

Special Olympics open

The Canadian Invitational Special Olympics for the Mentally Handicapped opened with pomp and splendor Thursday night as athletes paraded around the AgriDome and an RCMP color guard raised the Olympic flag.

The athletes had come from all 10 provinces to compete in the events and are anxiously awaiting today's start of the competitions.

The 500 athletes received a standing ovation from about 600 spectators. Members of the Roughriders presented each athlete with a participation medal as a souvenir of the 1978 games. **Related story on Page 9.**