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CCAA NATIONALS

Who will be hosting in 2006-07?

The following bids were approved at the 2006 CCAA AGM in Kingston, Ontario:

- > *Golf* Champlain Regional College St. Lawrence (St. Foy, QC) / Oct.10-13, 2006
- > *Cross Country* I.T.A. St-Hyacinthe (St-Hyacinthe, QC) / Nov. 10-11, 2006
- > *Badminton* Douglas College (Vancouver, BC) / March 7-10, 2007
- > *Men's Basketball* Nova Scotia Agricultural College (Truro, NS) / March 12-14, 2007

The CCAA Hosting Grid for 2006-07 is as follows:

- > *Golf* Champlain Regional College St. Lawrence (St. Foy, QC) / Oct.10-13, 2006
- > *Women's Soccer* Langara College (Vancouver, BC) / Nov. 8-11, 2006
- > *Men's Soccer* Langara College (Vancouver, BC) / Nov. 8-11, 2006
- > *Cross Country* I.T.A. St-Hyacinthe (St-Hyacinthe, QC) / Nov. 10-11, 2006
- > *Badminton* Douglas College (Vancouver, BC) / March 7-10, 2007
- > *Men's Volleyball* Malaspina University College (Nanaimo, BC) / March 8-10, 2007
- > *Women's Volleyball* Capilano College (North Vancouver, BC) / March 8-10, 2007
- > *Women's Basketball* Grant MacEwan College (Edmonton, AB) / March 15-17, 2007
- > *Men's Basketball* Nova Scotia Agricultural College (Truro, NS) / March 12-14, 2007

SPORTS NEWS

John Davidson named 2006 CCAA Athletic Director of the Year

Dawson College Athletic Director John Davidson received the **2006 CCAA Athletic Director of the Year Award**, sponsored by Big Kahuna Sport Company, from the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association (CCAA). The award was designed to honour intercollegiate directors of athletics for their commitment and administrative excellence within the campus or college community environment. Davidson was presented with the award at this year's AGM that was held from May 29 to June 2nd in Kingston, Ontario.



After working at Dawson College for 34 years, John Davidson is retiring as Dawson's Athletic Director, a position he has been in for the past 25 years. In his 25-year tenure, John has been instrumental in the growth and development of Dawson's Athletic Program. When he first began in 1981, there were only 10 teams. Today, Dawson counts 21 intercollegiate teams and 3 club teams, making it the largest athletics program in the country. Over the years, Dawson has hosted 6 national championships, 24 invitational Hagen basketball tournaments, as well as numerous regional, provincial and league all-star games. John has also provided numerous international opportunities for his teams, enabling his student-athletes to experience cultural diversity.

His dedication and commitment extends beyond the playing field. Fostering both academic and athletic excellence, John initiated an affiliation with Dawson's academic advising department. As a result of this partnership, each team has an advisor to assist the student-athletes with their course selection and preparations for university. Furthermore, both tutoring and an athlete study lounge are made available to student-athletes who seek assistance with their studies. John's abilities and tireless efforts are apparent in the student-athlete academic success. Last year, the 300 student-athletes passed 93% of all their courses and Dawson Athletics had a retention rate of 99%. As Athletic Director, John also ensures his student-athletes have the necessary tools to succeed at a higher level, personally contacting university coaches,

promoting his players and assisting with the application process. He takes great pride and joy in seeing his players move on to university athletics; 85% of Dawson student-athletes move on to universities across North America.

John continuously promotes teamwork and sportsmanship among his players and coaches, emphasizing his philosophy that *the importance is not whether you win or lose, but rather how much fun you have when playing*. To further promote this philosophy, Dawson hosts an annual event, Meet the Blues, which has become a program tradition. An evening of fun and games, all athletes are invited to join the festivities and support each other, enhancing the notion that all teams are of equal importance.

Through its community basketball programs, Dawson has increased participation in and development through sport for children aged 9-17 years old, many of which are from underprivileged homes. Outside of sport, John is also a strong advocate and promoter of student art. He started an Art Gallery within the College, and still attends and supports various art exhibits and galleries hosted by students.

John has been involved with the CCAA since 1982 as a Quebec representative. Over the years, he has assumed positions on both the Finance and Eligibility Committees, as well as assumed the role of VP Finance at a time when the CCAA was struggling financially.

The CCAA would like to extend to John Davidson our sincere and grateful appreciation for his dedicated service to intercollegiate athletics, our congratulations on a well-earned retirement and our best wishes to him for continued success, happiness and good health in the years to come.

Humber take 2nd place finish at RCGA University/College Championships



Led by Coach Ray Chateau, the Humber College Hawks Men's Golf Team captured second place at this year's RCGA Canadian University College Golf Championship, finishing just two strokes behind the leader and defending champions, University of Victoria.

The University of Victoria Vikes finished with a four-day score of 1179, while Humber finished a close second at 1181 and University of Manitoba took third place with 1190. Humber ranked three of their men's golfers in the top 10 – Ryan Whilloughby finished 6th with a four day score of 294, Lee French finished 7th with 295 and Nik Mazze finished 9th with an overall score of 297.

A total of 153 male and female golfers from post-secondary institutions competed at the Thornhill Golf & Country Club (Thornhill, Ontario).

In its 4-year history, Humber College is the only other post-secondary institution to win a Canadian University College Championship conducted by the RCGA. They captured the Men's Title in 2004, while the University of Victoria Vikes won in 2003, 2005 and 2006.

Following the 2006 RCGA Canadian University College Golf Championship, the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) announced the golfers who have qualified and will represent Canada at the World University Golf Championship in Torino, Italy from September 5-9, 2006.

Among those selected, Humber's Ray Chateau (Toronto, Ont.) will lead the coaching staff, while player Ryan Willoughby (Chelmsford, Ont.) will participate as an alternate.

MARKETING

Official balls

- The CCAA will adopt the **Baden Perfection VX5EC** volleyball for women's play starting in the 2006-07 season, while it will continue to use the **Baden International 15-0CM** volleyball for men's play.
- The **Adidas MB Tournament** ball was adopted as the *Official CCAA Soccer Ball*.
- All other CCAA balls and shuttles currently being used remain status quo.
- Please note, the Spalding ball continues to be the **TF1000 ZK Pro**, but they have moved to a wide-channel for both Men's and Women's.

Fanshawe College brings CCAA MIP Elite Award to Central Canada



With over \$59,000 worth of CCAA endorsed products purchased, Fanshawe College (London, Ont.) was awarded the Marketing Incentive Program (MIP) Elite Award. Fanshawe's Athletic Director Mike Lindsay was on hand to receive this prestigious award, created in 1995 to recognize the CCAA member-institution who strongly supports the CCAA's national partners, and as such, purchased the most CCAA endorsed products.

BCCAA President Tim Demant accepted the MIP Gold Award on behalf of Capilano College's Athletic Director, Joseph Iacobellis. With a value of over \$43,400, Capilano College is second to Fanshawe for the most purchases of CCAA endorsed products.

Upon presenting both the MIP Elite and MIP Gold awards, the remaining prize packages were awarded in the MIP Sweepstakes. To be eligible for the MIP Sweepstakes, a member-institution must have purchased CCAA endorsed products from at least one MIP partner throughout the year. The number of ballots allotted is based on the dollar amount of CCAA endorsed products purchased. All ballots are then entered into a year-end MIP Sweepstakes and all prize packages have been donated by participating MIP partners.

MIP Elite Award:

Fanshawe College (OCAA)

Baden Volleyballs

MIP Gold Award:

Capilano College (BCCAA)

Men's Spalding TF1000 ZK Pro Basketballs

MIP Sweepstakes:

Collège François-Xavier-Garneau (QSSF)

Women's Spalding TF1000 ZK Pro Basketballs

Humber College (OCAA)

Men's Spalding TF1000 ZK Pro Basketballs

Collège Édouard-Montpetit (QSSF)

Women's Spalding TF1000 ZK Pro Basketballs

St. Thomas University (ACAA)

Baden Volleyballs

Niagara College (OCAA)

Baden Volleyballs

NAIT (ACAC)

Baden Volleyballs

University of British Columbia – Okanagan (BCCAA)

Black Knight Badminton Racquets

Fanshawe College (OCAA)

Black Knight Badminton Racquets

Douglas College (BCCAA)

Black Knight Badminton Racquets

Mount Saint Vincent University (ACAA)

Black Knight Badminton Racquets

Mount Saint Vincent University (ACAA)

Big Kahuna Sport Co. \$250 Gift Certificate

Douglas College (BCCAA)

TNT Commercial Fitness \$150 Gift Certificate

Congratulations to this year's winners!!

Big Kahuna Sport Co. now offering adidas eyewear 2006

In response to numerous requests from CCAA member-institutions, Big Kahuna Sport Co. is pleased to now offer adidas eyewear 2006. The new product line offers eyewear for running, beach volleyball, multi-sport, golf and lifestyle. As a CCAA member-institution, you will receive 25% off the listed retail price and ALL eyewear products purchased through Big Kahuna Sport Co. will qualify for the CCAA Marketing Incentive Program.

For colour options and product details on adidas eyewear 2006, be sure to visit:

www.adidas.com/eyewear.

To order, please contact Craig Preece, Vice-President, Big Kahuna Sport Co. (Cell: 778-773-6159 / Office: 604-590-9211 / Email: craig@bigkahuna.ca).

2006-2007 CCAA Directory and Media Guide

Working with 104 post-secondary member-institutions across the country, the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association is well positioned to offer tremendous marketing and advertising opportunities across Canada. We'd like to assist your company, institution or organization in promoting and selling your products and/or services by providing extended reach and leveraging potential. As such, the CCAA is offering you the opportunity to advertise in its **2006-2007 CCAA Directory and Media Guide**.

Updated every year, our annual Member Directory and Media Guide has extensive information about the CCAA and its programs, and also includes a complete contact listing for every CCAA member-institution as well as purchased advertisements. With 400 copies produced annually, the CCAA Member Directory and Media Guide is distributed to *Canadian College and University Athletic Directors/Coaches/Staff, Provincial and National Sport Organizations, nationwide media outlets, as well as corporate partners*. The CCAA Member Directory and Media Guide is used extensively as a reference throughout the year. This publication can help your business build awareness, all the while helping your organization gain exposure for its products and services within this large, influential group of decision-makers.

Orders must be placed by Wednesday, June 28th, while graphics must be received no later than 4:00 PM (EST) on Monday, July 3rd, 2006.

If you have any questions and/or would like to view the schedule of ad sizes and rates, please contact Stéphanie Legault directly (stephanie@ccaa.ca / 613.933.6080 ext. 2211).

OTHER NEWS

A new chapter begins...



After serving as Athletic Director, Coach, Official and Programs Coordinator for more than 40 years, Jacques Cyr is retiring from collegiate sport.

He first entered the collegiate sport scene in August 1960. A private school for boys at the time, Jacques was hired as Athletic Director at the Collège de Joliette. He served various roles at Joliette until he left in 1974, including Football Coach, Basketball Coach and Intramurals Coordinator.

Jacques has been involved in Québec collegiate sport since its early beginnings, and as seen it grow tremendously over the years. When he first began in the 60s, student-athletes participated in organized competitions in different sports between institutions within the immediate Montreal region. Recognizing the lack of interrelation between the various leagues (ie. hockey, basketball, soccer, volleyball, handball, etc.), Jacques played an instrumental role in creating a sole governing body, which would oversee all leagues and establish specific rules for the individual leagues.

Association Régionale du Sport Collégial de l'Île de Montréal (ARSCIM) was created in the late 60s as a result of the collective efforts of dedicated collegiate sporting individuals, followed in later years, by the creation of the Quebec Student Sport Federation (QSSF), which up to this day, oversees the provincial activities of three (3) regional collegiate associations in Québec.

Serving as Programs Director for Collegiate Sector for most of his career, Jacques has been involved in the QSSF since August 1974. "Within the Quebec system today, there are no Athletic Directors who pre-date Jacques," indicated Glenn Ruiter, Athletic Director – John Abbott College. "So, when we arrived on the scene, Jacques was our source of information about the structure of Quebec college sports as well as its history. He has played a valuable role in bringing us all into the system and assisting us with insight and direction," concludes Ruiter. During this time, he was also actively and heavily involved in the CCAA, working on various Host Organizing Committees and serving as a voting delegate for Québec.

Over the years, Jacques has seen many changes and transformations within Québec collegiate sport. Perhaps the biggest was when the QSSF lost the battle against the QMJHL, hence eliminating AAA collegiate hockey. Another major change occurred when, in an effort to save money, the Government of Quebec forced the three sectors – school, collegiate, university - within the QSSF to merge under one provincial umbrella outside the Ministry of Education.

While he has seen many changes within the system, Jacques has also been part of many great accomplishments, including that of hosting national championships (March 1977) and the Bol d'Or (November 1976) at the site of the 1976 Summer Olympics. Throughout the years, he has also experienced great joy and took pride in his work. When asked what he enjoyed most about working in

collegiate sport, Jacques indicated that he "Took pleasure in working with young men and women, helping them make life choices while communicating the joys and benefits of leading a healthy lifestyle and teaching them core values, principles and skills."

Outside of the office, Jacques was also actively involved as an official for many years; hockey – regional level for 37 years, basketball – provincial and university levels for more than 30 years, football – local level for 24 years, baseball – local level for 7 years.

While Jacques Cyr closes this chapter of his life at the end of this month, he will bring with him memories that will last a lifetime as he begins on a new journey. While he will work small contracts, he will primarily enjoy his free time, which will give him an opportunity to spend more time with his wife, travel and watch his grandchildren learn and grow.

The Canadian Colleges Athletic Association would like to thank Jacques Cyr for his outstanding dedication, heart and soul for the past 35 years. You were a great teacher and a great inspiration to many. You will be dearly missed, but never forgotten. Good luck and we wish you all the best as you embark on the next phase of your life!

2006 CCAA Annual General Meeting

From May 29 – June 2, over 35 delegates traveled to Kingston (Ont.) for the 2006 Canadian Colleges Athletic Association (CCAA) Annual General Meeting. The CCAA would like to thank the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) for their hospitality, making this year's AGM a great success!

The biggest story at this year's AGM was the passing of the five (5) year eligibility rule. After twenty years of knocking on the CCAA door, the motion to increase student-athlete **Years of Eligibility** from four (4) to five (5) was approved with implementation to start in the 2007-08 season. Consequently, a student-athlete will now have five (5) years to compete in intercollegiate athletics at a post-secondary school level.

For a complete list of highlights from the CCAA's 2006 Annual General Meeting, visit the CCAA Official Website at: <http://www.ccaa.ca/stories/06062101.htm>

CCAA welcomes its new members

The CCAA would like to welcome the following new members:

- **Cégep Lionel-Groulx (QSSF)**
 - Accepted as full member for 2006-07
 - Will participate in Women's AAA Volleyball
- **Marianopolis College (QSSF)**
 - Accepted as associate member for 2006-07
 - Will participate in Women's AAA Volleyball
- **Holland College (ACAA)**
 - Accepted as full member for 2006-07
 - Will participate in Men's and Women's Basketball, Men's and Women's Soccer, Men's and Women's Golf
- **Selkirk College (BCCAA)**
 - Accepted as full member for 2006-07
 - Will participate in Golf, Men's and Women's Exhibition Volleyball

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Have a great summer

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See you in September!