

# RANT N' RAVEN



## 2009 Canada Summer Games - PEI, Team Yukon Newsletter August 25, 2009

### Yukon Schedule of Events

DAY	TIME		EVENT	CATEGORY	SPORT	LOCATION
	START	FINISH				
TUES, AUG 25	8:00		Team / Individual - Round 1	All	Golf	Roseneath-Brudenell Golf
	9:30	11:35	50m Breast / 200m Fly / 400m IM / 100m Free	All	Swimming	CARI Pool
	10:00		Newfoundland vs Yukon	Men	Volleyball	UPEI 1
	14:00		PEI vs Yukon	Women	Volleyball	UPEI 2
	17:00		Nova Scotia vs Yukon	Men	Soccer	UPEI
	18:00	21:00	<b>Finals</b> 50m Breast / 200m Fly / 400m IM / 100m Free	All	Swimming	CARI Pool
	18:00		Quebec vs Yukon	Men	Volleyball	UPEI 1
	18:45		1500m	Women	Athletics	UPEI Canada Games Place
	19:00		1500m	Men	Athletics	UPEI Canada Games Place
	20:30		4x50m Free Relay	All	Swimming	CARI Pool

#### VOLLEYBALL

Our men's volleyball team took to the court yesterday at 8:30 a.m. against Ontario. As our young team faced a powerhouse a few nervous moments were soon shed as they settled down to find some of their game. Although they lost three sets straight: 10-25, 8-25 and 8-25 some key plays were achieved. At only sixteen years of age Robin Smith was introduced to some of the best players in Canada as he held his own. The men's second match at 4:30 p.m. saw Yukon take on Nova Scotia. A few errors by Nova Scotia allowed Team Yukon to turn it around. A solid and much improved passing performance was lead by Jake Schnieder (libero). The veterans of the team Torey Wiebe and Kaleb Dawe were also on fire as they pounded the ball. The momentum and energy continued on through-out the team. Robbie Stuckey took control of the net making some key blocks. After being substituted in Aiden Love stepped up to the plate and came up with an incredible dig and then adjusted to make a dynamic solo block. The third set of the match was by far the best and most exciting the men have played. However, unforced errors allowed Nova Scotia to take the match 25-16, 25-14 and 27-25.

The women met Team Alberta at 12:30 p.m. to start their round robin play. Like the men the match was completed after three sets 16-25, 10-25 and 7-25. Chantelle Rivest (only 16) was steady and had one of her best matches ever. Kendra Thomson was a force at the line as she served 7 in a row acing 3. In match two the fans saw Yukon verse Manitoba. The strong contenders from Manitoba had size and experience. Team Yukon again held their ground and through team effort made Manitoba work for all their points. Final match 12-25, 10-25 and 11-25.

Both teams are now focusing on Tuesdays matches. Go Yukon Go!



#### MEN'S SOCCER

The men's soccer team started the 2009 Games with an impressive match against powerhouse Quebec. The Yukon had numerous chances in the first several minutes to score, thanks to some impressive forays into the Quebec end by the strikers. Midfield, defence and the keeper kept Quebec off the scoreboard, and the first half ended 0-0. A five minute lapse at the start of the second half allowed Quebec to score two goals within a minute of each other, followed by a third goal before the Yukon got back to their game plan. The rest of the match was fairly even, with the best Yukon chance coming from a well-timed deflection that the Quebec keeper saved on the goal line. The remainder of the second half was scoreless, although Quebec had several shots that were picked up by the keeper. An unfortunate event was the knee injury to Tyler Pumphrey who may have to sit out the next game.

The final score was Quebec 3, Yukon 0, but the game was a lot closer than the score indicated.



#### GOLF

"Red skies at night, sailors delight. Red skies in the morn', sailors take warn". This was the saying that echoed through the campus @ 5:30am on Monday morning as Canada's elite golfers headed to the bus for their 1 hour ride to Brudenell Golf course, where for the first time in history, golf and its competitor's took to the links for their official practice round. Team Yukon did awesome. Led by coach Wiggins, the team all played through the rain, made last minute adjustments, sharpened up their shot making skills, and at the end of the long day found themselves right where they wanted to be....together as a team, proud to be representing our Territory, and proud to be representing the sport of golf. The boys tee it up at 10:10am on Tuesday morning and although our chances of making the medals are slim, they are not out of the question. We'll keep you posted on their performance. Golf Team - Scott Meredith, Ian Wintemute, Ricky Schmok and Coach Jeff Wiggins.

#### SWIMMING

The swimmers landed in PEI to be the first of the blocks. On the first day of competition every member of the team swam PB times. Tanner Cassidy got the team going with a PB in the 800m free improving his old time by more then 19 seconds. Hailey Bielz and Erin Oliver-Beebe swan next in the 1500m, a grueling race. Erin bested her PB by 26 seconds while Hailey, by far the gutsiest swimmer of the day, competed with a broken bone in her foot, making turns somewhat painful she swam a PB.

Spencer Sumanik rounded out the individual races taking off over one minute from his PB in the 800m. The evening culminated with the men's and women's 4 x 800m freestyle relay. The women's consisted of Alexandra Gabor, Kirsten Berube, Erin Oliver-Beebe and Molly Purser, all set PB's in their leg of the relay for a combined time of 8:50.58 to finish 9<sup>th</sup> overall. The men's consisted of Spencer Sumanik, Tanner Cassidy, Brice Harding and Geo Boucier who also set PB's in each of their legs for a time of 7:54.60 and an overall 10<sup>th</sup> place finish. Stay tuned to the pool our swimmers are here to show they among Canada's best.

## On the Right Track

All athletes competed in a great opening day for Yukon's track team. Nine new personal bests were set despite a variety of challenges since our arrival. Logan Roots put forth an exceptionally strong performance in the 800m race which he ran in 2:03, shaving four seconds off his previous best, a pace that kept him within grasp of the pack leaders! Brittany Pearson-Smith also set a new PB of 20:14 in the 5000m race all the while battling hip and knee injuries which she has been experiencing over the last few weeks, showing over the last few weeks, showing exceptional heart and perseverance. We are all looking forward to seeing comparably strong performances in the days to come.

