

## UBC MEN'S SOCCER INFORMATION

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- Team or School hashtag (ex. #bleedblue or #varsityblues)
  - o #GoBirdsGo

Team and individual stats in bullet point form:

Playoff finish:

Regular season / playoff records: 13-1-2 /

Last U SPORTS championship (titles NOT appearances): 2013

Total U SPORTS championships (titles NOT appearances): 13

Team offence (i.e. average goals scored): 43 goals in 16 games / 2.69 goals per game

Team defence (i.e. average goals allowed): 10 goals allowed in 16 games / .625 goals allowed per game

Points leader: Caleb Clarke and Kristian Yli-Hietanen, 10 points

Goals leader: Kristian Yli-Hietanen, 10 goals

Assists leader: Zach Verhoven, 5 assists

Probable starting goaltender: Jason Roberts (12-0-2)

120-150-word regular season summary which may expand on the information above and/or include:

The UBC Thunderbirds had an historic regular season in 2018, concluding the conference campaign with a record of 13-1-2 and 41 points, tied for the most wins and most points in a single season in Canada West history.

First-year midfielder Thomas Gardner made history by becoming the first person in Canada West to win the league's Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year awards in the same season.

He was one of the 10 UBC selections to the Canada West All-Star and All-Rookie teams.

Gardner won a place on both the first All-Star team as well as the All-Rookie squad. Captain and defender Connor Guilherme joined Gardner on the first team.

Forwards Caleb Clarke, Kristian Yli-Hietanen, and Sean Einarsson won a place on the second team along with defender Riley Pang and goalkeeper Jason Roberts.

Midfielder Nick Fussell and defender Daniel Kaiser were also All-Rookie team members.

Roberts went 12-0-2 in goal for UBC, and his 12 wins were a school record, and tied for second most in a single season in league history. His 7.5 shutouts this season tied for most in UBC men's soccer history and tied for fourth-most in a single Canada West season.

2-3 key players with any relevant notes (sport related or human interest stories)

- Caleb Clarke – first year with UBC (and first year of university soccer) – has previous experience playing professionally in Germany and with Vancouver Whitecaps, and Whitecaps 2 – has experience with Canada's senior national team
- Thomas Gardner - First-year midfielder made history by becoming the first person in Canada West to win the league's Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year awards in the same season. Free kick specialist
- Victory Shumbusho – leading goal scorer for UBC last year, CW Rookie of the Year, but injured for most of 2018 – escaped war-torn Republic of Congo to Uganda at age 9 – arrived in Vancouver, and then moved to Chilliwack at age 14
- Head coach Mike Mosher – 23<sup>rd</sup> season as UBC head coach, has won a national title on home turf as a player and as a head coach – was 1989 U SPORTS championship MVP (tournament played at UBC)

Any national team or semi-pro players

- Caleb Clarke – two games for Canada's senior national team in 2013 and two games for the Vancouver Whitecaps in 2012. Also played in Germany
- Redshirt Cameron Neal – has played for Bermuda's Under-20 national team

Famous / notable alumni

- Brian Budd, a 1975 Physical Education (Kinesiology) graduate, was an all-around athlete who started at UBC in 1970. In his first two years at the school, Budd swam for the Thunderbird swim team under coach Jack Pomfret. In his second year he focused on soccer and for four years played on the Thunderbird soccer team. Budd scored the winning goal in the 1974 CIS championship game to give UBC the national title. Budd pursued a career in soccer following his graduation from UBC, playing for seven professional teams between 1974 and 1981 including five seasons with the Vancouver Whitecaps in addition to two years with Canada's national team. It was in 1977 Budd entered and won his first of three consecutive Canadian "Superstars" competitions. This was a competition involving the country's best athletes in sporting events other than those of their profession or specialty. Winning three straight earned Budd a spot in the "World Superstars" competition which during the 1970s and 1980s was a popular ABC television production. Budd continued to win, impressively, besting outstanding pro and amateur athletes from the US and around the world. After his third triumph, ABC TV

Sports applied a rule stating a competitor could win only three times, eliminating Budd from further "World Superstars" competition. Budd felt he was removed because he was not well known to the American TV audience.

- Pat Onstad - Onstad's professional career was as successful as his time at UBC. He won three MLS Cup championships, the first in 2003 with the San Jose Earthquakes and two with the Houston Dynamo in 2006 and 2007. In 2005, he won the Supporters Shield with the Earthquakes. Onstad was named MLS Goalkeeper of the Year and to the MLS Best XI both in 2003 and 2005. With the Canadian National Team, Onstad earned 57 caps and was part of the 2000 CONCACAF Gold Cup championship side. He was named Canadian Player of the Year in 2003. He also won three championships with the UBC Thunderbirds and was a catalyst for the program's 54-game unbeaten streak in the 1990s. He was a two-time All Canadian during his UBC career and the CIS Championship MVP in 1994. Onstad was inducted into the UBC Sports Hall of Fame in 2012. He came out of retirement in 2011 to play in three matches for D.C. due to injuries at the goalkeeper position.
- Mark Watson - Watson suited up for Canada's national team 78 times between 1991 and 2004, earning the third-most caps in the country's history. He became an assistant coach with the senior team after retiring from international play.
- His club career began in 1990 with the Ottawa Intrepid and ended in 2007 with the Charleston Battery. In between, he suited in several countries, playing for the likes of Watford (England), Oxford United (England), Columbus Crew (USA), Östers IF (Sweden) and the Vancouver 86ers and Whitecaps.
- While with Charleston, Watson also spent time as a player-assistant coach. He moved on to assistant role with San Jose of MLS before being named interim head coach.