



2025 Canada Summer Games

Team Alberta Daily Highlights

Day 1

August 10, 2025

Team Alberta Makes Big Splash on Opening Day of Competition at 2025 Canada Summer Games

ST. JOHN'S, NFLD. - Team Alberta made a statement on opening day of the 2025 Canada Summer Games in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, capturing four medals and setting the stage for an exciting week of national competition.

Elleigh Wise swam to a silver medal finish in the Women's 1500m Freestyle, clocking in a 17:04.08 to open Alberta's medal count.

"I've been swimming the 1500m for about two years so getting a medal at the Canada Games for the 1500 is really exciting," said Wise (Calgary). "Medalling in this race was my one goal coming into the games, it means a lot to represent Team Alberta at the Canada Summer Games, Alberta is a great team and to earn a medal in my first race is really exciting!"

Later in the day, Wise anchored Alberta's Women's 4x200m Freestyle Relay team – alongside Callie Cardiff, Alexandra Rogers and Meghan Sutherland – to a bronze medal finish.

In the Men's pool, Aiden Gyorfi delivered a double-silver performance. He earned his first medal in the Men's 800m Freestyle with a time of 8:22.06, then added another in the Men's 4x200m Freestyle Relay with teammates Kingston Hitchcock, Levi Hildebrand and Maddox Oliver.

"I've never won a medal at the national level, so it's a great feeling to come home with two pieces of hardware on the opening night," said Gyorfi (). "Our relay team was seeded fourth coming into this and we believed in ourselves and we showed who we are, we wanted to get our hands on the wall first but we went from fourth to second and we're pretty excited about it."

On the court, Team Alberta Women's Basketball made their intentions clear with a 69-51 win over Team British Columbia, as they began their title defense of the 2022 Canada Games gold medal.

"It was a really strong start, we came out well-prepared with lots of energy, it started defensively and it translated into a great offense and we just played really well together as a team," said Olivia Richardson, Team Alberta Women's Basketball, Captain of the Game. "Three years ago was a really talented team, it's big shoes to fill but I think we're ready and we're really excited to see what we can do."

Team Alberta also opened competition in Tennis, Women's Softball, Men's Baseball, Men's Basketball, Women's Box Lacrosse and Men's Soccer on Sunday.

Competition resumes Monday, August 11, as Team Alberta continues to push for podiums.

QUOTES OF THE DAY

"The 1500m feels like a warm up for the relay, I was a little sore going into the relay but after I felt great. Our relay team is so supportive and we were really happy to win bronze so it made for a fun day!" – **Elleigh Wise** (Calgary), on swimming the 1500m Women's Freestyle and 4x200m Women's Freestyle Relay back-to-back.

"The 800m and 4x200m are two completely different events with different game plans, so I have to rethink my strategy. In the 800m I have to be long, strong and in my own head, not thinking about anything else but the 800m, then I recoup and analyze. In the 200m, I have to focus on being fast and all I'm focusing on is racing hard. It means so much to me to represent Team Alberta and show the rest of the country that Alberta is on top and in charge." – **Aiden Gyorfi** (Edmonton), on the differences between racing the 800m Men's Freestyle and 4x200m Men's Freestyle Relay.

"It's a really incredible experience to get to represent our province, we have a great group of girls and we've been working for a really long time at this and now that we're here, it feels really good. We were kind of nervous for our first day coming in but we were able to regulate really well and we were all able to come together to get some runs in." – **Sophia Bristow** (Calgary), who hit a home run to score the winning run in Game 1 of Women's Softball.

"It felt great to get our first win under our belts, we've been training for a long time and were really excited coming into summer games so the first win means a lot to all of us. It got sticky, we had to fight for a lot of our chances and win the battles, we fought hard through the whole 80 minutes to earn that 3-0 win." – **Emmanuel Gebeyehu** (Edmonton) who sealed the victory with the third goal in Team Alberta's 3-0 win over Prince Edward Island.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Swimming:
 - 800m Men's Freestyle:
 - Aiden Gyorfi: 8:22.06 (Silver)
 - Samuel Bygrave: 9:07.83 (8)
 - 1500m Women's Freestyle
 - Elleigh Wise: 17:04.08 (Silver)
 - Meghan Sutherland: 17:38.97 (6)
 - 4 x 200m Men's Relay Freestyle
 - Alberta (Kingston Hitchcock, Levi Hildebrand, Maddox Oliver, Aiden Gyorfi): 7:31.53 (Silver)
 - 4 x 200m Women's Freestyle

- Alberta (Callie Cardiff, Alexandra Rogers, Meghan Sutherland, Elleigh Wise):
8:28.96 (Bronze)
- Women's Softball (2-0)
 - Game 1: Alberta 5 – Nova Scotia 1
 - Game 2: Alberta 1 – Saskatchewan 0
- Women's Basketball (1-0)
 - Game 1: Alberta 69 – British Columbia 51
- Women's Box Lacrosse (1-1):
 - Game 1: Alberta 9 – Nova Scotia 3
- Men's Soccer (1-0):
 - Game 1: Alberta 3 – Prince Edward Island 0

For full schedules and up-to-date results, visit: cg2025.gems.pro

MEDAL COUNT (4):

Gold: 0

Silver: 2

Bronze: 2

NOTABLES

- Canoe Kayak, Rugby Sevens, Beach Volleyball and Sailing begin their competitions on Monday, August 11.
- Olympian, **Jonnie Newman** (Calgary), will make her debut in the Canada Summer Games Canoe Kayak on Monday, August 11 in St. John's, Newfoundland. Newman competed in the 2024 Summer Olympics in Artistic Swimming and turned her focus to Canoe Kayak in October 2024.
- Alberta finished the 2022 Canada Summer Games with 111 medals: 35 gold, 33 silver, 43 bronze.

ABOUT THE 2025 CANADA SUMMER GAMES

From August 8-25, 2025, the Canada Games will bring together over 5,000 athletes, managers, and coaches (over 500 from Alberta), across 19 different sports for the largest multi-sport event in the country. The Canada Games showcase the best of the best in sport and highlight the immense talents of our youth. The Games create a spirit of unity that spans each province and territory. For further information, visit albertasport.ca, or follow Team Alberta on Facebook and Instagram (@goteamab).

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