

THINKING WEATHER

at Games Time



Day 6 – March 17 | Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games

Highlights for Day 6, March 17



Day 6 of the 2010 Paralympic Winter Games began with rain in Vancouver, while there was snow at the mountainside venues in Whistler. Cloudy skies dominated throughout the day.

The excitement of competition was evident at Whistler Paralympic Park where the men's and women's individual biathlon competitions were held. There was fresh fallen snow on the course. The event ran smoothly before the large, cheering crowd in attendance.

Meanwhile, indoors there was a wheelchair curling round robin at Hillcrest/Nat Bailey Stadium Park. At UBC Winter Sports Centre, ice sledge hockey playoffs got underway. Maintenance crews monitored the levels of humidity and moisture indoors. The dehumidification systems were implemented to ensure peak ice conditions.

Amidst the boisterous festivity at the venues, Games enthusiasts also delighted in the presence of Sumi, the Paralympic mascot. Sumi, who enjoys all kind of weather, spent the day engaged with spectators.

No events were held at Whistler Creekside on Day 6, allowing maintenance crews extra time to prepare for alpine skiing events scheduled for Day 7.

There were no delays, postponements or cancellations on Day 6.

Events held March 17

Whistler Paralympic Park

Biathlon: men's individual 12.5 km: standing, sitting and visually impaired; women's individual 12.5 km: standing and visually impaired; women's individual 10 km: sitting

UBC Winter Sports Centre

Ice sledge hockey: men's tournament

Hillcrest/Nat Bailey Stadium Park

Wheelchair curling: mixed 10-team tournament

By the Numbers:

1 the number of gold medals Canada has earned in Paralympic wheelchair curling, prior to 2010. The event debuted in Torino in 2006.

13 the number of medals – five gold, three silver and five bronze – Canada's paralympic athletes won at the Torino 2006 Paralympic Winter Games.

2007 the year the Royal Canadian Mint officially released a 25-cent coin featuring wheelchair curling. The coin is the third of 17 circulation coins to celebrate the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

WEATHER FOR DAY 6

March 17, 2008

VANCOUVER

Rain ending in the morning then mostly cloudy. Morning low: 3°C; afternoon high: 10°C

WHISTLER CREEKSIDE

Cloudy with snow tapering to a few flurries in the morning. Further snowfall amounts 1 or 2 cm. Morning and early afternoon fog patches. Morning low: -4°C; afternoon high: zero

WHISTLER PARALYMPIC PARK

Cloudy with snow tapering to a few wet flurries in the morning. Further snowfall amounts near 2 cm. Morning low: -3°C; afternoon high: 3°C

FORECAST FOR DAY 7

March 18, 2008

VANCOUVER

A few showers with afternoon sunny periods. Morning low: 3°C; afternoon high: 9°C

WHISTLER CREEKSIDE

Cloudy with flurries. Snowfall amounts 2 to 4 cm. Fog lifting to top of course by afternoon. Wind southwest 30 to 40 km/h at top of the course. Morning low: -5°C; afternoon high: -1°C

WHISTLER PARALYMPIC PARK

Cloudy with flurries. Snowfall amount 2 to 4 cm. Wind southeast 5 to 10 km/h in the afternoon. Morning low: -2°C; afternoon high: 3°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.