



2025 Canada Summer Games

Team Alberta Daily Highlights

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Team Alberta Sweeps Basketball Gold at Canada Summer Games

ST. JOHN'S, NFLD. – Double gold and a place in the history books for Team Alberta Basketball as they lit up the court on Saturday night at the Canada Summer Games. The thrilling wins marked a powerful end to a historic first week in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Women's Team successfully defended their 2022 gold medal, defeating Team Ontario 62-54 in a dominant performance.

"This was for something greater than us," said **Alfreda Okolie** (Edmonton), a Team Alberta Women's Basketball forward. "Going back-to-back means that everything that we've put in, the work that has went into this day, this moment, this hour – that it's all worth it."

Team Alberta's win marked the second time this week they defeated Team Ontario – a feat they hadn't accomplished in previous tournaments leading up to the Games.

"We worked hard, we did the scout, we put in the hours and never once did we underestimate our opponents," said Okolie. "We know our game, we know our talent, we know the pieces that we have behind us and we put it together today and made it work."

On the men's side, Team Alberta made history with a thrilling 72-69 victory over Ontario, capturing the province's first-ever gold in men's basketball at the Canada Summer Games – bringing a sold-out crowd to their feet in the process.

"Winning the first gold medal for Team Alberta Men's Basketball means a lot, it's a blessing," said Deng Ngor (Calgary). "I'm so happy right now, this is my first time ever winning a national championship. Ontario has been the best province for years, and it's time for something new."

The Men's Basketball squad only dropped one game throughout the tournament – a testament to the team's depth, chemistry and relentless drive.

"This started back in June, when we came together, we knew we had the skill to win a championship, it just took all 12 guys playing hard," said Ngor. "There's a lot of people in Alberta that play basketball and it's just a blessing to be named as one of the 12 best players in Alberta. To do this with them, they're family."

On the sand, both Women's and Men's Beach Volleyball teams dropped their final matches 2-1 to New Brunswick. The Women's team finished fourth, while the men placed sixth overall.

At the conclusion of competition, Team Alberta Tennis finished the week ranked fourth.

To round out the final day of competition in week one of the Canada Summer Games, Tennis finished the tournament ranked fourth.

Road Cycling closed out the week with grit and determination in today's fast-paced criterium, while Sailing closed out its events with Alberta just shy of the podium.

Competition at the Canada Summer Games resumes Monday, August 18 as Alberta athletes look to build on the momentum of the first week.

QUOTES OF THE DAY

"This is really big. Coming from a small town and having the opportunity to represent my province and my name means a lot. Following in my sister's footsteps means a lot to me, she's my role model and it means a lot to me to be like her in one way." – **Pippa Gibb** (Raymond) reflects on defending the 2022 gold medal – a title her sister, Delaney, a member of the Women's National Basketball Team, helped win.

"The experience of the week was amazing and it was a great opportunity. It's a special experience to be here and be amidst some of the top competition in the country. It's not every day that you get to wake up, get to compete but also get to meet those people in the elevator and with such a variety of sports. Sport breaks your heart sometimes but it keeps you coming back." – **Sasha Pasloski** (Calgary), Team Alberta Beach Volleyball, on the experience of Canada Summer Games outweighing the results.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Women's Basketball:
 - o Gold Medal Game: Gold, Alberta 62 – Ontario 54
- Men's Basketball:
 - o Gold Medal Game: Gold, Alberta 72 – Ontario 69
- Tennis:
 - o Bronze Medal Match: 4th Place, Alberta 0 – British Columbia 6
- Women's Beach Volleyball:
 - o Bronze Medal Game: 4th Place, Alberta 1 – New Brunswick 2
- Sailing:
 - o Women's Single Handed ILCA:
 - Claire Wooldridge (Calgary): 5th
 - o Women's 29'er:
 - Bernice Cao (Calgary) and Jillian Glendinning (Chestermere): 5th

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

A list of all athletes and their hometowns are available on the albertasport.ca.

MEDAL COUNT (41):

Gold: 9

Silver: 18

Bronze: 14

Alberta finished the 2022 Canada Summer Games with 111 medals: 35 gold, 33 silver, 43 bronze.

NOTABLES

- Looking Ahead to Week 2: A new wave of sports and athletes move into the village for Week 2 of the Canada Summer Games. Week 2 sports include: Artistic Swimming, Athletics, Women's Baseball, Men's Box Lacrosse, Mountain Biking, Diving, Golf, Women's Soccer, Men's Softball, Men's and Women's Volleyball and Wrestling

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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