

## ZONE 3 FINISHES WITH MOST POINTS

# Keen competition at Special Olympics

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Early morning fog gave way to sunny skies for the 1979 Saskatchewan Special Olympics. The host zone, zone 3, took advantage of the sunshine to pick up 356 points and win the Moose Jaw Times-Herald Trophy for the year finishing with the most points.

The competitions opened Friday night with the competitors taking part in the bowling and swimming events. The top female bowler was Claire Tsannie of zone 8 (Prince Albert-Melfort) with a two game total of 285. The top male bowler was Aren Frieson of zone 7 (North Battleford-Lloydminster) with a 352 total.

Joanne Wappel of zone 7 was the top female swimmer in both the 25 meter (m) and 50m events. She completed the 25m swim in 22.1 seconds and the 50m in 53 seconds.

For her accomplishments, Wappel received the Deborah Churchill Trophy for the top female swimmer.

Derrick Racette of Zone 2 (Regina) received the Geisinger Trophy as the top male swimmer. He completed the 25m in

13.7 seconds and the 50m in 29.9 seconds.

The track and field events were held Saturday at Guthrie Field. There were seven individual events as well as the four man mixed relays.

Rhonda Pexachew of zone 7 completed the 50m run in 8.59 seconds while Norman Linnell ran it in 6.82 seconds.

Linnell finished first in the 100m run as well with a time of 13.52 seconds and received the Jessie Owens award for the fastest time in that event.

Marie Berrns of zone 4 (Yorkton-Melville) ran the 100m in 14.32 seconds to finish as the top female in that event.

Carol Irvine of zone 3 (Moose Jaw-Assiniboia-Swift Current) topped the females in the running long jump with a leap of 3.20 meters. Robert Haars of zone 2 recorded a jump of 7.4m.

Linda Manderschild of zone 6 (Saskatoon) recorded a jump of 1.55m to top the females in the standing long jump. Dean Gough of zone 4 jumped 2.25m to top the males.

Regina's Dora Bird led the female high jumpers with a three feet five inch jump. Laurence Perrault, also of zone

2, led the male high jumpers with a jump of four feet, six inches.

Five competitors kicked the soccer ball 25m to cause some ties in that event. Lorraine Beauchesny of zone 6 and Suzanne Cherpin of zone 1 (Weyburn-Estevan) were the top female kickers while David Beuchert, zone 3, Darryl Richardson, also zone 3, and Ron Ror of zone 1 all kicked for 25 meters.

Judy Bell of zone 7 threw a softball 44.2 meters to win the ball throw event for the female athletes while Racette of zone 2 threw 56.95 to top the males.

Zone 7 topped the relays winning the 200m four man mixed relay in a time of 34.18 seconds and the 400m mixed relay in 1:05.50.

The North Battleford-Lloydminster zone (7) finished a close second to zone 3 in the point standings. The accumulated 351 points. Zone 2 finished with 320; zone 6, 286 points; zone 1, 265 points; zone 8, 248 points; zone 4, 233 points; and zone 5 (which only sent a few athletes) 71 points. (Points were awarded on the basis of four points for first, three for

second, two for first and one for participation if there were four or more competitors. If there were only three in an event, points were awarded three for first, two for second and one for third; two in any event, two points for first, one for second; and only one competitor, only one point.)

The athletes were honored with a banquet and dance following Saturday's competitions. Kerry Campbell of zone 8 received the Knights of Columbus award for the best athlete in his first year of competition.

Zone 7 won the Shick Trophy for the winning mixed relay team in the 200m relay.

Marie Berrns and Derrick Racette received the George Reed Trophies for the top female and male athletes in the competitions.

All of the athletes received participation medals at the closing ceremonies Saturday. The medals were presented by members of the Moose Jaw City Police, the local RCMP detachment, two members of the Canadian Armed Forces and two other athletes, Ed Stanowski and Bernie Federko of the St. Louis Blues.

Ned Shillington, minister of culture and youth, officially opened the games Saturday morning after the games torch had been lit and the games flag raised.

Honorary coach George Reed lowered the games flag and presented it to the local games chairman, Norm Campbell who turned it over to Saskatchewan Special Olympics president, Andy Shuck to officially close

the games.

The sun claimed few victims Saturday with the only two minor injuries resulting from a fun race at the end of the meet in which two of the zones hostess (high school students) received injuries.

At the awards banquet, Mayor Herb Taylor of the city acknowledged the zones for all of the training that went into making the Special Olympics the fine competition it was. He said his heart goes out to the local committee who worked on the games, especially noting the efforts of chairman Campbell.

Shillington thanked the organizers and the athletes for the competitions. He said the spectators enjoyed the games as much as the athletes and noted the games were an inspiration to everyone.

Campbell presented copies of the games results to each of the zones.

Shuck pointed out the chairman does a lot of work on the Special Olympics and in recognition of this presented Campbell with a plaque to commemorate the games.

George Reed, who has been a part of the Special Olympics in this province since its inception 10 years ago, was also honored with a plaque and an anniversary cake.

The evening concluded with a concert by the Lions Stage Band followed by a dance for all of the athletes.

Dave Lewis of the New York Islanders dropped in at Guthrie Field to encourage the athletes. He was accompanied by Jack Sullivan and Billy Lauer also of New York.

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