

RANT N' RAVEN



2007 Western Canada Summer Games - Team Yukon Newsletter
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DAY	TIME		EVENT	CATEGORY	SPORT	LOCATION
	START	FINISH				
Tue, Aug 7	16:00	17:00	Practice	All	Volleyball	Millennium Hub
	13:00	21:00	Practice	All	Athletics	SAP



Medal Count

GOLD: 0 SILVER: 2 BRONZE: 4



Thank You Athletes, Coaches and Managers

The Mission Staff are extremely proud of the wonderful praises we have been receiving about Yukon athletes. We have had Food Services and Accommodations come forward to tell us how polite and clean our team has been throughout this first week. Again, thank you and it has been a pleasure having you here.

On the Pitch

Men

What a Game! Yukon's goalie Shawn Porter created an impassable wall giving the team confidence that their net was in safe hands. Relentless pressure in the mid field by Reaume, Potter, Dynes, and Abbott gave NWT little opportunity to mount an attack in the Yukon zone. The first goal came when fullback Fraser delivered a ball to deep right, welcomed by striker Pumphrey and taken deep into the corner. Supported by Potter, the two created a scoring opportunity where the post was struck, creating a rebound where Sniper Stephen Dynes delivered a bullet high and right opening the scoring for the Yukon. The NWT failed to surrender and responded with an offensive rush of their own, resulting in a goal and tying the game at 1.

The dominating presence of strikers, Ewing and Lin forced the NWT players to take a penalty in their zone. Pumphrey made no mistake in the penalty shot and drove it deep in the net. More scoring opportunities were created, then late in the second Harrison Ewing, one of the Mayo Wonders, scored the third and final goal of this game. Final Score was: **Yukon 3 – NWT 1**



Women

It was another nail biting game against NWT where Yukon tender Nadine Poirier made several key saves. The defensive plays of Jones, McPhail and Whitty drew a line in the sand. Pearson accepted the challenge and drove home the first goal against NWT near the mid way mark. As confident as the Yukon team was, the NWT refused to allow them to be taken for granted and before the end of the first, scored their first goal ending the first half 1 – 1.

The pressure created by the team during the second half resulted in a free kick in the NWT defensive zone. Mills seized this opportunity and with her team mates in place, she delivered a perfectly placed free kick, high to the far post, hitting the back of the net and scoring what would be the final and deciding goal. In desperation, the NWT continued to mount offensive attacks, but the Yukon girls refused to give an inch. At the sound of the Game ending whistle, the Yukon girls were victorious with a final score of: **Yukon 2 – NWT 1**



If you don't know where you're going, you'll probably end up somewhere else!!!



On the Court

Team Yukon's first match of the day was against Team Saskatchewan. They showed courage as they faced a larger and more experienced team. The effort put into to every match was commendable as the phrase 'Give Up' is not in their vocabulary. The final score was:
Saskatchewan 9 – Yukon 0

The evening match against NWT was fierce and energetic. The boys took the men's single but NWT's women came back to tie the match. The deciding matches were the women's double in which Team Yukon played hard and but came out on the under side with a close final score of:
NWT 6 – Yukon 3



All players were grateful to come and experience the challenge. They leave the games with determination to give more commitment to training and the game. Great job Team Yukon for the effort!!



In the Pool



The final day of competition proved to be another exuberant and historic evening at the pool.

Alexandra Gabor shot off the blocks in the 800m Free continuing to cut her times earning her second bronze medal and a PB of 9:00.99. Bronwyn Pasloski lead for the first 100m in the women's 200m IM, and kept up her streak earning a second bronze medal and third for the games. Shortly after the bronze medal presentation Pasloski was on the blocks again in the women's 200m Breaststroke putting in a strong showing and earning a silver medal. This brought Team Yukon's total medal count to six, **2 Silver and 4 Bronze**.

Every time a Yukoner went to the blocks a PB times was set. Tanner Cassidy had a PB in the men's final of the 1500m Free. (**that's 60 laps, folks**), Brice Harding set PB's in each of his 3 events, 50m Free, 200m Breaststroke and 200m IM. Thomas Chretien and Jason Zrum chased Harding down the pool in the men's 50m Free each breaking 30 seconds and all setting PB's. Felix Bouchard recorded a PB in the 200m Breaststroke while Josh Kelly swam a fast 200m Breaststroke and then climbed out of the pool, switched lanes and with only two minutes recovery time (thanks to the kindly official) , swam the gruelling 1500m Free (**8 laps followed by 60 laps**) swimming both very strong.

Ariana Edelman set a PB in the first leg of the 4 X 100m IM Relay, Molly Purser set a PB in her 50m Free and Kirsten Berube recorded a PB in the 200m Breaststroke. Kate MacArthur had a very fast 50m swim coming within 3/100ths of a PB. The relay events were the highlight of the evening, bringing the crowds to their feet. Both men and women teams finished fifth ahead of NWT with the men in a neck and neck battle at the end.



Weather Watch

Tuesday

High 25°C Chance of Thundershowers

Wednesday

High 18°C Light rain

Thursday

High 18°C Mainly Sunny

