



2017/18

Annual Report



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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 2018.

This is a bittersweet letter for me to write, as it is my final communication as Chair of the U SPORTS Board. Although a part of me is sad to be leaving, I'm also extremely proud of all that our organization has accomplished in the last three years - a new governance model has been implemented, our new leadership team has taken over, the office has moved, our name has changed, and our overall level of professionalism has grown considerably. There have been challenges, of course, but I am confident that university sports in Canada are in a better position than ever before.

In the past year, in addition to many other significant advancements, a thorough Sport Model Review has been conducted, building out an objective and reliable structure for critically evaluating our sport offerings. Moving forward, significant decisions on potential changes to those offerings can now be made in an intentional and evidence-based manner. In addition, the collective U SPORTS (made up of 56 member institutions together with a national office) has made great progress on a new Strategic Plan. This Plan is being built on an exhaustive consultation process involving university presidents, athletic directors, conference offices, student-athletes, NSOs, MSOs, and more. It will be an outstanding document that I know will be an important resource to my successor and to the organization as a whole.

While there is certainly some wistfulness to signing off for the final time as the Chair of the Board of U SPORTS, I look forward to watching the new Chair and Directors continue to build upon the promising foundation that we have developed. With your passion, dedication, and teamwork, the university sports system will only continue to grow - I am proud of what we have done, and emboldened by what I know U SPORTS can do. Thank you for allowing me to play a part.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. Mahon', written in a cursive style.

**DR. MICHAEL MAHON**, PhD  
Chair of the Board of Directors





# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Staff of U SPORTS, I am pleased to present our Annual Report for 2018.

It has now been two (2) full academic cycles since I started with CIS / U SPORTS. During this time a great deal has been accomplished both at the Board of Director level and at the operational level of the organization. This past year, one of our priorities has been to improve the way in which the National Office integrates digital media and statistics, which has resulted in significant increases in online traffic at all levels, but in particular with the redesigned U SPORTS website. We have taken a more strategic approach to segmenting some of the digital content of the members, conferences and National Office, while at the same time aggregating league statistics, which has generated a strong platform for all of university sport in Canada. A significant amount of work has been put forth on developing a new Sport Model, developing a stronger business plan for our International department, building a new Strategic Plan and implementing a more sophisticated commercial model. Although some of these projects are not yet complete, these efforts will enhance the frameworks from which U SPORTS will continue to advance university sport in Canada.

This past year also saw the continued evolution of the U SPORTS Central platform. Our vision for gaining a more evidence-based understanding of our university sport system, improving our decision-making, and creating efficiencies through the use of an online portal, is beginning to take form. In addition to the modules that have already launched successfully, more are being developed and implemented, which will further enhance the effectiveness with which our office can deliver our administrative and operational tasks. It is our hope that the value proposition will benefit not only the National Office, but also our conferences and of course our members. Once they are fully operational, U SPORTS Central and Basecamp will ensure that information can flow seamlessly between all levels of our governance and administration. These projects are in their early stages of development, and our staff would like to thank those within the membership who have been

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instrumental in moving these projects forward. The continued support and involvement of our membership is paramount.

In closing, one of the significant challenges of holding the role of President & CEO of such a large, complicated, and geographically expansive organization is the ability to maintain engagement and retain leadership and vision in an ever-changing environment. This organization requires a dedicated staff, and no one is more proud of the work and accomplishments of our team than I am. This organization also relies heavily on the extraordinary volunteer contribution of our members, made all the more amazing since each of our members have significant projects and challenges on their own campuses to manage and lead. I would like to thank all levels of U SPORTS Membership from across Canada who have dedicated their time and effort to sitting on our Board, participating in one or more of our many Committees, taking part in the activities of our International program, hosting or going to National Championships, or attending ad hoc meetings throughout the year. U SPORTS does not exist without this tremendous network of support and leadership that our universities from across Canada provide. I would like to close with a particular note of gratitude to Dr. Michael Mahon, who has not only provided the highest level of leadership to this organization over his tenure, but who has empowered a vision for the future that I believe will both inspire and challenge our university sport leaders across Canada for many years to come.



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



# U SPORTS REBRAND

Canada's university sport brand seeing success one year after U SPORTS launch

By Chris Lomon

On Oct. 20, 2016, the driving forces behind Canadian university sports unveiled a new name at news conferences in Montreal and Toronto. Today, U SPORTS is firmly established as the national brand of the country's outstanding post-secondary student-athletes and their support system.

"It gives me goose bumps, I can't wait to play," says Université de Montréal volleyball player Marie-Alex Bélanger in *Behind The Brand*, a six-minute video showcasing the U SPORTS rebrand which was shown at the 2016 press conferences. "I watched this and told myself, 'Okay, I can't wait to go back to the gym and train with my team.'"

Since the rebrand announcement, collaborations and synergies with the CFL, the NHL (Declaration of Principles initiative), and various National Sport Organizations (NSOs) such as Swimming Canada and Canada Basketball for the Summer Universiade for instance, or with Tennis Canada and Golf Canada for the Canadian University Championships, have further solidified U SPORTS' reputation as a highly-respected sports leader.

The excitement created by the rebrand unveiling – for student-athletes and fans alike – continues to resonate with followers of Canadian university sports, including through the revamped USPORTS.ca website and its connected social media channels (Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and YouTube).

Introduced on Sept. 14 as the latest phase in the U SPORTS rebrand, the new-look USPORTS.ca delivers an appealing digital experience through numerous aesthetic enhancements and an exciting new editorial strategy, combining to offer a comprehensive and engaging user experience.

"Our goal was to make USPORTS.ca a fan-friendly, easy-to-navigate website, where we could bring the stories of our great student-athletes to the forefront, while also delivering key sports information and news from the country's 56 schools," said Ken Saint-Eloy, U SPORTS Senior Manager of Marketing and Communications, of the website that was selected as Site of the Day by *awwwards.com* on Sept. 27, which had 120,000 visitors in its first month. "Our social properties also reflect that commitment to providing a first-rate experience for the thousands of loyal fans of Canadian university sport, and beyond."

A new editorial strategy – rich content that brings to life the compelling stories of the 14,000 student-athletes – coupled with the production of additional and higher quality graphic and video content, has enabled USPORTS.ca and its social channels to widen its scope and attract a larger audience.

Starting with the U SPORTS Correspondent Program (student-journalist storytelling) at the beginning of the 2016-17 season, USPORTS.ca has introduced a higher number and more diverse profile of contributors, while also showcasing exciting new social media initiatives.

At this year's Panda Game, the annual football clash between cross-town rivals Carleton and Ottawa (read more below), Kenzie Lalonde, a former women's hockey standout with the Mount Allison Mounties and current U SPORTS social media host, covered all the action from the sidelines, delivering unique, in-depth coverage of the event.

As well, during the 2016 Uteck and Mitchell Bowls, as well as other national championships, student-athletes and teams were given the opportunity to take over the U SPORTS social media accounts – a

chance for fans of Canadian university sport to get an 'insider's view' of the events.

U SPORTS' use of social media as a vehicle to not only tell the stories of its student-athletes – especially at national championships – but also to distribute these stories to today's technological-savvy students, has resulted in a tremendous boost in key metrics areas since the rebrand.

On the field, U SPORTS athletes and teams are standing out at home and on the world stage, including BLG U SPORTS Athletes of the Year winners Kylie Masse, Andrew Buckley, Philippe Maillet and Arielle Roy-Petclerc.

Masse, a swimming star at the University of Toronto became an Olympic medalist – tying for bronze at the 2016 Summer Games – and world record-holder in the 100m backstroke, a feat she achieved last July at the FINA world championships in Hungary. Her triumph broke an eight-year-old record while becoming the first female Canadian swimmer to ever win a world title.

Buckley, a two-time Hec Crighton recipient with the University

**“It gives me goose bumps, I can't wait to play,”**

**Marie-Alex Bélanger**  
Université de Montréal



Credit: Vivid Eye Photography

of Calgary Dinos, played the last two seasons as a quarterback with the Calgary Stampede before retiring to pursue medical school. In 2016, he became the first Canadian to pass for a touchdown in the Grey Cup since Russ Jackson in 1969.

Maillet (University of New Brunswick), the 2017 U SPORTS men’s hockey Player of the Year, University Cup champion and MVP, signed a pro contract with the Ontario Reign, the American Hockey League (AHL) affiliate of the Los Angeles Kings.

Roy-Petitclerc, a soccer star at Université Laval, and last year’s female BLG Award recipient alongside Maillet, was selected as flag-bearer at the 2017 Summer Universiade in Chinese Taipei, leading a delegation of 387 Canadians into the Opening Ceremony. The former Rouge et Or star played for ASPTT Albi in the top French league this season.

In the international program, gymnast and Olympian Ellie Black (Dalhousie University) became the first Canadian gymnast to win a world all-around medal, taking silver at the 2017 world championships in Montreal. U SPORTS also sent and fully managed five teams to the Summer Universiade for the first time. The men’s and women’s soccer and volleyball teams, along with the men’s basketball squad sent to Taipei over the summer were all run in-house instead of their respective NSOs as in past. Team Canada came home with 13 medals from the Games – four gold, five silver and four bronze.

On the gridiron, football player Antony Auclair (Université Laval) made the Tampa Bay Buccaneers’ 53-man roster.

Schools are also making their mark with notable achievements, including the Carleton men’s basketball squad, who were

defending seven-time national champions until this season, continuing to shine on the hardcourt, both on home soil and against NCAA competition. Meanwhile, the 2017 Panda Game – a rivalry that originally kicked-off in 1955 – was played in front of a modern-day Panda Game-record crowd of 24,420.

Other marquee matchups that annually draw top attendance across the country include the Crowchild Classic (Calgary/Mount Royal) and Steel Blade (Brock/Guelph) men’s hockey events, the Capital Hoops Classic basketball game between Ottawa and Carleton, and the North America Challenge between McMaster and Ohio State in men’s volleyball.

U SPORTS hockey also continues to grow in both popularity and on-ice success. In December, the U SPORTS All-Stars – featuring the best players across the country – swept Canada’s National Junior Team Prospects in a two-game series for the first time. Last summer, the best U SPORTS women’s hockey players defeated Canada’s National Women’s Development Team. On Nov. 13, former University of Alberta hockey head coach Clare Drake was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame as part of its 2017 class.

All of these achievements are a testament to the talent level demonstrated by Canadian student-athletes and the programs available to them at their U SPORTS institutions.

“We look forward to continuing to shine the light on the outstanding accomplishments and personal triumphs of the student-athletes,” said Graham Brown, President and CEO of U SPORTS. “Their stories will no doubt strike a chord with everyone who reads them on USPORTS.ca.” 🍁

# 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.  
14,000 student-athletes.  
Millions of stories.

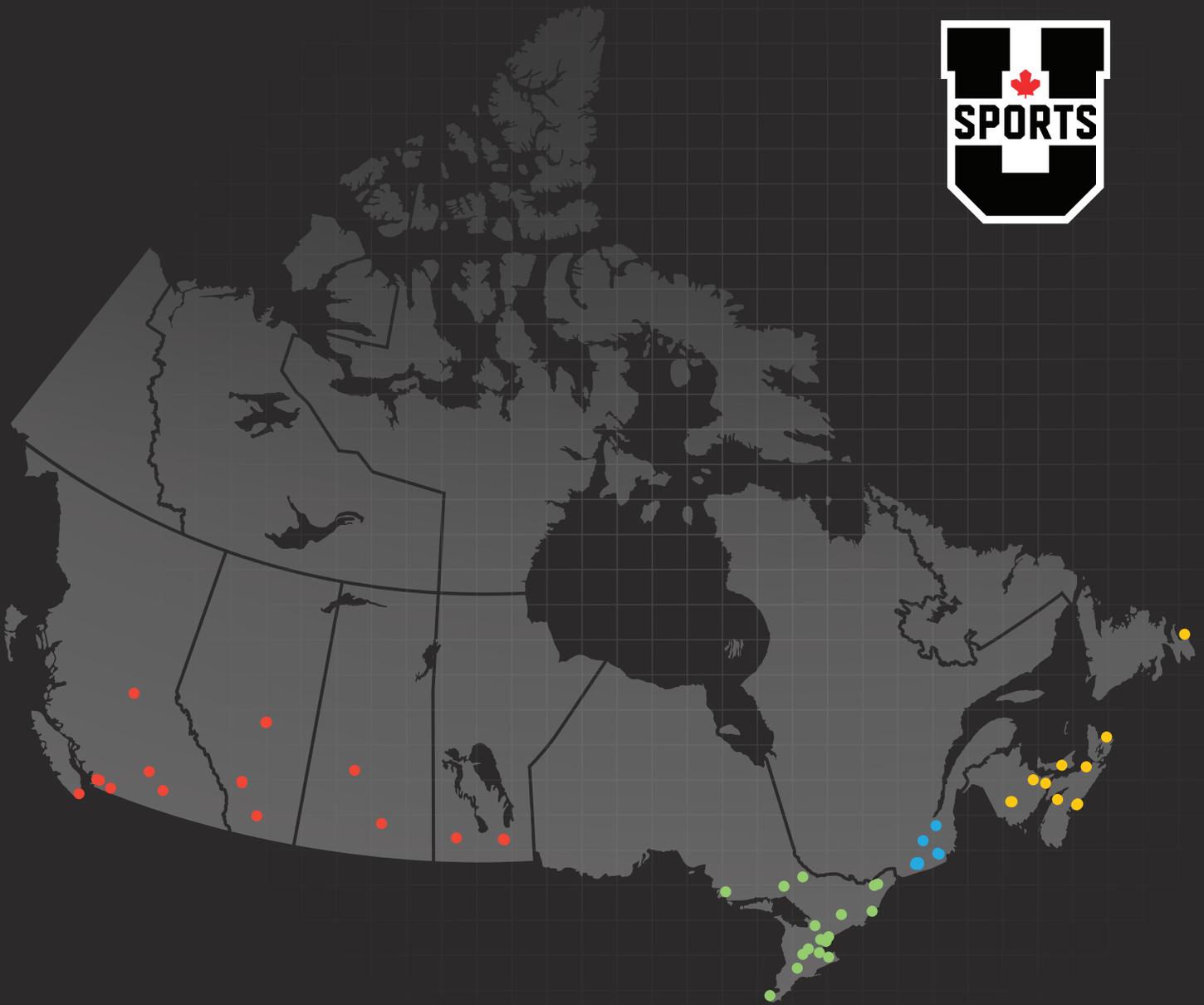
Introducing U SPORTS.





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# Membership Landscape



## U SPORTS by The Numbers

4 Conferences

21 National Championships

12 Sports

43 Cities



**20 Schools**  
**15 Cities**

- Algoma University
- Brock University
- Carleton University
- University of Guelph
- Lakehead University
- Laurentian University
- McMaster University
- Nipissing University
- University of Ontario Institute of Technology
- 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

**56** Member Institutions

**3,600+** Academic All-Canadians

**700+** Head Coaches

**14,000+** Student-Athletes



Credit: Don Voaklander

# 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.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Name (Institution)

**Dr. Michael Mahon (Lethbridge)**  
President & Board Chair – CW

**Robert Campbell (Mount Allison)**  
Treasurer and President rep. – AUS

**Michael Goldbloom (Bishop's)**  
President rep. – RSEQ

**Dr. Pierre Zundel (Laurentian)**  
President rep. – OUA

**Beth Ali (U of T)**  
Director rep. – OUA

**Clint Hamilton (Victoria)**  
Director rep. – CW

**John Richard (UNB)**  
Director rep. – AUS

**Manon Simard (Montréal)**  
Secretary and Director rep. – RSEQ

**Dr. Annette Trimbee (Winnipeg)**  
Member at Large

**Graham Brown (non-voting)**  
President and CEO - U SPORTS

## CURRENT STAFF

### Name

### Title

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President and Chief Executive Officer

**David Goldstein**

Chief Operating Officer

**Lisette Johnson-Stapley**

Chief Sport Officer

**Ken Saint-Eloy**

Senior Manager, Marketing & Communications

**Tony Martire**

Manager, Finance

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**Zach Weese**

Administrator, Sport

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**U SPORTS 2017-18 Interns:** Derek Chen (Ryerson), Edward Moon (Toronto), Lauréan-Étienne Tardif (Laval), Paige Cooper (Western), Simi Olatunji (Ryerson), Neil Welchman (Humber), Sean Melo (Brock), Peter Stylianou (Durham), Jake Becker (Brock), Jessica Carmichael (McMaster), Antonie Godin (Northwestern State), Elisa Iannarelli (Humber), Liam Kopp (McMaster), Damjan Peric (Humber), Janelle Shapton (Loyalist), Shannon Stewart (George Brown).



UNIVERSITY	MONIKER (M/W)	ATHLETIC DIRECTOR	PRESIDENT
<b>Atlantic University Sport (AUS)</b>			
Acadia University	Axemen / Axewomen	Kevin Dickie	Dr. Peter J. Ricketts
Cape Breton University	Capers	John Ryan	David Dingwall
Dalhousie University	Tigers	Tim Maloney	Dr. Richard Florizone
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 Arseneault	Dr. Robert Campbell
University of New Brunswick	Varsity 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
<b>Réseau du sport étudiant du Québec (RSEQ)</b>			
Bishop's University	Gaiters	Matt McBrine	Michael Goldbloom
Concordia University	Stingers	D'Arcy Ryan	Dr. Alan Shepard
Université Laval	Rouge et Or	Julie Dionne	Dr. Sophie D'Amours
McGill University	Redmen / 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	Jean-Pierre Hamel	Dr. Magda Fusaro
<b>Ontario University Athletics (OUA)</b>			
Algoma University	Thunderbirds	Mark Kontulainen	Asima C. Vezina
Brock University	Badgers	Neil Lumsden	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 (interim)
Laurentian University	Voyageurs	Peter Hellstrom	Dr. Pierre Zundel (interim)
McMaster University	Marauders	Glen Grunwald	Dr. Patrick Deane
Nipissing University	Lakers	Vito Castiglione	Dr. Mike DeGagné
University of Ontario Institute of Technology	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	Dr. Ivan Joseph	Dr. Mohamed Lachemi
University of Toronto	Varsity Blues	Beth Ali	Dr. 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. Alan Wildeman
York University	Lions	Jennifer Myers	Dr. Rhonda L. Lenton
<b>Canada West (CW)</b>			
University of Alberta	Golden Bears / Pandas	Ian Reade	Dr. David Turpin
Brandon University	Bobcats	Russ Paddock	Dr. Steven Robinson (interim)
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. Elizabeth Cannon
University of the Fraser Valley	Cascades	Steve Tuckwood	Dr. Joanne MacLean
University of Lethbridge	Pronghorns	Ken McInnes	Dr. Michael 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. David Docherty
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 Stoicheff
Thompson Rivers University	WolfPack	Curtis Atkinson	Dr. Alan Shaver
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: Kevin Jarrold

# 2017-18 National Championship Hosts

With more than 14,000 student-athletes in 56 U SPORTS universities, U SPORTS is proud to bring these moments to life by hosting 21 national championships across 12 sport disciplines.

SPORT	CHAMPIONS	HOST
Field Hockey	UBC Thunderbirds	UBC Thunderbirds
Women's Rugby	Ottawa Gee-Gees	Lethbridge Pronghorns
Women's Soccer	Montreal Carabins	Manitoba Bisons
Men's Soccer	Cape Breton Capers	Thompson Rivers WolfPack
Women's Cross Country	Toronto Varsity Blues	Victoria Vikes
Men's Cross Country	Guelph Gryphons	Victoria Vikes
Mitchell Bowl	Laval Rouge et Or	Calgary Dinos
Uteck Bowl	Western Mustangs	Acadia Axemen
Vanier Cup	Western Mustangs	U SPORTS / Hamilton, Ont. - Tim Hortons Field
Women's Swimming	UBC Thunderbirds	Toronto Varsity Blues
Men's Swimming	UBC Thunderbirds	Toronto Varsity Blues
Men's Wrestling	Brock Badgers	Algoma Thunderbirds
Women's Wrestling	Brock Badgers	Algoma Thunderbirds
Women's Basketball	Carleton Ravens	Regina Cougars
Men's Basketball	Calgary Dinos	Acadia Axemen / Sport & Entertainment Atlantic - Scotiabank Centre, Halifax
Women's Track and Field	Guelph Gryphons	Windsor Lancers
Men's Track and Field	Guelph Gryphons	Windsor Lancers
Women's Volleyball	Ryerson Rams	Laval Rouge et Or
Men's Volleyball	UBC Thunderbirds	McMaster Marauders
Women's Hockey	Manitoba Bisons	Western Mustangs
Men's Hockey	Alberta Golden Bears	UNB Varsity Reds
Women's Curling	Alberta Pandas	Curling Canada - Leduc Recreation Centre
Men's Curling	Alberta Golden Bears	Curling Canada - Leduc Recreation Centre

# FIELD HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP



Date: Nov. 3-5, 2017

Host School: UBC



Credit: Rich Lam

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

DATE	RESULTS
Nov. 3	Game 1 UBC 2, York 0
Nov. 4	Game 2 UBC 2, York 0



## Award Winners



### Championship MVP



Sarah Keglowsch  
UBC



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



Jaslan Stirling  
York



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



Rowan Harris  
UBC



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



Lindsay Cole  
Victoria



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



Rachelle Séguin  
Queen's



### Official of the Year



Denise Pelletier  
OUA

## All-Canadians

Rowan Harris, UBC  
Sarah Keglowsch, UBC  
Abbey MacLellan, UBC  
Ciara Morrison, Queen's

Michelle Patterson, Calgary  
Margaret Pham, UBC  
Rebecca Plouffe, Guelph  
Rachel Spouge, Toronto

Jaslan Stirling, York  
Sabrina Wong, Calgary  
Emily Ziraldo, Toronto

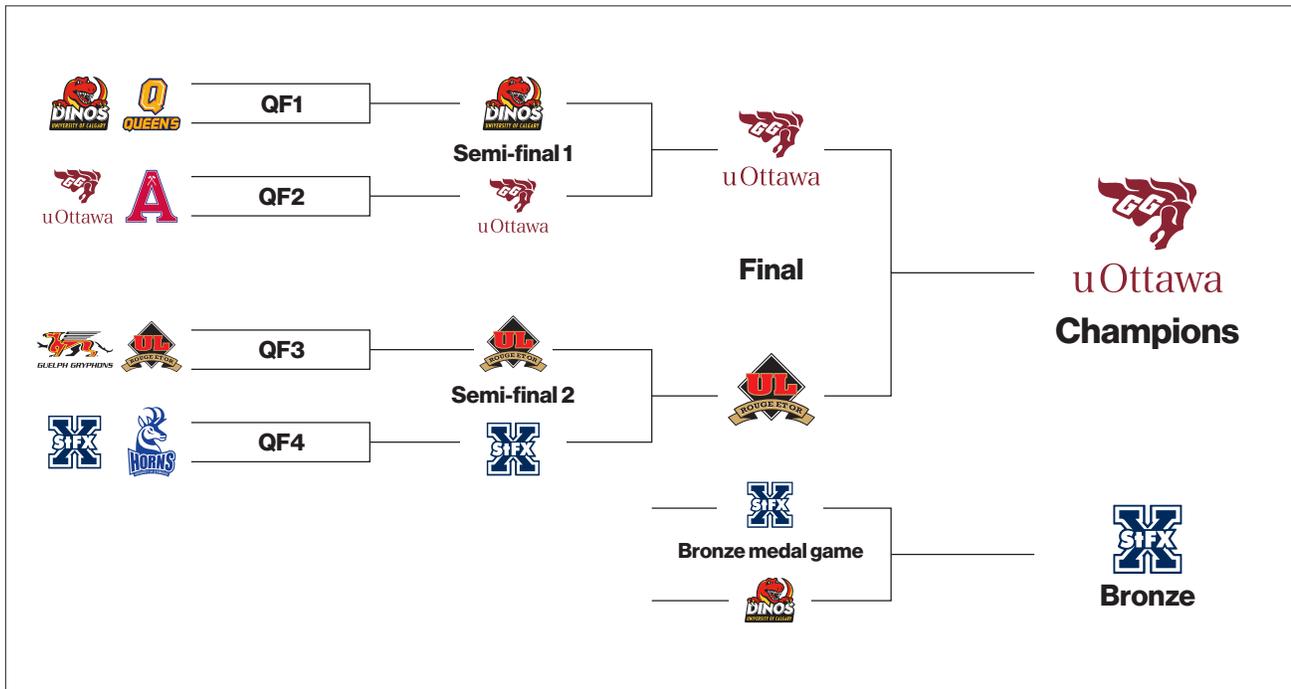
# WOMEN'S RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP

Date: Nov. 2-5, 2017

Host School: University of Lethbridge



Credit: Ron Leblanc



## Award Winners



### Championship MVP

 Dria Bennett  
Ottawa



### Player of the Year

 Frédérique Rajotte  
Concordia



### Rookie of the Year

 Sophie de Goede  
Queen's



### Student-Athlete Community Service Award

 Angela Thompson  
Victoria



### Jim Atkinson Award (Coach of the Year)

 Colette McAuley  
Guelph



### R.W. Pugh Fair Play Award

Lethbridge

## Championship All-Stars

Maude Laliberté, Laval  
Rosalie Lepage-Tremblay, Laval  
Alexandria Ellis, Ottawa  
Breanna Phillipps, Ottawa  
Carolyn Williams, StFX

Amelia Hatfield, StFX  
Emily Babcock, Ottawa  
Sophie de Goede, Queen's  
Justine Pelletier, Laval  
Jaelei Meyer, StFX

Samantha Alli, Ottawa  
Marie Thibault, Laval  
Dria Bennett, Ottawa  
Frédérique Ferland, Laval  
Elysa Sandron, Calgary

## First Team All-Canadians

Joanna Alphonso, StFX  
Julia Folk, Victoria  
DaLeaka Menin, Calgary  
Kasselle Menin, Calgary  
McKinley Hunt, Queen's

Ngalula Fuamba, Montreal  
Sara Svoboda, McMaster  
Temitope Ogunjimi, Calgary  
Justine Pelletier, Laval  
Julia Schell, Guelph

June Beals, StFX  
Brittany Orr, Lethbridge  
Frédérique Rajotte, Concordia  
Alexandra Ondo, Ottawa  
Nikki Case, Western

## Second Team All-Canadians

Tiffany Picketts, Victoria  
Lauren Melanson, Acadia  
Maude Laliberté, Laval  
Laetitia Royer, Concordia  
Harley Tucker, Acadia

Chanelle Edwards-Challenger, Victoria  
Danielle Wisen, Acadia  
Kylie Shaughnessy, Guelph  
Jessica Neilson, Victoria  
Anaïs Holly, Montreal

Alysha Corrigan, UPEI  
Britni French, McMaster  
Mackenzie Carson, UBC  
Petra Woods, York  
Samantha Alli, Ottawa

# MEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP

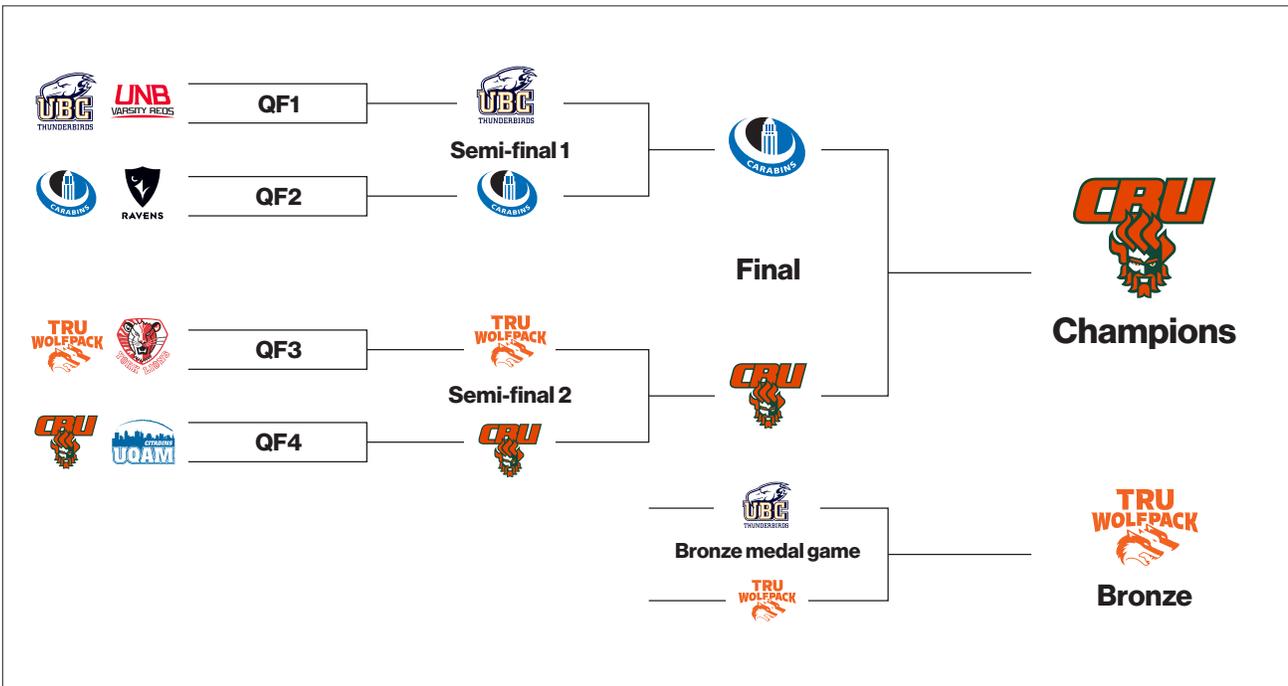


Date: Nov. 9-12, 2017

Host School: Thompson Rivers University



Credit: Andrew Snucins



## Award Winners



### Championship MVP



Corey Bent  
Cape Breton



### Joe Johnson Memorial Trophy (Player of the Year)



Dan Hayfield  
StFX



### Lou Bilek Award (Rookie of the Year)



Gabriel Bitar  
Carleton



### Student-Athlete Community Service Award



Zachary Visser  
Acadia



### Coach of the Year



Dean Morley  
Cape Breton



### R.W. Pugh Fair Play Award

Thompson Rivers

## Championship All-Stars

Ben Jackson, Cape Breton  
Cory Bent, Cape Breton  
Heikel Jarras, Montreal  
Stuart Heath, Cape Breton

Frédéric Lajoie-Gravelle, Montreal  
Ryan Glanville, Thompson Rivers  
Mitch Popadynetz, Thompson Rivers  
Lewis White, Cape Breton

Colton Walker, Thompson Rivers  
Caelan Budhoo, Cape Breton  
Aboubacar Sissoko, Montreal

## First Team All-Canadians

Nizar Houhou, Laval  
Daniel Gogarty, York  
Noah Cunningham, Alberta  
Cristian Cavallini, York

Omar Kreim, Montréal  
Mitchell Popadynetz, Thompson Rivers  
Marcus Lees, UNB  
Ajeej Sarkaria, Alberta

Gabriel Bitar, Carleton  
Daniel Hayfield, StFX  
Frédéric Lajoie-Gravelle, Montreal

## Second Team All-Canadians

Connor James, Alberta  
Hugo Lapointe-Sénécal, Laval  
Ismail Sow, Montreal  
Ryan Parris, Acadia

Devon Bowyer, Toronto  
Cory Bent, Cape Breton  
Felipe Da Costa Souza, UQAM  
Charlie Waters, Cape Breton

Lukas MacNaughton, Toronto  
Jace Kotsopoulos, Guelph  
Victory Shumbusho, UBC

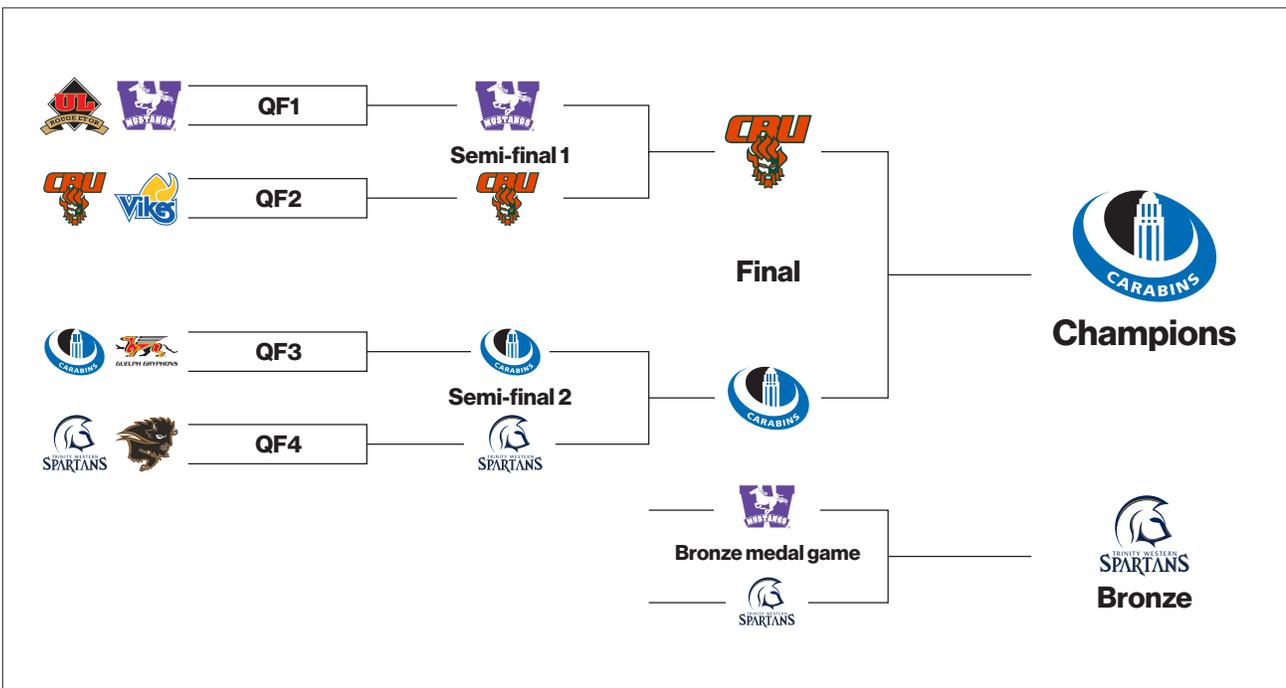
# WOMEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP

Date: Nov. 9-12, 2017

Host School: University of Manitoba



Credit: Jeff and Tara Miller



## Award Winners



### Gunn Baldursson Memorial Award (Championship MVP)



Marie-Ève Bernard O'Breham  
Montreal



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



Jasmin Dhand  
UBC



### Rookie of the Year



Giulia Geraci  
Western



### Student-Athlete Community Service Award



Sarah-Kim Bergeron  
Bishop's



### Coach of the Year



Ness Timmons  
Cape Breton



### R.W. Pugh Fair Play Award

Cape Breton

## Championship All-Stars

Marie-Ève Bernard O'Breham, Montreal  
Jenna White, Western  
Kathleen Chin, Trinity Western  
Rachel Hutchinson, Trinity Western

Alyssa Armstrong, Cape Breton  
Ciera Disipio, Cape Breton  
Tamara Brown, Cape Breton  
Claudia Dubé-Trempe, Montreal

Catherine Proulx, Montreal  
Maude Leblanc, Montreal  
Emmanuelle Alcindor, Montreal

## First Team All-Canadians

Jasmin Dhand, UBC  
Emmanuelle Alcindor, Montreal  
Laura Callender, Queen's  
Ciera Disipio, Cape Breton

Jamie Pasemko, Alberta  
Tamara Brown, Cape Breton  
Nicole Lyon, Laurier  
Jenna White, Western

Mélissa Roy, Laval  
Julia Liguori, UQAM  
Puck Louwes, Victoria

## Second Team All-Canadians

Marie-Joëlle Vandal, Laval  
Emily Nickerson, Acadia  
Jessie Noseworthy, Memorial  
Joëlle Gosselin, Laval

Katherine Bearne, Ottawa  
Katherine Koehler-Grassau, UOIT  
Aman Shergill, UBC  
Elise Butler, Victoria

Tajah Henderson, UOIT  
Keona Simmonds, Cape Breton  
Mélissa Gougeon, Montreal

# MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

Date: Nov. 12, 2017

Host School: University of Victoria



Credit: APShutter.com



## Results

RANK	TEAM	POINTS
1	Guelph	57
2	Calgary	76
3	Laval	87
4	McMaster	90
5	Queen's	145
6	Windsor	164
7	Victoria	175
8	Trinity Western	177
9	Regina	240

RANK	TEAM	POINTS
10	Western	317
11	Toronto	335
12	Alberta	336
13	Dalhousie	340
14	Manitoba	344
15	Montréal	390
16	Wilfrid Laurier	433
17	Waterloo	477

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## Award Winners

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### Athlete of the Year



Yves Sikubwabo  
Laval



### Rookie of the Year



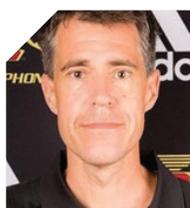
Jean-Simon Desgagnés  
Laval



### Student-Athlete Community Service Award



Ben Carson  
Western



### Coach of the Year



Dave Scott-Thomas  
Guelph

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## First Team All-Canadians (Top 7)

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Yves Skubwabo, Laval  
Connor Black, Guelph  
Ben Carson, Western

Russell Pennock, Calgary  
Alexander James, Calgary  
Dany Racine, Laval

Eric Wynands, Queen's

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

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Sergio Ruez Villanueva, McMaster  
Mark Patton, Guelph  
Angus Rawling, StFX

Shawn Master, Windsor  
Declan White, Trinity Western  
Andrew Nebel, Windsor

Stefan Daniel, Calgary

# WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

Date: Nov. 12, 2017

Host School: University of Victoria



Credit: APShutter.com



## Results

RANK	TEAM	POINTS
1	Toronto	73
2	Queen's	92
3	Laval	112
4	Victoria	124
5	Guelph	142
6	McGill	158
7	McMaster	192
8	Alberta	259
9	Trinity Western	260
10	Calgary	294
11	Sherbrooke	311
12	Western	329
13	Dalhousie	329
14	Waterloo	370
15	Laurentian	389

RANK	TEAM	POINTS
16	MacEwan	393
17	Montréal	394
18	Laurier	408
19	Manitoba	419
20	Saskatchewan	494
21	Acadia	532
22	Thompson Rivers	614

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## Award Winners

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### Athlete of the Year

 Sasha Gollish  
Toronto



### Rookie of the Year

 Savanna Jordan  
Dalhousie



### Student-Athlete Community Service Award

 Christiana Agustin  
Toronto



### Coach of the Year

 Ross Ristucia  
Toronto

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## First Team All-Canadians (Top 7)

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Sasha Gollish, Toronto  
Claire Sumner, Queen's  
Branna MacDougall, Queen's

Regan Yee, Trinity Western  
Kristina Popadich, Western  
Lucia Stafford, Toronto

Aurélie Dubé-Lavoie, Laval

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

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Melissa Jones, Calgary  
Stef Smith, Windsor  
Danielle Jossinet, Guelph

Courtney Hufsmith, Saskatchewan  
Savanna Jordan, Dalhousie  
Meggie Dargis, McGill

Alison Hooper, Victoria

# 53<sup>RD</sup> ARCELORMITTAL DOFASCO VANIER CUP

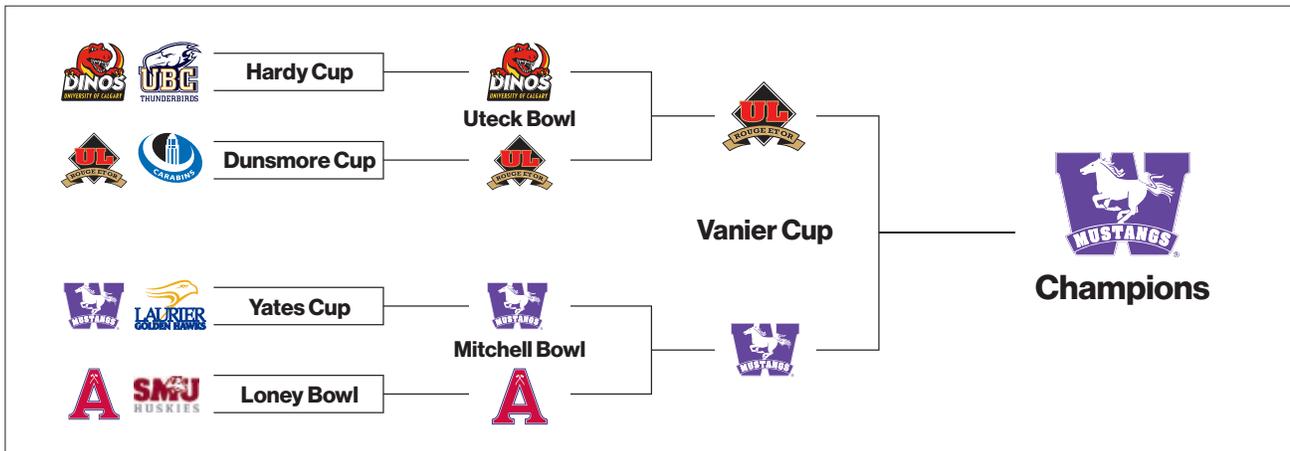


Date: Nov. 25, 2017

Host: Tim Hortons Field, Hamilton, Ont.



Credit: Jake Martella



## Award Winners



### Hec Crighton Trophy (Player of the Year)



### Presidents' Trophy (Defensive Player of the Year)



### J.P. Metras Trophy (Outstanding Down Lineman)



### Frank Tindall Trophy (Coach of the Year)



### Russ Jackson Award (Football, Academics & Citizenship)



### Gino Fracas Award (Volunteer Assistant Coach of the Year)



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



### Bruce Coulter Award (Vanier Cup Defensive MVP)



### Maury L. Van Vliet Trophy (Mitchell Bowl MVP)



## First Team All-Canadians

### OFFENCE

Noah Picton, Regina  
Alex Taylor, Western  
Ed Ilnicki, Alberta  
Trivel Pinto, UBC

Mitch Hillis, Saskatchewan  
Kurleigh Gittens Jr., Laurier  
Kaion Julien-Grant, StFX  
Zach Annen, Carleton

Justin Lawrence, Alberta  
Andrew Pickett, Guelph  
Mark Korte, Alberta  
David Brown, Western

### DEFENCE

Vincent Desjardins, Laval  
Connor Griffiths, UBC  
Mathieu Betts, Laval  
Adam Auclair, Laval

Nelkas Kwemo, Queen's  
Jean-Gabriel Poulin, Western  
Stavros Katsantonis, UBC  
Gabriel Ouellet, Laval

Malcom Lee, UBC  
Jamie Harry, Ottawa  
Godfrey Onyeka, Laurier

### SPECIAL TEAMS

TJ Morton, Toronto

Gabriel Ferraro, Guelph

Johnny King, Saint Mary's

## Second Team All-Canadians

### OFFENCE

Hugo Richard, Laval  
Nathan Carter, Carleton  
Jean-Guy Rimpel, Concordia  
Nathan Rowe, Alberta

Guillaume Paquet, Montreal  
Jacob Scarfone, Guelph  
Jeremy Sauvageau, McGill  
Francis Lapointe, Sherbrooke

Samuel Thomassin, Laval  
Ryan Sceviour, Calgary  
Gustave Sylvestre, Montreal  
Maurice Simba, Concordia

### DEFENCE

Brett Wade, Calgary  
Adam Melanson, Acadia  
Kene Onyeka, Carleton  
Cory Robinson, Calgary

Boston Rowe, Calgary  
Mickael Côté, Concordia  
François Hamel, Montreal  
Jackson Bennett, Ottawa

Marc-Antoine Dequoy, Montreal  
Will Maxwell, UBC  
Khadeem Pierre, Concordia

### SPECIAL TEAMS

Félix Ménard-Brière, Montreal

Marc Liegghio, Western

Kurleigh Gittens Jr., Laurier



Credit: Yan Doublet

# MEN'S SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP

Date: Feb. 22-24, 2018

Host School: University of Toronto



Credit: Martin Bazyl



## Results

RANK	TEAM	POINTS
1	UBC	1151.5
2	Calgary	939.5
3	Toronto	887
4	Victoria	485.5
5	Montréal	443
6	Western	439.5
7	McGill	423
8	Regina	396
9	Laval	341
10	Ottawa	262
11	Alberta	251
12	Dalhousie	113
13	Manitoba	102
14	Sherbrooke	101.5
15	Waterloo	48

RANK	TEAM	POINTS
16	Lethbridge	46
17	Laurentian	42
18	Guelph	41.5
19	Acadia	41
20	Mount Allison	19
21	Brock	11
22	Queen's	2
23	Memorial	1

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## Award Winners

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### Swimmer of the Year & Sprinter's Cup (Winner of 50m and 100m freestyle)



Yuri Kisil  
UBC



### Rookie of the Year



Frederik Kamminga  
Calgary



### Student-Athlete Community Service Award



Josh Gold  
Toronto



### Co-Coach of the Year



Steve Price  
UBC



### Co-Coach of the Year



Peter Carpenter  
McGill

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## First Team All-Canadians

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Markus Thormeyer, UBC  
Robert Hill, Calgary  
Eli Wall, Toronto  
Josiah Binnema, UBC

Tristan Cote, Calgary  
Yuri Kisil, UBC  
Luke Peddie, UBC  
Peter Brothers, Calgary

Montana Champagne, Ottawa  
Jonathan Brown, UBC  
Warren Mayer, UBC

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## Second Team All-Canadians

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Kyle Haas, Toronto  
Matthew Loewen, Western  
Gamal Assaad, Western  
Josh Zakala, Victoria  
Dan Kuiack, Toronto

Cameron Kidd, Toronto  
Gaël Chaubet, Toronto  
Mitch Ferraro, Toronto  
Samuel Wang, McGill  
Davide Casarin, Ottawa

Frederik Kamminga, Calgary  
Osvold Nitski, Toronto  
Teddy Kalp, Calgary  
Sterling King, Calgary  
Eric Hedin, Victoria

# WOMEN'S SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP

Date: Feb. 22-24, 2018 Host School: University of Toronto



## Results

RANK	TEAM	POINTS
1	UBC	1362.5
2	Toronto	997
3	Montréal	767
4	Calgary	478
5	Victoria	291.5
6	Regina	284.5
7	McMaster	279.5
8	Western	267
9	Dalhousie	255
10	McGill	245
11	Laval	216
12	Manitoba	214
13	Alberta	207
14	Ottawa	186
15	Guelph	184

RANK	TEAM	POINTS
16	Waterloo	118
17	Memorial	110
18	Lethbridge	105
19	York	64
20	Laurier	56
21	Acadia	55
22	Laurentian	31
23	Sherbrooke	26
24	UQTR	18
25	Mount Allison	8

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## Award Winners

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### Swimmer of the Year



Kylie Masse  
Toronto



### Rookie of the Year



Emily Overholt  
UBC



### Student-Athlete Community Service Award



Olivia Feschuk  
Mount Allison



### Coach of the Year



Steve Price  
UBC



### Sprinter's Cup (Winner of 50m and 100m freestyle)



Sandrine Mainville  
Montreal

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## First Team All-Canadians

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Danica Ludlow, Calgary  
Kylie Masse, Toronto  
Kelsey Wog, Manitoba  
Emily Overholt, UBC  
Sandrine Mainville, Montreal

Camille Bergeron-Miron, Montreal  
Ariane Mainville, Montreal  
Katerine Savard, Montreal  
Danielle Hanus, Victoria  
Erika Seltenreich-Hodgson, UBC

Maia Brundage, UBC  
Megan Dalke, UBC  
Rachael Parsons, Toronto  
Hannah Genich, Toronto  
Sarah Polley, Toronto

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## Second Team All-Canadians

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Olivvya Chow, McMaster  
Rachel Rode, Toronto  
Olivia Sbaraglia, Toronto

Marie-Lou Lapointe, Montreal  
Sophie Marois, Montreal  
Sophia Saroukian, Toronto

Victoria Radounski, Toronto  
Hillary Metcalfe, UBC  
Ingrid Wilm, UBC

# MEN'S WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP

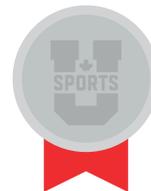


Date: Feb. 23-24, 2018

Host School: Algoma University



Credit: Cody Spahr



## Results

RANK	TEAM	POINTS
1	Brock	90
2	Concordia	62
3	Alberta	48
4	Guelph	35
5	Fraser Valley	32
6	Saskatchewan	29
7	McMaster	28
8	Regina	26

RANK	TEAM	POINTS
9	Calgary	21
10	Lakehead	17
11	Algoma	9
12	Western	8
13	UNB	4
14	Memorial	4
15	Queen's	4

## Award Winners



### Wrestler of the Year

 Francis Carter  
Concordia



### Rookie of the Year

 Parker McBride  
Fraser Valley



### Student-Athlete Community Service Award

 Josh Bodnarchuk  
Saskatchewan



### Coach of the Year

 Owen Dawkins  
Alberta



### R.W. Pugh Fair Play Award

 Bryce Davis  
Algoma

## First Team All-Canadians

Brad Hildenbrandt, Fraser Valley  
Parker McBride, Fraser Valley  
Sam Jagas, Brock  
Ligrit Sadiku, Brock

Vincent De Marinis, Concordia  
Francis Carter, Concordia  
Cruiz Manning, Brock  
Tyler Rowe, Brock

Nicholas Goleniec, Alberta  
Clayton Pye, Brock  
Jordie Steen, Concordia

## Second Team All-Canadians

Richard DesChatelets Jr., Brock  
Jordan Wong, Alberta  
Melvin Arciaga, Alberta  
Josh Bodnarchuk, Saskatchewan

Lucas Hoffert, Regina  
Matt Jagas, Brock  
Alexander Chaves, Guelph  
Aidan McKeage, Alberta

Ty Bridgewater, Brock  
Jacob Luczak, Lakehead  
Waylon Decoteau, Regina

# WOMEN'S WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP



Date: Feb. 23-24, 2018

Host School: Algoma University



Credit: Cody Spahr



## Results

RANK	TEAM	POINTS
1	Brock	72
2	Alberta	36
3	Calgary	30
4	Concordia	29
5	Regina	25
6	Saskatchewan	24
7	Guelph	16

RANK	TEAM	POINTS
8	Lakehead	16
9	Fraser Valley	16
10	York	11
11	McMaster	8
12	Western	7
13	UNB	5
14	Algoma	4

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## Award Winners

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### Wrestler of the Year & Student-Athlete Community Service Award



Temitope Ogunjimi  
Calgary



### Rookie of the Year



Erin Geddie  
Calgary



### Coach of the Year



Marty Calder  
Brock



### R.W. Pugh Fair Play Award



Inga Hammer  
Regina

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## First Team All-Canadians

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Alexandra Schell, Saskatchewan  
Kristina McLaren, Brock  
Emily Schaefer, Brock

Hannah Taylor, Brock  
Jessica Brouillette, Brock  
Temitope Ogunjimi, Calgary

Skylar Grote, Brock  
Erin Geddie, Calgary

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## Second Team All-Canadians

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Samantha Romano, Brock  
Jessica Bershatsky, Lakehead  
Karla Godinez Gonzalez, Fraser Valley

Alexandria Town, York  
Ana Godinez Gonzalez, Fraser Valley  
Indira Moores, Brock

Brandy Perry, Alberta  
Gracelynn Doogan, Guelph

# MEN'S TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP

Date: Mar. 8-10, 2018

Host School: University of Windsor



Credit: Gerry Marentette



## Results

RANK	TEAM	POINTS
1	Guelph	122.5
2	Alberta	68
3	Laval	55
4	Toronto	51
5	Western	44
6	York	43
6	Manitoba	43
8	Lethbridge	30
9	Victoria	22
9	Dalhousie	22
11	Trinity Western	21.5
12	Windsor	20
13	Saskatchewan	18
14	Sherbrooke	17
14	Montreal	17

RANK	TEAM	POINTS
16	Waterloo	12
17	Calgary	11
18	StFX	10
19	McMaster	8
19	Ottawa	8
21	Regina	6

## Award Winners



### Co-Athlete of the Meet (George Gemer Award) & Track Athlete of the Year



Thomas Land  
Guelph



### Co-Athlete of the Meet (George Gemer Award)



Austin Cole  
Alberta



### Field Athlete of the Year



Benjamin Ingvaldson  
Lethbridge



### Rookie of the Year



Mark Bujnowski  
Guelph



### Student-Athlete Community Service Award



Tyler Smith  
Victoria



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



Dave Scott-Thomas  
Guelph

## First Team All-Canadians

Matthew Coolen, Dalhousie  
Thomas Land, Guelph  
Kayden Johnson, York  
Angus Rawling, StFX  
Andreas Troschke, Lethbridge  
Émile Ollivier, Montreal  
Joerg Ahne, Waterloo

Austin Cole, Alberta  
Kieran Johnston, Saskatchewan  
Simon Beaulieu, Laval  
Thomas Oxland, Victoria  
Spencer Allen, Alberta  
Aaron Hernandez, Lethbridge  
Levi Fretz, Guelph

Mostafa Elkurdy, Guelph  
Joshua Kellier, Guelph  
Andrew LeBlanc, Guelph  
Daniel Bubelenyi, Alberta  
Emanuel Vela, Alberta  
Cam Snider, Alberta  
Brendan Calef, Alberta

## Second Team All-Canadians

Alexander Lau, Toronto  
Nicolas Morin, Laval  
Locky Butcher, Western  
Sergio Ruez Villanueva, McMaster  
Samir Aber, Sherbrooke  
Oyinkansola Akinola, Manitoba  
Johnny Balogun, Western  
Brandon Smith-Drouin, Sherbrooke

Mark Emode, Guelph  
Thomas Nedow, Guelph  
Stephen Evans, Ottawa  
Royden Radowitz, Alberta  
Daniel Gleason, Western  
Nicholas Fyffe, York  
Timothy Longley, Victoria  
Max Serviss, Victoria

Tyler Smith, Victoria  
Jack Berskhire, Toronto  
Alexander Augimeri, Toronto  
Charles Sutton, Toronto  
Ryan McClelland, Toronto  
Sean Cate, Guelph

# WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP

Date: Mar. 8-10, 2018

Host School: University of Windsor



Credit: Gerry Marentette



## Results

RANK	TEAM	POINTS
1	Guelph	123
2	Toronto	84
3	Windsor	79
4	Sherbrooke	55
5	Saskatchewan	53.5
6	York	42
7	Western	37
8	Alberta	32
9	Laval	30
10	Manitoba	27
11	Trinity Western	26.5
12	Ottawa	18
13	Lethbridge	11
14	Calgary	9
15	Victoria	8

RANK	TEAM	POINTS
16	Regina	7
17	Waterloo	6
18	Dalhousie	5
19	Montreal	4
19	McGill	4
20	UPEI	2

## Award Winners



### Athlete of the Meet



Kelsey Balkwill  
Windsor



### Track Athlete of the Year



Lucia Stafford  
Toronto



### Field Athlete of the Year



Sarah Mitton  
Windsor



### Rookie of the Year



Audrey Jackson  
Montreal



### Student-Athlete Community Service Award



Beth Lawrence  
StFX



### Sue Wise Award (Coach of the Year)



Dave Scott-Thomas  
Guelph

## First Team All-Canadians

Olena Olenick, Saskatchewan  
Shyvonne Roxborough, Guelph  
Amélie Augé, Sherbrooke  
Rachael Wolfs, Windsor  
Julianne Labach, Saskatchewan  
Sarah Hammond, Guelph  
Regan Yee, Trinity Western  
Sandy Latrace, Lethbridge

Sarah Mitton, Windsor  
Kelsey Balkwill, Windsor  
Holly Pitters, York  
Maja Naruszewicz, Guelph  
Gillian Ceyhan, Toronto  
Avery Garrett-Patterson, Toronto  
Sasha Gollish, Toronto  
Madeleine Kelly, Toronto

Morgan Byng, Guelph  
Tessa Hamilton, Guelph  
Jenna Smith, Guelph  
Courtney Rivait, Windsor  
Kristy Hodgins, Windsor  
Stephanie Shaw, Windsor

## Second Team All-Canadians

Tegan Turner, Manitoba  
Maude Léveillé, Sherbrooke  
Meghan Lim, Alberta  
Lucia Stafford, Toronto  
Kendra Leger, Guelph  
Kaitlin Brookes, York

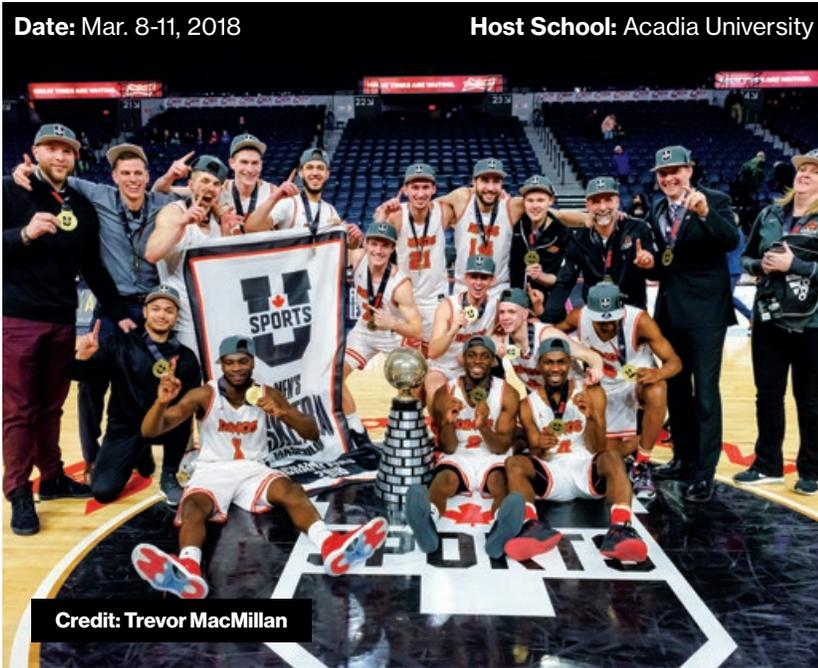
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Emily Branderhorst, Toronto  
Sadie-Jane Hickson, Guelph  
Dana Earhart, Guelph  
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Charlotte Ward, Guelph  
Kelly Hodgins, Windsor  
Lauren D'Agnolo, Guelph  
Zoe Sherar, Guelph

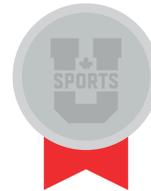
# MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

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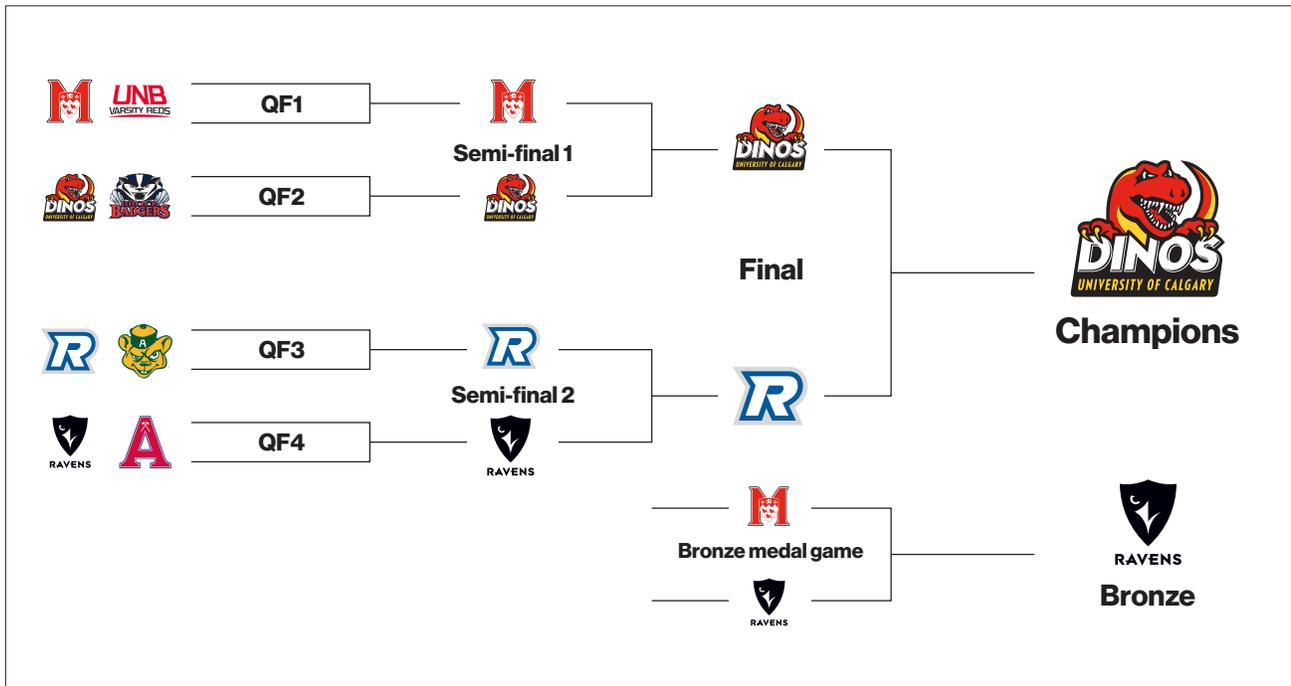
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## Award Winners



### Jack Donohue Trophy (Tournament MVP)



David Kapinga  
Calgary



### 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)



Nikita Kasongo  
Saint Mary's



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



Sven Stammberger  
Dalhousie



### Stuart W. Aberdeen Memorial Trophy (Coach of the Year)



Dave Smart  
Carleton



### R.W. Pugh Fair Play Award



Adam Voll  
Ryerson

## Championship All-Stars

David Kapinga, Calgary  
Eddie Ekiyor, Carleton

Alex Paquin, McGill  
Manny Diressa, Ryerson

Mambi Diawara, Calgary

## First Team All-Canadians

Kadre Gray, Laurentian  
Conor Morgan, UBC

Javon Masters, UNB  
Manny Diressa, Ryerson

Brody Clarke, Alberta

## Second Team All-Canadians

Eddie Ekiyor, Carleton  
Dele Ogundokun, McGill

Sven Stammberger, Dalhousie  
Mambi Diawara, Calgary

Dani Elgadi, Brock

# WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

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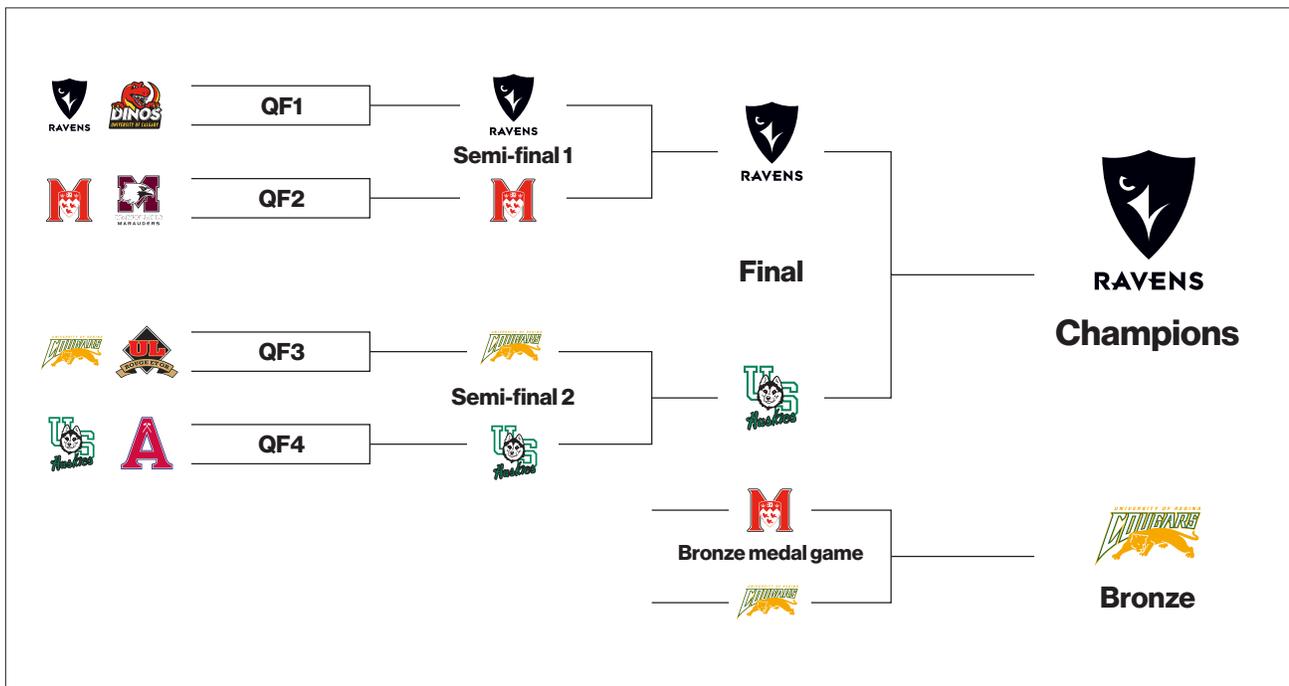
Host School: University of Regina



Credit: Arthur Images



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## Award Winners



### Tournament MVP & Defensive Player of the Year



Elizabeth Leblanc  
Carleton



### Nan Copp Award (Player of the Year)



Paloma Anderson  
Acadia



### Kathy Shields Award (Rookie of the Year)



Carolina Gonçalves  
Regina



### Sylvia Sweeney Award (Student-Athlete Community Service)



Kiera Rigby  
UPEI



### Peter Ennis Award (Coach of the Year)



Taffe Charles  
Carleton



### Tracy MacLeod Award (Perseverance)



Lena Wenke  
Winnipeg

## Championships All-Stars

Alex Kiss-Rusk, McGill  
Charlotte Kot, Regina

Elizabeth Leblanc, Carleton  
Summer Masikewich, Saskatchewan

Catherine Traer, Carleton

## First Team All-Canadians

Paloma Anderson, Acadia  
Alex Kiss-Rusk, McGill

Antoinette Miller, Winnipeg  
Leashja Grant, Lakehead

Alison Keough, Cape Breton

## Second Team All-Canadians

Sabine Dukate, Saskatchewan  
Lindsay Shotbolt, York

Jessica Lubin, UQAM  
Kyanna Giles, Regina

Sofia Paska, Ryerson

# UNIVERSITY CUP

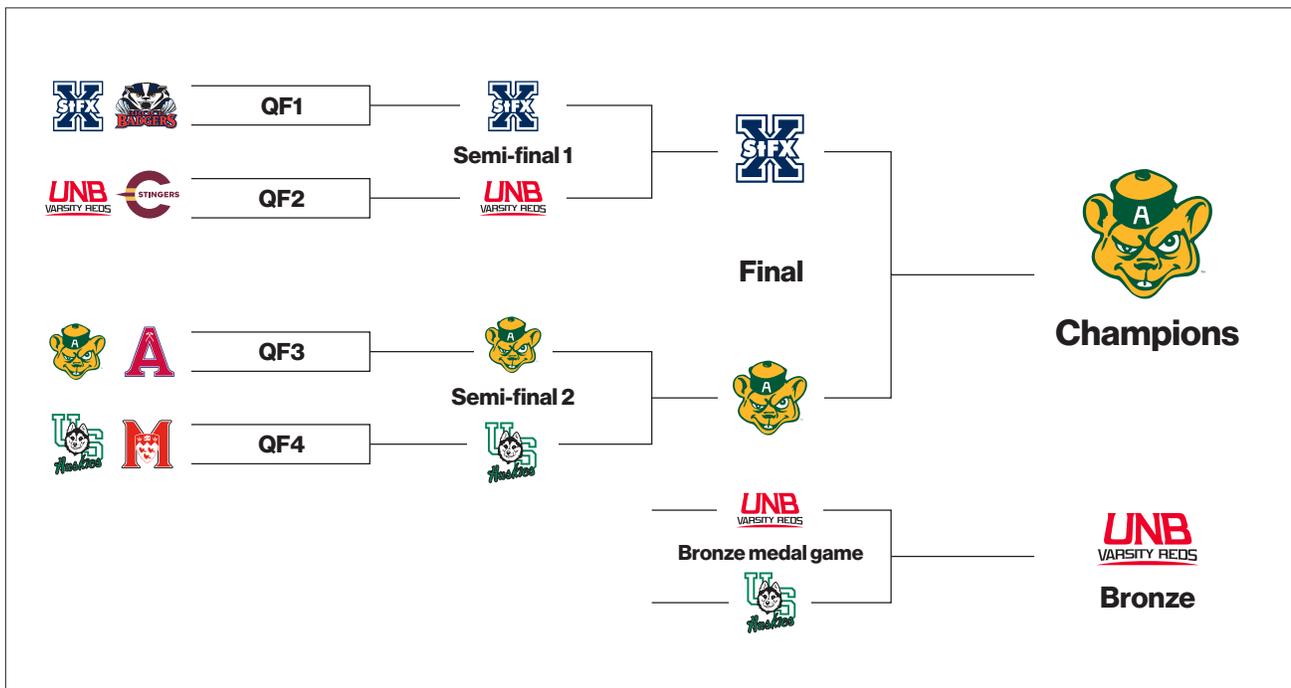
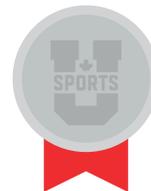


Date: Mar. 15-18, 2018

Host School: University of New Brunswick



Credit: James West



## Award Winners



### Major W.J. 'Danny' MacLeod Award (Tournament MVP)



Stephan Legault  
Alberta



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



Anthony Beauregard  
Concordia



### Defenceman of the Year



Jason Fram  
Alberta



### Goaltender of the Year



Chase Marchand  
StFX



### Clare Drake Award (Rookie of the Year)



Kris Bennett  
UNB



### Dr. Randy Gregg Award (Student-Athlete Community Service)



Kendall McFaull  
Saskatchewan



### Father George Kehoe Memorial Award (Coach of the Year)



Kelly Nobes  
McGill



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



Randy Gazzola  
UNB

## Championships All-Stars

Zach Sawchenko, Alberta  
Kendall McFaull, Saskatchewan

Jagger Dirk, StFX  
Mark Simpson, UNB

Stephane Legault, Alberta  
Michael Clarke, StFX

## First Team All-Canadians

Anthony Beauregard, Concordia  
Hunter Garlent, Saint Mary's

Luke Philp, Alberta  
Jason Fram, Alberta

Jagger Dirk, StFX  
Chase Marchand, StFX

## Second Team All-Canadians

Stephen Harper, Acadia  
Matt Mistele, Ryerson

Josh Roach, Saskatchewan  
Alex Basso, Ryerson

Spencer Abraham, Queen's  
Jordon Cooke, Saskatchewan



# UNIVERSITY CUP RENAMED

## Former Governor General David Johnston 'humbled' by University Cup honour

By Megan McPhaden

**F**ormer Governor General David Johnston's love affair with hockey is no secret. Johnston hails from the hockey rich, steel-producing town of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., where he played with the likes of Tony and Phil Esposito, now Hockey Hall of Famers. Just over 50 years later, his life has taken a radically different route than his old teammates.

It started with a serendipitous encounter with a Harvard University alumni in his hometown. It was the late 1950s and Harvard was seeking to expand the student demographic beyond blueblood

offspring and add students from different socioeconomic backgrounds who excelled academically. The fresh-faced son of a nurse and manager of a local hardware store, went on to earn a scholarship to study law at the renowned Ivy League school in Massachusetts.

It was at Harvard under the guidance of his late hockey coach Cooney Weiland where he learned lifelong lessons that would contribute to his future academic and public service career success.

"If you're involved in a team sport where there is dependence on one another, you

realize that leadership is recognizing the total dependence of the people around you," he says.

Johnston describes Weiland as an "outstanding teacher" who treated him like a son.

What he took away from his time playing hockey at Harvard and his relationship with Weiland was not simply mentorship or teaching but "friendship and family."

While playing for the Crimson, Johnston captained the team to three Ivy League titles and was named first team All-America, All-Ivy League and All-Eastern

College Athletic Conference, back to back years.

After graduating in 1963, he went on to pursue a law degree at Cambridge University, forgoing a tryout with the Boston Bruins of the NHL. Since then, his career in academia and the public service has spanned five decades, seven years of which he spent as the Governor General of Canada. He has held posts at top Canadian universities including as the dean of law at Western University, principal and vice-chancellor of McGill University and as the president of the University of Waterloo.

Supporting him throughout his career are his wife Sharon, whom he met in high school, and their five daughters. All five of which he says have played hockey in some capacity. His daughter Sharon Jr. even followed in his footsteps and studied at Harvard and captained the women's hockey team.

During his time as Governor General, he used his position to recognize the academic and athletic achievements of student-athletes across the country. In 2013, Johnston founded the Governor General's Academic All-Canadian Commendation and since then, every year the top male and female student-athletes from each U SPORTS conference are chosen as the Top 8 Academic All-Canadians and honoured by the Governor General with a ceremony at Rideau Hall. U SPORTS introduced the Academic All-Canadian award in 1988 to recognize student-athletes who play on a varsity team and achieve an academic average of 80 per cent or better. Among those student-athletes who have been named to the Top 8 are Andrew Buckley, former backup quarterback for the Calgary Stampeders, as well as Sasha Gollish, a middle-distance runner who captured bronze in the 1,500m at the Pan Am Games in Toronto.

"(Athletics) demonstrate that excellence in one sphere of activity produces excellence in another sphere of activity," he says. "It's not only transferable, it's contagious."

While Johnston's name will not go down in NHL record books, perhaps as he once hoped, he has instead left an indelible mark upon Canadian university sport and exemplifies the role that sport plays in achieving success inside and outside of the classroom.

With the U SPORTS men's hockey championship trophy – the University Cup – now named in his honour, he joins past governor generals like Lord Stanley and Adrienne Clarkson – namesakes of the NHL's Stanley Cup and the Canadian Women's Hockey League's (CWHL) Clarkson Cup respectively – in having his name grace a hockey trophy.

"I'm quite humbled by it all," he says. "I love hockey, I love sports, and I love the association of the Office of the Governor General with sports and physical activity and in particular hockey."

As for his hopes for university sport in the future, he says it's twofold.

"I would like to work very hard to see sport as a universal opportunity," he says, and for all young Canadians to see "sport as the key to healthy living and a healthy life." 🍁



Courtesy: The Right. Hon. David Johnston

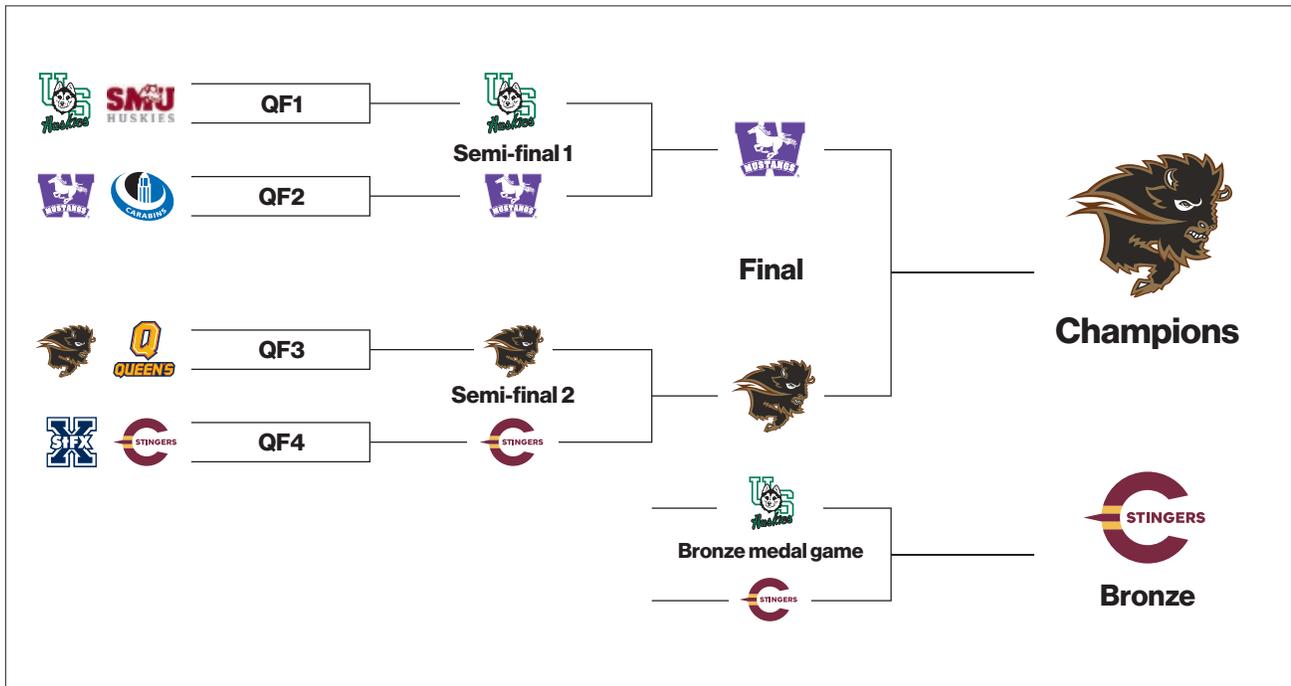
# WOMEN'S HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP

Date: Mar. 15-18, 2018

Host School: Western University



Credit: Brandon VandeCaveye



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## Award Winners

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### Tournament MVP



Lauryn Keen  
Manitoba



### Brodrick Trophy (Player of the Year)



Daley Oddy  
StFX



### Rookie of the Year



Maria Dominico  
Nipissing



### Marion Hilliard Award (Student-Athlete Community Service)



Ailish Forfar  
Ryerson



### Coach of the Year



Jon Rempel  
Manitoba

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## Championship All-Stars

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Alanna Sharman, Manitoba  
Lauryn Keen, Manitoba

Kaitlin Willoughby, Saskatchewan  
Caitlin Fyten, Manitoba

Marie-Joëlle Allard, Concordia  
Carmen Lasis, Western

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## First Team All-Canadians

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Daley Oddy, StFX  
Katrina Manoukarakis, Queen's

Autumn MacDougall, Alberta  
Lindsey Donovan, StFX

Zosia Davis, Nipissing  
Jessica Vance, Saskatchewan

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## Second Team All-Canadians

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Jessica Cormier, Montreal  
Breanna Lanceleve, Saint Mary's

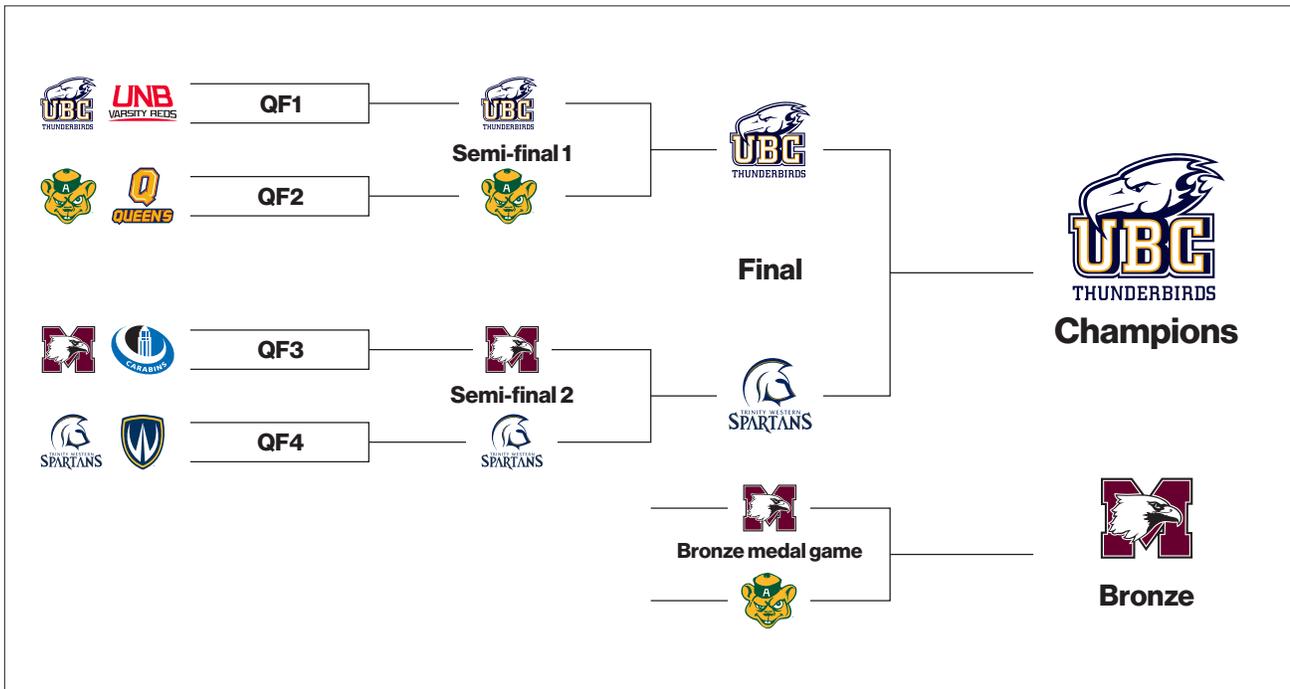
Ailish Forfar, Ryerson  
Erica Rieder, Manitoba

Alexandra Woods, St. Thomas  
Rebecca Clark, Saint Mary's

# MEN'S VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



Date: Mar. 16-18, 2018 Host School: McMaster University



## Award Winners



### Tournament MVP



Byron Keturakis  
UBC



### Player of the Year



Adam Schriemer  
Trinity Western



### Rookie of the Year



Dylan Mortensen  
Saskatchewan



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



Logan Brennan  
Winnipeg



### Coach of the Year



Larry McKay  
Winnipeg

## Championships All-Stars

Taryq Sani, Alberta  
Brandon Koppers, McMaster  
Pearson Eshenko, Trinity Western

Eric Loeppky, Trinity Western  
Adam Schriemer, Trinity Western  
Byron Keturakis, UBC

Irvan Brar, UBC

## First Team All-Canadians

Adam Schriemer, Trinity Western  
Byron Keturakis, UBC  
Andrew Richards, McMaster

Eric Loeppky, Trinity Western  
Vicente Ignacio Parraguirre Villalobos,  
Laval

Lucas Coleman, Ryerson  
Taryq Sani, Alberta

## Second Team All-Canadians

Matthew Donovan, Dalhousie  
John Moate, Windsor  
Mikaël Dagenais-Maranda, Montreal

Elliott Viles, Brandon  
Brandon Koppers, McMaster  
Irvan Brar, UBC

Gabriel Chancy, Montreal

# WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

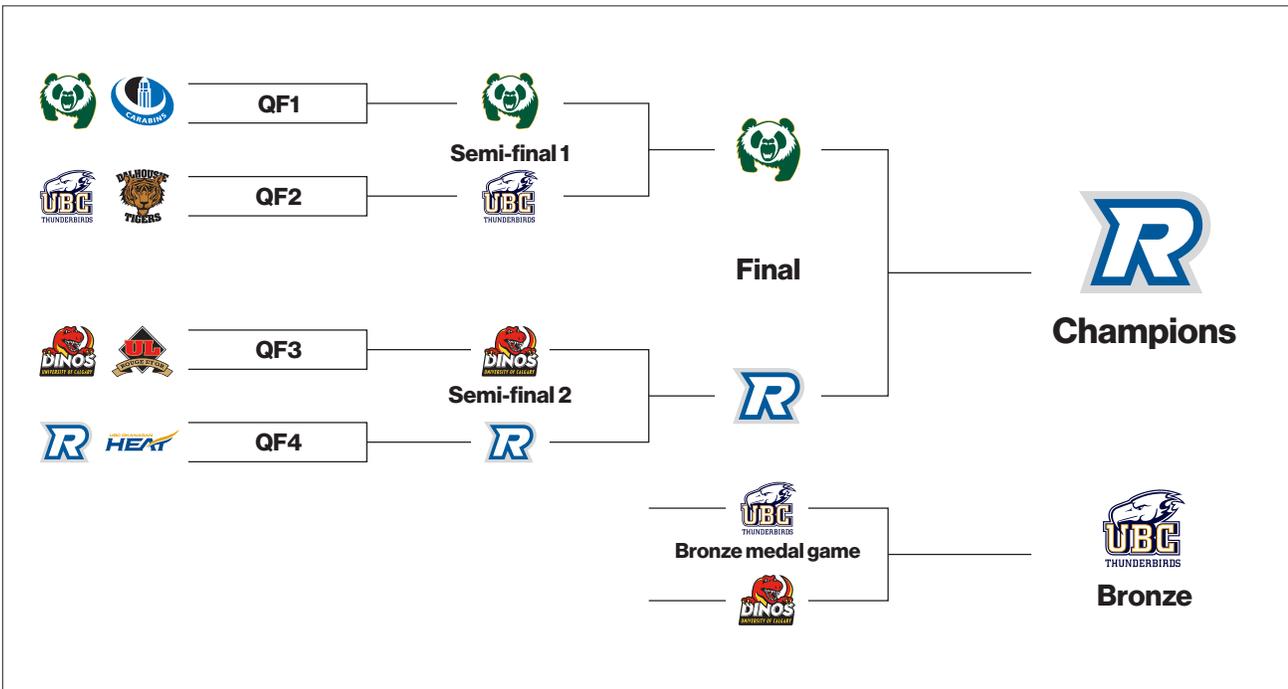


Date: Mar. 16-18, 2018

Host School: Université Laval



Credit: Mathieu Bélanger



## Award Winners



### Tournament MVP

 Theanna Vernon  
Ryerson



### Mary Lyons Award (Player of the Year)

 Marie-Alex Bélanger  
Montreal



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

 Kiera Van Ryk  
UBC



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

 Brianna Solberg  
Calgary



### Marilyn Pomfret Award (Coach of the Year)

 Dustin Reid  
Ryerson

## Championship All-Stars

Theanna Vernon, Ryerson  
Lauren Veltman, Ryerson  
Marie-Alex Bélanger, Montreal

Kiera Van Ryk, UBC  
Kennedy Snape, Calgary  
Kory White, Alberta

Eryn Orysiuk, Alberta

## First Team All-Canadians

Marie-Alex Bélanger, Montreal  
Kate Pexman, Calgary  
Courtney Baker, Dalhousie

Maicee Sorensen, McMaster  
Beth Vinnell, Calgary  
Myriam Robitaille, McGill

Alina Dormann, Toronto

## Second Team All-Canadians

Kelsey Veltman, Western  
Aidan Lea, UBC Okanagan  
Kory White, Alberta

Alessandra Gentile, UBC  
Katelyn Devaney, Trinity Western  
Theanna Vernon, Ryerson

Kiera Van Ryk, UBC

# MEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

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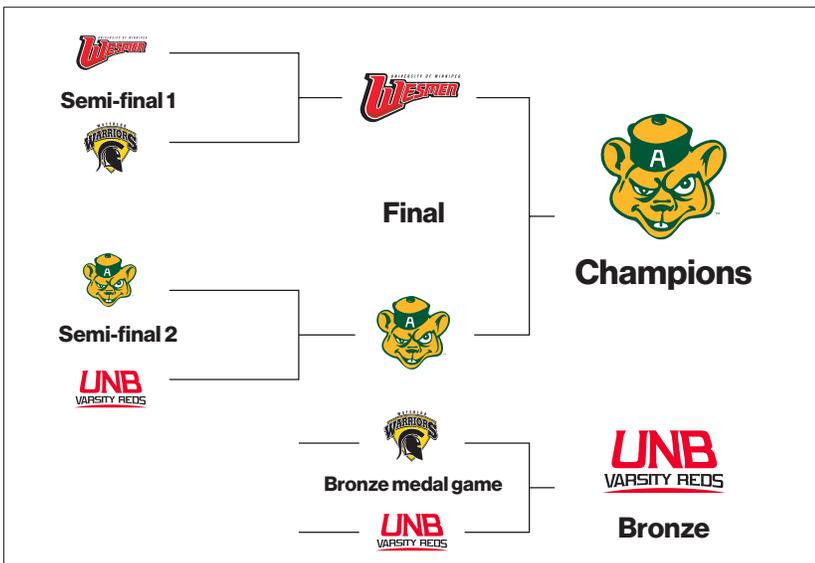
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Credit: Don Voaklander



## Results



RANK	TEAM	POINTS
1	Waterloo	5-2
2	Alberta	5-2
3	UNB	4-3
4	Winnipeg	4-3
5	Dalhousie	4-3
6	Ryerson	3-4
7	Brock	2-5
8	Regina	1-6

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## Award Winners

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### Coach of the Year

 Lindsey MacKnight  
UNB



### R.W. Pugh Fair Play Award

 Kyle Doering  
Winnipeg

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## First Team All-Canadians

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Karsten Sturmey, Alberta  
Kyle Doering, Winnipeg

Tristan Steinke, Alberta  
Jason Ginter, Alberta

Rob Gordon, Winnipeg

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## Second Team All-Canadians

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John Willsey, Waterloo  
J.T. Ryan, Winnipeg

Michael Brophy, Dalhousie  
Benjamin Hughes, Brock

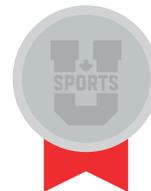
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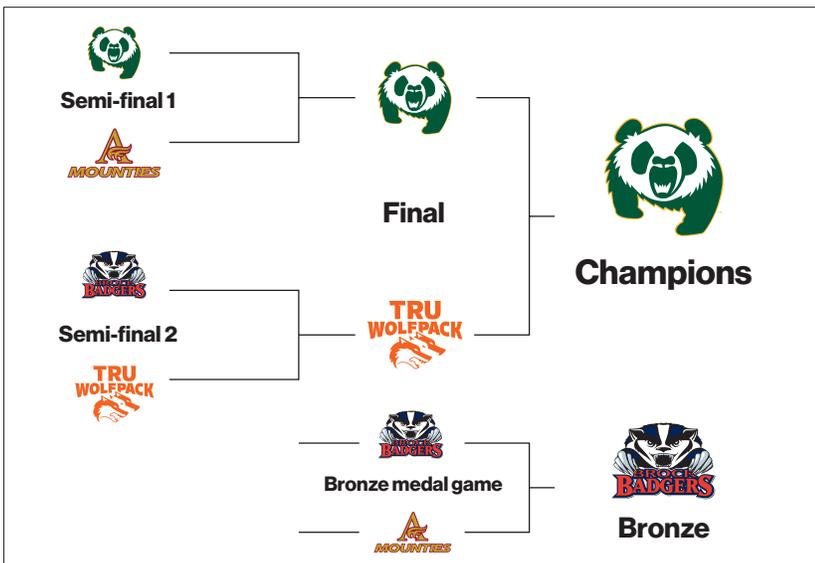
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Credit: Don Voaklander



## Results



RANK	TEAM	POINTS
1	Alberta	5-2
2	Thompson Rivers	5-2
3	Brock	5-2
4	Mount Allison	4-3
5	Wilfrid Laurier	3-4
6	Regina	3-4
7	Queen's	2-5
8	Memorial	1-6

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## Award Winners

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### Coach of the Year



Jim Nix  
Mount Allison



### R.W. Pugh Fair Play Award



Lauren Barron  
Memorial

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## First Team All-Canadians

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Terri Weeks, Brock  
Danielle Schmiemann, Alberta

Kelly Middaugh, Wilfrid Laurier  
Samantha Fisher, Thompson Rivers

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## Second Team All-Canadians

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Corryn Brown, Thompson Rivers  
Erin Pincott, Thompson Rivers

Shelby Brandt, Regina  
Jesse Iles, Alberta



Credit: James West





## 2017-18 All-Rookie Teams

### MEN'S SOCCER

Joe Hamilton, UNB  
Connor Wilson, Western  
Marko Mandekic, Toronto

Heikel Jarras, Montreal  
Kwame Opoku, Saskatchewan  
Patrick Izett, UBC

Blake Fenton, StFX  
Gabriel Bitar, Carleton  
Simon Malaborsa, Concordia

Charlie Waters, Cape Breton  
Victory Shumbusho, UBC

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

Giulia Geraci, Western  
Dominique Fortin, Laval  
Katelyn Fines, Dalhousie

Brooke Lang, Alberta  
Catherine Dupuis, Moncton  
Mireille Patry, Laval

Victoria Watson, Ryerson  
Harneet Dadrao, Fraser Valley  
Mégane Sauvé, Montreal

Katerin Delev, Ottawa  
MJ Miller, UNB

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

Nikita Kasongo, Saint Mary's  
Ali Sow, Laurier

Grant Shephard, UBC  
Nervens Demosthene, Bishop's

Evan Shadkami, Toronto

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Carolina Gonçalves, Regina  
Marin Scotten, Ryerson

Coralie Dumont, Concordia  
Reese Baxendale, UPEI

Brigitte Lefebvre-Okankwu,  
Ottawa

### MEN'S HOCKEY

Kris Bennett, UNB  
Steven Owre, Alberta

Riley Brandt, RMC  
Carl Neill, Concordia

Dylan Diperna, Saint Mary's  
Jordan Papirny, Calgary

### WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Maria Dominico, Nipissing  
Emerson Elliott, StFX

Lidia Fillion, Concordia  
Gabrielle De Serres, Toronto

Christine Deadelin, Ottawa  
Lauren Taraschuk, Manitoba

### MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Dylan Mortensen, Saskatchewan  
Logan House, Brock

Jesse Elser, Trinity Western  
Fynn McCarthy, UBC

Zane Grossinger, Queen's  
Samuel Couturier, Sherbrooke

Mathieu Lavoie, Dalhousie

### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Kiera Van Ryk, UBC  
Julie Moore, Dalhousie

Julia Wiercigroch, Queen's  
Maude Babin, Montreal

Julia Zonneveld, Alberta  
Lucy Glen-Carter, Acadia

Avery Heppell, Trinity Western



Credit: Kevin Jarrold



# CHAMPIONSHIP PARTICIPATION



Atlantic University Sport (AUS)

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

Canada West (CW)

- 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
- MacEwan University
- University of Manitoba
- Mount Royal University
- University of Northern British Columbia
- University of Regina
- University of Saskatchewan
- Trinity Western University
- Thompson Rivers University
- University of Winnipeg
- University of Victoria







# CHAMPIONSHIP PARTICIPATION



ONTARIO UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS  
SPORTS UNIVERSITAIRES DE L'ONTARIO

Ontario University Athletics (OUA)

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

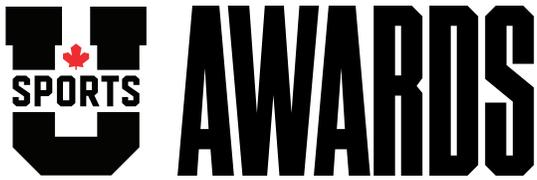
Réseau du sport étudiant du Québec (RSEQ)

- 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

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## Governor General's Academic All-Canadian Commendation



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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 2016-17, a record 3,643 students achieved this prestigious status.

### SCHOOLS WITH 100+ ACADEMIC ALL-CANADIANS



**University of Waterloo**  
156



**University of Alberta**  
152



**Queen's University**  
150



**University of Calgary**  
150



**Western University**  
147



**Université Laval**  
119



**Acadia University**  
115



**University of Manitoba**  
112



**Université de Sherbrooke**  
105



**University of Guelph**  
101

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. This event is brought to life by the generous support of Sherrard Kuzz LLP.



**Eric Locke**

**Sport:** Hockey  
**Program:** Human Kinetics



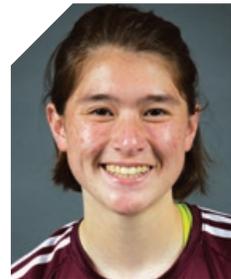
**Anna Dunn-Suen**

**Sport:** Volleyball  
**Program:** Microbiology & Immunology



**Oswald Nitski**

**Sport:** Swimming  
**Program:** Mechanical Engineering



**Katherine Bearne**

**Sport:** Soccer  
**Program:** Physics & Math



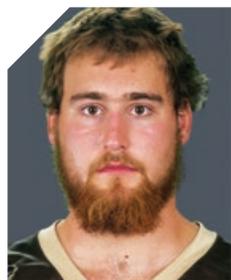
**Louis-Mathieu Normandin**

**Sport:** Football  
**Program:** Administration



**Fabiola Forteza**

**Sport:** Rugby  
**Program:** Kinesiology



**Geoff Gray**

**Sport:** Football  
**Program:** Engineering



**Meg Casault**

**Sport:** Volleyball  
**Program:** Physical Education & Recreation



## BLG Awards



U SPORTS and national law firm Borden Ladner Gervais LLP (BLG) established the BLG Awards in 1993 to recognize the top female and male athletes from U SPORTS-affiliated universities. Each university nominates one male and one female athlete who have demonstrated exemplary sportsmanship, leadership qualities, and athletic accomplishments.

One female and one male nominee are then chosen to represent each of the four conferences: Atlantic University Sport (AUS), Réseau du sport étudiant du Québec (RSEQ), Ontario University Athletics (OUA) and Canada West (CW).

### WHERE ARE THEY NOW: 2016-17 BLG AWARD NOMINEES

One year after being nominated for U SPORTS Athlete of Year, the 2017 BLG Award finalists continue to have success at the professional, international and varsity level.

### COMPETING PROFESSIONALLY / INTERNATIONALLY

 <p><b>Philippe Maillet</b> <b>Men's Hockey</b> (2017 Winner)</p>	<p>Completed first full season with the Ontario Reign of the American Hockey League (AHL), the top affiliate of the NHL's Los Angeles Kings.</p>
 <p><b>Arielle Roy-Petitclerc</b> <b>Women's Soccer</b> (2017 Winner)</p>	<p>Named Team Canada's flagbearer for the 2017 Summer Universiade in Aug. 2017; played for ASPTT Albi in France's top soccer league.</p>
 <p><b>Ryan Sclater</b> <b>Men's Volleyball</b></p>	<p>Completed his first season with SVG Lüneburg of the Bundesliga, the top German league.</p>
 <p><b>Danielle Brisebois</b> <b>Women's Volleyball</b></p>	<p>Competed for the Canadian national team throughout 2017, including the FIVB World Grand Prix, the Pan Am Cup and NORCECA Continental Championship.</p>

### COMPETING IN U SPORTS

 <p><b>Claire Sumer</b> <b>Cross Country</b></p>	<p>Completed fifth year with the Gaels as individual silver medalist. Internationally, ran at the 2017 World Cross Country Championship and 2018 World University Cross Country Championship, finishing eighth overall.</p>
 <p><b>Mathieu Betts</b> <b>Football</b></p>	<p>Won second consecutive J.P. Metras trophy as the nation's Outstanding Down Lineman in just his third campaign, after starting his Laval career with Rookie of the Year honours.</p>
 <p><b>Sarah Bujold</b> <b>Women's Hockey</b></p>	<p>In her final season, led the X-Women to third U SPORTS championship appearance in four seasons, while finishing fifth in the nation in goals and points.</p>
 <p><b>Jonathan Lao</b> <b>Men's Soccer</b></p>	<p>Finished his career with the Lions with a fifth straight appearance at the U SPORTS Championship, two of which ended with a gold medal.</p>

2018 NOMINEES



**Javon Masters**

**Sport:** Basketball  
**Program:** Sociology



**Paloma Anderson**

**Sport:** Basketball  
**Program:** Sociology



**Kadre Gray**

**Sport:** Basketball  
**Program:** Health Promotion



**Theanna Vernon**

**Sport:** Volleyball  
**Program:** Social Work



**Francis Carter**

**Sport:** Wrestling  
**Program:** Psychology



**Marie-Alex Bélanger**

**Sport:** Volleyball  
**Program:** Public Relations



**Ed Ilnicki**

**Sport:** Football  
**Program:** Business



**Temitope Ogunjimi**

**Sport:** Rugby / Wrestling  
**Program:** Arts



## 2017 U SPORTS Honours Awards



At the 2017 Conference and Annual Meeting, four award recipients were honoured for their exemplary leadership skills and passion for university sport.



**OLGA HRYCAK**

**JEAN-MARIE DE KONINCK  
COACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD**

Veteran UQAM basketball coach Olga Hrycak – the first woman in North America to coach a university men’s basketball team. Hrycak served as bench boss of the Citadins from 2003 to 2015, coaching over 300 games, and winning RSEQ Championships in 2006 and 2010. A member of the coaching staff at the Los Angeles 1984 Olympics, Hrycak was inducted into the Canadian Basketball Hall of Fame in May 2017.



**CLEVE DHEENSAW**

**FRED SGAMBATI  
MEDIA AWARD**

*Times Colonist* reporter Cleve Dheensaw, who has covered sports on Vancouver Island and its athletes for 36 years since joining the paper in 1981. The Victoria, B.C., native has also covered nine Olympic, Commonwealth and Pan Am Games, and has been a familiar face in the Vancouver Island high school, college and university scene, including coverage of seven national championships hosted by the Victoria Vikes since 2011.



**COLEEN DUFRESNE**

**AUSTIN-MATTHEWS  
AWARD**

Former University of Manitoba athletic director Coleen Dufresne, for her 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.

Dufresne retired in August 2016, after serving as athletic director for the Bisons since 2001. Prior to her executive role, she was head coach of the women’s basketball team at Manitoba (1984-2001) and UNB (1980-84), winning three U SPORTS championships in 1988, 1996 and 1997 and earning national Coach of the year honours in 1983, 1988 and 1998. Dufresne has also attended six Universiades, a pair of World University Championships, and has served on the FISU Executive Committee as well as the U SPORTS Board of Directors.



**ADAM ZIMMERMAN**

**L.B. “MIKE”  
PEARSON AWARD**

The University of Toronto’s late Adam Zimmerman, whose participation in university athletics exemplified the ideals and purposes of interuniversity athletics and amateur sport.

A former Varsity Blues football player who graduated in 1949, Zimmerman was a founding member of the Friends of Football Alumni group, which led the fight to help save the University of Toronto’s football program. He later became a chartered accountant, serving as president and vice chairman of Noranda Mines, where he made his mark as a leader in the business world. Zimmerman was also the founder of the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC), a long-time director of SickKids and an Officer of the Order of Canada.

# 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. From the winners of the U SPORTS Athletes of the Week in a given month, U SPORTS chooses one female and one male athlete for the monthly title.

## U SPORTS CONGRATULATES ALL THE ATHLETES OF THE MONTH FOR THE 2017-18 SEASON.



Sept. 2017	Oct. 2017	Nov. 2017	Jan. 2018	Feb. 2018	March 2018
<b>Sebastian Colyn</b> Men's Soccer	<b>Dan Hayfield</b> Men's Soccer	<b>Charlie Waters</b> Men's Soccer	<b>Manny Diressa</b> Men's Basketball	<b>Yuri Kisil</b> Swimming	<b>David Kapinga</b> Men's Basketball
<b>Madison Aberg</b> Women's Rugby	<b>Madeline Albert</b> Women's Hockey	<b>Kylie Masse</b> Swimming	<b>Stephanie Pascal</b> Women's Hockey	<b>Kylie Masse</b> Swimming	<b>Theanna Vernon</b> Women's Volleyball

## Athletes of the Week

The U SPORTS Athlete of the Week title is awarded to 50 recipients (25 male and 25 female athletes) over a 25-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. 6, 2017	Jacob Schroeter	Queen's	Soccer
Sept. 13, 2017	Abdallah El-Chanti	Ryerson	Soccer
Sept. 20, 2017	Frédéric Lajoie-Gravelle	Montreal	Soccer
Sept. 27, 2017	Sebastian Colyn	Trinity Western	Soccer
Oct. 4, 2017	Patrick Pranger	Saskatchewan	Soccer
Oct. 11, 2017	Stephen Anderson	UNB	Hockey
Oct. 18, 2017	Phil Vranic	Guelph	Swimming
Oct. 25, 2017	Dan Hayfield	StFX	Soccer
Nov. 1, 2017	Mambi Diawara	Calgary	Basketball
Nov. 8, 2017	Charlie Waters	Cape Breton	Soccer
Nov. 15, 2017	Daniel Vautour	RMC	Hockey
Nov. 22, 2017	Javon Masters	UNB	Basketball
Nov. 29, 2017	Kadre Gray	Laurentian	Basketball
Dec. 6, 2017	Conor Morgan	UBC	Basketball
Jan. 10, 2018	Tevaun Kokko	Wilfrid Laurier	Basketball
Jan. 17, 2018	Zac Overwater	Lethbridge	Basketball
Jan. 24, 2018	Manny Diressa	Ryerson	Basketball
Jan. 31, 2018	Javon Masters	UNB	Basketball
Feb. 7, 2018	Slater Doggett	Queen's	Hockey
Feb. 14, 2018	Callum McNeice	Calgary	Wrestling
Feb. 21, 2018	Zac Overwater	Lethbridge	Basketball
Feb. 28, 2018	Yuri Kisil	UBC	Swimming
Mar. 7, 2018	Javon Masters	UNB	Basketball
Mar. 14, 2018	David Kapinga	Calgary	Basketball
Mar. 21, 2018	Byron Katurakis	UBC	Volleyball

WOMEN			
WEEK	NAME	SCHOOL	SPORT
Sept. 6, 2017	Laurie Houle	Laval	Rugby
Sept. 13, 2017	Megan Ripplinger	Saskatchewan	Soccer
Sept. 20, 2017	Claire Sumner	Queen's	Cross Country
Sept. 27, 2017	Jaslan Stirling	York	Field Hockey
Oct. 4, 2017	Madison Aberg	Victoria	Rugby
Oct. 11, 2017	Hailey Lavarias	Manitoba	Soccer
Oct. 18, 2017	Meggie Dargis	McGill	Cross Country
Oct. 25, 2017	Madeline Albert	Toronto	Hockey
Nov. 1, 2017	Savanna Jordan	Dalhousie	Cross Country
Nov. 8, 2017	Rowan Harris	UBC	Field Hockey
Nov. 15, 2017	Sasha Gollish	Toronto	Cross Country
Nov. 22, 2017	Isabel Sarty	Dalhousie	Swimming
Nov. 29, 2017	Kylie Masse	Toronto	Swimming
Dec. 6, 2017	Beth Vinnell	Calgary	Volleyball
Jan. 10, 2018	Nicole Konieczny	Manitoba	Basketball
Jan. 17, 2018	Alison Keough	Cape Breton	Basketball
Jan. 24, 2018	Kate Pexman	Calgary	Volleyball
Jan. 31, 2018	Stephanie Pascal	Queen's	Hockey
Feb. 7, 2018	Sandrine Mainville	Montreal	Swimming
Feb. 14, 2018	Kylie Masse	Toronto	Swimming
Feb. 21, 2018	Kaitlin Jewer	Wilfrid Laurier	Curling
Feb. 28, 2018	Kylie Masse	Toronto	Swimming
Mar. 7, 2018	Lauren Taraschuk	Manitoba	Hockey
Mar. 14, 2018	Kelsey Balkwill	Windsor	Track & Field
Mar. 21, 2018	Theanna Vernon	Ryerson	Volleyball

## Football Players of the Week

From the opening kickoff of the season to the 53<sup>rd</sup> ArcelorMittal Dofasco Vanier Cup, 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. 30	<b>Jakob Loucks</b> Mount Allison	<b>Antoine Lyte-Myers</b> Saint Mary's	<b>Lewis Ward</b> Ottawa
2	Sept. 6	<b>Adam Sinagra</b> Calgary	<b>Vincent Desjardins</b> Laval	<b>Jackson Bennett</b> Ottawa
3	Sept. 13	<b>Levondre Gordon</b> Wilfrid Laurier	<b>Elliot Graham</b> UBC	<b>Ryan Isenor</b> Guelph
4	Sept. 20	<b>Trenton Miller</b> Concordia	<b>Robbie Smith</b> Wilfrid Laurier	<b>Gabriel Ferraro</b> Guelph
5	Sept. 27	N/A	<b>Jayden McKoy</b> Manitoba	<b>Kaion Julien-Grant</b> StFX
6	Oct. 4	<b>Ed Ilnicki</b> Alberta	<b>Adam Melanson</b> Acadia	<b>Quinton Soares</b> Carleton
7	Oct. 11	<b>Jake Puskas</b> Queen's	<b>Shomari Hutchinson</b> Wilfrid Laurier	<b>Antony Dufour</b> Laval
8	Oct. 18	<b>Atlee Simon</b> Regina	<b>Jackson Bennett</b> Ottawa	<b>Johnny King</b> Saint Mary's
9	Oct. 25	<b>Ed Ilnicki</b> Alberta	<b>Gabriel Ouellet</b> Laval	<b>Gabriel Ferraro</b> Guelph
10	Nov. 1	<b>Tylor Henry</b> Alberta	<b>Tak Landry</b> Alberta	<b>Brian Hope</b> Saint Mary's
11	Nov. 8	<b>Adam Sinagra</b> Calgary	<b>Kean Harelimana</b> Laval	<b>Niko DiFonte</b> Calgary
12	Nov. 15	<b>Cedrick Joseph</b> Western	<b>Mathieu Betts</b> Laval	<b>Niko DiFonte</b> Calgary
13	Nov. 22	<b>Chris Merchant</b> Western	<b>Fraser Sopik</b> Western	<b>Marc-Antoine Bellefroid</b> Laval
14	Nov. 29	<b>Chris Merchant</b> Western	<b>Fraser Sopik</b> Western	<b>Marc Liegghio</b> Western



Credit: Jake Martella



Credit: Mathieu Bélanger



# INTERNATIONAL

U SPORTS is proud to offer student-athletes 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 high-performance 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.

## 2017 FISU Summer Universiade Participation

### TAIPEI CITY, CHINESE TAIPEI

August 18-30, 2017

Sport	Competitors		Staff		Medical		Total
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	
Artistic Gymnastics	5	5	4	1	1	1	17
Athletics	25	26	6	1	3	1	62
Badminton	5	6	1				12
Basketball	12	12	5	3	2		34
Diving	2	3	2				8
Fencing		2		1			3
Golf	3	3	2				8
Rhythmic Gymnastics		2		1			3
Soccer	20	20	7			2	49
Swimming	10	13	6		1		30
Table Tennis	5	5	1				11
Taekwondo	9	12	4	1	1		27
Volleyball	12	12	4	2		2	32
Water Polo	13	13	4	2	1		35
Weightlifting	8	7	4	0			19
Wushu	3	2	1	1	1		8
Mission Staff			9	6	5	12	32
<b>Total</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>387</b>
<b>Total by Category</b>	<b>276</b>		<b>79</b>		<b>33</b>		

## 2017 FISU Summer Universiade Medal Count



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Sport	Athlete(s)	School
<b>GOLD</b>		
Artistic Gymnastics (Beam)	Ellie Black	Dalhousie
Artistic Gymnastics (Vault)	Brittany Rogers	Georgia
Athletics (Shot Put)	Brittany Crew	York
4x100m Freestyle Relay	Katerine Savard	Montréal
	Jacqueline Keire	Cincinatti
	Sarah Fournier	Cégep de Ste-Foy
	Alexia Zevnik	North Carolina State
<b>SILVER</b>		
Artistic Gymnastics (Team Event)	Ellie Black	Dalhousie
	Brittany Rogers	Georgia
	Briannah Tsang	Penn State
	Jessica Dowling	Guelph
Athletics (200m)	James Linde	Trinity Western
Athletics (5000m)	Jessica O'Connell	Calgary
Diving (Mixed Team)	Celina Toth	Victoria
	Tyler Henschel	Texas A&M
Swimming (200m backstroke)	Alexia Zevnik	North Carolina State
<b>BRONZE</b>		
Artistic Gymnastics (All-Around and Uneven Bars)	Ellie Black (2)	Dalhousie
Diving (10m platform)	Celina Toth	Victoria
Weightlifting (77 kg)	Alex Bellemarre	Cégep de l'Abitibi-Témiscamingue



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## 2018 FISU World University Championships Schedule



Sport	City	Dates
Cross Country	St. Gallen, Switzerland	Apr. 7, 2018
Beach Volleyball	Munich, Germany	July 9-13, 2018
Rugby 7s	Swakopmund, Namibia	July 12-14, 2018
Orienteering	Kuortane, Finland	July 17-21, 2018
Wushu	Macau, China	Aug. 2-5, 2018
Rowing	Shanghai, China	Aug. 10-12, 2018
Futsal	Almaty, Kazakhstan	Aug. 19-26, 2018
Triathlon	Kalmar, Sweden	Sept. 1, 2018
Squash	Birmingham, U.K.	Sept. 6-12, 2018
Canoe Sprint	Szeged, Hungary	Sept. 13-16, 2018
Weightlifting	Biala Podlaska, Poland	Sept. 20-23, 2018
Cheerleading	Lodz, Poland	Oct. 5-6, 2018
Badminton	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Oct. 15-21, 2018



Credit: Canadian Olympic Committee

## Fourteen U SPORTS alumni bring home medals at PyeongChang Olympics

**PYEONGCHANG, SOUTH KOREA**  
February 9-25, 2018

By Megan McPhaden

**J**ohn Morris and Kaitlyn Lawes, a pair of U SPORTS alumni, made Olympic history at the PyeongChang Olympics when they captured gold in the inaugural mixed curling event. It was the first time the two played together on an international stage, though neither was unfamiliar with the high stakes of the Olympic Games.

Morris entered competition already an Olympic gold medalist in men's curling from Vancouver 2010, while Lawes also had gold in women's curling from the Sochi 2014 Games. Despite being veterans of the team game, mixed curling was a departure from the familiar group-style of play both players were used to.

"Mixed doubles is a completely different sport than team curling. It's so much fun," Morris says.

"One of the things that it's really done for me the last few years is really instill some of the fun back in the game, and it brings me back to my roots of curling."

The first test the duo faced was at the Olympic trials. Rachel Homan was originally slated to be Morris' partner but was no longer available after her rink qualified to represent Canada in

the women's event. That's where Lawes, a Manitoba Bisons alum and third for Jennifer Jones' team, came in.

"I was very fortunate that she was able to play with me in the trials," Morris says. "It was a quick learning curve; we needed to hone our skills a little bit out of the gate and develop our game plan and strategy."

The duo gelled quickly, a testament to the five years of becoming familiar with each other while playing on tour. At the Olympics, Morris and Lawes put on an impressive performance. They went 8-1 en route to gold, losing only their first match to Norway, whom they later defeated in the semis to advance to the final against Switzerland. In the gold medal match, Morris and Lawes began to pull away from the Swiss, after capturing two points at the end of the fifth end. Switzerland ultimately conceded at the end of the sixth after Canada took a commanding 10-3 lead. Their success was a bright spot for Canadian curling, as both the men's and women's teams struggled with consistency and accuracy against a strong field, failing to medal in the process.

Curling has been part of both of Morris and Lawes' lives since they were small children. For Lawes, it started at four, when she played at family fun bonspiel, while Morris remembers a moment from the Navy Curling Club in Ottawa.

"I started when I was five years old," he says. "My dad put me on a curling rock and threw me down the ice!"

The sport followed him into his teens and twenties where he played four years for the Laurier Golden Hawks and picked up some cooking skills in the process.

"It was really good at helping me develop because there was a lot of really good teams that we ran into and gave us some really good games. It allowed me to develop my own skills," Morris says. "We've had such a good pedigree of curlers at Laurier – before me, (it was) Paul Webster, who's now part of the national training program. (There were also) Danielle Inglis and Holly Nicoll – some great curlers there that have really helped developed the program into what it is now."

Morris was a multi-sport athlete at Laurier, also playing varsity baseball and flag football. Since he graduated in 2003, the Golden Hawks have become a curling powerhouse, capturing five OUA and two U SPORTS men's championships. Lawes' nephew, Connor, currently plays for the team.

Now a firefighter with Rocky View Fire Services outside of Calgary, Morris says during his time in Waterloo, Ont., he learned valuable life lessons out of the classroom and off the rink.

"One thing I really learned at Laurier, it taught me to be a really great human being and it taught me some really good life skills because I had never lived away from home," Morris says. "It taught me a lot about how to interact socially, and just really good life skills."

## U SPORTS ALUMNI BRING HOME HARDWARE FROM PYEONGCHANG

Lawes and Morris weren't the only U SPORTS alumni who brought back hardware from South Korea – of the 62 who either competed for or attended a U SPORTS institution, 14 brought home medals.

Covering all the podium achievements for Team Canada was another notable U SPORTS alumni: Former Laval Rouge et Or and current Kansas City Chiefs offensive guard Laurent Duvernay-Tardif served as a broadcaster for Radio Canada, the French-language equivalent of the CBC.

Duvernay-Tardif, who completed his third season with the Chiefs in 2017, will graduate from medical school at Laval this spring. 🍁



Morris played with the Little Rocks program growing up. (Courtesy: John Morris)

### 4 GOLD

- **Kaitlyn Lawes**, Manitoba & **John Morris**, Laurier (mixed doubles curling)
- **Alex Kopacz**, Western (two-man bobsleigh)
- **Tessa Virtue**, Windsor (ice dance and team event)
- **Eric Radford**, York (figure skating team event)

### 2 SILVER

- **Melodie Daoust**, McGill; **Natalie Spooner**, UOIT; **Shannon Szabados**, MacEwan; **Brianne Jenner**, Calgary (women's hockey)
- **Tristan Walker** and **Alex Gough**, Calgary (luge – team relay)

### 3 BRONZE

- **Eric Radford**, York (pairs figure skating)
- **Alex Gough**, Calgary (luge - singles)
- **Pascal Dion**, UQAM (short track speed skating – 5000m relay)

# 2018 Commonwealth Games

## GOLD COAST, AUSTRALIA

April 4-15, 2018

Of the over 5,000 athletes who competed at the Commonwealth Games, there were 80 Canadians with U SPORTS ties out of the 282-member delegation who represented their country this year. The biggest U SPORTS impact was on the women's field hockey and men's basketball rosters. The Canadian women's field hockey team had 18 players, with 15 coming from U SPORTS programs. In men's basketball, every player on the 12-man roster came from U SPORTS schools, including this year's Final 8 championship MVP, David Kapinga (Calgary), and fellow Championship All-Stars Manny Diressa (Ryerson) and Mambi Diawara (Calgary).



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Sport	Athlete(s)	School
<b>GOLD</b>		
Beach Volleyball	Melissa Humana-Paredes	York
Swimming (100m backstroke)	Kylie Masse	Toronto
Swimming (200m backstroke)	Kylie Masse	Toronto
Wrestling (53 kg)	Diana Weicker	Brock
Wrestling (76 kg)	Erica Wiebe	Calgary
<b>SILVER</b>		
Basketball	Men's Team	Various
Beach Volleyball	Sam Schachter	Wilfrid Laurier
	Sam Pedlow	Queen's
Swimming (50m backstroke)	Kylie Masse	Toronto
Swimming (4x100m medley relay)	Kylie Masse	Toronto
Swimming (50m butterfly S7)	Sarah Mehain	McGill
Wrestling (50 kg)	Jessica MacDonald	Brock
Wrestling (62 kg)	Michelle Fazzari	Brock
Wrestling (68 kg)	Danielle Lappage	Calgary
Wrestling (57 kg)	Steven Takahashi	Western
Wrestling (125 kg)	Korey Jarvis	Guelph
<b>BRONZE</b>		
Athletics (Shot put)	Brittany Crew	York
Swimming (200m individual medley)	Erika Seltenreich-Hodgson	UBC
Swimming (100m backstroke)	Markus Thormeyer	UBC
Wrestling (57 kg)	Emily Schaefer	Brock
Wrestling (74 kg)	Jevon Balfour	Brock
Wrestling (97 kg)	Jordan Steen	Concordia



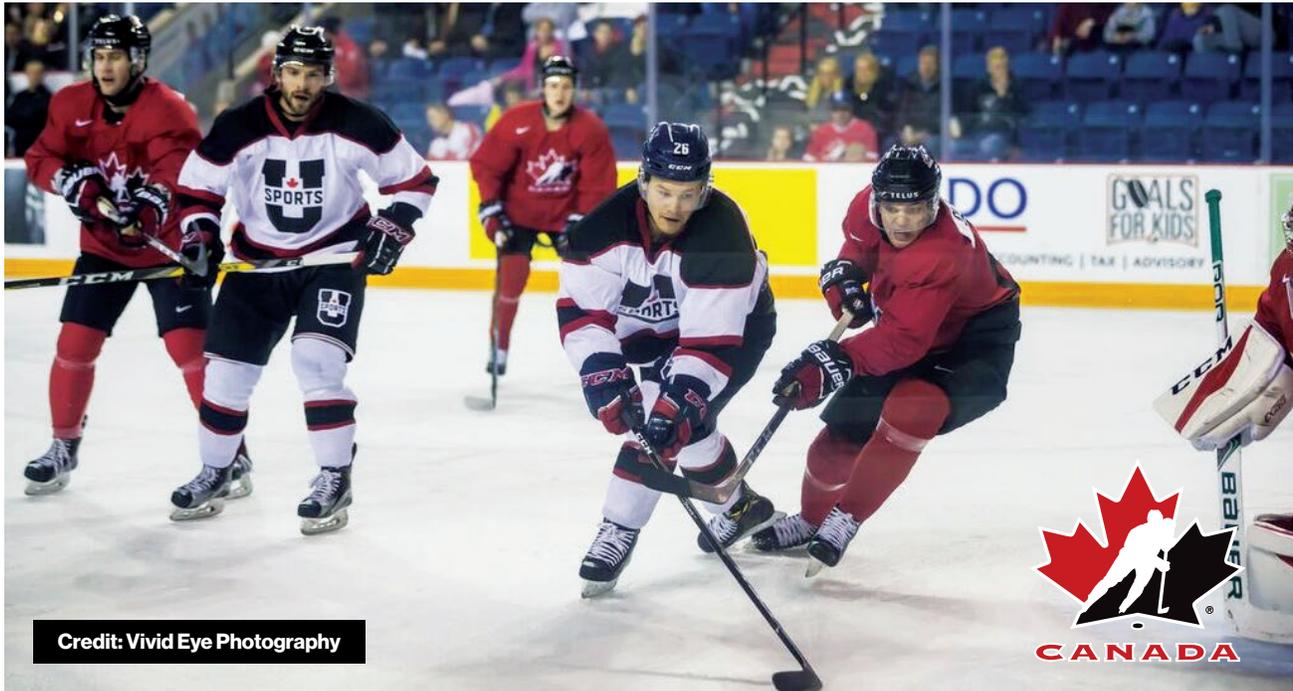
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TAIPEI 2017 SUMMER UNIVERSIADE

Credit: Mathieu Bélanger



# HIGH PERFORMANCE EVENTS



Credit: Vivid Eye Photography

## Men's Hockey All-Star Series

**U SPORTS All-Stars the perfect test for Team Canada en route to junior golden dreams**

**By Kaitlin Jingco**

**F**or the first time ever, the U SPORTS Men's Hockey All-Star Team swept the Canadian World Junior prospects in their annual two-game series – an event that both teams say was for the benefit of the World Junior squad.

“Our objective is actually not to win,” says U SPORTS President and CEO Graham Brown. “Our objective is to give the World Juniors a really good team that they can use to help select their final team...We want to see the World Juniors be successful.”

While most wouldn't think to pair athletic success with losses, Shawn Bullock, senior manager of hockey operations at Hockey Canada, says his team's pair of defeats to Brown's U SPORTS squad were “outstanding,” as they helped determine which of the best Under-20 players to pick for the Canadian World Junior side.

“The skill level, the speed, and the style of play that they were presenting was exactly what we needed to create an evaluation environment and expose some of our players that unfortunately didn't make the program,” says Bullock of the U SPORTS All-Stars.

This competitive yet supportive relationship between the two sides – which holds strong on the female side as well, as the best U SPORTS women's hockey players annually take part in Hockey Canada's Summer Showcase each August – has been ongoing since 1988, with the U SPORTS All-Star Team serving as part of the Junior Team's selection camp since 2015.

In the first year of the contests, U SPORTS took the first win, beating the Canadian hopefuls 5-4 in a shootout in Toronto. The next day, the Junior prospects got their redemption, beating U SPORTS 5-0. In 2016, the World Juniors swept the All-Stars, winning 5-3 on Day 1 and 3-0 on Day 2, with both games held in Boisbriand, Que.

This year in St. Catharine's, Ont., following the Team Canada hopefuls' 2016 success, Hockey Canada asked U SPORTS to up the challenge.

Typically, when the All-Star Team is chosen, the coaching staff needs to meet a specific quota, with a certain number of players coming from each conference. This year, Hockey Canada asked



that U SPORTS scrap those geographical requirements and simply pick the top athletes in the country.

“They just picked the best players,” says Bullock of the selection changes. “They pushed our guys...and that’s what we wanted.”

In addition to having more “freedom and flexibility” in picking his roster, U SPORTS head coach Brad Peddle of StFX – along with assistants Mark Howell of Calgary, Trevor Stienburg of Saint Mary’s and Patrick Grandmaître of Ottawa – made a point of adding more practices as well as team-building activities, such as visiting Niagara Falls and taking in a Buffalo Sabres game, to this year’s preparations.

As Peddle intended, these changes led to improved results for the U SPORTS All-Stars.

In the first contest of this year’s series, an early goal in the first period by Alberta forward Luke Philp and two empty-net goals at the end of the third allowed the U SPORTS athletes to secure a 3-0 win over their younger opponents.

The second match was much closer, as the two teams were tied 2-2 then 3-3 in the final period. Ultimately, though, with just 6.5 seconds on the clock, Alberta defenceman Jason Fram snuck one in for a 4-3 victory over the Junior prospects.

“We’re really proud of the group,” says Peddle, who served as U SPORTS’ assistant coach on last year’s All-Star bench. “They really bought into how we had to play, and I think you saw, over the two games, a committed group in terms of just leaving it on the ice and playing with pride.”

Regardless of the series results and of the three-year, back-and-forth rivalry, both sides of the ice insist that the U SPORTS-Hockey Canada relationship is mutually beneficial and important.

“It’s a great partnership that we have,” says Brown, providing the U SPORTS perspective. “We invest heavily to make that team successful, and Hockey Canada invests in us.”

Bullock agrees, describing U SPORTS efforts to help select the Canadian Juniors as “perfect” and “tremendous.”

Following the series, Hockey Canada was able to narrow the

players from 33 to 27, nearly finalizing the roster ahead of the IIHF World Junior Championship, where they captured their first gold since 2015.

While these decisions are the key reason why this series was established, the games also help do something else: inform sports fans of the quality of U SPORTS athletics.

“They pushed our 18, 19-year-old athletes that are considered the best in the country, and in some cases, the best in the world,” says Bullock of the U SPORTS All-Stars, whom he says does not get the respect they deserve. “They pushed (us) right to the limits and won both games. So, I hope people took note.”

Following the pair of victories, U SPORTS was trending on social media while several news outlets reported the results throughout the country, suggesting Canadian university athletics may finally be getting the attention it’s proven to deserve.

When Brown began his role as U SPORTS President and CEO just over two and a half years ago, it was his goal to make university sports in Canada more “relevant.” While he says the recent hockey publicity will help, he and the U SPORTS team are always striving to do more.

“It’s not going to be a home run; it’s not going to be one thing that does it. It’s every year you got to keep working harder,” he says, referring to the organization’s need to continue putting on events like the All-Star series.

Brown emphasizes that his team is committed to increasing awareness about the quality of U SPORTS athletics, while simultaneously nurturing relationships with Canada’s national sports organizations, like Rugby Canada, Canada Basketball, and the CFL.

The U SPORTS leader has his eye on all Canadian sports, but when it comes to the Canadian Christmas tradition of supporting the World Juniors in the IIHF Championship competition, Brown is proud to have shared in the team’s glory.

“(I) believe the U SPORTS hockey team...played a small role in (Team Canada’s) victory,” he says. 🍁



## Women's Hockey Development Camp

**U SPORTS Women's Hockey All-Stars gain Hockey Canada experience at Summer Showcase**

By Jonathan Yue

**F**or a second consecutive year, the U SPORTS Women's Hockey All-Stars headed to Calgary, Alta., to train and compete at Hockey Canada's Summer Showcase from Aug. 5-13, 2017.

Consisting of 21 players from across the nation, the showcase included on and off-ice training from Hockey Canada, practices and games against Japan's National Women's team as well as Hockey Canada's Development (U22) Team.

Finishing with a 2-2 record at last year's program, the U SPORTS All-Stars earned a pair of wins against Japan, followed by their first-ever win over Team Canada.

The U SPORTS roster showcased some of the best student-athletes in the country, including 2017 Championship MVP Lindsey Post (Alberta), Player of the Year Sarah Bujold (StFX), Rookie of the Year, Tricia Deguire (McGill), and six All-Canadians.

Out of the 21 U SPORTS players invited to the camp, three players were able to use the Summer Showcase as a platform to further their careers in hockey, going on to the Canadian Women's Hockey League (CWHL) Draft where they were all selected by the Calgary Inferno. Post, Kelty Apperson (St. Thomas) and Kelly Murray (UBC) all made their professional hockey debuts this past season in the CWHL. Post would finish the season with the fourth-best goals-against-average (2.21) in the league,

while Apperson and Murray tallied nine and eight points, respectively with the Inferno.

Goaltender Amelia Boughn (UBC) and forward Olivia Atkinson (McGill) also attended the camp, invited to participate for Team Canada. Boughn played two games for the Red and White, stopping all 20 shots she faced, while Atkinson tallied a pair of goals in four games.

Through this partnership with Hockey Canada, U SPORTS hopes to continue the development of women's hockey. The U SPORTS All-Stars are set to participate in their third consecutive Hockey Canada Showcase this summer. 🍁

**21** U SPORTS All-Stars invited to Hockey Canada Summer Showcase

**3** Players at 2017 Development Camp selected in 2017 CWHL Draft



Credit: Mathieu Bélanger



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# 2018 U SPORTS Valero East-West Bowl



Initiated in 2003, the East-West Bowl showcases U SPORTS players who, in the majority of cases, will be eligible for the following year's CFL draft.

The West team is mostly made up of U SPORTS football players from Canada West and Ontario University Athletics (OUA) schools, except Carleton, Ottawa and Queen's, which play for the East squad. The rest of the East team features players from Atlantic University Sport (AUS) and Réseau du sport étudiant du Québec (RSEQ) schools.

In the 2018 edition, Manitoba Bisons running back Jamel Lyles scored the game-winning 18-yard touchdown with 2:12 remaining on the clock, to lead Team West to a 15-14 victory. It was the third straight victory for the West team and improved their record to 10-6.

The contest capped a week of celebration for Canadian football, after 56 U SPORTS standouts were selected out of 69 total picks (81.2 per cent), nine days earlier during the 2018 CFL draft. 🍁



**EAST MVP**

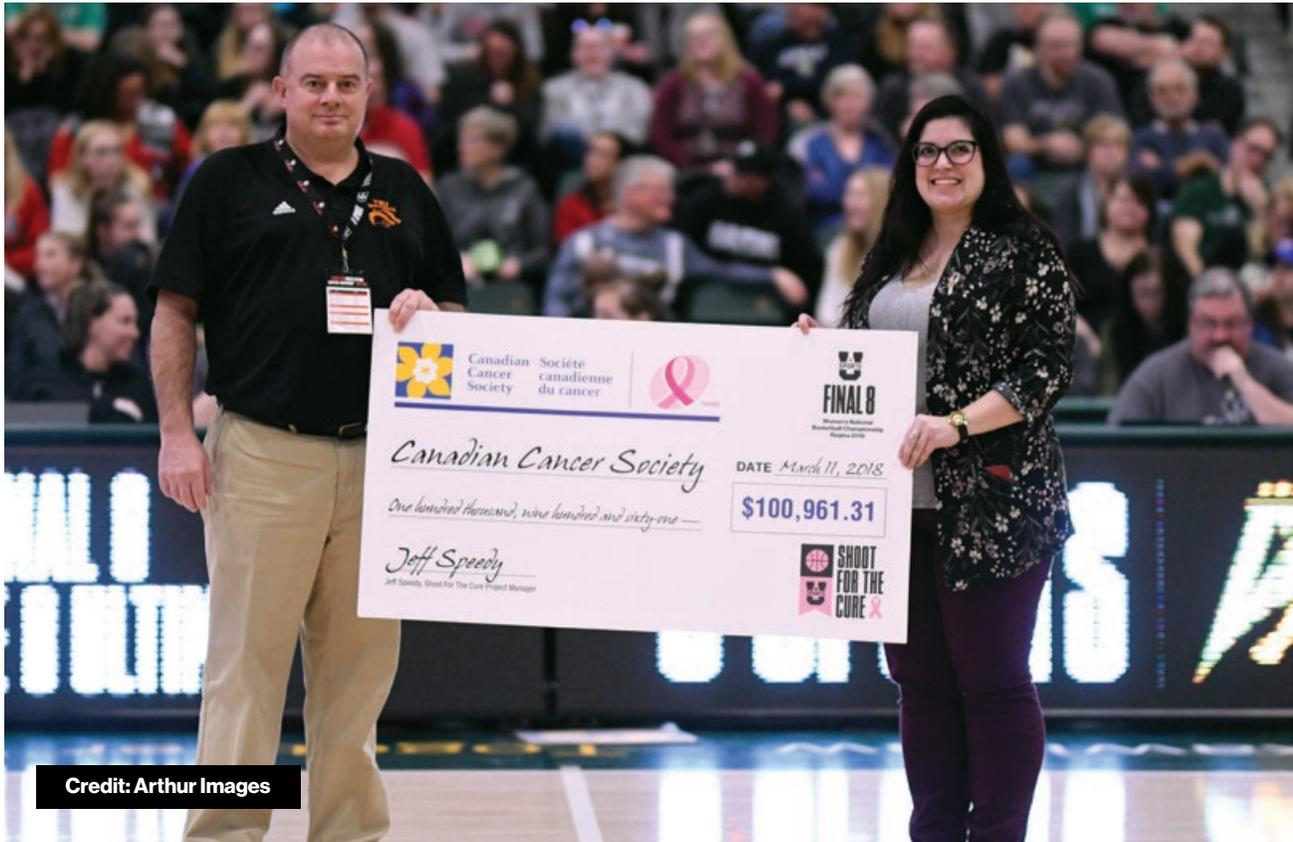
**MATHIEU BETTS**



**WEST MVP**

**COLTON HUNCHAK**

# SPORTS: SPECIAL INITIATIVES



Credit: Arthur Images

## Shoot for the Cure

U SPORTS women's basketball programs raised **\$100,961.31** for the Canadian Cancer Society (CCS) in 2017-18, thanks to the 11th edition of the annual Shoot For The Cure initiative.

An additional **\$17,996.85** 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 **\$118,958.16** and the 11-year total to **\$1,252,516.77** since the initiative was launched in 2007-08 to raise awareness and money to fight the deadly disease.

For the seventh 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.



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## Heightened Minimum Championship Bid Standards

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In January, U SPORTS announced its hosts for the 2019-2021 U SPORTS Championships in men's and women's basketball and 2019-2020 men's and women's ice hockey. This marked the culmination of a new bid process that emphasized increased minimum standards.

Basketball and hockey are two of U SPORTS' most prestigious championships for which a number of high-quality bids were presented. Included, was an integrated bid with men's and women's basketball through a joint partnership between the University of Ottawa, Carleton University and the Ottawa Sports & Entertainment Group (OSEG). This bid was identified as an innovative approach for a sport enjoying tremendous success at both the grassroots and high-performance levels across Canada. Dalhousie University (2019 men's basketball), St. Francis Xavier University (2021 men's basketball), Ryerson University (2019 women's basketball), Queen's University (2021 women's basketball), University of Lethbridge (2019 men's hockey), Acadia University (2020 men's hockey), and UPEI (2019 and 2020 women's hockey) will host the other U SPORTS national championships.

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## Host Orientation Workshop

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Held at the University of Toronto, the first U SPORTS host orientation workshop was an opportunity for schools playing host to championships between 2018 and 2021 to understand national office expectations and discuss minimum requirements and new standards under the U SPORTS brand. The two-day meeting and conference was also a chance to share ideas and best practices with colleagues, as well as hear and meet with professionals from the sports industry – all with the common goal of hosting successful championships in the coming years.

On Day 1, U SPORTS departments presented updates and recommendations to the new championship hosts, with special focuses on events, coordination with the national office, marketing and promotion, communications, social media, livestreaming and partnerships. For the remainder of the conference, hosts had a chance to hear from representatives from key companies and sport organizations on how to run a successful event beyond the field of play.

Presenters included NeuLion, Sports Canada TV, the Canadian Sport Tourism Alliance (CSTA), Sport & Entertainment Atlantic (SIEA), Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment (MLSE), the the Canadian Football League (CFL), Canadian Olympic Committee (COC), Stadium Digital and IMG, all of whom served as great resources to the hosts.

Representatives from 14 host schools of 13 different championship events over the next three years attended the inaugural event – spanning athletic and associate athletic directors, as well as marketing, events and sports information / communications staff.

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## FISU Volunteer Leader Academy

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U SPORTS sent two student representatives to Kazan, Russia for the 2017 FISU Volunteer Leaders Academy. This educational program took place at the Volga Region State Academy of Physical Culture, Sport and Tourism and was a week-long program which included lectures, roundtable discussion, networking opportunities and great guest speakers in the industry. The event was divided into two main components; the International Day of University Sport and the FISU 2018 World University Championships. The U SPORTS Canadian delegation reported an overall great experience in travelling to Kazan, networking with prestigious global executives in the sport industry and being indulged in global discussion around university sports.

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## 2017 FISU 3x3 Basketball World University League

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U SPORTS International sent a men's and women's team to the 2017 FISU 3x3 Basketball World University League (WUL) final in Xiamen, China. In total, 32 teams (16 teams of each gender) participated in the event. On the women's side, members of the Regina Cougars went 6-1, finishing with silver, while on the men's side, players from the McGill Redmen went 6-0 and claimed bronze.

## Sport Review

U SPORTS has resurrected a draft Sport Model that was previously led by the Sport Committee. Bob Copeland of McLaren Global Sport Solutions Inc. was hired to review the current offering of U SPORTS-sanctioned sports through data collection, analysis and extensive consultation, with a vision to create a new sport model aimed at advancing U SPORTS within the organization's new mission to "provide and promote inclusive and exceptional opportunities for student-athletes to reach their academic and athletic potential."

The model's objectives include determining criteria on how to add new, remove or re-categorize sports sanctioned by the national office. The proposed new model is based on extensive consultation, including surveys and meetings with the membership, university presidents, National and Multisport Organizations, as well as conference offices. Oversight of the process and input into the model was provided by an Ad Hoc Committee chaired by Dr. Alan Wildeman, President of the University of Windsor. The next steps are to review the implementation of the model with the membership at the 2018 U SPORTS Annual Meeting and Conference.

## International Business Review

U SPORTS completed a Business Plan Review, with the main objective to propose a sustainable approach to the U SPORTS International program with appropriate strategic alignment over the next four years. Through expert consultation, the current landscape of the international program was examined in the areas of funding, departmental optimization, international relations, membership value and support and future sport education. All key areas were also compared to other FISU global franchise holders to gain a better understanding of the global marketplace for international university sport opportunities. The next steps in the 2018-19 year will be focused around the operational plans to carry out the strategic initiatives established in this Business Plan Review.

## International Representation

U SPORTS has been successful in maintaining several important positions on FISU committees in recent years, with several executives currently sitting in the following positions.

Name	Current Position	Term
Coleen Dufresne	Assessor, Executive Committee Vice-Chair, International Control Committee, Advisory Committee, Member, FISU America	2015-2019
Robert Philip	Vice-Chair, Winter Universiade International Technical Committee	2016-2019
Dr. Janice Harvey	Coordinator WUC, International Medical Committee	2016-2019
Maria Izquierdo	FISU Substitute Technical Delegate (TD) for Sports Climbing (WUC)	2015-2019
Gilles Lépine	FISU Technical Delegate (TD) and Co Chairperson of the Technical Committee for Volleyball	2015-2017
	North American Regional Representative, FISU America Executive Committee	2016-2019
Darren Cates	Sports Events Committee, President, FISU America	2016-2019
	Gender Equality Committee, Working Group Member	
Michel Bélanger	Gender Equality Committee, Member, FISU America	2016-2019
	Media and Communications Committee, Working Group Member	
Lia Taha Cheng	Member of the Consultative Group of the CDSU	2016-2019

## Top 10 Moments

By Andrew Bucholtz

With the 2017-18 U SPORTS season officially in the books, it's important to reflect on what was, and ultimately, what makes university sport in Canada so special.

After thousands of regular season and conference playoff games, culminating in 21 national championships, we take a look back at the Top 10 most memorable moments of the past season.



Credit: Jeff and Tara Miller

### 10. Women's soccer: Carabins earn first national title

Heading into nationals, many thought the Quebec team to lift the Gladys Bean Memorial Trophy might be the defending champion Laval Rouge et Or, who went 12-0-2 this season, were ranked No. 1 in the Top 10 each week and entered nationals as the top seed. But Laval was upset in the quarterfinals by the Western Mustangs, and it wound up being the sixth-seeded Montreal Carabins who shone, recovering from their 1-0 overtime loss to the Rouge et Or in the Quebec finals to beat the Guelph Gryphons 1-0 in the national quarterfinals, down the Trinity Western Spartans 5-0 in the semifinals and edge the Cape Breton Capers 1-0 in the final on Nov. 12. Catherine Proulx scored the tournament-winning goal for Montreal and was named match MVP, while keeper Claudia Dubé-Trempe recorded three straight shutouts and defender Marie-Ève Bernard O'Breham was named tournament MVP.



Credit: Martin Bazyl

### 9. Swimming: Varsity Blues' Kylie Masse wins national 50m, 100m and 200m backstroke events for third-straight season

Some of the most sustained U SPORTS dominance in recent years has come from Toronto Varsity Blues swimmer Kylie Masse, who won the 50m, 100m and 200m backstroke events at this year's national championships (hosted by the Blues) for the third year in a row, setting U SPORTS records in all three. Masse was named the female Swimmer of the Year for the second straight season, and she picked up five gold and two silver medals overall at the event.

Her Blues finished second to the UBC Thunderbirds (997 points to 1362.5), and UBC also won the men's overall title, but Masse's performance was perhaps the most impressive individual showing. That's especially true considering the incredible consistency she's demonstrated over the last three years.



Credit: APShutter.com

### 8. Cross Country: Gaels and Varsity Blues beat 13-time champion Gryphons

The women's cross country world saw a big shakeup this year, first in Ontario and then on the national stage. The Guelph Gryphons had won the last 13 OUA titles and the last 12 national titles, but the Queen's Gaels claimed this year's OUA championship Oct. 28, with the University of Toronto Varsity Blues finishing second. Queen's was led by Branna MacDougall, who placed first overall on the women's side in the 8-kilometre race and was named OUA MVP with a time of 27:19.5. And at the Nov. 12 nationals, the first time that event had been held at an 8-kilometre distance, the Varsity Blues came out on top, with Queen's placing second and Guelph third. Toronto's Sasha Gollish placed first with a time of 27:37, with Queen's Claire Sumner (last year's individual champion) finishing second in 27:46 and MacDougall finishing third in 27:51.



Credit: Trevor MacMillan

**7. Men’s basketball: Javon Masters sets U SPORTS scoring record**

Speaking of impressive historic accomplishments, UNB Varsity Reds fifth-year guard Javon Masters provided one for the ages in January, breaking former Ryerson Rams and Calgary Dinos forward Boris Bakovic’s U SPORTS career record of 2,282 regular-season points. Masters hit 2,296 that evening thanks to a 39-point night, leading UNB to a 104-96 win over the Saint Mary’s Huskies. He finished with 2,407 regular-season points and was named AUS MVP, then later helped the Varsity Reds win their first conference title since 1967 and advance to nationals. They fell to McGill and Brock there, ending his U SPORTS career, but what a career it was.



Credit: Brandon VandeCaveye

**6. Women’s hockey: Bisons’ semifinal shootout sets up title, get recognized by Jets**

The Manitoba Bisons won their first women’s hockey national championship in March, downing the host Western Mustangs 2-0 in the gold-medal game behind 20 saves from Lauren Taraschuk and goals from Lauryn Keen (named tournament MVP) and Venla Hovi (named game MVP).

But it was how they got there that was perhaps even more notable, as their semifinal game against the Concordia Stingers went to a shootout. Manitoba came up with a 2-1 win there, with Taraschuk making 21 stops during the game and then stopping both shooters she faced in the shootout. Lauren Warkentin scored Manitoba’s goal during regulation, while Jordyn Zacharias and Alanna Sharman scored for the Bisons in the shootout. That paved the way for Manitoba to go on and win this title, and then later earn some nice recognition from the Winnipeg Jets.



Credit: Ron Leblanc

**5. Women’s rugby: Gee-Gees best X-Women in Rowan’s Legacy match, go on to win national title**

The first annual Rowan’s Legacy match was played Oct. 7 in Ottawa, part of the Gee-Gees’ efforts to honor Rowan Stringer, an Ottawa high school rugby player who had planned to attend the university but died at 17 in 2013 from second impact syndrome after suffering multiple concussions in a short period. The Gee-Gees also announced the creation of a bursary in Stringer’s name. And the game itself was a great one, a rematch of the 2016 national final where StFX came out on top. This time around, Ottawa came out with a 33-19 win thanks to a 19-0 run in the second half. Five different players recorded tries for the Gee-Gees, and fifth-year centre Emma Sandström made four of five converts.



Credit: Arthur Images

**4. Women’s basketball: Ravens finish perfect season with first title in program history after sneaking by Martlets on Catherine Traer’s last-second shot**

The Carleton Ravens had a remarkable season this year, going 23-0 in the regular season, rolling through the OUA playoffs and then finding success at the national championships to claim the first title in program history. The Ravens beat the Calgary Dinos 52-42 in the quarterfinals, then barely bested the McGill Martlets 46-44 in the semifinals thanks to an incredible running shot from Catherine Traer with 1.6 seconds left.

That was part of a great comeback from the Ravens, who outscored the Martlets

11-2 in the fourth quarter. And Traer had 10 points, five rebounds and three assists on the night, and went on to put up 21 points and 10 rebounds in Carleton's 69-48 gold-medal win over the Saskatchewan Huskies, which gave the Ravens that first title in team history.



### **3. Women's volleyball: Rams finish perfect season with first title in school history**

Speaking of historic titles, March saw the Ryerson Rams women's volleyball team claim not just the first national title in program history, but their school's first title in any sport. And that also capped off a perfect season, as they went 19-0 in the regular season, 3-0 in the OUA playoffs, and then won all three of their matches at nationals. That included a 25-22, 29-31, 25-19, 25-21 win over the Alberta Pandas in the gold medal game, and that crucial fourth set included Ryerson bouncing back from a 20-17 deficit.

Tournament MVP Theanna Vernon led the way for Ryerson there with 11 kills and 13 blocks, while Janelle Albert had 10 kills and 28 digs and Lauren Veltman had 20 kills and 10 digs.



### **2. Football: The Dinos' record field goal**

There were plenty of great moments in the U SPORTS football playoffs this year, but the Canada West Hardy Cup final on Nov. 11 may have been the most spectacular. A shootout between the Calgary Dinos and UBC Thunderbirds saw UBC leading 43-41 with just two seconds left, and the Dinos a long way out. But they opted to try a field goal anyway, and second-year Calgary kicker Niko DiFonte nailed it from 59 yards out, setting a U SPORTS record and giving the Dinos a 44-43 win.

There was a lot that led up to that, including four fourth-quarter lead changes and a 92-yard UBC touchdown drive inside the final two minutes. But the field goal was particularly special; the previous best in U SPORTS history was a 57-yarder from Saint Mary's Huskies kicker Jerry Foster back in 1986, and there have only been only four field goals from 59 or longer in the CFL's history.



### **1. Men's basketball: Rams knock off seven-time defending champion Ravens, Dinos make last-second shot to win first-ever title**

The men's basketball Final 8 in March saw not one, but two amazing moments. In the semifinals, the Ryerson Rams bested the top-seeded and undefeated Carleton Ravens 84-76, ending Carleton's streak of seven straight national titles. It was yet another clash between these schools, which had faced off for the OUA championship (the Wilson Cup) in each of the past three years, with Ryerson winning in 2016 and 2017 and Carleton winning this year. The teams also faced each other in last year's national title game, with the Ravens taking that one. This time around, though, it was the Rams who wound up on top, boosted by a 28-point, six-assist showing from Manny Diressa.

But, in the title game, it was another program that came up with the trophy, with the Calgary Dinos edging Ryerson 79-77 to win their first national men's basketball title. It was close late, tied at 77 with just nine seconds left in regulation, but then Mambi Diawara stepped up for the Dinos - perhaps the most memorable moment of the U SPORTS season.

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Financial Statements of

# **U SPORTS**

Year ended March 31, 2018



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of U SPORTS

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of U SPORTS, which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2018, the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

### *Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements*

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these 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.

### *Auditors' Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.



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

*Opinion*

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of U SPORTS as at March 31, 2018, and its results of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

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Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Kanata, Canada

May 25, 2018

# U SPORTS

## Statement of Financial Position

March 31, 2018, with comparative information for 2017

	2018	2017
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ 98,106	\$ 148,298
Accounts receivable	450,276	640,572
Investments	50,000	50,000
Prepaid expenses and advances	208,515	94,998
Inventories	25,000	-
	831,897	933,868
Tangible capital assets (note 2)	751,649	783,854
	\$ 1,583,546	\$ 1,717,722

## Liabilities and Net Assets

Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (note 3)	\$ 1,140,254	\$ 933,664
Deferred revenue	63,375	96,762
Coaches Excellence Fund	242,957	248,200
	1,446,586	1,278,626
Leasehold inducement	200,000	237,430
Net assets (note 5):		
Internally restricted for RBC student - athlete fund	50,000	50,000
Internally restricted for reserve purposes	-	176,108
Invested in tangible capital and intangible assets	514,219	546,424
Unrestricted	(627,259)	(570,866)
	(63,040)	201,666
Commitments (note 6)		
	\$ 1,583,546	\$ 1,717,722

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

On behalf of the Board:

 Director

 Director

## U SPORTS

### Statement of Operations

Year ended March 31, 2018, with comparative information for 2017

	2018	2017
<b>Revenue:</b>		
Member dues	\$ 1,513,686	\$ 1,460,805
Events/competitions	811,279	741,923
Funding	806,929	898,829
International	728,753	471,923
Marketing	597,498	676,469
Other	272,063	101,285
Donations	30,000	400
Merchandising	7,083	600
	<b>4,767,291</b>	<b>4,352,234</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Payroll	1,745,663	1,771,123
Travel	1,055,314	675,768
Commercial	689,691	624,218
Administration	605,241	575,368
Events and competitions	356,882	218,505
International	332,024	476,092
Dues	178,500	123,500
Merchandising	69,627	89,751
	<b>5,032,942</b>	<b>4,554,325</b>
Deficiency of revenue over expenses before the undernoted	(265,651)	(202,091)
<b>Other income:</b>		
One-time dues fees	-	319,800
Foreign exchange gain	945	7,663
One-time expenses	-	(149,814)
	<b>945</b>	<b>177,649</b>
Deficiency of revenue over expenses	<b>\$ (264,706)</b>	<b>\$ (24,442)</b>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

## U SPORTS

### Statement of Changes in Net Assets

Year ended March 31, 2018, with comparative information for 2017

	Internally restricted for RBC student- athlete fund	Internally restricted for reserve purposes	Invested in TCA	Unrestricted	2018	2017
Net assets, beginning of year	\$ 50,000	\$ 176,108	\$ 546,424	\$ (570,866)	\$ 201,666	\$ 226,108
Deficiency of revenue over expenses	-	-	(121,709)	(142,997)	(264,706)	(24,442)
Additions to tangible capital assets	-	-	89,504	(89,504)	-	-
Release of internally restricted reserve	-	(176,108)	-	176,108	-	-
<b>Net assets, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 514,219</b>	<b>\$ (627,259)</b>	<b>\$ (63,040)</b>	<b>\$ 201,666</b>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

## U SPORTS

### Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended March 31, 2018, with comparative information for 2017

	2018	2017
Cash provided by (used in):		
Operating activities:		
Deficiency of revenue over expenses	\$ (264,706)	\$ (24,442)
Items not involving cash:		
Amortization of leasehold inducement	(37,430)	(12,570)
Amortization of tangible capital assets	121,709	78,174
Net change in non-cash operating working capital items:		
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable	190,296	(93,742)
Increase in inventories	(25,000)	-
Increase in prepaid expenses and advances	(113,517)	(33,859)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	206,590	(186,668)
Increase (decrease) in Coaches Excellence Fund	(5,243)	21,124
Increase (decrease) in deferred revenue	(33,387)	96,762
	39,312	(155,221)
Financing activities:		
Decrease in operating line of credit	-	(366)
Investing activities:		
Purchase of tangible capital assets	(89,504)	(824,227)
Increase in leasehold inducement	-	250,000
	(89,504)	(574,227)
Decrease in cash	(50,192)	(729,814)
Cash, beginning of year	148,298	878,112
Cash, end of year	\$ 98,106	\$ 148,298

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

# U SPORTS

Notes to Financial Statements

Year ended March 31, 2018

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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) Internally restricted RBC (Royal Bank of Canada) student-athlete fund:

The fund will be used as directed by the Board.

### (c) Internally restricted reserve:

The reserve was created to provide financial stability for the Organization and is not available for other purposes without approval of the Board of Directors.

### (d) 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.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended March 31, 2018

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### 1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(e) 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.

(f) 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.

# U SPORTS

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended March 31, 2018

## 1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(g) 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.

## 2. Tangible capital and intangible assets:

			2018	2017
	Cost	Accumulated amortization	Net book value	Net book value
Tangible capital assets:				
Office furniture and equipment	\$ 263,656	\$ 132,101	\$ 131,555	\$ 165,082
Computer	33,760	19,599	14,161	16,751
Leasehold improvements	554,624	64,764	489,860	513,464
Intangible capital assets:				
Computer software	155,356	39,283	116,073	88,557
	\$ 1,007,396	\$ 255,747	\$ 751,649	\$ 783,854

Cost and accumulated amortization at March 31, 2017 amounted to \$917,892 and \$134,038, respectively.

## U SPORTS

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended March 31, 2018

### 3. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities:

	2018	2017
Trade	\$ 591,368	\$ 286,656
Travel pool	276,503	296,224
Accrued liabilities / payroll-related	131,160	279,379
Credit cards payable / staff expenses	76,223	41,405
Championship bond	65,000	30,000
	<b>\$ 1,140,254</b>	<b>\$ 933,664</b>

### 4. 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 \$Nil (2017 - \$Nil) on the line of credit.

### 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.

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, 2017.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended March 31, 2018

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## 6. Commitments:

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

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2019	\$	128,695
2020		136,049
2021		139,726
2022		143,403
2023		143,403
Thereafter		1,213,410
	\$	1,904,686

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## 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.

## 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, 2017.

## 9. Comparative information:

Certain 2017 comparative information has been reclassified to conform with the financial statement presentation adopted for the current year.



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