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4. University of British Columbia
Ranked second last year

With all this talk of UBC's bid to join the NCAA, they aren't quite the cream of the CIS crop. Their athletic seasons fell a little short this year, and the Thunderbirds garnered less awards than the other top universities. Perhaps the conclusion of falling off the podium in this year's rankings is that most of their athletics facilities are being built in preparation for the 2010 Olympics. Being on the ocean, it's fitting that swimming is UBC's marquee event, and both their men's and women's squads earned gold at Nationals. But UBC's prosess don't stop at the shallow end of the lap pool. The female Thunderbirds also won gold in soucer and field hockey—which have been strong suits of the program for several years. The basketball and volleyball programs are solid enough to make a national impact, which means UBC is one of the better all-round schools in CIS, and their four titles are more than any other schools.

2. University of Calgary
Ranked fifth last year

Track and field, volleyball and wrestling were strong suits that put the Dinos on pace for a strong athletic year, as were their efforts in the pool. With really believing their ranking this year was a plethora of awards including two for football, three for swimming, two for track and two for wrestling. Jessica Zelinka was named female Field Athlete of the Year, while quarterack Dallas Tullaring was Rookie of the Year in football. With Calgary having such a strong year in 2006/07, the battle of Alberta for varsity athletics supremacy looks to heat up even more next year. A pair of silvers in swimming, a bronze in women's volleyball, and golds in women's wrestling and track gave the Dinos five National medals on the year—a number that tied them with Alberta.

3. Universite Laval
Ranked sixth last year

Laval was the only team from Quebec to crack the top ten in CIS this season, but they made a run for the top spot by winning the Vanier Cup in football in the fall and following that up with strong performances in the pool and on the volleyball court. If only team results were considered, the Rouge et Or would have been ranked second in the country, but they only managed to get three awards despite having a strong season. Their silver in women's volleyball and bronze in women's swimming bolstered their score significantly, as did Blue Hoeschele, who won libero of the Year in women's volleyball. Laval also scored a pair of Rookie of the Year honours, as Genevieve Thibault took it in women's track and field, and Jean-Francois Boucher-McBrien did so in men's basketball.

Method to the madness

Here's the simple universities were first assigned points based on how well their varsity teams fared at national championships—a points for a win, one less for each subsequent position up to nine. In some cases, only six or eight teams were considered because that's how many competed at Nationals. There was also a 1.5 times multiplier given to the seven seeded candidates in men's football, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's hockey and men's and women's volleyball. After points were assigned, awards that schools won this year were also considered. Performance-based awards (player, coach, rookie, position) were given five points while community, sportsmanship and academics were given three. All results are based on National results; conference records didn't come into play. So that's about its performance plus awards equals CIS dominance.