



NWT Swimmers Shine at Indigenous Games

Athletes on team NWT are back from the North America Indigenous Games held in Cowichan, B.C., with 42 medals in their pockets. The credit for almost half of the medal count can be given to the swim team. Swim coach Ian Legaree says he's impressed with the athletes. "They went really well. We took 13 swimmers from the NWT. Some from Hay River, Fort Providence, Fort Smith and Yellowknife, and they came home with 20 medals, so I was very happy with their performance." Legaree says one of the most memorable events came from the team's only gold medal race. "Probably the most exciting race of the meet was the men's 100-meter freestyle. Colton Yee of Hay River won the gold medal in that event for us. He was a close second up until about 60 meters into the race and then he just seemed to turn it onto another gear, passed the competitor from Manitoba on the turn and just lunged ahead to win the race. It was probably the crowd pleaser of the meet." Yee also won the silver medal in the 50-meter butterfly. In the ladies' 15 and 16 year old 400-meter freestyle relay... Laura McBride, Jessica Williams, Amy Harman and Jackie Strong took the silver. Another silver went to Mason Hachey for the 100 meter backstroke.