



## Ken Davies Memorial Award Winners Articles

2025 - **Dan Lewis**

It's our privilege to present the 2025 Ken Davies Memorial Award to an outstanding young leader—Daniel Lewis from Pakmen Volleyball Club.

Daniel has been a steady and inspiring force on his team since his early days as a 12U athlete. As a setter and captain, he has guided his team to multiple national medals and earned individual honours like 17U Nationals All-Star and Grand Prix All Star from 16-18U. His athletic achievements include being part of several Team Ontario programs and joining the National Excellence Program.



But Daniel's impact goes far beyond the court. He's spent countless hours mentoring younger athletes, coaching house league programs, and leading with humility and purpose. He's also an exceptional student and community leader, volunteering with church programs – including nursery care and youth service trips and is a Phys Ed Teachers Aid for younger students.

Respected for both his skill and his sportsmanship, Daniel embodies everything this award represents—leadership, dedication, and a genuine love for the game. He will continue his volleyball journey at the University of British Columbia, and we know he'll make a mark there just as he has here.

## 2024 - Chris Tautrimis

The 2024 Ken Davies Memorial Award is awarded to Chris Tautrimis in recognition of his exceptional leadership, sportsmanship, and unparalleled dedication to the sport.

Throughout his career with the Pakmen Volleyball Club, Chris has epitomized the essence of leadership, guiding his teams to unprecedented success across various age categories. From his early days in the 13U to the 18U level, Chris's leadership has fostered a positive team dynamic, leading to numerous provincial and national championships.



Chris has also excelled as a formidable beach volleyball player, accumulating a plethora of accolades that underscore his versatility and prowess in both disciplines. His representation of Ontario in both indoor and beach volleyball is a testament to an all-encompassing talent.

Beyond his on-court exploits, Chris's leadership extends to his involvement in the OVA Athletic Council, where he actively contributes to enhancing the athlete experience and shaping the future of volleyball in Ontario. His commitment to fostering a culture of inclusivity and excellence has earned him widespread respect from his peers and mentors alike.

Chris's sportsmanship is evident in every facet of his game, from his respectful demeanor towards opponents to his unwavering accountability and integrity. His ability to lead by example, coupled with his willingness to put the team's well-being above personal glory, exemplifies the true spirit of sportsmanship and camaraderie.

Reflecting on his numerous accomplishments, Chris's athletic prowess and achievements speak volumes of his dedication and passion for the sport. From earning spots on Team Ontario Elite and Team Ontario Beach to clinching provincial and national titles.

As Chris's journey in volleyball continues to progress as he bounds for Queen's University with the men's volleyball program, he leaves behind an impact on the OVA athlete community. He stands as a leading example of the values upheld by the Ken Davies, continuing an enduring legacy of this award.

## 2023 – Carter Sedgewick

Sedgewick, 17, is a student of the game; the first one to arrive and the last one to leave. As such, he is a natural leader for his Kingston Rock team and is someone who makes the time and effort to lift his peers up to a better version of themselves and to a standard that is mutual and reciprocated.

The first member of his club to be selected to Team Ontario Black and most recently Team Ontario Elite, Sedgewick has been a pivotal in the recent success of his club team which has gone to record highs in the 2022-23 season. At the top of his club's stats board in nearly every category, Sedgewick and the Kingston Rock 18U Boys team broke the barrier and competed in the Premier division for the first time in club history.

“I have also never seen someone so focused on doing whatever he can to help the team succeed and not worry about who gets the glory in the end,” said Kingston Rock coach, Tom Ellinson. “Carter is someone that consistently wants the most of both himself and those around him, and effectively finds ways to bring the best out of everyone that is a part of his life.”

His investment in sport, academics and good will trickles down to helping at the elementary school level with coaching as well as mentoring junior golfers and tutoring in his high school. In addition to being a highly talented volleyball player, Sedgewick is captain of his high school's hockey and ultimate frisbee teams.

Sedgewick will be attending Queen's University and will be representing the Gaels on the men's volleyball team.