

Joule again named sportsman of games

During the few moments that Reggie Joule was not competing at the World Eskimo Indian Olympics, he swept the floor, counseled other athletes, filled in for the announcer and generally did not sit down for three days.

Joule, who has been past recipient of the Howard Rock Memorial Award for excellence in Athletics, who has been past champion and record setter in many Olympic events, and who was last year's winner of the Bud Hagberg Sportsmanship Award, believes in helping out whenever he can in an event that he sees as essential to maintaining his culture.

On Saturday, Joule was once again recognized for his sportsmanship and helpfulness when the very people who were trying to best his athletic prowess and skills voted him winner of the Bud Hagberg award. It was the second year running Joule has received the award.

Joule said this week that he feels that helping other athletes is more important than the event itself. "It's the helping that makes it more important for me. If you help someone and they

win, you've won too."

Joule can be indirectly held responsible for helping Ike Towarek of Unalakleet to break the WEIO record for the one-foot high kick — and to beat Joule in the competition.

Towarek was competing in sports shoes that developed a rip in the inside fabric while he was competing. Near the end of the end of the one-foot kick competition, the rip began making the shoes unusable and Joule — who was the only opposition Towarek had left — went to the sidelines to ask spectators if they had shoes that would be suitable for Towarek.

One spectator did. He loaned them to Towarek and the six-foot man from Unalakleet went on to defeat Joule and set a new record for the one-foot.

Joule is vice president of the WEIO.

The normally articulate Joule was an obvious crowd-pleaser.

He said "There's not too much a fellow can say at a time like this. This is a great honor and it really means a lot... more than, than, all I can say is thank you."