

Superstar competition a first for Olympics

For the first time, the Saskatchewan Special Olympics held a superstar competition for athletes of the games and recognized professional athletes.

The winning team of the quadrathlon was superstar Brad McRimmon and Norman Linell, representing North Battleford, with 24 points. Placing second with 20 points was Peter Watson and Dan Goebel of Davidson. Third place went to Doug Wichenheiser and Robbie Bomboir of Regina.

In fourth place, Dennis Polonich and Kelly Ledoux of Yorkton-Melville totalled 15 points. Swift Current competitors Rocky Trottier and Roy Whitlock placed fifth with 13 points while Terry Shalley and Allan Scribner of Saskatoon came sixth with 9.5.

Gail Harris and Henry J. Lucier of Prince Albert came seventh with 6.5 points and Estevan athletes, Randy Woytowich and Rhinhart Eisbrenner placed eighth with 6 points.

The events included the 50 metre race, standing long jump and shuttle relay. Superstars competed against each other as did the games athletes for a total accumulation of points coming from both sides.

Dave Baron, organizer

of the event, thought it went "really well. The superstars were just super with the athletes," he said.

For the athletes, having superstars come to the games made it all the more exciting.

"I felt kind of excited to see them," said Greg Bottomley of Balcarres. Bottomley participated in the track and bowling events and says running was his favorite event.

Dennis Polonich, the Yorkton-Melville superstar, of the Detroit Red Wings, said he started working with the special olympics three years ago. He approached Wally Sot-

ski, zone chairman, with regard to the sponsor and athlete program.

Polonich went door to door to raise sponsors for a 13-mile marathon at which he raised a total of \$3,000. This money was given to the Special Olympics, he said.

Working with the athletes of the Special Olympics is "my way of putting back something hockey has given to me," Polonich said.

Rocky Trottier participated in Special Olympic competitions for the first time this year. "I'm pretty new at it," he said, but he feels he would do it again.



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