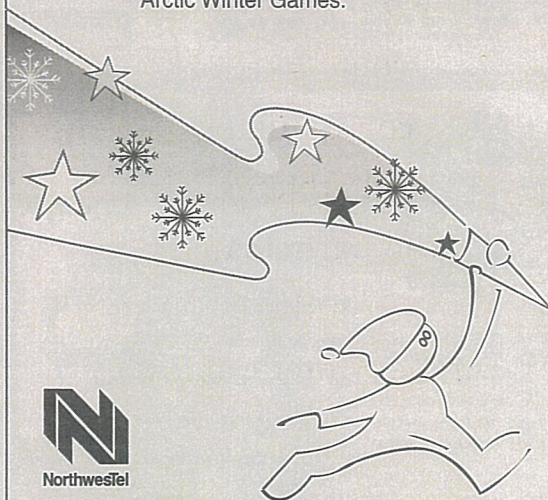
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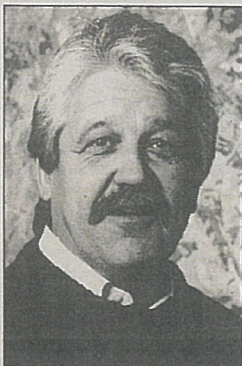




Up and Over

Team Alberta's 11 year-old Stacey Head winning form helped her Alberta women's gymnastics team vault to a gold medal standing in the competition. Ulu News reporter Bill Braden's photographer captures the dynamics of the event.

Congratulations



Congratulations to the Arctic Winter Games Host Society, to the Athletes and especially to the Volunteers. Your hard work and dedication helped to make the Arctic Winter Games a huge success!

Hon. John Todd
Minister of Finance
NWT Legislative Assembly



The Village of Fort Simpson

would like to congratulate all athletes who participated in the Arctic Winter Games.



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