



ALLIANCE GAMEDAY GUIDE

RIVALRY GAME - JULY 23, 2025



Montréal



WELCOME TO VERDUN AUDITORIUM



VS



OTTAWA
BLACKJACKS

TIP-OFF: 7:30PM

GAME INFO

- ▶ **Entertainment:** DJ Blaze playing throughout the game
- ▶ **Halftime Show:** Special Dance Battle performance by Sean & Mass vs Hit & Intrikid
- ▶ **Watch Live:** RDS.ca, TSN+, CEBL+



RDS

TSN+





PLAYER TO WATCH

SASCHA KAPPPOS #35

The 6'10" center brings championship pedigree and steady veteran presence to the rotation. Kappos has established himself as a reliable two-way contributor across multiple international leagues, but his championship experience with Edmonton stands out most—he was part of the Stingers' historic back-to-back CEBL championships in 2020 and 2021. His ability to stretch the floor was on full display during his dominant 2022-23 campaign with Esgueira, where he shot an impressive 42.9% from three-point range while averaging 11.3 points and 4.2 rebounds per game. Kappos's extensive professional journey spanning six years and eight different teams, including championship success in Canada, has refined his basketball IQ and winning mentality. His combination of size, shooting touch, and championship experience makes him a valuable frontcourt piece who understands what it takes to compete at the highest level.



ABOUT THE VENUE

Verdun Auditorium

Capacity: 3500

Built: 1939



CONCESSIONS

- ▶ First 30 minutes after doors open: Michelob ULTRA and popcorn special - **\$5 each!**
- ▶ **Please Note:** The Auditorium is a cashless venue. All payments by card only.
- ▶ When the opposing team misses both free throws, watch the jumbotron for a promo code! Scan the QR code to download the Parma Café app, enter the code, and **get a free sandwich.**
- ▶ **Please Note:** Offer valid for the entire stadium when both free throws are missed.

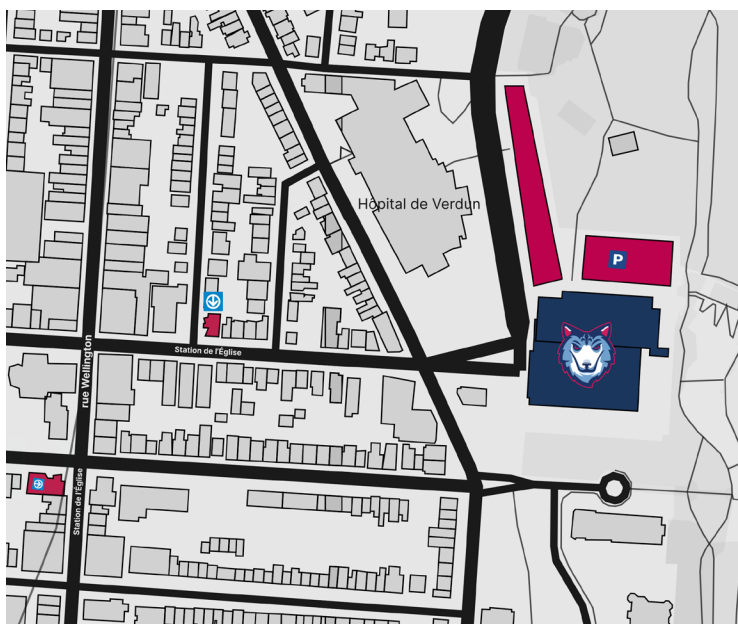


PARMA CAFÉ CONTEST

ALLIANCE BOUTIQUE

- ▶ **NEW LOCATION:** On the Mezzanine, located on the 2nd floor and courtside within the auditorium
- ▶ Full selection of Alliance merchandise, including our new **CONQUÊTE red collection**
- ▶ *Mini pop-up shop available after the game at the autograph area by the ticket booths*





GETTING HERE

- ▶ **Metro: Green line** - 5 minute walk from De L'Église station
- ▶ **Bus:** Routes 108, 38, 55, 61, 71
- ▶ **Train:** Hibernia Station (8 minute walk)

AROUND THE VENUE

What to do around the auditorium?

Visit Verdun's bars and restaurants, all less than 10 minutes walking distance from the Auditorium.

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ALLIANCE 2025 ROSTER



TAVIS SMITH

Position: Guard

Height: 6'1"

Weight: 177 lbs

Born: 17-09-1999

Hometown: Detroit, MI, USA

University: Belmont Abbey College (2016-2020)

KEVIN OSAWE

Position: Forward

Height: 6'7"

Weight: 216 lbs

Born: 23-09-1998

Hometown: Brampton, ON

University: Vincennes University (2018-2020), Western Kentucky (2020-2021), University of Arkansas - Little Rock (2021-2022), New Jersey Institute of Technology (2022-2023)



MICHAEL DIGGINS JR.

Position: Forward

Height: 6'9"

Weight: 186 lbs

Born: 11-01-1998

Hometown: Las Vegas, NV, USA

University: University of Illinois Chicago (2017-2022)

ABDUL MOHAMED

Position: Forward

Height: 6'7"

Weight: 190 lbs

Born: 03-12-1996

Hometown: Ottawa, ON

University: North Texas University (2018-2020), Montana State University (2020-2022)





QUINCY GUERRIER

Position: Forward

Height: 6'8"

Weight: 234 lbs

Born: 13-05-1999

Hometown: Montréal, QC

University: University of Syracuse (2019-2021),
Oregon University (2021-2023), University of Illinois (2023-2024)

TAVIAN DUNN-MARTIN

Position: Guard

Height: 5'8"

Weight: 160 lbs

Born: 16-03-1998

Hometown: Huntington, WV, USA

University: Akron (2016-2017), Duquesne (2018-2021),
Florida Gulf Coast University (2021-2022)



BEN STEVENS

Position: Center

Height: 6'10"

Weight: 234 lbs

Born: 21-05-1999

Hometown: Halifax, NS

University: Wilfrid Laurier University (2017-2023)

SULTAN HAIDER BHATTI

1st OVERALL PICK

Position: Forward/Guard

Height: 6'4"

Weight: 215 lbs

Born: 07/09/2001

Hometown: Montréal, QC

University: Brandon University (2021-2025)





MALCOLM DUVIVIER

Position: Guard

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 235 lbs

Born: 28-03-1995

Hometown: Toronto, ON

University: Oregon State University (2013-2016), Akron University (2017-2018)

ALAIN LOUIS

Position: Guard

Height: 6'1"

Weight: 187 lbs

Born: 25-01-1996

Hometown: Port-au-Prince, HTI

University: Carleton Ravens (2017-2022)



BRANDON PORTER

Position: Forward

Height: 6'9"

Weight: 200 lbs

Born: 17-08-1999

Hometown: Virginia Beach, VA, USA

University: University of Wyoming (2018-2020), California State Polytechnic University- Humboldt (2020-2023), California State Polytechnic University - Pomona (2023-2024)

BLONDEAU TCHOUKUIEGNO

Position: Guard

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 185 lbs

Born: 11-06-1999

Hometown: Montreal, QC

University: University of New Hampshire (2019-2022), California Baptist University (2022-2024)





NATE TSHIMANGA

Position: Center

Height: 6'10"

Weight: 230 lbs

Born: 8-07-2001

Hometown: Montreal, QC

University: Troy State University (2021-2023), Utah Valley
University (2023-2024), New Mexico State University (2024)

LIAM RIETSCHIN

20th OVERALL PICK

Position: Center

Height: 6'11"

Weight: 212 lbs

Born: 25/04/2001

Hometown: Toronto, ON

University: York University (2019-2025)



SHAMIEL STEVENSON

Position: Guard

Height: 6'6"

Weight: 240 lbs

Born: 24-04-1998

Hometown: Toronto, ON

University: University of Pittsburgh (2017-2019), University of Nebraska
(2020-2021)

SASCHA KAPPOS

Position: Center

Height: 6'10"

Weight: 229 lbs

Born: 26-07-1997

Hometown: Miami, FL, USA

University: Dalhousie University (2015-2020)





ALLIANCE 2025 COACHES



**JERMAINE
SMALL**
HEAD COACH



RYAN THORNE
BASKETBALL CONSULTANT



DAMIAN BUCKLEY
LEAD ASSISTANT COACH



JAHMAL JONES
ASSISTANT COACH



BINIAM GHEBREKIDAN
ASSISTANT COACH



QUESLY-MARIE NORESIAS
ASSISTANT COACH



KAZADI NYANGUILA
APPRENTICE COACH

ABOUT THE CEBL

- ▶ Only North American league recognized by FIBA
- ▶ 12 players with NBA experience in the 2024 season
- ▶ 75% of players are Canadian
- ▶ League founded in 2017, first season played in 2019
- ▶ 10 teams across Canada in Eastern and Western Conferences
- ▶ Championship Weekend is the season culmination, featuring conference finals, championship game, and cultural celebration

CEBL RULES: THE TARGET SCORE BASKETBALL'S MOST EXCITING FINISH!

GAME CLOCK STOPS WITH 4 MINUTES REMAINING IN 4TH QUARTER

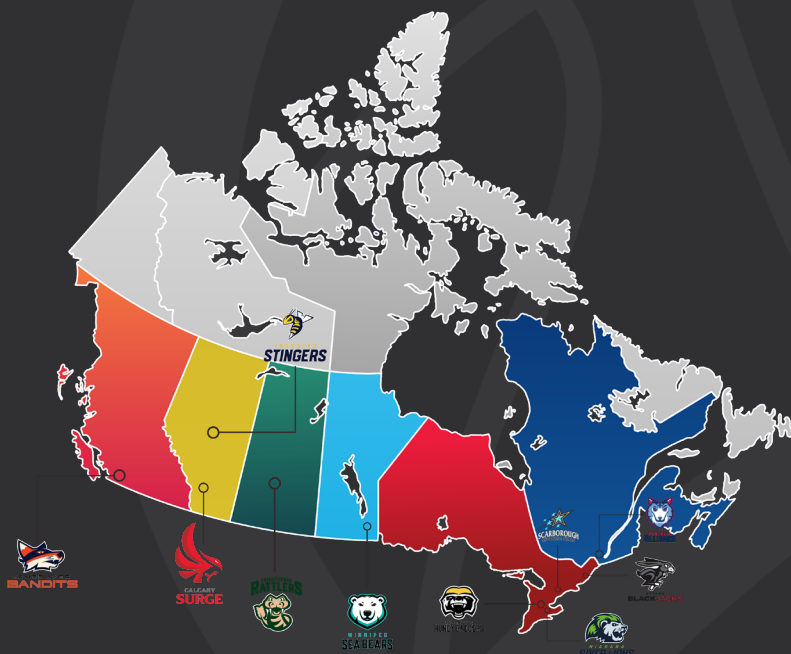
TARGET SCORE = LEADING TEAM'S SCORE + 9 POINTS

FIRST TEAM TO REACH THE TARGET SCORE WINS

NO MORE STRATEGIC TIMEOUTS OR INTENTIONAL FOULS

COMEBACK OPPORTUNITIES UNTIL THE VERY END

EXAMPLE: IF THE SCORE IS 77-71, THE TARGET SCORE BECOMES 86



EASTERN CONFERENCE

- ▶ MONTRÉAL ALLIANCE
- ▶ BRAMPTON HONEY BADGERS
- ▶ NIAGARA RIVER LIONS
- ▶ OTTAWA BLACKJACKS
- ▶ SCARBOROUGH SHOOTING STARS

WESTERN CONFERENCE

- ▶ CALGARY SURGE
- ▶ EDMONTON STINGERS
- ▶ SASKATCHEWAN RATTLEERS
- ▶ VANCOUVER BANDITS
- ▶ WINNIPEG SEA BEARS

UPCOMING GAMES



VS SCARBOROUGH SHOOTING STARS

MTL TOGETHER

SUNDAY, JULY 27 | 3:00 PM | VERDUN AUDITORIUM

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VS BRAMPTON HONEY BADGERS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1 | 7:30 PM | VERDUN AUDITORIUM

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