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Team Alberta Daily Highlights
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A Blast of Momentum: Alberta's Athletes Make Noise in St. John's

ST. JOHN'S, NFLD. – A true Newfoundland welcome – and a bang signalled Alberta's arrival on Friday as Men's Volleyball player, **Ethan Berardocco** (St. Albert) had the honour of firing the Noon Day Gun at Signal Hill in St. John's. The day only got louder from there with Team Alberta capturing six medals (two gold, a silver, three bronze), to bring the tally to 56.

Keon Rude (Calgary) sprinted his way to a gold medal on Friday in an exciting 100m Men's dash.

"There was a lot of pre-race things that went on like false starts and recalls ahead of the race but I felt I stayed composed it was a good race, good execution, I was happy with it," said Keon Rude (Calgary). "This medal means a lot to me, I did well at nationals but I wasn't able to get a medal, so getting a medal at the Canada Summer Games feels like a reward for all the hard work I put in this season."

Jenica Swartz (Lacombe) delivered another golden moment in the Women's 1500m, clocking 4:18.63 in a windy, chilly final.

"I'm pretty happy about it, winning gold was a nice way to cap off the season," said Swartz. "It was pretty windy and chilly and I took the lead pretty early, which I didn't necessarily want to do but after 800m, I went for it and hung on long enough to get the win."

Also medalling at the track were:

- **Britney Volkman** (Leduc County), Silver, 100m Wheelchair Women's
- **Matthew Dykstra** (Edmonton), Bronze, 100m Wheelchair Men's
- **Nico Claramunt** (Edmonton): Bronze, 400m Men's

Two days after their event, Lloydminster's **Jake McEachern** and **Sean Reimer** finally stepped on to the podium together, collecting their gold and silver medals in the Men's Hammer Throw.

"To see how the entire year culminated to this, I'm pumped," said McEachern. "I've represented Team Alberta a few times and it's awesome to see where this all ended up. It's a full circle moment to end my first and last Summer Games with not only a gold medal around my neck but Sean by my side."

Both from the border city, Reimer taught McEachern to throw hammer, years later, they stepped onto the podium together at the 2025 Canada Summer Games.

“At the 2022 Canada Summer Games, I won silver, but this one is definitely more special,” said Reimer. “I haven’t been doing track for the past two years due to injury and work commitments so to know where I started this season to being here, with Jake, it’s awesome.”

Women’s Wrestling captured bronze after defeating Saskatchewan 35-19, wrapping up a strong team performance on the mats. On the men’s side, Alberta narrowly missed the podium, falling to Quebec in a tight bronze medal match to finish fourth. Individual weight class competitions begin Saturday.

The Golf competition wrapped up Friday at the Canada Summer Games. Kali Yeske finished fourth overall in the women’s individual event with a four-round total of 312. Team Alberta also concluded the tournament in fourth place overall with a combined score of 614.

With just two days of competition remaining at the 2025 Canada Summer Games, Team Alberta is firmly in medal contention, with Women’s Baseball, Women’s Volleyball, Men’s Volleyball and Men’s Box Lacrosse all advancing to the semi-finals.

Women’s Volleyball cruised to a 3-0 sweep over New Brunswick in the quarter finals, setting up a semi-final showdown with Manitoba. Men’s Volleyball silenced a home crowd with a dominant 3-0 win over Newfoundland, earning their spot in the semi-finals against Quebec on Saturday.

Men’s Box Lacrosse moved one step closer to the podium, edging out Saskatchewan 7-5 in quarter final action.

Women’s Baseball is back on Saturday to play in the semi-finals versus Nova Scotia, while Artistic Swimming and Diving continue in the pool.

Alberta Men’s Softball is set to play for seventh place against British Columbia, while Mountain Biking enjoys a day off.

QUOTES OF THE DAY

“It was a hard crowd to play in front of, very loud, very volatile, making sure that we’re staying together and keeping it together and enjoying the moment and focusing on our game is just what our game plan is against big crowds and just enjoying the experience of playing in front of a home crowd. There’s great honour in competing for Alberta and competing against the other provinces.” – **Grayson McDonald** (Edmonton), Men’s Volleyball, on playing in the Quarter Finals against host Newfoundland and Labrador.

“We’ve been really confident in our play and honestly, we’re playing really good volleyball. Going into semi’s we’re focused on our on sides and are planning to do what we do well and exploit their weaknesses. We want to have fun and play as a team. This is such a cool environment with so many fans and we want to make the most of it.” – **Chloe Penz** (Red Deer), Women’s Volleyball on the game plan moving into the semi-finals.

“This has been the most incredible experience. Being able to partake in a multi-sport games is something I’ve never done and the environment here is just incredible, it’s meant a lot to me to represent the blue out here in Newfoundland. Throughout the week, the conditions were pretty rough out here this week, coming from Alberta, we play in a lot of condition but out in Newfoundland, we’re playing in lots of wind, some rain and the early mornings have been pretty cold, but overall I was happy with how I golfed and to represent Alberta.” – **Kali Yeske** (Calgary), Team Alberta Women’s Golf, who finished fourth overall.

“It’s been fun to grind out all week on the course and see what I can do with my game in these tricky conditions. Overall, my Games experience was incredible. To be able to represent Alberta at the national level, compete against all these other juniors, and play for something bigger than myself has been a dream come true. I never expected to be here and when I got the opportunity, I knew I had to come and do my best to do Alberta proud.” – **Jalen Apedoe** (Calgary), Team Alberta Men’s Golf, on the opportunity to compete at the Canada Summer Games.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Athletics:
 - 100m Men’s:
 - Keon Rude (Calgary): 10.50 (Gold)
 - 1500m Women’s:
 - Jenica Swartz (Lacombe): 4:18.63 (Gold)
 - 100m Wheelchair Women’s:
 - Britney Volkman (Leduc County): Silver
 - 100m Wheelchair Men’s:
 - Matthew Dykstra (Edmonton): Bronze
 - 400m Men’s:
 - Nico Claramunt (Edmonton): 48.05 (Bronze)
 - 4x100m Relay Women’s:
 - Alberta: 47.58 (4)
 - Men’s Javelin:
 - Blake Gustafson (Ardrossan): 58.66m (4)
- Wrestling:
 - Women’s Team:
 - Bronze Medal Bout: Alberta 35 – Saskatchewan 19
 - Men’s Team:
 - Bronze Medal Bout: Alberta 21 – Quebec 29
- Artistic Swimming:
 - Women’s Solo:
 - Jasmine Peloquin (Calgary): 396.9330 (4)
- Men’s Box Lacrosse:
 - Quarter Finals: Alberta 7 – Saskatchewan 5
- Cycling – Mountain Bike:

- Women's Relay:
 - Alberta (Nico Knoll [Calgary], Aida Morrison [Calgary], Nyah White [Calgary]): 46:26.560 (4)
- Golf:
 - Women's:
 - Kalie Yeske (Calgary): 312 over 4 rounds (4)
 - Team:
 - Alberta: 614 (4)
- Men's Volleyball:
 - Quarter Final: Alberta 3 – Newfoundland 0
- Women's Volleyball:
 - Quarter Final: Alberta 3 – New Brunswick 0

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 (56):

Gold: 15

Silver: 21

Bronze: 20

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

NOTABLES

- A track practice in Lloydminster lead **Jake McEachern** and **Sean Reimer** to the Canada Summer Games, when a coach suggested Reimer teach McEachern to throw. In 2025, McEachern topped the podium while Reimer earned back-to-back Canada Summer Games silver medals in the Hammer throw.
- **Kimoya Edward's** (Lethbridge) was born and raised in Jamaica and when she moved to Canada in grade 8, hurdles helped her fit in with her classmates and helped her feel a little bit of home even though she was thousands of miles away.

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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