



ANNUAL REPORT

Bishop's University
Department of Athletics & Recreation

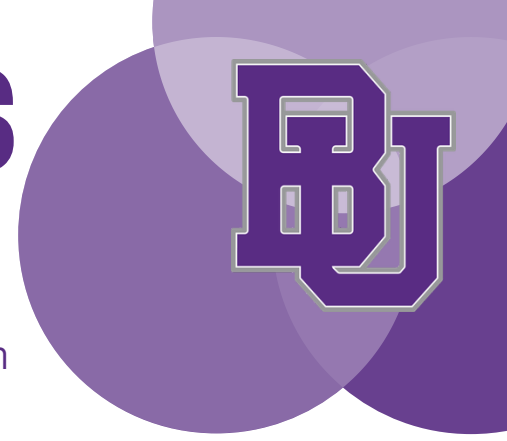


2025-26

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QUICK FACTS

Location: Sherbrooke (Lennoxville), QC

Founded: 1843

Enrollment: 2800

Website: ubishops.ca

Nickname: Gaiters

Colours: Purple & Silver

Principal: Sébastien Lebel-Grénier



UNIVERSITÉ
BISHOP'S
UNIVERSITY

Leagues: RSEQ, CUFLA, & U SPORTS

Number of Varsity Programs: 9

Home Venues: Coulter Field, Mitchell Gymnasia, Milby Golf Course, Jane & Eric Molson Arena

2025-26 AT A GLANCE



MEN'S GOLF TEAM QUALIFIES FOR NATIONALS FOR THE 7TH TIME IN A ROW
3 TEAMS QUALIFY FOR NATIONALS 2 U SPORTS MAJOR AWARDS
FOOTBALL ARE AUS SEMIFINALISTS 12 CONFERENCE ALL-STARS & ALL-ROOKIES
RESILIENCY **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ARE RSEQ SEMIFINALISTS**
104 ACADEMIC ALL-CANADIANS & ALL-STARS **COMMUNITY**
WOMEN'S HOCKEY ARE RSEQ SEMIFINALISTS 116 VARSITY GAMES PLAYED
MEN'S BASKETBALL ARE U SPORTS SILVER MEDALLISTS
WOMEN'S GOLF TEAM QUALIFIES FOR NATIONALS FOR THE 2ND TIME IN A ROW **69 GRADUATING GAITERS**
LEADERSHIP
MEN'S BASKETBALL ARE RSEQ FINALISTS
1 U SPORTS ALL-ROOKIE TEAM MEMBER 3 ALL-CANADIANS
56 VARSITY WINS **MEN'S RUGBY ARE RSEQ SEMIFINALISTS**
8 CONFERENCE MAJOR AWARD WINNERS



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



As we reflect on 2025-26, we do so coming off one of the most successful years in Bishop's history. Matching that level of wins and banners was always going to be difficult - but what matters most is that we stayed committed to **winning our way**, delivering an outstanding student-athlete experience grounded in **growth, pride, and purpose**.

Once again, we proved that Bishop's can compete with - and beat - programs with far greater resources. We continue to punch above our weight. In our leagues, winning is hard. Competing for championships is even harder. Yet our Gaiters continue to **rise to that challenge**.

A defining moment was our **men's basketball team capturing a silver medal at the U SPORTS National Championships** - an incredible accomplishment that showcased Bishop's on the national stage.

This was also a year that tested our **resilience**. As we entered the first phase of a significant recovery plan, our staff and coaches responded with determination and professionalism. We continue to do more with less - but our success is driven by people. Our coaching, our culture, and our student-athletes remain our greatest strengths.

Our student-athletes are **thriving - academically, in the community, and as emerging leaders**. That is the true measure of success at Bishop's.

Looking ahead, we remain focused on what matters most: delivering a **safe, engaging, and high-performance experience**, while navigating change and building a sustainable future. We will continue to grow our support network, advance key priorities like our scholarship campaign, and lay the groundwork for our next strategic plan.

And yes - we will continue to chase banners.

To all who support Gaiter Athletics - **thank you**. Your support matters now more than ever. At Bishop's, it always comes back to people. Together, we will continue to build something special.



Bleed Purple.

Matt McBrine '96

Director of Athletics & Recreation

MESSAGE DU DIRECTEUR



Alors que nous faisons le bilan de 2025-2026, nous le faisons au lendemain de l'une des saisons les plus réussies de l'histoire de Bishop's. Égaler ce niveau de victoires et de bannières allait toujours être difficile - mais le plus important est que nous sommes restés fidèles à **notre façon de gagner**, en offrant une expérience étudiante-athlète exceptionnelle, ancrée dans le **développement, la fierté et le sens**.

Une fois de plus, nous avons prouvé que Bishop's peut rivaliser avec - et battre - des programmes disposant de ressources bien supérieures. Nous continuons de dépasser les attentes. Dans nos ligues, gagner est difficile. Lutter pour des championnats l'est encore plus. Pourtant, nos Gaiters continuent de **relever ce défi**.

Un moment marquant a été la **médaille d'argent remportée par notre équipe masculine de basketball aux Championnats nationaux U SPORTS** - un accomplissement remarquable qui a mis Bishop's en lumière sur la scène nationale.

Ce fut aussi une année qui a mis notre **résilience** à l'épreuve. Au moment d'entamer la première phase d'un important plan de redressement, notre personnel et nos entraîneurs ont répondu avec détermination et professionnalisme. Nous continuons de faire plus avec moins - mais notre succès repose avant tout sur les gens. Notre encadrement, notre culture et nos étudiantes-athlètes demeurent nos plus grandes forces.

Nos étudiantes-athlètes **s'épanouissent - sur le plan académique, dans la communauté et comme leaders émergents**. Voilà la véritable mesure du succès à Bishop's.

En regardant vers l'avenir, nous restons concentrés sur l'essentiel : **offrir une expérience sécuritaire, stimulante et de haute performance**, tout en naviguant à travers le changement et en bâtissant un avenir durable. Nous continuerons de renforcer notre réseau de soutien, de faire avancer des priorités clés comme notre campagne de bourses, et de jeter les bases de notre prochain plan stratégique.

Et oui - nous continuerons à viser les bannières.

À toutes celles et tous ceux qui soutiennent l'athlétisme des Gaiters - **merci**. Votre appui est plus essentiel que jamais. À

Bishop's, tout commence et se termine avec les gens.

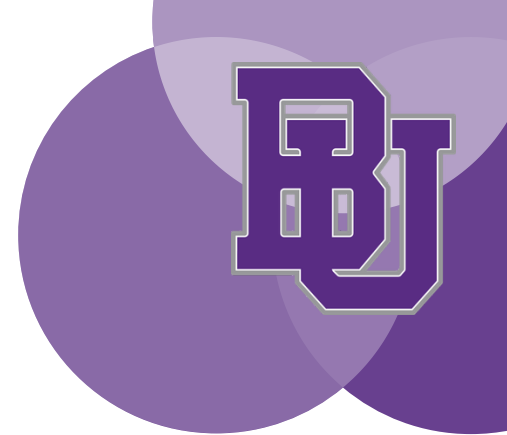
Ensemble, nous continuerons de bâtir quelque chose de spécial.



Matt McBride '96

Directeur des sports et des loisirs

ATHLETICS STAFF



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Director of Athletics & Recreation

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Manager of Sports Medicine

Maddy Higgins

Athletic Therapist

Taylor Beausoleil

Athletic Therapist

Dawn Patterson

Athletic Therapist

Katelyn MacDonald

Physiotherapist

Shawn Naylor

Massage Therapist

Amanda Nichols

Osteopath/Athletic Therapist

Erin Preston

Munzar Sports Medicine Apprentice

Nathaël Robert

UQTR Student Athletic Therapist

Equipment Officer

Ghislain Leblanc

Marty Rourke

Manager of Varsity Sports & Communications

Rachel Bayer

Sports Information Coordinator - Marketing,
Sponsorship, & Home Events (Mat. Leave)

Olivia Matte

Sports Information Coordinator - Marketing,
Sponsorship, & Home Events

Thomas Barton

Video Coordinator

Ceilidh Leroux

Sports Information

Noah Michaud

Laurentian University Intern

Ryan Smith

Manager of Old Lennoxville Golf & Ski Club

Gary Labreque

Head Greenskeeper & Ski Groomer

Mike Fullum

Strength & Conditioning Coach

James Murray

Strength & Conditioning Coach

Tom Allen

Fundraising Consultant



STUDENT-ATHLETES



313 STUDENT-ATHLETES FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY

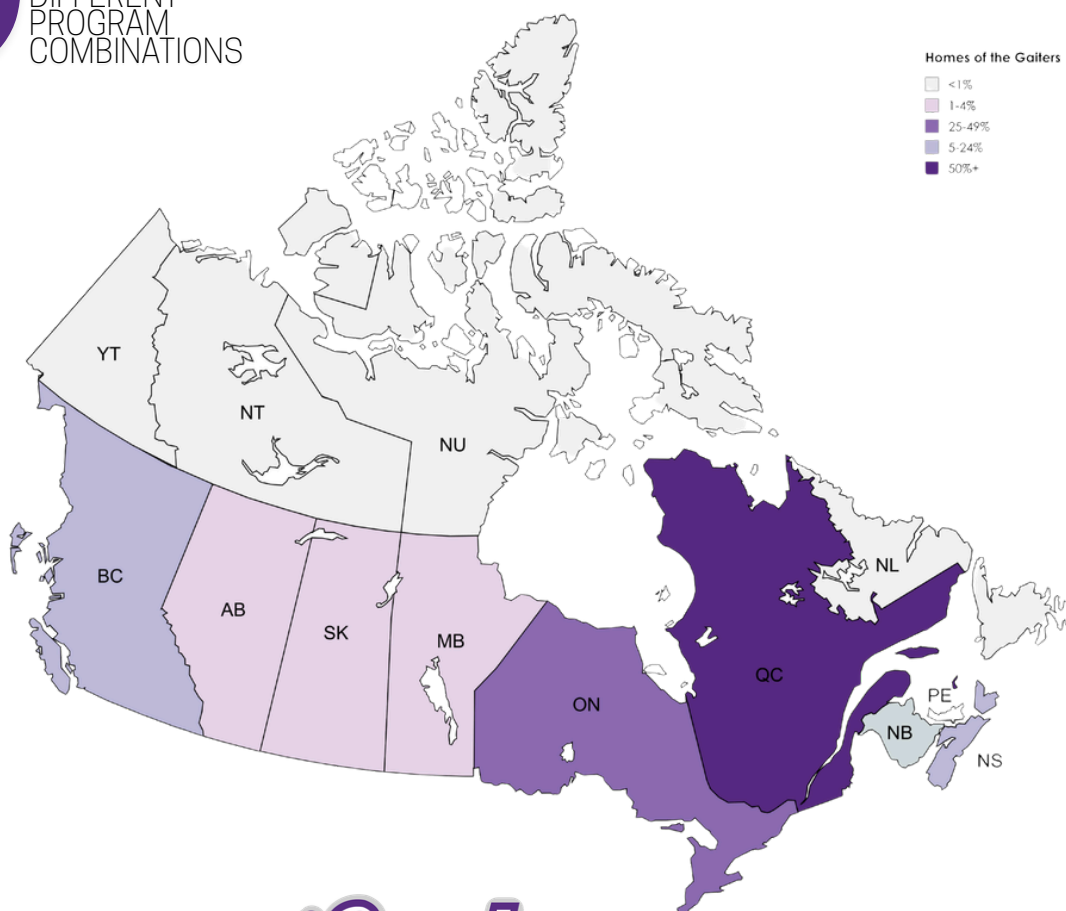
13 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT-ATHLETES

180 DIFFERENT HOMETOWNS REPRESENTED

2.3 YEARS ON AVERAGE OF COMPLETED ELIGIBILITY

119 DIFFERENT PROGRAM COMBINATIONS

Our **326 student-athletes** are at the heart of our program, demonstrating dedication, resilience, and a strong commitment to excellence both academically and athletically. With an average of 2.3 years of eligibility already utilized, they bring valuable experience while continuing to grow and develop within their sports. Representing communities from across the country and abroad, these individuals contribute to a vibrant and competitive environment, embodying teamwork, leadership, and pride in representing our university.



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FOOTBALL



Cherif Nicolas

cnicolas@ubishops.ca
9 seasons as Head Coach

Assistant Coaches:
Samuel Gendreau
Frederic Mercier
Rémi Desbiens
Micah Brown
Ryan White
Trevon Millings
Zach Graveson
Daniel Paquette
Nadia Rochefort
Killian Sasse

Equipment Managers:
Ghislain Leblanc
Zach Forsythe

Video Coordinator:
Thomas Barton



AUS SEMIFINALISTS

214

POINTS SCORED

98

PLAYERS ON ROSTER



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WOMEN'S RUGBY



Thomas Whyld

twhyld@ubishops.ca
8th season as Head Coach

Assistant Coaches:

- Ryan Macdonald
- Phil Coté
- Olivia Matte
- Cole Lowry
- James Murray
- Phil Beaumont
- Jill Mathers



10 CONVERSIONS MADE

98 POINTS SCORED

39 PLAYERS ON ROSTER



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LACROSSE



Drew Pollock

dpollock@ubishops.ca
2nd season as Head Coach

Assistant Coaches:
Tony Tremblay
Samuel Brie
Philip Duval-Holliday



CUFLA EAST PLAYOFFS

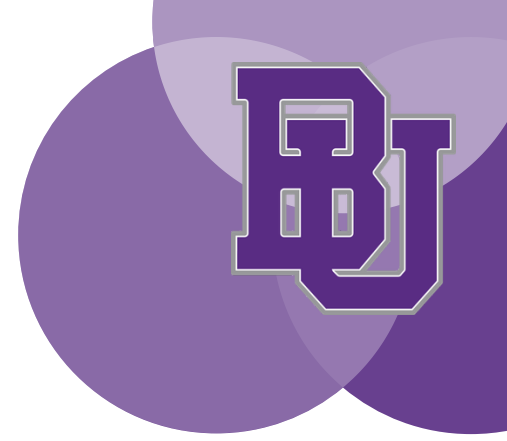
94 POINTS SCORED

35 PLAYERS ON ROSTER



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WOMEN'S SOCCER



Fawn Mulholland

fmulholl@ubishops.ca
1st season as Head Coach

Assistant Coaches:
Isidora Pekez
Zach Turgeon
Steve Walker
Jack Howard
Thomas Harwood



3 SHUTOUTS
RECORDED

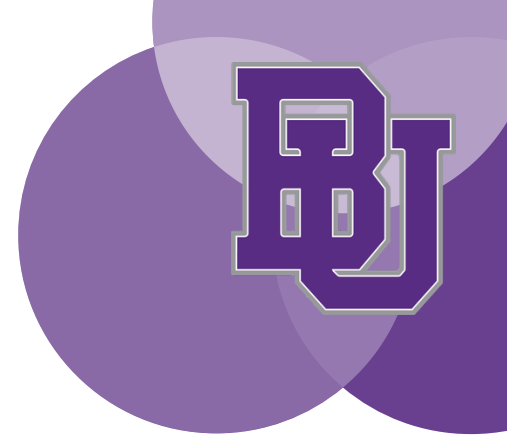
10 GOALS
SCORED

31 PLAYERS ON
ROSTER



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MEN'S RUGBY



Thomas Whyld

twwhyld@ubishops.ca
2nd season as Head Coach

Assistant Coaches:
Ryan Macdonald
Phil Coté
Olivia Matte
Cole Lowry
James Murray



RSEQ SEMIFINALISTS

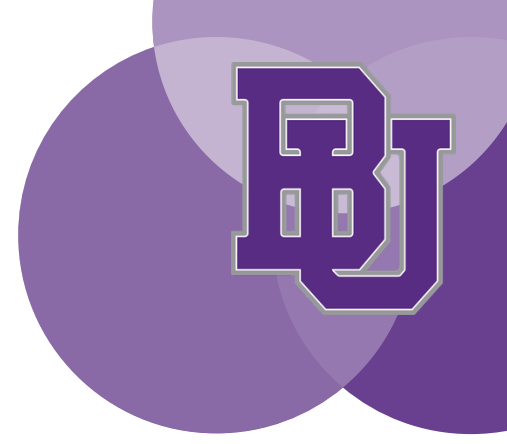
167 POINTS SCORED

56 PLAYERS ON ROSTER



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GOLF



Ryan Smith

rsmith@ubishops.ca
3rd season as Head Coach

Assistant Coaches:
Brendan Smith



QUALIFIED FOR NATIONALS

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YEARS STRAIGHT FOR THE MEN'S TEAM

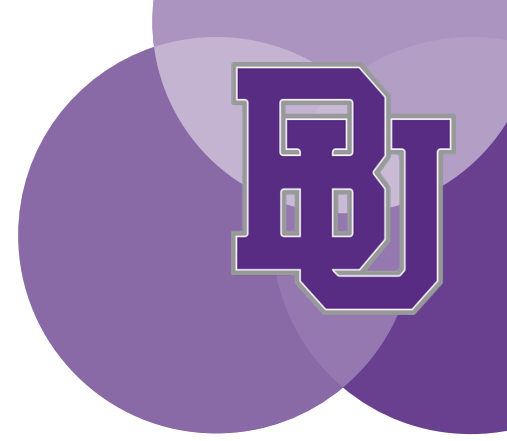
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YEARS STRAIGHT FOR THE WOMEN'S TEAM



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



Andrea Torres

atorres1@ubishops.ca
2nd season as Head Coach

Assistant Coaches:
Ibrahim Ngom
James Murray
Christine Murphy
Doug McCooney



RSEQ SEMIFINALISTS

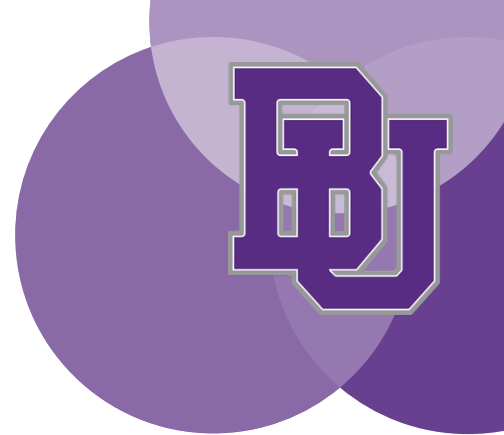
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13 PLAYERS ON ROSTER



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MEN'S BASKETBALL



Matt McLean

mamclean@ubishops.ca
4th season as Head Coach

Assistant Coaches:

- DJ Ngom
- Julien Martin
- Steve Dunn
- Lypb
- Ethan Enair



RSEQ FINALISTS

U SPORTS SILVER MEDALLISTS

2001 POINTS SCORED

21 PLAYERS ON ROSTER



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WOMEN'S HOCKEY



Alexandra Boulanger

aboulang@ubishops.ca
1st season as Head Coach

Assistant Coaches:
Guillaume Archambault
Gabriel Delage
Marie-Camille Théoret
Stephane Dion

Equipment Manager:
Ann-Jessica Fréchette



RSEQ SEMIFINALISTS

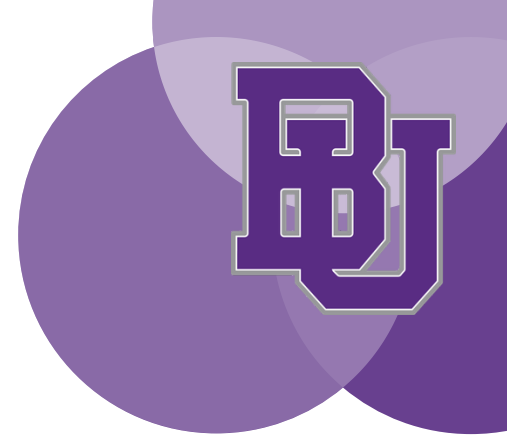
63 GOALS SCORED

24 PLAYERS ON ROSTER



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OF THE WEEK



BRI ALLAN
EVE ATCHAMPONE
JAMIE ASPROPOTAMITIS
SAVANNAH BAILLARGEON
ZOU BOITHIAS
LÉA BOULANGER
DAPHNÉ BOUTIN
STEPHANIE BROOKS
SADIE BULL
MAX CHIARELLA
SANDRINE CHOUINARD
MARIAMA DIALLO
OBI DIKE
CURTIS DRIVER
DYLAN DRIVER
NOÉMIE FONTAINE
ÉRICKA GAGNON
ÉTIENNE GAGNON
XAVIER GERVAIS
GAITERS GOALIES

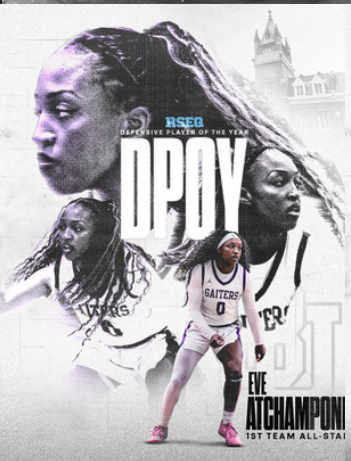
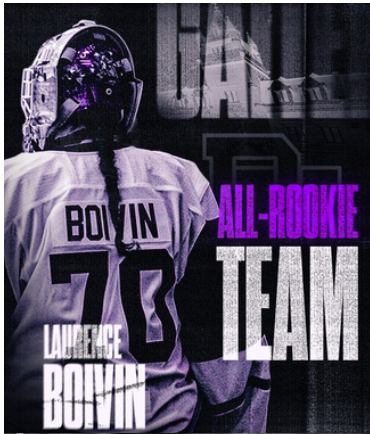
TEAGAN HANDLEY
LANDEN HARISON
O'SHAE HO-SANG
REGGIE JEAN SÉRAPHIN
ZACH JOHN
LAURIE LAFLEAUR
ANNIKA LAFRENIÈRE
AVERY MACK
BROOKE MACCURDY
ALEX MACDONALD
YANIS MALANDA
FÉLIX MASSICOTTE
TIERNAN MCDOUGALL
SABRYNA PURICH
JUSTIN QUIRION
LIAM REYNOLDS
CHARLES ROBERT
GABRIELLE SANTERRE
PHILIPPE THÉROUX
JUSTINE TURCOTTE

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SEASON AWARDS



BRI ALLAN (GOLF)
4TH OVERALL IN RSEQ

AVERY MACK (GOLF)
5TH OVERALL IN RSEQ

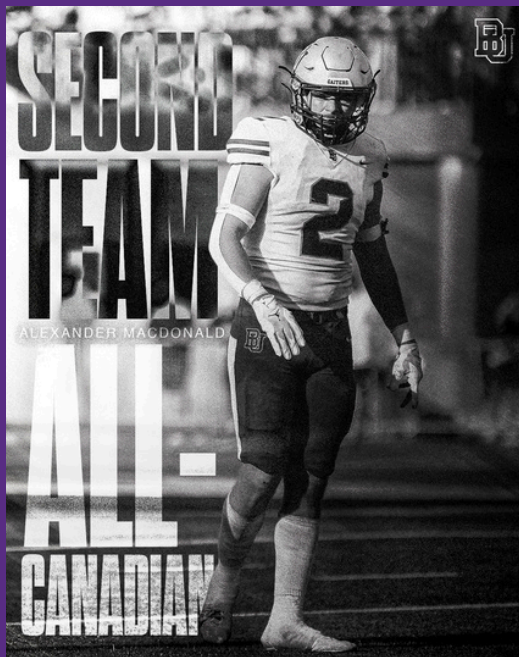
MEAGHAN PATTERSON (GOLF)
7TH OVERALL IN RSEQ

CURTIS DRIVER (MEN'S RUGBY)
RSEQ COACHES VOTED ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

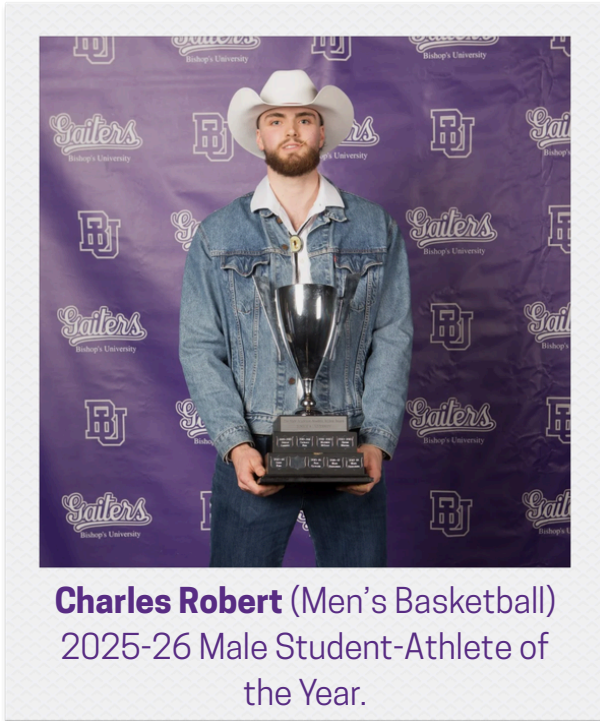
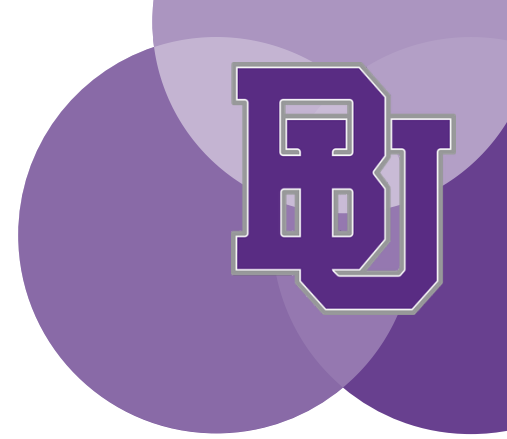
GREG MCDOWELL (MEN'S RUGBY)
RSEQ COACHES VOTED ALL-STAR



U SPORTS AWARDS



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



Charles Robert (Men's Basketball)
2025-26 Male Student-Athlete of
the Year.



Cammy-M Bernier (Women's Rugby)
2025-26 Female Student-Athlete of
the Year.



104 Academic All-Stars and All-Canadians from the 2024-25 season were celebrated at the annual athletic awards.

75% OVERALL GPA

145 ACADEMIC ALL-CANADIANS & ALL-STARS

*Trending, officially announced in Fall 2026.

LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE



Taylor Mason (Women's Soccer)
2025-26 Female Student-Athlete
Leadership Award.



Dylan Monico (Football)
2025-26 Male Student-Athlete
Leadership Award.



Every year, motionball UBishop's hosts an annual Marathon of Sport that our student-athletes love to attend. This year **Taylor Mason** (Women's Soccer) was a Bishop's motionball co-lead.

MAJOR AWARDS



Mathieu Bellavance (Football) &
Curtis Driver (Men's Rugby)
2025-26 Co-Male Freshmen of
the Year.



Dawn Patterson
2025-26 Ray Almond Award
Winner.



Gabrielle Santerre
(Women's Hockey)
2025-26 Female Athlete of the Year.



Sandrine Chouinard
(Women's Hockey)
2025-26 Female Freshman
of the Year.

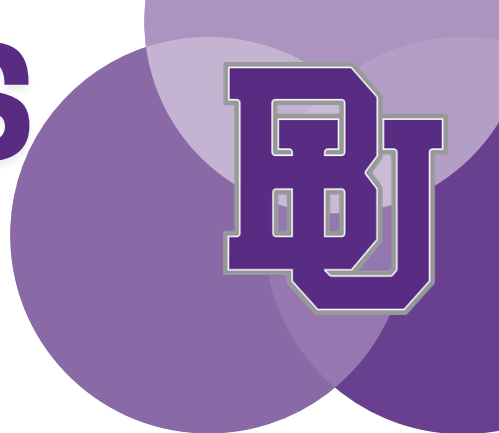


Charles Robert (Men's Basketball)
2025-26 Male Athlete of the Year.



Major award winners celebrated at the annual
athletic awards night.

SCHOLARSHIPS



104 STUDENT-ATHLETES RECEIVING SCHOLARSHIPS

48 SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

\$457 000 AWARDED IN SCHOLARSHIPS

CAMPAIGN

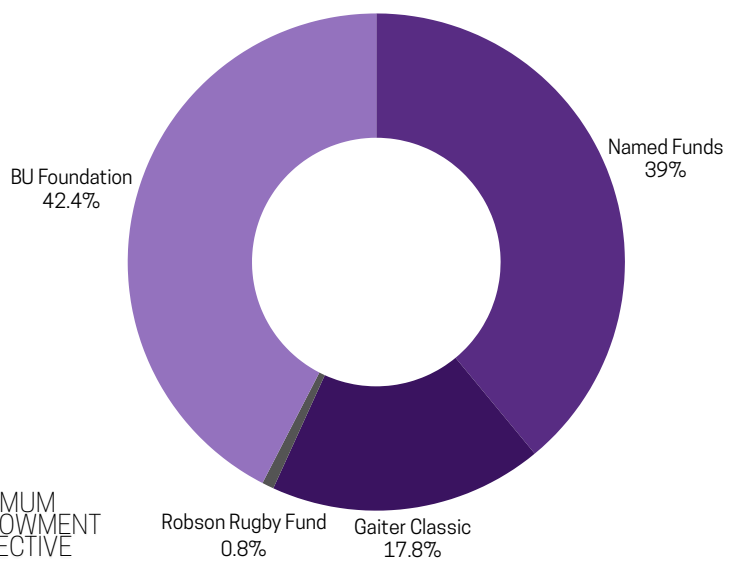
\$10 000 000 MINIMUM ENDOWMENT OBJECTIVE

\$2 500 000 ENDOWMENT BEFORE 2023

\$2 500 000 PROCEEDS FROM LIFE INSURANCE

\$5 000 000 CAMPAIGN GOAL

Sources of Scholarship Funding



We are proud to share that we are now only \$500,000 away from our goal to ensure \$5 million each are in place for scholarships and coaching—a testament to the generosity of our supporters. We invite you to join this community of champions and help us cross the finish line.

Campaign Co-Chairs



Michael Goldbloom, C.M.



Cathy McLean '82



Dr. Michael Munzar '75

*Invest, Empower, Transform
- it's the Bishop's Way*



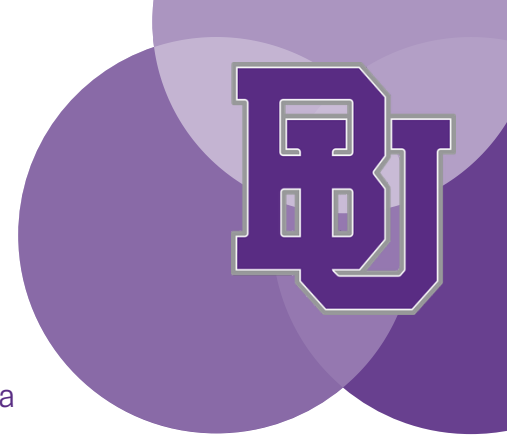
SCHOLARSHIPS



The Bob and Hazel Farnham Basketball Scholarship
Don Simpson Football Scholarship Forsythe Award
Tim Saunders Scholarship Fund for Gaiters
Bourse de leadership sportif Indusco Coach's Award
Bryan and Cathy McLean Scholarship Award for Men's Basketball
Wally Denver Award E. Anthony Price Award Paul Gratias Award
Alice Oldland Scholarship Coulter-Allen Athletic Scholarship
Owen Carter Award Bob Burt Award James Etcheverry Award
Gary Chown Football Scholarship Cleghorn Family Award
Jimmy Georgitos Football Scholarship Myriam Cozen-McNally Memorial Award
Michael B. Sommerville '65 Memorial Bursary Bourse athlétique Équipe A
McBride Family Scholarship Thomas E. Price Memorial Award & Bursaries
1967 OSLAA Basketball Champion Award Ron and Shelly Kaulbach Award
The Bernard Hamel Athletic Scholarship Roy-Bowman Soccer Scholarship
Joel and Amanda Kruzich Football Scholarship Robson Rugby Fund
The Michael Goldbloom Women's Hockey Scholarship Bruno Charest Memorial Award
Ross Hunting Award Female Student-Athlete Award Jezewski Family Award
Goldberger Athlete Leadership Awards 1954-56 Team Award
Mike Crichton Football Scholarship Joe & Yvonne Scott Award
Sean and Lara O'Brien Bursary Bourse Logiflex Rider Family Award
Erin Patrick Soccer Award Zdenek Munzar Memorial Awards
Gaiter Classic Golf Diane Murphy Scrubb Memorial Award
Mireille Moors and Craig Pho Athletic Bursary Geoff Snow Award
1964 Gaiter Football Athletic Award Nadeau-Scott Football Scholarship
Richard Beaulieu Memorial Bursary Kim and John Taylor Athletic Bursary
Roger V. Hardy Bursary Bishop's University Foundation
Cody Triggs Memorial Award Martin Haines Football Scholarship
Coulter Family Fund Cape Family Bursary
Junior Sirivar Bursary 24



VARSITY SPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS



Our student-athletes continue to represent Bishop's with **excellence**, achieving success in competition, the classroom, and the community. Their **commitment, leadership, and resilience define our programs** and remain a constant source of pride.

Behind these accomplishments is a **dedicated and collaborative team** working to elevate the student-athlete experience. This year, we continued to strengthen our communications efforts while expanding experiential learning opportunities. The growth of our internship program has been particularly **impactful**, with students playing an increasingly important role in the delivery of our home events - enhancing game-day atmosphere, supporting operations, and amplifying the visibility of our varsity programs.

I would like to extend **sincere thanks** to our staff, coaches, and student interns whose **passion and professionalism** drive our success every day. Their work ensures that our stories are told with authenticity and that our programs continue to thrive both on and off the field. Together, we are building an environment where student-athletes and aspiring professionals can **excel, connect, and make a lasting impact** within the Bishop's community.

Nos étudiant·e-s-athlètes continuent de représenter Bishop's avec **excellence**, se distinguant tant en compétition qu'en salle de classe et au sein de la communauté. Leur **engagement, leur leadership et leur résilience définissent nos programmes** et demeurent une source constante de fierté.

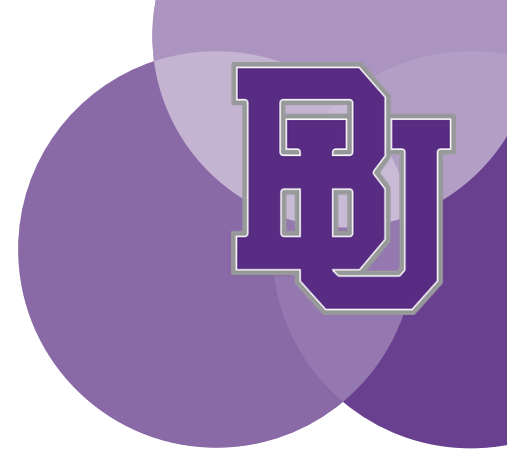
Derrière ces réalisations se trouve **une équipe dévouée et collaborative** qui travaille sans relâche à enrichir l'expérience des étudiant·e-s-athlètes. Cette année, nous avons poursuivi le développement de nos efforts en communications tout en élargissant les occasions d'apprentissage expérientiel. La croissance de notre programme de stages a été particulièrement **marquante**, les stagiaires jouant un rôle clé dans la mise en œuvre de nos événements à domicile - contribuant à l'ambiance des matchs, au soutien des opérations et au rayonnement de nos équipes universitaires.

Je tiens à exprimer ma **sincère reconnaissance** à notre personnel, à nos entraîneur·e-s et à nos étudiant·e-s stagiaires, dont la **passion et le professionnalisme** sont au cœur de notre succès. Leur travail permet de raconter nos histoires avec authenticité et d'assurer l'essor de nos programmes, tant sur le terrain qu'à l'extérieur. Ensemble, nous bâtissons un environnement où les étudiant·e-s-athlètes et les futur·e-s professionnel·le-s peuvent **s'épanouir, créer des liens et laisser une empreinte durable** au sein de la communauté de Bishop's.

Marty Rourke
Manager of Varsity Sports & Communications



WEBSITE



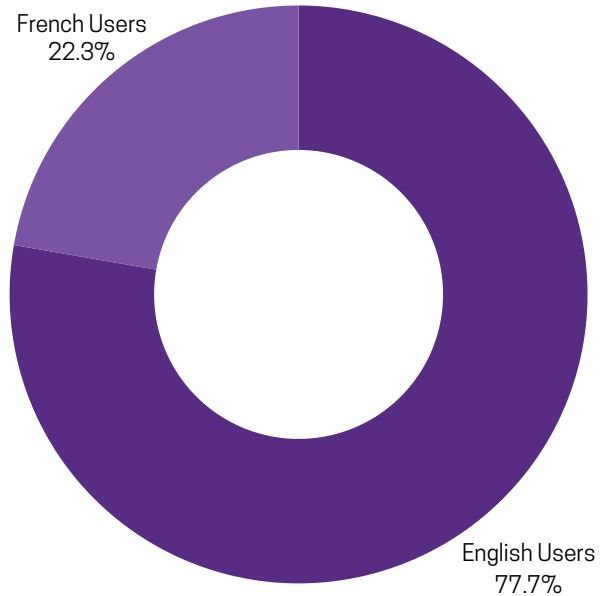
Gaiters.ca continues to be a hub for information. It is more than simply a website; this sports information tool is key to the success of Bishop's University Athletics and Recreation. Our provider, Sidearm Sports (Learfield) is the industry leader in North American University Athletics websites.

532 431 PAGE VIEWS

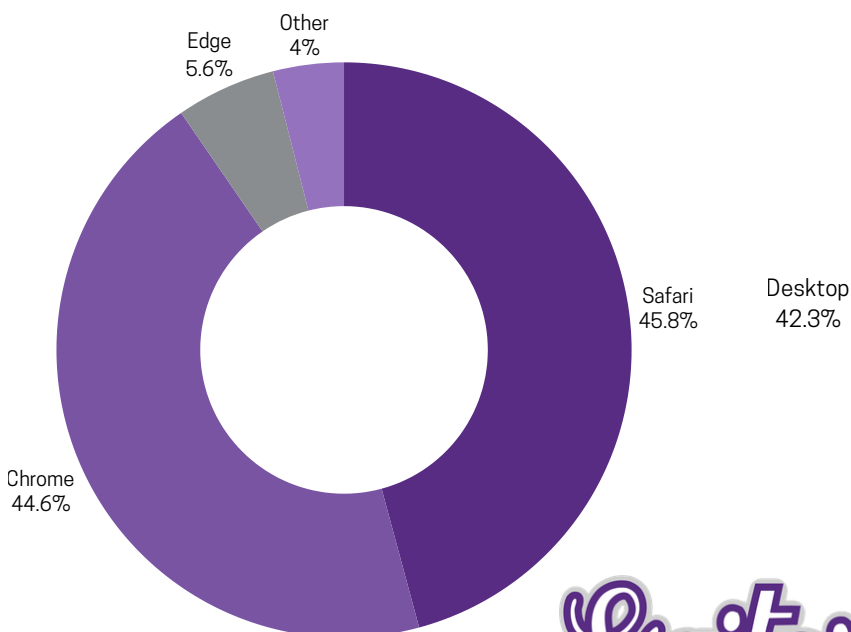
493 509 TOTAL USERS

47 SECONDS SPENT ON WEBSITE

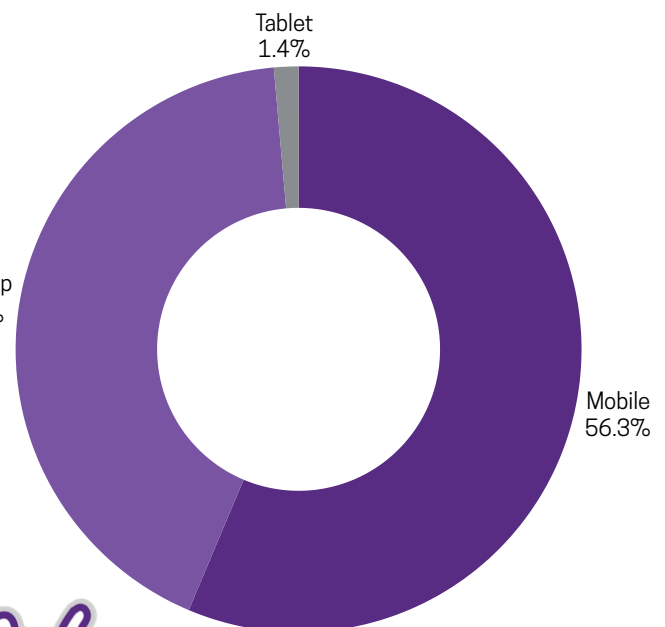
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SOCIAL MEDIA



8 375 FOLLOWERS

3 300 000 VIEWS

15 615 ENGAGEMENTS



9 203 FOLLOWERS

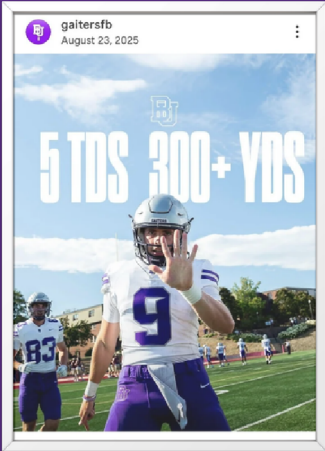
49 293 PEOPLE REACHED WITH FOOTBALL MOVING TO THE RSEQ ANNOUNCEMENT



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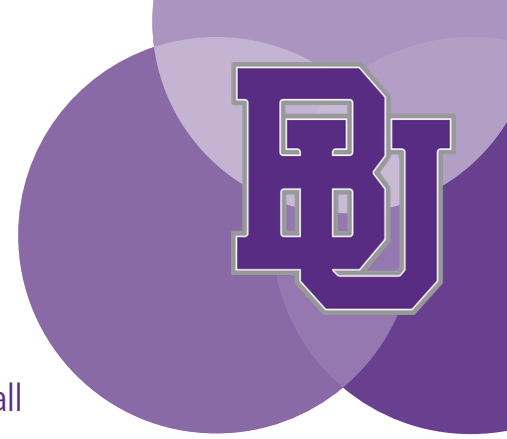
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GAITERS TV



Gaiters TV continues to be a valuable platform connecting our community to the Gaiters. Through high-quality live streams and reliable play-by-play coverage, parents, alumni, and fans can follow all of our home sporting events from anywhere. The platform enhances accessibility and engagement, ensuring that the excitement, performance, and spirit of Gaiters competition are shared widely and professionally.

54 EVENTS BROADCAST



Post-game interview with **Charles Robert** (Men's Basketball) aired live on Gaiters TV.



Producer/Director **Thomas Barton**, Basketball Colour Commentator **Eddie Pomykala** and Voice of the Gaiters **Leighton Geraghty**

Coming up on 

- Lacrosse vs. Trent Excalibur
Saturday, Sept. 13 - 7:00 pm
- Men's Rugby vs. Ottawa Gee-Gees
Sunday, Sept. 14 - 3:00 pm
- Women's Soccer vs. Montreal Carabins
Friday, Sept. 19 - 6:00 pm
- Women's Rugby vs. Montreal Carabins
Sunday, Sept. 21 - 1:00 pm
- Lacrosse vs. McGill - HOMECOMING 2025
Thursday, Sept. 25 - 8:00 pm

Football vs. StFX - Saturday, Sept. 13 - 1 pm ET - Exclusively on AUSTV.ca



HOME EVENTS



53 REGULAR SEASON +
PLAYOFF HOME GAMES

24 501 TOTAL 2025-26
ATTENDANCE

1500 PAID HOURS TO
PART-TIME STUDENT
GAMEDAY STAFF



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ALUMNI & FRIENDS NEWSLETTERS



41 NEWSLETTERS SENT OUT

32 171 ALUMNI & FRIENDS REACHED

60% OPEN RATE

Alumni & Friends Newsletters remain an important communication tool for keeping our extended Gaiters community informed and engaged. Through regular updates, we share highlights from recent competitions, athlete achievements, program developments, and upcoming events. These newsletters help strengthen our connection with alumni, fostering ongoing pride and involvement while ensuring they remain an integral part of the Gaiters story.



Bishop's Gaiters Fall 2025 Mid-Season Report



The Bishop's Golf team has been swinging strong this season, climbing the leaderboard with consistent performances. [Shawn Robillard](#) (Sherbrooke, QC/Champlain College Lennoxville) and [Landen Harison](#) (Vernon, BC/Columbia Bible College) led the men's team with impressive rounds, while [Avery Mack](#) (Ottawa, ON/Immaculata


H.S.) and [Bri Allan](#) (Hamilton, ON/Ancaster H.S.) shined on the women's side. [Meaghan Patterson](#) (Stanstead, QC/) and [Macy Louvet-Maik](#) (Beaconsfield, QC/John Abbott College) have also contributed key scores that kept the Gaiters competitive. Their focus and finesse are setting the stage for a strong finish. [Read More...](#)



The Bishop's Women's Rugby team has shown heart and tenacity throughout the season. Mégane Beaudoin leads the offense with 3 tries and 15 points



The Gaiters Men's Rugby team has battled through a competitive schedule with unwavering determination. Standout players like [Owen](#)



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SPORTS MEDICINE



Over the past year, the **Sports Medicine team** has played a vital role in supporting the **health and performance** of Bishop's student-athletes. Through a collaborative, athlete-centered approach, staff delivered comprehensive medical coverage, injury prevention strategies, and timely rehabilitation services across all varsity programs. This commitment contributed to strong individual and team performances, with athletes demonstrating **resilience and competitive success**. Our focus remains on both return-to-play outcomes and long-term athlete development and well-being.

Alongside varsity support, the **Munzar Sports Medicine Clinic** has continued to grow its private care services, expanding access for both the Bishop's community and the broader region. This dual model strengthens the clinical environment by combining real-world case exposure with **best practices in assessment and rehabilitation**, while supporting sustainability and innovation.

The **Munzar Apprenticeship program** has also supported three recent graduates in transitioning to professional practice, with past participants securing positions in high-performance sport settings. The program continues to provide valuable **career development** while enhancing clinical capacity. This commitment to training is further reflected in the upcoming cohort of 10 SPO student interns and the launch of a new **Senior Student Trainer internship stream**, offering returning students expanded leadership and mentorship opportunities.

Au cours de la dernière année, **l'équipe de médecine sportive** a joué un rôle essentiel dans le soutien à la **santé et à la performance** des étudiant(e)s-athlètes de Bishop's. Grâce à une approche collaborative et centrée sur l'athlète, le personnel a offert une couverture médicale complète, des stratégies de prévention des blessures et des services de réadaptation efficaces pour l'ensemble des programmes universitaires. Cet engagement a contribué à de solides performances individuelles et collectives, les athlètes faisant preuve de **résilience et de réussite compétitive**. Notre priorité demeure le retour au jeu, tout en favorisant le développement à long terme et le bien-être des athlètes.

Parallèlement au soutien des équipes universitaires, la **Clinique de médecine sportive Munzar** a poursuivi sa croissance dans ses services privés, élargissant l'accès pour la communauté de Bishop's et la région. Ce modèle hybride renforce l'environnement clinique en combinant expérience pratique avec des **meilleures pratiques en évaluation et en réadaptation**, tout en soutenant la durabilité et l'innovation.

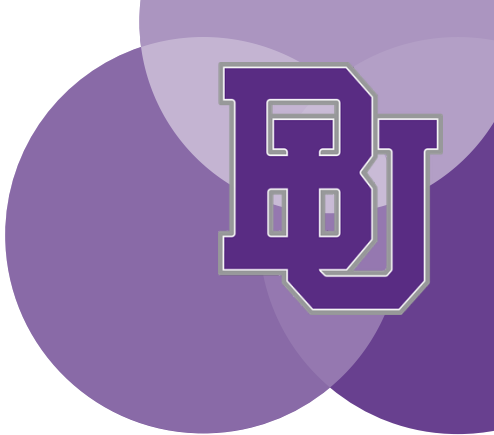
Le **programme d'apprentissage Munzar** a également soutenu trois récents diplômés dans leur transition vers la pratique professionnelle, tandis que d'anciens participants ont obtenu des postes dans des milieux sportifs de haut niveau. Le programme continue d'offrir des occasions de **développement de carrière** tout en augmentant la capacité clinique. Cet engagement envers la formation se reflète aussi dans l'accueil prochain de 10 stagiaires SPO et le lancement d'un **nouveau programme de stage pour étudiants entraîneurs seniors**, offrant davantage d'occasions de leadership et de mentorat.



Katrina Lambert
Manager of Sports Medicine



SPORTS MEDICINE



3368 ROLLS OF TAPE USED IN 2025-26 SEASON

58 ANKLES TAPED DURING HOMECOMING 2025

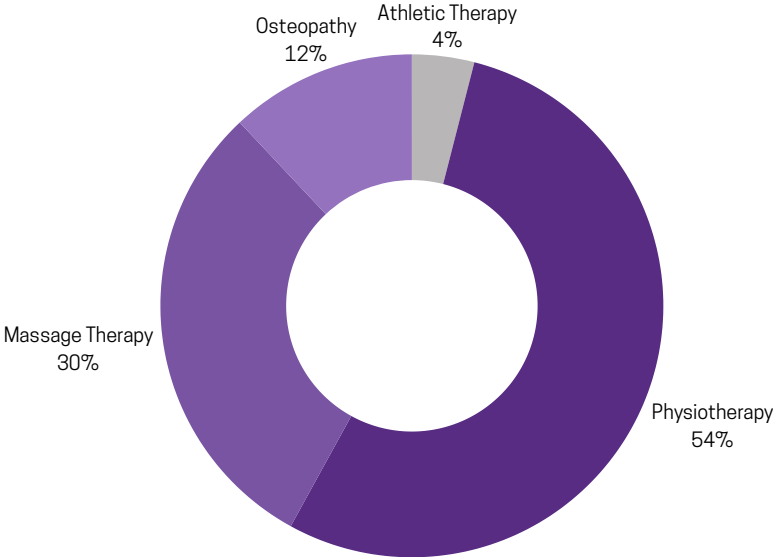
1800 VARSITY APPOINTMENTS

1001 PRIVATE APPOINTMENTS

120+ APPLE SAUCE POUCHES CONSUMED AT NATIONALS



Private Appointments by Therapy Type



GOLF AND SKI



The 2025 golf season marked a successful period of **transition and growth** for the University Golf Course. As the new General Manager, I was warmly welcomed by members, guests, and staff, contributing to a **positive and productive first season**. The year provided valuable opportunities to strengthen relationships, improve operations, and identify priorities for future enhancements.

A key highlight was the outstanding work of **Superintendent Gary Labreque and the grounds team**. Despite challenging weather, including a prolonged summer drought, they showed strong **dedication and adaptability** in maintaining excellent course conditions, ensuring a **high-quality experience** for players throughout the season. Member engagement remained a priority, helping guide decision-making and future planning. Following the October 26 closing, work began on improvements to course conditions and overall operations. Our focus moving forward is **continuous improvement**, delivering a great golf experience, and strengthening the course's role within the University's Athletics and Recreation offerings.

The facility continues to operate year-round, transitioning to cross-country skiing in winter. Despite limited snowfall, trails remained an **important community resource**, supported by staff and volunteers. After a difficult winter, restoration work ensured a smooth spring opening.

Looking ahead to 2026, planned improvements and staff dedication will position Old Lennoxville Golf and Ski Club as a **premier destination** for the community and visitors.

La saison de golf 2025 a marqué une période **réussie de transition et de croissance** pour le terrain de golf universitaire. En tant que nouveau directeur général, j'ai reçu un accueil chaleureux des membres, des visiteurs et du personnel, contribuant à une **première saison positive et productive**. Cette année a permis de renforcer les relations, d'améliorer les opérations et d'identifier des priorités pour l'avenir.

Le travail du **surintendant Gary Labreque et de l'équipe d'entretien** a été remarquable. Malgré des conditions difficiles, dont une sécheresse prolongée, ils ont fait preuve de **dévouement et d'adaptabilité** pour maintenir d'excellentes conditions de jeu, assurant une **expérience de qualité** tout au long de la saison.

L'engagement des membres est demeuré une priorité, guidant les décisions et la planification. Après la fermeture du 26 octobre, des améliorations étaient déjà en préparation. Notre objectif est d'assurer une **amélioration continue**, d'offrir une expérience de golf de qualité et de renforcer le rôle du terrain au sein des activités de l'Université.

L'installation fonctionne toute l'année, avec le ski de fond en hiver. Malgré un enneigement limité, les sentiers sont restés **importants pour la communauté**. Après un hiver difficile, des travaux ont permis une bonne préparation au printemps.

En 2026, les améliorations prévues et l'engagement du personnel permettront de maintenir le Club de golf et de ski Old Lennoxville comme une **destination de choix**.



Ryan Smith

Manager of Old Lennoxville
Golf & Ski Club



OLD - VIEUX
LENNOX
GOLF & SKI
— EST. 1897 —

GOLF AND SKI



300+ MEMBERSHIPS

28 000+ ROUNDS BOOKED
APRIL - SEPTEMBER

300+ RACERS AT THE
QUEBEC CUP

150+ PLAYERS IN MEN'S &
WOMEN'S LEAGUES

63 NEW COURSE
RECORD SET BY
LOGAN BENNETT



Old Lennoxville Club Champions.

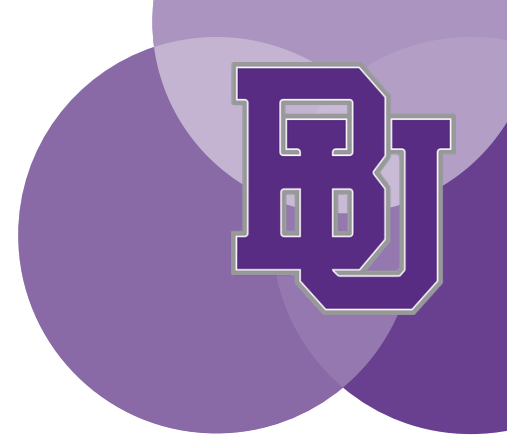


Men's Interclub "A" Division
Champions.



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SPO x Gaiters



INTERNSHIPS:

HOME EVENTS

Cassandra Arless
Tori Cotter
Hugh Englehart
Marie-Pierre Gnassounou-Akpah
Savannah Khan
Arianna Koutrias
Reid Melmoth
Evan Senior

SOCIAL MEDIA

Makena Burns
Gianni Di Girolamo
Rachel Ivay
Marianne Tardif
Mel Toppa
Annie White

EQUIPMENT MANAGER

Evan Senior

RUGBY

Maude Charlebois
Megan Forbes

SPORTS MEDICINE

Lauren Boon
Victoria Bouchard
Alyssa Lauren Del Rosario
Kaysea English
Jacob Hills
Abigale Hnidy
Sydney Lepage
Lucas Richardson
Megan Toporowski

3360

INTERNSHIP HOURS
APPROX. COMPLETED

25

DIFFERENT
INTERNS

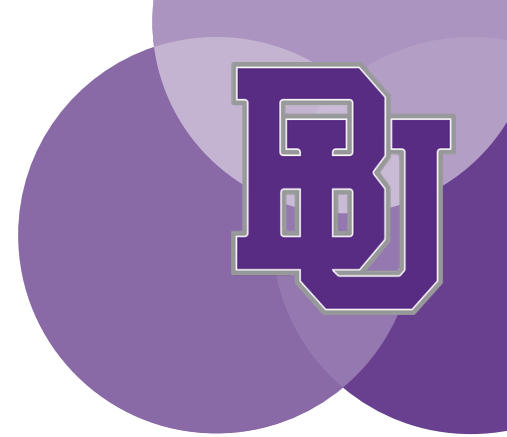


SPORTS
STUDIES



SPO interns and their internship supervisors honoured on-stage at the annual athletic awards.

SPO x Gaiters



History of the Gaiters x SPO Experiential Learning Program

“Over the past year, the Departments of Sports Studies and Athletics and Recreation have been working together to develop a renewed experiential education model that is built from the strong relationship these departments have developed over the years. The “Gaiters x SPO Experiential Learning Program” would more directly integrate our SPO students into the operations of Athletics through different areas such as Home Event Operations, Social Media, Team Management, Athletic Therapy, and Marketing and Communications. This approach has significant potential both for enhancing student learning and for supporting the operational needs of Athletics and Recreation in a sustainable way. We believe these opportunities can strengthen our academic offerings, enrich the student experience, and contribute positively to the operations of Athletics and Recreation.”

Prof. Danilo da Silva
SPO Internship Coordinator



Megan Toporowski - Completed a student trainer internship with Sports Medicine.



Marie-Pierre Gnassounou-Akpan - Helped set-up the Gaiters Athletic Awards as part of her internship.

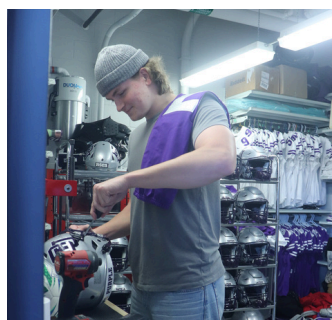
Progress Update on the Gaiters x SPO Experiential Learning Program

“As the coordinator of our internship program for the last three years (co-ordination with Drs. Smith and Tedesqui in 2023/24 and 2024/25, respectively), I have been witnessing the growth of the program, which led to the placement of 28 different Gaiters-related internships throughout the Fall 2025 and Winter 2026 semesters, a record for this collaboration. As we advance in the integration of the BU Experiential Learning Office through its coordinator in the Social Science Division (Bassam Chiblak), we have worked in the 2025/26 academic year to increase the blend between academic learning and meaningful applied experiences, offering students the opportunity to connect academic studies with the culture and operations of the Gaiter Athletics, providing them with hands-on opportunities, reflections around skills they are acquiring, affective responses to the ‘real-world’ workplace, and co-design of advanced internship positions with our Gaiters internship partners. We are certainly excited to further develop this relationship and strengthen our commitment to experiential learning.”

Prof. Danilo da Silva
SPO Internship Coordinator

“The SPO internship was a very rewarding experience that helped me grow in leadership, communication, and confidence. It allowed me to work in a supportive athletic environment while developing skills in organization and teamwork. It also strengthened my passion for sport and supporting student-athletes.”

Marie-Pierre Gnassounou-Akpan
Home Events Intern



Evan Senior - Completed an equipment manager internship with the Gaiters Football team.

CLUB SPORTS



The Bishop's University **Club Sports** Program provides a diverse range of athletic and recreational opportunities for students. The clubs operate at varying levels of commitment, including competitive teams that participate in leagues and tournaments, participation based clubs with regular practice schedules, and low-commitment "drop-by" activities integrated with the Intramural program.

COMPETITIVE CLUBS

- Cheer
- Dance
- Men's Hockey
- Men's Soccer
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Women's Volleyball

PARTICIPATION BASED CLUBS

- Flag Football
- Figure Skating
- Ringette
- Swimming

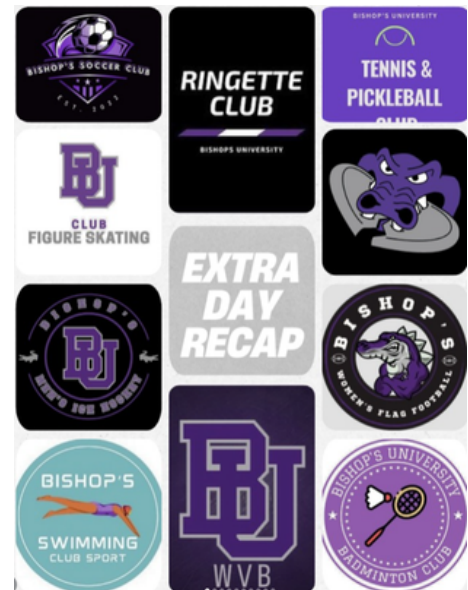
DROP-BY CLUBS

- Badminton
- Running
- Tennis / Pickleball

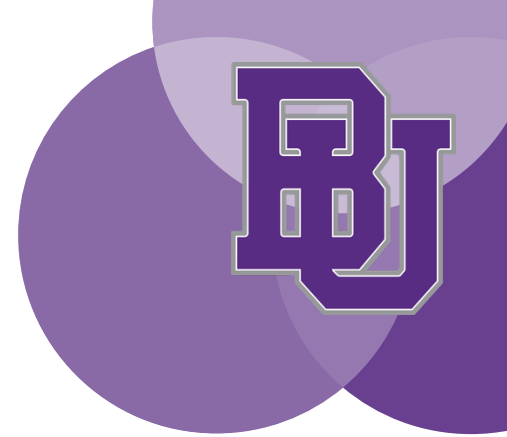
240 INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN CLUB SPORTS



Club Sports put on a club hop challenge this year, where students were encouraged to try as many different club sports as possible, with the winner winning a prize from the Gaiters Boutique.



AQUATICS & RECREATION



26 RECREATION CLASSES

95 AQUATICS CLASSES

34 LIFEGUARDS & INSTRUCTORS

24 HOURS PER WEEK OF FREE & LANE SWIM

1200+ HOURS OF FREE & LANE SWIM

Our **Aquatics and Recreation** programs continued to play a vital role in fostering an active, inclusive, and engaged campus community. Through a diverse range of offerings - from swim programs and fitness classes to intramural activities and open recreation - we provided students, staff, and community members with opportunities to prioritize wellness, build connections, and develop lifelong healthy habits. Participation remained strong across all areas, reflecting a growing commitment to balanced lifestyles and community engagement. These programs not only support physical health but also contribute to mental well-being and a strong sense of belonging within our campus environment.



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10 CLASS PROGRAM/PROGRAMME DE 10 SÉANCES

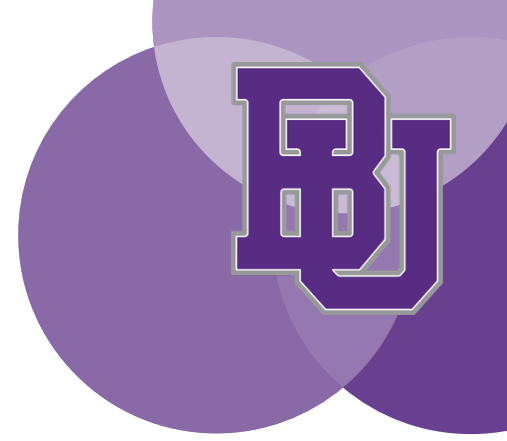
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Gaiters

GAITERS BOUTIQUE



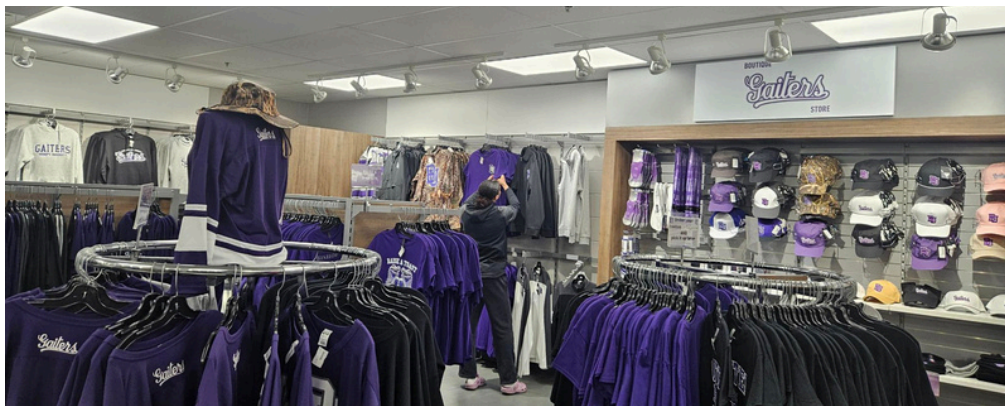
819 TOTAL NUMBER OF HATS SOLD

839 TOTAL NUMBER OF CUSTOM PRINTED T-SHIRTS AND HOODIES CREATED

1030 PAID HOURS TO PART-TIME STUDENT STAFF

2568 TOTAL NUMBER OF HOODIES, T-SHIRTS AND SWEATSHIRTS SOLD

The **Gaiters Boutique** continued to serve as a vibrant hub for school spirit and community pride, offering fans a wide selection of clothing and merchandise to showcase their support. Through a carefully curated range of apparel, accessories, and branded gear, we provided students, alumni, and supporters with meaningful ways to connect with and represent the Gaiters identity. Engagement remained strong, with steady demand reflecting a growing enthusiasm for team pride and campus affiliation. Beyond retail, the boutique plays an important role in strengthening our sense of belonging, uniting fans through shared experiences and visible support, and contributing to the overall energy and tradition of our athletics community.



Shaylan Greaves (Women's Basketball) one of the many student-athletes who work at the Gaiters Boutique.

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A YEAR IN REVIEW

May 1st 2025 - April 30th 2026



MAY



Micah Brown, Cédric Maurice, Cherif Camara, Alex MacDonald & Cherif Nicolas (Football) represented the Gaiters at the East-West Bowl.



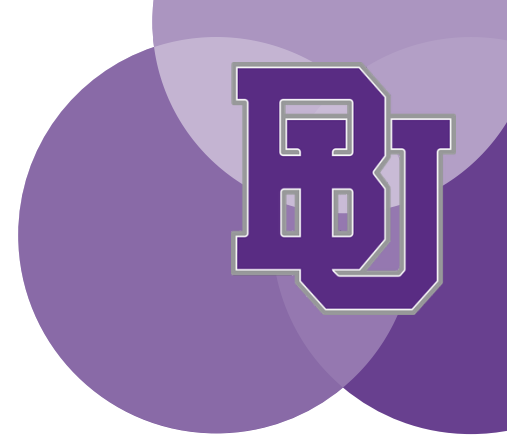
Gaiter Classic - Our annual golf tournament to support scholarships.



Men's and Women's Golf teams at nationals.



Gaiters rugby hosted all-star games for local Estrie high school players.



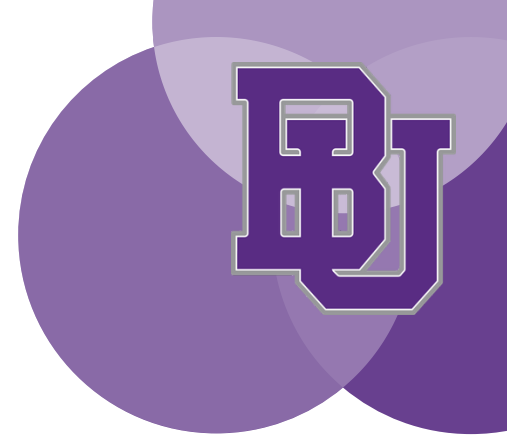
Women's Basketball Alumni - **Victoria Gauna & Amaiquen Siciliano** - represented Argentina at the Americup.



Gabrielle Santerre (Women's Hockey) received a Fondation Aléo bursary.

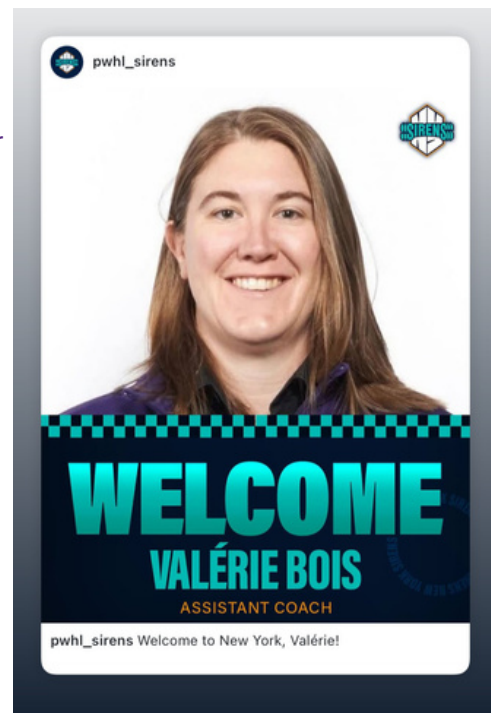
JUNE

JULY



Fawn Mulholland announced as Head Coach of Women's Soccer.

Valérie Bois – former Head Coach of Women's Hockey - announced as an assistant coach for the PWHL New York Sirens.

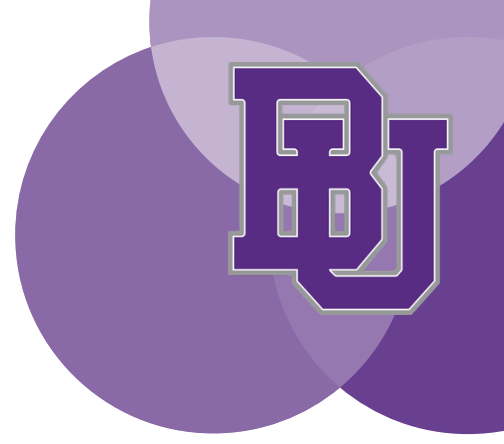


Mike McGuinness, Kai Hucal, & Wyatt Carr (Men's Rugby) played for the Quebec U20 7s Team winning a bronze medal at the Canada Games in St. John's.



Alexandra Boulanger announced as Head Coach of Women's Hockey.

AUGUST



Student-athletes came together to support National Truth and Reconciliation Day.



Jeff Canon Memorial Tournament.



Women's Hockey celebrated their national championship with a ring ceremony.



Football won the Big Bowl vs STFX 29-3.



Women's Hockey played a fundraising match against the Friends of Gaiters hockey team.

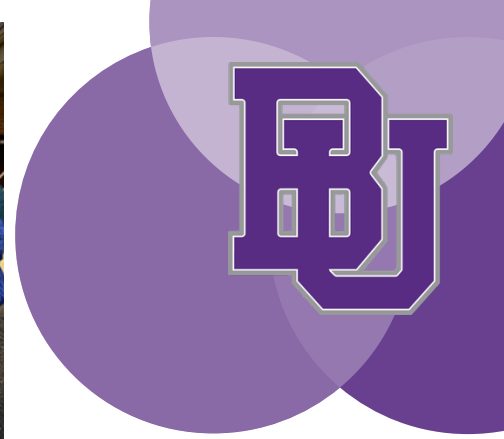
SEPTEMBER



Student-athletes helped out at L.E.S. Terry Fox Run.



Women's Hockey collected bags of non-perishable foods for "la guignolée des quartiers".



Men's Basketball won the House-Laughton tournament hosted by Carleton University.



Student-athletes helped out with Pumpkin Patrol.



Landen Harison (Golf) capped off his Bishop's golf career with his first-ever individual win - and did it on the NCAA stage.



Women's Soccer hosted a Jr. Gaiters appreciation gameday.



Women's Hockey held their banner ceremony during their home opener.

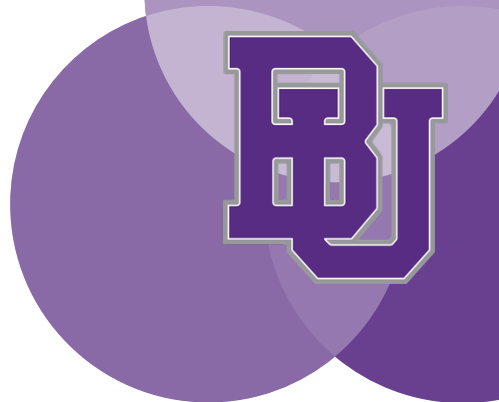
OCTOBER



Alexander MacDonald (Football) was honoured as a 2nd Team All-Canadian at the U SPORTS awards.



Football declared they are moving back into the RSEQ conference for the 2026-27 season.



Women's Hockey participated in the inaugural Women's University Hockey Classic at Place Bell.



Women's Hockey hosted motionball to help promote the #NoGoodWay campaign.



Men's Rugby participated in a Mouvement fundraiser in support of men's mental health.



Women's and Men's Basketball celebrated their RSEQ conference titles from the 2024-25 season.

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER



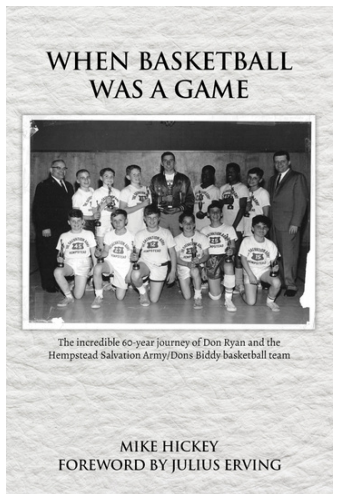
Women's Hockey visited the CHUS pediatric ward before their benefit match.



Women's Hockey hosted a benefit match in support of the CHUS Foundation.



Women's Hockey, Women's & Men's Basketball held their annual Shoot for the Cure games.



Mike Hickey held a book signing for his new book "When Basketball was a Game".



Women's Hockey played a friendly exhibition scrimmage against the Italian National Team.



The Old Lennoxville Golf & Ski hosted the Quebec Cup partnering with Mont Orford.

JANUARY

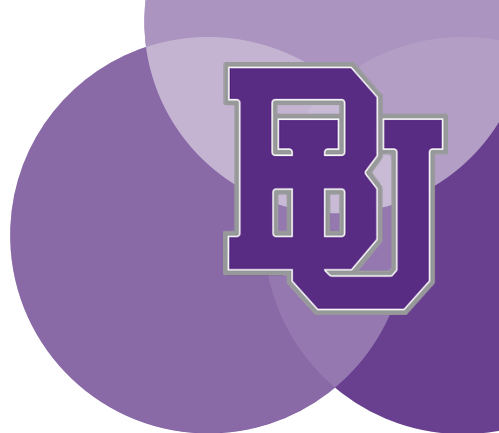
CELEBRATING
BLACK HISTORY MONTH
TODAY AND EVERYDAY.

“For me black history month is not just a month of remembering, like most of peoples use to see it. It’s also a month made to share the black culture around us and help people understand many different cultures that they see every day, but that they don’t necessarily recognize or assimilated.

As an Athlete and an Artist, I try to give the best of my knowledge to anyone who is open to listening, among others through my passions. In conclusion if you need to remember one thing from this testimony is: Let’s share what matters to us, cause sharing is caring! -Kem\$”

“For me, Black History Month is about recognizing the power, resilience, and excellence of the Black community. As a Black student-athlete, I’m grateful for those who fought for the opportunities I now have. Every time I compete, I’m reminded that my presence is a form of representation, and representation matters. I hope to continue breaking barriers and creating space for others.”

Honoured Black History Month by highlighting the voices of student-athletes **Quemen Bantilla** (Football) and **Marie-Pierre Gnassounou-Akpah** (Women’s Rugby).



Charles-Édouard Bizier (Football) represented Gaiters Football at the Sherbrooke Phoenix’s Super Bowl Night.



Men’s and Women’s Basketball teams wore warm-up shirts to spread awareness about the G.N.S.L. Nunavik Basketball program.

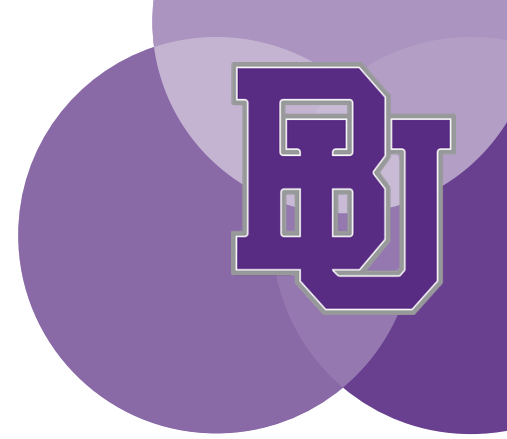
Gabrielle Santerre & Valérie Bois along with the Women’s Hockey Team were recognized at the Gala du Mérite sportif de l’Estrie for their performances at Nationals last year.



FEBRUARY



Women's Hockey suited up against Football for a friendly post-season match.



Men's Basketball came home from Nationals with a U SPORTS silver medal.

Charles Robert (Men's Basketball) was honoured as a 2nd Team All-Canadian at the U SPORTS awards.



Alex MacDonald & Kyle Chorney (Football) competed at the CFL Invitational Combine.

Étienne Gagnon (Men's Basketball) was awarded the U SPORTS Defensive Player of the Year.



Women's Rugby travelled out East to play in the Atlantic 7s tournament.



Student-Athletes participated in the annual motionball U Bishop's Marathon of Sport.

MARCH



Annual athletic awards night which celebrated all of our student-athletes.



Athletics staff came together for a fun afternoon of curling.

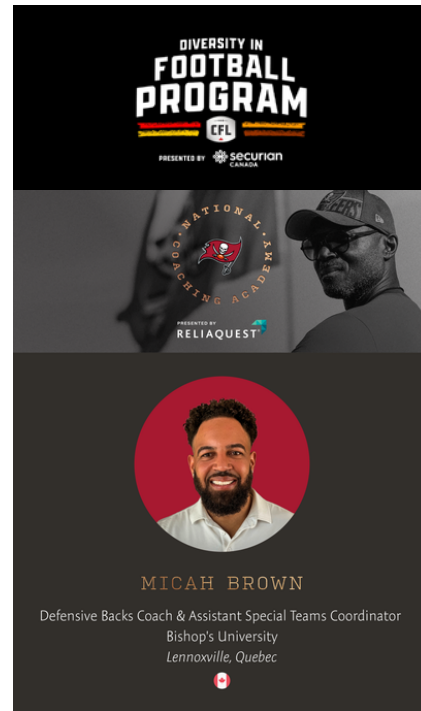
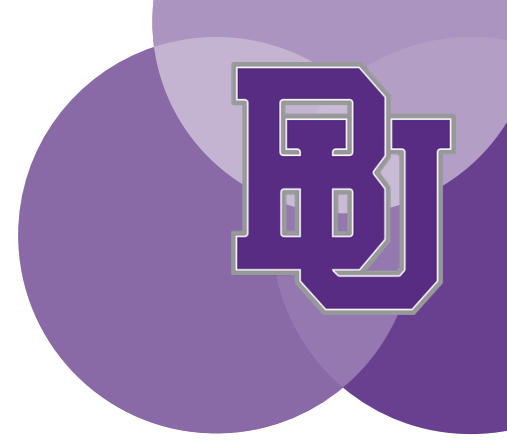


Gaiters Rugby put on a community introduction to contact session for local High School teams.

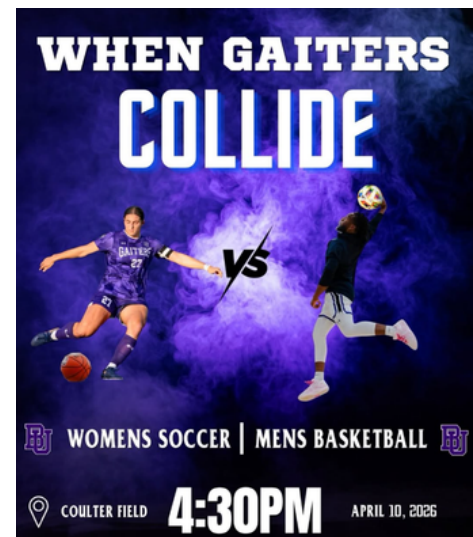


Men's Basketball was announced to represent Canada at the FISU America 3x3 Games in Honduras.

APRIL



Micah Brown (Football) was selected to participate in two coaching programs. One with the Montreal Alouettes and the other with Tampa Bay Buccaneers.



Women's Soccer laced up against the Men's Basketball team in a post-season friendly.



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