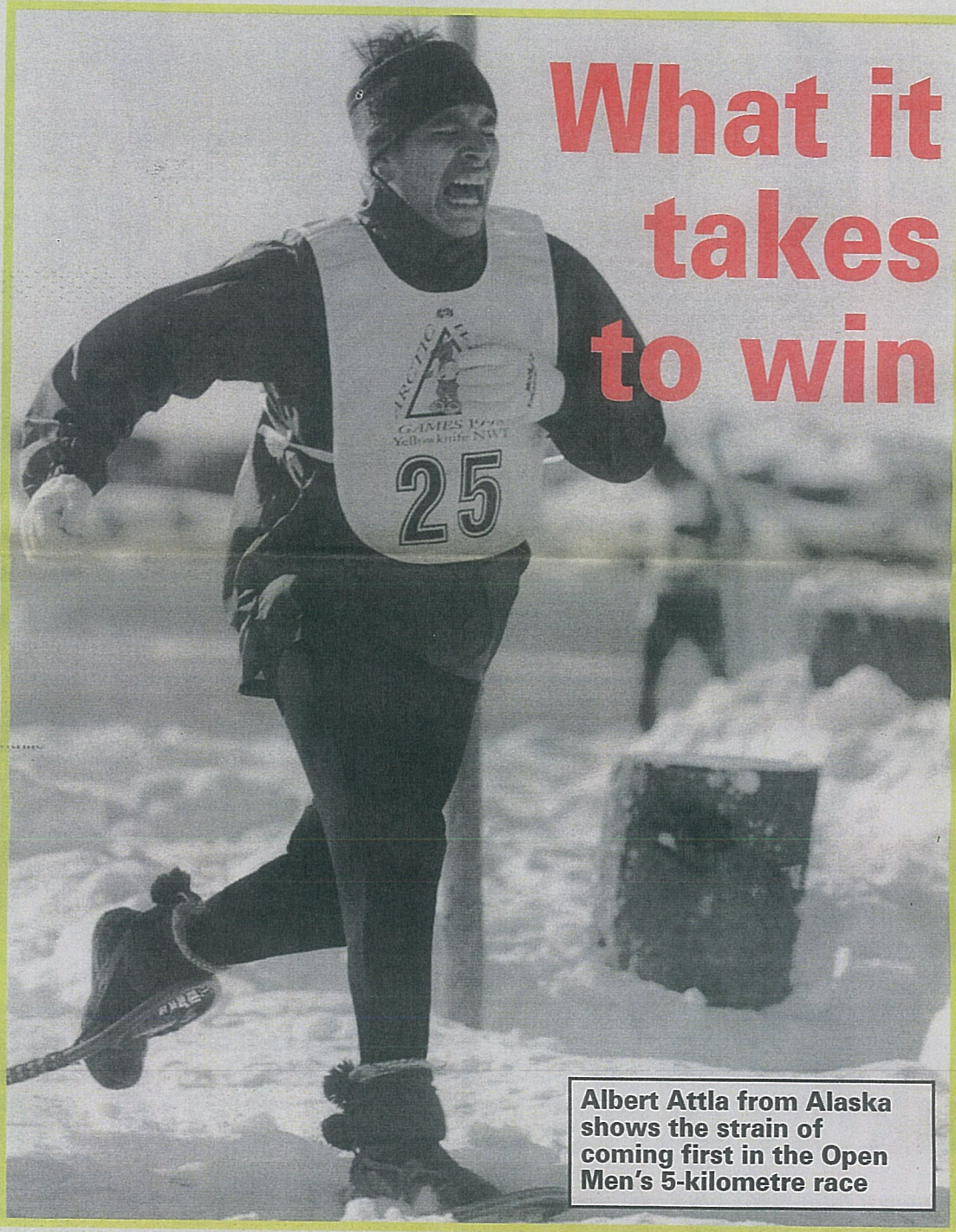


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What it takes to win

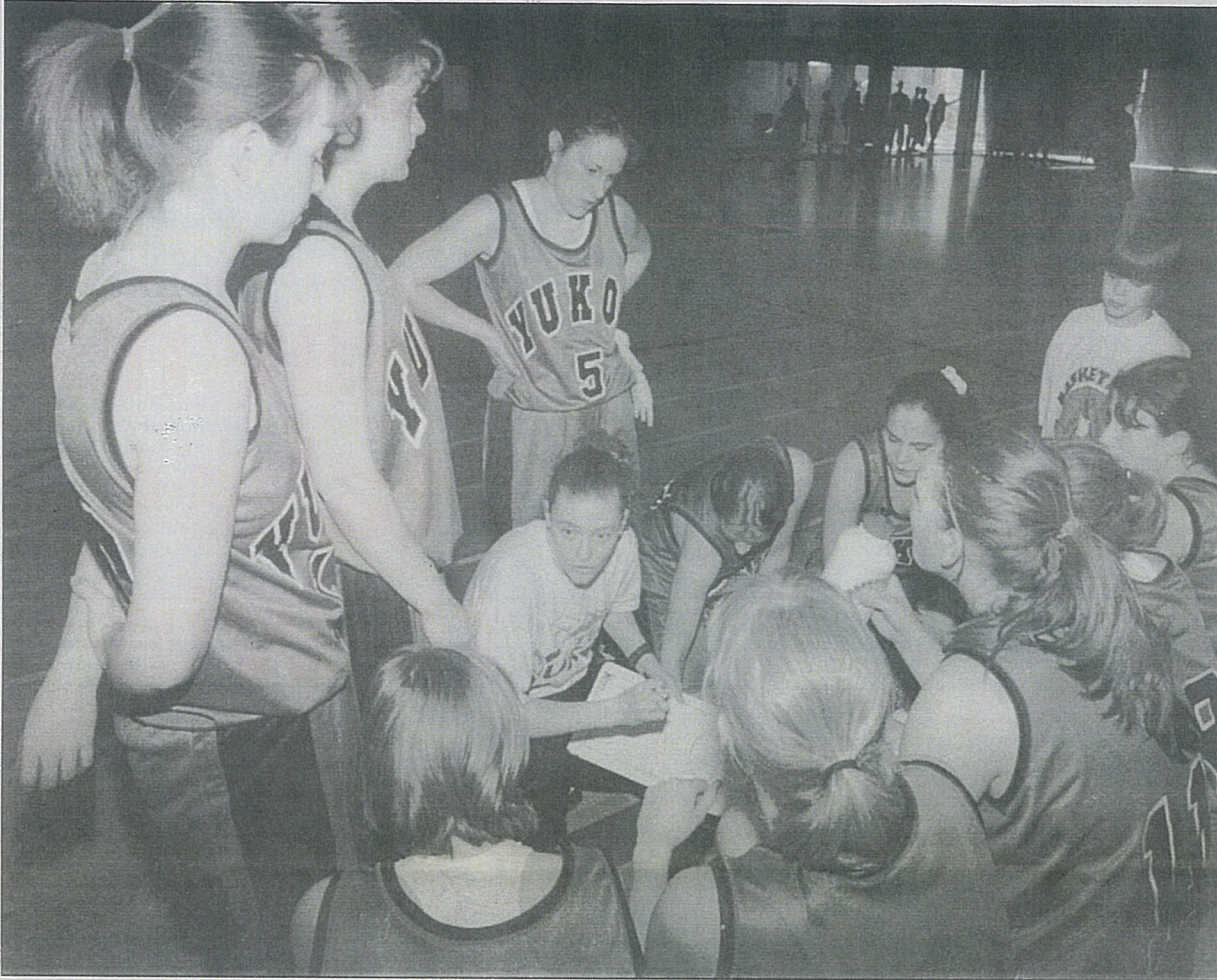
**Albert Attla from Alaska
shows the strain of
coming first in the Open
Men's 5-kilometre race**



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Success Stories



Bill Braden/NNSL

A coach's anxiety: Nicole Morgan's face mirrors raw emotion as her Yukon Junior Women's basketball team claws their way back from an early 24-point deficit to a respectable 65-57 loss against the bigger NWT squad. A time-out pep talk helped turn the tide.



Yukon girls show true grit

At half-time, it didn't look good. by Bill Braden Northern News Services

A faltering Yukon junior women's basketball team was valiantly trying to get its defence in order against a bigger NWT competitor. It was starting to come together — they'd narrowed the gap from an early-game 24 point difference — and it would be a long time to the final buzzer.

But when the clock did run out, they'd chased the scoreboard to within 8 points, for a

final score of NWT-65, Yukon-56. How did they do it? "They're just plain gritty," declares their diminutive coach, Nicole Morgan. "They're very competitive girls. They knew they weren't playing well and they just didn't like that."

Morgan, now 29 and a teacher at Vanier Catholic School in Whitehorse, has been playing and coaching basketball for 14 years.

She's a proud veteran of previous Arctic Winter Games, and was her territory's torch bearer when Yukon hosted the Games in 1986. Nicole stays with the game because it's important to her that she gives something back.

"As corny as it sounds, I've had a lot of opportunities, I've travelled a lot and I want to pass some of that on to the girls."

She admits she's changed her style a bit over the years. "I don't shout as much as I used to. I guess I'm mellowing out in my old age."

Nicole gives top marks to the Yellowknife facilities and sports organization, and she's out officiating for special praise.

Her team's roommates, the powerful Alaskans, have been formidable on the AWG basketball court. And that goes with handicaps agreed to by the Americans (like a 16 and under age limit, compared and under for other contingents) as a way of equalizing their strengths.

"Even with that, they'll be the team to beat."



Survival skills

Many fans thought yesterday's match-up between the Magadan and Alaska Pee Wee hockey squads was an accident waiting to happen but everyone (except Alaska) was pleasantly surprised by the Russians' strong showing.

by Brad Heath
Northern News Services

Alaska was favoured going into the game because of an obvious size advantage, however, the small but speedy and skilled Magadan squad managed to overcome a two-goal deficit late in the third period to tie the Alaskans 3-3.

Magadan got strong backing from netminder Denis Ivashchenko who smothered an Alaskan breakaway with only minutes remaining in the final period.

Magadan had to dig deep and display great endurance during the three 15-minute periods since they only brought two lines to Canada and no spares as compared to a strong Alaskan bench with three lines.

Magadan coach Vladimir Razgoulijev says his team was a bit apprehensive going into the game but hoped to tie the Americans. They got their wish.

The tie boosted Magadan's confidence, says Razgoulijev, because they now know they can rely on their skills and be competitive at the Arctic Winter Games.

Speaking through an interpreter, Razgoulijev says his team performed satisfactorily but took four unnecessary penalties which had a big impact on the outcome of the game. The Magadan coach praised the Alaskan team as a good skating team of strong "courageous" players.

Barry Bran of Yellowknife was among the spectators cheering for Magadan yesterday morning. Bran says the Russians remind him of the NWT Pee Wee team that coach Wes MacAleer guided to the Arctic Winter Games about a decade ago.

"The NWT team was maybe a step up, they were a fantastic team. They were small and fast like Magadan and everyone thought they would be a pushover - until they started skating! They only had two lines too, so they stressed stamina and endurance."

Four members of the NWT Bantam hockey team were also among the spectators. Jeffrey Bowden of Yellowknife thought the Alaskan team was more solid. Ashley Rivers of Yellowknife also thought the Alaskans were the better team with greater depth on the bench. Anthony Kataluk of Coral Harbour was pulling for Magadan. "They have some pretty good players. They're small but fast." Joey Kusugak of Rankin Inlet also liked the small but speedy Magadan players.

All four of the NWT players agreed upon one thing, that the Magadan players are extremely friendly. They're also hockey fanatics.

Magadan's dedication to hockey is also reflected in their willingness to raise \$2,000 per player in order to travel to the '98 Arctic Winter Games. Most of the funds came from parents and team sponsors, says Razgoulijev.

The Magadan coach says trips such as this are worthwhile for everyone involved because the Russian and North American teams can learn a lot from each other.



Magadan Pee Wee hockey coach Vladimir Razgoulijev offers words of encouragement to his players after a goal by Alaska.



Magadan's Pee Wee hockey squad boosted their confidence with a 3-3 tie against Team Alaska early Monday morning.

STREETER

Who is your sports hero?

ULU News sampled the (excellent!) fare at the Akaitcho Hall kitchen Monday evening and over ice cream and lemon pie, chatted with athletes about their sports idols.



Anja Skov (Badminton, Greenland): Albrecht Damgaard. At 45 years of age, this Greenlandic badminton champion beats opponents 20 years younger. (He's in Yellowknife performing with the Greenland Tuparnaq band)



Julia Musial (Silhouette Shooting, Yukon): Tara Lipinski. The 16-year old USA figure skating Olympian wins because she's so young and has achieved so much.



Travis Paradis (Volleyball, Alberta): Jason Haldane. This Grand Prairie, Alberta, hero is on the national volleyball team and ranks as the #1 blocker in the world.



Jimmy Laboline (Snowshoeing, NWT): Michael Jordan. American basketball's super-hooper has the moves, the points and the calm, steady attitude toward the game.



Jenny McMillan (Gymnastics, Alaska): Jaycie Phelps. A gold medal Olympian, Jaycie replied to a fan letter from Jenny with a message to always try your best.

Brad Heath/NWSL photo



The Pin Report



Thank goodness there's at least one other sport you need no accreditation for, no training, and no specialized high priced gear.

by Bill Braden
Northern News Services

Everybody does it, and there's no GST, NAFTA, customs or duty or any other nasty price attached. It's fun, easy, only slightly addictive, and it sharpens the business skills.

It's called pin trading, and it's been the unsanctioned championship event of every AWG since they started 28 years ago.

One of the more avid collectors at this year's event would be George Smith, a member of the Team Alaska Board of Governors who started bartering back in 1992.

"And Winter Games pins are the only ones I collect," says Smith, who in real life is the assistant director of the Alaska state Libraries, Archives and Museums.

He claims his collection includes every single AWG pin issued since 1994. His collection get a bit thinner as it goes back earlier, and it stops at 1976.

So, down to business: what's the hottest pin of the '98 Games? "It's too early to tell," says George without hesitation. "You got to let things settle down for a day or two."

He observed there seem to be fewer designs on the market this year, owing to cutbacks in some contingents not issuing their own individual sport pins. That could be offset by the numbers of pins manufactured, but only the Mission staffs know for sure.

George did give up these tips: be ready to ante up big time for the coveted host society's volunteer pins. Also on the "recommended" list is the perennial favourite, the AWG Corporation presidential pin, a classy little gold ulu number sure to impress the person at the next table in the cafeteria.

George Smith will be back daily with his observations and more market tips for ULU News' feature, The Pin Report.

Bill Braden/NNSL photos
Dustin Jodrey of Fort McMurray, George Smith of Juneau, Alaska, and Connor Brady, also of Fort McMurray, in a spirited round of pin trading at St. Pat's school Monday. (Insets) Part of George Smith's 1998 pin collection includes the four-part NWT contingent pin. The President's pin is also highly-sought.

Sweet dreams

It's amazing the difference that a little bit of sleep can make.

by Brad Heath
Northern News Services



Alaska's Junior Women's volleyball team defeated Yukon early Monday afternoon to boost its record to 2-0. Despite their perfect record, the Alaskans were not entirely happy with their first win on Sunday night.

Kit Worley, Nathalia Echavarría and Jessica Lee of Alaska's under-18 volleyball team all agree that their serving, passing and overall performance was better on Monday after a good night's sleep.

The Alaskan's performance suffered on Sunday because of a long, hectic day with little sleep. The Alaskans arrived at their dormitory at 6 a.m. Sunday after a direct flight from Anchorage to Yellowknife and could only grab about four hours sleep before beginning their day.

It turned out to be just one of those days for the Alaskans. They were late for the Arctic Winter Games official opening Sunday evening and then had to rush back across Yellowknife to play Team NWT at Sir John Franklin High School.

However, the Alaskans were stranded at the Yellowknife Community Arena without a ride and had to resort to a highly unusual mode of transportation - an ambulance.

The Alaskans report, however, that they could not convince the driver to use the siren.

Team Alaska has set its sights on a gold ulu and expects their toughest competition to come from Team Alberta but haven't yet seen all of their opponents in action, say Worley, Echavarría and Lee.

Brad Heath/NNSL photo
Team Alaska (in white) on the attack against Team Yukon.

Brad Heath/NNSL photo
Members of Alaska's Junior women's volleyball team huddle up during a time-out in Monday's game against Team Yukon.



Circumpolar Culture



Steve McKinley/NNSL photo
 'Russian Mountain Ash,' a dance group from Magadan, entertain bystanders at the Centre Square Mall Monday afternoon with traditional dances.



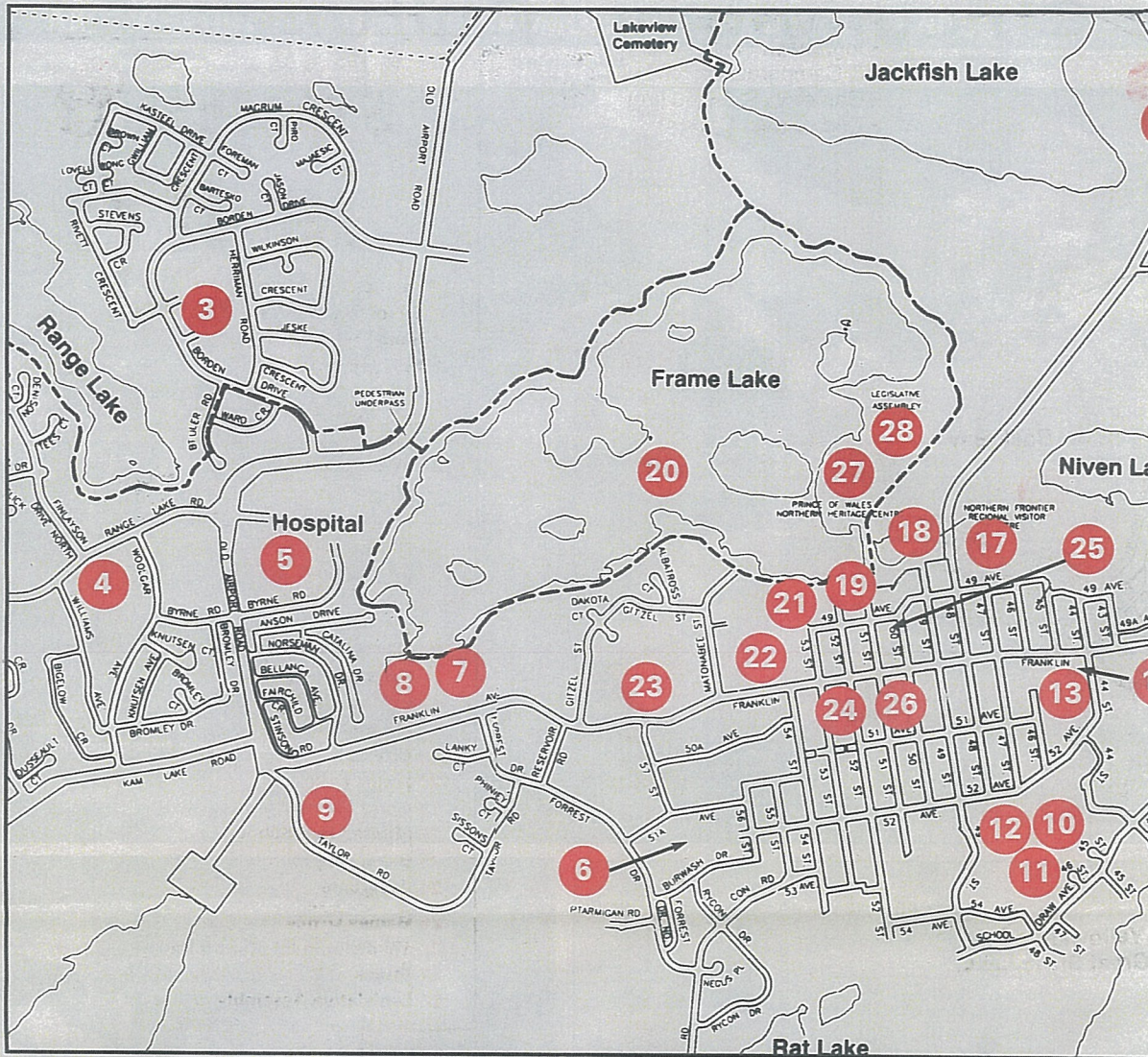
Merle Robillard/NNSL photos
 Right: Amanda Woodward and Cherish Goodswimmer are "smudging" before their performance at Javaroma yesterday afternoon. Amanda says Native performers use this ritual to help them focus.



Steve McKinley/NNSL photo
 Throat singers Mary Ittunga and Bernadette Uttaq face off during a performance at the opening ceremonies for the Arctic Winter Games Sunday evening.



Above: After the smudging, Amanda Woodward treated patrons of Javaroma to some traditional flute music. These tunes were used by young warriors to gain the attention of the ladies.



Schedule of events

Tuesday, March 17, 1998

ARCTIC SPORTS

Classification	Event	Venue	Time (MST)
All	Arm Pull	J H Sissons School	11:00am
All	Kneel Jump	J H Sissons School	1:00pm
All	Airplane	J H Sissons School	7:00pm
	Medal Presentations	J H Sissons School	9:00pm

BADMINTON

Games to be played throughout the day of Range Lake North School.

BASKETBALL

Classification	Event	Venue	Time (MST)
Junior Female	Yukon vs Alaska	St. Pat's High School	08:00 AM
Junior Male	Yukon vs Alaska	St. Pat's High School	09:30 AM

CURLING

Classification	Event	Venue	Time (MST)
Junior Female	NWT vs Alberta	YK Curling Club	09:30 AM
Junior Female	Yukon vs Alaska	YK Curling Club	09:30 AM
Junior Male	NWT vs Alberta	YK Curling Club	09:30 AM
Junior Male	Yukon vs Alaska	YK Curling Club	09:30 AM
Junior Female	Alberta vs Alaska	YK Curling Club	02:30 PM
Junior Female	NWT vs Yukon	YK Curling Club	02:30 PM
Junior Male	Alberta vs Alaska	YK Curling Club	02:30 PM
Junior Male	NWT vs Yukon	YK Curling Club	02:30 PM

DENE GAMES

Classification	Event	Venue	Time (MST)
	Pole Push Competition	Ndilo	1:30pm
	Medal Presentations	Ndilo	2:00pm

GYMNASTICS

Classification	Event	Venue	Time (MST)
Male	Men's Competition	Wm McDonald School	9:00am
Female	Women's Competition	Wm McDonald School	1:30pm
	Sport Opening Ceremonies	Wm McDonald School	12:30pm

HOCKEY

Classification	Event	Venue	Time (MST)
Midget	NWT vs Alaska	YK Community Arena	07:00 AM
PeeWee	Magadan vs NWT	Gerry Murphy Arena	07:00 AM
Junior Female	Alberta vs NWT	Gerry Murphy Arena	09:00 AM
Midget	Yukon vs Alberta	YK Community Arena	09:00 AM
Bantam	NWT vs Alaska	YK Community Arena	11:00 AM
Junior Female	Alaska vs Yukon	Gerry Murphy Arena	11:00 AM
Bantam	Yukon vs Alberta	YK Community Arena	01:00 PM
PeeWee	Alaska vs Yukon	YK Community Arena	01:00 PM
Midget	Alaska vs Yukon	Gerry Murphy Arena	03:00 PM
Midget	Alberta vs NWT	YK Community Arena	03:00 PM
Junior Female	Yukon vs NWT	Gerry Murphy Arena	05:00 PM
Bantam	Alberta vs NWT	Gerry Murphy Arena	07:00 PM
PeeWee	Yukon vs NWT	YK Community Arena	08:00 PM
Bantam	Alaska vs Yukon	Gerry Murphy Arena	09:00 PM
Junior Female	Alberta vs Alaska	YK Community Arena	10:00 PM

INDOOR SOCCER

Classification	Event	Venue	Time (MST)
Juvenile Male	Magadan vs Alberta	St. Pat's High School	11:00 AM
Junior Male	Yukon vs Greenland	St. Pat's High School	01:00 PM
Junior Female	Yukon vs Greenland	St. Pat's High School	02:00 PM
Juvenile Male	Yukon vs Alaska	St. Pat's High School	03:00 PM
Juvenile Female	Alberta vs Alaska	St. Pat's High School	04:00 PM

Junior Male	Yukon vs NWT	St. Pat's High School	05:00 PM
Junior Female	Yukon vs NWT	St. Pat's High School	06:00 PM
Juvenile Male	NWT vs Alberta	St. Pat's High School	07:00 PM
Juvenile Male	Alaska vs Magadan	St. Pat's High School	08:00 PM
Junior Male	Greenland vs Alaska	St. Pat's High School	09:00 PM
Juvenile Female	Yukon vs NWT	St. Pat's High School	12:00 PM

SILHOUETTE SHOOTING

Classification	Event	Venue	Time (MST)
All	Sight In (Individual)	YK Gun Club	10:00am
Junior Co-ed	Individual Prelim 1	YK Gun Club	11:30am
Open Co-ed	Individual Prelim 1	YK Gun Club	11:30am
	Sport Opening Ceremonies	YK Gun Club	9:00am

SNOWSHOEING

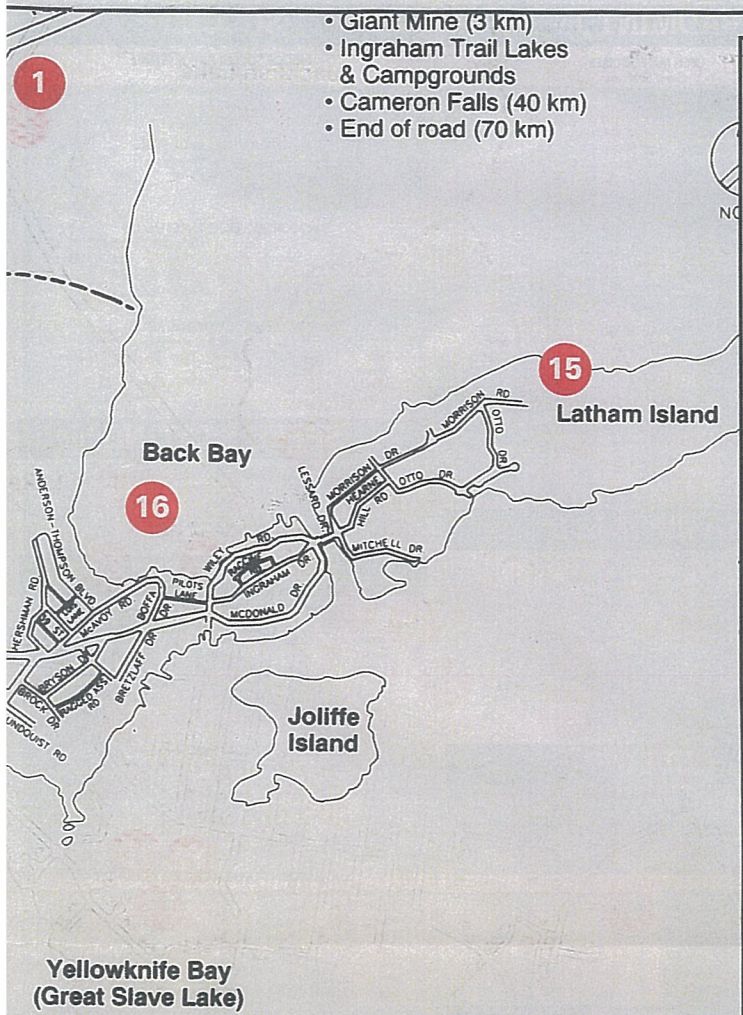
Classification	Event	Venue	Time (MST)
Mixed Team	4 x 400 m Relay	Frame Lake	10:00am
	Medals Presentations	St. Pat's High School	TB

SPEED SKATING

Classification	Event	Venue	Time (MST)
Junior	1000 m Finals	YK Community Arena	5-8pm
Junior	1500 m Heats	YK Community Arena	5-8pm
Juvenile	1000 m Heats	YK Community Arena	5-8pm
Juvenile	777 m Finals	YK Community Arena	5-8pm

TABLE TENNIS

Classification	Event	Venue	Time (MST)
Junior Male	Singles Greenland 1 vs Alaska 1	St. Joseph School	09:00 AM
Junior Male	Singles Greenland 2 vs Magadan 2	St. Joseph School	09:00 AM
Junior Male	Singles Magadan 1 vs Tyumen 1	St. Joseph School	09:00 AM
Junior Male	Singles NWT 2 vs Alaska 2	St. Joseph School	09:00 AM
Junior Female	Singles Alaska 3 vs Magadan 3	St. Joseph School	09:25 AM
Junior Female	Singles Magadan 4 vs Alaska 4	St. Joseph School	09:25 AM
Junior Female	Singles Tyumen 4 vs Greenland 4	St. Joseph School	09:25 AM
Junior Male	Singles NWT 3 vs Tyumen 3	St. Joseph School	09:25 AM
Junior Male	Singles Alaska 1 vs Tyumen 1	St. Joseph School	09:50 AM



Where is it?

- 1 Yellowknife Ski Club
- 2 Silhouette Shooting/Rifle Range
- 3 Range Lake School
- 4 St. Joseph School
- 5 Stanton Regional Hospital
- 6 J. H. Sissons School
- 7 Yellowknife Community Arena
- 8 Yellowknife Curling Club
- 9 William McDonald School
- 10 Sir John Franklin High School
- 11 Northern Arts and Cultural Centre
- 12 Akaitcho Hall
- 13 Weledeh School
- 14 St. Pat's High School
- 15 N'Dilo Gymnasium
- 16 Back Bay
- 17 Explorer Hotel
- 18 Northern Frontier Visitors Association
- 19 City Hall
- 20 Frame Lake
- 21 Gerry Murphy Arena
- 22 Mildred Hall School
- 23 Baker Community Centre
- 24 Javaroma
- 25 Games Office
- 26 Yellowknife Inn/Centre Square Mall
- 27 Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre
- 28 Legislative Assembly

Classification	Event	Venue	Time (MST)
Junior Male	Singles Greenland1 vs NWT1	St. Joseph School	09:50 AM
Junior Male	Singles Greenland2 vs Tyumen2	St. Joseph School	09:50 AM
Junior Male	Singles Magadan2 vs Alaska2	St. Joseph School	09:50 AM
Junior Female	Singles Greenland4 vs Alaska4	St. Joseph School	10:15 AM
Junior Female	Singles NWT3 vs Greenland3	St. Joseph School	10:15 AM
Junior Female	Singles Tyumen3 vs Magadan3	St. Joseph School	10:15 AM
Junior Female	Singles Tyumen4 vs NWT4	St. Joseph School	10:15 AM
Junior Male	Singles Alaska1 vs Greenland1	St. Joseph School	10:40 AM
Junior Male	Singles Alaska2 vs Tyumen2	St. Joseph School	10:40 AM
Junior Male	Singles Magadan2 vs NWT2	St. Joseph School	10:40 AM
Junior Male	Singles Tyumen1 vs NWT1	St. Joseph School	10:40 AM
Junior Female	Singles Alaska4 vs NWT4	St. Joseph School	11:05 AM
Junior Female	Singles Greenland4 vs Magadan4	St. Joseph School	11:05 AM
Junior Female	Singles Magadan3 vs Greenland3	St. Joseph School	11:05 AM
Junior Female	Singles Tyumen3 vs Alaska3	St. Joseph School	11:05 AM
Junior Male	Singles Alaska2 vs Greenland2	St. Joseph School	11:30 AM
Junior Male	Singles NWT1 vs Magadan1	St. Joseph School	11:30 AM
Junior Male	Singles Tyumen1 vs Greenland1	St. Joseph School	11:30 AM
Junior Male	Singles Tyumen2 vs NWT2	St. Joseph School	11:30 AM
Junior Female	Singles Alaska4 vs Tyumen4	St. Joseph School	01:00 PM
Junior Female	Singles Greenland3 vs Alaska3	St. Joseph School	01:00 PM
Junior Female	Singles Magadan3 vs NWT3	St. Joseph School	01:00 PM
Junior Female	Singles NWT4 vs Magadan4	St. Joseph School	01:00 PM
Junior Male	Singles Magadan1 vs Greenland1	St. Joseph School	01:25 PM
Junior Male	Singles NWT1 vs Alaska1	St. Joseph School	01:25 PM
Junior Male	Singles NWT2 vs Greenland2	St. Joseph School	01:25 PM
Junior Male	Singles Tyumen2 vs Magadan2	St. Joseph School	01:25 PM
Junior Female	Singles Alaska3 vs NWT3	St. Joseph School	01:50 PM
Junior Female	Singles Greenland3 vs Tyumen3	St. Joseph School	01:50 PM
Junior Female	Singles Magadan4 vs Greenland4	St. Joseph School	01:50 PM
Junior Female	Singles NWT4 vs Greenland4	St. Joseph School	01:50 PM

Classification	Event	Venue	Time (MST)
Open Female	Yukon vs Magadan	Sir John Franklin School	01:00 PM
Junior Female	Alaska vs Greenland	Sir John Franklin School	02:30 PM
Junior Male	Alaska vs Yukon	Sir John Franklin School	02:30 PM
Junior Male	Alberta vs Greenland	Sir John Franklin School	04:00 PM
Open Female	NWT vs Yukon	Sir John Franklin School	04:00 PM
Open Female	Alaska vs Magadan	Sir John Franklin School	05:30 PM
Open Male	NWT vs Yukon	Sir John Franklin School	05:30 PM
Junior Female	Alberta vs Yukon	Sir John Franklin School	07:00 PM
Junior Male	NWT vs Alaska	Sir John Franklin School	07:00 PM
Junior Female	Alaska vs Greenland	Sir John Franklin School	08:30 PM

WRESTLING

Classification	Event	Venue	Time (MST)
	NWT vs Alberta	Mildred Hall School	09:00am
	Yukon vs Alaska	Mildred Hall School	10:30am
	Magadan vs NWT	Mildred Hall School	12noon
	Yukon vs Alberta	Mildred Hall School	1:30pm
	NWT vs Alaska	Mildred Hall School	3:00pm
	Magadan vs Yukon	Mildred Hall School	4:30pm
	Alberta vs Alaska	Mildred Hall School	6:00pm
	NWT vs Yukon	Mildred Hall School	7:30pm
	Magadan vs Alaska	Mildred Hall School	9:00pm

X-COUNTRY SKIING

Classification	Event	Venue	Time (MST)
Junior Male	5 Km Classic	YK Ski Club	11:01am
Juvenile Male	5 Km Classic	YK Ski Club	11:30am
Midjet Male	3 Km Classic	YK Ski Club	12 noon
Juvenile Female	5 Km Classic	YK Ski Club	1:00pm
Midjet Female	3 Km Classic	YK Ski Club	1:30pm
Junior Female	5 Km Classic	YK Ski Club	12:30pm

VOLLEYBALL

Classification	Event	Venue	Time (MST)
Junior Female	Yukon vs Greenland	Sir John Franklin School	08:30 AM
Junior Male	Alaska vs Greenland	Sir John Franklin School	08:30 AM
Open Female	NWT vs Alaska	Sir John Franklin School	10:00 AM
Open Male	Alaska vs Yukon	Sir John Franklin School	10:00 AM
Junior Female	NWT vs Alberta	Sir John Franklin School	11:30 AM
Junior Male	Alberta vs Yukon	Sir John Franklin School	11:30 AM
Junior Male	NWT vs Greenland	Sir John Franklin School	01:00 PM

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ARCTIC SPORTS

JUNIOR FEMALES						
#	First Name	Last Name	Contingent	One Foot	High Kick	
1	Krista	Andre	Yukon	6th, 6' 2"		
2	Gina	Arreak	NWT	8th, 5' 4"		
3	Emily	Frontz	Alaska	1st, 6' 6"		
4	Else	Gallagher	Alberta	2nd, 6' 6"		
5	Amanda	Heyano	Alaska	3rd, 6' 6"		
6	Heather	Lang	Yukon	4th, 6' 4"		
7	June	Pangon	NWT	5th, 6' 4"		
8	Blair	Tautu	NWT	9th, 5' 4"		
9	Jennifer	Tousignant	Yukon	7th, 5' 8"		

OPEN FEMALES						
#	First Name	Last Name	Contingent	One Foot	High Kick	
1	Susan	Anguliquaqa	NWT	10th, 5' 6"		
2	Darlene	Hokanok	NWT	9th, 5' 10"		
3	Nicole	Johnson	Alaska	5th, 6' 6"		
4	Olittua	Judea	NWT	8th, 6' 2"		
5	Heather	Kalit	NWT	4th, 6' 6"		
6	Mable	Lee	Yukon	11th, 5' 0"		
7	Meika	McDonald	NWT	1st, 7' 2"		
8	Noel	Oksokturuk	Alaska	7th, 6' 4"		
9	Susie	Pearce	NWT	3rd, 6' 8"		
10	Carol	Pickett	Alaska	2nd, 6' 8"		
11	Kathy	Towarak	Alaska	6th, 6' 6"		

BADMINTON

JUNIOR FEMALE DOUBLES						
#	Team	Points	Played	Won	Lost	Tied
1	Alberia	2	1	1		
2	Greenland	0	1		1	
3	NWT	0	1		1	
4	Yukon	0	1		1	

JUNIOR FEMALE SINGLES						
#	Team	Points	Played	Won	Lost	Tied
1	Alberia	2	1	1		
2	Alberia2	4	2	2		
3	Greenland1	0	1		1	
4	Greenland2	0	1		1	
5	NWTerritories1	2	1	1		
6	NWTerritories2	2	1	1		
7	Yukon1	0	1		1	
8	Yukon2	0	2		2	

JUNIOR MALE DOUBLES						
#	Team	Points	Played	Won	Lost	Tied
1	Alaska	2	1	1		
2	Alberia	2	1	1		
3	NWT	0	1		1	
4	Yukon	0	1		1	

JUNIOR MALE SINGLES						
#	Team	Points	Played	Won	Lost	Tied
1	Alaska1	2	1	1		
2	Alaska2	2	1	1		
3	Alberia1	2	2	2		
4	Alberia2	2	2	1	1	
5	Greenland1	6	3	3		
6	Greenland2	2	1	1		
7	NWTerritories1	0	2		2	
8	NWTerritories2	0	2		2	
9	Yukon1	0	2		2	
10	Yukon2	4	2	2		

JUNIOR MALE SINGLES						
#	Team	Points	Played	Won	Lost	Tied
1	Alaska1	2	3	1	2	
2	Alaska2	0	1		1	
3	Alberia1	2	2	2		
4	Alberia2	2	2	1	1	
5	Greenland1	6	3	3		
6	Greenland2	2	1	1		
7	NWTerritories1	0	2		2	
8	NWTerritories2	0	2		2	
9	Yukon1	0	2		2	
10	Yukon2	4	2	2		

JUNIOR FEMALE SINGLES						
#	Team	Points	Played	Won	Lost	Tied
1	Alberia1	4	2	2		
2	Alberia2	2	2	1	1	
3	Greenland1	2	2		2	
4	Greenland2	4	2	2		
5	NWTerritories1	0	3		3	
6	NWTerritories2	0	2		2	
7	Yukon1	2	2	1	2	
8	Yukon2	2	2	1	1	

JUNIOR MALE SINGLES						
#	Team	Points	Played	Won	Lost	Tied
1	Alaska1	2	2	1	1	
2	Alberia1	6	3	3		
3	Alberia2	2	1	1		
4	Greenland1	0	1		1	
5	Greenland2	2	1	1		
6	NWTerritories1	0	2		2	
7	NWTerritories2	2	3	1	2	
8	Yukon1	2	2	1	2	
9	Yukon2	0	1		1	

OPEN FEMALE DOUBLES						
#	Team	Points	Played	Won	Lost	Tied
1	Alaska	0	1		1	
2	Yukon	2	1	1		

OPEN FEMALE SINGLES						
#	Team	Points	Played	Won	Lost	Tied
1	Alaska1	0	3		3	
2	Alaska2	0	1		1	
3	Alberia	4	3	2	1	
4	Greenland	2	1	1		
5	NWTerritories1	6	3	3		
6	NWTerritories2	4	2	2		
7	Yukon1	2	3	1	2	
8	Yukon2	0	2		2	

BADMINTON

OPEN MALE DOUBLES						
#	Team	Points	Played	Won	Lost	Tied
1	Alaska	0	1		1	
2	NWTerritories	0	1		1	

OPEN MALE SINGLES						
#	Team	Points	Played	Won	Lost	Tied
1	Alaska1	6	3	3		
2	Alaska2	0	3		3	
3	Alberia	2	3	1	2	
4	Greenland1	2	2		2	
5	Greenland2	2	1	1		
6	NWTerritories1	4	3	2	1	
7	NWTerritories2	4	3	2	1	
8	Yukon1	0	3		3	
9	Yukon2	2	3	1	2	

OPEN MALE SINGLES						
#	Team	Points	Played	Won	Lost	Tied
1	Alaska1	6	3	3		
2	Alaska2	0	3		3	
3	Alberia	2	3	1	2	
4	Greenland1	2	2		2	
5	Greenland2	2	1	1		
6	NWTerritories1	4	3	2	1	
7	NWTerritories2	4	3	2	1	
8	Yukon1	0	3		3	
9	Yukon2	2	3	1	2	

BASKETBALL

JUNIOR FEMALE						
#	Team	Points	Played	Won	Lost	Tied
1	Alaska	2	1	1		
2	NWTerritorie	2	1	1		
3	Yukon	0	1		1	

JUNIOR MALE						
#	Team	Points	Played	Won	Lost	Tied
1	Alaska	0	1		1	
2	NWTerritories	2	2	1	1	
3	Yukon	0	1		1	

CURLING

OPEN FEMALE						
#	Team	Points	Played	Won	Lost	Tied
1	Alaska	0	1		1	
2	Alberia	0	1		1	
3	NWTerritories	0	1		1	
4	Yukon	0	1		1	

OPEN MALE						
#	Team	Points	Played	Won	Lost	Tied
1	Alaska	0	1		1	
2	Alberia	0	1		1	
3	NWTerritories	0	1		1	
4	Yukon	0	1		1	

HOCKEY

BANTAM						
#	Team	Points	Played	Won	Lost	Tied
1	NWTerritories	2	1	1		
2	Yukon	0	1		1	

MIDGET						
#	Team	Points	Played	Won	Lost	Tied
1	Alaska	0	1		1	
2	Alberia	0	1		1	

PEEWEE						
#	Team	Points	Played	Won	Lost	Tied
1	Alaska	1	1	1		
2	Magadan	2	2	2		
3	NWTerritories	2	1	1		
4	Yukon	1	2	1	1	

SNOWSHOEING

JUNIOR MALE 5 KM X-COUNTRY						
First Name	Last Name	Contingent	Bib Number	Time		
1	William	Dunn	Yukon	16	26:08.49	
2	Wayne	Mitchell	NWT	14	26:46.02	
3	Ernie	Robert	NWT	13	27:22.88	
4	Jim	Coales	Yukon	15	28:03.67	
5	Tommy	Pelti	Alaska	10	29:40.73	
6	Sheamus	Lamb	Alaska	9	30:24.58	
7	Joy	Marlen	Alberia	11	31:13.92	
8	Kevin	Marlen	Alberia	12	49:54.08	

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JUNIOR MALE TO KM INDIVIDUAL						
Placing	Contingent	First Name	Last Name	Bib Number	Time	
1	Tyumen	Alexander	Dulov	16	31:06	
2	Tyumen	Andrey	Parhomenko	19	33:46	
3	Alaska	Brennan	Walsh	23	37:32	
4	Alaska	Ian	Weatherly	18	37:35	
5	Yukon	Russel	Lenes	22	41:00	
6	NWT	Jonathan	McDonald	15	42:27	
7	Yukon	Michael	Tousignant	17	45:00	
8	NWT	Stephen	Dunbar	20	46:53	
9	Alberia	Graham	Cooper	21	52:19	
10	Alberia	Kris	Clarke	24	1:00:18	

JUNIOR FEMALE 7.5 KM INDIVIDUAL						
Placing	Contingent	First Name	Last Name	Bib Number	Time	
1	Tyumen	Tahana	Cherpyuk	26	28:56	
2	Tyumen	Galina	Zakharova	28	31:54	
3	Alaska	Jasmine	Fry	29	34:40	
4	NWT	JENNIFER	SWALLOW	30	36:45	
5	Yukon	Cassandra	McCollum	33	41:05	
6	NWT	LINDSEY	BOLIVAR	27	41:28	
7	Yukon	Leanne	Kornes	31	48:37	
8	Alaska	Jenna	Farleigh	32	49:46	

SOCCER

INDOOR SOCCER JUNIOR FEMALE						
#	Team	Points	Played	Won	Lost	Tied
1	Alaska	2	1	1		
2	NWTerritories	0	1		1	

INDOOR SOCCER JUNIOR MALES						
#	Team	Points	Played	Won	Lost	Tied
1	Alaska	2	1	1		
2	NWTerritories	0	1		1	

INDOOR SOCCER JUVENILE FEMALES						
#	Team	Points	Played	Won	Lost	Tied
1	Alaska	2	1	1		
2	Alberia	2	1	1		
3	Yukon	0	1		1	

INDOOR SOCCER JUVENILE MALES						
#	Team	Points	Played	Won	Lost	Tied
1	Alaska	2	1	1		
2	Alberia	2	1	1		
3	Yukon	0	1		1	

SPEED SKATING

SPEED SKATING JUNIOR FEMALE 500 M RACE						
First Name	Last Name	Contingent	Time	Finals	Time	
1	Sophia	Pin	NWT	Finals:54.49	secs.	
2	Melissa	Korycki	Alberia	Finals:1:00.90	secs.	
3	Wendy	Garratt	Alberia	Finals:1:03.20	secs.	

SNOWSHOEING

SNOWSHOEING JUNIOR FEMALE 5 KM RACE						
Placing	First Name	Last Name	Contingent	Bib Number	Time	
1	Sara	Nielsen	Yukon	8		



By the book

Practitioners of Inuit Arctic Sports received a valuable training aid yesterday with the unveiling of a manual and video designed to put them on equal footing with "southern-based sports" that have developed coaching programs.

by Brad Heath
Northern News Services

The four-part training and resource manual and video were unveiled and distributed during the opening ceremonies for Arctic Sports held at noon Monday in JH Sissons Elementary School.

On hand for the unveiling were Patrick Tagoona, President of the NWT Arctic Sports Association, Bill Lyall of Arctic Cooperatives Limited, NWT Government Minister Maniok 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."

"By participating in the games, the young men could learn what their limits are and better prepare themselves for the hunt," according to Bob Akiens, Head Inuit Judge of the 1996 Arctic Winter Games. "If you didn't know your limits, you could die. You have to know how far you can push yourself."

The nine Arctic sports are: one-foot high kick, two-foot high kick, one-hand reach, kneel jump, Alaskan high kick, knuckle hop, airplane and arm pull. There are two Russian events in Arctic sports at this year's Arctic Winter Games, the sledge and triple jumps, but they are not included in the manual.

The training and resource manual and video for Arctic Sports were produced by the Northwest Territories' Municipal and Community Affairs in conjunction with a number of partners, says Szabo, MACA's Manager of Sports and Recreation Programs.

Working with MACA to produce the manual and video were the Coaching Association of Canada, the NWT Arctic Sports Association, the governments of Alberta, the Yukon and NWT, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI), the Arctic Winter Games International Committee and Sport North.

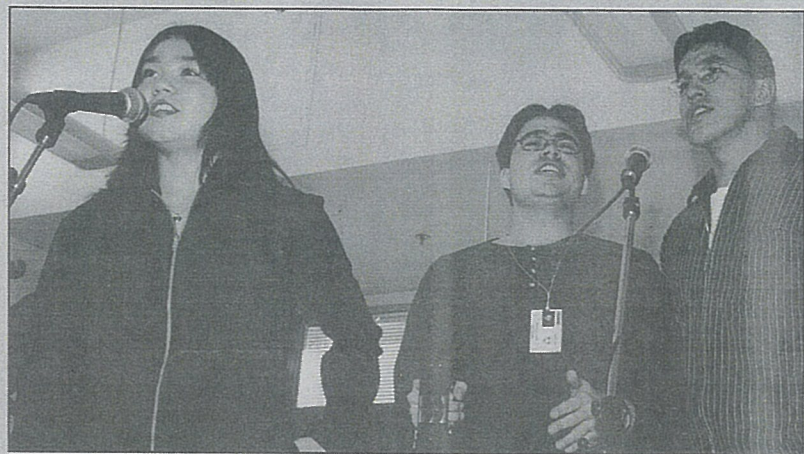
Reaction to the manual and video has been "...very good so far," says Szabo. Members of the AWG International Committee and various political leaders had a sneak preview of the manual and video early Monday morning and both were well received, says Szabo.

The first section of the manual explores the culture of Inuit people and the place of Arctic Sports in that culture, says Szabo. The second section examines in greater detail the types of games that were played.

"The third section puts the Inuit games into a modern coaching context where they talk, for example, about nutrition, flexibility and coaching philosophy," says Szabo. "In the last section, we actually break down the nine Arctic sports... so that a coach can do a movement analysis with his or her athletes and... coaches can get athletes to do the various activities properly."

The video is to be used in conjunction with the fourth section on movement analysis and shows properly executed Arctic sports in normal speed and slow motion, says Szabo.

MACA has plans to produce similar manuals in the future on Inuit wrestling, Dene games, dog mushing and snow shoeing.



Brad Heath/NNSL photo

The show must go on
Lead singer Tupaarnaq Mathiassen from Greenland, left, receives back-up from Nino Thomsen and Nukannugaq Geisler as she entertains at Javaroma despite battling the flu!

Getting credit

Teena MacPherson's excited about the introduction of Arctic Sports as an accredited national training program.

by Bill Braden
Northern News Services

The Yukon trainer and coach, with participation in five previous AWG events behind her, predicts it will be a tremendous boost to her territory's flagging record in that venue.

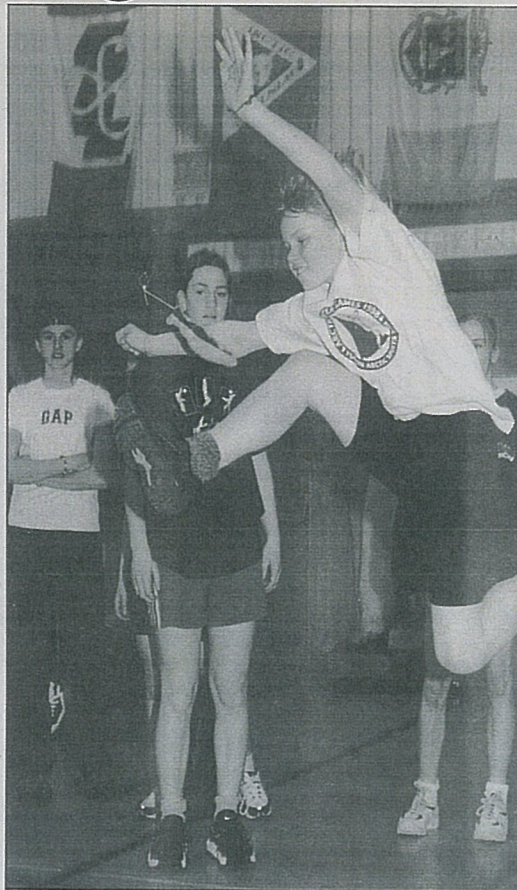
"Arctic sports has really diminished in the Yukon since the 1980s. Those athletes are now adults, and youth development was barely surviving," she said.

But now, a two-year integration of arctic sports into the regular school gymnastics curriculum is underway. Already, there are impressive results. "Within a month, some of our students were setting gold and silver-level achievements from past Winter Games."

The reason for the success, she believes, is that Arctic Sports is a perfect companion to the essential skills of a gymnast — balance, strength and flexibility.

Gymnasts also benefit because their performance tends to peak in their early teen years. Arctic Sports gives them something to grow into for several more.

MacPherson credits the Yukon Government, Sport North, and their partnership with the University of Calgary for their commitment to developing the manual and video that were unveiled today. Now, can an Arctic Sports event at the Olympics be far behind? Well, remember what they said about snowboarding...



Brad Heath/NNSL photo

Melissa Laluk, 12, of Team Yukon takes to the air in the one foot high kick on Monday morning.



Instant Replay



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Top left: Yukon's Cheryl Rivest celebrates after splitting the NWT defence to score and bring her team to within one goal in the third period of the women's hockey game Monday. Yukon fought back from an early 3-1 deficit in the first period to tie the game 5-5.



Top right: NWT captain Maureen Stewart tries to play the puck from her knees while a teammate moves in to help during second-period women's hockey action against the Yukon Monday.



Right: NWT snowshoer Jackie Pascal leads the pack out of the starting area at the start of the junior female 5 km race Monday.

Table tennis big sport in Tyuman

One of the fastest growing sports in Tyuman (pronounced Tu-man) is table tennis, and there's lots of good reasons.

by Bill Braden
Northern News Services

"It's easy to service, not too much money and easy to develop," says coach Sergei Vlasov, himself an easy-going man who greets you with a high-five, not a hand shake.

"And it helps to develop it when you have world champions from your country," he said, referring to the brothers Mazunov, who dominate the sport internationally.

That might also explain why it's more popular among boys than girls, although there are also female competitors at the top of their game as well.

Tyuman is a huge region, the same size as Alaska, that sprawls over much of western Siberia. Yet there are lots of tournaments to help hone competition.

"Probably too many," admits Sergei, who, like father-coaches everyone, rolls his eyes and groans at the time he puts into the sport.

There's some other help out there, like the German sports manufacturer Tibhar which sponsors the national team.

What does it take to be a great table tennis player? Sergei warms to the question.

"It's a difficult sport. Psychologically you must be very strong. Every point, every serve is like a small war. You must be quick, like a snake, and react instantly."

Tyuman's tiny delegation travelled an incredible distance to get to the NWT.

Try this one with your travel agent: Tyuman-Moscow-London-Seattle-Calgary-Edmonton-Yellowknife.

And back.

It is worth it?

"It's not for the competition or winning. It's for the children to know each other."



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Tyuman table tennis coach Sergei Vlasov (centre) watches his charges at work.

Instant Replay



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Feeling the agony of victory, Alaskan snowshoer Albert Attla crosses the finish line first in the Open Male 5 km. race, then collapses to the snow, and lays there gasping for breath.

