



**2025 Canada Summer Games**  
**Team Alberta Daily Highlights**  
**Day 3**

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**Team Alberta Shines with Seven Medals on Day 3 of Competition at Canada Summer Games**

ST. JOHN'S, NFLD. – Team Alberta kept the momentum rolling on Day 3 of competition at the 2025 Canada Summer Games, scooping up seven more medals and punching tickets to the medal rounds in team sports.

**Christine Zhou** (Calgary) struck gold with a 29.18 second length in the 50m Women's Backstroke.

"This is my favourite event and racing the best swimmers in the country and going the best time to win gold is a really great experience for me," said Zhou. "The Canada Games are really cool, having a lot of athletes and people around you that all share a common goal in trying to do their best and trying to win for their province or territory"

Team Alberta swimmers continued to find the podium in six other events on Tuesday evening:

- **Aiden Gyorfi** (Edmonton) – Silver, 400m Men's Freestyle
- **Alan Piatek** (Calgary) – Silver, 100m Men's Butterfly
- **Elleigh Wise** (Calgary) – Bronze, 400m Women's Freestyle
- **Casey Kruse** (Strathmore): Bronze, 100m Women's Special Olympics Backstroke
- **Sasha Rogers** [Sherwood Park], **Callie Cardiff** [Calgary], **Meghan Sutherland** [Calgary], **Elleigh Wise** [Calgary]: Bronze, 4x100m Women's Freestyle Relay
- **Kingston Hitchcock** [Red Deer], **Levi Hildebrand** [Calgary], **Alan Piatek** [Calgary], **Aiden Gyorfi** [Edmonton]: Bronze, 4x100m Men's Freestyle Relay

In Rugby Sevens, Alberta's Women's team dominated with a 62-0 victory over the host team to complete their round robin play with a record of three wins and one loss. Team Alberta topped Nova Scotia in the Quarter Finals with a score of 32-7 to secure their place in the medal rounds.

"We knew not to underestimate Newfoundland, because anything can happen in Rugby Sevens, so we wanted to come out strong and play a strong game, and that just put us in a really good place going into the Quarter Finals," said **Emerson Hanrahan** (Edmonton), Prop for the Women's Rugby Sevens. "One of our goals was to get on the podium and now we have a chance to do that so it's really great for us and I think it's about showing everyone about what Alberta has and what Alberta Rugby has to offer."

The Men's Rugby Sevens team also advanced to the medal round, after a finish the round robin with three wins and a loss.

"We came out a bit rocky in that game but we finished super strong, Canada Summer Games is such a huge event that play for a medal is a huge honour," said Noah Dickens (Calgary), who plays for Team Alberta Men's Rugby Sevens. "We've played with each other for years, we know each other inside and out everyone brings something unique and special to the game, so to be able to go into the game tomorrow and compete for a medal is huge for us, our confidence and the program as a whole."

Women's and Men's Rugby Sevens will compete in the semi-finals Wednesday morning, followed by the medal matches in the afternoon.

Other team sports including Men's Baseball, Women's Softball and Box Lacrosse will also begin play offs on Wednesday. Women's Softball finished round robin play with a record of three wins and one loss, while men's baseball and box lacrosse each wrapped up round robin play with two wins and two losses.

#### **QUOTES OF THE DAY**

"Round robin started off really good, we had a really big win over Team Saskatchewan, it was a big team win. We have to shake off the game against British Columbia, and I know as a team we'll take this under our belts, learn from it and rise above it. We know what we need to focus on going into the Quarter Finals and I'm confident in our team that we can rise above it and have an awesome game to put us into the next round," – **Kamryn Lane** (Red Deer), Team Alberta Women's Softball, on Team Alberta's Women's Softball's play throughout the round robin and what can be expected to come in the playoff rounds.

"We haven't had the best start to this tournament so it really meant a lot to us as a team to get our first win, especially against a strong province like B.C. The whole team felt super hyped and energized by it. One thing that I really wanted to focus on was that winning was not just for myself but the whole team and I think that motivated me to do even better. The on-court coaching with Coach Lan also really helped as well. It just felt so nice to have so much support going on at the same time." – **Katharin Liu** (Calgary), Team Alberta Tennis, has gone undefeated throughout her three matches so far and helped Team Alberta earn their first win of the tournament.

"I felt really great going into this race (100m Men's Butterfly) and it was kind of a bummer getting second place by one one hundredths of a second, but it was just a big learning experience for me. This being one of my first national meets where I can win a medal, I'm really happy with that – I'm stoked. ... This entire year, I've been pushing myself so hard to the point of exhaustion and I'm just really happy I can get some medals out of this. I was going into this meet hoping I could get a medal and having four already on day two, I'm super stoked and so excited for the rest of this week." – **Alan Piatek** (Calgary), Team Alberta Swimmer, has added a bronze and silver medal to his Canada Summer Games collection on Tuesday night at the pool.

“It was a team effort. We got the boys together and told them we were going to play for our families and the boys back in Alberta and it just took a group effort from everyone. We stuck in the game no matter what happened and it came out with a win. I thank God for everything and the just looked good and I was seeing it well.” – **Daril Rodriguez**, Team Alberta Men’s Baseball, went three for four at the plate, with two homeruns and three runs batted in to help Team Alberta to an 11-6 win over Ontario to secure their spot in the Men’s Baseball quarter final.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Swimming:
  - 50m Women’s Backstroke:
    - Christine Zhou (Calgary): 29.18 (Gold)
    - Taylor Ginther (Lethbridge): 30.10
  - 400m Men’s Freestyle:
    - Aiden Gyorfi (Edmonton): 4:01.07 (Silver)
    - Maddox Oliver (St. Albert): 4:08.90 (6)
  - 100m Men’s Butterfly:
    - Alan Piatek (Calgary): 55.85 (Silver)
    - Jeffery Cheung (Calgary): 58.06 (7)
  - 400m Women’s Freestyle:
    - Elleigh Wise (Calgary): 4:25.84 (Bronze)
    - Callie Cardiff (Calgary): 4:25.84 (5)
  - 100m Women’s Special Olympics Backstroke:
    - Casey Kruse (Strathmore): 1:43.47 (Bronze)
  - 4x100m Women’s Freestyle Relay:
    - Alberta (Sasha Rogers [Sherwood Park], Callie Cardiff [Calgary], Meghan Sutherland [Calgary], Elleigh Wise [Calgary]): Bronze
  - 4x100m Men’s Freestyle Relay:
    - Alberta (Kingston Hitchcock [Red Deer], Levi Hildebrand [Calgary], Alan Piatek [Calgary], Aiden Gyorfi [Edmonton]): Bronze
  - 50m Para Men’s 100m Backstroke
    - Kobyn Kirchner (Busby): 543 (6)
  - 100m Men’s Special Olympics Backstroke:
    - Wesley Wilks (Didsbury): 1:22.59 (6)
  - 200m Men’s Breaststroke:
    - Soren Young (Calgary): 2:24.96 (6)
  - 200m Women’s Breaststroke:
    - Carmen Duffee (Sherwood Park): 2:42.16 (7)
    - Hayleigh Haines (Calgary): 2:43.73 (8)
- Canoe Kayak
  - K-2 500m Women’s:
    - Alberta (Jonnie Newman [Calgary], Lauren Rentz [Calgary]): 2:19.454 (4)

- K-4 500m Men's:
  - Alberta (Dawson Hutchinson [Calgary], Milo Jackson [Calgary], Lucas Mann [Calgary], Jackson Rowe [Calgary]): 1:43.285 (4)
- Men's Baseball (2-2):
  - Game 4: Alberta 11 – Ontario 6
- Women's Box Lacrosse (2-2):
  - Game 4: Alberta 6 – Quebec 1
- Men's Rugby Sevens (Preliminary Record: 3-1):
  - Quarter Finals: Alberta 22 – Newfoundland 12
- Women's Rugby Sevens (Preliminary Record: 3-1):
  - Game 4: Alberta 62 – Newfoundland 0
  - Quarter Finals: Alberta 32 – Nova Scotia 7
- Men's Soccer (2-0):
  - Game 2: Alberta 8 – Yukon 0
- Tennis (1-2):
  - Match 3: Alberta 5 – British Columbia 1

For full schedules and up-to-date results, visit: [cg2025.gems.pro](https://cg2025.gems.pro)

A list of all athletes and their hometowns are available on the [albertasport.ca](https://albertasport.ca).

### **MEDAL COUNT (19):**

Gold: 4

Silver: 7

Bronze: 8

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

### **NOTABLES**

- Canada Summer Games medals run in the family for Madi Hunter (Red Deer), who is looking to secure a spot in the medal rounds on Wednesday with Team Alberta Women's Softball team. Madi is the daughter of Teri Hunter, who coached Team Alberta Women's Softball team in 2017 and to a silver medal in 2017.
- Elicia and Enoch Lin, siblings from Calgary are competing together at the Canada Summer Games for Team Alberta in Tennis.
- Special Olympic Swimmer, Wesley Wilks is competing in his last Canada Summer Games after representing Alberta in 2017 and 2022.

### **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](http://albertasport.ca), or follow Team Alberta on Facebook and Instagram (@goteamab).

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