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## Saskatchewan Sport Awards Finalists

Sask Sport Inc. is pleased to announce the finalists for the 2007 Athlete of the Year Awards and the recipients of the Saskatchewan Volunteer Recognition Awards. The awards will be presented at the Saskatchewan Sport Awards Banquet on Wednesday, March 19, 2008 at the Conexus Arts Centre in Regina. The awards are designed to recognize outstanding achievements in amateur sport as well as the generous individuals who volunteer their time and talents to the betterment of amateur sport.

The Athlete of the Year Awards are divided into six categories: Master, Youth Male, Youth Female, Male, Female, and Team. Nominees for the Athlete of the Year Awards are submitted to the Sask Sport Inc. Awards and Recognition Committee by the Provincial Sport Governing Bodies. This year, the committee received 36 nominations for the Athlete of the Year Award, from which three finalists were selected for each category. The volunteer Presidents of the Provincial Sport Governing Bodies and the Saskatchewan sports media will then vote to select a recipient in each category. The votes will be compiled and audited by The Virtus Group and the recipients will be declared at the awards banquet.

In addition, there are 3 Volunteer Recognition Award recipients selected by the Sask Sport Inc. Awards and Recognition Committee from a total of 14 nominations.

Special thanks to the award sponsors: Global TV, McMaster Photographers, Saskatchewan Lotteries and the Canadian Sport Centre Saskatchewan.

To obtain tickets for the banquet contact Kara Wytrykus in Regina at (306) 780-9318 or Joelle Buckle in Saskatoon at (306) 975-0893.

**We look forward to seeing you at the Saskatchewan Sport Awards to salute Saskatchewan's Best in 2007!**

The finalists for the Athlete of the Year Award are:

**Master:**

**Mickey Kupchyk**, Regina, Saskatchewan Amateur Speed Skating Association  
**Carol Lafayette-Boyd**, Regina, Saskatchewan Athletics  
**Fiona Vincent**, Regina, Canoe Kayak Saskatchewan

**Youth Male:**

**Jayd Lukenchuk**, Saskatoon, Gymnastics Saskatchewan  
**Connor Malloy**, Regina, Saskatchewan Amateur Wrestling Assoc.  
**Shylo Wolff**, Saskatoon, Canoe Kayak Saskatchewan

**Youth Female:**

**Melissa Armstrong**, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan Baseball Assoc.  
**Trista Neilly**, Saskatoon, Canoe Kayak Saskatchewan  
**Jacqueline Rennebohm**, Regina, Swim Saskatchewan Inc.

**Male:**

**Jeff Adamson**, Grasswood, Saskatchewan Amateur Wrestling Association  
**Teale Orban**, Regina, Football Saskatchewan  
**Lucian Phillips**, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan Taekwon-Do Federation International Inc.

**Female:**

**Kia Byers**, Regina, Canoe Kayak Saskatchewan  
**Ilana Duff**, Bradwell, Saskatchewan Wheelchair Sports Assoc.  
**Kelsie Hendry**, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan Athletics

**Team:**

**Bruno Axemen Broomball Team**, Saskatchewan Broomball Association  
**Prince Albert Mintos 'AAA' Midget Hockey Club**, Saskatchewan Hockey Association  
**Saskatoon Hilltops Football Club**, Football Saskatchewan

The recipients of the **Volunteer Recognition Award** are:

**David Dice**, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan Athletics  
**Floyd Fry**, Regina, Canoe Kayak Saskatchewan  
**Leanne Smith**, Saskatoon, Synchronic Saskatchewan

Biographies on all the finalists and nominees for the Athlete of the Year Awards and the recipients of the Volunteer Recognition Awards can be found at [www.sasksport.sk.ca](http://www.sasksport.sk.ca).

## Sask Sport Inc. November Athletes of the Month

The Saskatoon Hilltops Football Club was named the Athlete of the Month for November 2007. The team finished 2nd during the regular season of the six-team Prairie Football Conference (PFC). During the PFC Final match, the Hilltops defeated the Edmonton Wildcats to win the title. The team also captured their 13th Canadian Junior Football League Canadian Bowl Championship after defeating the St. Leonard Cougars. The Hilltops were nominated by Football Saskatchewan.

## Sask Sport Inc. December Athlete of the Month

Andrew Makosiej of Saskatoon was named the Athlete of the Month for December 2007. At the 2007 Scotia Bank Prairie Winter International competition, Makosiej, 14, won gold in the 200 Free, the 1500 Free, the 200 IM and the 400 IM. He also won 3 silver medals in the 400 Free and the 100 and 200 Fly, and placed 4th in the 100 Back. Makosiej set a Meet Record and a provincial record in the 13 and 14 Male 400 Free. In all 8 events, Makosiej set a personal best. 50 athletes participated in Makosiej's level at the competition. Makosiej's results qualify him to compete at the 2008 Western Canadian Championships in Victoria. He was nominated by Swim Saskatchewan.

## Administration Centre Office Space

The Administration Centre for Sport, Culture, and Recreation currently has a unique office space vacant at the 1870 Lorne Street location in Regina to be filled by a sport, culture, or recreation organization. Available is a 600 square foot room with high ceilings that could be used in a variety of ways (previously used as a library). Additionally there are a variety of individual offices available for rent at 1870 Lorne Street, 2205 Victoria Ave in Regina, and at 510 Cynthia Street in Saskatoon. For more information on availability of office space in the Admin Centre buildings, or if you would like to view available space, please contact Murray Duke in Regina at 780-9377 or Ron Thompson in Saskatoon at 975-0821.

## Employment Opportunity

Sask Sport Inc. is currently seeking a full time Fund Development Manager to be located out of our Regina office. The Fund Development Manager is responsible to create, coordinate, and manage all of Sask Sport's fund development activities. For a full description of the job, including qualifications and application details, please visit our website at [www.sasksport.sk.ca/jobs.php](http://www.sasksport.sk.ca/jobs.php).



## Building Communities Through Respect Education

Saskatchewan credit unions have a history of investing in their communities. This commitment to social responsibility has been exhibited through their sponsorship of Respect in Sport and the RespectED for Sport, Culture, & Recreation Support Line.

Respect in Sport delivers powerful and engaging, internet-based training to community and sport organizations. This online training promotes respect, prevents abuse, and works to ensure the certification of coaches, recreation leaders, and volunteers.

The RespectED for Sport, Culture & Recreation Support line was created through a successful collaboration of the Canadian Red Cross, Sask Sport, SaskCulture, and Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association. The toll-free Support Line is available to adults involved with sport, culture, and recreation, such as coaches/leaders, board members, parents, spectators or other concerned adults. Callers receive information, support, advice, and referral to appropriate authorities as necessary.

Youth and family are important to Saskatchewan credit unions. As the Presenting Sponsor of both Respect in Sport and the Support Line, they have the potential to positively impact thousands of youth and their families in Saskatchewan with the message of respect.

"Saskatchewan credit unions are proud to sponsor Respect in Sport and the Support line," says Keith Nixon, Executive Vice-president of Democratic Support and Corporate Secretary of SaskCentral. "We believe that this training and support will provide coaches, officials, parents and volunteers with the knowledge needed to encourage a safe and respectful environment for youth in sport."

The Canadian Red Cross, Respect in Sport, Sask Sport and all of the partners of the Support Line are extremely grateful for the generous sponsorship provided by Saskatchewan credit unions. Thank you Saskatchewan credit unions for exhibiting your commitment to communities.

If you are a concerned adult who would like support with an issue relating to abuse, bullying, harassment or hazing in sport, culture or recreation, please call the Support Line at 1-866-733-5777 or email [rdcross@sasktel.net](mailto:rdcross@sasktel.net). For more information about Respect in Sport please visit [www.respectinsport.com](http://www.respectinsport.com). To learn more about Saskatchewan credit unions visit [www.saskcu.com](http://www.saskcu.com).



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## Mission Staff for the 2009 Canada Summer Games Wanted

Team Saskatchewan is currently accepting applications for Mission Staff for the 2009 Canada Summer Games which will be held in Prince Edward Island. Application deadline is **Friday, February 29, 2008**. For more information please contact the Saskatchewan Games Council at 780-9357.

## Good Coaching Nurtures Optimal Growth and Development of Children and Youth

According to research highlights by the Coaching Association of Canada (CAC), good coaches help a child to grow, develop, and enjoy sports. In order to assist coaches in Canada, General Motors of Canada and the CAC provided 60 \$2,000 grants for coach skill development over the past year.

The grants are part of Making Dreams Possible, a program developed by GM in cooperation with the CAC. Making Dreams Possible is designed to support coaches of Olympic and Paralympic sports at the high performance and community levels.

Over the next three years, the Making Dreams Possible program will provide a minimum of 100 grants of \$2,000 each annually for coach development in local communities, and ten grants of \$10,000 each annually to high performance athletes and their coaches. These grants will be used to fund special projects that develop the skills and abilities of elite and community level coaches.

Applications can be submitted by high performance athletes and their coaches for the elite grants. Head coaches, technical directors or the president of local sports clubs can apply for local sport club coaching grants. Application forms can be found at [www.thedriveison.ca](http://www.thedriveison.ca). The next wave of local sport club and high performance applications closes on February 14, 2008, with grants to be awarded in May.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### Saskatchewan Coaches Conference



May 23 & 24, 2008  
Regina Inn, Regina, Saskatchewan  
Keynote presenter – Istvan Bayli, one of the world's leading experts on periodization (planning) of athletic development.

**Watch for further conference details.**

## Team Saskatchewan Chef de Mission Announced for the 2009 Canada Summer Games

The Saskatchewan Games Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Lorne Lasuita as Chef de Mission for Team Saskatchewan at the 2009 Canada Summer Games. The games will be held August 15-29, 2009 in Prince Edward Island.

Currently the Provincial Games Consultant for the Saskatchewan Games program, Lasuita brings a wealth of experience to Team Saskatchewan. He previously served as Chef de Mission for the 1991 and 1995 Western Canada Summer Games and the 1999 Canada Winter Games. He has also held appointments as the Assistant Chef de Mission and Mission Staff for Team Saskatchewan at both the Western Canada Summer Games and the Canada Games. At the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Lasuita represented Team Canada as a member of the Canadian Mission Staff. During the 2005 Canada Summer Games in Regina, Lasuita served as the Senior Manager responsible for the Sport, Athlete Services, and Medical divisions.



## Saskatchewan Athletics Coaching Symposium

The Saskatchewan Athletics Coaching Symposium 2008: Insights into World Class Coaching will be held March 21-23 in Regina and March 28-30 in Saskatoon. Coaches of all sports are invited to attend the event. The symposium features National, Olympic, and World Championship coaches, including Gary Winckler, Irving Schexnayder, Wynn Gmitroski, Dan Pfaff, and Kevin Tyler. For more information, visit [www.saskathletics.ca](http://www.saskathletics.ca) or contact Nathan Lennie of Saskatchewan Athletics at [speedandpower@sasktel.net](mailto:speedandpower@sasktel.net).

## Sask Sport Admin Centre Videoconference Pricings

The Sask Sport Admin Centre has set a rate structure for the videoconferencing services at its offices in Regina (1870 Lorne St.) and Saskatoon (510 Cynthia St.). The cost for videoconferencing services, effective as of January 1, 2008, are as follows: first hour, no charge; one to three hours, \$50; over three hours, \$100. Normal boardroom booking charges also apply.

For more information about the Sask Sport Admin Centre videoconferencing services, contact Kevin Gilroy, Administration Manager, at (306) 780-9319 or [kgilroy@sasksport.sk.ca](mailto:kgilroy@sasksport.sk.ca).