

- Ice Picks 2005 Territorial Figure Skating Championships
- Territorial Wrestling Championships at PA

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## Sport Shorts

# Battle of the brooms

### Queen of Scott

Curler Monique Gagnier will be making a television appearance when she competes at this year's Scott Tournament of Hearts.

The Hay River local combined with Kerry Koe and Kelli Sharpe of Yellowknife and Heather McCagg Nystrom of Inuvik to win the NWT-Yukon Championships in Whitehorse this past weekend.

This victory earns them a spot at the national women's curling championship in St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 19-27.

### Western Shields

Hockey North will be sending one senior female hockey team to the 2005 Western Shields female hockey tournament in Saskatchewan, April 7-10.

This tournament has several skill divisions, allowing women's teams of all calibres to participate.

Tryouts are Feb. 4-6 in Yellowknife and are open to women who are 20 years of age or older as of Dec. 31, 2004.

The team will be made up of 19 players two of which two will be goalies.

For more information please email n w t n o r t h w h 2 0 0 5 @hotmail.com.

### Take it to the mat

Princess Alexandra school will host the Territorial Wrestling Championships this weekend.

Teams from all over the Territories and for the first time, Alberta will compete.

The outcomes of this event will assist in determining what local wrestlers will compete on the Canada Summer Games team.

### Basketball camp

Basketball NWT is hosting a player development camp this weekend at Diamond Jenness High School for Grade 6 and 7 students.

The instructor will be Dwayne Vigilance from Yellowknife.



### Yellowknife teams face off for golden glory; Hay River teams battle for bronze at annual Mixed Broomball tournament

The weekend warriors were hurting after three days of broomball battle.

Limping, wincing and hoarse voices were common sights and sounds as the Hay River Mixed Recreation Broomball tournament came to a close.

Yellowknife's Pilote Point went home with the hardware, narrowly defeating the favoured Harley's Hard Rock Saloon team of Yellowknife.

Harley's, dressed in red and looking very much like a broomball army, dominated round robin play. They did not drop a game and crushed Fort Simpson 9-1 in semi-final action.

Pilote also entered the final without a loss but squeaked through their semi-final bout with Hay River's Team One. There was no score until halfway through the second period when Pilote netted a goal into the right-hand corner.

Team One pulled their goalie with 20 seconds left, and Pilote grabbed the opportunity, beat the defenders and eased the ball into the net just as the buzzer went, solidifying their spot in the final with a 2-0 win.

Harley's red army seemed the likely champion but as the final got underway it seemed their spark had dimmed, the wet dance had taken its toll, and their players took a rash of penalties.

Pilote's Alex Debogorski earned his tournament MVP award by dominating the final with a three-goal performance. Pilote grabbed the victory, the title and \$1,500.

Two Hay River teams, Team One and Team Four, fought for third and the \$500 in prize money that came with it.

Team Four took the early lead on a goal by Cory Tybring. Minutes later Team One celebrated scoring a tying goal only to have it disallowed because of a high stick.

Team One fought on and two minutes later Freeman Smith tied the score with a legitimate goal.

Moments before halftime another Team One goal was disallowed. The call was disputed angrily by team members which led to an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty.

In the second period, Team Four's Kim Ivanko provided the game's most exciting moment. Team One goaltender Garth Mackie had left the goal to chase down the ball near the blue line. Ivanko managed to gain possession of the ball and outran Mackie. She seemed poised for scoring glory but was foiled by Team One's defencemen.

With three minutes left to play, Team One's Gar Bolt scored, breaking the tie and securing third place for his team.

Top: Team One's agile goaltender Garth Mackie shows why Pilote Point had such a difficult time scoring in the semi-finals.

Middle: Kim Ivanko keeps an eye on the face-off during the bronze medal match between her Team Four and Team One.

Bottom: Players from Team One shout encouragement from the pine.

### BROOMBALL FINAL STANDINGS

First - Pilote Point (YK)	Fourth - Team 4 (HR)
Second - Harleys (YK)	Fifth - Caribou Boozers (HR)
Third - Team 1 (HR)	Sixth - Simpson (Ft Simpson)

### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

**MOST SPORTSMAN LIKE**  
Kevin Wallington (Caribou) & Angel Schroder (Team 4)

**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER**  
Kevin Hewitt (Harleys) & Tina Setter (Harleys)

**TOP FORWARD**  
Matt Seaton (Pilote) & Sherry Connors (Harleys)

**TOP DEFENCE**  
Alex Debogorski (Pilote) & Jessica Latour (Team 4)

**TOP GOALIE**  
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