

Season Highlights

- Zhiyi Chen - first Ridgeback to qualify for an A flight final (Ryerson Open)
- First team victory at the OUA championship
- Championship debut at the Yonex Canadian National College-University Championship
- Zhiyi Chen - OUA Peak Performer - January 16

Award Winners

Women's Badminton

- MVP - Emilee Carmichael
- Leadership - Abigail Kawalec
- Rookie of the Year - Brittney Yiu

NuStadia Recreation Bursary - Abigail Kawalec

Men's Badminton

- MVP - Sheng Chen
- Leadership - Norbert Wojdylo
- Rookie of the Year - Zhiyi Chen

UOIT Male Freshman of the Year - Zhiyi Chen



**UOIT RIDGEBACKS
BADMINTON**

UOIT BADMINTON



WAYNE KING
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Head Coach
3rd Season
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King joined the Ridgebacks athletic department in 2016 as the inaugural UOIT badminton head coach.

King is well-known throughout the OUA having coached the Toronto Varsity Blues for 17 seasons. During those 17 seasons, Varsity Blues won two team championships (2003, 2013), earned one silver medal finish (2012) and won the bronze team medal on 10 occasions. He was named OUA coach of the year six times (1999, 2001, 2002, 2006, 2008 and 2013).

As a badminton player King had very limited experience – his elementary school was a small one room school where the only sports played were baseball, football and hockey on the playground and where a gymnasium was only something seen in books. As a young high school student (Brock DHS) King made only those teams which had no cuts (soccer, track and field and badminton) and was an enthusiastic member of all three. In later years he helped to start a badminton team program at Port Perry HS and thus began the coaching part of his badminton career.

After university studies, King started a small badminton club in Ajax at Harwood Special Vocational School where he coached that school's team from 1974 to 1986 – the vocational school was part of LOSSA and as such, qualified for OFSAA competition every season from 1978 to 1986, something that no other vocational school has ever done. In 1986 King moved to Ajax HS and continued to coach that school team from 1986 to 2010 and continued the Harwood Club program as well. During those years, Ajax athletes won four OFSAA individual A titles (Jamie Gardner/Ross Smith – 1988 boy's doubles, Tony Chan/Vikas Mohindra – 2001 boy's doubles and Nathaniel Allard – 2003, 2004 boy's singles) – and many other top-five finishes in the Ontario championship. And at the club level Harwood has produced many COBA champions, numerous Ontario champions and two Canadian champions (Heather van Patter – under 16 GD 1987, 1988, under 16 XD – 1988 and Nathaniel Allard – under 16 BD 2001). The usual memory of Harwood athletes forever has been athletes who respect their opponents, the tournament officials, their coaches and the sport itself and that has been the Harwood "brand" since its inception.

Within Ontario, King has coached COBA teams at the Ontario Winter games on three occasions, was COBA junior development chair from 1990 to 2001 and COBA president from 2002 – 2016, was selected in 1986 to represent Ontario as head coach for the two-month athlete/coach exchange with the high performance center in Jiangsu, China, is the only two-time recipient of the Keith Hollands Award given by Badminton Ontario for outstanding volunteer service to badminton in Ontario each season. King was also named Ontario Coach of the Year by Badminton Ontario on three occasions and was Ontario badminton team head coach at 1991 Canada Winter Games (Prince Edward Island).

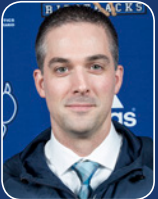
STATE OF THE ART FACILITIES



Athletics is a big part of student life on campus. UOIT is home to many state-of-the-art facilities including the Campus Recreation and Wellness Centre (CRWC). The facility is home to varsity athletics and has five gymnasiums totaling over 40,000 sq ft of playing area and can house over 3,000 spectators. UOIT athletes and students use the new Flex Centre for their weight and cardio-training. The building also features a dance studio, a full service athletic therapy clinic, training rooms and the campus health centre. UOIT is also home to the Campus Ice Centre and Campus Fieldhouse.

The CRWC is home to UOIT badminton, where the Ridgebacks hold their annual tournament as well as many high school invitionals. UOIT badminton players also have access to Elite Training Systems (ETS) in the CRWC, the stength and conditioning gym dedicated strictly to varsity athletes.

MEN'S BADMINTON



Doris Carrière
Assistant Coach



Jarod Witvoet
Assistant Coach



Julie Brooks
Assistant Coach

Andy Lam - Sparring Coach
Augusta Li - Sparring Partner



Joel Nyenhuis
Stratford, Ont.



Jonas Albaira
Whitby, Ont.



Nicholas Magee
Beeton, Ont.



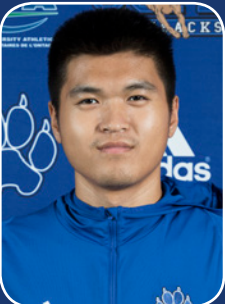
Norbert Wojdylo
Oshawa, Ont.



Sunardi Putra
Jakarta, Indonesia



Tanmay Karnavat
Brampton, Ont.



Tianjiao Zhang
Brampton, Ont.



Vincent Dai Yung Chan
Mississauga, Ont.



Wil Hausenblas
Elliot Lake, Ont.



Zhi Sheng Chen
Richmond Hill, Ont.



Zhiyi Chen
Richmond Hill, Ont.

WOMEN'S BADMINTON



Abigail Kawalec
Toronto, Ont.



Ashley Sun
Ottawa, Ont.



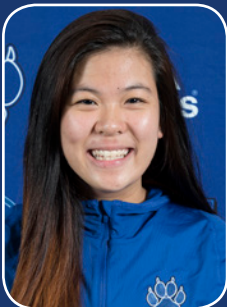
Bonnie Chung
Scarborough, Ont.



Brittney Yiu
Pickering, Ont.



Emilee Carmichael
Stouffville, Ont.



Katie Chung
Markham, Ont.



Shuyu Zhang
Mississauga, Ont.



Sierra Haller
Loretto, Ont.

