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'84 Games draw to a close

Medal presentation marked the end to the 1984 Arctic Winter Games staged in Yellowknife. Here, the one-hand reach winners proudly display their

awards. Left to right are Eddie Arey, Yukon, the bronze ulu winner, Gregg Nathstine of Alaska who won the gold and Dan Ayalik, N.W.T., who took the silver.

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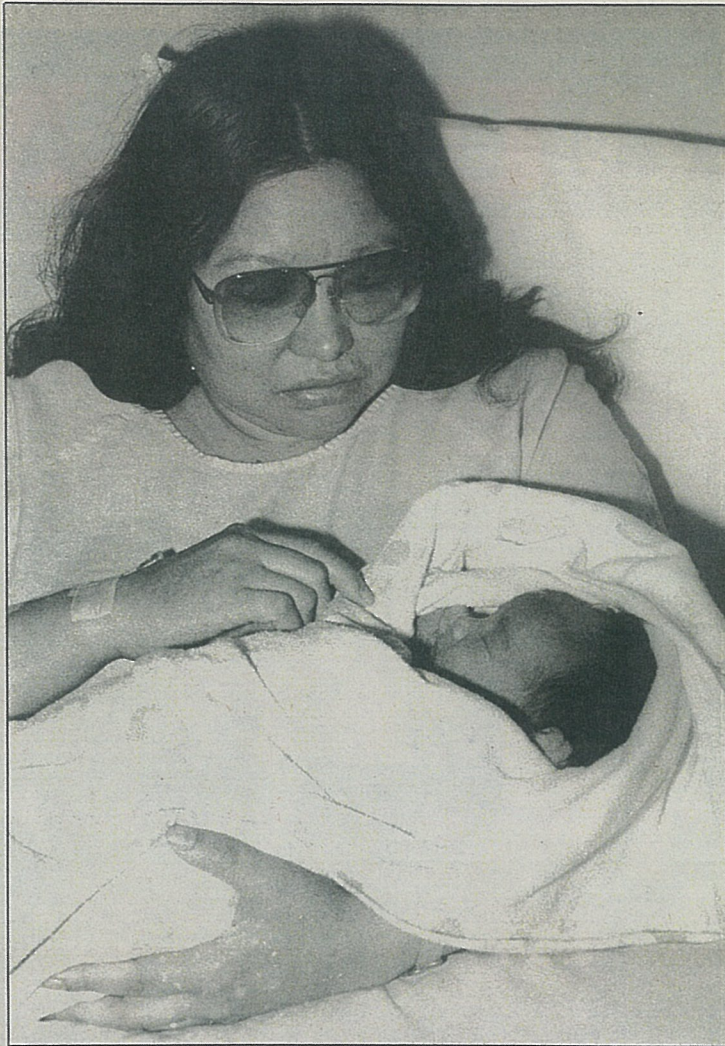
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We have an Arctic Winter Games baby! N.W.T. mission staffer Ted Blondin and his wife Violet are the proud new parents of a 6 lb. 11½ oz. baby girl, born at Stanton Hospital Thursday night. Congratulations.

Medal count

(unofficial totals)

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
N.W.T.	49	34	30
Alaska	42	11	10
Yukon	22	29	47

Watch for it

The souvenir edition of *The Ulu News*, including all the results, will be distributed next week.

It will also be a supplement to the March 27 edition of *news/north*.

Meet Crystal Kujat

Sorry about the mistake. We want you to know that this young lady is figure skater Crystal Kujat of Hay River, N.W.T., a gold ulu winner in the pre-novice ladies' category.



Exciting finish to badminton finals

"I thought it was never going to end," said a jubilant Ken Frankish of Yukon moments after he wrapped up a badminton gold ulu with a third game win over N.W.T.'s Al Shevkenek. "But it feels great, you know. You just can't beat it."

The open men's singles badminton finals was just one of the many fast paced matches which characterized the week's badminton action, dominated by N.W.T. players. The N.W.T. claimed eight gold, six silver, and one bronze ulu. The Alaskan team was virtually blanked, managing only three bronzes in the 10 categories. The Yukon won two gold, four silver and six bronze.

Badminton players had the worst of the sports schedules, with early morning games each day. Many of the players were involved in all three categories — singles, doubles and mixed doubles, and ended up playing almost constantly. And in the end, only the fittest players had the energy to win.

Twenty-one year old Ken Frankish credited his gold to the long playing schedule of his opponent, Al Shevkenek.

"We played in the semis, and he was very tough that time. I knew he wasn't going to give up this time, but I think I was a little less tired than Al," said Frankish.

The match started with a strong

15-8 win by Shevkenek, but Frankish awoke in the second game and drubbed the N.W.T. player 15-4. Frankish lost his concentration in the third game when he was on game point and allowed Shevkenek to creep within 2 points. The game finished 15 - 12.

The gold ulu in the singles and a silver in the men's doubles with partner John Cafferata ends a four year drought for Frankish. He was a double gold winner in the 1980 AWG as a junior, but came up short in 1982.

Two N.W.T. players squared off in another thriller in the junior men's singles. After dropping the first game 15-4, Real Dube came back to win the next two games, 15-7 and 15-8, against his opponent Andrew Hodgkins.

Hodgkins and Dube teamed up to win another gold in the junior men's doubles. Again they lost the first game, but overpowered Yukon's Michael Parker and Ken Koschzeck in the next two matches.

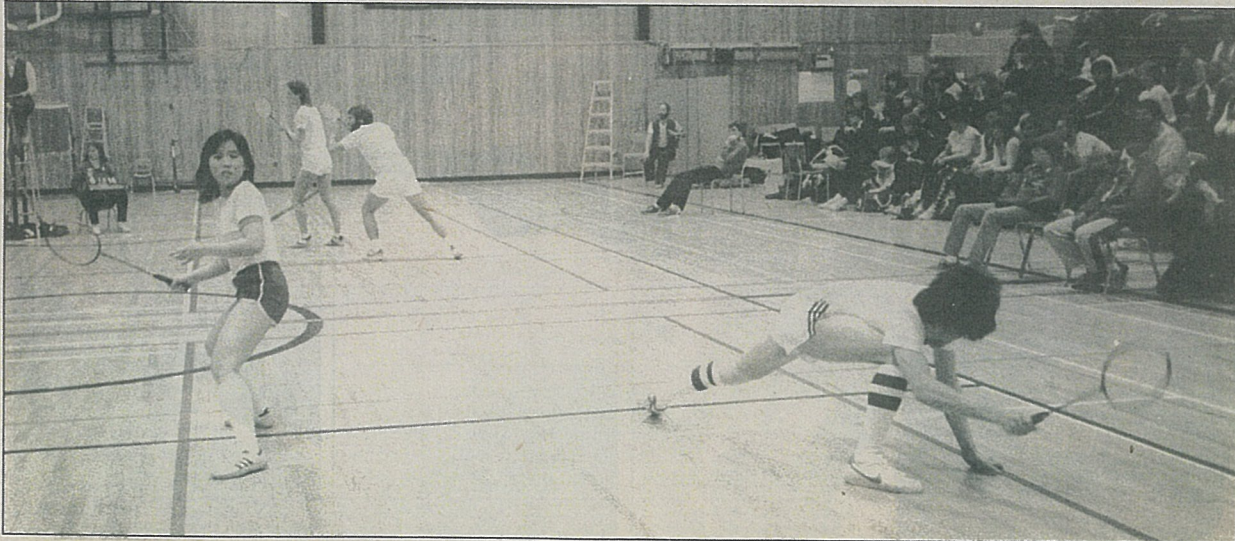
The finals were marred by an injury to the Yukon's Ross Perkins in the open mixed doubles. Perkins and his partner, Lindsay Lister, had won their first game against Helen Rennie and Chic Callas of the N.W.T., and were down 2-1 at the start of the second game when Perkins injured his knee diving for a corner shot. They had to default the match, giving the gold to the N.W.T.



Ken Frankish of Yukon is congratulated by his coach after his gold ulu performance, winning open men's singles over Al Shevkenek of N.W.T.



Ross Perkins' knee stole the show at centre court during second game of open mixed doubles final. Lindsay Lister and Perkins had to default the game after he injured his knee diving for a shot.



Gold ulu winner Gordie Kasook of N.W.T. stretches to return a shot while Huong Thai looks on in junior mixed doubles.

New Arctic sport records are set

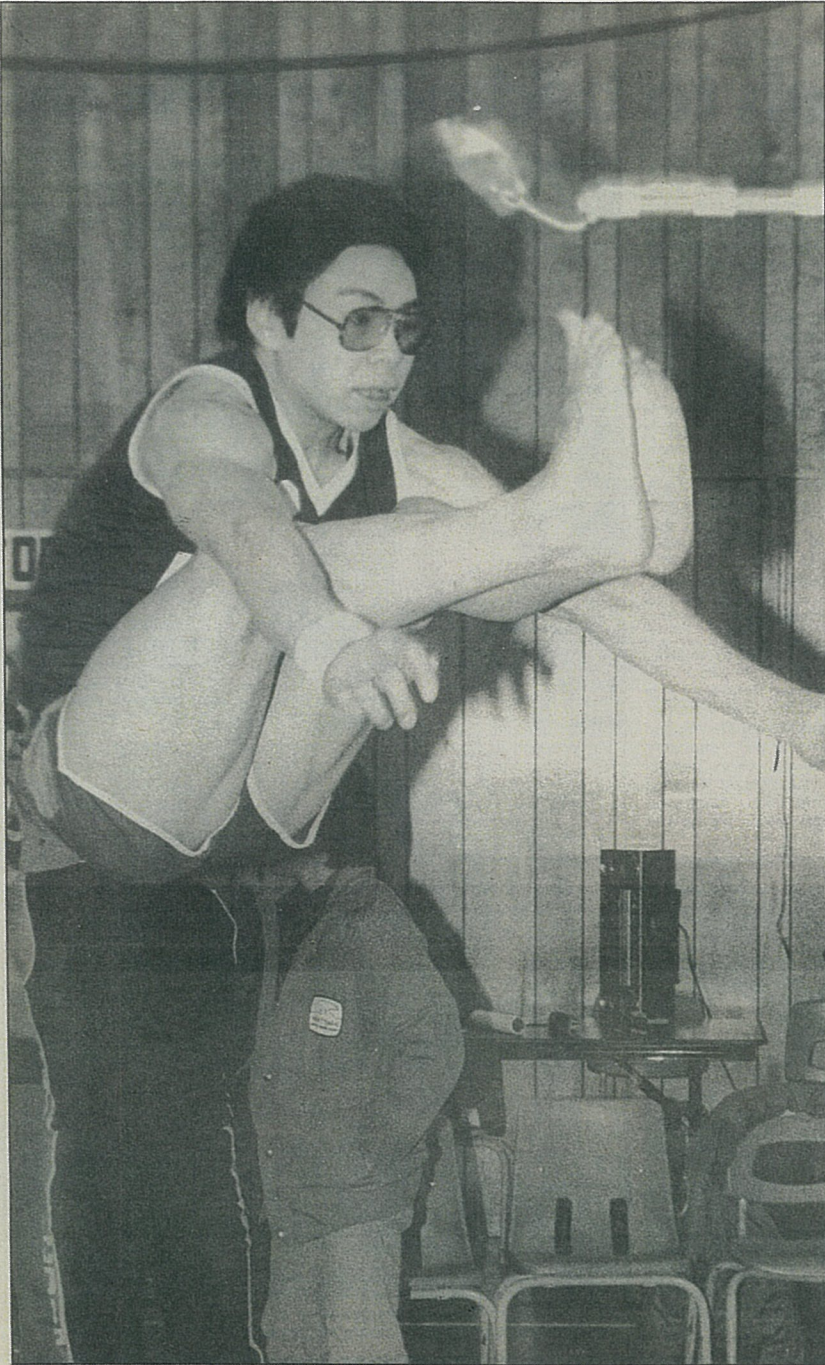
Tim Angotinoar of the N.W.T. broke his own world record in the last event of the arctic sports.

Angotinoar reached seven feet, 10 inches in the two foot high kick to better his seven foot nine mark he set at the Arctic Winter Games in Fairbanks in 1982. He attempted three times to kick eight feet, but was unsuccessful.

"I know I could have made it. I just wanted to get it so much. I tried as best I could. I just couldn't help it," Angotinoar said. "Next time, I'll get it, next time for sure."

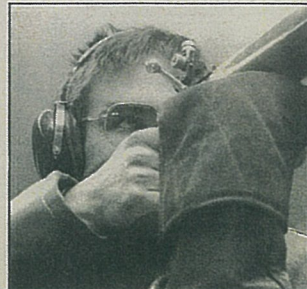
This is the second gold for Angotinoar. He won the one foot high kick on Monday, narrowly missing the world mark by only one inch. He also won a silver ulu in the head pull event Thursday.

There was a tie for second between Jerry Cockney of the NWT and Alaska's Greg Nothstine, with equal kicks of seven foot, six inches. John Taipana of the NWT won another medal by placing third with a seven foot, four inch kick.



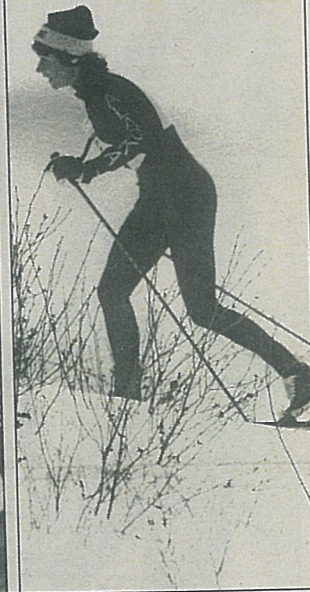
Shooting

Alaskans once again dominated the competition at the shooting range, winning gold in all individual and team events in both pistol and rifle competition.



Skiing

Relays concluded the cross country skiing competition Friday with the Alaskans winning golds in five of six categories. Yukon captured the open men's event, and added three seconds and two thirds. N.W.T. skiers combined for two silvers and four bronze.

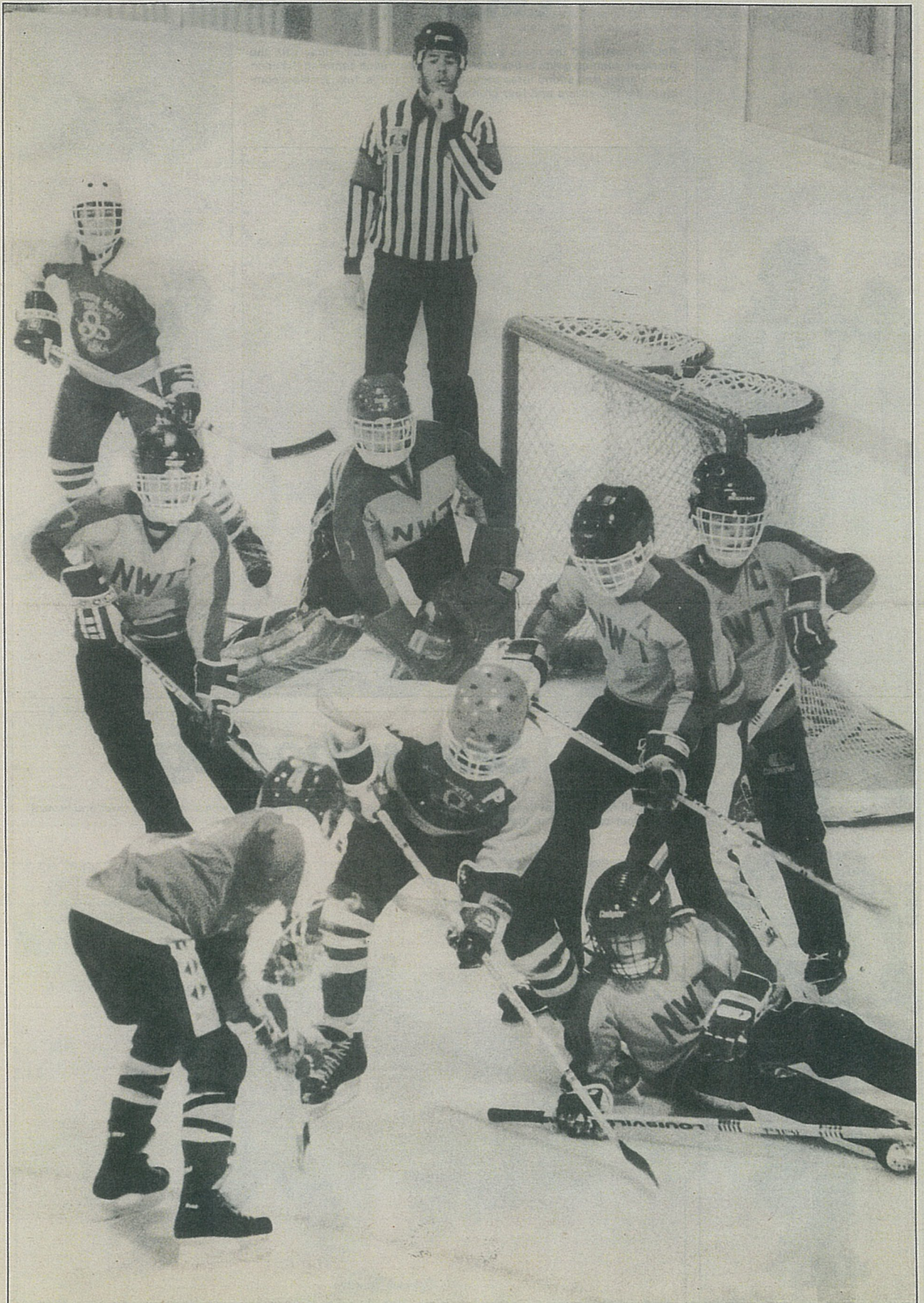


Snowshoeing

It was all Alaska day at the snowshoeing competition Friday. The Americans won all the gold, silver and bronze in all four categories of the 5 km races.

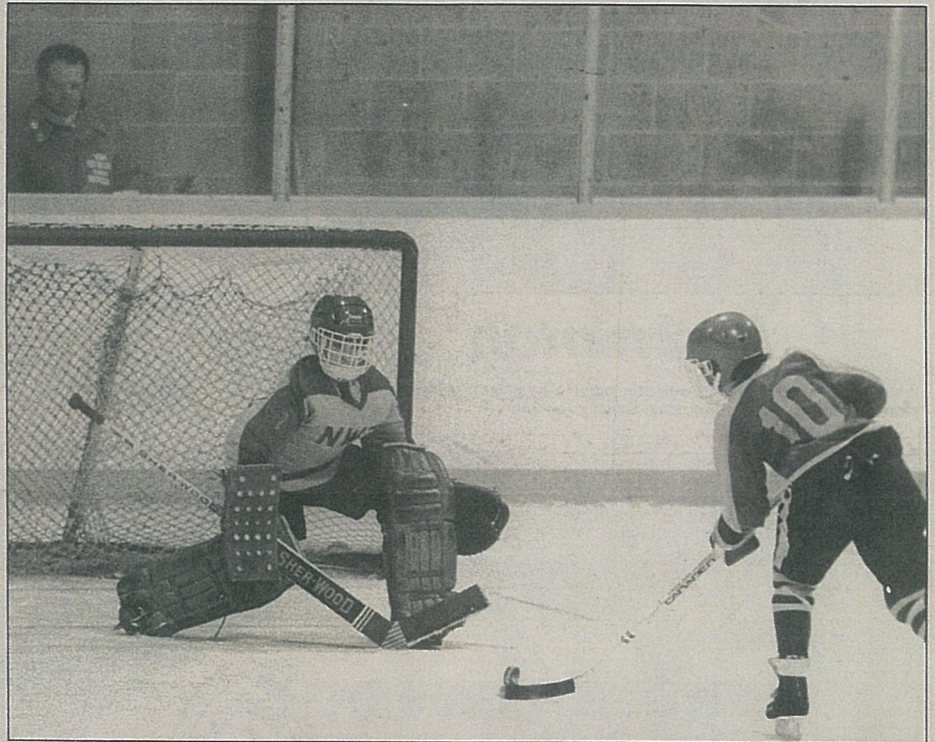


Three golds for NWT hockey





N.W.T. and Alaska met in all three hockey finals. In the peewee game, played early Friday, the N.W.T. team was 6-4 winners, while the N.W.T. midgets followed with a 3-2 victory. The senior game saw the N.W.T. squad eke out a 5-4 win.



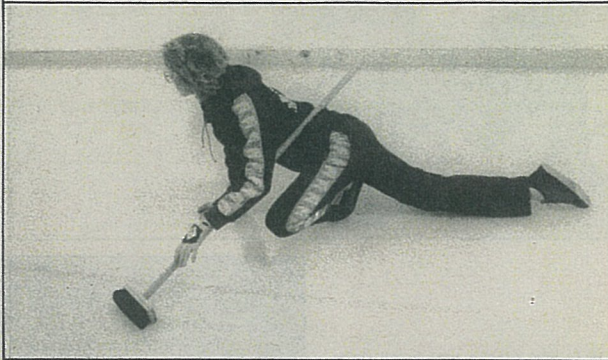


Badminton

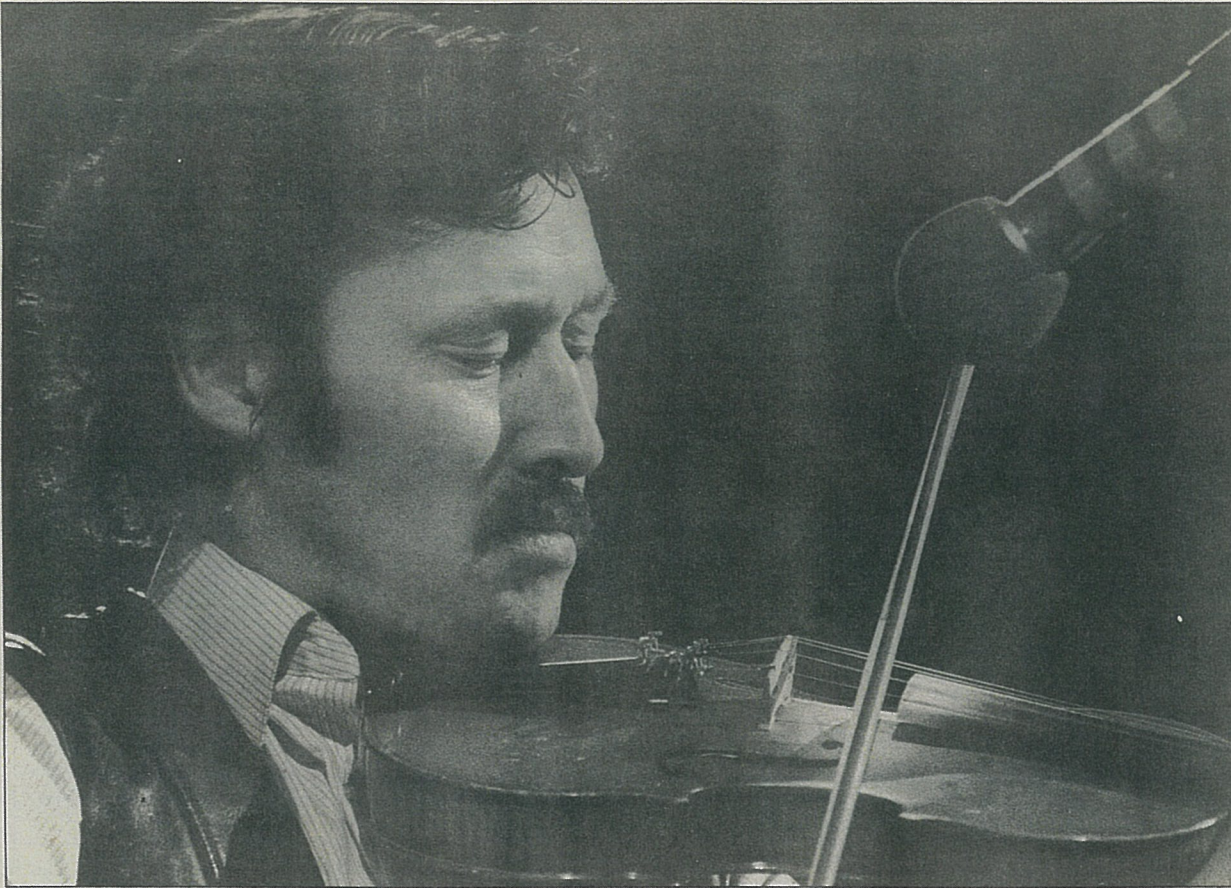
It was a long and gruelling week for badminton players, but they completed all their matches on Friday. Story, page 3.

Clean sweep for NWT

N.W.T. curlers swept all four gold medal games from Yukon Friday. Derek Elkin's junior men won 7-1, Debbie Mabbitt's junior women won 10-4, Maureen Moss and her open women's team and Bill Jensen's open men's team both were winners by 8-6 scores.

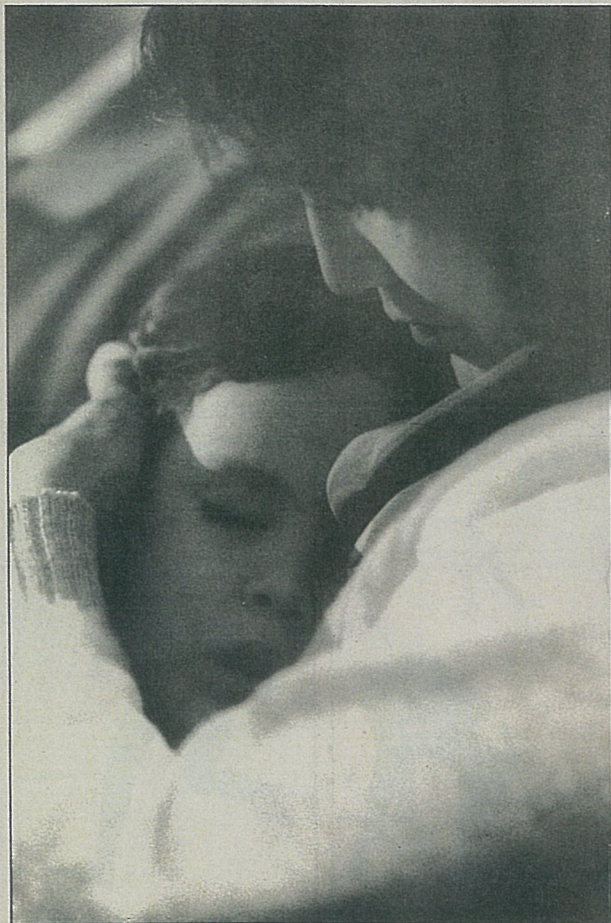


The first year of speedskating competition came to a close under clear skies at the Frame Lake oval Thursday.



Foot stompin' at the Centre

Coppermine fiddler Colin Adjun had the capacity audience under his spell at the True North concert Thursday night; heading the bill was Sylvia Tyson making her Arts and Culture Centre debut; many hours of fine music lulled this little tyke into dreamland.



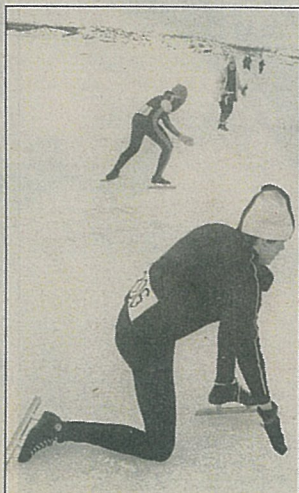
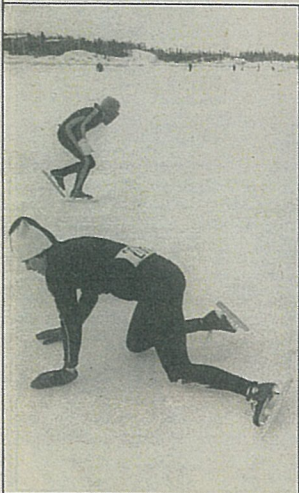
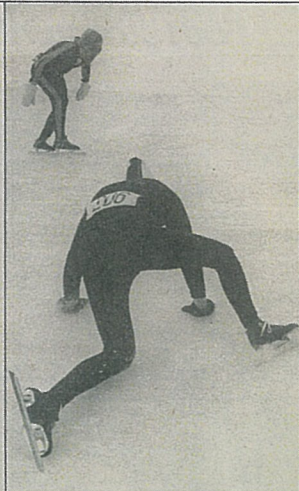
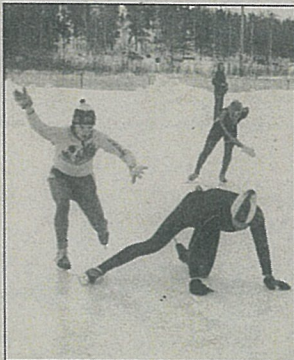
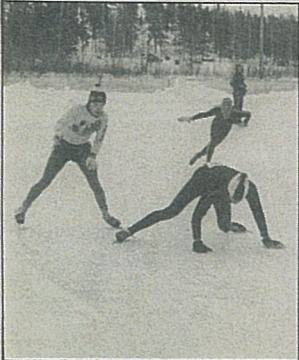
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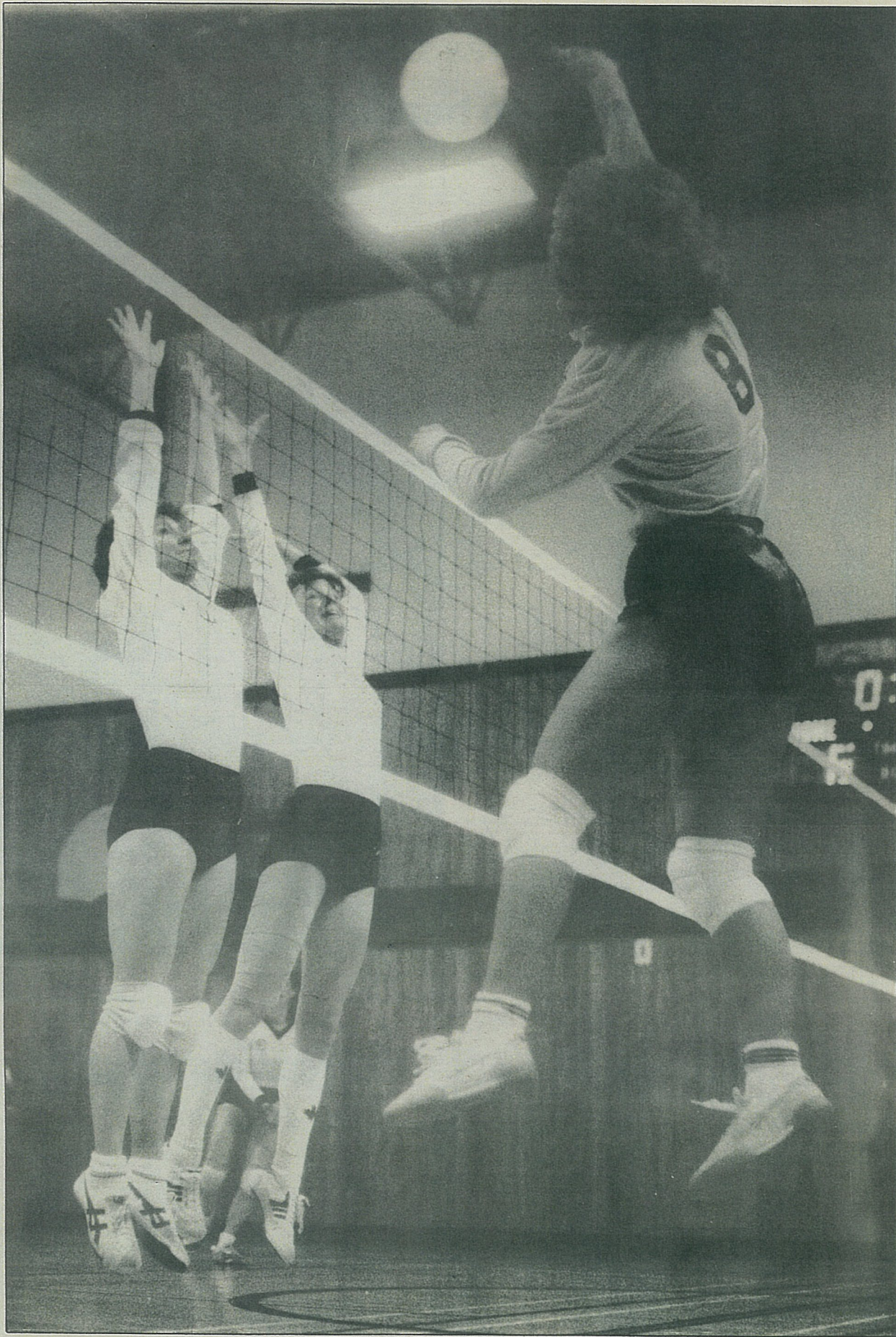
N.W.T. teams won three of the four gold ulus in soccer Friday. Breaking the sweep was the Alaskan junior boys team which defeated Yukon in the final game, 2-0.



Speedskating

A speedskater takes a tumble rounding a corner, but regains his footing to continue the chase.





Alaska defeated Yukon 3-0 to win the senior women's gold, while N.W.T. defeated Alaska, 3-1, in senior men's final.

A conspiracy has been uncovered at mission headquarters

Dr. Sam McConkey, the Alaskan team physician and Paul Nugent, chairman of the Yukon games committee, are the recognized deans of pin trading and collecting during the Games. Well, it seems the two worked together to keep the Coppermine pin the most coveted among collectors. They started a rumor that there were very, very few available, creating an artificial demand, knowing all the time that there were more on the way from Coppermine. When they arrived, the bottom fell out of the Coppermine pin market. Shame, shame Dr. Sam and Paul!

- Here's the list of the most sought after pins, as of noon Friday:
1. Calgary '88 Olympics pin
 2. Yellowknife host city volunteer pin
 3. Dome pin
 4. The Happy Bear pin
 5. Yellowknife Rotary Club pin
 6. AWG Corporation gold ulu
 7. Yukon shooting pin
 8. Alaska AWG Corporation lifetime membership pin
 9. Yukon Mission gold 1984
 10. Prudhoe Bay pin

You could call it the last supper. Those who ate it called it great.

Just about everyone has had nothing but praise for the food being served up at the athletes' village, but the final meal served before the closing ceremony tonight was by far the best.

Chef George Wilson at St. Pat's prepared two hips of beef weighing 135 pounds, while at Sir John, Carol Dyck was cooking up almost 600 pounds!

The feast was complemented by potatoes and baby carrots, a choice of five salads, turkey, ham and char and a wide range of desserts.

Can you see Brian Gillen from where you're sitting? Well, how about a round of Happy Birthday. The Yukon mission staffer is celebrating number 40 on Friday.

Bob Jenkins was the recipient of a surprise award at the shooting banquet Thursday night. Bob received a set of gold ulus in recognition of the time and effort he spent getting Yellowknife a new shooting range and for the work done preparing it for the Games.

Seven members of the Tutski Trekkers, a team of Yukoners who entered a foot race from Skagway, Alaska to Whitehorse (110 miles), are here competing in snowshoe biathlon, triathlon, snowshoeing and skiing. And doing extremely well.

Six have won at least one ulu. Mary Whitley, a snowshoer, says the summer training and running events no doubt played a large part in their winning ways.

So now we know. There were few problems with security at the athletes' village. But it seems that some of the competitors were leaving outside doors ajar, enabling them to get back into the schools after curfew without passing security. What you don't see can't hurt you.

Last week's welcoming dance put on by the host society, was supposed to end at 10 p.m. so that the athletes could have a good night's sleep.

But some people thought that was a bit early, so they touched up the posters that had been put up around the village, extending the party to midnight. Word got around and the dance went to 12. The graphic artists are rumored to be junior girls, but from which contingent?

Some are won, some are lost. And some are tied. In this case, it was Yukon's peewee hockey team who were tied — to their beds while they slept — by members of the midget team. Screams for help brought some N.W.T. athletes to the rescue.

A reporter writing about speed-skating called one of the missions to check on the spelling of Canadian Olympic hero Gaeten Boucher for his story. "I don't think we have him on our list," was the reply to his query.

The triathlon was tough to be sure. Perhaps N.W.T. competitor Dave McCann best summed it up with "it's time to go and hurt my body" just prior to the snowshoe portion of the event.

Competitors in Arctic sports gave themselves a little added incentive earlier this week. Tacking a piece of paper with 'Greenpeace' written on it to the target seal inspired the kickers to new heights.



Paul Nugent, king pin or pin king?

Breakdancing to gold

Michael Jackson's breakdancing should take a little credit for the winning performances of NWT athletes from Coppermine.

"It's really good stuff to do. It's fun," said Ambrose Kuneluk. "We do a lot of breakdancing in Coppermine. It helps you in these arctic sports."

Breakdancing is the form of street gang dancing pioneered in the U.S. and now copied around the world. It is full of highly energetic and gymnastic type moves and features the headspin, where the dancer begins spinning on his back and then moves faster until he is balanced, spinning on the back of his head.

Coppermine's best breakdancer,

Nick Adjun, learned his moves from watching music videos on TV, especially those by Michael Jackson. He has mastered Jackson's patented 'moonwalk', and is proficient as a headspinner.

"We always practice it. At all the dances in Coppermine we try out the moves. That's how you get good. Practice," said Ambrose. "Just like for sports."

If the results are any indication, the 14 athletes on the N.W.T. Arctic sports team have collected at least 16 ulus.

In two years if breakdancing becomes the AWG newest sport, you'll know where all the winners will come from.



George Wilson, preparing for the last feast.