



# Miles Pitassi

### Education

2023–2025 Master of Mathematics, David R. Cheriton School of Computer Science, University of

Waterloo, Ontario.
Advisor: Tim Brecht (brecht@uwaterloo.ca)

Topics: Explainable AI, Statistical Modeling, Hockey Analytics, Team and Player Evaluation and Strategy

2018–2021 Honours Business Administration (HBA), Ivey Business School, Western University, Ontario.

2016–2021 Bachelor of Engineering, Software Engineering, Western University, Ontario.

## Professional Experience

2025-Current Research Scientist Intern

Chicago Blackhawks



2023–2025 Research and Teaching Assistant

University of Waterloo



2021–2022 Associate - Corporate Strategy and Transaction Advisory

Richter Consulting



2020 Data Analyst Intern

Ontario Teacher's Pension Plan



2018, 2019 Personal Business Data Analyst Intern

TD Canada Trust



## **Publications**

Articles in Refereed Conference Proceedings

2025 Evan Iaboni, Sebastian Negulescu, Miles Pitassi, Amir Nazemi, Jerrin Bright, Vasyl Chomko, David A. Clausi, Sven Dickison and Tim Brecht, Position Paper: New Views of Shots - Towards Measures of Net Visibility and Reachability, Linköping Hockey Analytics Conference (LINHAC), [Link]. Evan Iaboni, Sebastian Negulescu, **Miles Pitassi**, Fauzan Lodhi, and Tim Brecht, Individual Puck Possessions Part I: Frequency, Duration, and Distance Travelled, *Linköping Hockey Analytics Conference, Research Track (LINHAC)*.

[Link]

Fauzan Lodhi, Sebastian Negulescu, **Miles Pitassi**, Evan Iaboni and Tim Brecht, Individual Puck Possessions Part II: Speed Bursts and Possession Times within Teams, *Linköping Hockey Analytics Conference, Research Track (LINHAC)*.

[Link]

2024 **Miles Pitassi**, Puck Possessions and Shot Quality in Ice Hockey, *Master's Thesis, University of Waterloo*.

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**Miles Pitassi**, Evan Iaboni, Fauzan Lodhi and Tim Brecht, Examining the Impact of Traffic on Shot Attempts in Ice Hockey, *International Sports Analytics Conference and Exhibition (ISACE25)*.

[PDF available on request] (accepted)

**Miles Pitassi**, Tim Brecht and Mingyue Xie, Puck Possessions and Team Success in the NHL, *Linköping Hockey Analytics Conference, Research Track (LINHAC)*. [Link]

**Miles Pitassi** and Robin Cohen, Advancing NHL Analytics through Explainable AI, *Canadian AI Conference (CAIAC)*.

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## Conference Presentations

- Sep 2025 **Examining the Impact of Traffic on Shot Attempts in Ice Hockey**, accepted for presentation (upcoming) at *International Sports Analytics Conference and Exhibition (ISACE25)*, Boston, USA.
  - 2024 **Puck Possessions and Team Success in the NHL**, presented at *Linköping Hockey Analytics Conference (LINHAC)*, Linköping, Sweden.

**Advancing NHL Analytics through Explainable AI**, presented at *Canadian AI Conference (CAIAC)*, Guelph, Canada.

#### Awards

- 2024 Recipient of the *Rico Mariani 2SLGBTQ+ Graduate Award* (\$5000), awarded to a graduate student demonstrating outstanding academic merit and advocacy for 2SLGBTQ+ communities.
- 2020 Selected for a *Top Capstone Project* in Western Engineering for "SafeSpace" a full-stack mental health mobile app developed using Node.js, Swift, TensorFlow.js, and Express.js.
- 2016 Awarded the **4-Year UWO Admission Scholarship** for entering with a 95%+ average, recognizing academic excellence upon admission to Western University.

## Teaching Assistantship

- Winter 2024 **CS230: Introduction to Computers and Computer Applications**, *University of Waterloo*, Instructional Apprentice Delivered tutorials and a guest lecture, developed teaching materials, and supported course delivery. Received perfect evaluation scores and frequent commendations for instructional clarity and engagement.
  - Fall 2023 **CS115: Introduction to Computer Science 1**, *University of Waterloo*, Led tutorials, held office hours, and supported assessments. Rated 5.0 with strong student feedback highlighting clear explanations and responsiveness..

Spring 2023 CS240: Data Structures and Data Management, University of Waterloo, Provided tutorial support and office hours for a core data structures course. Consistently rated 5.0/5.0, with student comments emphasizing effectiveness in breaking down complex concepts.

# Service & Leadership

2024–Present Volunteer Tutor, Parkdale Project Read — Provide weekly one-on-one tutoring to adult learners in literacy and numeracy. Support goal-based learning with a trauma-informed, learner-centered approach. Engage in community-building activities and adapt instructional strategies to diverse learning needs.

### Referees

#### Dr. Tim Brecht

Adjunct Professor, David R. Cheriton School of Computer Science University of Waterloo 

Dr. Jesse Hoey Professor, David R. Cheriton School of Computer Science ⋈ jesse.hoey@uwaterloo.ca

### Dr. George Labahn

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