

CAMBRIDGE SPORTS AWARDS CELEBRATION



PROGRAM

NOVEMBER 7, 2025

PRESTON AUDITORIUM
HALL

CASH BAR AND APPETIZERS AT 6 PM
CEREMONY AT 7 PM
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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL



Dear Friends,

On behalf of Council and the City of Cambridge, it is my great pleasure to welcome all the athletes, coaches, families, and guests to the 2025 Annual Cambridge Sports Awards.

This year's celebration is especially meaningful as we gather in the newly revitalized Preston Memorial Auditorium Hall—a space designed to support and showcase the incredible talent in our community. This facility stands as a symbol of our commitment to inclusive, high-quality spaces that serve athletes of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities.

Tonight, we honour the dedication, passion, and perseverance of our local athletes. Whether you're being recognized for your performance, leadership, or commitment to your sport, your achievements reflect countless hours of hard work and determination. You inspire not only your peers, but the entire community.

We also recognize the vital role of coaches, families, and mentors—your support and encouragement have helped shape these athletes into the individuals we celebrate today.

To all the athletes being honoured, we offer heartfelt congratulations. The lessons you've learned through sport, teamwork, resilience, and discipline will continue to guide you in all areas of life. We are proud to celebrate your success and look forward to all that you will accomplish in the future.

Thank you to the dedicated volunteers and City of Cambridge staff for their hard work planning and executing this event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jan Liggett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mayor Jan Liggett, City of Cambridge



CAMBRIDGE SPORTS AWARDS 2025

Our program for this evening

November 7, 2025

6:00 p.m. Reception and Appetizers

7:00 p.m. Ceremony

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Land Acknowledgement

Welcome and Introductions: Master of Ceremonies - Mark Hunniford

Greetings from the City of Cambridge

Guest Speaker: Sportscaster Mark Lee

Cambridge Sports Hall of Fame: New Inductees - Gary Hedges

Presentation of Awards:

1. High School Team of the Year Award
2. Sports Organization of the Year Award
3. George Hill Team of the Year Award
4. Heart of Sport Award
5. Don and Benita Rope Sports Contributor Award
6. Audio Visual Presentation of the 2025 Tim Turow Finalists
7. Introduction of the Tim Turow Nominees and Presentation of Plaques
8. Announcement of the 2025 Tim Turow Athlete of the Year

Acknowledgements and Closing Remarks

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MASTER OF CEREMONIES

MARK HUNNIFORD

Mark has lived in Cambridge since 1987, when a teaching opportunity brought him to Galt Collegiate. For 16 years he was a proud member of the GCI family, where he was actively involved in the classroom, first as an English and Dramatic Arts teacher and later as a Guidance Counsellor and Activity Director overseeing the extra-curricular program at the school.

As a coach of GCI's Track and Field team, Mark instilled in his athletes that track and field, though inherently an individual sport, when approached with a team sport attitude, was much more fun and helped to improve the performance for each athlete. The GCI Track and Field team received the ultimate accolade in 1995, when they were awarded Cambridge Team of the Year at these very awards.

Mark has always been a sports historian, so it was an honour for him when he was asked to join the inaugural committee for the Cambridge Sports Hall of Fame. Though no longer an active member of the CSHF, Mark loved his time with this wonderful community group, having had the privilege to Chair it for a number of years.

Now retired from the high school setting, having finished his career as Principal of Bluevale Collegiate in Waterloo, Mark continues to be involved in organizing high school track and field meets in Waterloo Region and beyond, and still maintains track and field data for Waterloo Region high schools. He also continues to record track and field data for Galt Collegiate, which he first began when he started there over 35 years ago.

Mark's most recent title is that of Grandpa to his recently born Grandson. Mark's life path led him to live and work in Cambridge in 1987, and for that, he will be forever grateful.



GUEST SPEAKER

MARK LEE - CBC SPORTSCASTER



Mark Lee has covered 17 Olympic Games and a wide variety of Olympic sports during his career, including Athletics, Women's Hockey, Figure Skating, Beach and Indoor Volleyball, Diving and Ski Jumping.

Lee has won multiple broadcasting awards, most recently being named winner of the 2025 Canadian Screen Award for Best Play-by-Play at the 2024 Paris Olympics. He was the voice of Athletics in Paris, and his call of Canada's gold medal victory in the men's 4x100m relay won national acclaim in the Globe and Mail. Calling Usain Bolt's World Record performances in track and field are among the highlights of his career. And Lee has called all 7 of Andre De Grasse's Olympic medals, including his thrilling gold in the men's 200m at

Tokyo 2020 and his relay gold in Paris 2024.

Lee's play-by-play commentary of women's hockey at Sochi 2014 included Team Canada's dramatic come-from-behind overtime victory over the USA in the gold medal game. The broadcast won the Canadian Screen Award for Best Live Sports Event.

At the 2008 Beijing Olympics, he reported on the International Olympic Committee bribery scandal for a documentary on CBC's The National Magazine. Lee interviewed BALCO mastermind Victor Conte regarding the international doping scandal plaguing sports, particularly Athletics.

At home, Lee was a host and play-by-play announcer, covering the Canadian Football League for 17 years. He was CBC's lead announcer, calling the play-by-play of three Grey Cup Championships in 2005, 2006 and 2007 - the highlight being the memorable 2005 overtime game between Montreal and Edmonton.

He was also CBC's play-by-play voice of western national games of Hockey Night in Canada from 2007-2014.

For 20 years, Lee was the rodeo voice of the Calgary Stampede.

Lee's career in broadcast journalism pre-dates his play-by-play years in television. As host and documentary journalist for CBC Radio's The Inside Track, Lee travelled the world in search of sports stories. His documentaries took us inside the world of drug use in sport, inside the inner sanctum of the International Olympic Committee, inside the East German sports machine, inside the tragic decline of Muhammad Ali and inside a maximum security prison that held the last 30-game winner in Major League Baseball - pitcher Denny McLain.

Lee's work at The Inside Track produced many distinctions, including 2 ACTRA Awards and 2 silver medals at the New York Radio and TV Festivals.

Lee's 2-part CBC television documentary — The Spirit of the Game — an examination of violence in hockey, won the Gemini Award for Best Sports Program.

Summary:

Since 2014, he's been a freelance broadcaster after a 34-year career with CBC Radio and TV. During that time, the Gemini and Canadian Screen Award-winning play-by-play announcer and documentary writer/producer has seemingly done it all.

Most recently, he won a 2025 Canadian Screen Award — Best Sports Play-by-Play — track and field at the Paris 2024 Olympics.

Lee was inducted into the Cambridge Sports Hall of Fame.

“Champ,” said Lee to Ali. “I just came from George Chuvalo’s place in Toronto last week and he says to say hello.”

“You saw George?” said Ali.

“Yeah, he was still talking about how you never knocked him down at Maple Leaf Gardens.”

HIGH SCHOOL TEAM OF THE YEAR 2025

ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE CATHOLIQUE PÈRE-RENÉ-DE-GALINÉE (P.R.D.G.) JR. GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD TEAM



Three P.R.D.G. Junior track and field athletes—Micah Carswell, Patricia Nkuna and Émilie Gervais—captured first place in the Junior team division at OFSAA.

Three incredible athletes—Micah Carswell, Patricia Nkuna and Émilie Gervais—led the PRDG track and field team to the Junior team title at OFSAA in Toronto. Collectively, their performance was one for the record books.

Not only did they secure the team title in the junior girls division—a wonderful achievement and an absolute first for their school in track and field—but they performed brilliantly in their individual events.

Micah Carswell, who also plays hockey with the Rivulettes, won bronze in the 1500m and

was 5th in the 800m, setting new PBs in both events.

Patricia Nkuna earned silver in the high jump and was 12th in the long jump. Competing against athletes who train year-round outside of school, Patricia relied on her natural gifts and determination.

Émilie Gervais, a Junior, earned two podium finishes at OFSAA.

Including a silver in the 300m hurdles and bronze in the 80m hurdles.

“Your coaches and parents are so proud of all three of you,” said coach Mélanie Day. “Congratulations on such a great season. We hope that the 2026 season allows you to reach new goals!”

PREVIOUS HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS OF THE YEAR

1999	Southwood Jr. B volleyball	2011	Southwood Sr. B Soccer
2000	Jacob Hesp. Jr. G V-ball	2012	Jacob Hesp. Sr. G V-ball
2001	Monsignor Doyle Wrestling	2013	Glenview Mixed Doubles Badminton
2002	Glenview Sr. B B-ball	2014	GCI Sr. B Soccer
2003	Preston Sr. F-ball	2015	Jacob Hesp. Sr. B V-ball
2004	Jacob Hesp. Field Hockey	2016	Jacob Hesp. OFSAA Track and Field
2005	Southwood Sr. B V-ball	2017	St. Benedict Sr. B B-ball
2006	Southwood Jr. G B-ball	2018	Southwood Sr. G Field H
2007	Southwood Sr. B B-ball	2019	Jacob Hesp. Sr. B F-ball
2008	Glenview Girls Rugby	2020-23	COVID
2009	Southwood Girls Hockey		
2010	Preston Sr. B Curling	2024	Mons. Doyle B Hockey
		2025	P.R.D.G. Jr. G T & F



SPORTS ORGANIZATION 2025

CAMBRIDGE BASKETBALL

Cambridge Basketball has grown into one of the largest volunteer-driven youth sports organizations in our community, giving hundreds of young athletes a place to learn, play, and discover a lifelong love for the game. Every season, our coaches and volunteers bring the game of basketball to life through programs that are inclusive, affordable, and focused on teamwork, sportsmanship, and long-term development.

This past year was one of the biggest in our history — there were nearly 750 athletes—with players taking the court in travel and house league programs.

Our athletes delivered incredible performances in both the Ontario Basketball League and the Ontario Cup across all divisions.

What makes Cambridge Basketball truly special is our dedication to giving every child the chance to play. We work tirelessly to remove barriers to participation, keeping fees modest through fundraising and sponsorship, and creating an environment where every child has the opportunity to play, regardless of their financial situation or experience level. For many athletes, Cambridge Basketball is more than a sport—it's a second home, a place where friendships are built, skills are developed, and lifelong memories are made.

The success of our organization rests on the shoulders of our dedicated volunteers. Without their passion and generosity of time, none of this would be possible.

Cambridge Basketball is proud to represent our city with integrity, teamwork, passion and pride.

GEORGE HILL TEAM OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Team of the Year Award honours George Hill's outstanding commitment to Cambridge minor sports. George, who owned and operated Hill Cartage and died in 2020, was inducted into the Cambridge Sports Hall of Fame in 2025.

He was known for always giving back to his community, whether by sponsoring underprivileged youngsters to participate in organized sport, or through his volunteering in a variety of roles.

A former winner of the Don and Benita Rope Sports Contributor Award, Hill's involvement included hockey, baseball and ringette, and spanned a variety of roles such as umpire, referee, convenor, driver, equipment manager and truck provider for team mobile headquarters.

Not only was he instrumental in helping form the Cambridge Football League, but he also led Cambridge's first ringette team in qualifying for the Provincial Championships. A loyal Cambridge Winterhawks fan, George's need for self-improvement helped him obtain the Level 5 OHA Coaching Certificate. George was very appreciative of the support provided by his wife Barbara and his children Susan, Steve, Sandra and John and their families.



Thanks to dedicated volunteers, Cambridge Basketball offers young local athletes the opportunity to learn, play and discover a lifelong love for the game of basketball.

GEORGE HILL TEAM OF THE YEAR 2025

U10 CAMBRIDGE BOYS BASKETBALL

With a roster that had 10 (of 12) first-year players, the team won bronze at the Cambridge Tournament, moving up during the season two divisions before going to the Division 4 provincials, where, as an 8th seed, they went on a 15-0 run in the last four minutes to beat the top-seeded team to win the provincial title.

The championship team was recognized at Cambridge City Hall along with the city's other sporting champions.

Exceeding all expectations, the boys developed not only a deeper love for the game but an incredible bond with each other, with every player contributing to the team's success. But perhaps most notably, they each developed grit and a love for hard work—qualities that will serve them well as they navigate life and sport. The team's motto never rang truer than it did during that Game 1, and during the entirety of the wildly climactic provincial tournament: "When talent meets talent, what wins?! HARD WORK."

If integrity is determined by what you do when no one is looking, these boys developed it in spades during their remarkable and character-building 2024/25 season, all the while respecting their coaches, parents and themselves by relentlessly putting in the hard work behind the scenes.



The U10 Cambridge Boys Basketball team includes: Logan Dutra, Gunnar Contardo, Arek Stanbouljan, Caleb Wilson, Griffin Frayne, Oakley Phillips, Isaiah Tavares, David Peer, Nash Smillie, Nathan Jooda, Emmitt Pearcey and Vance Dziedziejko.

PREVIOUS GEORGE HILL AWARD WINNERS

1979 - Cambridge Terriers Baseball Club
1980 - Cambridge Hornets Sr. A Hockey Club
1981 - Gambles ESSO Juvenile Hockey Team
1982 - Galt Gore Old-Timers Hockey Team
1983 - Cambridge Hornets Sr. A Hockey Club
1984 - Cambridge Aquajets Relay Team
1985 - Galt Curling Club - Business Girls Tankard
1986 - Cambridge Ringette Petite A
1987 - Cambridge Belles Ringette
1988 - Hespeler Speed River Press Chain Gang Peewee Hockey
1989 - Cambridge Cubs Midget Baseball
1990 - Cambridge Speed Skating Club Sr. Men's Short Track Relay (3,000m)
1991 - GCI Sr. Boys Volleyball
1992 - Aurora Lodge Soccer Club
1993 - Cambridge Major Tykes Baseball Club
1994 - Cambridge Petites Ringette Team
1995 - GCI Ghosts Track and Field Team
1996 - Cambridge Ringette Juniors
1997 - Cambridge Basketball Juvenile Girls
1998 - Cambridge Ringette AA Belles
1999 - Cambridge Major Peewee AAA Preston Legion Cubs
2000 - Cambridge Jr. B Winter Hawks Hockey Club
2001 - Anne Dunn Rink Sr. Women's Curling Team
2002 - Anne Dunn Rink Sr. Women's Curling Team
2003 - Anne Dunn Rink Sr. Women's Curling Team
2004 - Cambridge Open AA Ringette Team
2005 - Cambridge Turbos Open AA Ringette Team
2006 - Cambridge Jr. B Winter Hawks Hockey Club
2007 - Cambridge Jr. B Winter Hawks Hockey Club
2008 - Cambridge Turbos Ringette
2009 - Cambridge Turbos Ringette
2010 - Alison Feleciano & Kaitlyn Jackson Beach Volleyball
2011 - Cambridge Lions Bantam Football Club
2012 - Cambridge Tyke Chiefs Lacrosse Team
2013 - Cambridge Lions Jr. Varsity Football Team
2014 - Cheer Sport Great White Sharks
2015 - Cheer Sport Great White Sharks
2016 - Cody Wong & Jamie Knoblauch - National Novice Pairs Champions
2017 - Cambridge Turbos National Ringette Team
2018 - Cambridge Minor Peewee Cubs Baseball
2019 - Cambridge Cubs Tier 1 Baseball Team
2020-2022 - COVID
2023 - Scorpions Dynamite
2024 - Beach Volleyball U15 Julianna Hamilton & Cassidy Myslik
2025 - Cambridge Basketball U10 Boys

HEART OF SPORT AWARD

KALI BOGIAS PARSONS

Kali Bogias Parsons was a powerhouse, both in sport and in life, dedicating her post-sport life to giving back to her beloved family, community and students, while constantly promoting sport.

The Heart of Sport Award is being renamed in her honour today, as someone deserving of all that this award exemplifies: overcoming obstacles, determination in the face of adversity, love of sport and giving your all.

She first drew international attention when she won the world powerlifting championship in Adelaide, Australia in 1983.

Bogias was a standout athlete at Glenview Park—basketball, volleyball and badminton—, where she began training with weights. A few years later, she returned to Glenview Park as a teacher and became a longtime and beloved coach.

Prior to 1983, she never envisioned winning a world championship in powerlifting. That soon changed once she went to Queen's University, for it was during this time that she received encouragement from local powerlifter Norm MacDonald to take up the sport.

She was a success at it from the start, bench pressing the Canadian record her first practice. So MacDonald gave her a program to follow and, in January 1981, in only her second competition, she won the national championship, a title she virtually owned for several years.

In May, 1981 she finished third at the world championships in Hawaii, and followed up a year later by taking the bronze once again, at the worlds, at Birmingham, England, before finally winning the world championship in 1983 at Adelaide, Australia, where she came through in fine style, setting a world record for her total lifts.



In 1984, she won her second world title, at Los Angeles, just one month before the Olympic Games began. In L.A., she bettered her old world record total and took home her second world gold medal. (She had given the first to Norm MacDonald).

She had set Canadian records as long as she competed, but despite testing negative for steroids, she saw her records, and those of all lifters

who competed prior to August 1986, cleared from the record books. After a battle with Hodgkin's Disease and the accompanying chemotherapy and radiation treatments, she made a brief comeback in December 1989, setting three new records.

She was named Tim Turow Cambridge athlete of the year in 1982 with NHL goalie Mike Moffat, and won again in 1983 on the 10th anniversary of the Cambridge Sports Awards.

She was also named a KW Woman of the Year in 1985, and she was inducted into the Cambridge Sports Hall of Fame in 1997.

Powerlifting allowed her to see the world, gave her self-confidence and esteem. "It was the best feeling in the world," she said, representing her country abroad and hearing the Canadian national anthem being played.

Kali continued to give back to her community as the long-standing Chair of the Cambridge Sports Awards, a role that she loved, where she could recognize the devotion of other Cambridge athletes.

Kali passed away on November 1, 2024, at the age of 65.



DON AND BENITA ROPE SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR AWARD 2025



Created in 1977, the Don and Benita Rope Sports Contributor Award recognizes individuals, past or present, who have contributed significantly to sports in Cambridge as a coach, manager, executive member or administrator.

The award was named after Benita and Don Rope, whose involvement in the life of the Cambridge sporting community was extensive and included tennis, high school sports, the Cambridge Kips and the Tour de Grand, among other things. Their influence spanned generations of Cambridge's youth and helped produce national and international champions and Olympians.

Fred Schaller

Fred Schaller, this year's recipient, began his journey in wrestling when he first stepped onto the mat in high school and discovered his love for the sport, which has stayed with him for life.

After high school, Fred apprenticed as a tool and die maker and eventually opened his own business. He married and began raising a family. Despite his busy schedule, Fred transitioned from athlete to mentor by devoting himself to coaching and officiating wrestling with the same passion he once brought to competition.

Fred currently referees wrestling at the local, provincial and national levels and in the past at the international level. He is a National A official,



which means he can train younger referees to further their progress. He has trained at least half a dozen nationally ranked officials and one international official. For fifteen years, he was the local area wrestling chairman for officials, which involved recruiting, training and assigning referees to local events. In 1997, Fred was also the head official at OFSSA when it was held at Conestoga Community College.

In the past, Fred coached numerous Can-Am wrestling teams. He has also assisted in coaching various high school teams to help develop their wrestling programmes. He is currently working with the coaches at the Matmen Wrestling Club, mentoring and helping young athletes from elementary to high school to reach their full potential. His practices are not just coaching physical skills; they are about teaching young people how to face challenges, how to bounce back from defeat, and how to carry themselves with dignity and respect.

Fred has spent decades shaping lives and strengthening our community – quietly, consistently, and with unmatched dedication.

Past Winners of the Don & Benita Rope Award:

1977 - Don and Benita Rope
 1978 - George Hill
 1979 - Gordon Renwick
 1980 - Roy Johnston
 1981 - Kerry Leitch
 1982 - George Heggie
 1983 - Ernie Robson
 1984 - John Pinchin
 1985 - Stan Blain
 1986 - Ed Heather
 1987 - John Corbett
 1988 - Dr. John Moffat
 1989 - Pearce Brewer
 1990 - Wilf Blakey
 1991 - Al Findlay
 1992 - Jack Scott
 1993 - John Cross
 1994 - Jack and Joyce Leggatt
 1995 - Don Laurence
 1996 - Cec Dunn
 1997 - Jim Baird
 1998 - Bob Hadfield
 1999 - George Lee
 2000 - Jim Cox

2001 - George Aitkin
 2002 - Peter Ritchie
 2003 - Bob Howison
 2004 - Bob Parr
 2005 - Harry Jaipersaud
 2006 - Ernie Overland and Vitas Jasinskas
 2007 - Bill Bauer
 2008 - Ron Campbell
 2009 - Glen Gaudet
 2010 - Harry Greenan
 2011 - Don Pavey
 2012 - Gus Kitzman
 2013 - Andy Hourahine
 2014 - Paul Langan
 2015 - Sandra Goodwin
 2016 - Herb Morton
 2017 - Carol and Kevin Wheeler
 2018 - Rob Hedges
 2019 - Ron Guse
 2020-22 - COVID
 2023 - Dave Menary
 2024 - Cam Linwood
 2025 - Fred Schaller

TIM TUROW ATHLETE OF THE YEAR AWARD



The Tim Turow Award honours Tim's extensive athletic involvement in this community for over half a century. Arriving in Cambridge (Preston) in 1913 at the age of four from the Ukraine, he died August 20, 1995, at the age of 86.

He played baseball, football, softball, hockey, and bowled. He also umpired, managed, coached, sat on executives and was a great friend throughout the years to many people in this city. He got his start in baseball, his true love, at 15 with the Preston

Riversides; they eventually won the Inter-County

Championship in 1928. He played for many years after, eventually finding his love for coaching and managing.

He joined the Inter-County Executive in 1943 and remained active with the Ontario Baseball Association into the early 1990s. In 1993, the OBA honoured him as Volunteer of the Year; the list of his accomplishments is truly outstanding.

Many people in the community will remember Tim as the owner of Ontario Sports, where his advice was as good as his word. His smiling face will always be missed, but his legacy makes Cambridge a better place to live. Tim understood the dedication and sacrifice needed to succeed in sport. "It builds character", he said. "It was an honour" to represent the City of Cambridge.

Winners of the Tim Turow Athlete of the Year Award:

1974 - Ron Shaver	1999 - Yvonne Tousek
1975 - Cam McArthur	2000 - Eion (Ian) Leggatt
1976 - Patti Rope	2001 - Eion (Ian) Leggatt
1977 - Josie France & Paul Mills	2002 - Cindy Overland
1978 - Lillian Burke	2003 - Nathan Brannen & Josh Sommerfeldt
1979 - Sherry Hawco	2004 - Carmen Douma-Hussar
1980 - Brian Gabriel	2005 - Nathan Brannen
1981 - Sherry Hawco	2006 - Amanda Overland
1982 - Mike Moffat and Kali Bogias	2007 - Whitney McClintock
1983 - Kali Bogias-Parsons	2008 - Leigh Hobson
1984 - Katherine Matousek and Lloyd Eisler	2009 - Whitney McClintock
1985 - Katherine Matousek and Lloyd Eisler	2010 - Madeline Gardiner
1986 - Doug Consiglio	2011 - Andy Shields
1987 - Mark Greenan	2012 - Victoria Moors and Nathan Brannen
1988 - Rob Ducey	2013 - Ashley Nichols
1989 - Cindy Landry and Lyndon Johnston	2014 - Richard Zoebridge
1990 - Ray Brown	2015 - Carling Zeeman
1991 - Bill Ingraham	2016 - Nathan Brannen
1992 - Christine Hough and Doug Ladret	2017 - Jon Schwaiger
1993 - Michelle Menzies	2018 - Brooklyn Moors
1994 - Derrick Campbell	2019 - Emma Spence
1995 - Greg Streppel	2020-22 COVID
1996 - Yvonne Tousek	2023 - Debbie Bulten
1997 - Kirk Maltby	2024 - Malachi Ramsay
1998 - Derrick Campbell	2025 -

2025 TIM TUROW ATHLETE OF THE YEAR FINALIST

ANDREW JOHNSTON - *Snowshoeing*

Hometown: Cambridge

Education: Conestoga College - Educational Support, Bachelor of Early Learning Program

Role Model: Terry Fox, because he inspired me to never give up on my dream to qualify for the World Games. I had been hoping to qualify since 2013, when I did my first big competition, and I kept training and practicing until I made it!

Outside Interests:

Reading, music and hiking. I also participate in other sports such as basketball, curling, golf, running and power lifting.

Long Term Plans: I hope to qualify for another World Games, and get my Master's Degree in Education.

Most Influential Person: The teachers and Educational Assistants that I had in school, as they helped me get to where I am today. These individuals helped me grow as a person and taught me the skills I need to succeed in life.

Career Highlights: When I ran the 1600m in Calgary, I ran so fast that even my Mom thought I had started the race too fast, but then I sprinted the last 100m. Afterwards, my coach said I did a perfect sprint to the finish and I was so proud of my run!

Athletic Achievements (2024-2025):

Represented Ontario at the 2024 Special Olympics National Games in Calgary, AB, winning gold in the 5km and 1600m snowshoeing events. Represented Canada at the 2025 Special Olympics World Games in Turin, Italy in March 2025. My events were not offered at these games; I competed in the 800m, 400m and 4x100m relay snowshoeing events, winning silver in the 800m, and finishing 4th in the 400m. My team finished 4th in the 4x100m relay.



2025 TIM TUROW ATHLETE OF THE YEAR FINALIST

LIAM KUNIECKI - *Karate*

Hometown:

Cambridge, Ontario.

Education:

Resurrection High School.

Role Model: My coach.

Outside Interests:

Music, basketball, video games, my friends.

Long Term Plans:

To become a Pan American champion.

Most Influential

Person: Kobe

Bryant. His

relentless work ethic

is very admirable and something I try to mimic.

Career Highlights:

Representing Canada at the Jr. World Championships in Italy and placing in the top 30

National Champion 2023-2024

Team Canada Athlete 2024-2025

Provincial Ontario Champion 2023-2024, 2022-2023, 2021-2022

3rd Ontario Winter Games 2023

Canada Open Champion 2022 U13-52kg

2021 Karate Ontario Hall of Fame

Athletic Achievements: (2024-2025):

Provincial Champion

3rd at the National Championship securing back-to-back medals

Coached a Pan-American athlete who finished 7th at the Pan-American Championships



2025 TIM TUROW ATHLETE OF THE YEAR FINALIST

BROOKLYN MOORS - *Gymnastics*

Hometown: Cambridge

Education: Graduate School (M.Ed.)(UCLA):

Athletic Director's Academic Excellence Award and four-time Scholastic All-American

Role Model: My parents.

Outside Interests:

Baseball and football, friends and family, music and movies.

Long-term Term Plans:

M.Ed. at UCLA.

Currently, Graduate

Assistant in NIL

Operations at UCLA

Athletics. Goal: to work in management for a professional sports team and start a gymnastics/dance performance coaching business.

Most Influential Person: Coach Denis Vachon had a profound effect on who I am as an athlete and a person, helping shape my perspective through difficult times in my career and guiding me to become the best version of myself.

Career Highlights:

2020 Olympic all-around finalist (Tokyo Olympics)

2025 NCAA Floor Exercise Champion and Big Ten Floor Exercise Champion with a Perfect 10

Three-time World Championships all-around and floor exercise finalist - 2017 Longines Prize for Elegance winner

Athletic Achievements (2024-2025):

- 2025 NCAA and Big Ten Floor Exercise Champion with a Perfect 10 (BIG10 Championships)
- Nominated for NCAA Woman of the Year
- 2025 - 2x First-Team All-American on Floor Exercise and member of 2025 Big Ten Championship team
- Member of NCAA Championship runner-up team
- Finished the regular season ranked No. 3 nationally on floor with a 9.960 and averaged 9.948, second-best in the nation



2025 TIM TUROW ATHLETE OF THE YEAR FINALIST

BLAINE PATEL - Trampoline

Hometown: Cambridge

Education: Grade 10, Galt Collegiate Institute.

Role Model: Ruben Padilla - a US trampoline athlete who just broke the world record for difficulty in competition last week.

Outside Interests: Playing junior boys volleyball for GCI and coaching trampoline at the Airborne Trampoline Gym.

Long Term Plans: My long-term goals are to make finals at the World Junior competition in Spain in November, mobilize to Senior Men's this competition season, and continue to compete internationally.

Most Influential Person: Reuben Padilla, a top US trampoline athlete, is an inspiration to me as a national trampoline athlete. His skill, dedication, and ability to push the boundaries of the sport motivate me to strive for excellence and innovate in my own routines. He sets a high standard that encourages me to push my limits and grow as an athlete.

Career Highlights: Being named to Team Canada and attending the World Juniors in Spain.

Athletic Achievements (2024-2025):

- Ontario Cup #1 - 1st Place (Level 5)
- Ontario Cup #2 - 1st Place (Level 5)
- Ontario Cup #3 - 1st Place (Level 5 and mobilized to Junior)
- Ontario Provincial Championships - 2nd Place (Junior)
- Canadian Gymnastic Championships - 2nd place (Junior)
- Named to Team Ontario and the team won 3rd place
- Named to Team Canada
- World Junior Championships - November 8-18, 2025 - TBD



2025 TIM TUROW ATHLETE OF THE YEAR FINALIST

ERIK SCHMIDT - *Karate*

Hometown: Cambridge, Ontario.

Education: Grade 9 at Galt Collegiate Institute.

Role Model: My coaches - James Wyatt, Ben Stuckless and Liam Kuniecki.

Outside Interests: Basketball and Football.

Long Term Plans: Training and testing for Black belt. My goal is to medal at the Nationals in May 2026.

Most Influential Person:

Kobe Bryant has a tremendous work ethic which was admired by many other great athletes. He proved that success comes from dedication, discipline and never giving up.

Career Highlight: Representing Team Canada at the Jr. Pan American Karate Championship in Paraguay.

Athletic Achievements (2024-2025):

- U14 Provincial Championships - 1st Place
- U14 National Championships - 2nd Place
- U14 Jr Pan American Karate Championships - 7th place



2025 TIM TUROW ATHLETE OF THE YEAR FINALIST

EMMA SPENCE - *Artistic Gymnastics*

Hometown: Cambridge, Ontario.

Education: High School - PRDG.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Role Model: Ellie Black - 4x Canadian Olympian in Gymnastics.

Outside Interests: Friends and family, cooking and baking, country music, reading, hiking.

Long Term Plans: To become a sports psychologist and work with Canadian athletes.

Most Influential Person: Ilona Maher and her impact on female athletes, with her message: Strong and powerful is beautiful.

Career Highlights:

2022 3 x Commonwealth Games medalist and World Championships Bronze medalist

2 x Olympic Alternate for Team Canada

Big 10 Bars Champion and NCAA Regionals Bar Champion

Athletic Achievements (2024-2025):

- 13 Individual NCAA titles (2024)
- Big 10 First Team All Big 10 (2024); Gymnast of the week; Big 10 Bars Bronze medalist
- Team Canada: 7th place, Team Canada in Italy; Pan American Championships Silver with Team Canada; 4th All Around, 3rd on Vault in Colombia; 7th All Around at 2024 Olympic trials; 2024 Canadian Olympic Alternate
- 2025 Big 10 Championships Bars Champion
- 2025 NCAA Regional Bars Champion
- Big 10 Gymnast of the week
- Big 10 First Team All Big 10
- Nebraska AAI Award Nominee
- Nebraska Female Athlete of the Year Runner-Up
- 12 Individual NCAA titles in the 2025 season



2025 TIM TUROW ATHLETE OF THE YEAR FINALIST

JACOB STEINMAN - *Hockey*



Hometown: Cambridge, Ontario.

Education: Galt Collegiate Institute and Bowling Green State University.

Role Model: Carey Price.

Outside Interests: Golf, hanging out with buddies, flying planes.

Long term Plans: To make the NHL.

Most influential Person: My grandfather. He always

had something wise to say to me and always brought me back down to earth.

Career Highlights:

- Beating the 1st seed as the 16th seed in the first round of QMJHL playoffs.
- 2022-2023 - QMJHL All-Rookie Team

Athletic Achievements (2024-2025):

- QMJHL Goalie of the Year (Patrick Roy Trophy)
- QMJHL First All-Star Team

2025 TIM TUROW ATHLETE OF THE YEAR FINALIST

ALEX WOOD - *Speedskating*

Hometown:

Georgetown, Ontario

Education:

Georgetown District
High School /

University of Calgary

Role Model: My Dad

Outside Interest: I
have enjoyed playing
golf as an excellent
complement to the
intense training that is
required to be in the

national training program. It is a fun activity that allows you to enjoy the outdoors and nice weather.

Long-term Plans: My target goal is to eventually make the Canadian National Speed Skating team and hopefully qualify for the 2030 Winter Olympics.

Most Influential Person:

Mike Rivet and Bob Mallard and Reece Derraugh have all been important, but Blake Morrison, Head Coach of the Cambridge Speed Skating Club, has been most influential.

Career Highlights:

Named to the Canadian Junior National team in December 2024, at the Canadian Junior Speed Skating Championships. Competed in the ISU World Cup #3 and the ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships located in Collalbo, Italy.

Athletic Achievements 2024 -2025

Canadian Junior National Championships

Gold Medal – Mass Start

Silver Medal – 500 Metres

Silver Medal – 1000 Metres

Represented Canada at the ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships in Italy

500 Metres – 25th

1000 Metres – 29th

1500 Metres – 31st

Team Sprint – 6th





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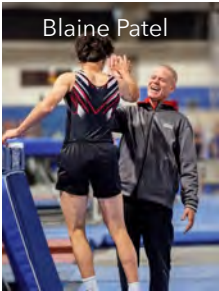
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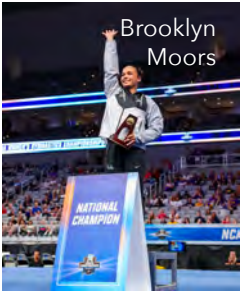
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