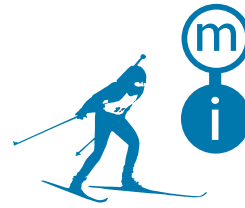




# the megan report february 2009



m e g a n i m r i e

## Greetings from South Korea!

What in the name of biathlon am I doing so far from a euro-sport channel, you ask? It may come as a surprise to you then, devoted biathlon fan, that World Championships are starting here tomorrow!



It has been a week or so since I stepped onto the other side of the globe, and embraced chopsticks with my fumbling Canadian fingers. But precision eating instruments may prove to be the least of our worries here. Let me explain...

Currently the team and I are kickin' back at Yong Pyong, a bustling ski and golf resort just outside of Pyeongchang. Korean tourists dressed to the nines in neon, snowboard late into the wee hours, while music blares across the entire ski area. Day to day Korean life had been fun. Meal times and grocery stores especially, make me smile. Dried fish, and other ocean fauna abound. Our hotel, the Greenpia, majestically overlooks the entire resort. Buses escort us to the biathlon stadium, mere minutes away.

The entire venue is brand spankin' new: biathlon range, cross country ski trails, spectator stands, media and wax buildings, and half a dozen towering ski jumps. All of these make their home on an expansive golf course. Hit the trails in winter, the links in summer. Sounds nice doesn't it? Here's the catch: what do we do with this infrastructure if there is no snow?

Which brings me to Friday the 13th in South Korea. To say it rained cats and dogs would not do THIS tropical storm justice. It blew, it poured, and it was sixteen shameful degrees above zero. The race course up until this point had been sketchy, but solid; haggard but hopeful. Yet with one day to go before the competitions get rolling, Hurricane Bad-Timing rears it's ugly rain-soaked head.

We are awaiting the final decision tomorrow morning; to race or not to race. The tireless organizing committee is working around the clock. Trucks have been hauling snow to the venue all afternoon, fighting the rising tide of mud and water.

Here is hoping that tomorrow is a great day.

Keep checking [www.meganimrie.com](http://www.meganimrie.com)

# biathlon

“in pursuit and on target!”



## highlights from last season:

- Canadian Champion (15km Individual)
- Rookie Year on World Cup Circuit
- World Championships 51st (Individual)
- World Cup 49th (Individual)

**Thank you to all of my sponsors,  
without you, my dreams would  
not be possible!**

## gold sponsors

- Petro Canada
- Craig and Corinne Chapman
- Cats in the Bag design
- The Daremax Foundation
- Manitoba Blue Cross

## friendship sponsors:

- Blacksun
- PrintCrafters Inc.
- Lumber One Building Supplies
- Shindico

## equipment sponsors:

- Bell Canada
- Salomon - skis, boots and bindings
- Leki - poles
- Adidas - glasses

**biathlon** “in pursuit and on target!”