



March 10, 2008

LET THE GAMES BEGIN!!!!

Tony Ngyuen Leads Yukon into 20th Arctic Winter Games

17 year old Tony Nguyen carried the flag as the 330 member Yukon Team entered the Opening Ceremonies of the 20th Anniversary of the Arctic Winter Games last night at the Yellowknife Multiplex. Tony has an impressive background. He was the captain of the gold ulu winning men's basketball team at the last Arctic Winter Games. He also lead a territorial team that won three games at the 2007 Basketball Canada National Championships. Tony is a senior at F.H. Collins high school and has been the captain of that team for the last two years. Tony Nguyen is a great player, a leader on and off the court, and a inspiring representative of Yukon sport. His hard work and great attitude made him an easy choice as captain of the men's basketball team heading to Yellowknife and an outstanding choice as flag bearer at the 2008 Games.

In excess of 1800 athletes, coaches and mission staff participated in last night's ceremonies. Leela Gilday and Team Yukon culture participants entertained the sold out crowd. Kaylee Freeman, Jada Powell, Riley Simpson Fowler, Jordan Reti, Benjamin Robinson, Alexander Robinson and Kelvin Smoler got the crowd moving as they performed with rapper Godson.



WHAT'S HAPPENING under the tent at

Northwestel Athletes Centre

10:00-10:30 am - Dene Games opening
10:00-10:00 pm - info booths open
10:00-10:00 pm - pin trading starts
7:00-8:00 pm - awards ceremony
8:00-10:00 pm - "Priscilla's Revenge" local band will provide entertainment

Coaches Meetings for Monday, March 10th

Arctic Sports 8:30 am St. Joes gym
Curling 12:00-1:00 pm Curling Club
Dene Games 9:00-10:00 am Athletes Centre
Main Stage
Figure Skating 3:00-4:30 pm Multiplex
Speedskating 10:00-11:00 am Multiplex

Weather Forecast for Monday
high -10°C - low -13°C - 30% chance of snow



Sport Schedule for Team Yukon – Monday, March 10th

START	FINISH	Event	Category	Sport	Location
8:00	10:00	Alberta vs Yukon	All	Badminton	Sir John
8:00	10:00	NWT vs Yukon	Bantam	Hockey	Olympic
8:00	9:00	Yukon vs Greenland	Junior Female	Soccer	St Patrick High School
8:00	12:00	Prelim 2 Player Team	All	Table Tennis	Range Lake North
9:00	10:00	Skills Competition	Junior Male	Curling	YK Curling Club
9:00	10:00	Yukon vs Greenland	Junior Male	Soccer	Weledeh
9:00	10:00	Yukon vs Alberta	Male - Court 1	Volleyball	YK Community Arena
9:30	11:30	Kneel Jump - Finals	Open	Arctic Sports	St. Joe's Gym
9:30	11:00	Individual Competition	All	Snowshoe Biathlon	YK Ski Club
10:00	12:00	NWT vs Yukon	Midget	Hockey	Olympic
10:00	11:00	Yukon vs Alberta	Female - Court 2	Volleyball	YK Community Arena
10:30	11:30	Skills Competition	Junior Female	Curling	YK Curling Club
10:30	12:30	Stick Pull Junior	Female & Male	Dene Games	Athletes Centre Main Stage
11:00	12:00	Yukon vs Greenland	Inter Female	Soccer	St Patrick High School
11:00	14:00	Classic Distance	All	X-Country Ski	YK Ski Club
11:30	13:00	Kneel Jump - Finals	Junior	Arctic Sports	St. Joe's Gym
11:30	13:30	Nunavut vs Yukon	Female	Hockey	Shorty Brown
12:00	13:00	NWT vs Yukon	Female - Court 2	Volleyball	YK Community Arena
12:00	13:00	Yukon vs Greenland	Male - Court 1	Volleyball	YK Community Arena
13:00	17:00	Prelim 2 Player Team	All	Table Tennis	Range Lake North
13:30	15:30	One Hand Reach - Finals	Open Male	Arctic Sports	St. Joe's Gym
14:00	16:00	Alaska vs Yukon	All	Badminton	Sir John
14:00	17:00	Alaska vs Yukon	Junior Male	Curling	YK Curling Club
14:00	17:00	Alberta vs Yukon	Junior Female	Curling	YK Curling Club
14:00	17:00	Stick Pull Juv	Female/Open Male	Dene Games	Athletes Centre Main Stage
14:00	15:00	Yukon vs Nunavut	Juvenile Female	Soccer	St Patrick High School
14:15	16:30	Individual Competition	All	Ski Biathlon	YK Ski Club
14:30	20:30	777m Heats and Finals	Juvenile All	Speedskating	Olympic
14:30	20:30	1000m Heats and Finals	Junior All	Speedskating	Olympic
15:00	17:00	Yukon vs Alaska	Male	Basketball	Weledeh
15:30	17:00	Arm Pull - Finals	Junior	Arctic Sports	St. Joe's Gym
16:00	17:00	Yukon vs Nunavut	Juvenile Male	Soccer	St Patrick High School
16:00	17:00	Yukon vs Nunavut Male	Court 1	Volleyball	YK Community Arena
17:00	18:30	Arm Pull - Finals	Open Female	Arctic Sports	St. Joe's Gym
17:00	19:00	Nunavut vs Yukon	Female	Basketball	Weledeh
17:00	18:00	Yukon vs NWT	Junior Female	Soccer	St Patrick High School
17:00	18:00	Yukon vs Greenland	Female - Court 2	Volleyball	YK Community Arena
18:00	20:00	Nunavut vs Yukon	Bantam	Hockey	Shorty Brown
19:00	21:00	Airplane - Finals	Open Male	Arctic Sports	St. Joe's Gym
19:00	20:00	Yukon vs NWT	Junior Male	Soccer	St Patrick High School
20:00	22:00	NWT vs Yukon	Female	Hockey	Shorty Brown

Media Tips

As the media will be looking to talk to many members of Team Yukon, here are few things to remember:

Be Prepared: Spend time thinking of which questions you may be asked before, during and after your competition and how you might answer them.

Listen to the Question: If you get a question like, "What was good and bad about the Games", answer the part you want to answer and ignore the other part unless you are asked again.

Keep your Cool: There is nothing to fear in an interview.

You are in control and no one can make you say anything you don't want to.

Be Brief: Answers should be short, to the point, and colourful.

Things to Avoid: Don't use slang or swear words or say "um", "you know", or "like".

Remember that the cameras and microphones are always on, so don't say or do something that could embarrass you or your team. Be a positive role model.



Culture participants perform with rapper Godson