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Team Alberta Monday Media Round Up from the Canada Winter Games

Daily Medal Count:	Gold 1	Silver 1	Bronze 4
Total Medal Count	Gold 1	Silver 3	Bronze 4

CHARLOTTETOWN—Biathlete Julia Bartlett led Team Alberta to a six-medal haul on Monday at the 2023 Canada Winter Games. The biathlon team sprinted to a complete set of medals. Team Alberta notched two bronze medals in karate's Games debut, and added one more in men's synchronized trampoline. The ice teams all continued to roll with victories in women's curling, ringette, and men's hockey. The wheelchair basketball team also got off to a winning start in Prince Edward Island.

Biathlete Julia Bartlett Wins Alberta's First Gold Medal of 2023 Canada Winter Games

Alberta's biathlon team chalked up a complete set of medals in their opening day of competition including Julia Bartlett winning the first gold medal for the wild rose province at the 2023 Canada Games.

The 16-year-old Bartlett won the women's 6-kilometre biathlon sprint competition. A former track and field athlete in elementary school, Bartlett powered through rain and challenging conditions at the Mark Arendz Provincial Ski Park at Brookvale on Monday morning to complete the course in a time of 18:37.1.

British Columbia's Molly Caldwell was second at 18:38.9. Saskatchewan's Rhiann Arnold sniped the bronze with a time of 19:16.3.

Two 18-year-old Albertas celebrated a silver and bronze medal in the men's race to complete the biathlon hat trick for Alberta in the sprint distance.

Liam Tinworth, of Grande Prairie combined a solid day of shooting with strong skiing to clock a second-place time of 22:23.5 in the men's 7.5-kilometre distance. Calgary's Peter Rojkovski dug deep to secure the bronze medal at 22:51.0.

Quebec's Jean-Nicolas de Broek enjoyed a golden day with a time of 21:12.9.

Men's Trampoline Duo Bounce to Bronze

A couple of Red Deer-based trampoline athletes joined forces to win the bronze medal in the men's synchronized event.

Cody Cyman, who is just 15 years old, landed on the bronze medal step of the podium with Artur Troyan after combining for 42.110 points in their final routine.

“This feels amazing and it is definitely a big confidence booster for me,” said Cyman. “I can’t wait to continue the competition this week, and see where this takes me.”

Cyman and Troyan remained focused while battling through a long day to achieve their goal of earning a medal at the Eastlink Centre in Charlottetown.

“Today was filled with lots of challenges, with lots of ups and downs. We overcame each challenge, had some luck and are just super pumped and excited it all worked out.”

New Brunswick won the gold medal with 43.270 points. Saskatchewan racked up 42.360 points for the silver medal.

The Alberta women’s synchronized trampoline duo of Claire Jackson and Katarina Kotkas – both of Calgary – finished sixth.

Karate Athletes Claim Double Bronze in Canada Games Debut

Alberta’s karate athletes Karna Kokame and Dylan Weiss (Morinville, Alta.) snagged bronze medals respectively in the women’s and men’s debut of the sport at the Canada Winter Games.

Kokame won one of the two bronze medal women’s matches. She topped her Calgary teammate, Maisie Rathwell, 22.60 to 21.66.

“It is my first time medaling at such a big tournament so I’m very happy that my hard work paid off,” beamed Kokame. “I usually train hard, but I think how hard I trained for today and the support that I had was the difference.”

It was also an all-Alberta contest in the first bronze medal pairing of the men’s competition. Dylan Weiss edged out teammate Owen Cousine (Cochrane, Alta.) 22.28 to 21.92 to snag a spot on the bronze medal step of the podium.

British Columbia’s Oonah Gamboa and Haruki Mori kicked open the history books and penned their names as the first ever gold medallists in the sport of Karate at the Canada Winter Games.

Vancouver’s Gamboa and Mori, of Richmond, B.C., struck gold at the Canada Games Multi-Sport Dome in the Kata discipline which is a detailed choreographed pattern of martial arts movements that is performed individually.

Ontario’s Liesel Munar was second in the women’s event. British Columbia’s Olivia Brodie locked up the other women’s bronze.

Quebec’s Manic Noël claimed men’s silver. Ontario’s Zac Chin joined Weiss on the final step of the men’s podium.

The event consists of three rounds. Following an elimination round, the top-eight athletes advanced into two groups of four in the Rankings Round before the medals are determined in head-to-head competition with the final four.

Wheelchair Basketball Wins Big Against Ontario

Alerta’s wheelchair basketball team tipped off their 2023 Canada Games with a win.

The team handily defeated Ontario 73-43, led by a 26-point effort by Jayna Doll (Edmonton). Reed De'Aeth (Sherwood Park) chipped in with 22 points.

Alberta will be back on the hardcourt at the Chi-Wan Young Sport Centre on Tuesday evening for tilt with Manitoba.

Men's Artistic Gymnastics Narrowly Miss Podium

Alberta's men's gymnastics team of Zach Gladu (Chestermere) and five Calgarians in Trey Chowen, Evan Hachey, Aiden Harder and Sam Smith finished fourth in the artistic team event. The Alberta six-pack scored 281.600.

Ontario won with 305.550. British Columbia was second at 303.650, while Quebec claimed the bronze medal at 302.900.

Men's Hockey Wins Overtime Thriller Over Ontario

The men's hockey team remained unbeaten after winning a nailbiter in overtime against Ontario on Monday afternoon at Credit Union Place.

Edmonton's Julien Maze fired one past the Ontario goalie in the extra frame to take the victory.

The men's hockey team will face off for their third and final game of round robin play at 12:30 p.m. AST on Tuesday in Summerside, P.E.I.

Women's Curling Team Remains Unbeaten

The Alberta women's curling foursome of Myla Plett (Carstairs), Alyssa Nedohin (Sherwood Park), Chloe Fediuk (Edmonton) and Allie Iskiw (Edmonton) topped Manitoba 6-4 for their second-straight victory.

The talented teens scored two in the opening end before stealing one in both the second and third ends. The young Albertans never looked back at the Silver Fox Entertainment Complex in Summerside, P.E.I. The recently crowned Canadian U18 champs put two more up on the board in the seventh end to secure the victory.

Team Alberta will play the host team from Prince Edward Island on Tuesday at 2 p.m. AST.

Ringette Team Makes it Two-for-Two Taking Down Quebec

Team Alberta's high-powered ringette squad took down one of its top rivals in Quebec on Monday at the Cavendish Farms Wellness Centre in Three Rivers.

Team Alberta, who took control of the game from the outset, won the spirited affair thanks to a hattrick by Calgary's Mikyla Brewster. Sydney Fevin (St. Albert) and Mia Hemstreet (Calgary) each added a pair.

Alberta will carry the momentum from back-to-back wins into the final game of the round robin on Tuesday against Manitoba at 10 a.m. AST.

Maddison Laine to Play for Squash Bronze on Tuesday

Calgary's Maddison Laine served up quite a run in women's squash play on Monday. Taking advantage of a first-round bye, the 18-year-old dropped Nova Scotia's Adele Workman 3-0. She carried that momentum into her quarter-final match where she defeated Ontario's Ashley Hall 3-1.

Laine's dreams of playing for Canada Games gold came to an end after losing a semifinal match three-nil to British Columbia's Ocean Ma. Laine will play for the bronze on Tuesday morning against Ontario's Ashley Hall.

Three other Calgarians – Ella Watson, Michael Knapp, and Sam Boulanger – all lost their quarter-final matches.

Did You Know

- Wheelchair basketball coaches Darrell Nordell (Edmonton) and Karla Tritten (Onoway), along with Team Manager Ross Norton (Spruce Grove) have been working together for nearly four decades and have nine Canada Games between the three of them. Nordell was also part of Team Canada's wheelchair basketball coaching squad for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Summer Games.
- Karate made its Canada Games debut on Monday with athletes competing in the Kata discipline. Alberta's Owen Cousine will have his name scribed in the history books as the first male to take to the Tatami at a Canada Games.
- It's a family affair on the women's curling rink. Alyssa Nedohin who is throwing third rocks for Alberta's curling rink is the daughter of Dave and Heather Nedohin - Canadian champion curlers. Dave threw last rocks for Randy Ferbey whose team won four national titles in five seasons and added three World Championship gold medals. Dave is also an assistant coach for Team Alberta. Heather Nedohin was on two Scotties Tournament of Hearts gold-medal teams, has two bronze medals from Worlds and was a World Junior champion back in 1996 in Red Deer, Alta. Her daughter, Alyssa, also competed in the last Canada Winter Games in Red Deer four years ago.

Results and Medal Standings

Celebrate medal-winning moments by Alberta's next generation of national, international, Olympic, Paralympic, and Special Olympic champions. The official list of medal winners, results and schedule by sport is available [here](#).

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