

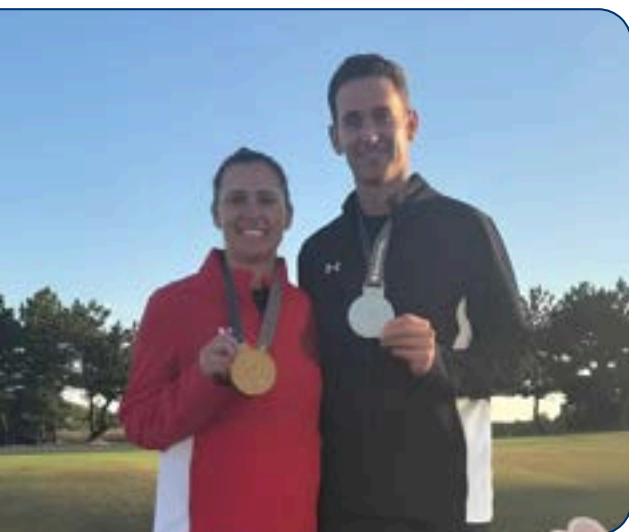
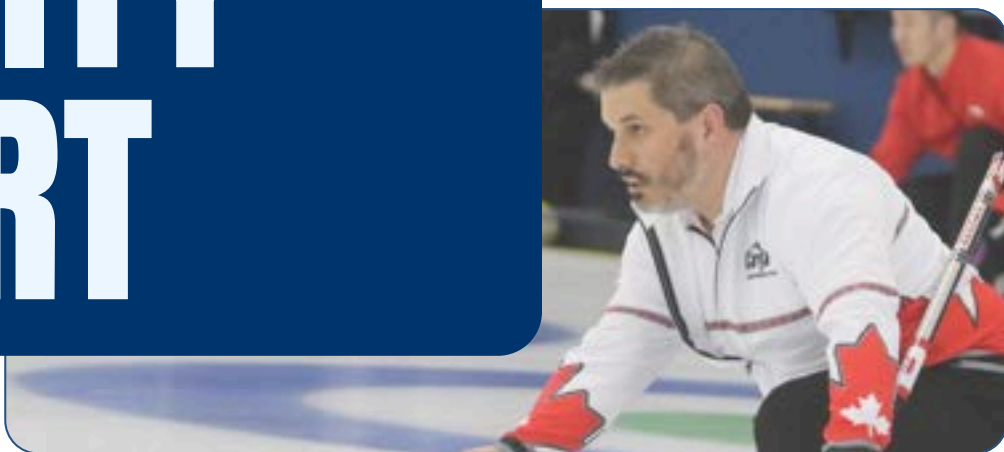


CANADIAN DEAF SPORTS
ASSOCIATION

2025-2026

April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026

ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT



Report presented to the Annual General Meeting of Members in Ottawa, Ontario, on September 26, 2026

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A year in motion!



193

Canadian athletes

19

events

11

sports represented



WHO WE ARE

About the Association

Mission



The Canadian Deaf Sports Association (CDSA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the development of high-performance Deaf & Hard of Hearing athletes. CDSA supports athletes' participation in international sporting events sanctioned by the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf and the Pan American Deaf Sports Organization.



Vision



The Canadian Deaf Sports Association (CDSA) provides leadership in support of Canadian Deaf & Hard of Hearing athletes by investing in the development of their athletic abilities and increasing their opportunities to reach the podium at international sporting events.

Charitable Organization

The Canadian Deaf Sports Association is a registered Canadian amateur athletic association with the Canada Revenue Agency.

Registration/Business Number:

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Charity Number: 127556306RR0001

Registered Name with the Canada Revenue Agency:

CANADIAN DEAF SPORTS
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CANADA, INC.



LEADERSHIP

President's Message

Dear members and partners,

It is hard to believe that it has been more than 10 years since I joined the ASSC-CDSA Board. My 10-year tenure with this organization has been a truly wonderful and rewarding experience. I am especially proud of the work I have witnessed and been part of, which has made a significant impact on the spirit and development of Canadian Deaf sport and our Deaf and hard of hearing sports community.

During my last six years, I was fortunate to have the opportunity to serve in a leadership role as Board President for three terms. This experience provided me with a unique opportunity to help lead the reshaping and strengthening of ASSC-CDSA, together with the invaluable contributions of our staff team, Alain Turpin and Gigi Fiset, as well as our dedicated Board members.

Throughout my time on the Board, governance, sport program operations, risk management and the planning and delivery of national and international games have remained our top priorities. Our goal has always been to ensure that Deaf and hard of hearing athletes have the opportunities, support, and resources they need to maintain their competitive spirit and pursue excellence in sport.



It has not always been easy. Managing our programs and activities within our annual financial budget has consistently been a challenge, requiring careful planning, difficult decisions, and the commitment of everyone involved. Despite these challenges, our shared passion for Deaf sport has continued to drive us forward.

A Sporting Achievement to Remember

I would like to highlight one of the sports events that I am particularly proud to share with you.

Last November, a large delegation of 73 individuals — 47 athletes and 26 staff/officials — travelled to Tokyo, Japan, to participate in the Summer Deaflympics.

Our delegation competed in nine sports (the largest number of sports in history): Athletics (Running), Badminton, Men's Basketball, Beach Volleyball, Bowling, Golf, Tennis, Women's Volleyball and Table Tennis. Of the 47 athletes, 32 were competing in their first Deaflympics.



One of our greatest challenges was managing the considerable distances between the various event venues and hotel establishments across three different areas of Tokyo. Making the entire experience possible required a full year of careful planning, coordination, and preparation, along with an ambitious fundraising campaign with a goal of \$100,000.

The highlight of the Games came when our golfers, Russell Bowie and Erica Rivard, brought home 2 GOLD medals and a bronze medal, giving us an incredible moment of pride and celebration.

Thanks to the tremendous support and dedication of everyone involved, we not only reached our goal – we surpassed it by \$22,000.

Yet, beyond the medals and accomplishments, I believe the most important outcome was what all 73 of us brought home: valuable memories, meaningful connections, and rich experiences that will stay with us for a lifetime.

The Tokyo Deaflympics were more than a sporting event. It was a testament to teamwork, determination, perseverance, and the power of coming together with a shared purpose.

I am incredibly proud of what our entire delegation accomplished.

I am deeply grateful to everyone who has contributed to ASSC-CDSA over the years – our athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, staff, Board members, partners, and supporters. Your dedication and commitment have played an important role in building and strengthening our organization and creating opportunities for the next generation of Deaf and hard of hearing athletes.

Our collaboration with Sport Canada, our largest funder, has also had a significant impact on the development of our organization. I would especially like to thank Anny Beaudoin, who has worked closely with us over the past two years, providing guidance and support as we pursued new funding opportunities. We are deeply grateful for her support.

As I reflect on my 10 years with ASSC-CDSA, I feel proud of what we have accomplished together and optimistic about the future of Canadian Deaf sport. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve this community, and I sincerely thank everyone who has been part of this journey.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Prong
Board President
ASSC-CDSA



ORGANIZATION

Governance

Board of Directors	Role	Province	Term Ending
Donald Prong	President	Ontario	2026
Grant Underschultz	Treasurer	Alberta	2027
Nyla Kurylowich	Director	Alberta	2026
Shawna Joynt	Director	Manitoba	2027
John Gessner	Director	Manitoba	2027

Athlete Representatives

Jamie Routledge	Representative	Manitoba	2026
Eric Nielson	Representative	British Columbia	2028

Coaches and Team Managers Representative

Lois McIntyre	Representative	Ontario	2027
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9 Board of Directors Meetings

Nine (9) meetings were held by videoconference:

June 5, 2025 / June 26, 2025 / August 26, 2025 / October 28, 2025

January 24, 2026 / February 11, 2026 / March 4, 2026 / March 24, 2026 / March 26, 2026

Standing Committees

The Governance Committee met twice, and the Finance Committee met once during the fiscal year.



THE SPORTS YEAR AT A GLANCE...

2025–2026 Year in Review

CDSA organized sporting events and sent national teams to competitions at the local, provincial, national, and international levels.

Fiscal Year 2025–26

193

Canadian athletes

11

sports represented

Women's volleyball, curling, tennis, badminton, golf, beach volleyball, table tennis, men's basketball, ice hockey, bowling, and athletics.

19

events

- One (1) Summer Deaflympics
- Two (2) World Championships
- One (1) Canadian Championship
- One (1) National Team Selection Camp
- Two (2) Local-Level Tournaments
- Twelve (12) National Training Camps

Fiscal Year 2024–25

290

Canadian athletes

13

sports represented

Ice hockey, curling, basketball, volleyball, bowling, beach volleyball, pickleball, tennis, golf, sailing, marathon, and table tennis.

17

events

- One (1) Pan American Games
- Three (3) World Championships
- One (1) International Invitational Tournament
- One (1) Canadian Championship
- Eleven (11) National Training Camps



THE SPORTS YEAR IN DETAIL...

2025–2026 Year in Review

Sport Event	Date	W	M	Total
World Curling Championship – Minnesota (USA)	04-2025	4	4	8
World Ice Hockey Championship – Vancouver (CAN)	05-2025		20	20
Canadian Deaf Golf Championship – Bromont (QC)	07-2025	3	14	17
Summer Deaflympics – Tokyo (JPN)	11-2025	17	30	47
National Curling Trials – Morris (MB)	01-2026	5	9	14
Team Canada Basketball Training – Toronto (ON)	04-2025		11	11
Team Canada Table Tennis Training – Toronto (ON)	04-2025		2	2
Team Canada Table Tennis Training – LaSalle (QC)	06-2025		2	2
Team Canada Beach Volleyball Training – Vancouver (BC)	06-2025		4	4
Team Canada Women’s Volleyball Training – Edmonton (AB)	06-2025	11		11
Team Canada Table Tennis Training – LaSalle (QC)	08-2025		2	2
Team Canada Beach Volleyball Tournament – Vancouver (BC)	08-2025		4	4
Team Canada Tennis Training – Ottawa (ON)	08-2025		2	2



THE SPORTS YEAR IN DETAIL...

2025–2026 Year in Review

Sport Event	Date	W	M	Total
Team Canada Badminton Training - Gatineau (QC)	09-2025	2	4	6
Team Canada Women's Volleyball Training - Edmonton (AB)	10-2025	11		11
Individual Financial Assistance for Local Training for Deaflympians (Bowling, Golf & Athletics)		5	8	13
Team Canada Badminton Training - Calgary (AB)	10-2025	2	4	6
Team Canada Basketball Training - St-Lambert (QC)	10-2025		11	11
Team Canada Table Tennis Tournament - Montreal (QC)	10-2025		2	2
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NATIONAL TEAM PERFORMANCES AND RESULTS

Outstanding Performances on the International Stage

Throughout the year, our national teams achieved remarkable results at three international competitions:

1 GOLD MEDAL

1 SILVER MEDAL

2 BRONZE MEDALS

9 TOP-10 FINISHES (4th-10th PLACE)

These results demonstrate the excellence of our athletes and the continued progress of our national teams on the international stage.



TEAM CANADA

Proudly flying Canada's Colours.

From Canadian fields and courts to the Tokyo Deaflympics, our athletes proudly showcased Canadian Deaf sport on the world stage.



TOKYO 2025
DEAFLYMPICS



DEAFLYMPICS



TOKYO 2025
20TH SUMMER DEAFlympics



TOYOTA

SoftBank

A season defined by determination, solidarity, and historic performances.



MINNEAPOLIS, USA · APRIL 22 TO MAY 4, 2025

5th World Deaf Curling Championships 2025



Women's Curling

Record of 6 wins – 1 loss in the preliminary round.

The team battled hard until the very end and gave the strong Chinese team a tough challenge in the gold medal final.

Congratulations to the National Women's Curling Team on their determination, team spirit, and outstanding silver medal, which made Canada proud!

1 Silver Medal

Mixed Doubles Curling

Record of 6 wins – 2 losses in the preliminary round.

Bronze medal match: Canada vs. China – 2–6 loss.

Congratulations to Team Canada Mixed Doubles on their outstanding performance and fourth-place finish at the World Championships!

Men's Curling

The National Men's Curling Team finished the preliminary round with a record of 1 win – 7 losses, remaining competitive in most of their matches and finishing in 7th place.

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA · MAY 7 TO 17, 2025

4th World Deaf Ice Hockey Championships



Bronze Medal Game – Canada vs. Czechia – 8–3 Victory for Team Canada!

Team Canada closed out the championship in strong fashion, with solidarity and pride, capturing the bronze medal!

Honourable Mention

Special recognition goes to the organizing committee, BCDSF, and particularly the committee chair, Mark Dunn, as well as his assistant, Cecilia Tung, for their outstanding work and dedication in organizing this event.

1 Bronze Medal



TOKYO, JAPAN • NOVEMBER 15 TO 26, 2025

2025 Summer Deaflympics

47

Athletes

6

Provinces

9

Sports

A total of 47 Canadian athletes from six provinces represented Team Canada in one of the nine sports featured at the Summer Deaflympics.



Team Canada
2025 Summer Deaflympics
Proud. United. Ready.



Volleyball

Calysta BISSELL	AB
Madeline BRINKMANN	AB
Greta DAVEY	ON
Rachel EASTWOOD	BC
Annika GOODBRANDSON	MB
Falon MCLOUGHLAN	NL
Ciara PETERSON	BC
Lilly SOMARRIBA	AB
Kimberly SUMMERS	ON
Julia WOLFF	ON



Tennis

Martin HONG	ON
Alex L'ALLIER-TREJO	QC



Beach Volleyball

Paul BOHEMIER	BC
Cole SANDERSON	BC
Vaunn SMITH	ON
Krzysztof STOBIECKI	AB



Golf

Russell BOWIE	ON
Sasha LAOUN	QC
Alexandre OUELLET	QC
Ryan MOBBERLEY	MB
Erica RIVARD	ON



Athletics

Thomas KYTE	ON
Marisol NARVAEZ	AB



Basketball

Kareem ALAKHRAS	ON
Zacharie BÉRARD	ON
Graham BODNAR	MB
Juan Carlos CARRANZA	ON
Danylo GRYDKO	ON
Benjamin IDEMUNDIA	BC
Steven OKITO	QC
Ronald PREER	BC
Morgan PROCTOR	BC
Samer SAWAN	ON



Table Tennis

Jerome BLANCHETTE	QC
Gary MALKOWSKI	ON



Bowling

Brian BRINDZA	AB
François COUTURE	QC
Gilles GRAVEL	QC
Claude LAROSE	QC
Marie-Line NADEAU	QC
Patricia ZIMMER	BC



Badminton

Hai DIEC	AB
Kai HACHE	ON
Brandon HUYNH	AB
Marguerite MORISSETTE	QC
Clémence MORISSETTE	QC
Samuel ZHAO	AB

LET CANADIAN
TALENT SHINE



TOKYO, JAPAN · NOVEMBER 15 TO 26, 2025

2025 Summer Deaflympics

These performances marked extraordinary progress and ranked among the best in Team Canada's history, including nine top-10 finishes worldwide: five in golf, two in athletics, and two in bowling.

Athlete Name (Prov.)	Sport	Result
E. RIVARD & R. BOWIE (ON)	Mixed Golf	Gold medallists
Erica RIVARD (ON)	Women's Golf	Bronze medallist
Russell BOWIE (ON)	Men's Golf	5th
Sasha LAOUN (QC)	Women's Golf	7th
Gilles GRAVEL (QC) & François COUTURE (QC)	Men's Doubles Bowling	9th
Thomas KYTE (ON)	Athletics, 5,000 metres	9th
Marisol NARVAEZ (AB)	Athletics, Marathon	9th
Alexandre OUELLET (QC)	Men's Golf	9th
G. Gravel (QC), F. COUTURE (QC), C. LAROSE (QC) & B. BRINDZA (AB)	Men's Team Bowling	10th



TOKYO 2025

A Collective Effort Beyond Sport

For the Canadian delegation, the experience in Japan was extraordinary not only from a sporting perspective, but also because it provided a unique opportunity to attend a special reception at the Embassy of Canada in Japan.

Participation in the Deaflympics was also made possible through the success of a major fundraising campaign, which enabled several athletes to realize their dream of representing Canada on the international stage.

Team Canada Welcomed at the Embassy of Canada!



Team Canada athletes had the honour of being welcomed at the Embassy of Canada in Tokyo, where they were warmly received by Ambassador MacKay and embassy staff.

It was a special opportunity to connect, celebrate the Canadian delegation's achievements, and feel the support of Canada, even on the other side of the world.

\$122,022

Goal Achieved | Thank You to Our Partners!

Thanks to the generous support of our major partners:

- The Bob Rumball Foundation of The Deaf
- Fondation Des Sourds du Québec (FSQ),
- Verval Ltée
- Brampton Golf Club
- WSP in Canada
- Services Security Inc.
- Lethbridge Pet Hospital Inc.
- C&C Packing LP
- Kirkyz Acoustix
- West Physio
- MCW Hemisphere Ltd.
- LabX Media Group Canada Inc.
- Sonaris Ear Center
- Ace Volleyball Club
- GN Hearing Care
- The Royal Canadian Legion
- Elevate Hearing
- Olympic Industries ULC

As well as everyone who donated, shared, and helped spread our message, we reached our goal of \$100,000 to send Team Canada to the 2025 Deaflympics in Tokyo.

This amount represents far more than a number: it is a testament to solidarity, pride, and inclusion.



TOKYO 2025

A Collective Effort Beyond Sport

Thank you
to the partners powering
our road to the Deaflympics.

Merci à ceux qui
nous propulsent
jusqu'aux
Sourdlympiques.





CDSA-SANCTIONED SPORTING EVENTS

2025 Canadian Deaf Golf Championship

BROMONT, QUEBEC · JULY 30, 2025



The Canadian Deaf Golf Championship came to a close under rainy skies, but that did not stop our golfers from delivering a performance worthy of a major tournament!

Congratulations to the 2025 champions, and well done to all participants for their determination, passion, and sportsmanship throughout the event.

2025 Champions

Women's Category

Erica Rivard

Ontario

Men's Category

Jason Plumb

Ontario

Senior Category

Ken Hoffman

Saskatchewan



SPOTLIGHT ON THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF DEAF COMMUNITY MEMBERS

CDSA Sport Awards 2023–2025

From April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2025, a total of 313 Canadian athletes participated in one of 12 competitions. A total of 16 nominations were received, and CDSA presented three Sport Awards in the following categories:

- Female Athlete of the Year (5 nominations)
- Male Athlete of the Year (6 nominations)
- Best National/Provincial Team (5 nominations)

313

Canadian athletes

12

competitions

16

nominations

Female Athlete of the Year



Holly Maschmeyer (AB) Golf & Curling

- Champion at the Canadian Deaf Golf Championship in Acheson, Alberta, in July 2023
- Participated in the World Deaf Golf Championships in Gold Coast, Australia, in August 2024
- Member of Team Canada's Women's Curling Team that participated in the World Deaf Curling Championships in Minneapolis, USA, in April 2025

Male Athlete of the Year



Russell Bowie (ON) Golf

- Champion at the World Deaf Golf Championships in Gold Coast, Australia, in August 2024
- Member of the team that won the team event at the 2024 World Deaf Golf Championships
- Member of Canada's National Golf Team at the Summer Deaflympics in Japan in November 2025

Best National/Provincial Team



Team Canada Men's Golf Team

Russell Bowie (ON)
Philippe Boyer (QC)
Ryan Mobberley (MB)
Alexandre Ouellet (QC)
Dale Proctor (BC)

Champions in the team category at the World Deaf Golf Championships in Gold Coast, Australia, in August 2024

Beyond the podium.



Journeys, leaders, and actions shaping the future of Deaf Sport in Canada.



TRIBUTE TO A CDSA LEADER

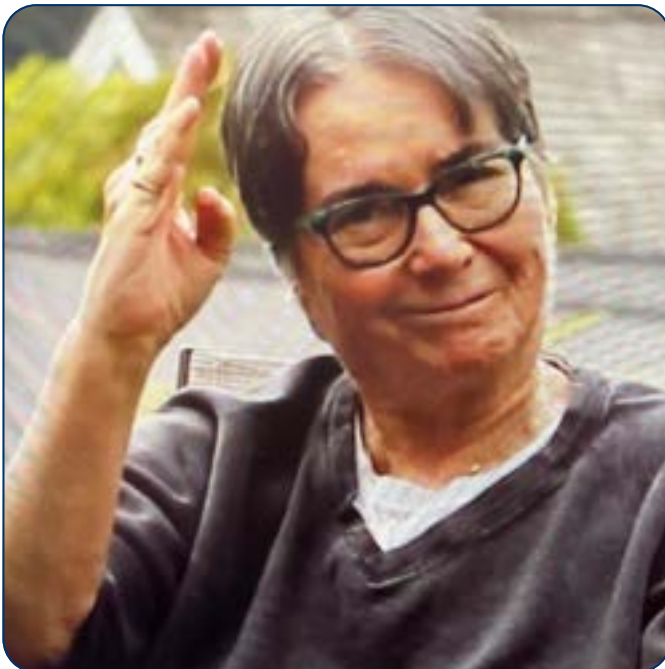
Jo-Anne Robinson, a Remarkable Leader



A tribute to Jo-Anne Robinson, one of the most influential figures in the history of Deaf Sport in Canada, who passed away in February 2026.

Here are a few highlights that reflect her remarkable commitment, both nationally and internationally:

- Jo-Anne was a Canadian swimmer who competed at the Deaflympics in 1965 and 1969, winning an impressive total of nine medals.
- From 1984 to 1986, she served as President of the CDSA Board of Directors, becoming the first woman to hold the position—and the only one to date.
- She also served as Canada's delegate to the 29th Annual Congress in Oslo, where she supported a bid to host the world's largest winter Deaf sporting event in Banff. She later served as Vice-President of the 12th World Winter Games for the Deaf in 1991.
- Over the years, she continued to serve Canadian sport with distinction, including as Team Canada's Chef de Mission at the 2001 Summer Deaflympics in Rome and the 2007 Winter Deaflympics in Salt Lake City.



Her legacy, both as an athlete and a leader, will remain a lasting source of inspiration for Canada's Deaf sport community.



INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE

Canadians on the International Stage

A Canadian Appointed as Curling Sports Director

May 2025 – Minneapolis, United States



During the 5th World Deaf Curling Championships, the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD) announced some exciting news: David Joseph of Gatineau, Quebec, was appointed the new Curling Sports Director within the ICSD.

David is no stranger to the world of Deaf curling:

- Former player who represented Canada at several national and international championships
- Member of the men's team during the first curling demonstration at the 2007 Winter Deaflympics in Salt Lake City
- Key contributor to the host committee for the 2022 World Championship in Banff, Alberta

Congratulations to David—a well-deserved recognition of an inspiring career and strong leadership!

CDSA is proud to actively contribute to the development of international Deaf Sport and to represent Canada with leadership, vision, and commitment.

CDSA at the 52nd Congress of the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD)

November 29–30, 2025 – Tokyo, Japan



Following the closing ceremony of the 2025 Deaflympics, CDSA delegates Nyla Kurylowich and Donald Prong, along with Lois McIntyre, Observer for the CDSA, took part in the 52nd ICSD Congress, a major gathering that brought together representatives of Deaf sport from around the world.

Highlights:

ICSD Sports Workshop

A collaborative workshop focused on the development of Deaf sport, current issues, and future directions.

Motion Presented by Canada

Nyla Kurylowich addressed the Congress in International Sign (IS) to present an official motion, a noteworthy contribution that was very well received.

Election of the New ICSD Board of Directors

A new Board of Directors was elected, opening a new chapter in the global governance of Deaf sport.

Official Announcement: The 2029 Summer Deaflympics Will Be Held in Athens!

The host city was selected in an extremely close vote, with Athens defeating Zagreb, Croatia, by 33 votes to 31.



TOGETHER, REACHING NEW HEIGHTS

Thank you to our entire **sporting** community.

Athletes, teams, families, volunteers, partners, and allies:
your commitment helps move Deaf Sport forward in Canada.

