



The UPEI Library is pleased to welcome the 2023 Jeux du Canada Games to campus with this display of publications and memorabilia — drawn from our Prince Edward Island Collection and University Archives — documenting the Games’ previous visits to our Island.



From February 17 to March 2, 1991, Canada Winter Games’ sporting events were held at venues across the Island, marking the first time an entire province, working as an integrated unit, had hosted the Jeux du Canada Games. UPEI played a central role in the 1991 Games, serving as the Athletes’ Village and hosting numerous events at the newly-built Young Canada Games Sports Centre. Another welcome addition to campus constructed in anticipation of the Games was a new dining hall (later named in honour of UPEI benefactor Wanda Wyatt). Both facilities have served UPEI well in the decades since, and it seems fitting that they should again be part of the Games experience, some 31 years’ later.



Jeux du Canada Games next returned to Prince Edward Island in 2009, but this time for the Summer Games, held from August 15 - 29. UPEI again hosted the Athletes’ Village for the Games, though it shared the honour with Slemon Park in Summerside (Slemon Park housed the Village in Week One, and UPEI in Week Two). The most visible legacy of the 2009 Games on the UPEI campus is the track and field venue at the north end of campus, officially opened in July, 2009 as, “UPEI Alumni Canada Games Place”.

If you would like to learn more about any of the materials on display, or about other holdings in our University Archives & Special Collections, please contact:

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