

2022 Canada Summer Games

Team Alberta Daily Highlights

Day 16

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– Team Alberta wins Centennial cup at the 2022 Canada Summer Games –

NIAGARA REGION, ON – Team Alberta adds five more medals to the haul on Sunday to complete the 2022 Canada Summer Games with a total of 111 medals: 35 Gold, 33 Silver and 43 Bronze. Leading the team to this impressive finish was Swimming who collected 42 medals and Athletics who won a total of 33 medals.

Team Alberta was thrilled to receive the Centennial Cup for the 2022 Canada Summer Games. This Cup is presented to the province showing the greatest improvement in the final standings in comparison to the previous Canada Games (summer to summer and winter to winter). Alberta also won this award at the 2019 Canada Winter Games in Red Deer; AB. Team Alberta continued their incredible pursuits and accomplishments in Niagara.

The rowing events started off the day at the impressive Royal Canadian Henley Rowing Course. The women's four raced strong as they chased down Team Ontario to a bronze medal finish. First time Canada Games bronze medalist Kaliya Javra (Calgary) expressed her thoughts on her performance.

"This was unbelievable, I am so incredibly proud of this team. I've had three events at these Games and placed third in the women's four. I'm so grateful to be able to be part of these Games and meet a whole bunch of people from across the country." -Kaliya Javra (Calgary)

The men's rowing four followed as they set off with an impressive race from start to finish taking home silver for Team Alberta. Sam Ree, second time medalist at these Games walked us through the team's game plan behind this medal.

"It was great, it was a big achievement for the four of us. We went out there a little calmer than yesterday, we went in a little more confident, we did what we had to do, and we knew exactly how we needed to do it. We went out hard, and it was a surprise when we were up on BC, and we took full advantage of it. I looked across and said we have to go now and then we just did our thing and got Silver." – Sam Ree (Vermillion)

The men's and women's volleyball teams both competed in nail biting gold medal games. The men's team pushed Team Saskatchewan into the fourth set, and after great efforts received the silver medal. The women's volleyball game resonated with pride as all the provinces and territories cheered on the last event for the Canada Summer Games. After an impressive attempt of coming back up on the lead, Team Alberta received the silver medal.

Men's lacrosse finished in third place taking a bronze medal win against Team Quebec.

Women's soccer falls short in the bronze medal game behind team Nova Scotia to a 1-0 score.

James Fair (Calgary) had his eyes set on a medal at these Games and chased it down as he takes home gold in the men's sailing single handed laser event.

Andrew Hubbard (Calgary), rower, two times medalist at the Games and former Canadian University Championship silver medallist was honored to represent Team Alberta as flag bearer for the Niagara 2022 Canada Summer Games. Although Hubbard competes in many rowing championships, he mentions why these Games are so special to him.

"Coming here and getting to meet all of the provinces makes it a really cool experience. Yesterday I won the pair and came third in the quad and those are two awesome races to have. My most memorable moment at these Games was passing Quebec in the last 500 meters to win bronze in the quad." - Andrew Hubbard (Calgary).

The Canada Games closing press conference presented the Pat Lechelt True Sport Award for the second time in Canada Game's history. Pat Lechelt was part of Team Alberta's mission staff for the majority of the Canada Games between 1989 and 2019. She served primarily as Chef de Mission or Assistant Chef de Mission. This True Sport Award is meant to be presented to an athlete who best demonstrates True Sport Principles of Go For It, Play Fair, Respect Others, Keep it Fun, Stay Healthy, Include Everyone and Give Back, during the course of the Canada Games. Yukon volleyball player, Arcel Siosan was presented the award at Canada Games Park.

Team Alberta Highlights on Day 16 included:

- **Silver Medal:**
 - Women's Volleyball
 - Men's Volleyball
 - Men's Four: Axel Ewashko (Calgary), Pat Milner (Calgary), Sam Ree (Vermillion), Eric Pettapiece (Edmonton)

- **Bronze Medal:**
 - Men's Box Lacrosse
 - Rowing Women's Four: Gabriella Worobec (Edmonton), Beth Milner (Calgary), Kaliya Javra (Calgary), Gabby Yarema (Calgary)