Let The Games Begin!!

Island Pride on display at Opening Ceremonies

PEI was loud and proud in Friday night’s Opening Ceremonies which kicked off the 2011 Canada Winter Games. Gymnast Chris Morgan proudly led in the delegation, which looked immaculate in its black and green jackets. We were certainly the loudest team, with most of our athletes bringing the vuvuzelas which were given out at the athlete’s rally. An excellent ceremony, and PEI certainly made themselves heard!

Meeting The Mascots!!

NAP team members Samantha MacKay, Emma Gallant, and Lucas Olscamp get up close with Games mascots Sammi and Anni.

Meet the coach...Kenny MacDougall

With men’s hockey the only sport on the schedule today, we expect a big crowd to be out supporting our team! Say hi to head coach Kenny MacDougall, one of the most respected guys in Island hockey!!

Hometown: Stratford
Number of years coaching: 15
Biggest sporting influence: My father—he taught me the value and importance of work ethic and commitment
Favourite Quote: “Hard work beats talent when talent doesn’t work hard.”

The waiting is over!

Rebecca Rouse-Sentner of biathlon and coach Bob Bentley are all smiles as they prepare to board the bus to Halifax. Thursday’s arrival of Team PEI went without a hitch and everybody is excited to be here!
Team PEI’s Schedule (Saturday Feb 12)

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**Today’s Weather**
Weather for today in Halifax is scattered flurries with a low of minus 11.

**Celebration Square**
Don’t forget the entertainment in celebration square!
Starting Monday, there will be noon time events with a cultural flavour each day, followed by some big-name entertainment at 7pm each night. The evening entertainment kicks-off on Monday with the **JOEL PLASKETT EMERGENCY!!**

**Happy Birthday to….!!!!**
Not only was he PEI’s flag carrier at the Opening Ceremonies, it also happens to be gymnast Chris Morgan’s (left) birthday today! Chris turns 18—many happy returns! Chris isn’t the only birthday boy as Logan Doiron (left) from hockey turns 16 today, while belated birthday greetings to Luke McIsaac, also of hockey, who also turned 16 yesterday!

**Entertainment Area Schedule**
The following is the Entertainment Area schedule for the next few days. Please note it runs from 8.30-10.30pm.
February 12—Ice cream social
February 14—Movie Night *The Other Guys*
February 16—Teen Dance
February—Concert: DJ Stix and Three Sheet

**Behind the Scenes with Team PEI**
Team PEI National Artist, Lucas Ols-camp was asked to put into words what he saw when he looked at the new Team PEI logo.

The logo for Team PEI represents the whole of our community on Prince Edward Island. The bountiful sanctuary that our island is contains not just a large quantity of talent and determination but also the highest of quality. The words are clean and crisp in vibrant green, like our prosperity in our beautiful land flowing into the vibrancy of our character.

The green floats atop a small ocean of blue just as our land meets the water. An entwined orb sits against the name of our province and the curved lines appear as crashing waves against the border. Waves of a movement of dedication to sport which have been rooted in the traditions of our province for decades. Slicing through the words is a road from our history to our bright and brilliant future.

The space separates the green of the land and the blue waters like the pillars of wind that strike our shore. The wind that makes our beautiful flag dance is the same wind that runs across our land, through our towns, and into the deep waves. The curved slice supports the weight of the word “Team,” as does the many coaches, managers, and volunteers that support the strength of our team.

The light blue waves pull into themselves and the wind sews the conditions together signifying our people uniting as one. Our team uniting as one. A team of individuals that strive not just for personal accomplishment but also support the diverse selection of athletes and artists from our province and from all across Canada.”

AthletesCan ambassadors will be here next week, offering a great opportunity for our coaches and athletes to mix with the best in their sport. Gymnast Kyle Shewfelt, speedskater Amanda Overland and biathlon champion Jaime Robb will be available to speak to athletes in their respective sports between Feb 13-17.
Contact Ashley Kilburn at 613-601-3413 to book a time!