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# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

On behalf of the Board of Directors of U SPORTS, I am pleased to present our Annual Report for 2019. I am honoured to serve as Board Chair after Mike Mahon and with your help keep up the momentum on the changes that began in 2015-2016.

This past year, I learned just how significant and ambitious these changes are and find it helpful to reflect back on the reasons for change. The need for change that resonates most for me as a University President is the need to enhance the visibility and relevancy of university sport in Canada. As Universities are expected to do more with less, we need our communities, partners and funders to understand what you already know and love about university sports. I also have a better understanding of some of the tensions that are inevitable when you have 56 diverse member Universities that are part of four Conferences. We are not the first and will not be the last organization debating the nuances of “Competitive Balance.” I understand from one of our Classics professors that even the ancient Greeks pondered about “equality” and “equal opportunity” in athletics.

U SPORTS is a complex organization that will continue to evolve and adapt as we plan, do, evaluate and adjust in response to the needs of our members. I am often reminded of my early days in the public service where I learned a catch phrase about team development, specifically that for teams to perform, they first had to form, storm and norm<sup>1</sup>. The forming has occurred, and I think it is fair to say the collective will is there to navigate the storming and norming and accelerate the performing.

I look forward to concluding the review of the implementation of our new governance model, the approval of our new Strategic Plan and seeing the new Sport Model used.

Our Board and very talented staff remain committed to the consultation and engagement required to ensure our initiatives serve our members and are aligned with our Strategic Plan. We are enthusiastic about the year ahead and confident that together we can achieve the Vision we aspire to. I want to close by thanking staff, fellow Board members, athletic directors, and the entire U SPORTS community for participating in this team sport. I look forward to storming, norming and performing with you.

*A. Trimbee*

**DR. ANNETTE TRIMBEE** PhD  
Chair of the Board of Directors



(1) Bruce Tuckman. “Developmental Sequence in Small Groups”. 1965.





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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

Dear members,

Welcome to the 42nd Annual U SPORTS Conference and Annual Meeting. As we gather together once again, I'm reminded of all the success university sport in Canada has had over the past year.

Today, U SPORTS is working more collaboratively than ever before with the entire membership as well as external stakeholders. As a result, the power and impact of the U SPORTS brand is truly beginning to be felt in the Canadian sport system. Over the last 12 months, we have worked on a number of new and important projects across the entire organization. Some initiatives are allowing us to evaluate the progress of the changes that began in 2015, while others are aimed at continuing our mission to build university sport in Canada.

Among the key highlights, a new four-year Strategic Plan to guide the organization into the future has been approved, and a comprehensive Governance Review has been completed, with recommendations for improvements made for implementation. We have also continued to enhance U SPORTS Central – moving the critical Letter of Intent Registry system online.

In striving for the best possible experience on and off the field of play, a full Sport Review of current and potential new offerings has been conducted, new hosting and financial models for individual championships are being explored, and the sport of football in particular has been carefully examined to identify ways to enhance the game nationwide. In addition, significant new partnerships with the Canadian Premier League (CPL) and the Canadian Elite Basketball League (CEBL) have been established – allowing our men's soccer and basketball student-athletes for the first time to be drafted and signed to player development contracts in the offseason without losing their remaining eligibility. Furthermore, U SPORTS established a ground-breaking transgender policy this past year, one that is among the most progressive and inclusive transgender policies in high-level sport.

None of these advancements happen without the dedication of our hard-working staff, the cooperation and trust of our Board and membership, and the faith of our volunteers and partners. I would especially like to thank Dr. Annette Trimbee, for her tremendous leadership over the past year as our new Chair of the Board. Your commitment to guiding our organization has enabled us to continue to shape university sport in Canada, and elevate it to new heights for the next generation.

**GRAHAM BROWN**, BHK, MHK  
President and Chief Executive Officer





# THE SPIRIT OF U SPORTS

Today, we shape tomorrow.  
Skill becomes brilliance.  
Potential becomes kinetic.  
Unknowns become known.

We are the new generation.  
And we play by heart.  
With no filter. No fear. No halfway.

Before the big leagues.  
Before the next chapter.  
We face the biggest games of our lives.

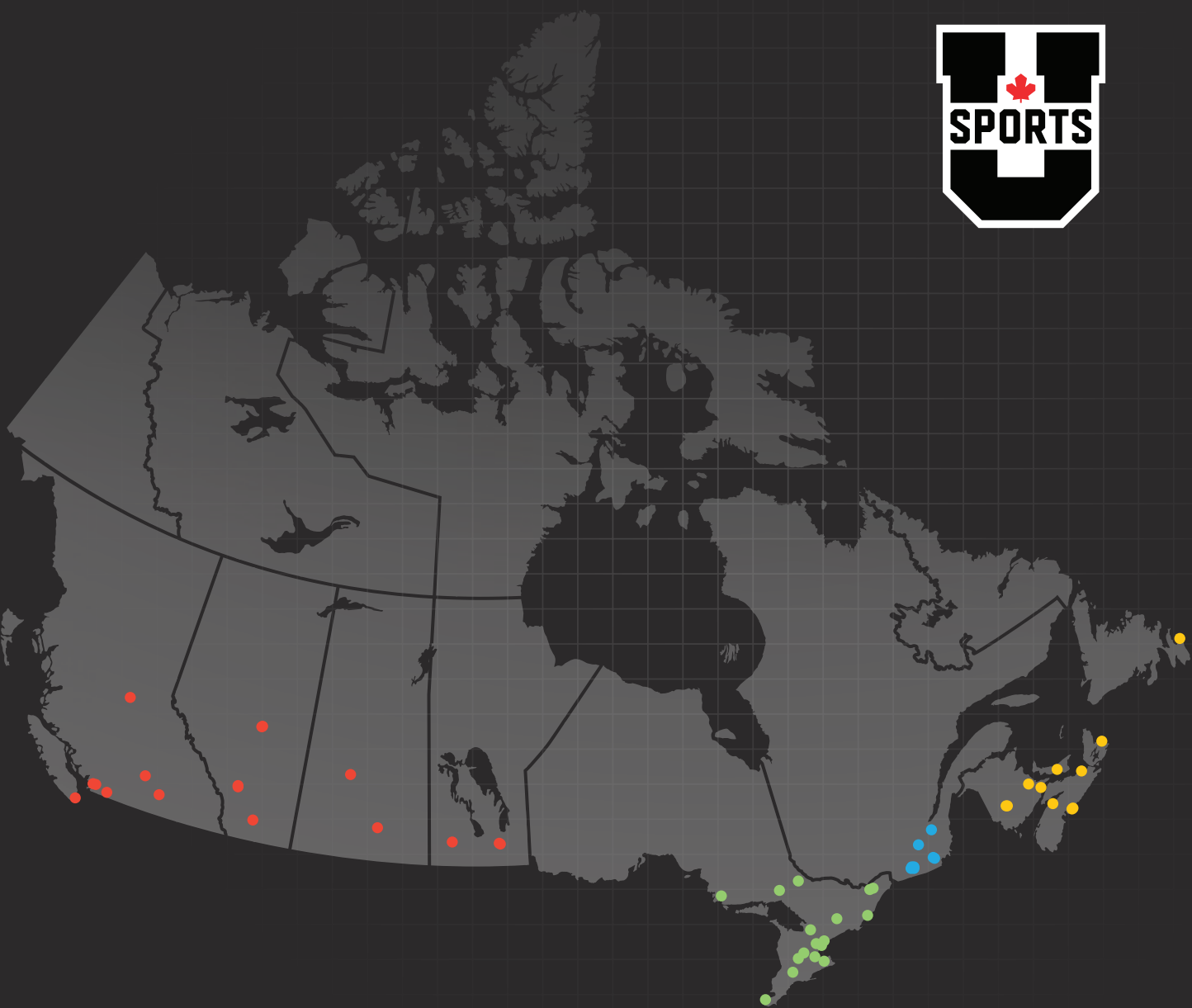
56 Universities.  
20,000 student-athletes.  
Millions of stories.

Introducing U SPORTS.



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20 Schools  
15 Cities

- Algoma University
- Brock University
- Carleton University
- University of Guelph
- Lakehead University
- Laurentian University
- McMaster University
- Nipissing University
- Ontario Tech University
- University of Ottawa
- Queen's University
- Royal Military College of Canada
- Ryerson University
- University of Toronto
- Trent University
- University of Waterloo
- University of Western Ontario
- Wilfrid Laurier University
- University of Windsor
- York University



17 Schools  
14 Cities

- University of Alberta
- Brandon University
- University of British Columbia
- University of British Columbia Okanagan
- University of Calgary
- University of the Fraser Valley
- University of Lethbridge
- University of Manitoba
- MacEwan University
- Mount Royal University
- University of Northern British Columbia
- University of Regina
- University of Saskatchewan
- Thompson Rivers University
- Trinity Western University
- University of Victoria
- University of Winnipeg



11 Schools  
9 Cities

- Acadia University
- Cape Breton University
- Dalhousie University
- Memorial University of Newfoundland
- Mount Allison University
- Université de Moncton
- University of New Brunswick
- University of Prince Edward Island
- Saint Mary's University
- St. Francis Xavier University
- St. Thomas University



8 Schools  
5 Cities

- Bishop's University
- Concordia University
- Université Laval
- McGill University
- Université de Montréal
- Université du Québec à Montréal
- Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières
- Université de Sherbrooke

U SPORTS by The Numbers

4	Conferences	21	National Championships	56	Member Institutions	3,900+	Academic All-Canadians
12	Sports	43	Cities	700+	Head Coaches	20,000+	Student-Athletes



Governance

U SPORTS is a collective entity comprised of 56 member institutions from across Canada, four conferences, and a national office located in Richmond Hill, Ont. The U SPORTS national office consists of 14 full-time staff, and is guided by a Board of Directors made up of four university presidents (one from each conference), four athletic directors (one from each conference), and a member-at-large. The active involvement of university presidents in the governance of sport is a relatively new phenomenon, and has helped U SPORTS build a strong relationship with Universities Canada, a membership organization providing university presidents with a unified voice for higher education, research, and innovation. The increased involvement of university presidents has helped U SPORTS view its programs from an entirely different perspective, and has enabled U SPORTS leadership to present to Universities Canada and advocate for the role sports plays on university campuses across the country.

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President and Chief Executive Officer



Current Staff

Name	Title	Name	Title
Graham Brown	President & Chief Executive Officer	Scott Ring	Manager, Sport Technical & National Championships
David Goldstein	Chief Operating Officer	Charonne Thomasos	Manager, International Games Operations
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Special thanks to:

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Ted Bardach	Heidi Farley	Yoram Kerbel	Maxime Moulin	Ed Snetsinger
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Bob Copeland	Alain Helf	Chris Lomon	Kalvin Reid	Agnes Wong
Matthew Coyte	Léopold Huguenin	Lucas Lung	Declan Riley	Jonathan Yue
Alex Cyr	Shaq Johnson	Richard MacLean	Christian Ryan	Andrea Campion
Tash Cyrille	Rahul Kalparuksha	Steve McAllister	Glenn Ryan	Laurie Roberts

2018-19 U SPORTS Interns

SUMMER 2018	FALL 2018	WINTER 2019
Farhan Kachalia, Humber	Benjamin Becker, Humber	Zackary Bedder, Durham
Siera Lombardo, Laurentian	Leah Diseris, Ryerson	Brannndon Cole, Humber
Matt Sakala, Brock	Logan Gabay-Lockhart, Humber	Natasha Cyrille, Ryerson
Matt Vocino, Ryerson	Rebecca March, Dalhousie	Dave Monaco, Humber
Joelle Wood, Ryerson	Suleiman Sualim, Centennial	Carlton Osinde, York
Hayden Yeung, Brock		Francesco Pennacchio, George Brown
		Justis Verrall, Durham
		Daryl Waud, Western



# Committees

STANDING COMMITTEES							
Committee	Chair	CW	OUA	RSEQ	AUS	U SPORTS	Other
Executive	Dr. Annette Trimbee (Winnipeg)	Dr. Annette Trimbee (Winnipeg)	Dr. Pierre Zundel (Laurentian)	Manon Simard (Montreal)	N/A	Graham Brown David Goldstein	N/A
Finance	Dr. Pierre Zundel (Laurentian)	Katie Spriggs (Alberta) Nancy Walker (Lethbridge)	Jennifer Brenning (Carleton)	N/A	Pierre Arsenault (Mount Allison)	Graham Brown David Goldstein Tony Martire	N/A
Human Resources	Dr. Annette Trimbee (Winnipeg)	Dr. Annette Trimbee (Winnipeg)	N/A	Michael Goldbloom (Bishop's)	Dr. Kent MacDonald (StFX)	Graham Brown David Goldstein	N/A
Governance	Beth Ali (Toronto)	Clint Hamilton (Victoria) Joanne MacLean (Fraser Valley)	Beth Ali (Toronto) Sue Hylland (Ottawa)	N/A	Dr. Kent MacDonald (StFX)	Graham Brown David Goldstein	Richard Powers (External Expert)

OPERATING COMMITTEES							
Committee	Chair	CW	OUA	RSEQ	AUS	U SPORTS	Other
Athletic Financial Awards	Sandy Slavin (Canada West)	Curtis Atkinson (Thompson Rivers)	Brian Bourque (Waterloo)	Joey Sabo (Bishop's)	Jeff Speedy (UNB)	Tara Hahto	N/A
Equity	Lisen Moore (McGill)	Carol Hofer (Trinity Western)	Mark Kontulainen (Algoma)	Lisen Moore (McGill)	Martin Leblanc (Moncton)	Barbara Giroud	Debra Kriger (Toronto - External Expert)
Sport	Dr. Karen Murphy (Memorial)	Karla Karch (Mount Royal) Vang Ioannides (Alberta)	Mark Alfano (McMaster) Guy Dubé (RMC)	Lisen Moore (McGill) Daniel Méthot (UQAM)	Dr. Karen Murphy (Memorial) Krista McKenna (StFX)	Lisette Johnson-Stapley Barbara Giroud	N/A
Commercial	Tim Maloney (Dalhousie)	Ben Matchett (Calgary)	Robert Hilson (Brock) Mary Beth Challoner (Toronto)	Stéphane Boudreau (RSEQ)	Tim Maloney (Dalhousie)	Matt Bortolussi	N/A
Management Advisory Council	Graham Brown (U SPORTS)	Rocky Olfert (Canada West) Katie Spriggs (Alberta)	Gord Grace (OUA) Scott Barker (Ontario Tech.)	Benoît Doloreux (RSEQ) Geoff Phillips (McGill)	Phil Currie (AUS) John Richard (UNB)	Graham Brown	Wayne Albert (CCUPEKA)
International	Darren Cates (RMC)	Karla Karch (Mount Royal)	Darren Cates (RMC)	Geoff Phillips (McGill)	Michael Eagles (St. Thomas)	Charonne Thomasos	Coleen Dufresne (Manitoba - FISU Rep.) David Munro (CCAA Rep.) Gilles Lépine (UBC - FISU America Rep.) Joe Morissette (Badminton Canada - Summer NSO Rep.) Danny Lamoureux (Curling Canada - Winter NSO Rep.) Bob Philip (UBC - Ex-Officio) Ari Grossman (Waterloo - Ex-Officio)
Eligibility	Sandy Slavin (Canada West)	Jayne Blank (UBC)	Chuck Mathies (Western)	Joey Sabo (Bishop's)	Patrick Nearing (Dalhousie)	Tara Hahto	N/A

SUBCOMMITTEES							
Committee	Chair	CW	OUA	RSEQ	AUS	U SPORTS	Other
Marketing / Brand	Stéphane Boudreau (RSEQ)	Katya Sodamin (Mount Royal)	N/A	Stéphane Boudreau (RSEQ)	Brett Bedeck (AUS)	Ken Saint-Eloy	Cheri Bradish (Marketing Expert) Patrice Whiffen (Marketing Expert)
Broadcast	N/A	Cary Mellon (UNBC)	Robert Hilson (Brock)	N/A	Eric Cederberg (Acadia)	Ken Saint-Eloy	N/A
Communications	N/A	Ben Matchett (Calgary)	Andy Baechler (Guelph)	N/A	Andy Campbell (UNB)	Ken Saint-Eloy	N/A
Sponsorship	N/A	Steve Tuckwood (Fraser Valley)	Brogan Wilson (Trent)	Brigitte Cerat (Montreal)	Tim Maloney (Dalhousie)	Matt Bortolussi	N/A
Events & Awards	Mary Beth Challoner (Toronto)	Evan Daum (Canada West)	Mary Beth Challoner (Toronto) Jenny Mackay (Waterloo)	Daniel Méthot (UQAM)	N/A	Scott Ring Jocelyn Falbo	N/A

SPORT TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEES							
Committee	Chair	CW	OUA	RSEQ	AUS	U SPORTS	Other
Football	Basil Hughton (Canada West)	Gilles Lépine (UBC) Basil Hughton (CW (Convenor))	Wally Gabler (Guelph) Gord Grace (OUA (Convenor))	Julie Dionne (Laval) Benoît Doloreux (RSEQ (Convenor))	Leo MacPherson (StFX) Phil Currie (AUS (Convenor))	Graham Brown Lisette Johnson-Stapley Barbara Giroud	Shannon Donovan (Football Canada) Richard MacLean (U SPORTS - Football Director) Chris Morris (CUFA President)
Men's Basketball	Daniel Méthot (UQAM)	Ken Schildroth (MacEwan) Craig Beaucamp (Victoria (Coach))	Mike Havey (Windsor) James Derouin (Ottawa (Coach))	Lisen Moore (McGill) Dave DeAveiro (McGill (Coach))	John Ryan (Cape Breton) Darrell Glenn (UPEI (Coach))	Scott Ring	Kevin Duffie (Acadia) President (Coaches Executive)
Women's Basketball	Karla Karch (Mount Royal)	Lisa Robertson (Regina) Scott Edwards (Alberta (Coach))	Christine Stapleton (Western) Carly Clarke (Ryerson (Coach))	Linda Marquis (Laval) Tenicha Gittens (Concordia (Coach))	Chris Huggan (UPEI) Anna Stammberger (Dalhousie (Coach))	Scott Ring	Ryan Thorne (McGill) President (Coaches Executive)
Women's Rugby	Krista McKenna (StFX)	Vang Ioannides (Alberta) Britany Waters (Victoria (Coach))	Angela Orton (Guelph) Dan Valley (Queen's (Coach))	Roger Archambault (Ottawa) Mitch François (Montreal (Coach))	Leo MacPherson (StFX) Matt Durant (Acadia (Coach))	Scott Ring	Colette McAuley (Guelph) President (Coaches Executive)
Men's Hockey	Dick White	Rob Godfrey (Mount Royal) Todd Johnson (Regina (Coach))	Tom Warden (Lakehead) Shawn Camp (Guelph (Coach))	N/A	Pierre Arsenault (Mount Allison) Gardiner MacDougall (UNB (Coach))	Scott Ring	Dick White Dave Adolph (Saskatchewan) President (Coaches Executive)
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SPORT TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEES							
Committee	Chair	CW	OUA	RSEQ	AUS	U SPORTS	Other
Women's Volleyball	Dr. Karen Murphy (Memorial)	Russ Paddock (Brandon) Laurie Eisler (Alberta (Coach))	Melissa Krist (Toronto) Kristine Drakich (Toronto (Coach))	Jean-Pierre Chancy (Montreal) Olivier Trudel (Montreal (Coach))	John Richard (UNB) Rick Scott (Dalhousie (Coach))	Scott Ring	Doug Reimer (UBC)  President (Coaches Executive)  Julien Boucher (Volleyball Canada)
Men's Soccer	Patrick Nearing (Dalhousie)	Gord Hopper (UBC) Mike Shearon (Trinity Western (Coach))	Keith Mason (Guelph (Coach))	Pierre Clermont (UQTR) Marc Mounicot (McGill (Coach))	Scott Gray (Saint Mary's) Miles Pinsent (UNB (Coach))	Scott Ring	Mike Mosher (UBC)  President (Coaches Executive)
Women's Soccer	Eric Vandenbroucke (Windsor)	Gord Hopper (UBC) Graham Roxburgh (Trinity Western (Coach))	Scott Barker (Ontario Tech) Martin Painter (Western (Coach))	Jose Valdes (McGill (Coach)) Julie Dionne (Laval)	Scott Gray (Saint Mary's) John Crossland (UNB (Coach))	Scott Ring	Chad Beaulieu (RMC)  President (Coaches Executive)

AD-HOC COMMITTEES							
Committee	Chair	CW	OUA	RSEQ	AUS	U SPORTS	Other
Football Visioning Group	Peter Baxter (Laurier)	Kim Gordon (Canada West)	Gord Grace (OUA)	Benoit Doloreux (RSEQ)	Phil Currie (AUS)	Graham Brown Lisette Johnson-Stapley	Chris Morris (CUFCA)
Statistics Task Force	N/A	Evan Daum (Canada West) Ben Matchett (Calgary) Paul Cartledge (Alberta) Matt Packwood (Brandon) Braden Konschuh (Regina)	Brent Garbutt (OUA) David Frizell (OUA) Jill Clark (Toronto) Fraser Caldwell (McMaster) Mike Whitehouse (Laurier) Jamie Howieson (Laurier) Jennifer Elliott (Ottawa) Andrea Elliott (Ryerson) Peter Reimer (RMC)	Jean-Philippe Tremblay (RSEQ) Stéphane Jobin (Laval) Earl Zukerman (McGill) Sylvain Bilodeau (Montreal)	John Keefe (AUS) Krista McKenna (StFX) Ian Coultas (Memorial) Angela Barrett-Jewers (Dalhousie)	Ken Saint-Eloy Renee Ridout	John Edwards (Football Stats Expert)
Sport Medicine & Research Science	Dr. Taryn Taylor	Dr. Preston Riley (Calgary) Natalie Ghobrial (Therapist - Trinity Western)	Dr. Lindsay Bradley (Carleton) Andrea Prieur (Therapist - Toronto)	Dr. Penny Baylis (McGill) Étienne Fallu (Therapist - UQTR)	Dr. David Cudmore (StFX) Colin King (Therapist - Acadia)	Graham Brown Barbara Giroud Lisette Johnson-Stapley	Brian Roy (CCUPEKA) Dr. Carla Edwards (Mental Health Specialist)
Compliance	Jennifer Brenning (Carleton)	Sandy Slavin (Canada West)	Jennifer Brenning (Carleton)	Jean-Pierre Chancy (Montreal)	Patrick Nearing (Dalhousie)	David Goldstein Tara Hahto	N/A
Women's Hockey Pilot Project	Scott Ring (U SPORTS)	Ken McInnes (Lethbridge)	Lisa Haley (Ryerson)	Lisen Moore (McGill)	Pierre Arsenault (Mount Allison)	Lisette Johnson-Stapley Scott Ring	Bob Copeland (McLaren Global Sport Solutions)
Sport Model Review	Dr. Karen Murphy (Memorial)	James Keogh (Victoria)	Sue Hyland (Ottawa)	Geoff Phillips (McGill)	Dr. Karen Murphy (Memorial)	Lisette Johnson-Stapley Barbara Giroud	Bob Copeland (McLaren Global Sport Solutions)

TOP 10 COMMITTEES							
Committee	Chair	CW	OUA	RSEQ	AUS	U SPORTS	Other
Women's Hockey	Isabelle Leclaire (Montreal)	Howie Draper (Alberta)	Dan Church (York)	Alyssa Cecere (McGill)	Chris Larade (Saint Mary's)	Alan Hudes	N/A
Women's Volleyball	Lucas Hodgson (Windsor)	Ken Bentley (Manitoba)	Paul Funk (Guelph)	Rachèle Beliveau (McGill)	John Slauenwhite (Memorial)	Alan Hudes	N/A
Men's Volleyball	Ben Josephson (Trinity Western)	N/A (Determined by statistical algorithm)				Alan Hudes	Rob Pettapiece (VRS)
Cross Country	Félix Antoine-Lapointe (Laval)	All head coaches				Alan Hudes	Andrew Cameron (Athletics Canada)
Men's Basketball	Kevin Duffie (Acadia)	All head coaches				Alan Hudes	Martin Timmerman (USPORTSHoops.ca)
Women's Basketball	Carly Clarke (Ryerson)	All head coaches				Alan Hudes	Martin Timmerman (USPORTSHoops.ca)
Women's Rugby	Matthew Durant (Acadia)	N/A (Determined by Statistical Algorithm)				Alan Hudes	N/A
Men's Soccer	Keith Mason (Guelph)	N/A (Determined by Statistical Algorithm)				Alan Hudes	N/A
Women's Soccer	Liz Jepsen (Alberta)	N/A (Determined by Statistical Algorithm)				Alan Hudes	N/A
Swimming	Steve Price (UBC)	N/A (Determined by Statistical Algorithm)				Alan Hudes	Richard Loucks (Swimming Canada)
Track & Field	Félix Antoine-Lapointe (Laval)	N/A (Determined by Statistical Algorithm)				Alan Hudes	Andrew Cameron (Athletics Canada) Jason Reindl (Trackie)
Wrestling	Trevor Manchester (Algoma)	N/A (Determined by Statistical Algorithm)				Alan Hudes	Chris Reith (Wrestling Canada)

TOP 10 MEDIA COMMITEEES				
Committee	Chair	Members	Affiliation	U SPORTS
Football	Donnovan Bennett (Sportsnet)	Gord Randall	Krown Countdown U	Alan Hudes
		C-A Sinotte	TVA Sports	
		Claude Scilley	Kingston sports reporter	
		Lee Barette	canadafootballchat.com	
		Moe Khan	TSN Radio 690	
		Shelby Blackley	The Globe and Mail	
		Monty Mosher	Nova Scotia sports reporter	
		Michel Bélanger	Former CIS Communications	
		Andrew Wadden	Krown Countdown U	
		Marshall Ferguson	TSN Radio 1150	
		Richard Boutin	Journal de Québec	
		John Edwards	U SPORTS Statistics Consultant	
		Justin Dunk	3DownNation	
		Tim Micallef	Sportsnet	
		Neate Sager	The CIS Blog	
Men's Hockey	Steve Knowles	Ameeta Vohra	Football Canada	Alan Hudes
		Bruce Hallihan	Brunswick News	
		David Kilfoil	CHSR-FM & Rogers TVNB	
		Glenn MacDonald	Halifax Chronicle Herald	
		Dustin Nielson	TSN 1260 & Canada West TV	
		Ryan Pyette	London Free Press	
		Neate Sager	CIS Blog/Sportsnet	
		Bob Stauffer	Edmonton Oilers Radio Network	
		Reuben Villagracia	Thunder Bay Chronicle-Journal	
		Darren Zary	Saskatoon Star-Phoenix	
		Hailey Salvian	The Athletic	
		Monty Mosher	Nova Scotia sports reporter	
		Salim Valji	CTV Montreal	
		Rita Mingo	Postmedia Calgary	
		Victor Findlay	Around the OHL	





UNIVERSITY	MONIKER (M/W)	ATHLETIC DIRECTOR	PRESIDENT
Atlantic University Sport (AUS)			
Acadia University	Axemen / Axewomen	Kevin Dickie	Dr. Peter J. Ricketts
Cape Breton University	Capers	John Ryan	David Dingwall
Dalhousie University	Tigers	Tim Maloney	R. Peter MacKinnon (Interim)
Memorial University of Newfoundland	Sea-Hawks	Dr. Karen Murphy	Dr. Gary Kachanoski
Université de Moncton	Aigles Bleus / Aigles Bleues	Marc Boudreau	Dr. Jacques Paul Couturier (Interim)
Mount Allison University	Mounties	Pierre Arsenault	Dr. Jean-Paul Boudreau
University of New Brunswick	Reds	John Richard	Dr. H.E.A. (Eddy) Campbell
University of Prince Edward Island	Panthers	Chris Huggan	Dr. Alaa Abd-El-Aziz
Saint Mary's University	Huskies	Scott Gray	Dr. Robert Summerby-Murray
St. Francis Xavier University	X-Men / X-Women	Leo MacPherson	Dr. Kent MacDonald
St. Thomas University	Tommies	Mike Eagles	Dawn Russell
Réseau du sport étudiant du Québec (RSEQ)			
Bishop's University	Gaiters	Matt McBrine	Michael Goldbloom
Concordia University	Stingers	D'Arcy Ryan	Dr. Alan Shepard
Université Laval	Rouge et Or	Julie Dionne	Sophie D'Amours
McGill University	TBD / Martlets	Marc Gélinas	Dr. Suzanne Fortier
Université de Montréal	Carabins	Manon Simard	Dr. Guy Breton
Université de Sherbrooke	Vert & Or	Jean-Pierre Boucher	Dr. Pierre Cossette
Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières	Patriotes	Isabelle La Vergne	Daniel McMahon
Université du Québec à Montréal	Citadins	Daniel Méthot	Dr. Magda Fusaro
Ontario University Athletics (OUA)			
Algoma University	Thunderbirds	Mark Kontulainen	Asima C. Vezina
Brock University	Badgers	TBD	Dr. Gervan Fearon
Carleton University	Ravens	Jennifer Brenning	Dr. Benoit-Antoine Bacon
University of Guelph	Gryphons	Scott McRoberts	Dr. Franco Vaccarino
Lakehead University	Thunderwolves	Tom Warden	Dr. Moira McPherson
Laurentian University	Voyageurs	Peter Hellstrom	Dr. Pierre Zundel (interim)
McMaster University	Marauders	TBD	Dr. Patrick Deane
Nipissing University	Lakers	Vito Castiglione	Dr. Mike DeGagné
Ontario Tech. University	Ridgebacks	Scott Barker	Dr. Steven Murphy
University of Ottawa	Gee-Gees	Sue Hylland	Jacques Frémont
Queen's University	Gaels	Leslie Dal Cin	Dr. Daniel Woolf (Principal)
Royal Military College of Canada	Paladins	Darren Cates	Dr. Harry Kowal (Principal)
Ryerson University	Rams	Jeff Giles	Dr. Mohamed Lachemi
University of Toronto	Varsity Blues	Beth Ali	Meric Gertler
Trent University	Excalibur	Deborah Bright-Brundle	Dr. Leo Groarke
University of Waterloo	Warriors	Roly Webster	Dr. Feridun Hamdullahpur
Western University	Mustangs	Christine Stapleton	Dr. Amit Chakma
Wilfrid Laurier University	Golden Hawks	Peter Baxter	Dr. Deborah MacLatchy
University of Windsor	Lancers	Mike Havey	Dr. Douglas Kneale
York University	Lions	Jennifer Myers	Dr. Rhonda L. Lenton
Canada West (CW)			
University of Alberta	Golden Bears / Pandas	Dr. Ian Reade	Dr. David Turpin
Brandon University	Bobcats	Russ Paddock	Dr. David Docherty
University of British Columbia	Thunderbirds	Gilles Lépine	Dr. Santa Ono
University of British Columbia Okanagan	Heat	Tom Huisman	Dr. Santa Ono
University of Calgary	Dinos	Jason Kerswill	Dr. Ed McCauley
University of The Fraser Valley	Cascades	Steve Tuckwood	Dr. Joanne MacLean
University of Lethbridge	Pronghorns	Ken McInnes	Dr. Mike Mahon
MacEwan University	Griffins	Ken Schildroth	Dr. Deborah Saucier
University of Manitoba	Bisons	Gene Muller	Dr. David T. Barnard
Mount Royal University	Cougars	Karla Karch	Dr. Tim Rahilly
University of Northern British Columbia	Timberwolves	Loralyn Murdoch	Dr. Daniel J. Weeks
University of Regina	Cougars / Rams	Lisa Robertson	Dr. Vianne Timmons
University of Saskatchewan	Huskies	Shawn Burt	Dr. Peter Stoiceff
Thompson Rivers University	WolfPack	Curtis Atkinson	Dr. Brett Fairbarin
Trinity Western University	Spartans	Jeff Gamache	Bob Kuhn
University of Victoria	Vikes	Clint Hamilton	Jamie Cassels
University of Winnipeg	Wesmen	Dave Crook	Dr. Annette Trimbee





Credit: Greg Mason / U SPORTS

# 2018-19 National Championships

SPORT	CHAMPIONS	HOST
Women's Field Hockey	Victoria	York
Women's Rugby	StFX	Acadia
Men's Soccer	Montreal	UBC
Women's Soccer	Ottawa	Ottawa
Cross Country	Calgary (Men)	Queen's
	Laval (Women)	
Mitchell Bowl	Western	Western
Uteck Bowl	Laval	Laval
Vanier Cup Presented by Promutuel Insurance	Laval	Laval
Odlum Brown Swimming	UBC (Men)	UBC
	UBC (women)	
Wrestling	Brock (Men)	Calgary
	Brock (Women)	
Track and Field Presented by Beynon Sports	Guelph (Men)	Manitoba
	Guelph (Women)	
Men's Basketball	Carleton	Dalhousie / Sport & Entertainment Atlantic
Women's Basketball Presented by COMDA.COM	McMaster	Ryerson
Cavendish Farms University Cup	UNB	Lethbridge
Women's Hockey	Guelph	UPEI
Men's Volleyball Presented by Hôtel Universel Québec	Trinity Western	Laval
Women's Volleyball	UBC	Alberta
Curling	Carleton (Men)	UNB / Curling Canada
	Laurentian (Women)	

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# FIELD HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP

Date: Nov. 1-3, 2018 Host School: York University



Credit: Jojo Qian / U SPORTS



### Schedule and Results (Best-of-3 Series)


DATE	RESULTS
Nov. 2	Game 1 Victoria 2, York1
Nov. 3	Game 2 Victoria 3, York 1

The Victoria Vikes topped the host York Lions by a score of 3-1 in Game 2 of the U SPORTS Women's Field Hockey Championship to bring home the program's first national banner since 2008.

## Award Winners



### Championship MVP

 Emily Wong  
Victoria




### Joyce Slipp Award (Rookie of the Year)

 Anne-Sophie Hannes  
Victoria




### Liz Hoffman Award (Player of the Year)

 Anna Mollenhauer  
Victoria




### Gail Wilson Award (Student-Athlete Community Service)

 Katherine MacMillan  
Guelph




### Marina van der Merwe Award (Coach of the Year)

 Cassius Mendonça  
Toronto



### Official of the Year

 Denise Pelletier  
OUA

## All-Canadians

Sara Goodman, UBC  
Katherine MacMillan, Guelph  
Anna Mollenhauer, Victoria  
Rebecca Plouffe, Guelph

Rachel Spouge, Toronto  
Jaslan Stirling, York  
Ingrid Ulrich, Calgary  
Sara Vollmerhausen, York

Emily Wong, Victoria  
Sabrina Wong, Calgary  
Emily Ziraldo, Toronto



WOMEN'S RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP

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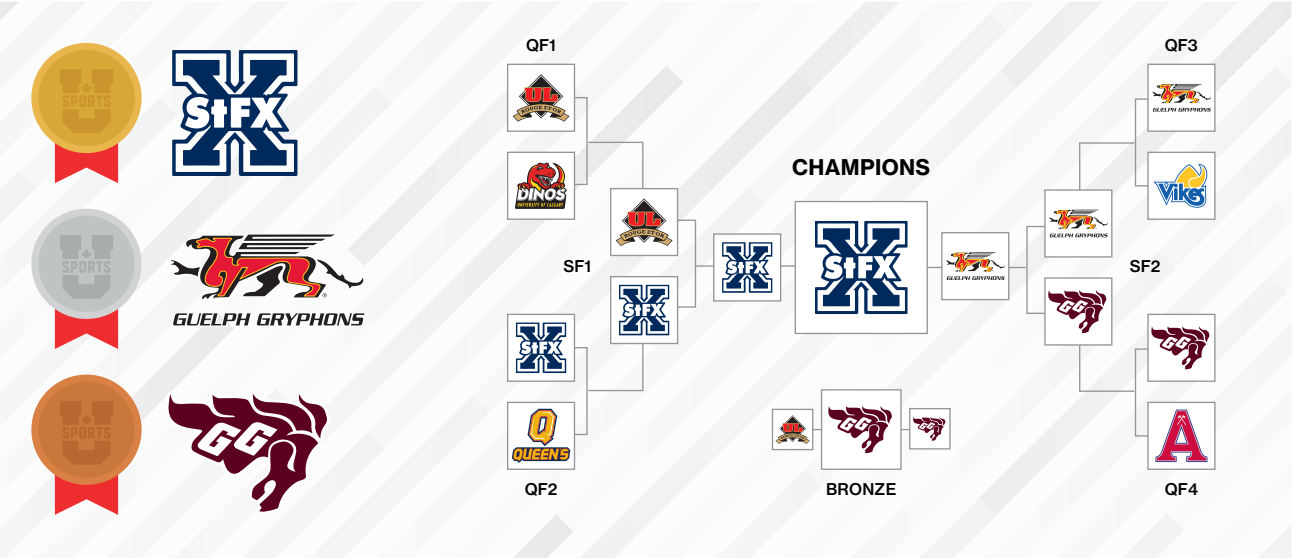


Date: Nov. 1-4, 2018

Host School: Acadia University



Credit: Peter Oleskevich / U SPORTS



The StFX X-Women made their final match of the 2018 season one of their best, scoring a convincing 41-24 victory over Guelph in the championship game of the U SPORTS Women's Rugby Championship.

Award Winners



Championship MVP  
Olivia DeMerchant  
StFX



Player of the Year  
Sophie de Goede  
Queen's



Rookie of the Year  
Rori Wood  
UBC



Student-Athlete Community Service Award  
Katelyn Heyens  
Brock



Jim Atkinson Award (Coach of the Year)  
Patrick Thompson  
Carleton



R.W. Pugh Fair Play Award  
Acadia

Championship All-Stars

Ellen Murphy, Ottawa  
Jan-Ma L  tinois, Laval  
Joanna Alphonso, StFX  
Emilie Nicholl, Guelph  
Amelia Hatfield, StFX

Olivia DeMerchant, StFX  
Nele Pien, Laval  
Sophie de Goede, Queen's  
Sasha Guedes, Victoria  
Gillian Bergsma, Acadia

Maddy Aberg, Victoria  
Alexandra Everett, Guelph  
Nadia Popov, Queen's  
Taejah Thompson, Calgary  
Danielle Franada, StFX

First Team All-Canadians

Jayne Isherwood, Alberta  
Sarah Boudreau, Acadia  
Laurie Houle, Laval  
Kasselle Menin, Calgary  
Emilie Nicholl, Guelph

Laura Pfeleiderer, Acadia  
Marie-Pier Fauteux, Sherbrooke  
Sophie de Goede, Queen's  
Berlyn Seselja, Calgary  
Julia Schell, Guelph

Rachel Hickson, Queen's  
Madison Aberg, Victoria  
Samantha Alli, Ottawa  
Taejah Thompson, Calgary  
Alexandra Ondo, Ottawa

Second Team All-Canadians

Joanna Alphonso, StFX  
Alix Evans, Alberta  
Brodie Schmidt, Guelph  
Tori Wyman, Ottawa  
Abigail Duguid, Lethbridge

Alexandra Everett, Guelph  
Ngalula Fuamba, Montreal  
Olivia DeMerchant, StFX  
Lia Hoyte, Concordia  
Gillian Bergsma, Acadia

Emmanuela Jada, Guelph  
Britni French, McMaster  
Alysha Corrigan, Acadia  
Maya Addai, Carleton  
Paige Farries, Victoria



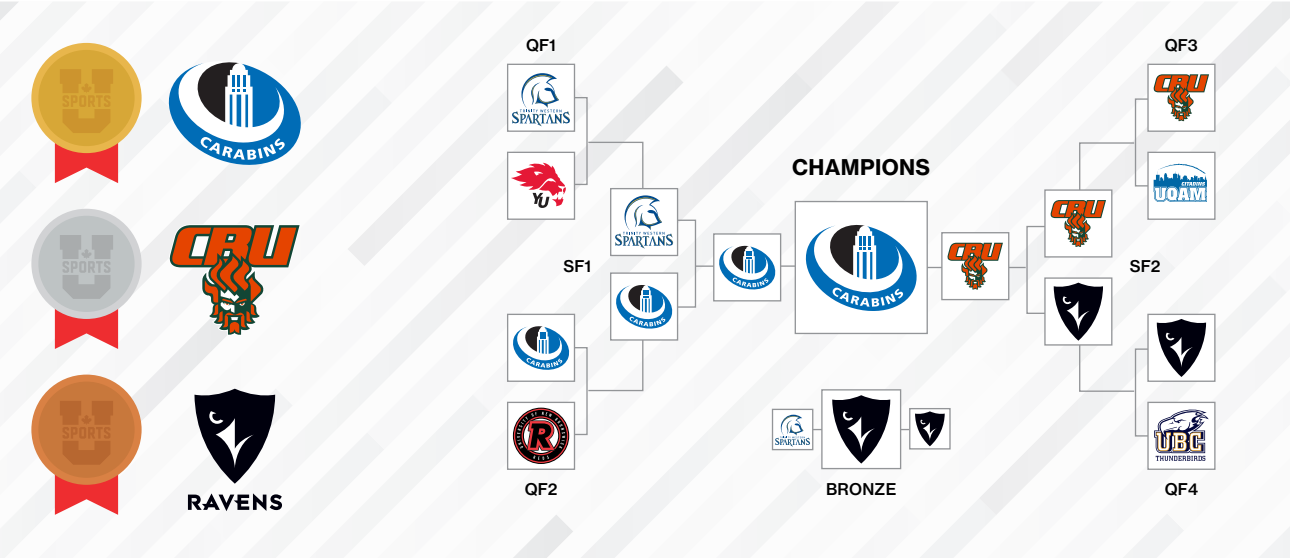
# MEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP

Date: Nov. 8-11, 2018

Host School: University of British Columbia



Credit: Rich Lam / U SPORTS




The Montreal Carabins claimed the first Sam Davidson Memorial Trophy in program history with a 2-1 extra-time win over the Cape Breton Capers at Thunderbird Stadium.

## Award Winners




**Championship MVP**  
 Frédéric Lajoie-Gravelle  
Montreal



**Joe Johnson Memorial Trophy  
(Player of the Year)**  
 Jace Kotsopoulos  
Guelph



**Lou Bilek Award  
(Rookie of the Year)**  
 Thomas Gardner  
UBC



**Student-Athlete Community  
Service Award**  
 Francesco Bartolillo  
UNBC



**Coach of the Year**  
 Dean Morley  
Cape Breton



**R.W. Pugh Fair Play Award**  
Carleton

## Championship All-Stars

- |                               |                               |                                    |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Ben Jackson, Cape Breton      | Christopher Malekos, Carleton | Frédéric Lajoie-Gravelle, Montreal |
| Grayg Noireault, Montreal     | Omar Kreim, Montreal          | Corey Bent, Cape Breton            |
| Ismael Sow, Montreal          | Jack Simpson, Cape Breton     | Aboubacar Sissoko, Montreal        |
| Daniel Pritchard, Cape Breton | Gabriel Bitar, Carleton       |                                    |

## First Team All-Canadians

- |                            |                               |                                    |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Connor James, Alberta      | Tammer Byrne, Fraser Valley   | Jace Kotsopoulos, Guelph           |
| Peter Schaale, Cape Breton | Marcus Campanile, Cape Breton | Frédéric Lajoie-Gravelle, Montreal |
| Bila Dicko-Raynauld, Laval | Dario Conte, Carleton         | Cory Bent, Cape Breton             |
| Daniel Gogarty, York       | Thomas Gardner, UBC           |                                    |

## Second Team All-Canadians

- |                          |                      |                         |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Nizar Houhou, Laval      | André Bona, UQAM     | Dan Hayfield, StFX      |
| Josh Read, StFX          | Omar Kreim, Montreal | Ajeej Sarkaria, Alberta |
| Noah Cunningham, Alberta | Raheem Rose, Ryerson | Gabriel Bitar, Carleton |
| Connor Guilherme, UBC    | Ramzi Saim, McGill   |                         |





Carleton's Gabriel Bitar, who won a bronze medal at the U SPORTS Men's Soccer Championship was selected first overall in the CPL-U SPORTS Draft by Calgary's Cavalry FC. (Credit: Rich Lam / U SPORTS)

# INAUGURAL DRAFT

U SPORTS and the Canadian Premier League kick off ground breaking partnership with inaugural draft

By Jonathan Yue



Canadian talent in professional soccer is quietly gaining momentum not just domestically, but at the international level. With a gaining popularity, athletes are beginning to find that their dreams of playing professional soccer can become reality. It has become even more so now, with the announcement that U SPORTS has partnered with the Canadian Premier League (CPL).

Prior to the start of its inaugural season in late April, the CPL conducted a U SPORTS draft, selecting men's soccer student-athletes from across the country to join one of their seven teams. For David Clanachan, commissioner of the CPL, this is a unique partnership for both U SPORTS and the CPL.

"It's the best of both worlds," Clanachan explains. "It works really well for the athlete, for the university, and also for the CPL teams to be able to participate in the development of an athlete."

That ability for successfully-drafted athletes to go from competing for their respective U SPORTS university teams during the fall, to the CPL during the spring and summer on development contracts, allows U SPORTS, the CPL and the athletes to have ground-breaking development paths to continue to add to the growing Canadian pool of talent.

The CPL-U SPORTS Draft was held following the conclusion of the U SPORTS Men's Soccer Championship in Vancouver. U SPORTS student-athletes who are in their first to even fifth year of eligibility were allowed to enter the draft. If successfully drafted, the CPL team has the ability to offer the player a contract to train, develop, and eventually play for the team.

And Clanachan emphasizes that the partnership doesn't just end after athletes graduate out of university either. The CPL will remain an option for athletes who want to become eligible to the league on a full-time basis, as athletes or more.

"We support the fact that athletes should get a good education, hopefully (after their four to five years of eligibility), they want to return to the league, they are getting better with us and they want to look at a career in our sport," Clanachan explains. "Some athletes may want to get into administration or coaching or development, and we can guide them through a different path and

still stay in sport. It opens their eyes to what could be, from a career perspective."

For U SPORTS, the partnership is a further example of promoting viable pathways for Canadian student-athletes after graduating through the university programs. With existing relationships with the Canadian Football League (CFL) and previously the Canadian Women's Hockey League (CWHL) – who have both drafted players that graduate from U SPORTS programs – it gives U SPORTS student-athletes more options to pursue a career in sports in Canada.

Graham Brown, President and CEO of U SPORTS, sees this partnership with the CPL and the work Canada Soccer is doing for the development of men's soccer in Canada as a stepping stone for U SPORTS men's soccer players and coaches, with them being the next in line to make the jump to professional leagues.

"A lot of our U SPORTS student-athletes are the ones that are closer to any other athlete to playing in those Canadian professional sports leagues," Brown says. "We have coaches that can come through and go up (to the CPL), and be in a better place if we get some of those coaches coming back from that experience into our system."

With the CPL-U SPORTS Draft, both Brown and Clanachan understand it will be a work in progress. There is still work to be done, but both strongly believe that in the end, it will benefit both sides.

"We want to work with the CPL and Canada Soccer to grow soccer in Canada," Brown adds.

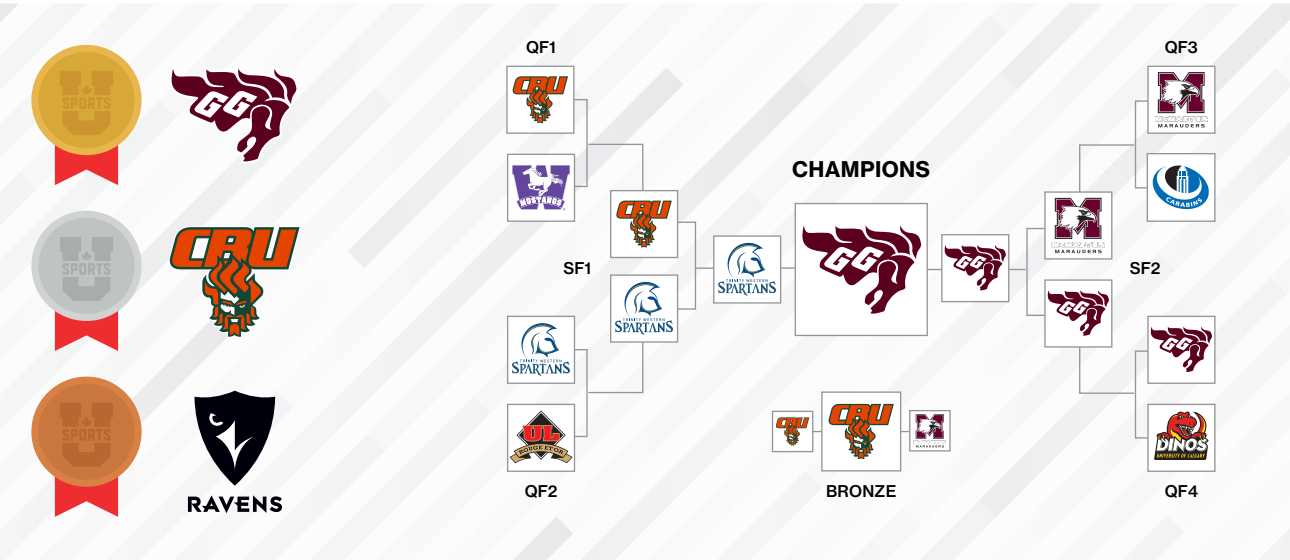
"It's a meeting of the minds. It's the ability and the attitude and desire of the players, regardless of where they come from that will define success," Clanachan concludes. "Our ability, our disciplines, and coaching, it's our responsibility, U SPORTS and CPL together, to develop the athletes to their best of their ability and hopefully we end up with players who are coming through this channel to the professional game." ■



# WOMEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP

Date: Nov. 8-11, 2018

Host School: University of Ottawa




The fairytale season was completed for the host Ottawa Gee-Gees, who won the U SPORTS Women's Soccer Championship for the first time since 1996 with a 2-1 win over the Trinity Western Spartans.

## Award Winners




**Gunn Baldursson Memorial Award (Championship MVP)**

 Miranda Smith  
Ottawa



**Chantal Navert Memorial Award (Player of the Year)**

 Seina Kashima  
Trinity Western




**Rookie of the Year**

 Erin Freeman  
Cape Breton



**Student-Athlete Community Service Award**

 Lindsay Amatto  
Lethbridge



**Coach of the Year**

 Troye Flannery  
Calgary



**R.W. Pugh Fair Play Award**

Cape Breton

## Championship All-Stars

Margot Shore, Ottawa  
Thea Abdul Nour, Ottawa  
Brooklyn Tidder, Trinity Western  
Kennedy Curry, Cape Breton

Katherine Bearne, Ottawa  
Amy Gartke, Trinity Western  
Ciera Disipio, Cape Breton  
Emma Lefebvre, Ottawa

Kathryn Harvey, Trinity Western  
Rachel Leck, Cape Breton

## First Team All-Canadians

Seina Kashima, Trinity Western  
Gabrielle Lambert, UQTR  
Jenny Wolever, Queen's  
Ciera Disipio, Cape Breton

Jenna Boudreau, Acadia  
Marie-Ève Bernard O'Breham, Montreal  
Victoria Hinchliffe, Guelph  
Mégane Sauve, Montreal

Katherine Bearne, Ottawa  
Kayla Da Costa-Pacheco, Ottawa  
Talia White, Calgary

## Second Team All-Canadians

Lauren Houghton, Calgary  
Mercy Myles, StFX  
Kristen Sakaki, Trinity Western  
Erin Freeman, Cape Breton

Emmanuelle Alcindor, Montreal  
Kelsey Ellis, StFX  
Julia Liguori, UQAM  
Stephanie Roberts, McMaster

Danielle Steer, UBC  
Laurie Couture-Dallaire, Laval  
Lidia Bradau, Queen's







# MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP



Date: Nov. 10, 2018

Host School: Queen's University



RANK	TEAM	POINTS
1	Calgary	75
2	Guelph	89
3	McMaster	94
4	Laval	131
5	Queen's	149
6	Western	173
7	UBC	235
8	Trinity Western	242
9	Victoria	243
10	Toronto	279
11	Manitoba	331

RANK	TEAM	POINTS
12	StFX	344
13	Laurentian	385
14	Alberta	405
15	Sherbrooke	427
16	Regina	540
17	Laurier	541
18	UQAM	650
19	Montreal	700

The Calgary Dinos finished with a strong team showing across their top five to claim their first U SPORTS national championship in men's cross country in Kingston, Ont., at Fort Henry Hill.

## Award Winners




**Athlete of the Year**  
 Connor Black  
Guelph



**Rookie of the Year**  
 Ruben Sansom  
Queen's



**Student-Athlete Community Service Award**  
 Craig Klomp  
Toronto



**Coach of the Year**  
 Doug Lamont  
Calgary

## First Team All-Canadians (Top 7)

- Connor Black, Guelph  
Jean-Simon Desgagnés, Laval  
Russell Pennock, Calgary
- John Gay, UBC  
Isaiah Frielink, Western  
Caleb De Jong, Trinity Western
- Nick Colyn, Trinity Western

## Second Team All-Canadians (Finishers 8-14)

- Jack Sheffar, Western  
Eric Lutz, Calgary  
Stefan Daniel, Calgary
- Max Turek, McMaster  
Mitchell de Lange, Queen's  
Alexis Lepage, Laval
- Alex Drover, McMaster





# WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP



Date: Nov. 10, 2018



Host School: Queen's University



Credit: Ian MacAlpine / U SPORTS

RANK	TEAM	POINTS
1	Laval	55
2	Queen's	62
3	Guelph	108
4	UBC	191
5	McGill	195
6	Victoria	206
7	Trinity Western	224
8	Calgary	227
9	Dalhousie	277
10	Laurentian	306
11	Montreal	376


RANK	TEAM	POINTS
12	StFX	381
13	Toronto	386
14	Western	389
15	McMaster	402
16	Sherbrooke	417
17	Saskatchewan	450
18	Laurier	501
19	Regina	596
20	Manitoba	701

The Laval Rouge et Or claimed their first U SPORTS Women's Cross Country Championship at Fort Henry Hill in Kingston, Ont.

## Award Winners




**Athlete & Rookie of the Year**

 Brogan MacDougall  
Queen's




**Student-Athlete Community Service Award**

 Alison Irvine  
Victoria



**Coach of the Year**

 Félix-Antoine Lapointe  
Laval

## First Team All-Canadians (Top 7)

- Brogan MacDougall, Queen's  
Aurélie Dubé-Lavoie, Laval  
Catherine Beauchemin, Laval
- Danielle Jossinet, Guelph  
Melissa Jones, Calgary  
Anne-Marie Comeau, Laval
- Jessy Lacourse, Laval

## Second Team All-Canadians (Finishers 8-14)

- Alison Irvine, Victoria  
Branna MacDougall, Queen's  
Hannah Woodhouse, Guelph
- Courtney Hufsmith, Saskatchewan  
Meggie Dargis, McGill  
Makenna Fitzgerald, Queen's
- Nicola Symonds, UBC



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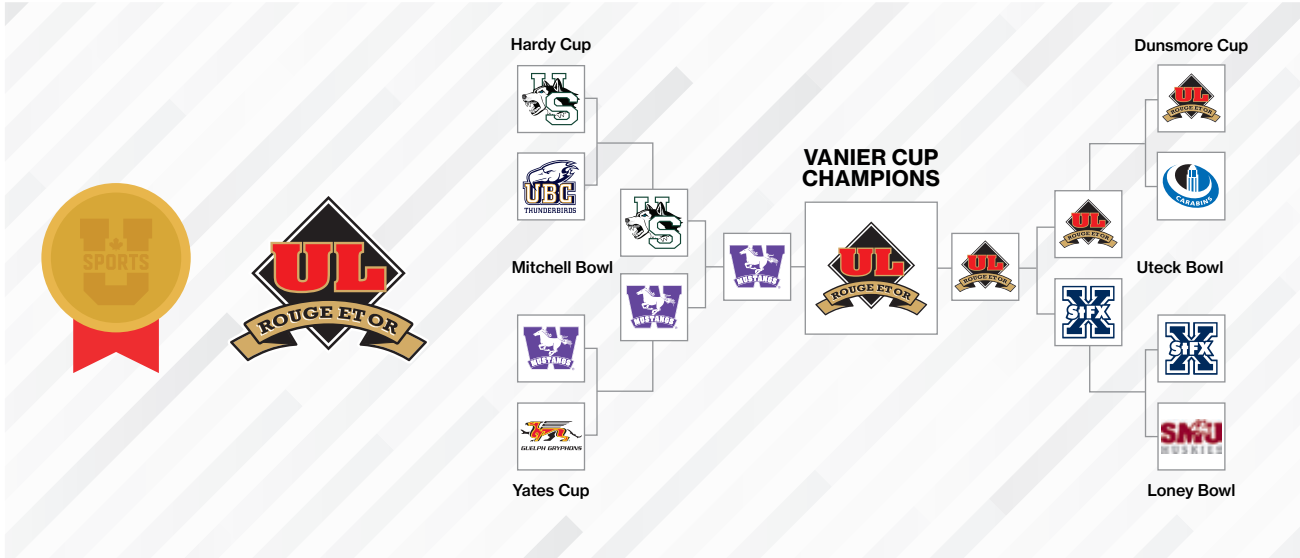
PROMUTUEL  
ASSURANCE

Date: Nov. 25, 2017

Host: Université Laval



Credit: Yan Doublet / U SPORTS




The Laval Rouge et Or defeated the Western Mustangs 34-20 before 12,380 fans at TELUS-UL Stadium, to claim the 54th Vanier Cup Presented by Promutuel Insurance and improve their U SPORTS record to 10 national titles.

Award Winners




Hec Crighton Trophy  
(Player of the Year)

 Adam Sinagra  
Calgary




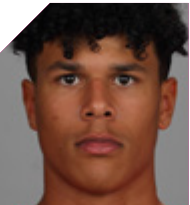
Presidents' Trophy  
(Defensive Player of the Year)

 Fraser Sopik  
Western




J.P. Metras Trophy  
(Outstanding Down  
Lineman)

 Mathieu Betts  
Laval




Peter Gorman Trophy  
(Rookie of the Year)

 Tyson Philpot  
Calgary



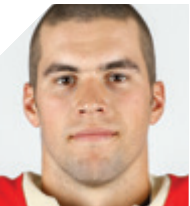
Russ Jackson Award (Football,  
Academics & Citizenship)

 Mackenzie Ferguson  
Western




Frank Tindall Trophy  
(Coach of the Year)

 Greg Marshall  
Western




Ted Morris Memorial Trophy  
(Vanier Cup MVP) & Uteck  
Bowl MVP

 Hugo Richard  
Laval



Gino Fracas Award  
(Volunteer Assistant Coach  
of the Year)

 Peter Regimbald  
Concordia




Maury L. Van Vliet Trophy  
(Mitchell Bowl MVP)

 Chris Merchant  
Western



Bruce Coulter Award  
(Vanier Cup Defensive MVP)

 Adam Auclair  
Laval



## First Team All-Canadians

### OFFENCE

Samuel Lefebvre, Laval  
Samuel Thomassin, Laval  
David Brown, Western  
Logan Bandy, Calgary

Kétel Assé, Laval  
Tyler Ternowski, Waterloo  
Trivel Pinto, UBC  
Kurleigh Gittens Jr., Laurier

Kaion Julien-Grant, StFX  
Cedric Joseph,Western  
Tyler Chow, Saskatchewan  
Adam Sinagra, Calgary

### DEFENCE

Vincent Desjardins, Laval  
Evan Machibroda, Saskatchewan  
Mathieu Betts, Laval  
Kene Onyeka, Carleton

Fraser Sopik, Western  
Ben Hladik, UBC  
Brian Harelimana, Montreal  
Stavros Katsantonis, UBC

Marc-Antoine Dequoy, Montreal  
Will Amoah, Laurier  
Jamie Harry, Ottawa  
Deane Leonard, Calgary

### SPECIAL TEAMS

Brad Mikoluff, Manitoba

Niko DiFonte, Calgary

Kurleigh Gittens Jr., Laurier

## Second Team All-Canadians

### OFFENCE

Jonathan Zamora, StFX  
Mattland Riley, Saskatchewan  
Jacob Czaja, StFX  
Jesse Gibbon, Waterloo

Carter O'Donnell, Alberta  
Hunter Karl, Calgary  
Régis Cibas, Montreal  
Dylan Schrot, Manitoba

Gordon Lam, Waterloo  
Jordan Socholotiuk, StFX  
Gabriel Polan, Sherbrooke  
Hugo Richard, Laval

### DEFENCE

Trevaughan James, Laurier  
Thomas Grant, Acadia  
Joel Van Pelt, Calgary  
Tristian Koronkiewicz, Saskatchewan

Boston Rowe, Calgary  
Brad Herbst, Saint Mary's  
Lukas Korol, Guelph  
Daniel Valente, Western

Shae Weekes, Manitoba  
Nate Rostek, Mount Allison  
Émile Chênevert, Laval  
Bleska Kambamba, Western

### SPECIAL TEAMS

Marc Liegghio, Western

David Côté, Laval

Trivel Pinto, UBC

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# NEW DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL

## MacLean aiming to elevate the game as U SPORTS' new Director of Football

When it comes to enhancing the U SPORTS football experience, Richard MacLean, much like the national brand of university sports in Canada, won't be standing on the sidelines.

For Graham Brown, President and CEO of U SPORTS, the recent appointment of MacLean as the U SPORTS Director of Football goes hand-in-hand with the National Organization's continued commitment to heighten the scope and breadth of Canadian university football across the country.

"It's important to have someone who can be more focused, from a national office perspective, on U SPORTS football," says Brown. "We wanted to have someone who can represent the game

nationally and who can assist in ensuring football related matters are communicated properly and consistently through the year. Our thought was to have a person who can create a focus and has that football expertise."

MacLean, a former student-athlete at Saint Mary's, who played five seasons of football with the Huskies, brings to the position a wealth of knowledge and experience in the game. The former President of Football Canada, who teaches business administration at the high school level in Halifax, was previously the President of Football Nova Scotia and currently serves as President of the International Federation of American Football (IFAF).



By Chris Lomon

### The main areas of focus in his U SPORTS role will include:

- Football compliance within the eligibility and recruiting files with U SPORTS' Manager of Compliance, Eligibility and Discipline, Tara Hahto
- Building upon relationships with conference football conveners, the Canadian University Football Coaches' Association (CUFCA), the Football Sport Technical Sub-Committee, and other football stakeholders including officials, the CFL and Football Canada
- Investigating the harmonization of rules across U SPORTS and all four conferences
- Football leadership with respect to the U SPORTS Bowl Games and Vanier Cup
- Reviewing the East-West Bowl and playoff structure options
- Working with and supporting football stakeholders and the U SPORTS national office on identifying strategies to improve and elevate university football across Canada.

"Richard has a great portfolio, in terms of his experience with Football Canada and with the IFAF, and also having been a player and a coach," says Lisette Johnson-Stapley, Chief Sport Officer at U SPORTS. "He's got a great attitude, willing to step up and help to make the sport better. He's got a strong passion for it."

"We have to be (optimistic about the future). Our schools, football institutions, invest a lot. Football is a great sport and we really needed to step up and take the leadership and work with our conferences. Football is extremely important to our conferences as well."

"I really think there's a need for the role," adds MacLean. "There's an opportunity here to build the brand of U SPORTS football into something much bigger. I took this to dedicate my time to building the sport, to improving things, to listen to people's questions and concerns, and to be a conduit between the national office and all football stakeholders in Canada."

MacLean, a former U SPORTS First Team All-Canadian, is eager to tackle the challenges that lie ahead.

He'll rely on his vast and varied football background to help him establish new relationships and partnerships, while forging bonds with coaches and industry participants from coast-to-coast.

"I've been involved in the administration of football for over 20 years now, provincially, in Nova Scotia, nationally and now

internationally," MacLean says. "I think having someone they know or recognize is important...I was part of the long-term athlete development plan years ago with many top-level coaches in U SPORTS – it brings some accountability and understanding that I have a lot of experience in football."

What's his first order of business?

"Right now, I'm really focused on the East-West Bowl," says MacLean of the CFL top prospects game held each May, for players heading into their draft year. "And building that property into something that's worthy of the best draft-eligible players in the country to be at – to build the excitement around that and how we can make that a very stable property for years to come."

He also has his eye on the future, namely, in ensuring U SPORTS football delivers a quality on-field and off-field experience.

"For a long-term goal, it's that we want to make sure the Bowl Games are stable," offers MacLean. "There are a lot of factors. But there are so many opportunities and opportunities for U SPORTS student-athletes. I think that's also part of my role, to expand on that."

It's also critical, notes MacLean, to be a team player.

"People around the sport of football know that they can call me," he says. "I'm going to return your call and I'm going to return your email...I'll talk to the people within U SPORTS, and who are a champion of U SPORTS, to come to that common ground."

"It's important to build on the recommendations and understand the different sides of the issues that we're facing, from championships, to playoff structure, harmonization of rules – issues that are important for the game," notes Brown. "It's about getting everyone working together, allowing for the flow of information between all the groups, and to further the quality work that is already taking place across the country and in the conferences."

Brown is encouraged by the possibilities that lie ahead for U SPORTS football, including MacLean's new position, as well as the work that continues to be done to solidify and enhance industry partnerships.

"We've always had – and it existed before I got here – a good relationship with the Canadian Football League office," he says. "There's a real commitment to align U SPORTS football with the CFL in a larger capacity than it has. Football in this country needs everybody to work together. There's so much transition and challenge at the moment... we all need to work close and work hard together."

"But there are a lot of things to be optimistic about. The schools are working harder to provide a very good game-day experience. We want to see that keep growing. But the bottom line is that the actual U SPORTS football is a great product and there is real energy around it." ■



# MEN'S SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP

Date: Feb. 21-23, 2019

Host School: University of British Columbia





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RANK	TEAM	POINTS
1	UBC	1075
2	Calgary	925.5
3	Toronto	682
4	McGill	550
5	Victoria	472.5
6	Regina	470
7	Ottawa	442.5
8	Laval	397.5
9	Montreal	388.5
10	Alberta	249
11	Lethbridge	234.5
12	Western	160


RANK	TEAM	POINTS
13	Dalhousie	134
14	Sherbrooke	87
15	Manitoba	65
16	Laurentian	58
17	Brock	41
18	Acadia	40
19	Waterloo	39
20	Queen's	34
21	Thompson Rivers	29
22	Mount Allison	28
23	Guelph	10
24	McMaster	5

The UBC Thunderbirds won both the men's and women's national titles held Feb.21-23 in Vancouver, B.C. It was the team's third consecutive sweep of the U SPORTS swimming banners.

## Award Winners



**Swimmer of the Year**

 Markus Thormeyer  
UBC




**Rookie of the Year**

 Alexander Pratt  
UBC




**Student-Athlete  
Community Service Award**

 Owen Guyn  
Lethbridge



**Fox 40 Coach of the Year**

 Mike Blondal  
Calgary

## First Team All-Canadians (Gold Medalists)

Alex Loginov, UBC  
Markus Thormeyer, UBC  
Cale Kooyman, Alberta  
Davide Casarin, Ottawa  
Josiah Binnema, UBC

Montana Champagne, Ottawa  
Jaren LeFranc, UBC  
Alexander Pratt, UBC  
Clement Secchi, McGill  
Jonathan Naisby, Sherbrooke

Brodie Young, UBC  
Eric Hedlin, Victoria  
Araya Therrien, UBC

## Second Team All-Canadians (Silver Medalists)

Matthew Schouten, Laurentian  
Robert Hill, Calgary  
Matthew Loewen, Western  
Matt Dans, Toronto  
Brian Palaschuk, Regina  
Matthew Mac, Toronto  
Graeme Aylward, Toronto

Mitch Ferraro, Toronto  
Josh Dow, Calgary  
Benjamin Blackmon, Calgary  
Ambroise Petit, Laval  
Stephen Calkins, Calgary  
Peter Brothers, Calgary  
Teddy Kalp, Calgary  
Emil Goin, Calgary

Robert Hill, Calgary  
Hau-Li Fan, UBC  
Vincent Laperle, Montreal  
Antoine Bujold, Montreal  
Vincent Taboga, Montreal  
Antoine Bernard-Lalonde, Montreal



# WOMEN'S SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP

Date: Feb. 21-23, 2019

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RANK	TEAM	POINTS	RANK	TEAM	POINTS
1	UBC	1255.5	14	Manitoba	192.5
2	Toronto	1230.5	15	Guelph	141
3	Montreal	701	16	Sherbrooke	96
4	Calgary	521	17	Regina	90
5	Victoria	312	18	UNB	73
6	McGill	299	19	UQTR	72
7	Ottawa	294	20	Laurier	58
8	Alberta	237	21	Laurentian	44
T9	Western	217	22	Acadia	26
T9	Laval	217	23	Queen's	15
11	McMaster	206	24	Lethbridge	9
12	Dalhousie	200	25	Memorial	3
13	Waterloo	198.5	26	Brock	1

The UBC Thunderbirds won both the men's and women's national titles held Feb.21-23 in Vancouver, B.C. It was the team's third consecutive sweep of the U SPORTS swimming banners.

## Award Winners




Swimmer of the Year

 Kylie Masse  
Toronto




Rookie of the Year

 Rebecca Smith  
Toronto




Student-Athlete  
Community Service Award

 Taylor Snowden-Richardson  
Victoria



Fox 40 Co-Coach of the Year

 Byron MacDonald,  
Toronto



Fox 40 Co-Coach of the Year

 Steve Price  
UBC

## First Team All-Canadians (Gold Medalists)

Charis Huddle, Western  
Kylie Masse, Toronto  
Kelsey Wog, Manitoba  
Emily Overholt, UBC

Rebecca Smith, Toronto  
Kelsey Crocker, Toronto  
Hannah Genich, Toronto  
Aleksa Gold, Toronto

Ainsley McMurray, Toronto  
Danielle Hanus, Victoria

## Second Team All-Canadians (Silver medalists)

Hoi Lam Karen Tam, UBC  
Hillary Metcalfe, UBC  
Megan Dalke, UBC  
Ingrid Wilm, UBC

Kirsten Douglas, UBC  
Renae Ledoux, Alberta  
Maia Brundage, UBC  
Olivia Ellard, UBC

Marit Anderson, Calgary  
Quincy Brozo, UBC  
Mackenzie Gunther, UBC



# MEN'S WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP

SPORT PARTNER







Date: Feb. 22-23, 2019



Host School: University of Calgary



Credit: David Moll / U SPORTS

RANK	TEAM	POINTS
1	Brock	83
2	Concordia	58
3	Alberta	52
4	Saskatchewan	41
5	Fraser Valley	37
6	Calgary	34
7	McMaster	34
8	Guelph	23

RANK	TEAM	POINTS
9	Lakehead	23
10	Western	22
11	Queen's	6
12	York	6
13	Algoma	5
14	Toronto	1
15	UNB	1

For the sixth consecutive season, the Brock Badgers men and women swept the U SPORTS Wrestling Championships held Feb. 22-23 in Calgary, Alta.

## Award Winners




### Wrestler of the Year

 Alex Moore  
Concordia




### Rookie of the Year

 Logan Sloan  
Saskatchewan




### Student-Athlete Community Service Award

 Shadab Rohalia  
York




### Fox 40 Coach of the Year

 Marty Calder  
Brock



### R.W. Pugh Fair Play Award

 Mitch Ostberg (head coach)  
Calgary

## First Team All-Canadians (Gold Medalists)

Logan Sloan, Saskatchewan  
Ligrit Sadiku, Brock  
Marco Palermo, Lakehead  
Christopher McIsaac, Brock

Francis Carter, Concordia  
Alexander Chaves, Guelph  
Jevon Balfour, Brock  
Ty Bridgewater, Brock

Alex Moore, Concordia  
Jordan Steen, Concordia  
Brad Hildenbrandt, Fraser Valley

## Second Team All-Canadians (Silver Medalists)

Garette Saunders, Brock  
Jordan Wong, Alberta  
Nathen Schmidt, Alberta  
Connor McNeice, Calgary

De'Andre Williams, Fraser Valley  
Miles Kent, Alberta  
Benjamin Zahra, McMaster  
Samuel Barmish, Concordia

Hunter Lee, Saskatchewan  
Richard DesChatelets, Brock  
Frédéric Choquette, Concordia



# WOMEN'S WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP

SPORT PARTNER



Date: Feb. 22-23, 2019

Host School: University of Calgary



Credit: David Moll / U SPORTS










RANK	TEAM	POINTS
1	Brock	53
2	Saskatchewan	48
3	Concordia	37
4	Calgary	33
5	Alberta	29
6	Guelph	23
7	Lakehead	23
8	Fraser Valley	21

RANK	TEAM	POINTS
9	Western	17
10	McMaster	7
11	Queen's	6
12	York	6
13	Algoma	4
14	UNB	2
15	Toronto	1

For the sixth consecutive season, the Brock Badgers men and women swept the U SPORTS Wrestling Championships held Feb. 22-23 in Calgary, Alta.

## Award Winners



### Wrestler of the Year



Ana Godinez Gonzalez  
Fraser Valley



### Rookie of the Year



Katie Mulkay  
Alberta



### Student-Athlete Community Service Award



Drew Persson  
Calgary



### Fox 40 Coach of the Year



Daniel Olver  
Saskatchewan



### R.W. Pugh Fair Play Award



Mitch Ostberg (head coach)  
Calgary

## First Team All-Canadians (Gold Medalists)

Alex Schell, Saskatchewan  
Jade Dufour, Concordia  
Emily Schaefer, Brock

Hannah Taylor, Brock  
Ana Godinez Gonzalez, Fraser Valley  
Amanda Savard, Concordia

Darrion Sterling, Brock  
Kiera Prior, Saskatchewan

## Second Team All-Canadians (Silver Medalists)

Natassya Lu, Guelph  
Tina McLaren, Brock  
Tianna Kennett, Calgary

Julie Steffler, Western  
Katie Mulkay, Alberta  
Haley Heffel, Alberta

Berit Johnson, Saskatchewan  
Gracelynn Doogan, Guelph



# MEN'S TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP

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Date: Mar. 7-9, 2019


Host School: University of Manitoba




Credit: Trevor Hagan / U SPORTS



RANK	TEAM	POINTS
1	Guelph	123
2	Toronto	72
3	Manitoba	60.5
4	Western	53
5	Alberta	43
6	York	39.5
7	Laval	34
8	Saskatchewan	31
9	Windsor	29
T10	Waterloo	23
T10	Dalhousie	23
12	Trinity Western	20



RANK	TEAM	POINTS
13	Sherbrooke	18.5
14	Montreal	18
14	Calgary	16.5
16	Regina	15
17	Ottawa	10
18	Lethbridge	9
19	McGill	6
T20	McMaster	5
T20	Saint Mary's	5
T22	Moncton	3
T22	UNB	3
24	StFX	2




For the second year in a row, the Guelph Gryphons stood atop the men's and women's standings, capping off a stellar 2019 U SPORTS Track and Field Championships Presented by Beynon Sports, at the James Daly Fieldhouse in Winnipeg.

## Award Winners




### Track Athlete of the Year

 Austin Cole  
Alberta



### Athlete of the Meet (George Gemer Award) & Field Athlete of the Year

 Pierce Lepage  
York



### Rookie of the Year

 Matthew MacNeill  
Guelph




### Student-Athlete Community Service Award

 Spencer Allen  
Alberta



### Bob Boucher Award (Fox 40 Coach of the Year)

 Dave Scott-Thomas  
Guelph

## First Team All-Canadians (Gold Medalists)

Matt Coolen, Dalhousie  
Ezana Debalkew, Toronto  
Kevin Robertson, Montréal  
Pierce Lepage, York  
Jack Sheffar, Western  
Austin Cole, Alberta  
Kieran Johnston, Saskatchewan

Alhaji Mansaray, Manitoba  
Jack Taylor, Manitoba  
Connor Boyd, Manitoba  
Matthew Van Schepdael, Manitoba  
Simon Berube, Manitoba  
Brennan Seguin, Guelph  
Stephen Evans, Ottawa

Mark Bujnowski, Guelph  
Daniel Harper, Guelph  
Philip Osei, Guelph  
Kudakwashe Murasiranwa, Guelph  
Graeme Thompson, Guelph  
Femi Akinduro, Toronto  
Josh Hamilton, Guelph

## Second Team All-Canadians (Silver Medalists)

Alexander Lau, Toronto  
Ben Devito, Toronto  
Jean-Simon Desgagnés, Laval  
Joerg Ahne, Waterloo  
Peter Collier, Toronto  
Oyinko Akinola, Manitoba  
Levi Fretz, Guelph

Simon Quann, Guelph  
Mostafa Elkurdy, Guelph  
Alec Purnell, Guelph  
Spencer Allen, Alberta  
Miguel Morrison, Manitoba  
Simon Beaulieu, Laval  
Daniele Orsini, York

Tohma Van Bergen, York  
Zeon Bass, York  
Angelo Bortolin, Windsor  
Josh Li, Alberta  
Brendan Calef, Alberta  
Emmanuel Vela, Alberta





# WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP



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Date: Mar. 7-9, 2019 Host School: University of Manitoba



Credit: Trevor Hagan / U SPORTS


RANK	TEAM	POINTS
1	Guelph	139
2	Saskatchewan	99
3	Western	57
4	Laval	46
5	Toronto	43
6	Calgary	36
7	Sherbrooke	35
8	York	29
9	Manitoba	25
10	Lethbridge	24
T11	Windsor	20

RANK	TEAM	POINTS
T11	Alberta	20
13	Trinity Western	18
14	Ottawa	17
15	McGill	14
16	Regina	12
17	Montreal	9
T18	Dalhousie	8
T18	UPEI	8
20	UNB	2
21	Lakehead	1


For the second year in a row, the Guelph Gryphons stood atop the men's and women's standings, capping off a stellar 2019 U SPORTS Track and Field Championships Presented by Beynon Sports, at the James Daly Fieldhouse in Winnipeg.

## Award Winners



**Athlete of the Meet**  
 Jenna Westaway  
Guelph



**Track Athlete of the Year**  
 Julianne Labach  
Saskatchewan



**Field Athlete of the Year**  
 Brittany Crew  
York



**Rookie of the Year**  
 Joely Welburn  
Regina



**Student-Athlete  
Community Service Award**  
 Shaelyn Laurie  
Western



**Sue Wise Award  
(Fox 40 Coach of the Year)**  
 Dave Scott-Thomas  
Guelph

## First Team All-Canadians (Gold Medalists)

Brittany Crew, York	Zoe Sherar, Guelph	Julianne Labach, Saskatchewan
Sandra Latrace, Lethbridge	Meghan Lim, Alberta	Shyvonnie Roxborough, Guelph
Niki Oudenaarden, Calgary	Jenna Smith, Guelph	Nicole Smith, Guelph
Jenna Westaway, Guelph	Sadie-Jane Hickson, Guelph	Maude Croteau-Vaillancourt, Sherbrooke
Michelle Harrison, Saskatchewan	Olivia Romaniw, Guelph	Morgan Byng, Guelph
Jessy Lacourse, Laval	Lauren (Abby) Woods, McGill	Zoe Sherar, Guelph

## Second Team All-Canadians (Silver Medalists)

Ariane Dubois, Sherbrooke	Sara Villani, Western	Mowalola Adeleye, Trinity Western
Bailey Smith, UPEI	Audrey Jackson, Montréal	Ashlyn Mooney Saskatchewan
Amélie Augé, Sherbrooke	Emily Blackner, Manitoba	Kendra Farmer, Saskatchewan
Katelyn Lehner, Saskatchewan	Caroline Pomerleau, Laval	Emily Branderhorst, Toronto
Emma Nero, Guelph	Catherine Beauchemin, Laval	Courtney Hufsmith, Saskatchewan
Kristina Popadich, Western	Aurélie Dubé-Lavoie, Laval	Leadon Chartier, Saskatchewan



# MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Date: Mar.8-10, 2019

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Host: University of Ottawa



## Award Winners



**Jack Donohue Trophy  
(Tournament MVP)**

 Eddie Ekiyor  
Carleton




**Mike Moser Memorial Trophy  
(Player of the Year)**

 Kadre Gray  
Laurentian




**Defensive Player of the Year**

 Marcus Anderson  
Carleton




**Dr. Peter Mullins Trophy  
(Rookie of the Year)**

 Alix Lochard  
UQAM




**Ken Shields Award (Student-Athlete Community Service)**

 Tanner Graham  
Queen's



**Stuart W. Aberdeen Memorial Trophy (Fox 40 Coach of the Year)**

 Dan Vanhooren  
Calgary

## Championship All-Stars

Myles Charvis, Ryerson  
Mambi Diawara, Calgary

Eddie Ekiyor, Carleton  
Brett Layton, Calgary

Munis Tutu, Carleton

## First Team All-Canadians

Kadre Gray, Laurentian  
Mambi Diawara, Calgary

Eddie Ekiyor, Carleton  
Kemar Alleyne, Saint Mary's

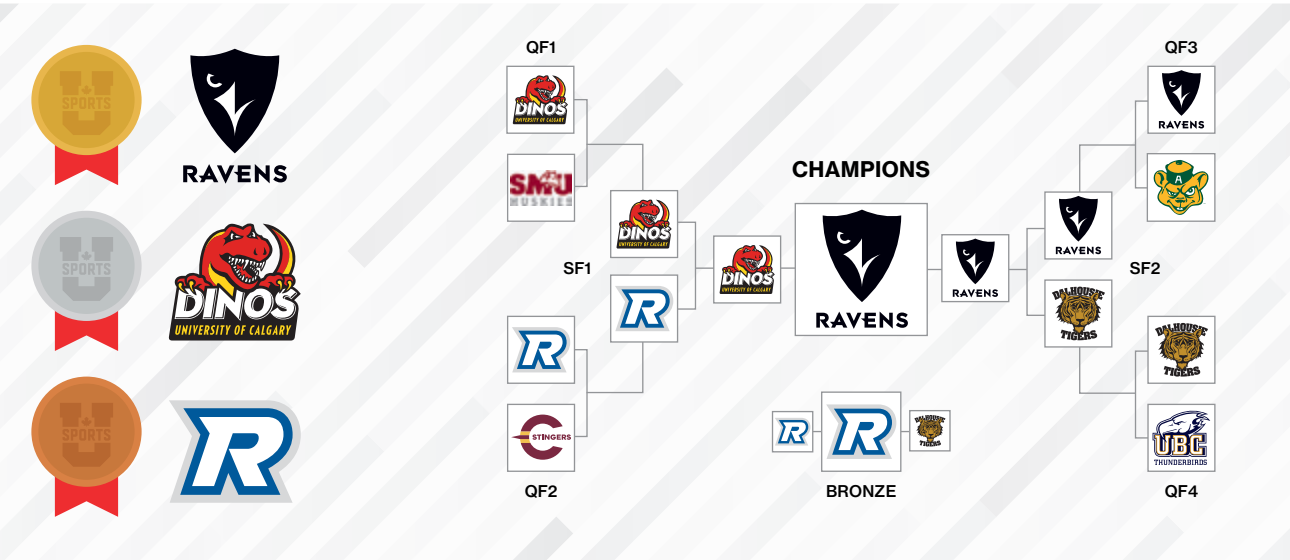
Brody Clarke, Alberta

## Second Team All-Canadians

Jean-Victor Mukama, Ryerson  
Ricardo Monge, Concordia

Jadon Cohee, UBC  
Ali Sow, Laurier

Ibrahima Doumbouya, UNB



The Carleton Ravens were victorious over the defending national champion Calgary Dinos in the gold medal game of the 2019 U SPORTS Men's Basketball Final 8. It is the record 14th national championship and W.P. McGee Trophy for the storied program.





Former Alberta and Fraser Valley guard Joel Friesen was selected first overall by the Fraser Valley Bandits (Credit: Alberta Athletics)

# NEW CEBL-U SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

A huge step in growth of Canadian basketball.

By Jonathan Yue

Cory Joseph had the opportunity to do it. Jamaal Magloire did it as well. Currently, Chris Boucher is doing it. Only a handful of Canadian basketball players have had the experience of playing at the next level at home. Many more can look to join them now.

The Canadian Elite Basketball League (CEBL) and U SPORTS announced an official partnership in February, allowing U SPORTS student-athletes to develop and showcase their skills while staying at home in Canada.

The CEBL will offer top U SPORTS student-athletes the experience to develop and grow their games on and off the court, beginning with the CEBL Draft, which was held on Mar.16 and the results were revealed on Mar. 23. Drafted athletes will be given the opportunity to compete for roster spots against other predominantly Canadian, players on their respective teams for a chance to play during the season, something that league commissioner Mike Morreale believes will benefit the teams and the incoming U SPORTS stars.

“We hope that there are U SPORTS players that come out to shine and showcase the talents alongside some of the best players that we have in this country,” says Morreale, a two time OUA All-Star wide receiver for the McMaster Marauders and Grey Cup champion in the CFL. “We recognize that it won’t be entirely easy from a competitive landscape, but what they’ll learn off the court as well will be equally as important, living that pro lifestyle, travel, practice alongside players who may be older more experienced. These will all be building blocks to creating future basketball players or contributors to basketball at different levels.”

With more talented Canadian basketball players making an impact at different levels, the Canadian international team will also see the benefits of the new partnership. Canada Basketball President and CEO Glen Grunwald believes it can lead to continued growth in Canadian talent at the professional and international levels.

“We’ll have some of our players (on Team Canada) playing in the CEBL and they’ll be supporting us when there’s a need to release a player to compete for Canada at an international tournament,” says Grunwald. “It shows that we’re aligned, shows that we’re pushing for what’s best for our athletes and for the sport of basketball.”

Following the past year’s FIBA World Cup Qualifiers – which Canada qualified for on the strength of several U SPORTS alumni and coaches – Grunwald sees the impact the Canadian university basketball system is having on the current national team.

Roy Rana, who served as Team Canada head coach for several of the World Cup Qualifying windows, is also the bench boss of the Ryerson Rams, while assistant coach Patrick Tatham is at the helm of the McMaster Marauders. Almost half of the players on the most recent version of the squad attended U SPORTS schools in Canada, including brothers Phil and Thomas Scrubb (Carleton), Kaza Kajami-Keane (Carleton), Conor Morgan (UBC), Aaron Best (Ryerson) and Adika Peter-McNeilly (Ryerson).

“(The CEBL) is Canadian, and were actively seeking this relationship with us,” says U SPORTS President and CEO Graham Brown, a former U SPORTS basketball player with the Windsor Lancers. “Our members have made changes to our rules around eligibility to accommodate the aligned partnership, but more importantly it’s going to give our Canadian based student-athletes in basketball a real opportunity to continue to play at an elite level.”

Now, with U SPORTS, Canada Basketball and the CEBL working together, it has created a new avenue for Canadian basketball players. The Scrubb brothers pursued their careers in Europe after their time with U SPORTS, but now have more options to play at the next level. With the CEBL-U SPORTS partnership and draft, graduating players will have the chance to stay home to grow and develop their game on-and-off the court and stay engaged in their communities.

“What I think that this will help do, is for the young basketball player not going to a power five conference program, I would tell this to any parent: You can have an equal or better opportunity to stay in Canada, play at our schools, have that alumni connection, the education, the quality of coaching, everything will be there for them,” adds Brown. “Now with the CEBL, you can pursue both during the offseason and when your schooling is done, opportunities beyond U SPORTS basketball.”

The new partnership will look to continue Canada’s growth domestically and internationally. Morreale and Grunwald both see a bright future for Canadian basketball, something that Canadians can take pride in as they continue to perform.

“Canada has always been a pretty good basketball country,” says Grunwald, the former general manager of the Toronto Raptors and McMaster Director of Athletics and Recreation. “(The CEBL-U SPORTS partnership) is a great development and it gives further opportunities for basketball players to develop and enjoy the sport they love, and we’re trying to align basketball in this country.”

The CEBL’s inaugural season is underway this summer – with six teams in Abbotsford, Edmonton, Saskatoon, Guelph, Hamilton and St. Catharines – and with it, U SPORTS student-athletes will have a more direct path to get to where they want to be. With an education under their belts, they will have options for them whether it be continuing their playing careers or transition into front office roles. The CEBL-U SPORTS partnership and Draft has the potential to be a huge step for the growth of Canadian basketball.

“To have a player who works their way up the ranks from a U SPORTS developmental player or a graduating player that plays in the CEBL and moves overseas or gets a shot at the (NBA) G-League and potentially the NBA, I would love to lose all the players we have to those types of opportunities,” Morreale says. “Because that means we’ve done our job in developing them further.” ■



# WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

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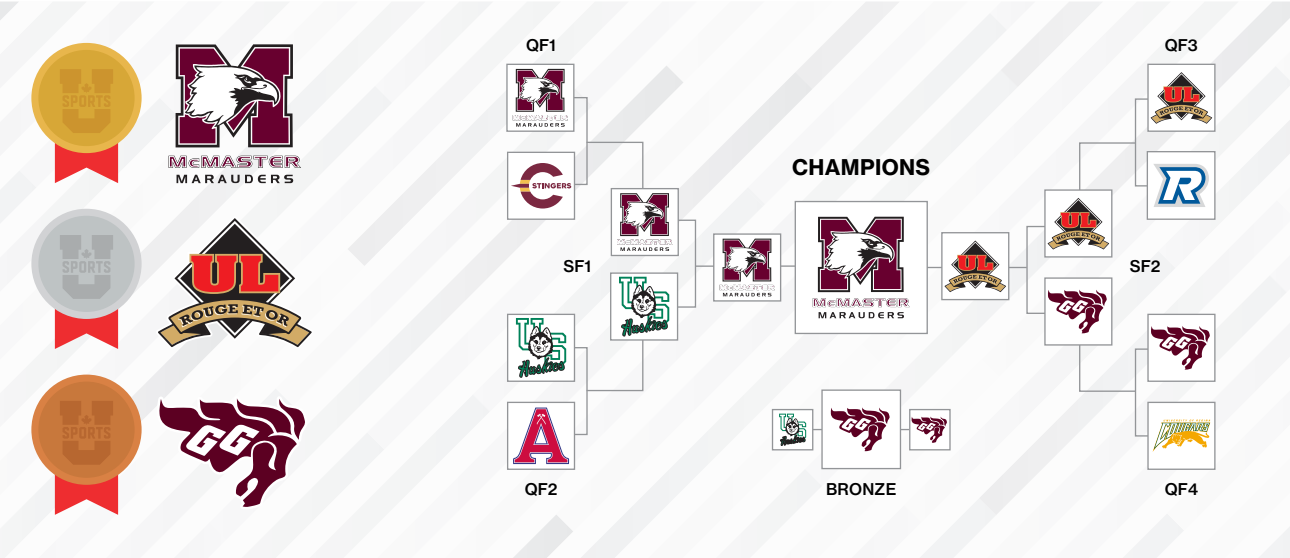


Date: Mar. 7-10, 2019

Host: Ryerson University



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In their first-ever national final showing, the McMaster Marauders emerged on top as the 2019 U SPORTS women's basketball champions, defeating the Laval Rouge et Or 70-58 at Ryerson's Mattamy Athletic Centre.

## Award Winners



**Tournament MVP**  
 Linnaea Harper  
McMaster



**Nan Copp Award  
(Player of the Year)**  
 Sarah-Jane Marois  
Laval



**Defensive Player of the Year**  
 Khaléann Caron-Gaudreau  
Laval



**Kathy Shields Award  
(Rookie of the Year)**  
 Myriam Leclerc  
Concordia



**Sylvia Sweeney Award  
(Student-Athlete  
Community Service)**  
 Hilary Hanaka  
McMaster



**Peter Ennis Award  
(Fox 40 Coach of the Year)**  
 Guillaume Giroux  
Laval



**Tracy MacLeod Award  
(Perseverance)**  
 Lanae Adams  
Acadia

## Championship All-Stars

Summer Masikewich, Saskatchewan	Sarah-Jane Marois, Laval	Christina Bутtenham, McMaster
Brooklynn McAlear-Fanus, Ottawa	Khaléann Caron-Goudreau, Laval	

## First Team All-Canadians

Hannah Brown, Cape Breton	Sabine Dukate, Saskatchewan	Kyanna Giles, Regina
Sarah-Jane Marois, Laval	Leashja Grant, Lakehead	

## Second Team All-Canadians

Hilary Hanaka, McMaster	Haley McDonald, Acadia	Keylyn Filewich, UBC
Myriam Leclerc, Concordia	Nicole Gilmore, Carleton	



# UNIVERSITY CUP

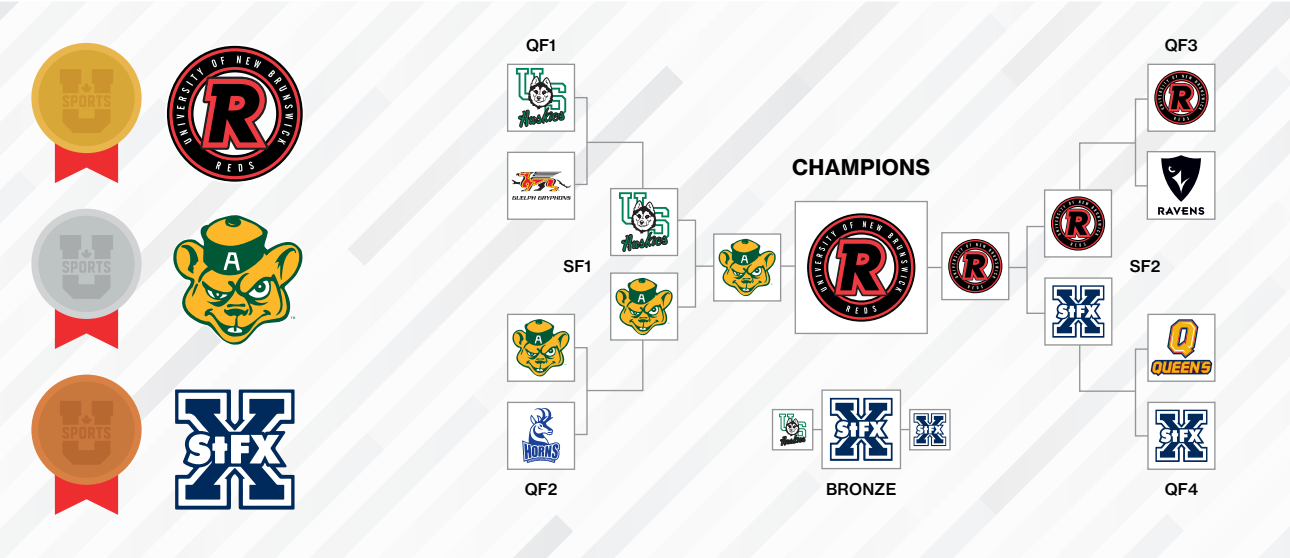


Date: Mar. 14-17, 2019

Host: University of Lethbridge



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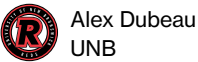


The second-seeded UNB Reds emerged with a 4-2 victory over the No.1 ranked Alberta Golden Bears, to claim the David Johnston University Cup for the eighth time in program history and the third time in the last four years.

## Award Winners



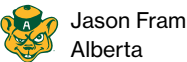
**Major W.J. ‘Danny’ MacLeod Award (Tournament MVP)**



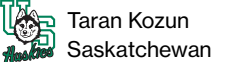
**Senator Joseph A. Sullivan Trophy (Player of the Year)**



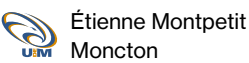
**Defenceman of the Year**



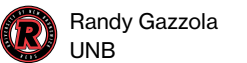
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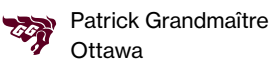
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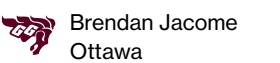
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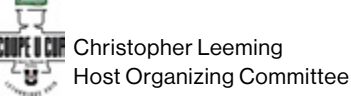
**Father George Kehoe Memorial Award (Fox 40 Coach of the Year)**



**R.W. Pugh Fair Play Award (Most Sportsmanlike Player)**



**Justice Joe Kane Award (Volunteer of Year)**



## Championship All-Stars

Alex Dubeau, UNB  
Marcus Mclvor, UNB

Jason Fram, Alberta  
Kris Bennett, UNB

Christopher Clapperton, UNB  
Luke Philp, Alberta

## First Team All-Canadians

Jason Fram, Alberta  
Alex Basso, Ryerson

Luke Philp, Alberta  
Christopher Clapperton, UNB

Matt Mistele, Ryerson  
Taran Kozun, Saskatchewan

## Second Team All-Canadians

Nick Welsh, Saint Mary's  
Jesse Forsberg, Saskatchewan

Hunter Garlent, Saint Mary's  
Slater Doggett, Queen's

Riley Sheen, Calgary  
Étienne Montpetit, Moncton



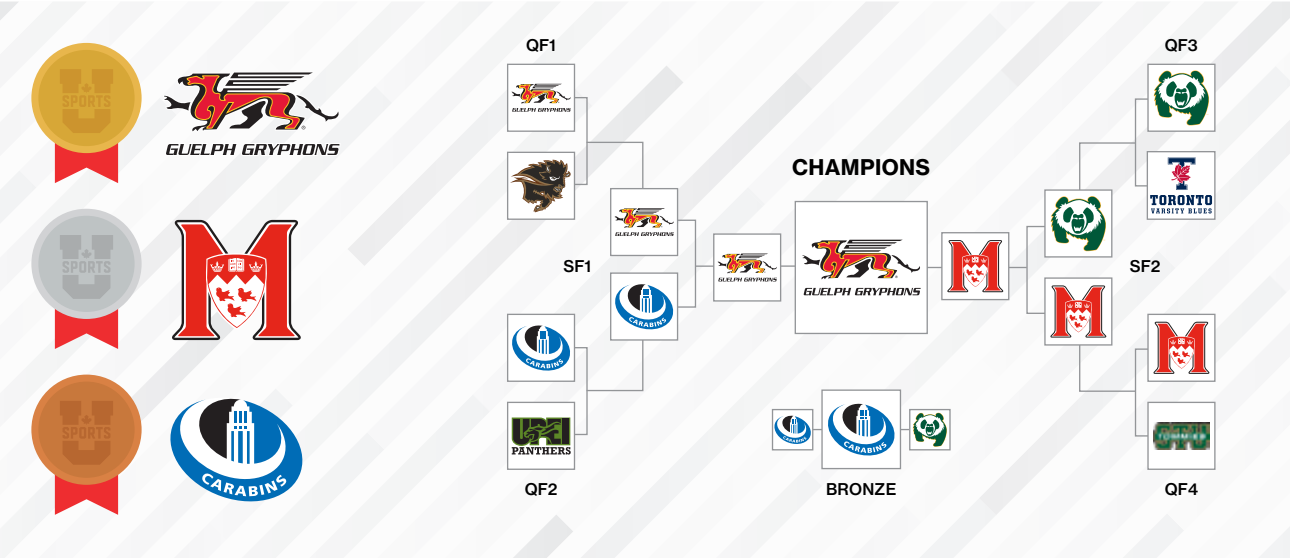
# WOMEN'S HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP

Date: Mar. 14-17, 2019

Host: University of Prince Edward Island



Credit: Janessa Hogan / U SPORTS



For the first time in program history, the Guelph Gryphons can say they're U SPORTS women's hockey champions. In a storybook ending, captain Kaitlin Lowy deposited the historic goal late in the second period, propelling the Gryphons past the McGill Martlets 1-0.

## Award Winners



Tournament MVP

Jade Downie-Landry  
McGill



Brodrick Trophy  
(Player of the Year)

Alex Poznikoff  
Alberta



Rookie of the Year

Erika Crouse  
Ryerson



Marion Hilliard Award (Student-Athlete Community Service)

Jenna Gray  
York



Fox 40 Coach of the Year

Howie Draper  
Alberta

## Championship All-Stars

- Jade Downie-Landry, McGill  
Valérie Audet, McGill
- Claire Merrick, Guelph  
Taylor Kezama, Alberta
- Mallory Young, Guelph  
Valerie Lamenta, Guelph

## First Team All-Canadians

- Lindsey Donovan, StFX  
Erica Rieder, Manitoba
- Alex Poznikoff, Alberta  
April Clark, Western
- Jessica Cormier, Montreal  
Tory Micklash, UBC

## Second Team All-Canadians

- Cristine Chao, Toronto  
Claudia Fortin, Concordia
- Katryne Villeneuve, Moncton  
Autumn MacDougall, Alberta
- Jade Downie-Landry, McGill  
Tricia Deguire, McGill



# MEN'S VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

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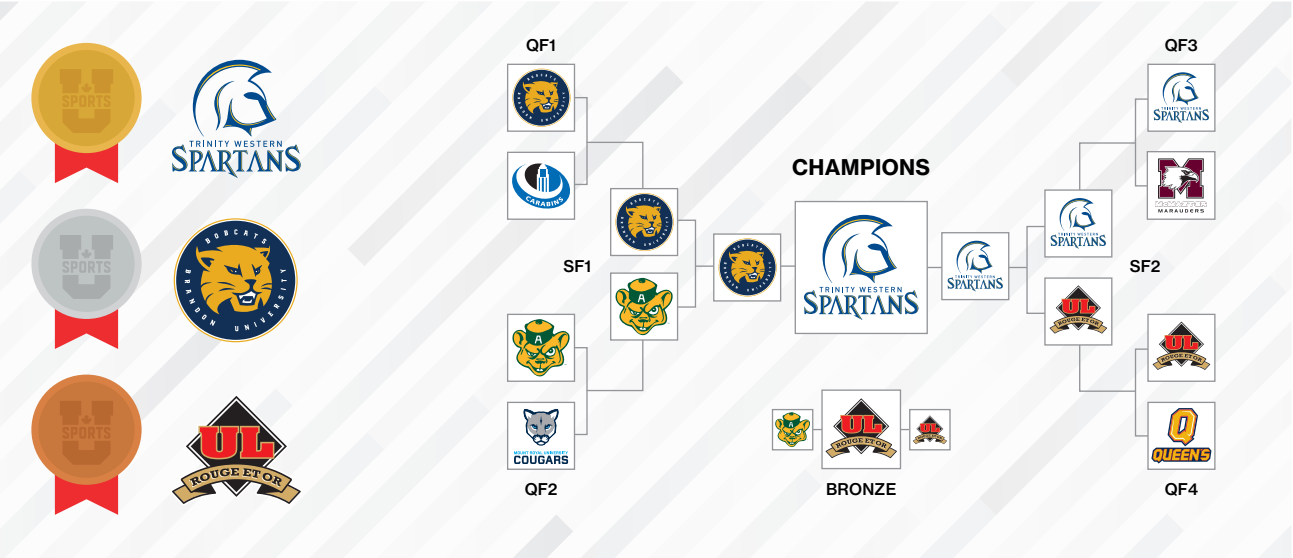


Date: Mar. 15-17, 2019

Host: Université Laval



Credit: Yan Doublet / U SPORTS




The Trinity Western Spartans earned their third men's volleyball national title in four years, defeating the top-seeded Brandon Bobcats in three sets in Quebec City in front of 2,000 fans.

## Award Winners



### Tournament MVP

 Eric Loeppky  
Trinity Western




### Player of the Year

 Elliott Viles  
Brandon




### Rookie of the Year

 Xander Ketrzynski  
Ryerson




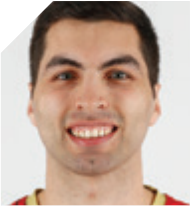
### Dale Iwanoczko Award (Student-Athlete Community Service)

 Andrew Richards  
McMaster




### Fox 40 Coach of the Year

 Grant Wilson  
Brandon



### R.W. Pugh Fair Play Award

 Vicente Ignacio Parraguirre  
Vallalobos, Laval

## Championship All-Stars

Alexandre Obomsawin, Laval	Robin Baghdady, Brandon	Eric Loeppky, Trinity Western
Vicente Ignacio Parraguirre Vallalobos, Laval	Jackson Howe, Trinity Western	
Seth Friesen, Brandon	George Hobern, Alberta	

## First Team All-Canadians

Xander Ketrzynski, Ryerson	Eric Loeppky, Trinity Western	Tim Dobbert, Thompson Rivers
Elliott Viles, Brandon	Tyler Schmidt, Mount Royal	
Vicente Ignacio Parraguirre Villalobos, Laval	Matt Passalent, McMaster	

## Second Team All-Canadians

Andrew Richards, McMaster	Alex McMullin, Alberta	Zane Grossinger Queen's
Gabriel Chancy, Montreal	Eduardo Luchese, UNB	
Pierce Johnson, Windsor	Jacob Kern, Trinity Western	



# WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

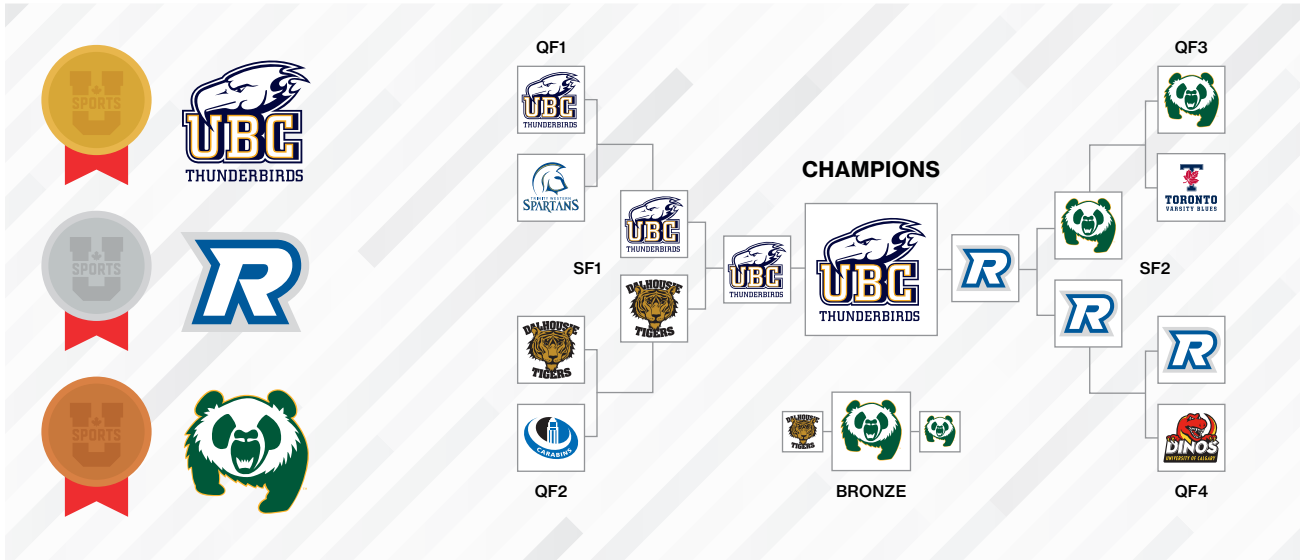
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**Mikasa**  
CANADA

Date: Mar. 15-17, 2019

Host: University of Alberta



Credit: Don Voaklander / U SPORTS



The No.8-seeded UBC Thunderbirds took flight as women's volleyball national champions for the second time in three years, after a thrilling five-set come-from-behind victory over the defending national champion Ryerson Rams.

## Award Winners




**Tournament MVP & Mary Lyons Award (Player of the Year)**

 Kiera Van Ryk  
UBC




**Mark Tennant Award (Rookie of the Year)**

 Sarah Glynn  
Waterloo




**Thérèse Quigley Award (Student-Athlete Community Service)**

 Hannah Stienburg  
Saint Mary's



**Marilyn Pomfret Award (Fox 40 Coach of the Year)**

 Richard Eddy  
Waterloo

## Championship All-Stars

Olivia Furlan, UBC  
Kiera Van Ryk, UBC  
Tessa Davis, UBC

Theanna Vernon, Ryerson  
Lauren Veltman, Ryerson  
Kory White, Alberta

Courtney Baker, Dalhousie

## First Team All-Canadians

Kiera Van Ryk, UBC  
Theanna Vernon, Ryerson  
Courtney Baker, Dalhousie

Kate Pexman, Calgary  
Kory White, Alberta  
Claire Vercheval, McGill

Siobhan Fitzpatrick, UNB

## Second Team All-Canadians

Maud Chapleau, Laval  
Laura Condotta, Brock  
Alina Dormann, Toronto

Satomi Togawa, Regina  
Beth Vinnell, Calgary  
Julie Moore, Dalhousie

Kelsey Veltman, Western



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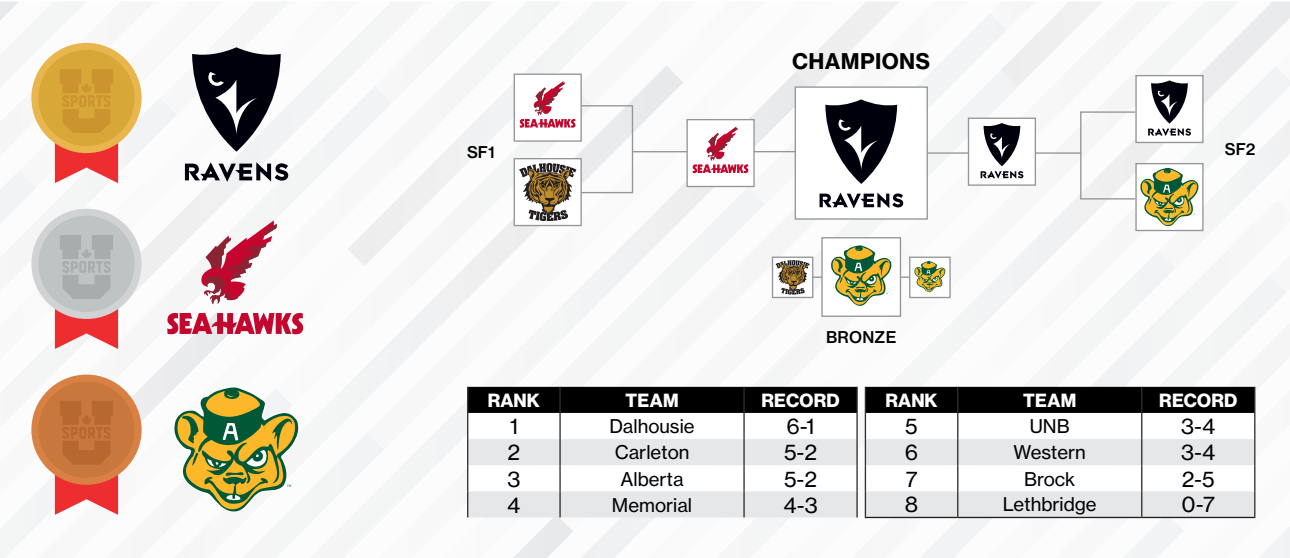


Date: Mar. 15-19, 2019

Host: University of New Brunswick



Rob Blanchard / U SPORTS




Cameron Goodkey scored three in the eighth end en route to a 10-4 win over Memorial as Carleton captured its first national title in program history.

## Award Winners




Fox 40 Coach of the Year

 Dennis Bruce  
Memorial



R.W. Pugh Fair Play Award

 Ward Marshall  
Lethbridge

## First Team All-Canadians

Doug Thomson, Brock  
Jeffrey Meagher, Dalhousie

Mackenzie Calwell, Carleton  
Karsten Sturmey, Alberta

## Second Team All-Canadians

Andrew Berg, Western  
Morgan Calwell, Carleton

Chris Kennedy, Alberta  
Cameron Goodkey, Carleton



# WOMEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

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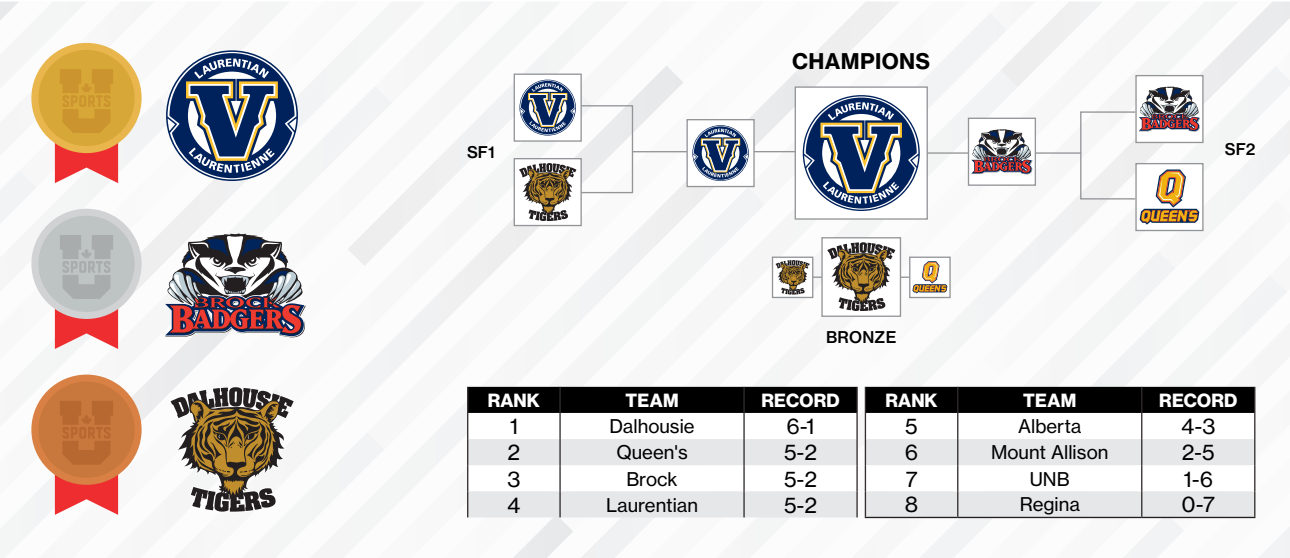


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Host: University of New Brunswick



Rob Blanchard / U SPORTS




Kira Brunton drew to the button in the 10th end to beat Brock 7-5, as Laurentian won the U SPORTS Women's Curling Championship for the second time in three years.

## Award Winners



Fox 40 Coach of the Year

 Scott Davey  
Queen's



R.W. Pugh Fair Play Award

 Mary Fay  
Queen's

## First Team All-Canadians

Kristin Clarke, Dalhousie  
Karlee Burgess, Dalhousie

Calli Barclay, Queen's  
Terri Weeks, Brock

## Second Team All-Canadians

Jillian Crandall, UNB  
Kate Goodhelpsen, Alberta

Lauren Lenentine, Dalhousie  
Kaitlyn Jones, Dalhousie



SPORTS

RISING STARS

2018-19 All-Rookie teams

MEN’S SOCCER

Tristan Nkoghe, UNB Felly Elonda, Moncton Ayoub Al Arabi, StFX	Thomas Gardner, UBC Nikolas Baikas, Saskatchewan Matteo Ventura, Victoria	Pierre Lamothe, Montreal Florian Bettelli, McGill Jean-Philippe Lévesque, Laval	Sebastian Guerrieri, Waterloo Kai Martin, Ryerson Cheikh Tchouambou, McMaster
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WOMEN’S SOCCER

Leah Simon, McGill Ariane Routhier, Laval Kayla Kyle, Bishop’s	Kalifornia Mitchell, York Emma Twohey, Trent Angelica Galluzzo, Western	Michelle Jang, UBC Nicole Davis, Manitoba Hannah Supina, MacEwan	Erin Freeman, Cape Breton Lauren Jodrey, Acadia Anelise Karakostas, Saint Mary’s
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MEN’S BASKETBALL

Alix Lochard, UQAM Guillaume Pépin, Ottawa	Emanuel Ring, Memorial Adam Paige, Alberta	Jordan Henry, McMaster
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WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Myriam Leclerc, Concordia Jayda Veinot, Acadia	Kaitlyn Overeem, Waterloo Nicole Fransson, Trinity Western	Amaiquen Siciliano, Bishop’s
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MEN’S HOCKEY

Nick Welsh, Saint Mary’s Connor Walters, Brock	Matthew Boucher, UNB Grayson Pawlenchuk, Alberta	Hugo Roy, Concordia Étienne Montpetit, Moncton
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WOMEN’S HOCKEY

Rylind MacKinnon, UBC Jenna MacLean, UNB	Tyra Meropoulos, StFX Erika Crouse, Ryerson	Breanne Trotter, Mount Royal Kendra Woodland, UNB
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MEN’S VOLLEYBALL

Xander Ketrzynski, Ryerson Robin Baghdady, Brandon	Michael Dowhaniuk, UBC Jackson Bere, Western	Eduardo Luchese, UNB Luis Lange, Mount Royal	Even Falardeau, Toronto
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WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL

Sarah Glynn, Waterloo Sabrina Mayer, UQAM	Savannah Purdy, Trinity Western Olivia Bell, Saint Mary’s	Lauren Wong, Ryerson Nyadholi Thokbuom, Mount Royal	Charlene Robitaille, McGill
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Credit:Yan Doublet / U SPORTS



<div><div></div><div>CHAMPIONSHIP PARTICIPATION</div></div>		Field Hockey - W	Rugby - W	Soccer - M	Soccer - W	Cross Country - M	Cross Country - W	Football - M	Swimming - M	Swimming - W	Wrestling - M	Wrestling - W	Track and Field - M	Track and Field - W	Basketball - M	Basketball - W	Hockey - M	Hockey - W	Volleyball - M	Volleyball - W	Curling - M	Curling - W	TOTAL
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	Université de Moncton						1						1	1									3
	Mount Allison University								1													1	2
	University of New Brunswick			1		1			1	1	1	1	1	1			1				1	1	11
	University of Prince Edward Island													1				1					2
	Saint Mary's University					1	1						1		1								4
	St. Thomas University																	1					1
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	University of Manitoba					1	1		1	1			1	1				1					7
	Mount Royal University																		1				1
	University of Northern British Columbia																						0
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	University of Saskatchewan					1	1	1			1	1	1	1		1	1						9
	Trinity Western University			1	1	1	1						1	1					1	1			8
	Thompson Rivers University					1	1		1														3
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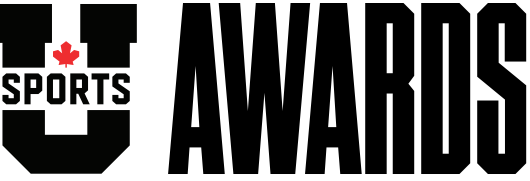
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Brock University								1	1	1	1									1	1	6
Carleton University			1			1								1		1				1		5
University of Guelph		1			1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1			1	1					11
Lakehead University					1	1				1	1		1									5
Laurentian University					1	1		1	1				1								1	6
McMaster University				1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1			1			1				10
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Governor General's Academic All-Canadian Commendation

Date: Jan. 28-29, 2019

Host: Rideau Hall, Ottawa



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U SPORTS student-athletes who compete on one, or more, varsity team at their university, while maintaining an average of 80 per cent or higher over the academic year, are recognized as Academic All-Canadians. In 2017-18, over 3,900 students achieved this prestigious status.

SCHOOLS WITH 100+ ACADEMIC ALL-CANADIANS



Western University



Queen's University



University of Calgary



University of Manitoba



Université Laval



University of Toronto



University of Alberta



University of Waterloo



University of Guelph



Acadia University



McGill University

From these outstanding athletes, one female and one male from each of the four U SPORTS conferences were selected to be recipients of the Governor General's Academic All-Canadian Commendation at Rideau Hall in the nation's capital. This event is brought to life by the generous support of Sherrard Kuzz LLP.



Ed Ilnicki

Sport: Football  
Program: Business



Kate Pexman

Sport: Volleyball  
Program: Geomatics Engineering



Nick Vanin

Sport: Football  
Program: Doctor of Medicine



Alina Dormann

Sport: Volleyball  
Program: Biology/Health & Disease



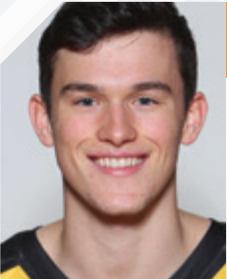
Francis Carter

Sport: Wrestling  
Program: Psychology, Behavioural Neuroscience



Amélie Augé

Sport: Track & Field  
Program: PhD in chemistry



Sven Stammberger

Sport: Basketball  
Program: MBA - Corporate Residency



Ciera Disipio

Sport: Women's Soccer  
Program: Community Studies





# GAINING A COMPETITIVE EDGE

Sherrard Kuzz LLP values student-athlete success

By Damjan Peric

In January, the Top 8 Academic All-Canadians were announced for the 2017-18 season, honouring the top male and female of each U SPORTS conference who maintained an academic average of 80 per cent or higher, while playing one or more varsity sports.

Shortly after, U SPORTS and Sherrard Kuzz LLP announced a renewed partnership for the Canadian law firm to continue as the official supporter of the student-athletes selected to the Top 8, by supporting travel, accommodations, and hospitality leading up to the Governor General's Academic All-Canadian Commendation at Rideau Hall in Ottawa.

For Sherrard Kuzz LLP, supporting the Academic All-Canadians is a long term investment. The employment and labour law firm has a track record of hiring former student-athletes and Academic All-Canadians, including its founding partner, Michael Sherrard. Sherrard, a former member of and coach of the University of New Brunswick Reds varsity basketball program, recognizes how important sport can be.

“Sport provides an opportunity to succeed beyond one’s expectation, to experience failure and to learn how to get back up and try again,” Sherrard explains. “As well, playing team sports provides numerous opportunities to experience the team being more than the sum of its parts. All of these lessons are transferable to everyday life.”

Throughout their university careers, student-athletes learn many lessons that gives them an edge in their professional lives.

For Ed Snetsinger, being a student-athlete developed his confidence and taught him about leadership and collaboration. Snetsinger competed for the University of Toronto Varsity Blues men’s hockey team during his undergraduate studies, and the University of Windsor Lancers golf team during law school. He’s now a lawyer with Sherrard Kuzz.

“I don’t think being a student-athlete and being fully dedicated to academics are mutually exclusive concepts - you can do both,” says Snetsinger. “You just have to work harder...sport has helped me be able to find common ground with any type of client, whether it’s the CEO of a massive corporation or small construction employer.”

Confidence and leadership are not the only benefits of hiring former student-athletes. Being able to juggle an intense schedule teaches student-athletes organization and dedication.

Haley Sherrard is a Toronto-born third-year student playing NCAA tennis for St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y., and one of Michael Sherrard’s twin daughters – the other daughter, Dana, a varsity swimmer for the University of Ottawa Gee-Gees. Haley Sherrard recognizes the impact of varsity sport on her ability to stay on top of her busy life and remain dedicated to whatever she does.

“Without sports I would not have learned to be as organized and



Ed Snetsinger (Credit: Toronto Athletics)

on top of my work as I am, nor would I be at the institution I’m currently at and loving,” she explains. “The No.1 thing sport has taught me is to be dedicated. To go far in this world you have to be dedicated to everything you do. No matter what it is you’re doing, giving 100 per cent and putting your best foot forward is always the way to go. You never know the opportunities you can create for yourself.”

Student-athletes are often more visible on campus and in their communities, becoming role models at a young age. They actively give back to their school, community, and those who have supported them.

After playing for the Queen’s University Gaels women’s basketball team, Emily Hazlett went on to work as an administrative assistant for Sherrard Kuzz. Today, she works for RBC Insurance as a Disability Claims Analyst. When asked about what she found was the most rewarding part of being a student-athlete, it was not an athletic accomplishment that came to mind.

“The most rewarding part of being a student-athlete is having the platform to be able to give back to the community that has allowed me to reach the goals that I set in place,” says Hazlett. “It allows you to immerse yourself into the community around you, putting yourself in the shoes of others, while being a role model for various populations.”

Confident, dedicated, organized, selfless leaders. For an employer, these are the characteristics you will find in student-athletes. As Sherrard Kuzz LLP continues to support the Top 8 Academic All-Canadians, Canada’s student-athletes won’t have to look far for inspiration.

“Perform every day,” offers Michael Sherrard as advice to today’s student-athletes. “Take many, many risks in order to succeed. Develop, sustain and continue to increase your network. Pay it forward whenever you can.” ■



Lieutenant Governor Athletic Awards

Date: May 1-2, 2019

Location: Calgary, AB



Credit: Adrian Shellard / U SPORTS

Over 25 years ago, Doug and Lois Mitchell had the foresight to celebrate and elevate the top student-athletes in Canada by showcasing them on a national stage. Since 1993, the BLG Awards – formerly known as the Howard Mackie Awards - have been a staple celebration in the national sport community, recognizing Canada’s top athletes competing in university athletics within U SPORTS.

As the awards celebrate their 27th year in 2019, they have been relaunched as the U SPORTS Lieutenant Governor Athletic Awards, and championed once again by His Honour Doug Mitchell and Her Honour, the Honourable Lois Mitchell, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta.

Once again, eight finalists were chosen from 56 U SPORTS universities and four conferences from across the nation to vie for the top prize. This year, Mathieu Betts and Kiera Van Ryk were named the U SPORTS Athletes of the year.

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MATHIEU  
BETTS




ROUGE ET OR


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Football  
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ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

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COURTNEY  
BAKER




TIGERS

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Volleyball  
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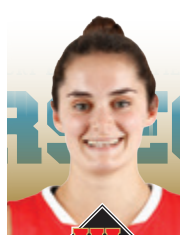


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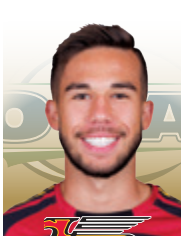


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Football  
Economics

2019 U SPORTS MALE  
ATHLETE OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

The nominees had the opportunity to participate in a newly-added leadership summit, a formal media conference held at Canada's Sports Hall of Fame and the official awards ceremony at the historic McDougall Centre.

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# LEADERS AMONG STARS

Revamped Athlete of the Year Awards highlight nation's best on and off the field

By Lucy Fox

2018 U SPORTS Athletes of the Year Kadre Gray and Marie-Alex Bélanger (Credit: Bob Frid / U SPORTS)

Each spring, two names are called at the annual U SPORTS Athlete of the Year Awards, representing the highest honour a Canadian student-athlete can take home.

Last June in Vancouver, B.C., it was Montreal Carabins volleyball player Marie-Alex Bélanger on the women's side. On the men's, it was Laurentian basketball player Kadre Gray.

Both are star athletes in their field. Bélanger led the country with 3.98 kills per set – her fourth time taking the record in her five years of play. Gray led the country in assists with 141 and was second in total points with 488, points per game at 24.4 and free throws made at 140.

But each student-athlete is more than just stats. Both are leaders amongst their teams and athletics programs, as are their predecessors in their respective titles, and more Canadian student-athletes across the country beyond the final eight nominated for the ceremony, too.

Event founders Doug Mitchell and Her Honour the Honourable Lois Mitchell, the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, have seen a plethora of athletes like Gray and Bélanger take home the Athlete of the Year titles since establishing the event in 1993 – in what was then known as the Howard Mackie Awards and more recently as the Borden Ladner Gervais (BLG) Awards, after the Canadian law firm headquartered in Calgary. Both have also watched these athletes flourish into their own leadership roles both inside and outside of their sport.

For the Mitchells, the student-athletes represent some of a university's most forward-facing leaders. It's that understanding that has brought the awards ceremony into its newest chapter: the U SPORTS Lieutenant Governor Athletic Awards.

This year's 27th edition highlighted both the country's finest student-athletes with an official awards ceremony and supported their growth with newly-added leadership training. The leadership program was led by Dr. Cari Din, an Olympic silver medallist and leadership behaviour instructor in the Faculty of Kinesiology at the University of Calgary.

The event was also held in Calgary, back where it all began over a quarter century ago. Though this time, it holds new meaning.

For Lieutenant Governor Mitchell, the new phase of the award ceremony compliments a reality of student-athlete life: a forefronted leadership role on campus and a chance to readily reflect on your own purpose both within a university and beyond. Once understood and harnessed, that purpose can be beneficial to a person's path, wherever it takes them beyond their school jerseys.

"It doesn't matter what realm you're in. If you're interested in other people – you care about other people – you can do anything," Lieutenant Governor Mitchell says. "You can switch from being a star (athlete) to anything that you need to, because you are stopping thinking just about yourself."



U SPORTS President & CEO Graham Brown addresses the 2019 nominees (Credit: Adrian Shellard/U SPORTS)

For Dr. Din, that learning comes far beyond a textbook, and student-athletes have the unique opportunity to actively embrace and reflect on what it means to be a leader throughout their university careers.

"Sport provides this context in which student-athletes should be growing leadership skills," says Dr. Din. "But we also know if we're not intentional about it, and intentional about getting them to think about and reflect upon those opportunities. Because you only learn leadership through doing leadership, you don't learn leadership in the classroom."

And yet, though the event continues to grow and impact its award winners, its core values still hold true. For Doug Mitchell, BLG national co-chair, philanthropist and UBC Thunderbird football alumnus, the program is essential to highlighting the incredible people involved in university athletics in Canada – an athletic community that tends to survive outside of the limelight.

"I think the athletic programs are great. I think the quality of the athletics is great. But there's very little focus, mainly from the media, that athletics get in (Canadian) university athletics," he says. "And so this was a way that we could do two things: one, get attention on the quality of the programs and the quality of the athletes, and at the same time, bring a focus on university sports in Canada."

In all, the event is a chance to celebrate, highlight and promote not only sport, but the faces behind sport – and the future each student-athlete represents, be that wearing their school colours or more.

"It's a chance to prepare these amazing what we call leaders – on the court, on the ice, on the field – prepare them...to be amazing people, which is what they already are in life," Lois Mitchell says.

"That's the whole thing." ■



2018 U SPORTS Honours Awards

Date: June 4, 2018

Location: Chan Centre – Vancouver, B.C.



Credit: Bob Frid / U SPORTS

Decorated swimming coach Byron MacDonald, reporter Jason Hills, and long-time athletic director Dick White were honoured at the U SPORTS Athlete of the Year / Honours Awards Gala for their contributions to university sports in Canada as part of the 2018 U SPORTS Conference and Annual Meeting in Vancouver, B.C.



**Byron MacDonald** took home the **Jean-Marie De Koninck Coaching Excellence Award**, which honours since 2007 an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to university sport as demonstrated by long-term commitment and leadership as a coach at the local, provincial, national and/or international levels. The award is named for the former swimming coach and long-time math professor at Université Laval, who also served as a swimming commentator for Radio Canada at several Olympic Games.

A fitting winner of the award and its namesake, MacDonald has been the head coach of the Varsity Blues swimming program since 1978-79. He has earned multiple Coach of Year awards, both at the U SPORTS and OUA level, while coaching over 200 swimmers to all Canadian status and over 70 swimmers to international teams. He has guided his teams to 60 conference championships (32 men and 28 women) and 24 national championship titles (15 women and nine men). MacDonald is a two-time Gemini Award winner for his CBC swimming coverage at the 2004 and 2008 Olympics, and most recently covered the Rio 2016 Games.



**Jason Hills** received the **Fred Sgambati Media Award**, presented to a member of the media in recognition of major contributions to the development and growth of Canadian university sport.

Since joining the Edmonton Sun in 2007, and the Edmonton Journal following the Postmedia merger in 2016, Hills has provided consistent and excellent coverage of local university athletics, including the University of Alberta Golden Bears and Pandas and the MacEwan University Griffins. His passion for amateur sports in a market dominated by professional sports is evident in the stories he writes, which always showcase the tremendous accomplishments of student-athletes.







































**Dick White** merited the **Austin-Matthews Award**, presented annually to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to interuniversity sport, as demonstrated by long-term commitment and leadership as a coach, director, chairperson and/or executive committee member at the local, provincial and/or national levels.

Under his leadership, the University of Regina athletics department grew from six varsity teams to 16. White was instrumental in bringing U SPORTS football to the U of R with a community partnership model that saw the junior Regina Rams join Canada West prior to the 1999 season. The school also added men's and women's cross country, women's hockey, women's soccer, men's and women's swimming, men's and women's track and field, and women's wrestling during White's tenure at the U of R. In 2014, White retired as the University of Regina's director of athletics after dedicating 34 years of service to the university.

Athletes of the Month

U SPORTS launched the Athlete of the Month award for the 2016-17 season to give outstanding athletes larger recognition for their passion, accomplishments and dedication to sport. Beginning with the 2018-19 season, winners were chosen by U SPORTS fans via a 24-hour social media poll.

Month	Male	Female
September	<div><div><b>Jace Kotsopoulos</b> Sport: Soccer  </div></div>	<div><div><b>Taejah Thompson</b> Sport: Rugby  </div></div>
October	<div><div><b>Kameron Kielly</b> Sport: Hockey  </div></div>	<div><div><b>Stephanie Roberts</b> Sport: Rugby  </div></div>
November	<div><div><b>Ali Sow</b> Sport: Basketball  </div></div>	<div><div><b>Hannah Brown</b> Sport: Basketball  </div></div>
January	<div><div><b>Ali Sow</b> Sport: Basketball  </div></div>	<div><div><b>Erica Fryer</b> Sport: Hockey  </div></div>
February	<div><div><b>Kris Bennett</b> Sport: Hockey  </div></div>	<div><div><b>Kylie Masse</b> Sport: Swimming  </div></div>
March	<div><div><b>Alex Dubeau</b> Sport: Hockey  </div></div>	<div><div><b>Haley McDonald</b> Sport: Basketball  </div></div>



# Athletes of the Week

The U SPORTS Athlete of the Week title is awarded to 52 recipients (26 male and 26 female athletes) over a 26-week period every year. Each conference nominates one male and one female Athlete of the Week in a U SPORTS-sanctioned sport, other than football, based on the previous week's athletic performances. From the list of nominees, U SPORTS selects one male and one female as the winners.

MEN			
WEEK	NAME	SCHOOL	SPORT
Sept. 5	Jace Kotsopoulos	Soccer	Guelph
Sept. 12	Johnathan Ardell	Soccer	RMC
Sept. 19	Caleb Clarke	Soccer	UBC
Sept. 26	Mark Patton	Cross Country	Guelph
Oct. 3	Easton Ongaro	Soccer	Alberta
Oct. 10	Brad van Schubert	Hockey	RMC
Oct. 17	Brendan Jacome	Hockey	Ottawa
Oct. 24	Bradley Schoonbaert	Hockey	Calgary
Oct. 31	Jean-Simon Desgagnés	Cross Country	Laval
Nov. 7	Kadre Gray	Basketball	Laurentian
Nov. 14	Frédéric Lajoie-Gravelle	Soccer	Montreal
Nov. 21	Banky Alade	Basketball	Guelph
Nov. 28	Markus Thormeyer	Swimming	UBC
Dec. 5	Sean Tarver	Basketball	Winnipeg
Jan. 9	Reece Dixon	Volleyball	Brandon
Jan. 16	Anthony Repaci	Hockey	Saint Mary's
Jan. 23	Ali Sow	Basketball	Laurier
Jan. 30	JV Mukama	Basketball	Ryerson
Feb. 6	Ameen Aghamirian	Wresting	McMaster
Feb. 13	Brad Hildenbrandt	Wrestling	Fraser Valley
Feb. 20	Chase Marchand	Hockey	StFX
Feb. 27	Markus Thormeyer	Swimming	UBC
Mar. 6	Zach Sawchenko	Hockey	Alberta
Mar. 13	Austin Cole	Track and Field	Alberta
Mar. 20	Alex Dubeau	Hockey	UNB
Mar. 27	Cameron Goodkey	Curling	Carleton

WOMEN			
WEEK	NAME	SCHOOL	SPORT
Sept. 5	Emma Lefebvre	Soccer	Ottawa
Sept. 12	Laura Veilleux	Soccer	Sherbrooke
Sept. 19	Lauren Houghton	Soccer	Calgary
Sept. 26	Jaslan Stirling	Field Hockey	York
Oct. 3	Meggie Dargis	Cross Country	McGill
Oct. 10	Seina Kashima	Soccer	Trinity Western
Oct. 17	Rachel Baird	Soccer	Victoria
Oct. 24	Christina Morelli	Soccer	York
Oct. 31	Stephanie Roberts	Soccer	McMaster
Nov. 7	Amira Giannattasio	Basketball	Victoria
Nov. 14	Brogan MacDougall	Cross Country	Queen's
Nov. 21	Isabel Sarty	Swimming	Dalhousie
Nov. 28	Kelsey Wog	Swimming	Manitoba
Dec. 5	Erin Locke	Hockey	York
Jan. 9	Abby Clarke	Hockey	St. Thomas
Jan. 16	Tory Micklash	Hockey	UBC
Jan. 23	Katerine Savard	Swimming	Montreal
Jan. 30	Kiera Van Ryk	Volleyball	UBC
Feb. 6	Fabiana Petricca	Hockey	Dalhousie
Feb. 13	Kylie Masse	Swimming	Toronto
Feb. 20	Mary Fay	Curling	Queen's
Feb. 27	Kylie Masse	Swimming	Toronto
Mar. 6	Haley McDonald	Basketball	Acadia
Mar. 13	Linnaea Harper	Basketball	McMaster
Mar. 20	Kiera Van Ryk	Volleyball	UBC
Mar. 27	Kira Brunton	Curling	Laurentian



## Football Players of the Week

From the opening kickoff of the season to the 54th Vanier Cup Presented by Promutuel Insurance, the U SPORTS Football Players of the Week honours are bestowed upon 42 outstanding football athletes over the course of 14 weeks. Each conference selects an offensive, defensive and special teams nominee based on the previous week's athletic performances. From the list of nominees, U SPORTS selects one winner at each of the three positions.

WEEK	DATE	OFFENCE	DEFENCE	SPECIAL TEAMS
1	Aug. 29	<b>Tre Ford &amp; Tyler Ternowski</b> Waterloo	<b>Skylar LeBlanc</b> Mount Allison	<b>Vincent Breton-Robert</b> Laval
2	Sept. 5	<b>Adam Sinagra</b> Calgary	<b>Benjamin Carré</b> McGill	<b>Gabe Ferraro</b> Guelph
3	Sept. 12	<b>Jarryd Taylor</b> Concordia	<b>Payton Hall</b> Saskatchewan	<b>Jadin White-Frayne</b> Acadia
4	Sept. 19	<b>Adam Sinagra</b> Calgary	<b>Ben Hladik</b> UBC	<b>Quaysie Gordon-Maule</b> Concordia
5	Sept. 26	<b>Chris Merchant</b> Western	<b>Luke Griesse</b> Ottawa	<b>Daniel Diodati</b> Toronto
6	Oct. 3	<b>Adam Sinagra</b> Calgary	<b>Émile Chênevert</b> Laval	<b>Clark Green</b> Windsor
7	Oct. 10	<b>Cedric Joseph</b> Western	<b>Mathieu Betts</b> Laval	<b>Keiran Burnham</b> StFX
8	Oct. 17	<b>Alex Taylor</b> Western	<b>Cord Delinte</b> Regina	<b>Shedler Fervius</b> Saint Mary's
9	Oct. 24	<b>Trivel Pinto</b> UBC	<b>Sterling Taylor</b> Calgary	<b>Niko DiFonte</b> Calgary
10	Oct. 31	<b>Michael O'Connor</b> UBC	<b>Kent Hicks</b> Manitoba	<b>Niko DiFonte</b> Calgary
11	Nov. 7	<b>Jordan Socholotiuk</b> StFX	<b>Mackenzie Ferguson</b> Western	<b>Alex Basilis</b> Calgary
12	Nov. 14	<b>Tyler Chow</b> Saskatchewan	<b>Fraser Sopik</b> Western	<b>Sean Stenger</b> Saskatchewan
13	Nov. 21	<b>Hugo Richard</b> Laval	<b>Kean Harelimana</b> Laval	<b>Benoit Gagnon-Brousseau</b> Laval
14	Nov. 28	<b>Hugo Richard</b> Laval	<b>Adam Auclair</b> Laval	<b>David Côté</b> Laval



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Credit: FISU



# INTERNATIONAL

U SPORTS is proud to offer student-athletes with international competition opportunities at both Winter and Summer Universiades in odd-numbered years, as well as single-sport World University Championships in even-numbered years.

These opportunities – which provide Canadian student-athletes development on the world stage – take place through the International University Sports Federation (FISU), which is recognized by the International Olympic Committee and coordinates 170 National University Sport Federations (NUSFs). Athletes who compete in the U SPORTS International program go on to compete in the Olympic Games and other international multi-sport events or World Cup circuits.

## 2019 FISU Winter Universiade

**Date:** March 2-12, 2019

**Location:** Krasnoyarsk, Russia



Credit: FISU

Team Canada's 121-person delegation was led into the Opening Ceremony by flag bearer and Alberta women's curler Danielle Schmiemann.



**Chef de Mission**  
Roger Archambault, Ottawa

**Assistant Chef de Mission**  
Charonne Thomasos, U SPORTS

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**Communications Manager**  
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**Chief Medical Officer**  
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**Chief Therapist**  
Connie Klassen, Camosun College

**Medical Core**  
Nadine Smith, Carleton  
Amandev Aulakh  
Mireille Landry, Toronto



Sport	Competitors		Staff		Medical		Total
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	
Mission Staff	0	0	2	3	1	4	10
Alpine Skiing	3	6	1	0	0	0	9
Biathlon	2	4	1	1	0	0	8
Cross Country Skiing	6	6	2	2	0	0	16
Curling	4	5	3	0	0	0	12
Snowboard	6	3	1	1	0	0	11
Men's Hockey	22	0	5	0	0	1	28
Women's Hockey	0	20	2	3	0	1	26
Total	43	44	17	10	1	6	121
Total by Category	87		27		7		

Final Medal Count

Canada finished the 2019 FISU Winter Unversiad with five medals in three different sports.

Sport	Medal
Snowboard	Gold, Bronze
Women's Hockey	Silver
Men's Curling	Silver
Men's Hockey	Bronze



SNOWBOARD

The first official day of competition started off with a resounding celebratory bang for Team Canada as Will Malisch (Western; Markham, Ont.) won gold and Audrey McManiman (Laval; Saint-Ambroise-de-Kildare, Que.) captured bronze in men's and women's snowboard cross.



MEN'S CURLING

The Canadian men's curling team won the third medal for Team Canada after a close 6-5 result for Norway in the gold medal match.



MEN'S HOCKEY

Canada earned bronze after a hard fought 3-0 shutout win over Kazakhstan for its fifth medal at the Winter Universiade – tied for the Country's fifth most at any FISU Winter Games. In addition, it was the 16th men's hockey medal in 17 FISU tournament appearances.



WOMEN'S HOCKEY

The Canadian women's hockey team won the fourth medal for Team Canada, capturing silver after falling 2-0 to host Russia in the gold medal game. It was the third consecutive second-place finish against Russia having previously won gold at each of the first three FISU tournaments in 2009, 2011 and 2013.



## 2018 FISU World University Championships

Date: March – October 2018



Credit: FISU

### MEDAL COUNT

Sport	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Beach Volleyball	1	0	0	1
Cheerleading	0	0	1	1
Wushu	0	0	1	1
Rowing	0	2	0	2
Wrestling	4	5	4	13
Weightlifting	4	0	9	13
Total	9	7	15	31

### MEDALISTS BREAKDOWN

Medal	Sport	Name	School	Event
Gold	Beach Volleyball	Megan & Nicole McNamara	UCLA	Women's
	Wrestling	Jade Dufour	Concordia	50 kg
		Laurence Beauregard	Concordia	59 kg
		Linda Morais	Concordia	62 kg
		Indira Moores	Brock	68 kg
	Weightlifting	Maude Charron (3)	Cégep de Rimouski	Snatch, Clean & Jerk & Total
Alex Bellemare		Cégep de l'Abitibi-Témiscamingue	Snatch	
Silver	Rowing	Yara Ensminger	Western	Women's Double
		Kristina Walker	UBC	
		Claire Brillon	UBC	Women's Eight
		Cassidy Deane	Queen's	
		Lucy Vincent-Smith	UBC	
		Courtney Kruschel	Calgary	
		Savannah Sami-Bacon	UBC	
		Marilyse Dubois	Western	
		D'Arcy Arends	Western	
		Mikayla Arends	Carleton	
		Tina Yu (Coxswain)	UBC	
	Wrestling	Alexandria Town	York	57 kg
		Haley Heffel	Alberta	65 kg
		Taylor Follensbee	Saskatchewan	76 kg
		Samuel Jagas	Brock	57 kg
		Sean Molle	Simon Fraser	125 kg
	Bronze	Cheerleading	Abigail Morris	Brock
Alexandra Moffatt				
Aliesha Goulbourne				
Emillea Ratskos				
Holly Herbert				
Jaymie Wilkinson				
Jena Berndt				
Lauryn Hackel				
Leah Weidner				
Lianne Major				
Mackenzie Craig				
Melissa Yeo				
Natalie Bruno				
Natasha Fortuna				
Paige Shewfelt				
Peri Goodman				
Rachel Yukiko Takashima				
Sabrina Trolie				
Tatiana Gonzalez				
Tiffany Byron				
Tricia Doma				
Weightlifting		Caroline Lamarche-McClure	Laval	Snatch
		Magalie Roux (2)	Cegep de Saint-Hyacinthe	Clean & Jerk, Total
		Alexandre Dumas (3)	Cégep de Levis-Lauzon	Snatch, Clean & Jerk, Total
		Nicholas Vachon (3)	Cégep de St-Jérôme	Snatch, Clean & Jerk, Total
Wrestling		Vincent De Marinis	Concordia	65 kg
		Shauna Kuebeck	Brock	72 kg
	Tyler Rowe	Brock	74 kg	
	Alex Moore	Concordia	86 kg	
Wushu	Johnny Choi	MacEwan	Sanda 70 kg	



## 2018 FISU 3x3 Basketball World University league

Date: Nov. 15-18, 2018 Location: Xiamen, China



Four members of the McGill men's basketball program competed at the fourth annual FISU 3x3 Basketball World University League Finals. Noah Daoust, Avery Cadogan Isaiah Cummins, Alex Paquin and coach Aleks Mitrovic brought home silver as Canada's representative in the event reached the podium for the fourth straight year.

The FISU 3x3 World University League Finals brings together the top 15 men's and women's teams from around the world. Teams represent their respective universities in fast-paced competition of one of the newest Olympic sports, set to be held for the first time at Tokyo 2020.

## FISU Volunteer Leaders Academy



U SPORTS sent one student representative to Kazan, Russia for the 2018 FISU Volunteer Leaders Academy. This was the 2nd edition of the event which was devoted to the FISU Ambassadors Program, which is aimed at increasing participation and involvement of the general public in FISU activities and events and to promote the values of sports and healthy lifestyle through activities by a group of Ambassadors, appointed by FISU.

Canada was one of 92 countries participating in this event and Celina Toth was the 2018 Canadian candidate who was also appointed as FISU Student Ambassador. Five of the eight days were filled with educational programs providing participants with information about FISU, its activities, events, goals and values, media and branding, communication and networking, volunteer programming and management, sports journalism and marketing, and anti-doping theory. Participants were provided the opportunity to volunteer with the Kazan Volunteers at the FIFA World Cup, as well as tour multiple successful sporting venues that were involved with the 2013 FISU Summer Universiade.



SPORTS

HIGH PERFORMANCE EVENTS

Men’s Hockey All-Star Series

Date: Dec.11-15, 2018

Location: Victoria, B.C.



Credit: Kevin Light / U SPORTS

Hockey fans are familiar with the players who make up Team Canada’s World Junior Hockey Championship roster every holiday season. Several of these players go on to play in the NHL as prominent figures. But too many people forget that the professional route isn’t the only path and many other great and sustainable opportunities come both on the ice and in the classroom through university hockey.

The National Junior Team has faced U SPORTS competition annually in its preparation for the IIHF Championship, with most of those contests coming against a single university team or a selection from two or three programs. Since 2015, the U SPORTS All-Stars - featuring the best players from across the country - compete in an exhibition series.

Over the last two years, the U SPORTS team is **4-0-1** against Team Canada.

2018 World Junior All-Star Series Results

Wednesday, December 12, 2018   Q Centre, Victoria BC						
GAME 1	1ST	2ND	3RD	OT	SO	FINAL
Canada	1	1	0	0	1	3
U SPORTS	0	1	1	0	0	2

Thursday, December 13, 2018   Q Centre, Victoria BC				
GAME 2	1ST	2ND	3RD	FINAL
Canada	1	2	0	3
U SPORTS	1	3	1	5

Friday, December 14, 2018   Q Centre, Victoria BC				
GAME 2	1ST	2ND	3RD	FINAL
Canada	0	1	0	1
U SPORTS	2	3	0	5

Women’s Hockey Development camp

Date: Aug. 4-11, 2018

Location: Calgary, AB



Credit: Dave Holland / Hockey Canada

For the third straight summer, Hockey Canada invited the U SPORTS All-Stars to take part in their annual Summer Showcase. The August event serves as an opportunity to evaluate prospective players for the national team program by fielding two development squads of players under 22 years of age.

In four games, U SPORTS finished with a 3-1 record, with their only loss coming against Team Japan in their first encounter and sweeping both of Canada’s development squads in back-to-back games for the first time, by an identical 3-1 score.

Following the success of the U SPORTS All-Stars at the Summer Showcase, Hockey Canada invited Alberta’s Alex Poznikoff to join the Development Team roster for a three-game series against Team USA, along with six other players to its Fall Festival senior national team camp in early September. Three members of the team also went on to be selected in the 2018 CWHL Draft. Through this partnership with Hockey Canada, U SPORTS hopes to continue the development of women’s hockey players at an elite level.

2018 Hockey Canada Summer Showcase Results

Monday, August 6, 2018				
GAME 1	1ST	2ND	3RD	FINAL
Japan	1	2	0	3
U SPORTS	1	0	1	2

Tuesday, August 7, 2018				
GAME 2	1ST	2ND	3RD	FINAL
Team James (Canada Black)	1	0	0	1
U SPORTS	3	0	0	3

Thursday, August 9, 2018				
GAME 3	1ST	2ND	3RD	FINAL
Team Heaney (Canada Gold)	0	0	1	1
U SPORTS	1	0	2	3

Saturday, August 11, 2018				
GAME 4	1ST	2ND	3RD	FINAL
Japan	1	1	1	3
U SPORTS	1	1	4	6



# 2019 U SPORTS East-West Bowl

Date: May 11, 2019

Host: Carleton University



For the first time, the U SPORTS East-West Bowl was held in the nation's capital at Carleton's MNP Park. The 17th annual top prospects game showcases the next generation of CFL stars heading into their draft years.

The West team is mostly made up of U SPORTS football players from Canada West and OUA schools, except Carleton, Ottawa and Queen's, which play for the East squad. The rest of the East team features players from AUS and RSEQ schools.

The week-long event – including four days of practices, a combine for participating players, and a CFL free agent camp – serves as the first step to identifying future CFL talent. For the next year, players from both squads will vie for coveted spots on the CFL Scouting Bureau Top 20 Prospects List – published in August, December and April – before showcasing their skills at regional and national combines in advance of the draft next spring.

In this year's game, the West racked up 464 passing yards on their way to a 35-17 victory .It was the fourth straight victory for the West and improved their record to 11-6 since the event began in 2003.



EAST MVP

TREY KELLOGG

UBC THUNDERBIRDS



WEST MVP

ADAM SINAGRA

DINOS UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY





# SPORT: SPECIAL INITIATIVES

## Shoot for the Cure



U SPORTS women's basketball programs raised **\$76,632.82** for the Canadian Cancer Society (CCS) in 2018-19, thanks to the 12th edition of the annual Shoot For The Cure initiative.

An additional **\$20,530.95** was amassed by schools that elected to donate their fundraised money to local or provincial organizations, bringing this season's Shoot For The Cure overall total to **\$97,163.77** and the 12-year total to **\$1,349,680.54** since the initiative was launched in 2007-08 to raise awareness and money to fight the deadly disease.

The impressive amount was unveiled at halftime of the championship final – between the McMaster Marauders and Laval Rouge et Or – of the U SPORTS Women's Basketball Final 8 Presented by COMDA. COM at Ryerson University's Mattamy Athletic Centre.

**Jeff Speedy**, head coach of the UNB Reds and Shoot for the Cure Project Manager, presented a cheque to **Nancy Drynan**, Regional Representative for the Ontario Advisory Board of the Canadian Cancer Society. For the eighth straight season, all 47 U SPORTS women's hoops programs participated by holding one or numerous fundraising games or activities over the course of the campaign.



## Departmental Updates

### Sport

#### NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

In December, 10 U SPORTS national championship hosts were announced in women's rugby (Ottawa, Queen's), men's soccer (Montreal, Carleton), women's soccer (Victoria, Cape Breton), men's volleyball (Manitoba, Brandon) and women's volleyball (Calgary, UBC) for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 seasons.

Several high-quality bids were presented, demonstrating the innovative and collaborative approaches our members are now taking to enhance U SPORTS national events, since refining the bid process, last season. This includes interest from both institutions and their surrounding communities with a commitment to elevated standards. The bid process for the 2021 Men's and Women's Hockey championships is underway, with a bidding deadline of June 7, 2019.

#### HOST ORIENTATION WORKSHOP

For the second consecutive year, the national office held an Orientation Workshop for schools hosting national championships in the 2019-20 and 2020-21 seasons. A total of 30 members were in attendance from 15 different hosts at the Hilton Markham Hotel for two days of best practice sharing, learning about national office minimum standards and professional development. Each championship host also had the opportunity to present their vision for their respective event.

Guest speakers included representatives from IMG, T1 Agency, the Canadian Elite Basketball League, Tennis Canada, MLSE Launchpad and Wasserman.

#### SPORT REVIEW

In 2018, the framework of a new sport model was created, reviewed by the membership and approved by the Board of Directors. After a comprehensive process of review and consultation with Bob Copeland, recommendations were provided to introduce a new sport model to advance U SPORTS. In 2019, a second ad-hoc committee was assembled to operationalize the sport model in the report and includes a review of the criteria and key performance indicators. They will also create an NSO application process for the addition of new sports as well as identify the target sports to be added and/or reclassified in Years 1,2 and 3 and future evaluation recommendation. U SPORTS will share the criteria and key performance indicators with the membership and after collection and review of feedback, the final model will go for approval to the Board of Directors in Fall 2019.

#### WOMEN'S HOCKEY PILOT PROJECT

U SPORTS collected and reviewed further data on the Women's Hockey Pilot Project this past year with the assistance of Bob Copeland with the McLaren Global Sport Solutions Inc. The principal objective of this past year's consultation was to assess the level of sentiment from athletic directors of women's hockey playing institutions given the considerable debate and various

anecdotal reporting of the pilot program's success or lack thereof. Additional information from a representative sample of U SPORTS women's hockey student-athletes, as well as feedback from Hockey Canada's high-performance program provides important perspectives concerning both the opportunities and challenges for the sport. An ad-hoc committee was struck to flesh out recommendations, which will go to the Board of Directors for approval in September 2019.

#### INDIVIDUAL SPORTS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

U SPORTS is developing a new hosting and financial models in collaboration with the respective institutions of the individual sports of Swimming, Wrestling, Track and Field and Women's Field Hockey. Cross Country currently has a functional model and is not part of these discussions.

#### U SPORTS & OHL PRESENTATIONS

For the third consecutive year, U SPORTS presented academic and athletic opportunities in Canadian university sport to players of the Ontario Hockey League (OHL) during OHL Professional Development Sessions in January and February. The sessions included information on U SPORTS high performance programming. A comprehensive U SPORTS Men's Hockey Guide Book, featuring information shared at the presentations and profiles of each of the 35 men's hockey programs has also been created.

#### FOOTBALL VISIONING AND STRATEGY SESSIONS

As part of U SPORTS' effort to create a more competitive, balanced and sustainable football program across Canadian universities, U SPORTS will host a Football Strategy Session adjacent to the U SPORTS Conference and Annual Meeting in Markham, Ont. The purpose is to gather all Athletic Directors and Head Coaches of football institutions to review the top issues across the country that have been identified by a smaller group of conference representatives.

#### CPL AND CEBL PARTNERSHIPS

The Canadian Premier League (CPL) and the Canadian Elite Basketball League (CEBL) approached U SPORTS in February 2018, with the goal of partnering to provide opportunities to student-athletes and to further grow the sports of soccer and basketball, respectively. The partnership promotes viable pathways to pursue a career for Canadian student-athletes after graduating through their university programs. Both leagues conducted inaugural drafts for U SPORTS student-athletes.



# Governance & Operations

## LEADERSHIP BREAKFAST SERIES

This season, U SPORTS held monthly sessions where guest speakers from the field of sport management visited the national office and provided U SPORTS staff and intern teams with real world examples of senior leaders succeeding in their respective industries of sport and leadership. These individuals share their career paths, and reflect on the lessons learned throughout their journeys in fields of sport business and leadership.

## STRATEGIC PLAN

After a thorough consultation and discussion process lasting almost two years, U SPORTS is thrilled to move forward with a new Strategic Plan to guide the organization's priorities and decisions from 2019 to 2024.

The approved Plan incorporates input from 56 member institutions, four conferences, national office staff, and various stakeholders throughout the Canadian sport system. The Plan outlines the Vision, Mission, and Values of the organization, the Operating Principles that inform its day-to-day work, and the Strategic Priorities and Key Initiatives that will help move Canadian university sports forward over the next five years. Next, national office staff will work with the Board to develop Key Performance Indicators and Timelines to ensure that the office is fully invested in, and accountable to, the ambitious new Strategic Plan.

## GOVERNANCE REVIEW

In April 2015, the governance of university sport in Canada was substantially transformed. Membership-wide votes were substantially reduced, the Board of Directors was restructured to guide high-level, strategic decisions, and the Chief Executive Officer was empowered to manage the national office's day-to-day operations. It was a monumental change in the way national business was done, and after three years of working under the new model it was agreed that a Governance Review would be beneficial.

The objective of the review was to determine whether the goals of the 2015 transformation were still relevant, and to identify whether the implementation was effective, and how it could be improved. A detailed Report and Recommendations have been approved, the crux of which sets out that the membership continues to support a high-level, strategic Board supporting a CEO who's empowered to manage day-to-day operations. Various ideas for improving the implementation of that vision have been proposed, which will be put in place in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

## U SPORTS CENTRAL

U SPORTS' online sport management portal continued to improve by leaps and bounds in 2018-19. Perhaps most significantly, the issuing, tracking, and publicizing of Letters of Intent has been transitioned from a paper-based system to U SPORTS Central. As a result, an LOI registry that had historically been months out of date, and thus of very limited value to coaches and athletic department staff, is now accurate to within 48 hours. In addition, whereas LOIs might previously have been improperly signed or otherwise incomplete or incorrect, and such deficiencies only noticed when an issue arose, U SPORTS Central ensures that LOIs are done properly, or are not registered as complete.

In addition, after a lengthy delay resulting from issues with the previously-used online platform, Athletic Financial Award submissions for 2015-16, 2016-17, and 2017-18 have now been completed on U SPORTS Central, and the results communicated to the membership. Staff look forward to further advancements on this important system in 2019-20!

## TRANSGENDER POLICY

After more than 18 months of research and discussion, U SPORTS approved its first Transgender Policy in Fall 2018. The Policy permits student-athletes to participate in U SPORTS competition based on the gender as which they identify. Accordingly, it is among the most progressive and inclusive transgender policies in high-level sport, a position for which the organization has been lauded by the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport, the Canadian Association for the Advance of Women in Sport, and others. The development of the Policy was done by the Equity Committee, and ultimately approved unanimously by the Board.

More recently, the Equity Committee also developed and distributed a Transgender Guidance Document. Beyond simply outlining who could participate as which gender, the Guidance Document outlines anti-doping implications, recommends best practices, and responds to various Frequently Asked Questions.

# Commercial

## DIGITAL PERFORMANCES

The 2018-19 season saw a considerable increase on all U SPORTS digital channels, including the website, Facebook, Instagram and all Twitter accounts.

### Facebook (@USPORTSCanada)

Total Followers: 11,032  
+11%

### Twitter (@USPORTSca)

Total Followers: 42,124  
+16%

### Instagram (@USPORTSca)

Total Followers: 22,014  
+36%

Increase of visits and traffic on USPORTS.ca between 2017-18 and 2018-19 season:

- Page views: +40%  
(5.6 Million for Sept. 2018-March 2019)
- Highest Traffic Period: 1.8x  
(March 2018: 943,000 / March 2019: 1,700,218)

## FOOTBALL STATISTICS MANUAL

With the support of John Edwards and Paul Carson, the U SPORTS National office worked at delivering a National Football Statistics manual. The manual is designed to cover all situations that may arise during a football game to help the statistician avoid guessing. It is based on the manual originally produced by Paul Carson, from earlier work by Peter Barnsley and Paul Condon. The manual also aims to provide a standard for national statistics.

## TOP 10 TUESDAY REVAMP

The U SPORTS Top 10 rankings underwent significant change this season. All fall team sports, which had previously determined the weekly Top 10 based on votes from coaches or media panels are now fully based on a statistical approach known as the ELO Rating system in soccer and rugby, and determined by combining that approach with an equally-weighted media panel in football as well as in men's hockey.

Modifications for different sports have been made by our partner RankR. Each system is modified and tailored for the specific sport in question, and it brings in historical data from past seasons to help compare teams that don't directly play each other, such as those in different conferences.

The national office is evaluating potential adjustments for next season, as well further implementation into additional sports in the coming years.

## TUESDAY MORNING SKATE PODCAST

U SPORTS launched its official podcast channel during the 2018-19 season, with the debut of Tuesday Morning Skate, a new weekly show dedicated to U SPORTS hockey, hosted by Victor Findlay.

Findlay, a recent graduate of Ryerson's Radio & Television Arts (RTA): Sport Media program, provided the play-by-play for the 2018 and 2019 U SPORTS Cavendish Farms University Cup on Sportsnet and is known as the U SPORTS men's hockey insider.

Each week, Tuesday Morning Skate featured a weekly recap of key performances, analysis of top stories, and interviews with current players and coaches, as well as alumni finding success in their post-varsity careers.

## U SPORTS SHOP

U SPORTS apparel and merchandise will no longer be limited to student-athletes and national champions with the launch of a new online store at shop.usports.ca.

U SPORTS fans, including friends and family of varsity athletes from coast to coast will now have the opportunity to buy their very own U SPORTS-branded clothing and accessories through the store.

The store currently features a selection of U SPORTS fan wear from shirts and hoodies to hats, jackets and bags, as well as flip-flops. In addition, the store introduces a range of Team Canada merchandise to support U SPORTS student-athletes who represent our country on the international stage.

## WEBSITE IMPROVEMENTS

USPORTS.ca has evolved to accommodate feedback from users and fans and to better serve our members. After the launch of the new stats ticker at the beginning of the season, USPORTS.ca has activated a couple of new features such as shortcut buttons to HQ, USPORTS.Live and U SPORTS Shop, a customizable promo block on the home page and new partner banners offering more flexibility and visibility to our partners, including the four conferences. USPORTS.ca has also improved the look and feel of the statistics pages.



## 2018-19 New and Continuing Partnerships



### BARON CHAMPIONSHIP RINGS

Baron Championship Rings is the new Exclusive Provider of championship rings and recognition jewelry for the next five seasons. As the Exclusive Provider of championship rings and recognition jewelry, Baron will provide customized rings to the Top 8 Academic All-Canadians, Lieutenant Governor Athletic Award nominees for U SPORTS Athletes of the Year, First Team All-Canadians in football, basketball and hockey, as well as other major award winners. In addition, Baron will be given priority access to design rings for all U SPORTS national championship teams until 2023.



### EVENT CONNECT

EventConnect by RoomRoster was chosen as the official accommodation partner for the 2019 Winter National Championships. As the official accommodation partner, EventConnect sourced lowest rate hotels for fans, friends, and family heading to all 10 winter championship events. It offered a personalized reservation system and reserved room blocks and the best group rates available.



### FOX 40

Fox 40 has been chosen as the new title sponsor of all 21 Coach of the Year Awards for the next two seasons. The Fox 40 Coach of the Year will be honoured at all U SPORTS national championships during pre-championship All-Canadian Awards galas in team sports and post-competition banquets or award ceremonies in individual sports.



### GILBERT RUGBY CANADA

As the official Rugby Ball Supplier of U SPORTS, Gilbert Rugby Canada provided match balls and other prizing to the 2018 U SPORTS Women's Rugby Championship.



### THE GLOBE AND MAIL

For the 2017-18 season, The Globe and Mail – U SPORTS' official media partner – expanded their partnership with the national office by serving as the presenting sponsoring of the U SPORTS Correspondent Awards, supporting grassroots journalism and celebrating student sports journalism in Canada.

The Correspondent Program aims to give student-journalists from across the country the opportunity to write a variety of human interest stories and profiles on U SPORTS student-athletes and programs, promote university sports in Canada, as well as build their portfolio - a true "by students, for students" initiative.



### MIKASA

As the Exclusive Volleyball Supplier of U SPORTS, Mikasa has reaffirmed its commitment to university sports in Canada and will provide match balls, as well as other prizing to the U SPORTS Men's Volleyball Championship and the U SPORTS Women's Volleyball Championship in 2019 and 2020.



### IMG

IMG has been selected to build and execute a sponsorship strategy for its four member conferences and 56 member universities. In addition to aggregating rights across the U SPORTS network, IMG will also develop sponsorship opportunities for U SPORTS' national championships, including the Vanier Cup and championships operated by the conferences; as well as member school assets including recreation centres, intramural programs and varsity sports.



### SHERRARD KUZZ

Sherrard Kuzz will support the travel, accommodation and hospitality of the Top 8 Academic All-Canadians in the lead-up to the Governor General's Academic All-Canadian Commendation.

Started in 2001, Sherrard Kuzz LLP – one of Canada's leading employment and labour law firms representing employers – employs several colleagues who are former U SPORTS Academic All-Canadians and student-athletes, including the firm's founder, Michael Sherrard.



### TVA SPORTS

TVA Sports will remain the official broadcaster of the Vanier Cup final as well as the national semifinals, the Uteck and Mitchell Bowls. The deal extends to 2023 inclusively. As the official broadcaster since 2015, TVA Sports continues to be a leader in university football broadcasting all season long, not only for the national semifinals and finals, but also for regular season games in Quebec. In March, TVA Sports also renewed its agreement with the RSEQ until 2023.



### VEREBURN MEDICAL SUPPLY

As the Official Sports Medicine and Medical Supply Partner, Verburn will support the development of university sports in Canada until 2021 and will provide medical kits consisting of athletic tape and wraps to multiple U SPORTS Championships, and the U SPORTS Men's and Women's Hockey All-Star Teams.



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# 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT



Financial Statements of

U SPORTS

Year ended March 31, 2019



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of U SPORTS

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of U SPORTS (the “Entity”), which comprise:

- the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2019
- the statement of operations for the year then ended
- the statement of changes in net assets for the year then ended
- the statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies

(Hereinafter referred to as the “financial statements”).

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements, present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Entity as at March 31, 2019, and its results of operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian Accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the “Auditors’ Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements” section of our auditors’ report.

We are independent of the Entity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada and we have fulfilled our other responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

KPMG LLP is a Canadian limited liability partnership and a member firm of the KPMG network of independent member firms affiliated with KPMG International Cooperative (“KPMG International”), a Swiss entity. KPMG Canada provides services to KPMG LLP.





**Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process.

**Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Entity's internal control.



- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Kanata, Canada

May 21, 2019



U SPORTS

Statement of Financial Position

March 31, 2019, with comparative information for 2018

	2019	2018
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ -	\$ 98,106
Accounts receivable	612,692	450,276
Investments	-	50,000
Prepaid expenses and advances	246,729	208,515
Inventories	38,119	25,000
	897,540	831,897
Tangible capital assets (note 2)	740,707	751,649
	\$ 1,638,247	\$ 1,583,546

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current liabilities:		
Bank indebtedness	\$ 32,473	\$ -
Line of credit (note 3)	20,000	-
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (note 4)	922,435	798,751
Deferred revenue	52,893	63,375
	1,027,801	862,126
Leasehold inducement	175,001	200,000
Travel pool and championship bond payable	364,420	341,503
Coaches Excellence Fund	279,623	242,957
Net assets (note 5):		
Internally restricted for RBC student - athlete fund	-	50,000
Invested in tangible capital and intangible assets	565,706	514,219
Unrestricted	(774,304)	(627,259)
	(208,598)	(63,040)
Commitments (note 6)		
	\$ 1,638,247	\$ 1,583,546

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

On behalf of the Board:

  
Pierre Zundel, Chair - Finance Committee

  
Graham Brown, CEO

U SPORTS

Statement of Operations

Year ended March 31, 2019, with comparative information for 2018

	2019	2018
<b>Revenue:</b>		
Member dues	\$ 1,543,699	\$ 1,513,686
Funding	793,950	806,929
Events/competitions	722,974	797,600
International	669,379	728,753
Marketing	376,291	597,498
U SPORTS central	341,594	171,351
Interest and other	108,946	114,392
Donations	25,000	30,000
Merchandising	11,073	7,083
	4,592,906	4,767,292
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Payroll	1,706,415	1,726,513
Travel	1,005,765	1,074,464
Administration	561,630	603,433
Commercial	527,006	689,691
International	472,204	413,049
Dues	178,500	178,500
Events and competitions	150,830	280,732
Merchandising	86,114	66,561
	4,688,464	5,032,943
Deficiency of revenue over expenses before the undernoted	(95,558)	(265,651)
Other income:		
Foreign exchange gain	-	945
Deficiency of revenue over expenses	\$ (95,558)	\$ (264,706)

See accompanying notes to financial statements.



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## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

Year ended March 31, 2019, with comparative information for 2018

	Restricted for RBC student- athlete fund	Invested in TCA	Unrestricted	2019	2018
Net assets, beginning of year	\$ 50,000	\$ 514,219	\$ (627,259)	\$ (63,040)	\$ 201,666
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	-	24,999	(120,557)	(95,558)	(264,706)
Additions to tangible capital assets	-	115,149	(115,149)	-	-
Amortization of tangible capital and intangible assets	-	(126,091)	126,091	-	-
Release of restricted reserve/interfund transfer	(50,000)	37,430	(37,430)	(50,000)	-
Net assets, end of year	\$ -	\$ 565,706	\$ (774,304)	\$ (208,598)	\$ (63,040)

See accompanying notes to financial statements.



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Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended March 31, 2019, with comparative information for 2018

	2019	2018
Cash provided by (used in):		
Operating activities:		
Deficiency of revenue over expenses	\$ (95,558)	\$ (264,706)
Items not involving cash:		
Amortization of leasehold inducement	(24,999)	(37,430)
Amortization of tangible capital and intangible assets	126,091	121,709
Net change in non-cash operating working capital items:		
Decrease in investments	50,000	-
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable	(162,416)	190,296
Increase in inventories	(13,119)	(25,000)
Increase in prepaid expenses and advances	(38,214)	(113,517)
Increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	123,684	206,590
Increase in travel pool and championship bond payable	22,917	-
Increase (decrease) in Coaches Excellence Fund	36,666	(5,243)
Decrease in deferred revenue	(10,482)	(33,387)
	14,570	39,312
Financing activities:		
Increase in operating line of credit	20,000	-
Endowment fund transfer	(50,000)	-
	(30,000)	-
Investing activities:		
Purchase of tangible capital and intangible assets	(115,149)	(89,504)
Decrease in cash	(130,579)	(50,192)
Cash, beginning of year	98,106	148,298
Cash (bank indebtedness), end of year	\$ (32,473)	\$ 98,106

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Year ended March 31, 2019

The mission of U SPORTS (the "Organization") is to enrich the educational experience of the athlete through a national sports program that fosters excellence through quality educational and athletic experience, unity of purpose, respect for autonomy, integrity and fair play, trust and mutual respect, equity and equality of experience.

The Organization is a Registered Canadian Amateur Athletic Association under the Income Tax Act (Canada), and is not subject to income taxes. Effective September 4, 2014, the Organization continued its articles of incorporation under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act.

1. Significant accounting policies:

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations and include the following significant accounting policies:

(a) Revenue recognition:

The Organization uses the deferral method of accounting for contributions for not-for-profit organizations.

Restricted revenue is recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenditure is incurred.

Unrestricted revenue is recognized as revenue when it is received or becomes receivable.

Membership fees are recognized as revenue in the period in which they become receivable.

(b) Tangible capital assets:

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost less accumulated amortization. Amortization of office furniture and equipment is provided on the straight line basis over five years, computers and computer software is provided on the same basis over three years and amortization of leasehold improvements is provided over the term of the lease.

(c) Sports Canada contributions:

Contributions received from Sport Canada are subject to specific terms and conditions regarding the expenditure of the funds. The Organization's accounting records are subject to audit by Sport Canada to identify instances, if any, in which amounts charged against contributions have not complied with the agreed terms and conditions and which therefore would be refundable to Sport Canada. Adjustments to prior years' contributions are recorded in the year in which Sport Canada requests the adjustment.



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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended March 31, 2019

1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(d) Financial instruments:

Financial instruments are recorded at fair value on initial recognition. Equity instruments that are quoted in an active market are subsequently measured at fair value. All other financial instruments are subsequently recorded at cost or amortized cost, unless management has elected to carry the instruments at fair value. The Organization has elected to carry investments at fair value.

Transaction costs incurred on the acquisition of financial instruments measured subsequently at fair value are expensed as incurred. All other financial instruments are adjusted by transaction costs incurred on acquisition and financing costs, which are amortized using the effective interest rate method.

Financial assets are assessed for impairment on an annual basis at the end of the fiscal year if there are indicators of impairment. If there is an indicator of impairment, the Organization determines if there is a significant adverse change in the expected amount or timing of future cash flows from the financial asset. If there is a significant adverse change in the expected cash flows, the carrying value of the financial asset is reduced to the highest of the present value of the expected cash flows, the amount that could be realized from selling the financial asset or the amount the Organization expects to realize by exercising its right to any collateral. If events and circumstances reverse in a future period, an impairment loss will be reversed to the extent of the improvement, not exceeding the initial carrying value.

(e) Use of estimates:

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the year. Actual results could differ from those estimates. These estimates are reviewed annually and as adjustments become necessary, they are recognized in the financial statements in the period they become known.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended March 31, 2019

2. Tangible capital and intangible assets:

	2019		2018	
	Cost	Accumulated amortization	Net book value	Net book value
Tangible capital assets:				
Office furniture and equipment	\$ 282,012	\$ 179,929	\$ 102,083	\$ 131,555
Computer	39,576	29,838	9,738	14,161
Leasehold improvements	572,316	102,558	469,758	489,860
Intangible capital assets:				
Computer software	228,641	69,513	159,128	116,073
	\$ 1,122,545	\$ 381,838	\$ 740,707	\$ 751,649

Cost and accumulated amortization at March 31, 2018 amounted to \$1,007,396 and \$255,747, respectively.

3. Line of credit:

The Organization has a line of credit of \$100,000 with a Canadian chartered bank. The line of credit bears interest at prime plus 2.0% per annum. At year-end, the Organization had drawn \$20,000 (2018 - \$Nil) on the line of credit.

4. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities:

	2019	2018
Trade	\$ 375,684	\$ 348,093
Travel pool	339,354	243,275
Accrued liabilities / payroll-related	144,840	131,160
Credit cards payable / staff expenses	62,556	76,223
	\$ 922,434	\$ 798,751



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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended March 31, 2019

5. Net assets:

The Organization considers its capital to consist of its unrestricted and internally restricted net assets. The objective of the Organization with respect to its capital is to fund ongoing operations and future projects. The Organization manages its capital by maintaining and monitoring amounts available for future projects, contingencies and other capital requirements.

During the year, the Organization released the \$50,000 endowment fund balance to income and has been included in interest and other revenue.

The Organization is not subject to externally imposed capital requirements and its overall strategy with respect to capital remains unchanged from the year ended March 31, 2018.

6. Commitments:

The Organization has entered into a long-term operating lease for rental of office space. The minimum annual payments for the next five years and thereafter are as follows:

2020	\$	136,049
2021		139,726
2022		143,403
2023		143,403
2024		147,080
Thereafter		1,006,330
	\$	1,715,991

7. Economic dependence:

The Organization generates the majority of its revenue from 56 participating Universities in the form of member dues, events and competitions and shared funding arrangements. Future operations of the Organization are dependent upon continued participation of the participating Universities.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended March 31, 2019

8. Financial risk management:

Liquidity risk:

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Organization will be unable to fulfill its obligations on a timely basis or at a reasonable cost. The Organization manages its liquidity risk by monitoring its operating requirements. The Organization prepares budget and cash forecasts to ensure it has sufficient funds to fulfill its obligations.

The Organization is not subject to significant currency, interest rate or credit risks.

There has been no change to these risk exposures from the year ended March 31, 2018.

9. Comparative information:

Certain 2018 comparative information has been reclassified to conform with the financial statement presentation adopted for the current year.









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