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Empower all to Achieve Excellence 2018-19

**Empower all to achieve excellence!**

This purpose statement speaks to how we engage our team to deliver the highest standards of services and programs. It has again been a busy and successful year for our employees, users, partners and volunteers. In maintaining focus on our mission and our vision, we continued our endless pursuit towards improvement of our sport business in all areas.

Cultural transformation

Our cultural transformation project, initiated two years ago, has kept its forward momentum engaging Olympic Oval staff members in various activities with the aim of full integration of the Olympic Oval values and purpose. We utilized our 2018 staff retreat to launch the 2018-19 plan, demonstrating our investment in our desired culture and behaviors towards internal and external stakeholders.

Canada Games partnership

From a partnership standpoint, our support for the 2019 Canada Winter Games in Red Deer concluded with the successful hosting of the largest multisport event in Canada. The Olympic Oval was involved in many aspects of this great event; from ice making advice to short and long track technical support for both test events and at games themselves, to long track volunteer coordination and implementation of our timing systems and crash pads. All are examples of how the Oval team engaged themselves in support of the CWG organizing committee. We would like to congratulate all of the Red Deer event organizers on a successful games and for their dedication to make this event such a great success in Alberta.

International events hosting

The Olympic Oval was proud to support two successful ISU events this season. First, in November our staff and volunteers helped bring ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating back to the Oval ice for the first time since 2016. Under Oval Associate Director Marketing, Sponsorship and Events, Jamie Seguin's leadership, as the chair of the organizing committee, we were able to provide the speed skating community and Calgary sports fans with an amazing experience. A few months later the Organizing Committee Calgary (OCC) successfully hosted the 2019 ISU World All Round Speed Skating Championships. The Olympic Oval had another opportunity to supply a world class racing facility in support of Alice Humeny, chair of OCC, and her team. Three World Records were broken at this event preserving our reputation as the "Fastest Ice in the World." Congratulations to both of the organizing committees for their dedication and hard work in supporting the ISU and Speed Skating Canada.

Business development, innovation and technology: A new opportunity!

In 2018, the Olympic Oval made moves to create and develop a new portfolio to enhance the competitive advantage of Canadian high performance speed skating, along with adding new opportunities to explore innovation and technology. The first year of this implementation gave us the chance to explore new partnerships, develop ideas and implement tangible new initiatives.

It is only through the support of our dean, Dr. Penny Werthner and the Faculty of Kinesiology that we are able to pursue, support and grow such partnerships in the future. We also initiated positive collaborations with external stakeholders such as Brock University, the Innovation Lab in the Netherlands as well as Own The Podium (OTP).

One of our key projects in year one was the implementation of our two new giant screens that have led to new opportunities for technology integration as well as business and marketing. It represents an investment of 1.4 million dollars, and is an exciting new multi purpose asset for our facility.

A new look; a new brand!

Since 2017, our users have seen the new look at the Oval continue to progress as a result of a collaboration with the University of Calgary. Our Marketing, Events, Competition, Communication

and Sponsorship team worked diligently at redefining and shaping the concept to ensure full and practical integration of the new branding. We took advantage of this opportunity to integrate our vision, mission, values and purpose in strategic places within the facility to speak to our community about who we are and our commitments.

Financial assets

Thanks to the efforts of our team we were able to optimize financial assets to enhance our capacity to deliver a high quality daily training environment. We have seen a 14% increase in revenue compared to 2017-18 - cumulating in a 36% revenue increase through four years of a five year plan. Sustainability has become a tangible outcome for us as a facility and this is an amazing achievement.

Calgary 2026 Bid

Our team was actively involved in the 2026 Olympic Bid process as one of the key venues for the largest multisport winter event in the world. Despite the majority of Calgarians voting no to support a bid to host the 2026 Olympics, it was a very positive experience for our team and our sport community. The vote forced us to take stock and evaluate the state of many of our legacy and sport facilities with regards to major issues such as feasibility, utility and accessibility. Important steps to take as a city, regardless of the voting outcome.

Thank you!

As the Director of the Calgary Olympic Oval and on behalf of the Faculty of Kinesiology leadership group, I would like to acknowledge the great accomplishments our Oval Family achieved this year. Oval staff, our University, sport partners, volunteers, sponsors, athletes, and all patrons, played an important role in reaching these successes. Congratulations to each and every one of you for your dedication.



Yves Hamelin
Director, Olympic Oval

Major Events

The Olympic Oval continues to be Canada's premier venue for ISU competitions at the highest levels of the sport. Two of the major highlights from this season included Calgary being the first stop in the 2018/19 ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating circuit and the host city for the 2019 ISU World AllRound Speed Skating Championships.

2018 ISU World Cup Short Track Speed Skating

This event was a coming out party for much of the young, up and coming Canadian women's short track team led by Courtney Sarault (Silver – 1500m, Bronze – 3000m relay), Alyson Charles (Bronze – 500m, 500m (2), 3000m relay) and the Oval Program's own Alison Desmarais. Desmarais came off the momentum of an impressive Canadian Trials to skate her first World Cup races in front of friends and family on her "home ice" here

in Calgary. She would even go on to capture her first World Cup medal as part of the Canadian Women's relay team who captured bronze in the 3000m. Olympic champion Suzanne Schulting (NED) spearheaded a dominant performance by the Dutch women's team, which collected two golds and a silver on the final day of the competition.

On the men's side, Wu Dajing of China flirted with his own World Record from the 2018 Olympics all weekend as he dominated the 500m races with a pair of gold medal performances. Hungary provided the big finish to the competition as the reigning Olympic Champions, led by the Liu brothers (Shaoang and Shaolin Sandor), posted a new world record of 6:28.625 in the final of the men's 5000m relay.

2019 ISU World AllRound Speed Skating Championships

A long time member of our extended #OvalFamily Martina Sáblíková of the Czech Republic put on a show with a pair of long distance World Records en route to her fifth World AllRound title and second on the "Fastest Ice in the World." Sáblíková skated to a 3:53.31 in the 3000m - 0.03 seconds faster than previous record-holder Cindy Klassen who set the record 13 years earlier here at the Oval. She then followed it up with a time of 6:42.01 in the 5000m, trimming her own previous World Record of 6:42.66. Reigning champion Miho Takagi of Japan finished second while Antoinette de Jong took home the bronze medal for the Netherlands.

In the men's competition, Patrick Roest of the Netherlands successfully defended his World Allround title, setting a points World Record with 145.561 - breaking the 2006 mark of 145.742 set by American Shani Davis. Norway's Sverre Lunde Pedersen placed second, while nine-time champion Sven Kramer (NED) finished third. Hometown favorite and Olympic Champion Ted-Jan Bloemen (12:53.15) came second in the final distance (10000m) and fifth in the overall rankings.

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THE STRENGTH OF OUR STATISTICS



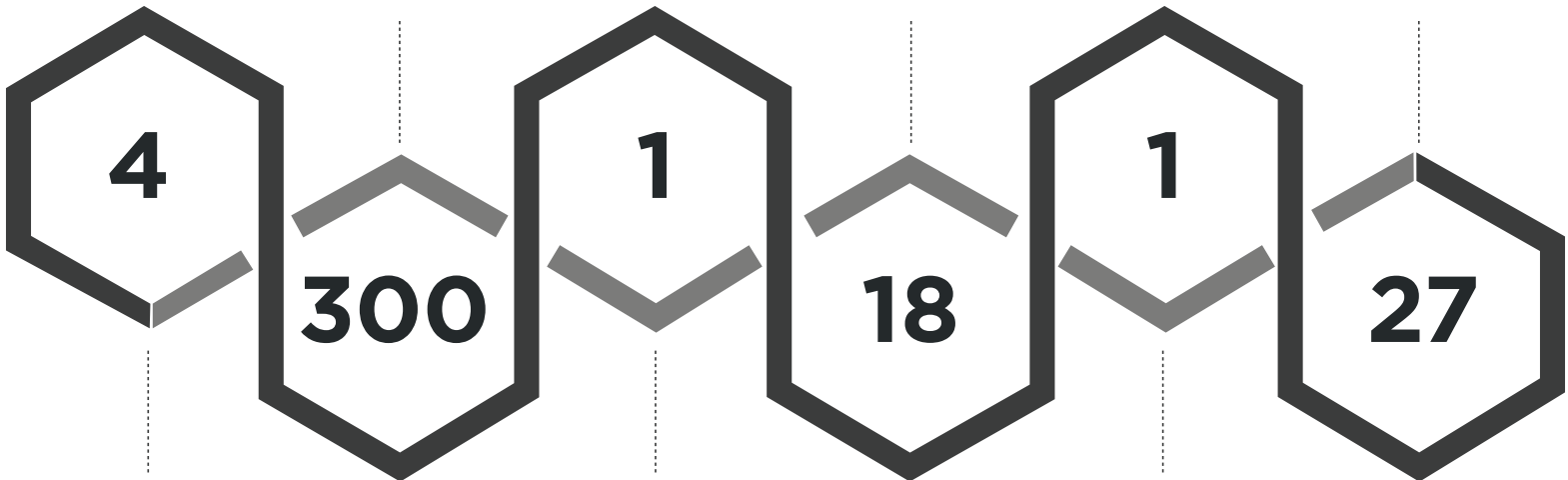
Speed Skating
Canada
National Team
athletes that
trained at the
Olympic Oval



300 + World
Records broken
all-time



Canada Winter
Games Medals



World Records set
at the Oval in 18/19
(Short Track:
5000m MENS
Relay - Team
Hungary; Long
Track: 3000m &
5000m - Martina
Sáblíková; World
AllRound Points
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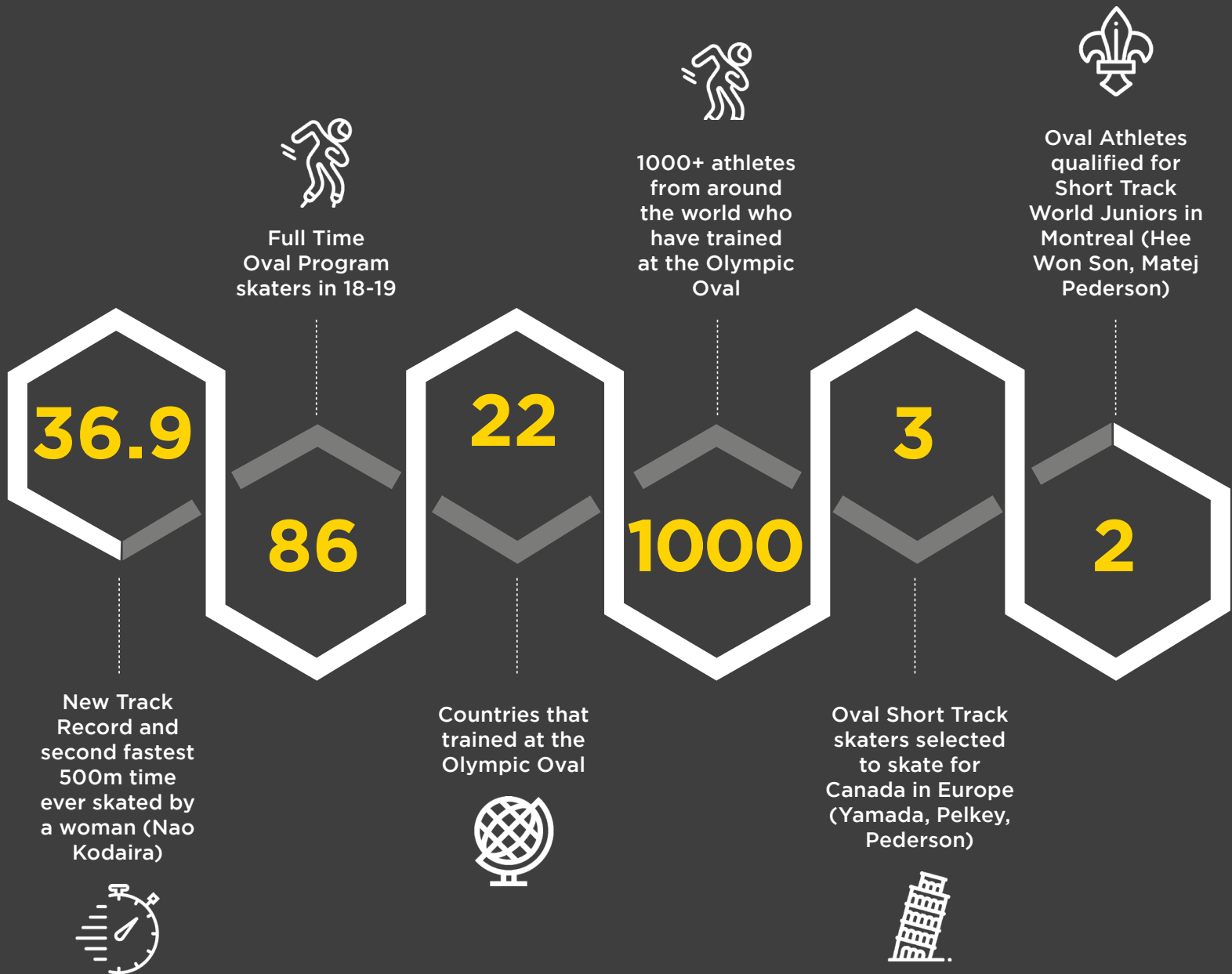
Canada Winter
Games Record
- Paul Coderre
(Team Pursuit)



Oval Athlete
qualified for
Long Track
World Juniors in
Italy (Gabrielle
Sanson)



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FROM WORLD RECORDS TO THE
CANADA WINTER GAMES AND
QUALIFIERS TO INTERNATIONAL
ATHLETES.

Canada

Winter Games



The Canada Winter Games occur only every four years and are a true celebration of youth in Canadian sport. The 2019 edition was hosted in Red Deer, Alberta (February 15 until March 3) and featured 19 sports, over 150 events and a major cultural festival. There were an estimated 3,600 athletes, managers and coaches participating and among them 27 athletes from the Olympic Oval program with 14 long track and 13 short track skaters participating for their respective provinces. Some of the participants of the past include the likes of speed skating legends Cindy Klassen, Catriona Le May Doan, Charles Hamelin and Marc Gagnon.

Long Track

On the long track, Oval skaters braved the frigid temperatures at the long track venue at Great Chief Park (-20 to -25 Celsius) to proudly represent their provincial teams. Paul Coderre became the first Oval Program skater to strike gold as he joined Alberta's Team Pursuit

squad in a Canada Winter Games Record setting performance of 4:05.41. Coderre also had two top 5 finishes in the 1000m & 1500m. Matthew Laxton of Team Ontario was the first Oval Program skater to collect some hardware at the 2019 Games as he skated to a bronze medal finish in the men's 1500m. Laxton's second medal of the weekend came in the Team Pursuit as he and three other Oval program skaters; Noah Bouma, Gibson Himbault and Max Brant brought home a bronze for Team Ontario. He would go on to take a silver in the Mass Start to round out his 2019 Games with three medals.

On the women's side of the table Team Alberta and Oval Program athlete Cassidy Peterson captured silver in the Women's Team Pursuit and finished her week with top 5 finishes in the 1500m & 3000m distances. Peterson was joined in her Team Pursuit Silver by Anna Bourgeois, Kayla McNeely and 20 year old Brooklyn McDougall who was the story of the 2019 Games

Oval Program

Highlights



for Alberta Speed Skating. The Calgary native, Olympic Oval Program alumna and Team Canada Development team skater racked up a pair of gold medals (500m & 1500m), two silver (Team Pursuit & 1000m) and a bronze in the 3000m to earn the moniker of “Miss CWG” amongst the media in Red Deer.

Short Track

One group who did not have to deal with the cold was the short track athletes whose event took place indoors at the newly constructed Gary W. Harris Canada Games Centre. Oval Program athlete Matej Pederson fed off the energy of the Alberta home crowd to skate to a bronze medal in his first Canada Winter Games 1500m

distance on the first weekend of the competition.

Alberta teammates Hee Won Son and Brendan Yamada also took advantage of “home ice” claiming gold and bronze medals respectively in the 500m finals. The Alberta Short Track team, made up primarily of Oval Program skaters and coached by Oval Program coaches Cristina Lazarescu and Dustin Miller then finished the competition on a high note as both the Women’s and Men’s Relay teams scored silver medal finishes. Team Alberta’s Women’s team included Oval skaters Son, Caitlyn Pelkey, Molly Young and Cezara Bere while the Men’s team included Oval skaters Pederson, Yamada and Mathias Bathe.



Canada

Winter Games Athletes

Long Track

Alberta

Paul Coderre, (Calgary, AB)
Cassidy Peterson (Canmore, AB)

British Columbia

Eric Orlowsky (Prince George, BC)

Saskatchewan

Matthew Scutchings (Saskatoon, SK)

Manitoba

Ashley Hannah (Winnipeg, MB)

Ontario

Alexa Annecca (Barrie, ON)
Noah Bouma (Ottawa, ON)
Max Brant (Niagra on the Lake, ON)
Rachel Freitag (Ottawa, ON)
Gibson Himbeault (Whitby, ON)
Sierra Johnson (Oakville, ON)
Matt Laxton (Hespeler, ON)
Lily Weidemann (Ottawa, ON)

Quebec

Rose Laliberté-Roy (QC)

Short Track

Alberta

Cezara Bere (Edmonton, AB)
Mathias Bathe (Calgary, AB)
Matej Pederson (Calgary, AB)
Caitlin Pelkey (Calgary, AB)
Hee Won Son (Calgary, AB)
Brendan Yamada (Calgary, AB)
Molly Young (Calgary, AB)
Team Alberta Oval Coaches: Cristina Lazarescu & Dustin Miller

British Columbia

Keanan St. Rose (Prince George, BC)
Craig Miller (Prince George, BC)
Marshall Shupe (Maple Ridge, BC)

Manitoba

Hunter Ullett (Winnipeg, MB)

Ontario

Sebastian Champagne (Brantford, ON)
Connor Rogerson (Ottawa, ON)

Unity Through Sport

THE CANADA GAMES
ARE THE COUNTRY'S
LARGEST DOMESTIC
MULTISPORT
EVENT FOR YOUNG
ATHLETES.

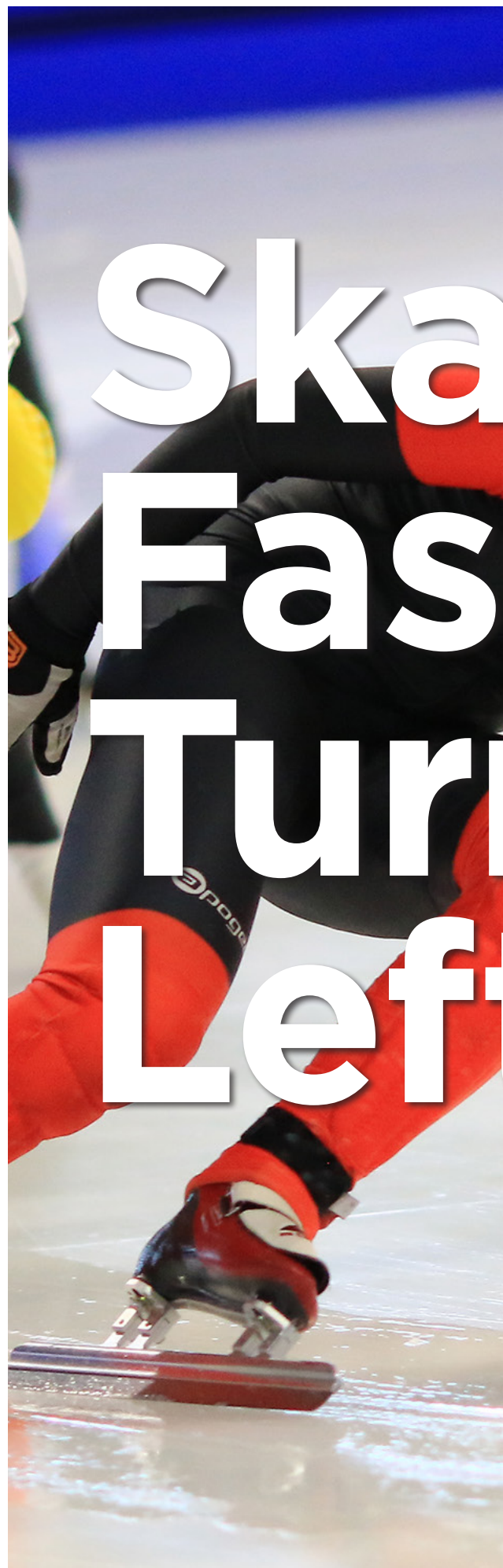
World Junior Speed Skating Championships

EVERY GREAT DREAM BEGINS WITH A DREAMER.

The Oval Program was well represented at both the 2019 ISU World Junior Short Track Championships held in Montreal and the 2019 ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships in Italy.

On the short track, Alberta's Hee Won Son and Matej Pederson represented Canada joining 172 of the World's top junior skaters, from 36 countries at Maurice Richard Arena

in Montreal, QC. Both skaters clinched spots on the Canadian team thanks to their respective performances at the Canadian Championships. Son, who has earned the title of top junior skater in Alberta each of the past three seasons, finished second in the 500m, third in the 1000m, and fourth in the 1500m. Pederson finished second in both the 500m and 1000m. Son and Pederson were coached at the World Juniors by Oval





MATEJ PEDERSON

 HEE WON SON

coach Alan McIlveen, coaching at his third straight World Junior Championships. On the long track, Gabrielle Sanson made her second trip to World Juniors competing in the 2019 World Junior Championships in Baselga di Piné, Italy. The 18 year-old native of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan made her World Junior debut as a 16 year old in Changchun, China. Sanson battled back from an injury last season to earn her second trip to World

Juniors based on her results from the 2019 Canadian Junior Long Track Championships that took place in Calgary at the beginning of January. Sanson didn't have to go it alone, as she was coached in Italy by Oval Program coach and Speed Skating Canada coach Todd McClements.

GABRIELLE SANSON ¹³

Alumni

Highlights

Oval Family

Dubbed "Canada's Medal Factory" the Olympic Oval remains a Canadian National Training Centre and for the last 30 years has been home to many of Canada's elite skating athletes, all of whom we are proud to call a part of our Oval Family!

Hall of Champions

The Oval's Hall of Champions is a celebration of Canadian speed skating athletes who have trained at the Olympic Oval. The honour is bestowed on those who are Olympic medalists and are now retired from the sport. Inductees have their images raised to the Hall of Champions rafters in the

Olympic Oval. This season three members of our Oval Family were inducted to the Hall of Champions; Long track Olympic medalist Christine Nesbitt and Short Track Olympic medalists Jessica Gregg and Tania Vicent.

Are you Olympic Oval Program Alumni?

Visit: oval.ucalgary.ca/alumni



CHRISTINE **NESBITT**

Olympic Gold medalist

2010 (1000m)

Olympic Silver medalist

2006 (Team Pursuit)



TANIA **VICENT**

4x Olympic Silver medalist

1998, 2002, 2006, 2010 (3000m Relay)



JESSICA **GREGG**

Olympic Silver medalist

2010 (3000m Relay)



2018/19

Hall of Champions Inductees

Oval Rebrand



The Olympic Oval began Phase 1 of its rebranding in the summer of 2017. After a new logo was introduced, the marketing and communications teams started work on a number of capital branding projects. In 2018, the former ad boards for the 1988 Olympics were transformed with a new brand identity. Three Zambonis were also treated with the same design. The team worked closely with the design team at University Relations and came up with a fresh look and feel that embraces the university brand and the overall mission and vision

of the Oval. Phase 3 of the project started in late January and installation finished at the end of April.

As a result, the Oval Lounge and Boardroom were treated with a distinct look and feel that echoes the ad boards and new brand identity treatments. The second component was a complete overhaul of the long track bumpers which will be dressed with vinyl banners covering 50% of the new bumpers.

A secondary necessity for this space was to upgrade the look and feel to attract prospective clients for the 2019-2020 season (Christmas parties, Faculty events, non-university clients etc.).

Phase 4 of the Oval's brand identity overhaul will include further pillar treatments, signage, wayfinding, digital treatments and animation for the Oval's new Daktronics screens.

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 Benvenuto Bienvenue Velkommen Willkommen тавтай морил
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International Athletes

Visit: oval.ucalgary.ca/international-athletes

Each year the Oval welcomes international teams to our facility for year round training. Over 1,000 athletes from 22 countries trained at the Olympic Oval in the 2018-19 season.

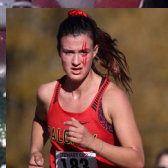
Long track & short track athletes can train on “The Fastest Ice in the World” from June until March and take part in our many ISU sanctioned competitions.

Even better, the facility is a one stop shop for high performance training with all the amenities of Calgary, the host of the 1988 Olympic Winter Games. A full service high performance skate shop, restaurants, hotels, the UCalgary campus and the added appeal of living at the foot of the Canadian Rockies are just some of the many benefits of training in this Olympic city.

The Olympic Oval purpose statement is to “empower all to achieve excellence.” This includes all of the international teams we see on a daily basis, preparing and working towards their personal bests.



UCalgary DINOS



18-19 was another successful season for the UCalgary Dinos varsity teams, many of whom call the Olympic Oval their home training ground. As the phrase goes *"We are all Dinos"* and we are very proud to serve as the training facility for these extended members of our Oval Family.

2018-19 AWARD OF MERIT WINNERS

FEMALE

Melissa Jones - Cross Country
Tianna Kennett - Wrestling
Kaselle Menin - Rugby
Niki Oudenaarden - Track & Field
Kate Pexman - Volleyball
Talia White - Soccer

MALE

Stephen Calkins - Swimming
Mambi Diawara - Basketball
Russell Pennock - Cross Country
Riley Sheen - Hockey
Adam Sinagra - Football

MEN'S BASKETBALL CANADA WEST CHAMPIONS

- Mambi Diawara CW Player of the Year, U SPORTS 1st Team, CW 1st Team All-Star
- David Kapinga CW 1st Team All-Star
- Brett Layton CW 2nd Team All-Star
- Dan Vanhooren U SPORTS Coach of the Year, CW Coach of the Year

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

- Damian Jennings CW Coach of the Year
- Erin McIntosh CW 2nd Team All-Star

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY U SPORTS CHAMPIONS CANADA WEST CHAMPIONS

- Stefan Daniel U SPORTS 2nd Team All-Canadian, CW 1st Team All-Star
- Ryan Grieco CW 1st Team All-Star
- Tyler Kiyonaga CW 2nd Team All-Star
- Doug Lamont U SPORTS Coach of the Year, CW Coach of the Year
- Eric Lutz U SPORTS 2nd Team All-Canadian, CW 1st Team All-Star
- Russell Pennock CW Athlete of the Year, U SPORTS 1st Team All-Canadian, CW 1st Team All-Star

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

- Kate Anderson CW 2nd Team All-Star
- Melissa Jones CW Athlete of the Year, U SPORTS 1st Team All-Canadian, CW 1st Team All-Star
- Meghan Manor CW 2nd Team All-Star

FIELD HOCKEY

- Marion Arnott CW All-Star
- Michelle Patterson CW Outstanding Contributor Award
- Peter Taylor CW Coach of the Year
- Ingrid Ulrich CW Goalkeeper of the Year, U SPORTS All-Canadian, CW All-Star
- Sabrina Wong U SPORTS All-Canadian, CW All-Star

FOOTBALL

- Logan Bandy U SPORTS 1st Team All-Canadian, CW All-Star
- Niko DiFonte U SPORTS 1st Team All-Canadian, CW All-Star
- Wayne Harris CW Coach of the Year
- Hunter Karl U SPORTS 1st Team All-Canadian, CW All-Star
- Deane Leonard U SPORTS 1st Team All-Canadian, CW All-Star
- Tyler Packer CW All-Star
- Tyson Philpot U SPORTS Rookie of the Year, CW Rookie of the Year, CW All-Star
- Boston Rowe U SPORTS 2nd Team All-Canadian, CW All-Star
- Adam Sinagra U SPORTS Most Outstanding Player of the Year, CW Player of the Year, U SPORTS 1st Team All-Canadian, CW All-Star
- Nick Statz CW All-Star
- Sterling Taylor IV CW All-Star
- Joel Van Pelt CW Lineman of the Year, U SPORTS 2nd Team All-Canadian, CW All-Star

MEN'S HOCKEY

- Dylan Busenius CW 2nd Team All-Star
- Bradley Schoonbaert CW All-Rookie Team
- James Shearer CW All-Rookie Team
- Riley Sheen U SPORTS 2nd Team All-Canadian

WOMEN'S RUGBY**CANADA WEST CHAMPIONS**

- Simon Chi CW Coach of the Year
- Alyson MacDougall CW All-Star
- Kasselle Menin CW Player of the Year, U SPORTS All-Canadian, CW All-Star
- Berlyn Seselja U SPORTS All-Canadian, CW All-Star
- Taejah Thompson U SPORTS All-Canadian, CW All-Star

MEN'S SOCCER

- Derek Brust CW All-Rookie Team
- Ryan Doering CW 2nd Team All-Star

WOMEN'S SOCCER

- Troye Flannery U SPORTS Coach of the Year, CW Coach of the Year
- Maddison Fritze CW 1st Team All-Star
- Lauren Houghton U SPORTS 2nd Team All-Canadian, CW 1st Team All-Star
- Kayla Kreutzer CW 1st Team All-Star
- Montana Leonard CW 1st Team All-Star Sofia Mondaca CW All-Rookie Team
- Talia White U SPORTS 1st Team All-Canadian, CW 1st Team All-Star

MEN'S SWIMMING

- Benjamin Blackmon U SPORTS Bronze (100m Breast, 200m Breast)
- Mike Blondal U SPORTS Coach of the Year
- Peter Brothers U SPORTS Bronze (400m Free, 1500m Free)
- Stephen Calkins U SPORTS Silver (50m Fly), U SPORTS Bronze (50m Free)
- Joshua Dow U SPORTS Silver (50m Back)
- Robert Hill U SPORTS Silver (100m Back, 200m Back), U SPORTS Bronze (50m Back)
- Anders Klein U SPORTS Bronze (100m Back, 200m Back), 4x100m Medley U SPORTS Bronze (Anders Klein, Benjamin

Blackmon, Emil Goin, Stephen Calkins)

- 4x200m Free U SPORTS Silver (Peter Brothers, Stephen Calkins, Teddy Kalp, Emil Goin)

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

- Marit Anderson CW Rookie of the Meet, U SPORTS Silver (800m Free)
- Allison McCloy U SPORTS Bronze (400m IM)
- 4x200m Free U SPORTS Bronze (Marit Anderson, Allison McCloy, Danica Ludlow, Robyn Lee)

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

- Blain Cranston CW 2nd Team All-Star

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

- Kate Pexman U SPORTS Top 8 Academic All-Canadian, U SPORTS 1st Team All-Canadian, CW 1st Team All-Star
- Beth Vinnell U SPORTS 2nd Team All-Canadian, CW 1st Team All-Star

MEN'S WRESTLING

- Callum McNeice CW Champion (76kg)
- Connor McNeice CW Champion (65kg)
- Emmanuel Olapade CW Student-Athlete Community Service Award
- Mitch Ostberg U SPORTS R.W. Pugh Fair Play Award

WOMEN'S WRESTLING

- Tianna Kennett CW Champion (59kg)
- Mitch Ostberg U SPORTS R.W. Pugh Fair Play Award
- Drew Persson U SPORTS Student-Athlete Community Service Award, CW Student-Athlete Community Service Award

Community

The Olympic Oval continues to remain dedicated to being a landmark in the university and Calgary community. Each year the Oval welcomes over 20,000 patrons for public skating and this season over 5,000 fans visited the Oval to see the very best in the world compete in the two major ISU events held at the Oval.

Oval program skaters are a part of the fabric of the Calgary community. This city was built on the Olympic spirit and continues to be the home for the many National Sport organizations, alumni, staff, venues and athletes.

Oval Program skaters are each encouraged to take on a role in the community and dedicate time from their busy schedules to volunteer and give back to the communities in which they live.

Two examples of this are the Servus Credit Union Free Family Day Skate in which they interacted with the over 2000 in attendance. Oval athletes were on hand to offer some skating tips and to collect supplies for Olympic Oval care packages which they then packed and distributed to the less fortunate.

It's only through the donations from the public at the Servus Family Day Skate, a very "kind" donation from KIND bars plus a little extra effort from the Oval staff & athletes that we were able to hand deliver these packages to those in need in our community. Each package contained various items such as wool socks or toques, Powerade, toothbrushes & toothpaste, snacks and Kind bars. Big thanks to everyone who lent a hand or who donated and especially to Servus Credit Union & KIND bars for making this possible.



Calgary Regional Speed Skating Development

The Olympic Oval continues to be a major supporter for the grassroots development of speed skating across the country and locally. Our team continues to work with Speed Skating Canada and the various provincial organizations and clubs to guide athletes into the elite pathway. Locally, this past season, the Oval worked in collaboration with several sport community leaders to form a working group. Committee Members included representatives from the Olympic Oval, Alberta Amateur Speed Skating Association, Calgary Speed Skating Association, Calgary Grizzlies, Sport Calgary, Alien Inline, Special Olympics and a sport development representative.

A partnership with two YMCAs was also formed with a very successful speed skating debut at Rocky Ridge this year and high expectations for the future at Seton next season.



2018/2019

Bursary

Olympic Oval

Bursary

The Calgary Olympic Oval was very proud to award 13 athletes Olympic Oval Bursaries for the 2018-19 season. Congratulations go out to long track skaters; Max Brant (Niagara on the Lake, ON), Paul Coderre (Calgary, AB), Graeme Fish (Moose Jaw, SK), Sierra Johnson (Oakville, ON), Matt Laxton (Hespeler, ON), Abigail McCluskey (Penticton, BC), Jake Weidemann (Ottawa, ON) and Taylor White (Cambridge, ON). On the short

track, congratulations to: Roger Fulton (Fredericton, NB), Caitlin Pelkey (Calgary, AB), Matej Pederson (Calgary, AB), Hee Won Son (Calgary, AB) and Brendan Yamada (Calgary, AB).

Since its inception in 2005, the Oval Bursary Fund has supported 100 athletes with over \$160,000 in support of their quest for excellence in the sports of speed skating, cycling and female hockey.





Other notable past recipients of Oval bursaries include current and former Canadian National team long and short track athletes, such as short track National team skater Alison Desmarais, 2018 Olympians Ben Donnelly, Heather McLean, Josie Morrison, Keri Morrison and Isabelle Weidemann, Olympic medalist Marie Eve Drolet and 3-time Olympian Brittany Schussler.



Bursary Recipients

ABIGAIL MCCLUSKEY

Long Track Athlete

TAYLOR WHITE

Long Track Athlete

SIERRA JOHNSON

Long Track Athlete

GRAEME FISH

Long Track Athlete

JAKE WEIDEMANN

Long Track Athlete

MATT LAXTON

Long Track Athlete

PAUL CODERRE

Long Track Athlete

MAX BRANT

Long Track Athlete

HEE WON SON

Short Track Athlete

CAITLIN PELKEY

Short Track Athlete

BRENDAN YAMADA

Short Track Athlete

MATEJ PEDERSON

Short Track Athlete

ROGER FULTON

Short Track Athlete

New Technology & Innovation Projects



Timing System Upgrades

Short track system implementation

- Enhanced lane recognition
- Conduit installation
- Physiological data input
- Start gun integration for testing

Access Control

- South storage and weight room
(Proximity card access)
- Change to database updating process

Video Board Installation

- Two new videoboards and full control room were installed:
 - 2 Daktronics 6.6mm HD boards
- One portable screen that can be mounted anywhere in the building
 - 12' high by 26' wide
- One fixed screen
 - 12' high by 52' wide
- Control room and portable control systems to run video from six locations around the building
- Full broadcast, replay and recording capabilities



Results in Business

Automated Video Project

- Integrate automated video replay for training into the display boards for both short track and long track
- Delayed video on video boards for realtime video feedback

Partnerships

University of Calgary

Kinesiology

-Dr. Ferber - WeTRAC - wearables

-Dr. Katz - Masters student (Roger Jaswal)

Coaching and Technology Adoption

Anthropology

-PhD Student (Sarah Jacobs)

Knowledge Acquisition and Transfer in Sport

Own the Podium and Speed Skating Canada

-Video training system collaboration

-Timing training system upgrades including short track implementation

Innovation Lab Thialf

-Knowledge sharing and potential research collaboration

*"These enhancements have **dramatically improved the daily training environment** for not only the Canadian National Team - but our Elite Oval Pathway athletes and visiting international athletes as well"*

- Sean Ireland, Business Development
Innovation & Technology Manager



Olympic Oval Staff

EXECUTIVE TEAM

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Director, Olympic Oval

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Manager

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Performance Programs
Short Track

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Technology

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and Business
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ADMINISTRATION

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Business Operations
Coordinator

Darlene Kastner
Senior Projects
Advisor

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY

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Senior Skate Shop
Technician

John Little
Competitions
Technical Systems
Specialist

James Monson
Skate Shop
Coordinator

Jesse Slusar
Senior Skate Shop
Technician

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Caretaking

Eva Sy
Caretaking

Gary Wright
Caretaking

Daniel Xu
Caretaking

John Yallop
Caretaking

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Allyson Bischler
Guest Relations
Representative

Kelsey Duffield
Guest Relations
Supervisor

Kyla Kastner
Team Lead Guest
Relations

Arianne Messer
Guest Relations
Representative

Robert Porter
Team Lead Sport
Activities

Ivonne Vargas
Team Lead Guest
Relations

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Jo-Ann Billingsley
Manager - Facility
Scheduling

Karen Delaney
Scheduling
Coordinator

MARKETING, SPONSORSHIP AND COMPETITIONS

Dawn Brown
Competitions Support
Specialist

Maggie Dekking
Competitions
Coordinator

Ryan Ohashi
Communications and
Community Relations
Specialist

Gregg Planert
Competitions
Coordinator

Lorelei St. Rose
Competitions
Coordinator

David Vink
Marketing and
Corporate Events
Specialist

Robyn Wilson
Sponsorship and
Events Advisor

OPERATIONS

Luke Janetzki
Building Engineer

Brad Kowal
Ice Technician

Norm Lennon
Ice Technician

Cam MacLeod
Operations Team Lead

Joey McLeod
Ice Technician

Justin Murphy
Ice Technician

Crispin Parkinson
Team Lead Facility
Operations
&
Long Track Coach
Stage 3

Dylan Rama
Ice Technician

Andy Yardy
Team Lead Facility
Operations
&
Ice Technician

PROGRAMS

Laurie Ehrman
Program Coordinator

Arno Hoogveld
Long Track Coach
Stage 3

Jeff Kitura
Long Track Coach
Stage 3

Eiji Kohara
International Guest
Coach

Joffrey Larocque
Short Track Coach
Stage 2 & Neo Senior

Cristina Lazarescu
Short Track Coach
Stage 2

Todd McClements
Long Track Coach
Stage 4

Al McIlveen
Short Track Coach
Stage 3 & 4

Dustin Miller
Short Track Coach
Stage 2, 3 & 4

Stacey Polet
Program Coordinator

Justin Warsylewicz
Long Track Coach
Stage 2

ELITE ATHLETE PATHWAY

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LONG TRACK

STAGE 4/5

Jordan Belchos
Ted-Jan Bloemen
Ivanie Blondin
Kali Christ
Sam Deckert
Vincent De Haitre
Ben Donnelly
Cooper Emin
Graeme Fish
Jacob Graham
Carolina Hiller
Nicolas Hiller
Marsha Hudey
Kaylin Irvine
Olivier Jean
Gilmore Junio
Lindsey Kent
Tyson Langelaa
Valerie Maltais
Hayden Mayeur
Abigail McCluskey
Denny Morrison
Keri Morrison
Konrad Nagy
Jess Neufeld
Maddison Pearman
Jeff Ross
Courtney Shmyr

Jake Weidemann
Isabelle Weidemann
Connor Woods

STAGE 3

Max Brant
Jasmine Chase
Paul Coderre
Danielle Dumouchel
Kiersten Hagen
Ashley Hannah
Gibson Himbeault
Caleb Hovey
John Hrynchuk
Jonah Hurtubise
Kai in t'Veld
Anders Johnson
Sierra Johnson
Simon Koots
Matthew Laxton
Christian Liezeit
Thomas Meline
Cassidy Peterson
Gabrielle Sanson
Olivia Scott
Sara Spence
Lily Weidemann
Taylor White

STAGE 2

Alexa Annecca

Ian Babulic

Noah Bouma
Hannah Brunn
Rachel Freitag
Garrett Gledhill
Emma Javra
Molly Johnson
Zachary Lacroix
Zuzana Nedeljakova
Eric Orlowsky
Antoine Parent
Oliver Scharf
Matthew Scutchings

SHORT TRACK

STAGE 4

Geneve Belanger
Maggie Beynon
Alison Desmarais
Vincent Girard
Jamie Lee
Marika Nadal
Marco Schumann

NEO SENIOR

Maxwell Cole
Anneke Pederson
Connor Rogerson
Anton Shekhter
Ian Smibert

STAGE 3

Roger Fulton
Cheyenne Goh
Ethan McKinley-Young
Matej Pederson
Mitchell Schrum
Hee Won Son
Brendan Yamada
Abbey Young

STAGE 2

Olivia Ashley
Mathias Bathe
Cezara Bere
Celina Chabot
Sebastian Champagne
Aaron Cooney
Connor Doud
Myuto Inoue
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