

# THINKING WEATHER

## at Games Time



Day 9 – February 20

## Highlights for Day 9, February 20



Day 9 marks the midway point of the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympic Games.

Skies were overcast in Vancouver and at the mountain venues in Whistler. At Whistler Creekside – the stage for alpine skiing – it was mainly cloudy with the temperature dipping just below 0°C in the morning, but rising to 2°C in the afternoon. There was a possibility of rain or snow, but neither developed. Following two successful training runs for the ladies' super-G competition, the third was cancelled due to mild conditions. The competition went smoothly before a large assembly of animated, cheering fans.

Speed skating athletes, taking advantage of the mild Vancouver weather, were seen arriving by bicycle – instead of by shuttle – at the Richmond Oval. These athletes were able to enjoy a short commute on competition day after being relocated from the Athletes' Village to a hotel near the venue. Athletes were also seen using their bikes (in stationary mode) inside the Oval during warm-up.

No postponements, cancellations or delays occurred on Day 9.

### Events held February 20

#### Whistler Creekside

Alpine Skiing: Ladies' Super-G

#### Whistler Olympic Park

Cross-Country Skiing:  
Mens' 15 + 15-km Pursuit  
Ski Jumping: Men's Individual Large Hill Final

#### The Whistler Sliding Centre

Bobsleigh: 2-man Qualification

#### Cypress Mountain

Freestyle Skiing: Ladies' Aerials Qualification

#### Pacific Coliseum

Short Track Speed Skating:  
Ladies' 1,500 m Final; Men's 1,000 m Final

#### Richmond Oval

Speed Skating: Men's 1,500 m

#### General Motors Place

Ice Hockey: Men's Preliminaries

#### UBC Winter Sports Centre

Ice Hockey: Women's Playoffs

#### Hillcrest/Nat Bailey Stadium Park

Curling: Women's Tournament;  
Men's Tournament

### By the Numbers:

**1968** the year Schuss, a little man on skis, debuted at the 1968 Olympic Winter Games in Grenoble, France. The first unofficial Olympic mascot, Schuss was featured on a pin and on small toys, but not as a plush mascot.

**5,000** the number of years ago, when people began strapping skis on their feet. The Norwegians were believed to be the first – they used them to cross snow-covered terrain while hunting.

**1922** year the first slalom was organized in Mürren, Switzerland. Two years later it became the first Olympic Alpine event.

### WEATHER 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

### FORECAST FOR DAY 10 February 21, 2008

#### VANCOUVER

A mix of sun and cloud. Morning low 2°C; afternoon high 8°C.

#### WHISTLER CREEKSIDE

Cloudy with sunny breaks. Morning low -3°C; afternoon high near 2°C.

#### THE WHISTLER SLIDING CENTRE

Cloudy with sunny periods. Morning low -3°C; afternoon high 3°C.

#### WHISTLER OLYMPIC PARK

Cloudy with sunny periods. Morning low -3°C; afternoon high 3°C.

#### CYPRESS MOUNTAIN

Cloudy with sunny periods. 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.