



**FIELD HOCKEY CANADA**  
**U SPORTS INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**  
YORK UNIVERSITY, TORONTO, ON, 2024

**OCT 30 - NOV 3**

**MAJOR AWARD WINNERS  
& ALL CANADIANS**

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# JOYCE SLIPP AWARD

## (ROOKIE OF THE YEAR)

### **SYDNEY LE**

**University of British Columbia**

**Forward**

Kinesiology • Year 1

Sydney burst onto the scene in her rookie year, leading the conference in goals as of October 17th and quickly becoming a focal point of the UBC attack. The forward made an immediate impact, scoring just 34 minutes into her debut and netting four goals in her first home game.

A two-time Canada West Player of the Week, Sydney played a pivotal role in driving the Thunderbirds toward championship contention. Renowned for her keen sense of positioning, Sydney consistently finds the back of the net and creates scoring opportunities for her teammates, showcasing the skill and poise of a seasoned player.



Other nominee for this award:

### **CLARA GERARDIN**

**McMaster University**

**Midfield/Defence**

Social Science • Year 1

# GAIL WILSON AWARD

## (STUDENT-ATHLETE COMMUNITY SERVICE)



### **ELLIOT KELLOUGH**

**University of Calgary**

**Midfield**

Arts • Year 2

Elliot has demonstrated exceptional commitment to the University of Calgary and the Dinos Field Hockey Program while excelling academically and in community service.

As co-President of the Student Athlete Council, she has been instrumental in establishing a council to advocate for athlete concerns and drive positive change.

Her dedication to the sport includes revitalizing the Western Canada High School junior field hockey team, serving as an assistant coach for the U16 Alberta provincial team, and coaching at Legacy Academy for three years. Additionally, she contributes as an athlete coach in the Dinos Academy Athlete Development Program.

As team captain, Elliot exemplifies leadership on and off the field, inspiring her teammates and embodying the team's values while making a significant impact in the lineup.

Other nominee for this award:

### **JADE LEW**

**York University**

**Goalkeeper**

Biology • Year 5

# MARINA VAN DER MERWE AWARD

## (COACH OF THE YEAR)



### **MICHELLE TURLEY**

**University of Guelph**

Under Turley's leadership, the Gryphons have had an outstanding season, finishing in 1st place in the OUA West. She has created a strong team dynamic that has propelled four players into the top 10 OUA scorers.

Thanks to her guidance, Guelph boasts the second highest number of goals scored in the OUA and ranks third defensively, with 30 goals for, and only 5 against.

Michelle's dedication, strategic vision, and ability to inspire athletes have led the Gryphons to this incredible season.

Other nominees for this award:

**GEOFF MATTHEWS**  
*University of British Columbia*

**LACEY MACLAUHLAN**  
*University of PEI*



# LIZ HOFFMAN AWARD

## (OUTSTANDING PLAYER OF THE YEAR)



### **ABBY WARRINER**

**University of Guelph**

**Midfield**

Biomedical Engineering • Year 4

A standout defensive midfielder, Warriner, has made three consecutive appearances on the OUA All-Star team. She has been named the OUA's "Most Valuable Player" for the 2024 field hockey season, becoming the first Gryphon since 2019 to be named the top player in the conference and now, the country. Warriner's impressive field hockey career now includes recognition as a three-time U SPORTS All-Canadian, adding U SPORTS MVP to her accolades.

Warriner has led the Gryphons to a 7-1-2 record, scoring four goals and setting up her teammates for success. The standout defensive midfielder combines power, speed, and athleticism... solidifying her presence on the field. Her exceptional ball-handling skills, composed confidence, and signature tackles effectively neutralize attacks, while her impressive outletting helps create opportunities to attack.

Warriner has also been recognized as a three-time Academic All-Canadian, highlighting her commitment to excellence both on and off the field. As a humble co-captain and two-time team MVP, she exemplifies a strong work ethic and sets ambitious standards in everything she does.

Other nominees for this award:

### **LIVI LAWLOR**

**University of PEI**

**Midfield**

Biology • Year 3

### **SYDNEY LE**

**University of British Columbia**

**Forward**

Kinesiology • Year 1



# OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

## JAMAL BURGESS

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Jamal Burgess has been an invaluable asset to the Atlantic University Field Hockey League. As an Umpire Rater, he conducts assessments and educates coaches and umpires on new rules and interpretations, sharing vital information.

Over the past two years, Jamal has officiated at prestigious national and international events, including the Canadian Indoor Classic and the Field Hockey Canada U18 National Championships, where he served as Lead Umpire Manager in 2024.

This year, Jamal will represent the Atlantic Region at the Championships, marking a significant milestone as both UPEI and an umpire from the Atlantic Region will participate.



Other nominees for this award:

**TYLER KLENK**  
CANWEST

**ALEX MILES**  
OUA

# FIRST TEAM ALL CANADIANS AWARD



**KAYLA BATCHILDER**

University of PEI

*Forward*

Kinesiology • Year 2



**DEEPI GILL**

University of Toronto

*Goalkeeper*

Global Affairs • Year 5



**KENZIE GIRGIS**

University of British Columbia

*Midfield*

Applied Science • Year 2



**ISABELLA GREEN**

University of Calgary

*Defence*

Arts • Year 3

# FIRST TEAM ALL CANADIANS AWARD



**MEAGAN HOBSON**

University of Waterloo

*Midfield*

Arts & Business • Year 4



**LIBBY HOGG**

University of Victoria

*Defence*

Social Sciences • Year 4



**LIVI LAWLOR**

University of PEI

*Midfield*

Biology • Year 3



**SYDNEY LE**

University of British Columbia

*Forward*

Kinesiology • Year 1

# FIRST TEAM ALL CANADIANS AWARD



**ELLY PETERS**  
University of Guelph  
*Midfield*  
Accounting • Year 4



**ABBY THOMPSON**  
York University  
*Midfield*  
Commerce • Year 3



**ABBY WARRINER**  
University of Guelph  
*Midfield*  
Biomedical Engineering • Year 4