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Green Strikes Gold in Italy

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IBU Cup Biathlon 7: Martell-Val Martello (ITA)
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Brendan achieved his first international victory today after putting together the perfect race in the 10km Sprint. With clean shooting and fast skiing, he finished with a dramatic 44.3 second lead over his nearest challenger, Germany's Christoph Knie. The European media have been referring to it as "a surprise coup" as this is only the 2nd time in history that a Canadian male biathlete has won a Continental Cup event. Brendan was reported as saying that the cold temperatures (-12 degrees C) suited him, and that Val Martello has been a "happy hunting ground for him": a reference to his previous bronze medal success in the 2007 World Championship Relay event at the same venue.

The competition finishes tomorrow with the 12.5 km Pursuit Race, in which the athletes start behind the leader according to their finish time in today's event. Brendan will then return to Canada to begin preparations for the Olympic relay. Detailed results for the race can be found on the Biathlon World website.

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