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CCAA NATIONALS

Live Television Coverage for CCAA Volleyball Nationals

EastLink, NSAC, and CCAA Partner for Volleyball Action

Medal Games at the 2006 Mazda CCAA Women's National Volleyball Championship will be carried live via satellite from Truro, Nova Scotia, courtesy of EastLink Sports Television.

Through a new and exciting partnership, EastLink will provide full coverage of the Bronze Medal Game at 12:00 PM (noon) and the Gold Medal Game at 2:00 PM - Atlantic Time – on Sunday, March 12, 2006.

These matches will be available across the country via satellite if your local cable company elects to pick up the feed. In order for the matches to be seen in your area, we need student-athletes, parents, colleges, universities, and avid sport fans to contact their local cable companies, requesting they pick up the feed and commit the airtime to broadcast these matches live. All upfront fees associated with the satellite uplink and airtime slot have been covered, and as such, there is no cost for the individual cable companies to pick up the feed. In any case, we need to demonstrate to the cable companies across Canada that there is demand for this broadcast.

In Quebec, there have been situations where RDS has also picked up an EastLink broadcast, which may be a possibility we will explore.

Furthermore, universities and colleges with the technical equipment and expertise to pick up the feed, may do so as well. If you are interested as an institution, please contact Stéphanie (stephanie@ccaa.ca) at the CCAA National Office. Once the technical information is available for the broadcast, Stéphanie will pass the required details to any member-institutions interested.

If your local cable company requires technical information, they may contact Kelly Parks (Kelly.parks@corp.eastlink.ca / 902.899.8573) directly at EastLink.

As this year's Hosts, the Nova Scotia Agricultural College (NSAC) and the Atlantic Colleges Athletic Association (ACAA), as well as the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association (CCAA) are pleased to be bringing national coverage to the 2006 Mazda CCAA Women's National Volleyball Championship.

If you require further information, please don't hesitate to contact Judy Smith, Chair of the Host Organizing Committee (jsmith@nsac.ca) or Stéphanie Legault, CCAA Coordinator of Marketing and Media Relations (stephanie@ccaa.ca).

For a complete listing of Canadian Cable Telecommunications Association (CTSA) members and their service area, please visit their official website at:

<http://www.ccta.com>

Submitted by Judy Smith, Athletic Director and Tournament Chair - NSAC

The 2006 Mazda CCAA Women's National Volleyball Championship will be hosted by the Nova Scotia Agricultural College (NSAC) in Truro, Nova Scotia, from March 10-12, 2006.

Stay tuned for more details on how you can get the latest news, results and developments within the 2006 Mazda CCAA Women's National Volleyball Championship.

Mount Royal College prime to host Badminton Nationals

Mount Royal College and Cougar Athletics are very excited to be hosting the 2006 CCAA Badminton National Championships from March 2 – 4, 2006. The staff in the Athletics department is very involved with the preparations of this event and is looking to show the badminton community an experience they will remember for a long time.

The Best Western Village Park Inn is the official host of the Nationals. Numerous events, in the planning stages, will take place at the hotel: the coaches meeting, our welcome breakfast, opening/closing ceremonies and the CCAA All Canadian Banquet, held on March 4. With numerous Olympian badminton players in the city of Calgary, the committee is presently pursuing a couple of options to have as our guest speaker for the special evening.

Stanley Gymnasium is the site for the competition, with four portable courts that will be brought in from Badminton Alberta. There will be plenty of spectator space available for those taking in the action. Black Knight will be supplying the shuttles for all practice and competition.

We anticipate having our Championship Tournament Packages ready for distribution to the potential colleges by the beginning of February. Other amenities that Cougar Athletics have planned to have available for the participants include athletic therapy, massage therapy, towel and laundry service.

Please visit our website at <http://cougars.mtroyal.ca/nationals> after Feb. 17 for all your latest news and information.

Mount Royal College and Cougar Athletics look forward to being part of an exciting CCAA Championships at the beginning of March.

Submitted by Karla Karch, Athletic Director and Tournament Chair – Mount Royal College

LCC Preparing To Host Women's National Basketball Tournament



Lethbridge Community College (LCC) will host the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association Women's National Basketball Tournament March 16, 17 and 18. The planning and preparations for the event started early last year when it was officially announced LCC would be the host. An organizing committee was formed to cover every aspect of the tournament with LCC Athletic Director Tim Tollestrup chairing the committee.

Tollestrup was chairman of the organizing committee for the 1994 CCAA National Basketball Championships that were held in Lethbridge. He says: "With the success of our women's basketball program during the past few years it's good to see the Kodiak women given an opportunity to participate in the national tournament on their home court". The LCC women's basketball team was third at the national tournament in 2003, won the Canadian Championship in 2004, is currently ranked sixth nationally, and should be a strong contender for the national title on their home court.

While teams across Canada begin gearing up for the playoffs in their respective conferences, the LCC organizing committee takes aim at being ready for the national tournament. The areas being covered by the committee include: athletic administration, financing, facility operations, technical services, credentials, security, publicity, media relations, hospitality, athletic therapy, the opening and closing ceremonies and half time entertainment. LCC has also attracted a title sponsor with the BMO Financial Group (the Bank of Montreal, BMO Nesbitt Burns, and BMO Investorline) lending their name to the event and providing major financial support for the tournament.

The teams will arrive in Lethbridge March 14th and the first official function is the All Canadian banquet on March 15th. The competition begins with four opening round games March 16th. LCC will welcome league champions from British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic Canada, along with two wild card teams. Tollestrup says: "The national tournament should create local excitement for basketball and an atmosphere that suggests the Lethbridge area is a mecca for the game".

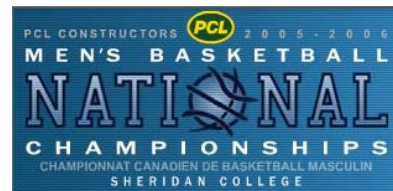
Following the opening round games the tournament continues Friday, March 17th and wraps up Saturday, March 18th with the championship game scheduled for 7PM at the Val Matteotti Gymnasium on the LCC campus. It's the second consecutive year an Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference (ACAC) institute is hosting the Women's National Basketball Tournament.

Submitted by Tim Tollestrup, Athletic Director and Tournament Chair – Lethbridge Community College



PCL CONSTRUCTORS CCAA NATIONALS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Sheridan College Athletics and Recreation is pleased to announce a fantastic lineup of sponsors for the Canadian Colleges Athletics Association Men's National Basketball Championships to be held March 16-18 in Brampton, Ontario.



The Title Sponsor for this year's event is **PCL Constructors Canada Inc.**, who have stepped up and thrown their full support behind the event. The PCL family of companies, which celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2006, is the largest general contracting organization in Canada and one of the largest in the United States, with an annual volume approaching \$4 billion.

New Balance Canada has also been a major contributor in the planning of this event, further cementing their status as the official shoe of Sheridan Bruins Basketball. The Canadian Head Office in Mississauga will supply some amazing gear for the event, as well as adding some 'glitz' around the event with a very special guest speaker to be announced soon. New Balance, which will celebrate its 100th Anniversary in 2006, is headquartered in Boston, MA, and is a leading manufacturer of technologically innovative width-sized performance footwear and athletic apparel for women, men, and children. The range of product categories includes running, walking, cross training, basketball, tennis, adventure, and kids. New Balance employs more than 2,600 people around the globe, and in 2004 reported worldwide sales of \$1.5 billion.

Campus Living Centers has also signed on to sponsor the Men's National Championship. CLC specializes in providing quality residence living for many CCAA schools from coast to coast. As well, **Belair Direct Insurance** will sponsor the event, further exposing their products and services to the college-aged clientele.

Brick Beer, based in Ontario, was one of the first companies to provide support for the Basketball Championship when plans first began eighteen months ago. Most recently, **Coca-Cola** has agreed to supply Powerade and an assortment of refreshments for the Tournament.

On a local level, Oakville's **Double-Blue Basketball** and Mississauga's **Nappy's Hair Shop** have also come forward to support Sheridan's quest to host a first rate event. Participants will be staying at the **Best Western Admiral** on the border of Mississauga and Brampton.

Within the College Community itself, the National Championship has received tremendous support, with the **Student Union**, the **Alumni Association** and the **Sheridan College Executive** all contributing substantially to the event. We are also excited and please to announce the participation of **Ballerz Magazine** and Toronto's Hip Hop and R&B radio station, **Flow 93.5 FM**. VIP and banquet productions are being co-directed by **McLean Sherwood**.

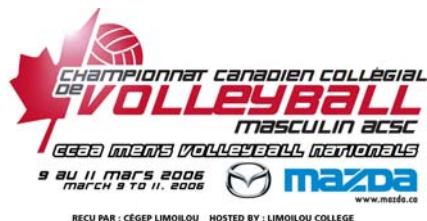
The Sheridan Athletic Department and National's Organizing Committee would like to express their gratitude to the following groups and individuals:

PCL Constructors - Joe Watson and Jennifer Nelson
New Balance - Mark Rosenthal and Jonathan Chang
Campus Living Centers - Paul Holowaty
Best Western Admiral - Nad Ismail
Belair Direct Insurance - Raymond Peddie
Brick Beer - Doug Berchtold and Craig Prentice
Coca-Cola - Dave Pinto
Double-Blue Basketball - David Ferencina
Nappy's Hair Shop - Gavin Douglas
Fenix Design Studios - Richard Mader
Jordan Morrison Photography - Jordan Morrison
Ballerz Magazine - Edilson Silva & Wilfred Magambo
Flow 93.5 FM - Venus & Angelique Knights
McLean Sherwood - Peter Webster
OCAA
CCAA
Sheridan Student Union
Sheridan Alumni Association
Sheridan College

To get the latest news, results and developments within the 2006 PCL Constructors CCAA Men's National Basketball Championship, please visit Sheridan's official website and add the link to your *Favorites* page – www.2006nationals.ca.

Submitted by Brian Laundry, Tournament Coordinator – Sheridan College

Limoilou gets ready to host country's best in men's volleyball



Cégep Limoilou is excited to host the 2006 Mazda CCAA Men's National Volleyball Championship in the City of Québec. Led by Jean-Noël Corriveau, the Host Organizing Committee is working diligently to deliver an exciting, well-run and memorable Championship Event.

Preparations are well underway to host the 2006 Mazda CCAA Men's National Volleyball Championship. Highlights and updates include:

- Extensive local media coverage has already been received. Press conference to be held a week prior to event;
- Logo and poster design complete and approved;
- Numerous volunteers have been recruited in various aspects of event, ie. tourism students, physiotherapists;
- Various corporate sponsors and partners secured for event;

To get the latest news, results and developments within the 2006 Mazda CCAA Men's National Volleyball Championship, please visit Limoilou's official website and add the link to your *Favorites* page – www.limoilou.qc.ca/volleyball2006.

Who will be hosting in 2006-2007?

The CCAA proudly announces the confirmed hosts of the 2006-2007 National Championships:

- Langara College, BCCAA, to host Men's and Women's Soccer
- Malaspina University College, BCCAA, to host Men's Volleyball
- Capilano College, BCCAA, to host Women's Volleyball
- Grant MacEwan College, ACAC, to host Women's Basketball
- I.T.A. Saint-Hyacinthe, QSSF, to host Cross Country Running

SPORTS NEWS

Conference Update: Ontario Colleges Athletic Association

Hello from Ontario and the 30 member-institutions in the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA).

For 2005-06 the OCAA will offer student-athletes the opportunity to participate in 16 varsity sports, over 30 extramural events, and hundreds of intramural activities. The thirty member-institutions in the OCAA represent over 155,000 full-time students, of which almost 35,000 participate in sport and recreation programs organized by their college athletic departments.

The OCAA has undertaken two major initiatives this year. The first is the complete re-design of the OCAA website – www.ocaa.com – which took place during the summer months and was launched in mid-September. The new site, designed by Texas based Infinity Pro Sports, is much more user friendly and includes features such as a scrolling scoreboard, fan polls, online store, and a new statistical package that will allow easier access to information on favorite teams and players.

The second initiative is the weekly broadcast of the Ontario College Report on the FAN590 radio station. The show is aired live on Sunday mornings from 9:00 - 9:30am and features interviews with OCAA student-athletes, coaches and athletic directors. The show provides a great opportunity to raise awareness of college athletics in Ontario and grow the "Brand" of the OCAA.

The OCAA recently held its 2006 Men's and Women's All-Star games for Volleyball and Basketball at Seneca College in Toronto and Durham College in Oshawa. As part of the weekend festivities at both All-Star games, the OCAA was able to invite National team coaches to organize clinics for OCAA players and coaches. The clinics were possible due to funding received by the OCAA as part of the Ontario government's ACTIVE2010 strategy.

On the recreation front, the development of the OCAA's web-based Active Living Rewards (ALR) program continues. The ALR program is an innovative web-based program designed to reward individuals for including physical activity in their daily lives. Regardless of a person's age, activity preferences or current fitness level, participation in the program provides for a multitude of rewards - and best of all, the program is free. College athletic departments recently organized the second of two Active Living Challenge weeks

on college campuses to raise awareness of the ALR program among students. Over the next few months, the OCAA will be looking to expand the ALR program into other markets. The ALR program can be found on the web at www.activelivingrewards.ca.

From a business perspective, the OCAA Executive Committee has just embarked on the development of a new Strategic Plan. The OCAA's current plan, which was extended one-year, will conclude at the end of the 2005-06 season. The Executive Committee plans to present the new 3-year plan to Athletic Director's in April at the OCAA Director's Meeting, with full ratification of the plan to occur at the OCAA AGM in May in Sault Ste. Marie.

Ontario is always excited about hosting colleges from across the country at CCAA National Championships. The fall was no exception as St. Clair College in Windsor welcomed 93 athletes from 19 colleges to the CCAA Golf Open Championship and Sir Sanford Fleming College – Peterborough welcomed 163 athletes from 29 colleges to the CCAA Cross-Country Running Open Championship. Congratulations to all the athletes who competed and to Jay Shewfelt and Ted Beale at St. Clair and Fred Batley at Fleming-Peterborough and their organizing committees for hosting such great events.

Sheridan College will host the next CCAA National Championships in Ontario, Men's Basketball in March. Jim Flack and his organizing committee have been working overtime since being awarded the Championships and we're sure everyone will be treated to a great event at Sheridan's brand-new athletic facility on their Brampton campus.

The OCAA is also looking forward to hosting CCAA and conference delegates at the 2006 CCAA Annual General Meeting at the Holiday Inn Waterfront in Kingston in June. Plans are well underway for a great week of meetings, fun and sharing of ideas. Kingston should provide for an excellent location for this annual gathering of college athletic staff.

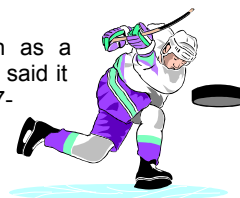
Best of luck in the second half of the season and we hope to see you in Brampton or Kingston.

Submitted by Blair Webster, OCAA Executive Director

Dawson captures the bronze in Humes tournament

From January 6-8, eight teams battled it out during the 38th annual Concordia-Theresa Humes Women's Hockey Tournament. The event featured the five of the country's top womens' university teams – defending national champions Wilfred Laurier Golden Hawks, #3 ranked McGill Martlets, host Concordia Stingers, #9 ranked Queen's Golden Gaels and #10 ranked Toronto Varsity Blues – as well as the Carleton Ravens, Ottawa Gee-Gees and Dawson College Blues.

Dawson was pleased to get invited to the tournament's 38th annual edition as a replacement for Clergy, a club team from France. Dawson coach Scott Lambton said it was the first time playing at that level for his young team, made up mostly of 17-year-olds turning 18 this season.



Dawson's journey began with a huge upset over the McGill Marlets on Day 1 with a score of 8-2. Following a tough battle and fierce competition against the Queen's Golden Gaels, the Dawson College Blues prevailed (7-5) to finish in third place. Faced with superior competition, Dawson College, the only CEGEP entry, took home the bronze medal. Wilfred Laurier defended their title against the University of Toronto in the final round and captured the title for its second consecutive year with a 2-1 win in quadruple overtime.

In hopes to continue their successful ways, Dawson College left the following week for a tournament in San Jose, California. With only two losses against St. Jérôme, the Dawson College Blues ended the first half of the season with a 14-2 record.

Big Kahuna/Adidas-Salomon CCAA Badminton Athletes of the Month



The CCAA announced today the **Big Kahuna/Adidas-Salomon CCAA Badminton Athletes of the Month** for January. The CCAA Athlete of the Month program recognizes student-athletes for their outstanding event performance and athletic accomplishments during that month. Awards are presented to one male and one female student-athlete in each conference participating in CCAA Badminton; the four conferences are Atlantic Colleges Athletic Association (ACAA), Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA), Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference (ACAC) and British Columbia Colleges Athletic Association (BCCAA).

From British Columbia (BCCAA):

- Lyndsay Thomson (Douglas College)
- Derrick Ng (Langara College)

From Alberta (ACAC):

- Charlene Antaya (Grande Prairie Regional College)
- Matt Czernick (Concordia University College of Alberta)

From Ontario (OCAA):

- Kathryn Bobbie (Cambrian College)
- Jonathan Paynter (Georgian College)

From Atlantic (ACAA):

- Guy-Laine Lagacé (Université de Moncton)
- Eric Frenette (Université de Moncton)

Congratulations to all!

For a full profile and/or picture of this month's **Big Kahuna/Adidas-Salomon CCAA Badminton Athletes of the Month**, visit: <http://www.ccaa.ca/badminton/06020202.htm>.

CCAA Key Dates and Deadlines – FEBRUARY



Feb	6	Preliminary Seeding calls for Volleyball.
	13	Preliminary Seeding calls for Basketball.
	15	Deadline for all Badminton, Volleyball, and Basketball eligibility forms to National Office
	18	Deadline for Volleyball wild card applications via email to the National Office
	17-19	PCAA Badminton Championships
	21	Deadline for Badminton Player and Coach of the Year award information
	21	Final rankings for Badminton
	23	Deadline for alterations or additions to Badminton, Volleyball, and Basketball eligibility forms
	23	Deadline for PCAA written confirmation to National Office that all participating Badminton athletes are eligible under PCAA Eligibility criteria
	24	Deadline for Athlete of the Month for Basketball
	24	Deadline for Volleyball All-Canadian, Player and Coach of the Year award information
	25	Deadline for Basketball wild card applications via email to the National Office
	24-26	PCAA Volleyball Championships
	27	Wildcard and seeding conference call for Men's and Women's Volleyball
	28	Final Rankings for Volleyball
Mar	1	Deadline for eligibility appeals (complete with all supporting documentation)
	1	Deadline for PCAA Badminton Technical fees and Championship Participation fees to be sent to National Office.
	2-4	CCAA National Badminton Championships

RANKINGS / SCOREBOARD

For the latest updates and weekly **Results, Standings, Schedule**, please visit the CCAA website (<http://www.ccaa.ca/english.htm>) and click **Scoreboard** under the appropriate sport.

For the latest updates and weekly **Rankings**, please visit the CCAA website (<http://www.ccaa.ca/english.htm>) and click on the **direct link** under the appropriate sport.

MARKETING

Big Kahuna Sport Co. links up with new team distributor

Big Kahuna Sport Co. is proud to announce that they are a new team distributor of Peter Twist Training Products. A leader in elite Team Training Products, Peter Twist uses all of his own training products when training top level and pro athletes throughout North America.

Most products are in stock, so don't waste any time and order now! Please note that CCAA member-institutions are eligible for discount pricing from listed catalogue pricing. Big Kahuna is also a large Under Armour Canada dealer. Look for your new Team catalogue in the next month or so!

Big Kahuna Sport Co. would like to thank CCAA member-institutions for the overwhelming support you have shown us over the past few years. Good luck with the rest of the season!

For more information, please contact Craig Preece directly (craig@bigkahuna.ca)

OTHER NEWS

CCAA seeking applicants for Female Coach Mentor Program

The Canadian Colleges Athletic Association will be soliciting nominations for the Female Coach Mentor Program for the 2006-07 season.

To ensure a more timely application process, **application information and details will be circulated May 15, 2006 with the deadline for submissions on June 15, 2006.**

If you did not have the opportunity to apply last year, this is your chance to do so again. Look for more details in months to come!

Last chance to submit CCAA Eligibility Forms

The deadline to submit all Badminton, Volleyball, and Basketball Eligibility Forms the CCAA National Office is **Wednesday, February 15, 2006.**

Please read the following guidance notes before completing the Eligibility Form:

- *Years of Post Secondary Participation* - includes current year
- *Academic Program* – current year only
- *Completed Drug Education Program* – actual date
- *Confirmation of Provincial Eligibility* - to be completed by PCAA
- *Coach's NCCP number* – must include if applicable
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Please note: Only CCAA Eligibility Forms that include the **CCAA Privacy Disclaimer** will be accepted.

Highlights from the CCAA's 2005 Winter Board Meeting

The Canadian Colleges Athletic Association recently welcomed its Board of Directors and Provincial Representatives to Ottawa (ON) for the 2005 Winter Board Meeting. Despite the cold and freezing rain, participating delegates had an opportunity to have extensive and valuable discussions, as well as share ideas and information among themselves and CCAA partners such as the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada / ADRsportRED and Sport Canada. The Winter Board Meeting achieved was a success!

Highlights include:

- 2006-07 National and/or Open Championships hosts accepted (I.T.A. Saint-Hyacinthe – Cross Country Running, Malaspina University College – Men's Volleyball, Capilano College – Women's Volleyball, Grant MacEwan College – Women's Basketball)
- 2006 Women's Volleyball Nationals will receive national television coverage, and as such, new schedule and format adopted.
- 2006 Women's Basketball Nationals will host a coaching clinic sponsored by Spalding.
- New membership criteria and application process announced to Board of Directors.
- Official Languages Policy to be approved at Annual General Meeting to be held in June.
- Survey will be conducted in February 2006 to gauge changing make-up of our student-athlete population, as well as the impact the eligibility rules may be having on member-institutions and provincial associations.
- Minimum academic standards met with favour.
- Informative Sport Dispute Resolution discussion with Julie Duranceau.
- CCAA's Douglas College, University College of the Fraser Valley and Mount Saint Vincent University student-athletes will be taking part in focus testing in partnership with CCES's Informing Young Canadian Athletes of the Harms Associated with Cannabis Use Project.
- CCAA gym banners will be available through the CCAA at a cost of \$74 (+GST/PST) each.
- Informative Marketing and Media Best Practices Sharing Session – Contact Stéphanie (stephanie@ccaa.ca) if you would like further information on these best practices (Red Deer College – Developing Corporate Partnerships, UCFV – Adopt-A-Cascade Program, Fanshawe College – Looking at the Smaller Market)
- A motion passed that Badminton develops a process to recognize All Canadians like other Level 1 National Championships. Consequently, Badminton All Canadians will no longer be gold medal winners, but rather each Provincial Association will be responsible for identifying their All Canadian prior to the Championship.
- 2006 CCAA Annual General Meeting will be held May 29 – June 2 in Kingston, ON

The 2005 CCAA Winter Board Meeting minutes will be available on the CCAA website.

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