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High School Athletes of the Year Selected

The Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association, with support from Jostens and Super 8, are pleased to announce the 2011 Jostens Manitoba High School Athletes of the Year, as well as the "Super 8-Super 8", athlete of the year, in each of our competition classifications.

The "A" category is for rural schools with student populations of under 125 students, the "AA" category is for city of Winnipeg schools with student populations of under 100 students plus rural schools of 125 – 300 students. The "AAA" category includes all Winnipeg Schools with populations of 100-500 students plus rural school with student enrolment over 300 students, while the "AAAA" category includes all city of Winnipeg schools with a population of over 500 students as well as Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive, Crocus Plains and Vincent Massey from Brandon, Garden Valley-Winkler, Portage Collegiate, Stonewall Collegiate, Springfield Collegiate, and Steinbach Regional School.

The 2011 "Super 8-Super 8" are:

"A" Girls – **Courtney Van De Kerckhove of Westmount School Complex**—Courtney participates in Volleyball, Curling, Badminton, Baseball and Track and Field. She was skip of her school curling team and is a very strong team leader. She was selected as team MVP in Volleyball as well as a league All-Star. Courtney was also vice president of the student council and co-editor of the Year Book.

"AA" Girls - **Melanie Edel of Morris School** was a graduating All-Star in Volleyball and Basketball and a recipient of the Dr. Dale Iwanoczko Memorial Scholarship, as well as a Credit Union Scholar Athlete Award winner. She was selected as the Player of the Game and Players Choice Award at the Provincial Volleyball Championships, and also a recipient of the Ron Myers Memorial High School Basketball Scholarship. Melanie will be attending U of M to play basketball next year.

"AAA" Girls – **Alexandra Warburton of Sanford Collegiate** – Alex was a graduating All-Star in both Volleyball and Basketball and was ranked as the number 7 high school basketball player in Manitoba. She is a recipient of the Carl Ridd Basketball Award and also ranked as the top "AAA" Female Basketball Player in Manitoba. In addition to Volleyball and Basketball, she participates in Cross Country, Soccer, Track. Her Cross Country Team placed 1st at the Provincials, and she was the starting goalie for her soccer team. In Track, she ran the 800M, Triple Jump and 4 x 400M relay. Alex also sits as the Student Representative on the MHSAA Board of Directors. She will be attending U of W and play with the Wesmen



“AAAA” Girls – **Tia Coulter of Crocus Plains Secondary School** in Brandon – Tia participates in Basketball and Volleyball and was selected as an “AAAA” Basketball Player of the Year. She was captain of both of her Volleyball and Basketball teams and was selected as an All-Star at four tournaments. She was a graduating All-Star in both Volleyball and Basketball, and will be attending University of Winnipeg in the fall, and hopes to be a member of the Wesmen.

“A” Boys – **Travis Strain of Glenboro School** – Travis participates in Golf, Volleyball, Basketball, Badminton, Baseball, and Track and Field. In Volleyball he was both a Provincial All-Star and Most Valuable Player, while he was also a Provincial All-Star on the Basketball team that he captained, and in Badminton was the boys doubles Provincial Rep. He was selected as a Graduating All-Star in both Volleyball and Basketball.

“AA” Boys – **Daniel Braun of Morris School** – Daniel participates in Volleyball, Basketball, Curling, Badminton and Baseball. He was skip of his high school curling team, and captain of the Varsity Volleyball team where he was also a Provincial All-Star. He has several MVP and All-Star awards from tournaments in Basketball and Volleyball all season.

“AAA” Boys – **Mathieu Haiart of St. John’s Ravenscourt School** – Mathieu participates in Soccer, Rugby, Basketball and Track and Field. He co-captain of his Basketball team which advanced to the “AAA” Provincial Championship and was selected a Provincial All-Star. He is a member of the Graduating All-Star Basketball Team and selected as MVP in several tournaments. He also participates in under 18 Provincial Rugby.

“AAAA” Boys – **Shane de Rooy of Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School.** –Shane participates in Volleyball and Basketball and was ranked as the #1 Volleyball Player of the year. He was selected as a Graduating All-Star, and was recognized with the Dr. Dale Iwanoczko Memorial Scholarship. He was selected MVP and All-Star of numerous tournaments. In Basketball, Shane also received numerous All-Star Awards and recognition. He also participates in Soccer. Shane will be playing Volleyball at the Pacific University in California next year.

The 2011 Jostens High School **Female Athlete of the Year is Alexandra Warburton** of Sanford Collegiate and the 2011 Jostens **Male Athlete of the Year is Shane deRooy** of Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School.

The 2010 Athletes of the Year were Ben Allan of Kelvin High School and Stephanie Kleysen of Vincent Massey Collegiate in Winnipeg.

The “Super8-Super8” will each receive a watch courtesy of Super 8 Motels while the “Jostens” Athletes of Year will receive a ring courtesy of Jostens. The Awards were presented at a reception held at the Blue and Gold Room on June 28, 2011.

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