

GAME ON! BUSY MONDAY FOR ONTARIO FOLLOWING HOCKEY WIN



With eight teams taking to the field of play, including seven for the first time at these Games, Monday looks to be filled with excitement for Team Ontario. There will be five sets of medals handed out on the first full day of competition for Week Two and the Canada Games Flag points race is incredibly tight.

Action started Sunday night with Women's Hockey as Team Ontario began its title defence with a 4-1 win over BC at Dartmouth Sportsplex.

"Our team motto this year is 'Prove to Move,'" said Team Ontario Women's Hockey Head Coach Stacey Marnoch. "It means you have to prove yourself to move on. One game at a time, and this (tonight's win) was a good start."

It took a while, but Team Ontario was rewarded for their offensive control in the first period. They opened the scoring at 13:17 on a goal by Thunder Bay native Brittany Zuback from Hailey Browne and Cayley Mercer.

Ontario came out strong in the second period, resulting in the first goal of the Games for Nicole Connery (Sarah Robson). The women were given plenty of opportunities to widen the gap with several power plays and they finally capitalized on a five-on-three in the third period by Emily Fulton (Sarah Edney, Erin Ambrose) to provide some insurance. Abby

McRae (Danielle Gagne, Hailey Browne) closed out the scoring for Ontario.

There were a total of 24 penalty minutes between the two teams. Ontario outshot its opponent 40-12 and looked in control for most of the game.

To the credit of BC, the team was playing its second game of the day, dropping the opener 4-0 to Team Alberta. The hockey women of Ontario return to the ice Monday afternoon at 4 p.m. versus Saskatchewan.

Canadian women's hockey coaching legend Mel Davidson (pictured above) was on hand to watch the action. Davidson is currently the head scout of women's national team programs and a two-time Olympic gold medal-winning head coach of Canada's National Women's Team.

A quiet first day of competition for Team Ontario gave many athletes and coaches the opportunity to attend the hockey game and show their team spirit before taking to the field of play themselves.

Now it's time for everyone to wear the Ontario uniforms and provide their own exciting times, just as hockey started things off on Sunday night.





Kingsley is happy to be in Halifax even though he had no idea he would be coming here only a couple of days ago. When one of the boxers selected to compete with Team Ontario cancelled at the last minute, the team called Alexander only a few hours before the charter flight was scheduled to leave for Halifax. He only had 15 minutes to pack and then get to the airport.

Alexander got into boxing as a way to train for hockey where he was playing at the Triple A level. It soon became apparent that boxing was his sport. He has been to the national championships and is aiming for the 2012 and 2016 Summer Olympics. He has also played soccer at the national level and has participated in karate, swimming, and tennis. Not just an athlete, Kingsley is one of the few boxers who plays piano.

Alexander is going to make the most of his last minute opportunity and is determined to make his team and family proud. He has been impressed with the organization of the Games and the way the athletes are being taken care of in Halifax. He is especially impressed with the food in the cafeteria and plans to spend a lot of time there.



Your Team Ontario Mission Staff

Core Mission Team

Blair McIntosh	Chef de Mission
Rick Beaver	Assistant Chef de Mission
Laura Jarvis	Athlete and Mission Services
Steve Sevor	Administration
Michael Cvitkovic	Communications

Mission Staff

Week Two

Jason Birch	Table Tennis
Jordan Bridal	Badminton
Joyce Chiang	Archery
Cecily Clarke	Snowboarding
Christine Craig	Figure Skating
Carrie Croft	Women's Hockey
Jayson Doll	Judo
Kojo Mensah	Boxing
Alexandra Orlando	Synchronized Swimming
Bryan Ozorio	Men's Curling
John Sims	Communications
Marlene Stirrett-Matson	NAP
Jill Valentine	Alpine Skiing
Cathy Vincelli	Cross Country Skiing

Human Rights Advisors

If you need advice on any human rights concerns or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the following Mission Staff who are our human rights advisors. All inquiries are held in strict confidence.

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Para-Alpine Skiing

9:30am/1230pm - Giant Slalom



Badminton

9:00am - Singles, Doubles, Mixed Doubles



Boxing

7:00pm



Cross Country Skiing

10:00am - Sit Ski 2.5km Interval
 10:35am - Standing Para-Nordic 2.5km Interval
 10:50am - 10km Interval (Men)
 12:15pm - 7.5km Interval (Women)



Curling (Men)

10:00am vs. BC



Figure Skating

9:30am - Compulsories Pre-Nov Dance
 11:15am - Pre-Nov Short (Men)
 5:00pm - Pre-Nov Short (Women)
 7:40pm - Pre-Nov Short Pair
 8:25pm - Special Olympics Elements (Men)
 9:15pm - Special Olympics Dance (Women)



Hockey (Women)

4:00pm vs. Saskatchewan



Table Tennis

9:00am - Team Stg 1, Rounds 1-4
 5:00pm - Team Stg 2, Round 1 (Female)
 6:30pm - Team Stg 2, Round 1 (Male)



Have You Thanked A Volunteer Today?

Don't forget to let Canada Games volunteers know how much you appreciate their support. Say thanks or give them a Team Ontario pin.



Team Ontario Friends and Family Reception

Team Ontario has amazing support. Coaches, managers, family and friends, please join us for an evening of celebration as we recognize your Team Ontario pride. Complimentary appetizers and beverages will be provided.

WHEN: Tuesday, February 22 from 7-10 p.m.

WHERE: Murphy's Cable Wharf Restaurant
 1751 Lower Water Street
 (at the foot of George St on the waterfront)
 Halifax, Nova Scotia
 (902) 420-1015 / www.mtcw.ca

**** Please note that this event is not open to athletes ****

Monday's Forecast



MORNING
 Mainly Cloudy
 -5C



AFTERNOON
 Variable Cloudiness
 -4C (Feels like -9C)



NIGHT
 Variable Cloudiness
 -6C