

Pitching contest Highlight

Pitchers go after

3:58.4 minute mark

The 1976 harvest festival, the 5th annual event, will be highlighted once again by the Northwest Watermelon Pitching contest.

This grudging, pain staking event matches teams of three competitors, vying for time that it takes to load a truck with melons over a 100 yard course.

The melons are spaced every three feet, so a total of 100 melons have to be lifted, tossed to one man then to another who is stacking them in the truck.

summer.

Along with the pitching, there are two other melon related contests. One sets the big mouths of the area, trying to scarf down melon in the melon eating contest.

Last year contests for the juniors and seniors were held. John Zembliski won the junior contest, coming out looking more vegetable than human with his wet, red coat. Arley Hamilton a high school student emerged from the senior division as the winner.

Two members of the court,

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Pitching, seed spitting
melon eating Saturday

A penalty of three seconds is assessed the team for each melon dropped and for each melon broken in the effort of loading.

Last year's winners, the only team entered, Walchi's, set the course record of 3:43.3 minutes but penalty seconds shoved that time up to 3:58.4, still an impressive clocking.

Last year's Walchi team consisted of James and Bob Walchli and Vic Aichele. Poor weather conditions forced many growers to be harvesting melons during the annual event but officials are expecting a bigger turnout this

Melanie Rayner and Lori Schnell tried their eating habits out on the melon. Time will tell if this year's court plans to take part.

Another melon contest, the seed spitting contests, brought not only prizes, but cheers, jeers and plenty of laughter last year.

It also returns as a contest.

The big as well as the small have the same amount of skill and luck involved. A good pucker and pew-too-week, the seed flies and is marked.

It looks like another fun weekend.

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