

# QUEBEC CHRONICLE

After a great day and night of travelling from PEI by train, we finally arrived early Monday morning in Quebec City. We followed an early morning with a late nap and a great field trip to Old Quebec where many souvenirs were bought and pictures were taken.

Tuesday was our first day of practice as all teams went to their venues to get familiarised with their facility and the other teams.

Opening Ceremonies were awesome although the weather did not cooperate. The snow and wind created some challenges. We would like to thank our families and supporters who showed up in great numbers and braved the elements to support our athletes.

## Sports Updates!!

### Figure Skating

Today was a practice day for our figure skating at Arenas de Sainte Foy. Both Alyssa and Meaghan were excited and anxious to get on the ice together for the first time since Christmas. Alyssa had a great practice with her improved program and well-learned dances. She appears calm and focused on tomorrow: her elements in isolation.

After practice, Alyssa caught up with some old friends from Team Ontario on a trip to the Ice Hotel. She had a great time sipping hot chocolate and sliding on the ice slide with the others. To top off a busy day, lots of fun was had at the Opening Ceremonies on the snowy Plains of Abraham.

### Nordic Ski

Rick and Michael had a successful practice after we figured out where the trails were. We had great service for lunch (hot soup on the slopes really hit the spot!). We are looking forward to a full day of practice tomorrow pending the weather.

### Snowshoeing

Wayne had a good practice day; in the morning he tried the track for 400M and 100M. Then in the afternoon, he made sure that his reserve pair of snowshoes were properly adjusted. The Newfoundland Team invited Wayne to practice “baton handoffs” with their athletes for relays.

## Curling

Coaches Darlene & John led the curling athletes onto the ice at Club de Curling Jacques Cartier. The athletes Paul, Glendon, John, Suzie & Chris tested the ice surface for their hour practice. It was fast and had great curl. It was deemed “tricky” and all look forward to great days of curling. Tomorrow is the seeding round and should see lots of great shot making.

## Floor Hockey

The Floor Hockey team had a busy and successful day. There was a morning practice in the gym at Notre Dame de Foy, an afternoon practice at Ecole Jesus Marie, and exciting Opening Ceremonies with lots of hand clapping to some great musical performances and awesome fireworks. Meals have been good, and we are caught up on our rest.

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Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008

It was an early morning start for all of our teams as today was a day of “divisioning”. After a hearty breakfast, we gathered up our gear and headed for the various venues around the City. We were all a little nervous to wake up to a storm, so were pleasantly pleased when only light snowflakes were visible and the temperature only mildly chilly!

The Opening Ceremonies last evening were a blast! We paraded out onto the Plains of Abraham all bundled up and ready for fun! This was the talk of the day on the buses as we traded pins with other team members from other provinces.

## *Snowshoeing*

Snowshoeing saw our Wayne Dymant obtain his personal best in the divisioning races for the 100 M and 400 M.

Tomorrow will be divisioning for the 200 M (in the afternoon); and we wish Wayne the best of luck in his first competitive race of the Games. It will be a race in the 100 M in the early morning. Coach, Ann Kilby and Mission Staff Judy Gallant will be on the sidelines cheering Wayne on!

A highlight for Wayne was the spectacular fireworks from the Opening Ceremonies last evening.

## **Cross Country Skiing**

Cross Country skiing at Mount Sainte-Anne Ski Station reported a snowy day on the trails; nice, but not too windy. The scenery was very picturesque, as reported by Coach, Richard Douillette.

Today was a practice day for Rick Chan and Michael Morris on the longer trails; but both athletes worked very hard nonetheless.

We're very thankful that the storm which was predicted, didn't come to fruition! Did we mention that we love Quebec City!!

## ***Curling***

At the Jacques-Cartier Curling Club Team PEI began their morning with pre-game stretches as they readied themselves for their divisioning games.

Paul, Chris, Glendon, John and Suzie played exceptionally well in their three, two ended games today resulting in a 2-1 win/loss.

Tomorrow the real competition begins and we're going to have an early night so we're well rested.

We're also busy trading pins with all of the bus riders and learning a lot about our fellow athletes from across Canada!

## **Floor Hockey**

Greetings from Quebec City!!

Tommy MacGuigan was named as Team Captain, while Blair Burns and Adam Bourque were named as Assistant Captains.

Divisioning games began for the PEI Stars at the Jesus-Marie College early this morning. After four games of hard core play, the results stand at 1 win, 1 loss and 2 ties.

Today saw the floor hockey athletes come together as a well jelled group and we wish them good luck as they begin their competitive games tomorrow!

## **Figure Skating**

**Alyssa Chapman skated her Elements in Isolation this afternoon and is currently sitting in 7<sup>th</sup> as she goes into her Free Skate tomorrow.**

**Her highlight of the day was getting a pin from Timmins, Ontario, which has special meaning to her.**