

Long Track Speed Skaters Take Gold and Bronze!



The temperatures at the long track speed skating oval at FH Collins School were extremely cold on Saturday afternoon but the Ontario blades were hot. Hot enough to take gold and silver in the men's 500 meter event.

Sault Ste. Marie native Richard MacLennan lead the field with a two race total time of 1:21.08. Saskatchewan skater Austin Hudey was second with

Ontario's Patrick Marsh placing a close third in a time of 1:21.32. Richard had his work cut out for him in the second race as Hudey made a strong challenge for the lead but it was MacLennan's long stride that lead him to victory. In the second race, Patrick established a Canada Games record with a blistering time of 39.98. MacLennan's total time was also a Canada Games record in the 500 meter.

Richard said he came to the Games with the hope of a podium finish and was extremely happy with today's gold medal performance. Apparently the cold didn't really bother Richard. "I am used skating on outdoor ice and when the adrenaline kicked in I really didn't feel a thing," said a happy MacLennan.



Speedster Richard MacLennan on his way to winning the gold in the 500 meter event



Patrick Marsh bearing down in the final corner to take bronze.

These are Ontario's first medals in the 2007 Canada Winter Games. Congratulations to both athletes. Skating resumes today at FH Collins when the men's 3000 meter and women's 1500 meter events.

The women also competed yesterday in 500 meter race and Ontario's top finisher was eighth.

Whitehorse General Store - A Yukon Treasure

Owner Nancy Huston grew up on the Klondike River next door to an eccentric woman known as Grandma Osborne. From 1927 to 1954, Grandma Osborne invited everyone who came for tea or for dinner to sign a very unique guest book: they would put their name and the date on a clothespin and Grandma would hang it around her home.

After Grandma's death, her granddaughter entrusted them to Nancy, who hung them in her store after she and her co-owner Dale Stokes opened in 1999. There are antique clothespins from as far back as 1932 hung in the store, and they invite all visitors to sign a pin. Notable signatories include Martha Stewart, Rick Mercer, David Suzuki and Ron James. They also have pins from all over the world: South Africa, the Caribbean, Australia, New Zealand and Kenya. Check out this unique gift shop located at 205 Main Street and get pegged!





Men's hockey topped PEI on Saturday with a 11 to 3 victory at the Takhini Arena.

Team Ontario Medal Count



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Badminton competitions got underway on Saturday. Ontario with some strong showings particularly in the women's events.

What's On Today

Long Track Speed Skating

FH Collins High School
1:00 p.m. Men's 3000m
2:00 p.m. Final - Ladies 1500m
3:00 p.m. Medals ladies 1500m



Short Track Speed Skating

Canada Games Centre
9:40 - 12:35 p.m. Preliminary Races - M/W 1500m
2:00 - 3:45 p.m. Finals M/W 1500m
1:00 p.m. Preliminary Trial - Ladies 100m
4:00 - 4:35 Preliminary Women's 3000 Relay
4:45 p.m. Awards



Badminton

CGC Fieldhouse 1
8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Warm-up
9:00 - 7:30 p.m. M/L - Singles/Doubles/Mixed
Doubles
(quarterfinals/semi-finals)



Ringette

Canada Games Centre
1:00 p.m. ON vs. NS



Things you need to know

Cafeteria Chatter

In the cafeteria, you need to leave yourself enough time to check your coats and bags.

You are not allowed to take anything out of the cafeteria back to your dorms. Juice spilled on the carpet will stain and start to smell after a few days.

Residence Reminders

If you lose the key to your residence room, you will be responsible for a \$10 replacement fee.

Please pick up after yourself in your room, particularly wet towels and clothing. You are living in close quarters with a lot of other people and you need to make an effort to keep things tidy and free of odours.

Accreditation Alert

You need to wear your accreditation at all times. You will not be let into the cafeteria or residences or any other Canada Games venue simply because you are wearing the Team Ontario uniform. Security is in place for our protection. If you lose your accreditation, contact your coach, manager or mission staff, and they will take you to the accreditation office which is on the main floor behind security at Yukon College.

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Wintry Whitehorse

Whitehorse has a number of wonderful cultural attractions that have been created for your enjoyment. This ice sculpture is located on the corner of Main Street and First Avenue, and is definitely worth a trip downtown.



Today's Weather Report

Sunday: Cloudy with 60 percent chance of flurries. Wind up to 15 km/h. High minus 23. Cold wind chill minus 40. Risk of frostbite.

Sunday night: Periods of light snow. Low minus 24.

Yesterday

High: -24.3°C Low: -27.1°C

Sunrise: 8:16 Sunset: 18:11