

## 2022 Canada Summer Games

### Team Alberta Daily Highlights

#### Day 8

**August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

#### **The first week of competition wraps up with 63 medals for Alberta, 3<sup>rd</sup> place in rankings**

NIAGARA FALLS, ON – Team Alberta finished the first week of competition at the 2022 Canada Summer Games with 63 medals for 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the medal standings behind Team British Columbia with 66 (medal count as of 9pm EST). Team Alberta won a total of 23 Gold, 17 Silver and 23 Bronze medals this week. In 2017 at the last Canada Summer Games Alberta won 97 medals in total (26 Gold, 38 Silver, 33 Bronze).

Our women's basketball team hit the court with opening ceremony flag bearer Delaney Gibb swishing the first baskets for Team Alberta. Teammate Abby Graves was also quick to respond to the winning call with another basket not long after. Team Alberta set in the heat in the last 10 minutes of the game versus Team Saskatchewan setting a final and winning score of 71-60.

The men's baseball followed later versus Team Ontario who started off strong and didn't slow down for Team Alberta to catch up. Despite Team Alberta's solid attempts to come back and stay in the game, Ontario took over with a score of 11-1. Alberta settled for Silver after a challenging ending performance at these Canada Games.

After defeating the powerful team Quebec yesterday. The men's basketball team ran out of gas after a grueling game towards the bronze medal. Team Alberta finishes 4<sup>th</sup> tonight after losing 90-83 to Team Nova Scotia.

The Alberta Tennis squad had one of the most difficult runs toward the bronze medal game today. After falling short to Team Ontario in the finals they left the game with a defeating score of 1-5.

Today, the Canada Games presented for the very first time the Pat Lechelt True Sport Award. 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. The Newfoundland and Labrador tennis player Declan Walsh who was honored to be presented this award commented on what it meant in receiving it today:

"It was such an honour to receive the Pat Lechelt True Sport Award. The Canada Games was such a great experience, and I'm so glad I got to spend the time with my teammates. It was amazing to meet so many new people - from the athletes from other provinces to the volunteers, mission staff, and everyone else who made this Canada Games one of the greatest experiences of my life. After hearing about who Pat Lechelt was and how much she contributed to the Canada Games legacy of fair play and sportsmanship, it truly is something I will always be proud of."

The second Pat Lechelt True Sport Award will be presented in the second week of the Canada Games in Niagara Falls.

Sports taking place next week starting on Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> include Athletics, Men's Box Lacrosse, Canoe-Kayak, Road Cycling, Diving, Golf, Rowing, Sailing, Women's Soccer, Men's Softball, Volleyball – Indoor.

**Team Alberta Highlights on Day 8 included:**

- **Gold Medal:**
  - Women's Basketball vs. Saskatchewan 71-60
- **Silver Medal:**
  - Men's Baseball vs. Ontario 11-1 for Ontario