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N.S. cross country ski team named

Cross Country Ski Nova Scotia announced its team for the 2003 Canada Winter Games in Charlo, N.B., next month.

The women's team consists of Grace MacIntyre of Baddeck, Meg Payne of Windsor, Lilla Roy of Stewiacke, Kate and Margrit Scallion of Wentworth.

The men's team is made up of two skiers, Tyler Germani of Baddeck and Stephen Murray of North Highland.

Head coach is Stuart Germani of Baddeck, assistant coach Elizabeth Seiffert and manager Sue Phelan of Baddeck.

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Skiing sisters enjoy spirit of competition; Scallions aim to improve on previous Canada Games results

Stuart Peddle

Herald Sports

KATE SCALLION is targeting one particular rival on the cross-country ski trails - her sister Magi.

The Scallions are looking forward to testing each other as members of Team Nova Scotia at the Canada Winter Games, taking place Feb. 22 to March 8 in Bathurst and Campbellton, N.B.

Each sibling lets out a mischievous laugh when discussing the other.

"It's probably not the healthiest thing for siblings but we do tend to be pretty competitive," Kate said with barely contained glee. "(Magi)'s consistently a better skier than me, I've only beaten her once. We'll have to see if I can manage to pull that off at the Games."

The 18-year-old also let slip that while her sister prefers to be called "Magi," Kate likes to get under her skin by calling her "Margaret."

The elder sibling is equally eager to face her sister.

"Yeah, it's a good incentive to go faster," 21-year-old Magi said. "We'll see how it goes. I haven't really raced her very much the past couple of years but I

Mary Ellen MacIntyre / Truro Bureau

Cross-country skier Kate Scallion trains for the upcoming Canada Winter Games, taking place Feb. 22 to March 8 in Bathurst and Campbellton, N.B.

know she's very fit. But I'm also feeling pretty good, too."

Kate, a Grade 12 student at Cobequid Education Centre, is looking forward to her second trip to the Canada Games. She also went to Corner Brook, Nfld. for the Games in 1999.

"I'm really, super-doooper excited about it," the Wentworth Station native said. "I think it should not be hard for me to have stronger results this time."

Kate said she finished near the back of the pack in every race at the previous Games but pointed out she was only 14 at the time, competing against top skiers who were as old as 23.

This time, she wants to have the top results for Nova Scotia in the classic-technique races.

"I tend to like the longer classic races but I'm getting better at the other ones, too. I think any day could be a good day. It doesn't have to be a particular event

for me to have a great day in a race."

The teen is training hard to meet her goals.

"It's been really super busy and hectic," she said. "I've been trying to do upwards of nine or 10 hours per week. It's not always skiing because sometimes I just don't have time to go out and **ski** for an hour-and-a-half after school so I've been trying to do a little bit of running and even a little bit of biking. But 80 to 85 per cent my training hours is skiing."

Magi's training has also been intense, since she's on the varsity **cross-country** skiing team at Queen's University in Kingston, Ont.

The third-year commerce student has been to two previous **Canada Games** and is looking to reach a personal best. Her previous top finish was 24th in the 5K skate at Corner Brook.

"I've been practising a lot so I'm definitely looking forward to the opportunity," she said. "I think top 10 would be a very good result."

Nova Scotia team coach Stuart Germani said the squad is keeping a realistic goal in mind.

"I don't know if we're going to get into the medals but I think we'll certainly have a good showing, though - very respectable," the Baddeck-based coach said.

Germani, whose son Tyler is also on the team, said the group is quite young overall and they will look to Magi and another veteran, Windsor's Meg Payne, to lead the way.

The rest of the team members are: Lilla Roy, of Stewiacke, and Grace MacIntyre

from Baddeck on the women's side and Stephen Murray joining Germani's son on the men's team.

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Games rally pumps athletes

By JIM REYNO, *The Daily News*

In a building full of people in coats, toques and boots, a guy wearing a kilt should have been the easiest guy to find.

"Where's the bagpiper?" asked a member of the Nova Scotia **Canada Games** mission staff yesterday, in full search mode. "The athletes are ready."

The piper was soon located, and the parade of athletes was on. The piper, flag-bearer Nicole Doucet and most of Nova Scotia's 284 athletes made their way into Kenneth C. Rowe Heritage Hall at Pier 21 in Halifax. It was a rally for Nova Scotia's squad competing at the **Canada Winter Games** in Bathurst and Campbellton, N.B., from next Saturday to March 8.

As the athletes made their way into Heritage Hall, family and friends took it all in with smiles, camcorders and cameras. Paul Dugas of Belliveau Cove, a member of the archery team, was impressed by the warm reception the athletes received from the crowd of about 400.

"This is the first time I've been to a rally like this," said the 16-year-old, who took up archery about three years ago. He said he enjoyed his first turn at celebrity.

"It's nerve-racking, but you get used to it after awhile," said Dugas. "I like cameras. I like being around cameras."

Although the "paparazzi" was new to Dugas, elite-level athletic competition

Team Nova Scotia will compete at the New Brunswick-hosted **Canada Winter Games** beginning next Saturday.

isn't. He placed fourth in recurve at the nationals last summer in Saskatchewan. That experience should help at the **Canada Games**.

"I learned to cope with the pressure, and that's probably the most important thing," said Dugas, adding that he never considered going to the **Canada Games** when he started archery.

Unlike Claire Morley, fencer. When the Haligonian first picked up a foil two years ago, she was thinking **Canada Games** all the way.

"Yeah, I thought so because all my coaches have gone," the 16-year-old Queen Elizabeth High School student said. "It was really a possibility."

Yesterday's rally was Morley's first opportunity to meet with most of her fellow **Canada Games** athletes.

"I didn't think there would be this many people. There's a lot of people," she said. "I think it's really neat that there's so many involved."

Steve Chipman of Dartmouth was easy to spot at the rally. He held a large sign over his head that read: Go XC. As a member of Martock's **cross-country ski** club, he knows the athletes representing

the province in the sport.

"This is a really big deal," said Chipman.

"Most of them have been training for several years for this. As you know, for a lot of them, this will be the highest level of competition they reach ...

"This is their Olympics for a lot of them, and it's really exciting for them."

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SIBLING RIVALRY: Wentworth sisters to compete at Canada Games

BY MATT VENIO | TRURO DAILY NEWS

WENTWORTH

Wentworth's Kate Scallion is preparing for what will be her third Canada Games and this time she will be up against a familiar opponent.

Scallion, a Grade 12 student at Cobequid Educational Centre, will be competing against her older sister Magi in various cross-country skiing events at the Canada Winter Games in Bathurst and Campbellton, N.B. Feb. 22 to Mar. 8.

"It's going to be a lot of fun," said Scallion, when asked how she feels about competing against her sister. "I get asked that a lot. I only ever beat her once but even if I don't beat her, I will have given my best. It would be more embarrassing for me to beat her than it would be for her to beat me."

Scallion, who has been cross-country skiing for almost all of her life, has had the honour of representing her province in three previous games. Her first taste of Canada Games competition came at the 1999 Winter Games in Corner Brook Nfld. There, she competed as a cross-country skier. In the summer of 2001, she traveled to London, Ont. to compete as a mountain biker.

In Corner Brook, the then 14-year-old finished near the bottom in every race she competed in. However, that was then and this is now, and the 18-year-old believes she can use her experience to have a strong showing this time around.

"I think I can," said Scallion. "I don't think I'll have a podium finish but a finish in the top half of the field wouldn't be unrealistic."

The two Scallions qualified to represent Nova Scotia by finishing first and second out of seven competitors in two selection races in late December in Cape Breton.

Scallion's dedication to the sport shows in her 10 hours of training throughout the duration of a typical week.

"I don't always get to ski but I always get out and do something for training," she said.

Scallion will compete at the Games in the 7.5 kilometre classic, 900 metre sprint races and the 5x5 (5 km classic combined with a 5 km skate). She will also be a member of the 4x5 km relay team.

"I'm really excited," said Scallion. "It's going to be a great time and I'm looking forward to improving on my last



MATT VENIO - TRURO DAILY NEWS

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Canada Games performance."

Scallion comes from a family rich in Canada Games history.

This will also be Magi's third appearance at the Games, and her older brother Conor competed in Corner Brook in 1999 as a freestyle skier. Both of Scallion's parents, Diane Powell and Bryan, have also competed, coached and managed at the Games in the past.

"The only person in my family who hasn't gone is my younger brother (Ewan) and I'm sure it's just a matter of time before he goes too," said Scallion.

Scallion will leave for the Games on Friday. The Games open on Saturday and

Scallion will see action in her first event on Monday.

She will also compete on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Other local athletes attending the Canada Winter Games are Trevor Conroy, Truro (alpine skiing); Jenna Wirtanen, Brookfield (artistic gymnastics); Chester Weatherbee, Truro (badminton); Jessie Cook, Truro; Lori Henley, Upper Musquodoboit (figure skating); Tara French, Truro; Nicole Goguen, Truro; Jenny Brine, Truro; Meghan Read, Brookfield (women's hockey); Danny Hollett, Truro and Shane Nolan, Shubenacadie (men's hockey).

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Scallion sisters ready to tackle hill: Cross-country skiers from Wentworth vie against each other

By Julie Scott, The Canadian Press

Kate Scallion admits she hasn't had much of a social life lately. Between finishing her final year of high school and training for the Canada Winter Games, there isn't much time for anything else.

The 18-year-old cross-country skier from Wentworth, who is preparing for her third Canada Games, says all the sacrifices she's made for her sport are worth it.

"I really enjoy what I'm doing as an athlete and there's social benefits to it," the teen said recently from her home. "In high school, there's parties, but what does it matter?"

While Scallion is juggling school and her training in Nova Scotia, her sister is doing the same thing 1,300 kilometres away.

Magi Scallion, in her third year at Queen's University, is also a member of the Nova Scotia cross-country ski team. It will be the 21-year-old commerce student's third Canada Winter Games.

Both women have been fitting in at least 10 hours a week of training for the Games, which begin Saturday in Bathurst and Campbellton, N.B. And while they haven't seen much of each other during the buildup to the Games,

KATE SCALLION

both agree there's always a little sibling rivalry at work.

"She's really competitive," Magi said with a chuckle.

"It's really nice to have somebody that you're related to that's going to push you all the time."

The pair haven't trained together since the Christmas holidays, which might be a good thing since a friendly sisterly workout can turn into a fiercely competitive race.

"For her, I'm the older sister and she always wants to beat me," Magi said. "But in the same way, she's my younger sister, so I don't want her to beat me."

"I wouldn't say it's a bad competitive spirit though."

A little maturity has gone a long way in helping the relationship, says Kate.

"For the most part, especially now that we're older and, hopefully, more mature, we do get along better and kind of put it aside."

The Canada Games are old hat for the Scallion sisters. Kate made her debut in

1999 in Corner Brook, Nfld., in **cross-country**, then competed as a cyclist in 2001 at the London, Ont., Summer **Games**.

This year will be Magi's third straight Winter **Games**. And that's just the beginning. Both their parents and older brother have also been involved in past **Canada Games**.

"Every time is different," said Kate. "I went to the '99 **Games** when I was 14, and that was one of the biggest learning experiences ever."

This will be Magi's last **Canada Games**. By the time the next Winter **Games** roll around in four years, she will be too old to compete.

Her next goal is the World University **Games** next year.

She also hasn't ruled out returning to the **Canada Games** as a coach.

The Nova Scotia women's **cross-country** team finished a lowly 12th at the 1999 **Games**. But four of the five '99 team members are returning this time around, with a little more confidence and experience.

"Eighth would be really nice," Magi said of her team.

Individually, she'd like to improve on her 24th-place performance in 1999.

Kate is hoping to become a full-time athlete.

She's already competed at the world cycling championships at the junior level. For the moment though, the **Canada Games** are her top priority.

the different sports, especially when you're living in the athletes' village and everybody's on a different schedule," she said of the **Games**.

"So you might have people next door who don't have to get up till 10 o'clock, so they are up till 12 o'clock being loud. It's just a good experience, dealing with different types of things."

Figure:

Magi Scallion

"It's really good for learning to deal with

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Canada games: Cape Breton's contingent will number 36

Philip Croucher

Cape Breton Post

SYDNEY - Team Nova Scotia will have a definite Cape Breton flavour when the 2003 Canada Winter Games in Bathurst and Campbellton, N.B., kick off Saturday.

Thirty-six Cape Bretoners are making the trek to New Brunswick for the prestigious event as either an athlete, coach, referee, mission staff member or with the national arts program.

"I'm really excited," said 17-year-old Tyler Germani of Baddeck, one of five Cape Bretoners on the Nova Scotia cross-country ski team. "I think it will be a blast."

Cross-country skiing is one three sporting events Cape Bretoners are involved in during the opening week.

Also on the cross-country ski team from Cape Breton are coach Stuart Germani, Tyler's father, manager Susan Phalen of Baddeck, and athletes Grace MacIntyre of Baddeck, and Stephen Murray of Dingwall.

In men's hockey, members of Team Nova Scotia include assistant coach Bill O'Brien of Glace Bay and players Kenzie Sheppard of Howie Centre, David MacBurnie of Sydney Mines, and Jarrod MacEachern of Port Hood.

The biggest contingent of Cape Breton-

Photo: Tyler Germani

ers is with speed skating (11). Heading to New Brunswick are coaches Lauchie MacLean of Bras d'Or, and Orlynn Somerville of Baddeck, and skaters Emily Chiasson of Baddeck, Lindsay Collins of Little Bras d'Or, Joshua MacNeil of Iona, Brandon Crane of North Sydney, Joseph MacPherson and Christopher Oake of Sydney, Paul Bonnar and Ashley Chiasson of Sydney River, and Jenna Guy of Sydney Mines.

The athletes competing in the Games' opening week leave today for New Brunswick and will be a part of Saturday night's opening ceremonies.

In week two, Cape Bretoners will be compete in women's hockey, boxing and judo.

In women's hockey, taking to the ice are Meghan Gillis and Amy MacLennan of Whycocomagh, and Hollie Squarey of Sydney Mines.

In boxing, stepping into the ring are referee Blair Boone of New Waterford, and fighters D.J. Barry of Sydney Mines, and Curtis White of Georges River.

In the sport of judo, four Cape Bretoners are taking part. They are coach Mike Soares of Rocky Bay, Richmond Co.,

and athletes Heidi Soares of Rocky Bay, Robin Nathanson of Sydney, and Cassandra Hawley of Port Hood.

Also attending the Games from Cape Breton are four mission staff members and two people with the National Arts Program.

The mission staff members include Patsy Blais, Glenn Johnston and Michael Almond, all of Sydney River, and Russell MacDonald of Groves Point.

Taking part in the arts program are Colin Grant of Sydney and Angela MacDonald of Glace Bay.

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Canada Games: Baddeck skater sets two new personal times

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Cape Breton Post

SYDNEY - Emily Chiasson went to the 1999 **Canada Games** in Corner Brook, Nfld., as a member of Nova Scotia's long-track speed skating team.

However, she never did get to compete.

Chiasson had to deal with the disappointment of not getting to skate at the national event when a combination of bad weather and poor track conditions forced the postponement of the long-track events.

It's four years later, and Chiasson is back at the **Canada Games** in New Brunswick, only this time she's a member of a short-track speed skating team, which means her events are held indoors, sheltered from the threat of bad weather.

Chiasson competed in her first events Monday. She established two new personal best times by finishing her 1,500 metre preliminary heat in two minutes and 46.38 seconds to place 30th in a field of 60. She also set a new personal best mark by finishing her 500 metre heat in 50.4 seconds.

"It was a really good day," said the 18-year-old Baddeck resident. "I was kind of nervous this morning before we got going so it was a relief to get the first race completed. I had a personal best

Photo: Emily Chiasson

time this morning in my 1,500 and another one in my 500 so I'm happy with how things went today."

Chiasson wouldn't know until late Monday if her time in the 500m would be good enough for her to advance to the semifinals.

"The level of competition here is good," said Chiasson, a member of the Baddeck Silver Bullets and a Grade 12 French Immersion student at Memorial High School. "Among the Maritime provinces and northern provinces we're pretty competitive. Against the powerhouses like B.C., Alberta and Ontario we can hold our own, but they're stronger and more experienced."

The 500m finals and preliminary heats in the 1000m and relay events will be held today.

In other short track events Monday, Paul Bonnar, 17, of Sydney River, and Christopher Oake, 18, of Sydney, placed fifth and sixth respectively in their 1,500m heats but did not advance to the medal round. Both finished in the top 25.

Joshua MacNeil, 16, of Iona placed last in his qualifying heat in the 1,500m and

also did not advance.

Brandon Crane, 13, of North Sydney was leading his 1,500m heat but was disqualified for making contact with another skater.

Two Cape Bretoners are among the five Nova Scotians on the long track team.

Thirteen-year-old Jenna Guy of Sydney Mines established a new personal best time by finishing her 500m preliminary heat in 57.75 seconds to finish 23rd overall.

Joseph MacPherson, 15, of Sydney, also set a new personal best time by crossing the line in his 500m preliminary heat in 48.25 seconds to place 19th.

Both are still novices in the long-track event. The **Canada Games** is just their second official competition. Their first was three weeks in Campbellton.

The three Cape Bretoners on the **cross-country ski** team were all in action Monday. Nineteen-year-old Stephen Murray of Dingwall shaved more than five minutes off his previous personal best time by finishing the men's 10 km mass start classic in 35 minutes and seven seconds to place 40th in a field of 52.

"I certainly feel good about today's race," said Murray, a first year student at Mount Allison University in Sackville, N.B. "I felt really good going up the hills. That's where I made up the most time. My skis we're great; my glide was good. I managed to pass a few people on the downhills."

The **Canada Games** is somewhat of a family tradition for the Murray's. Stephen is competing in the **Games** for the first time, but his two older brothers,

Daniel and Ian, competed in the **Canada Games** in Grande Prairie, Alta. in 1995 and Corner Brook in 1999 and his older sister, Heather, was also in Corner Brook.

"I guess this is my turn," said Stephen.

With all 52 skiers in the field starting at the same time it can create a hectic situation.

"Since it was a mass start, it was quite a challenge," said Murray. "We all started at once as opposed to intervals where you send one off maybe every 30 seconds. The mass start makes for an exciting race. Going up the first hill was quite a challenge. It was very tight. You had to be careful not to break a pole."

Tyler Germani, 17, of Baddeck also competed in the men's 10 km. He finished just ahead of Murray in 34:41 to place 37th overall.

Sixteen-year-old Grace MacIntyre, the youngest skier on the Nova Scotia team, competed in the women's 7.5 km mass start classic. She shaved more than five minutes off her personal best to finish in 36:43 to place 48 in a field of 55.

In men's hockey, Nova Scotia lost 8-5 to Ontario, one of the gold medal favourites.

Sidney Crosby fired a hat trick for Nova Scotia, which includes Cape Bretoners Kenzie Sheppard of Howie Centre, David MacBurnie of Sydney Mines, Jarrod MacEachern of Port Hood and assistant coach Bill O'Brien of Glace Bay.

"We were pretty even but a couple of bounces went their way and we didn't capitalize on some of our chances so they ended up getting the win," said

Sheppard, who is considered to be a likely first or second round pick in the upcoming Quebec Major Junior Hockey League draft.

"They were fast but we stayed with them. It's good for our confidence because now we know we can play with every team here."

Nova Scotia's next game is today at 2 p.m. against Manitoba.

"We haven't seen them play, but we hear they're small, but fast and skilled. They lost 5-4 to Ontario."

Figure:

Photo: Stephen Murray

Photo: Kenzie Sheppard

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Crosby nets three in hockey loss; N.S. women beat P.E.I., improve to 2-0 in curling

Dan Arsenault

Herald Sports

A Sidney Crosby hat trick wasn't enough for Nova Scotia's opening hockey game on Day 2 of the **Canada Games** in Bathurst, as Ontario won 8-5.

"I felt we played really well," said Crosby, "it was 5-5 for a while."

Dominic Tweed, a defenceman from Halifax, and Nathan Welton, a defenceman from Dartmouth, had the other Nova Scotia goals.

Goalie Chris Wall of Halifax took the loss. Ontario outshot Nova Scotia 38-27.

Crosby, who, at 14 years of age, won tournament MVP with silver medallists Dartmouth Subways at last year's national midget hockey tournament, is playing junior hockey this season with Shattuck-St. Mary's school in Faribault, Minn.

He said Monday's game is at the same level he's playing the United States.

Asked about the difference in the game, Crosby said Ontario showed more experience.

"I don't think we looked out of place. We were right there with those guys.

"We made the odd mistake and they cap-

The Canadian Press

A sweater belonging to Manitoba's Joe Barnes hangs over the bench during hockey action against Prince Edward Island in Bathurst, N.B., at the **Canada Winter Games** on Monday. Barnes was injured in a game Sunday.

italized and we didn't. We had chances all night, we missed a few open nets."

Nova Scotia's Kenzie Sheppard received a game misconduct for checking from behind in the second period.

Crosby still believes Nova Scotia can win a medal.

"We have a good chance. That's definitely our goal."

The hockey team plays Manitoba in Campbellton, the north New Brunswick city co-hosting the **Games** with Bathurst, this afternoon.

Curling

In women's play, the Paige Mattie rink is off to a good start.

The Nova Scotia girls foursome of Mattie, Heather Bannier, Cara DiPersio and Jillian Deagle beat Prince Edward Island 6-5 on Monday, to improve their record to 2-0. They played flawlessly to dump Manitoba 14-1 on Sunday.

"I don't think we played as well (against PEI)," said Mattie, 17, from Tracadie.

She said the ice is very fast at the Bathurst Curling Club, which suits her fine.

"Everyone had their draw weight down perfectly," she said, something that helps a team which tries to draw a lot, like hers.

Mattie said the event is unlike anything she's ever competed in.

"It's been amazing. It's like a mini-Olympics."

There is also a very positive aura - something she seems to be contributing to.

"It makes me very proud to wear a Nova Scotia jacket."

Her rink's next action is this morning against Newfoundland.

Badminton

In mixed doubles badminton, Joey Scott of Granville Ferry and Wolfville's Fiona Morris moved on to the quarter-finals by beating Yukon (11-0, 11-0) and British Columbia (11-2, 5-11, 11-5) but lost to Alberta (11-8, 11-4) to finish sixth.

Earlier, Bridgetown's Craig Stewart and Wendy McGill of Wolfville lost to Alberta (11-2, 11-3) to fall to 0-2, out of contention.

The women's doubles team of Petit Ruisseau's Liette Foy and Morris made it to quarter-finals, but lost to Ontario (11-1, 11-5).

Cross-country skiing

All seven competing cross-country

skiers from Nova Scotia set personal bests Monday.

In the men's 10K mass start, Tyler Germani of Baddeck finished 37th in 34:41 and Stephen Murray of Dingwall finished in 35:07, good for 40th. Quebec's Vincent Renart won in 29:50.

The top Nova Scotian in the women's 7.5K mass start was Magi Scallion of Wentworth who was 20th in 30:38. Her sister Kate finished 29th in 31:43.

Others Nova Scotian finishers were: Meg Payne of Windsor 42nd (33:36), Lilla Roy of Fort Ellis 47th (35:49) and Grace MacIntyre 48th (36:43). Quebec's Daria Gaiazova won in 26:30.

Magi Scallion said she really liked her results and the facilities at this, her third winter Games.

"It's the best result I've ever had. This is the nicest ski facility," she said, adding the athlete's quarters are also the best she's seen.

The skiers hit the trails for 900-metre sprints this morning.

Ringette

Nova Scotia lost to Manitoba 7-2. Jane Morse of Berwick and Alana Zinck of Cole Harbour scored the Nova Scotia goals. Provincial flag bearer and goalie Nicole Doucet faced 62 shots in the game.

The team plays Ontario at 10 a.m. today.

Short track speed skating

All nine skaters in the 1,500-metre short track in Campbellton advanced to quarter-finals, but none moved on to finals.

The boys competitors were Paul Bonnar, Christopher Oake, Jamie Cordes, Joshua McNeil and Brandon Crane.

For the girls, Christine Angelidis, who competed along with Emily Chiasson, Lindsay Collins, Ashley Chiasson and Kristen Murray said she was pleased with her result.

"I was in the upper half of the skaters. There was some tough competition out there, so Nova Scotia is pretty happy."

Despite somewhat slow ice at the Campbellton rink, she set two personal bests.

"That's why I'm at the Games," the 16-year-old said. "To improve."

Squash

In men's team play, Nova Scotia lost 4-0 to Manitoba.

Figure:

Paige Mattie: N.S. skip improves to 2-0 at Games

The Canadian Press

Daria Gaiazova of Montreal displays her gold medal after winning the women's 7.5 km. classic cross-country ski event at the Canada Winter Games in Charlo, N.B., on Monday. The medal was the first awarded at the Games.

Sidney Crosby: scores three goals in loss to Ontario

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A sweater belonging to Manitoba's Joe Barnes hangs over the bench during hockey action against Prince Edward Island in Bathurst, N.B., at the **Canada Winter Games** on Monday. Barnes was injured in a game Sunday.

"It makes me very proud to wear a Nova Scotia jacket."

Her rink's next action is this morning against Newfoundland.

Badminton

In mixed doubles badminton, Joey Scott of Granville Ferry and Wolfville's Fiona Morris moved on to the quarter-finals by beating Yukon (11-0, 11-0) and British Columbia (11-2, 5-11, 11-5) but lost to Alberta (11-8, 11-4) to finish sixth.

Earlier, Bridgetown's Craig Stewart and Wendy McGill of Wolfville lost to Alberta (11-2, 11-3) to fall to 0-2, out of contention.

The women's doubles team of Petit Ruisseau's Liette Foy and Morris made it to quarter-finals, but lost to Ontario (11-1, 11-5).

Cross-country skiing

All seven competing **cross-country** skiers from Nova Scotia set personal

bests Monday.

In the men's 10K mass start, Tyler Germani of Baddeck finished 37th in 34:41 and Stephen Murray of Dingwall finished in 35:07, good for 40th. Quebec's Vincent Renart won in 29:50.

The top Nova Scotian in the women's 7.5K mass start was Magi Scallion of Wentworth who was 20th in 30:38. Her sister Kate finished 29th in 31:43.

Others Nova Scotian finishers were: Meg Payne of Windsor 42nd (33:36), Lilla Roy of Fort Ellis 47th (35:49) and Grace MacIntyre 48th (36:43). Quebec's Daria Gaiazova won in 26:30.

Magi Scallion said she really liked her results and the facilities at this, her third winter Games.

"It's the best result I've ever had. This is the nicest ski facility," she said, adding the athlete's quarters are also the best she's seen.

The skiers hit the trails for 900-metre sprints this morning.

Ringette

Nova Scotia lost to Manitoba 7-2. Jane Morse of Berwick and Alana Zinck of Cole Harbour scored the Nova Scotia goals. Provincial flag bearer and goalie Nicole Doucet faced 62 shots in the game.

The team plays Ontario at 10 a.m. today.

Short track speed skating

All nine skaters in the 1,500-metre short track advanced to quarter-finals, but none moved on to finals.

The boys competitors were Paul Bonnar,

Christopher Oake, Jamie Cordes, Joshua McNeil and Brandon Crane.

For the girls, Christine Angelidis, who competed along with Emily Chiasson, Lindsay Collins, Ashley Chiasson and Kristen Murray said she was pleased with her result.

"I was in the upper half of the skaters. There was some tough competition out there, so Nova Scotia is pretty happy."

Despite somewhat slow ice at the Campbellton rink, she set two personal bests.

"That's why I'm at the Games," the 16-year-old said. "To improve."

Figure:

Paige Mattie: N.S. skip improves to 2-0 at Games

The Canadian Press

Daria Gaiazova of Montreal displays her gold medal after winning the women's 7.5 km. classic cross-country ski event at the Canada Winter Games in Charlo, N.B., on Monday. The medal was the first awarded at the Games.

Sidney Crosby: scores three goals in loss to Ontario

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2003 **canada** winter **games**: Scallion top Nova Scotian skier

Daily News

BATHURST, N.B. - Wentworth's Magi Scallion finished 20th in the **cross country** women's 7.5 km **ski** race on Monday at the **Canada** Winter **Games**.

Scallion, the top Nova Scotian, completed the race in a time of 30:38.6, more than four minutes behind gold medalist Daria Gaiazova of Quebec (26:30.0). Alberta's Tara Whitten (27:07.2) won silver and B.C.'s Jacqui Benson (27:11.3) took the bronze.

Magi's younger sister Kate crossed the finish line in a time of 31:43.3. Other Nova Scotians who competed in the race were Meg Payne (33:46.3) and Lilla Roy (35:45.2).

BADMINTON

Truro's Chester Weatherby and partner Nicole Hayward were beaten in straight **games** (11-9, 11-2) by New Brunswick's Daniel Robichaud and Rachelle Dallaire in mixed doubles action on Monday.

Weatherby, who turns 21 on Saturday, is attending his first **Canada** Winter **Games**, and is enjoying the experience.

"It's been pretty good," said the third-year student at Mt. Allison University in Sackville, N.B. "I've seen some really good badminton. It's been exciting to see some top-level players from Alberta and further out west."

Weatherby returns to action on Wednesday when he competes in the team event.

WOMEN'S CURLING

Nova Scotia's Paige Mattie improved her record to 2-0 after a 6-5 win over Prince Edward Island on Monday.

Mattie opened the **Games** with a 14-1 eight-end rout of Manitoba on Sunday.

Truro's Dave Williams coaches the Mattie foursome.

MEN'S HOCKEY

Nova Scotia was beaten 8-5 by Ontario in its **Canada Games** opener at the K.C. Irving Centre on Monday.

Star forward Sidney Crosby notched a hat trick for the Bluenosers, while Dominic Tweed and Nathan Welton added single markers. Truro's Danny Hollett was held off the scoresheet.

Nova Scotia returns to action today at 2 p.m. against Manitoba.

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Crosby's OT goal lifts Nova Scotia past Manitoba: Cape Breton speed skaters, cross-country skiers back in action

Brad Rowe

Cape Breton Post

SYDNEY - Sidney Crosby's overtime heroics has helped Team Nova Scotia keep its medal hopes alive in men's hockey.

The 15-year-old phenom from Cole Harbour scored his second goal of the game and fifth in two games 3:32 into the 10-minute overtime period to lift Nova Scotia to a 3-2 win over Manitoba in round-robin play in Campbellton, N.B., Tuesday afternoon.

"We actually got lucky. We got a power play in overtime," Crosby said. "Luke Gallant took a shot from the point and the goalie made a pad save. As he kicked it out the puck hit one of their players and I was just off to the side of the net. I had the open net and put it in."

Justin Munden of Halifax also scored for Nova Scotia, which includes Cape Bretoners Kenzie Sheppard of Howie Centre, Jarrod MacEachern of Port Hood, David MacBurnie of Sydney Mines, and assistant coach Bill O'Brien of Glace Bay.

The teams swapped goals in the first and second periods to head into the third deadlocked at 2-2. They battled through the final period, which set up Crosby's overtime heroics.

"We were pretty tired after playing Ontario (Monday) night and having to get up early this morning and travel to Campbellton to play at 2 p.m.," said Nova Scotia coach Ron Turnbull. "We got off to a slow start but we battled back and pulled out a big win."

Nova Scotia plays Prince Edward Island today at 7 p.m. Nova Scotia is favoured to win, which would set up a showdown with Alberta Thursday for one of the two available playoff spots in their pool. The top two teams in each five-team pool advance to the semifinals and are assured at least a shot at bronze.

"We're going into (Wednesday's) game just as focused as we were our first two games," said Crosby, who had a hat trick in an 8-5 loss to Ontario Monday. "It wouldn't be good to play as hard as we have the first two games and then blow it because of lack of mental preparation."

Crosby has been the focus of media attention across the country for the past couple of years and things haven't changed during the Canada Games.

"Right now I'm getting a lot of attention from the media here," said Crosby, who has 50 goals and 65 assists in 42 games for Shattuck-St. Mary's prep school in

Faribault, Minnesota. "That means we're doing well or something is going right. Hopefully we can keep playing well.

"We have a strong team this year and every guy is out there working hard. We proved that today. It was a total team effort to win in overtime."

Speed skaters were back on the ice for the second day of their competition.

In the women's 500m short track event, 16-year-old Lindsay Collins of Bras d'Or finished 24th and 18-year-old Emily Chiasson of Baddeck placed 25th while posting personal best times, which were not available. Ashley Chiasson, a 16-year-old Sydney River resident, posted a personal best time but her time and placing were not available.

In the men's 500m short track race, 17-year-old Paul Bonnar of Sydney River was 24th, 18-year-old Christopher Oake of Sydney was 26th, 13-year-old Brandon Crane of North Sydney was 35th and 16-year-old Joshua MacNeil of Iona was 52nd. None of their times were available.

"I'd say it was a pretty good day," said Crane, a member of the Northside Blades speed skating team. "I was hoping for a better time but I did the best I could."

Crane is only 13 so he's one of the youngest competitors at the **Canada Games**. He's competing against some skaters who are as old as 20.

"Because I'm so young there's people who are older and stronger and more experienced so it takes a lot of hard work for me to compete with them," said Crane, who is gaining valuable experience by competing at the national event

that attracts the top skaters from every province.

The 1,000m and 3,000m short track events are still on the schedule.

The three Cape Bretoners on the **cross-country ski** team were back in action Tuesday. After competing in the mass start classic Monday, they raced the 900m sprint Tuesday.

Grace MacIntyre, a 16-year-old from Baddeck, placed 53rd in two minutes and 50.49 seconds. She was 46 seconds back of gold medal winner Tara Whitten of Alberta.

Seventeen-year-old Tyler Germani of Baddeck finished the 900m sprint in 2:01.69 to place 31st overall, 15.15 seconds behind gold medal winner Sean Crooks of Ontario.

Stephen Murray, a 19-year-old Dingwall resident, placed 43rd in 2:11.64.

Cross-country ski competition continues today.

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Cross-country skiing started at a very young for Germani

Brad Rowe

Cape Breton Post

SYDNEY - Before Tyler Germani could even walk he was tackling some of the more challenging cross-country ski courses in Cape Breton.

Doesn't seem possible, but it's true.

"My dad got me involved in cross-country skiing when I was really young," said Germani, one of three Cape Breton athletes on the Nova Scotia Canada Games cross-country ski team. "He was towing me behind him in a toboggan before I could even walk."

Germani, 17, made the natural progression to skiing on his own when he was only four years old. Back then it was all about fun. But it wasn't long before the Grade 12 student at Baddeck Academy was bitten by the competitive bug.

"It wasn't about competing for me at first," he said. "It was just about skiing and having fun. Then I started competing when I was 10 or 11. I saw a lot of older guys racing and they were getting to go to these races all over the Maritimes so I wanted to do that. My dad helped me get started competitively."

Germani's dad, Stuart, has obviously been a big influence on his skiing career. And he's still actively involved. Stuart Germani, 42, is coach of the Nova Scotia Canada Games cross-country team.

"It's great having him here. He's an excellent coach," Germani said. "He encourages me all the time. He encourages me to get out and train, which helps me a lot and is a big reason why I'm here."

"We've been involved together in the sport for so long now we know how much space to give each other so we don't run into any problems. We used to a while ago, but not anymore."

Germani participated in trials for the 1999 Canada Games team when he was just 13. But his dream of making the Nova Scotia team didn't materialize. That only served to inspire him even more for the next Canada Games that were then four years down the road.

"It's a really confusing system they use to determine who qualifies," said Germani. "I don't even know exactly how they do it. It's done through a points system."

"I know I qualified for the team last year. My times were fast enough that I made the team."

Germani has been following a fairly rigorous training program leading up to the Canada Games.

"We had an Atlantic training camp in the summer and I attended various other training camps around the province," he said. "But a lot of the training is just

going out and skiing by myself or with some of the local skiers. I also do lots of running and mountain biking."

One of the benefits of living in Baddeck is the proximity to some great cross-country courses, including the course for the 1987 Canada Winter Games that were held in Cape Breton.

"Hockey is pretty big where I live too, but being in Baddeck where there is some nice trails definitely influenced my involvement in skiing.

"I ski a lot in Big Baddeck and Cape North," said Germani, who also plays basketball, soccer and competes in cross country running and sailing. "The Cape North course is quite challenging. It was the course for the '87 Canada Games."

Germani is also eligible for the 2007 Canada Winter Games in the Yukon, but for now he's focused on enjoying this experience as Week 1 winds down and he returns home to Baddeck.

"It's been a great experience," said Germani. "It's a real close knit community with all the athletes. It's nice to get to learn about all the different sports and get to meet athletes from all around the country. It's been a neat experience."

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Local skater finishes 18th overall: Sydney River's Paul Bonnar top Nova Scotian

Brad Rowe

Cape Breton Post

SYDNEY - Paul Bonnar cracked the Top 20 in two short track speed skating events to finish as the top Nova Scotia skater at the 2003 **Canada Winter Games** in Bathurst and Campbellton, N.B., Thursday.

Bonnar, 17, of Sydney River, finished the 1,000m race in one minute, 38.31 seconds to place 18th overall in a field of 52 skaters. He also skated in the 3,000m event and finished in 5:20.81 to place 19th overall.

Bonnar was also part of the Nova Scotia team that finished sixth overall in the 3,000m relay.

Christopher Oake of Sydney and Joshua MacNeil of Iona were also on the four-member team that finished the event in 4:49.32.

"It was a really good day for me," said Bonnar, who's been a member of the Cape Breton Speed Skating club for nine years. "I'm happy with my results. To qualify for the 3,000m you had to be ranked in the top 32 of 58 skaters and I was one of them. In fact, five of our Nova Scotia skaters were in the top 32, the best ever showing for our province. In the past the most we ever had qualify was two. So this is a pretty big achievement for our team."

Photo: Submitted Photo

Jenna Guy, 13, a long-track speed skater from Sydney Mines, braves the cold on the Campbellton oval giving her best for team Nova Scotia.

Oake also skated in both the 1,000m and 3,000m races Thursday. He was 24th in the shorter distance, finishing in 1:39.62. He completed the 3,000m race in 5:24.08 to place 21st overall.

MacNeil competed in only the 1,000m race, finishing in 1:43.42 to place 42nd overall.

Brandon Crane, a 13-year-old North Sydney resident, placed 28th in the 1,000m event, finishing in 1:41.86.

In girls competition, 18-year-old Emily Chiasson of Baddeck was the top Nova Scotian in the 1,000m event, finishing in 1:48.28 to place 29th overall. She also skated in the 3,000m race and finished in 6:00.34 to place 27th.

Sixteen-year-old Lindsay Collins of Little Bras d'Or was the top Nova Scotian in the 3,000m. She finished in 5:59.03 to place 26th overall. She was 34th in the 1,000m, finishing in 1:44.9.

Ashley Chiasson, a 16-year-old Sydney River resident, placed 39th in the 1,000m, completing the course in

1:48.85.

Collins and Emily Chiasson and Ashley Chiasson were part of the four-member Nova Scotia team that placed seventh in the 3,000m relay, finishing in 5:12.22.

Thursday's event marked the end of speed skating. Team Nova Scotia, which is coached by Lauchie MacLean of Bras d'Or, and Orlynn Somerville of Baddeck, placed seventh overall.

"This has definitely been a great experience," said Bonnar. "I got to meet a lot of new people and the competition was great. I didn't expect too much coming in but I think I finished well and I had a lot of fun which, to me, was just as important."

The men's hockey team's medal hopes ended Thursday as a result of a 4-1 loss to Alberta in their final round-robin game.

Alberta (3-1) and Ontario (3-1) clinched the two playoff spots in Pool A.

"Alberta is a really strong team," said Nova Scotia forward David MacBurnie, a 17-year-old North Sydney resident. "We came out hard against them. We worked hard the whole game. We had a few chances but we didn't bury them and it cost us. Everybody's pretty disappointed. It's not fun."

Luke Gallant scored Nova Scotia's goal. Kenzie Sheppard of Howie Centre and Sidney Crosby of Cole Harbour had assists.

"It was a really intense game, a hard hitting game," said Sheppard, who has two goals and four assists in four games. "We had a good work ethic and finished our checks but we lost because we didn't

bury the chances we had. They were a good team. They worked hard and they moved the puck well."

Nova Scotia (2-2) will play Saskatchewan for fifth place today at 7 p.m. at the K.C. Irving Centre in Bathurst.

"Fifth place is on the line and that would be a pretty good accomplishment for us considering how good some of the teams are," said MacBurnie.

"This experience has been amazing so I'm going to hate to see it end. We got to play against a lot of major junior players and we did well, which goes to show Nova Scotia is just as strong as the other provinces."

Men's hockey best showing was a silver in 1979 in Brandon, Man.

On the cross-country ski courses, the three Cape Bretoners on the Nova Scotia team were all in action.

Tyler Germani, 17, of Baddeck, finished 40th in the 15 km pursuit, finishing in a time of 45 minutes 59 seconds.

Stephen Murray, a 19-year-old from Dingwall, came in just behind his teammate, finishing in 46:40 to place 44th overall.

Sixteen-year-old Grace MacIntyre of Baddeck was 52nd in the five km freestyle race, finishing in 43:02.

The Nova Scotia team is coached by Stuart Germani of Baddeck and managed by Susan Phalen of Baddeck.

Team relays are the final event on the schedule for cross-country skiing today.



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N.S. skier tops in Atlantic

By JIM REYNO, *The Daily News*

Magi Scallion of Wentworth was the top female Atlantic Canadian in two five-kilometre cross-country ski races yesterday.

In the morning classic event, Scallion placed 28th. She had a better afternoon in the pursuit event.

"I actually caught, I think, five people, because I ended up 23rd," said Scallion, 21. "And nobody passed me, which is nice."

Scallion will be Nova Scotia's lead-off skier in the female relay race this morning

"We're thinking seventh or eighth would be really good for us," she said.

- HOCKEY: Nova Scotia lost 4-1 to Alberta and will play Saskatchewan in the fifth-place game tonight.

"We came this far; we should be in the medal round," said forward Kenzie Sheppard, who had an assist against Alberta. "But we did better than in previous years, and we did better than anyone else expected."

Nova Scotia has a record of 2-2.

Luke Gallant scored for the Bluenosers, who fired 47 shots at the Alberta goal. Sidney Crosby had the other assist, while Zach Saunders made 28 saves.

MAGI SCALLION

- RINGETTE: Nova Scotia split its two games yesterday.

Nova Scotia lost its morning game 8-1 to Alberta. Katherine Markusson had the only goal for the Bluenosers.

In the late game, Nova Scotia doubled New Brunswick 4-2. Rachel Swetnam had a goal and an assist, while Markusson, Amanda Clarke and Alana Zinck added singles.

Nova Scotia has a 1-6 record and meets P.E.I. today in the seventh-place game. The Bluenosers still have something to play for.

"(Seventh) is actually one place higher than Nova Scotia did in ringette at the last Canada Winter Games," said forward Kristina van Eden of Lower Sackville.

- CURLING: After a day off yesterday, Page Mattie and her Nova Scotia rink face Quebec's Marie-Christine Cantin in semifinal play this morning. New Brunswick meets Ontario in the other semi.

The semifinal winners will meet for gold tonight, while the losers play for bronze.

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