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High School Hockey Awards Presented

Amanda Pushka of the Oak Park Raiders and Andrew Miskiewicz of the Stonewall Rams were multiple winners as the Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association recognized a number of high school student hockey players on Monday with scholarships and awards.

The **Winnipeg Jets Alumni and Friends** provide two (2) \$1,000.00 scholarships, one to a male and one to a female high school hockey player.

Amanda Pushka of the **Oak Park Raiders Girls Hockey Team** is this year's recipient. Amanda helped lead the Raiders to a fourth place finish in overall standings and to the league championship title this season. She had goals against average of 1.19 during the playoffs. In addition to hockey, Amanda was also captain of her varsity volleyball team. Her overall record was 12 wins 3 losses and a tie, and had five shutouts, and also received the outstanding goaltender award at the Husky Classic Tournament. She also played community hockey with the Assiniboine Park Rangers AA team.

Andrew Miskiewicz of the **Stonewall Rams** is the boy's winner. He was assistant captain of the team and also part of Stonewall's Football Team. In addition he maintains a 96% average and is member of the student leadership team and a peer tutor. When he is not skating on the ice, he also prepares the ice, by driving the Zamboni at the local arena in Stony Mountain. He has also mentored many younger officials as a referee.

The Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame and Museum sponsors two (2) awards for high school hockey players. The Ken "Friar" Nicolson Award is named in honour of former CJOB Radio Winnipeg Jets Play by Play Broadcaster, Ken Nicolson who was a tremendous supporter of High School Hockey, and the girls award named in honour of Sami Jo Small who won MHSAA Athlete of the Year and Scholar Athlete Award in 1994 while a student at College Jeanne-Sauvé. Sami Jo also represented Canada at three Olympic Games with the Canadian Women's Hockey Team.

The Winner of the 2011 **Ken "Friar" Nicolson Award** is **Andrew Miskiewicz** of **Stonewall Collegiate**. In addition to his leadership skills, Andrew is also a member of other school programs including the Remembrance Day Services, peer tutor, and referees. He has great work habits, and a great attitude that earned him Stonewall Collegiate Student of the Year last year.

Nikki Bell of **Sanford Collegiate** is the winner of the **Sami-Jo Small Award**. Nikki, who averages 91%, was assistant captain, and her coaches states "she is there 110% of the time, and has contributed greatly over her four years". She is also an assistant coach for the JV Girls Basketball Team and is on the athletic council at the school. She was the team's leading goals and assist scorer.



Local Physiotherapist D'Arcy Bain sponsors a \$500.00 scholarship named in honour of long time Winnipeg High School Hockey Coach from St. John's Ravenscourt School, Fred Stevenson. The **D'Arcy Bain/Fred Stevenson Award** goes to **Addison Cullen** of the **Glenboro/Carberry Wildcats Hockey Team**. Addison finished the season with 27 points in 35 games and is a plus 5 who was only assessed 8 minutes in penalties. He is one of the top defencemen, and on the powerplay first unit. Addison is involved in almost every sport offered at Glenboro School, and is a member of the golf, volleyball and hockey teams this year and will also be part of the badminton, baseball and track teams. He is co-president of the student council and was captain of the volleyball team and assistant captain on the hockey team.

Alexander Josephson, was a high school hockey player from St. John's Ravenscourt who tragically passed away in a car accident in 2005. Alex was a member of the 2003 Provincial High School Championship team and was selected as a Provincial All-Star. Friends and family have put together a scholarship in his honour, and will present a male and female hockey player each with a \$2,000.00 Scholarship. The 2011 Alexander Josephson Memorial Scholarship winners are **Andrew Miskiewicz of Stonewall Collegiate Rams, and Amanda Pushka of the Oak Park Raiders**.

The **Ed Belfour Hockey Award** is for the outstanding player in Manitoba high school hockey. This award is named in honour of former Carman Collegiate Goaltender, Ed Belfour who played two years of high school hockey, along with college hockey at the University Of North Dakota and a number of NHL Teams.

This year's winner is **Kole Harvey** of the **Virden Collegiate Golden Bears**. Kole was captain of his team and scored 42 goals and 40 assists in 37 games. He led the Westman High School Hockey League with 24 goals and 23 assists and recognized as the league top scorer. Kole received games stars at each of the four tournaments they participated in, and was named most valuable player of the Westman High School Hockey League All-Star Game. He was selected as Rural High School Athlete of the Week, and was ranked in the top ten high school player poll. Kole also plays high school volleyball, football, soccer, badminton and track, and is an overall leader at school participating in the Winter Carnival, helping coach youth soccer, teaching swimming and looking after injured horses. He also helps out with breakfast club at the local arena and leads by example.

There are approximately 100 schools participating in high school hockey in Manitoba and there are currently leagues in Winnipeg, Zone 4 (Carman, Winkler, and Portage) and Westman ranging from Virden to Brandon to Dauphin.

The Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association is a voluntary not for profit organization, coordinating school sports in the Province.

Winnipeg Jet's Alumni and Friends Scholarship winners are:
Amanda Pushka – Oak Park Raiders and Andrew Miskiewicz – Stonewall Rams

The Ken "Friar" Nicolson Award winner is Andrew Miskiewicz – Stonewall Rams
Sami Jo Small Award winner is Nikki Bell – Sanford Sabers

D'Arcy Bain/Fred Stevenson Award winner is Addison Cullen – Glenboro/Carberry Wildcats
Alexander Josephson Award winners are:
Andrew Miskiewicz – Stonewall Rams and Amanda Pushka – Oak Park Raiders



Ed Belfour Hockey Award winner is Kole Harvey – Virden Golden Bears

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