



ALBERTA SKI JUMPING
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Update – Dec 19, 2009

Canada one step closer to having a ski jumping team at the Vancouver Olympics!!!

- Eric Mitchell secured Continental Cup points today in Otepaa, Estonia. The implications are huge for ski jumping in Canada – 3 athletes – Stefan Read, Mackenzie Boyd-Clowes and Trevor Morrice - were previously qualified for the team jumping competition but without a 4th, Canada would not have had a ski jumping team at the Olympics.
- What a difference one leap into the air can make - today, with his top-30 finish, Eric has scored Continental Cup points and qualified himself and his team for the Olympic team event. Congratulations and thank you to Eric Mitchell and Coach Gregor Linsig!
- Canada now has 4 athletes with the MINIMUM International Federation qualification criterion. This should mean we will be able to have a team in the Team Event and have four athletes included in the Olympic Winter Games Quota on Jan 18, 2010.
- We asked Eric for a few words and this is what he said: “I got my point. It is stupid that so much relies on a small number on the score sheet but in my case that is what I have been working for all of last year. In the competition in Otepaa, Estonia today I had a really good trial jump and I was sitting, happy, in 16th place. After my first comp jump I was not so pleased because it was a mere 82.5m so I went down to the judges tower to watch the competition. A few falls, a few long jumps and what really sparked my interest was a few more than expected jumps shorter than the 82.5 meter mark. The first round was over and briefly listening to the results I heard my name, and I couldn't believe it! I am really satisfied that I was able to score a Continental Cup point in this competition, it has been a real barrier for me this past year. Now I would like to look forward to what I can do in the future.”
- Trevor Morrice had two excellent results in the FIS Cup in Norway, two top 20's and Yukon de Leeuw scored his first FIS Cup points by finishing in the top 30 each day. With these FIS points, Yukon is now eligible to jump in the next level of competition – the Continental Cups (COC). Good job, guys!
 - Notodden NOR FIS Cup Dec 18 – Trevor Morrice 12th, Yukon deLeeuw 24th
See full results at: <http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/604/610.html?sector=JP&raceid=2959>
 - Notodden NOR FIS Cup Dec 19 – Trevor Morrice 18th, Yukon deLeeuw 23rd <http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/604/610.html?sector=JP&raceid=2961>

Two Nice Finishes for Jason Myslicki!

- Soldier Hollow-Park City, Utah – Continental Cup – December 12
 - Jason Myslicki 8th, Sean Van Es 44th, Chanon Pretorius 45th, Sebastian Dandurand 48th, Alex Barton 51st, Alex More 52nd.
 - Full results at: <http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/604/610.html?sector=NK&raceid=1407>

- Soldier Hollow-Park City, Utah - Continental Cup – December 13
 - Jason Myslicki 16th, Barrett Martineau 43, Chanon Pretorius 48th, Sebastian Dandurand 50th, Alex More 54th, Alex Barton 55th, Sean VanEs 56th
 - Full Results at: <http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/604/610.html?sector=NK&raceid=1408>
- The Globe and Mail published the following article on our own Jason Myslicki: **Fully Focused: Jason Myslicki** by **Allan Maki**, Friday, December 11, 2009
<http://www.ctvolympics.ca/nordic-combined/news/newsid=22283.html?cid=rss680news>

A Tribute to our Women:

The following is a letter the Poet Laureate of Vancouver sent to The Vancouver Courier.

Vancouver Courier Newsmaker of the Year

Fighting for gender equality is just so 1970. By 2010 it is too old to feel passé and in truth it feels downright archaic. Fourteen women, some as young as 14 years old, took on VANOC and the IOC and proved in our courts that the exclusion of their sport amounts to gender discrimination. Unfortunately they haven't yet convinced a judge to apply our Charter of Rights and Freedoms to the IOC or VANOC since the discriminatory decisions are being made outside our country (despite the fact that Canadian tax dollars are funding the games.)

The media has concentrated so much on their inability to get the Charter applied that they missed the great victory: 14 strong young women stood up to the most powerful sports organization in the world and proved in a court of law that they had been discriminated against. Once they achieved that, this story became little to do with ski jumping and everything to do with our Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the ability for international organizations to side step it through corporate structure. Thankfully these women are not done fighting and they have asked the Supreme Court of Canada for permission to appeal. They haven't yet won a clear victory that will allow them to compete for Olympic gold but they have fought for themselves and against gender discrimination and they will be the most important role models to come out of the 2010 Olympics.

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[LET WOMEN SKI JUMP!!! Elite athletes deserve to be in 2010 Olympics!](#) Seventy-three percent of Canadians support the inclusion of women's ski jumping as a medal sport in the Games, according to an Angus Reid Public Opinion survey released today (December 18).

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Most Canadians believe women's ski jumping should be included in Vancouver's 2010 Winter Olympics, a new poll has found.