

"Cooking meals for Team Ontario is NOT my responsibility!" - Chef de Mission Blair McIntosh

Cooking meals for Team Ontario is NOT my responsibility! This has become Blair McIntosh's one-liner as his 'Chef' experience as for Canada Games expands.

The responsibility of the Chef is really to oversee and lead Team Ontario prior to and during the Canada Games. The role of Chef may vary depending on the Games. For the Canada Games, it really comes down to being responsible for all of the logistical and administrative duties and tasks related to our athletes/team competing at the Canada Games. This includes overseeing sport technical policies, training plans, coach's certifications, eligibility, mandatory training, travel, accommodations, communications, schedules, and most importantly, trouble shooting and crisis management.

Blair comes well qualified as he has been involved in over 75 Ontario Games as either a Games Consultant or Manager/Director of the program. He has also been a Mission Staff or Chef for 12 Canada Games and is currently working on his fourth set of Games as the Chef de Mission. Blair has been part of the Mission Staff for Paralympic Games and is currently the Chef de Mission for Team Canada for the 2010 Paralympic Games in Vancouver this coming March.



their careers. His love for amateur sport stems from his association with such great individuals. This, he claims, has kept him involved in his career for the last 25 years.

Blair has such fond memories of great moments from each and every set of Games he has been involved with. His greatest moment was when Team Ontario won the Canada Games Flag during the 2007 Winter Games in the Yukon after being defeated at the previous Winter Games in New Brunswick. 2007 holds a very special place in Blair's heart as his Mission Staff team won the prestigious Claude Hardy Award for their outstanding contribution to the Games. This was the first time in history that Ontario won this award. For Blair, this was a highlight as the Mission Staff he had assembled worked incredibly hard leading up to and during the Games. To Blair, it was great to see the get the acknowledgement they deserved. Great teams stem from great leadership. Another great memory for Blair was when he led Team Ontario as Chef during the 2001 Canada Summer Games. For him, there was a certain feeling that comes from being the Host Chef and he is so honoured to be able to gain more experience again as the Home Chef for Canada during the 2010 Paralympic Games in Vancouver.

Each Chef experience is a huge, volunteer commitment. Blair is hooked on the adrenaline rush that comes from leading a team into a multi-sport games environment. This includes all of the planning and organization that needs to take place to allow our athletes to compete to the best of their ability and to focus all of their attention on the competition. When the logistics and organization is well taken care of, the coaches and athletes can concentrate on the competition. Blair is very passionate about amateur sport and admires the commitment and dedication that the athletes endure in

With all of the negative press swirling around various professional sports and their athletes, Blair has advice for amateur athletes. He tells young athletes to stay true to themselves and to never forget where you came from. It is a privilege to be a part of the opportunities that present themselves. Understanding your role as a high profile athlete does not end on the field of play and there is so much you can do to impact your sport and individual's lives that look to you as a role model. ...takes one to know one...

Images from around the Canada Games - Tuesday, August 25th



Team Ontario Medal Count

39 29 28

National Artist Program (NAP) Update

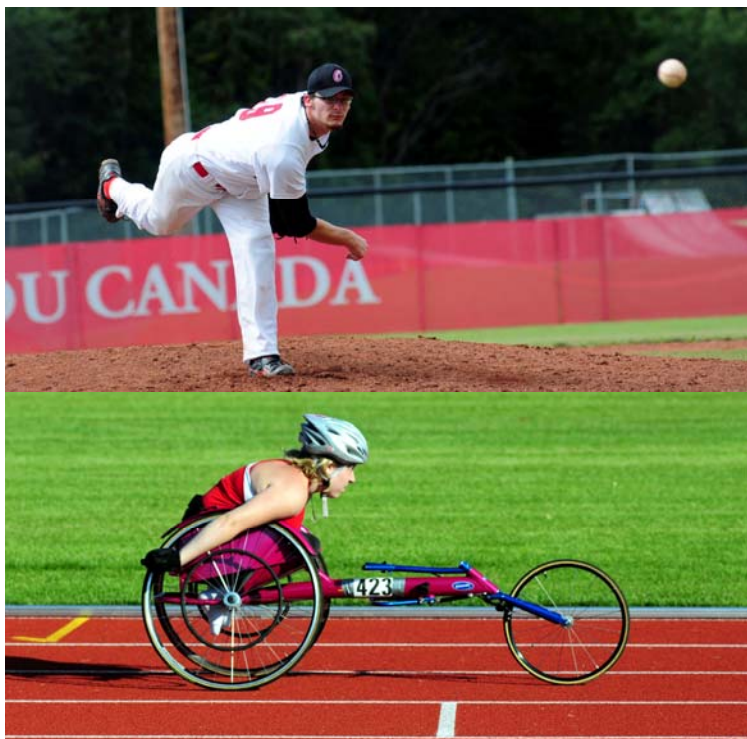
Team Ontario's NAPsters have had a very busy first week at the Games, taking workshops and classes, rehearsing for the closing ceremonies and getting to know artists from across the country. Sunday in particular was a memorable day as all the artists attended the famous Indian River Festival. The day started with a concert at historic St Mary's Church which was built in 1902 and is considered to be one of the top 10 acoustical venues for music in the world. Performances included local musicians as well as music by NAPsters from across the country. Later in the day everyone attended a concert with Canadian soprano and New Brunswick native, Measha Breuggergosman. NAPsters got to talk with this talented artist and get some valuable advice including how not to get nervous before a performance. She said to just think about putting one foot in front of another and success will follow.



The NAPsters are back into rehearsals and workshops this week and plan to get out to cheer on Team O athletes through the week. Watch for the National Artist Program Showcase at the WA Murphy Centre at 7:00 pm on Thursday evening.

Team Ontario Volleyball Needs Your Help

The men's volleyball team is asking for everyone to come out a cheer for them during their game against Quebec at 12:00 noon at the Chi-Wan Sports Centre. This crucial game is for first place in the tournament and if they win they get a bye into the final. Come out help them win this game!



Human Rights Advisors

If you need advice on any human rights concerns or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the following Mission Staff who are our human rights advisors. All inquiries are held in strict confidence.

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Team Ontario Competitions

Wednesday, August 26, 2009



Baseball at Memorial Field
4:00 pm vs Quebec



Canoe-Kayak at Southwest River
Preliminary heats start at 8:30 am to approx 11:30 am
Finals start at 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm



Golf at Brudenell River Golf Course
8:00 am Round 2 Male Team
8:00 am Round 2 Female Team



Soccer at UPEI Artificial Turf Field
8:00 pm vs PEI



Swimming at CARI Aquatic Centre
Preliminary heats start at 9:30 am to approx noon
Finals start at 6:00 pm to approx 8:45 pm



Volleyball
12:00 noon Male vs Quebec at Chi-Wan Sports Centre
12:00 noon Female vs Sask at MacLauchlan Arena
8:00 pm Female vs BC at Chi-Wan Sports Centre



Wrestling at Montague and Area Recreation Complex
10:30 am vs PEI
8:30 pm vs NFLD

Team Ontario Results Tuesday, August 25

Athletics

200m Wheelchair Male – Silver, bronze
 200m Wheelchair Female – Silver
 400m Male – Gold, Bronze
 400m Female – Gold
 100m Hurdles Female – Gold
 Long Jump Female – Gold
 Long Jump Male – Bronze
 Triple Jump Male – Gold, Silver
 Shot Put Female – Silver

Baseball

Ontario 5 – Nova Scotia 2
Winning Pitcher – Benson Merritt – 4 hitter struck out 10
Greg Densem – 2/3 2 run home run – 4 RBI's
Sean Bignall – 2/3 – 2 runs scored – 2 run home run
 Ontario 10 – Newfoundland and Labrador 0
Winning Pitcher – Kris Muccilli – 2 hitter – 9 K's
Andrew Firth – 2/3 – 3 RBI's
Sean Bignall – 2/3 2 runs scored – 2 RBI'S
Pisaraksy, Nickel – 2 hits each

Canoe-Kayak

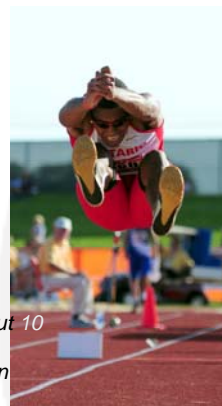
500m C-1 Male – Bronze
 500m C-2 Male – Silver
 500m C-2 Female – Silver
 500m IC-4 Female – Bronze
 500m K-1 Male – Silver
 500m K-1 Female – Silver
 500m K-2 Male – Silver
 500m K-4 Female – Bronze

Swimming

100m Freestyle Male – Gold
 100m Freestyle Female – Silver
 100m Freestyle SOC Male – Silver, Bronze
 100m Freestyle SOC Female – Gold, Bronze
 4 X 50m Freestyle Relay Female – Silver
 50m Breaststroke Male – Silver
 50m Breaststroke Female – Gold
 50m Breaststroke SOC Male – Gold, Bronze
 50m Breaststroke SOC Female – Gold, Silver
 200m Butterfly Male – Bronze
 400 Individual Medley Female – Silver

Volleyball

Male – Ontario 3 – Nova Scotia 0
 Male – Ontario 3 – NFLD 0
 Female – Ontario 3 – Nova Scotia 1
 Female – Ontario 3 – NFLD 0



Today's Weather Report

Wednesday, August 26

Cloudy with sunny periods. Wind southwest 30 km/h gusting to 50. High 23. UV index 6 or high. Wednesday night cloudy periods. 30 percent chance of showers in the evening. Wind southwest 40 km/h becoming northwest 30 gusting to 50 near midnight. Low 12.

