

2007 BC ATHLETICS REPORT – COMBINED EVENTS

The number of athletes who participated in the combined events from British Columbia remained fairly low last season. With the CE being held at the same time as the age group championships, there appeared to be even fewer competitors. In several of the age groups, athletes competed on their own. It is obviously difficult to obtain good scores in this environment.

Representing **Canada** in the combined event in 2007 were:

Mark Chenery	Junior Men	PanAm Juniors (Sao Paulo, BRA)	4th 6760 pts.
Reid Gustavson	Junior Men	PanAm Juniors	DNF

Mark was hampered by an injury in the competition but struggled through to complete the Dec. Reid was also injured but continued on to support his teammate.

On the **domestic scene**, Adelle Johns, the Provincial Senior champ was also the winner of the Western Canada Games competition. Brooke Pighin (javelin) and Erica Rutley (pole vault) showed they were team players as they helped out with the Team B.C. score by completing the heptathlon.

Holly Parent was the provincial juvenile champion and represented B.C. at the Legion Championships but was unable to complete the event due to injury.

It is hoped that the 2008 championships will have a return to adequate numbers of competitors which will result in improved performances. In order to achieve this goal it may be necessary to once again hold a separate CE Championship, as was held in 2006, prior to the planned Championship Jamboree.

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