



2025 Canada Summer Games Team Alberta Daily Highlights Day 14

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Alberta Serves Up a Strong Finish at the 2025 Canada Summer Games

ST. JOHN'S, NFLD. – From start to finish, Team Alberta left its mark on the 2025 Canada Summer Games, closing out the competition in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador with five more medals (one gold, two silver and two bronze) for a total of 86.

Men's Volleyball is bringing gold back to Alberta after a dominant 3-0 sweep over Manitoba in the final, capping off their tournament run on top of the podium. After edging out Manitoba, 27-25 in a tightly contested first set, Alberta found its rhythm, claiming the second set 25-20 and sealing the win with a 25-18 finish in the third.

"Our team really came together. A 3-0 victory in the finals is amazing. I'm honestly so proud of these guys," said **Tyson DeZutter** (Red Deer), an Outside for Men's Volleyball. "Everyone played out of their minds today and it's such a good feeling. We continued to trend upwards this whole tournament and we saved our best game for last and that's all you can ask for."

Women's Volleyball claimed the silver medal after battling a tough Ontario team in the final. Alberta dug deep but ultimately fell 3-1 to the red and white in a hard-fought match.

Women's Baseball earned silver in the sport's historic debut at the Canada Summer Games, falling 8-5 in the gold medal final. Throughout the tournament, Alberta dominated, outscoring their opponents 66-26.

"Winning a medal, we proved that we deserved to be here. This means a lot for the future of Women's Baseball in Alberta," said **Claire Hingley** (Edmonton), who catches for Team Alberta. "Representing the 'A' was a little bit different this time, being at the Summe Games and with so many different athletes was probably the most important to me, and I'm just glad we represented it well, I think we have good leaders for all the girls who are moving up and all of girls baseball in general, we're going to see some big growth in the game."

Artistic Swimming closed out their competition with a strong Acrobatic Routine, earning a score of 397.8605 and bringing Alberta's combined total to 628.5564 to win bronze. Earlier in the week, the team posted 230.6959 in their Technical Routine.

Men's Box Lacrosse found themselves in a need for overtime once again in the bronze medal final, but this time, Alberta came out on top, scoring the winning goal in overtime to secure a 6-5 victory over Nova Scotia and claim the bronze medal.

"We are stoked to be bronze medalists. We did what we needed to do to put the ball in the net to win the game and that's all that matters," said **Landry Mitton** (Airdrie) a runner for Men's Box Lacrosse Team. "We had a big game yesterday, so we came in here reset and with our minds on the bronze medal game and were mentally prepared for what came next."

It was déjà vu on the pitch as the Women's Soccer bronze medal game between Alberta and Nova Scotia ended in a dramatic scoreless draw after full time. Once again, penalty kicks were needed to decide the outcome, with Nova Scotia coming out on top, 4-2, as Alberta finished fourth in a hard-fought battle.

Paige Veloso (Calgary) earned the honour of leading Team Alberta into the closing ceremonies on Sunday night. Competing in both the Women's team event and the individual 65 kg weight class, Veloso returns home with impressive hardware, a gold in the 65 kg category and a bronze in the Women's team event. Over the course of the week, she dominated her opponents with a combined score of 61-1, securing multiple pins along the way.

"I did not expect to be the closing ceremonies flag bearer, but I'm really happy," said Veloso. "I haven't had time to process it but it means so much. Getting to represent Alberta means a lot but I'm also representing my family, friends, coaches and my own teammates, so I just really appreciated it."

Joining Veloso to lead the Alberta contingent were banner carriers **Sydney Klebanosky** (Spruce Grove, Women's Baseball), **Clara Monck** (Calgary, Women's Soccer), **Weezy Eze** (Calgary, Athletics), **Jake McEachern** (Men's Hammer Throw) and **Kalyssa Komori** (Calgary, Women's Volleyball).

With the closing ceremonies complete, the 2025 Canada Summer Games have officially concluded, passing the torch to the 2027 Canada Winter Games, set to take place in Quebec City, Quebec, from February 27 – March 14.

QUOTES OF THE DAY

"We're pretty high on energy right now, we're feeling pretty good. That was definitely one of our best swims and for sure the swim that we were happiest with as a team together, we feel pretty good about it. It's a really great way to end the games, we're super proud of what we were able to accomplish, so it's a perfect ending to a really good experience." – Artistic Swimming Team

"Our pool play showed that we have a lot of room to grow, but that we are ready to show what we have. In the playoffs, we came in saying we were taking this one game at a time, we worked hard at the little parts and we do the simple things well, letting ourselves grow and be better as a team and pushing each other to be better throughout the whole week. We played some of the best volleyball we've ever played as a team and girls stepped up for roles that needed to be filled and they did an

amazing job. At the end of the day, it's not the colour of the medal that matters, it's the team you're with, the people, and it's the group that supports each other through the ups and downs." – **Jenna Snyder** (Westlock), Outside Hitter for Women's Volleyball, on the team's performance throughout the week and bringing silver home to Alberta.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Men's Volleyball:
 - o Gold Medal Final: Alberta 3 Manitoba 0 (Gold)
- Women's Baseball:
 - o Gold Medal Final: Alberta 5 Ontario 8 (Silver)
- Women's Volleyball:
 - Gold Medal Final: Alberta 1 Ontario 3 (Silver)
- Artistic Swimming:
 - o Team Mix:
 - Alberta: 628.5564 (Bronze)
- Men's Box Lacrosse:
 - o Bronze Medal Final: Alberta 6 Nova Scotia 5 (Bronze)
- Women's Soccer:
 - o Bronze Medal Final: Alberta 0 Nova Scotia 0, (4, after penalty kicks)
- Cycling Mountain Bike Women's Sprint:
 - Nico Knoll (Calgary): 24:46 (4)

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 (81):

Gold: 22 Silver: 30 Bronze: 29

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 <u>albertasport.ca</u>, or follow Team Alberta on Facebook and Instagram (@goteamab).

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