

Partial Listings of Eskimo Olympics

Before Tundra Times could run the results of the 1967 Eskimo Olympics held in Fairbanks on August 9-12, the great flood hit Fairbanks two days after the games were over.

In spite of the heavy, steady downpour of rain that was in the process of building up the flood, the Lathrop High School gymnasium was filled with people nightly for four days.

In the blanket toss contest for women, Laura Bergt, chairman of the Olympics, took first place while Donald Ahsoak of Barrow took the honors for men.

Eskimo hi-kicking contest was won by Harry Kaleak of Barrow at the height of 6 feet

8 inches.

Pete Sovalik's Barrow Eskimo dance team got the nod of the judges. The group's performance was interesting, varied and unique. Their Eskimo costumes also contributed to the win.

MacKenzie Delta Drum Dancers from Inuvik in Canada won second place with their excellent performances. It was the first time in Olympics' history that Canadian Eskimos participated in the performances. Some of the Canadian Eskimos also performed very well in difficult Eskimo games.

Colorfully costumed Northway-Tanacross Athabaskan

dancers won the Indian dance event. Indian stick pull was won by Jim Wilson of Huslia.

Seal skinning contest was won by the perennial winner, Rhoda Nageak of Barrow. Muktuk eating contest was won by Lucy Ahvakana of Anchorage who consumed her beluga muktuk in 40 seconds flat.

Parka contest saw Poldine Carlo of Fairbanks walking away with the win.

Last, but not least, comely Leora Kenick was the 1967 Eskimo Olympics queen contest winner. Sharon Olin of Fairbanks came second and Alice Foster of Kotzebue was third.