



ALBERTA SKI JUMPING  
& NORDIC COMBINED



## Update – Jan 29, 2009

### World Cup Wonderful at Whistler!

Canada's first Ski Jumping World Cup since 1994 was a great success last weekend at Whistler Olympic Park. The sun shone as crowds of 5000 to 6000 cheered our young Canadian team on, hundreds of volunteers from across Canada and the US joined Calgary volunteers to put on 2 thrilling events and both Mackenzie Boyd-Clowes and Stefan Read accomplished goals of qualifying in the top 50.

- The world's best jumpers showed up to test the large Olympic hill
- Mackenzie Boyd-Clowes got past the Qualification Round in both events and his 42<sup>nd</sup> place finish on Saturday was his best ever World Cup result. Ron Read says "Congratulations to Mackenzie, the Canadian 'Man of the Weekend'."
- Crowds swooned to get photos taken with the jumpers, particularly Adam Malysz who was a huge hit with the legions of Polish fans.
- They signed autographs for our young ski jumpers who attended the competitions with their coaches – did anyone get a photo of Logan Mitchell who had his face autographed in multiple colours?
- The Torino Olympic team cheered on former teammate Stefan Read - Mike Nell was a forerunner, Graeme Gorham and a "he's walking again" Greg Baxter cheered from the sidelines.
- The media tested the Canadian team, giving them a taste of what it will be like during the Olympics. The only video interview found on the Internet is at:  
[http://www.ctvbc.ctv.ca/servlet/an/local/CTVNews/20090124/BC\\_ski\\_jump\\_ing\\_lawsuit\\_090124/20090124/?hub=BritishColumbiaHome](http://www.ctvbc.ctv.ca/servlet/an/local/CTVNews/20090124/BC_ski_jump_ing_lawsuit_090124/20090124/?hub=BritishColumbiaHome)

### From the FIS website:

"The FIS Ski Jumping World Cup had its turn to test the 2010 Olympic venue in Vancouver last weekend. Gregor Schlierenzauer (AUT) took two back-to-back

wins, his sixth and seventh wins of the season, and overtook the World Cup lead from Swiss Simon Ammann who had worn the leader's yellow bib all season so far. Schlierenzauer, Ammann and Four-Hills-winner Wolfgang Loitzl make up the top trio in the overall standings having clearly distanced themselves from the rest of the field. Austrian jumpers have been dominating this year's circuit with nine consecutive victories, five from Schlierenzauer. Along with the third place finisher Ville Larinto (FIN), he also set the hill record for the new Olympic large hill at 149 meters. After a completely windless competition weekend during the Nordic Combined events, the specialist jumpers were challenged with changing winds during their stay in Whistler Olympic Park. The Ski Jumpers next compete in Sapporo (JPN) on their world tour.”

See results at:

[http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/604/1228.html?event\\_id=24655&cal\\_suchsector=JP](http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/604/1228.html?event_id=24655&cal_suchsector=JP)

Stefan and Mackenzie will spend February at World and Continental Cups in Europe. Trevor and Eric are already in Europe joining Gregor and the women's team to head to the World Juniors.

## **Canadian Women's Ski Jumping Team Voted "Ones to Watch"**

### **Press Release Service**

#### **Olympic/Paralympic Involvement dominates CAAWS 2008 List -- Most Influential Women in Sport and Physical Activity**

Ottawa, ON . . . From the Beijing Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games to the organization and preparation for the 2010 Games in Vancouver, the impact of the Olympics and Paralympics is evident on the 2008 list of Most Influential Women in Sport and Physical Activity.

The list is compiled by the Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women and Sport and Physical Activity (CAAWS). Twenty women were named to the 2008 version, which recognizes women who have made a significant impact as academics, athletes, administrators, advocates, broadcasters, coaches, executives, fundraisers, managers, officials,

psychologists and volunteers. Their selection to the list reflects their influential activity in the calendar year 2008.

Young women whose influence is being noticed were named as "Ones to Watch". The Canadian Women's Ski Jump Team were cited for their legal fight to have their sport included in the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Games. As well, freestyle skier Kristi Richards of Pemberton, BC was included as a result of her work to help others through her Supporting the Dream Legacy Fund.

### **Canadian Women's Ski Jump Team**

Canadian women were part of the group who managed to draw world-wide attention to their fight to compete at the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Ski Jump. They made the venerable International Olympic Committee take notice as they relentlessly pursued all legal options to compete in their sport in Vancouver. Despite the controversy, Nata de Leeuw, Atsuko Tanaka and Katie Willis of the Ski Jump team continued to train and compete on the World Cup circuit. Although Zoya Lynch decided to retire from active competition in October, she continues to be committed to the law suit, which claims the decision to exclude their sport violates the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. A hearing date of April 20, 2009 has been set for the lawsuit filed in the British Columbia Supreme Court.



For the full story see:

[http://www.sirc.ca/news\\_view.cfm?id=26001&search=&show=&month=&year=&search\\_where=](http://www.sirc.ca/news_view.cfm?id=26001&search=&show=&month=&year=&search_where=)

### **Canadian Women's Team**

- Nata and Atsuko completed a three-week trip for Europe Continental Cup events.
- Nata currently stands 4th in the overall 2009 standings
- Atsuko currently stands 16th in the overall standings
- Katie sits 32nd after missing the European competitions.

## **Athletes Head to the World Juniors**

- The following athletes will be representing Canada at the World Juniors in the Slovak Republic next week:
- Nordic Combined: Wes Seville, Barrett Martineau, Yukon de Leeuw and Chanon Pretorius.
- Ski Jumping: Nata de Leeuw, Atsuko Tanaka, Katie Willis, Trevor Morrice and Eric Mitchell.

## **Alberta Sport, Parks, Recreation and Wildlife (ASPRW)**

"Chanon Pretorius, Yukon de Leeuw, Sebastian Dandurand and Matthew Rowley would like to acknowledge the generous financial support from the Alberta Sport Recreation Parks and Wildlife Foundation for their October trip to the U.S. Nationals in Lake Placid, New York and two weeks of training to Europe.

"The U.S. competition was a huge success, ending with Yukon winning the Junior ski jumping category, Matthew getting 2nd place and Chanon 4th. They all had great showings in the men's nordic combined race as well. Their European experience was extraordinary - training at top facilities in Austria and Slovenia alongside the best athletes in the world."

## **Vancouver 2010 Producing Vodcasts for Each Sport**

The Nordic combined vodcast on [vancouver2010.com](http://www.vancouver2010.com) includes some of our own athletes. Check them out at:

<http://www.vancouver2010.com/en/news/podcasts-rss-feeds/-/32584/1m7zib1/index.html>

## **Nordic Combined News**

- Wes Savill, Barrett Martineau, Yukon DeLeeuw and Chanon Pretorius are off with coach Ilkka Jylankanghas to World Juniors.
- Sean Van Es is joining them for Continental Cups in Europe.
- Jason Myslicki is travelling on his own on the World Cup circuit at Chaux Neuve, France where finished 22nd on the course and 31st overall in the Gunderson HS 100 today. He'll be competing again tomorrow.
- Travelling on his own, Jason would appreciate hearing from his Altius family and friends.