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# Team Alberta Sunday Media Round Up from the Canada Winter Games

**CHARLOTTETOWN**—Team Alberta enjoyed a medal-winning start to the 2023 Canada Wiinter Games. The team celebrated a pair of silver medals in freestyle skiing (aerials), while each of its three team sports – Women's Curling, Ringette, and Men's Hockey – opened with victories on rinks aross Prince Edward Island.

## Freestyle Skiers Clegg and Burnyeat Win Alberta's First Medals

Two freestyle skiers – Sina Clegg and Brian Burnyeat – were smiling in silver under the lights at the Mark Arendz Provincial Ski Park at Brookvale on Sunday night.

The two Calgarians were the first two Albertans to land on the podium at the Canada Winter Games, both winning silver in the women's and men's aerials events.

The 17-year-old Clegg, who began skiing when she was three years old after her family moved to the Stampede City, was the first Albertan to snag a medal. Clegg took second place with 103.30 points.

"This feels pretty exhilarating. I'm stoked," beamed Clegg following the medals ceremony. "This is just the second time that I have done aerials. I was also second at junior nationals so this is just awesome."

British Columbia's Maya Mikkelsen captured the gold medal with 106.92 points. Ashley Koehler, of Quebec, edged out Citrine Boychuk (Sherwood Park) for third place with 103.05. Boychuk settled for fourth at 1:02.43.

Brian Burnyeat followed Clegg's path to the podium, taking a silver of his own in the men's aerials competition.

The 18-year-old, who hails from a family of competitive skilers, racked up 120.46 points for second spot.

British Columbia's Alexander Mysko flipped to the gold medal with a score of 123.16. Ontario's Maximus Gryspeerdt scored 112.21 points for the bronze medal.

#### **Women's Curling Team Opens with Dominant Victory**

Fresh off winning the Canadian Under-18 Girls Curling Championship, Myla Plett (Carstairs) skipped her Alberta curling rink to a convincing 9-2 victory over Team Yukon.

Plett's Alberta foursome that included fellow 17-year-old Alyssa Nedohin (Sherwood Park), and 16-year-olds Chloe Fediuk (Edmonton) and Allie Iskiw (Edmonton) were in full control at the Silver Fox Entertaiment Complex in Summerside, P.E.I., shaking hands with the Yukon team after six ends.

The Alberta teens will square off against Manitoba on Monday at 2 p.m. AST.

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## Ringette Team Victorious in One-Goal Game

Team Alberta's ringette squad opened its Canada Winter Games journey by topping New Brunswick 3-2 on Sunday at the Cavendish Farms Wellness Centre in Three Rivers.

On the heels of leading Team Alberta into Sunday's Opening Ceremonies, flagbearer Erin Ung of Calgary put her name on the score sheet alongside Mia Hemstreet (Calgary) and Jazmyn Fevin (St. Albert) in the penalty-filled affair.

The Ringette Team will be back on the ice Monday at 3 p.m. AST for a match against Quebec.

### Men's Hockey Team Outlasts Nova Scotia in Opening Game

Wyatt Pisarczyk (Airdrie) led Alberta with a two-goal performance in a 4-2 opening game victory over Nova Scotia.

Alberta scored five minutes into the opening stanza but Cole Chandler sent the teams into the dressing room deadlocked at ones after tallying Nova Scotia's lone goal of the game late in the first period.

The teams were all square until the last five minutes of the game when Pisarczyk broke the tie after banking the puck off the Nova Scotia defenceman into the net. Team Alberta added two emptynetters to lock up their first win of the tournament.

The Alberta men will be back on the Credit Union Place ice Monday at 4 p.m. AST for a tilt with Ontario.

#### **Did You Know**

- Karate will officially make its Canada Games debut on Monday with athletes competing in the Kata discipline beginning with the elimination rounds at 9 a.m. Karate also debuted at the 2020 Olympic Summer Games in Tokyo.
- Squash will hit the court on Monday for the first time in 2023. The head coach of Team Alberta Arthur Hough (Calgary) also coached when squash made its Canada Games debut at the 1991 Games in P.E.I.

## **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 <a href="here.">here.</a>

#### **Broadcast:**

There will be more than 1,200 hours of live event coverage from the 2023 Canada Winter Games. The 15-day broadcast will be featured live and on-demand through the following platforms. Stream for free on any device:

- <u>CanadaGames.ca/Watch</u>
- CBC Sports
- Radio-Canada Sports
- CBC Gem

The full 2023 Canada Games broadcast schedule, including CBC Sports and Radio-Canada Sports coverage, can be found online <a href="here.">here.</a>

#### Media Resources:

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Here are some helpful resources to support storytelling during the PEI 2023 Canada Games:

- An Electronic Press Kit is available here.
- The most up-to-date photos will be available <a href="here">here</a>.
- Competitions will be streamed live on <u>canadagames.ca</u>
- Find an athlete here.



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