

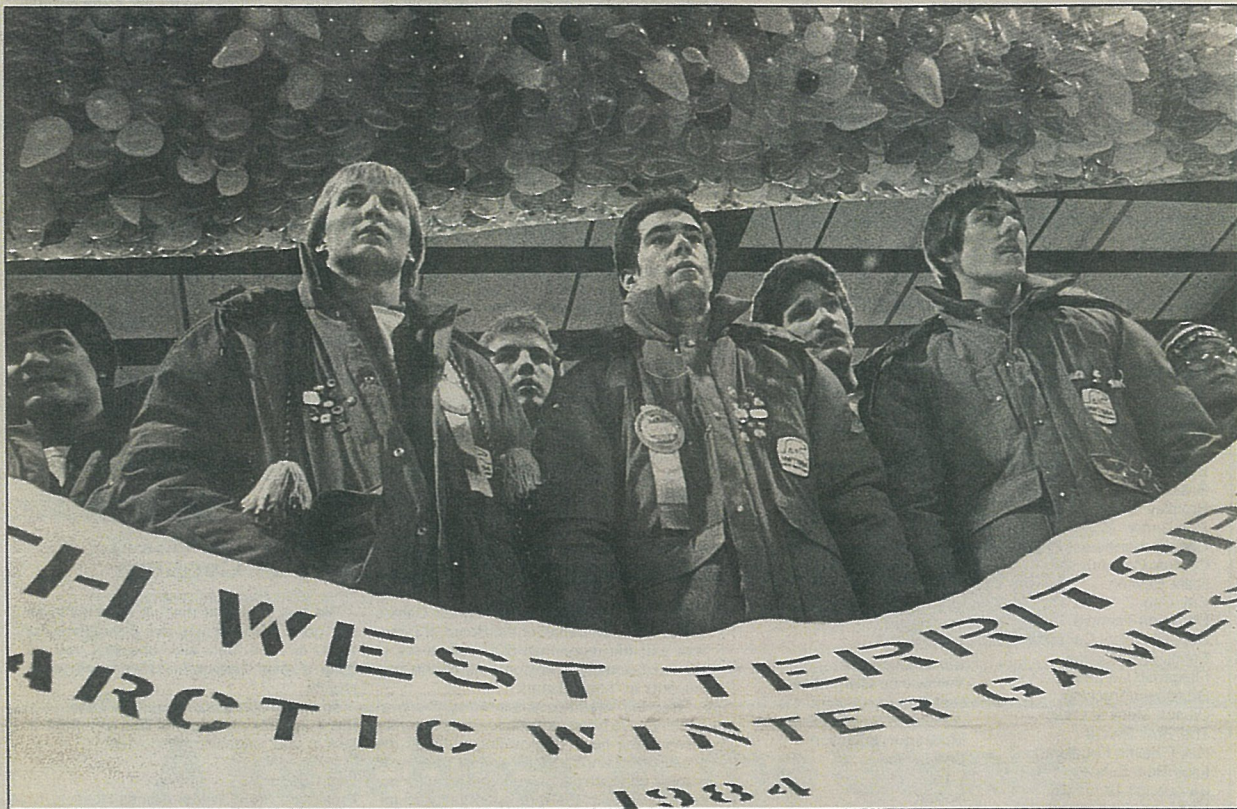


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Participants from the Northwest Territories wait for the moment when the Games are officially declared open. Yellowknife Community Arena was so full for the opening ceremonies that the doors had to be locked and many people were turned away.

Here we go again!

The eighth Arctic Winter Games kicked off last night in rousing fashion at the Yellowknife Community Arena.

Two years of preparation culminated with a splendid opening ceremony in front of an overflowing crowd, and if the evening's program serves as an indicator of things to come, this city will be in for a rollicking week.

The hour-long program began only a few minutes late with the entry of the N.W.T. Pipe Band and the Air Cadets bearing the flags.

They were followed by the athletes — Alaskans, Yukoners and the host contingent, and the officials — cheering, waving flags and tossing them to the loudly clapping audience.

The Yellowknife City Band and the Choral Society led the singing of the national anthems, then provided a rendition of Go For It, the official theme song of the Games, written by Robin Beaumont of Inuvik.

Master of ceremonies for the evening was Don Cooper, president of the Host Society.

Welcoming speeches were made by Celine Hervieux-Payette, minister of

state for youth, Richard Nerysoo, leader of the government of the N.W.T., Mayor Don Sian and Barrie Robb, president of the AWG Corporation.

Highlighting the ceremony was the prayer chant by the Detah Drummers.

N.W.T. athletes Henry Bouchard of Hay River and Mary Hanson of Frobisher Bay carried the torch into the arena for the torch lighting ceremony, which was followed by the athletes' oath, given by Robin Sproule of Yellowknife, and the officials' oath, by Dennis Crane, also of the city.

Commissioner John Parker then declared the Games officially open, as thousands of balloons suspended in nets about the ice were released onto the athletes.

That produced a spontaneous "fireworks" display of sorts, as the sound of bursting balloons echoed through the arena.

Competitions got underway this morning in most sports, and numerous cultural activities will be held throughout the city all week. It will be a week to remember.



Henry Bouchard of Hay River and Mary Hanson of Frobisher Bay carried the torch into Yellowknife Community Arena last night to start the flame for the Arctic Winter Games.

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Official greetings

The countdown is over — Parker

To the participants, officials, special guests and spectators of the 1984 Arctic Winter Games — welcome to those of you from other parts of Canada and Alaska, and welcome to the capital to all people from different communities in the north.

The countdown is over and the Games are underway. I trust that everyone will enjoy the good fellowship, close competitions and great fun throughout the week of the Games. We have a wonderful opportunity to get to know each other better and strengthen the northern ties which draw us

together.

Congratulations to each competitor who has met the challenge of trials in home jurisdictions and is now here for the main events. My thanks also go out to the dozens of people who have worked so diligently to make these Games the success which I know they will be.

Good luck and good sportsmanship to one and all.

John H. Parker
Commissioner of the Northwest Territories

Games back to birthplace — Nerysoo

On behalf of the Executive Council of the Northwest Territories, I am pleased to welcome everyone to the 1984 Arctic Winter Games.

This year the Arctic Winter Games return to their birthplace, Yellowknife, where the first Games were staged in 1970. Since then, the Games have increased in size and scope, the competitors have increased their skills and new sports have been added to the Games.

The Arctic Winter Games will be a week of friendly sports competition and a celebration

of the unique lands and cultures that make up the North.

We welcome athletes, coaches, officials, distinguished guests and visitors from Alaska, Yukon, the N.W.T. and Canada and wish each team and athlete the best of luck during this exciting week. I hope these will be the best Games ever.

Richard Nerysoo
Government Leader
Government of the N.W.T.

Remember our community — Cooper

Now that the 1984 Arctic Winter Games are at hand, on behalf of the Board of Directors and the more than 500 volunteers of the host society I welcome all of the participants in these Games.

Over the past two years we at the host society have been working towards this very week in the hope of providing you with the organization and facilities so that you could display your athletic talents and provide our community with the rare opportunity to experience this competition.

We feel confident that we have achieved our goal. Whether you are from Nome, or Faro, or Frobisher, we hope that you will have a most memorable stay in our community.

To the athletes, coaches and officials I say thank you for coming and the very best of luck in your endeavors this week.

Don Cooper
President, Arctic Winter Games Host Society

A special year for Yellowknife — Sian

On behalf of the City of Yellowknife, I extend a warm and enthusiastic welcome to all of the participants, officials and spectators.

Yellowknife is proud to be hosting the 1984 Arctic Winter Games. As this is our 50th Anniversary and Homecoming year, it is especially nice to have the Games return to our city, for the first time since their inception in 1970.

Our host committee, along with a tremendous number of volunteers, have spent innumerable hours in preparation for these Games. All efforts have been made to ensure that your time in Yellowknife will be a most enjoyable and rewarding experience.

Don Sian
Mayor, City of Yellowknife

Everyone a winner — Sibbeston

On behalf of the Government of the Northwest Territories I wish to extend a hearty northern welcome to all visitors to the 1984 Arctic Winter Games.

To our friends from Alaska and Yukon we offer an extra special welcome. These Games provide a unique opportunity to meet every second year in friendly competition, strengthening common bonds across the north.

First time visitors will find Yellowknife an exciting, bustling city of 10,000 friendly residents. Yellowknife is your gateway to Canada's true north and the capital city of our Northwest Territories, an area one-third of Canada.

The Yellowknife Host Society has worked hard these past two years to ensure all is in readiness for the best ever Arctic Winter Games. To all of the volunteers from the Board of Directors on down, thank you for your commitment and time. Congratulations on a job well done!

As Minister responsible for sport and recreation, I commit our continuing support

for the Arctic Winter Games as a mass participation event which involves nearly five per cent of N.W.T. residents in regional and territorial competition and nearly again as many organizers behind the scenes.

As Minister also responsible for culture, I see the added value of the Arctic Winter Games as a vehicle for sharing our uniquely northern cultures and life style and I encourage you to participate in some of the many cultural events planned during the week.

To all athletes go my wish for a good competition. Whether you win or not, you are all winners if you compete in the spirit of good sportsmanship.

The excitement of the Arctic Winter Games is shared by all my colleagues in the Legislative Assembly and on their behalf I welcome you to Canada's Northwest Territories. Have fun!

Nick Sibbeston
Minister of Local Government
Government of the N.W.T.



The nose of the largest plane ever to land in Yellowknife dwarfs the air traffic control tower.

History at Yellowknife airport



The way of the past, a DC-6, frames the Empress of Canada, a Boeing 747 parked outside the Yellowknife airport.

CP Air's Empress of Canada, a 37-ton Boeing 747, came thundering into Yellowknife Sunday morning with 281 athletes and 47 support staff from Alaska aboard.

It was the first time Yellowknife airport had ever handled an aircraft of that size and a crowd of about 400 were on hand to witness the event.

The flight, from Anchorage, brought the entire state's contingent to town for the eighth Arctic Winter Games, but the jumbo jet will not be returning to the city. Instead, three 737s will be used to take the Alaskans home later this week.

Sam Anderson, a member of the Alaskan mission staff, said the flight went quite smoothly until the "wake-up call" they received on landing.

We dropped a long way near the end there, and some of the oxygen masks when knocked down when we hit," she said. "You might say it was a smashing landing."



One of over 400 spectators



(Above) Traditional northern fare was the entertainment at opening ceremonies.
(Above right) Local drummers entertained athletes and spectators.
(Below) Once N.W.T. Commissioner John Parker declared the Games open, balloons cascaded down from the rafters.





Just checking in gets Games underway

Bed shortage just part of Games

Many of the people who arrived at the athletes village last night found themselves without beds to call their home.

Bunkbeds, which arrived from Saskatchewan, apparently took a little longer to assemble than expected and not all were ready.

While some athletes had to sleep on the floor in their sleeping bags last night, most were too tired to mind the inconvenience.

Sir John Franklin High School classrooms will be home to the male competitors for the Games, while the ladies will be bunked at St. Pat's.

As well as the sleeping

quarters, both schools have tuck shops that will provide snacks and souvenirs. St. Pat's also has a coffee shop in the gymnasium.

The Games' main medical clinic is also located at St. Pat's, where staff from Stanton Yellowknife Hospital will be on duty around the clock.

While most athletes are expected to spend their free time cheering on teammates in other sports, both schools gave also set aside areas where they can just sit back and relax.

Transportation to and from the venues is being provided for the competitors throughout the week.

But after the Ulu News, what's left to tell?

CBC Radio (1340 on the dial) will be providing extensive coverage throughout the Arctic Winter Games.

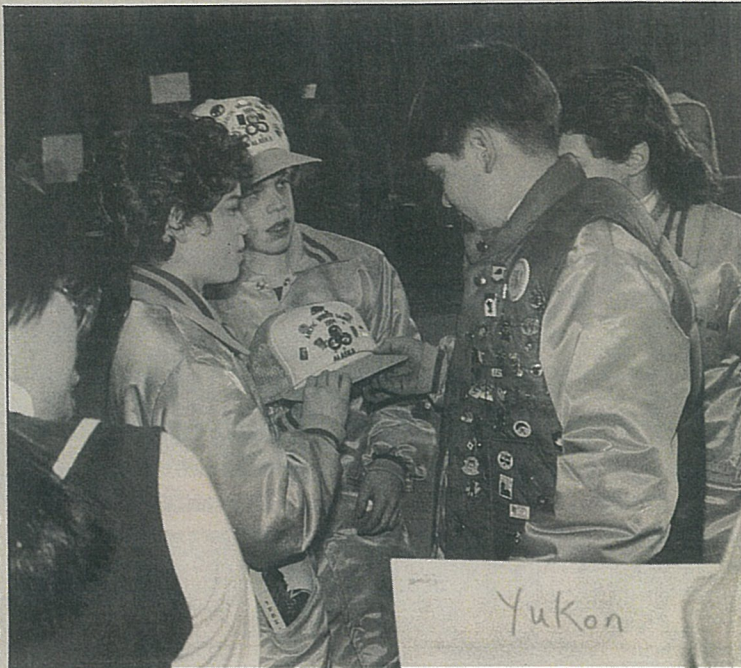
News from the Games can be heard throughout the day. At 1 p.m. each day there will be an hour program in Inuktitut.

CBC-TV will have a half-hour program of highlights nightly at 8:30.

Local radio station CJCD (1240) will have reports throughout the day with a wrap-up nightly at 6:45.

The Ulu News will be distributed free each morning. It will be available at the athletes' village and sports venues and at local outlets.

The final edition will be distributed following the closing ceremonies Friday.



Trading pins, buttons and uniforms has long been a tradition of the Arctic Winter Games, but when you come with a chest full of "traders" such as the Alaskan athlete on the right, you're assured of going home with a good collection.



Sir John Franklin High School was the first place participants in the Games went and at times the gymnasium took on the appearance of a

community bazaar. Athletes were given sleeping bags and other gifts, along with being assigned to classroom dorms and schedules.

Bring on that food!

Baked polynesian ham, braised beef, short ribs and poached Arctic char are just a few of the dishes being served to competitors in the dining room of the athletes' village.

Glen Leitch is the man in charge of catering for the Games. He says the participants will face several choices each meal as they make their way along the serving lines at both Sir John Franklin and St. Pat's high schools.

Char will be the only nothern food being served up for these Games. Leitch says he had attempted to purchase some caribou but he was unable to secure the 500 pounds he needed and decided to abandon the idea.

Special arrangements have been made for athletes on

restricted diets.

Breakfast will be served daily between 6:30 and 8:30 a.m., lunch between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and dinner between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Athletes who are competing at those times will be able to get homemade soup and sandwiches at coffee shops set up in both schools.

Chefs will be preparing the meals out of the cafeterias and two single trailer kitchens.

The final meal Friday for the participants will be a hip of beef and all the trimmings. The buffet will be served in both dining rooms.

Each sport will also be holding a banquet for its participants during the week.

Leitch says the food bill for the six days will amount to \$50,000.



Bea Firth, minister of tourism for Yukon Territory, arrives in Yellowknife for the Games.

Today's weather

High: -10°C (14°F)

Cloudy

Very light snow

Moderate easterly winds

Outlook for Tuesday

Cloudy with afternoon sunny periods

A look back at the Games

The 1984 Arctic Winter Games mark the return of the Games to their birthplace.

It was March of 1970 that the first Games were held. Since that time, they have been to Whitehorse twice, in Whitehorse, in 1972 and 1980, in Anchorage in 1974, Schefferville, Quebec in 1976, co-hosted by Hay River and Pine Point in 1978 and in Fairbanks in 1982.

In the late '60s, the Canadian territories were experiencing their first national competitions, and found themselves rather embarrassed by the results.

The concept of the Arctic Winter Games was twofold — to provide northern athletes, through international competition, the incentive to improve their skills against athletes of similar backgrounds, and to strengthen the mutual understanding and friendship of the people of the north, through sports and cultural activities.

In 1970, athletes from Alaska, Yukon and Northwest Territories gathered in Yellowknife for the very first Arctic Winter Games.

The N.W.T. won those first Games, capturing 34 of the 63 gold ulus awarded. Sports of the first Games included badminton, basketball, boxing, curling, figure skating, hockey, shooting, skiing, table tennis and volleyball.

Whitehorse

In 1972, the Games moved to the Yukon capital. Many of the difficulties encountered by the organizers of the first Games were overcome the second time around and the Games were

gaining momentum. New sports contested that year included alpine skiing, judo and wrestling, while boxing was dropped from the slate.

The '72 Games also saw the inclusion of Arctic Quebec, as the Games' fourth contingent.

The Alaskans proved to be the power of those Games with 49 golds. N.W.T. and Yukon each had 25 gold ulus while the smaller Quebec team — 68 competitors mostly in the junior age categories — earned one gold.

Anchorage

The Games were held for the first time in Alaska in 1974, at Anchorage, by far the largest city north of the 60th parallel.

Five more sports debuted that year — Arctic sports, archery, biathlon, gymnastics and snowshoeing. As well, synchronized swimming was a demonstration sport. Alpine skiing was not contested.

Schefferville

In 1976, the Games were hosted by Arctic Quebec at Schefferville, a mining community of about 4,200 nestled near the Labrador border.

Schefferville was the smallest community to host the Games and the size of each participating contingent was reduced to just over 200 competitors per team.

Following the '76 Games, sports officials of Arctic Quebec announced that because of the rising costs of participating in the Games, they felt that the money could be put to better use within the province and they would be

forced to withdraw from future competitions.

Hay River - Pine Point

In 1978, the Games returned to the Northwest Territories to begin the second cycle. They were co-hosted by the communities of Hay River and Pine Point, located on the southern shores of Great Slave Lake.

With the '78 Games came the first passenger train service in the N.W.T., a three-coach train that transported competitors and spectators the 50 miles between the two communities.

1978 also saw the introduction of the Stuart M. Hodgson Trophy. It will be presented again this year to the contingent that best displays the qualities of good sportsmanship. The trophy consists of a seven-foot narwhal tusk and soapstone carvings of a polar bear and walrus.

New to the Games that year was the snowshoe biathlon, combining shooting and snowshoeing.

Whitehorse

Whitehorse became the first community to host the Games for a second time in 1980. Again the Alaskans dominated in the medal department, taking home well over half of the gold ulus.

New on the sporting agenda was indoor soccer, while gymnastics made its debut as a demonstration sport. It would be added to the slate of events for the 1980 Games in Fairbanks.

The athletes were reaching new heights in Arctic sports with three new world records established (that would be broken again at the next Games).

Perhaps the biggest surprise that year though was the Yukon senior women's basketball victory, the first time ever that an Alaskan basketball team did not win the gold ulu.

Fairbanks

The Games completed its second cycle with the city of Fairbanks playing host to the seventh Games.

As they had in the previous year, the Alaskan team picked up the majority of the gold. Yukon snowshoers Rick Barnett and Pauline Craig each won five gold ulus.

Sports of the 1982 Games included Arctic sports, badminton, basketball, cross country skiing, curling, figure skating, gymnastics, hockey, soccer, judo, shooting, snowshoeing, snowshoe biathlon, table tennis and volleyball.

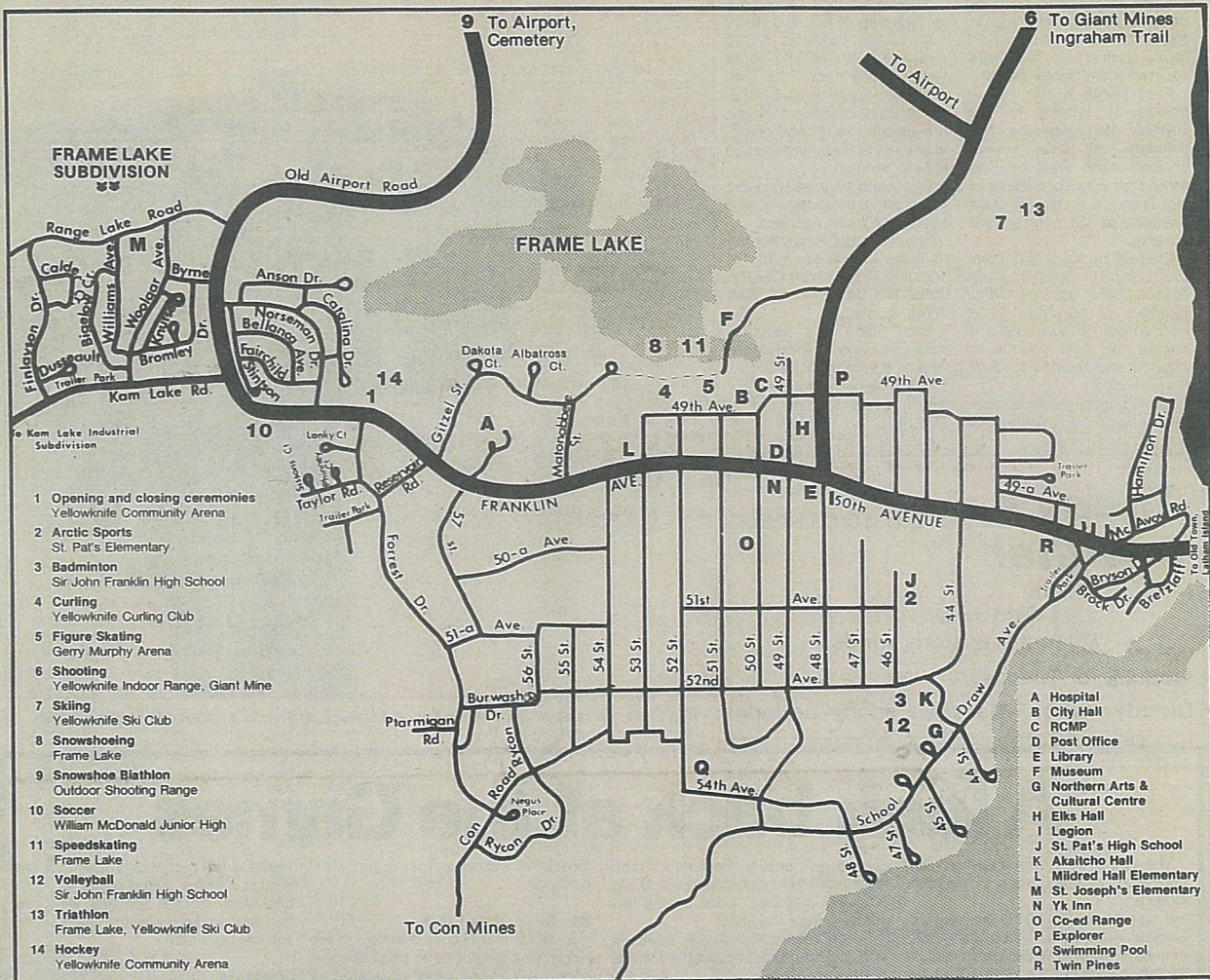
Yellowknife

And so, it is back to Yellowknife.

There were a number of changes made in the sports that would be contested here. Gone from the line-up were basketball and table tennis, two sports that were played since 1970, and gymnastics. In their place this year will be speedskating and the triathlon, combining the disciplines of skiing, speedskating and snowshoeing.

Yellowknife has also added a number of new facilities since the first Games. The new Community Arena, opened in 1982, will host the hockey competitions as well as the opening and closing ceremonies. A new shooting range at Giant Mine had its official opening just this weekend, though it was in use for the territorial trials in January.

Finding your way around the city



Monday's schedule of events

Arctic sports

At St. Pat's Elementary

- 1 p.m. - Men's two-foot high kick
- 2 p.m. - Medal presentations
- 6 p.m. - Opening ceremonies
- 7 p.m. - Junior arm pull
- 8 p.m. - Men's airplane
- 9 p.m. - Women's one-foot high kick
- 10 p.m. - Medal presentations

Badminton

At Sir John Franklin High School

- 7:30 a.m. - Opening ceremonies
- 8 a.m. - Men's and women's singles
- 11 a.m. - Men's and women's doubles

Curling

At Yellowknife Curling Club

- 12:30 p.m. - Opening ceremonies
- 1:30 p.m. - First draw - junior men, N.W.T. vs. Yukon; junior women, Alaska vs. N.W.T.; open men, Alaska vs. N.W.T.; open women, Yukon vs. N.W.T.
- 7:30 p.m. - Second draw - junior men, N.W.T. vs. Alaska; junior women, Alaska vs. Yukon; open men, Alaska vs. Yukon; open women, Yukon vs. Alaska

Figure skating

At Gerry Murphy Arena

- 1 p.m. - Opening ceremonies
- 2 p.m. - Pre-juvenile figures
- 4 p.m. - Open ladies' figures
- 5 p.m. - Pre-novice ladies' figures

Hockey

At Yellowknife Community Arena

- 8 a.m. - Pee wee - N.W.T. vs. Yukon
- 10:30 a.m. - Midget - Yukon vs. N.W.T.
- 1 p.m. - Senior - N.W.T. vs. Yukon
- 3:30 p.m. - Pee wee - Yukon vs. Alaska
- 6 p.m. - Midget - N.W.T. vs. Alaska
- 8:30 p.m. - Opening Ceremonies
- 9 p.m. - Senior - N.W.T. vs. Alaska

Shooting

At Yellowknife Shooting Club, Giant Mine

- 12 p.m. - Rifle competitions (to 8 p.m.)

Snowshoeing

At Frame Lake

- 1 p.m. - Opening ceremonies

2 p.m. - 100 m

2:30 p.m. - Medal presentations

Soccer

At William McDonald Junior High

- 10 a.m. - Juvenile girls, Alaska vs. N.W.T.
- 11 a.m. - Juvenile boys, Alaska vs. N.W.T.
- 12 p.m. - Junior girls, Alaska vs. N.W.T.
- 1 p.m. - Junior boys, Alaska vs. N.W.T.
- 2 p.m. - Juvenile girls, Yukon vs. Alaska
- 3 p.m. - Juvenile boys, Yukon vs. Alaska
- 4 p.m. - Junior girls, Yukon vs. Alaska
- 5 p.m. - Junior boys, Yukon vs. Alaska
- 6 p.m. - Juvenile girls, N.W.T. vs. Yukon
- 7 p.m. - Juvenile boys, N.W.T. vs. Yukon
- 8 p.m. - Junior girls, N.W.T. vs. Yukon
- 9 p.m. - Junior boys, N.W.T. vs. Yukon

Volleyball

At Sir John Franklin High School

- 2 p.m. - junior, Alaska vs. Yukon
- 3:30 p.m. - senior, Alaska vs. Yukon
- 5 p.m. - junior, Yukon vs. N.W.T.
- 6:30 p.m. - senior, Yukon vs. N.W.T.
- 8 p.m. - junior, Alaska vs. N.W.T.
- 9:30 p.m. - senior, Alaska vs. N.W.T.