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Silver Yukon

Day two of the Haywood Ski Nationals saw two more medals – both silvers - added to the Yukon Ski Team's treasure chest.

Competing in a 5 km skate race, Dahria Beatty handily took the silver in the Juvenile Girls category, while a hard charging David Greer pulled off second place in the Junior Men's 10 km race.

It was an impressive performance by Beatty, who is generally considered to be a better classic skier. But in skating on Monday, she was a powerhouse on the steep hills of the Duntroon Highlands trails.

Yukon almost pulled off a third medal for the day as Graham Nishikawa looked to be heading to the podium but caught an edge and had a fall, leaving the top two spots for siblings Robin and Brian McKeever.

Organizers continued to struggle with tough weather as freezing rain and mild temperatures overnight made skiing difficult for the almost 600 skiers gathered from across North America. Pumps were running continually as the stadium crew worked to keep the course from flooding, but pulled it off.

Athletes have a rest day on Tuesday, but then will be back in the fray with a classic technique race on Wednesday.

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