

**Canada's Brendan Green Posts Career-Best Result at Biathlon World Cup in Italy  
—Green finishes in 19th spot in men's 20 kilometre individual start—**

**ANTHOLZ, Ita.**—Canada's Brendan Green posted a career-best 19th-place result at a World Cup biathlon competition in Antholz, Italy on Thursday.

The 23-year-old from Hay River, N.W.T., enjoyed one of his final tune-up competitions for the Olympic Winter Games by clocking a time of 57 minutes 34.9 seconds in a windy men's 20-kilometre individual event.

"The shooting was difficult today with the tricky wind conditions, but I tried to race relaxed and was able to have a solid day both on the range and on the course," said Green, who missed three shots in four bouts of shooting. "Training has been going really well this year and I've been waiting for a result like this all season."

Shooting is more important in the individual competition, with its one-minute penalty, than the other disciplines which have a penalty loop of 150 metres – which takes about 25 to 30 seconds to ski. The individual is the longest in skiing distance of all biathlon competitions, and has four bouts of shooting. Men will start the individual by skiing four kilometres and then arrive at the shooting station, continuing the sequence until they have shot four times, with a four kilometre ski loop between bouts. Women will follow the same procedure, with slightly shorter ski loops for the 15 kilometre competition.

It was one of the best days of the year for the Canadian men. Ottawa's Robin Clegg, who skis out of Quebec, finished in 23rd spot at 57:56.7, while Jean-Philippe Le Guellec, of Shannon, Que., was 39th at 59:23.1. Marc-Andre Bedard, of Valcartier, Que. was 58th at 1:01:24.0.

"It was a good day for the team as a whole which shows that our preparation is paying off and we are headed in the right direction before the Games," said Green. "Being able to achieve my best World Cup result this close to the Olympics is definitely a confidence booster for me."

Serguei Sednev, of the Ukraine, enjoyed a perfect day to win the gold medal with a time of 54:06.7. Austria's Daniel Mesotitsch was second at 54:51.6, while Alexis Boeuf, of France, finished third (55:01.0).

Biathlon Canada, the governing body for biathlon in the country, oversees the Canadian Championships, Eastern and Western Canadian Championships, and the North American Cups held in Canada. The organization's mandate is to provide national level programs for the continuous development of biathlon athletes from the grassroots to the elite level. For more information on Biathlon Canada, please visit their Web site at [www.biathloncanada.ca](http://www.biathloncanada.ca).

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**Men's Top-Five Results:**

1. Serguei Sednev, UKR, (0+0+0+0), 54:06.7; 2. Daniel Mesotitsch, AUT, (0+1+0+1), 54:51.6; 3. Alexis Boeuf, FRA, (0+1+0+0), 55:01.0; 4. Jaroslav Soukup, CZE, (0+0+0+2), 55:46.1; 5. Pavol Hurajt, SVK, (0+1+1+0), 55:56.3.

**Canadian Results:**

19. Brendan Green, Hay River, N.W.T., (0+1+2+0), 57:34.9; 23. Robin Clegg, Ottawa, (0+0+1+1), 57:56.7; 39. Jean-Philippe Le Guellec, Shannon, Que., (1+0+1+3), 59:23.1; 58. Marc-Andre Bedard, Valcartier, Que., (2+0+2+2), 1:01:24.0.

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