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Athlete of the Year Announced

The Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association is pleased to announce its male and female Athletes of the Year.

The Super 8 – Super 8, is a collection of outstanding male and female athletes from across Manitoba. A male and female athlete in each of the four MHSAA competition categories has been selected.

The “A” Male Athlete of the year (for schools with a population of under 125 students) is **Dylan Thornborough of Glenboro Collegiate**. Dylan participates in Volleyball, Basketball, Baseball, Golf, Hockey, Badminton and Track and Field. He is captain of both the Volleyball and Basketball teams and assistant captain of the hockey team. He was selected as a Zone 6 All Star in Volleyball, a graduating All Star in Basketball, as well as an all star at the Provincial Championship Basketball Championships which his team won. Dylan manages to maintain an 87% average and also referees basketball and volleyball.

The “AA” Male Athlete of the year (rural schools, 125-300, and Winnipeg schools under 100 students) is **Zachary Beazley of Killarney Collegiate**. Zach participates in Volleyball, Basketball, Baseball and Track and Field. He was named as the “AA” Basketball Player of the Year, as well as a graduating All Star in Basketball. He was selected as an All Star at the AA Provincials, and MVP or All Star at several Basketball and Volleyball tournaments. Zach is also active in the High School Concert and Jazz Band and coaches the grade 5 and 6 boy’s basketball team.

The “AAA” Male Athlete of the year (rural schools over 300, Winnipeg schools - 100-500 students) is **Churchill High School’s Evan Gill**. Evan participates in Football, Basketball, Rugby and Hockey. He was team captain for the Bulldogs Football Team where he was also selected as a league All Star. Evan was captain of his Basketball team, and was selected as an All Star in five tournaments, and as a first year hockey player, he was third in scoring on his team which won their Division City Championship. Evan was also a Lineman coach this past spring at the JV Football Camp and Assistant Coach of the Varsity Girls Basketball Team.

The “AAAA” Male Athlete of the Year (Winnipeg, Brandon and larger schools over 500 students) is **Ben Allen of Kelvin High School**. Ben was captain of the Football, Track and Field, and Soccer Teams. He was the Offensive Player of the Year in the Winnipeg High School Football League, and a member of the League Honour Roll. He captured three events at the Provincial High School Track and Field Championships, the 100, 200 and Long Jump, and was selected Varsity Boys Athlete of the Meet. He led his soccer team to an undefeated league. He also participated in the Canada Games for Soccer where he was the top scorer.



The Girls Super 8 – Super 8 include:

Paige Murray of the Glenboro Panthers is the girls “A” Athlete of the Year (for schools with a population of under 125 students). Paige participated in Golf, Cross Country Running, Volleyball, Basketball, and Track and Field. She was top scorer on her basketball team and an All Star in the Provincial Bronze Medal game which they won. She was selected as a Provincial All Star, and named a graduating Basketball All Star as well. She was Student Council Secretary and also serves on a number of committees in school and score keeps and referees Volleyball and Basketball.

The “AA” (rural schools, 125- 300, Winnipeg schools under 100 students) winner is **Brynna Walker of Souris School**. Brynna was captain of her Volleyball, Basketball and Rugby and was a Manitoba Graduating All Star in both Volleyball and Basketball. She received All Star and MVP Awards at Basketball and Volleyball Provincials. The Souris Sabers Volleyball team came in fourth at Volleyball Provincials, while the Basketball team captured silver. Brynna is Student Council President and officiated middle years Volleyball, Basketball and Track.

The “AAA” (rural schools over 300, Winnipeg schools 100-500 students) nominee is **Chloe Reimer of Sanford Collegiate**. Chloe participates in Cross Country, and Track and Field while also being captain of both the Varsity Girls Volleyball and Basketball teams. She was MVP of the “AAA” Volleyball Provincials which her school captured, and also an All Star in the Basketball Provincials. She was named as a graduating All – Star in Volleyball and Basketball and also a member of the All Manitoba High School Volleyball team. She is involved in the Student Athletic Council and volunteers on several programs, and was recently selected as a MHSAA Scholar Athlete.

The “AAAA” (Winnipeg, Brandon and larger schools over 500 students) Athlete of the Year is **Stephanie Kleysen of Vincent Massey Collegiate**. Stephanie was a graduating All Star in both Volleyball and Basketball and named All Star in several tournaments in both sports. She was ranked as the Player of the Year in “AAAA” Basketball, as well as in the Coaches Poll. She was Most Valuable Player of the Provincial “AAAA” Basketball Championships which her team captured for the third straight year. She was recognized with the Players Choice Award at Basketball Provincials. Stephanie also represented Manitoba at the Canada Games as a member of the Basketball team and was recently selected as an MHSAA Scholar Athlete.

Each member of the Super 8 – Super 8 will receive a watch courtesy of Super 8 Motels in Manitoba.

The Jostens Male and Female Athlete of the Year will receive a plaque and ring courtesy of Jostens Canada.

The Jostens 2010 Female High School Athlete of the Year Stephanie Kleysen of Vincent Massey Collegiate, while the Jostens 2010 Male High School Athlete of the Year is Ben Allen of Kelvin High School.

The 2009-10 winners were Julie Paradine of Major Pratt School in Russell while the Male Athlete of the Year was Bobby Neufeld of Goose Lake High School in Roblin.

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