

# Eskimo Olympics July 27-29—

## Tom Drake Olympics Chairman; New Games Added

**FAIRBANKS** — The board of directors of the Tundra Times has chosen Tom Drake as the 1972 chairman of the World Eskimo Olympics. Drake is the superintendent of the Northern Correctional Institution, the state jail, here in Fairbanks.

Drake is of Eskimo extraction and he was born at Nome. Charlie Moses, Alaska Federation of Natives education division worker for the interior, will be the co-chairman of the Olympics.

The 1972 Eskimo Olympics promises to be even more colorful because new and exciting native games will be added to the already crowd pleasing events. The dates for the three-day native spectacle have been set for July 27-28-29.

One of the new events will be a fish cutting contest under the direction of Mabel Peterson, former Barrow resident.

One of the new games will be "Drop the Bomb" or an Airplane Game. Four men take hold of a contestant by his

feet and hands. The contestant is supposed to stay rigid as the four men lifted him spread eagled.

The four men then begin to walk with him to see how long

he could stay rigid. When he could no longer stay rigid the contestant's body collapses or drops the bomb.

Another new game will be

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bue got up a team for the occasion.

"Only five of us had ever played ball together before," admitted Bobby Schaeffer, Kotzebue mayor who played outfield. "Some of our team hadn't played in four or five years."

The main requirement for membership in the Kotzebue group was that a player raise \$80 air fare to make the trip.

Wien Consolidated Airlines made a "flag stop" which cut costs considerably but even so, the Galena people held a series of raffles and sold refreshments to pay the Eskimos' return fare.

Kotzebue lost the first contest 25-3, partly as a result of overpowering hospitality from

Galena people who nearly immobilized them with food and drinks.

"We don't care if we lose as long as we get a boat ride on the Yukon," the Eskimos declared cheerfully. "We came to have fun."

But the Eskimos rallied, winning the second match 9-8.

Since no one was feeling particularly vicious for a play-off, teams pooled players for the last game with equal numbers of Indians and Eskimos, on both teams.

Now Galena is planning to travel to Kotzebue for a return match and both teams are looking for new teams to play.