“Yukon Pictorial: Arctic Winter Games, Yellowknife 1984”
"An official and friendly welcome by our hosts"
It was a crisp winter night that greeted the first of three planeloads of Team Yukon. Yellowknife was sleeping, except for our anxious hosts. Our parade of travel weary sourdoughs were courteously welcomed, registered and put to bed.

The next day, many of the 300 strong Team Yukon awoke with anticipation, as athletes, coaches, officials and Mission Staff prepared, in individual ways, to face the challenges of the ensuing week. Do you recall those challenges? Do you remember ...

... Judy Kelly and Mary Whitley's heart-thumping "2-3" finish in the 100 metre Snowshoe sprint? Eddie Arey saving the day for the Arctic Sports Rope Gymnastics event, by securing the ropes and standards in an improvised fashion? Ken Frankish battling to the wire for a gold in Badminton? Rushing an athlete to hospital, and hoping that the injury is minor enough to let him play in the next game? The virtually unpredictable results in the two newly admitted sports of Speedskating and Triathlon? The pressure of a third overtime period penalty-kick playoff, in the 14 and under girls soccer semi-final?

Of course, sport events become pleasant memories for other reasons, too, such as being tied to your bed; competing for yet another time (would you believe the fifth for Ingrid Cowell and Ben Labelle?); reuniting with old friends or making new ones; closing a super deal in a pin trade; volunteering your team to sing the national anthem before the game and then singing in an unbelievably dischordant fashion; finding an open door to the roof, and heroically removing a Games Flag from the bitter wind to the shelter of your suitcase; climbing in the window past curfew; being awed by the pomp and ceremony of the Opening and Closing Ceremonies; seeing and feeling a land quite different though very much a part of your Canada.

It is sincerely hoped that the effort of preparation, the hospitality of our hosts, the joy of competition, and the camaraderie fostered by the Arctic Winter Games will be rekindled in your memories by this keepsake.

Ivan V. Somlai
EDITOR
CONGRATULATIONS TEAM YUKON!

The hundreds of hours of effort by Yukon coaches, officials, organizers and, of course, athletes in preparing for the Arctic Winter Games have amply paid off. The preparation entailed cooperation among communities, Territorial Sports Governing Bodies, government and numerous volunteers. Athletes that were strangers to each other up to shortly before the Games, now had to mould technique, tactics and spirit into cohesive teams. The spirit that emerged is being carried past the Games.

I extend my sincere congratulations to Team Yukon for its athletic performance and demonstration of sportsmanship; and I commend the Chef de Mission, Karen Symington, for her promotional and administrative contribution towards the success of our team.

Sincerely,

B.A. Firth (Mrs.),
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CHEF'S MESSAGE

The 1984 Arctic Winter Games came to a close on March 23 but are still and always will be a very vivid memory for me. As Chef de Mission and on behalf of the Yukon Sports Federation I would like to thank all the athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers for an unforgettable week of competition, camaraderie and hard work.

You can all be very proud of your efforts and achievements both in and out of competition.

Bringing the Stuart M. Hodgson Award back to the Yukon for the 3rd consecutive Games just shows the depth of your commitment to sport and athletic excellence.

The Arctic Winter Games will always play a very significant role in sport development in the Yukon if the kind of spirit and devotion to sport that you showed in Yellowknife always continues.

1986 in Whitehorse is not long away and I look forward to working with each and every one of you again in hosting the Games and in furthering your development in sport.

Thank you for making my job so enjoyable: you're a super group of people.

Karen Symington
Chef de Mission
Yukon Sports Federation

"Working For Sport In Yukon"
ARCTIC SPORTS

This collage of Inuit and Dene sports provided some of the most enthralling action in the games. Variety, skill, tension, laughter and unrivalled sportsmanship amongst participants brought spectators to pack the stands. Pleased with his team's results, coach/athlete..............

1.] "A light moment for the judges"

2.] "Eddie Arey showing the perfect way"

3.] "Wouldn't this be easier if we put our heads together?"

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Badminton

L-R: Sharon Drabble, Diana Hardie, Mary Fitton, Tiffany Corley, Ken Frankish, Ken Madsen [Coach], Kathleen Roberts, Linda Miller

Susan Demchuk, Ross Perkin, John Caferata, Lindsay Lister, Doug Roberts, Pat Doyle. Missing: Mike Parker, Ken Koschzeck
Eddie Arey, partaking in his third games, commented, “In '86 we aim to make this an even more exciting occasion”.

4. “Jocelyn McIntyre on the two foot high kick”
5. “Ted James on the one foot high kick”
6. “Craig McKinnon on the two foot high kick”
7. “Dwayne Venton starting the rope gymnastics”
1.] “Lindsay Lister and Linda Miller on attack”
2.] “On the spot repair”
3.] “Team work is important”
4.] “The speed makes the birdie almost invisible”
5.] “Ross Perkin awaits the serve”
6.] “Tiffany Corley and Susan Demchuk”
7.] “Smash and anticipate”
BADMINTON

Few sports offered closer or more dramatic competition than badminton. In almost every game the score skipped back and forth like a yo-yo until a winner emerged. Yukon earned hard fought gold in two events, silver in four and bronze in seven. "The draftless gymnasium and spacious spectator area made it very conducive for high calibre play" noted one of our players.
SENIOR WOMENS
L-R Colleen Hemsley, Ruth Massie, Nancy Dieckmann, Kath McKay

SENIOR MENS
L-R Gary Hewitt, Gary Felker, Orest Peech, Lonnie Kofoed
Curling

JUNIOR WOMENS
L-R Dawn Moses, Josette Miller
Melanie Klassen, Cheryl Mason-Wood

JUNIOR MENS
L-R Nelson Lepine, Rick Moses
Mike Mason-Wood, Dan Miller
1. "Sweeping a good rock"
2. "The sweeper accompanies the rock"
3. "A smooth delivery is essential"
4. "Too close for comfort"
5. "OK girls, follow it now"
6. "Dawn Moses follows her rock"
7. "The opening march out"
CURLING

When only a measured 5/1000 of an inch advantage over your opponent's rock makes the difference between winning or losing, the adrenalin can really start to flow. Such close encounters contributed to interesting matches which gave our curlers a silver ulu in every category. "A coach," asserted members of our junior squad, "might have helped us win a gold. Next time!"
FIGURE SKATING

Our contingent was young: in fact, Fiona Bennett, at 10 years of age, was the youngest member of Team Yukon. Accordingly, the emphasis for Yukon's skaters was on competitive experience. This exposure to major competition, plus regular training in the.............

1. "Practice day"
2. "Just taking a break"
3. "A stylish finish"
4. "Tara McNair rehearsing"
Figure Skating

BACK ROW L-R Tracey Twardochleb, Nicole Dennis, Sheeky Vedres, Suzanne McFadyen, Nicole Lamoureux

MIDDLE ROW L-R Jennifer Byram, Michelle Phillips,

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FRONT ROW L-R Lynelle Lyons, Sarah Pugh, Christina Hull, Fiona Bennett, Samantha Gorrell

Annette Dicquemare, Patricia Allen
Hockey

PEEWEE
BACK ROW L-R Mike House, Chris Graham, Brandon Doering, Ken Anderson, Joe Batt [Coach]  
MIDDLE ROW L-R Ian Kuster, Brock Holland, David Veale,  
Bobby House, Wade Chouinard  
FRONT ROW L-R Brent Langbakk, Greg Batt, Steven Arcand, Vince Van Bibber, Lee Parker, Ryan Robb
forthcoming two seasons should really help polish the performances of our skaters in preparation for the '86 games. Our skaters brought home two bronze ulus from this year's meet.

5.) “The opening ceremony”
6.) “Ramona Toth warming up”
7.) “Annette Dicquemare in her routine”
HOCKEY

If you didn’t claim a seat early enough, chances were you joined the many left standing to watch the action. Occasional rough play pockmarked some of the matches, but it was the exquisite plays that brought spectators to their feet. Unfortunately, the Yukon

1.] “Best defense is a good offense”
2.] “Net - front mêlée”
3.] “He scored!”
4.] “Watch that rebound”
MIDGET
BACK ROW L-R Roy Downe [Coach], Shawn Wipp, Don Downie, Mike Gleason, Scott Briemon, Andre Lamoureux, Richard Kerr, Pat Harrington, Robert Smith, Joe Brelez [Coach]
FRONT ROW L-R Darrell Sturko, Mark Eikland, Don Trout, Paul Chatten, Brad Stokes, Bill Cullen, Jamie Vance Missing: Jeff English

SENIOR
BACK ROW L-R Gerry Thick [Manager], Jack Douglas, Larry Parks, Sid Brewster, Wayne Holt, Terry Jackson, Scott Lowrey, Don Dixon [Coach]
FRONT ROW L-R Terry Sewell, Don Marks, Carl Cureatz, Doug Harris, Wayne Crowe, Bob Zimmerman, Harvey McLaughlin, Gord Lubbers
JUNIOR MENS RIFLE  BACK ROW L-R  Todd Midgett, Alan Mah, Victor Mah
BACK ROW  L-R  Eric Bonnett, Frank Mercier, Henry Chilman [Coach]
PeeWee's couldn't celebrate any victories. Our midgets, too, were winless, although three ties gave cause for optimism. Our seniors scored the only upset, beating Alaska in preliminary play.

5. "After the face-off"

6. "Quick defensive action"

7. "Seniors in action"
SHOOTING

"These newly renovated facilities added immensely to the enthusiasm of the shooters" remarked Henry Chilman, coach and four time member of Yukon's shooting team. Competing against seasoned sportsmen, our contingent brought home one silver and two bronze.......... 

1.] "Some advice from the coach"
2. ] "Coach checking his team's accuracy"
3. ] "Counting his scores"
[OPEN] SENIOR MENS RIFLE
BACK ROW L-R Paul Miller, Bruce Gairns, Ernie Wiez
FRONT ROW L-R Al Albers, Henry Chilman, Steve Goodliffe

PISTOL
BACK ROW L-R Butch Midgett, Dave Hilchie
Tom Pasetka, Henry Chilman
FRONT ROW L-R Luke Horrell, Dennis Wolsky
"A traditional welcome by elders"
The remoteness of the range regrettably kept many potential spectators from attending; those present, though, got to admire the intense concentration and muscle control required in this sport.

4. “Todd Midgett aiming”

5. “The rifle event”

6. “The handgun event”
1.] “I'll make you a deal you can't refuse!”

2.] “Athletes being ministered to”

3.] “Hamming it up on race day”

4.] “What's our standing?”

5.] “Cafeteria food ... but good, nutritious and lots of it”

6.] “Ken McKinnon, well known for his contribution to the Arctic Winter Games”
1. "Yes, there was more than one King Pin!"

2. "A sportsman's still life"

3. "Pat Fewer, Yukon Guitarist, snoozing in the departure lounge"

4. "Mission Staff kept in constant touch with sports groups and V.I.P.'s"

5. "The boys room, no doubt"

6. "The Honourable Céline Hervieux-Payette, representing the Government of Canada, threw the opening rock"
Skiing

FRONT ROW L-R Zach Odin, Jennifer Henderson, Laura-Lee Westberg, Sian Williams, Jenny Waugh. Missing: Lars Fossum [Coach]

MIDDLE ROW L-R Billy Waugh, Steven Westberg, Tracy Jack, Terri Daniels, Shannon Meekins, Lucy Steele

BACK ROW L-R Lois Johnston, Deveron Hurlburt, Denise Taylor, Roxanne Livingstone, Monique Waterreus [Coach]
1. "Some just can't take the pace!"

2. "Uluses were often a Yukon affair"

3. "Rest before the match"
1. "Herring Boning a steep hill"
2. "Push it, come on now.....!"
3. "Shannon Meekins in good form"
4. "You did well, Bill"
5. "Rounding a bend"
6. "Mike Rudyk in a tuck"
7. "...3,2,1..."
The stiff competition was unrelated to the cool temperatures throughout the week. Well maintained tracks and close-to-ideal snow conditions contributed to a well-organized event that saw convincing improvements in the performance of most Yukon skiers.
SNOWSHOEING

After narrowly missing a bronze in the Junior Men’s 1500M, little Benoit Labelle quipped “the opponents gave me a good run, but the course wasn’t really long”! Such.............

1.] “The mass start”
2.] “A good handoff in the relay”
3.] “Jon Jansen chasing the Alaskan leader”
BACK ROW L-R Laurie Johnstone, Kim Caldwell, Jim MacPherson, Jeff Lister, Jon Jansen, Jody Olson

MIDDLE ROW L-R Randell Kendi, Shea MacKenzie, Rudy Sudrich [Coach], Mary Jensen [Coach], Cindy Scanlon

FRONT ROW L-R Mary Whitley, Benoit Labelle, Judy Kelly
Snowshoe Biathlon

L-R Chester Kelly (Coach), Aaron Jensen, Ron Tait, Suzanne Labelle, Steven Buyck, Grave Roberts, John Flynn

BACK ROW L-R Calvin Lindstrom, Ben Labelle, Mary McNabb
spunk characterized most of our snowshoers as they dominated the ulus in this sport.

4.] “Judy Kelly is lonely out front”
5.] “Comforting a racer”
6.] “Preparing for an event”
7.] “In the spotlight”
1. "Pulse rate must slow down while loading"
2. "Counting laps or showing who's number 1?"
3. "John Flynn rounding the bend"
4. "The exertion shows"
5. "Off the start"
6. "Choose your own shooting position"
SNOWSHOE-BIATHLON

Considered the most gruelling northern sport, snowshoe-biathlon combines speed, endurance, pacing, accuracy and balance. Yukoners displayed these qualities in abundance as they won six out of eight events. Ben Labelle, competing in his fifth games, was heard to gamely toss this challenge to his opponents: "You'll have to really fight to keep me from the medals"! They did not fight hard enough.
GIRLS 16 AND UNDER

BACK ROW L-R Sue Thompson [Coach], Lori McCarthy, Heidi Miller, Susan Smith

FRONT ROW L-R Jeannette Douville, Patricia Ariza, Kathleen Boyle. Missing: Cheryl Cawston

BOYS 16 AND UNDER

BACK ROW L-R Vinh Ma, Trenton Haggard, Mark Livingston, Victor Smith

FRONT ROW L-R Greg Hillier [Coach], Mark Wierda, Darrell Peters, Ray Grant, Byron Eagles
BOYS 14 AND UNDER
BACK ROW L-R Cory Goodman, James Buyck, Robert Gregson, Cameron Kingscote
FRONT ROW L-R Ralph Mastrangelo [Coach], John Peters, Jason Barber, Greg Fiendell, Lance Saligo

GIRLS 14 AND UNDER
BACK ROW L-R Rosemarie Kushniruk, Cheryl O'Connell, Eric Gibson [coach], Kathy Hammer, Jenny Pope
FRONT ROW L-R Marlene Smith, Sharon Boyle, Debra-Leigh Reti.
Missing: Claire Durant
1. "A cold pack to reduce swelling"
2. "Robert Gregson winding up"
3. "Pep talk for the goalie"
4. "A tight checking defense"
5. "A save coming up!"
6. "Vinh Ma steals a pass"
Playing in a somewhat smaller than ideal gymnasium, several teams had their rhythm upset; nonetheless, the team work and quick pace of the sport drew a lot of fans. Relatively even teams kept results unpredictable, with overtime penalty kicks settling at least one final score.
SPEED SKATING
In a field led by the Northwest Territories, individual flashes of brilliance by Yukon’s Andrea and John Morison became commonplace, as the two athletes placed in all but one event. “Perfect ice, terrific experience”...........

1.) “Lacing up for the race”
2.) “Into the straight stretch”
3.) “Into the first bend”

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BACK ROW L-R Michael Nowasad, John Morison, Warren Hanvold (Official), Kevin Breker, Teena MacPherson

FRONT ROW L-R Andrea Morison, Carla Hanvold, Kim Hanvold, Lynda Weigand (Coach). Missing: Jeff Campbell
Triathlon

BACK ROW  L-R  Melvin Dick, Richard Mueller, Colin MacPherson

FRONT ROW  L-R  Gemma Laska, Pam Bendall. Missing: Haakon Arntzen (Coach)
beamed Yukon official Clara Overend, “and I hope this will motivate others to take up speed skating back home!” This marked the first appearance of the sport in the history of the Arctic Winter Games.

4.] “The bends were tricky for some”

5.] “Rest for one, but effort now for the partner”

6.] “Sleek and efficient”
1. "Now think of my pacing"
2. "Good athlete, good coaching.....what else?"
3. "Beaming victors"
4. "Hot pursuit into the bend"
5. "Looking forward to the race"
6. "Keep on stridin'....."
7. "In the home stretch"
TRIATHLON

A true outdoorsman's event, one cannot but admire the athletic versatility required to undertake the three disciplines involved: skiing, snowshoeing, speed skating. The versatility extended across the board, as four of our competitors earned ulus in the various events and proved that Yukon means business in this rugged endurance sport.
SENIOR WOMENS
BACK ROW L-R Denny Kobayashi, Caroline Oblak, Donna-Faye Peters, Kim Solonick, Diane Lister, Collette Pilon
FRONT ROW L-R Ingrid Cowell, Debbie Schimnosky, Darlene Ries, Iris Soroka, Audrey Walker

SENIOR MENS
BACK ROW L-R Brent Albert, Gerry Angel, Mark Tizya, Kelly McLoughlin
FRONT ROW L-R Mike Nugent, Charlie Hoeller, Brian Miller, John Snider. Missing: Dave Beattie, Frank Oblak
Volleyball

JUNIOR MENS
BACK ROW  L-R  Doug Reti, Dean White, Carlo Krauzig, Jeff Gau, Garry Berquist [Coach]
FRONT ROW  L-R  Shannon Emslie, Mark Janus, Curt Fraser, Neil McQuillen, Mark Hureau

JUNIOR WOMENS
BACK ROW  L-R  Michelle Toews, Heather Wykes, Ingrid Cowell [Coach]
FRONT ROW  L-R  Cindy Fraser, Shirley Hill, Barb Sudeyk, Myrna Engren. Missing: Tracie Albisser, Marilyn Fraser, Darcy McDiarmid
1. “Good block by Yukon”
2. “Graceful suspense”
3. “Excellent sportsmanship prevailed”
4. “Even play”
5. “Give me a ‘Y’......, give me a ‘U’......”
6. “Who’s is it?”
7. “A powerful spike”
In spite of occasional signs of hope from Yukon teams, our performance fell somewhat short of expectations. Our senior women placed best, earning a silver ulu, while the other teams settled for bronzes. Enthusiastic fan support proved the continuing popularity of this sport.
1. "Honourable Chris Pearson and the well earned Hodgson Award"

2. "All right, Yellowknife!"

3. "Acknowledging those who contributed to the success"
"Aurevoir. Thanks NWT! See you all in Whitehorse in 1986."
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