



GOOD FORM: Gerald Hinger of Moose Jaw sets to deliver a ball during the bowling competition of the Special Olympics Friday. Bowling competitions were held at the Bolodrome and the swimming events were held at the Regina Campus pool. Track and field activities were to be run off at Douglas Park today, weather permitting.

—Leader-Post photo by Peter Blashnik

Fun plays the biggest part

Special Olympics really special

By DAVE WARD
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Being a newcomer to the Special Olympics is like being a newcomer to a whole new world.

A whole new world opens up before your very eyes, a world you doubted could ever exist. The Special Olympics is held every year for mentally retarded people from across the province. They gather to compete in swimming, bowling and track and field activities.

Friday, the swimming and bowling activities were held at the Regina Campus pool and the Bolodrome, respectively. Today, the track and field events were to be run off at Douglas Park if the weatherman co-operated... if not, they were to switch location to the Al Ritchie Memorial Centre.

The first experience is always the grabber. The first event on the two-day agenda was swimming and the first question that came

to mind when walking into the swimming pool was what is so different about this?

The pool was set up like it would be for any meet. The timers, judges, starters... they were all there. The athletes were there as well and, boy, could they swim. It was a shock to see these people swimming the length of the pool faster than you had ever dreamed of swimming yourself. A good number of them glided across that water as if they had fins.

Granted, none of the times were good enough for a qualifying spot on the Olympic team, but then again how many swimmers ever do make it? A number of the competitors at the pool Friday could have given our better swimmers a good run for their money.

All this talk about competition though. Competition is fun, right? Ha. The two have very seldom been combined successfully, yet the atmosphere of both was overflowing at

both the swimming and bowling events.

The fun was in the competition. They competed against themselves. Could they better a race time recorded earlier or could they raise their single high game in bowling?

When some of the athletes' would run up to Dick Teece, co-ordinator for the meet since its inception four years ago, it was always, "I knocked them all down," it was never, "well, I'm three pins ahead and if I play it right, I'll win."

The whole day was fun and it was fun to compete and have fun with people from other parts of the province. It was fun to be in Regina at the Special Olympics.

If you didn't have the opportunity of seeing the Special Olympics perhaps you will be lucky enough sometime there some other time and perhaps you will understand why, in the first three years of operation, the event is different from the way you imagined it.

Harness date hampered by wind

Dufferin wins slow feature

By JIM LACEY

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Dufferin could hardly be blamed for Friday's feature coming off as a less-than-classic affair.

The nine-year-old bay gelding paced his race, and paced it well, easing every step to win in the unchallenged time of 2:15 3/5.

On a night that a stiff western gale hindered both punters and horsemen alike at Exhibition Park, Dufferin's opposition displayed only a token interest, in the lion's portion of a meagre \$500 purse established for the running of the Paddock Theatre Restaurant Feature.

Cox seconds was Dufferin, breaking from the inside lane, setting a pace of 34 2/5 for

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the first quarter, and 1:10 for the half before coasting home a two-and-a-half, length conqueror of Hat's Off Sue.

"Dufferin was a little short on conditioning when he first started the meet," driver and owner Orval Hawkins of Wetaskawin, Alta., noted later, "and he can't handle the sand and dirt tracks out here. I was a little surprised when Bingo Khan didn't come up on the final turn."

At the three-quarter mile pole, it appeared as if Dufferin was about to repeat two

earlier Regina performances by firing late. Bingo Khan, rated in the two hole to that stage, pulled out and contested the top spot. Hats Off Sue placed in the middle of the field, went outside and covered the front-running Dufferin. Hawkins maintained the rail the lead, his composure, however, and was never threatened after that.

The victory netted \$275 for Hawkins, the smallest winning feature purse of the meet, and returned \$10.70, \$4.70 and \$4.70 to two-dollar supporters.

Hats Off Sue, in just her second start the meet, paid \$5.20 to place and \$5.50 to show. Lori K. Adios charged during the final quarter mile to be third, beaten by three lengths.

With the strong wind dampening backstretch racing enthusiasm, winning times for all nine races were somewhat higher than in previous nights.

Best time of the night was a 2:14 3/5 mile paced by Helen Javelon to win the third heat.

Ray Remmer moved one win closer to Steve Schedlosky in the battle for most wins in the Regina meet by position win number nine, at the command of favored Adios Wade in the eighth race. The Saskatchewan native finished fourth aboard Bingo Khan in

his only other start of the evening.

Schedlosky's attempts at his 13th meet triumph proved disastrous, as evidenced by fourth, sixth and seventh-place finishes in three starts. Two of Schedlosky's assignments were lost race scratches.

Other drivers inhabiting the winner's circle were Tom Jackson, Barry Johnson, Don Tacey, Gene Camp, Lorne Clark, Richard Callaghan and Don Hennessy.

There were no recalls during the nine-race card that required three and a half hours to complete.

The meet was to conclude this afternoon with a nine-race card bolstered by the running of the Regina Inn Feature, a preferred race for classy, older animals.

Cricket reigns obscure

By AL DRIVER
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Yes, Regina, there is such a sport as cricket in the Queen City.

"It is not a Canadian game, mainly English, West Indian and Australian. Most of the Commonwealth countries play the sport but it hasn't caught on as well here," said Philip Seale, a member of one of the two clubs in the city.

the Saskatchewan Cricket Association which is a member of the Canadian Cricket Association. President of the SCA is Dr. Conlie Campbell

of Swift Current and the secretary-treasurer is Dr. Ian Hill of Regina. The Canadian cricket championships are played every three years with the last final in 1971 in E.C. Ontario was the winner with the Saskatchewan team capturing fifth place

years with clubs from Moose Jaw and Swift Current participating until they folded.

The cup is now played for by Regina and Saskatoon but entries are always open for other teams to compete.

Harness standings

| | (10 or more starts) | Drives | Firsts | Seconds | Thirds | PCT. |
|------------|---------------------|--------|--------|---------|--------|------|
| Remmen | 24 | 9 | 6 | 3 | | 750. |
| Baxter | 21 | 7 | 3 | 5 | | 750. |
| E. Tracey | 22 | 9 | 4 | 2 | | 682. |
| Linford | 15 | 0 | 3 | 7 | | 667. |
| Schedlosky | 34 | 12 | 7 | 3 | | 647. |
| Dunlop | 14 | 1 | 1 | 6 | | 571. |
| Johnson | 13 | 1 | 2 | 4 | | 538. |
| Hennessy | 24 | 3 | 2 | 6 | | 458. |
| Brombacher | 9 | 1 | 5 | 3 | | 489. |