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Team Ontario Continues Harvest of Medals at Quebec Disabled Ski Championships

The Ontario Disabled Alpine Racing Team continued its harvest of medals this season, with an impressive showing at the Quebec Disabled Ski Championships, this past weekend.

The 3 day event was held at Mont Cascades resort, in the beautiful Gatineau hills of Quebec, just north of Ottawa. The competition consisted of 4 races. Two slalom, and 2 giant slalom. Ontario sent 10 racers to the event. In the blind category, Ken Roche of Kitchener, recovered from a nasty encounter with a snow making gun, to take home 2 bronze medals, one in each discipline. In the women's division, Jan Hymers had 2 sixth place finishes in the giant slalom events, and climbed to fourth position for both slaloms, missing the podium by less than 1 second each time.

In the men's stand up group, Rob Scott had a bit rougher time than the previous week at Horseshoe resort, yet still looked impressive with 3 top 10 finishes. Scott, or "Franz" as he's better known to his teammates, also turned in the fastest giant slalom run of the weekend, but it wasn't quite enough to reach the podium. Sophomore racer Neil Mosburger of Kitchener, continues to improve, finishing in the top 10, in 3 out of 4 races. Canadian Team member Steve Wall of Mississauga, claimed a bronze medal in slalom, along with a pair of 4 place finishes. King City's James Binsfeld captured bronze in both giant slalom events. But it would be Jeff Dickson of Sudbury, who would rule the stand up category this weekend, claiming all 4 gold medals in all 4 events.

Ontario's sit skiers also brought home their share of hardware. After a 5 year absence from competitive racing, Toronto's Rich VanDerwal returned with a vengeance, taking a bronze medal in both slalom and GS. Puslinch's Bill Brouse was solid as ever, claiming bronze and silver in the 2 giant slalom races. And last, but not least, Andre Nasvytis of Dundas, showed his coach that the extra slalom practice is paying off, by sweeping both gold medals in the slalom discipline.

Next up for Team Ontario are the Canadian National Disabled Ski Championships, March 25th to 31st at Mount Washington, on Vancouver Island B.C. The team wishes to thank all its coaches and volunteers, who made the triumphant weekend all possible, as well as the Quebec Disabled Ski Team, and Alpine Canada, for putting on a fabulous event.