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Team Alberta Tuesday Media Round Up from the Canada Winter Games

Daily Medal Count:	Gold 2	Silver 4	Bronze 1
Total Medal Count	Gold 3	Silver 7	Bronze 5

CHARLOTTETOWN—Alberta's speedskaters led the province to a seven-medal day at the 2023 Canada Winter Games. Two Calgarians – Isabelle Champagne and Jalen Doan – won gold in the women's and men's 1,500-metre events at the outdoor oval in Halifax. Max Poulin, of the short track speed skating team, claimed a silver in North Rustico, P.E.I. Julia Bartlett and Liam Tinworth won a pair of silver medals at the biathlon venue, while Evelyn Mullie flipped to a silver in the big air event. Helitha Rathnayake also fought to the bronze in karate. The wheelchair basketball team captured its second-straight win. Women's curling squeaked out their third victory over Prince Edward Island.

Longtrack Speedskaters Open with Double Gold

Team Alberta's longtrack speedskating team enjoyed a double dose of gold to kick off their 2023 Canada Winter Games.

Calgary's Jalen Doan and Isabelle Champagne battled through strong winds on the outdoor oval across the pond in Halifax to claim the first two medals of the week for Alberta's longtrackers.

Doan clocked a time of 1:57.76 in the 1,500-metre event.

"It was really tough out there each time we hit the wind," said Doan. "I got a nice draft behind Luca (Veeman) so that helped a lot. This gives me a lot of confidence for the rest of the week."

Saskatchewan's Veeman finished second at 1:58.49. Zacharie Deprés clocked-in at 2:00.03 for the bronze.

Champagne completed her three laps around the oval in a time of 2:33.22 to take the women's gold medal.

"I had a pretty rough night last night, but this morning I reminded myself I've done this before and I know what to do. This is my race, and I just focused on my race plan. I think I executed it well," said Champagne. "I had a good race and I'm really happy. I'm going to put this awesome moment behind me now and refocus for the upcoming races."

Manitoba's Sofia Bieber was second at 2:33.44, while Saskatchewan's Serena Dallaire stopped the clock at 2:37.43 for the bronze.

Biathletes Julia Bartlett and Liam Tinworth Win Silvers

One day after winning Alberta's first gold medal of the 2023 Canada Winter Game, Julia Bartlett powered her way back onto the podium, winning the silver in the women's 7.5-kilometre pursuit race on Tuesday.

The 16-year-old Calgarian missed five shots in her four rounds of shooting, but hung on for the silver medal after crossing the finish line one minute, 3.8 seconds off the lead on a windy day in P.E.I.

"The race was super awesome. I am so happy with how things turned out for me. The people here are so awesome, and I am so glad to race and meet everyone," said Bartlett. "The conditions were difficult out there. That is the way the cookie crumbles. The snow was like skiing on mashed potatoes which is crazy because the theme of these Games is Blood, Sweat and P.E.I. Potatoes."

British Columbia's Molly Caldwell set the time to beat at 28:41.5. Mia Rodger, also of British Columbia, finished just under two minutes off the leading pace in third.

Liam Tinworth, of Grande Prairie, captured his second-straight silver medal in as many days in the men's 10-kilometre biathlon pursuit competition.

Tinworth overcame a tough day of shooting with powerful skiing up and down the hilly terrain at the Mark Arendz Provincial Ski Park at Brookvale, taking the silver medal in a time of 28:21.2.

Quebec's Jean-Nicolas de Broeck topped Tinworth for the second straight day, posting a winning time of 26:12.7.

British Columbia's Liam Simons fired up the bronze medal at 28:27.2.

Evelyn Mullie Flips to Silver in Big Air

Evelyn Mullie skied to the third silver medal of the 2023 Games for Alberta's freestyle skiers.

The Calgary-based freestyler chalked up 84.60 points for second place in the women's big air event.

Jordan Peet, of British Columbia, won the gold with a score of 89.60. Ontario's Ava Aubry rounded out the women's podium in third at 78.20.

Max Poulin Skates to Short Track Silver

Calgary's Max Poulin was the lone Albertan to skate onto the podium in the 1,500-metre short track event in North Rustico, P.E.I.

Poulin, who clocked a time of 2:21.269, was sandwiched on the podium between two Quebec skaters.

Alexis Bélanger won the gold at 2:20.981. Samuel Darveau claimed the bronze with a time of 2:21.373.

Helitha Rathnayake Fights to Karate Bronze

Alberta's Helitha Rathnayake scrapped his way to a bronze medal as karate kumite took centre stage at the Multi-Sport Dome in Summerside, P.E.I.

The Calgary teenager clawed his way through the double-elimination bracket until he lost his semi-final match against Nova Scotia's Evan Peddle.

"Leading up to the Games, it was all about discovering what I still need to work on and I learned a lot," said Rathnayake. "It has been great to see karate in the Canada Winter Games for the first time. The athletes are fairly high level, it has been a good experience and I'm happy overall."

It was an all-Nova Scotia final between Peddle and Gassan Alkurdi.

Alkurdi finished on top, taking the gold with Peddle snagging the silver.

British Columbia's Nia Haftlang (North Vancouver) also won a bronze with Alberta's Rathnayake.

Women's Curling Edges Host P.E.I. 6-5

The Alberta women's curling foursome of Myla Plett (Carstairs), Alyssa Nedohin (Sherwood Park), Chloe Fediuk (Edmonton) and Allie Iskiw (Edmonton) won their third straight game in a sea-saw affair over Prince Edward Island.

Alberta scored two in the eighth end to take the win 6-5.

They will be back on the ice at the Silver Fox Entertainment Complex in Summerside, P.E.I. Wednesday morning at 10 for a match against Nova Scotia.

Wheelchair Basketball Makes it Two in a Row

Alberta's wheelchair basketball team won handily for the second straight day. Team Alberta dusted Manitoba 73-55.

Alberta will play their third game at the Chi-Wan Young Sport Centre on Wednesday at 4 p.m. AST against British Columbia.

Men's Hockey Drops 4-2 Decision to British Columbia

The men's hockey team were not able to climb back from a two-goal deficit in the first period, and as a result, suffered their first loss of the Canada Winter Games.

Nathan Behm scored in the second period, and Jack Kachkowski notched one more in the third, but it wasn't enough.

The men's hockey team will have a day off Wednesday before heading into the medal rounds on Thursday.

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