

## And the winner is ...

This boy has just broken what I think must be the local record for bike riding down one of the very steep roads in the town Uummannaq in the northern part of Greenland. A day in the future he might break several records on real cycle-racing track lanes around the world.

In recent years, the focus is on sport in Greenland. Despite the small population Greenlandic athletes begin to interfere in the top of the international elite.

Many young people are now able to complete courses at sport colleges in Denmark and other countries. Every boy in Greenland knows who Lionel Messi is, and Greenland has got its first football field with artificial grass in Qaqortoq.

Greenland does not surprising manifest its force in winter sports such as various forms of skiing

and in indoor sports such as handball, taekwondo, badminton and table tennis. In addition to the internationally renowned sports the young Inuits give widespread support to the traditional Inuit sports of various kinds.

In 2002 Nuuk hosted the Arctic Winter Game. In 2016 the capital of the country will host this arrangement again. It is an enormous task for the little country to host thousands of athletes from all over the Arctic.

The Arctic Winter Games is a high profile circumpolar sport competition for northern and arctic athletes. The Games provide an opportunity for the developing athlete to compete in friendly competition while sharing cultural values from northern regions around the world.



*Cycle race in Uummunnaq, June 2007*

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