

1981 CANADIAN TRAMPOLINE CHAMPIONSHIPS, SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN

May 29th to 31st 1981

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This meet was held in a large "field house" on the same floor as the Canadian Gymnastics Championships.

The equipment was two (higher off the floor) Eurotramp 6mm trampolines with decks, modified by adding extra springs in the corners for stability. The stage was set to find out who are the best trampolinists in Canada.

On May 28th the warm ups were held by province and gave ample time for all the competitors to get used to the equipment which most athletes liked despite a preference for string beds.

The Quebec team enjoyed the 35 foot clearance to the first beams as they train in a restrictive 21foot high gym.

Alison Pester demonstrated pike rudy out and pike back in full out while John Ross hot dogged with Pike triffus to a full in full out to a tuck triffus.

Competition commenced on the 29th with Compulsories in all events. Alison Pester showed her continuous progress in the form game with a 9.0 average at the World Compulsory to lead the women and all the men in the Senior division. In the junior individual events Ken Soehn and Barb Lehto racked up formidable leads over the other Juniors with the 3.9 difficulty Junior set routine.

The real meat of the meet was held May 30th preliminary optionals for individual events and Synchronized finals. John Ross pulled ahead of the field with an 11.0 difficulty routine while Romolo Finelli and Brett Brown performed below practice levels. None of the athletes did triples in competition. In the Senior Womens event Alison Pester fell from the lead but accomplished her goal of opening with full in half out layout to full in full out tuck in competition, as Christine Tough and Norma Lehto put in polished performances. In the Junior mens Leslie Tiffen moved up from 10th place to 2nd with a 25.0 Optional. Meanwhile Ken Soehn nervous at holding the lead took many false starts and then got off to a shaky start but settled down to retain the lead. Clearly the strongest jumper in this event. Kristi Johnston in the Junior Womens jumped from 6th to 2nd with a PB Optional of 24.2 while Barb Lehto maintained her lead with the same score.

The Synchronized events to include the mixed levels had a few failed

routines and some of the leading pairs cut difficulty to ensure a win, but overall the spectators had many fine routines to enjoy.

JUNIOR WINNERS:-

F	Tara McGuire and Heather Connelly	34.4
M	Leslie Tiffen and Ron Masotti	35.8
MIX	Ron Masotti and Kristi Johnston	35.3

SENIOR WINNERS:-

F	Norma Lehto and Barb Lehto	38.0
M	John Ross and Bill Spurrell	38.9
MIX	John Ross and Alison Pester	40.2

TEAM WINNERS

Junior Women - Ontario
Junior Men - British Columbia
Senior Women - Ontario
Senior Men - Ontario

National Television was on hand when the individual finalists marched in Sunday May 31st for the last day of the competition.

A slightly too relaxed John Ross decided not to play it safe and try for his 11.0 again and despite some travel problems still managed to widen his lead over the consistent Steve Fleming. Alison Pester cut difficulty and managed to pull up .2 over Christine Tough for a 1st place tie while Norma Lehto had the highest final Optional score to pull ahead of her sister Barb for the Bronze medal.

In the Junior mens Ken Soehn was again nervous but managed to stay ahead of Leslie Tiffen who lead the Optional scores again. Mark Biech who took third has only been trampolining for 1½ years. Some improvement!

In the Junior Womens the favourite Barb Lehto faltered but substituted her way through 10 skills to hang onto the lead and her title from 1980, while Liz Jarrett passed Kristi Johnston for the silver when Kristi cut difficulty due to a substitution. The growing strength in this division sheds some doubt as to who will represent Canada at the 1982 World Championships and certainly looks good for a strong Women's team in future years.

After the medal presentations the trampolinists enjoyed watching the Senior mens and womens Gymnastics finals in the afternoon and enjoyed attending the combined awards banquet and dance in the evening.

This otherwise perfect Nationals was marred by the fact that for the first time some athletes were denied the right to compete. The entries from Saskatchewan and Nova Scotia were late.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS - 1981 CANADIAN TRAMPOLINE CHAMPIONSHIPS

SENIOR MEN

1	John Ross	26.5	25.8 + 11.0	23.7 + 10.8	= 97.8
2	Steve Fleming	24.8	24.2 + 9.7	23.9 + 9.7	= 92.3
3	Yves Hilord	24.9	23.1 + 10.2	23.2 + 9.8	= 91.2
4	Rock Poulin	23.7	23.8 + 9.5	23.6 + 9.9	= 90.5
5	Brett Brown	25.6	20.7 + 9.6	23.5 + 9.8	= 89.2
6	Romolo Finelli	23.6	22.6 + 8.3	23.3 + 9.6	= 87.4
7	Bill Spurrell	25.1	22.8 + 8.5	23.6 + 7.0	= 87.0

Total of 16 entered

SENIOR WOMEN

1T	Alison Pester	27.0	23.5 + 8.5	24.8 + 8.4	= 92.2
1T	Christine Tough	25.4	25.8 + 8.0	25.0 + 8.0	= 92.2
3	Norma Lehto	24.5	25.0 + 8.7	24.6 + 8.7	= 91.5
4	Barbara Lehto (JR)	25.4	24.9 + 7.9	24.6 + 7.9	= 90.7
5	Liz Jarrett (JR)	23.4	23.7 + 6.9	23.6 + 6.9	= 84.5
6T	Kathy Handford (JR)	21.9	23.4 + 6.7	24.3 + 6.7	= 83.0
6T	Diana Ford	23.7	21.5 + 6.5	23.8 + 7.5	= 83.0
8	Sally MacKenzie	10.5	23.0 + 7.0	23.4 + 6.9	= 70.8

Total of 8 entered

JUNIOR EVENTS - This level has a maximum age of 20 and difficulty of 8.5. The Compulsory is a 3.9 difficulty routine which includes a barani ballout and a back full. Scores are calculated according to the old method with form out of 20.

JUNIOR MEN

Ken Soehn	18.6	16.0 + 8.2	15.7 + 8.2 = 66.7
Leslie Tiffen	16.0	17.2 + 7.8	16.2 + 7.8 = 65.0
Mark Biech	16.5	16.8 + 7.7	15.9 + 7.7 = 64.6

Total 15 entered

JUNIOR WOMEN

Barbara Lehto	18.5	16.5 + 7.7	16.1 + 5.7 = 64.5
Liz Jarrett	16.8	16.9 + 6.9	15.9 + 6.9 = 63.5
Kristi Johnston	16.5	16.9 + 7.3	15.9 + 6.6 = 63.2

Total 14 entered