

RANT N' RAVEN



2007 Western Canada Summer Games - Team Yukon Newsletter

Newsletter #5

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DAY	TIME		EVENT	CATEGORY	SPORT	LOCATION
	START	FINISH				
SUN, AUG 5	9:00	12:00	YK vs. BC	All	Badminton	Millennium Hub
	9:30		200 Free, 100 Breast, 100 Fly, 200 Back, 400 IM	All	Swimming	Millennium Hub
	10:15	12:30	SK vs. YK	Women	Basketball	Millennium Hub
	12:00	15:00	YK vs. MB	All	Badminton	Millennium Hub
	12:15	14:30	SK vs. YK	Men	Basketball	SP Alliance Church
	15:00	18:00	YK vs. NU	All	Badminton	Millennium Hub
	15:45	18:00	YK vs. BC	Women	Basketball	Millennium Hub
	17:30		Swimming Finals	All	Swimming	Millennium Hub
	17:45	20:00	YK vs. BC	Men	Basketball	SP Alliance Church

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Badminton

Badminton started the day with a tough team match against Alberta. Although Yukon didn't come out with a win they showed a determined effort and took a lot out of the experience!

In the afternoon Team Yukon matched up against NWT for a competitive series of games. Stephan Burduss and Richard Fulop led the way with wins in men's singles. Jason Carlson and Richard Fulop won their doubles match! The girls again had difficult matches as they were defeated by older and more experienced players.

"All goals were exceeded today!" said Coach Randy Carlson. He felt the Team performed to their best ability and is looking forward to the games ahead. Team Yukon's spirits remain high and they are ready to play tomorrow's games.

Results

Alberta 9 – Yukon 0

NWT 6 – Yukon 3



Swimming



The swim team were hot off the blocks on the first morning of competition with no less than 13 personal bests (PB). In the 400M men's free, Tanner Cassidy dropped 8 seconds, Jason Zrum 11 secs and Felix Bouchard dropped an amazing 29 secs. In the men's 100M backstroke, Josh Kelly, Thomas Chretien and Zrum each had PB swims. Cassidy continued his torrid pace with a PB in the 200M butterfly. Rounding out the morning for the men in the very fast 100M free Felix, Thomas and Brice Harding all recorded PB's. The women were equal to the standard set by the boys, in the 100M Backstroke Hailey Bielz and Kate MacArthur each swam PB's. Molly Purser set a PB in the 200M Fly.

Finals in the evening saw four Yukon swimmers as well as two relay teams in the 200M Freestyle.

Although the Yukon sent a small contingent compared to other Western provinces the supporters were extremely vocal and the pool flooded with excitement and anticipation of a possible Yukon Medal.

Alex Gabor began the evening with an exciting 5th place finish in the gruelling 400M free. Tanner Cassidy swam an equally tough 400M free finishing in 7th place. In the women's 100M freestyle both Alexandra and Bronwyn Pasloski had the crowd on their feet finishing in 4th place and 6th place respectively. Finally in the relays the women's team placed in 5th and the men's team placed 6th.





Soccer

Day two was entertaining for all spectators as the Men's team faced Team Alberta, "2007 National All-Star Champions". The environmental anomalies did not dampen the Yukon spirit or desire to put forth an impressive showing of grit and determination. The game started and remained for the most part in the neutral zone of the first half. Both teams mounted offensive attacks with Alberta gaining the upper hand with two goals by the end of the first.

With the start of the second, the Yukon strikers continued their "in your face" offence to the point where Alberta took a penalty. Coty "The Dukester" Fraser ended the drought with a bullet to the low left, scoring the first Yukon Goal. Alberta came back scoring some unanswered goals. Athletes Lin and Dynes were inspirations to their team mates with their second efforts.

Despite a great showing, the end result was: **Alberta 8 – Yukon 1**



The women were bubbling with determination as they faced Team Manitoba. The disparity in size of the players did not prevent the Yukon Girls from playing an aggressive game. A tip of the hat goes out to Christine Brewster for her effort in midfield as she battled for possession of the ball against Manitoba's star player. The first half of the games resulted in a tally of 5-0 for Manitoba.

The second half had the Yukon trying several different tactical offensive rushes but were faced with a wall of Manitoba defensewomen. In response to the Yukon's advances, Manitoba charged back forcing the Yukon goalies to make numerous saves. Despite the gallant efforts of Team Yukon, Manitoba managed to steal another two goals.

The final score was: **Manitoba 7 – Yukon 0**

Basketball

The Yukon women played with much effort and tenacity against Team Alberta. The lop-sided score does not reflect how well the team did in their play. Defensively they really picked up in the fourth quarter. The final score was:

Alberta 92 – Yukon 13

Team Yukon men started off slow in their game against Alberta. The men picked it up substantially in the second half and displayed a solid all round effort. Numerous steals led to scoring opportunities for Yukon from the court and foul line. Kevin Qiu, Ethan Struthers-Lavoie and Will Stevely turned in strong performances on offense while Nathan Doiron displayed great defensive effort. The final score was: **Alberta 104 – Yukon 33**

Hustle, fortitude and true grit was evident in all of the players in today's match.



Weather Watch

Sunday

High 20°C Chance of thunder showers

Monday

High 23°C Showers with sunny periods

Parent's Breakfast

There will be a breakfast for all parents and supporters of Team Yukon athletes for the first phase of these games. It will be held **Monday morning from 8:00 to 9:00 am in the Sherwood Park Alliance Church on 1011 Clover Bar Road.**

Find the truth to the Rumour!

Did Yukon's male basketball team shoot on its own basket and Alberta defend it?

