

## **World Junior/Youth Biathlon Championships Torsby, Sweden**

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It was a good days racing at the Sprint Competitions in Torsby today, with 2 Australian racers qualifying for their Pursuit Races on Sunday. The day dawned cold and overcast with the temperature at -15 by 8am. By 3pm it had warmed up to -11, but tomorrow promises to be even colder at the start of the day with temperatures to fall to a low of almost -20 overnight.

All 3 Australians raced today and similar to Thursday the Youth Men started the racing for the day with the 7.5km Sprint. Giles Richardson was the first Australian to race for the day. Giles' aim for the day was to shoot well and ski to the best of his ability. Giles stated this goal off well with zero penalties from his prone shooting but unfortunately shot 3 in his standing shooting for 3 penalties overall. Giles finished 89<sup>th</sup> today.

Alex Almoukov raced next in the Junior Men 10km Sprint. Alex shot well today with 1 penalty in each shooting stage but continued to feel the effects of his recent cold and sinus infection which while slowly improving is still causing him to ski slower than expected. Alex finished 54<sup>th</sup> today earning him a start in the Junior Men's Pursuit tomorrow.

Lucy Glanville was the last of the Australians to race today in the Youth Women 6km Sprint. Lucy's shooting was mixed, initially shooting 3 penalties in the prone but then recovering to shoot only 1 penalty in standing. The Youth Women competition was strong with some very accurate shooting, but Lucy was able to place 60<sup>th</sup> which qualified her for a start in the Youth Women's 7.5km Pursuit on Sunday.

It will be the last day of racing for the Australian Juniors on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> before they all head to Oslo where Giles and Lucy will fly back to Australia and Alex and Nick fly onto Vancouver where Alex will represent Australia at the Olympic Games in Biathlon.

Our final report on the 2010 World Junior/Youth Biathlon Championships will be sent after Alex and Lucy compete in their respective Pursuit Races on Sunday.

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