



Arco Jesse Owens games draw record number of participants

A record number of youngsters participated in the Arco Jesse Owens Games recently.

More than 700 young athletes from Fairbanks, Barrow, Kotzebue and Nome participated in the North Alaska Regional Championships. And 1,325 athletes from Anchorage, Cordova, Homer, Kenai, Soldotna, the Mat-Su area and Seward competed in the South Alaska Regional Championships.

First place winners in Groups I and II received bicycles. First place winners in Groups III and IV won all-expense paid trips to the national championships in Los Angeles Aug. 10, courtesy of Arco Alaska Inc.

This is the 16th year that the Arco Jesse Owens Games have been held in Alaska. The games are held in honor of Jesse Owens, a 1936 Olympic gold medal winner.

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John Agiak, 12, of Barter Island, shows his form, top photo, in the long jump at the Arco Jesse Owens Games in Fairbanks July 14. Flossie Ningeok, 12, from Wainwright, shows off the silver medal she won for jumping 10 feet 10 inches in the long jump competition, center photo. At left, Crystal Banning, 11, from Nome, proudly shows the gold medal she won in the girl's softball throw. She threw the ball 125 feet.