

Records fall at NYO

Last weekend, young athletes gathered in Anchorage from some 30 villages and cities across the state to participate in the Native Youth Olympics. A number of records were destroyed. Dawn Rhodes of Bethel reached 63 inches to set a new girl's toe kick record.

Francis Morris of Bethel set a new record in the girl's two foot high kick, and Jill Elliot of Bethel and Renita Buffas of Nome broke the old seal hop record. Buzzie Fagerstrom of Nome matched boys records in both the one and two foot high kicks.

Willie Johnson of Anchorage set a record of sorts himself when he was awarded special recognition for his involvement in NYO since its beginning in 1971. Total standings follow.

One-foot kick
Girls — 1) Jocelyn McIntyre (Yukon Terr.) 77 in.; 2) Ruth Friemering (Anchorage) 74 in.; 3) Kay Bellegue (Dillingham) 72 in.; 4) Zena Schuerch (Kotzebue) 72 in.; 5) Sheryle Stepetin (Aleutian Region) 68 in.

Discouragement shows on the face of Francis Morris (upper left) of Bethel as she realizes her two foot high kick is going to fall short of her mark. After coming back to earth, her coach gives her a few words of encouragement (upper middle). Determined now, she concentrates hard on the little ball. With a mighty leap, Morris hits her mark and sets a new NYO record of 69 inches as a proud coach watches. Carol Pickett of Anchorage held the old record of 67 inches.

Boys — 1) Buzzie Fagerstrom (Nome) 105 in.; 2) Brian Randazzo (Anchorage) 102 in.; 3) Nicky Golodoff (Aleutians) 96 in.; 4) Moses Strauss (Kongiganak) 96 in.; 5) Gordi Somerville (Yukon Terr.) 94 in.

One-arm reach
Girls — 1) Yolanda Delkitt (Anchorage) 4-3; 2) Renita Buffas (no school given) 4-3; 3) Jocelyn McIntyre (Yukon Terr.) 4-2; 4) Sheryl Stepetin (Aleutians) 4-3; 5) Sheryl Stepetin (Aleutians) 4-0; 6) Frances Morris (Bethel) 3-10.
Boys — 1) Mark James (Yukon Terr.) 5-1; 2) Allan Folster (Covenant) 4-10; 3) John Larc (Nome) 4-10; 4) James Hunter (Anchorage) 4-8; 5) Sean Otuck (Kotzebue) 4-8.

Two-foot kick
Girls — 1) Frances Morris (Bethel) 69 in.; 2) Jocelyn McIntyre (Yukon Terr.) 67 in.; 3) Synde Sage-moen (Dillingham) 64 in.; 4) Aminah Sherman (Nome) 62 in.; 5) Debbie Lincoln (Anchorage) 56 in.
Boys — 1) J.T. Sherman (Nome) 86 in.; 2) Mark James (Yukon Terr.) 86 in.; 3) Brian Randazzo (Anchorage) 85 in.; 4) Gene Peltola (Bethel) 82 in.; 5) Richard Lee Johnson (Aleutians) 78 in.

Seal hop
Girls — 1) Jill Elliot (Bethel) 127-9; 2) Renita Buffas (Nome) 125-9; 3) Bessie Lincoln (Toksook) 98-7; 4) Martha Kiyukiook (Savoonga) 90-10; 5) Teresa Smith (Anchorage) 86-5.
Boys — 1) Wassilee Roland (Bethel) 104-10; 2) John Lincoln (Toksook) 99-6; 3) Nathan Barran (Nome) 99-1; 4) Leonard Olrun (Covenant) 98-4; 5) Cassius Brown (Kongiganak) 92-5.

Kneel jump
Girls — 1) Jocelyn McIntyre; 2)

Jill Elliot; 3) Debbie Lincoln (Anchorage); 4) Barb Nunooruk (Covenant); 5) Yolanda Outwater (Nome).

Boys — 1) Gene Peltola (Bethel); 2) Erick Hendrickson (Covenant); 3) Mark Hutt (Aleutians); 4) Tim Anelson (Lake/Peninsula); 5) Moses Strauss.

Head pull
Girls — 1) Chugle Keller (Nome); 2) Sandra Boyles (Anchorage); 3) Adora Kingeekuk (Savoonga); 4) Fina Moses (Bethel); 5) Matrana Wasillee (Lake/Peninsula).

Boys — 1) Mike Jerue (Anchorage); 2) Norman Johnson (Nome); 3) Amos Foster; 4) Greg McMullen (Pt. Graham); 5) Ted James (Yukon Terr.).

Leg wrestling
Girls — 1) Teresa Smith (Anchorage); 2) Chugle Keller; 3) Lisa Anelson (Lake/Peninsula); 4) Berna Roehl (Dillingham); 5) Stacie Roberts (Aleutians).
Boys — 1) James Hunter; 2) Randy Schroeder (Dillingham); 3) Lynel Sheldon (Kotzebue); 4) John Karp (Nome); 5) Allen Foster.

Stick pull
Girls — 1) Chugle Keller; 2) Taulen Peppers (Anchorage); 3) Adora Kingeekuk; 4) Carla Kinder (Aleutians); 5) Colleen Tate (Kotzebue).
Boys — 1) Brad Chase (Anchorage); 2) Norman Johnson; 3) Andy Baker (Kotzebue); 4) Leonard Patton (Bethel).

Toe kick
Girls — 1) Dawn Rhodes (Bethel); 2) Beka Keller (Nome); 3) Sheila Seetomani (Anchorage); 4) Paul-ette Schuerch (Kotzebue); three contestants tied for fifth.
Boys — 1) Jason Polk (Bethel); 2) Clarence Snyder (Anchorage); 3) Louis Reich (Kotzebue); 4) Mike Scott (Nome); 5) Murphy Phillip (Kongiganak).



Good sportsmanship is among the highest goals of Native Olympic athletes, as two young competitors in the leg wrestling event demonstrate.



A competitor in the boys seal hop, one of NYO's toughest events.

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