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NDC Senior Men Continue to Dominate Haywood NorAm Mont Ste. Anne, Quebec

After yesterday's spectacular podium sweep of the Senior Men's class, all eyes were on the men of NDC-Thunder Bay to see if they could hold on for a repeat in today's skate-technique pursuit race. The pursuit is a special event, held only once or twice a season which has the competitors start the race in the order they finished the previous day.

But today it was Andy Shield's day. Starting in second, he quickly moved into the leaders position, and then over the next 15km, just put more and more time between him and the rest of Canada. By the finish line he had pulled away by an amazing 45 seconds. After narrowly missing the medals yesterday, Evan Palmer-Charrette was on a mission, and skied his way up to Canada's most decorated Paralympian, Brian McKeever. They fought back and forth and it came down to the final sprint to the line, with NDC's Evan Palmer-Charrette narrowly nabbing the silver medal, by a mere 1-tenth of a second. Michael Somppi hung on to 4th position, while Bob Thompson came in 9th. David Askwith placed 19th.

These results put all of NDC's men in strong contention for spots on the start line of the SkiTour Canada, which will comprise the final 8 stages of the World Cup in March.

The Haywood NorAm Continental Cup Series continues next weekend for a 3-race event in Cantley, QC with the Eastern Canadian Championships, one of the largest and most competitive NorAm's of the year.

Overseas, as part of Canada's Junior Development Tour, 2 NDC athletes began the final day of competition at the German National Championships. Sam Greer placed 19th in the gruelling 30km mass-start event, while Mia Serratore placed 16th in the Junior Women class

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