

THE RIDEAU'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

CANADIAN MEN'S BASKETBALL 1925 CHAMPIONSHIP

HERITAGE JERSEY GAME



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WELCOME TO OUR CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION GAME!

**100 YEARS AGO, LISGAR BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM
MADE HISTORY BY WINNING THE CANADIAN MEN'S
CHAMPIONSHIP AS THE "RIDEAU AQUATIC CLUB."**

**TODAY, THE LISGAR BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM ARE
BRINGING THAT STORY BACK TO LIFE, HITTING THE
COURT AS "THE RIDEAUS."**

**AND IN THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDLY FUN, OUR LISGAR
ALUMNI WILL STEP INTO THE ROLE OF THE OPPOSING
TEAM, UBC.**

**BOTH TEAMS WILL HAVE THE HONOUR IN WEARING
SPECIAL REPLICA JERSEYS!**

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program

- 15:30** • Doors Open
- 15:55** • Opening Remarks
- 16:00** • Basketball Game Tip-Off
- 16:35** • Half-Time - Wheelchair Basketball Demonstration:
Ottawa 2026 Preview
- 16:45** • Second Half Begins
- 17:20** • Game Ends
- 17:25** • Closing Remarks

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1925 RIDEAU AQUATIC CLUB



From left to right: S. Gamble, W.E. Gowling, A. Burrige
Middle: E. Kilpatrick, O. Hodgkin, A. Charbonneau, S. Cooke, L. Laishley
Back: E. Godwin, E. Nichol, D. Young, A. Smith, J. Jamieson

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From left to right: H. Henderson, J. Hartley, A. Buchanan (Captain), H. Arkely, A. Henderson
Middle: S. Peck, R. Bryson (Coach), D. Grauer
Back: T. Wilkinson, F. Newcombe

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1925 Men's Championship Rideau Aquatic Club Roster



Albert T. Charbonneau (1903–1986)

Albert Charbonneau, team captain, grew up on Cathcart Street and was the son of Maxime Charbonneau, a World War I veteran, and Mae Lamoureux. In 1925, he became a two-time national champion with the Rideau Canoe Club, winning in both basketball and war canoe. After Lisgar, he built a career as an electrician, working in Sudbury before returning to Ottawa, where he lived on Cooper Street.



Don Young (1906–1988)

Don Young, a cousin of basketball inventor James Naismith, was born in Almonte and raised in Ottawa. At 19, he led the Rideau Aquatic Club's defence to the 1925 Canadian Senior Basketball Championship and later won Grey Cups with the Ottawa Rough Riders. He starred in multiple sports at McGill medical school and served overseas with the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps in World War II, receiving the Order of the British Empire.



Eric Nichol (1906–1970)

Eric Nichol, a standout centre, famously hit a half-court buzzer-beater in a tune-up game before the 1925 championship. A top academic at Lisgar, he studied medicine at Queen's University, excelling in boxing, rugby, and basketball. During World War II, he served as a surgeon in the Canadian Army Medical Corps in Britain and Belgium, where he married fellow army nurse Bernice Marion Hampton.



Alexander "Boots" Smith (1902–1963)

"Boots" Smith lived on Frank Street while attending Lisgar and later won the 1927 Stanley Cup as a defenceman with the Ottawa Senators. Alongside the 1925 basketball championship, he enjoyed a 20-year professional hockey career in the NHL and other major leagues. His career included stints with Ottawa, Detroit, Boston, and the New York Americans.



John Cameron "Jake" Jamieson (1905–1958)

Jake Jamieson attended Queen's University before recovering from a serious football injury to later quarterback the Ottawa Rough Riders. In 1936, he joined the University of Alberta as a coach and soon became its first full-time Athletics Director. During World War II, he served in the Royal Canadian Air Force and later settled in Minnesota, teaching English and psychology.



Edwin Godwin (1905–1954)

Edwin Godwin grew up on McLeod Street and was the son of an English-born father and U.S.-born mother. A multi-sport athlete at Lisgar, he became a two-time national champion with the Rideau Canoe Club in 1925, winning in basketball and war canoe. He later lived in New Liskeard, Ontario.



Lyle Manuel Laishley (1906–c.1990s)

Lyle Laishley lived on Waverley Street during his years at Lisgar, where he served as Secretary of the Boys' Athletic Association. He married Ruth Anne Mainville of the Glebe in 1932 and remained active in the Ottawa community. His son, Lyle Mainville Laishley, went on to study engineering at Carleton and Queen's University.



John Eric Kilpatrick (1903–1971)

Born in Carleton Place, John Kilpatrick attended Lisgar and lived on Cambridge Street South. He later moved to London, Ontario, where he worked as a salesman, and eventually settled in Toronto. In 1933, he married Helen Gwendolyn McKinnon.

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Sidney Day Cooke (1904–1981)

Sidney Cooke was a two-time national champion with the Rideau Canoe Club in 1925, winning in both basketball and war canoe. He married Frances Vera Graham in 1928 and worked as an accountant for Noranda Mines in Quebec. He is buried at Beechwood Cemetery.



John Orville "Orrie" Hodgkin (1901–1973)

Orrie Hodgkin developed as an athlete at Lisgar and the Rideau Aquatic Club before shifting to team manager after an injury during the 1925 playoffs, helping guide the Rideaus to the national title. He became a longtime timer for the Ottawa Rough Riders at Lansdowne Park. During World War II, he served as a treasury officer in England, surviving a London bombing.

not pictured

Hervey Matheson Boyd (1893–1946)

Hervey Boyd, born in Canso, Nova Scotia, studied at St. Francis Xavier and Dalhousie and worked as a sports reporter for the Chicago Tribune. A World War I veteran, he later settled in Ottawa and worked for the Bureau of Statistics. He co-founded the Dominion Amateur Basketball Association, helping assemble the 1925 Rideau championship team



W.E. (Wesley Ernest) Gowling (1871–1958)

W.E. Gowling founded Gowling's Business College and the Rideau Aquatic Club after arriving in Ottawa in 1896. A school board trustee for 47 years, he championed education, and WE Gowling Public School was named in his honour. He was an early pioneer of Ottawa basketball, organizing teams through the YMCA, his college, and the Rideau club.



W.C. Sebright "Zebe" Gamble (1900–1956)

"Zebe" Gamble attended Lisgar before completing a degree and football career at McGill University. He later managed the Rideau Aquatic Club and coached the Ottawa Rough Riders in the late 1920s. He remained active in minor football and community service through the Kiwanis Club of Ottawa.

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1925 University of British Columbia Men's Basketball



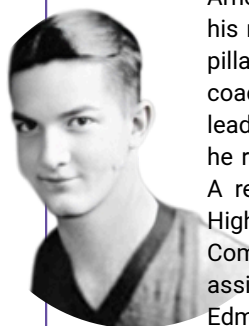
Dal Grauer (1906–1961)

Dal Grauer, a guard and former Alma Mater president, was known less for his basketball career and more for his brilliance as a BC business and civic leader. A Rhodes Scholar, he studied at UC Berkeley and Oxford, earning his PhD before teaching political science at the University of Toronto. He later returned to Vancouver, where he became CEO of BC Electric—predecessor to BC Hydro—and a major cultural figure. Grauer served as UBC Chancellor from 1957 until his passing in 1961.



Harold Reynolds Henderson "Big Henny" (1904–1974)

Harold "Big Henny" Henderson was one half of the famed 1925 "Henderson Brothers" combination, known for his strong shooting, skillful ball-handling and long reach. His aggressive, physical style made him a difficult forward to defend. Born to parents from Eastern Ontario, he grew up in Vancouver, where the Hendersons helped shape early UBC basketball. His youngest brother, Ralph "Hunk" Henderson, would later become a BC and UBC Hall of Famer.



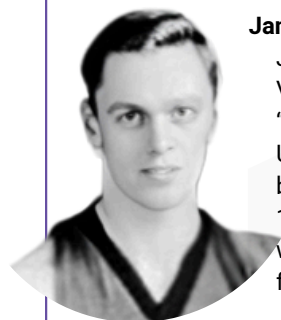
Arnold Henderson "Little Henny" (1907–1991)

Arnold "Little Henny" Henderson was known for his reach, strength, and steady play, becoming a pillar of UBC basketball. After graduating, he coached at UBC before moving to Edmonton to lead the University of Alberta men's team, where he reunited with Jake Jamieson of the Rideaus. A respected educator, he taught at McDougall High and later served as principal of Shepherd Composite High. He was also a longtime assistant to Percy Page with the legendary Edmonton Grads, helping prepare the team for its undefeated run at the 1926 Olympics.



Allen "Al" "Buck" Buchanan (1896–1987)

Al "Buck" Buchanan, team captain, was one of UBC's top all-around athletes, starring in both basketball and rugby. A student leader, he played a major role in the 1922 Great Trek, advocating for the development of the new Point Grey campus. After the 1925 season—when UBC still lacked a proper gym—he pursued graduate studies at UC Berkeley. There he became part of the Faculty of Economics.



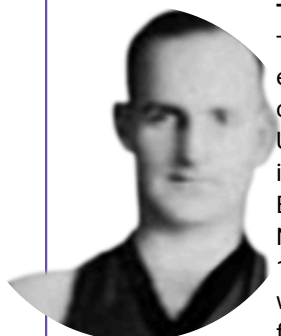
James Dadwell "Dad" Hartley (1902–c.1988)

James "Dad" Hartley, a forward from Victoria, was known for his accurate "pot-shot." He served as president of UBC's Class of 1926 and married fellow basketball player Marjorie Hastings in 1931. Hartley later settled in Trail, BC, where he worked as a chemical engineer for Consolidated Mining and Smelting.



Wallace Swansey Peck (1901–1978)

Born in Napanee, Ontario, Wallace Peck was known for his strong grip in tight spaces and his quick breaks to the basket. A 1925 UBC graduate, he completed his PhD at the University of Pittsburgh in 1927. He later worked for major industrial firms in New Jersey and remained active in professional chemistry organizations. Peck passed away in Augusta, Maine, in 1978.



Tommy George Wilkinson (1899–1946)

Tommy Wilkinson, a guard with exceptional speed and motor, also competed in soccer and briefly coached UBC's women's soccer team, which included his sister Jennie. The son of English immigrants who settled in Nanaimo, he graduated in the Class of 1926. Wilkinson later moved to Chicago, where he became Director of Advertising for a feed company.



Fred Ellis Newcombe (1904–1984)

Fred Newcombe, a forward, was known for his smooth shooting, strong back-checking, and all-around athletic ability. He starred in UBC basketball and soccer, held leadership roles in the Men's Athletic Society, and took part in the 1922 Great Trek. Newcombe built a long career with the Retail Credit Co., transferring from Vancouver to San Francisco in 1951. He died in California in 1984.

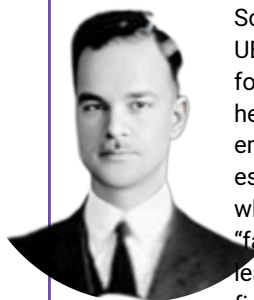
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Heileman "Heily" Osborne Arkley (1902–1987)

Heily Arkley was a fast, alert forward who excelled in combination play and maintained a relentless pace. A multi-sport athlete, he participated in the 1922 Great Trek and helped found UBC's Phi Gamma Delta chapter. Arkley remained a dedicated alumni supporter and longtime Lions Club volunteer. He continued to be associated with UBC athletics for decades.



Coach Ross Bryson

Coach Ross Bryson, a graduate of BC Normal School, was credited with shaping the 1925 UBC team into a disciplined, cohesive unit. A former star of earlier championship squads, he brought strategic insight and a strong emphasis on team-play. His coaching was especially evident in the win over the YMCA, where UBC beat their opponents at their own "fake-stall and quick-break" style. Bryson's leadership made him one of the foundational figures in early UBC basketball.



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