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& NORDIC COMBINED



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Nordic Combined Ski Canada Nominates Jason Myslicki to the Canadian Olympic Team

- January 25, 2010: Nordic Combined Ski Canada is very pleased to announce the nomination of Jason Myslicki from Thunder Bay, Ontario to the Canadian Olympic Committee for participation at the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver. Wesley Savill of Calgary, Alberta is the alternate for Canada's single FIS quota position. Myslicki received Canada's selection as part of an internal team nomination process based on his World Ranking List Position.
- "It's an honour to represent such a wonderful group of people that have shared in my dream," stated Myslicki. "Without the help of so many individuals and sponsors, this just couldn't happen. I'm so excited to have the opportunity to perform in front of them in Canada. This is an extremely rare opportunity, especially in the sport of Nordic Combined, which rarely sees international competitions in Canada. It's been a very challenging journey to get to this point and I'm excited to show how that journey has made me a superior athlete. I've worked extremely hard and found a new passion for my sport and now its time to let things happen and enjoy the energy of competing at home."



- Myslicki (age 33) was first named to the Nordic Combined National Team in December 1998. "Jason has made a significant contribution to our program this year through his example as a dedicated high performance athlete," said Tannis Carlson, board Chair. "His

World Cup points in Whistler's January 2009 World Cup and yesterday in Schonach, Germany represent significant gains for our program. Our Nordic combined community is keen to support Jason at the Games – from sponsors, entry and development level athletes, to board members, volunteers and friends.”

- Team Leader Max Thompson and Myslicki are in Val di Fiemme, Italy preparing for one more World Cup in Seefeld, Austria. Thompson, Canada's other Olympian in Torino is the High Performance Director of Nordic Combined Ski Canada. “I'm excited for Jason in Vancouver. 2006 in Torino was a first for both of us, this time we're going in with some experience and expectations,” Noted Thompson. “Jason has done all of the right things as far as preparation goes, so it's just a matter of execution come Games time.”
- The Nordic Combined program in Canada is still developing with a number of young athletes who are training and competing with their sights set on competing at the next winter Olympic Games in Sochi. “While Nordic Combined was hopeful to field a team in Vancouver, this was a challenging goal give the current state of funding for the sport and the youthfulness of the National team,” reports Tannis Carlson. “We are looking forward to Sochi where this younger group of athletes will have an opportunity to compete on the ski jumping venue managed by Nik Petrov from our National Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined Training Centre in Calgary.”
- For more information, check out the new Nordic Combined website at:
<http://www.nordiccombinedcanada.com/>

Good Media Coverage of Ski Jumping Team Announcement

- **Canadian Press:**
Video:http://ca.sports.yahoo.com/video/player/woly;_ylt=Ah_HQgB2ekayY9jBJ_f8W87hIQY6#woly/17775660
Article:http://www.google.com/hostednews/canadianpress/article/ALeqM5gwUTsZs55rFg-vb_StHEqvsaKM0A
- **Calgary Herald:**
<http://www2.canada.com/calgaryherald/news/sports/story.html?id=1119b93c-4b68-46b8-8c2f-ce6322e1f5c7>

Atsuko Tanaka is the Now the Only Member of the Canadian Women's National Ski Jumping Team

- If they were looking for reasons to include women's ski jumping in the Olympics, giving female jumpers the motivation to continue with their sport is a good one. Look what has happened to our once strong team.
- Atsuko is alone carrying the flag for us in Europe. Coming back from the injury that kept her from competing in the World Championships in Liberec last winter, she just had a top-20 finish in Schoenwald-Schonach, GER. On the HS96, on January 23, she placed 18th out of 55 jumpers.
- This is an improvement on her 24th place finish on the same hill on January 6th.
- Go, Atsuko, go!

The Olympic ski jumps will survive the Games

By Clare Ogilvie, The Province January 21, 2010

For years now the understanding was that the two ski jumps, 140 metres and 106 m long, would be dismantled post-Games because there was no funding to pay for their upkeep.

But a deal is in the works between stakeholders to keep the jumps open for one month a year. During that month a festival and ski competition will be held. "[Dismantling the jumps] never made sense to us," said Brent Morrice, Chairman of Ski Jumping Canada. "We have been fighting this since Day 1."

If all goes according to plan, the jumps would host an International Ski Federation Cup in 2011, a Continental Cup in 2012 and a World Cup in 2013. The jumps hosted a World Cup in 2009 as a test event for the 2010 Games. The best jumpers fly two football fields in length and can reach speeds of 88 km/h.

Organizers were surprised at how popular the test event was and that lent weight to the argument to keep the jumps open.

All of the upcoming Cup events will be for both men and women. "It is going to take a lot of work," said Morrice "We are still working out the details."

It isn't clear yet what the cost will be or where the funding will come from. It is hoped that the cost will be partly supported by the tens of thousands of recreational skiers that use the 2010 nordic facility each year. The news came during a media tour of the 2010 nordic venue and the athletes village hosted by 2010 officials Wednesday.

U.S. Olympic Ski Jumping Team Announced

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PARK CITY, UTAH (BNO NEWS) – An Olympic veteran and two newcomers form the three-athlete 2010 U.S. Olympic Ski Jumping Team, the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association (USSA) announced on Wednesday.

Anders Johnson, 20, a 2006 Olympic veteran will be joined by first-time Olympians Nick Alexander, 21, and Peter Frenette, 19.

The team was announced by USSA President and CEO Bill Marlot, along with Olympic and Team sponsor Visa. The U.S. has earned three Olympic quota spots based on World Cup results.

"We've seen some strong progress by our American ski jumpers in the last two seasons," said USSA Nordic Director John Farra. "Nick Alexander has become a regular qualifier in World Cups and there was also strong competition amongst a growing group of U.S. athletes on the Continental Cup for the Olympic spots."

Former East German jumper Jochen Danneberg, a 1976 Olympic silver medalist who works with the athletes as a part of the Project X jumping program, will coach the Team.

All Olympic Teams are subject to the approval of the U.S. Olympic Committee.

The athletes are continuing to compete on the World Cup and Continental Cup leading up to the Olympics. A pre-Olympic camp is planned early February at the Utah Olympic Park in Park City.

ALTIUS OPEN Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined Competition - SATURDAY JANUARY 30, 2010 – Top of the Hill, COP in Calgary

- 9:00 AM K-63
- 10:00 AM K38
- 11:00 AM K-18
- 12:00 PM K-89
- FRUIT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE ATHLETES, COFFEE AND MUFFINS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR VOLUNTEERS
- Please bring you own LUNCH
- 2:00 PM - 1km, 2km, 3km, 5 and 7.5km CROSSCOUNTRY RACES

- 4:00 PM – AWARDS
- **VOLUNTEERS are needed for racecourse control and hill marking** Everyone welcome!

Touches With the Flame!



- Eric Neilsen, long-time ski jumping friend and volunteer carried the flame for ski jumping Canada – above he gives an Olympic red-mitten high-five to the runner who passed on the flame to him.



- Yukon deLeeuw holds the flame in Canmore – photo by Ingrid Servold.

Olympic Accommodations Needed

- Jade and Tracy Edwards and Katie Willis are looking for accommodations for their stay in the Whistler area during the Olympics. They are attending the jumping event on February 12th and nordic combined on the 14th so need a place from the 11-15. Their original accommodation plans fell through so any leads would be greatly appreciated – even floors and couches will work! 403-827-7879 or 637-3856 Tracy

Olympic Cell-phone List

- If you will be in Whistler/Squamish/Vancouver during the games there may be activities/events that you could be invited to or information you have that others need.
- If you wish to be included on our cell phone list, please send me your cell phone number including area code and whether you would like to be on a list for general distribution or only on a master list.

Solidarity from the Water Polo Team



Fellow Olympians,

After years of commitment, hard work, sacrifices and yes, sometimes doubts, your dreams are finally coming true. In just a few days, you will be at the heart of the action, competing in the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics Games. Millions of Canadian supporters will be following your prowess. In just a few days, you will become the role models of a new generation of Canadian athletes.

I'm convinced that in Vancouver the Canadian team will show its undefeatable willingness to perform at its best, to win. Like we've heard for the last few years, we Own the Podium. Go Canada.

I want to also take this opportunity to thank all those who believed in you, coaches, parents, spouses, friends, sponsors and national federations. Without their support, the road to Vancouver would have been much harder.

In my name, on behalf of our Olympians (Munich, Montreal, Los Angeles, Sydney, Athens, Beijing) and Water Polo Canada's members, want to wish you the best of luck in achieving of your personal goals, be it a gold medal or a personal best. We are proud of you.

Go Canada Go!

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