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**The 2019 edition of the Montreal Open Goalball Tournament:  
a resounding success**  
An American final on the men's side



**Montreal, January 29th, 2019.** - The Quebec Blind Sports Association (Association sportive des aveugles du Québec or ASAQ)'s team is pleased to announce the success of the nineteenth edition of the Montreal Open Goalball Tournament (MOGT). This sporting event, considered one of the most important in North America, brought together thirteen North American teams who competed to win the title of best team of the year.

The great honors of the men's competition went to the Californian team Crown that won gold against the Goon Squad from Delaware 9 to 5. For its part, Alberta won the bronze medal against the British Columbian team 4 to 3.

On the women's side, it was the Ontario All Blacks team that left with the title of champion after defeating the Alberta team 10 to 4. Bronze went to British Columbia as a result of its victory against Nova Scotia 7 to 2.

The Quebec men's team composed of the athletes Bruno Haché, Simon Tremblay and Rakibul Karim finished in 8th position. "The guys played very well together, the chemistry was there between them, even in defeat. Being wounded all three, they have almost three weeks to recover before they leave for Detroit for their next competition, says Nathalie Séguin, head coach.

The Quebec Blind Sports Association (Association sportive des aveugles du Québec or ASAQ), hostess of this competition, would like to thank the commitment of some fifty volunteers who helped make this event a great success: referees, minor officials, volunteers at the reception and statistics, drivers, people in the kitchen and sheriff.

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**Men's final ranking:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Crown (California)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Goon Squad (Delaware)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Alberta
- 4<sup>th</sup> British Columbia
- 5<sup>th</sup> Nova Scotia
- 6<sup>th</sup> DC Eagles (Washington DC)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Titans (New Jersey)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Quebec**
- 9<sup>th</sup> All Blacks (Ontario)

**Women's final ranking:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> All Blacks (Ontario)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Alberta
- 3<sup>rd</sup> British Columbia
- 4<sup>th</sup> Nova Scotia

**The best scorers of the competition:**

Men: Josh Wellborn (Crown) with 42 goals in 7 games.

Women: Emma Reinke (All Blacks) and Maryam Salehizadeh (British Columbia) who counted 17 goals in 5 games.

The 34 games of goalball played during the two and a half days of competition impressed the spectators as well as the new volunteers. The complete statistics of the tournament are available on the official page of the [Montreal Open Goalball Tournament \(TOGM\)](#)