

RANT N' RAVEN



2009 Canada Summer Games - PEI, Team Yukon Newsletter

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CYCLING

It was an action packed evening for Yukon cyclists as they competed in their final event. The criterium is a short course, multi-loop event that tests not only the athlete's fitness, but also their ability to strategize. The women's event was first up, and Heather Enders continued her strong performances in both. Not only was she excited to finish the criterium, but she did so in convincing fashion by riding with the lead pack for the entire 30 laps and crossing the finish line in 15th. Kelsey Kabanak and Kaitlyn MacDonald, despite being lapped by the lead pack and pulled from the race, put in solid performances. Both are relatively new to faster-paced criterium's, and were thrilled to be involved.

In the men's event the pace was incredibly fast, as there were no shortages of attacks and counter attacks. Yukon's Jesse Reams instigated a tactful break early in the race that saw 15 riders surge ahead of the main peleton. The break-away group led for most of the race before being reeled in with only 2 laps remaining. At that point Jesse had put everything on the line, leaving nothing in the tank, and was forced to drop out. It was Troy Henry and Ryan Burlingame that held on to cross the finish line with impressive performances. They both rode in the peleton and crossed the line in 30th and 36th place respectfully. After the race both athletes, high on adrenalin, couldn't stop talking about all the excitement and how much fun they had! Rounding out the Yukon contingent and riding his first criterium was Dave Gonda who rode most of the race with the peleton, but was pulled after being lapped.



MENS BASKETBALL

For their final game, the men took on Newfoundland. The Yukon men took the first quarter to compose themselves due to the man to man pressure that the Men from the Rock brought on. Ryan Sutherland opened the scoring from the foul line, but it was team Yukon's turnovers that allowed Newfoundland to take an early lead closing the first quarter 19 - 6

Coach Brady went into his bench early and found some relief in offensive composer in Jack Jacobs and Gavin Clarke. Yukon fought back from a 25 point deficit with Clarke setting up Riely Simpson Fowler for his first of two 3 pointers in the game

Yukon was able to close the gap to 12 points in the 3rd but a quick offensive attack at the end of the 3rd quarter saw Newfoundland leading 45 - 31.

Dylan Salvisberg added two buckets in the 4th and solid defensive rebounds to get the Yukon fired up as they closed the gap to 12 points again. Newfoundland went on a final scoring drive to end the game 62-44

Salvisberg, Jacobs, and Ryan Sutherland finished the game with 6 points while Simpson-Fowler was the high scorer for the Yukon with 12.

Kudos goes out to Logan Gray for playing over 35 minutes of tough basketball showing that he can run the "Big Dogs" of our nations best players.

Final Score
YT - 44 NFLD - 62

FEMALE SOCCER

Yukon faced off against NT in their final game of the year.

The girls had a strong first half with several offensive charges however NT produced the long goal of the half. Mary Bennett and Madison Pearson fired up the offence in the second half creating a number of offensive chances that helped see the Yukon dominate the majority of the play. Emily Fedoriak successfully converted a penalty kick to tie the game after being fouled in the goal area on a play created by Madison Pearson.

NT regained the lead late in the half which they held till the end. Ateca Mills and Katie Lowey also had strong games. The girls and their coaches are very proud of how they played during the week. They held their own worked as a team and never gave up.

Final Score
YT - 1 NT - 2



NATIONAL ARTISTS PROGRAM

The NAP 2009 program is wrapping up their first week and charging ahead - full force into week two. The week one highlight was for sure the showcase performance in the tent on Thursday night. NAP 2009 showed off their skills and entertained a packed tent. Kayla sang one of her own songs with the help of two fellow NAPs and thoroughly impressed her many fans. Ben showed up on stage a couple times, accompanying a contemporary dancer and improving along to a video made by one of NAPs talent video artists. Kirsty's work was displayed as part of the visual art slide show and she pleased crowds with a sampling of her new found ballet skills. Week two should prove to be a busy one as NAP 2009 prepares for their closing ceremonies piece and for their Monday night art opening.



CHECK-IN INFORMATION

- Remote check in will be conducted in the Slemon Park Arena (wrestling venue). Team Yukon must check in all luggage (except your carry-on) at **2:00 pm**. Sleeping bags must be checked in baggage and can't be taken onto the plane as a carry on.
- Boarding passes will be given out at check in. You will only need your accreditation as proof of I.D.
- After you check in your luggage, you are permitted to go back to your room until **7:30 pm** when you will be asked to clean your room and pick up all garbage.
- Your room keys will be collected by your Mission Staff when you depart your accommodation units. Remember that you will be charged for any lost keys.
- Participants must report to Hangar 3 at **7:30 pm** (where you arrived). Participants will then proceed into the orientation theatre where you will be called by the airline to board the plane.
- Flight departs Summerside at **9:00 pm** and arrives in Whitehorse at **1:00 am**
- For those of you travelling on a charter with another province, check with your Mission Staff for departure details.
- The cafeteria at Slemon Park closes at **9:00 pm**.

OVER AND OUT!!!

Week One has come and gone in Summerside and now we are packing up and moving east to the City of Charlottetown to prepare for the second week of the Canada Games, with 1800 new and not so tired athletes ready to rock the venues and grab more medals! Team Yukon had a very successful week at the Games with numerous personal bests and loads of competitive matches. From the Mission Staff, thank you for a wonderful week and a job well done. You truly did Yukon proud and it was a pleasure to watch you perform.

Here is a collection of a few pictures from the past week

