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Alberta Storms Podium at Canada Summer Games

ST. JOHN'S, NFLD. – Medals came fast and furious on Saturday at the Canada Summer Games, as Alberta athletes collected a remarkable 20 medals across Artistic Swimming, Athletics and Wrestling.

Alberta's podium streak began in the pool with Artistic Swimming duo, **Jasmine Peloquin** (Calgary) and **Kyla Williams** (Calgary) scoring 461.0388 in their Free Routine during the Medal Flight.

Earlier that week, the pair earned a combined 478.9879 – 247.9325 in Technical Routine and 231.0554 in Free Routine to qualify for medal contention.

"We're feeling pretty good, it wasn't our best swim, but we know that we put in all the work for it and our hard work paid off," said Peloquin.

Unbeknownst to them, the pair kickstarted Alberta's medal run as Wrestling delivered 12 medals – four gold, five silver and three bronze, in the individual weight classes. Leading the charge was **Amelia Lucas** (Calgary), who won gold in the Women's 69 kg division.

"This is my first national medal, I've been runner up four times, so today, I didn't focus on the outcome, just one point at a time," said Lucas. "My final match was against someone I wrestle at home a lot, and it could have gone either way. We know each other, our moves, and we knew what was going to happen, but I have a really good coach who always says to just focus on the next point, not what you did, not the future, just the next point and that's what I did today."

In total, 12 medallists stepped onto the podium in Wrestling, including:

- **Victoria Steanov** (Spruce Grove), Women's 43-47 kg, Gold
- **Paige Veloso** (Calgary), Women's 65 kg, Gold
- **Amelia Lucas** (Calgary), Women's 69 kg, Gold
- **Clara Smithanik** (Calgary), Women's 73 kg, Gold
- **Arsh Sidhu** (Calgary), Women's 56 kg, Silver
- **Devondra Thomas** (Fort McMurray), Women's 90 kg, Silver
- **Oleksii Dymyrov** (Calgary), Men's 77 kg, Silver
- **Jaren Alaimoana** (Grande Prairie), Men's 100 kg, Silver

- **Jessy Connolly** (Edmonton), Men's 120 kg, Silver
- **Jack Aucoin** (Calgary), Men's 44-48 kg, Bronze
- **Ryken Bottineau** (Calgary), Men's 56 kg, Bronze
- **Callie Christian** (Edmonton), Women's 80 kg, Bronze

The Women's Wrestling team continued their winning ways, coming off of a team event on Friday, where they claimed bronze.

"Individuals were rough, and our team duels were amazing so that pushed me this far, adversity is necessary for growth and it pushed me to this gold medal," said Steanov. "This is a big step forward in my career and I'm so grateful to everyone that helped me through it, all my coaches, all my teammates, and everyone back in Edmonton that has helped me through it.

Athletics added seven more medals to the tally, including a bronze in the Women's Heptahlon for **Paige Zinger** (Red Deer), who competed in seven events over two days. On Friday, Zinger competed in the 100m Hurdles, High Jump, Shot Put and 200m, before completing the Long Jump, Javelin and 800m.

"It hasn't really sunk in yet. It's been a long, hard road to get here and I wasn't expecting it, so to be here was a blessing and to win a medal was a bonus," said Zinger. "This medal shows that I can push through adversity and I'm so thankful for the support system I have around me and supporting me."

Six more medals are going back to Alberta with the Athletics, including:

- **Britney Volkman** (Leduc County), Women's 400m Wheelchair, Gold
- **Wesley Eze** (Calgary), Men's Discus, Gold
- **Kimoya Edwards** (Lethbridge), Women's 100m Hurdles, Silver
- **Jin Shomachuk** (Lethbridge), Women's Discus, Silver
- **Jenica Swartz** (Lacombe), Women's 800m, Bronze
- 4x400m Men's Relay: **Farson Abdi** (Edmonton), **Nico Claramunt** (Edmonton), **Malachi Muir** (Edmonton), **Caiden Schultz** (Calgary), Bronze

Women's Baseball, Women's and Men's volleyball all punched their tickets to the Gold Medal Finals on Sunday.

Undefeated through the tournament, Women's Baseball prevailed over Nova Scotia with a score of 5-2 in the semifinals.

Women's Volleyball looks to continue their standout performance on Sunday after overcoming Manitoba in five sets. The women will play Ontario for gold on Sunday.

Men's Volleyball pulled off a dramatic five-set win over Quebec with Kai Miles (Edmonton) delivering the go-ahead kill and winning serve.

"We really pulled it together as a team, we had a full 12 guys come in and do well and get the job done.," said Kai Miles (Edmonton), the outside who executed the go-ahead kill and made the

winning serve to advance Alberta into the Men's Volleyball Gold Medal Final. "It's a great feeling to win off of those last two points but I think it's a whole team effort and we did it will today."

Hearts broke for Men's Box Lacrosse and Women's Soccer, both falling in extra time.

Men's Box Lacrosse battled hard against British Columbia to end the game at 5 a piece. In sudden death overtime, Alberta fell short as B.C scored minutes into the extra frame.

A similar story was told on the pitch, where Women's Soccer went scoreless after 80 minutes of play against Ontario to push the game to Penalty kicks, It would take six kicks to decide the match, where Ontario came out on top.

To end their tournament on a high note, Team Alberta Men's Softball team won their last game 13-12 over British Columbia to finish seventh in the tournament.

The Canada Summer Games conclude, August 24, in St. John's Newfoundland and Labrador. Team Alberta enters the final day with multiple gold medal opportunities on the line and momentum at their back.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Artistic Swimming:
 - o Women's Duet:
 - Jasmine Peloquin (Calgary), Kyla Williams: 461.0388 (Bronze)
- Athletics:
 - o 400m Wheelchair Women's:
 - Britney Volkman (Leduc County): Gold
 - Maggie Slessor (Edmonton): 4
 - o Men's Discus:
 - Weezy Eze (Calgary): 50.79 (Gold)
 - o 100m Hurdles Women's:
 - Kimoya Edwards (Lethbridge): 13.86 (Silver)
 - o Women's Discus:
 - Jin Shomachuk (Lethbridge): 46.81m (Silver)
 - o 800m Women's:
 - Jenica Swartz (Lacombe): 2:09.09 (Bronze)
 - o 4x400m Relay Men's:
 - Alberta (Farson Abdi [Edmonton], Nico Claramunt [Edmonton], Malachi Muir [Edmonton], Caiden Schultz [Calgary]: 3:12.31 (Bronze)
 - o Women's Heptathlon:
 - Paige Zinger (Red Deer): 4,683 (Bronze)
 - o 200m Men's:
 - Malachi Muir (Edmonton): 21.03 (4)
 - o 800m Men's:
 - Tyler Sharpe (Calgary): 1:52.04 (4)

- 110m Hurdles Men's:
 - Keon Rude (Calgary): 14.47 (4)
- Men's Para Discus:
 - Doran Janse van Rensburg: 4th
- Wrestling:
 - 43-47 kg Women's:
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 - Up to 65 kg Women's:
 - Paige Veloso (Calgary): Gold
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 - Up to 80 kg Women's:
 - Callie Christian (Edmonton): Bronze
 - Up to 52 kg Men's:
 - Heitor Alencastro (Edmonton): 4th
 - Up to 60 kg Men's:
 - Cash Friend (Irricana): 4th
 - Up to 92 kg Men's:
 - Corbin Thomas (Fort McMurray): 4th
 - Up to 50 kg Women's:
 - Riley Papalia (Cold Lake): 4th
 - Up to 62 kg Women's:
 - Riley Cayer (Calgary): 4th
- Women's Baseball:
 - Semi-final: Alberta 5 – Nova Scotia 2

- Men's Volleyball:
 - o Semi-final: Alberta 3 – Quebec 2
- Women's Volleyball:
 - o Semi-final: Alberta 3 – Manitoba 2
- Men's Softball:
 - o 7th Place Game: Alberta 13 – British Columbia 12

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 (76):

Gold: 21

Silver: 28

Bronze: 27

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

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