

# 2025 Sask Volleyball Award Winners

## **Marlene Hoffman Volunteer Award**

*Intended for individual (s) who have donated their time and efforts to the promotion and development of volleyball within their local community*

### **AIMEE UNCHULENKO – Esterhazy Heat Volleyball Club**

It is with great pride and admiration that we celebrate Aimee Unchulenko as a recipient of the prestigious *Sask Volleyball Marlene Hoffman Volunteer Award*. This award, named in honor of one of Saskatchewan's most dedicated and inspiring volleyball advocates, recognizes individuals who go above and beyond in their commitment to the growth and development of volleyball in the province. Aimee's passion, tireless work ethic, and unwavering dedication to the volleyball community embody the very spirit of this award.

Aimee's journey in volleyball began as a player and shifted into a coach, organizer and sometimes all three. Over the years, Aimee has devoted countless hours to coaching, mentoring, organizing events, and supporting athletes at all levels of the game. Her enthusiasm and energy have been a constant source of inspiration to those around her. Whether she's leading drills at grassroots programs or providing valuable guidance to high-performance athletes, Aimee has left a lasting mark on the volleyball landscape in Saskatchewan.

Known for her compassionate leadership and her ability to connect with players and fellow volunteers alike, Aimee has cultivated a positive and inclusive environment that empowers others to succeed. Her volunteerism extends beyond the court, as she has been an advocate for small town athletes with a goal of making volleyball accessible to everyone, working to break down barriers and ensure the sport is represented across Saskatchewan. Aimee's contributions have enriched the lives of athletes, coaches, and families throughout the province, and her impact is felt far and wide.

The Marlene Hoffman Volunteer Award is not just a reflection of Aimee's exceptional contributions to volleyball, but also a testament to her character, selflessness, and dedication to community. Aimee embodies the values of leadership, joy, and sportsmanship, making her the ideal recipient of this prestigious recognition.

On behalf of Sask Volleyball and the volleyball community at large, we congratulate Aimee Unchulenko on this well-deserved honor. Her commitment to the sport of volleyball and her community continues to inspire us all, and we look forward to her ongoing contributions to volleyball in Saskatchewan for years to come!

## **JAY MAGUS – Huskie Volleyball Club**

Jay has set up a unique training environment with the Huskie Club, as the 17U and 18U Premier teams train together. He organizes and leads all the training. This approach allows the teams to have quality team play in every training session. Both teams have had tremendous success, as both the 18U Huskie team and the Huskie 17U Premier team went undefeated in Saskatchewan winning all three Sask Cups and the Provincial Championships, and each brought home a National Tier 1 Medal.

He continues to find new ways to improve the club experience for his athletes, coaching staff, and parent group. This year he organized a visit for the second time to the KW Preds over a weekend in May. KW Preds are a large successful club based in Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario. The weekend included having guest OUA coaches lead some training, followed by matches with the other 5 teams there. It was an innovative way to receive training from qualified coaches, enjoy very competitive matches, and provide recruiting opportunities for the athletes.

Jay is a great coach who led his club to an outstanding season. He is committed to both the growth of the teams and the individual growth of each athlete that he coaches. He commits hours outside of the gym preparing training plans and competition plans tailored for each athlete. Jay is an outstanding technical coach, and his teams typically have great setters, very good passing, and great team tactics and strategies. He is dedicated to improving himself and travelled to NEP as a guest coach for 2 days last November. In 2024 he achieved his Performance Coach certification.

Jay volunteers his time in overseeing the Huskie Volleyball Club, with special attention to the teams and players he is coaching and directly involved with, but still helps with the overall development of the club and has helped grow the club which now contains 10 women's teams and 9 men's teams, and has become a club that is well respected and talked about not just in the province but throughout the country. Jay's quality and caliber of coaching has resulted in the following athletes this year being recognized and selected to be a part of various National Team programs. Thank you Jay for your significant contribution to the development of volleyball athletes.

- 3 athletes he coaches (Emerson Matthews, Abby Wasutyk, Olivia Orosz) were selected to the U19 National Team that will compete in the 2025 NORCECA Championships in Kingston, ON in June 2025 and the U19 FIVB World Championships in Croatia/Serbia in July of 2025.
- 4 athlete he coaches (Ella Grapentine, Emyla Hatch, Amanda Nagy, Olivia Orosz) were selected to the National Youth Team that will compete in the Canada Cup in Kingston, ON this July 2025
- 2 athletes he coaches (Amanda Nagy, Olivia Orosz) were selected to the Cwench All- Canadian Games to be held in Toronto, ON this June 2025
- 2 athletes he coaches (Amanda Nagy, Olivia Orosz) have been selected to the 2025 National Excellence Program (NEP) by Volleyball Canada.
- 9 of 9 grade 12 athletes on the Huskies 17U and 18U Premier teams have committed to post-secondary school.

## **JEFF COURT – PAVC & Toppers Volleyball Clubs**

Jeff is a long-time volleyball supporter in the Province of Saskatchewan and specifically he has been instrumental in the development of volleyball in Prince Albert since the Covid-19 pandemic.

All three of his children were participating in Sask Volleyball age class teams this past season, and he has been coaching two teams for two different clubs (P.A. Toppers and P.A. Smashing Bananas) for the past two years. He regularly has multiple practices on the same night and coaches at both sessions.

He also is the chairperson of the PA Optimist Toppers club that has 12 teams in the club, and plays a key role in acquiring volunteers for both the Optimist Toppers and PAVC Smashing Bananas, he does facility management, and coach development for the clubs as well.

This past year, he was also a Head Coach for the Prince Albert Atomic Volleyball grassroots program.

We are grateful that Jeff continues to share his coaching talents with multiple teams in the community of Prince Albert.



## **Dennis Pomeroy Referee of the Year Award**

### **MARLENE HOFFMAN**

Sask Volleyball Referees would like to recognize Marlene Hoffman for her many years of contribution. Marlene is an active referee in Regina during the high school season and during the University of Regina home games you will likely see her behind the score table as the main scorer.

With Sask Volleyball purchasing Sport Court and net systems, Regina could now be the home of many larger Sask Cup sponsored events. We saw more of Marlene's involvement in the club season this year as she didn't have to travel to Saskatoon or other locations; she was right in her own backyard!

When you have been refereeing for over 60 years, you need to have dedication, determination and a no-nonsense way of managing players and coaches. Even getting a new hip, only sidelined her for a short time and she can climb the referee ladder with the youngest of referees.

In April, Marlene was deservedly awarded the Gold Medal match for the 13UW Provincial finals. There were some very knowledgeable and competitive coaches in that category and Marlene was a perfect referee for those situations.

Marlene should be an inspiration to everyone to do whatever you have a passion for and do it for as long as you can.

Congratulations, Marlene



## **Coaching Awards**

*The recipients of these awards shall be coaches that have made a special contribution as a coach to the development of the sport of volleyball:*

### **Don Laing Male Developmental Coach of the Year**

#### **ANDREW MERRYWEATHER - Huskie Premier 14UM**

Andrew has led the 14UM Huskie Premier team to a very successful season this year. Several players on the team are in their first year of volleyball and none of them had ever won a club volleyball medal prior to this year. He has done a fantastic job of building volleyball skills in these young players and leading them to Silver in Sask Cup 1, Gold in Sask Cup 2, and Gold in Tier 1 at Provincials, as well as earning the highest possible points for seeding at Nationals. His commitment and skill in developing players has resulted in a lot of success for the team this season. They are one of the best serving teams in this age group in the province as well as the strongest and most diverse attacking team with many players contributing to scoring points on offense. This is in large part due to the time Andrew has put in giving each player an important role and the skills to be successful in that role. Congratulations Andrew on this developmental coaching award!

### **Anne Cote Female Developmental Coach of the Year**

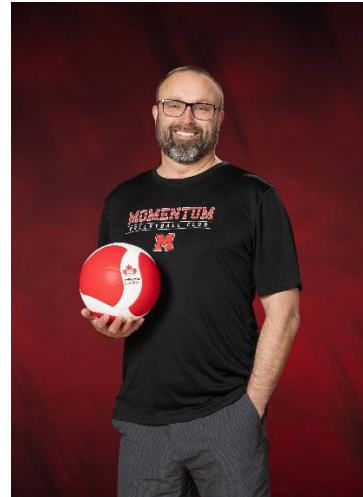
#### **CORY GRATTON – Momentum Black 15UW**

Cory Gratton is the club director for Momentum Volleyball Club in Lloydminster. He has been a member of Sask Volleyball's high-performance committee and has many roles and involvement within the sport of Volleyball. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> season following the 15U age group. He brings a calm composed coaching style that helps build each individual player's abilities and confidence on and off the court. Cory has a technical eye for the game and strives to develop each athlete's skill on every level. He composes plans that focus on increasing the proficiency of individuals and the team as a whole group. Cory tirelessly gives back to his players, club and coaching staff, as he diligently continues to provide elite training camps for athletes in Lloydminster and the surrounding community. He has helped shape and grow the sport of volleyball in his small community.

Cory's continued success can be highlighted with some of his team's achievements over the last couple of years.

- 2023 Provincials- Div. 1 Bronze 13UW
- 2024 Provincials- Div. 1 Silver 14UW
- 2025 Provincials- Div 1 Gold 15UW, 6<sup>th</sup> at 15U nationals,
- 1<sup>st</sup> in Div 1 at festival fiesta classic phoenix.

Cory's coaching philosophy demonstrates passion for the sport of volleyball and the athletes. Momentum club is thankful to have him in our community. Congratulations Cory!



*The recipients of these awards will be club coaches who have achieved notable success as a coach during the current year.*

## **Frank Enns Male Performance Coach of the Year**

### **DALTON WOLFE – Summit 18UM**

Sask Volleyball is proud to announce Dalton Wolfe as the recipient of the Frank Enns Male Performance Coach of the Year Award. This recognition highlights Dalton's exceptional dedication, leadership, and performance of his 18U team over the past year.

As a coach, Dalton has demonstrated unwavering commitment to fostering the strengths of his team, leading with quiet calm leadership, and empowering athletes to reach their fullest potential. His coaching philosophy is centered around not only developing technical skills but also instilling a strong sense of discipline, teamwork, and mental toughness in his players. This approach has led to remarkable achievements, both on and off the court.

Dalton's dedication to the sport of volleyball is evident through his consistent performance at the provincial and national levels, where his team this season has excelled, winning Provincials and finishing 13th at Volleyball Canada Nationals. His ability to motivate and inspire athletes has helped them reach new heights, with numerous players under his mentorship earning spots on provincial teams and achieving personal milestones.

Beyond his technical expertise, Dalton has proven to be an invaluable mentor and role model, cultivating an environment where athletes can thrive and grow both as individuals and as part of a team. We are confident that Dalton would want to provide a special shout-out to his co-coaches this season Krista Clark and Carter Howe, as their coaching team was just that - a team. With defined roles that maximized each of their strengths they were able to support a great group of young men and have an exceptional season.

This well-deserved recognition of Dalton Wolfe as the Frank Enns Male Performance Coach of the Year is a testament to his exceptional coaching skills, his commitment to the development of volleyball in Regina and our province, and his lasting impact on the athletes he has mentored. Congratulations, Dalton, on this outstanding achievement!



## **Mark Tennant Female Performance Coach of the Year**

### **TRACY HAZEN – Huskie Premier 17UW**

For over two decades Tracey Hazen has been involved in the sport of volleyball. The energy she brings to the sideline is matched only by the knowledge she brings to practice. Her teams are frequently among the best in the province in terms of individual skills and team tactics. This is not a coincidence. Tracey has represented Saskatchewan at the club and Provincial team level (not to mention High School) and every time has demonstrated the hard work and determination that are the hallmark of the Land of Living Skies!

The results speak for themselves having never finished out of the medals at Provincials in her coaching career (several of those medals are gold) and becoming a fixture in the top Tier at Nationals! Tracy has had a very successful season with the Huskie Premier 17U. Under her leadership, they have won all their Sask Cups, won Provincials without dropping a set, and captured the Bronze Tier 1 Medal at Nationals! They also won Best of the West in Calgary with Tracy leading the pack.

Tracy has committed her time to support the technical development of athletes, and then lets the results speak for themselves. She inspires athletes and facilitates growth not only on the court, but emotionally and socially as well.

Congratulations Tracy on a remarkable season!



## **Academic and Athletic Excellence**

*Presented to the provincial female and male athlete who best exemplifies athletic and academic achievements of excellence.*

### **Darcey Busse Memorial Award**

#### **FREDDIE COMFORT - Summit 18UM**

Darcey would have loved Freddie. He is extremely academic as he will graduate from the French Immersion program with a 99% average, has received the Chancellor scholarship award at the U of R, and has been accepted into the faculty of science, medical sciences at Dalhousie.

Freddie is kind, hardworking, a multisport athlete and loves golf! Freddie is a once in a lifetime kind of athlete who truly excels at everything he does, but remains humble, hardworking, and selfless.

Freddie Comfort is the true definition of a student-athlete. On the volleyball court, he stands out as a fierce competitor—driven, dynamic, and always ready to lift his team with both his skill and his energy. Off the court, Freddie brings that same determination to the classroom, where he consistently pushes himself to succeed.

What truly sets Freddie apart is his character. He leads with humility, shows grace in tough moments, and is the first to support and celebrate his teammate's success. His dedication, sportsmanship, and integrity make him a role model for others, both in athletics and in life.

We're incredibly proud of all Freddie has accomplished and look forward to watching him continue his journey at Dalhousie University, where he'll no doubt bring his passion for volleyball—and his commitment to excellence—to the next level.

### **Marilyn Walter Memorial Award**

#### **SARA GRAY - Huskie Premier 18UW**

Sara Gray is the graduating athlete who best exemplifies athletic and academic achievements of excellence in our province. Sara has been on the honour roll with Great Distinction for grade 9,10,11, and 12 at Holy Cross with an average of 95% or above every single year of her high school. She takes academics very seriously and will be taking secondary Education and majoring in Physical Education with a math minor at the University of Alberta in the fall. Sara is one of the few females who is enrolled in STEM classes at the university level. Sara has been able to maintain these high grades while playing volleyball at a very high level as well.

Sara has been selected to the National Excellence Program 2 times and is only the second athlete in the province to ever accomplish this. Sara has been selected to Team Canada 4 times and was the youngest athlete in Canada to attend the World Championships in Hungary and Croatia last summer. She also made the Canada Summer Games team when she was in Grade 9. She is an alternate libero on U21 Team Canada this year.



Sara has won 18U Provincials 3x and has also won all the SK Cups and other age division Provincials she has ever played in. Sara has been a Team Sask Athlete since she was in grade 7 and has taken her role very seriously and understands commitment to sport as well as to her academics.

Sara has committed to the U of Alberta Panda's and looks forward to playing for the national title for the next 5 years. We wish Sara all the best in her future athletic and academic endeavors!



## **Greg Hatch Spirit of the Game Awards**

*Presented to the province's male and female volleyball players 13U/14U/15U who best exemplify team work, fair play, hard work and the love of the game*

### **CHLOE CHRISTIANSON (13UW) – RVVC 14UW**

Chloe consistently impresses by her unwavering sportsmanship and leadership both on and off the court. She embodies the core values of the Spirit of the Game: teamwork, fair play, hard work and shows a great love for the game. Chloe has been following her older sister around for years dreaming of the day she would get to play volleyball, practicing for hours in the garage.

Chloe is the kind of player every coach dreams of coaching. She is a very talented volleyball player and a very coachable kid. She takes direction and is always willing to try to improve. She is always encouraging her teammates, is kind on the court and respectful to her opponents. She cheers the loudest from the bench, offers a helping hand, and always tries her very best.

There is no athlete more deserving of this award. Chloe loves volleyball, and she is a great player who strives to improve every time she steps on the court, both in practice and games.

### **JARON ENS (13UM) - Huskie Premier 14UM**

For the past two years Jaron has developed as both a volleyball player and a teammate. Jaron approaches the game with passion and intensity. In the past season Jaron has channeled this into every aspect of his game, serve, serve receive, and defense, in addition to attack!

Even though he was younger than most of his teammates, Jaron set a standard for effort. He quickly became a player who his teammates could depend on and who trusted his teammates. Jaron developed into a clutch player who had his best games in the biggest games. Jaron is a multi-sport, multi-interest player who epitomizes what a volleyball player should be.



### **ELLA COLBORN (14UW) - Huskie Premier 16UW**

Ella played on the 16U Huskie Premier team as a 14U athlete. Ella is an enthusiastic and passionate volleyball player. She brings a spark of energy to every practice and game and can she ever hit a ball!! Ella has a great work ethic, is open to feedback and shows a commitment to improve every time she steps on the court.

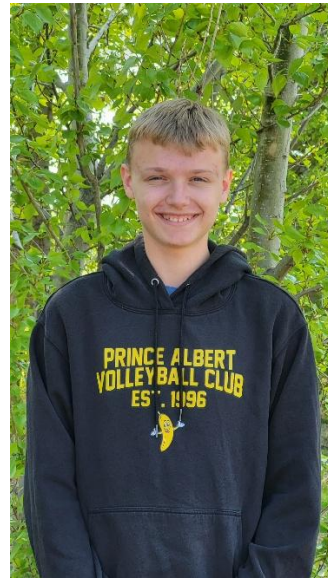
She has a fighting spirit, and her celebrations are contagious! Ella stands out for her encouraging attitude, being a supportive team player and building a positive team atmosphere! Ella exudes joy in all she does – congratulations Ella!

### **MASON GOLDING (14UM) - PAVC Smashing Bananas 14UM**

Mason has consistently treated all his PAVC teammates with dignity and respect throughout the past season. He has also shown this same level of respect toward opposing teams in tournament play.

Mason strives to lead by example in all aspects of team activities. He leads warmups with the purpose of preparing his teammates for intense activity. In matches he has developed into a vocal leader that leads the team serve-receive and block/defense systems.

Mason has developed a true passion for volleyball. He has participated in club volleyball in the past two seasons. He was a member of team Lakeland at the 2024 Sask Summer games winning a bronze medal and is now trying out beach volleyball as well!



### **EZRI VIDAL (15UW) - Momentum Black 15UW**

Ezri is a special category of player. To attend practices Ezri will spend 4 hours on the highway. Her commitment to the team was never in question. Her ability to learn and adapt separates her from the vast majority of players. Over the course of the season Ezri was a dominant player in the 15U age group - ask any coach that she played against this year! At the Best of the West tournament in Calgary she was an important part of her team's success. As a result, she was awarded a tournament All-Star award.

More importantly, Ezri is a kind person. She's a positive leader on the court and she's friends with every girl on her team (and club). This is not a common trait among exceptional athletes. Ezri embraces the leadership role, she wants the ball when the game is on the line, and she's respected by all her teammates.

Ezri was the Lorne Lasuita Award winner at the Sask Summer Games in 2024 because she exemplifies the Spirit of the Game traits. Saskatchewan will see great things from this player in the future!

### **DAMIAN MULLAN (15UM) - 16UM Golden Ticket**

Damian has played for three seasons with the Golden Ticket Volleyball Club out of Moose Jaw. Having been born and raised surrounded by volleyball, it has seeped into his blood as he has an intense passion for the sport. He attends volleyball camp every summer, plays school volleyball in the fall, and club volleyball all winter, rarely missing a practice. He is a student of the game and is an intellectually, emotionally, and physically engaged player. He has demonstrated a strong commitment to continuously improving his skills.

As the team setter, he also strives to make those around him better and celebrates his teammates' success. Damian has shown dedication and leadership during this year's club season, earning the respect and admiration of his fellow players. He was selected by them as this year's team MVP. Damian is a very deserving recipient of the Greg Hatch Spirit of the Game Award.



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## **BEACH - Athlete of the Year**

### **DREW CAMPBELL - Youth Male Beach Player of the Year**

Drew exemplifies the qualities of a high-level athlete and teammate—focused, consistent, and committed to continuous growth. Whether in training or competition, he brings a steady work ethic and composed presence that elevates both his own play and those around him. Drew's calm demeanor, smart decision-making, and quiet leadership have made him a force on the sand.

His technical precision and game awareness are matched by his ability to perform under pressure, which was on full display as he captured beach gold at the 2024 Saskatchewan Summer Games in Lloydminster. Drew also played hard on the provincial tour showcasing a smooth and efficient skill set.

Still early in his beach volleyball journey, Drew has already proven himself as a top competitor with tremendous potential. His dedication to mastering the finer details of the game and his consistently positive approach make him a standout athlete and an example for others to follow. Congratulations, Drew!



### **BETSY CAWOOD - Youth Female Beach Player of the Year**

Betsy is a dedicated athlete with a passion for volleyball whether it be indoor or beach. She is an encouraging teammate and always displays a positive attitude. She is constantly wanting to improve her skills and is always working hard with her training and skill development. She is a coach's treat as she soaks in knowledge and has a genuine desire to learn and improve.

Betsy won Gold in Beach Volleyball at the 2024 Summer Games held in Lloydminster, Gold at the 15U Sask Tour in Prince Albert, Silver in the 16U/17U Sask 1 Tour, Gold in the 15U Sask 3 Tour in Swift Current, and Gold in Tier 2, 7<sup>th</sup> overall at Beach Volleyball Nationals.



### **INDOOR - Athlete of the Year**

#### **OLIVIA OROSZ – 16U Indoor Female Athlete of the Year – Huskie Premier 18UW**

Olivia is a key member of the Huskies 18U Premier team as a 16U age athlete. She was the starting setter on a team that won the Pandas New Years Classic and the Royals Rumble Invitational, both tournaments no Saskatchewan team has ever won. She is setting for a very good 18U volleyball team, and is handling the pressure with her typical grace, athleticism, enthusiasm and hard work.

She is one of the best youth setters in Canada. This statement is supported by her selection to the U19 National Team, even though she is a 2009 born competing against 2007 age athletes. She helped lead the Huskies 18U Premier to the Provincial Championship and a National 18UW Tier 1 Silver medal. She was a dominant player on a dominant team. The Huskies 18U Premier went 20-0 across two Sask Cups and Provincials, winning all three events without dropping a set.

Olivia is very athletic and supports her setting abilities by being a great blocker, defender, and has an extremely hard serve. She is a very fierce competitor, but also an amazing teammate, including everyone on and off the court. She understands what it means to be a high-performance athlete and is driven to play at the highest level.

### **AIDAN TURNER – 16U Indoor Male Athlete of the Year - Estevan Extreme 16UM**

Aidan is an extraordinary example of what dedication to volleyball looks like. Aidan started club volleyball in 2021 playing for Estevan Extreme Volleyball Club. He was quickly identified as an athlete with high performance potential. A high volleyball IQ paired with dynamic athleticism are contributing factors that make Aidan so dominant. Aidan can often be found getting extra reps on the court and in the weightroom. He is always willing to put in the extra effort to get above and beyond his competitors.

Aidan was selected to represent Saskatchewan as an underaged athlete on the provincial team that attended Canada Cup last summer. Aidan not only excels physically through his skill acquisition and execution, but also as a teammate. Aidan is very level-headed, values comradery, and shows various qualities of leadership. A fierce, powerful competitor can be found on the court, while a hardworking, passionate community member can be found off the court. He also helps-out coaching in his local community for younger age groups and summer programs.

Some of Aidan's accolades include: Team Sask athlete selection - 2024 & 2025, Playing in the Canada Cup representing Team Sask- 2024, Sask Selects on multiple occasions, 3-time provincial champion, 5A SHSAA Volleyball Sportsmanship Award 2024.



### **HAYDEN KOT – 17U Indoor Female Athlete of the Year – Huskie Premier 17UW**

Hayden is a dominant member of the Huskie 17U Premier team. She was the primary outside attacker on a team that won the Best of the West tournament, a significant Canadian tournament, going an undefeated 8-0 over the three-day event. Her efforts were recognized as being named the Tournament Most Valuable Player. She also led the team to three Sask Cup gold medals, the Provincial Championship, and a Tier 1 Bronze Medal at Nationals. Over the Sask Cup and Provincial events the team went 27-0 and did not lose a set.

Hayden is also a very accomplished basketball player. She led her Dr. Martin LeBoldus High School team to the SHSAA 5A Provincial Championship in March of 2025. She balances both sports and her academics with grace and ease.

Hayden is a 6'-1" athlete that has dominant skills for an outside attacker. She is a very good passer, and uses her size, jump, and reach to dominate in both the front and back rows. Hayden is also a very driven athlete. She attacks each training session with a goal to improve, push herself, and push her teammates. She is a joy to coach, and a very deserving recipient of the 17U Athlete of the Year.

### **DAMIEN COURT – 17U Indoor Male Athlete of the Year - PAVC Smashing Bananas Gold 18UM**

Damien is a reliable, intelligent, and persistent volleyball player. Over the course of the season Damien has put in countless hours of training both on court during practice and off court in the weight room. His reliability and versatility were a contributing factor in Damien being both a setter, his natural position, and an outside hitter for his club team.

Damien has an amazingly bright future with volleyball. His leadership, his desire, and overall coachability will provide him with many more opportunities and exciting challenges. His coaches and teammates are confident they will see Damien's talents continue to grow and contribute to his volleyball success.

Congratulations to Damien as he is named Sask Volleyball's 17U Male Athlete of the Year. It is well deserved.





## **EMERSON MATTHEWS – 18U Indoor Female Athlete of the Year – Huskie Premier 18UW**

Emerson is an amazing volleyball athlete, and truly one of the best 2007 born, or 18U age, athletes in Canada. This is supported by her now numerous selections by Volleyball Canada to 2 national team level programming, All-Canadian games, and tournament all-star and MVP selections. Her achievements in the last the 12 months are unmatched in the province.

She helped lead the Huskies 18U Premier to the Provincial Championship where she was a dominant player on a dominant team. The Huskies 18U Premier went 20-0 across two Sask Cups and Provincials, winning all three events without dropping a set. This is the second year in a row that they have achieved the Provincial Championship without dropping a set, and Emerson was a massive part of both teams. She continued her dominance at Nationals and helped her team bring back the National Tier 1 Silver Medal and landed herself on the All-Star team.

She is dominant physically with her 10'-1" spike touch and great arm-swing allowing her to generate amazing velocity on the ball, and ability to attack at great angles. She is also an elite passer and defensive player, a true six-rotation athlete!

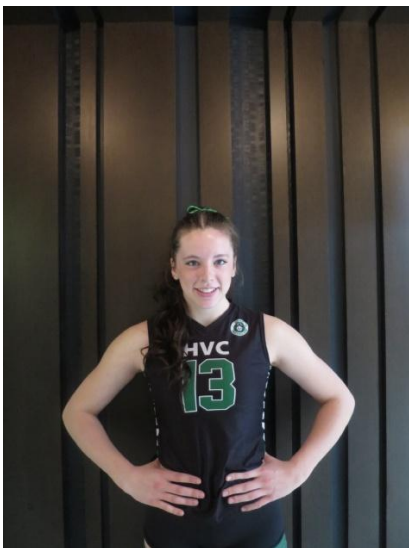
Emerson is a fierce competitor on the court, and kind and generous off the court. She is often targeted by opponents, but she handles the attention with grace and dignity. We are very proud of her as an athlete, but more as a person - she is a wonderful team-mate and it is a gift to be her coach and teammate.

## **REUBEN VEITH – 18U Indoor Male Athlete of the Year - PAVC Smashing Bananas Gold 18UM**

Reuben is an intense, motivated, and hardworking volleyball player. Returning to Prince Albert from his fall training at the National Excellence Program, he was a physical outside hitter for PAVC this club season. With Reuben's leadership as team captain and, with his versatile skillset, he led his team to strong results at Best of The West and at Provincials.

Reuben's active leadership, work ethic, and discipline were strong contributing factors toward the immense growth he displayed this season. As a result, he was named to the 19U Men's National Team roster in 2025.

Reuben, your teammates and coaches are excited for all your accomplishments and congratulate you on being named Sask Volleyball 18U Male athlete of the Year for the 2025 season!



### **GABI FLAMAN – 21U Indoor Female Athlete of the Year – U of S Huskies**

Gabi started every match in the libero position for the Saskatchewan Huskies as first-year athlete. She helped lead the team to their first appearance at the U-Sports National Championships in over 20 years! Her abilities were recognized by the National Women's Team as she has been selected to the U21 National Team.

Gabi's list of accomplishments in 2024-25 include:

Gabi was selected to the U21 National Team training group that will compete in the U21 FIVB World Championships in Singapore in August of 2025

Gabi was selected to the U21 National Team training group that will compete in the NORCECA Championships in Costa Rico in July of 2025

Mar 2025 – U-Sports National Championships – 7th Place

Mar 2025 – U-Sports National All-Star Rookie Team

Mar 2025 – Canada West Championships – 4th Place

Mar 2025 – Canada West All-Star Rookie Team

Canada West Statical Summary

210 Digs, 7th in Canada West

2.73 Digs/Set, 11th in Canada West

There was not another 21U age athlete that made more of an impact to their team in the province than Gabi and she is very worthy of this recognition and award.

### **ISAIAH MAMER – 21U Indoor Male Athlete of the Year – U of S Huskies**

Isaiah just finished his 3rd year playing for the University of Saskatchewan Huskies. As a captain and starting left-side, he managed to cement himself as one of the top outside hitters not only in the league but also in the country. As the second highest scorer on the team, he helped the Huskies to a Canada West and Usport national bronze medal. The national bronze was the program's best finish in 20 years.

Isaiah's great all-around game continues to grow and adapt to current play styles around the world. As an undersized outside, with a shoulder needing surgery, he continues to persevere and adapt to help his team in any way he can. He is a leader on the court and in the community as he leads various community initiatives.



## **Saskatchewan Players on National Teams**

### **2024 NEP Women**

Sara Gray  
Emerson Matthews  
Abby Wasutyk

### **2024 Volleyball Canada Red and White Women**

Olivia Orosz  
Ella Grapentine

### **2025 u19 Norceca and FIVB World's- Training Roster Women**

Emerson Matthews  
Abby Wasutyk  
Olivia Orosz

### **2025- u21 Norceca and FIVB World's Women**

Alternate Sara Gray

### **2025 NEP Women**

Olivia Orosz  
Amanda Nagy

### **2025 Volleyball Canada Red and White Women**

Olivia Orosz  
Amanda Nagy  
Ella Grapentine

### **Women's Sitting Volleyball**

Julie Kozun

### **2025 u19 Men's Team**

Reuben Veith

### **2025 Men's Senior team**

Skyler Varga