

HOST REGION CLAIMS OVERALL TITLE

Prince George following tradition

by PAUL SMITH
Sports reporter

The host region has won the overall title the past nine years of the Northern B.C. Winter Games.

The 1984 10th annual Games here were no different. Buoyed by sheer numbers, Fraser-Fort George, most of which was made up of Prince George athletes, ran away with the majority of medals and the points championship at the three-day event.

The region, which comprised almost a third of the 3,100 athletes at the Games, amassed 2,114 points during the competition, almost three times the total of runner-up Kitimat-Stikine with 864.

Skeena was third with 789 and the Cariboo fourth with 720.

Fraser-Fort George competitors won 99 gold, 80 silver and 69 bronze medals.

As they did in 1978, when Prince George last played host to the event, swimmers led the local medal parade with 53.

Prince George's Darren Kehoe was responsible for eight of those and all of them were gold.

Kehoe was one of five local swimmers who won six medals or more. Kirk Overand turned in a sparkling performance with five gold medals and a bronze, Nicholas Koch earned three golds, three silvers and a bronze, Paul Bernat four silvers and four bronze and Kimberly Drage a gold, two silvers and four bronze.

Lori Barton won a gold, two silvers and a bronze, Mark Loland two silvers, David Horvath a silver and a bronze, Tobi French two golds and two silvers, Louise Grogan a bronze, Laura Best a gold and two bronze and Jennifer Simmie a gold and a silver.

Prince George swimmers also dominated relays, taking three golds and two silvers.

Prince George wrestlers had by far the most individual winners, despite a draw depleted by injuries and a 'flu epidemic which affected other sports as well.

Twenty-seven local wrestlers won medals.

Local badminton players, including competitors from Mackenzie and Houston, earned 35 medals, while judo players helped the Prince George cause with 19.

Prince George teams also fared well, with local basketball squads winning three medals.

The Prince George Rascals went undefeated before edging Terrace 101-99 in overtime to take the masters men title, while the Prince George Old Blues won all their games in convincing fashion, including a 56-38 victory over La Chic Boutique of the Cariboo in the final to win the masters women championship.

Prince George's wheelchair basketball A team also

won a gold, while this city's B team took the bronze.

Three Prince George hockey teams were in the medals. The Bencher Logging Sundowners dominated the women's hockey event, winning all of their games, while the Mohawk Oldtimers were second in the oldtimers' event and the Prince George house league bantams second in the bantam event.

The Mohawks finished second to Quesnel, while the bantams went through overtime and a shootout before falling to gold medalist Williams Lake.

In indoor soccer, Labatt's Pastry Chef, one of three Prince George entries, finished third in the senior men's division and Prince George place third in the senior women's division as well.

The defending B.C. champion Prince George Polars showed their strength with a gold medal in boys' volleyball.

In other events, Fraser-Fort George medal winners were (in alphabetical order of sport):

ARCHERY

Men 18 and older
Unlimited: 1. Harold Brade 3. Walter Schlueter Freestyle: 3. Hugh Nelmes Barbow: 2. Alvin Luce

Men 13 to 15
Freestyle: 1. Harold Campbell Barbow: 1. Blaine Anderson Heavy tackle: 1. Mark Pennel 2. Byron Jones

Women 18 and older
Unlimited: 2. Jan Dockray 3. Mae Kossan Freestyle: 1. Heather Campbell 2. Iris Brade

Women 13 to 15
Freestyle: 1. Donna Campbell Barbow: 1. Cindy Russell

BADMINTON

Men
Doubles 19 to 39: 1. Ken Murray, Doug Nofall (Mackenzie) 3. Chris Nieskens, Russ Etherington Singles 40 and older: 2. Jack Blatchford 3. Warren Kilpatrick Doubles 40 and older: 1. Blatchford, Kilpatrick Singles 16 to 18: 1. Martin Weilmier 2. Hapke Doubles 16 to 18: 1. Hapke, Weilmier 2. Derek Zral, Willie Moroz Doubles 13 to 15: 3. Quinn Campbell, Stuart Kamstra

Women
Doubles 19 to 39: 1. Ken Murray, Doug Nofall (Mackenzie) 3. Chris Nieskens, Russ Etherington Singles 40 and older: 2. Jack Blatchford 3. Warren Kilpatrick Doubles 40 and older: 1. Blatchford, Kilpatrick Singles 16 to 18: 1. Martin Weilmier 2. Hapke Doubles 16 to 18: 1. Hapke, Weilmier 2. Derek Zral, Willie Moroz Doubles 13 to 15: 3. Quinn Campbell, Stuart Kamstra

Mixed
Adult: 1. Brenda Peacock, Doug Nofall (Mackenzie), 2. Sharon Fichtner, Ken Murray 3. Chris Nieskens, Cindy Pinder-Moss (Houston) Senior: 1. Jack and Shirley Blatchford Junior: 1. Louise Martin, Derek Zral 2. Terry-Lee Gelinas (Mackenzie), Martin Weilmier 3. Kerrin Dahl (Mackenzie), David Hapke Beginner: 1. Lisa Stafford, Quinn Campbell

BOWLING

Men
Singles 19 and older: 2. Robert Boschman, 3. Ken Johnson Singles 13 to 18: 2. Brian Gould Singles 55 and older: 1. Stanley Carlyle 2. Harold Staub

Women
Singles 19 and older: 3. Holly Lempen Singles 13 to 18: 1. Chris Wilson Singles 55 and older: 3. Beulah Tasker

Mixed
19 and older: 2. Lempen, Johnson 13 to 18: 2. Wilson, Gould 55 and older: 2. Tasker, Staub

CHESS
19 and older A, rated 1,500 and higher: 2. Victor Jay 3. Rod Villanueva 19 and over B, rated under 1,500: 1. Denis Clifford 2. Chris Brougham 19 and older, unrated: 1. Rocky McKinley 16 to 18: 1. Mike Carson 2. James Sedlock 13 to 15: 2. Cliff Marcell, Peter Rooney

CURLING
Mixed 13 to 15: 3. Shalansky

DUPLICATE BRIDGE
Pairs 12 and older: 1. Roy Wood, Jenny Mitchell 2. Hugh McSheffery, Hazel Stowards 3. Ivan Verba, Myra Morgan Team 12 and older: 3. Prince George

GYMNASTICS
Provincial 13 and older: 2. Crystal Sente Provincial 12 and younger: 1. Ashlea Earl 2. Shannon Johnson Regional open: 2. Karin Machule Regional argo: 1. Carla Viber, Janice Shuett Regional tyro: 3. Sherry Sanborn Regional medal: 3. Brandi Stiles

JUDO
Men 132 lb. and lighter: 1. Shan Hoff 2. Fred Wilkinson Junior boys 165 and lighter: 2. Douglas Sturgeon Junior boys 135 and lighter: 3. Shawn Brunt Boys 120 and lighter: 2. Fred Wilkinson Boys 105 and lighter: 2. Warren Nimchuk Boys 90 and lighter: 3. Scott Allen Women 150 and lighter: 1. Cathy Stuve Women 135 and lighter: 1. Jillian Edwards 3. Brenda Sturgeon Women 120 and lighter: 1. Aline Bourassa 3. Celeste Kitchen Girls 135 and heavier: 1. Laura Goudy 3. Tawnya Bateman Girls 135 and lighter: 1. Edwards Girls 105 and lighter: 2. Tracy Wainwright Girls 90 and lighter: 2. Nicole Frizzi

KARATE
Kata A 17 and older: 1. Ken Corrigan 2. Maurino Ruperto Kata A 14 to 16: 1. Sean Koch 3. Arnel Cruz Kumite A 17 and older: 1. Corrigan Kumite D 17 and older: 1. Cal Hilde 2. Dennis Sandberg 3. Alvin Lestage Kumite A 14 to 16: 1. Arnel Cruz 2. David Urquhart 3. Koch Kumite B 14 to 16: 3. Luke Stiles

Women
Kata A 17 and older: 1. Josette Landry Kumite A 17 and older: 1. Landry Team Kata open age: 2. Prince George

RACQUETBALL
Men 19 and older
B: 2. Dale Bart 3. Rob Newmark C: 1. Dennis Anderson 3. Lane Logan D: 1. Brian Hughes 3. Tony Jamele

Men 35 and older: 1. Gord Wilkinson 2. Dave Murison 15 to 19: 2. Brian Cowden

Women 19 and older
B: 1. Jennifer Clarke 2. Anita Bodisch C: 1. Joanne Crick Girls 15 to 19: 1. Sherry King 2. Jennifer Perry Wheelchair: 1. Mark Cormack 2. Pat Harris

SKIING
Cross-country
Juvenile boys 5 km: 1. Scott Foster 3. Kelly Falkingham Midget boys 2.5 km: 1. Rod Kassel Junior boys 4x2.5 relay: 1. Prince George Senior women 10 km: 1. Anne Bracey Juvenile girls: 1. Janice King 2. Lisa Chew Junior girls 4x2.5 km relay: 1. Prince George Midget girls 2.5 km: 3. Christine Coleman

Downhill
Adult men: 3. Craig Evanoff

SNOOKER
Open 19 and older: 1. Roy Aubincho 3. Barry Hall

INDOOR SOCCER
Senior men: 3. Labatt's Pastry Chef Senior women: 3. Prince George

SQUASH
Senior B men: 1. Lu Verticchio 2. Bob Attoe 3. David Hogan Senior C men: 3. Joe Fouchard Senior B men: 1. Henry Locke Junior boys: 3. Robert Gould Senior B women: 1. Annette Isbester 2. Cathy Fouchard 3. Linda Cook Senior C women: 1. Jeanette Cook, Joanne Vanier, Marg Murison Senior D women: 2. Carmela Vertone 2. Sharon Laing

TABLE TENNIS
Men's singles: 1. Mike Stewart 2. John Beuprie Men's doubles: 1. Mike Stewart, Willi Weilmier 2. Jim Kula, John Beuprie

WRESTLING
Open
84 kg: 3. Brian Clarke 78: 3. Kam Toot 70: 3. Cameron Stolz 66: 2. Paul Schulte 63: 1. Tony Bjerkness 60: 3. Brent McEwen 57: 2. Mitch Verde 3. Drew Chamberlain 54: 2. Daswinder Kandola 48: 3. Harvey Dusage 45: 1. David Goelken 41 kg: 2. Warren Fabbro 3. Daryn Torgerson

Heavyweight: 1. Clayton Dick 70 kg: 2. Balbir Baines 66: 3. Dean Martin 63: 2. Larry Ware 60: 1. Steve McKnight 54: 1. Sean Walker 2. Donald Brunski 51: 3. Michael Massey 48: 1. Brian Raby 45: 1. Jason Turcotte 41: 2. Marty Hoff 38: 2. Robbie Townsend 3. Troy Belbeck

Several sports did not have competitors or were not represented well enough by other regions to be included in final medal and points totals. However, medals were awarded in each. Fraser-Fort George winners were:

BOXING
156 to 165 senior: 1. Charlie Schwarz 155 to 165 intermediate: 2. Vince Schryver 156 to 165 junior: 1. James Muir 148 to 155: 1. Muir 133 to 139 intermediate: 1. Todd Hatley 128 to 132 senior: 1. Clifford Layton 120 to 127: 1. Wade Cantalope 101 to 106: 2. Abel Ens 3. Kevin Olsson 96 to 100: 2. Roger Tanquay 76 to 80: 1. Allan Bayne

CRIBBAGE
Singles A 19 and older: 1. Josephine Gilchrist 2. Gilles Dupuis 3. Dale Schwarzhoff Singles B 19 and older: 1. Allan Anderson 3. Sheila Clark

DARTS
Men's singles 19 and older: 1. Robert Kurtz 2. Frank Green Women's singles 19 and older: 1. Karen Schultz 2. Hanne Wilson Mixed 19 and older: 1. Kurtz, Schultz 2. Robert and Hanne Wilson 3. Bernard Walker, Teresa Walker

FIGURE SKATING
Precision team novice: 2. Rainbows (P.G.) Precision team pre-novice: 1. Tiny Rainbows 1 2. Tiny Rainbows II

MARKSMANSHIP
Black powder men's formal 19 and older: 1. Leonard Stein 2. David Sapergia 3. Nick Ramage Black powder boys formal 13 to 18: 1. Martin Johnson Black powder boys primitive 13 to 18: 1. Martin Johnson 2. Charlie Melvin Air pistol junior team 13 to 18: 1. Prince George

RINGETTE
1. Fraser Lake 2. Vanderhoof 3. Prince George Eagles

SPEED SKATING
Senior B men's 600 m: 2. Karl Blokker 1,000 2. Blokker Senior C men's 400 1. Karl Michaud 600 1. Michaud 800 1. Michaud 1,000 1. Michaud Master B men's 400 1. Peter Blokker 600 1. Blokker 800 1. Blokker 1,000 1. Blokker Junior C boys 400 1. Trevor Torgerson 2. Henk Van Bruggen 600 1. Torgerson 2. Van Bruggen 800 1. Torgerson 2. Van Bruggen 100 1. Torgerson 2. Van Bruggen Juvenile B boys 400 3. Otto Slavik 600 3. Slavik 800 1. Slavik Senior B women's 600 1. Kathy Buckel 800 1. Buckel 1,000 1. Buckel Master B women's 400 1. Olga Slavik 600 1. Slavik 100 1. Slavik Junior C girls' 600 1. Belinda Webb 800 1. Webb 1,000 1. Webb Juvenile C girls' 400 2. Stacey Almgren 3. Nicole Loland 600 2. Almgren 3. Loland 800 2. Almgren 3. Loland 1,000 1. Almgren 3. Loland

Next year's Games are in Kitimat.

EBERTS DOESN'T QUALIFY

McPhee laughs last

by MARK ALLAN
Sports editor

What must Barry McPhee be thinking back in Kamloops after the B.C. Interior Curling Association men's championship ended Saturday at the Prince George Golf and Curling Club?

McPhee, the 1981 B.C. championship skip, was voted out before zone playoffs last month by third Rob Kuroyama, second Brian Eden and lead Grant Young, who claimed they wanted a change. McPhee picked up former Prince George curler Al Lachance at third, Dave Schleppe at second and Clare Rein at lead, then won one of seven BCICA zone titles.

Eberts dropped the three curlers on his rink and replaced them with Kuroyama, Eden and Young, who had asked Eberts if he wanted to be their skip.

McPhee's restructured rink proceeded to win all five of its zone winners' round-robin games Sunday through Tuesday in Prince George and qualified for the three-day Labatt's Tankard provincial championship starting Friday at the Ladner Arena.

Meanwhile, Eberts and McPhee's former rinkmates won all six of their games in the 58-rink BCICA bonspiel and swept their first three encounters in the 16-team, triple-knockout playoff round.

Then the trouble started.

Eberts suffered the ultimate curling frustration of losing all three qualifying games — he, Kuroyama, Eden and Young have a long winter ahead of them, while

McPhee will be hard pressed to avoid zoning.

Zone winner Dave Simpson of Vernon outscored Eberts 7-6 Friday morning in the A event qualifying game. Eberts gassed an open hit Friday night in the B qualifying game to fall 7-6 to Randy Brown of Vernon in an extra end and Bert Gretzinger of Kelowna regained some of his lost timing and confidence Saturday afternoon by outcurling Eberts 7-4 in the C qualifying game.

The four Interior qualifiers are joined by four Pacific Coast Curling Association qualifiers at the B.C. championship. The CanadiLabatt's Brier national championship is in Victoria March 4 to 11.

Five local rinks were alive entering the final two days of the week-long competition, but all were frustrated in their efforts to qualify.

Neil King was eliminated 7-6 Friday morning by Gretzinger, three times a provincial runner-up as a skip, and Robert Bird was knocked out 7-3 by fellow Prince George curler Sandy MacDonald, who was third at last year's B.C. championship. Mike Mathews defeated Brian LeMoel of Trail 7-5 and Kevin Smale outlasted fellow zone winner Barry Smith of Kelowna 10-7 in B quarter-finals.

But in B semi-finals, Mathews fell to Brown and Smale was beaten by Eberts, both by 6-4 scores. MacDonald was knocked out 7-3 by the largely-unheralded LeMoel, who was developing a reputation as a giant killer.

But Gretzinger had some kind words for MacDonald after everything had ended, describing the promising Prince George shotmaker as a "brilliant young skip."

"He's a calm, cool collected guy out there — not like me," offered the highly-competitive Gretzinger, who added MacDonald is "a good learner."

Friday night in C quarter-finals, Gretzinger eliminated Mathews 8-5 and outgoing BCICA president Alex Coffey of Quesnel knocked Smale out 8-6, the first time Coffey has beaten Smale in five meetings this season. The visibly-disappointed Mathews hit and rolled out with his 10th-end hammer instead of staying for one and forcing an extra end.

LeMoel surprised Smith 7-4.

The final Central Interior hopeful disappeared Saturday morning when Gretzinger stole two in the ninth to beat Coffey 6-4 and Eberts stopped LeMoel 7-4, setting the stage for Gretzinger's redemption and Eberts' embarrassment. Gretzinger doomed Eberts with an open draw to the eight-foot with a three-ender in the fifth and a 5-2 lead.

Gretzinger, who won the Vernon carpiel in November, admits "I've been curling poorly since Christmas."

"This (struggling here before qualifying) has been a good experience for the team. If we'd lost it could have destroyed us."

Smale, like Mathews, had recovered



Citizen photo by Brock Gable

Dave Simpson waits for a rock during the A qualifying game Friday morning, while Tony Eberts doesn't look well.

slightly by Saturday from his depressing experience of the previous day.

"I don't feel that bad, really," Smale insisted Saturday afternoon. But Smale wouldn't be human if he wasn't disappointed and he vividly remembers his week of missed opportunities.

"I didn't feel we played all that ugly... But I don't feel we curled as well, as a team, as we did in the zone."

Meanwhile, Red

Koehle of Nelson and Mel Dalziel of Prince George split \$3,000 in prize money in the 26-rink consolation event. Both rinks were 4-0 when they decided not to play the final Saturday afternoon, because one of Koehle's rinkmates had a wife playing in the women's B.C. championship in Kelowna and they wanted to watch that.

Next year's BCICA men's championship is in Kimberley.

ORGANIZERS PLEASED

'Fantastic' Games over

by DON SCHAFFER
Sports reporter

How big a success were the 1984 Northern B.C. Winter Games? Ask the organizers.

There were no major problems in the general flow of the weekend's event, only six disciplinary problems and few injuries.

Lots of money was spent in Prince George during the four days out-of-town athletes were here, boosting a local economy that is beginning to suffer from a major industrial shutdown of local mills.

Add all those things together, and it's small wonder the host committee was pleased and relieved Sunday afternoon.

"Fantastic," said John McMurchy, president of the Northern B.C. Winter Games Society and a prominent mover behind the Games. "The spirit of the Games this weekend was just great."

"On something like this you have to look at the whole. We only had to call out the discipline committee six times, and five of those were minor curfew problems, just kids breaking curfew."

"What was neat was when two of the five people called in to report the violations they were worried about the kids and they really were sorry to get the kids in trouble. They said they didn't want the kids to be disqualified, and I think it's really exciting that we had that attitude in the Games."

Games co-ordinator Sharon Ravelli was pleased with the outcome of the Games as well.

"It was just great," Ravelli said. "I'm really glad I was involved in them."

Ravelli said even the departure of athletes

from event venues and shopping malls appeared to go well.

"Everyone was gone by 2 o'clock, but to get the truth of the matter you'd have to ask the kid who stood around and waited for two hours. We seem to do it to 'em every time. There's always one person that's late or just seems to be missing, and they hold up the whole show. It seemed to go well on the whole, though."

Ravelli said medical problems were also minimal, with only one serious injury of 38 cases handled by St. John's Ambulance personnel.

"The medical people were just fantastic, they handled the problems they had really well. There were only two serious injuries I heard about, one a hockey player that got hit in the

eye with a stick and the other a broken arm out at the gymnastics. Other than that it was just the odd thing."

One thing organizers were reminded about the Games is that results are tilted disproportionately toward the host community and region. At all but one previous Games, the host community had the most points and this has lead to discussion of abolishing the points system and going strictly to a medal count.

Events chairman John Bosdet said the society might discuss ways of making the region-to-region competition fairer and the medal count is one way.

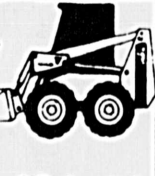

"What we'd like to say is let's not worry about the points," Bosdet said. "We don't want to be like the B.C. Games but the points system is just

so complicated and host communities tend to do so well.

"We want the sports involved in the Games to grow, we want to encourage the participation and give people a chance to compete. We made some sports invitational, because there were many categories in them that were not filled with competitors and lots of uncontested gold medals. We made boxing an invitational sport and did the same with speed skating, so that medals were handed out but points weren't awarded."

McMurchy agreed.

"The society might change the system so that all communities will be represented in the results. At present the isolation berths don't receive points and the medal count might be the way to go."



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One Sparkes qualifies, the other unbeaten

by Canadian Press

Brent Giles of Burnaby won a berth in the provincial men's curling championship with a 6-4 victory Sunday over Ed Gee of Haney in the B final of the Pacific Coast Curling Association championship.

Giles joins Bernie Sparkes of Vancouver, who won the A side Saturday. Sparkes is the defending B.C. champion, while Giles won in 1982.

In C play earlier Sunday, Keith Switzer of Vancouver won 9-7 over Glen Pierce of Vancouver and Bill Kubik of Haney defeated Mike Chernoff of Richmond 9-8. In the C final, Switzer defeated Kubik 7-6

and Victoria's Brad Clarke edged Gee 5-4.

Sparkes, Giles, Clarke and Switzer play in the B.C. curling championship starting Friday in Ladner.

In the opening draw of that event, Barry McPhee of Kamloops meets Clarke, Wayne Leface of Vernon meets Giles, Dave Simpson of Vernon faces Switzer and Kelowna's Bert Gretzinger plays Sparkes.

In Kelowna, Sparkes' former wife Lindsay skipped her North Vancouver rink to two more wins in the B.C. women's curling championship Sunday to go 6-0 in the

which ends Tuesday.

Sparkes, who was undefeated while winning the 1979 B.C. title, was trailed entering today's games by Marg Salekin of Nelson, April Biscaro of Trail and Vicki Gould of Vancouver, all at 4-2.

Linda Kirton of Abbotsford was 3-3, with Kelowna's Barb Steed, Duncan's Dianne Burton, Cranbrook's Frankie Reekie and Mackenzie's Karin Host all 2-4. Cathy Savard of Victoria had only one win in six games.

Host beat Salekin 6-5 and Savard 9-4 but her losses included a 6-4 setback to Sparkes, an extra-end 8-7 loss to Gould and a 6-5 loss to Kirton.

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