

THINKING WEATHER

at Games Time



Day 8 – February 19

Highlights for Day 8, February 19



It was a great day for cross-country skiing as athletes competed in the ladies' 7.5 km + 7.5 km pursuit. Crew prepared the course in advance of the competition. Spectators, athletes and volunteers had a pleasant day at Whistler Olympic Park in the temperate, sunny weather.

To protect the ice from the sun's rays, the shades were drawn at The Whistler Sliding Centre in advance of the men's and women's skeleton competitions. The track ice operation manager (also called 'the ice meister') monitored the ice temperature during the day to ensure its consistency. The shades were raised just before the event, so the ice was cold and hard. Track sweepers were on standby in case of any flurries.

Elsewhere, it was sunny in the morning with increasing afternoon cloudiness in Vancouver, and at Cypress Mountain. Games enthusiasts continue to convene in large numbers at the venues to partake in Vancouver's Olympic history. No delays, postponements or cancellations were reported on Day 8.

Events held February 19

Whistler Creekside

Alpine Skiing: Men's Super-G

Whistler Olympic Park

Cross-Country Skiing:
Ladies' 7.5 + 7.5-km Pursuit
Ski Jumping: Men's Individual
Large Hill Qualification

The Whistler Sliding Centre

Skeleton: Women's; Men's

Pacific Coliseum

Figure Skating: Ice Dancing Compulsory Dance

General Motors Place

Ice Hockey: Men's Preliminaries

Hillcrest/NatBailey Stadium Park

Curling: Women's Tournament;
Men's Tournament

By the Numbers:

54 the record age of an athlete competing in the Olympic Winter Games. Officially, Minnesota's Scott Baird was 54 years and 282 days old when he competed in curling at the Torino 2006 Olympic Winter Games.

1511 the year of the earliest-known curling stones from the Scottish regions of Stirling and Perth. Curling games were played during the winter on frozen ponds, lochs and marshes.

1998 the year that Sandra Schmirler's Team Canada won the first Olympic gold in curling, at the Olympic Winter Games in Nagano, Japan.

WEATHER FOR DAY 8 February 19, 2008

VANCOUVER

Sunny with increasing cloudiness late in the day. Morning low: 0°C; afternoon high: 8°C

WHISTLER CREEKSIDE

Mainly sunny. Morning low: near 0°C; afternoon high: 5°C

THE WHISTLER SLIDING CENTRE

Mainly sunny. Morning low: -5°C; afternoon high: 4°C

WHISTLER OLYMPIC PARK

Mainly sunny. Morning low: -6°C; afternoon high: 8°C

CYPRESS MOUNTAIN

Sunny with increasing cloudiness late in the day. Morning low: 1°C; afternoon high: 6°C

FORECAST FOR DAY 9 February 20, 2008

VANCOUVER

Mainly Cloudy. 60 percent chance of showers in the morning. Morning low 4°C; afternoon high 8°C

WHISTLER CREEKSIDE

Mainly cloudy. Chance of flurries or showers. Morning low -2°C; afternoon high 2°C

THE WHISTLER SLIDING CENTRE

Mainly cloudy. Chance of flurries or showers. Morning low -3°C; afternoon high 3°C

WHISTLER OLYMPIC PARK

Mainly cloudy. Chance of flurries or showers. Morning low -3°C; afternoon high 6°C

CYPRESS MOUNTAIN

Cloudy. Occasional light rain or drizzle. 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.