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**LAKE SUPERIOR BIATHLETES
SHINE AT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

***Haering Heads to Canmore After Strong Performance; Bergman
Impresses in Nationals Debut***

VALCARTIER, QC – The 2025 Canadian and North American Biathlon Championships saw Lake Superior Biathlon's Joel Haering and Ethen Bergman rise to the occasion, delivering performances that showcased their skill, endurance, and promise for the future of Canadian biathlon.

Haering's Steady Climb Before Canmore

At 19 years old, Haering entered the Junior Men's category, eager to test himself against some of North America's top developing athletes. He delivered a strong 6th-place finish in the 10 km sprint, posting a time of 31:07.3. Despite some struggles on the shooting range with two prone and four standing misses, his skiing strength kept him in the fight.

In the grueling 12.5 km pursuit, Haering clocked +3:37.8 behind the leader, securing a 7th-place finish. His consistency over four shooting stages highlighted his tactical growth and ability to recover mid-race.

The mass start event brought another strong performance, where Haering finished 11th overall with a time of 42:58.3. In a field of Canada's best juniors, he fought through challenging shooting conditions to claim a spot just outside the top ten. According to Lake Superior Biathlon Head Coach, Daniel Guay, Haering's final lap was nothing short of spectacular:

"Leaving the range on the final shooting stage with one miss, he managed to post the 3rd fastest final lap of 6:31.5, outpacing the lead, Jean-Nicolas de Broeck of Chelsea Nordiq, by 0.9 seconds. That is outstanding skiing performance."



Haering's biathlon season isn't over yet—fresh off Nationals, he traveled to Canmore, Alberta to compete in Nordic Canada's 2025 National Championships, representing Lakehead Thunderwolves. With a podium finish already under his belt from the 2025 Ontario University Athletics Nordic Championships in February, Haering will be looking to add more hardware to his collection.

Bergman Impresses in Nationals Debut

Meanwhile, Ethen Bergman, competing in the U17 Standing category, marked his first-ever appearance at Nationals with a determined effort. The transition to the national stage is no easy feat, but Bergman held his own among Canada's best young athletes.

His participation in Valcartier signals a bright future in the sport. With a full season of elite racing now under his belt, Bergman is expected to return stronger and more experienced in 2026.

Ontario's Biathlon Future Looks Bright

Both athletes showcased the strength of Lake Superior Biathlon and the Northwestern Ontario racing scene. Haering's ongoing campaign in Canmore will further cement his reputation as a dual Nordic and Biathlon competitor, while Bergman's debut experience sets the stage for continued development.

Next Up: Bruno's Invitational Cup at Kamview Nordic Centre

The excitement doesn't stop there—Lake Superior Biathlon will be hosting the 2025 Bruno's Invitational Cup at Kamview Nordic Centre on March 29, 2025. This highly anticipated event will bring together local and regional athletes for a thrilling competition to cap off the season.

With each passing race, Lake Superior Biathlon's athletes are proving that Northwestern Ontario is producing top-tier biathletes ready to challenge the best in the country.

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About Lake Superior Biathlon

Lake Superior Biathlon (LSB) is a premier biathlon club based in Thunder Bay, Ontario, dedicated to developing athletes in the demanding sport of biathlon, which combines cross-country skiing with rifle shooting. The club offers high-quality coaching, training programs, and competition opportunities for athletes of all levels, from grassroots to high-performance racing. LSB athletes compete at provincial, national, and international events, with many representing Ontario at the Canada Winter Games, North American Biathlon Championships, and Biathlon Canada-sanctioned races.

LSB proudly partners with Big Thunder Nordic Ski Club and Lappe Nordic Ski Club, two of Northern Ontario's top cross-country ski programs, providing athletes with world-class training environments and expert coaching. The club operates out of both the Kamview Nordic Centre and the Thunder Bay District Fish and Game Association, offering access to top-tier facilities for training and competitions. Superior Shores Gaming Association sponsors LSB, supporting athlete development, coaching programs, and travel to elite competitions.

Committed to fostering excellence, community, and youth development, Lake Superior Biathlon continues to grow the next generation of biathlon champions while promoting an active outdoor lifestyle.