Thursday February 27

BRONZE MEDAL – PEI’S FIRST MEDAL!

Matthew Coe - Montaque

Congratulations, Matthew! It was a busy and exciting day at the fencing venue today with PEI involved in a number of matches. Besides Matthew Coe’s bronze medal heroics, the rest of the Island fencers had a busy day Thursday. The men’s epee team lost 6-3 to Nova Scotia and Alberta 6-3 before defeating Ontario 5-4. The women épée team lost their four matches on the day. They were narrowly defeated by Nova Scotia by a score of 5-4 before losing the next three by identical scores of 8-1 to New Brunswick, Alberta, Ontario.

Cross Country Ski Results

A young Island cross-country skier put the spirit of sportsmanship front and centre on the trails at Charlo on Thursday. During the second stage of the women’s 10-km pursuit race, Amanda Bulman came across an injured skier from Saskatchewan, and rather than continue her own race, the 16-year-old from Miscouche reversed her direction and skied to get help. By turning around, Bulman sacrificed the finish of her own race. The gesture didn’t go unnoticed as several Saskatchewan team members and coaches visited the P.E.I. wax hut to thank Bulman for her actions. A team newsletter from Saskatchewan circulated Thursday made mention of Bulman’s actions. “A BIG Saskatchewan thank-you goes out to Amanda Bulman . . . who stopped in the middle of her competition to help a Saskatchewan skier. The Saskatchewan skier received medical attention for her undisclosed injury and is expected to be fine. She will meet Bulman today in Charlo to thank her for her courage.

In the first race, Bulman ended up with a time of 22:13.500. In the cross-country skiing men’s 15-km pursuit race, Michel Daoust was the top finisher among the four Island skiers, finishing in a time of 25:11.200. Other times were Andre Bordage: 26:11.200; Isaac Mazer: 26:28.500 and William MacDonald: 27:43.600. Our men’s team will be competing in the 4 X 5m relay on Friday.

Speed Skating Results

The women’s relay team set a provincial record, finishing first in the B final to place fifth overall out of 12 teams. Team members include Jenna Gallant, Patricia MacLeod, Sarah Taylor and Emily Gaudreau. Gallant, MacLeod and Matt Langille, all advanced to their respective 3,000 m final, which included only the top 32 skaters in male and female divisions. Gallant finished third in the 3,000 m C final, which means she ended up 19th overall. Langille finished sixth in the D final with a personal best time while MacLeod did not race. The men’s relay team of Mike Christie, Langille, Tyler Coyle and Steve Giddings also set provincial time records. The women’s team finished in seventh place out of 13 teams while the men, with only four skaters instead of a maximum of five, finished 11th out of 13 teams. For the entire week, Gallant finished 17th overall, MacLeod 32nd, Emily Gaudreau 43, Taylor 45th and Katherine Gaudreau, 48th out of 61 skaters. On the boys side, Langille was 30th, Coyle, 44th; Giddings, 46th; and Christie 51st out of 58 skaters.

Squash Results

The PEI Girls team won their match today versus Yukon. The team split their matches but because of game differential they were declared the winner. Both Hillary Hansen and Christine Snowden won their matches three games to zero, while Nicole Blanchard and Jillian Kilfoil were defeated by a score of three games to one. In Men’s squash action, PEI lost their match to British Columbia by a score of three matches to one. Michael Jones won his match by default while the other three members of the team lost their matches three games to none.

Women’s Curling Results

In the 5/6 placing game, British Columbia defeated Prince Edward Island 6-4. PEI finished 6th place overall. Way to go, girls.
Ringette Results
The Ringette team was involved in a couple of games today. The Island girls lost twice, 8-1 to Quebec and 7-0 to Ontario. Robyn Gallaway scored the lone goal for the Island Thursday. Breanne MacInnis and Tara O'Brien earned assists.

Badminton Results
In badminton team play, the Island lost 3-2 to Saskatchewan but blanked Nunavut 5-0. Play continues today and Saturday.

Men’s Hockey Results
Men’s hockey team lost to a strong Ontario powerhouse 9-2 despite a spirited TEAM effort. Goalscorers were David MacKenzie and Geoff Walker. Assists went MacKenzie, Walker and Adam McQuaid.

Friday’s Weather

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Temperature</th>
<th>-5 High -18 Low</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Wind</td>
<td>5 km/h W</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>P.O.P.</td>
<td>0%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rel. Humidity</td>
<td>51%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Friday February 28 Schedule
Badminton (Bathurst Pavilion)
Playoffs begin at 9:00 am
Semifinals begin at 1:00 pm

Cross Country Ski (Charlo)
Men’s Relay at 10:00 am
Women’s Relay at 11:00 am

Curling (Bathurst Curling Club)
Competition is complete.
Congratulations on a great performance.
Fencing (Eel River Bar)
9:00 am Men’s Sabre vs. Ont.
10:00 am Men’s Foil vs. Man.
10:00 am Men’s Sabre vs. Alta.
11:00 am Men’s Foil vs. Alta.
12:00 pm Men’s Foil vs. Sask.

Hockey (KC Irving - Bathurst)
11:00 am vs. TBA

Ringette (KC Irving - Bathurst)
11:30 am vs. Nova Scotia

Speed Skating
Congratulations skaters for the great competition. Have loads of fun tonight.

Squash (Campbellton CC)
Placing Games
9:00 am - Men vs. Nfld. (7/8 )
12:00 pm – Women vs. Nfld. (7/8)

PEI Pins and Toques
Are Hot Items

Before coming to the games, it was known that the pins would be hot items – they always are. Because there are only a few pins produced, many people are interested in getting their hands on a PEI pin. With the new puzzle pin (seen below) many people are on the search for one of the three pieces to complete their set. In fact while I’ve been writing this little article I’ve had four volunteers stop in and ask that magic question “do you have any pins?” With only a limited supply of pins, I have to think carefully as who will be getting some of my pins.

The PEI toques are also a popular item around the village and at the venues. In fact the other day I was walking out of the mission office when a coach, from another province, who was waiting for a shuttle asked “what do you want for that toque?” I politely told him that I wanted to keep it and good thing I did with the cold weather that we’ve had the last couple of days. I also have heard of other members of Team PEI getting requests for their toques.

A Note from Home

Congratulations to all for earning the right to participate as part of Team PEI at the 2003 Games. Your preparation will serve you well, and being your best is all that anyone can ask from you. If you achieve this, then you will have a very successful games and an experience that will stay with you for the rest of your life. Work hard, make lots of friends, and be proud that you are an Islander. Good luck.

Cletus Dunn – Former Mission Staff, MLA Alberton-Miminegash

REQUEST FOR THE DAY …
BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE GAMES, PLEASE THANK A VOLUNTEER.