

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY DINOS WOMEN'S RUGBY

MEDIA GUIDE



**CANADA WEST
CHAMPIONS**

INFORMATION & FACTS

2016 CANADA WEST CHAMPIONS

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

Location: Calgary, Alberta, Canada
Website: www.ucalgary.ca
Founded: 1966
Enrolment: 31,000
President: Dr. Elizabeth Cannon
Address: 2500 University Drive NW
Calgary, AB T2N 1N4

DINOS ATHLETICS

Founded: 1964
Nickname: Dinos
Colours: Red, Black, Gold
Mascot: Rex
Website: www.godinoss.com
Affiliation: U Sports
Conference: Canada West

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WOMEN'S RUGBY

Head Coach

Simon Chi (7th season)
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Simon Chi was named the second head coach in the varsity history of Dinos rugby in April 2010.

Chi led the Dinos to their first ever undefeated season in 2015 and repeated that performance in 2016. The undefeated 2016 Dinos won the program's first ever Canada West Championship.

Chi's rugby resume is extensive, replete with national and international experience as a player, coach, and administrator. He has been head coach of the Dinos men's rugby club since 2006, winning four straight provincial university championships, after spending two seasons as an assistant. He played for the Dinos from 2001 to 2003 under the guidance of Canadian rugby great Dave Loughheed and has been a member of the executive board since 2001.

Internationally, Chi was the head coach of Canada's entry into the men's FISU World University Rugby 7s Championships in both 2006 and 2008, adding the role of Team Administrator in 2006. He is a Regional Director for Rugby Canada's U20 National Championship Committee and Vice President, Competitions and Senior Representative Programs for Rugby Alberta.

Chi has an MBA, MSc, and BSc from the University of Calgary in addition to a BSc from McGill University. He is a certified NCCP Level III rugby coach and a Level I referee in Alberta.



SCHEDULE, RESULTS AND SCORING

CANADA WEST REGULAR SEASON RESULTS

September 23	@ Victoria Vikes	W 29-20
September 25	@ UBC Thunderbirds	W 36-10
October 2	vs. Lethbridge Pronghorns	W 64-10
October 15	@ Alberta Pandas	W 52-12

CANADA WEST POSTSEASON RESULTS

October 21	@ Lethbridge Pronghorns	W 50-12
Canada West semifinals		

October 23	vs. Victoria Vikes	W 29-14
Canada West final in Lethbridge		

FINAL CANADA WEST RECORD 4-0

POSTSEASON RECORD 2-0

REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS 1st in Canada West

TOP 10 BEST RANKING No. 5 (3 final weeks of regular season)

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY DINOS SCORING STATISTICS

Regular Season Scoring Stats

*conference leader

Elysa Sandron	5 tries	64 points*	18 converts*	1 penalty goal
Temi Ogunjimi	7 tries*	35 points		
DaLeaka Menin	3 tries	15 points		
Emily Tuttosi	3 tries	15 points		
Kasselle Menin	2 tries	10 points		
Shannon Chisholm	2 tries	10 points		
Coralyn Cafaro	1 try	5 points		
Kaleigh Dupuis	1 try	5 points		
Kelcey Leavitt	1 try	5 points		
Nikkita Bell	1 try	5 points		
Samantha May	1 try	5 points		
Isla Shill	1 try	5 points		

Postseason Scoring Stats

Temi Ogunjimi	6 tries	30 points	
Elysa Sandron	3 tries	29 points	7 converts
DaLeaka Menin	1 try	5 points	
Emily Tuttosi	1 try	5 points	
Taejah Thompson	1 try	5 points	
Vanessa Graham	1 try	5 points	

University of Calgary Dinos Canada West Major Award Winners

Canada West MVP

DALEAKA MENIN

Two-time All-Canadian DaLeaka Menin acts as co-captain for the undefeated University of Calgary Dinos women's rugby team. In 2013, Menin was named CIS Rookie of the Year and has been a key component to the Dinos' success ever since.

Menin is arguably one of the top front row players in the country. Her unique skill set allows her to play many different styles of rugby. While she prefers to lead by example, DaLeaka is one of the integral drivers of the Dinos culture of hard work and commitment both on and off the field.

The Vulcan native scored a try in the Dinos' final three regular season games, as well as one in the Canada West finals and is also a key factor on defence for the Dinos. Her combination of athleticism as well as her understanding of the game puts her in a class all by herself. She has the strength and power to be a dominant scrummager, as well as the skills and intuition to be a legitimate attacking threat as a ball carrier and playmaker.

This is her first time being named Canada West MVP in her four-year career, and the first time for an athlete from the Dinos women's rugby program.



Canada West Coach of the Year

SIMON CHI

Simon Chi took over the Dinos women's rugby program in its second year of existence in 2010 and has been head coach ever since. With three Canada West silvers and two bronzes over his career with Calgary, he reached the pinnacle of the program's history by winning their first Canada West Championship this season. He has also led the Dinos to their first appearance on the national stage in 2016 since the inception of the team in 2009. This is Chi's second Canada West Coach of the Year nod.

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University of Calgary Dinos Canada West All-Stars



KASSELLE MENIN

Sister to Canada West MVP DaLeaka Menin, Kasselle enters her second year with the Dinos. The lock has national team experience and is a solid contributor for Calgary. The Vulcan native was relied upon on both sides of the ball this season. This is her first Canada West All-Star nod.

TEMI OGUNJIMI

Dual-sport athlete Temi Ogunjimi joined the women's rugby team this season after spending the first three years of her eligibility with the Dinos wrestling team. She made an immediate impact on the squad scoring a total of 35 points in the regular season, good for third in the conference. She added five tries in the semifinals and another two in the finals and is one of the Dinos' most unstoppable forces on offence.



ELYSA SANDRON

Third-year back row specialist and convert kicker Elysa Sandron broke records this season, scoring a conference-high 64 points, beating her previous record of 45. The Winnipeg native also became the Canada West all-time leading scorer with 134 regular season points in her career. Her best game this season came against Alberta when she scored 22 points on six converts and two tries. Sandron has experience with the Team Canada 7's program and this is her third Canada West All-Star nod in as many years.

EMILY TUTTOSI

Fourth-year captain Emily Tuttosi is one of the rocks the Dinos are built upon. The forward is a key presence on and off the field for the Dinos and was named a Canada West All-Star for the fourth time in her four-year career in 2016. She scored a try in three regular season games for Calgary and added another one in the conference finals.



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Emmanuella Anye
Wing
5-7 / 1st year
Science
Calgary, AB



Nikkita Bell
Back Row
5-5 / 1st year
Arts
Calgary, AB



Coralyn Cafaro
Hooker
4-11 / 2nd year
Nursing
Calgary, AB



Shannon Chisholm
Scrum Half
5-1 / 3rd year
Kinesiology
Claresholm, AB



Isabelle Demeriez
Centre
5-6 / 1st year
Arts
Calgary, AB



Hailey Dolph
Lock
5-8 / 1st year
Arts
Calgary, AB



Kaleigh Dupuis
Back Row
5-7 / 1st year
Arts
Victoria, BC



Devya Fluckiger
Back Row
5-5 / 1st year
Nursing
Calgary, AB



Tara Godfrey
Back Row
5-6 / 1st year
Arts
Georgetown, ON



Vanessa Graham
Centre
5-5 / 5th year
Graduate Studies
Calgary, AB



Alisa Illichova
Back Row
5-7 / 1st year
Business
Calgary, AB



Kate Jensen
Lock
5-10 / 1st year
Business
Red Deer, AB

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Cassidy Jones
Hooker
5-4 / 2nd year
Medicine
Calgary, AB



Kelcey Leavitt
Centre
5-6 / 5th year
Arts
Calgary, AB



Raven Lindgren
Back Row
5-8 / 3rd year
Arts
Calgary, AB



Madeleine Loader
Centre
5-8 / 1st year
Nursing
Winnipeg, MB



Melanie Loewen
Lock
5-7 / 1st year
Kinesiology
Leduc, AB



Natasha Loucks
Back Row
5-6 / 5th year
Science
Calgary, AB



Samantha May
Centre
5-7 / 2nd year
Arts
Fort MacLeod, AB



DaLeaka Menin
Prop
5-8 / 4th year
Arts
Vulcan, AB



Kasselie Menin
Lock
5-11 / 2nd year
Arts
Vulcan, AB



Breanne Morgan
Wing
5-5 / 4th year
Kinesiology
Minnedosa, MB



Emma Newton
Centre
5-10 / 2nd year
Kinesiology
Red Deer, AB



Temi Ogunjimi
Back Row
5-6 / 4th year
Arts
Calgary, AB

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Laura Petrillo
Centre
5-7 / 1st year
Engineering
Calgary, AB



Elysa Sandron
Full Back/Wing
5-4 / 3rd year
Science
Winnipeg, MB



Isla Shill
Wing
5-6 / 2nd year
Kinesiology
Calgary, AB



Kaylee Smith
Scrum Half
5-2 / 1st year
Arts
Calgary, AB



Mia Smith
Wing
5-3 / 2nd year
Kinesiology
Kamloops, BC



Sarah Thomas
Lock
5-7 / 1st year
Arts
Red Deer, AB



Taejah Thompson
Wing
5-3 / 1st year
Arts
Fruitvale, BC



Emily Tuttosi
Hooker
5-7 / 4th year
Kinesiology
Souris, MB



Jessica Van Vliet
Prop
5-7 / 2nd year
Arts
Calgary, AB



Simon Chi
Head Coach



Dave Lee
Assistant Coach



Richard Smith
Assistant Coach

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CALGARY DINOS WOMEN'S RUGBY

Head Coach	Simon Chi
Assistant Coaches	Richard Smith, Dave Lee
Manager	Keely Willment
Athletic Therapy	Megan Kreutzer
Strength & Conditioning	Jeremiah Barnert

Name	Pos	Ht	Yr	Faculty	Hometown	Previous Team
Emmanuella Anye	W	5-7	1	Science	Calgary, AB	
Nikkita Bell	BR	5-5	1	Arts	Calgary, AB	Calgary Saints
Coralyn Cafaro	H	4-11	2	Nursing	Calgary, AB	WolfPack U20
Shannon Chisholm	SH	5-5	3	Kinesiology	Claresholm, AB	F.P. Walsh HS
Isabelle Demeriez	C	5-6	1	Arts	Calgary, AB	
Hailey Dolph	L	5-8	1	Arts	Calgary, AB	
Kaleigh Dupuis	BR	5-7	1	Arts	Victoria, BC	Team BC
Devya Fluckiger	BR	5-5	1	Nursing	Calgary, AB	
Tara Godfrey	BR	5-6	1	Arts	Georgetown, ON	Rugby Ontario West Hub
Vanessa Graham	C	5-5	5	Graduate Studies	Calgary, AB	Calgary Saracens
Alisa Illichova	BR	5-7	1	Business	Calgary, AB	Calgary Irish U18
Katherine Jensen	L	5-10	1	Business	Red Deer, AB	
Cassidy Jones	H	5-4	2	Medicine	Calgary, AB	Lester B. Pearson
Kelcey Leavitt	C	5-6	5	Arts	Calgary, AB	
Raven Lindgren	BR	5-8	3	Arts	Calgary, AB	Calgary Hornets
Madeleine Loader	C	5-8	1	Nursing	Winnipeg, MB	Calgary Saracens
Melanie Loewen	L	5-7	1	Kinesiology	Leduc, AB	
Natasha Loucks	BR	5-6	5	Science	Calgary, AB	Calgary Hornets
DaLeaka Menin	P	5-8	4	Arts	Vulcan, AB	Team Canada U20
Kasselle Menin	L	5-11	2	Open Studies	Vulcan, AB	
Breanne Morgan	W	5-5	4	Kinesiology	Minnedosa, MB	Team Manitoba
Emma Newton	C	5-10	2	Kinesiology	Red Deer, AB	Red Deer College
Temi Ogunjimi	W	5-6	4	Arts	Calgary, AB	
Laura Petrillo	C	5-7	1	Engineering	Calgary, AB	Sir Winston Churchill
Elysa Sandron	FB/W	5-4	3	Science	Winnipeg, MB	Team Manitoba
Isla Shill	W	5-6	2	Kinesiology	Calgary, AB	
Kaylee Smith	SH	5-2	1	Arts	Calgary, AB	
Mia Smith	W	5-3	2	Kinesiology	Kamloops, BC	Valleyview Secondary
Sarah Thomas	L	5-7	1	Arts	Red Deer, AB	Red Deer Titans
Taejah Thompson	W	5-3	1	Arts	Fruitvale, BC	Team Canada U20
Emily Tuttosi	H	5-7	4	Kinesiology	Souris, MB	Team Canada U20
Jessica Van Vliet	H	5-7	3	Arts/Education	Calgary, AB	Shawnigan Lake

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Emmanuella Anye	ANN-yay	Melanie Loewen	LO-en
Coralyn Cafaro	KA-far-o	Natasha Louks	L-OWW-ks
Isabelle Demeriez	dem-AIR-ee-ez	Taejah Thompson	TAY-ja
Alisa Illichova	a-LEE-sa	Emily Tuttosi	too-TOE-see
Kelcey Leavitt	LEV-it	Jessica Van Vliet	van VLEET

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE



Nikkita Bell



Coralyn Cafaro



Shannon Chisholm



Kaleigh Dupuis



Vanessa Graham



Kate Jensen



Cassidy Jones



Kelcey Leavitt



Raven Lindgren



Maddy Loader



Natasha Loucks



Samantha May



DaLeaka Menin



Kasselle Menin



Breanne Morgan



Emma Newton



Temi Ogunjimi



Laura Petrillo



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Emily Tuttosi



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