



SASKATCHEWAN Special Olympic Summer Games competitions were held in Prince Albert on the weekend with Frank Dunn Pool housing the swimming events Friday and Prime Ministers' Park the site for track and field, ball

throwing, soccer kick, horse shoes and the "Super Athlete" activities. Approximately 240 athletes and 60 coaches were in attendance from the eight zones in the province with numerous volunteers also present to make sure the event ran



smoothly. A late afternoon cloud-burst prematurely ended the competitions, but a good time was had by all. Shown in the photo to the left is Patrick Perreault clearing the bar in the high jump while the photo to the right has

Reinhart Eishreser outlegging Allan Jordan in the 100-metre dash. The middle photo shows preliminary-round action of the tug-of-war competition in the "Super Athlete" competition. CKBI-Television anchor Pat Jones



(in the pit) displays incredible grit in trying to help his Zone 4 team to the tug-of-war title. Also on the team are former Prince Albert Raider Warren Harper (two behind Jones) and Zone 4 Special Olympian Mary Ann Uschyshyn.

Zone 5 captured the overall title in the "Super Athlete" competition which featured the tug-of-war, 50-metre sprints and 50-metre relay.

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Special Olympic Games a success despite storm

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Intense lightning and a wall of rain forced organizers to cut short the second day of the provincial Special Olympic Summer Games on Saturday at Prime Ministers' Park.

With just the relays remaining on the agenda, a destructive mid-summer storm hit Prince Albert, sending almost 240 athletes, 60 coaches and numerous volunteers scurrying for the base headquarters — Carlton-Comprehensive High School.

The Special Olympics, an organization which provides mentally handicapped people with an equal opportunity to compete and demonstrate skill, enthusiasm and dignity, stages winter and summer games to fulfil these goals.

The Summer Games began on Friday with registrations at Carlton and the swimming activities at Frank Dunn Pool. A rhythmic gymnastics demonstration featuring Birch Hills, Zones 1 and 2 and

Prince Albert gymnasts was held in the evening in the Carlton cafeteria.

Saturday morning featured the initial track and field competitions before the Games were officially opened by Saskatchewan Special Olympics Society president Keith Coviello.

A torch relay, which began Tuesday morning at the site of last year's Games in Swift Current and involved law enforcement officers from across the province, came to an end during the opening ceremonies when Montreal Canadian forward Brian Skrudland handed the torch to Zone 8 athlete Fred Campeau, who lit the ceremonial flame near the stage.

Welcoming the athletes, speeches by Prince Albert alderman Iris Borrowman, provincial cabinet minister Grant Hodgins, Prince Albert MP Stan Howdobo, former Saskatchewan Roughriders George Reed and Coviello concluded the opening ceremonies.

Skrudland then presented a

Canadian jersey to Jerry Anderson of Zone 8 after the athletes oath was given and Anderson presented Corporal Norm Bergen of the Prince Albert City Police a gold medallion for his efforts in organizing the final stage of the torch run.

Following a break for lunch, the main event, a "Super Athlete" competition was held at the Games' site.

Each of the province's eight zones had one Special Olympian compete in a three-part race with a member of the media and one "super athlete".

The super athletes featured Skrudland, Calgary Flame defenceman Brad McCrimmon, Minnesota North Star defenceman Emanuel Viverois, University of Regina Cougar forward Kurt Wickenheiser, Prince Albert Raider Mike Modano, Regina Pat defenceman Trent Kachur, Pittsburg Penguin forward Perry Ganchar and Andromack Red Wing forward Warren Harper. The competition included a 50-

metre run (each member competed), a 50-metre relay and team tug-of-war event.

Harper, who represented Zone 4, won the tug-of-war, but finished out of the medals as Viverois's Zone 5 squad of Special Olympian Darrell Clark and media representative Sue Klimosko finished first overall in the three events. Skrudland's Zone 8 team of Daniel Vanderkacht and Dave Leaderhouse was second with Ganchar's Zone 6 club of John Wickett and James Millar third.

Competitions in track and field, horseshoes, soccer kick, and ball throwing resumed after the "Super Athlete" event and continued until the storm passed over.

The closing ceremonies took place during the awards banquet Saturday evening at Carlton with Prince Albert host committee chairman Bryan Maier passing the Games flag to Tony Birchall of Estevan, site of next year's Games.

Due to a malfunction with the computer equipment used to summarize the results, awards could not be presented until after breakfast Sunday morning, prior to the athletes' departure.

Following are the award winners. An overall title was not presented due to the computer malfunction.

NOTE: Zone 1 is Estevan area; Zone 2 Regina; Zone 3 Swift Current; Zone 4 Preeceville; Zone 5 Foam Lake; Zone 6 Saskatoon; Zone 7 North Battleford and Zone 8 Prince Albert.

Knights of Columbus Rookie Trophy — Andrew Cunningham of Zone 6.

Geisinger Trophy — top male swimmer — Terry Livingstone of Zone 2.

Deborah Churchill Trophy — top female swimmer — Lorna Simpson of Zone 2 and Roberta Preston of Zone 3.

Regina City Policeman's Association Trophy — top female horseshoes — Linda Will of Zone 6. Bazaar Novelty Trophy — top

male horseshoes — David Unger of Zone 3.

Male standing long-jump award — Ralph Sawilla of Zone 2.

Top female standing long-jump award — Paulette Croissant of Zone 8.

George Reed Trophy — top male athlete — Sean McGowan of Zone 2; top female athlete — Margaret Foy of Zone 2.

Ramona Bruan Trophy — female shot put — Roslyn Emisch of Zone 5.

Ward Gibson Trophy — male shot put — Daniel Vanderkacht of Zone 8.

Jesse Owens Award — fastest 100 metres (male) — McGowan of Zone 2; (female) — Theresa Limet of Zone 7.

Norman Linnell Trophy — fastest 200 metres — male — Jerry Anderson of Zone 8; female — Georgina Parish of Zone 1.

North Battleford Oldtimers Hockey Club Award — fastest 400 metres — male — John Thomas of Zone 7; female — Carol Strom of Zone 3.