

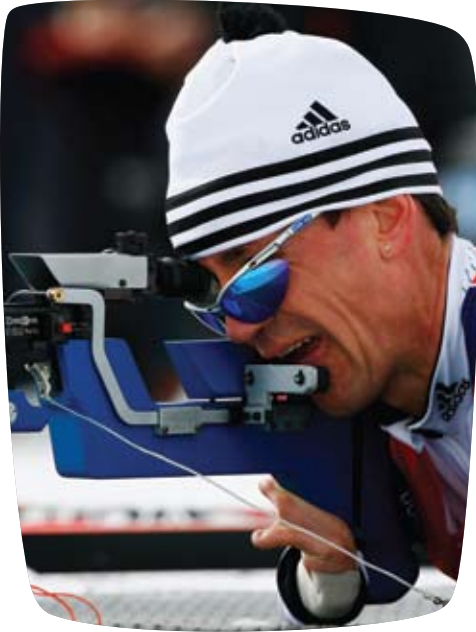
THINKING WEATHER

at Games Time



Day 2 – March 13 | Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games

Highlights for Day 2, March 13



On Day 2 of the 2010 Paralympic Winter Games, large crowds came out for the first full day of competition. Games enthusiasts enjoyed a full roster of Paralympic sporting events.

At Whistler Creekside where alpine skiing events got underway, it was overcast with flurries in the afternoon. Groomers and other maintenance crew were out very early to ensure Franz's Run – where all the Paralympic alpine events are being held – was in peak condition. Snow conditions were good for the host of alpine events held yesterday. Paralympic athletes were greeted with loud cheers from impressed spectators.

Similarly, clouds prevailed at Whistler Paralympic Park along with afternoon flurries. The temperature dipped below zero in the morning, but reached a high of 3°C in the afternoon. Paralympic Biathletes enjoyed good conditions for both the qualifiers and finals.

It was increasingly cloudy in Vancouver where the temperature reached 8°C. Showers developed later in the day, however, ice maintenance crews did not have to use the dehumidification systems.

There were no delays, cancellations or postponements on Day 2.

Events held March 13

Whistler Creekside

Alpine Skiing: Men's Downhill Standing; Men's Downhill Sitting; Men's Downhill Visually Impaired; Women's Downhill Standing; Women's Downhill Sitting; Women's Downhill Visually Impaired

Whistler Paralympic Park

Biathlon: Men's Pursuit Standing; Men's Pursuit Sitting; Men's Pursuit Visually Impaired; Women's Pursuit Standing; Women's Pursuit Sitting; Women's Pursuit Visually Impaired

UBC Winter Sports Centre

Ice Sledge Hockey: Men's Tournament

Hillcrest/Nat Bailey Stadium Park

Wheelchair Curling: Mixed 10-team tournament

By the Numbers:

10 the distance, in metres, in the short biathlon event, of the target from the athlete.

2001 the year the decision was made to officially hold Olympic and Paralympic Games events in the same venues. Prospective host cities must now bid for both Games as a single package.

3 the agitos in the Paralympic emblem – one in red, blue and green – symbolizing "Mind, Body and Spirit," the most significant components of the human being.

WEATHER FOR DAY 2

March 13, 2008

VANCOUVER

Increasing cloudiness. Showers beginning late in the day. Morning low: 2°C; afternoon high: 8°C

WHISTLER CREEKSIDE

Becoming cloudy. Flurries developing in the afternoon. Morning low: -6°C; afternoon high: zero

WHISTLER PARALYMPIC PARK

Cloudy. Flurries developing in the afternoon. Morning low: -4°C; afternoon high: 3°C

FORECAST FOR DAY 3

March 14, 2008

VANCOUVER

Mainly cloudy with a few showers. Morning low: 6°C; afternoon high: 9°C

WHISTLER CREEKSIDE

Mainly cloudy with occasional flurries. Trace snowfall amounts. Morning low: -5°C; afternoon high: zero

WHISTLER PARALYMPIC PARK

Cloudy with sunny breaks and a few wet flurries. Trace snowfall amounts. Morning low: -1°C; afternoon high: 4°C

Thinking Weather Reports

The Thinking Weather Reports are fictional Games-time scenarios created using real-time weather information. VANOC is producing these hypothetical reports during the Games-time periods (February and March) to help conceptualize and plan how the organization will respond to weather conditions during the 2010 Winter Games.