



## WINTER GAMES DAY 2

MARCH 2

*"Sunny weather and smiling fans really added fuel to our athletes today. More dedicated fans from Alberta arrived in impressive numbers along with our Champion's Network fans like Jamie Sale, Craig Simpson, Catriona Le May Doan and Dr. Frank Hayden. From famous fans to local love, Team Alberta is excited to have screaming fans that encourages each of them to keep going and just be awesome. It was an amazing day of first finals with many Team Alberta breaking personal bests. I can't wait to see what tomorrow brings!"*- Jill Mattson, Team Alberta Chef de Mission.

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### ALPINE



Sunny skies and perfect alpine conditions greeted Team Alberta. The team started preliminaries for giant slalom during the morning and finals in the afternoon.

The giants slalom novice ladies shined with Siobhan bringing home gold and Katherine bringing home bronze. In intermediate men's, Jaime Goad skied hard to earn his bronze. With Ambyr proudly taking home bronze as well in advanced women's level. Due to weather conditions, alpine events are closed for tomorrow and rescheduled for Friday.

### CROSS COUNTRY

All the skiers navigated rough conditions with a few falls, but managed to finish strong with Ian Wyatt shaving off 2 minutes off this personal best.

The morning started with 5 km finals where Team Alberta shined. Shane Stewart, Elouise Stewart and Kristen Hudson pushed hard and managed to secure some medals for Team Alberta.



Shane Stewart is coming home with gold along with Elouise and Kristen rounds it off with a Silver.



### EVAN JAMES

*Special Olympics has kept me fit and in shape as well as learning more about sports.*

### CURLING

Team Alberta curling played spent a full day at the Corner Brook Curling Club starting with a game against Kingston, Ontario till 6 p.m. with a game against Manitoba. Divisioning of teams went well and you can be sure to see Team Alberta again early at the rink at 8 a.m. till 7 p.m.

### FIGURE SKATING

All skaters were able to get good practice time in the morning.

"It's all about getting comfortable and refining little things now," said figure skating head coach, Barb Prystai.

"They all know their routines well."

Be sure you check out the finals for solo dance tomorrow.



### SNOWSHOEING

Snowshoeing team performed phenomenally during their 400m preliminary. All athletes beat personal bests and broke their qualifying times from Provincial Games: Jenny Murray improved by 37s, Johnathan Stel improved by 27s, Peter Arsenault improved by 46s, Matt Meachin improved by 45s,

"Our team is boom dynamite!," said Marie Powell, Team Alberta snowshoeing head coach.

### FLOOR HOCKEY

The Roughnecks took a command of the courts in Corner Brook Regional High with two wins with the first game 8-2 and second game 6-2. National Games is bringing out the champion in the players with the first time competitor and youngest athlete, Nicholas Lilly starting off with a hat trick the first game.

The Edmonton Cougars battled through close games with lots of enthusiasm despite their two losses 5-2 and 6-2 with the second game closer up until last shift.

"The guys played well," said head coach, Nick Insole. "There were low penalties, good enthusiasm and high morale." Roman Sumka was an outstanding goal keeper pulling out amazing saves that just couldn't secure the wins. Team spirit goes to Mark Gillese celebrating in his red pajamas and eating his granola- best team moment!



Be sure to check out the battle of Alberta at 10:15 a.m. at Corner Brook Regional High School!

### SPEED SKATING

It was a packed rink with fans from schools throughout Corner Brook checking out the excitement. They came prepared with noise makers, flags and cheers.

Team Alberta speed skaters had a whirlwind day with seven personal bests broken and an incident of broken skate blades not hindering Andrew Chamczuk from getting his bronze. Some serious hardware was won today with Kirk Beaubien with 1 gold and 1 silver, Katie Saunders with 1 gold and 1 silver, Andrew Chamczuk with 1 gold and 1 bronze, and Nick Dagenais with 1 silver and 1 bronze.

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